

CHELMSFORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING - HF ANTENNA SYSTEMS

This month we have an especially eminent guest speaker, Louis Varney, CEng, MIEE, AIL, G5RV. Louis has been involved with radio communications both professionally and as a hobby for many years. His achievements are too many and too varied even to begin to describe them here, nor are they confined to radio matters. However, he is probably most widely known within the Amateur Radio fraternity as the designer of the G5RV multi-band antenna so popular on HF, and as the author of many articles for RadCom on TVI, transmitter design, and antenna systems, frequently re-published in numerous other journals. He is also well known locally here in Chelmsford, particularly in association with the Marconi College, having joined Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co. Ltd. in 1930.

As usual, the meeting is on the first Tuesday of the month, 3rd September this time.

We shall have the regular monthly raffle (with some bigger prizes than usual) but no tickets for the jackpot draw will be issued this month.

The programme will start promptly at 7:30pm in the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford. Please make sure you arrive in good time (if you want a seat!).

SILENT KEY

It is with great regret that we announce the loss to the Amateur Radio community of Ron Ferguson, DBE, G4VF. Ron, the first President of CARS from 1952 to 1977, continued a close association with the Society until his death on 28th July.

Many fine tributes have been written in the press on his outstanding contributions to Marine Radio and Broadcasting.

For Amateur Radio he will be remembered for his sincerity in the regular CW contacts to his many friends and in spite of numerous business commitments he was always 'available' to organise the annual H.F. Field Day event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3 Sep. - HF Antenna Systems: G5RV.
- 1 Oct. - CARS AGM and transmitter output check.
- 5 Nov. - Satellite TV: GBMKX.

LAST MEETING - Junk Sale

No report this month - must have been sold with the junk!

CONGRATULATIONS

There have been more recent successes in the RAE: Henry Thomas is now G1PNS, and Peter Bell is awaiting the chance to sit the CW test for his Class A licence. Well done and good luck!

COMMITTEE MEETING

The September Committee Meeting will be held, as usual, in the bar of the Marconi College at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 11th September, 1985. Please remember that this is the last Committee meeting before the AGM, so start thinking about nominations, etc.

DX - 144/432/1296MHz - E1a G6HKM

On July 24th I had a contact with Pierre F1ADT/P in 'BE' square, the South of France on 70cms. I have received a QSL card direct from Pierre asking me to pass on the following information to as many 'G' stations as possible:-

Pierre will be QRV in 'BE14d' between 16-09-85 and 11-10-85 (1250m.ASL) every morning between 05.30 GMT and 10.00 GMT Max. Frequencies will be 144.280, 432.280 and 1296.280, he will also be QRV for IARU Contest UHF/SHF 5-6th October, same conditions and locator.

In 1986 Pierre hopes to be QRV in 'BD' square.

73 from your Secretary,
Ian, G4BYR.

Harlow 441244 (ex.307) (day)
(0279) 33049 (any other time)

40 Great Leylands,
Harlow, CM18 6HR.

FREE TO FIRST APPLICANT

VHF Transceiver + PSU. Uses valves and crystals. 15W output. All in a rack assembly, complete with manual. MUST be collected. Peter, G4DAN, QTHR Writtle. Tel. Chelmsford 421031.

WANTED

Does any member have tucked away in their bookcase or know the whereabouts of the circuit diagram of the Hallicrafters 'Sky Champion' Receiver. Roy, G3PMX, QTHR Gt.Waltham. Tel. Chelmsford 360545.