

CROSSTALK



Chairman's Chat

Well here we are again, another year has gone by and the dark nights are upon us again. I now find that I am spending a little more time in the shack in the evenings, and after dusting off a sound card interface, that I have been having look at some of the data modes. I am aware that there are HARIG members who enter the RSGB 80m Club Championship in the SSB and CW modes and I was wondering how many other club members run data modes (PSK /RTTY).

Do we have enough club members running PSK or RTTY to make up a team for this contest? This contest runs for 90 minutes once a month between January and July.

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HARIG Meetings

14th Dec - AGM and Xmas Party

11th Jan – Show & Tell evening.

8th Feb – Lecture by Ed
M0HDK title TBC

14th Mar – Host inter-club quiz

11th April - The J6/G0DVJ

Lighthouse Weekend Success

On 20/21 August 2011, HARIG again set up a special event station on the green at Harwich and used GB4HLH (Harwich Light Houses) to put the town on the map for that weekend. Several hundred QSOs were made on 80m SSB and contacts with lighthouse stations seemed to be as in demand as ever. The radio was an FT1000 and the antenna a dipole. Many members of HARIG visited the site during the weekend as well as some members of Colchester Radio Amateurs and others. One of the highlights of the weekend was that Darryl who visited the station has since attended a number of HARIG meetings and has taken his foundation course/exam (see news item in this issue). As well as making all the QSOs, we also explained our activities to a number of members of the public who passed by and called into the tent to ask about it, though this was not our main purpose for the weekend.

Thanks to all those who came to help out. Lighthouse weekend has now become the premier event for HARIG in Harwich each year now.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on the 14th December 2011 in the Park Pavilion and will be followed by the HARIG Christmas party.

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HARIG was founded in 1990 - Affiliated to RSGB – Club Callsign G0RGH (M4U in contests)

WAE DX SSB Contest 2011

HARIG and IRC were active as M4U on 10/11th September 2011 in the Worked All Europe DX SSB contest from the Otley IRC station. Conditions were quite terrible which made the excellent rota planning and resourcing by a number of people rather redundant as the bands were very quiet due to disruptive solar flares affecting the ionosphere just before the contest start.

The picture shows John G4BAV operating the station.



We made just 500 QSOs as well as 180 QTCs (extra ways of earning points devised by the German organisers of this event by accurately reporting back the QSOs made - a maximum of 10 from each station). This contest's aim is to work stations only outside Europe if you are within EU such as the UK. The poor conditions for DX made this even harder since much of the time the main DX band of 20m was only offering short skip contacts within Europe. The percentage of WAE multipliers at 415 was the only real highlight. Lets hope for better propagation next time.

Inaugural TAG Award Reminder

Members are reminded that there is less than one month left to submit your entry in the HARIG TAG award in memory of the late Les Sayer M3HDT. We hope that Valerie Sayer will present the new trophy to the winner for the first time at the December AGM.

The best way to make an entry is to complete the spreadsheet available from the HARIG website, after reading the rules (<http://www.moffatig.com/harig/tagaward2011.pdf>). You can email or post your entries to James M0ZZO, QTHR, or james@McGinty.net but they MUST be in his hand or email inbox by midnight on the 30th November 2011. If you haven't already

thought of making an entry, please do so however small. It would be great to have a large number of entries. The only requirement is to have made at least one local 2m, 70cm, 4m QSO since 9th February 2011. You can complete an entry retrospectively even if you haven't been keeping track up to now so have a look back through your logbook.

Entries should ideally be made on the Excel 97-2003 spreadsheet (<http://bit.ly/eH6fae>) or Excel 2007-2010 spreadsheet (<http://bit.ly/dWcuMz>). If this is not possible please use the paper application (<http://bit.ly/gVUz3l>).

New Licence for HARIG Member

Our newly joined member Darryl Simpson passed his foundation licence exam at Colchester a recently and has been given the call sign M6WAS by Ofcom.

Well done Darryl and good luck.