

NEWS LETTER.

In presenting the first copy of this news sheet it is felt that the policy (if the arrangements may be given the courtesy of such a high flown term) should be outlines.

Firstly and chiefly come the programme announcements, which will, in this fashion, it is hoped, reach every member.

Secondly comes the expansion of the above with notes on speakers &c.

Thirdly and lastly, the rag chew.

COMING EVENTS.

- 30th May No meeting
- 6th June Field Day Reflections
- 13th June Talk on the B.2. Tx.
- 20th June Talk by G3GHT (Mr. Knox of Falklands fame.)
- 27th June A Listener's Shack - W. Lloyd Esq.

G.O. - S.L.P.'s. D. Rickers.

As there are few listeners in the Society who specialise in receiving either amateur or broadcast stations, I intend in this section to promote rather than support this most important aspect of Amateur Radio.

If, by "Amateur Radio" we mean "The art of communication between amateur radio enthusiasts on authorised bands," then it must follow that anyone who is not interested in either the reception or transmission of radio waves cannot be a radio amateur. (Here the Hon. Sec. disagrees.)

At this point it might be convenient to admonish those who use that most unsuitable word "ham", probably thinking that it conveys a "feeling of friendship". Admittedly, it may be so in "Ham" (sic) circles, but have you ever stopped to consider what associations the word "ham" has for that very important person, the layman? Its use could lay amateur radio open to ridicule, and it would certainly convey the impression that a radio amateur is just a "knob-twiddler" and not the scientific worker he is, or should be!

Some time ago certain club members used to hold "set listening periods" privately, and obtained some interesting results. A S.L.P. merely takes the form of a chosen band and fixed time period during which those listening log what they hear, with the exception of the more common countries. If anyone is interested in this, please let me know, and we can try an S.L.P.

Of late my attention has been drawn to the activities of a "Pirate" presumably located in the Wrexham area. GW3BKP of Coedpoeth, near Wrexham has informed me that his call has been pirated on 40 m. phone

and C.W. stations in the Liverpool area have also apparently had their calls pirated. The signal strength and quality of the transmissions are good, if not the operating, but I still fail to see how anyone could sink to the low level where, in addition to illegally transmitting, he uses another persons call.

14 mc. Activity.

The 14 mc band has proved surprising at times with many Asiatics coming in on CW in the early afternoon. The writer does not listen much to phone, but concentrates on CW for the better DX stations (a habit picked up from 2YS.)

DL4YV and DL4NH have both been heard "airmobile" travelling between the U.S. Zone and Burtonwood. For those who want Trieste MF2AA, Bob Carragher, is back on the air again, with good quality this time too! A Russian contest held recently brought a shower of rare U prefixes, and all were heard, although not by the writer who missed out on UH8, UM8 and UD6. All those prefixes count as separate countries by the way.

Has anyone heard VT1^{RF} yet? He is genuine on 14 mc CW and 28 mc phone from Kuwait in the Persian Gulf. If you ever hear W1PH on CW, who has, by the way, worked over 200 countries, listen for the six to eight dots in the H. I have only heard him send it correctly twice!

Well that exhausted the space for this time, but I would very much appreciate any DX news, Broadcast band news, queries about unusual stations, news of receipt of QSLs &c. and last, but not least, send in any gossip or details of amusing (or otherwise) incidents on the "Farmyard" band, 40m, and any other news.

Silent Key

It is with regret that we learnt of the death of Jesse D. Bell EL5B, whose call will be familiar to listeners on 23mc. It is just another warning to take care with high voltage apparatus, or when climbing the mast.

Listening Contest.

I intend to sponsor a contest sometime in the near future. It will be of different form from the last one, as I believe there was some confusion over the rules. The next issue of the news letter will contain in this section hints on receiving DX and keeping a log.

Until then, keep listening!

The Other Man's set-up.

It is felt that a feature under the above heading will serve a useful purpose. For instance you may be offered a PQR 165B quite cheap (so you think) and not know even what it is. If however you know who has one, you can go to him and be told just why you should not waste your money.

A WORD FROM THE HON. SEC.

Readers will note that the well known lynx of the etherways, Denis Rickers, has seen fit to strike a cowardly blow at the true radio amateur and his high calling of disinterested research into such weighty matters as T.V. High class audio, sound recording &c. Rest assured that a counter attack will follow in due course.

Till then we crave our readers indulgence for a scanty rag and plead that it was essential to get the programme published before it became of purely historical interest.

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