

COULSDON AMATEUR TRANSMITTING SOCIETY
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CATS WHISPERS



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Regular Society Meetings

These are held on the second Monday in 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 Nov 8th Talk on D-Star by Chris Howard, 2E0CTH
Monday Dec 13th AGM
Monday Jan 10th CATS New Year Dinner



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

October Meeting Report

This was to have been a talk on WSPR (Weak Signal Propagation Reporter) by Walter Blanchard, G3JKV, but sadly Walter was unwell and unable to attend. We hope he gets better soon and that we will see him some time in the New Year instead.

In October, we therefore watched a DVD that James, G0SDB, had kindly brought in. This featured the story of coastal radio on 500 kHz, beginning with the network that opened in 1901 when Marconi set up stations on the Isle of Wight and at Bournemouth. The network expanded until there were stations in Lands End, Niton (Isle of Wight), North Foreland (Kent), Cullercoats (Northumbria), Humber, Stonehaven, Valentia and Malin in Ireland, and others.

The DVD then moved on to the closure of the 500 kHz network on 31st December 1997, with recordings of Morse signals that were sent in the network's last hour. This included messages of goodwill received (in CW on the 500 kHz frequency) from Ostend, Szczecin (Poland), Kariskrona (Sweden), St Anthony (Canada) and Rome, amongst others. The message from Lands End (GLD) was sent by their Radio Officer, David Nancarrow, who also happens to be a radio amateur – callsign G3RID.

For more information, visit:

www.users.zetnet.co.uk/rdixon/crs/500close.htm

Glenn, again!

For anyone who missed the talk given at the September CATS meeting by member Glenn, G4FVL, the good news is that he will be repeating the talk for SRCC on November 15th 2010 at their usual venue at Trinity School in Shirley. It's well worth a visit if you missed it the first time around.

Membership Matters

As you receive this issue of CATS whispers, Glenn (G4FVL) and Andy (G8JAC) will be concluding arrangements for our Bring and Buy stand at the Kempton Park rally on

Sunday 7th November. It's still not too late to contact either of them with offers of help.

For anyone planning to attend Kempton as a visitor, please note that the CATS stand is moving this time to a new location at the back of the hall – roughly where Waters and Stanton were at the last rally.

On 21st November we have the 33rd Annual CATS bazaar, a poster for which appears again at the end of this issue of CATS Whispers. In addition to the Bring and Buy stand, we will also need helpers for the refreshments department and for manning the entrance, amongst others, plus people to help set up on the previous Saturday afternoon at around 5pm.

All tables have now been sold and we are looking forward to a bumper event. Publicity has been arranged including on Radio Jackie and a feature in the current issue of "The Challenger."

Please contact Glenn, G4FVL or Andy, G8JAC, if you are available to help in any way with either event.

CATS November Meeting

This will be a talk by Chris Howard, 2E0CTH on D-Star. Chris is a member of Sutton and Cheam and has given this talk on several previous occasions.

CATS December Meeting **Advance Notice Of AGM**

Annual General Meeting Of The Society

In accordance with the rules of the Society, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society will be held on Monday 13th December 2010 at St. Swithun's Church Hall, Grovelands Road, Purley, Surrey CR8 4LA, commencing at 20:15 hours.

As usual, mince pies and wine will be provided at this event. Don't forget that this is your opportunity to ask your committee about events of the past year and make suggestions for the future.

Nominations for new committee members will be welcome.

CATS January 2011 Meeting

This will be the traditional CATS New Year's dinner and the venue this time will be the Fox Public House on Coulsdon Common. Members will recall that this was the final rendezvous point for the 2010 CATS DF hunt.

As usual, the dinner will be on the second Monday of the month - ie on 10th January 2011. Please put this date in your diaries.

There is an excellent menu that is available online at:

www.vintageinn.co.uk/thefoxcoulsdoncommon/

Seventeen members, including partners, have already signed up to attend this event. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible and if you would like to add your name to the list, please contact:

chairman@catsradio.org

Tatsfield Brownies: Communicator Badges

Following the very successful work that CATS has done previously with the Warlingham Brownies, last month we crossed the county border into Kent and did the same again with the 1st Tatsfield Brownies.

The venue for this event was St Mary's church, Tatsfield, a wonderful old stone building originally built in 1075. Set on the edge of the North Downs and 240 m above sea level, it is in an excellent location radio-wise.



St Mary's Tatsfield

After an introductory talk by Andy, G8JAC, the girls were given the opportunity to talk on HF using Andy's military set or on 2 metres (supervised by Andy, G0KZT) using CATS' club call signs.

James (G0SDB) and Len (G0GNQ) kindly came up on the CATS net frequency of 145.400 MHz to provide "user friendly" stations for the girls to talk to.

Meanwhile, Steve, G3WZK, manned a Morse Code set-up (kindly loaned by Glenn, G4FVL) using which the Brownies were able to send and receive simple CW messages within the room.

At the end of the evening Steve, as CATS Chairman, presented Brownie Communicator badges to each of the girls who had taken part.

Many thanks to all CATS members who helped out at this event, either at the site or on the radio.

A selection of photos, all courtesy of G0KZT, follows:



One of the Tatsfield Brownies on the air



Three Brownies try to decipher CW sent by Steve, G3WZK, as Brown Owl looks on



Two more enthusiastic young operators

Intermediate Licence Course

CATS members interested in gaining a higher class of licence are reminded that Sutton and Cheam are continuing to run courses and revision sessions in Banstead. Planned dates (all in 2011) are as follows:

Intermediate Licence

Course:

Saturday 22nd January
 Saturday 5th February
 Saturday 12th February
 Saturday 5th March

Sunday 6th March

Saturday 12th March

Revision: Saturday 19th March with the exam in the afternoon.

Advanced Licence

Revision workshop: Saturday 21st May and Sunday 22nd May

Examination: Thursday 16th June 7pm (change of time from previous years)

All courses, including practicals and revision workshops, are held in the Scout Hut adjacent to Banstead Methodist Church, The Drive, Banstead, Surrey SM7 1DA.

For more information, contact SC&RS at:

trainingREMOVE@scrs.org.uk

CATS Contesting

The next contest CATS is likely to enter will be the "Brass Monkey" contest over the weekend of 5/6 March 2011.

Message From G3DQY

CQ, CQ all in Purley, Coulsdon and Caterham from John, G3DQY ... John sends his best 73's to all. Now living in a flat in St Leonards-on-Sea, but operating mobile on HF, weather permitting, Frank, G3ZMF, met him on Echolink last month and says that John has promised to do his best to stay in touch with CATS members.

CATS QSLs

Frank, G3ZMF, wishes to remind everyone that he is the society's QSL manager.

Contests Coming Soon

2010:

Nov 13: 1.8 MHz – Club Calls

Nov 21/22: 2nd 1.8 MHz

Nov 6/7: 144MHz CW Marconi

Dec 5: 144MHz Affiliated Societies

Dec 26 to 29: 50/70/144/432MHz Christmas Cumulatives

2011 :

Jan 9: AFS Contest CW

Jan 15: AFS Contest PHONE

Feb 12-13: 1st 1.8MHz Contest

Mar 12-13: Commonwealth Contest

Apr 3: RoPoCo SSB

Jun 4-5: NFD

Jul 17: Low Power Contest

Jul 30-31: IOTA Contest

Aug 7: RoPoCo CW

Aug 10: 80m Club Sprint CW

Aug 25: 80m Club Sprint SSB

Sep 3-4: Sep SSB Field Day

Nov 12: Club Calls

Nov 19-20: 2nd 1.8MHz Contest

(A more comprehensive list of 2011 contests above 30 MHz will be included in *CATS Whispers* when available.)

Local Rallies & Events

7 November 2010

West London Radio & Electronics Show

Kempton Park Racecourse.

Open 10:00. Parking, trade stands, catering, disabled facilities. Contact info@radiofairs.co.uk

Please note CATS involvement in this event. See item on page two of this issue of CATS Whispers.

21 November 2010

CATS 33rd Annual Radio and Electronics Bazaar

Provisional arrangements as follows:

1st Coulsdon Scout Group headquarters, Lion Green Road in Coulsdon, Surrey. [Map](#)

Open 10:00 to 13:00

Parking, trade stands, bring and buy, refreshments

Contact: enquiries@catsradio.org or

www.catsradio.org

Please note CATS involvement in this event. See item on page two of this issue of CATS Whispers and poster on page seven.

16 January 2011

7th Dover Radio Rally

Whitfield Village Hall, Sandwich Road, Whitfield, Dover, CT16 3LY.

Open 09:00

Parking, Boot Fair, Refreshments.

Talk in on GB3KS

Contact: Ian, G3ROO, 01304 821588 or

ian.g3roo@gmail.com

www.doverradiorally.com/index.html

6 February 2011

26th Canvey Radio & Electronics Rally

'The Paddocks', Long Road, Canvey Island, SS8 0JA

Open 10:30

Parking, Catering, Disabled Facilities, Trade Stands

Contact: Dave, G4UVJ, 01268 697978 (evenings)

www.southessex.ars.btinternet.co.uk

13 February 2011

Harwell Radio and Electronics Rally

Didcot Leisure Centre, Mereland Road, Didcot, OX11 8AY, Oxfordshire.

Open 10:30 to 15:30.

Radio, electronics and computing trade stalls, secondhand stalls, special interest groups, displays.

Refreshments.

Contact: Ann Stevens 01235 816379 or

rally@g3pia.org.uk

www.g3pia.org.uk

27 February 2011

Rainham Radio Rally

Rainham School For Girls, Derwent Way, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 0BX

Contact Trevor, G6LYW, 0771 7678 795 or

trev@wig1.co.uk

13 March 2011

Cambridge and District ARC Rally

Wood Green Animal Shelter, King's Bush Farm, A1198 London Road, Godmanchester, Cambs, PE29 2NH.

Open 10:00/10:15. Admission £3. Talk in. Trade. B&B.

Catering with bar.

Disabled facilities. SIGs. Raffle. Lectures. Family attractions.

Contact David M0GUM, 01954-203080 or

rally2010@cdarc.co.uk

www.cdarc.co.uk

June 2011

(Event confirmed, but date under review)

East Suffolk Wireless Revival

Orwell Crossing Lorry Park

A14 Eastbound, Nacton

Ipswich, Suffolk IP10 0DD

Car Boot Sale, Bring & Buy Sale, Special Interest Radio

Groups, Local Radio Clubs, RSGB Bookstall, Excellent Food

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GB4SWR - Talk-in on 145.550MHz

Contact John G3XDY, 07710-044858 or Steve, M1ACB

07711-329624

www.eswr.org.uk

19 June 2011

Newbury Radio Rally & Boot Sale

Newbury Showground, M4 J13.

Open 09:00. Free parking, trade stands, catering,

disabled facilities. Contact rally@nadars.org.uk

<http://www.nadars.org.uk/>

24 – 26 June 2011

Hamtronic Show, Friedrichshafen

Messe Friedrichshafen, Germany

www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/ham-en/index.php

3 July 2011

Norfolk ARC Barford Radio Rally

Barford 9 miles SW of Norwich close to A11 and A47

Open 09:00 (traders from 8am), CP, TI, CBS, B&B, C,

TS, RSGB Bookstall, Demos.

Contact: David G7URP 01953 457322 or

radio@dcpmicro.com

www.norfolkamateurradio.org

17 July 2011

McMichael Rally & Boot Sale

Reading Rugby Club off A4 east of Reading

Open 09:30.

Parking, trade stands, catering.

Contact g0jms@radarc.org

www.mcmichaelrally.org.uk

14 August 2011

Flight Refuelling Hamfest

Cobham Sports and Social Club Ground, Merley, Nr.

Wimborne, Dorset BH21 3AA

Further information: www.frars.org.uk

Other Club News & Contact Information

BROMLEY & DISTRICT ARS

Website: www.bdars.org.uk

Email: bdars-news@talk21.com

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

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

12 Nov – (note revised date) HF and VHF

Aerials, Feeders and ATUs, Colin M0XED, Bob G30OU and Victor G1PKS

3 Dec - Christmas Social

7 Jan - TBA

4 Feb – AGM and construction contest

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.

CRAY VALLEY RS

Website: www.cvr.org.uk

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

18 Nov – IOTA by Keith, G4JED

3 Dec – Christmas dinner

16 Dec – Christmas social

DORKING & DISTRICT

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

Email: ddrs.secretary@yahoo.co.uk

Contact: David Smith, M0SXD, 07808579501

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.

Nov 23 - Repairing vintage radios - a practical approach - David Smith M0SXD.

Dec 10 - Christmas dinner

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Jan 25 - AGM

Feb 22 - Raynet - Alan Stuart, G3ZHB

Mar 22 - Home Construction Techniques - Bob Burns G30OU

Apr 26 - PIC Chips - Paul Swarman, G0ODP

May 24 - Personal Challenge evening.

Jun 28 - Electrical Safety - Robin Page-Jones G3JWI

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

4 Nov - Light Bulbs Old and New - John Narborough

2 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

12 Nov - Talk on Valve Linears – Peter G4AKG

3 Dec - Christmas Dinner at the Gardeners' Arms

17 Dec - Quiz

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: Ray Howells G4FFY 01732 357474

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

15 Nov – Energy Conservation by Glenn G4FVL

6 Dec - 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

18 Nov - Building and Using the TenTec 1330 - Martin Butler M1MRB

9 Dec – Christmas junk sale

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20 Jan – GB3VHF Story - Chris Whitmarsh G0FDZ

17 Feb – TBC

17 Mar – TBC

21 Apr - Simple Junk Box Antennas - Martin Butler M1MRB & Denis Noe M0NDJ

19 May – AGM

16 Jun - TBC

WIMBLEDON & DISTRICT ARS

Website: www.gx3wim.org.uk

Contact: Jim Bell M0CON 020 8874 7456

Club Net: Mondays 20:45 on 145.500 MHz

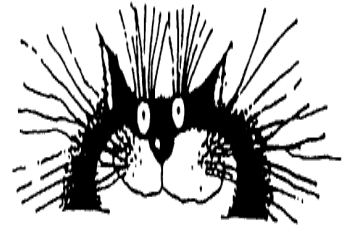
Meetings: 2nd & last Friday of each month at Martin Way Methodist Church, Buckleigh Avenue, Merton Park SW20. 19:30 for 20:00

26 Nov - Surplus Equipment Sale

10 Dec - Christmas Social

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