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NKRS Newsletter

Our next meeting **1st August 2017** will be at the usual location. The Pop In Parlour (Rendezvous), Graham Road, Bexleyheath. (Opposite Asda). Doors open at 20.00.

Date	Event	Notes
01/08/17	Nicholas Wilkinson	A talk on his introduction to Amateur Radio
15/08/17	ILLW	Planning meeting for the event
19/20 August 2017 ++	ILLW	International Lighthouse Lightship weekend
05/09/17	Arc Tracking	A presentation by M Osborn
19/09/17	Natter Night	
03/10/17	Visit	RSGB President to visit NKRS
17/10/17	AGM	Provisional
20-20/10/17 ++	JOTA	GB2FCS activation for Footscray Cub Scouts
07/11/17	Natter Night	Station on the air
21/11/17	Peter Martin	Talk on using valves.
05/12/17	Natter Night	
12/12/17 ++	Curry Night	Probably the usual venue
19/12/17	Christmas EGM	Mince Pies

++ Not a normal club night

Please Note Some of the above dates have changed from the previous newsletter.

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Our next meeting is a talk by Nicholas Wilkinson G4HCK, from the Thurrock Acorns Amateur Radio Club
(TAARC) followed the development of amateur radio over the years.

According to the article in Practical Wireless he will explain that he had grown up with the hobby because his late father Edgar G3NEG had been an active amateur.

Frank and I met Nicholas when we gave a talk at TAARS and he has built a very successful club and he will be an interesting person for our members to meet. (He also reads this newsletter)

Those of you with an interest in military radios may find it particularly interesting.

Please make every effort to attend so we can have a good audience for what is our first visiting speaker for some time.

For more information on their club go to www.taarc.co.uk

Our previous meeting was rather interesting as it was a variation on the bring a thing night, it was bring a radio.

This resulted in an interesting collection of equipment which the owners had brought along and then spoke about.

KW Electronics KW2000 SSB transceiver from 1963. This is a really compact radio, similar in size to today's radios in size. It is an all-tube radio with coverage from 10m - 160m

From Steve G3ZPS

Eddystone 888A. Pre-WARC Amateur Bands only double-conversion s/het., derived from the earlier G.C. model, the 750. The 888A dates from 1957 - 1961.

Only a few hundred were built. Uses 11 valves - all miniature types, except for the two in the PSU.

Receiver type R1475 which consists of the receiver unit type 88 and power unit. It is a general purpose ground station receiver.

It uses a superhet circuit with twelve valves and a visual tuning indicator. In conjunction with a new type of tuning scale, it permitted accurate tuning to within an audible beat note of any given frequency in the band of 2 to 20 MHz.
From Mike Overton

The FT897 was (it is claimed) the world's first multi-mode high-power base/mobile transceiver designed to fitted with internal batteries (optional) for portable use.

The coverage is HF 160 to 10 meters plus 50/144/430 MHz VHF/UHF. Receive is 0.1-56, 76-108, 118-164 and 420-470 MHz.

With optional items the FT-897 system can be configured for mobile, base or portable use.

From Frank

50th anniversary of the Marine Offences Act and a special event

The Marine Offences Act always sounds like it is something put in place to prevent sailors having a good night out but as those of you who are interested in broadcast radio know it is an Act that changed the airwaves forever.

In August 1967 I was on a 6 week tour of the UK from John O'Groats to Lands End so it was a memorable time in many ways. We were able to listen to a whole range of pirate stations that were not available in London and on the day the Act came into force we heard the closing transmissions of many stations and the first illegal broadcasts of Radio Caroline

Moving on 50 years Radio Caroline has a licence (see last NKRS news) and The Martello Tower Group GB5RC will be active from the evening of Thursday August 3rd until the early hours of Monday August 7th, operating from on board the home of Radio Caroline, the MV Ross Revenge, anchored not in international waters but in the Blackwater estuary.

The group will mainly operate on 80, 40 and 20m with the possibility to retune the 20m antenna to 17, 15, 12 or 10m if the need arises. The antennas will be a combination of verticals and dipoles. T

This aligns with August 2017 being the 50th anniversary of the Marine Offences Act, which silenced so many offshore radio stations. Also with the news of Caroline's legality general public awareness of Radio Caroline is at a level it hasn't seen for many years.

More information on www.martellotowergroup.com/gb5rc.html

Ace Cafe Revisited

As an ex biker the Ace Cafe holds a special place in my heart as it has been a place for motorcyclists to meet for many years. The truth is that as a biker I never went there on my own bike as they were usually too unreliable to go that far and in those days having AA membership was not something people of my age would have done.

I visit the cafe from time to time either by myself of meet friends there so when someone I don't see very often suggest we get together there we chose an evening we had not been to before, a hot rod night.

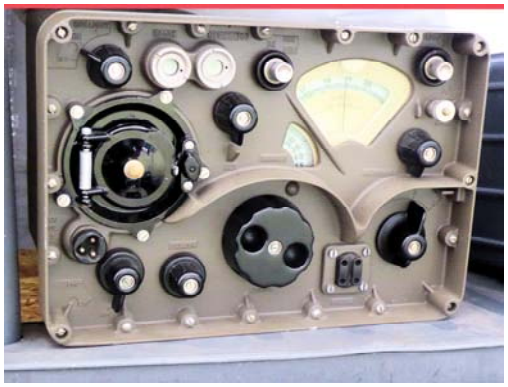
There was to be (apart from hot rods of course) a band and a DJ so we went along and had a good evening with a great atmosphere. Here are some photographs from the evening

War and Peace Revival Show

The good news was that the show was returning to The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood.

In past years some friends and I had always visited the show and even camped there but when it moved to Folkestone it was (in our opinion) not so good so for the last couple of years we gave it a miss.

One friend came down from Birmingham another from the Lake District and off we went to find the show was now as good as ever...



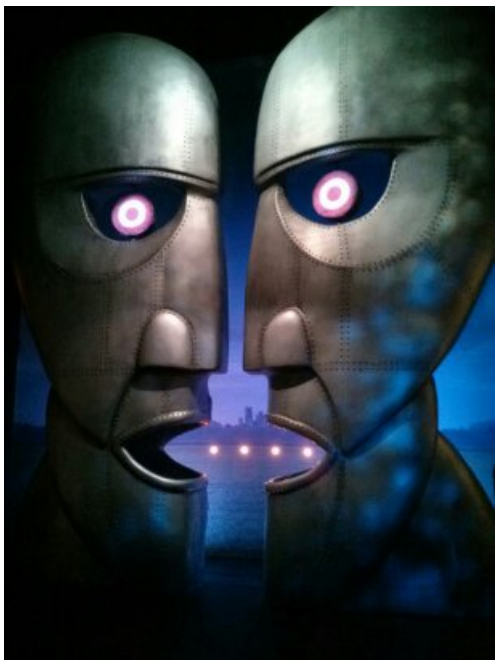
Military Auction

On Thursday 3rd August, there is a large auction of military related items taking place at St Neots Auction Centre, 75 New Street, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 1AJ. From 10.30am.

There is an on-line option too. Viewing Wednesday 2nd August 8.30am – 5pm each day and on the morning of sale from 8.30am.

The catalogue is viewable on-line http://www.peacockauction.co.uk/

There is a large range of military radio equipment including Clansman and other series



Pink Floyd Exhibition
Victoria and Albert Museum

A friend and I visited the above exhibition and I am sure if you are a fan of the group you will already know about it.

If you are thinking of going I would thoroughly recommend it, and I think it is very good value for money.

The V&A museum is worth spending some time in as well.

Below is my own photograph of the pig over Battersea power station taken in September 2011

That's all for this issue and please try and make it to the meeting

Regards

Dave