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Your Committee at Work

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Editorial

We are well into another year for REVCOM, and I hope you have all rejoined!

I thank for all the support that you have given the NEC. We, as the NEC, do our best for REVCOM.

Now that we have the new licencing system in place, we hope that this will enable you to handle more events in a better way, as it will now be much less expensive to own and use PMR sets.

We hope to hold one of our meetings around the country as before, maybe we will be near you and you can come and join in at an NEC meeting.

We realise that many of you can never get to a meeting because of other commitments, so we are including some photos of the NEC in this issue so at least you have seen us! The first is on the front cover.

I know that I say this every year, but don't forget safety when you go off on holiday. There are some obvious steps that you can take to make your home less of a target. Put some lights on timers, get a neighbour to park their car on your drive or outside your house, and ask them to move something around like a dustbin. You should notify the police that you will be away, they will not mind. Don't forget to cancel the milk and papers!

If you want to get in touch with me I am on 01823 490693 except from 19:00 - 23:00 when I am on the mobile 07763 397521.

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There are now other frequencies available and the NEC have decided to allow teams to select any frequency for hand held radios.

For the benefit of compatibility it would be an advantage if teams used handhelds on frequency 1 and frequency 2, but we recognise that there are high band handhelds on the market that teams could use. Hence you may use any of the frequencies below for handhelds. Remember that you will not have exclusive use!

CTCSS and DCS codes are permitted on all frequencies.

VHF Mid band

164.0500
164.0625

VHF High band

169.0875
169.3125
173.0500
173.0625
173.0875

UHF 1

449.3125
449.4000
449.4750

Contact Denis Jones for any queries and for current charges.

PMR Licence - READ THIS!

Our new licence number is 266109

There have been major changes to the REVCOM licence.

The NEC have opted to drop the PMR general licence in favour of the new Private Business Radio (PBR) Licence.

This brings us two major benefits and one slight drawback, but we feel the benefits outweigh the slight drawback.

The two advantages are:

- 1) We have reduced the licence fee to members to a fraction of the previous cost.
- 2) We have access to 15 frequencies that we may use anywhere in the country without notifying the RA.

The drawback? well, we will not have exclusive use of the frequencies!

To avoid an uncontrolled free for all, the NEC have decided that vehicle mounted sets must be fitted with frequency 1 firstly, then frequency 2 if a second frequency is to be fitted.

Frequency 1 86.3750 MHz

Frequency 2 86.3625 MHz

This is to ensure that assisting teams can talk to each other, and any event talk in can be done on frequency 1. Both FM and AM are permitted at 5 watts ERP.

Once a set has both frequency 1 and frequency 2 fitted, then set owners may install one or more of the frequencies below should they wish.

Frequency 3 86.3375 MHz

Frequency 4 86.3500 MHz

Frequency 5 77.6875 MHz

Cook's Corner



Quick Braised Lamb Roll

Ingredients

800g (1.75 lb) breast of lamb, boned
salt and pepper to taste
1 tbsp chopped chives
1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
rind of 1 lemon
2 slices of bread, crumbed
350g (12oz) sausage meat
sprig of rosemary
2 tbsp lemon juice
250ml (8 fl oz) chicken stock
4 large carrots
2 medium turnips
4 large potatoes
half tbsp beef extract
1 tbsp honey

Method

Trim excess fat off the lamb, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat oven to 200 °C (400 °F/Gas 6). Mix chives, parsley, lemon rind and breadcrumbs and sausage meat together, and form into a roll.

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Roll lamb around the sausage meat roll and tie up.

Place the lamb roll into a large casserole with rosemary, lemon juice and some stock. Cut vegetables and place around the lamb. Cook for 45 mins. While cooking make up a paste using the beef extract and honey. Now remove the lamb and coat with the paste. Return to the oven and continue cooking until the meat and vegetables are done to your liking. This will take 15 - 25 mins according to taste and oven type.

[Letters to the General Secretary](#)

Will you please state your preferred method of reply when writing to the General Secretary. i.e. by letter, text or e-mail.

The reply will be in the same form as it was received unless you state otherwise.

[Vehicle Signs](#)

We have stocks of some vehicle screen stickers. Contact John Stainburn if you are interested.

[PC Corner](#)

Viruses

The problem of viruses on the net has become so severe that it is unlikely that you can escape the problem. Even worse, there are now supposedly legitimate businesses in China that are targeting P.C.'s in the west to gather useful information. I have seen an enormous rise in the number of such attacks that my firewall is trapping. Tracing the source of the attack is simple, but stopping it is more or less impossible, as the service providers that the attackers use will not respond to requests for action.

Those of you who follow my rantings will know that I use a separate hard drive running Linux for my net sessions so that they will not get anything from me! However, you should get a firewall in now if you have not already. I could suggest Zone Alarm as one option, but there are other free ones around. Paying for a firewall gets added features such as scanning your e-mail both in and out etc. Interested in finding out who those IP addresses belong to? then download a cheapy called "HotWhois" this will trace the owner of the offensive packet for you, it is easy to use. Then start e-mailing the service provider complaining about their user, the more that honest users complain, the more chance we have of forcing the offenders out of service.

Fed up with the holes in Internet Explorer? try Opera. Version 7 is out, and like Netscape it integrates browsing and mail in one package. It is worth a look. Better still get Linux on your box!

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Email revcom@globalengineering.biz with your computer related problem or query. No guarantees given on speed of reply.

Training Matters

Our training administrator, Wilf Watson has many ways of assisting your team training. Contact him if you need ideas for training events. (07901 953 213)

Hello Hello Hello!!!

When you do your next event then please take a pen and paper and hopefully a camera. We would love to publish a report of your event in this magazine.

New Member Enquiry

Please pass the following number to any prospective new members.

0870 765 7980

This number should be used for any general leaflets handed out to the public. Calls to this number are handled by Sandra Howarth.

Spare PMR equipment?

It is sometimes difficult to get rid of unwanted PMR equipment but a solution at the moment is to contact Communications PMR 01502 531531 or 575757 or fax list to 01502 531111. Alternatively, call mobile any time 07626 934804.

They will take almost any type of PMR equipment, working or not.

Don't forget to check with Denis Jones firstly, in case any team is looking for equipment.

The NEC

Never seen by many of you but here are some shots of use hard at work!



Wilf and Sandra
(The Posers)



The Stainburn
Gang



Denis - our
vice chair



The Old School Exhall, where we meet

