

EDITORIAL

Welcome to another Club 5&9 Newsletter.

This month's Meeting is an annual favourite namely our annual Bring & Buy. So dig out any
unwanted gear and bring it along or otherwise
just bring your money and grab a bargain!!

May I also at the expense of repeating myself (not unusual these days!) - remind members again that our

October meeting is open to family and friends of members and will be a talk on the "History of Bideford"



by our local history expert **Peter Christie**. This will be a wonderful evening's entertainment and should be a fascinating insight into our wonderful town. So please try to **bring someone along on the night** and make the evening a great success.

Below you will see advance warning for next month of our very own local **Radio Rally at Holsworthy** - a date to put in the diary and well worth giving our full support. So, enjoy the Newsletter

Terry (G4CHD)

FORTHCOMING LOCAL RADIO RALLY 18 OCTOBER

HOLSWORTHY AMATEUR RADIO RALLY -

Holsworthy Community College, Victoria Hill, Holsworthy EX22 6JD.

Register at http://harc.postalboard.com/login to make any enquiries. [www.radioclubs.net/harc/].

CLUB MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the Appledore Football Social Club starting at 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Visitors always welcome. For further information, contact Alan (M6CCH) - details in the top panel.

September 21st "Bring & Buy"

October 19th Open Meeting - "History of Bideford" by Peter

Christie

November 16th "MX0LDG Operations from Lundy" by John (G3JKL)

December 14th "Club Christmas Party" (open meeting)
January 18th "Radio Quiz" by John (G3JKL)

February 15th "Whistles to Radios - Police Communications" by

Alan (M6CCH)

March 21st "Club AGM"

April 18th "QSLing - Traditional to the latest methods of

confirming a QSO" by John (G3JKL)

TRIO TS-130V SSB TRANSCEIVER

Sorry folks - needed to fill a gap with more nostalgia!



REPORT ON THE AUGUST MEETING

Back to Basics - Coax Losses Their Measurement & Effects by Terry (G4CHD)

There was a surprisingly good attendance for yet another talk in the Back to Basics series proving what gluttons for punishment members are !!

The talk initially explained how open wire feeder is ideal for long feeder runs due to its very low losses but is greatly effected by nearby objects - hence the customary use of

coaxial cable. After a brief description of its construction and resultant losses, typical specified loss figures were quoted for RG58 and RG213 which are both used at Terry's QTH. The results were also given graphically to



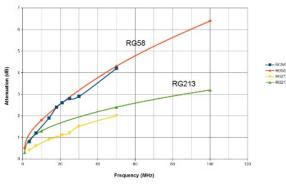
show how the losses increased with frequency.



After explaining
Decibel units, Terry
described how he
attempted to measure
the losses at HF using a
conventional
SWR/Power Meter
borrowed from
Laurence. The results
were plotted graphically

together with the quoted Specification values.

Attenuation v Frequency Plot 40m RG58 & 45m RG213 Coax Cables



The concept of SWR was then introduced and how it adversely affected losses particularly for SWR values in excess of approx 3. It was then explained how as a consequence of these increased losses, SWR measurements at the transmitter end of the feeder would be lower than at the antenna end giving the operator a false indication of any antenna mismatch!

Finally, a basic method involving the measurement of SWR at the transmitter end of a shorted or open circuited cable was described as a useful way of keeping a check on cable losses. Several suggested improvements to the method were discussed.

There were a number of interesting questions at the end of the talk which hopefully indicated that all present found the talk interesting and enjoyable. Notes on the talk can be found on the Club's website.

Terry (G4CHD)

LOCAL SKEDS

Zepp Net: Mon, Tues, Thurs: 145.450 MHz 4pm

Wed via GB3DN - 4pm

6m Net: Wednesday, 8pm, 51.480 MHz FM

HF Net: Friday at 3pm $7.145 \text{ MHz} \pm \text{qrm}$

Slow Morse: Run by **Dave (G3YGJ)** every

Tuesday and Thursday, 7pm clock time

on 145.250 mode FM.

70cm Net: Sunday, via GB3ND, 11am - noon

local time.

Available on Echolink node 221334

LOCAL REPEATERS

70cm Handy Cross Repeater/Echolink (#221334) Gateway (GB3ND)

User: Listen 433.35MHz—Transmit 434.95MHz Access 1750Hz Tone (Timeout 4.25 mins)/ 77Hz CTCSS Repeater keeper is Jeff (G4SOF)

2m Stibb Cross Repeater (GB3DN)

http://www.g0rql.co.uk/gb3dn.htm

User: Listen 145.6375MHz - Transmit 145.0375 MHz. Access 1750 Hz Tone or 77 Hz CTCSS Repeater keeper is Tony (G1BHM).

Yahoo users group for general chat and banter at :-http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GB3DN/

SUDOKU PUZZLE

The aim is to enter a number into each cell so that any column, or any row, or any block of cells contains all numbers from 1 to 9.

3					7	5	9	
	6		5	4				
5				8		7		
7				2				
8	4					9		1
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2					9	4		
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CROSSWORD

This month's Crossword is by Stuart (M1FWD).

The answers will be published in next month's Newsletter. Good luck!

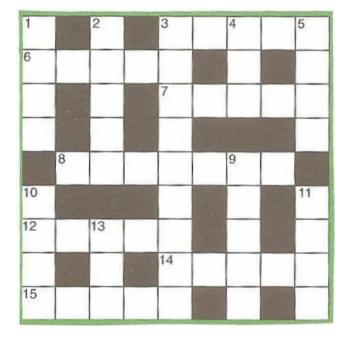


Clues Across

- 3) In physics, the rate of energy output (5)
- 6) The track or scent of an animal (5)
- 7) A sheath is the ? Covering of an electric cable (5)
- 8) Hotel Four islands (7)
- 12) Town in Penobscot County, Maine, USA (5)
- 14) Five Alpha land (5)
- 15) An amount equal to twelve dozen (5)

Clues Down

- 1) Capital city of Lima Alpha land (4)
- 2) Capital city of Juliet Alpha land (5)
- 3) Sets of rules governing the exchange or transmission of data electronically between devices (9)
- 4) ? Tyler, a leader of the 1381 Peasants' Revolt in England (3)
- 5) Uncommon, unusual (4)
- 9) Town five miles south east of Leicester, location of Leicester Racecourse (5)
- 10) A radio wave of frequency less than 300 kHz (4)
- 11) Emit or direct light, radio waves, etc. (4)
- 13) 1036-1097. Bishop of Bayeux, half-brother of William the Conqueror (3)



Last month's answers :-

Across 1) echo 3) Eden 7) Ivory 8) cob 9) interface 12) dab 13) oboes 14) apse 15) bush

<u>Down</u> 2) coven 4) Dacia 5) noble 6) Cypriot 9) India 10) tubes 11) chess

Stuart (M1FWD)

RESPONSE FROM BRAZIL TO THE EDDYSTONE EC10 PICTURE IN THE AUGUST 5&9

I was delighted to get the following emails from Don (PY5ZBU) after the appearance in the August 5&9 of the Eddystone EC10 Receiver.





Take a look on ORZ.COM at PY5ZBU and you will see an Eddystone EC10 Mk 2 just like the one shown on the August 5&9 Newsletter which is still in active service on top band in Brazil,I used it back in 1963 from my G3MWM station in Bideford at 88 Clifton St

East of the Water.



The picture above is in the shack. If you go to <u>grz.com</u> on the internet and key in my call sign, you will see the shack and antennas etc



I live on my own farm in BALSA NOVA 50km south of CURITIBA and my farm is on top of a high plateau at 3800ft asl being great for ham radio activities with zero radio noise level.

My EME dish is 24ft in diameter with full automatic moon and planet tracking with 1000w of output power on 1296MHz and 1000w of output power on 432MHz by cavity



amplifiers. At this high elevation I can see the moon rising and setting at negative angles!!!

All 3 COLLINS 30S-1 amplifiers are connected and in full operation as needed. For HF I use the KLM KT34XA long yagi, and a 7 element wide spaced KLM yagi for 6m band (203 countries confirmed on 6m).

Best 73s de Don PY5ZBU

MORE PICS FROM MEMORY LANE

Anyone remember this Codar CR70 receiver? The days of valves and bulky transformers!!! Often used as a tunable IF on 10m to tune 144-146 MHz.







FOR SALE

Having a bit of a clear out here and so have 2 QRP (15W max) Mag Loop aerials for sale - the ML20 for 20m and the ML40 for 40m (for details - contact me for a Rad Comm Review article).

Asking price £35 for each or £50 for both with a suitable lead thrown in.

Best 73s de Terry G4CHD



So that's it for this month - I hope everyone enjoys the read Best 73s de Terry (G4CHD)