

Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society

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The November Meeting

With today's state of the art ham equipment there are very few who dare contemplate undertaking do it yourself repairs. Even if one can understand the advanced technology it is almost impossible to see the hardware without using a powerful magnifier. The component density is almost unbelievable; one dab of the soldering iron and you've shorted out three tracks. Unless it's a simple and obvious fault it's best left well alone. Things have certainly changed! For the better? No comment! Repairing an HRO or even a 1970's transistorised rig is child's play by comparison!

So what does one do? Chances are one immediately thinks of a household name in the supply of amateur equipment, not a million miles from here. And who in particular does one think of there? Chances are that it's Bob Boddy. Yes, **Bob G6AKL**, the Service Manager at Waters and Stanton.

It was way back in December 1990 that Bob last came to the Club to talk to us. On that occasion He gave us a most entertaining evening showing some of the latest state of the art equipment, discussing it's technical features and servicing methods. The TS950 was all the rage then, by the way. On this occasion he will be repeating that same winning formula by showing us some of the latest equipment, giving honest assessments and letting us into their innermost secrets!

There is, however, one difference on this occasion though! After tea he has a surprise for us. No amount of cunning or cajoling will make him give any idea as to what he has in store for us!

So join us at 7-30 pm on Tuesday, the 2nd. November at the MASC. As always, admission is free but don't forget Ela's raffle!

Dates for Your Diary

- Nov. 2 CARS Mtg. MASC 7-30pm
- Nov. 10 CARS C'tee Mtg. 7-30pm Ela's QTH
- Nov. 27/28 L'don AR & Comp Rally 10am. Picketts Lock
- Dec. 7 CARS Mtg MASC 7-30pm
- Dec. 9 CARS Christmas Dinner The Beehive Gt. W'ham.

The Club Net

The Club Net controller for November is Harry G5HF

Members News

First the sad news.

It is with regret that we record two Silent Keys amongst ex-Club Members.

Peter Neave G4DAN was an active Member until he moved to Mistle. He was a keen constructor and lateral thinker, regularly entering the annual competitions. His call sign was used for NFD's during the eighties. Since moving away he was often seen at rally's..

Frank Piper G3BGO served in the RAF and eventually joined Marconi Radar. He was an active member of Raynet..

Now the good news!

We welcome Jonathon Spooner G8OPI to the Club.

We also extend a welcome to John Palmer M0CQK. John is yet another successful pupil of Tom G4INM, having just passed the 12WPM Morse test. Congratulations John!

'Big' Jim 2E1GUA has also been busy, raising money for the Wireless for the Blind fund. He managed 47 QSO's on 2m and 70cms over two days and raised £72 in sponsorship, more than half from Club Members. Well done Jim!

The Christmas Dinner Thursday 9th. December

David M0BQC and Jill have once again organised our Christmas dinner. The last before the Millennium, it will be held at The Beehive Gt. Waltam. Tickets are £13-50 each and a wide ranging menu has been arranged. See him at the next meeting or ring him on 01245-602838 and select your menu choices.

The 1999 AGM - Secretary's Report.

Charles Shelton G0GJS

The CARS 1999 AGM held at the Marconi Sports and Social Club on October 6th. was a non-event !!

No angry members clambered over chairs to storm the top table to ensure they secured the jobs of the ousted Committee and this was undoubtedly due to the precise agenda prepared and quickly projected by Colin G0TRM and Chairman John G8DET's jocular rapid fire style of management which made certain that there were no interruptions and few opportunities for members to heckle.

The 1998 Minutes written by Andrew G4KQE were read by Colin and the audience in approving them gave a superb imitation of remembering all that had happened twelve months' previously.

John in his report as retiring Chairman indulged in nostalgia concerning CARS' previous and present locations; he thanked the Committee for their services and in particular expressed well deserved appreciation for the flourishing raffle activity managed by Ela G6HKM and the N/L prepared by our editorial team - Geoff G7KLV and Colin. He spoke of his satisfaction of the way in which CARS continued to operate and of the exceptional spread of expertise contained within the membership. He also gave us some mouthwatering details of his 'hob-knobbing' with the Mayor and the sumptuous spreads which he helped to consume when taking part in the twinning celebrations of Backnang/Annanay/Chelmsford which he says gave him and Pauline the opportunity "to wear their best bibs and tuckers". He used the occasions to good effect and spread CARS written-up propaganda throughout the assembled counsellors and journalists, particularly the idea that the eventual premises for the housing of the Marconi memorabilia should include a radio room based on advice from a specialist sub-committee comprising some of our members. A well deserved plug by him for his Web page for CARS activities brought a heckle (John had slowed down momentarily) from Gwyn G4FKH that he didn't like it but had neither the expertise, inclination or the time to 'put it right' - some things never change!

The Secretary (yours truly) read his report from a carefully

