



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 6th Sep 2004 MEMBERS SHORT TALKS EVENING

"B" MEETING 20th Sep 2004 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN-WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE-IT-ON"

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Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the September 2004 Newsletter which is being hurriedly typed on Wednesday night 1st September – where has the time gone! Will we get a dry warm September for those late holidays? Have you protected your PC with Anti-Virus, Firewall and Spy-Ware protection software? And have you kept it up to date with installing the critical updates; Microsoft have now launched SP2 for Windows XP – I have downloaded it, all 266MB of it!! So you know where to ask! Proper computer protection is important these days, a lot of my jobs now is to “clean-up” PCs and then protect them. This must then be kept up to date by the PC user else they become useless!! And if you are thinking of Broadband please make sure you have a proper functioning Firewall before connecting as it only takes seconds to be infected by a worm.

Anyway what's on this month:

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 6th Sep 2004 Members Short Talks Evening

Monday 6th September will be an evening when we will be having some of our excellent in-house experts presenting a few short talks. Topics will range from. "Computer circuit simulation and design", "Radio friendly broadband installations"; and Greenpower: eco-friendly motor racing for schools - an introduction to the concept, a brief history, technical specification and limitations. We'll learn about their first car, the second car and refining it, fine tuning to win, winning, and what the future holds. Talk supported by video, stills, parts and chat. Whose doing them, well the latter is Gareth G4XAT and the first two will be Pat G4FDN.

NEXT "B" MEETING: Monday 20th Sep 2004 FIX-IT, Advice, Chin-Wag & "MOVE-IT-ON"

The "B" meeting on Monday 20th Sep 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.

LAST "A" MEETING: Monday 2nd Aug 2004 Annual Construction Contest

This was a very enjoyable evening and it was encouraging to see all the members efforts - big and small, young and old, radio and non-radio.

On display included items from Graham G3RJW, Dusty G4DSY, Charlie M0BIN, Alvin M0BRX, Ivor M0IMJ, Maurice G4DDY, David G3KQR, Stewart M3YPM, John G3ENG, Roger G8HDP and John G8MNY. I hope I've remembered everyone!

All exhibitors gave a brief talk on their entries and during the tea break every one took part in a secret vote. The outcome was as follows:

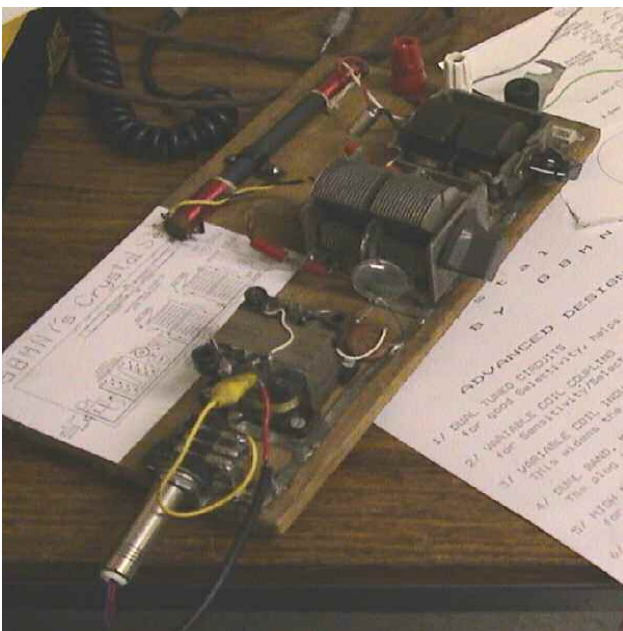
Winner: Stewart M3YPM for his Power Supply project receiving the Coronation Cup and cash prize

Second: Roger G8HDP for his Helicopter model receiving the Basil Wardman tankard and cash prize

Third: John G8MNY for his Super Crystal set who received a cash prize.



Roger G8HDP – Helicopter + Stewart M3YPM – Power Supply



G8MNY's Super Crystal Set



Stewart M3YPM receiving 1st Prize from Roger G4WAY

Well done to all the winners and congratulations to everyone who entered proving that home construction is still alive and well. This meeting had a healthy turn out which is appreciated by your committee.

In the next column is a picture of a unique entry from Alvin M0BRX, a refuse bin aerial (I hope that's the correct title?) – and it works!!



Roger G8HDP receiving 2nd Prize from Roger G4WAY



John G8MNY receiving 3rd Prize from Roger G4WAY



Alvin's M0BRX unique Aerial

CHAIRMAN THOUGHT of the MONTH - September 2004



"Those of you who attended the Construction Contest will have noted my absence from proceedings (due to a last minute family crisis) but I've been told there were still twelve entries. An excellent turn-out given that neither Bernard nor I entered anything – construction is clearly still alive and well in the SRCC!!

Congratulations to our youngest new member Stewart M3YPM for winning with his PSU project, and to Roger G8HDP and John G8MNY.

The family and I enjoyed 6 days of unbroken sunshine and peace on Rhodes, (around the quiet side of the island) in a village called Peskos. Really warm seas, clear as can be, full of fish with lovely cheap fresh food every evening - just what we needed.

By the time you get this we will have also enjoyed six days in Cornwall, hopefully without floods and rain!! There are some excellent beaches near where we are staying and good surfing for the kids to play in on their 'bodyboards'. Hope the sea is warm! Then it's back to work for me and the cycle starts all over again – the lower sixth AS group did particularly well this year, managing 10 A grades and two B grades.

Our last Greenpower race heat is scheduled for Sunday 26th September and we 'hope' to break the all-time distance record if everything goes to plan. I'll be telling you all more about 'Greenpower' at the next A meeting, with a number of short talks lined up, mostly about the concept behind the challenge, our endeavours and successes which currently rank us as the Number One Qualifier!!

And now, *101 uses for bananas, number ...* oops next month!!

Gareth G4XAT'

LAST "B" MEETING: Monday 16th Aug 2004

The last "B" meeting on Monday 16th Aug had a good turn out – John G8MNY brought along his video camera and was playing some tapes he had taken, including this year's VHF NFD (which included yours truly on 70cm), GB3HV repeater (www.gb3hv.com), and Susy Radio (www.susyradio.com) – Redhill & Reigate Community Radio Station. Alvin M0BRX and others was working on an M-8000 TNC Communication Terminal.

MEMBERS NEWS

Pat G4FDN in Maine – PSK Operation

Pat has E-mailed me with details of his recent holiday in Maine:

"My radio operating there was restricted to the week we had at Highland Lake near Bridgton, Maine. Contacts were a wee bit harder to make on PSK31 with the FT-817 running 2.5W than with the FT-100 I had previously used running around 30W. No contacts back to the UK this time - heard and called a few G's & GM's but no replies. I listened out for John G3BFP and he for me but we missed each other. Consolations were QSO's with an F5 and a YV4 plus lots all over the US. Must say I'm pleased with the FT-817 and it saved me a few pounds in baggage not having to bring the large 12V supply that the FT-100 needed.

Pat G4FDN"

Prue G4RWW – Rotator working again – Thanks

Prue has asked me to record her grateful thanks for all the work that Jim G4WYJ, Dennis G0OLX, Andrew G4ADM and Mike did in getting her rotator going again on the tower. Turned out to be a faulty joint at the rear of the shack so didn't need to climb the tower. Apparently is has been out of action for some 18-months and the guys came up trumps – thank you.

Wanted: LDF-450 Connectors

Bryan G6ODE is seeking some LDF-450 connectors. Can anyone help him? Bryan can be contacted on 020-8651 0767 – thank you.

THE CALENDAR SECTION

SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

3 rd Sep	Crystal Palace – Operating Practice and Evening on the Air @ 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
6 th Sep	SRCC – Members Short Talks Evening
10 th Sep	W&DARS – Getting out on Top Band – Martin G4FKK @ 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
11 th Sep	Crawley ARC – Tilgate Open Day. Meetings normally held @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932 www.carc.org.uk
13 th Sep	CATS – Bromley Repeater Group - TBC - Meetings normally held @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's. Andy G0KZT 01737-552139 cats@briersa.fsbusiness.co.uk
16 th Sep	Sutton & Cheam RS – Computer Radio Networks & Computer Q&A – James M0BOV (TBC) @ 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
20 th Sep	SRCC "B" Meeting
21 st Sep	Bromley & District – Introduction to RayNet – Phil G8AQP. 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
22 nd Sep	Crawley ARC – Galileo – Walter G3JKV. Meetings normally held @ Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley – 7.30pm. Jerry G0FPI 01293-512932 www.carc.org.uk
24 th Sep	W&DARS – Organic Gardening – Joyce M0JCL @ 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
28 th Sep	Dorking & District Radio Society – How to fix Coax Connectors – John G3AEZ. Meetings normally 4 th Tuesdays @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: Jon G0GNA 01306-883718
29 th Sep	Mitcham & District ARS (Meetings normally last Wednesday of each month) @ ATC Headquarters, Commonsides West, Mitcham. Sec: Mike Knott G0WCR 020-8764 4716
4 th Oct	SRCC – Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale
1 st Nov	TBA

SUTTON & CHEAM SSB FIELD-DAY ENTRY

There will be a Sutton and Cheam Radio Society team operating from Reigate in the SSB field day contest next weekend from 2pm Saturday until 2pm Sunday. If you're interested in joining the operators let me know. If you're not sure if contesting is for you why not pop along and see what's happening. The directions can be found at http://mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/scradio/fday_dir/index.html Hope to see you at the weekend.
Paul

Paul Elliott
G0TXL

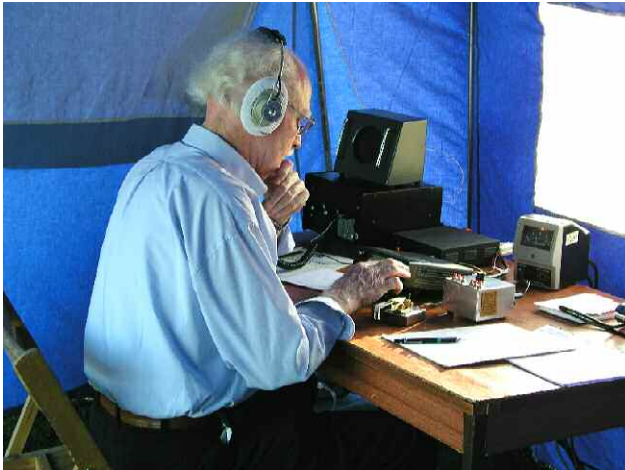
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WEST LONDON RADIO & ELECTRONICS SHOW 14th Nov 2004

The premier rally for the south of England will be held on 14th November 2004 at Kempton Park Racecourse with doors opening at 10am, entrance fee held at £3.50. The SRCC will be having a table and volunteers to man the table, etc will be welcomed. Please contact Maurice G4DDY regarding our table, or Ray G4FFY for more details on the rally.

WIMBLEDON CAMP 30th July - 8th Aug

I wasn't able to get along this year but other club members did. Maurice has sent me some photos of the BBQ night including one here of Charlie M0BIN on the key.



Apparently there was one short thunderstorm on Thursday afternoon and flooding on the A217 had occurred two days earlier – they count themselves very lucky not to have any problems. 12 “regulars” stayed on site over the period, with visitors everyday – all in all very successful.



A web site containing more pictures has been set up – <http://www.pbase.com/davecq/wdars>

MORE MEMBERS NEWS

Dennis G4DAC - New E-Mail Address

Dennis now has the following E-Mail address following the purchase of a new PC system:
g.4-dac_91@tiscali.co.uk

SIGNING OFF:

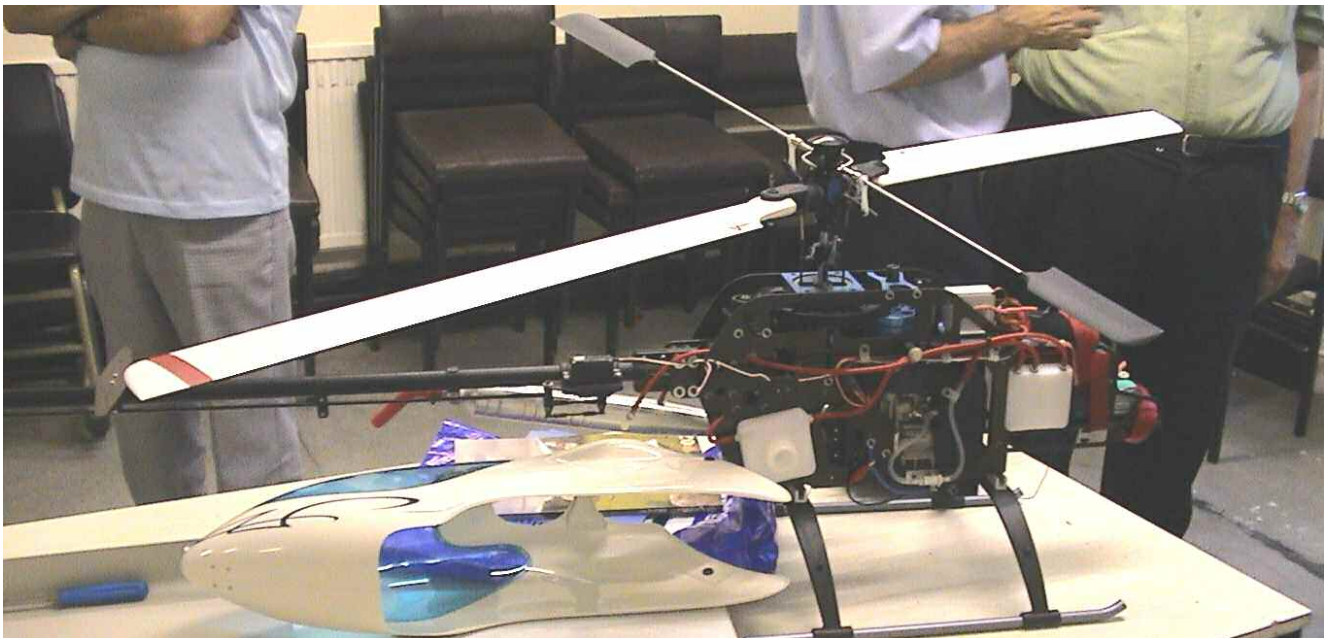
That is it for this month – timed out!! Monday 6th September will be our Members Short Talks evening and we look forward to seeing all giving your support – thank you.

An outstanding item is an updated Club List!! I have run out of time to print it for this Newsletter but will be bringing copies to the Club meeting next week.

Ray G4FFY

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Posted 3rd Sep 2004



SRCC Subscription Renewal Form September 2004

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