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Seated around the table at the Royal Oak, Pirbright are (clockwise around the table) Jonathan Wymer G8URE, Keith Yates G3XGW, Martin Sweeting G3YJO, Paul Craven M1PVC, Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF, behind Bronek but out of view Anne Craven, Glenis Wedzicha G6DVU, Carolyn Underwood, Martin Smyth M0MGA, Tony Barron G3YYH, Les Thacker 2E0IBN, Ian Underwood F4VSC and Robin Maddison G0GNE on the occasion of Ian and Carolyn's visit to the UK

From our Chairman

The month of June 2017 sees our next auction, which will certainly be over by the time you read this. It includes a number of wartime German sets for which there is considerable interest and a significant number of more general but still very interesting lots. This year (and probably next year) will be a year of auctions; the next auction is on August 19th, the one following on October 28th, both in Baginton. The

catalogue for the August 19th auction is included with this news sheet. With 230 lots, we have a full programme, clearly with something for everyone.

The other major event for June for VMARS is Wartime in the Vale near Evesham on June 17th and 18th. There will be significant presence from the Society there, all marshalled by Ron M0WSN; we will have several radio sets on display and in use. I shall be there with my T1154 and R1155.

Martin M0MGA and I have recently come back from a trip to the Netherlands, Belgium and Holland. Most mornings we were able to erect an aerial and operate from the back of my car, joining the morning net. We had a great and unexpectedly successful time. I'll write a report for the next News Sheet but, in the meantime, I want to thank all members who we met for their courtesy and hospitality and for making our trip so enjoyable.

Tony Barron G3YYH

NVCF Sunday 14th May 2017

Once again it was a privilege and a pleasure to take part in the National Vintage Communications Fair. Greg Hewitt, the newly appointed BVWS Chair and his team saw to it that we were allocated our normal stand area just inside the entrance doors, which was once again a draw to the passing hordes.

There were 32 VMARS members who signed in whilst visiting the stand and, as you can see from the group photograph below, there were lots of smiling faces, some even holding their interesting purchases. It was a pleasure to see all members including our fellow member Tony Rock AD1X/G3KTR all the way from the USA. Tony took the opportunity to collect two of his auction acquisitions from the February auction.



Our presence at Leamington always attracts those with questions or requests and this year was no exception and, for the second year in a row, BVWS member Tim Voore came from his home in the Isle-of-Wight to chat but it soon became apparent he wanted to donate an item to VMARS. That item turned out to be an Eddystone 670/A, seen below being handed over. This was a very generous offer from a non-member, again an example of how VMARS is held in high regard.



Two other gentlemen approached us wanting to sell or offload a very used/modified Admiralty Pattern B40 receiver; there were no takers from any of the passing VMARS contingent but, interestingly, we got talking to a young French student studying electronics, who lives in East London, and you know what is coming next; he borrowed our trolley and became the proud owner of his first boat anchor receiver, handing over a mere £25 to the two non-members who were grateful to us for brokering a deal—always happy to help.



The display on the VMARS stand consisted of a Marconi T1154 and an R1155, a WS18 and a WS19.

Once again it was a long day but very enjoyable none the less. The VMARS table was ably assisted by Anne M3TBI, Ron M0WSN and Chris G8KGS.



Stuart J Mckinnon G0TBI

VMARS Auction

**Baginton Village Hall
Frances Road, Baginton, Coventry CV8 3AB
Saturday 19th August 2017
10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.**

Please note that only VMARS Members may place bids

The auction will comprise the catalogue, circulated with the current Issue of the VMARS News Sheet, which lists lots to be auctioned on behalf of VMARS (#001–#206), Jim Cookson G4XWD (#207–#208), Tony Barron G3YYH (#209–#210) and Derek Thom G3NKS (#211–#230).

Unless otherwise stated, all auction items are as seen, and have not been inspected in detail, so no warranty is implied as to them being authentic, complete, or in working order.

Buyers are advised that items may have been made to different safety standards and expectations from today's and may have deteriorated with age, damage, incompleteness, unsuitable storage conditions, etc. Potential hazards include, but are not limited to, weight, presence of dirt and damp, poor insulation, unsuitable or missing earthing, exposed potentially live terminals, sharp edges, corrosion, presence of radioactive and other substances injurious to health and

components that could fail catastrophically causing danger and equipment damage.

Appropriate precautions should be taken by the purchaser to identify hazards before handling or applying electrical supplies or fields.

No safety checks have been carried out on any items offered unless otherwise stated. VMARS cannot be held responsible for any Health and Safety difficulties or injuries arising from the purchase or use of any auction item.

Those intending to place bids at this auction will be issued with a bidding card before the start. All accounts must be settled by close on the day of the auction.

You are advised that some items will carry a reserve price which will be applied at the discretion of the auctioneer.

Anne McKinnon M3TBI has kindly offered to provide the refreshments and lunch at cost to attendees as follows:

Tea, coffee or squash with 2 biscuits courtesy of VMARS on arrival.

From then on all drinks 40p
 Bag of crisps 40p
 Small pork pie 50p
 Sausage roll 50p
 Piece of cake (assorted - chocolate, carrot, Victoria sandwich etc £1
 Fruit pie and custard or cream £1.50

Sandwiches – White, granary or wholemeal

Ham, turkey, corned beef, cheese, brie and grape or tuna mayo £1.50

Jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings

Just butter – £1.50
 Cheese - £2
 Tuna Mayo - £2
 Cheese and Beans - £2.40
 Chilli - £2.50
 Piece of Quiche – £1
 Slice of ham, turkey or corned beef – 75p
 - Salad garnish, pickles, mayo, mustard, etc available.
 - Combinations of any of above available.
 - Please say which bread rolls you prefer and also if you would like fruit pie with custard or cream.
 - Members attending are encouraged to book their lunch order via email to pro@vmars.org.uk

It would assist greatly if those requiring lunch at the auction would pre-order by contacting Anne (via Stuart McKinnon: 01384 872157 stuartjmckinnon@aol.com).

VMARS Reflectors (Groups) on the Web

The Society hosts two official Yahoo Groups (VMARS-Member and VMARS-Collector) exclusively for VMARS Members. These are closed groups and the discussions cannot be viewed by non-subscribers. Members can join both groups by invitation only. Invitations to join VMARS-Member are issued automatically to new Members or by application to Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF. Invitations to VMARS-Collector are issued by application to Tony Barron G3YYH. Both Groups are moderated by the Committee and their purpose is as follows:

The VMARS-Member Group is a forum where Members can share technical and other specialised information about all

aspects of VMARS Members' interests and within the scope of the Society. It is not to be used for the posting of advertisements for trade.

The VMARS-Collector Group is a trading platform for VMARS Members. Its purpose is to enable Members to buy, sell, exchange or request items which relate directly to vintage and military radio, radar and associated items.

Members are advised that another Yahoo Group calling itself VMARS is not an official VMARS site and correctly identifies itself as having nothing to do with the Society except in name.

Bronek Wedzicha M0DAF



FRIEDRICHSHAFEN 2017

The European ham radio meeting is on at Friedrichshafen 14–16th July 2017 on the shores of Lake Constance in Germany. There will be the usual radio vendors, groups and club displays. The flea market is always good, with German, Russian, European and English equipment and parts available. I will be sharing a table at the group of Enigma stands with John Alexander from Bletchley Park. Tom Perera from the USA and Paul and Marc from the Crypto museum will be there. If any VMARS members are attending, how about we meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Enigma stand on Friday 14th July?

Ray Robinson VK2NO

Sale of back-issues of Signal

With so many becoming VMARS Members each year, it is inevitable that we should receive enquiries regarding the availability of back issues of *Signal* and its forerunner, The VMARS Newsletter.

Back issues of *Signal* are available to fully paid-up VMARS Members as follows: 1-9 issues at £4 per issue. 10+ issues at £3 per issue. 20+ Issues at £2.50. 30+ issues at £2 per issue; all + postage at cost. *Signal* is available in hardcopy only. Similarly, we can provide hardcopies of individual issues of the VMARS Newsletter; back issues are not held so reprints would need to be made and will be charged at cost + postage.

A complete list of the contents of each of the first 41 Issues of *Signal* was published in Issue 164 of the VMARS News Sheet.

Any Member wishing to purchase back issues should contact the VMARS Membership Secretary in the first instance.

Ron Swinburne M0WSN



Dunstable Downs Radio Rally (aka Luton car boot sale). A busy rally was once again had by all who attended this Luton Rally.

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The copy deadline for the next issue of the News Sheet is **15th August**. For articles for the next issue of Signal the deadline is **9th June 2017**, but copy would be appreciated as far in advance as possible.

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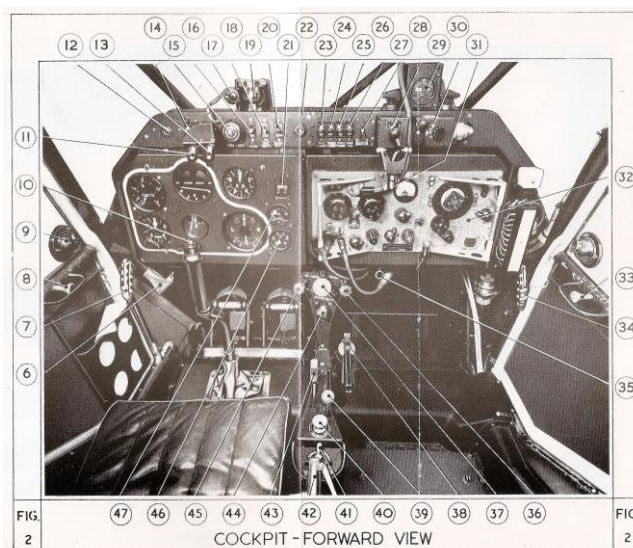
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Auster AOP-9 radios

I was recently given a copy of the pilot's notes for the Auster AOP-9 dated May 1959.

It was interesting to note that it contained an HF radio fit as well as a 10-channel VHF set.

No. 32 on the diagram (above) is listed as "A62 HF Set", probably better known to our readers as Wireless Set No 62.



Another picture shows the reel for the trailing aerial with a note that "Speed should be reduced to a maximum of 62 knots before reeling in"

Richard Powell M1CFW

Saturday AM Net-Controller's Rota

Date	1 st op	2 nd op	3 rd op
24 th Jun	M0DAF	MW0XHO	G4GEN
1 st Jul	MW0XHO	G4GEN	G4BQF
8 th Jul	G4GEN	G4BQF	GW8TBG
15 th Jul	G4BQF	GW8TBG	G3YYH
22 nd Jul	GW8TBG	G3YYH	G8AQN
29 th Jul	G3YYH	G8AQN	M1PVC
5 th Aug	G8AQN	M1PVC	G0TBI

Committee Notices

Notice of VMARS Annual General Meeting 2017

Notice is hereby given that the 2017 VMARS AGM will be held on Saturday 9th September to be hosted by RAF Henlow and the RAF Henlow Signals Museum, the former by the good offices of the Station Warrant Officer, SWO Gary Owen.

Further information will be published in due course with reference to timings and documents needed to enter this MoD establishment.

We are pleased we have been able to secure this facility as it will be of interest to many members and our visit will be timely as, sadly, RAF Henlow is to be closed in 2020.

AGM papers will be circulated with the next issue of the VMARS News Sheet

Applications for Membership

We wish to welcome the following new applicants for VMARS Membership:

Name, Callsign (Region)	Interests
Mr TK Kruszelnick Tattershall, Lincolnshire	Repairing and restoring old valve radios.
Mr RJ Stacey G4XQW Fakenham	Amateur radio, vintage domestic and commercial radio.
Mr ID Habens G3WVG Brighton	Collins TCS, BC348, Swan 500CX, KW2000 and Flex401.
Mr R Riddington G4IHT Tetbury, Gloucestershire	Eddystone restoration.
Mr DF Brain G7RUJ Driffild, Yorkshire	All aspects of vintage and military radio.

[Membership rules require names of applicants for Membership to be published, before they are formally accepted as Members. This allows existing Members to object, if they wish. If you want to object to any of the above, please write to our Hon Sec, Peter Chadwick G3RZP – Ed.]

Helplines

170/1 Detector Mine No. 4 (transistorised)

I have been asked by a re-enactor (who has a bomb disposal exhibition) about the possibility of repairing a "Detector Mine No.4 (transistorised)". According to the log book it was last checked in 1989. Can anyone assist? Thank you. Please contact Steve Parnell 07792 113015 (text).

Steve Parnell

Advertisements

FOR SALE BY VMARS. The Committee has decided to sell one further lot of the ex-Emsworth equipment *in-situ*. This is an incomplete Marconi MF-B-6023 fixed-frequency medium wave transmitter. Some spares are included and some pictures are given below. It is about 7-foot tall and overall weighs probably 400kg. The successful bidder will collect the transmitter from the storage belonging to John MW0XHO in Conwy.





If you are interested, please make a best-and-final bid by email to both Stuart G0TBI and myself by 18:00 BST on 1st July 2017. The successful bidder will be notified the day following.

Tony Barron G3YYH

FOR SALE: Collins KWM 2A transceiver together with a Collins 30-L1 linear amplifier, both in good working order – winged emblem.

A rare Collins 51S1 receiver in good working order.

No.22 radio complete with power supply etc. in working order.

GJ Keegan G6DGK 07801 692667

gavin.keegan@tiscali.co.uk

All items located in Sussex close to Brighton.

FOR SALE: Roller-coaster coil for Canadian WS52, dated 1944, Marconi, nice original condition £60.

Labgear Topbander E5051 160m AM/CW transmitter. Restoration project bottom plate and lid missing, front panel quite good £60.

Giant 3-gang knife switch £30.

Vintage battery LW/MW broadcast radio Berec/Ever Ready Jester. 4 valves, in working order £25.

Peter G4VUN 01677 460302

FOR SALE NOS Clansman RT 320 and RT 319 Rechargeable Batteries 2009 date code, but a sample of 5 already charged and reading 28V plus, so they take a charge.

1 off £25

2 off £44

3 off £58

I can deliver with no extra shipping charges; shall be attending a number of rallies including the McMichael Rally on 16th July.

Stuart McKinnon G0TBI 01384 872157 07860 496516

WANTED: For restoration project, coaxial socket as fitted to the rear of the B40/B41 receivers.

Tim Packer 01591 620747



Another photo from the Royal Oak at Pirbright featured on the front cover of this issue of the News Sheet