

PRESIDENTS REPORT ABERDEEN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (AARS)

Club meetings take place every Thursday night at 19.30.

However, Morse classes are from 19.00 to 19.30 conducted by Graham GM4OBD.

Morse classes have been successful and well attended.

On the first Thursday of each month a junk sale takes place.

Recently a lot of items were sold because of silent key Nigel Patterson GM4JOJ.

His generosity has allowed proceeds from these sales to benefit the club financially.

Norman Mackenzie GM3WIJ is now also silent key. Norman was a former Radio Officer

in the Merchant Navy and was an excellent CW operator taking part in many contests.

In July this year the Tall Ships came to Aberdeen the only port in the United Kingdom to be visited.

After discussion we as a club thought this would be an excellent opportunity to celebrate the Tall Ships and encourage the club to take part in the Special Event Station.

Discussions took place with Aberdeen Council and we were allowed access to Walker Park in order to set up our Special Event Station.

During this event the committee took the opportunity to review our Risk Assessment and RSGB insurance as this was a public event.

The committee decided that we would hire a Porto Cabin for the three day event.

This enabled us to work voice and CW H24 in reasonable comfort.

Many contacts were made.. Logging was carried out electronically.

As part of the Tall Ships event we as a club ordered polo shirts.

These were very popular and worn during the event.

Lighthouses on the air. We again took the opportunity to operate a Radio Station from Todhead Lighthouse. A German Radio Amateur joined us and set up a separate radio station separate from us. Again this annual event was very well attended and many

contacts made.

We thanked Rohan the owner of the lighthouse for allowing us to use this location and also her hospitality for allowing us the opportunity work our station from there.

Mills of the Air was also another event that the Club took part in.

Allan GM4ZUK, John MM0JOM , and Steve GM0ULK have been involved in contests allowing the club to make a difference in this event.

Allan GM4ZUK entered a QRP HF contest mid July in memory of Norman Mackenzie GM3WIJ.

Junk sales recently have been governed by Silent Key sales.

Club members have bought Items the proceeds of which are for the benefit of the Club financially.

Fox Hunt. This annual event took place Jim Butler GM3ZMA acting as the fox.

On this occasion Fred Gordon GM3ALZ won the event for a second year.

AARS recently went to a Junk sale being held by Inverness Amateur Radio Club.

Several visits were made to Clashindarroch during which time different antenna and transceivers were tested.

The Club shack was given a clean out and the Radio Installation was re-installed.

Training still continues to take place carried out by Peter Thomson GM1XEA,

Tony Langton GM4HTU and Brian Caswell who train the foundation course.

The AARS website still gives us the opportunity to inform the public of events taking place within the club.

Regretfully the designer of the website Nigel Patterson is now silent key.

Various members of the club are active contesters and take part in several contests.

Over the year there have been several talks by club members.

In particular Jim Bitler GM3ZMA has given us interesting talks on many technical issues.

Over the year we have had equipment workshops regularly.

The club nets have continued well. We always encourage members to join in as these events are an excellent way to get our callsigns heard.

Committee members were reminded the importance keeping contact with the Club Secretary as often Club business was being held up due to no response to emails. In October changes took place to Radio licences affecting members of the club. Last years Christmas party and Secret Santa was a great success, and we look forward again to our party this year on Thursday 11th December. On personnel note my term as RR2 East Scotland came to an end and I did not want to do for another three years. However I expressed an interest in still being involved in the RSGB so they have appointed me as DR25 to cover the Shetlands. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Gordon GM3ALZ Club Secretary and other Committee members for their support during my time as President.

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Jim Campbell MM8IAQ

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