



SURREY RADIO CONTACT CLUB

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MONTHLY MEETINGS NORMALLY ON 1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS 7.30 FOR 7.45pm
Meetings at St. Paul's United Reformed Church, Croham Park Avenue,
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A MEETING Monday 4th August: RSGB video on DMR
B MEETING Monday 18th August: Fix-it, Move-it-on and Social Chat with John G8MNY

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EDITOR'S OPENER

Dear Members & Friends, welcome to the August SRCC Newsletter.

I'm afraid this is a rather cut-down version compared with the usual. This is due to the fact that your scribe has been heavily committed with away from base contest activities – VHF NFD from Warlingham at the beginning of July and the IOTA (Islands On The Air) Contest from the Isle of Wight at the end – and will be leaving for a family holiday in Deepest Darkest Devon the morning after writing this! As a result the version you receive will at least contain time related topics like the forthcoming meeting schedule and as much else as time will permit! But never fear (or perhaps do fear depending on your attitude to this publication....) a fuller version will be issued on return mid-August.

We have a new member – or more accurately a returning member - in the form of Dave Chapman G3NGK who lives in Hayes (**not** Orpington as erroneously stated previously ...☺). We hope his membership will be long and rewarding. It was Dave who very kindly gifted SRCC some items no longer required (by him) as listed in an email circulated to the membership recently. A number of items have been reserved (but yet to be delivered...) so if you haven't had a chance to examine the list yet, do give it a look as there is good stuff available. It is a slightly unusual coincidence that

Dave is the second former SRCC member (the other being Geoff Collier G4STS) to have rejoined recently – interesting!

73, Quin G3WRR

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

July A meeting (7th) Construction Contest. Four items were presented:

- **160-80m ATU - G3WRR:** Straightforward parallel tuned for feeding balanced antennas on 160m & 80m – designed / used for HF NFD. Uses coil from T1154 wartime transmitter
- **13.8V 40A power supply - G8MNY:** Switched mode unit based on recovered UPS
- **Auto ATU controller - G4ADM:** Used in conjunction with SG120 auto ATU to stop it auto-retuning every time the antenna SWR changed every time the wind blew
- **Audio splitter - G7VAK:** allowing audio signal to be switched between headphones and tape recorder at user choice.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

1st - 160/80m ATU: SRCC Coronation Cup + £40

2nd - PSU: Basil Wardman Tankard + £25

3rd – Auto ATU controller: £10

**L to R: 160/80m ATU, AUTO ATU CONTROLLER, SWITCHED MODE PSU
(audio splitter not shown)**



Thanks to G4FDN for picture - further pictures to follow!

July B meeting (21st) Usual Fix-it, Move-it-on and Social Chat session with John G8MNY and his test gear.

FUTURE MEETINGS

August A meeting (4th) Video evening – RSGB video on DMR (Digital Mobile Radio).

August B meeting (18th) Usual B meeting Fix-it, Move-it-on and Social Chat session.

September A meeting (1st) On air evening.

September B meeting (15th) Usual B meeting Fix-it, Move-it-on and Social Chat session.

October 18th SRCC 90th Anniversary Meal will be held on this date – more details are available in the previous Newsletter. For those who wish to attend and have not yet done so, please let me know (including numbers).

December 8th Inter-club Quiz Night hosted by Sutton & Cheam RS. The venue will be near Banstead at the 7th Banstead Scout HQ ([Scout-HQ-Location.pdf](#)).

73, Quin G3WRR

FROM ACROSS THE WATER....

Here are a couple of pictures from the recent IOTA Contest trip to the Isle of Wight with (mercifully) no extra text.....



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**L to R: G4WGE, G3WRR, G3VYI, G4EFT
(plus dog)**

SRCC NETS

The following is a list of structured nets on which members of SRCC meet regularly. They are sometimes joined by members of other local clubs, who are always made most welcome. The net is not usually led by a nominated controller, but stations normally transmit cyclically in the chronological order in which they sign in. If any member wishes further occasions and frequencies to be added to the table, please let me know at q.g.collier@btinternet.com.

BAND/FREQUENCY/MODE	DAY OF WEEK	START TIME (clock)
160m / 1905 kHz / LSB	Sunday	9.30 am
80m / 3710 kHz (+/- QRM) LSB	Monday	9.00 am
10m / 28.078 MHz / JS8	Wednesday	10.00 am
6m / 51.55 MHz / FM	Tuesday	8.00 pm
4m / 70.30 MHz / FM	Thursday	8.00 pm
2m / 144.6125 MHz / Digital Voice	Friday	7.30 pm
2m / 145.35 MHz / FM	Friday	8.00 pm

* The Friday night Digital Voice net usually starts with D-star.

In addition to the regular Club Nets, several members monitor the local repeater channels, particularly GB3XP (145.6875MHz 82.5Hz CTCSS FM).

THAT'S ALL FOLKS.....

Apologies again for the short document – full version to follow mid -August!

73, Quin G3WRR
SRCC Secretary and Newsletter Editor