Wirral & District Amateur Radio Club

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2009 Committee

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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

I must begin the roundup of the first half of 2009 with tribute to Chris G0PKE who passed away in June of this year. Chris was a first-class member of our Club and although not in the best of health took the lead with our relationship with NARSA and our contribution to the Blackpool rally. His XYL Laura M3ELV was always on hand to support him and I was extremely pleased when she offered to carry on as our representative and help with our social events. We are all grateful for her continuing help. In addition I want to note the passing away in August of Sid Jones G0HAB, father of our long standing member Denis G3UVR. Sid learnt Russian then spent a lot of time speaking with Russian stations, and at the age of 80, followed up by visiting the country several times. This resulted in reciprocal visits by Russian amateurs and a talk by Sid at the Club.

We had lots of excellent presentations in the first half of the year and they were all first rate. In particular I am thinking of Brian G0GSF's talk on signalling to submarines, Steve Schroeder on his work with the BBC and Greg G0DUB's talk on HF Emergency Communications. In addition Laura M3ELV gave us an update on First Aid which is something all of us should know about.

Finally I must mention our developing relationship with Chester & District Radio Society which, in my view, helps expand our personal contact base which is what our hobby is all about.

Forthcoming Programme

We have a talk by Tom Powell from O2 on the perceptions and reality of mobile phones and a repeat visit from Lisa M0LSA (remember the "Women in Radio" talk?) who has a great story to tell about "Special Ops". Our own member Simon G6XHF will be telling us about the forensics of collision investigation which I know will very informative.

This session we will also have a "members night" where we want you to give us some ideas on any projects/ general observations you think are worth passing on to the committee. An "on the air" facility will also be available.

My final note is about JOTA. Neil G4OAR and Vic G4UDR will be managing the annual station at the Club. This is an excellent chance to see "real radio" in action with top line equipment. Please give the guys as much support as you can over the weekend of the 17th/18th of October.

Key Events

For all D-Star operators you may know by now that we have increased the sensitivity of the receiver with the addition of a pre-amplifier. This modification has emerged as a result of operational experience with other D-Star units and as a result there is now some 14dB of extra gain which is designed to make the unit more reciprocal in operation. Can we please have some feedback on your experienced with this Club repeater. You can send them to myself or Chris M1EEV but please report back.

GB4LL ran again this year on the 15th and 16th of August thanks to the superb management of Geoff G4WUA and Simon 2E0BDO assisted by others. Geoff reports contacts as distant as Japan and a total of 281 stations worked on HF. A VHF station was operational but under-utilised due to lack of operators. Guys...please make every effort to support the station managers next time!!

WADARC EVENTS CALENDAR

August 2009

Aug 5th D&W-TBA

Aug 12th D&W-TBA

Aug 15/16th (Sat /Sun)
GB4LL at Leasowe Lighthouse

Aug 19th D&W-TBA

Aug 26th 70cm DF then D&W
(D&W announced on night)

September 2009

Sep 2nd D&W– Black Horse, Heswall

Sep 9th Pre-Owned Bargains evening

Sep 16th D&W-Hoylake Lights, Hoylake

Sep 22nd (Tue)
Revenge Quiz at Chester & DRS

Sep 23rd Cellular Phones-Myths and Reality
Tom Powell from O2

Sep 27th (Sun)
WADARC North Wales DF (TBC)

Sep 30th D&W– The Egremont Ferry, Wallasey

October 2009

Oct 7th D&W-The Fox & Houds, Barnston

Oct 14th Annual Hotpot and Awards evening

Oct 17/18th (Sat/Sun)
J.O.T.A at the I.C.C

Oct 21st D&W-The Saughall Hotel,
Saughall Massie

Oct 28th Members Night (including HF Station)

November 2009

Nov 4th D&W-The Moby Dick, W.Kirby

Nov 11th S.O.E Experiments and Inventions
Lisa Mossop M0LSA

Nov 18th D&W– The Chimneys at Hooton

Nov 25th The Science of Forensic Collision
Investigation.
Simon G6XHF

December 2009

Dec 2nd D&W-The Green Lodge at Hoylake

Dec 4th (Fri)
WADARC Christmas Bash

Dec 9th Chairmans Night

Dec 16th D&W-The Wheatsheaf, Raby

Dec 23rd D&W (TBA)

Dec 30th D&W (TBA)

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.**

September 2009 Sun Sep 6th	Telford Rally	Enginuity	Martyn 01952 255416
September 2009 Sat 12th/13th	Leicester Show	Loughborough Uni	Geoff 01455 823344
October 2009 Sat Oct 31st/Sun 1st	N.Wales Rally	Llandudno	Liz 01690 710257
November 2009 Sun Nov 1st	Gt Northern Rally	Barnsley	Ernie 01226716339