

Ridgeway Repeater Group

2009 April News Letter

Notice of AGM
Wednesday 13th May 2009
19:45hrs

NOTE The AGM will be held at the:

Lawn Community Centre
Guildford Avenue,
Swindon,
SN3 1LA

All those interested in the Swindon area VHF & UHF Repeaters GB3WH, GB3TD, etc are welcome. See www.rrg.org.uk for more details.



Membership 2009/10

Membership applications forms are separately attached to the news letter or obtained from our web site. We will be also accepting payments at the AGM and hope to have PayPal on the Website very soon.

The membership is down compared to recent years thus to keep the repeaters going we need members. Therefore, can you encourage regular users that are not members to perhaps consider joining the group? The present membership list is on our website.

Repeater News

GB3WH The repeater continues to perform well with no outages. However, some stations have reported various noises being heard through the repeater and minor access problems. The committee has agreed that maintenance was due and that the new logic could be fitted at the same time.

A minor end fed aerial fault was noted which would require an aerial analyser. Once an analysis has been carried out, the exact problem should be narrowed down to aerial and/or feeder problem.

Frequency	Input 145.050MHz Output 145.650MHz
Channel	R2 - RV52
Tone Access	118.8Hz CTCSS (J) or 1750Hz Tone burst
Cavity Filters	Sinclair Cavity resonators
Antenna	End fed 0db gain Single aerial working
Location	8km SE Swindon
Locator	IO91EM

Repeater Keeper Tony G4LDL

Note: GB3WH is currently using a lower folded dipole as the end fed has developed a fault

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GB3TD No outages had occurred since the last committee meeting and the repeater was working well with only a few unknown interference noises from time to time.

Frequency Input 434.675MHz
Output 433.075MHz

Channel RB3 - RU246

Tone Access 118.8Hz CTCSS (J)
or 1750Hz Tone burst

Radio Equipment Storno 9000

Cavity Filters Motorola Duplexer

Antenna Stacked Omni dipole

Location 9km SE Swindon

Locator IO91DL

Repeater Keeper Rob G4XUT

GB7NW Due to recent years of rodent infestations / activities!! The committee have recently concreted the base of the GB7NW kiosk over to prevent them getting in. Also, it was suggested a further path be laid in front of the kiosk to make access easier.

The Packet nodes are now on test on 144.9375, 432.675 and 70.4875Mhz after major rebuild by Andy G0BEQ. Reports please to Andy G0BEQ or Rob G4XUT.

MB7UR This was working well with the occasional reset required. The feeder was in need of replacing for a low loss cable and the support pole for a stronger one. This could increase the output by approx 3db.

Location Co-sited with GB3TD
TX 10watts
Antenna 2 x 5/8 co-linear at 10ft AGL
TNC Paccomm Tiny2
Keeper Andy G0BEQ

Other News

RRG Website Andy G0BEQ has taken ownership and updated the Website. PayPal Will be one of the new features implemented to provide an easier method of payment for the membership. We hope you will take advantage of this facility and encourage others to join the group.

Echolink Tony G4LDL reported that the Echolink service was operating when possible. There were regrettably only a few users of the service.

News from G8YMM

WESTRALLY 2009

Once again, I am pleased to announce that the "Severn Side TV Group" we will be holding Westrally in Frome on the 28th of June 2009.

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

www.westrally.org.uk

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