# Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

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## 2010 Committee

**Gordon G8MMM**
Chairman

**Bob G4NCI**
Treasurer

**Simon 2E0BDO**
Secretary

**Simon G6XHF**

**Geoff G4WUA**
Memberships

**Chris M1EEV**

**Phil G6IIM**

**Meetings are held at Irby Cricket Club 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8pm Start.**

**Visitors are always most welcome**

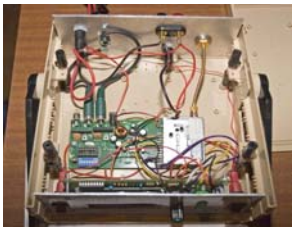
Suggestions for Club talks or your comments on any topic .. to:-

Gordon
**g8mmm@wadarc.com**
or any committee member

### Session Round Up

**The 2010 Year has now commenced with the AGM and the committee was re-elected en-bloc as it was felt that "If it's not broken, then don't fix it" was the best way forward. Having said that the attendance was well down on last year due to the prevalent snow and ice which made access to the Clubhouse a bit tricky to say the least! Summing up in his report the Chairman expressed his interest in broadening our contact base to include other local Clubs such as the Mold & District Amateur Radio Club.**

### Gallery



**Just three of the superb photos from 2009 taken by Neil G4OAR. Centre is Simon G6XHFand Vic G4UDR at JOTA, flanked by construction contest entries from Simon 2E0BDO and Chris M1EEV**

### Forthcoming Programme

**We start the programme of events with the first of our two "Pre-Owned Bargains " evening which is one of the many names for this event but suffice to say we expect to see the front tables laden with goodies that are looking for their next home. We follow on with a second visit from Steve Schroeder who last time gave us an insight "behind the scenes at the BBC" and this time we will hear the background story to the BBC coverage of the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester.**

**When planning the programme for 2010 we decided to keep up with our wish to meet as many "local" hams as possible so we will have a "Club Communication Assets" night at which we will have live demos of Echolink and D-Star. We plan to invite other local Clubs along for the evening.**
**That's just the start of the session. There are lots of other great nights as per the programme overleaf.**

### Chairman's Notes

**At the time of writing this newsletter the press is full of the stories surrounding the dreadful events following on from the earthquake in Haiti. Anyone who keeps an eye on our website will know that Amateur Radio is again providing vital communications when all else fails. I do get concerned that "public communications" seem to suffer in any circumstance that puts a heavy load on the infrastructure that we use on a day to day basis. Physical disruption is one thing but unusual weather events can have the same effect, for example the difficulty in making a mobile phone call when the load on the system increases dramatically. It's the same with lots of "infrastructure" which all have limitations imposed usually by financial considerations which are annoying however understandable. The unique aspect of Amateur Radio is that it's "peer to peer" operation does give it a resilience that can help the community and we should be proud of that fact.**

# WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

## January 2010

Jan 6th D&W-The Hooton Hotel, Hooton

Jan 13th AGM

Jan 20th D&W-The Anchor, Irby

Jan 27th Pre-Owned Bargains evening

## February 2010

Feb 3nd D&W– The Harp, Lower Neston

Feb 10th Playing Host to Broadcasters
Steve Schroeder

Feb 17th D&W-The Black Horse, L. Heswall

Feb 20th (Sat)
Thinking Day on the Air GG100WGG
Willaston

Feb 24th Club Communication Nodes
Bob G4NCI, Phil G6IIM and Andy G7TSX

## March 2010

Mar 3rd D&W-The Hoylake Lights, Hoylake

Mar 10th Native American Code Talkers,
Lisa Mossop, M0LSA

Mar 17th D&W-The Fox and Hounds, Barnston

Mar 24th "As we were" An Illustrated talk by
Glynn Parry

Mar 31st D&W– The Saughall Hotel
Saughall Massie

## April 2010

Apr 7th D&W-The Moby Dick ,West Kirby

Apr 11th (Sun) NARSA Rally, Blackpool

Apr 14th Quiz with C&DRS– The G3PYU Cup

Apr 21st D&W-The Egremont Ferry

Apr 25th (Sun) WADARC N.W. DF Challenge

Apr 28th Richard Spacey-Professional Comms
Consultant

## May 2010

May 5th D&W-The Chimneys, Hooton

May 12th Frank Smith-History of Meccano

May 19th D&W The Green Lodge, Hoylake

May 26th Practice DF

## June 2010

Jun 2nd D&W-The Wheatsheaf, Raby

Jun 9th Satellite Comms-Chris M1EEV

Jun 16th Eileen Medley DF

Jun 23rd D&W -The Dee View, Heswall

Jun 25th to 27th (Fri-Sun)– Friedrichshafen Rally

Jun 30th D&W - The Hooton Hotel, Hooton

## July 2010

Jul 7th D&W-The Anchor, Irby

Jul 14th G8PMF DF Hunt

Jul 21st The Harp, Little Neston

Jul 28th Club BBQ at the ICC

## LOCAL RALLY INFORMATION 2010 (up to end April)

*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.**

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| **January 2010** | | | | |
| Sun 17th | West Manchester Red Rose | Lowton | Steve | 01942 888900 |
| **February 2010** | | | | |
| Sun 21st | Radio-Active | Nantwich | Simon | 01270 841506 |
| **March 2010** | | | | |
| Sun 28th | Spring Militaria Hangar sale | Hack Green | Rod | 01270 623353 |
| **April 2010** | | | | |
| Sun 11th | NARSA | Blackpool | Dave | 01270 761608 |