

3MY, 3WW, 5GX, 5JU, 5PP, 5RW, 6CW, 6FO, 6HY, 6MN, 6OS, 6VX, 8DD, 8JI, 8UZ. In addition, the following are only a few amongst those who have given written

TWO-METRE ACTIVITY BY COUNTIES

The Midlands and North

Cheshire
G3DH, G4OS, G5CP

Cumberland
G3ACY, G3BW

Derby
G3MY/P, G5RW

Durham
G4WB, G8AO, G8IF, G8JO

Lancashire
G2AOA, G2IN, G2OI, G3BY, G3DA, G3ZM, G5KX, G6LC, G6MI, G8FI, G8TD

Leicester
G2RI, G3BKQ, G3ENS

Lincoln
G3DMU, G5BD

Norfolk
G2XS, G3VM, G5UD

Northants
G2AUA, G2HCG, G3BBA

Northumberland
G2DBQ, G3CYY, G4LX

Notts
G3APY, G6CW, G8UZ

Shropshire
G4LU

Staffs.
G3CXD, G3EEZ, G3TF, G6FK, G8KL

Warwick
G2ATK, G2AVQ, G3ABA, G4RK, G5JU, G5LJ, G6SN, G8MZ, G8QY

Yorks
G2IQ, G2MA, G3ALD, G3ALY, G3CC, G3COJ, G3CUJ, G5GX, G6OS, G6YO

SCOTLAND

Airdrie
GM3BDA

Dumfries
GM3OL

Forfar
GM4HR

Lanark
GM5VG

Midlothian
GM3BBW, GM6LS, GM6SR

NORTH WALES

Caernarvon
GW3ELM, GW5UO

Montgomery
GW2ADZ

NORTHERN IRELAND

Antrim
GI2FHN, GI2HML, GI3FKO

Southern Counties next month

promises of support: G2NH, 2OI, 3BW, 3CYY, 3DAH, 3DMU, 3EJL, 3VM, 3WS, 3YH, 4LX, 5MR, 8AO, 8LY, 8WV. During the past two months many other indications of approval have been received, and only five letters of dissent. So it is now up to everyone who has promised support to make the scheme work. G2XC will be back on 145.29 on October 1.

Contests

Contest plans were also fully discussed at the Nottingham meeting, and as a result separate two-metre and 70-cm. events are being arranged. The former will be in November, the exact dates to be announced later.

The 70-cm. Contest will be on two week-ends, September 10-11 and October 8-9, the period being from mid-day Saturday to midnight Sunday in each case. Either portable or fixed QTH operation will be permitted, and contacts may be prearranged or made after initial contact on another band, and half-points will be allowed for cross-band operation—420 mc to any other band, and either way. Points will be scored at one per mile, that is, 25 miles make 25 points.

Although this first 420 mc Contest is on a points scoring basis, it is hoped that all competitors will appreciate that the idea behind the event is to *encourage 70 cm. activity* and it is therefore urged that everyone with 70 cm. equipment, either Tx or Rx, be active on those week-ends, whatever may be their chances of winning the Contest.

Results of the first week-end should be sent in to us by September 16 so that a brief report can be given in the October *Short Wave Magazine*, and the final score for the two week-ends combined by October 14. Details of equipment and operating sites should also be included.

Beams

Aerials for Two have occupied a prominent place in the correspondence this month. Stacked arrays seem to be gaining favour everywhere. G2KG (Chelmsford) says, "If the average ham would discard his Yagi (unless stacks of 3 or 4), also throw away his low-loss coaxial, there would be plenty of DX about." G5GX (Leven) similarly comments, "One can tell a station using a stacked array by its consistency and its strength." G2KG has a fixed array with a theoretical gain of 17 dB trained on PA, and a similar one, rotary and 70 ft. up, with which he has been putting S9 signals all over the country. An array of stacked rhombics aimed north has also been tried. Regarding coaxial cable, one length of 60 ft. was found to have 6 dB attenuation at 145 mc, with a SWR of only 1.6.