

# UPDATE - 325

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## WIRRAL AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

TO : G4GAR  
 FROM : G6MMM  
 DATE : 22.8.83  
 SUBJECT : BUMP FOR THE UPDATE 325

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN.....

Welcome to the second issue of UPDATE 325. As you can see G6MMM has discovered the lower case facility on his DX 101. Well G4GAR is still listening on 600 bauds for input so why not give him a data burst?

Just a short note on contributions of other (non data types) that we are looking for. We all know that the Club is forally run by your elected Committee, but it is your Club and it's strength is in the membership. We welcome all suggestions as to visits, talks, and other activities so if you have any ideas then next time you come to the Club let us know.

Activity at the Club is presently very high. What with Phil G6SNO and his Sunday Fox Hunts and the new interest in Contest activity there is always something happening outside of our normal meets. The massive turn-out at the 'Junk' sale was great to see and the interest shown in the 'off-the-air' News Sheet, most rewarding.

Anyway that's enough from me for this issue. Future plans for the 'Update' involve a For Sale/Wanted spot and future Club events can be input to the appropriate part of the sheet.....

73 and 88 as appropriate to the reader

GORDON G6MMM

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Peter G6CGJ will be on the ISLE OF SKYE looking for contacts back to the Wirral on the following days and times.

Sunday 28th. Monday 29th Aug 13.30 GMT  
 Tue 30th. Wed 31st. Thur 1st Sept 19.00 GMT

\* G6CGJ \* 144.185 \* G6CGJ \*

<<< SQUARE W870G >>>

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<<<< ARTICLES & NEWS FOR UPDATE TO 'NEIL G4GAR' OTHER 609 1377 BY 25.09.83>>>>

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NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER @ 7.30pm YMCA BIRKENHEAD  
 SUBJECT 'SETTING UP A CONTROL STATION AT YMCA' NEW MEMBERS WELCOME  
 \* \* \* REGULAR NETS 10TH, 20TH, 30TH, MONTH 60. 8pm JOIN IN \* \* \*

### CLUB EVENTS

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- SEPT 7TH...DRINK & WAPFLE  
 THE SHRENSBURY ARMS  
 CHESTER HIGH ROAD  
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  - SEPT. 14TH.. "FIRE PROTECTION  
 TECHNIQUES" by  
 STEVE G6TCC  
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  - SEPT 15TH..SUNDAY D.F. HUNT  
 USUAL START 2.30 PM  
 HESWALL LAY-BY  
 Contacts G6SNO 3111M  
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  - SEPT 21ST..DRINK & WAPFLE  
 THE SEVEN STARS  
 THORNTON HOUGH  
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  - SEPT 26TH..GEN CAUSES & CURES  
 by ALAN G4EFP  
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  - FORTHCOMING CONTESTS  
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  - SEPT 3-4 144 MHZ TROPHY
  - SEPT 3-4 SSB FIELD DAY
  - SEPT 11-12 INTERNATIONAL ATV  
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  - FORTHCOMING RALLIES  
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  - SEPT 11TH TELFORD RALLY  
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SUNDAY AFTERNOON D.F. HUNTS

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| The race is fairly hotting up with a change of leadership from last month. John GBUZZ and Team won on the 14th August and are now heading the list and with 2 Hunts left its still open to just about everybody. Dont forget its the best of 3 entries, so come along and join in the fun. NOTE BELOW CHANGE OF DATE |     | TEAM  | POINTS | EVENTS |
|--|-----|-------|--------|--------|
| *****  | 1st | GBUZZ | 12     | 2      |
| *****  | 2nd | G4CAR | 11     | 2      |
| *****  | 3rd | G5MYX | 10     | 2      |
| *****  | 4th | G6SNO | 7      | 2      |
| *****  | 5th | G6CGJ | 5      | 2      |
| *****  | 6th | G6IAD | 4      | 1      |
| *****  | 6th | G6ILM | 4      | 2      |
| *****  | 6th | G6NKM | 4      | 2      |
| *****  | 9th | G6JZF | 1      | 1      |
| *****  | 9th | G6NWD | 1      | 1      |

144 MHZ TROPHY SEPT 3-4TH

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The Club is entering the above Contest and will be operating from the same site as used for VHF NFD, NOPE MOUNTAIN. The Contest is being co-ordinated by PHIL and JOHN and as before YOUR SUPPORT IS REQUESTED either on site, helping with equipment or operations. If you cant make it over then how about calling in and giving a point or two. BE POSITIVE AND OFFER YOUR SERVICES.....

PHIL G6SNO 677 1947 WORK 229 3512 JOHN GBUZZ 672 3131 WORK 229 3498

EXTRACTS FROM RSGB COUNCIL LETTER

We hear that the CIA put in an appearance at the Dayton Convention, with a well-staffed booth aimed at recruiting new personnel. According to a spokesman, they came to Dayton because they realise that "the type of highly trained and technically-minded people (we need) are best found in the ranks of the amateur radio community". The CIA were seeking technical expertise and good cw operators, noting that radio amateurs were amongst the few groups left in the country who possessed the latter skill. Any would-be "moles" in our membership? HIs have not, so far, taken stand space at NLC '89.....

From 15 June 1983, Amateurs in the USA no longer need to identify themselves in international Morse code or plain language. If using Baudot, ASCII or AMTOR, stations may identify by the code in use. These three codes may also be used to identify the station when other codes are in use on bands above 50 MHz. Also certain video transmissions may be identified in video, but cw or plain language identification will still apply to facsimile and satv. This is a most interesting development.

The Space Shuttle mission planned for about 30 September will be taking amateur radio into space. An international scientific research facility known as Spacelab will be flying on STS-9, as the mission is known, and Dr. Owen Garriott, W5FL, will be aboard as a NASA mission specialist astronaut. He plans to use a hand-held 144 MHz transceiver during his off-duty hours running 5W to a printed-circuit antenna placed in the upper crew-compartment window on the aft flight deck.

Crew members aboard the Spacelab flight work a 12-hour on, 12-hour off schedule and use of the transceiver is limited to one hour per day. Most of the earth's land mass will be within line-of-sight transmission range of the space craft during a typical day, since the Spacelab mission will have an orbital inclination of 57 degrees. Transmission and reception frequencies present a slight problem at present, however, since the proposal is for W5FL (does he sign mobile or alternative or portable or what?) to transmit in the range 145.51 MHz to 145.77 MHz and receive in the range 144.91 MHz to 145.47 MHz, using FM - this presents some problems as far as Region 1 is concerned, and the Society has written to NASA to suggest some alternatives which are compatible with Region 1 band planning.

Garriott has said that he looks forward with great enthusiasm to working as many stations as his work schedule would permit.