



# SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAYS 7.45 FOR 8pm  
 AT THE T.S. TERRA NOVA, 34 THE WALDRONS, SOUTH CROYDON  
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**"A" MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> Jun 2001 CONSTRUCTION CONTEST**  
**"B" MEETING 18<sup>th</sup> Jun 2001 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN-WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE-IT-ON"**

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## Dear Members

Hello and welcome to the June 2001 newsletter, which has quickly followed the last one and so is being posted latish on the Thursday just before the June "A" meeting. Hopefully the post is back to normal!

## Ron Glaisher G6LX - Silent Key

Unfortunately, I have to start this Newsletter with the sad news that Ron Glaisher G6LX passed away on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2001 and I sure that you will all join in with me to send our condolences to his wife Prue G4RWW.

Ron's funeral took place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May attended by over 75 friends and family, including 27 SRCC members and wives, RSGB President and Vice-president, previous RSGB President Hilary Clayton-Smith G4JKS, and other local club members.

The venue was the East Chapel at Croydon Crematorium with the service starting at 12:30pm. As part of the address that was given, was a tribute written by Ron's life long friend Ray Herbert, G2KU, and a version to be used in the July RadCom is reproduced below.

Afterwards, most of us went back to Ron's QTH and many of us enjoyed the sun in the back garden reminiscing on his life, etc. I understand that the aerial farm that is Ron's QTH will be remaining, and Ron's Call G6LX will be living on through the Club - thanks Ron.

It was a sad but sunny day, but one which I sure Ron would have approved off. Ron was a major influence in the Amateur Radio hobby and had devoted much of his life to it, in particular his HF Contest and IARU work. He will be greatly missed.

## NEXT MEETING:

**"A" Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2001  
 CONSTRUCTING CONTEST 2001**

The 2001 Construction Contest is going to be the meeting to display your construction skills, whether it is Amateur Radio based or not. In other words we would like to see all your efforts that involve some form of constructing.

Hopefully we will have a rush of entries and we will be able to have several sections. These will be finalised on the night but the current plans are for Major, Minor, Club Project, and Non-Radio. Entrants will be asked to give a brief talk explaining their entries and this always breaks the ice and allows members to get to know one another better.

The Dave Deacon Coronation Cup and the Basil Wardman Tankard will be presented, along with cash prizes. Members will vote for only one piece in each section, and when deciding your vote please take into consideration the facilities available, the technical standing of the builder and obviously give more weight to the 14 year old over the professional engineer!

There are few rules; the main one is that an entry must not have won an SRCC contest before. Kits may be entered but we must be told this, and this year we are allowing non-radio entries you have constructed.

As you will have read, we plan to have a Club Project Section and hopefully by now you have been able to box-up your Nicad Charger project. Come along anyway and have a great evening.

## NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 01 FIX-IT and "MOVE-IT-ON" Evening

The "B" meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June will be the regular "Fix-It" and advice evening but with the extra twist. If you have a radio item that you just wish to clear out then bring it along - you never know it may be just what another member is looking for!

The Fix-It section has proved very interesting and successful so please bring along that item that has been giving you grief - the collective heads at the meeting usually come up with something.

## LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 01 CONSTRUCTION EVENING

This was a very enjoyable evening when just as much fun was had by the constructors as was had by those watching. The project was the Nicad Charger, as described last month, and we indebted to Gareth G4XAT for all his excellent preparation work. This included all the tools, kits of parts, and detailed easy to follow instruction sheets. Thank you very much Gareth.

It was a shame that on the night only members of the committee actually did the constructing which means we have kits left over. The committee has proposed that future "B" meetings will be further opportunities for members to construct a charger.

They are also available direct from Maurice G4DDY at £5 a time, and for an extra £1 a committee member will construct it for you! All those made on the night worked first time - well done everyone and I looking forward to boxed-up versions for the Construction Contest evening (oh, that means me as well and I haven't done it yet!!)

## LAST MEETING:

### VHF NFD Group Meeting held 29<sup>th</sup> May 01

Despite the fact that the VHF Contest Committee has cancelled the VHF NFD event on 7/8<sup>th</sup> July due to the Foot & Mouth outbreak impact, we have decided to have an activity weekend instead.

Bands that will be operated are:

50MHz - G3SRC/P

144MHz - G6LX/P

432MHz - G3ZPB/P

1296MHz - co-sited with 70cm and/or 2m and potentially higher (13cm, 6cm, 3cm)

The VHF NFD Committee have hinted that the VHF NFD might be re-scheduled for the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> September, which is the same weekend as the HF SSB NFD and 2m IARU. Recognising people's availability, the group has proposed we enter HF SSB NFD, along with say 2m. A full VHF NFD entry would not be possible on this proposed weekend.

Date of the next group meeting has been sent for 26<sup>th</sup> June at Pound Cottage, QTHR of Peter G3ZPB, when hopefully we will know if the usual field is available. If not, a contingency will be agreed and details will be given in the next Newsletter.

## MEMBERSHIP LIST - E-Mail Additions

I am advised of the following E-Mail addresses that you can add to last month's Membership List:

Peter G7PWV: [Peter.Woolhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:Peter.Woolhouse@btinternet.com)

Robin G3NFV: [robin@sycomcomp.co.uk](mailto:robin@sycomcomp.co.uk)

Huw G0LLD: [huw@lyris.btinternet.co.uk](mailto:huw@lyris.btinternet.co.uk)

## THE CALENDAR SECTION

This section includes not just Club meeting dates of SRCC and local Clubs, but also future Rallies and some contests that you may like to enter or experience before the big ones that SRCC enters.

### SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

<b>4<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Construction Contest &amp; Short Talks</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Thames Valley ARTS – "Operation Treeant" do trees radiate @ Library reading Room, Giggs Hill, Thames Ditton – 8pm. Sec: Trevor M0CDB 01372-457674
8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	W&DARS – Desert Island Radio with Reg M1EEK @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon-8pm. Details: Jim G4WYJ 01737-356745
11 <sup>th</sup> Jun	CATS – 2 Metre DF Hunt (Foot & Mouth Restrictions allowing) Contact: Andy G0KZT 01737-552139. Meetings normally @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley – 8pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday each month
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Fix-It, Advice, Chin-Wag, "Move-It-On"</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Bromley & District - Annual DF Hunt. Meetings normally 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: Alan G0TLK 020-8777 0420
21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Sutton & Cheam RS – AROS - Amateur Radio Observation Service by Barry G4ACK @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John G0BWV 020-8644 9945
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jun	Crystal Palace - Picatune Automatic Aerial Tuning unit by Paul M0CJX @ All Saints Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill - 7.30 for 8pm. Further details from Sec: Bob G3OOU 01737 552170 or WEB Site
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>VHF NFD Group Meeting, 8pm @ Pound Cottage QTHR Peter G3ZPB</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Dorking & District Radio Society - Natter Night @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking - opposite Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA 01306-883718
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Crawley ARC – 'A Pot Puri of Home Construction' by Bob G3OOU @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Sec: Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932
27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	South London College ARS (G3HFY) - "No details at the time of writing" @ ATC HQ, Commonsides West, Mitcham - 7.30pm. Derek M0BGX 020-8684 0963
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Talk on John Logie Baird by Jon G0GNA</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>CATS Inter-club Quiz Night</b> - Teams of 4 from local clubs compete - the more the better so please help the SRCC team/s.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>Barbecue @ Peter's G3ZPB</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sep</b>	<b>"For those in Peril" - Peter G7PWV</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Digital Audio Broadcasting - Peter G3ZPB</b> - this will be held at RA/RTCG @ Whyteleafe CR3 0YY - more details nearer the meeting
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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

### SRCC Activity Station & Contest Calendar:

<b>24<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>VHF NFD Group Meeting @ G3ZPB's</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Activity Weekend - See VHF NFD Mtg. Article above. Contact Bernie G8TB (020-8660 7517)
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	HF SSB and IARU 2M - See VHF NFD Mtg. Article. Contact Roger G4WAY (020-8689 7089)

## Contest Calendar: (Ray's Selection)

(Oct 2000 Issue of RadCom has full list and details)

5 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 2 <sup>nd</sup> 0700-0900 CW: 3520- 3570kHz	RoPoCo - a real test of your CW operating skill. Chinese whispers using rotating postcodes! Exchange RST plus for the first contact, one's own postcode. For each subsequent contact, RST + the postcode received from the previous contact.
10 <sup>th</sup> Jun 1800-2200 432MHz FM	432MHz FM - Postcode and Country multiplier

### Other Activities:

23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Warlingham Community Fair - GB4WCF Special Event Station (Jim G4WYJ). The "Fair" will be held in Blanchmans Farm Recreation Ground with station assembling from 8am, and event continuing until 5pm, and start packing up. All help welcomed and plans are to operate on 40/80m LSB, 2m FM and possibly 6m FM/USB. Contact Jim G4WYJ on 01737 356745
24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Jim G4WYJ and team @ Ditchling Beacon

### Rally Calendar:

17 <sup>th</sup> June	Newbury & DARS Annual Boot Sale @ Cold Ash
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Longleat Rally - Longleat House, Warminster, Wilts. E-Mail Rally Manager: <a href="mailto:ronford@g4gtd.freemove.co.uk">ronford@g4gtd.freemove.co.uk</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sussex Amateur Radio & Computer Fair. Contact: Ron G8VEH 01903 763978 or 01283 417756 (Office Hours)
21/22 Sep	The Leicester Amateur Radio Show - Geoff G4AFJ 01455 823344 <a href="mailto:g4afj@argonet.co.uk">g4afj@argonet.co.uk</a>

### MEMBERS NEWS:

#### Gareth G4XAT - Sponsored Bike Ride:

I have had an E-Mail from Gareth G4XAT reminding me about his forthcoming London to Brighton ride.

This is a 'plea' for sponsorship of Gareth on June 17th, who will be cycling the 58 miles to Brighton in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

He would like to thank those who have supported him for the last two years, helping to raise over £300 so far and we ask that you all do so again this year. There will be a sponsorship form available at the next meeting, the Construction Contest.

Many thanks in advance

#### Ron Glaisher Tribute:

#### **GB2RS Broadcast 20th May 2001**



".. And now the sad news that Ron Glaisher, G6LX, has become a Silent Key. He died last Saturday, the 12th of May, at the age of 81. Ron joined the RSGB in 1935 as SWL BRS-2357 before taking out 'artificial aerial' licence 2BFL. After the second world war he became firstly G2BFL and a short time later G6LX. A keen

HF contester, Ron served for many years on the RSGB HF Contests Committee and as IARU Region 1's HF Contest organiser. He was a member of the RSGB IARU committee and in 1999 was made an Honorary Vice-President of the RSGB. Ron's wife, Prue, is licensed as G4RWW. .."

Thanks to RSGB/GB2RS - May 2001

## RON GLAISHER, G6LX (proposed July 2001 RadCom Obituary)



The world of amateur radio has lost another of its pioneers with the death on Saturday 12 May of Ron Glaisher, G6LX, aged 81. He started his amateur radio involvement as BRS2357 in 1936 before becoming 2BFL. After the second World War, he became briefly G2BFL, before assuming his more-familiar callsign of G6LX in 1946.

Starting his working life with F C Heyberd, manufacturers of rectifiers and battery chargers, he later joined the Air Ministry as a civilian radio technician after the outbreak of war, at the Kidbrooke radar unit. Afterwards, he worked with Peter Pennell, G2PL, at the firm Electronic Transmission Equipment. Following this, he then contributed to the work of Mullards, Solartron, Elliott Brothers and Ardenite, eventually setting up his own company, Communication Technology.

Ron spent nine years as Chairman of the IARU Region 1 Contest Sub-Group and, in 1996, received the Region 1 Medal for his work. He also spent many years on the RSGB HF Contests Committee. He was also member of the RSGB IARU committee and in 1999 was made an Honorary Vice-President of the Society.

He was a member of the Surrey Radio Contact Club (SRCC) for over 50 years; the partnership of G6LX and G3BFP organised the Croydon Group-SRCC National Field Day station, outright winner of the NFD Trophy in 1967 and 1971- 73, achieving the highest score on 15m on 17 occasions.

During remission of his illness in 2000, he spent a holiday in Cyprus, seizing the opportunity to operate as 5B4/G6LX. He was dedicated to our hobby, never too busy to offer help when it was needed. He will be sadly missed.

Thanks to Ray Herbert G2KU and Steve Telenius-Lowe G4JVG, Editor, RadCom - May 2001



#### **August 1999 - Presentation of RSGB Life Vice-Presidency**

A special Club meeting was held back in August 1999 when Ron was conferred with a Life Vice Presidency of the RSGB by the then president Hilary Clayton-Smith G4JKS. She presented Ron with a plaque and badge. This is the highest honour conferred by the RSGB and recognised the long service that Ron had afforded to the Amateur Radio hobby and to the RSGB, and in particular his hard work for Region 1 IARU exceeding some 55 years.

**TRIBUTES:**

Here are some messages I have received - if you would like yours published please send it to me - thanks.

Dear Ray,

Thank you for passing on this sad news. Because of Ron's position as Vice-President and his work on the RSGB IARU Committee, I would like to publish an obituary in the July RadCom. I'd be grateful, therefore, if you could forward me some suitable biographical details and - if possible - a photo of Ron. If you are unable to do so, perhaps you may know someone who could provide this information? Regards,  
Steve Telenius-Lowe, G4JVG  
Editor, RadCom / GB2RS news

What a sad end to a very nice day, I have only met Ron on about 4 occasions, I heard several excellent talks by him at the SRCC club, and read many articles by him, and read of his contributions to Amateur radio in Radcom. He was quite a character and will be a sad loss to all who knew him. I send my condolences to his wife and family. He leaves a space both in the club and the radio fraternity that will be very hard to fill.

Thank you for letting us know. Alan G7ELG

Ray - very sorry to learn of Ron's death. I presume someone will inform RSGB and will not assume that it's already been done?

Have driven past his house several times in the last 3 days - I've always envied him his aerial farm and would hate to see it go!!

73's Mike G4W11

Ray

Very sad indeed to hear about Ron G6LX.

As a small contribution, my recollection of him is that in spite of the high level work he did, he still had time for individuals. I knew him and counted him as a friend, but particularly I remember how kind and encouraging he was to harmonic, Nick, when he first appeared on air at age 15. It made a big difference.

Pat G8LZA

Having known Ron for some 45 years as well as working for him prior to my retirement in 1989 it is indeed a sad loss.

His interest in amateur radio was phenomenal, as was his technical knowledge, whilst his help to the RSGB serving on the Contest committee for many years, etc., was of great benefit.

He will be sadly missed and we send our sympathies to his wife Prue

Ann & Ian (G3KXT)

I have many memories of Ron going back many years. In the fifties we used to go on car rallies in his Sunbeam Talbot, often ending up in darkest Hampshire having endured driving tests, crossing fords and numerous other hazards. Sometimes we won.

I remember when he and I went to Hay Hill in Wales somewhere and took part in 2m field day operating from his Ford V8 Estate Car and the best DX was G12FHN which I believe won us a high place on the listings. Hazel, Sally and I holidayed in Guernsey

Very many years ago and I took my car with its 2m radio. To our astonishment we found ourselves working GU6LX not a million miles away from where we were staying. I had bought one of those two string aerobatic kites, which we introduced to Ron. He was hopeless!! Probably due to all the laughter. HF Field Days were our happiest memories...our daughter, Sally, still talks about them. They were great social occasions with a lot of wives and children also enjoying themselves. Many were the times when we would be sitting around in the evenings, off duty and chatting and suddenly realised things had gone all quiet....yes the generator had stopped!! All hands to the pumps then.

Hope your current contacts from up there Ron, are all DX

John G3BFP

**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS:**

As it is that time of the year, may I remind you all that it is subscription renewal time. Please send £8.00 (or £12.50 for family membership) to Maurice G4DDY QTHR (or 020-8669 1480) as soon as possible. The newsletter address label indicates year of renewal, but may not have caught up if you have paid in the last few days (haven't yet had the opportunity to check with Maurice). I have printed a Slip below for your convenience but a covering note will do if you do not wish to spoil this Newsletter.

**SIGNING OFF:**

That's it for this sad month, many thanks for your contributions, which are always welcome so keep them coming - thanks. Next month will be Newton Road Brewery month (No prizes for guessing who that is!)

See you all at the Construction Contest Evening on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Ray G4FFY  
73 and 88 Posted: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2001

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