Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

Airwave 70.450 MHz

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2004 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:-

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Club Roundup

Some highlights of Autumn 2003

(22nd Sept) Hotpot Supper prepared and served by Susan G6ADO was enjoyed by 27 members at the Presentation Evening. Congratulations to Chris M1EEV, winner this year of the Rennie Parr Cup and The Alan Griffiths Shield, awarded for his excellent construction work.

(5th Dec) The Annual Christmas Dinner was again well supported, a superb meal was enjoyed at The Hotel Victoria in New Brighton.

Chairman's Notes :-

Many thanks to all who attended our AGM on the 14th of January. Some main points of note are as follows :-

Your Committee is little changed. Neil is taking a well earned break from the Chairmanship by becoming an Ordinary Committee Member, the stewardship being taken up by former OCM, Colin of station G3RLA.
A hearty vote of thanks goes to Neil for his excellent work over the last few years.

All other committee positions remain unchanged.
Your frugal Treasurer Bob Smith delighted us with the proposal to maintain the club subscription at last years levels as our accounts remain buoyant. The Treasurer would however welcome your prompt payment of subs for the year 2004.

Meet your Committee for 2004

Don't miss the LARGEST single day show in the U.K.

NORBRECK

Radio, Electronics and Computing Exhibition

by the Northern Amateur Radio Societies Association at the

NORBRECK CASTLE HOTEL EXHIBITION CENTRE
QUEENS PROMENADE, NORTH SHORE, BLACKPOOL
on Sunday, March 21st, 2004 - Doors open at 11 a.m.

RSGB Contest Details…

For HF Contest information visit :-
www.blacksheep.org/hfcc

For VHF Contest information visit :-
www.blacksheep.org/vhfcc

For propagation predictions visit :-
www.rsgb.org/society/psc.htm.

Source :- The R.S.G.B

RADIO QUIZ for the NEW YEAR!

(a prize for the best response !)

1. What is the 70MHz Band Calling frequency ?
2. What frequency on 70MHz should club members monitor when they are in the shack ?
3. Who is the southernmost member of WADARC?
4. Who have you heard mobile on 4 meters ?
5. What does IRLP stand for ?
6. What does VOIP stand for?
7. What was the frequency of Radio Luxembourg ?
8. What does APRS stand for?
9. Name the new HF band with five spot frequencies ?
10. What frequency do we use for our DF hunts?

Friedrichshafen Rally - 2004

The stunning scenery of Lake Constance is again the venue, and this year nine club members have already booked their flights. Anyone interested in coming to "The Best Rally in Europe" contact Neil G4OAR asap.

4 Metre (In)activity ??

One committee member was asked at the AGM if we could have a Club net. We do… call on 70.450Mhz, move to a clear frequency and chat.
Whatever happened to all those ASCOM radios bought in October 2002?

Got a WAP Phone ? Want to know what's on next Wednesday ?
Go to http://wadarc.mywap.genie.co.uk/ To receive the bookmark by SMS send a text message with the words WADARC to 07740 148156

WADARC sweaters :-

It is never too late to treat yourself to one of our WADARC embroidered fleeces, they are obtainable from:-
Wirral Textiles on 678 6076 and cost £15.27 each.

Committee Meeting brief

The new committee (thanks for voting us in guys!) met at the G4OAR QTH on the 20th of January. The following is a list of the items discussed which will be of general interest to all our members :-

1. We are beefing up on the publicity front to get the Club name and events more widely publicised. A start has been made with the Short Wave Magazine who will carry our new contact details from the March issue onwards. Next on the list is Practical Wireless . All suggestions welcome on where else we can spread our message and attract new members.
2. Colin G3RLA is producing a Club Library contents list so that the material is available to our membership.
3. We are looking to purchase a new HF wire antenna to replace the borrowed item that has given such good service to date. A full size G5RV is favourite and will feature stranded wire (not hard-drawn) for longevity. This will likely be first used at the "lighthouse on the air" event in August.
4. The Committee were most impressed by the rush to renew memberships following the AGM. We thank the membership for this enthusiasm.
5. What the Committee was not over-happy about was the struggle for nominations for officers and committee members. One of the ideas of this brief is to show you how the Club actually operates and how **YOU** can influence what we all enjoy at the various events.
6. Continuing discussion on the production of the new WADARC website resulted agreement to adopt a final design by Neil (G4OAR). It was agreed that we ask Bob (G4NCI) to produce a site based on this design.

Remember.. YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Wirral & District ARC - Calendar

	January
07	D&W – The Railway, Meols
14	**Club AGM at HQ - Irby Cricket Club**
21	D&W - The Anchor, Irby
28	**Pre Owned Bargain Items Evening**
	February
04	D&W - The Harp, Lower Neston
11	**A Night with Pic4Pic by Colin G3RLA**
18	D&W - The Black Horse, Lower Heswall
25	**Workshop Techniques by Peter G3PYU**
	March
03	D&W -The Hoylake Lights
10	**Learning to Fly by Simon Granger**
17	D&W -The Bridge Inn, Port Sunlight
21	**NARSA Rally, Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool**
24	**Amateur Radio Software Night**
31	D&W - The Egremont Ferry
	April
07	D&W - The Fox & Hounds, Barnston
14	**Project Goodwill, Albania 2003. Prof J.A.Share G3OKA**
21	D&W - The Harp, Lower Neston
28	**A Talk by Local Historian Glynn Parry**

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Welcome

The Wirral & District ARC extends a warm welcome to
Maggie G6KBR
Peter G6KBQ
Peter G0PTE
And wish you a long and happy stay

More 4m News !

The RSGB received information on 4th November 2003 from RA that GB3WSX has been cleared to operate as a beacon on 70.007 MHz, and the authority to operate will be issued to the designated keeper shortly. For further details **www.70mhz.org**