

OCTOBER

# UPDATE - 325

## WIRRAL AND DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

TO : 1G4OAR  
 FROM : 1G8MMN  
 DATE : 25.9.83  
 SUBJECT : UPDATE 325

FROM THE CHAIRMAN.....

Welcome to another 'Update 325'. Soon we will be planning next year's calendar so how about some ideas 'from the floor'. Does anybody fancy a Club debate on some controversial topic such as:-

What have black boxes done for Ham Radio?

Should there be an 'A1' licence for people taking a "High Tech" extra exam?

Either should set the antennae bristling.

How about a Club tee-shirt suitably designed to avoid any parallel lines? Let's have your views.

Let's have some more activity on '325'. We all know that nobody has a right to a particular channel but it's handy to know that your friendly Club member is tuned-in, if he's listening at all. Remember the old adage "Use it or lose it". Why not join in on the "Good Mornings 325" net at 7.45 am?

I will soon be asking for volunteers to man the quiz team for when the Chester Radio Club visit us in October. They will put up a good team so get your theory books out.

Look forward to seeing you at the Club

.....Gordon G8MMN

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Any application for a new licence should be sent to:-

RADIO AMATEUR LICENSING UNIT, CHETWYND HOUSE,  
 CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. S49 1PF  
 TELEPHONE No. CHESTERFIELD (0246) 207555

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### CLUB EVENTS

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 OCTOBER  
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OCT 5TH.....DRINK & WAFFLE  
 THE RED CAT GREASBY

OCT 9TH.....SUNDAY D.F. HUNT  
 FINAL OF THE SERIES  
 HESNALL LAY-BY 2.30PM  
 Contacts G6SNO G6IIM

OCT 12TH.....COMPUTERS IN  
 AMATEUR RADIO by  
 PAUL G4DLY

OCT 19TH.....DRINK & WAFFLE  
 THE VICTORIA LODGE  
 TRANMERE, BIRKENHEAD

OCT 26TH.....INTER-CLUB QUIZ  
 RETURN MATCH WITH  
 CHESTER AMATEUR RADIO  
 CLUB

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 FORTHCOMING CONTESTS  
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OCT 1-2 VK/ZL/OCEANIA:PHONE

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 FORTHCOMING RALLIES  
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OCT 6-8TH ARRA 12TH AMATEUR  
 RADIO & ELECTRONICS  
 EXHIBITION  
 DONCASTER RACECOURSE

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON D.F. HUNTS**

With just 1 Fox Hunt left there is still room for improvements in the final league table. Its fair to say that everyone has thoroughly enjoyed them and details of the final placings next time. Congrats to Phil G6GNO who came 1st on 10/9/83 and to Steve G8TDC who played Fox for the afternoon. Don't forget its the BEST of 3 results.

	TEAM	POINTS	EVENTS
1ST	G6GDC	17	3
2ND	G4QAR	13	3
2ND	G6SNO	13	3
2ND	G5MYX	13	3
5TH	G6CGJ	6	3
6TH	G6TDM	5	1
6TH	G6IAD	5	3
6TH	G6JJP	5	2
9TH	G8NMM	4	2
10TH	G6HWD	1	1

SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2.30PM HESWALL LAY-BY

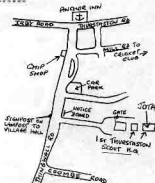
**JAMBOREE OF THE AIR**

This year there will NOT be the major event which there has been at Bowden Park, but there WILL be a smaller event at 1ST THURSTASTON SCOUT H.Q. IN IBBY.

In order to make the event a success for everyone I should like to remind operators that it is as much a Scout Event as a Radio Event and that those small boys hanging about would be a little less mystified if we took the time to explain what is happening. Good operators can help in this respect by calling "CG SCOUTS", encouraging conversational QSO's, and not using headphones which mute the loudspeakers.

I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible of you over the weekend and I have even drawn a map so you can find us easily.

73's Peter G6CGJ



**SILENT KEY**

We regret to announce the death of JOHN BARRETT G6IEF during early September due to a heart attack. John will be missed at the Club where he made many friends and will be remembered as a real gentlesan and a great personality. We extend our sympathy to his family at this time.

At the end of June 1983, RRJ reported that there were 23,204 Class A licences and 12,904 Class B licences issued. In addition, there were some 1,692 reciprocal licences.

Routine log-keeping by radio amateurs in the USA has been abolished. The FCC noted on 26 May that "...there is no longer an official need for records of routine station activity", although specific individual stations could be required to keep logs if necessary.

\* \* \* WIRRAL RAYNET GROUP G 6 W R G WIRRAL RAYNET GROUP \* \* \*

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 7.30PM YMCA BIRKENHEAD  
VIDEO PRESENTATION ON LONG TERM PROJECT FOR WIRRAL RAYNET GROUP  
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME...PHOTOS FOR ID. CARD FREE ON THE NIGHT

\* \* \* REGULAR NETS 10TH, 20TH, 30TH, MONTH 88, 8PM JOIN IN \* \* \*

Guess We S Were Definitely Crazy

On the weekend of 3/4 Sept. a "Convoy" of vehicles headed once again For Horse Mountain. The idea was to enter two simultaneously run contests:-

144 Mhz Trophy and the IARU Region 1 VHF.

On Friday evening about 7.30 we arrived on site with Duncan (G4FKC) and his Land Rover/Tow Truck to aid us to the top (He was the only one to get stuck).

John (G8UZZ) + Scouts then proceeded to erect their tent, while us "Amateurs" stood and watched how it was done. After seeing the display we managed to complete the task with the help of Colin G6RUT. About 1/2 hr later the weather took a turn for the worse and it started pouring with rain.

UZZY + Co were "cameled-out" at the nearest pub whilst a few of us "tee totals" brewed up and played some mobile radio. About 11.30 we received a call on 325 from the UZZ mobile saying that they were staying down at the bottom of the mountain. With Eric G6HMD installed in his own tent we peacefully dropped off to sleep in ours.

At 1.30am we were woken by Eric saying something like "Wake up the tent has blown down" As we lept out of our tent into the force 11 storm it was evident that the only thing left standing was our tent (so much for Scouts).

Eric was by now well and truly soaked, and got into his car. We decided that it was not a bad idea so that is were we spent the night, except for Peter G4TZW who stayed in our tent. (Brave man). Saturday morning dawned after a total sleep of 1 hour. breakfast was cooked and we awaited the return of John + crew.

They arrived at about 9.30 after spending the night in a 'rocking van' (ask G6NOX to tell all). We held a conference, and it was decided to QSY to Eric's shack in Bebbington and operate the Contest from there. All in all we had quite a good weekend after the problems on the mountain, and 2 metres was quite lively.

The station was running 300w into an 8 dia vaxi at about 35 feet and we were 150' ASL. problems with TVI limited operation to 13 hours and the linear amplifier kindly loaned by Peter G6LHT developed a fault. We made 214 QSO'S, the best being in AI squares some 830 Km away.

I feel that I should mention the people who gave assistance on such a bad weekend and I thank you all  
JOHN G8UZZ, ERIC G6HMD, TIM G6NOX, PETER G4TZW, PETER G6PLY, COLIN G6RUT, EDDIE G6XND AND PETER A 5ML. Also many thanks to Peter G6LHT for the loan of the amplifier, and to the "GECMM" repeater in Lower Neston.

Not all Contests are as bad as this one was, the more the merrier.  
73's Phil G6SNO

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UPDATE 325

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Articles & News items are requested for inclusion from ALL CLUB MEMBERS. If you don't tell us "The News" we can't print it.

The next issue will be the last before Xmas so how about some Cartoons, heard on the air, For Sale Items or air your views via a letter to the ED.

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FINAL DATE FOR RECEIPT 23.10.83  
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WERRAL CONTEST GROUP

From L to R...Andy G4ALN, Paul G4DLY, Dave G4NSA and Neil G4OAB taking part in 955 FIELD DAY on the 3/4th September, using an exposed mountain top location in North Wales.

Dipoles for 80/40 metres were on the 50' mast and the beam for 20/15/10 at 15' due to Gale Force Winds.

It was one of the wildest weekends of the year and many of the big names in HF Contests were put to the test.

The Contest Group totalled up 1657 contacts and look forward to Jan 84 for the results.

HEARD ON 325

G8 to G8....Why are you whispering?  
 G8 to G8....Well we are not too far  
 apart and I thought if I spoke  
 quietly then I wouldn't cause as  
 much interference to others on the  
 channel.

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"I couldn't hear anything of that  
 over but a big Powerful signal."

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