



Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club



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2007 Committee

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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

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2007. Without going through all of the events so far I must say that I continue to be amazed at the talent resident in the members of our own Club. We have had excellent presentations on Amateur TV by Chris (M1EEV), Amateur Radio Logging by Brian (G0VAX), Echolink by Bob (G4NCI) and finishing up with Radio Data Techniques by Richard (G8NDD). We also had an excellent talk of how to navigate our Club website by Neil (G4OAR). Although "teccie" nights feature heavily in our programme we also included our "light relief" night with the sale of pre-owned goodies and a very interesting set of Wirral slides by Glyn Parry.

Sharp-eyed members will have noticed the addition of a 4M dipole to complement our 2M/70cm antenna. Thanks to Neil, Geoff and Steve for putting it up. All of these talks feature live demonstrations which often require the Internet and projection facilities. Our continuing thanks go out to Steve and Tom who make these facilities available.

Attendance at the Club remains strong which is not surprising given the excellence of the talks and the way they are presented to the audience. Please remember that we like to keep parking around the Club for people with mobility difficulties so your co-operation is appreciated.

Forthcoming Programme

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

The summer is almost here which of course means DF time!. We are running our traditional three DF hunts this year along with two North Wales WADARC Challenges one of which has already been held. These are great outings which always end up in a pub for the traditional debrief and occasional post-mortem discussions. These events are great fun and are even better the more teams turn out. If you want any help getting going just email chairman@wadarc.com or call me on 07850 725861.

We also are moving into "Rally season" with Elvaston, Donnington Park and Telford listed again this year. In addition a strong Club contingent is visiting Friedrichshafen again this year and will be calling back home via Echolink so please keep 70.4125MHz on and listening!

Committee Notes

This newsletter I thought I would include some info on what happens at our committee meetings.

A lot of our time is spent making sure that the membership have a balanced programme of events so that the Club continues to be both interesting and informative. We also table any points that have come from the membership, such as ways of offering members kit for sale and attendance at School events to boost the profile of our hobby. All points raised are discussed and the originators advised of the outcome.

It is worth mentioning that we have re-jigged the D&W locations to make them more central to the bulk of the membership. We are however always open to new venues that have the following specification- no juke box, big screen or quiz!.

It's your Club so all input welcome.

WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

June 2007

- Jun 6th D&W- The Wheatsheaf, Raby
- Jun 10th *Elvaston Radio Rally (Sunday)*
- Jun 13th **Alternative Shack Power-G7BBF**
- Jun 20th D&W=The Railway at Meols
- Jun 22/24th *Friedrichshafen Rally*
- Jun 27th **Eileen Medley 2M DF**

July 2007

- Jul 4th D&W-The Anchor, Irby
- Jul 11th **G8PMF Revenge DF Hunt**
- Jul 18th D&W-The Harp, Little Neston
- Jul 25th **Club family BBQ**
- Jul 28/29th **Possible IOTA Club station**

August 2007

- Summer Break - D&W locations decided By those able to attend.
- Aug 1st D&W
- Aug 8th D&W
- Aug 15th D&W
- Aug 18/19th **Lighthouses on the Air-GB4LL**
- Aug 22nd D&W
- Aug 29th D&W

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**

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.

June 2007

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| Jun 3rd | Red Rose QRP Festival | The Formby Hall, Alder Street, Atherton M469EY | 01942 870634 |
| Jun 10th | Elvaston Castle Rally | Elvaston Castle County Park, Derby | 01332 559965 |

July 2007

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| Jul 8th | York Radio Rally | York Racecourse (Knivesmire) | 07841 120738 |
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September 2007

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| 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 |