

Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society.

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NEXT MEETING - The Annual Junk Sale.

Although we call it the junk sale, many desirable items will come 'under the hammer' on Tuesday 1st November, so now is the time to turn some of your unwanted items of radio equipment into cash or even find just what you have been looking for from someone else's collection. The Society also looks to this occasion to top up the club funds with a percentage from the sale and some whole profit from donated items.

For the benefit of the auctioneer, please indicate by means of a card the origin of the item for sale and if there is any reserve price.

Preview will start at 7.30pm with the sale starting a few minutes later. Gwyn, G4FKH has kindly agreed to control proceedings with his able team of runners and collectors.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Marconi College, Arbour lane, Chelmsford.

JACKPOT RAFFLE

This was drawn at the AGM and was won by Fred Leach, G2HNF who received a free membership subscription for the coming year.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1 Nov. CLUB MEETING - The Annual Junk Sale.
- 27 Nov. Verulam Amateur Radio Rally - St Albans City Hall, (11.00am).
- 6 Dec. CLUB MEETING - Fire and Rescue Communications. Dave Elwell G4MUS.
- 3 Jan. CLUB MEETING - The annual Video Show.

LAST MONTHS MEETING - Andrew G4KQE.

An almost record number of members attended the Annual General Meeting last month. The meeting was opened by the Chairman, Brian G0BDS, who welcomed everyone and gave out a few general notices.

I as Secretary read the minutes of the last AGM and was followed by Brian, to give his Chairmans report, saying that the club was fortunate to have such good membership support.

The Secretary's report was next, a brief resume of the club's activities throughout the year and acknowledging that we had achieved our goal - to obtain more membership participation.

On behalf of the Treasurer, our Assistant Treasurer John, G8DET presented the accounts, highlighting certain items of interest.

Ela G6HKM reported that we ended the year with 70 members and Roy G3PMX in his Presidents report said he was pleased to see that support for the clubs activities was again good and ideas were always welcome.

The outgoing Committee then retired just before tea, and Brian was heard to say that if anyone had any gripes don't moan at him because he wasn't Chairman at the moment.

After tea Roy reminded everyone of the retiring Committee and on the basis that the Committee relies on volunteers and that several Committee members had volunteered again, suggested that some officers were re-elected en-bloc. This was proposed by John Bowen and seconded by Les Turner. Therefore the following were elected:-

Chairman	Brian Scroggs G0BDS
Treasurer	Bill Cole G4JUW
Membership Sec	Ela Martyr G6HKM
Newsletter Editor	Roy Martyr G3PMX

Andrew Mead G4KQE wished to stand down as Secretary and Gwyn Williams, G4FKH had volunteered, so, as was his prerogative Gwyn was proposed by Andrew, and seconded by Martin Final, G4T00. John Bowen, G8DET also wished to stand down as Assistant Treasurer so exercising his same right as Andrew, proposed Brian Thwaites, G3CVI as Assistant Treasurer, and he was seconded by Bill Cole.

The remaining ordinary Committee members were willing to stand again, as were Andrew and John, so the following were proposed by Les Turner and seconded by Brian Thwaites as ordinary Committee members:-

John Bowen G8DET	Martin Final G4T00
Richard Brocks G3WHR	Andrew Mead G4KQE
Chris Chapman G0IPU	

A vacancy had arisen as two members of last years Committee had moved from the area, and we had only co-opted one new member, and Richard Witney, G4ICP had volunteered for the Committee. He was proposed by Gwyn Williams and seconded by Brian Scroggs. Roy then handed the meeting back to the Chairman and Brians first task was to arrange for the raffle to be drawn.

It then only remained for the subs to be set, and with no real reason for change, it was decided that they would stay the same as last year:- £3.00 with reduced rate of £1.50 for Senior Citizens and Students.

This then took us to nearly 10 o'clock and with long tea break taken in mid session there really wasn't time left to have the Yackit.

MEMBERS NEWS - ELA G6HKM

The Society extends a welcome to four new members this month, they are Bill Barbone G2HKM, Donald Morrison G7BCZ, James Graves G1XFV and Andy Collett G0JSU. Congratulations go to Andy who was winner of the RSGB National Final DF contest, well done Andy. A full report on this event from Dick G3WHR next month.

A reminder that subscriptions are now due, if you cannot get to the next meeting subs may be sent to me at the address given at the end of the newsletter, cheques to be made payable to "Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society" please.

SOCIAL EVENT

This event will be held on December 17th at the Telford Lodge (new name for Marconi Residence), at 7.30pm for 8.15pm. The Finger Buffet Menu will consist of Assorted Canapes, Prawn & Crab Bouchees, Smoked Salmon Boats, Ham & Asparagus Cornets, Mushroom Quiche, Chicken Drumsticks/Nuggets, Chipolata Sausages, Assorted Cocktail Sandwiches, Profiteroles Filled with Pate, Assorted Gateau and Coffee (oh, all those calories!). The cost will be £6.50 plus VAT per head, drinks of your choice extra from the bar. The usual car parking arrangements at the College will be available. Names and £1 deposit to Gwyn, G4FKH our new Secretary, at the club meeting. The booking must be arranged as soon as possible so don't miss out on this event.

DF NEWS - Dick G3WHR.

The 6th Chelmsford DF event was held on the 23rd September when Colin Baisden G0IKU/P was the hidden station. Ten teams assembled, by torchlight on Tiptree Heath for the start.

The first bearing pointed towards Maldon and subsequent bearings indicated a wood near Hazeleigh.

At this point some teams became bogged down when they encountered some of the deepest, sticky mud ever seen on DF. Colin had erected a long wire with earth stakes but for some reason the close-in bearings pointed towards a Landrover containing cut logs. Further investigation revealed Colin concealed beneath the vehicle with the aerial run up through the logs above.

Results						
	1	Andy Collet	8.14	6	Paul Clark	8.31
	2	Andrew Mead	8.21	7	Dick Brocks	8.45
	3	Ian Butson	8.22	8	Roy Emeny	8.46
	4	Mike Hawkins	8.23	9	Alan Williams	8.47
	5	Philip Cunningham	8.24	10	Colin Merry	9.00

THE CHEMSFORD DF TROPHY

The Chelmsford DF Trophy is awarded to the competitor with the highest score in 4 out of 5 Chelmsford events. Points are awarded to the first 6 competitors on a 9-6-4-3-2-1 basis.

Results		Pts		Pts		
	1	Roy Emeny	22	5= Mike Hawkins	12	
	2	Philip Cunningham	20	7	Andy Collet	9
	3	Andrew Mead	16	8	Alan Williams	5
	4	Ian Butson	15	9=	Colin Baisden	4
	5=	Paul Clark	12	9=	Dick Brocks	4

MID-ESSEX TROPHY.

This two station event was held on Sunday 16th October, using the same rules that apply to RSGB National Qualifying events. There was a surprise element in this years contest in that it used the OS map 155 Bury St. Edmunds.

The start was at Nayland using a lay-by on the A134. Both stations were clearly heard and gave bearings of NW and E.

The 'A' station G4PQY/P was hidden alongside a footpath near Lavenham. Here Alan Williams had used a fishing rod and weighted line to get the aerial high up through nearby trees. This, coupled with a really wet earth (he was sitting on a fallen tree over a stream) gave a very strong signal at the start. The proximity of a nearby wood and old railway track caused some teams to take a new long route into the station.

The 'B' station G3WMM/P was well concealed in a wood by the A12 at East Bergholt. Mike Hawkins had arranged a near invisible aerial to run along the line of a wire fence. Several teams spent a long time here, having first thoroughly investigated a rather more visible dummy aerial.

Afterwards we were all invited to Mike and Pat Hawkins home for our Bring-a-Bite tea, where stories of success and disaster were told, and where Philip Cunningham became the new custodian of the Mid-Essex Trophy. Results below showing position and arrival times,

	Station			Station	
	A	B		A	B
1	Philip Cunningham	4.12 2.49	6	Roy Emeny	4.25 3.06
2	Bill Pechey	2.56 4.17	7	Andrew Mead	3.22 ----
3	Andy Collet	2.34 4.18	8	Pete Bishop	3.30 ----
4	Dick Brocks	2.54 4.19	9	Ian Butson	---- 3.41
5	Paul Clark	4.24 3.10	10	Colin Baisden	4.13 ----.

HF NFD CONTEST RESULTS

The results have been released for the 1988 NFD and CARS using the callsign G4CUT/P were placed 28th out of 48 entries in the Open Section, well done chaps but whatever happened to the 80 metre score?

VISIT TO STANSTED AIRPORT

Planning ahead, Brian, G3CVI has arranged for a party from our Society to see some of the inner workings of the Stansted complex. For obvious reasons the visit must be during the off-peak season over the winter months and the most likely time will be at the weekend.

Will you please inform a committee member if you are interested in joining the party.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The November Committee Meeting will be held in the Telford Lodge (Marconi College Residence) at 7:45pm on Wednesday, 9th November. You are most welcome to join us. Please note the new starting time.

DIARIES FOR 1989

Orders can still be taken for the Amateur Radio diaries as seen at the September meeting, samples can be viewed by arrangement with Ela G6HKM.

CLUB NET

The 10 Metre Net operates on the Tuesday evenings between meetings on 28.325MHz at 8.30pm local time, please join us.

CLUB LIBRARY

Brian G3CVI is in charge of this service, see the list of books on the notice board at the meetings, the charge is 20p a book per month.

If any member would like to contribute a book, Brian would be pleased to add it to the collection.

MORSE TUTORS

If you have a Morse Tutor on loan and would like to return or extend the loan please arrange this with Ela G6HKM at the meetings, both Tutors are out at the moment, however your name can be put on the waiting list.

73 from Roy & Ela Martyr, G3PMX & G6HKM

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MEMBERS ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

Now is the time to plant your Conifer Trees! Assorted sizes, 50P each or 11 for £5
Ela G6HKM, Tel No. (0245)360545.

FOR SALE

Yaesu FT690 Mk.II plus FL6020 Linear amplifier, 10 watts output, boxed, in excellent condition, only 5 months since purchased new. A real bargain at £325.

Roy G3PMX, Tel No. (0245)360545.