

CONWY VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

(AFFILIATED TO THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN)



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GW6TM

Club Web Sites <http://www.conwyvalleyradio.org.uk>
<http://www.radioclubs.net/conwyvalleyarc/>

Meetings held at: - The Studio, Penrhos Road, Colwyn Bay
on the 1st Wednesday of each Month.
The meetings start at 7.30pm

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Rambling under Wiltshire

At the December meeting Les Hayward MW0SEC came from Anglesey and gave the club an illustrated talk and a very interesting insight to the tunnels under Wiltshire. Tunnels which started life in the quarrying industry soon their potential was realised for national security. Due to their depth below ground they afforded protection from aerial bombing during World War two and also during the period of the cold war. The amount of money spent on these tunnels during this period was unbelievable, with air conditioning and Security doors etc.

Now most of the valuable material has been removed and some of these tunnels are move reverting back to producing stone for the construction industry.

Originally Les gave the club a choice of talks and this was the choice of the members, let us hope that he returns and entertains and educates us on other subjects in the near future.

Correspondence

The following e-mail was received from Mark Harper (MW1MDH)- RSGB Regional Manager - North Wales (Region 6)

Hi all

Firstly, I'm aware that some of you are returning after your Christmas break, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year!

The main point of my e-mail is that I'm now running the Region 6 website and would like everyone to submit to me their program of events as soon as they have got it finalised, so that I can add it to the website as part of the update process..

Could you also get the program over to HQ for inclusion in Radcom and GB2RS. I am aware of some recent issues with information going astray in HQ, and not getting included in Radcom or GB2RS - I believe they've now been dealt with. However, If you can each feed back to me when you've got the info in, I'll aim to keep an eye on the early runs of the news and if stuff doesn't end up in Radcom or GB2RS, I'll look at taking things up with HQ..

73s to all

Mark

Mark Harper (MW1MDH)
- RSGB Regional Manager - North Wales (Region 6)

Various for sale Items.

A list of items for sale have already been emailed or snail mailed to members, a list of items for sale is included with this newsletter for the perusal of non-members, prior to them being offered to commercial buyers..

Silent Key

As most of you are aware Vincent Richardson a SWL from Dolgarrog became a Silent Listener on 11th December 2007 at St David's Hospice, Llandudno His funeral took place on Monday 17th December Colwyn Bay Crematorium. The club was represented at the funeral by members of the Club.

You will also be aware that a very good friend of the club Frank Muraca GW0VUP died on the 3rd January 2008 after a long battle with cancer. As were his wishes he left hospital and died at home. The Funeral took place on the 14th January at St. Peter's & St. Frances' Church, Plas Avenue, Prestatyn. The club was represented at the funeral by members of the Club. Condolences from the General Secretary of the RSGB and the Regional Manager of the RSGB have been past on.

Interesting Correspondence

The following e-mail has been received by the secretary from Thomas, DG2DCI whose e-mail address is dg2dci@t-online.de and it was thought that it should be shared with the club members.

Hello dr OM,

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and an happy new year.

my name is Thomas (DG2DCI) and I am the manager of the project "Mining and Ham radio".

Project "Mining and Amateur-Radio" is to be seen equivalent to "Lighthouse Activity", based on mining project places as pits, shafts, scaffoldings, towers and dumps, refineries etc. The objects will be enlisted and upgraded in www.darc.de/n/19.

There are 2 managers in the project:

DG2DCI, Thomas for German speech and F5TFI, Rene for French speech. Now we are looking for a manager in Great Britain. Who can write a short article in your Ham Radio magazine??? I have many pictures and article of our project. Please send an E-Mail, I send many info return. Please excuse my bad English.

Now the Info of our project:

In 2005 the idea grew to combine Ham-Radio with old mining building. Meanwhile there are 73 mines / pits and 23 Clubstation in 5 different countries (DL, F, OE, ON and SP) QRV, with increasing numbers. Let's hope for more !

Last activity was the event station TM0TMM (MA-F1000) with over 3000 QSO in 2 weeks.

The mining-object is classified :

MA (mining activity) -- G (country) 001 (current number).

Definition of Mining Activity

Resources and mining are highly important for the economy of nations. Due to its importance and long time historical tradition mining is of high public interest. Many Amateurs wish to combine their hobby and try to activate mining places and operate from there. Many of them have been - or still are employees in that type of work and are traditionally bound to it.

We understand "Mining-Locations " as facilities of exploration, production, refining, dumping of goods, also mining-schools, universities, memorials, museums and alike.

Mining and Amateur-Radio" , Conditions .

When You apply for a MA- Number for a mining location, ponder this :

The Amateur- Radio-station must operate inside or on a mining area which is named as such, fenced and / or shielded.

--First activation must be claimed, in writing, (formular) 2 weeks before.

--Application for a MA-Number is bound at more than 50 QSO's from the place (Log)

--The MA-Nr. is part of the mining-place, not of the Ham- Station.

It is to be used in all further activities in the said location.

If there is a Club- home in the mining area the MA-Nr. can be applied for without the First Activation.

Your partner for details " mining and Ham Radio" is

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Homepage: www.darc.de/n/19

The following item was brought to the secretary's attention.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/north_east/7208874.stm

If you do not have the internet perhaps you can open the following

BBC NEWS | Wales | North East Wales | Radio ham's death 'fixing ... <http://newsvote.bbc.co.uk/mpapps/pagetools/print/news.bbc.co.uk/1/..>

BBC NEWS

Radio ham's death 'fixing mast'

A radio enthusiast died after a fall from a ladder, while apparently working on an aerial mast at his retirement home on a Mediterranean island.

Alan Wright, 71, originally from Wrexham, is reported to have fallen three storeys down a shaft in Malta.

It is understood Mr Wright had been working on an aerial at the time of the incident.

The Foreign Office said next of kin had been informed and an investigation into the death was continuing.

According to reports in the English language Times of Malta newspaper, Mr Wright had been attempting to fix a radio mast on 22 January.

Police sources told the paper that it appeared the pensioner had fallen from the ladder into a shaft, dropping three floors onto the roof of another residence.

It is understood that Mr Wright retired to Malta five years ago, but had only recently moved into the property in Rabat, on the west of the island.

A post-mortem examination has taken place in Malta and an investigation into the death is continuing.

Story from BBC NEWS:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/wales/north_east/7208874.stm

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It is a report from the BBC with regard to the death of a Radio Amateur in Malta. The amateur hailed from the Wrexham area

Local Rally

The secretary has been contacted by the Chairman of the North Wales Radio Society Ron Roberts GW6ZDH. It is understood that Ron is actively hunting for a venue for a possible rally. The latest information is that he has found two possible sites and in Ron's words "at the right price". So he will be requesting a meeting in the near future with clubs to participate. I don't believe we will be able to replicate to old Llandudno Rally in size but it could turn out to be an interesting project and it is hoped that forward thinking is applied to this idea by all.
(Sec)

Club Future

At this year's AGM there will be a change of officers. The Treasurer is standing down due to personal circumstances and a replacement is sort. The AGM is in June and it will be soon upon us. If any member is interested please make yourself known, in order that Bob GW6HUV can put you right on the requirement of the office.

If it is possible try and bring a radio amateur with you to the club meetings, numbers are reducing and soon there will not be enough to form a club. It seems to be a universal trend not to attend clubs but to sit at home looking at the internet. If the clubs go, where will you go to exchange view with similar minded folk in a congenial atmosphere.

The Secretary is finding it very difficult to find speakers; I know the same old story..... and the Secretary is also not as fresh as he used to be.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on the Wednesday 6th February 2008 at the studio

Speaker: Wynne Evans GW6PMC
Subject: Part of the computer program Ham Radio Deluxe.

This is a Computer program that Wynne GW6PMC enjoys using in conjunction with his Icom-746 and thought member might like to see it in use. It can be downloaded from <http://hrd.ham-radio.ch/>

Information from the site HRD is designed for Windows 2000 or higher (XP, Vista), also Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher is required. It may work with Windows 98 but this is not supported. The policy is to support Windows versions which are supported by Microsoft. The software will *not* be ported to any platforms such as Macintosh or Linux. *Don't even ask.*

The complete source code is not available for porting as it is not in the public domain. Some source code is available; this is shipped in the kits

ALSO

It is understood that the Chairman may have some items for sale on display and part of the evening could be taken up explaining what the items are and selling them.... bring your cheque book or plenty of cash, he has no facilities to accept credit cards.

Web Site updated

The club web site has been updated following a crash. <http://www.conwyvalleyradio.org.uk> Some pictures were originally lost i.e. Welsh Air Ambulance visit. These have been found on the Secretary's computer and they will be installed in due course. The gallery is yet not a good as it was and this needs rectifying.

There is also a new web site set up by the RSGB which we have taken advantage of but there is no content on it. <http://www.radioclubs.net/conwyvalleyarc/>

Sorry long newsletter