



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 5th June 2000 SHORT TALKS EVENING – CYPRUS and TRAMLINK
“B” MEETING 19th June 2000 FIX-IT and ADVICE CLINIC, CHIN-WAG & CLUB STATION

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Dear Members

Hello and welcome to the June 2000 newsletter, and I am afraid I haven't improved my deadlines – you are probably reading this on either the Friday or the Saturday prior to the June “A” meeting on Monday 5th June.

For this month's “A” meeting we are drawing upon the breath of the Club's resources and holding a Short Talks evening. Also this month we have the “Fix-it” evening on Monday 19th June; VHF NFD group meeting at QTH of Peter G3ZPB; and the Warmingham Village Fair – Blanchmans Farm on Saturday 17th June. More details follow below.

NEXT MEETING:

**“A” Meeting Monday 5th June 2000
 SHORT TALKS EVENING – CYPRUS
 and TRAMLINK EXPERIENCES**

This meeting will a collection of short talks given by Club Members and the opportunity exists for yourself if you wish to take the stand (as it were!). Just give Maurice G4DDY or myself a call.

The topics that I am currently aware off are quite varied and include:

- Bernie G8TB's experiences on Tralink (now fully open by the way as of Tues 30th May);

- Roger G4WAY on Cyprus where he and Ron G6LX have just returned from (and if the last Committee Meeting was anything to go by this will be both entertaining and illuminating);
- Myself on the SRCC WEB site domain registration.

This meeting has been arranged at short notice and I thank Roger and Bernie for volunteering to give a short talk and I seek you support for the meeting and give them an excellent turnout – thanks. We would like some more speakers so please contact Maurice G4DDY or myself - thanks.

NEXT MEETING:

**VHF NFD Group Meeting 8pm Monday
 12th Jun 2000 @ QTH of Peter G3ZPB**

This is the last meeting of the group to be held prior to the VHF NFD weekend itself, which this year is over 1st/2nd July.

At the meeting held 5th May it was agreed that under the new rules we would enter two stations SRCC “A” and SRCC “B”. SRCC “B” would be a single station entry on 6 metres only, in the Restricted Section. This operates on the Saturday only and would use the call G3SRC/P.

SRCC "A" would operate four stations, G3SRC/P on 4 metres (on the Sunday only), G6LX/P on 2m, G3ZPB/P on 70cm and G8TB on 23cm in the Mix & Match section. 4m, 70cm and 23cm would be in the Restricted Section and 2m in the Open Section.

As I have said before all are welcomed, we always need people to help put the stations up (aerials, tents, etc) plus operators and check loggers, etc. As given above the next meeting of the group is on the evening of Monday 12th June at the QTH of G3ZPB (Pound Cottage, 202 Coulsdon Rd, Old Coulsdon).

Please contact Bernie G8TB on 020-8660 7517 to register your interest, etc – many thanks.

NEXT MEETING:

Saturday 17th June 2000 - Warlingham Village Fair, Blanchmans Farm

As advised last month this event is seeking help for the setting up of an Amateur Radio demo station. The contact is Roger G8HDP on 01883 622159 and is seeking volunteers for operating, equipment supply, turning-up, setting-up, etc, etc.

NEXT MEETING:

"B" Meeting Monday 19th Jun 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. These sessions are now a regular activity for the "B" meeting, in addition to the other activities of chinwag and Club station.

It's an excellent opportunity to draw upon the wealth of expertise that the Club membership holds. All we ask that you contact a committee member prior to the meeting to advise of your needs and we will try to accommodate.

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

LAST MEETING:

"A" Meeting Monday 8th May 2000

CONSTRUCTION CONTEST & CONSTRUCTING EVENING

This meeting was a success in more ways than one. Firstly, we thank Gareth G4XAT for all hard work with his preparation and support for the Construction Evening session. This was absolutely excellent and included the provision of a full set of parts for the various projects, diagrams and instructions, batteries, and more than enough tools, solder and irons to allow more than five of us to construct simultaneously. It was a pity there weren't more of us there to support the work put in by Gareth.

The constructors on the evening included Graham G3RJW, John G3BFP, Bernie G8TB, Maurice G4DDY, Tony G3GHI, Norman G0LSN, Donovan M/KC2FGZ and myself. Donovan wasn't actually planning to construct anything but such was the success of the evening he decided there and then to join in. I apologise if I have got the list wrong but I was enjoying myself so much that I didn't take any notes so I have to rely on my memory!

The normal Construction Contest was also held with entries from Bernie G8TB, Norman G0LSN, Tony G3GHI, Gareth G4XAT and his sons Josuha and Rueben. As usual the entries were of a high standard and the voting was very close giving Graham G3RJW and myself a hard time whilst counting. The result was Bernie G8TB being awarded the Coronation Cup and 1st prize of £8; Gareth G4XAT the Basil Wardman Tankard and 2nd prize of £5; and Rueben with 3rd prize of £3.

The evening was a great success and brought back some constructing skills. I found it illuminating to learn the difference between "Building" and "Design and Building". Perhaps we should direct this renewed enthusiasm into a Club Project for the coming year. Suggestions so far have been a Morse Reader (using those PIC chips which were such a success with Gareth's projects) or a mechanical mast Rotator Indicator.

LAST MEETING:

DEMONSTRATION STATION

Scouts Camp 2000 28th/29th May - Lloyd Park, Coombe Farm Playing Fields.

Maurice G4DDY, Bernie G8TB, Graham G3RJW and a local Croydon Amateur G3ZRR braved the extremely wet weekend to put up a station for the two days.

Maurice and Bernie went up to Lloyd Park on the Friday to set up. They were given a perfect location with a tent midway between two trees that were about 160ft apart. When Maurice returned on the Saturday what had been done had been blown down and a less ambitious set-up had to be put into service.

G3ZRR provided excellent support including the arranging of a special call sign GB3ECS and spending Saturday afternoon on his own operating the station; on Sunday the station was operated by Maurice and Graham. The weather had a big influence and I have heard of the car park main entrance being turned into "chocolate". Whilst Maurice was chatting to the scouts on the Saturday, one or two of them give rise to gasps as a metal stake had a discharge slowly travelling down it. There was certainly some static around and for a while the noise level on 40m approached S9 !!

The event attracted some 500 scouts taking part in many activities and some 40 of them got involved with the amateur radio station, including the sending of greeting messages.

Thanks to all that got involved, especially G3ZRR, we are indebted to you. (*This report is following a quick download from Maurice G4DDY – hopefully I have got the details right!*).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

3 rd /4 th June	Biggin Hill International Air Fair
5th June	“A” Meeting – CYPRUS & TRAMLINK
6 th June	Thames Valley ARTS – Library Reading Room, Giggs Hill, Thames Ditton: Small Loop Antenna demo by Jim Bolton G3HBN
10 th June	Kingston & District ARS Summer Get Together – St. Marks Church Hall, Church Hill Road, Surbiton starting 13:30
11 th June	Elvaston Castle National Radio Rally
12th June	VHF NFD Meeting @ QTH of G3ZPB
12 th June	CATS DF Hunt using kits built during April’s meeting .. RV at Banstead Woods Car park, Outwood Lane, Chipstead @ 19:30hrs.
15 th June	Sutton & Cheam RS: Practical Wireless – Past, Present & Future by Rob Mannion G3XFD, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton @ 8pm
17 th June	Warlingham Village Fair – Blanchmans Farm – Amateur Radio Station (Contact is Roger G8HDP 01883 622159 – <i>seeking volunteers for operating, equipment supply, turning-up, etc, etc</i>)
17 th or 18 th June	Proposed Visit to Amberley Museum (Chalkpits) by CATS – Andy G0KZT
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	Barbecue at QTH of G3ZPB
9 th July	Sussex Amateur Radio & Computer Fair
10th July	CATS inter-Club Quiz starting 20:00 at St. Swithun’s Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley. (Teams of 4)
17th July	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
7th Aug	“A” Meeting – The Wright Brothers – David Foster G3KQR
21st Aug	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
4th Sep	“A” Meeting – TBA
18th Sep	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
2nd Oct	Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale
16th Oct	“B” Mtg. - Fix It & Advice Clinic
6th Nov	LF Talk – Derek Atter G3GRO

SRCC Meetings indicated in **BOLD** with venue of Terra Nova unless otherwise stated.

CALLING ALL LOCAL RADIO AMATEURS - KINGSTON & DISTRICT ARS SUMMER GET TOGETHER

This will be held at St. Marks Church Hall, Church Hill Road, Surbiton on Saturday 10th June starting at 13:30hrs. The special guest speaker, Jeremy Boot G4NJH, will speak on Amateur Radio and the Internet. There will also be “Bring and Buy”, club tables, GB2KOT and tea or coffee. It is hoped that our members will support. Further details from: <http://www.chriss.demon.co.uk/kingston.html>

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY (CATS) INTER-CLUB QUIZ

The CATS have issued an invite for members of local clubs and societies to take part on their Inter-Club team quiz night which takes place on:-

Monday 10th July 2000 at St. Swithun’s Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley.

The quiz will start at 8pm. Strong teams have been fielded in the past from Kingston and SRCC. Who will be the victors this year? *Andy G0KZT*

VISIT TO AMBERLEY MUSEUM (Formerly Chalkpits Museum)

Graeme G1WFG (on behalf of CATS) has made enquiries regarding a visit to the Amberley Museum on either Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th June 2000 where they are holding a special vintage wireless exhibition. There is a discount on the entrance fee for parties of 10 or more but the usual entrance fee is £6.25 adults, Students and over 60’s £5.00 and children 5-16 £3.25. This offer is open to members of other clubs and friends/relations of CATS members. If you or other club members are interested please contact Graeme (020 8688 6729) immediately so that he can collate numbers and if possible, apply for a group discount. I’ve no doubt that some car sharing can be arranged, especially for those who don’t have transport of their own. However Amberley Railway station is very close by. *Andy G0KZT*

SUTTON & CHEAM PRACTICAL WIRELESS TALK

This was originally scheduled for April but due to the wet weather we had in April, Sutton United Football Club had to re-schedule several of their football matches and S&CRS ended up being doubled booked for a major match. Unfortunately they were only told of this at 24hrs notice! No other rooms were available, so they had to cancel the meeting.

Rob Mannion G3XFD was very understanding about the whole unfortunate episode and has kindly agreed to go along to Sutton & Cheam on 15th June (as shown in "Dates for your Diaries"). *John G0BWV*

This meeting was originally opened up to members of local clubs and I believe this to still be the case. Please remember that there will be a complete ban on smoking in their room as requested by Bob – I am sure any smokers amongst you who wish to attend will be willing to comply – thanks.

BIGGIN HILL INTERNATIONAL AIR FAIR - 3rd/4th June

I have read in my local Guardian paper an advert for this event this coming weekend. It's to celebrate 100 years of flight from "Sticks & String" to "Heavy Metal". The gates open at 8am each day, with flying display from 11:30am to 6pm. I note Bleriot, Fokker Triplane, Jaguar, Tornado, Tiger Cat, Red Arrows, Harriers, Spitfire, F16, B17 & Lancaster, and more.

There is also all day family fun including free circus, giant funfair, children's entertainment, quads and carts, police dog demos, motoring village, new cars and vintage sports cars & vintage commercials, vast exhibition, craft tents, antiques fair, house & garden area.

A family ticket on the day is £30.00 (up to 5 occupants, adult or child), adult is £14.00 and child 15 & under £5.00. Parking is free.

More details can be found on:

<http://www.airdisplaysint.co.uk> or 01959 578100.

LONGLEAT RALLY - 25th June

The City of Bristol RSGB Group are pleased to present the 43rd Longleat rally on Sunday 25th June 2000. All the major exhibitors, RSGB Book Stall, RA and usual attractions – plus Craft Fair.

Entrance: Adults £3, OAPs £2, Children £2 (includes entrance to the splendid Longleat grounds)

Non-Trader Table hire only bookable on the day - £12 for a 3hr session (individual or you may sublet).

Full details available from Ron Ford G4GTD on 0117 985 6253 or <http://ourworld.cs.com/g3rfx>

ELVASTON CASTLE NATIONAL RADIO RALLY - 11th June

The Nunsfield House Amateur Radio Group present the 31st Elvaston Castle National Radio rally on Sunday 11th June 2000.

Attractions include more than 150 Radio, Computer & Electronic stands, Grand Bring & Buy Marquee, Crafts marquee, Flea Market, Band

performances, Children's entertainment, full on-site catering, talk-in on 145.550Mhz and 433.550MHz.

The RSGB will be in attendance, as well as RAFARS and the WAB AGM taking place within Elvaston Castle, and Morse tests also available on the day.

Parking (including entrance) Cars £3 Coaches £11. Further details from Les Bagnall G4CWD on 01332 559965 (Derby) or:

<http://www.elvastoncastle.freeserve.co.uk>

Elvaston Castle is located on the B5010 that runs between the A6 and A52, 5 miles south east of Derby.

BERNIE'S CONTRIBUTION

I have a reputation for finding uses for things for which they are not intended! Recently I required thin metal to remove surface mounted transistors. A razor blade? Not available as I now use disposable ones. Not to be outdone I found that it is possible to remove the blade from a Bic by carefully prising off the top white plastic, which exposed the blade. A length of Ali 1" by 4" was folded lengthways, a hole drilled and the blade is secured with a small nut and bolt, any hey presto I not only had the thin blade I wanted but also I have a very sharp knife. Surprising what a little ingenuity can do !! *Bernie G8TB*

GARETH'S G4XAT BRIGHTON RIDE - 18th June

A reminder that Gareth will be cycling to Brighton again this year on the 18th June, all the way from Clapham Common to the seafront, in aid of The British Heart Foundation. Last year many members kindly sponsored him and he raised £155 in total.

As Gareth says: "Final plea, sponsor me", cheques/cash etc. payable to 'The British Heart Foundation'. I shall have the form with me at the next club meeting.

SIGNING OFF

That's it for this month – please make every effort to attend the Short Talks Evening and support our Club speakers. Also please send me contributions for the Newsletter - they are always welcomed - especially the Member's News bit – and don't forget our plea to assist Roger G8HDP to provide an Amateur Radio station at the Waringham Village fair on the 17th

Oops Newsletter late again! Where does the time go – I seem to have so little to spare to write this!

Ray G4FFY

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Posted: 1st June 2000