

October 1982.

Next Meeting.

The year has turned full circle again, and brings us to October and the Annual General Meeting of our Society. This is an important meeting to discuss the past year and to elect a new committee to run the Society next year. Following the A.G.M. will be the Junk Sale - Episode 1. We will try to sell as much junk by auction as possible, but any not sold can be returned in December for the Christmas Clear out. Subscriptions are due at the A.G.M. and any nominations for officers of the Committee can be given to Roy G3PMX before the A.G.M. I look forward to seeing most members on October 5th at 7.30 p.m. at the Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

Comment - G3PMX.

In the run up to the A.G.M. it is timely to say a few words to set the scene. In view of some open criticism on the air waves that the club is "not sufficiently amateur radio" I think we should consider the present and future constitution. Let us remind ourselves that the main objective of a hobby club or society is to create facilities in which group activity provides greater enjoyment and fulfillment than for individuals in isolation, the reason is obvious, all members can make their contribution and I don't mean just their subscriptions, by friendship, providing help and information, right through to becoming a committee member and beyond. Even criticism can be considered as a contribution but only if it is backed with constructive suggestion. Too often those who grumble about Clubs and Societies, especially the R.S.G.B, forget that they are administered mainly by volunteers who freely donate their time, effort and resources for the pleasure of others.

C.A.R.S is very fortunate, we have a comfortable room for our meetings, a healthy size membership of over 80, a dynamic committee who provide more activities than the membership can cope with and an informative newsletter (congratulations on reaching 200) which arrives like clockwork each month.

Some of the long serving members of the committee wish to retire this year, others are willing to continue to preserve continuity, please give them the support they deserve by nomination and your votes. We have got a jolly good Society, long may it continue.

Report on last months lecture.

Last month we had a slightly different meeting in that the only connection Archery has with radio is when our lecturer Arthur G3KPJ uses his archery equipment to shoot aerial wire over trees on field day. Arthur started his talk by giving us a brief history of the bow and arrow and went on to show us examples of these made in different materials. Some photographs were passed around including one of an arrow made of metal which unfortunately hit a concrete wall and ended up like a six petalled flower! With arrows flying about up to 200 mph strict safety rules are in force at all archery events. Our thanks go to Arthur the Archer for a very interesting and informative evening.

Future Meetings.

November - A tour of New Zealand as seen through the camera lens of Roy G3PMX.
December - Christmas clear out - a Junk Sale ready for Christmas.
January 1983 - Annual Film Show.

Committee Meeting.

Wednesday October 13th 7.30 p.m. Sportsmans Arms, Hatfield Peverel, (Subject to confirmation of new committee).

Social Evening.

Following the success of the last social event, we are hoping to organise a similar event later this year. We have contacted the Hotel, but as yet no reply has been received. More details later.

Writtle Community Association.

About 7 or 8 members arrived on Saturday 11th September at Writtle Green to set up the station. The clubs telomast, with its new set of guys and freshly painted stakes was erected with far greater ease than before, although Geoff G3EDM and Ralph G3NAA will tell you that hard work was still required to raise the sections with a 3 element tribander on top, when ten feet up a ladder ! Equipment used was Les's TS820, R820 and linear amplifier. We had several contacts with the States and at 4 O'Clock, contacted W1HH in Chelmsford Massachusetts. Bob read a proclamation from USA and Les replied with a message from this side. The Mayor of Chelmsford was present together with the Chairman of the Rotary Club, both were impressed at the exchange of messages between the two Chelmsfords. Many people came to see the station throughout the afternoon and a good time was had by all. An added bonus to the afternoon's event was the fact that there was a coconut shy next to the station and two members acquired coconuts at the end of the afternoon - very tasty they were too !

Subscriptions.

Just a note from Daphne, it would greatly assist the membership secretary if you will bring last years membership card with you to the next meeting.

D.F.News - G3WHR.

Frank Pearson provided the hidden station for the August event. Frank chose a site near Fridaywood for G3JVM/P, and was well camouflaged - until somebody "stumbled" on him.

Results

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| Roy Emeny | 8.13 | Dick Brocks | 8.15 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Ron Newman | 8.13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Dave Piper | 8.32 |
| Jeff Herbert | 8.14 | Ian Butson | 8.35 ! |
| Peter Larbalestier | 8.15 | Pat Cranmer | 8.45 |

R.S.G.B. National Final, Chelmsford/Colchester.

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| 1st Mike Hawkins | | 10th Bill Pechey |
| 2nd Bill North | = | 18th Alan Williams. |
| 2nd Colin Merry | = | |

Well done Mike - full report next month.

Don't forget the joint Chelmsford/Colchester double station event on Sunday 10th October. The Mid Essex D.F.Trophy will be awarded to the highest placed competitor from the local clubs. For details of the start contact Dick Brocks.

Other News.

Good news has been received from the R.S.G.B, with effect from 1st October, U.K. amateurs will be able to use the new 18MHz and 24MHz bands on C.W. Also the Home Office has agreed that 50MHz can be made available on special application for experimental purposes. They have also agreed that certain third party messages may be given using GB.... calls. This will be especially useful during J.O.T.A. etc.

Yes or No - discussion point.

Answer to last months question - YES, since the VSWR on the co-ax depends on the load. When transmitting the load is the antenna, but on receiving the load is the receiver.

This months YORN. A HALF WAVELENGTH FOLDED DIPOLE GIVES MORE GAIN THAN A HALFWAVELENGTH DIPOLE. Answer on blackboard at A.G.M.

73,

Andrew.

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Silver End 83094 (Any other time)
or GB3DA.

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HELMSPORD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY.

Running order for 1982 A.G.M.

Welcome and general announcements.

A.G.M.

Minutes of 1981 A.G.M.

Chairman's Report.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

A.O.B. like field day.

Retirement of Committee.

President's Report.

Election of new Committee.

Any Other Business.

Retiring Committee.

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| Chairman | - | Les Turner | G3RUF |
| Secretary | - | Andrew Mead | G3RQI |
| Treasurer | - | John Bowen | G8LST |
| Assist.Treas | - | Bill Cole | G4JUW |
| Membership Sec | - | Daphne Mead | G8WQZ |

Ordinary Committee Members :-

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| Carl | G3PEM | |
| John | G3KRZ | |
| Dick | G3WHR | |
| Peter | G4IAN | |
| Malcolm | G6ADP | |
| Arthur | G3RHZ | |
| Arthur | G3KPU | Would like to retire |
| Dick | G3KTF | Would like to retire |
| Richard | G8APK | Has moved from district. |