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MEMBERSHIP & ADMIN



- We recently welcomed M7CBX Chris from neighboring East Suffolk RAYNET to Essex RAYNET - Chris is keen to get stuck in and cross County Borders to assist in Essex.
- G8UDD Steve is currently looking into our Callout Process and the rollout of SarSYS in the next couple of months.
- Please keep your Donations via EasyFundraising rolling in!

UPCOMING EVENTS

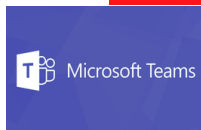


- Canvey Radio Rally - Sun 5th February
- Spring Training Day - TBD Early/Late Feb
- Saltmarsh Half Marathon - Sun 2nd April
- Churches Together In Maldon - Fri 7th April
- Baddow Races - Sun 21st May
- Brightlingsea Carnival - Sat 22nd July
- Clacton Airshow - Thurs 24th - Fri 25th Aug
- Cycle for Life - Sun TBD Sept
- Saltmarsh 75/Continuous - TBD
- Chelmsford Marathon - Sun 15th Oct
- Winter Training Day - TBD Early/Mid Nov
- Event Organizers for most of these events have already been decided and will be in touch throughout the year via the County Reflector

TRAINING

- Following the success of the Winter Training Day, a Spring Training Evening during the Week is being considered
- Induction Training for M7RHA & RAY02391 will be delivered soon, if you'd like to join for a refresher, contact MOIXY
- If you have any Training enquires, please contact training@essexraynet.co.uk

AGM 2023



- As in 2022, we will be proposing a Hybrid Meeting, with Keene Hall as the venue and a MS Teams link for those attending virtually
- County AGM Poll will be circulated soon to capture the best date, which we expect will be held in Mid-Late April
- Area Controllers will also be contacting you to organize Area Meetings to elect Area & Deputy Area Controllers
- Have you considered joining the Management Committee?

CANVEY RADIO RALLY



- Essex RAYNET will be attending the Canvey Radio Rally on Sunday 5th February, located at Cornelius Vermuyden School SS8 9QS (Doors open at 10am)
- We will be hosting a Promotional Stall, demonstrating various technologies used by RAYNET, such as DMR, D-Star & APRS
- We will also be hosting a Sales Table, which is open for you as Members to come and sell your items from and for the group to sell old Equipment - all proceeds of sales of RAYNET Equipment will be put back into the organization.
- Sales of your equipment will attract NO commission from Essex RAYNET.
- Why not pop down and see us at the Canvey Rally, grab one of the famous Bacon Sandwiches and even help out on the stalls if you wish?
- Interested in helping? Setup is from 8am onwards. Why not drop jason.moore@raynet-uk.net an email to express your interest / offer of help.

ENGINEERING



- Following a visit by the Engineering Team, our Southend Repeater has now been updated to GSM/SMS Control - thereby meaning all our Repeaters can now be switched On/Off with SMS Confirmation, as well as manual override.
- Burnham Repeater was also visited and the GSM/SMS Switch is now operational - we have scheduled a Antenna Replacement, the original Diamond X50 is due replacement after many years service
- As part of our ongoing maintenance plan, we have also scheduled replacement of the RAYNET Antenna at MDC and the installation of a Secondary Antenna, thereby increasing our resilience.
- We are also exploring additional Repeater sites in Tendring, Harlow & Saffron Walden.
- If you have any enquiries, please contact engineering@essexraynet.co.uk

WEEKLY & CASCADE NETS



Following feedback, we have introduced a new D-star Net on the 3rd and 5th Wednesday of the month @ 8pm.

Week 1 - Cascade RF Nets @ 8PM

Week 2 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531

Week 3 - D-Star Net @ 8PM on Reflector 79 Module C - connect via your nearest D-Star Repeater or Hotspot

Week 4 - DMR Net @ 8PM on Phoenix/Brandmeister Talkgroup 23531

Week 5 - D-Star Net @ 8PM on Reflector 79 Module C - connect via your nearest D-Star Repeater or Hotspot

Unsure how to use D-Star? Check out this video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qkf3W9pCBuI>

POWER RESILIENCE

- As per the email sent on the 5th January regarding Power Resilience, we are continuing to progress with this and will update you in due course.
- If you have any questions or queries re Power Resilience, please contact 2E0XLS Owen, G8UDD Steve or 2E0XTA Jason.

ARE YOU RESPONSE READY?



FLOOD ALERT



- Essex RAYNET is currently on an increased state of alert between November - April, as Coastlines across the District are more prone to the effects of Severe Weather Events such as Flooding and Storms etc.
- We would therefore encourage you to keep your Go-Bags refreshed, Radio programming checked and Batteries in a regular charge/discharge cycle to maintain their state of charge between uses.
- Want to refresh your training on Go-Bags etc? Check out the Training Packages on MS Teams.
- If you have any Training enquires, please contact training@essexraynet.co.uk

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