

RADIO TODAY

Quieter show

Whether people are running out of money or that the Granby Halls are losing their appeal, attendance at the Leicester amateur radio show was significantly down on last year.

There was a definite feeling among the trade stands that the crowds stayed away, according to one estimate by as much as a third. Having said that, the first and last days were crowded to ten deep in the aisles with plenty of the traditional bargains evident for those who could fight their way to the front.

More than one trader told us that the fall in attendance could be attributed to the growing number of small regional shows and rallies while just as many commented that amateurs had noticeably less money to spend these days.

Whatever problems there might be for the ARRA sponsored Leicester event, there was little enthusiasm evident for the move of the London show from the Alexandra Palace to the NEC, Birmingham. Many commented that while the trade may grudgingly support this event despite change of venue,



Pride of place on the Datong stand was the new FL3 frequency agile SSB filtering unit. According to preliminary reports from our reviewer, the device is excellent. However we will bring you full details next month. Dr D A Tong stands to the right of the picture.

visitors would not be prepared to travel to the NEC. It remains to be seen whether the London and Southern counties amateurs vote with their feet.



The Leicester show. The guy from the Cxtronics stand was trying to get himself into all the pictures. He only managed this one.

The Leicester show wasn't short of people wanting to twiddle the knobs. However the dealers report that the amateurs were a little more reluctant with their cash this year.

RSGB HQ change

The RSGB has moved from its old London address to Potters Bar. It can now be contacted at: Alma House, Cranborne Road, Potters Bar, EN6 3JW. Phone: (0707) 59015.