

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



Sep 2011

Affiliated to the RSGB

CATS Committee

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Frank Emery, G3ZMF
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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 Sep 12th CATS Equipment Sale
Monday Oct 10th Radio in the scouting movement – G6CJR/ M0NDJ
Monday Nov 14th CATS Annual Quiz: Quizmasters Steve G7SYO and Wendy



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

CATS August Meeting

This years CATS barbecue was attended by a total of 13 members and 7 guests. It was particularly good to see that Len G0GNQ was well enough to attend and also to welcome new CATS member Kim, G6JXA.



General view of the 2011 CATS summer barbecue

Over the delicious spread of barbecued meats and salads that Prue and Graham had provided, followed by two different apple crumbles for dessert, members swapped news, views and recollections.

G0GNQ recounted a hair-raising tale of a blue light ambulance journey from Ramsgate to Kings College Hospital - a distance of 92 miles that was completed in a mere 65 minutes. I make that an average speed of 85 mph. Phew!



Glenn G4FVL and XYL Yvonne stand behind Len G0GNQ as he relates details of his hair-raising ambulance journey

Although there had been some light rain during the day the evening was dry and mainly clear.

However, towards the end of the evening, several members noticed a burning smell and thought no more about it until messages started arriving, confirmed by the television, that there was rioting in nearby Croydon with the buildings at Reeves' Corner having been set on fire. Although about 2 miles away, the smoke from this fire was clearly visible from Prue's garden. By now the BBC News Channel was showing pictures of the conflagration from a helicopter flying above it.

Many thanks to Prue and Graham for an enjoyable evening and all their hard work.

Membership Matters:

As CATS secretary, I regularly receive copies of other local society's newsletters by email. I then forward these to all CATS members who have previously indicated that they would like to receive them.

Other society's whose newsletters I distribute in this way include Crystal Palace, Dorking, Mid-Sussex, Horsham, SRCC, Sutton & Cheam, and Wimbledon.

If you are a CATS member and would like to be added to the distribution list for other societies' newsletters, please let me know at:

secretary@catsradio.org

CATS September Meeting

This meeting, on September 12th, will feature a sale of surplus equipment from the CATS Asset Register. Please note that as this equipment is already owned corporately by CATS members, bidding at the sale will only be open to CATS members.

To prepare for this meeting, the committee has verified the asset register, decided what to sell, and set reserve prices for the items it considers suitable for disposal.

CATS members will already have received a list of items from the CATS Asset List that it is intended to auction at the meeting. This list includes typical second hand prices and, where that amount is £50 or more, a reserve price that has been set by the CATS

committee. Please note that although anyone can attend this part of the meeting, only fully-paid up CATS members can bid in the auction for items from the CATS Asset List. All payments must be in cash on the evening. Cheques will not be accepted. There will be no commission on any monies paid.

After the conclusion of the auction of items from the CATS Asset List, there will be an auction of any other items of spare, genuine radio equipment that CATS members wish to have auctioned on their behalf. So if you have any useful pieces of kit that you wish to dispose of, please bring it/them along on the Monday evening. Again there will be no commission on any monies paid. In this part of the meeting, non-members will be eligible to bid if they wish.

The committee look forward to seeing as many members as possible on this evening. We are also expecting one or more potential new members to attend for the first time.

Items not disposed of at this meeting will be made available for sale at the Kempton Park rally and/or the CATS Bazaar. (To avoid possible confusion, please note that the date of this event is November 20th 2011, not as published in Radcom.)

Also, members may wish to note that dates have now been set for next year's Kempton Park rallies, at which CATS expect to provide a Bring and Buy Stand as usual.

The dates are:

April 15th 2012

November 11th 2012

On this basis we would expect the 2012 CATS Bazaar (the 36th) to be held on Sunday 25th November 2012. Confirmation of these events will be published nearer the time.

CATS October Meeting

This will be a talk by CATS committee members Stuart G6CJR and Denis M0NDJ entitled "Radio in the Scouting Movement."

CATS November Meeting

This will be the reintroduced CATS Quiz hosted by CATS treasurer Steve G7SYO and partner Wendy.

CATS 2012 Annual Dinner

While the date of this event has already been set (9th January 2012), the location has yet to be decided. Any ideas or suggestions for a suitable venue will be gratefully received – email me at:

secretary@catsradio.org

CATS Secretary on TV (Korean)

If any of you are feeling bored with amateur radio you might like to check out this website.

<http://www.vimeo.com/18178466>

This features a Korean TV programme about the Orpheus Centre in Godstone where I do some voluntary work. It's in English but with Korean subtitles and includes some dodgy scenes in which the Centre's documentary film group are filmed filming by the Korean film crew. You may recognise at least one of the even dodgier characters in this bit...

CATS Contesting

The CATS Committee have decided to participate in next year's "Brass Monkeys Contest" (144/ 432 MHz) on 3rd/4th March 2012. CATS Chairman Glenn G4FVL will review options with members at the next main CATS meeting.

Contests Coming Soon

2011 :

Sep 11: Second 70MHz Contest

Oct 1: 1.2GHz Trophy / 2.3GHz Trophy

Oct 1-2: 432MHz-248GHz IARU

Oct 16: Second 50MHz Contest

Nov 5-6: 144MHz CW Marconi

Nov 12: Club Calls

Nov 19-20: 2nd 1.8MHz Contest

Dec 4: 144MHz Affiliated Societies Contest

Dec 26-29: 50/70/144/432MHz Christmas

Cumulatives Contest

Shak Nowtz

There are no Shak Nowtz this month, but there is a lot of material that Frank, G3ZMF has submitted to Cats Whispers that is nearly ready for publication so watch this space...

Local Rallies & Events

10-11 September 2011

Gatwick Vintage Radio Weekend

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

30 September/ 1 October 2011

National Hamfest

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

7-9 October 2011

RSGB 2011 Convention

Horwood House near Milton Keynes
Lecture streams
www.rsqb.org/rsqbconvention

11-12 October 2011

EMCUK Exhibition

Newbury Racecourse

RSGB stand
IEEE demonstration bench
You need to register on line for free tickets at:
www.emcuk.co.uk

6 November 2011

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

20 November 2011

**CATS 34th 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

15 January 2012

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

5 February 2012

27th 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)
rally@southessex-ars.co.uk
www.southessex-ars.btinternet.co.uk

26 February 2012

Rainham Radio Rally

Rainham School For Girls, Derwent Way, Gillingham,
Kent, ME8 0BX
Contact Trevor, G6LYW, 07717 678795 or
trev@wiq1.co.uk

4 March 2012

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

15 April 2012

West London Radio & Electronics Show

Kempton Park Racecourse.
Open 10:00.
Parking, trade stands, catering, disabled facilities.
Contact info@radiofairs.co.uk
NOTE: Proposed CATS involvement in this event.
www.radiofairs.co.uk

17 June 2012

Newbury Radio Rally & Boot Sale

Newbury Showground, M4 J13.
Open 09:00.
Free parking, trade stands, catering,
disabled facilities.
Contact rally@nadars.org.uk
www.nadars.org.uk/

22-24 June 2012

Hamtronic Show, Friedrichshafen

Messe Friedrichshafen, Germany
Open 09:00 each day
www.hamradio-friedrichshafen.de/ham-en/index.php

15 July 2012

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

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.

20 Sep - 5 MHz Experiment Data Analysis

18 Oct - Construction Contest

15 Nov - PIC's (JAL)

20 Dec - Mince Pie Evening and Quiz

CPREC (CRYSTAL PALACE)

Website: 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 Church Parish Rooms, Beulah Hill at 19:30

02 Sep - Junk Box Aerials by Martin M1MRB

07 Oct - Military Radio Equipment for the Amateur' by Dennis Noe M0NDJ

04 Nov - Evening of short talks

02 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.

CRAY VALLEY RS

Website: www.cvr.rs

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

15 Sep - Christmas Island Dx'pedition Part 1 - Nobby G0VJG

6 Oct - High performance antennas

20 Oct - Buildathon

3 Nov - Junk sale

17 Nov - Christmas Island Dx'pedition Part 2 - Nobby G0VJG

1 Dec - Reprise on CVRS in the 1970s

15 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.

Sep 27 - The STEPPIR antenna, Rob Barter M0ZAF.

Oct 25 - Software Defined Radio, Olof Lundberg G0CKV.

Nov 22 - The 4 Square Antenna - results - Garth Swanson.

Dec TBA - Christmas Dinner

HORSHAM ARC

Website: www.harc.org.uk

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

1 Sep - Tony Crake - RF Transmitters

6 Oct - Junk Sale

3 Nov - TBA

1 Dec - AGM

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MID SUSSEX ARS

Website: www.msars.org.uk

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

30 Sep - Talk by Tony G3NPF on home construction

21 Oct - AGM

28 Oct - Surplus Equipment Sale

11 Nov - Construction Contest

25 Nov - Talk on Sussex trams by Ian Gledhill

09 Dec - Club Christmas Dinner

16 Dec - Christmas Quiz

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

5 Sep - Radio Fox Hunting with Terry G4CDY

3 Oct - Autumn Surplus Equipment Sale

7 Nov - Talk (TBA)

5 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

15 Sep - Repairing Vintage Radios - Dave Smith M0SXD

20 Oct - Noise Eliminating Products' by Graham Somerville M3ZGS of BHI Limited

17 Nov - TBC

8 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

9 Sep - Summer Camp Retrospective

28 Oct - AGM

25 Nov - Surplus Equipment Sale

9 Dec - Christmas Social

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