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(This edition has been sent to all Registered Members)

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Zonal Elections

The term of office of Zone Co-ordinators in zones 2, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 12 comes to an end at the end of this year, and nominations are now called for to fill these important positions within The Network. Note that all current ZCs are eligible for re-election.

Zone Co-ordinators have four distinct roles to fulfil. They are:-

- 1) Directors of The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network, a company limited by guarantee.
- 2) Trustees of the Registered Charity
- 3) The voice of the National Organisation to members
- 4) The voice of the members to the Committee of Management

As Directors of the Network, ZCs may also be the leaders of the Volunteer Teams, co-ordinating its work, and reporting to the other Directors.

Any member of the Network, who is registered by a Group defined to be within the named Zone is eligible to stand. Nominations should be sent to the Company Secretary at the Bedale address, marking the envelope "ZONE ELECTION", to arrive before 18th. August 1997.

The nomination must contain a declaration from the Nominee stating that he/she is willing to stand for the post and is not disqualified from being either a Company Director or Charity Trustee. (see Charity leaflet CC3a, and Article 54 of the Articles of Association of the Network). The nomination should be supported by Controllers or Members from within the Zone.

If the post is contested, ballot papers will be distributed to controllers on 1st. September and these should be returned by 10th. October. The result of the election will be announced at the Annual General Meeting in Devises on the 1st. November. (Note:- All group, area and county controllers in the Zone, who are registered with the Network, are entitled to vote.)

If there is a current local arrangement to elect a ZC at a Zonal Meeting (e.g.. Zone 10,) a Zone may notify the Company Secretary and then conduct its own election, notifying the result to the Company Secretary by 24th. October 1997.

It is YOUR NETWORK. Please check that your group controller knows your views on who should represent your zone during the next three years.

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Chairman's Jottings

There have been several requests for Zones and Counties to have the opportunity to see the "BT Tower" presentation which was given to our guests earlier this year. I would be pleased to arrange this, subject to business and family commitments, and booking should be made via your Zonal Co-ordinator.

Our internal communications are now better than ever, with contact possible via e:mail, the Internet, our telephone BBS, Packet at GB7NRC, RAY~Link and the national net on G4NRC. This is still the "official" means of keeping the membership informed of the Committee's work, and for the committee to receive "grass roots" feedback. (Which also comes via ZCs at the National Committee meetings.) Thanks are due to Eric, G4FSN and his band of net controllers who regularly serve on Sunday mornings on 3.663 MHz. E:mail, although quick and efficient, has one problem; "copy messages." This was discussed at our last committee meeting and it was agreed that copies should not be sent just for the sake of sending them, and that only directly addressed mail would be replied to. Copies will not receive replies!

Members of the Emergency Planning Team have done a good job with the band plan changes, and I am pleased to note that the changeover does not now look so frightening as it did at first! Details of the changes are given elsewhere in this issue.

I am pleased that so many have taken up the Personal Accident insurance scheme. It is extremely good value, and if you have not already sent in your application, please consider doing so now.

Zetnet has made a good offer to our members and details are included with this mailing. I am delighted that a "RAYNET" e:mail address will be available if required.

This is our busy period, as anyone who listens to the diary dates on G4NRC will be only too aware. The hours that RAYNET members give to the community are enormous, and I must take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone for all the effort involved.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible at the AGM in Devises on 1st. November, but in the meantime, please give me a ring on 0141-620 1000 if there is anything which you feel needs to be brought to my attention. I would ask, however, that all Committee business is conducted via your group and county controllers, and the Zonal Co-ordinators. We have a national system, and it should be followed whenever possible!

73 Ron
GM4SRL

Networking the Net

The telephone BBS service continues to prove popular amongst Network Members.

Sixty one casual callers have explored the limited access available to them without registering, whilst another fifty six Network members have registered. This gives them a password and guide to the BBS which enables them to access a large quantity of data held there for their use.

If you haven't sampled the service, try plugging in your modem and dialling 01296 39 37 37. If you want a password, then please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to Bedale, marking the outer cover "Telephone BBS", and all the necessary information will be returned to you, normally within seven days.

Are you on e:mail?

The script of the 80m News is now available via the Internet. Over thirty members now receive their own copy of the weekly 80m News script via Internet e:mail, and this is normally despatched by 10:00 each Sunday morning. If you would like to be included, then please e:mail - G_GRIFFITHS@compuserve.com - the fastest way to hear all the latest Network News (except of course by tuning to 3.663MHz at 08:30 on Sunday mornings)

Are you in our Diary?

A comprehensive listing of RAYNET duties and training activities is always available for reference via the Network's IT services, and will be invaluable when planning for a clear frequency or looking for additional help for that big event.

Recently, the Bristol Group took the honour of notifying the first entry for 1998! Is your Group's programme up to date?

Diary details can be found week by week in the News Script on Packet or via the Internet, and more comprehensive listings are available on the Network's Web pages which may be accessed at <http://www.reality.sgi.com/csp/raynet/> or at the telephone BBS on 01296 393737

How do you get on to our pages?

News items for G4NRC and for RAY~Link should be sent to Ron Cowan, GM4SRL, QTHR, or Ron_Cowan@compuserve.com

Diary Dates for G4NRC should be sent to Geoff Griffiths, G3STG, QTHR, or G_GRIFFITHS@compuserve.com

If your group would like to have space on our Web Site, or a link from it to your own group web page, contact David Whiteman, G1ADW, QTHR or David_Whiteman@compuserve.com.

News items for release to the media should be sent to David Hicks, G6IFA, QTHR, or DavidHicksG6IFA@compuserve.com Please keep this list handy, and help us by making sure that you send your information to the correct person.

Group Responsibilities in Insurance Matters

**DAVE WHITEMAN - G1ADW
Membership and IT Director**

The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network has negotiated insurance for the benefit and protection of its members.

This falls into two distinct categories.

Third Party Insurance.

The first is a Third Party and Public Liability Insurance. All registered members and others working under the direction of a Group whose members are registered with The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network. This covers individuals working on a bona-fide Network operation against third party and public liability claims. The sums involved in such claims are frequently very high and are generally accompanied by protracted, and therefore, costly litigation. It is therefore of paramount importance that membership is not allowed to lapse as this would expose members to a risk and probably pave the way for the Group Controller and the members of the Group's management committee having to answer a charge of negligence in a Court of Law. Burying one's head in the sand saying that "it couldn't happen to us" is a remarkably short-sighted and stupid stance to adopt, particularly when it can be avoided with foresight and good administration.

Personal Accident Insurance.

Members of The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network requested that the Committee of Management investigate the feasibility of contracting a Personal Accident Insurance Policy. This came into force on 1st May 1997. It is an optional benefit, with the premium of £1.04 (including tax) per year or part year being payable with Membership Renewal fees. Please note that groups which register for two years should include two years' premium (currently £2.08).

This latter policy has been negotiated as a benefit to members of the Network. Cover is therefore conditional on current membership. Please remember, however, that the responsibility for ensuring that a member is covered under

the Personal Accident Insurance policy rests with the member him or herself and with their controller.

The Committee of Management regularly sends details of those covered to ZCs but there is not the manpower within the Committee of Management, all of whom are active members within their own groups, to routinely prod and remind individuals that their cover has lapsed, or is in any other way defective.

There are a number of points that need to be raised:

1. The pro-rata scale published in RAY~Link merely applied to members who joined at the beginning of the scheme. The premium for any members wishing to join the scheme after its launch is £1.04 per year OR PART YEAR. The premium is payable with the registration fee.
2. The insurance premium payable on renewal is dependant on the Group's renewal period. Groups who renew annually should submit a single year's premium. Groups whose membership runs for two years should include two years insurance premium i.e. £2.08 for each participating member.
3. It is the responsibility of the Group Controller to ensure that his members are covered. The Network will not be reminding members that their Personal Accident Insurance has lapsed, although a list of participating callsigns is available from your ZC.
4. Please note that Personal Accident Insurance cover is a service that has been provided for the benefit on members of The Radio Amateurs' Emergency Network and cover is conditional on current Network membership.
5. In March, new versions of the Registration form and the Cover Sheet were distributed for groups via Zone Coordinators. These are necessary to administer the Personal Accident Insurance scheme. Controllers are asked to please ensure that their groups use the current version of these forms with immediate effect.

***Hereford &
Worcester***

**Tony Hartland,
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The Hereford & Worcester Group would appreciate help from Motorcycle or Combination Mobiles for a Charity Motor Cycle Event for Children on Sunday 14th. September. Those who can help are asked to contact Tony Saunders G1OZB Deputy County Controller on 01299 400 172 in the evenings.

North Wilts RAYNET is now a registered charity, (No.1062402.) We have a model constitution if any other groups want to make use of it they are most welcome. The process has been simplified recently, but if anyone wants help or information, Noel Woolrych, (100561.2247@compuserve.com) would be pleased to help.

Defensive Driving Experiences on a One-Day Course

**David Whiteman
G1ADW**

As RAYNET groups are associations of individuals, they are exempt from much of today's legislation that applies to employers. Only a fool, however, would ignore best practice, and I am heartened, for example when I see RAYNET members wearing hard hats when erecting aerial masts, for example.

Recently, as part of the safety training programme that my employers operate on a continual basis, I took part in a one-day defensive driving course. I would like to share the lessons that I took away from that day. I should say that I have been driving for some thirty five years and my driving licence is devoid of the dreaded points.

Before attending the course, I felt that my driving standards were probably above average. Nothing strange in that. Something like 80% of respondents feel that their driving is above average. I did, however, acknowledge that over that 35 year period I may have picked up some bad habits.

The course tutors were mainly ex-Police Traffic Department drivers. The first part of the day comprised a two-hour talk with slides about driving attitudes, observations and statistics. One quite frightening statistic is that a driver is concentrating on the job of driving for about 25% of the time. The rest of the time is spent thinking about the new receptionist's legs, what they have been told to pick up from the grocer on the way home, what's on television, or whatever. Small wonder that the car goes into "autopilot"! Another point made was that we are designed as pedestrians. We are designed to go around at about 3 mph. We don't get hurt if we bump into others or into brick wall at that speed! At walking speed we look maybe a maximum of 25 yards ahead. Once in a car, bumps are more painful and we have to look considerably further ahead, anything up to half a mile or more in fact.

The rest of the day was out on the road, two students and in instructor per car. After an initial assessment drive lasting about ten minutes, the tutor gave a demonstration drive of similar duration. The instruction was definitely not a re-run of lessons we had before

taking our driving tests. It was more about driving as fast as conditions and the law permitted. This was undertaken on a complete range of roads from single track lanes to motorways.

I don't want to give a blow-by-blow description of what happened, but will instead comment on some of the questions I was forced to ask myself.

If I claim that I always look regularly in my mirrors, why do overtaking cars come from nowhere? And also why is it that a Police car can get on my tail without me noticing? I was frankly shocked how seldom I, and I am told, the majority of motorists fail to check their mirrors.

We all think that the other guy is a bloody idiot! What we seldom consider is that just perhaps, we ourselves may have been a significant contributor to said bloody idiot's behaviour! Was the fact that this person cut you up on a roundabout possibly due to the fact that you were badly positioned or were not clearly signalling your intentions? Was the near-miss resulting from the driver pulling out in front of you compounded by your leaving an insufficient following distance from the vehicle in front so that you were obliged to break so hard that the ABS cut in?

Defensive driving is about concentration, observation and anticipation. Fairly obvious, you might say. I have to say that I was shocked just how much my own driving was capable of improvement. No, I am not going to say here in what respect. That course did serve to dislodge 35 years of complacency.

If you have the opportunity to attend a course of this type then jump at it. I can promise that it will be an eye-opener. My thanks go to the instructors from DriveTech who conducted the course with tact, sympathy and humour. If you want to find out more, this firm operate the DRIVETECH HELPLINE on 01344 773144.

Leicester Wedding

RAYNET Members in Leicestershire had a very pleasurable duty to perform on Saturday 21st June when Jim Andrews G1HUL and his YL Sandra were married in Coalville. The couple left the Church via a guard of honour from the guiding and scouting organisations.

After the ceremony and driving in a horse drawn carriage to the Parish Hall at Swannington, the couple were greeted by a guard of honour attired in RAYNET tabards, and forming an archway of mobile whips. Sadly the weather was wet, but the occasion was a very happy and enjoyable one for all despite that.

Members attending included the County Controller and Deputy, the former Leicester Group Controller and the DGC, the former ZC and their families.

Slough Fire

At 1115hrs on Thurs 12th. June East Berkshire RAYNET Group 06/BK/287 (Group Controller Don Lovett G7OCL) were activated for a major chemical fire in Albion Close, Slough. The fire itself started at around 0830hrs, and residents in the area were warned to close all windows and stay indoors via local radio. By noon there were two mobiles and a control station on air, using 144.775MHz.

At 1230hrs, an evacuation of two streets in the vicinity began and Don telephoned the Controller of Mid Thames Group 06/BU/013, who was able to assist by getting three further members on standby. It soon became apparent, however, that the incident was under control, and the operators were finally stood down at 1400hrs.

Exercise Autumn Leaves

**Noel Woolrych
G4TIX
Controller North
Wilts RAYNET**

The following are some extracts from "Exercise Autumn Leaves" official report which North Wilts RAYNET and members of SWERV (South West Emergency Radio Volunteers) and Hants RAYNET took part in on October 15th 1996.

The Ambulance Service Emergency Radio Channel (ERC) failed near the start of the exercise due to a soldered joint parting causing the system to crash. RAYNET was called in to provide assistance. "RAYNET operators, however, demonstrated their professionalism and value, in particular when given written messages"

"The Ambulance service has not previously included consideration of RAYNET within its major incident plan. It is apparent that the organisation should be included in the initial call-out system for the ambulance service".

Mobile telephones

"Events showed that phones used up their battery charge more swiftly than expected, and that reception within buildings was unsatisfactory.

Additionally, the large number of mobile phones being used in the exercise was such that the links became saturated and that reliable communications were achieved only through the established RAYNET links."

Survivor Rest Centre

"Communications proved difficult until the arrival of RAYNET operators, after which there were no problems"

RAYNET

"Some forty RAYNET members from the county and from Hampshire provided an impeccable and reliable communications service between all the activity centres. Although intended as a support service, RAYNET communications proved, on occasion, to be the only reliable means of communication between sites.

Apart from operators provided to assist with their exercise direction and control, all other RAYNET members were called out without previous warning and were, in general, on site and operational within 45 minutes of callout. Their efforts are to be highly commended."

As a result of this RAYNET has been asked to establish communications facilities at the County Police HQ in Devizes and at Divisional HQ at Westleain Swindon. Also the Ambulance Service has suggested similar at its County HQ in Chippenham, with inclusion in its call-out structure.

This report speaks volumes for the flexibility, reliability and dedication of members of RAYNET and is a credit to the Amateur Radio movement as a whole.

IARU Changes to 2M Band Plan

**Cathy Clark
G1GQJ**

As you will all be aware, the IARU conference in Tel Aviv agreed changes to the existing band-plan for 2m usage in Region 1. The major changes related to harmonising data communications and the establishment of a new data communications sub-band. Alongside this was a recommendation for the move to adopt 12.5kHz channel spacing specifications. The agreed data sub-band directly affected existing RAYNET frequencies.

The Network's Emergency Planning Team met with the Chairman of the RSGB's Data Communications Committee to discuss ways of avoiding a potentially serious conflict of frequency usage between RAYNET and data communications users.

A proposal was jointly submitted to the RSGB's VHF Committee, relating to a phased change-over of usage, which could be implemented by the end of 1997.

The 2m data communications sub-band implementation, published by the RSGB Data Communications UK Mailbox Manager, affects RAYNET operations in the following ways:

- the use of the current RAYNET allocations on 144.800MHz, 144.825MHz and 144.850MHz must be cleared during the period 1 October and 31 December 1997, and moved to 144.625MHz, 144.650MHz and 144.675MHz.

- 144.775MHz will not be affected by the changes

- in agreement with the Data Communications Committee, 144.800MHz may be used as a 12.5kHz channel by RAYNET for data communications ONLY.

When groups are re-allocating operational frequencies, we recommend that existing users of 144.800MHz move to 144.625MHz, 144.825MHz to 144.650MHz and 144.850MHz to 144.675MHz.

When frequency changes are being implemented, it would be sensible for 12.5kHz channel spacing standards to be adopted - in particular the reduction of peak deviation. It is hoped that some members, who have the necessary equipment, will be able to help their group colleagues re-align their transceivers.

The Emergency Planning Team would like to thank the RSGB's Data Communications Committee for their help and co-operation which enabled a jointly-agreed proposal to be submitted to the RSGB VHF Committee.

Further discussions with the VHF Committee are on-going with regard to frequencies above 145MHz. It is noted that 145.200MHz and 145.225MHz are currently allocated as "emergency communications priority" in the bandplans published in the April edition of Radio Communications p48.

Training Offer

The Training Team are in the process of preparing several one-day courses, suitable for a cluster of groups to get together in a central location under the guidance of the Training Team. Courses include

- An Introduction to the Operational Management Team
- Personnel Management
- Group Management for newly appointed RAYNET members

Further courses are also in the pipeline. The following facilities would be required

- A meeting room with
- OHP facilities and whiteboard, and several seminar / small rooms for workshop sessions.

If you would like to host one of these courses, please contact Cathy Clark, National Training Director.

Working Away

**Derek Young
G8ZQJ**

Many members work outside their groups home area, if this applies to you, and you:

- Are likely to be available for call out during the working day,
- Usually carry enough kit to be useful, and
- wish to be called to assist the local group,

Have you considered contacting the group controller for the area in which you work with your contact details? So should there be a major incident during office hours, your skills and equipment could be called upon. You could even be replacing a member of the local group who works in your home area!

It's all a bit like MP's twinning arrangements, and if it works in Parliament, why shouldn't it work for us ?

Editor's Comment. Good idea, but remember that you can only be registered with one group, and that there may be a conflict of interests in the event of a widespread emergency, e.g. flooding or other weather related problem, when you may be needed back home by your own group.

Frostbite 1988

**Dave Hicks
G6IFA**

Cheshire Police are again running the Frostbite event in 1998, the dates for your diary are 13th/14th/15th February. The organisers have extended an invitation to RAYNET volunteers who wish to participate in the event as teams (minimum 2 per team), the cost per head for the weekend is £25, including all food and accommodation. For more information fax your details to the Frostbite '98 contact no. 01244 571361, or leave a message.

Cheshire RAYNET are also asking for assistance from any RAYNET member, who would like to be involved in the event, if so contact the Cheshire CC Bruce Williams G1ORS QTHR or via the Frostbite '98 contact no. 01244 571361. Accommodation will be provided (bring your sleeping-bag), plus food. All you have to do is get to Cheshire, bring your Radio Gear / Grab-Bag etc. and have a good time. Don't forget however it can be extremely cold in February, on the other hand bring your Sun-Hat !

CAIRO Update

**Mike McCreery
GM0ETC**

The CAIRO system (Communications Audio Interface for Remote Operations) emerged from Aston University in Birmingham in 1991 - the brainchild of Dr Peter Best and his development team.

The news is that his excellent practical publication that describes all the systems and circuits for CAIRO is now available on Internet.

I had not been in touch with Peter for a few years since the time when I helped to produce a companion publication of CAIRO interface diagrams for use with various transceivers.

So when I contacted him earlier this year, I was delighted to be able to do a bit of proof reading of the new format. He says that it is not quite finished - but Peter is a perfectionist!

So, all you surfers, go to it and access the Web Site at :- <http://melchett.aston.ac.uk:80/pjb/cairo> - you will not be disappointed.

I am currently working with Peter to also put the Interface Diagrams on the web. If any member has a proven circuit for a CAIRO interface for any recent transceivers, I would be pleased to add them to this repository of data.

I can be reached via e-mail at:- gm0etc@ibm.net

Shropshire Six Summits Walk

**Mike
G6WTM**

(From the Solihull RAYNET News.)

The event passed smoothly from a RAYNET point of view although we perhaps could have done with a couple more operators as re-deployment of operators on the day was required. From an organisers point of view the event was marred by bad weather including continuous rain and chilling winds, but the majority of walkers did manage to finish.

Karen and I started the day at Pole Bank Trig Point on top of the Long Mynd, near Church Stretton, at 08:30 where we were operating portable. Unfortunately it was too windy to put the tent up for shelter but luckily the rain stayed away, although we did watch it approaching from the North West.

For the afternoon we were re-deployed to the Summit of Brown Clee Hill at 1771'; a track exists all the way to the top so we had the car with us. Whilst awaiting the first walkers the weather closed in and knowing the area from orienteering experience in the fog I became quite concerned for some of the walkers. Luckily the event organiser accepted my weather report, passed RAYNET, and issued a standing order to the previous low level refreshment point indicating that no-one was to continue uphill without suitable clothing and equipment. We were above the cloud base, in continuous steady rain, with a visibility of 50m feeling the chilling effects of a moderate North Westerly. I think we once again proved the value of RAYNET with it's ability of go anywhere communications.

This event has once again shown that we have fairly remote and wild country quite close to Birmingham without going as far as the well known National Parks, I often think that Shropshire is much overlooked walking country. Perhaps it indicates that outdoor skills are still useful to members of mostly urban groups too and we should all try to undertake all aspects of our training program. We were glad of our stove providing tea and hot pasta snacks!

2m and 70cm Filters

**Brian Davies
G3OYU**

Over the past couple of years Surrey Raynet suffered inexplicable problems when operating talk through. Investigations followed to source the reason(s). The article in Rad Com for June, page 87, written by me, gives chapter and verse and more importantly the cure for our problems.

London and Sussex, in addition to Surrey groups have all purchased these filters and found them highly successful, enabling communications to exist where they were previously impossible. Altogether I purchased 40 filters on behalf of London, Surrey, and Sussex. Most were on 2m but with some on 70cm and for London a couple on 153MHz and one on 169.5MHz - for use by Red Cross/St John.

I did a deal with Peter Waters, of Waters & Stanton, and by buying a large batch I got the price down from its published price of £89 to £77 for the 2m units (bear in mind that all our units had 'N' connectors while those on offer from W&S only have SO239 sockets - 'N' connectors cost about £7.50). Perhaps other groups might get together to order in bulk? Incidentally the above prices all include VAT.

I did buy more than were needed and I have a small number of 2m filters available - 5 in all if my memory serves me right. The price to anyone who may be interested is £77 including VAT, but packing and carriage will have to be added as this is the base price I paid for the units.

Bearing in mind the internal construction of the filter I would not want to risk the post office and I think that if anyone does want to buy, it would be best if arrangements to collect could be made.

Alternatively I could despatch via one of the courier companies such as Securicor, at cost.

1997 A G M

Advance notice is given of the 1997 AGM which will be held in Devises on Saturday 1st. November.

Please keep the date free by marking it in your diary now.

Although the plans have not yet been finalised, we will be in the Town Hall, with pre-meetings being held from 11:00 hrs., the AGM at 14:00 hrs., and the doors closing at 17:00hrs.

Full details, and the official calling notice, will appear in the October edition of RAY~Link.

