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:-

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Club Round Up for 2007

By the time you read this we will be well into 2008 and a new committee will have been elected. Many thanks to Neil G4OAR who stood down after many years of top level contribution and welcome to Simon 2E0BDO and Chris M1EEV.

Last year our Club talks really tested out the latent talents of the Club membership with excellent results and the forward plan for 2008 is to have more input from "outside". In 2007 there were lots of "radio" and technical nights with emphasis both of HF antennae and the very latest techniques with APRS and direction finding. The DF hunts went well and this year we trialled out 70cm which looks like a possible new event.

Socially our two primary functions went very well with the Christmas bash attracting just on 50 persons, some of whom we havn't seen for years!. Publicity-wise we had a half-page entry in the Wirral newspaper Group which attracted at least two new members. More publicity is needed for 2008.

Our one downside this year was of course the loss of Peter G3PYU whom we all miss every Club and D&W meeting.

This year we have been in existence 30 years! And the Club is as vibrant as it ever has been. Let's keep up the good work.

Forthcoming Programme

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

After the AGM we start the 2008 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.

One of our earlier events is by Geoff, G4WUA who is going to give us an insight into the exciting new world of DIGITAL amateur radio.

Following on from Dave's (G3UFO) excellent talk on Software Defined Radio he is coming back to lead a construction project for an HF antenna made of plastic tubing!

Recent meetings with the Chester and District Radio Society have initiated the early planning of an inter-Club Quiz...how long is it since we had one of those!

Random Notes

You will note the unfortunate dearth of UK rallies this year but one that should not be missed is the ubiquitous Friedrichshafen 2008. Why not join this motley crew!! Lots of the important things in lfe like BEER, FOOD and RADIO!! June 27th to 29th.

Noticed with interest the return to use of 145.325 MHz as a "chat" frequency with some Club members. Time-served Club guys will remember that this was always in use by WADARC and this newsletter was originally "Airwave 325". Nice to see it back in use.

WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2008

Jan 2nd D&W-The Railway, Meols

Jan 9th AGM

Jan 16th D&W-The Anchor, Irby

Jan 23rd Pre-owned bargains evening

Jan 30th D&W-The Dee View, Heswall

February 2008

Feb 3rd (Sun) Radioactive Rally, Nantwich

Feb 6th D&W-The Harp, Little Neston

Feb 13th D.Star Introduction Geoff G4WUA

Feb 20th D&W-The Black Horse, L.Heswall

Feb 27th WADARC "Ozipole" Dave G3UFO

March 2008

Mar 5th D&W-The Hoylake Lights

Mar 12th Wind Farms (TBC)

March 2008 cont…

Mar 16th (Sun) NARSA Rally, Blackpool

Mar 19th D&W– Fox and Hounds, Barnston

Mar 26th Radio "On the Air" night

April 2008

Apr 2nd D&W-The Saughall Massie Hotel

Apr 9th Women in Radio, Lisa M0LSA

Apr 16th D&W The Ring O'Bells, W.Kirby

Apr 23rd Quiz with Chester and District RS

Apr 20th (Sun) WADARC N.Wales DF

Apr 30th D&W Egremont Ferry, Wallasey

May 2008

May 7th D&W-The Chimneys, Hooton

May 14th Radio Night

May 21st D&W– The Green Lodge, Hoylake

May 28th Practice DF

A brief reminder……

Just a quick reminder to please keep the parking bays in front and back of the Clubhouse free for our members with limited mobility. Thanks for your co-operation….

LOCAL RALLY INFORMATION 2008

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.**

February 2008

Feb 3rd	Radioactive Rally	Civic Hall, Nantwich	01829 771440

March 2008

Mar 9th	Wythall RC & Computer Rally	Woodrush Sports Centre, Hollywood	07710 412819
Mar 16th	NARSA	Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool	0151 630 5790

June 2008

Jun 8th	Elvaston Castle Rally (TBC)	Elvaston Castle, Derby	01332 752277