



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.45 FOR 8pm

Normally AT THE T.S. TERRA NOVA, 34 THE WALDRONS, SOUTH CROYDON, CR0 4AZ

"A" MEETING 5th Apr 2004 64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

"B" MEETING 19th Apr 2004 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN-WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE-IT-ON"

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Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the April 2004 newsletter which was prepared week commencing 29th March. Another year has gone by quickly and here we are at the 2004 AGM to be held on Monday 5th April. We 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.

The other meeting this month is the regular "Fix-It" and "Move-It On" Meeting on Monday 19th April at Terra Nova. More about these below but firstly:

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 5th Apr 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Formal notice of this ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was given in the last newsletter. This will be held on Monday 5th April at the Terra Nova Clubroom, 7.45 for 8pm. Enclosed are the minutes of the last AGM (Accounts will be available on the night) to be brought along on the night, as they have to be accepted. At the end of this newsletter are the AGENDA and also a nomination form for proposing members for the 2004/05 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, the retiring committee are all willing to stand again but it would be nice to have more nominations, some new blood would not come amiss so please use the nomination slip at the end of this Newsletter.

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 thoughts on meetings, contests, Foundation Licence, STARS, outings etc, which does help the committee to plan ahead.

NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 19th Apr 2004 FIX-IT, Advice, Chin-Wag & "MOVE-IT-ON"

The "B" meeting on Monday 19th March is the regular "Fix-It" and advice evening with the extra twist. If you have a radio item or anything else 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.

Now for an additional twist, at a recent VHF NFD, it was proposed to use DECT phones for communication between stations. But it needs to be tested. So at this "B" meeting those of you who are willing to loan a DECT Cordless phone over the field day weekend (3rd-4th July) could you please bring them up to the clubroom so that a test can be carried out - many thanks. . . (Yes I have deliberately repeated this..)

LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 1st Mar 2004
SPRING SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SALE

A good turnout was achieved for this sale, which raised over £70 for Club funds. It was nice to see the visitors who, along with the regulars, had an enjoyable evening with lots of bargains to be had. We especially thank Bernie G8TB and Maurice G4DDY for being up front running the "show". The interplay and banter between Bernie and Maurice is a joy to watch and makes the evening very pleasurable. It wouldn't be the same without them.

We also thank Maurice G4DDY for his "behind the scene" work in collecting the bits and pieces which form part of the items for sale for Club funds – it makes quite an impact on the Club finances and helps towards keeping the subs low – more about that no doubt at the AGM. So thanks for the excellent evening go to the Auctioneer pairing of Bernie G8TB and Maurice G4DDY. Thanks also to Peter G3ZPB for keeping the accounts in order, whom I help.

CHAIRMAN THOUGHT OF the MONTH
- Apr 2004



Well despite a slightly late arrival at last month's junk sale I still managed to spend £20!! As usual there were a number of bargains to be had and I bought several of them! Once home, with the easy availability of the internet, it took me less than 5 minutes to find data on a rather nice Motorola PMR radio I bought, including enough information to theoretically 'reprogram' it to frequencies within the 70cm amateur band. I say theoretically as I am far too busy at the moment, with a large number of projects underway (or intending to be underway). The main pressure in recent weeks has been project work with my upper sixth students, now replaced with project work with lower sixth students, together with interviewing the upper sixth about their projects, if you see what I mean! On top of this my Trinity School Racing team have been working every Saturday to modify and improve our two racers ready for the 'season opener' on 25th March. The results will be known by the time you read this - no doubt I'd be pleased to relay our experiences! Payback for all this 'hard work' is of course the holidays I enjoy, but sometimes life gets crowded!

Our annual general meeting is upon us, remember it's your chance to shape the way the club is run, the events/talks we put on, in fact most of what the SRCC is about. Please make an effort to attend, and remember, free refreshments are now provided at A and B meetings. I also promise not to talk too much (*) either! See you there.

* I reserve the right to interpret this as I wish!!

Gareth G4XAT

THE CALENDAR SECTION

SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

2 nd Apr	Crystal Palace – Club projects/Morse Practice/Natter Night <i>Theme: HF Band Predictions</i> @ All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill. 7:30 for 8pm. Bob G300U 01737 552170 (Meetings 1 st and 3 rd Fridays) http://members.aol.com/rfcburns
5 th Apr	64th Annual General Meeting
9 th Apr	W&DARS – <i>No Meeting Good Friday</i> @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim M0CON on 020-8874 7456 http://www.wadars.thersgb.net
12 th Apr	CATS – <i>No Meeting as Easter</i> – contact Andy regarding an informal get-together. Meetings held @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's. Contact: Andy G0KZT 01737-552139. cats@briersa.fsbusines.co.uk

15 th Apr	Sutton & Cheam RS - History of the Stars – Guide to Astronomy with Neil Grabaskey (Ewell Astronomical Society Chairman) Meetings @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John G0BWV 020-8644 9945 www.scrs.org.uk
16 th Apr	Crystal Palace – Building a Low Cost Dummy Load by G1PKS and G300U @ All Saints Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill – 7:30 for 8pm. Further details from Sec: Bob G300U 01737 552170 – http://members.aol.com/rfcburns
18 th Apr	West London Radio & Electronics Show Kempton Racecourse - Doors Open 10:15
19 th Apr	Fix-It, Advice, Chin-Wag, Move-It-On
20 th Apr	Bromley & District – A History of Radio – Ruth MOUYR. Meetings on 3 rd Tuesday's @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8. Alan G0TLK 020-8777 0420 www.bdars.org.uk
26 th Apr	VHF NFD Meeting @ G8IYS QTH
27 th Apr	Dorking & District Radio Society – Meetings normally 4 th Tuesdays @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA 01306-883718
28 th Apr	Crawley ARC – Receiver Evening. Meetings normally held @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932 www.carc.org.uk
28 th Apr	Mitcham & District ARS (Meetings normally last Wednesday of each month) @ ATC Headquarters, Commonsides West, Mitcham. Sec: Mike Knott G0WCR 020-8764 4716
30 th Apr	W&DARS – Club on Air @ St. Andrew's Church Hall, Herbert Road, Wimbledon – 7.30 for 8pm 2 nd & last Friday's Details: Jim M0CON on 020-8874 7456 http://www.wadars.thersgb.net
10 th May	Constructing Evening
7 th Jun	Construction Contest
14 th Jun	VHF NFD Meeting @ G8IYS QTH
5 th Jul	BBQ @ QTH of G4XAT

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

Rally Calendar, etc:

18 th Apr	West London Radio & Electronics Show (Radio Fairs). Exhibition Centre, Kempton Racecourse, Sunbury. www.radiofairs.co.uk Doors open 10:15 - £3.50
24 th July	Alton Radio Rally, The Valley Nurseries, Alton (1m outside Alton on the Basingstoke Road A339). Starts at 10am - Contact Richard G4IBW on 01428 717524

SRCC RADIO ACTIVITIES

The following is proposed for SRCC to participate in:

CONSTRUCTION EVENING

Gareth believes that the most likely project for the construction evening is now going to be the Bat receiver (and LF to audio converter). No one has spoken to him about wanting to build anything for top band although one member did send him some circuits to consider. So what about it – what would you like to build on 10th May – please let one of the committee know – thanks. This is a repeat request and a response would be appreciated.

MILLS WEEKEND 2004

This is taking place over the weekend of 8th/9th May 2004. Details can be found at the following Web Site: <http://www.gsl.net/q4cdd/mills.htm>. Last year we operated from the Shirley Windmill in Postmill Close, Shirley Road, Shirley. For this year details are being finalised as I write but if you are interested to help please let me know.

CLUB DINNER 2004

A reminder of the dinner this Saturday 3rd April at The Beefeater Pub & Restaurant, Park Place, 54 Commonsides West, Mitcham (020-8646 0028) 7:30 for 8pm. We thank Prim G4CCY for liaising with the restaurant, etc. The 3-course meal plus coffee will cost £17.00 (same as last year) with a choice of dishes.



PICATUNE BOARDS

Paul MOCJX has advised of the following:

"Hi All - I am about to put a notice in RADCOM news. I am going to buy another batch of boards, so if anyone wants a set(s) please let me know. This will be the last batch (I keep saying that!) ever.

Paul Berkeley www.picatune.co.uk"

MEMBERS NEWS

Members will no doubt join in with me to wish John G3MCX all the best as I have been advised he spent a short spell in hospital recently. Graham G3RJW is also in the wars again, this time with the other leg following a trip fall recently in Wallington. Were you aware that Ivor M0IMJ is featured in the closing moments of the new RSGB Video "What is Amateur Radio" in his capacity as a Raynet Operator. (Please keep your news coming in).

ALTON RADIO RALLY

I recently received the following E-Mail:

"We will be holding the Alton Radio rally on Saturday 24th of July at The Valley Nurseries, Alton, Hants. Rally will start at 10.00am there will be free parking, refreshments, toilets and disabled parking. Valley Nurseries is located 1 mile outside Alton on the Basingstoke Rd A339. We will be glad to see your members there. If any one would like to book a stall please contact me. Entrance fee on the day will be £1. I wonder if you would kindly pass this on to your members. Thank you for your time, Richard G4IBW. I can be contacted on 01428 717524"

RIDDLEDOWN HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Stewart M3YPM has just sent the following E-Mail:

"I am arranging a special event station at my school (Riddlesdown) for the summer! GB4FUN will be on site with the operator Carlos (GOAKI) I will be looking to push about three hundred pupils through the stations each hour, when they are in the science block. This will prove to be quite a challenge, we are granted the school field which has about 3-4 football pitches of space. I will need 10 stations on the air, at the same time! I should have a generator by then! I will be looking for volunteers to help on this event running for one day between 26th-30th June - we have not got a fixed date yet. I have already got 2 volunteers, and I would appreciate another 10, this will enable the event to go successfully. Please could you put it in both of your newsletters and please give my contact numbers as: 020 8657 7972 and 07985 637 971 or via email: twotonetie@hotmail.com I will update you with the relevant information as it comes in. Stewart M3YPM"

VHF NFD 2004 (3rd-4th July)

As previously reported we have decided upon the following entry:

Section - Mix & Match

Stations: 6m G3SRC - 100w Restricted
2m G3WIM - 100w Restricted
70cm G3ZPB - 100w Restricted
23cm G8MNY - 25w Low Power

The key issue now is resources, especially people to help put up and dismantle the stations, as well as operators and check-loggers. If you could spare just a couple of hours you will be more than welcome. This invitation is also extended to members of all local Clubs. Please let John G8IYS know - thanks. We intend to publish a rota per station prior to the VHF NFD weekend.

The next meeting has been organised for Monday night 24th Apr 2004 from 8pm at John's QTH (18 Riding Hill, Sanderstead). Please advise John of your intention to attend, either on 020-8657 0454, or e-mail johns@connectnet.org.uk

BROMLEY REPEATER GROUP

Tony G1HIG has recently sent the following E-Mail:

"The Bromley Repeater Group are looking for donations for the group, this will help the cost of operating and maintaining the repeater system. The group is totally independent and non-profit making voluntary organisation, which is dedicated in maintaining & developing Voice Amateur Radio Repeater GB3OK in and around Bromley and the South East of London.

Tony G1HIG@aol.com"

I will put up on our Web Site a link to a document that Tony had sent me giving further details of the group's Repeater Support and Donation Policy. Will also be a talk at the Bromley Club on 18th May.

BROMLEY FOUNDATION & INTERMEDIATE COURSES

Alan G0TLK recently advised me of the following:

"We are going to be running one of these in May. Dates etc on website www.bdars.org Could you please give it some publicity and/or let me know if you hear of anyone who wants to do it?

Owing to some problems with hall bookings we have also got a bit of a problem with our Foundation Course and Intermediate Course both running in May! Please let me know if you have any members who would be willing to help out with some teaching/helping?

Alan G0TLK"

Are there any helpers out there? Please contact me.

PS: Check out their new Website - very impressive

SIGNING OFF:

I think that is it for this month - if I have missed anything I give my apologies and hopefully remember it next time.

So for our main meeting on April 5th it is the AGM so please make every effort to attend and get your voice and views held on how the Club should move forward in these times when it is getting harder to attract new blood. A nomination slip is attached if you would like to put yourself forward to work on the committee. The "B" meeting is on April 19th and if you can loan a DECT phone for VHD NFD please bring it along for a test. The next VHF NFD Meeting is on April 26th @ G8IYS's.

And don't forget we will be at the **Kempton Rally on Sunday 18th April** - it will be good to see you all there - contact Maurice G4DDY for more details.

Ray G4FFY

73 and 88

Posted: 1st Apr 2004



Ray G4FFY

Roger G4WAY

Gareth G4XAT

Maurice G4DDY

Bernie G8TB

Graham G3RJW

Robert M1MRS

Pat G4FDN

Current 2003/2004 SRCC Committee



**AGENDA FOR THE 64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE SRCC ON 5th APRIL 2004**



1. CHAIRMAN declares nominations closed and meeting open.
2. MINUTES of previous AGM
3. CHAIRMAN's report
4. TREASURERS report. Accounts for 2003/04
5. APPOINTMENT of Election 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 Independent Examiners
- Vote of thanks to previous year's
10. PRESENTATION of AWARDS
11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

MEETING CLOSED.

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE 2004 - 2005 (Please return to Ray Howells G4FFY or before AGM start)

I wish to nominate

For the position of **Secretary / Member** on the SRCC committee 2004 - 2005

If elected I agree to stand. Signed: Date

(You may wish to photocopy this form rather than spoil the Newsletter)