Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

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2009 Committee

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Bob G4NCI
Treasurer

Simon 2E0BDO
Secretary

Simon G6XHF

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Memberships

Chris M1EEV

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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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or any committee member

Session Round Up

Well the AGM has come and gone with only a couple of changes to the committee. Tom G4BKF wanted to step down after years of service so many thanks to him for his contribution. Simon 2E0BDO was elected as Secretary with Simon G6XHF coming on board as a committee member. Welcome to both of you in your new roles. My report outlined another great year for the Club which could not be achieved without a very good committee, supportive membership and in addition the staff help and facilities of the ICC. Thanks to all were expressed.

This newsletter covers the final half of 2008 and looking back we had some great nights at the club. We had a first class introduction to D-Star to support our new Digital Repeater GB7WP. More on this in a separate article. We also saw some new faces" up front" at our Hotpot supper and awards evening. Brian G0VAX was unable to provide the refreshments so Laura M3ELV, Eric G6HWD and Pat Gethin waded in with their version of culinary excellence. All present were well fed with the large pan being emptied! Rumour was that a certain member had four helpings! In October we fielded a team for a "revenge" visit to the Chester and District Radio Society and I am pleased to record that the team redeemed our honour with a win. The 2008 year finished with our annual "Xmas Bash" and this year we re-visited the Cherry Orchard. I am pleased to report that all went extremely well with the new managers Ann and Ken really looking after us.

Forthcoming Programme

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

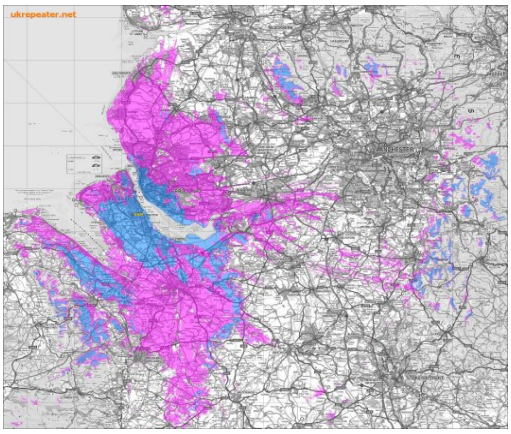
We start the session with the first of our two "Pre-owned bargains evenings". Last year these were particularly good so you are advised to get in early to make sure you get a good view of the goodies on display.

This year we have invited back Laura M3ELV to give another talk on "First Aid in the Shack". Safety is so important with electrical gear as we quite often "have the lid off" so this is a night well worth attending. The full programme up to end July is in this newsletter and you can see that we have some first rate talks from Brian G0GSF, Gregg G0DUB and Mike G6WCW.

We will be paying special attention to DF briefing this session as well as explaining D-Star as more of us get into this new mode. See you there!

Key Events

Arguably the most important event of 2008 has been the commissioning of our very own repeater GB7WP to provide D-Star coverage to our members and other operators The installation is managed by M1EEV and is connected by a gateway to the internet so that worldwide QSOs are possible. This unit now complements our existing 4M Echolink node operated by Bob G4NCI. For full details see our Club website.



WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

January 2009

Jan 7th D&W-The Hooton Hotel

Jan 14th AGM

Jan 21st D&W-The Anchor, Irby

Jan 28th Pre-owned Bargains Evening

February 2009

Feb 4th D&W-The Harp, Little Neston

Feb 11th Signalling to Subs at ELF, G0GSF

Feb 18th D&W-The Black Horse, L. Heswall

Feb 25th D-Star Update

March 2009

Mar 4th D&W-The Hoylake Lights, Hoylake

Mar 11th First Aid in the Shack, M3ELV

Mar 18th D&W-The Fox and Hounds, Barnston

Mar 25th My work at the BBC, Steve Schroeder

April 2009

Apr 1st D&W-The Saughall Hotel, Saughall Massie

Apr 5th (Sun) NARSA Rally, Blackpool

Apr 8th Emergency Comms, G0DUB

Apr 15th D&W-The Moby Dick, W.Kirby

Apr 22nd Quiz with Chester & District ARS

April 2009 continued

Apr 26th (Sun) WADARC N.Wales DF

Apr 29th D&W-The Egremont Ferry, Wallasey

May 2009

May 6th D&W-The Chimneys, Hooton

May 13th DF Getting Started G4WUA, M1EEV

May 20th D&W– The Green Lodge, Hoylake

May 27th- Practice DF

June 2009

Jun 3rd D&W-The Wheatsheaf, Raby

Jun 10th Remote Control of Jets G6WCW

Jun 17th Eileen Medley DF Hunt

Jun 24th D&W-The Anchor, Irby

Jun 26/28th Friedrichshafen Rally

July 2009

Jul 1st D&W-The Harp, Little Neston

Jul 8th G8PMF Revenge 2M DF

Jul 15th D&W The Hooton Hotel, Hooton

Jul 22nd Family BBQ at the Club

Jul 25/26 *IOTA on Hilbre Island GB2HI*

Jul 29th D&W– The Dee View, Heswall

LOCAL RALLY INFORMATION 2009

Only local (80 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.**

January 2009			
Jan 18th	Red Rose	Lowton	Steve 01942 888900
February 2009			
Feb 22nd	Radio Active Rally	Civic Hall, Nantwich	Simon 01270 841506
March 2009			
Mar 29th	Spring Militaria	Hack Green, Nantwich	Rod 01270 623353
April 2009			
Apr 5th	NARSA	Norbreck Castle,Blackpool	Dave 01270 761608
June 2009			
June 7th	Red Rose QRP Festival	Atherton	Les 01942 870364
July 2009			
July 4th	The Reddish Rally	Stockport	Bernard 01625 850088