

CLUB NET

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Due to production difficulties, we were unable to bring you Club Net in the March issue. However we have a bumper bundle for you in this issue. One

or two diary items will be out of date by the time this column appears. Please forgive us and we shall try to ensure that the delay doesn't happen again.

When submitting material for use in our Club Net column, please remember that there is at least a six week delay between receipt and publica-

tion. It helps us in no small way to have your news notes as early as possible. All the best. Frank G4JST, Editor Ham Radio Today.

Here we are almost into Spring, but it's far from Spring as I write this month's Club Net. Then the common cry seemed to be dig deep it's sub's time; that was nearly three months ago, so if you haven't paid up yet what about it lads? Clubs cost money to run you know!

One of the clubs reminding its members to pay up is the **Central Scotland FM Group**. From their multi-page newsletter I have picked just one or two items of interest. One in particular is their strong concern for the loss of the band one and band three television spectrum. It was hoped that some of these would be allocated to ham radio; unfortunately it seems that it is all going to go to commercial mobiles.

In his editorial, Colin Dalziel GM8LBC, raises the question that there is a strong case for 50 MHz and nobody would be averse to a bit of room around 200 MHz; and how about an exclusive amateur TV allocation! He goes on to suggest that Amateur TV in this country needs to lobby the Government on its behalf and is suggested that the RSGB attempts to set up an amateur lobby in Parliament. This is not so difficult as one would assume, Stirling's own MP holds an amateur call sign. (I wonder how many MP's this also applies to?)

NORTHERN SHOW

The next interesting point is that the **21st Northern Amateur Radio Societies Association** are to hold their exhibition, previously known as "Belle Vue", to be held on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March 1983 at Pontin's Holiday Village, Ainsdale, Southport. The exhibition opens on Saturday at 11am to 5pm and Sunday from 10am until 4pm. Admission at 60p per day or £1 for the weekend. Pontin's chalet accommodation is offered at prices from £10 to £26 per night. Further details from Colin, or Pontin's telephone 0704 77165.

Scottish Convention 1983 will be held in Glasgow on 29th August. The venue will be Gardonald Technical College. The social event is scheduled for the Bellahouston Hotel in the evening.

The 2 Metre repeater GB30C is being built to cover the north coast of Scotland and is sited on Wideford Hill, near Kirkwall on the Orkney Mainland at 742 ft above sea level.

The most northerly GB2RS, heard on Sundays at 0930 on S21 is read by the first all XYL broadcasting staff, namely GM4KNQ and GM4LNN.

The **Scottish Repeater Group** are to apply for a special 'one off' for high-power licencing for three Scottish 2M repeaters, GB3HI, GB3GN and GB3SS due to a special geographical locations. Also the 2M phase 6 applications GB3PA, GB40C (Orkney) and GB3LU (Shetland).

From this mine of information I find that the City and Guilds Institute *Radio Amateurs Exam* is to be held three times a year in the future i.e. December, 21st March 1983 and 16th May 1983. There is a great deal more interesting information in this publication. Unfortunately space is limited! For further information contact Colin Dalziel GM8LBC, 12 Dunure Drive, Earnock, Hamilton, ML3.

The next club we call on this month is **Rolls Royce Amateur Radio Club** at Barnoldswick. Bill Roberts G4PWC has taken me to task for not knowing the location. However, I have since looked it up and find that I have been there! So much for my geography!! Bill says he has just become the Club's PRO. Well, done Bill, let's be having lots of news and photo's from you. Forthcoming events are Wednesday 2nd February - Lecture by Albert Leaver G4ECB - *Computing* and Wednesday 2nd March *Construction Contest Display* and Judging.

One piece of news is the addi-

tional Club Call sign to the G3RR already held the Club now holds the callsign G6RRB (Rolls Royce Barnoldswick). This is for use by club members within the existing rules of the Club.

Slow Morse Practice transmissions are broadcast each Friday evening at 8.00 pm on S33 -145.550. Reports are welcomed at the end of the broadcasts from licenced Radio Amateurs or from Short Wave Listeners by QSL.

For further information please contact Bill Roberts G4PWC, who hasn't given his address, but I am sure that letters addressed Rolls Royce Amateur Radio Club, Barnoldswick, Colne, Lancashire, will be passed on.

PROFESSIONAL RADIO

It appears that the **Wakefield and District Radio Society G3WRS** have settled in to their new palatial quarters and there is the additional advantage of a small room which is used as a shack which will make on the air nights much easier for them.

Forthcoming events - 8th February *Visit of Radio Aire Studios* 22nd February *Debate on Amateur Radio* - 8th March *Electrical Power Generation* - (Films) - 22nd March *On-the-Air/Natter Night*. The Society meets on alternate Tuesdays at Holmfield House, Denby Dale Road, Wakefield. Meetings start at 8.00 pm prompt and new members and visitors are always welcome. Further details from the Secretary Rick Sterry G4BLT on Wakefield 255515. I've no doubt you can grab him on the air!

Back now to **Glenrothes and District Amateur Radio Club GM4GRC** in Fife, Scotland, who seem to have a bit of a problem on their hands with Raynet. It seems that while everybody is expanding the country, they are having problems getting amateurs interested enough to keep the group going. I find this a great pity as no doubt

the usefulness of Raynet in the district has been shown; if not, it should have been. I cannot wholly agree with the defeatist attitude that CB's REACT forming a useful and voluntary network. From my personal experience with REACT, Raynet is a considerably better trained body and more suited to the situation. If the CB's were to use plain English I might be prepared to go along with it, but imagine trying to pass messages in CB language. (Cyril, you think that amateurs speak plain English? - Ed) Come on lads, get together and get that Raynet Group organised. Emergencies have no respect for time or place. You never know when YOU could be doing a powerful job.

A new award will be introduced to radio amateurs by the Scottish Tourist Board from 25th November. The award is in three classes: Bronze - 30 districts worked. Silver - 45 and Gold all 56 districts worked. Details and applications from A.G. Anderson, GM3BCL, West Balfour House, Durris, Banchoy AB3 3BJ. Forthcoming Events - February 16th - *Visit BBC MW Transmitter, Falkirk* (numbers limited). Meeting on 20th February - to be arranged. For further information contact Club Secretary Gavin Lucas GM4EJI, Provosts Land, Leslie, Fife, Scotland.

Junk Sale

Our next Club is one of several new members to the net and is **Stratford-upon-Avon & District Amateur Radio Club**, who meet at the Control Tower, Bearley Radio Station, Bearley, nr. Stratford on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, commencing at 7.30 pm. A talk in is available if required, on 145.550 MHz (S22).

Their programme for the year looks very interesting and is as follows. February 10th - *Introduction to 10 GHz microwave equipment and operating by*