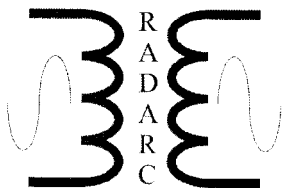


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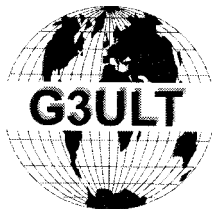


Annual General Meeting

Thursday 14th December 2000

Agenda

- Chairman Opens The Meeting*
- Adoption of the Minutes of the 1999 AGM*
- Treasurer's Report*
- Chairman's Report and Presentation of Awards*
- Election of the New Committee*
- Any Other Business*
- Close*



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Min Standen
G0JMS

An Ordinary Member's View

This year was the second year for me standing on the committee as ordinary member. My main objective was to try to show the members how much fun contesting can be.

We started the year taking part in the AFS CW. The team consisted of, Don G3XTT, Jim G0LHZ, Bob G4ELY and myself G0VQR.

I managed again this year to get permission from the University to use one of the fields at Sonning Farm for HFNFD CW and HFNFD SSB.

We put on 2 stations in HFNFD CW, G3ULT/P and G0VQR/P both were in the QRP Section. This is because you can only operate for 12 hours maximum for each call sign.

Thank you Don G0RPW for operating G3ULT for most of the 12 hours

HFNFD SSB was a first for me this year. We gave the new club call M0EEE/P its first airing. Thank you to all the helpers and operators: M5ACR, G8FRC, G4ELY, G1HBD, and I must not forget Bob's 4-year-old granddaughter Jody who was a big help in putting the tent up.

I had arranged with the University to enter CQWW SSB and CQWW CW from Windsor Hall. We were going to use the clubs contest call M4T.

Unfortunately, the SSB entry had to be canceled at the University as Bob, G4ELY was the only person to offer help. I put in a single operator entry from my QTH.

The CW entry took place giving Andrew M5ACR and Andy M5ALG (G7UET) a chance to take part in and experience what is now classed as the CW world championships. Thanks also to Jim G0LHZ for operating and bringing the clubs pump up mast and trapped dipole.

The M4T call has also been used this year in the ARRL CW, ARRL SSB, WPX CW and WPX SSB

contests.

Myself and Vin G4JTR put an entry in the club calls contest on top band. Vin used the Clubs call M0EEE. This contest is only on for 3 hours but we still managed to work 100 Stations between us!

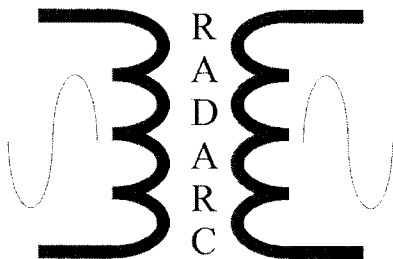
I have also been very active using M0EEE. I have represented the club in the:

Worked all Germany CW contest
Ukraine CW contest
Bulgarian DX CW contest

...and I will be in the Spanish CW contest on
2/3-12-2000

I plan to stand again next year on the committee as ordinary member. I shall be organising More contests if the interest is there.

73 Tom G0VQR





AGM Minutes 14th. December 2000

Committee Members 2000:

Des G8FIF Chairman, Min G0JMS Secretary, Jim G0LHZ, Robin G4IWS, Peter G8FRC, Tom G0VQR

Apologies from Bob G4ELY, Ian G6IZA,

The AGM started at 20:15

Agreement of the 1999 AGM minutes was proposed by Tony G1HBD & Vin G4JTN

Jim G0LHZ gave a financial report and balance report of £1611.92

Membership, expenditure and income was discussed and it was for the committee to set the fees at their next committee meeting.

Proposed by Ian G8NXJ & Peter G4JNU

RADARC

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Chairman's Report

Des Howlett, G8FIF

Depending on your point of view, I have been the first Chairman of the 21st Century, or the last one for the 20th. I take the second stance (since I start counting from 1 rather than 0), but in any case it's certainly been a fairly strange year for the whole world.

For me, it turned out to be the worst year to have been elected Chairman. It all started pretty quietly and I mentioned at the first meeting in January that I'd be making some PIC boards for construction projects. About 2 months later, work went mad and it seemed that I spent the rest of the year staring at a seat only 28" in front of me for hours on end (sorry, make that 24" when I flew on BA). If only I'd had time to play radio - I could have operated with 10 different prefixes in 6 months!

The meetings have been varied and interesting covering such topics as DAB, Converting PMR rigs, a look at the new Yeasu radios and from the Editor of *Practical Wireless*. Thank you to all the speakers and to everyone involved in getting them to come along.

Many of the things I could talk about will be covered by others, so I'll only mention them briefly here.

We've welcomed (back) some new members, in a couple of places drawn by the lure of HF through the M5 licence. It's great to see that people are still coming into the hobby, even if it's not at as great a rate as during the early 1980s.

The McMichael Rally funds were significantly down compared with previous years. A big "thank you" to everyone who helped, but despite all that effort, the cost of the venue ate up an huge part of the takings. Moves are afoot to move the Rally in 2001 to a much cheaper site with lots of parking and easy access. It's also going to be close to Reading so that means that there'll be even more RADARC members able to attend.

Although many may not realise it, we do actually enter quite a few contests. We have an extremely keen contester who organises venues, facilities, operators, logs etc. How about taking part in one of next year's ones?

It is good to see that GB3RD and GB3BK are back on the air, even though their coverage doesn't match what it used to be from on the hill near Streatley. In case you hadn't heard, the Thames Valley Repeater Group now has responsibility for GB3AW, BK, BN,

RD (and I'm sure if they wanted to dabble in 23cm again RU).

Anyway, all told the club has managed very well without me - perhaps too well which is why I'm standing aside this year. I'll take this opportunity to thank the rest of the Committee: Min, Jim, Peter, Tom and Robin for all their hard work; you wouldn't believe the hours they put in to make the Club run so smoothly. Next year I can see myself going back to my old job of preparing the newsletter. As for the PIC board, that's "in layout" and is due for release early in the next century...

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all,

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R.A.D.A.R.C. Events 2000

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Events in *italics* are provisional only. Further details on the club from the

Secretary, Min Standen G0JMS ☎ 0118 9723504

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Thursday 10th February 2000	Electronics the Easy Way !!!!!	G0JMS
Thursday 9th March 2000	Not a Soldering Iron in sight..... Jim G0LHZ & Des G8HF ... so they say!!!	
Thursday 9th March 2000	Spring Junk Sale... get that shack cleared out and come and refill it with new bargains.	G0JMS
Saturday 18th March	Three Towers Hike 2000 contact Simon G7PKO or Stuart G7ITU <i>Helpers WANTED</i> www.threetowers.org.uk	G7PKO G7ITU
Thursday 13th April 2000	An Introduction to Yaesu Products - from Paul Bigwood G3WYW Commercial Sales Manager Yaesu UK Ltd.	G0JMS
Thursday 11th May 2000	Desert Island Radio..... The annual challenge and always a good laugh.	G0JMS
Saturday 20th May	Christian Aid Walk - Henley Rugby Club	G0JMS
Saturday/Sunday 3rd & 4th June	Volunteers req. Email Min G0JMS g0jms@radarc.org HF National Field Day - Is the QRP team going to enter again? or perhaps we can enter two teams, QRP & Restricted?	G0VQR
Thursday 8th June 2000	To Be Advised	
Saturday/Sunday 1st & 2nd July	VHF National Field Day.... A favourite of the Club in the past	G0VQR
Sunday July 16th	McMichael Rally 2000 Volunteers for car park duties & Club Bring and Buy Table	G0JMS

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