

R.R.G NEWSLETTER

Notice of AGM

The AGM of the RRG will be held at
**Nationwide House, Pipers Way,
 Swindon, Wiltshire on Wednesday
 May 10th 2006 at 19.30pm.**

Talk in on GB3WH and GB3TD



How to get there:

From M4 Junction 15, take the A419 north towards Cirencester.

At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit on the A4259 towards Swindon.

Travel along this road for about 1 mile over a mini roundabout and 2nd exit on the next roundabout until you approach a large roundabout.

Take the first exit towards Wroughton and the A4361 (Devizes Road).

Travel down the hill for about ½ mile and at next roundabout turn right towards **Nationwide HQ.**

Follow signs for Car Parking and report to the main Reception and sign in.

We hope you have a good evening were you will be able to meet other members and guests.

Repeater News

GB3WH "VHF" The repeater has functioning well over the winter with no known outages. It has been reported that some stations were heard dropping out on initial access. The committee think this may be due to the stations over deviating which is a common problem.



Engineering work will be carried out soon to install the new logic built by Andy G0BEQ. This would replace the existing logic and would have remote control capabilities. The new logic was built the same as GB3TD with identical connectors and mounted in a 1U module to ensure common standards between repeaters.

GB3TD "UHF" Paul, G7MTX has rebuilt the repeater in a new rack using 2 x Storno 9000's mounted back to back. One is a standby unit and was complete apart from a receive crystal. The receive leg now has a distribution amplifier which feeds both radios and incorporates some band pass filtering. The radios were now operating on a 12volt dc system and have battery back up which provides about 12 hours. It is proposed to increase the back up time when more batteries became available. Power failed condition would be indicated with a letter "P" at the end of an over. Some further work was needed on the standby unit TX audio and also some work around the AC mains supply to the rack.



Rob G4XUT reported the repeater was operating better than before Christmas.

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GB7NW "AX25" repeater for North Wiltshire still remains active. Operator issues over the NW9/SW9 links have now been resolved thanks to Chris G1YGY. The group has been in discussions with the Gloucestershire Repeater regarding the closer of the links to the Forest Of Dean which could be shut be shutdown in April 2006. We will keep you posted on the outcomes.

Echolink The group hopes to continue to provide this service by one of our committee members taking over the NOV link. At the time of going to press I have no further information so we will have to wait and see.

Membership 2006

This financial year we saw a lot of activity regarding the sales of the Ascom radios which gave the group sufficient financial funds to improve the repeaters.

It is very important that our membership continues to be well supported as this coming financial year will see a predicted drop in Ascom sales due to availability and possible market saturation.

Membership applications forms are separately attached to the news letter where you can pay at the AGM or send via the post to our Treasurer.

Further details can be obtained from our web site: - www.rrg.org.uk

News from G8YMM

Westrally

As a founder organiser of Westrally you will be pleased to note that we will be holding it again on the 25th of June 2006 in Frome. Last year RRG supported the rally by sharing a table stand with North Bristol ARC to which I am Chairman. The stand allowed us to sell a considerable number of Ascoms and make contact with some of the members attending. In order for the rally to survive it is important it is well attended so do try and come along.

If you or any group wish to trade or simply attend, details can be found on our web site.

www.westrally.org.uk

Where is G8YMM?

If you're wondering why you have not heard my dulcet tones on GB3WH it's because my radio activities were brought to a halt last year when I was made redundant. This meant I was no longer travelling by car from Bristol to Chippenham on a daily basis. However, I found new employment straight away in London working for my one of my customers "Metronet" managing the Control and Information Systems for the underground network.

To feed my radio habit, I now have a regular evening QSO with Richard G4MUF from the Train via GB3TD. It's interesting to say the least, what with the general public wondering what I am doing with the window open and the train travelling at 125mph!! The QSO last about 10-15 mins before I loose the box going into the first tunnel near RAF Halavingdon. However, GB3TD can still be heard all the way to the second tunnel at Badmington which is impressive.

Article on Humidity and Weather

Richard G4MUF as supplied an article for the news letter. You will find this attached to the email or included in the post.

Dates for your Diaries

The West of England Radio Rally

25 June 2006, Frome, Somerset

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