



WIRELESS DAY WASHOUT

Vintage Wireless Day at the Chalkpits Industrial Museum, Amberley, Sussex was marked by a shower of hailstones the size of golfballs which tore into the exhibitors' stands, and literally broke the event up.

The annual gathering of steam radio buffs (the Editor included), attracted a fair number of people despite a date clash with HF National Field Day. A number of stations were operational at the Amberley venue including the 400W installation at the permanent vintage radio section manned by the all amateur Brownlow family headed by Gerry G3WMU.

There was plenty to see and buy until the storm struck. Fortunately, the permanent museum exhibits, a fascinating collection given to the Industrial Museum by Ron Ham and David Rudlam, were not at risk from the freak weather.

The Industrial Museum is well worth the £1.40 entrance fee although a visit to the vintage wireless section is compulsory for anyone with half an interest in the subject. It covers both the civilian and military developments in radio technology from spark gap transmitters onwards; the driving force of military development is particularly evident. To anyone under the age of about 35, the exhibition of domestic radios and televisions is a real eye opener. How anyone could have tolerated these magnificent monstrosities in their living rooms remains a mystery.



'84 CALLBOOK

The RSGB's 1984 *Amateur Radio Call Book* will not be published until early next year, in order to include the new licencees who passed the May 1983 Radio Amateurs' Exam. In the past the book has been published in time for the annual ARRA Leicester exhibition.

NEW STATION ON 50MHz

GJ4ICD has given up his 50MHz research permit, and it has been allocated to GU2HML — the first Guernsey station to be allowed on this band.

SPACE SHUTTLE SETBACK

The 'Ham in Space' proposal in which Dr. Owen Garriott W5LFL will take a 2m rig on the Space Shuttle has hit a snag. NASA is proposing that frequencies above 146MHz be used for the up-link. Hopefully this will be changed.

VALVE WANTED

Anybody out there kind enough to sell the Editor a 12Q7 valve?



"... never been much good at small talk ..."

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