

# COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY

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## “CATS WHISPERS”

# September 2017



Affiliated to the RSGB

### **CATS Committee**

**Chairman:** Stuart Barber G6CJR 

**Secretary:** VACANT

**Treasurer:** Steve Conway G7SYO 

**Members:** Terry Giles G4CDY   
David Milne G6VMI

**Vacancies:** Currently still remains at **THREE**

**CATS Whispers Editor:** Andy Briers G0KZT

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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 20:15 to 22:15

### **Society Nets**

Sunday mornings - 11:00 - Call on 145.400 MHz ± QRM

Sunday evenings - 17:00 - Call on 3.700 MHz ± QRM

Wednesday evenings - 21:00 - Call on 70.425 MHz

**CATS Website** [www.catsradio.org](http://www.catsradio.org)

**Email** [enquiries@catsradio.org](mailto:enquiries@catsradio.org)

### **Forthcoming Meetings**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Bring Along Test Night & SINAD Talk by Terry G4CDY

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Swimming Pool Maintenance by David G6VMI

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November - CATS Quiz v Sutton & Cheam

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Annual General Meeting

## **Next Meeting – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Terry G4CDY has agreed to repeat his “bring it along and test it” evening with his professional test equipment. Following on from the success of the previous meeting in May, Terry identified that members were not “fully up to speed” with the concept of SINAD receiver testing and will give a short technical talk about it too.

So, please bring along your radio equipment and perhaps learn a bit more about it.

## **Meeting debrief – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August – Summer BBQ**

A report awaits. Any volunteers???

## **CATS 40<sup>th</sup> Radio & Electronics Bazaar – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 10.00am – 1.00pm**

The date of our 40<sup>th</sup>, yes 40<sup>th</sup>! CATS Radio and Electronics Bazaar is confirmed as Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November and will build on the success of the new venue at the Oasis Academy Coulsdon in Homefield Road Old Coulsdon.

So put the date in your diaries NOW and look out for more news in the forthcoming newsletters.

## **Debrief - Wimbledon Club Annual Camp - 29<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> August**

A report is eagerly awaited from anyone who made a visit.

## **Friedrichshafen 2018**

Both Mike Buckley M1CCF and Terry Giles G4CDY made the trip to the Swiss/Austrian/German border this year to visit the show. Also, Martin Butler M1MRB and his crew from the ICQ Podcast also reported from the show, interviewing many of the big manufacturers and other key people in our hobby.

Mike has asked, via the newsletter, to pool support for a trip to the 2018 show. Having planned a trip there in 2015, I know that **NOW** is the time to get things booked. Accommodation is very much in demand and it would be prudent to at least get that booked.

There are basically two ways to get there. Fly to Zurich and either get the ferry across Lake Constance or hire a car; or drive the 600 odd mile journey which is achievable in one day (just!). Please register your interest **NOW** if you would like to be part of a CATS contingent. Contact your newsletter editor in the first instance.

## **GB3NS – Abuse Update**

For what seems to be a period far too long now, our local 70cms repeater GB3NS has been suffering abuse from two sources; one being a computer generated voice which has been uttering vile language towards individual users, and a second who finds in fun to burp into their microphone. The abuse is under investigation but in the meantime users are encouraged to continue using the repeater but, should the abuser(s) begin, the advice remains not to engage with them. Not only does this provide an audience for the abuser and thus spurs them to do more, but by engaging with them will undoubtedly cause you to breach the terms of your licence.

Traffic levels have fallen due to the abuse, which is a great shame as it feels like the abusers are winning. GB3NS is now fully established back onto the ECHOLINK IRLP network so expect to hear stations from all over the world to be coming through. Let us show that we want our repeater back!

Finally, if you have any information which could identify the abusers, please contact myself with the assurance that any information received will be treated in the most strictist confidence.

Andy Briers G0KZT

## **JOTA Memories**

I received an email from Nikolay UV5EOK who was a Russian respondent of the late Alan Bartle G6HC. Nikolay corresponded with Alan in English while of course Alan would reciprocate in Russian.

One of the attachments was this photograph which Alan would have shared with him all those years ago.



Of course, no surprises for guessing who's who... Frank G3ZMF on the HF station (probably G6HC's Kenwood TS-830S) and an HRO receiver in the foreground which I

recall Alan refurbished for the 4<sup>th</sup> Purley Scouts. I'm not in uniform so I think this could be from around 1984 when I was first licenced. But standing over Frank's shoulder is Andy Boyne G4RFX aka "The Droid" as he was more affectionately called!

Andy Briers G0KZT

## **Contest News**

Here's the line up of HF & VHF contests sourced from the RSGB Contest pages for this and next month. For more info and rules, visit <http://www.rsgbcc.org/>. If you're hungry for more, why not visit [http://www.g8jyv.co.uk/contest\\_calendar.html](http://www.g8jyv.co.uk/contest_calendar.html) for a list of contests as long as your arm!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Contest Name</b>	<b>Timings</b>
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn Series SSB	1900 – 2030 UTC
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	432 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	432 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	50 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Second 70 MHz Contest	0900 – 1200 UTC
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1.3 GHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn Series CW	1900 – 2030 UTC
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	70 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	70 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	SHF UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumn Series DATA	1900 – 2030 UTC
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	144 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	144 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	RSGB DX Contest	0500 – 2300 UTC
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Series CW	1900 – 2030 UTC
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	432 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	432 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	50 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	1.3 GHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Series DATA	1900 – 2030 UTC
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	70 MHz FMAC	1800 – 1900 UTC
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	70 MHz UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	50 MHz AFS Contest	0900 – 1300 UTC
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	RSGB RoLo	1900 – 2030 UTC
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	SHF UKAC	1900 – 2130 UTC
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Autumn Series SSB	1900 – 2030 UTC

## **Rallies & Events**

### *9 September 2017 Caister Lifeboat Rally [Saturday]*

Caister Lifeboat Station, Tan Lane, Caister on Sea, Norfolk, NR30 5DJ.  
Open 09:30 (08:00 for sellers) until 15:00. Tables indoors £10, outside pitches £5 per table. Raffle with great prizes. Café and gift shop onsite.  
Contact: Zane, 07711-214790 [m1bfidx@ntlworld.com](mailto:m1bfidx@ntlworld.com)  
<http://www.m1bfidx.wixsite.com/cl-radio-rally>

### *9 & 10 September 2017 BATC Convention [Saturday & Sunday]*

Finningley ARS, Hurst Communications Centre, Belton Road, Sandtoft, Doncaster DN8 5SX.  
No further information.

### *10 September 2017 44th Blackwood ARS Rally*

*\*Change of date - see 8 October 2017]*

### *10 September 2017 Andover ARC's Wildhern Rally*

Village Hall, Wildhern, just north of Andover, SP11 0JE. Map reference: SU350510  
Open 10:00/Sellers 09:00. Admission £2. Tables in the hall £10, £8 per boot.  
Free Raffle.  
Details: [arac@arac.org.uk](mailto:arac@arac.org.uk) Club Website <http://www.arac.org.uk>

### *10 September 2017 Torbay Annual Communications Fair*

Newton Abbot Racecourse, Devon, TQ12 3AF.  
Open 10:00/09:30. Admission £2. B&B. RSGB books. Raffle. On-site parking and catering.  
Bookings: Pete, G4VTO, 01803-864528 or Mike, G1TUU, 01803-557941  
[rally@tars.org.uk](mailto:rally@tars.org.uk)

### *17 September 2017 Weston-Super-Mare Rally*

The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-sur-Mer, BS24 7DX.  
Open 10:00. Admission £3. Large car park. B&B. Trade. Auction. Lectures. Family amusements, competitions & contests, interactive displays and fun activities. On-site catering.  
Details: 01278-786684, [mjones129@btinternet.com](mailto:mjones129@btinternet.com) <http://www.G4WSM.club>

### *24 September 2017 Pencoed ARC Tabletop Sale*

Pencoed Rugby Club, The Verlands, Felindre Road, Pencoed, CF35 5PB.  
Entry £2. Doors open 10:00/08:30-sellers. Tables £10. Refreshments & hot food available.  
Bookings: Madeline Roberts, 01639-767056 or 773837.

### *29 & 30 September 2017 National Hamfest [Friday & Saturday]*

Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground, Lincoln Road, Winthorpe, Newark, Notts. NG24 2NY.  
Trade. B&B. Free parking. Disabled facilities. SIGs. Car boot sale. Flea market. RSGB books. Morse tests. Catering.  
Details: <http://www.nationalhamfest.org.uk>

*1 October 2017 Hack Green Hangar Sale*

Hack Green Secret Nuclear Bunker, French Lane, Nantwich, Ches. CW5 8AL.  
Open 10:00. Sale of amateur & electronic equipment, comps, military radio sets and vehicle spares. Refreshments on-site.  
Details: Lucy Siebert, 01270-623353, [lucy@hackgreen.co.uk](mailto:lucy@hackgreen.co.uk)

*8 October 2017 44th Blackwood ARS Rally*

[\* Change of Date from 10 September\*]

Rougemont School, Newport, Gwent, NP20 6QB.

Open 10:00. Entry £2.50. On-site free & disabled parking. Trade. SIGs. B&B. Raffle. RSGB bookstall. Talks & lectures. On-site catering.

Contact: Mike Rackham, GW4JKV, 01495-226149, [rackhamone@aol.com](mailto:rackhamone@aol.com)  
<http://www.GW6GW.co.uk>

*13 to 16 October 2017 The RSGB Convention [Friday to Monday]*

Kent's Hill Park Training and Conference Centre, Swallow House, Timbold Drive, Kent's Hill Park, Milton Keynes, Bucks. MK7 6BZ.

Details: <http://www.rsgbevents.org>

*15 October 2017 Hornsea Amateur Radio Rally*

Floral Hall, 7 The Esplanade, Hornsea, E.Yorks, HU18 1NQ.

Open 10:00. Admission £2/kids free. Trade. B&B. SIGs. RSGB books. Raffle. Parking. On-site catering.

Details: Rick, M0CZR, 01964-533712, [R106221@aol.com](mailto:R106221@aol.com)

*15 October 2017 Holsworthy ARC Rally*

Holsworthy Community College, Victoria Hill, Holsworthy, Devon, EX22 6JD.

Trade. B&B. Catering. Free on-site parking. Disabled access.

Details: Howard, M0MYB, [holsworthyarc@gmail.com](mailto:holsworthyarc@gmail.com)

*21 October 2017 Carrickfergus ARC Rally*

No further information.

<http://www.radioclubs.net/carg>

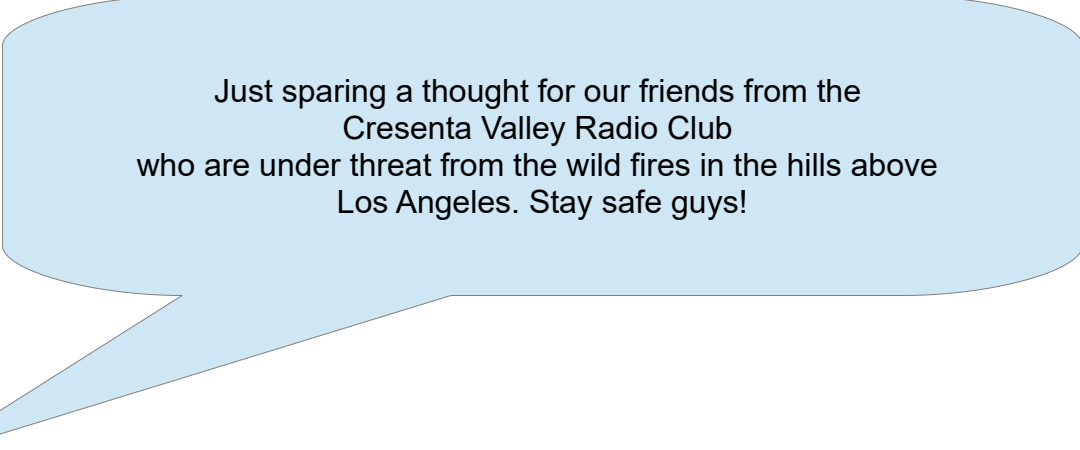
<http://en-gb.facebook.com/BRYAN.CRANEY1>

*22 October 2017 Galashiels Rally*

The Volunteer Hall, St John Street, Galashiels, Borders, TD1 3JX.

No further information.

<http://galaradioclub.co.uk>



Just sparing a thought for our friends from the  
Cresenta Valley Radio Club  
who are under threat from the wild fires in the hills above  
Los Angeles. Stay safe guys!

## **Other Club News & Contact Information**

**Club newsletters are regularly posted via email to members. What follows is a summary of local club meetings. Please either visit the respective club's website/secretary/newsletter for up to date programme information.**

### **BROMLEY & DISTRICT ARS**

Website: [www.bdars.org.uk](http://www.bdars.org.uk)

Email: [info@bdars.co.uk](mailto:info@bdars.co.uk)

Club Net: Wednesdays 9:00pm - meet on 145.500 MHz FM and QSY

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

### **CRYSTAL PALACE & DISTRICT RADIO SOCIETY**

Website: [www.qsl.net/g3oou/](http://www.qsl.net/g3oou/) or <http://www.g3oou.co.uk/>

Club Net: Wednesdays 20:00 on 145.525 MHz

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

6<sup>th</sup> Oct - SDR Without Maths by Alan G0TLK

1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Christmas Social

### **CRAWLEY ARC**

Website: [www.carc.org.uk](http://www.carc.org.uk)

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

27<sup>th</sup> September - Friedrichshafen Report by Stewart, G3YSX

### **CRAY VALLEY RS**

Website: [www.cvrs.org](http://www.cvrs.org)

Contact: Richard Cains G7GLW [rcains@btinternet.com](mailto:rcains@btinternet.com)

Club Net - 10m Sunday morning net @ 10:00 local: 28.570 MHz +- QRM

4m net – Fridays in weeks where there is no club meeting @ 20:30 local: 70.450MHz, then QSY to 70.425 or 70.475MHz

Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1st Royal Eltham Scouts HQ, Rear of 61 - 71 Southend Crescent, Eltham, London, SE9 2SD.

21 September - The Magnetron: From Radar to the kitchen – Mike Underhill G3LHZ

5 October - Practical radio astronomy – Paul G4CSD

8 October - RSGB DX contest: G3RCV active – Bob M0MCV

19 October - 'Old fashioned junk sale' – Nigel G1BUO

21 October - Jamboree on the Air: GB2RE at Severndroog Castle – Guy G0UKN

### **DORKING & DISTRICT**

Website: <http://www.ddrs.org.uk> Email: [ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto: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

26<sup>th</sup> September - ISS Project with Schools by Mick Senior G4EF

## **HORSHAM ARC**

Website: [www.harc.org.uk](http://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

5<sup>th</sup> October – Junk Sale

## **MID SUSSEX ARS**

Website: [www.msars.org.uk](http://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

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October – AGM

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Surplus Equipment Sale

## **SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB**

Website: [www.g3src.org.uk](http://www.g3src.org.uk)

Contact: John Simkins G8IYS Tele:020 8657 0454 email [secretary@g3src.org](mailto:secretary@g3src.org)

Club Net: Sunday 09:30 on 1905 kHz , 70.300 MHz Thursday 8:00 pm, 145.35 MHz +/- 25kHz Friday 8:00 pm

Meetings: 1st & 3rd Mondays at Trinity School, Shirley Park, Croydon CR9 7AT 19:30 for 19:45.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> October - SRCC Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November - The Metropolitan Police Communications System

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December - Radio Astronomy with George Emsden

## **Sutton & Cheam Radio Society**

Sutton United Football Club. The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 2EY

Web site: <http://www.scrs.org.uk> General Enquiries e.mail: [info@scrs.org.uk](mailto:info@scrs.org.uk)

Nets – Wednesday 20.00hrs 145.500 MHz , Saturday 10.00 7.125 MHz, Saturday 11.00 145.500 MHz

21<sup>st</sup> September - Technical Video & Discussion with Martin M1MRB

## **Wimbledon & District Amateur Radio Society**

Meets on the 2nd and last Friday in the month at Martin Way Methodist Church Hall, Martin Way Merton Park, London, SW19 9JZ at 19:30hrs for 20:00hrs.

Contact: Andrew G4ADM on 020 8335 3434 or [andrew.maish@ntlworld.com](mailto:andrew.maish@ntlworld.com)

*Submissions are most welcome from CATS members, Local clubs and societies*

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