



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB NEWSLETTER
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CLUB NET 144.325 MHz USB Friday 8.30pm
CLUB NET 29.111 MHz USB Sunday 9.30am
CLUB NET 145.500 and down Thursday 7.00pm

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 1st and 3rd MONDAYS 7.45 for 8pm
NOVEMBER "A" MEETING TO BE HELD AT WHYTELEAFE: SEE DETAILS BELOW

"A" MEETING: NOVEMBER 5th Digital Audio Broadcasting
"B" MEETING: NOVEMBER 19th Fix-it, Chin Wag, Club station + Move-it-on

Dear Members,

The bright ones among you will have noticed that the newsletter has gone back to the old format. The Hon Sec is not available and I have been dragged out of retirement, and here I am once again sitting at my trusty IBM. November is with us and summer is fast fading into the distant memories of cloudless days, but no drought and hosepipe bans this year, so we can look forward to the winter, which is the time for working DX and building gear!! So without more ado

NEXT MEETING, 5th November. Digital Audio Broadcasting. This meeting will cover the technical aspects of coding and transmission of Digital Audio Broadcasting including MPEG-2. There also will be an off air demonstration of the VIDEOLOGIC DRX-601E/ES DIGITAL RADIO TUNER as reviewed in October RADCOM. This meeting will be unusual, as it will NOT be held at our usual clubroom, The Terra Nova, but at the Radiocommunications Agency's new training wing at Whyteleafe. The site is labelled "Radio Technology and Compatibility Group". The entrance is in Whyteleafe Hill, and is one mile from Whyteleafe Station on the right hand side going up, or a quarter mile from the Salmons Lane junction, on the left-hand side going down. Those of you with Internet connection can feed in the Postcode CR3 OYY into any of the popular mapping sites. When you arrive there, drive right round the buildings into the car park. The entrance is through the glass doors. If time permits, there may be the opportunity to put MORCA on the air. I suggest that those of you with cars give lifts to those without; do not be afraid to ask. This talk will be given by Peter Burton G3ZPB and promises to be very unusual and interesting.

LAST MEETING. SALE OF SURPLUS GEAR. It seems that amateurs are less and less inclined to build their own equipment and this is evident by the small numbers that attend these sales. I remember when there was standing room only. However I must not be too despondent as with commission and donated gear the evening showed a profit of some £50. There were quite a lot of computer parts, but these did not seem to be very sought after. There were quite a few of the regular clients missing but it is too early to think of dropping this meeting as it is a means of moving unwanted gear about. My thanks to Maurice G4DDY for helping me and also to Peter G3ZPB and John G8IYS for keeping the accounts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES.

- 5th NOVEMBER Digital Audio Broadcasting. Peter G3ZPB. To be held at RCTG, Whyteleafe, CR3 OYY
- 18th NOVEMBER CATS BAZAAR. Lion Green Car Park, Coulsdon
- 19th NOVEMBER FIX_IT ADVICE, CHINWAG, MOVE-IT-ON at T.S. Terra Nova
- 3rd DECEMBER M2000A Station with Bob BRS32525 + Team
- 7th JANUARY RSGB DRRM for South London and Surrey
- 4th FEBRUARY Picatune with Paul Berkeley M0CJX.

EXTRA: We are proposing to operate an H.F. station during the CQ phone contest on 27th/28th October from a fixed station site in Whyteleafe. If you can help either to operate or check log, then please contact Maurice G4DDY urgently (020 8669 1480).

WANTED: 50mV 100A shunt for d.c. meter. Contact Graham Marshall G3RJW (020 8647 1186).

QRP FROM G8TB

Having tried operating on the VLF band 136 kilohertz I have now been trying out QRP operating on 7 MHz. Having knocked up a small transmitter for that band of about 100 m/watts, I checked it out locally with John G3BFP. Not having any luck on the QRP section I tackled the big boys. My first success was ON5GK who gave me 539. My next was with EI3H in Dublin who gave me 339 (I gave him 599) but I was very amused, as he could copy fairly well, he asked me if I was trying to save on electricity bill!! My next project is a converter to make my 136 receiver tune on 7 MHz!!! Watch this space for further progress.

FOR SALE. HP DESK JET 970CXL COLOUR PRINTER

I am so impressed with the quality of this printer that I have now bought the HP Officejet (uses the same print engine but includes fax/scanner//copier functions). The 970 is nearly brand new (only printed about a dozen sheets) and is complete with packing, manual and software etc. but less the double sided feed unit option (that also fits my new Officejet). It is a 1200 X 1200 dpi printer with separate colour and B/W cartridges. £130 ONO.

ALSO I NO LONGER REQUIRE MY Primax "Colorado Direct 9600" scanner, which is also complete. It is a parallel printer port version and is capable of excellent results now I have learnt how to use it properly!! £35 ono.

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CATS BAZAAR.

This will be held on Sunday the 18th November at the usual place, the Scouts Hut at the top of the Lion Green Road car park, Coulsdon. Opening at 10 am. WE WILL BE MANNING A STAND THERE so anyone wishing to donate gear to the SRCC, or to sell on a commission basis, bring it along, or contact Maurice Fagg. This event is always well supported, a chance to meet old friends, perhaps pick up a bargain and there is generally an instant raffle. Refreshments are available, and to anyone who has not been along before it is well worth a visit.

SEA CADETS, TERRA NOVA.

They have a new Commanding Officer and he has told us that they are urgently seeking a person to teach Cadets communications. No special qualifications are needed, just a knowledge of radio. You do not need to worry as to what you should instruct, as there is a Syllabus. The number of evening attendances is up to negotiation Once or twice a week or once a month! The cadets meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings. In the past when we met at rooms over a pub we were thrown out every few years so we are very fortunate having had our clubroom so long. It would be very nice if someone could do them this service. There is a separate operations room upstairs. Please Contact Maurice Fagg or phone Graham Peach direct 8688 2858 (evenings).

CLUB 10 METER NET.

This is held on Sundays at 9.30 am 29.111 MHz. Last Sunday there were five on. It's a pity that more members do not participate as it is a useful way for club members to exchange information, technical and otherwise, or to find that elusive component. There also is a net on two meters on Thursday evenings. We do appreciate that there are some members who for one reason or another only listen.

BITS AND BOBS

I contact Harry G4TWK via two-meter repeater on most Sunday mornings *and* he is well and sends his regards. Nice to have Barry G4STD on the net, he does not get to meetings due to his bowls passion! I am told that we appear as club news in Practical Wireless again.

SIGNING OFF.

That will do for this "special addition". I look forward to meeting you all at the SPECIAL meeting for Peter's talk. And do NOT FORGET the meeting will be at WHYTELEAFE.

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