



Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society

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The October Meeting - The Annual General Meeting.

One thing is for sure. Summer's over and autumn is upon us. Autumn means October and October in the CARS calendar means the AGM.

As usual **Chairman John G8DET** will open the proceedings and he will first call upon Harry G5HF to carry out some pleasant presidential duties, including the presentation of the Roy Martyr Trophy and the Amateur of the Year award. Our executive officers will then deliver their reports: Chairman John and Treasurer Brian G3CVI. By long-standing tradition Brian will have a story for us but, as always, you can be sure that it will be in the best possible taste! Secretary David M0BQC has decided that it would save time if his report were included in this Newsletter. We have also included a copy of Brian's balance sheet, which even I can understand! All but one of the Committee has offered themselves for re-election. So, now's your chance to let the Committee know what you think of them! It then only remains for the new Committee and Officers of your choice to be voted in and that will end the evening's formal business!

We had decided to have a Technical Quiz, but then we decided to have a Brains Trust instead! With a bit of arm-twisting we have managed to assemble a group of technical experts who should be able to answer any questions you like to throw at them! So think up a few stinkers for them to round off, what should be, an entertaining evening.

We meet as usual at the **MASC at 7-30pm on Tuesday 2nd. October.** Do support our raffle, which is being run this month by Martyn G1EFL.

Dates For Your Diary

Oct. 2 CARS AGM MASC 7-30pm.

Oct. 9 CARS Comm. Mtg. Danbury Village Hall 7-30pm.

Oct. 12/14 RSGB HF & IOTA Convention. Old Windsor.

Oct 13 G-QRP Club Mini Convention. Rochdale.

The Net Controller for October is Harry G5HF

Our most recent large event, which we attended, was the Essex International Jamboree 2000 at Kirby-Le-Soken where we set up and ran the Radio Station GB2EIJ and also the hands on tent where participants were constructing light kits.

If you would like any further information concerning ScARF please contact either Christopher Chapman GOIPU, Chairman DCSL/CSL or Martyn Medcalf G1EFL, Secretary.ACC AT (Local Training Support), both QTHR.

Report by Martin G1EFL.

Congratulations to Chris and Martyn for their dedication and Trevor for his generosity. The above news was featured in local papers and RADCOM

Chelmsford Scout Amateur Radio

Fellowship Gets a Big Boost

Chelmsford Scout Amateur Radio Fellowship (ScARF) is a Scout based activity group, whose aim is to introduce Amateur Radio into the Scout Movement in the Chelmsford District and surrounding areas.

Formed over a year ago, after many years of running Jamboree On The Air stations (using the callsign GB4CDS, Chelmsford District Scouts) and more recently Jamboree On The Internet, ScARF was born. The group has gone from strength to strength with now over 25 members, most of whom are Scout Leaders or Scouts with Amateur Radio Licences. Although, you do not have to be a Licensed Amateur to join all are welcome.

Chelmsford Scout Amateur Radio Fellowship (ScARF) recently received a huge boost when members received £8,000 worth of Yaesu FT-100 and Icom IC-706 transceivers from Essex based company AKA Technology. All the equipment was presented by Trevor M5AKA, of AKA Technology.

ScARF undertakes Amateur Radio licence training for the City & Guilds NRAE examination for all ages, throughout the local Scout movement.

Now we have this equipment a newly licensed scout will be able to borrow the equipment and communicate on the airwaves as soon as they have their callsign.

ScARF also caters for the Scout/Cub communicator and electronics badges and the Scout radio technician badge. In fact, during JOTA 2000 100 Cub Scouts and 10 Scouts obtained their badges.

Last Month's Meeting - Table Top Sale

This was probably the most successful TableTop sale ever! Colin G0TRM's meticulous planning and publicity managed to attract forty-six members and fourteen guests. With such an unusually large number, the net raffle profit was probably the largest ever, thanks also to the generously donated prizes.

The sale was well supported by sellers including a contingent from the Harlow Club. Waters and Stanton were represented with Bob Boddy G6AKL doing the honours. They generously donated one of the raffle prizes, an MFJ World Clock.

The raffle prizes were many and various and, on a personal note, due to my own bumper horticultural crops this year, I was glad not to have won one of the prizes! Apart from selling and buying the most enjoyable part of the evening was the opportunity to have a really good natter, which Members seem to enjoy. During the evening the ballot was held for the Amateur of the Year trophy and the result will be announced at the AGM.

Our thanks to all who attended and helped to make the evening such a success. Particular thanks to Colin TRM who is to be congratulated on raising over £60 for Club funds. Also to Tony G4YTG and his helpers who, by persuasive salesmanship, managed to raise nearly £60 with their super raffle.

Report by Carl G3PEM

Calling All Elmers.

An Elmer is an American term used to describe an amateur who is willing to offer help and advice to less experienced amateurs. It is believed to have originated from the telegraphists on early US railroads. There are many Elmers in our own Club and it is proposed to compile a list of them for the benefit of less knowledgeable Members. If you have some particular expertise and are willing to offer your services to others, will you please give your name and speciality to a Committee Member.

It should be understood that an Elmer is not expected to travel or offer a repair service but to advise others at Society meetings.

Please help to create our own Club Elmer List for the benefit of all Members.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Marconi Sports and Social Club on 3rd October 2000.

The meeting was declared open by the Chairman John G8DET at 0730hrs. The agenda was displayed by overhead projector. Apologies were received from Charles G0GJS and Dick G3WHR.

The minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting, written by Charles G0GJS were read by David M0BQC and were approved by the meeting following proposal by George G0KLY and seconded by Martyn G1EFL.

John G8DET in his report as retiring Chairman praised CARS for its varied, well supported program of events in the Millennium Year. John paid tribute to Geoff Cockerill G2AMQ and the other silent keys the Club has had this year. John expressed thanks to Charles G0GJS for his years of good service to the Club as Secretary. Also thanks to Charles for the gavel and block he had donated to the Club. John thanked the Committee and gave details of contributions by each Member. The following Members have resigned from the Committee: Gwyn Williams who is Vice Chairman of the RSGB Propagation Studies Committee; Dick Brocks G3WHR President who has moved away with his employment, (see Presidents Report); Jan Swanwick G7UVP increasing work load prevents sufficient time for CARS Committee; Andrew Mead G4KQE also had a job change necessitating resignation; Ela Martyr G6HKM changing interests after many years of service but wished to continue with the raffle. John also thanked the Club Net Controllers.

The Secretary David M0BQC mentioned that there had been 11 Committee meetings during the year with an average attendance of 11. There were five speakers from outside the Club and six meetings provided by Club Members. The newsletter was praised and thanks given to Geoff G7KLV and Colin G0TRM. The contact between CARS and Industrial and Science Museum was highlighted by the celebration of The International Marconi Day at Sandford Mill. Thanks were expressed to the Club Members who supported this event so well. The WebPages prepared by John G8DET has given the Club worldwide publicity and he was thanked for his excellent work.

Brian presented the Treasurer's report by discussing the Incoming and Expenditure Account (copy attached to these minutes), that he had distributed to the audience. The Club's finances are in good shape and there is no need for an increase in subscriptions. There are 83 Members at present. In reply to a question from Murray G6JYB it was calculated that sending the newsletter by email saves about £140 per year. Geoff G3EDM asked if a comparison with previous year could be provided and Brian said this would follow next year, as the prior year would then

be in the same format. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Ela G6HKM and seconded by Tony G4YTG.

Harry G5HF then read out the speech from the retiring President Dick G3WHR. Dick spoke of the memorable year he has had in returning to RF design and moving from Essex to Devon. He hoped that one day the CARS meeting would be broadcast on Webcam. In stepping down from the Presidency Dick said he was reassured that he had a fine successor in Harry.

The President then retired the Committee and asked that those Members wishing to continue serving should be re-elected en bloc. Charles M0APJ proposed this motion and Brian G3CVI seconded and it was passed unanimously. The following new Members were elected to the Committee as follows:

Member	Proposer	Seconded
Murray G6JYB	Carl G3PEM	Geoff G3EDM
Bob M0CSV	Ela G6HKM	Brian G3CVI
Anthony SWL	Tony G4YTG	George G0LKY
Martyn G1EFL	Jim 2E1GUA	Chris G0IPU
Ken G7RFT	Charles M0APJ	Bob M0CSV

The proposed Members were put to the vote en bloc and were elected unanimously.

Andrew G4KQE proposed Carl Thompson as Vice Chairman, Tony G4YTG seconded and it was carried unanimously.

AOB: Carl G3PEM announced the following awards:

Amateur of the Year Award to Geoff G7KLV - presented by Ela G6HKM.

The Roy Martyr Trophy for Excellence in Amateur Radio to Bob M0CSV - presented by Ela.

The certificates for the Constructors Contest were presented:-

First Prize, Bob M0CSV. Second Prize, Harry G5HF. Third Prize, Anthony SWL. First Time Winners Prize to Dave G3PEN.

Outstanding Service Awards:

Andrew G4KQE, 27 years Club Member, 20 years on the Committee and various offices held.

Ela G6HKM, together with an engraved cup, founder Club Member with Roy G3PMX followed by many years dedicated service.

Dick G3WHR, retiring President of the Club whose engraved award will be presented to him later.

The Jackpot raffle prize of one year free Club Membership was won by Les G3HTF.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2025 hours.

A light hearted quiz was then chaired by Colin G0TRM when the vast knowledge and expertise of the Club Members was plain to see.

Minutes prepared by David M0BQC, Secretary.

Subscriptions Due Now!

As of October subscriptions are due. To avoid handling large amounts of cash our Treasurer, Brian Thwaites, prefers cheques please. Send by post to 118 Baddow Hall Crescent, Gt.Baddow, CHELMSFORD CM2 7BO or see him at the meeting. His phone is 01245-471919.

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Deadline for the next N/L is Wednesday 10th. October.