



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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CLUB NET 144.325 MHz Friday 8:30pm
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MONTHLY MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.45 FOR 8pm

AT THE T.S. TERRA NOVA, 34 THE WALDRONS, SOUTH CROYDON

"A" MEETING 3rd April 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
"B" MEETING 17th April 2000 FIX-IT and ADVICE CLINIC, CHIN-WAG & CLUB STATION

Dear Members

Hello and welcome to the April 2000 newsletter. Another year, another AGM on 3rd April, and my first as Secretary this millennium. I hope we get a good turnout, as this is a barometer of the health of the club and endorsement of the work the committee does. We also have a new "Fix-It and Advice" theme for the "B" Meeting – more below.

Those of you following our extension building I can advise that we have now moved in i.e. Ikea wardrobes and chests of drawers assembled and secured to the walls, bathroom cabinets fitted and bed moved in. The higher insulation standard makes it very snug and cosy. I have also installed my FT767 in "The Retreat" and I am now experimenting with simple wire HF aerials. I have changed my 80m dipole with 40m traps up at 25ft between the gable end and our oak trees to a G5RV look-a-like. I have made the 30ft open-wire feeder myself and hoisted up 102ft across the top. Besides working the 10m club-net last Sunday, this aerial has got me into Uruguay, Argentina, W-land, Hong-Kong, Greece, Croatia, Japan, Spain, Lithuania, UAE, and Canada using 10 and 20m bands - but try and work Bromley!

NEXT MEETING:

"A" Meeting Monday 3rd Apr 2000
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Formal notice of this ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was given in the last newsletter. This will be held on 3rd April at the Terra Nova Clubroom, 7.30 for 8pm. Enclosed are the minutes of the last AGM (Accounts will be available on the night), please bring them along, as they have to be accepted. At the end of this newsletter is the AGENDA and also a nomination form for proposing members for the 1999/2000 committee. The acceptance of the nominee must be obtained and the form must be in the

hands of the committee prior to the Chairman opening the meeting.

The committee consists of the Secretary (to be separately nominated) and seven members. The names of nominees will be displayed on the blackboard before the meeting. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer will be selected from the seven elected members.

THIS PROBABLY IS, OR SHOULD BE, THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR, so please make an effort to attend even if you are not normally able to get along to other club meetings. This is your opportunity to elect your committee; we do have some nominations but also one vacancy so please use the nomination slip at the end of this Newsletter. It would be nice to have more nominations, some new blood would not come amiss.

At the AGM you will also be able to find out how the club has been operating during the past year, scrutinise the accounts, and to express your views regards meetings, contests, outings etc which does help the committee to plan ahead.

NEXT MEETING:

"B" Meeting Monday 17th Apr 2000
FIX-IT and ADVICE CLINIC

Have you ever wish for help or advice for a technical problem you have, or need advice which trying to repair an item of radio equipment. Well, this meeting may be just what you needed. We plan these sessions as a regular activity for the "B" meeting, in addition to the other activities of chinwag and Club station.

All we ask that you contact a committee member prior to the meeting to advise of your needs and we will try to accommodate. You will never know unless you ask and amongst the membership is a

huge wealth of experience. Even if it can't be solved there and then, you will probably get some useful ideas.

Maurice G4DDY has volunteered to take your calls on 020-8669 1480.

LAST MEETING:

"A" Meeting Monday 6th Mar 2000

SPRING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE

Despite the fact that the numbers attending did not match the overflow meetings we have had in the past, and that there was some familiar faces missing, it ended up as very successful and the club benefited by over £75.

As usual it was not possible to guess what items would fetch, some went for very high prices and some could not be given away. Those who did not attend missed some excellent bargains.

Our thanks to Bernie G8TB for his usual highly entertaining actioneering style, and to Maurice G4DDY for assisting Bernie out front, and also to Peter G3ZPB for keeping the accounts (Oh yes it was me along side Peter on the cash desk).

Incidentally I still have the following equipment from the estate of the late Hugh Nicol for sale:

- Trio TS830S HF Transceiver - £225
- Trio TS430S HF Transceiver + PS430 & SP430 - £375
- Yupiteru 8-1300MHz Multi-band Rxcr - £125

I shall shortly be putting these into RadCom so this will be your last chance not to miss out on these (Ray G4FFY 020-8644 7589).

CLUB DINNER 25th Mar 2000

2⁴ members and wives had a very enjoyable time last Saturday night at the Windmill Public House, Wallington, and it was a shame that not more of you could make it.

It turned out that the Wayne we had been told to contact was only a relief manager and it was only a few days prior to our event when the new publican was appointed (Stephanie). She was literally dropped in it! No staff, no cutlery, etc. With just herself and one other girl (normally on the bar) she served a 3-course meal plus coffee, using apparently borrowed cutlery from another pub!

In the Chairman's speech, Graham G3RJW indicated our desire to open up our meetings to all the family by having topics of general interest. Graham called upon the member's partners to push forward suggestions to us – so we are waiting

Graham also took the opportunity to thank Prim G4CCY for her excellent hospitality supporting the Committee meetings.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

I have now added activities from other local clubs with SRCC Meetings indicated in **BOLD** with venue of Terra Nova unless otherwise stated.

3rd Apr 00	AGM
4 th Apr	Thames Valley ARTS – Sale of Surplus Equipment
10 th Apr	CATS – DF Aerial Construction Project
17th Apr	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
20 th Apr	Sutton & Cheam RS: Rob Mannion, G3XFD, Editor Practical Wireless, “Practical Wireless, Past, Present & Future” - see below
22 nd Apr	Crystal Palace – Spring Sale, St. John's Hall, Sylvan Road, SE19 10:00-13:00
30 th Apr	Rainham Radio Rally – Rainham School for Girls, Derwent Way, Rainham: 10am Details Martin G7JBO – 01634 365980
2 nd May	Thames Valley ARTS – Short talks with Brian Cannon G8DIU
5th May	VHF NFD Meeting @ QTH of G3ZPB
8th May 00	CONSTRUCTION EVENING and Constructional Contest
22 nd May	“B” Mtg. – Fix It & Advice Clinic
5th June 00	“A” Meeting – TBA
12th June	VHF NFD Meeting @ QTH of G3ZPB
19th June	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
25 th June	Longleat Rally, Longleat House, Warminster, Wilts
1st-2nd July	VHF NFD Weekend - Warlingham
3rd July 00	Barbecue at QTH of G3ZPB
9 th July	Sussex Amateur Radio & Computer Fair
17th July	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
7th August	“A” Meeting – TBA

SUTTON & CHEAM April Meeting

The Sutton & Cheam Radio Society is having Rob Mannion – G3XFD, Editor of Practical Wireless, visiting them on Thursday 20th April to give a talk on “Practical Wireless, Past, Present & Future”. To secure a large turnout S&C have extended an invitation to members of other Radio Clubs and Societies in the area. I am therefore pleased to advise you all of this kind invitation.

S&CRS meet at the Sutton United Football Club, The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton. Main meetings are held in the Vice Presidents Lounge 7.30 for 8pm. Secretary is John G0BWV, who can be contacted on 020-8644 9945.

Note: Rob Mannion is very allergic to tobacco smoke of any kind. This meeting will therefore be **TOTALLY NON-SMOKING**. Anyone totally dependant upon the dreaded weed and in desperate need of a ‘fix’ will simply have to pop into the main bar or car park.

MEMBERS NEWS & ACTIVITIES

- Firstly I have some news on two of our member's health – Ron G6LX is a bit under the weather at the moment and we wish you Ron all the best and hope that you are soon back fighting fit. Also Bernie G8TB caught up with Derek G4CCW the other day and reports finding him in fine fettle.

- I have also received the following letter sent to Roger G4WAY recently by Gav G2OS:

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1999 NEWSLETTER

DEAR ROGER,

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND I AM GETTING NEARER AND NEARER TO MY 100TH BIRTHDAY, SINCE I WAS 99 ON 28TH AUGUST LAST.

I AM QUITE WELL – NO PAINS – BUT CAN ONLY WALK ABOUT 50 YARDS WITH TWO STICKS BEFORE I GET PUFFED. IT TAKES ABOUT 20 SECONDS TO RECOVER AND START AGAIN.

I AM STILL LIVING HERE, ALONE, AS USUAL, BUT DOING ALL MY COOKING, WASHING UP, CLOTHES WASHING AND GIVING FOOD, ETC. I FIND THE DAYS FULLY OCCUPIED WITH MY VIDEOS, LIBRARY BOOKS, HAM RADIO, AND NEWS PAPERS. I GAVE UP DRIVING MY CAR IN JULY LAST, BUT STILL DO A LITTLE CONSULTING ON AUDIO TRANSFORMER DESIGNING. I GOT 2 HOURS PER WEEK "HOME HELP" AND 3 HOURS "GARDENING". I AM GOING TO WIMBORNE (GUILDFORD) FOR CHRISTMAS, WITH THE FAMILY, FOR A FEW DAYS (I.E. COULD MY ELDER SON, AND HIS BROTHER BRIAN AND THEIR FAMILIES.)

GAV
(GAV SOWTER)

- Bernie G8TB has also recently been to the Dome and gave me the following report:

"NOT AMATEUR RADIO"

Today, Tuesday, we went to the DOME. Train to London Bridge then Jubilee Line four stops to the Dome. Entrance was £20 or £18 for old codgers. I went with some trepidation as I had originally thought that the money could have been better spent on a hospital or such like.

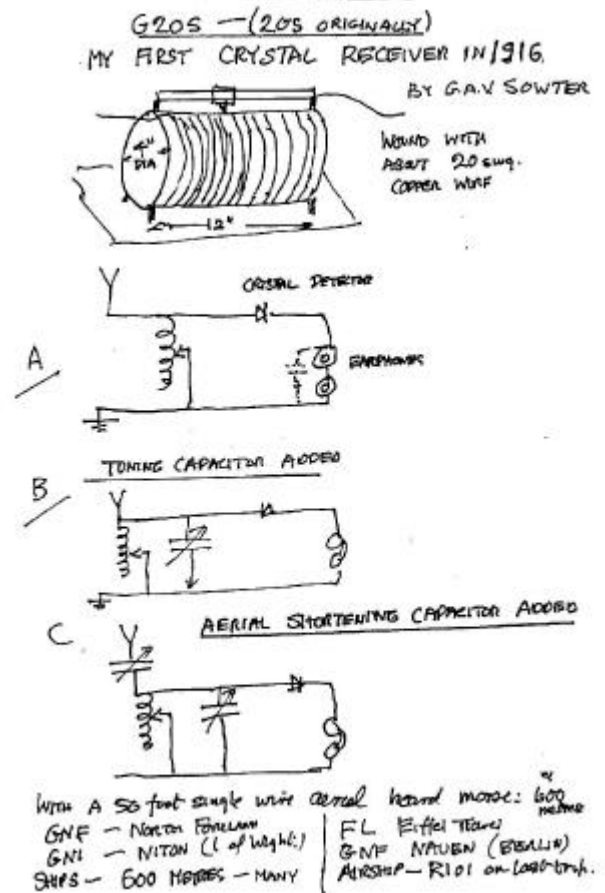
Apart from a mess-up with the buses (not unusual) we arrived, no queuing to get in, and we were given a time to see the "Body" and also the Floor Show. Many of the exhibits were somewhat tedious as I think they had children in mind, but I was very impressed with the Learning exhibit with a marvellous "Hall of Mirrors".

The floorshow that lasted 30 minutes was ultra spectacular with 24 acrobats suspended in mid-air at the same time – the highlight of the day. The other exhibits were interesting and there are plenty of places to eat (and 900 toilets!). Without overdoing it I think

we can be proud of having created this event. When we went it was not overcrowded and I can thoroughly recommend a visit.

Bernie G8TB 14th Mar 2000

- In Gav's letter was some diagrams of his first Crystal Set in 1916 which I re-produce below:



CLUB VISITS

May I repeat last month's article that once again we are planning an early summer outing and Peter G3ZPB is investigating the possibilities of a visit to Duxford (nr Cambridge). This site contains the Imperial War Museum (Air) in some 8 or 9 hangers and includes a Radio Shack section. There is also an American Museum, which houses a B52 bomber.

Please contact Peter on 01737 551413 to register your interest. This is a family trip and Duxford is about 1½ hours travelling distance.

INTERNET & WEBSITE

I hope that you are all sitting down but at long last I intend to update our site. I have started to learn about "Frames" so that I can improve the site navigation using a permanent menu on the left-hand side of the screen.

I have also explored the "Unofficial Tramlink site" which is reporting it's opening now in stages from mid-late April (Addington branch) until mid-May (Wimbledon branch). We shall see!

VHF NFD 2000

Bernie G8TB has pointed out to me that at long last the RSGB have published the VNF NFD 2000 Rules (Apr2000 RadCom page 79) and it has given us something to think about.

In summary 70MHz has been reduced to 6hrs on the Sunday (all modes) with the introduction of 50MHz for 6hrs on the Saturday (all modes). Also if entering any station in the Low Power Section then operation is restricted to a total of 16hrs.

Two further meetings of the team are planned for 5th May and 12th June at the QTH of G3ZPB. All are welcomed, we always need people to help put the stations up (aerials, tents, etc) plus be operators and check loggers.

Please contact Bernie G8TB on 0181-660 7517 to register your interest and your thoughts on the rules – thanks. These are fun weekends and all people of all abilities will be very welcomed.

SIGNING OFF

That's it for this month – I have held over to next month an article about Greenweld, plus a newsletter from the ARRL that Donovan M/KC2FGZ kindly gave me. Please make every effort to attend the AGM – your views count and please do not hesitate to stand for Committee. Also please send me contributions for the Newsletter - they are always welcomed - especially the Member's News bit.

Ray G4FFY

73 and 88

Posted: 29th Mar 2000

AGENDA FOR THE 60th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRCC ON 3rd APRIL 2000.

1. CHAIRMAN declares nominations closed and meeting open.
2. MINUTES of previous AGM
3. CHAIRMAN's report
4. TREASURERS report. Accounts for 1999/2000
5. APPOINTMENT of Scrutineers (if necessary)
6. APPOINTMENT of Hon. Secretary
7. ELECTION of Committee. 7 posts
8. ELECTION of (a) Treasurer, (b) Chairman (c) Vice Chairman from Committee
9. APPOINTMENT OF Accounts Scrutineers. Vote of thanks to previous year's
10. PRESENTATION of AWARDS
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING CLOSED.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE 2000—2001 (Please return to Ray Howells G4FFY)

I wish to nominate

For the position of **Secretary / Member** on the SRCC committee 2000 - 2001

If elected I agree to stand. Signed: Date