



Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club



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Meetings are held
at Irby Cricket

Club

2nd & 4th

Wednesdays 8pm

Start.

Visitors are
always most
welcome

Suggestions for

Club talks or
your comments
on any topic ..

to:-

Gordon

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or any

committee

member

Club Round Up

It is with great sadness that I have to report that Peter G3PYU went "silent key" on Monday August 6th. Peter was a staunch supporter of our Club and supported us in so many ways in addition to attendance at both our meetings and D&Ws. Peter would regularly take up his favourite seat next to the bar, usually joined by Denis G3UVR and Frank G8REQ. He was always able to offer mechanical support if anything needed repair or construction and the resulting job was first class. On several occasions he gave talks on "Workshop Techniques" which were always well attended and appreciated by all present. It was a great pleasure of mine to present our "10th Anniversary Cup" to Peter in acknowledgement of his services to the Club in 2006. He will be sorely missed by us all.

We were very fortunate this Summer to have our Club featured in the Wirral News Group newspapers across the Wirral. This resulted in contact being made with Paul and Bob who proceeded to engage with Jim, M0BAS and take the Novice course. Publicity does work!

Many thanks for the efforts put in to run the special event stations which do so much to present a public face to our hobby. In this newsletter special thanks to Geoff G4UWA and his support team of Simon 2E0BDO, Steve G7BBF and many others for putting on GB2HI for IOTA and GB4LL for "Lighthouses on the Air"

Forthcoming Programme

Lots of great nights to look forward to in the next few months as you can see from our Club calendar.

We start the Autumn session with our "Pre-owned bargains" sale. This is always a fun night and it is great to see so many items being "churned" around the membership.

Lots of "high tech" talks being featured by Steve G7BBF, Richard G8NDD and Software Defined radio by G3UFO.

On a lighter note Vic, G4UDR will be relating us some anecdotes from his old job as a traffic cop.

Don't forget our Awards and Hot Pot night (please return your trophies in good time)

Our Annual Xmas bash...our 30th Anniversary! Will be held at Sheldrakes on Sunday 2nd December (TBC)

Programme Notes

Lots of things have happened since the last newsletter was issued to cover the "Summer" period.

This year the some 10 members of the Club made the pilgrimage to the Friedrichshafen Rally in Germany. This was my first year although I believe the attendance record is held by Neil G4OAR at 15 attendances!. Apart from a great Rally in itself the social side of the trip is excellent with evening meals (and top quality beer) in the open air by the side of Lake Constance. Definitely recommended!.

We also ran four DF events with a return of the use of 70cm as an experiment. Lot easier to get into the car with the mini- HB9CV! . The 2M events saw a lot of "active" kit in play which is superb as it shows that the hobby is still producing constructors!

Finally the annual BBQ featured a record attendance, good food and no rain ...a good night was had by all.

WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

September 2007

- Sep 5th D&W-Black Horse, Heswall
- Sep 7/8th **Leicester Amateur Radio Show**
- Sep 9th **WADARC N.Wales DF (Sunday)**
- Sep 12th **Pre-owned bargains evening**
- Sep 19th D&W-The Hoylake Lights
- Sep 26th **Reminiscences of a traffic cop G4UDR**
- Sep 30th **Telford Rally**

October 2007

- Oct 3rd D&W-Fox & Hounds, Barnston
- Oct 10th **Annual Hot Pot & Awards night**
- Oct 17th D&W- Saughall Massie hotel
- Oct 20/21st **J.O.T.A GB2JAM**
- Oct 24th **Alternative Shack Power G7BBF**
- Oct 31st D&W-The Egremont Ferry

November 2007

- Nov 7th D&W-Ring O' Bells, W.Kirby
- Nov 14th **APRS G7BBF and G8NDD.**
- Nov 21st D&W-The Chimneys, Hooton
- Nov 28th **Software Defined Radio G3UFO**

December 2007

- Dec 2nd (Sun) XMAS Bash (30th anniversary)
Date to be confirmed
- Dec 5th D&W- Green Lodge, Hoylake
- Dec 12th **Chairman's Night**
- Dec 19th D&W-Wheatsheaf, Raby

Special Event Stations

Some pictures to record the places and participants of the two special event stations so far in 2007. Shown left and centre are Vic G4UDR and Bob G4NCI operating GB4LL. On the right is the W&DARC shack on Hilbre Island for GB2HI



LOCAL RALLY INFORMATION 2007

Only local (100 Miles radius approx) rallies shown. All info is taken from Web sites and current Ham Radio magazines and is for alerting purposes only. Always check for current info before travelling.

September 2007

Sep 1st	Rugby (RATS)	Stanford Hall, Lutterworth	01455 551529/ 07759 684411
Sep 7/8th	Leicester Show	Donnington Park, Castle Donnington	01455 823344
Sep 30th	Telford Rally	Coalbrookdale, Telford TF8 7DQ	01952 255416

October 2007

Oct 6th	G-QRP Min-convention	Sudden, Rochdale	www.gqrp.com
Oct 7th	Nantwich	Nuclear Bunker, Nantwich	www.hackgreen.co.uk

November 2007

Nov 4th	S. York Repeater Group	Metrodome Leisure Complex, Barnsley	01226 716339
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