

Radio and Electronics Fair

The West Kent Amateur Radio Society will hold a Radio and Electronics Fair at the Royal Victoria Hall, Southborough (between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells) on Saturday, 21 July 1984, and doors will be open to the public from 10.30am to 5.00pm. Adequate car parking facilities are available nearby.

All available exhibition space has been sold and the organisers anticipate a very large attendance of people interested in electronic based hobbies, which will include amateur radio, computers, viewdata, electronic construction and video games.

To celebrate the holding of the Fair, WKARS will be operating two special event stations, GBOWKS and GB2WKS, from 22 June until 20 July. GB2WKS will also be used, at the Fair, as a demonstration and talk-in station.

Further information from: *The Event Organiser, Dave Green G40TV, 13 Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. Tel: (0892) 28275.*

Irish Radio Transmitters' Society

The Annual General Meeting of the above society took place on Sunday 29 April 1984, at the Metropole Hotel, Cork City.

The AGM was preceded on the Saturday by the Annual Banquet, where the guest speaker was Owen Curtin, Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork.

Both functions were very well attended and the Cork Radio Club ran a special event station with talk-in on 144MHz.



At the Banquet l-r: John Cooney EI366, Treasurer; Paul Martin EI2CA, Vice-President; Tom O'Connor EI9U, National President; Cllr. Owen Curtin, Deputy Lord Mayor of Cork and Con Hunter EI9V, Secretary

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Insurance

Readers who are interested in applying to the *PW Radio Users Insurance Scheme* are advised to use the coupon published on page 18 of last month's issue.

Ambit becomes Cirkit

Ambit International (Broadcasting Limited), Solent Component Supplies, Broxlea Limited and Projex Distribution—which represent the electronics distribution and custom manufacturing activities of A. F. Bulgin & Company PLC—were renamed Cirkit from 1 May 1984 as the first stage in a major development programme.

The move is intended to provide industry and the home-user with a comprehensive and efficient one-stop service including the supply of latest high-technology components, modules and service aids, plus a custom manufacturing and test facility.

Cirkit's headquarters are located at Park Lane, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire, where a substantial investment has been made in communication and data processing equipment to ensure that customer requirements are serviced quickly and efficiently. There are also branches at Portsmouth, Croydon and Brentwood.

More than 10 000 product lines are stocked by Cirkit, and later this year the company will publish its first consolidated catalogue to replace the present Ambit, Solent and Projex publications.

Among Cirkit's exclusive UK agencies are Alps, claimed to be the world's largest manufacturer of electro-mechanical devices and Toko, a world leader in wound components. Cirkit is expanding its share of the growing home-user market through mail-order and retail outlets. A new range of graded kits and modules has been introduced as a part of this programme. These enable electronics to be applied to a wide variety of everyday applications and cater for beginners as well as experts.

On the Move

Arrow Electronics Ltd. have moved to new and larger premises at Hatfield Peverel in Essex.

The new showroom, which opened on 30 March 1984, saw almost 500 customers through its doors on the opening day, who came to look round the enormous stock of competitively priced stock Arrow carry, and to join the Directors in a goodwill toast to the new enterprise.

For further information, contact: *Arrow Electronics Ltd., 5 The Street, Hatfield Peverel, Nr. Chelmsford, Essex CM8 3YL. Tel: (0245) 381673 and 381626.*

ATV Group

The Home Counties Amateur Television Group meet at Richings Park Sports and Social Club, Iver, Buckinghamshire, at 8.30pm every fourth Wednesday in the month.

This versatile group operate both slow and fast scan monochrome and colour television on the h.f. bands, as well as the 430MHz, 1.3GHz and 10GHz bands.

Their next meeting is on 25 July, when visitors will be very welcome.

Further details from: *P. W. Andrews G6MNJ, 4 Greensward, Kings Court, Ashfield Avenue, Bushey, Herts. WD2 3HQ.*

Are Lowes at it again?

Readers of this column will be aware that recently Lowe Electronics have been expanding and opening new branches throughout the UK.

We hear through the grapevine that David Monkhouse, Lowe's AR man, has been observed recently, with a bundle of plans under his arm, at shop premises at 223/225 Field End Road, Eastcote, Middlesex (next to Eastcote tube station). Is this to be the location of their new shop when they move from their Pentonville premises?

Whilst on the subject of Lowe Electronics, I understand that they have been selected by Trio as distributors of the Trio range of PMR (Private Mobile Radio) equipment, and those parties interested in dealerships are invited to contact: *Lowe Electronics, Bentley Bridge, Chesterfield Road, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 5LE. Tel: (0629) 2430 and 2817.*

50MHz News

We understand that around the time this issue of PW is published, the 50MHz beacon GB3NHQ (GB3 New H Q) located at the RSGB building in Potters Bar, should come on-air on a 24-hour basis—subject to DTI approval.

The beacon has been air tested recently and these tests were monitored by stations within the UK, which resulted in reports of good reception throughout southern/midlands UK, with tropo enhancement into Wales and meteor scatter pings/bursts into Scotland.

When operational the beacon, on 50.050MHz, will transmit the f.s.k. callsign routine, followed by the full 6-figure Maidenhead system locator reference. No doubt all reports will be very welcome at RSGB HQ.

RSGB, Alma House, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 3JN. Tel: (0707) 59015.

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