



18th June: Club Presentation

Andrew MØNH, founder of HamTronics.uk was the guest speaker at the club meeting in June. We were also pleased to welcome Pete MØPSX, founder of EssexHam.co.uk. The presentation was an introduction to Micro-Controllers with a helpful explanation of the difference between these and conventional computers.

There were many examples of practical applications from a Time-Out for a VHF Repeater to a remote control of a rotator for VHF antenna. He allayed fears of programming with a three step demo as applied to a light sensor to turn on or off a domestic light switch. Andrew's easy style and obvious knowledge of the subject was inspiration for members to grasp this development in radio and electronics.

In the Background...

As you would expect, there is a lot of work going on by the Committee being steered by Nick (Chair) and Eddie (Vice Chair). Several proposals for events were put to the club membership to gauge viability and enthusiasm for participation. Those with the most interest are being progressed on our behalf. We are grateful to all the committee for giving up their time to meet and organise these activities. If you would like to steer the club in a particular direction, then speak to one of the leaders.



Saturday 20th July: 2m Activity

13:00 - 13:30	FM Voice
13.30 - 14:00	GB3DA
14:00 - 14:30	SSB Voice
14:30 - 15:00	Data
15:00 - 15:30	FM
15:30 - 16:00	SSTV
16:00 - 16:30	SSB Voice
16:30 - 17:00	FM Voice

You will be aware that the amateur allocation of the 2m band is under threat. There are moves to reallocate its use to aeronautical communication. So "*Use it or lose it*". Acorns are doing their bit to help. On 20th July there is the Essex wide 2m Activity Day. Acorns are going to take the lead in encouraging amateurs to use different modes of communication on 2m with a facilitated schedule. The draft plan (at the time of writing) is as shown in the table. There will be 2m FM on the calling channel throughout who will direct people to the time and frequency for other modes. Check website for confirmation.

Next Club Meeting: 16th July

The nights are drawing in (!) so we decided to bring the BBQ forward a month so the 2019 event will be in July. An ideal opportunity to socialise and talk about radio or anything else as these events often reveal there is more to life than electromagnetic waves. This year (subject to approval - check website in advance) we are hoping to open the hall in the afternoon for operating in doors to avoid the interference caused by QRNB (nat bites)

Finally...

The annual Acorns Wildlife Trust event is confirmed for 10th August. This is the perfect combination of operating, meeting the public, promoting the hobby and generally fulfilling all the aims of the club as expressed by the members.

Don't forget the Acorns net every Thursday at 19:30 starting on the calling frequency and then QSY.

