

FORTHCOMING RALLY

June 12th — RNARS Mobile Rally at HMS Mercury from 1000 to 1730 hours. A family outing with entertainment for all ages, plus Trade stands and hot and cold refreshments, also a Grand Raffle with instant prizes — all under cover.

More details from Wally G4DIU, 103 Torrington Road, North End, Portsmouth PO2 QTN.

And yet another club determined to make our staff blush again! **The Radio Amateurs Technical Engineering Club (RATEC)**.

Founded in June 1961, the club shot to fame to the point where attending membership had to be limited to 100 (how many clubs can carry a boast like that), with an overall membership of some 500 world wide.

It appears that the club's aims are to turn back the clock to the good old days of home brew. The group publish an excellent bi-monthly magazine *RATEC NEWS* which only lacks one thing, the Club's name in full, acronyms are fine if you know what they mean! (I confirm that the mag is excellent. How about letting me join, please — Ed)

Local meetings are held on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm in the British Legion, Moor Lane, Woodford, Cheshire.

For more information contact the Secretary Bob Marsh, G8TYH or magazine Editor Dave de Souza Kirby G3VFP at 17 Laleham Green, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3LJ or phone 061 439 2377.

A new Club Secretary to report in is Chris Young G4CCC of the **Reading & District Amateur Radio Club**. Chris is anxious to get more publicity for the Club and to increase its membership so just keep the details coming Chris and I will do my best to help.

The club meets at 8.00 pm in the club room of the White Horse Emmer Green, Reading on Tuesdays. Their next meeting, march 15th "RF Hazards and the Radio amateur". March 29th "Radio Interference Department of British Telecom". For further information contact Chris at 18 Wincroft Rd, Caversham, Reading, 'phone: Reading 471461.

For a Sunday afternoon outing what could be better than a visit to the **East London Group** who meet at Wanstead House (100 yds behind Wanstead Underground Station) Ilford, Essex, at 2.45 pm. Their next meeting, 20th March when they discuss RSGB "Your Society, which direction?". I would think the obvious answer to this is 'any

which way but up!' For up to the minute information contact Julian Greenberg G6DXW. Who doesn't want to tell you his address or 'phone number. "HI!"

Cunningham & District Amateur Radio Club join the net for the first time. They meet Thursday nights at 7.30 at 1 Bonnyton Row, Gridle Toll, Irvine, also Tuesday nights which is reserved for RAE instruction. As we are short of a diary of forthcoming events I suggest you give the Club a shout; their call sign is GM3USL. For further information call Rodger Bryce GM3IOB, 3 West Bowhouse Way, Gridle Toll, Irvine, 'phone Irvine 215728.

I had a most interesting letter from Richard Sugden G8QH of the **Goole Radio & Electronics Society**. Thank you Richard for your few kind words (flattery will get you anything — on this page anyway!)

Don't forget, meetings are held every Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the new club house in Paradise Street. A film night is being held on 15th March and a talk by an RSGB Rep on 22nd March and if they've got the aerials up in time they will have an 'on the air evening' on 29th. Call Richard Sugden G8QH at 8 Kings Rd, Swinefleet, Goole, North Humberside, for further info.

The newly appointed Public Relations Manager is Keith Pope G6CGZ, you poor devil, who will tell you all about the **Bolton & District Amateur Radio Society** — G8WY, who meet every Wednesday at 8 pm in the Horwich Leisure Centre. This 70 member strong club devotes some meetings to formal lectures, activity nights, morse code practice, etc., and occasionally wind up the HF and VHF transceivers. Further details from Keith Pope, 403 Derby St, Bolton, Lancs on Bolton 62443.

On the first Tuesday in every month at 7.00 pm you can find the **Tynedale Amateur Radio Club** G4IZW in 'the room at the end of the bar' at the Falcon Hotel, Prudhoe-on-Tyne, Co. Durham. What they do in there is anyone's guess as they don't include a list of forthcoming events, but Ken Hatton, 8, Alnwick St, Newburn, Newcastle, 'phone (0632) 678828 will be only too pleased to help.

Thank you Mike for introducing the **Atherstone Amateur Radio Club** to the net, their active call signs are G4LCQ and G6ARC. Meetings are held on second and third Thursdays of each month at 7.30 in the Tudor Centre Coleshill Rd, Atherstone. For information on club activities join the club net any Sunday at 10.30 on S17 or Mike Wooding G6IQM, 16 Hilltop New Arley, Nr. Coventry.

Now finally settled into their new abode, the **Fylde Amateur Radio Society**, hold their meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2000 hours at the Queens Hotel, Central Beach, Lytham.

Their next meeting on March 8th is on 'Aircraft Instrumentation' by G4AHZ and on 22nd they are holding an 'Informal Evening'. Harold Fenton G8GG the Programme Secretary will be pleased to see any new members.

The action packed Newsletter from the **World Association of Christian Radio Amateurs & Listeners** made interesting reading, but unfortunately due to space limitations I cannot include all Len Colley G3AGX packs into it. He is already planning the Association's 1983 Conference which he hopes will be even better than last year's. I hope your rig is back on the air now Len; keep up the good work! Details and information of the Club can be obtained from Len at Micasa, 13 Ferry Rd, Wawne, Nr. Hull.

(AND BY THE WAY CHAPS, WHEN WRITING FOR INFORMATION TO CLUBS, DON'T FORGET THE S.A.E. IF YOU WANT A REPLY. POSTAGE COSTS MONEY!!!)

From the 'Carpet Country' comes an interesting letter from Peter Peach G3GOS, the new Secretary of the **Axe Vale Amateur Radio Club**, who meet on the first Friday of every month at 7.30 pm at the Cavalier Inn at Axminster, where all are welcome. Peter tells me the club members have done trojan work on the 70 cm repeater at Stockland Hill and also run a local RAE course. Keep the news coming Peter and good luck with the 'many changes'. New members and visitors can contact Peter on (0297) 34259.

I am pleased to hear the **Rhyl & District Amateur Radio Club** is 'alive well and flourishing', they meet at the 1st Rhyl Scout Headquarters, Tynwydd Rd, Rhyl, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The second Thursday is usually an informal meeting. Forthcoming events include an 'Activity Night' on March 10th and on 24th March is an RSGB Film Night'. Further information contact Bryan GW8OYT on Rhyl 37284 or Paul GW4NLD on Rhyl 31227.

Of course the winter edition of **RNARS** newsletter is choc-a-bloc with goodies from throughout the world. To mention just a couple 'If in doubt, short it out!' is the title of an article by G4DEP who writes of his experiments with a long wire antenna shorted to deck at each end!!! Naturally a number of the club's

members were involved in the contretemps in the South Atlantic last year and a resume of the action from the communications point of view is given by Commander Ian Anderson-Mochrie G3VCM.

There is a gentle reminder from the Club of the **RSGHB Exhibition** in Birmingham on the 5th-6th March, also HMS Belfast Activity Week from 2nd-9th April. Contact CRS M Puttick G3LIK on Waterlooville 55880 — weekends only — for further information.

SPECIAL EVENT STATION

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Charter to the City of Gloucester, **Gloucester Amateur Radio Society** will be operating special event station GB2ROG (Richard of Gloucester) on the second and third of September 1983. To further mark the Charter of Incorporation, which was granted by Richard III, the Society is organising an award for contacts with any "GARS" stations.

Stations claiming points for QSOs held with GARS stations between 1st January 1983 and 31st December 1983, will be awarded points as follows: GB2ROG — 15 points. G4AYM = 10 points. All other GARS members = 5 points. 15 points are required for the award working all bands up to 432 MHz in any mode. Each station may only be worked once.

GENERAL

CBer's in various stages of disenchantment with 27 MHz are finding a lot of interest in Ham Radio Today. To those who have written regarding graduating from CB to Ham Radio, I would simply say if the Amateur Radio Bug has bitten you, join your local Amateur Radio Club. They will help you over the RAE hurdles. It's nowhere near as hard as it sounds!

Raynet has been featured in the Club news several times this month, so one more mention won't hurt. I propose compiling a directory of Raynet Groups and make a request to all group Controllers — Please let me have the following details of your group as soon as possible — Controller's name, address, telephone number and call sign. Group's name, number and zone.

Thank you to all contributing Secretaries. Please do keep us informed of your forthcoming events and as many letters as you like to send us. Don't forget the challenge for photographs of your Club events. We want to make the pages lively. 73's 'til next month from Cyril Young G8KHH.