

CONWY VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(AFFILIATED TO THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN)



**CLUB CALL SIGN:
GW6TM**

Meetings held at: - The Studio, Penrhos Road, Colwyn Bay
on the 1st Wednesday of each Month.

The meetings start at 7.30pm

(Exceptions: NO meeting January or August)

MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Radio Propagation

The club welcomed the speaker John Brimecombe GW3GUX who is from Llangoed on Anglesey and a member of the Dragon Amateur Radio Club in Llanfair PG to the April meeting.

John gave a very interesting illustrated talk on Radio Propagation and Radio Coverage based on a computer simulation programme written by Roger Coude VE2DBE. Anyone interested in this programme can find it if they Google into their computer 'Radio Mobile by Roger Coude VE2DBE'. John proceeded to illustrate examples of tests he had carried out with links in Bangor and further afield, these included paths of known obstacles and obstructions. Tests were carried out on radio links that were known to be workable and paths known to be difficult, both tests proved to be very accurate, displaying the obstructions.

This programme is only intended for use with VHF and UHF as it is a line of sight programme with reflections and refractions. It is not a programme for HF radio communications.

Amateur Television

This is just a reminder

John Lawrence GW3JGA has sent this to inform the club of a facility for those with the Internet who would like to see what their fellow amateur in ATV are up to in North Wales:

We are now set up for streaming pictures and sound, via the Internet, from our ATV repeater GB3TM on Anglesey.

(Actually I am receiving the repeater at home and streaming it from here.)

We will be streaming every Tuesday evening from 19.30 hrs, clock time to approx 21.00

Go to <http://www.batc.tv>

Click on ATV Repeaters

Scroll to GB3TM

Click on View Stream

You may need Adobe Flash Player www.adobe.com

73s John GW3JGA

Correspondence

An invitation has been received from the Wrexham ARS.

Hi All North Wales Amateur Radio Clubs.

You are cordially invited to our June 2nd Meeting, this will be a talk by Roger G4ROJ on Kite

Antennas. Meeting starts at 7.30 pm for an 8.00pm start. The location is in Lilac Way, directly opposite Wrexham AFC Ground, Mold Road Wrexham. (Near the Sainsbury Roundabout, Junc A541/A483)

73 de Glyn MW0BNB Sec

On the 21st April the secretary received the following e-mail, as it was not very clear an e-mail was sent for clarification and the second e-mail is the reply with the CVARC's secretaries quire.

_ Hi All

Just in case there has been any confusion over the ARIS issue, here is the reply..I will keep everyone posted with all further developments

73 MArk

Hi,

The insurer for the Club Insurance is Axa Insurance Plc and the broker is a company called Aston Scott Ltd. This insurance is due for renewal on 1 July 2009. So, there is absolutely nothing to worry about with regards to this insurance.

I wasn't aware that the "company behind ARIS had gone into liquidation". I was aware, however, that they were considering leaving the Amateur Radio market. Perhaps if anyone has any information on this they could pass it on - I'd be interested to know.

Regards,

Marilyn Slade
Financial Controller

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Hi Wynne

All I asked was what the situation was regarding ARIS, as I had had a query from Wrexham ARS (which also pointed to the query on Junksale) and they were concerned that they now had no insurance!

For full info

See: <http://www.junksale.co.uk/showthread.php?s=56aa8d7d42493dab7ce5010d1fc3fac1&threadid=63534&goto=nextnewest>

Apologies for the dis-jointedness of the e-mail, as I assumed that everyone else was thinking the same thing.

At the moment, Marilyn's reply goes some way to answering the question, but at the same time, may cause more issues. It is not my intention to spread alarm with this e-mail, and I hope I haven't!...However I will post out ALL future info that I get on this matter.

73 Mark

Wynne wrote:

Evening Mark,

Is it possible to send original message, as I have no idea of any confusion over ARIS as I haven't got a crystal ball. Past development would be helpful as well as future developments. When I post your e-mails in the club newsletter, it is very difficult for members to understand them if they are not aware

of any problems.
73's
Wynne GW6PMC
Hon Sec Conwy Valley ARC_

Received 2nd May_

_Hello All,

I have updated the PADARS diary to include all of the RAYNET exercises currently arranged. Please take a look.

'73 Peter GW0DFK

(The link is:) <http://www.amateur-radio.porthmadog.co.uk>

The link on the e-mail above makes very interesting reading

Are you covered by your insurers?

See: <http://www.junksale.co.uk/showthread.php?s=56aa8d7d42493dab7ce5010d1fc3fac1&threadid=63534&goto=nextnewest>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING HEALTH & SAFETY

Sorry to repeat this again

The Chairman Ray GW3MDK has had a telephone call from an officer of the Denbighshire ART's Society requesting that we inform all our members of the means of escape in the event of a fire. This is to comply with Health and safety regulations and also building insurance.

In the event of a Fire please leave the building if downstairs by the door you entered and assemble by the gate. If upstairs please leave by the door marked Fire Escape & again assemble by the gate to the premises.

RayGW3MDK will again remind you of this at the meetings.

We all realise it is obvious to leave the building in the event of a fire by the door but as has been shown in the USA if you are not told, then some smart a*** lawyer could make the Art Societies Insurance null & Void and also make them liable under H&S regulations. Thank You.

Future Programme

Wednesday 3rd June 2009

Subject: Annual General Meeting

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the **Wednesday 6th May 2009** at 'The Studio'.

**Subject: DVD from the RSGB library on a DXpedition to 3B6, 7 and 3B9 (St Brandon Island and also Rodrigues Island)
Also a short of Conwy Carnival 1983 by John GW8WFS**