

HORSHAM AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

HARCNEWS

Coming Shortly

Oct 2nd Club Evening Junk Sale

Oct 16th Social Evening The Cricketers Wisborough Green

Nov 6th Club Evening HARC V CARC Quiz

October 2003

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SSB Field Day 2003

Personally, I think this year's field day was thoroughly enjoyable but true to the tradition, Adrian 'LRP' has stated that (again) he will never organise another field day due to a barrage of complaints...

However, ignoring all the whinging G3's (and G4's) I hope that Emma 2E1IGA and I will be able to do more "silly hour" shifts in years to come, even if it means I have to organise it myself.

The 'ZBU household failed to make it to set-up due to his jet-lag and my heavy schedule (woo! M0DEY is employed!) so unfortunately I can't give you an account of the fun-and-games setting up the equipment but I heard that it went very smoothly if a bit tight on the timing.

We 'woke up' at 3am and ate breakfast (mmm new "foil fresh" cornflakes....), picked Paul

'TMC up and drove to CH. When we got there 'TPO & co. were operating, but strangely, didn't seem to complain too much when we took over.

Dad and I forced Emma into the operating chair (ha ha) but she was VERY reluctant to talk at first. We wrote down what to say and after a while she really got the hang of it. The two of us took it in turns to keep the mic for a bit, and when it got quiet we amused ourselves by coming up with alternatives for Hotel Romeo Sierra, Horse Radish Sauce was the favourite.

'TMC and 'ZBU were only allowed to operate when Emma and I went off in search of the toilets. This proved to be a long expedition including stupid people having locked the 'Visitor Toilets'.

Between the hours of 4am and 8am we managed to get our QSO/min rate up to 40 and it

never really got below 9 even though we didn't have the use of the linear...

The fan blew up and it got somewhat cherry red because of a capacitor in series with the fan went short circuit thus destroying the 110V fan. The fan was presented to Tony G3NPF who has rewound it for 240V operation and run it for 18 hours. No series capacitor is needed. Incidentally one consequence of getting more power from the linear is the need for more petrol – 20litres in 6 hours!

Someone also commented on how I was very enthusiastic and cheery for so early in the morning, which was the cause of much mirth.

It was rather cold, I wore two coats as well as a jumper and Emma had to borrow dad's extra jumper that he brought for

emergencies. This low temperature was very helpful in keeping me awake though, I'm a "million-hours-of-sleep-a-night" sort of YL and by 8am I was drifting off at the mic! Haribo Star-mix were supplied to keep our sugar levels (and probably E-number levels) high and much was learnt in those four hours.

After a few hours sleep before lunch, Dad and I returned along with Gerald M3GCR for tear-down and making exception to the usual little, petty, arguments between people of higher rank than me (ha ha ha!) it was a fantastic weekend. Everyone **did** enjoy it (you are feeling verrrry sleeeepy, when you wake up you will realise how much fun it was!) and I for one can't wait until next year!

Our unofficial total number of points is 181300 with 479 QSOs and 100 multpliers.

Band	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m
QSOs	159	146	115	88	5

DX-spedition

Ever wanted to operate F/G4HRS/M?

The HARC DX-spedition scheduled for Saturday 11th Oct will go to LaCoupole V2 rocket museum near St. Omer.

Talk-in on 144.725 (a French repeater channel). Probably 145.550 or similar the other side.

We will take the Channel Tunnel at around 9:30am which will get us to France at 11:00am local time (the crossing is 35 minutes, France will be 1 hour ahead of BST). A trip down the toll road takes us to St. Omer. We will have lunch at the main square (Place Foch) which is lined with restaurants and Irish Bar. We shall eat at Le Seven.

After lunch, we visit the mu-

seum. This has recently opened and features two exhibitions: Space and German Occupation. Further details may be found at LaCoupole@LaCoupole.com.

We will stop at Cite Europe on the return trip, and may visit Tesco's there! We can also eat in the complex. The advantage of this Tesco's as to the one at Broadbridge Heath is that alcoholic beverages are half to a third of the price!

I suggest a return crossing at 9:30pm, which will get us back to Folkestone at 9pm.

If successful, we will try another DX-trip next year, as I have had a lot of interest via e-mail but the date is not convenient.

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What is *LA OUPOLE*?

An exceptional site

It is one of the great relics of the Second World War in Europe, and a History and Remembrance Centre that evokes events that form part of the historical heritage common to all Europeans who today live on a peaceful continent.

A major tourist attraction

It is one of the main museographic facilities in the Nord-Pas-de-Calais. Presented fully in four languages – French, English, Dutch and German – the discovery circuit, accessible to every curious mind, is likely to interest all generations.

A historical and scientific cultural site

It is a historical and scientific cultural site that analyses the relationships between Science and War, between War and the Image, in order to fully appreciate peace. Alongside its permanent exhibition, each year it puts on a temporary exhibition, in keeping with its open cultural mission.

An educational centre

It is an educational centre, its programme having been designed to meet the requirements of teachers and their pupils. LA COUPOLE has a large educational service that does its utmost to facilitate the preparation of school trips and ensure the pupils benefit fully.

Junk Sale

Harc Junk sale is on Thursday 2nd October the venue is as usual the Guide hall Denne Road

Horsham. Doors open at 7.30 for a 8.00pm start. Please do not get there before as we share the hall. All Welcome