

SOUTH DORSET RADIO SOCIETY

Promoting and Supporting Amateur Radio since 1961

THE CATSWHISKER - OCTOBER 2009

*Keeping members and
SDRS events and news*



*friends informed about
since March 1967*

NEXT SDRS MEETING

Tuesday October the 13th

We have the Brand new RSGB Callbook to look at.

SEPTEMBER SDRS MEETING



Tony Hancock - The Radio Ham "GLK London calling the world"

At the last meeting the late great Tony Hancock raised our spirits with his hilarious 'The Radio Ham'. I had forgotten what an impressive array of equipment had been assembled by the program producers to furnish his Radio Shack. By comparison there was a very sparse set for the other program on the bill - 'The Blood Donor'.

Many thanks to Graham for providing the DVD and player and the venue management for the new large screen TV which was excellent.

Geoff, G0EVW

SOUTH DORSET REPEATER GROUP 2000 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Lots to discuss this year including a proposed change of site!

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Group will be held at the Masonic Hall, Alington Street, Dorchester, DT1 1TR on Tuesday the 20th of October 2009 at 7.30 for 8pm. This is the same venue as last year and we hope that all users of GB3SD and GB3DR will try to attend and support us.

This year the meeting is likely to be a very lively one with a substantial increase in subscription and a possible site change on the agenda! A good attendance is therefore essential.

A Newsletter is being prepared and will be sent to all members as soon as possible.

For more information about the SDRG see www.gb3sd.radiouk.com

LOST OR FOUND?



Does anyone recognise this fine jacket?

Geoff, G0EVW has 'acquired' this jacket and it's not his! Was anyone wearing a similar one at the last meeting and arrived home with the wrong one? To be honest, it was my XYL that noticed, not me, and she is no longer sure if I should be allowed out at night on my own! It is in first class condition and the label inside has the inscription 'BHS' and 'TO FIT CHEST LARGE'.

Geoff, G0EVW

NATIONAL HAMFEST 2009

Friday 2 and Saturday 3 October 2009

Brought to you by the RSGB in association with Lincoln Short Wave Club

George Stephenson Pavilion, Newark & Nottingham Showground, Lincoln Road,
Winthorpe, Newark NG24 2NY.

With only a few days to go before the UK's biggest Amateur Radio event, arrangements for the National Hamfest are in full swing. Visitors will have plenty to look at in the main hall as trade space there is totally sold out. Highlights to look forward to are finding all the main manufacturers and dealers under one roof as well as some overseas traders too. The Luso tower will be a talking point for those not lucky enough to have seen it at either the Dayton Hamvention or Friedrichshafen earlier this year.

The RSGB have a big presence at the show with representatives from their various committees and departments available with help and advice to members and non members alike. Don't forget that the 2010 Yearbook is being launched at the show and the first 100 customers each day will receive a goody bag. Ofcom will also be exhibiting at the show and visitors will have a chance to discuss everything from licensing to PLT with them.

Some visitors will go home with a real bargain as there are two excellent free raffles taking place. Every entry ticket includes the chance to win one of the fantastic prizes on offer from the main raffle such as an IC-7200 and the chance to win a VX-8 in the daily Yaesu prize draw. Check out the latest RadCom for full details of the prizes.

Outside you'll find more traders and a non-trade car boot sale – you can still book your spot at the car boot sale – where you'll be certain to find a bargain or two.

We look forward to seeing many of you there over the two days.

www.nationalhamfest.org.uk

WANTED URGENTLY

The editor would like material for Catswhisker please. Let us know what you are doing on the bands, what your favourite modes are and some pictures of your Radio Shack would be nice. Tell us about your station, what made you take up the hobby, what you did in the war – in fact anything that you think might be of interest to other members.

Some of the most interesting stuff on our website is about members past and present. If you don't tell us about it it will be lost forever so please write it down and send it to the Editor!

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WORDS OF WISDOM

“Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.”

Albert Einstein

THE CATSWHISKER

Our Society's Newsletter has been called 'The Catswhisker' since its inception. The word is defined thus in the Oxford Concise Dictionary.

cat's whisker n.

a fine adjustable wire in a crystal radio receiver.

the cat's whiskers (or pyjamas) slang an excellent person or thing.

NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

Until a new editor/producer can be found, the SDRS Newsletter is being produced and edited by our President, Geoff Watts, G0EVW. Please send any material for inclusion in Catswhisker to Geoff using e-mail g0evw@g3sds.org.uk. Or by post to: 46 Links Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 0PE. You can also phone or send a text message to Geoff on 07502198447. Please note that news material needs to arrive *at least* 10 - 14 days before each meeting.