

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY
G4FUR  **M1FUR**
CATS WHISPERS



August 2012

Affiliated to the RSGB

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Regular Society Meetings

These are held on the second Monday of each month at:
St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley, Surrey, CR8 4LA at 20:00 to 22:00

Society Nets

1st Saturday of month - 17:15 - Crescenta Valley / CATS Net on Echolink/ GB3NS
Sunday mornings - 11:00 - Call on 145.400 MHz \pm QRM
Sunday evenings - 17:00 - Call on 3.700 MHz \pm QRM
Wednesday evenings - 21:00 - Call on 70.425 MHz

CATS Website www.catsradio.org **Email** enquiries@catsradio.org

Forthcoming Meetings

Monday Aug 13th	CATS Barbecue at G4RWW QTH
Monday Sep 10th	TBA
Monday Oct 8th	TBA



CATS is twinned with the Crescenta Valley Radio Club
Glendale California USA www.gsl.net/cvrc

CATS July Meeting

This was held in the Woodman Public house in Woodmansterne. The idea was to have a natter nite and there was no shortage of topics for conversation among the attendees who included Andy G8JAC, Stuart G6CJR and Mike G6YOG, plus Steve G3WZK and family.



The Woodman

CATS August Meeting

This will be the CATS annual barbecue, again kindly held at the QTH of Prue G4RWW. If any members are planning to attend and have not already advised Prue or me of this, please would they do so urgently. CATS members have received a separate email with all details.

CATS September Meeting

TBA

CATS October Meeting

TBA

SSB Field Day

Calling all club members!

Does anyone want to have a go at SSB Field Day this year? It takes place on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd September 2012 and runs for the usual 1300z to 1300z 24 hour period with operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 & 10 metres.

If there is enough interest to have a go, Andy G0KZT intends to put some plans together. Equipment will be fairly basic as the restricted section requires a single aerial (most probably some sort of trap dipole) and a single transceiver. Not a member of the RSGB? Not a problem as long as you are a member of CATS.

We've not done an HF contest for a long time (well longer than Andy can remember anyway!) and following the survey that he sent out, there did appear to be some interest in doing something HF.

There's not a lot of time to plan this so please contact G0KZT urgently if you are interested. No reply will register nil interest!

Helpers needed

It's now August and that means that there are roughly three months to go until these two regulars in the CATS' calendar. James G0SDB will be in charge of the Bring & Buy stands at both events. If you would like to help at these events, please contact James or any committee member.

The dates for your diary are:

Kempton Park November 11th

CATS Bazaar November 25th

Message From Alaska

CATS member Laurence G4DMA/KL1X writes:

"Hi All. The good news is we have been given a job that is located in Anchorage and have just driven the 4000 miles up here in 9 days...

"Very pleased to be "home" in KL7 as the Oklahoma weather was getting a little too hot.

"We had wet snow falling on the drive over the mountains when traversing from the Yukon West of Whitehorse towards the Alaskan border - some very unhappy cyclists I think...temps in the mid 30's on the 1st July..."

Cheers and 73

Laurence

Contests Coming Soon

Aug 4: Fourth 144 MHz Backpackers
Aug 4: 144 MHz Low Power Contest
Aug 5: 432 MHz Low Power Contest
Aug 5: RoPoCo CW
Aug 12: 70 MHz Cumulative #5
Sep 1-2: 144 MHz Trophy Contest
Sep 1-2: SSB Field Day
Sep 2: Fifth 144 MHz Backpackers
Sep 9: Second 70 MHz Contest
Oct 6: 1.2 GHz Trophy/ 2.3 GHz Trophy
Oct 6-7: 432 MHz – 248 GHz IARU
Oct 7: 21/28 MHz Contest
Oct 21: Second 50 MHz Contest
Nov 3-4: 144 MHz CW Marconi
Nov 10: Club Calls Contest
Nov 17-18: Second 1.8 MHz Contest
Dec 2: 144 MHz Affiliated Societies Contest
Dec 26-29: 50/70/144/432 MHz Christmas
Cumulatives Contest

Local Rallies & Events

12 August 2012

Flight Refuelling Hamfest

Cobham Sports and Social Club Ground, Merley, Nr.
Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AA
Open 10:00
Further information: www.frars.org.uk
hamfest@frars.org.uk

14-16 September 2012

Amsat Colloquium

Holiday Inn Guildford GU2 7XZ
Networking
Speakers
Gala dinner
www.uk.amsat.org/colloquium/twelve/

26 August 2012

Milton Keynes 52nd Amateur Radio Society Rally
Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive., Bletchley MK3 6EB
Open 09:30 trade stands, catering
Entry £2.
Contact: Steve 07866 673192 or
www.mkars.org.uk

September 2012

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN
CANCELLED**

email from M1CCF dated 11.5.12

Gatwick Vintage Radio Weekend

Vintage Operating Group (M0VOG)
Hunters Moon, Reigate Rd (A217), Hookwood, RH6 0HU
Plenty space for overnight stay, BBQ on Saturday
Contact: Mike, M1CCF: 0208 654 2582 or
m1ccf@talk.talk.net or Andy G8JAC
www.radioclubs.net/m0vog/

28/29 September 2012

National Hamfest

Open 09:30 to 16:00.
George Stephenson Pavilion, Newark & Nottingham
Showground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, Newark NG24
2NY. For the latest details and ticket information, visit:
www.nationalhamfest.org.uk

12/14 October RSGB Convention

Horwood House, Little Horwood, near Milton Keynes
Convention and lectures
www.rsgb.org/rsgbconvention

11 November 2012

West London Radio & Electronics Show

Kempton Park Racecourse.
Open 10:00. Parking, trade stands, catering, disabled
facilities. Contact info@radiofairs.co.uk
*NOTE: CATS involvement in this event. The CATS bring
and buy sale is a permanent feature of this rally.*
www.radiofairs.co.uk

25 November 2012

CATS 35th Annual Radio and Electronics Bazaar

Provisional arrangements as follows:

1st Coulsdon Scout Group headquarters, Lion Green
Road in Coulsdon, Surrey.
Open 10:00 to 13:00
Parking, trade stands, bring and buy, refreshments
Contact: enquiries@catsradio.org or
www.catsradio.org

3 February 2013

27th Canvey Radio & Electronics Rally

'The Paddocks', Long Road, Canvey Island, SS8 0JA
Open 10:30
Parking, Catering, Disabled Facilities, Trade Stands
Major Amateur Radio and Electronic component
exhibitors Selling New and S/Hand equipment .
Freshly made refreshments including, by popular
demand, the famous Canvey Radio Rally Bacon Rolls.
Free car parking with space outside main doors for
disabled visitors
Contact: Dave, G4UVJ, 01268 697978 (evenings)
rally@southessex-ars.co.uk
www.southessex-ars.co.uk/

Other Club News & Contact Information

BROMLEY & DISTRICT ARS

Website: www.bdars.org.uk/

Email: info@bdars.co.uk

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at Victory Social
Club, Kechill Gardens, Hayes, Kent, 19:30 for 20:00.

21 Aug - BBQ and Operating Evening

18 Sep - Digital Amateur TV by Justin G8Ytz

16 Oct - Construction Contest

20 Nov - RSGB Re-Organization by Alan G8TLK

18 Dec - Mince Pies and Quiz

22 Jan 2013 - Annual General Meeting

CPREC (CRYSTAL PALACE)

Website: www.gsl.net/g30ou/ or <http://www.g30ou.co.uk/>

Club Net: Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.525 MHz

Meetings: 1st Friday at All Saints Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill at 19:30

3 Aug - Summer Social

7 Sep - An evening of short talks

5 Oct - The GB3VHF Beacon Project by Chris G0FDZ

2 Nov - The Cassini Mission to Saturn by Dr Chris Arridge

7 Dec - Christmas Social

CRAWLEY ARC

Website: www.carc.org.uk

Club Nets: Tuesdays 20:00 on 145.550 MHz and Fridays 19:00 on 1.970 MHz

Meetings: Every Wednesday at Hut 18, Tilgate Forest Recreational Centre, Tilgate Forest, Crawley from 19:30, and Sundays, 10:30 to 13.00.

18 Jul - HARC/CARC Challenge.

CRAY VALLEY RS

Website: www.cvr.org

Contact: Richard Perzyna, G8ITB (see website)

Club Nets: Wednesdays 21:00 on 145.500/QSY and 22:00 on 3.720 ± QRM, and Sundays 11:00 on 3.720 ± QRM

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at Progress Hall, Admiral Seymour Road, Eltham, SE9 1SL

7 Jun - members "show and tell"

21 Jun - DF hunt

5 Jul - 2012L countdown by M0MCV

DORKING & DISTRICT

Website: <http://www.ddrs.org.uk>

Email: ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

Contact: George Brind, G4CMU

Club Nets: Sunday 08:15 on 3.770 MHz & Thursday 20:00 on 144.775 MHz

Meetings: Friends Meeting House, Butterhill, South Street Dorking at 19:30.

28 Aug - The fish and chip supper

25 Sep - The Sun and HF radio propagation. Dr Colin Forsyth (MSSL)

23 Oct - Receiver architectures and assessment of their performance. Peter Hart G3SJJ

27 Nov - The Elecraft K2 transceiver. Roger Eeles G0SWC/VP8DBR

7 Dec - Christmas dinner

HORSHAM ARC

Website: www.harc.org.uk

Club Nets: Saturdays 21:30 on 144.725MHz and Sundays 10:00 on 3.722 MHz

Meetings: 1st Thursday at The Guide Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, Sussex

2 Aug - Stations and Antennas for DXing - Roger Western, G3SXW

6 Sep - Frequency Standards by Tony G3NPF

4 Oct - Junk Sale

1 Nov - TBA

6 Dec - AGM

MID SUSSEX ARS

Website: www.msars.org.uk

Club Nets: Sundays 08:00 on 3.740 MHz and at 11:00 on 145.350 MHz, Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.350 MHz and Daily 13:30 on 21.330 MHz

Meetings: Every Friday at Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill, West Sussex for 19:45

3 Aug - Radio Night and table top sale

7 Sep - Talk by Sussex Lowland Search and Rescue Team

5 Oct - Radio night and post event equipment testing

16 Nov - Construction Contest

7 Dec - Club Xmas meal

REIGATE ATS

Website: www.gsl.net/rats

Email: rats@gsl.net

Club Nets: Thursdays 20:00 on 145.500 MHz and Sundays 20:00 on 3.740 - 3.760 MHz

Meetings: 3rd Thursday at RNIB, Redhill College, Philanthropic Road, Redhill for 19:30

SRCC

Website: www.g3src.org.uk

Contact: John Kennedy G3MCX, 020 8688 3322

Club Nets: Sunday 09:30 on 1905 kHz

Daily natter channel - 144.215 MHz at 19.30.

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT 19:45 for 20:00

6 Aug - Talk (TBA)

3 Sep - Talk (TBA)

1 Oct - Autumn Surplus Sale

5 Nov - Codes, Cyphers, & Cryptography

Peter Burton, G3ZPB

3 Dec - Talk (TBA)

SUTTON & CHEAM RS

Website: www.scrs.org.uk

Contact: John Puttock G0 BWV 020 8644 9945

Club Nets: Monday 20.00 on 145.500 MHz

Saturday 11.00 on 145.500 MHz

Meetings: 3rd Thursday at Sutton United Football Club, The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton. 19:30 for 20:00

16 Aug - DX-ing for Beginners - John Warburton G4IRN

20 Sep - MKARS HF SDR Receiver Kit' by Steve Drury

G6ALU from Milton Keynes Amateur Radio Society

18 Oct - Radio From The Falklands - VP8 by Roger

Eeles G0SWC / VP8DBR

15 Nov - Contesting / DXing / Awards / Station

Improvements / Do I need an Amplifier / UR59 - All

Details Again' by Alun Cross G4WGE

13 Dec - Christmas Junk Sale

WIMBLEDON & DISTRICT ARS

Website: www.gx3wim.org.uk (currently unavailable)

Contact: Jim Bell M0CON 020 8874 7456

Club Net: Mondays 20:45 on 145.500 MHz

Meetings: 2nd & last Friday of each month at

Martin Way Methodist Church, Buckleigh Avenue, Merton

3 Aug - Camp BBQ

5 Aug - Final Day of Summer Camp

14 Sep - Summer Camp Retrospective

28 Sep - Australian Radio Evening - Dick Shanahan

12 Oct - On The Air

26 Oct - AGM

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