



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.30 FOR 7.45pm

Meetings at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT

"A" MEETING 2nd Aug 2010 Vintage Radio Evening

"B" MEETING 16th Aug 2010 FIX-IT, ADVICE, CHIN-WAG, CLUB STATION + "MOVE-IT-ON"

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Dear Members & Friends

Hello and welcome to the August 2010 Newsletter which is being edited Ray G4FFY. This month I am back at my desk editing so not as exotic as last month when I travelling through the Austrian and German countryside. Unfortunately I have limited time due to other demands so this Newsletter may be a bit brief. It has been nearly a year since I moved to Tonbridge but we still have a garage full of boxes to be cleared, something we plan to do whilst Caroline is on her school holiday break.

Anyway to the Newsletter and we are indebted to Pat G4FDN, Bernie G8TB and Steve G4FYF, but firstly:
27th July 2010 73 Ray G4FFY

This month's meetings:

For the "A" meeting on Monday 2nd August we are holding a Vintage Radio Evening with the regular "Fix-It" and "Move-It On" "B" Meeting on Monday 16th August. More about these below:

NEXT "A" MEETING: Monday 2nd August 2010 Vintage Radio Evening 7:30pm for 7:45pm

We decided at the last committee meeting, in the absence of an available speaker, that we would have a Vintage Radio Evening as the topic for the next 'A' meeting at Trinity School. This will be a 'show and tell' where members are invited to bring along items of old communications or broadcast radio equipment they have for exhibit, and also give a short summary and history of the items.

We look forward to an interesting evening.

NEXT "B" MTG: Monday 16th Aug 2010: 7.45pm FIX-IT, Advice, Chin-Wag & "MOVE-IT-ON"

The "B" meeting on Monday 16th August at Trinity School 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 - rigs, PCs, whatever! The collective heads at the meeting usually come up with something.

The CHAIRMAN's BLOG - July 2010



I, like many people at this time of year, are now preparing for the family summer holiday. This year we are off to the USA once more spending most of the time in Maine (where my XYL, Cece hails from), but also a couple days each in New York, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. A friend, who is also our son's godfather,

from Germany is spending a few days with us before we depart and then house sitting while we are away.

Last 'A' Meeting: This was the Annual Club BBQ held once again at the home of Maurice G4DDY and Prim G4CCY. I attended briefly because I had a hospital test that day requiring an anaesthetic from which I was still recovering. John G3MCX kindly provided the following summary of the evening:

“This was an excellent meeting in good weather attended by around thirty members, wives and friends again kindly hosted by Prim G4CCY and Maurice G4DDY who also did all the cooking for us, all we needed to bring was something to cook, a fine range of salads and wraps was also provided.

Cece (XYL of Pat G4FDN) made a large Tiramisu, -‘her pudding to die for’, and a Blue Riband Carrot Cake with thick cream topping. She also made a huge bag of American style chocolate chip cookies.

The meat was nicely cooked and the food was much enjoyed by all present, we can only say a big Thank You to Maurice, Prim and Cece for all their hard work providing it.

Sometime after dark the party gradually moved indoors and carried on until well after 11p.m. and then had tea or coffee, both puddings completely vanished by now but Maurice somehow managed to hide a few cookies for the Committee Meeting to enjoy the following week.

Making her debut was a new star of the show, 10 week old, Misty who behaved impeccably throughout the evening.

Maurice and Prim would like to thank the ladies for clearing and washing up afterwards.

This really was a very good evening, many thanks to Prim and Maurice for hosting again.”

At the time of writing I'm not aware if any photographs were taken of the occasion.

Club Vice Chairman Roger G4WAY was unfortunately unable to attend because of unexpected hospitalisation, but I'm pleased to report he is fit and well again and he attended the following week's committee meeting as usual.

Last 'B' Meeting: this was an informal 'chin wag' and fix-it evening, but thanks to John G8MNY we also had a HF station in operation on 20m running full legal power on SSB to a doublet antenna supported on the school's flagpole. John G8MNY and Jim G6JXA did most of the operating with good strength and quality QSO's being had with several European stations.

We were also please to welcome Michael Somers as a visitor and now as a new member. Michael brought along a wartime R1155 receiver that he hopes to restore. He also advised that he has a second model in working condition.



Kim G6JXA operating GX3SRC with John G3BFP in attendance (Photo courtesy of G8MNY)

G8MNY: I'm sad to report that John's father recently died and on behalf of the club I offer our condolences to John, his mother and other family members, for their loss.

As well as supporting the recent VHF NFD event, John also took part in a camp at Shilton in Oxfordshire and operated

GX0SCR/P. He kindly provided the following pictures from the event:



GX0SCR/P Operating Position



GX0SCR/P Antenna



GX0SCR/P Packet Radio setup

Mystery shack and operator: Do you recognise the operator and shack? Answer at the end of my blog.



(Photo courtesy of John G8MNY)

Operating: John G3BFP, as usual, has forwarded log extracts for the last month. On 15m he got PY7RP (Brazil) and ZC4LI (Cyprus – Sovereign UK Base). On 17m 5N7M (Nigeria), on 20m E73W (Bosnia) and DF0BAU (Germany), on 30m CS29MR (Portugal), EA5AFP (Spain), 5N50K (Nigeria), and CT7/F8BU0. For a rare occasion John plugged in his microphone to work on 2m SSB EI9E/P, G3VER/P, and G3WIM/P during the VHF NFD. On 6m CW he also worked G4ALE/P.

Next 'A' Meeting: This will be a vintage radio 'show and tell' where members are invited to bring along items of old communications or broadcast radio equipment they have for exhibit, and give a short summary and history of the items. If anyone needs assistance with transportation of items please can they contact Maurice G4DDY or John G3MCX who will try to assist. Because of my summer holiday I will miss this meeting unfortunately, but Roger G4WAY will be there to steer the evening.

Answer: Kim G6JXA operating at the shack of Alvin G6DTW.

73, Pat G4FDN

26th Jul 2010

Members News

Ray G3DVQ - Silent Key

I am sorry to advise that Ray Pounder G3DVQ became a silent key on the second of July. He was quite a character having done his National Service in Advanced Radar in the Far East. After the war he joined the RSGB and the SRCC and took close interest in contesting. He was DR for Coulsdon and Purley for some time and took close interest in NFD, VHFNFD, and also individual contests. In his younger years he engaged in sailing, mountain walking and motoring.

He only had distant relatives. He will be sorely missed. His funeral was held on Tuesday 20th July at Croydon Crematorium.

{I am indebted to Bernie G8TB for this information}

Steve G4FYF

I received the following email from Steve G4FYF on 23rd July as follows:

"Hi all,

Below is a picture of the 2010 70cm station with the 4-star G4FYF accommodation in front!!



Also 20 meter, 5W rig operated 'portable' from the back garden garage together with the G8MNY, straw-adjustable, speaker-lead, portable dipole - one end 12 ft, other 6 ft.



Tried it on the weekend of the IARU contest - worked about 20 EU stations and a desperate, very nearly, contact with a VE, but couldn't quite make it. Amazing!!!

73's, Steve, G4FYF"

THE CALENDAR SECTION

SRCC and Local Club Meeting Dates:

2nd Aug	Vintage Radio Evening
5 th Aug	Sutton & Cheam RS – 'Natter Night' @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton –8pm. Sec: John GOBWW 020-8644 9945 www.scrs.org.uk
6 th Aug	Crystal Palace: Summer BBQ @ All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill from 7:30pm. Bob G3OOU 01737 552170 (Meet normally monthly on 1 st Friday) http://www.g3oou.co.uk/
9 th Aug	CATS: Annual BBQ at QTH of G4RWW – Meetings normally held @ St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Rd, Purley 8pm 2 nd Monday's. Contact Andy Jackson G8JAC on 020-8651 2727 g8jac@btinternet.com
16th Aug	Fix-It, Advice, Chin-Wag, Move-It-On
17 th Aug	Bromley & District - Meetings normally on 3rd Tuesday's @ Victory Social Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes – 7.30 for 8. Paul M3PGW bdars@greenwand.net or www.bdars.org.uk
19 th Aug	Sutton & Cheam RS – ATV with John G8MNY @ Vice Presidents Lounge, Sutton United Football Club, Gander Green Lane, Sutton – 7.30 for 8pm. Sec: John GOBWW 020-8644 9945 www.scrs.org.uk
19 th Aug	Reigate Amateur Transmitting Society – Main meeting 3 rd Thursday's at RNIB, Redhill College, Philanthropic Road, Redhill 7.30pm. www.qsl.net/rats or rats@qsl.net
24 th Aug	Dorking & District Radio Society – Social Evening. Meetings normally @ Friends Meeting House, Butterhill South Street, Dorking – opp. Spotted Dog. Details: David Smith M0SXD on 07808 579501, http://www.ddrs.org.uk or ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk
30 th Jul – 8 th Aug	W&DARS: Summer Camp – BBQ on 6 th August - Crossways Farm, Crossways Lane, Upper Gatton RH2 0TX Details: Andrew Maish G4ADM 020-8335 3434 http://www.gx3wim.org.uk/wiki/index.php/Summer_Camp http://www.gx3wim.org.uk/
6th Sep	BitX 20M Transceiver – Steve G4FYF
4th Oct	Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale
10th Oct	75th Anniversary Lunch –Sutton Holiday Inn

SRCC Meetings indicated in **BOLD** at venue of Trinity School

Rally Calendar, etc:

31 st Jul – 1 st Aug	AMSAT-UK International Space Colloquium Holiday Inn Hotel, Egerton Road, Guildford, GU2 7XZ. Presentations on amateur satellite communications and meet the satellite builders. GB4FUN in attendance. Details at www.uk.amsat.org/content/view/704/283/
8 th Aug	Flight Refuelling Hamfest Cobham Sports and Social Club Ground, Merley, Nr. Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AA Further information: www.frars.org.uk
29 th Aug	Milton Keynes ARS Rally The National Code Centre, Bletchley Park, Milton Keynes, MK63 6EB. Opens 09:30, entry £2.00, under 14s 50p. Rally fee does not include entrance to the Park and Museum. Web site: www.mkars.org

11 th -12 th Sep	Gatwick Radio Weekend On the A217 at Hunters Moon Location; RH6 0HU, GRID TQ 262438 – details contained in last month's Newsletter, else contact Mike m1ccf@talktalk.net / 0208 654 2582 - 07984 931 360
1 st -2 nd Oct	National Hamfest George Stephenson Pavilion, Newark & Nottingham Showground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, Newark NG24 2NY. Further details and ticket information, visit: www.nationalhamfest.org.uk
Rally List	http://www.rsgb.org/events/index.php

VHF NFD 2010 Piccies (thanks to Peter G7PWV)

I print a couple here – more next month:



70cm Station G3SRC with Peter G7PWV and Ray G4FFY



2m Station G3WIM with Jim G4WYJ

SIGNING OFF:

That's it for this month, apologies if I have missed anything while compiling this newsletter. Our main meeting on Monday 2nd August is a Vintage Equipment Evening at Trinity School.

The "B" meeting is on August 16th at Trinity School. Don't forget we now start at 7:45pm

Many thanks for the Newsletter contribution from Pat G4FDN, Bernie G8TB and Steve G4FYF – more always welcomed.

Ray G4FFY

73 and 88

Posted: 29th Jul 2010