



CLUB MAGAZINE

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New Advanced license holders



Congratulations to our two newest advanced license holders, Nadine and Neil (both seated) on passing their Advanced Exam in December 2008. Nadine is now MM0WNW and Neil is now MM0NEO. Well done to (standing from left to right) Ian

GM3SEK, Ellis GM0HPK and Clive GM4FZH for doing a fine job in getting them through. To those that didn't pass, don't give in, try again. You too could get your picture posted here!

New or just re-newed!

Here's hoping the new year of the club will bring a hive of activity at all the events and talks that are being planned by that scary lot pictured over there.

Last year was a quiet year for events at the club. It was decided that this was the best thing to do so Clive and his band of merry men could concentrate on drumming all that technical stuff into the heads of the advanced class students.



Committee for 2008/2009

GM3SEK on ATU

January 22nd saw a very interesting talk by Ian GM3SEK on Antenna Tuning Units, he covered why we need them, what they do, how they do it and the best way of setting up ATU's both for the shack and portable and special event stations. Our picture shows Ian (left) with Richard MM1BHO Club President holding an ATU.

Maybe Ian could put it down in writing and have it printed here, for those of us that missed his talk and those of us that got lost at it, to read it and maybe even understand what we are doing with those ATU's.



A radio amateur friendly campsite is due to open in the spring in west Wales. Currently restricted to Camping & Caravan Club members, there are no problems with anyone erecting aerials and there are no neighbours to upset as well as being 750ft asl.

www.welshcampsite.co.uk

Club Radio Shack



Just a reminder for the members of the club, this is what the inside of the shack looks like. Yes, it does have radio's to operate, computers to use PSK etc on, maps, logbooks and all other things that make a shack a radio shack.

Why not pop in some Thursday night and have a look, you never know you might even want to have a go.

Is this shack like yours, if so, just tell Richard to go home!

How about sending some pictures of your shack?

W3LEO/MMOLEO

We are sad to announce the passing of Leo Boberschmidt W3LEO/MMOLEO, Leo died on Tuesday 11th November. Leo had been a member and friend to the club for many years and enjoyed his trips over from the states to visit friends and play radio here in Scotland. He will be sadly missed, The Wigtownshire Amateur Radio Club would like to pass on our deepest sympathy to Leo's family and friends.



Christmas night out at Bruce hotel



Latest Visitors to NZ

A copy of an email forwarded from Paul Godolphin

Just enjoyed a visit from Clive and Margaret, GM4FZH from Whithorn, Newton Stewart. Clive's busy at home trying to set up an alternative packet network to serve the north Cumbria and SW Scotland operators who are stranded since the demise of 'Hart' node. He's often on GB3DG although his QTH is ropery for getting into GB3CA or GB3AS.

Margaret and Clive are on a world tour, including Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and USA. They'll be home for hogmanay!

We had a great day out looking around Auckland city, and despite the abnormally heavy traffic due to Christmas shoppers and school summer holidays, got to the very top of the Skytower, where Margaret wistfully watched the youths throwing themselves off the 660 foot wire jump to the streets below - I almost thought she was going to try it herself ?...

Then we had a nice lunch at a cafe above the warm, sandy beaches on Auckland waterfront and toured the park before another lookout from the top of One Tree Hill volcano. No sign of Billy Connolly anywhere!

It was great to have our third lot of local Cumbria/SW Scotland hams to call. This time we were able to show off our new house!

Don't forget, all welcome!! We've got four bedrooms, a shack, an MPV and car, and a lift from the airport. Feel free to drop-by anytime!

Happy hols!

Paul and Judy

New Repeater

GB3LA

Lowther Hill, Dumfries and Galloway
GB3LA - RV57 - 145.7125/145.1125 - 1750/103.5Hz (G) Access

This is a proposed new 2M repeater which will be sited on Lowther Hill. For more info on this new repeater go to:

<http://www.ukrepeater.net/repeaters/gb3la.htm>

Face behind the mask



Our very own Ellis GM0HPK at The Hardrock Challenge on a nice sunny day . This was a one or two person team event in the forest at Dalbeatie. Competitors had to run 10Km and then cycle 20Km through the woods. Dumfries and Galloway Raynet provided safety cover by Amateur Radio. Ellis followed the competitors through on this off road motorcycle using 2mtrs to keep the organisers informed on the go!

Calendar for 2009

- January 22 **ATU's By Ian White GM3SEK**
- February 19 **Adventures with Aeroplanes By Helen Macdonald**
- March 19 **Shining a Light on Darkest Borneo By Tam Wylie GM4FDM**
- April 23 **Steam Garden Railways By Ian Macdonald GM8AVM**

Who's Who

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We need your input!

Hi folks

We need your input for the club and the magazine. If there is anything that you would like to share with your fellow amateurs, anything at all, tales of trips to far flung places, how you got started in amateur radio, pictures or description of your shack, or anything at all please feel free to email or hand in to the club and it will be included in the next magazine.

Also if you think that a particular event or talk would be of interest to the club, perhaps one you have been to before or have always wanted to see or learn more about, then let us know and we will see what we can do.

73's take care, 2M0NCM

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