

## Presentation at the August Club Meeting

Ex-lorry driver and CB operator, Peter GØFDS explained how Citizen Band was his route into obtaining a Full Amateur Radio Licence. His entertaining talk started with practical advice; don't put your hand into the back of old electrical equipment even if it has been off for several years as the capacitors can still discharge a sizable electric shock!

Peter described how CB radios work on FM, AM and even SSB but etiquette is unregulated and they have a short range. We also saw a collection of CB antennas and told why their wavelength makes them so long and cumbersome when mounted to a vehicle; hence more practical advice before entering an underground car park!



## 10th August. Acorns at Essex Wildlife Trust.

The gales made national news with gusts of up to 48mph making it touch and go whether to risk going ahead with "GB1EWT". Event organiser, Acorns Vice-Chair, Eddie GØBKL assessed it was safe to erect three antennas – albeit at a slightly lower than ideal height.

We had 21 contacts via a 2m colinear antenna on the roof, 17 contacts on FT8 from a vertical antenna tied to a fence post; and a G5RV antenna hanging from the 3rd story. Visitors were presented with a live radio and an intriguing display promoting the hobby including a scale model in size and weight of a cube-stat (amateur radio satellite), and a large (A1) informative high quality poster.

## Next Club Meeting on 17th September (Every 3rd Tuesday, 8pm)

- Acorns are pleased to welcome David M0TAZ as our guest speaker. He will cover the topic of the RSGB's response to Abuse of Service. David is a regular at many field events and very knowledgeable on portable operation. To find out more visit his website: [M0TAZ.co.uk](http://M0TAZ.co.uk)
- At the August meeting Club Chair, Nick G4HCK, alluded to various opportunities to develop the club. One topic to be resolved at the September meeting will be the proposal, which received favourable comment at the members' survey, for an Acorns Net on SSB - benefits being an increased range and to operate on this underused band. The meeting will decide the format and start date.
- Suggestions will be welcome for speakers for next year.



## Message from the Chair

*"I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the 2019 public events. We have had operating from the pub car park in North Stifford, the huge family day at Grays Beach Cafe and the venue at Essex Wildlife Trust - what a great mix of public events to show off our hobby. It's always difficult to single out one person for credit, but Eddie GØBKL has been industrious behind the scenes giving up a lot of time to makes sure these events - and through them the club - are well presented".*

**Nick. G4HCK**