



News Sheet 788, June 2015

"A man should keep his friendship in constant repair" - Samuel Johnson (1755)

Club frequencies: 3525, 5373, 7025, 10120, 14025, 18080, 21025, 24905, 28025, 50095 kHz

June 2015 Calendar

Band of the month 6 m
G4FOC by GØORH
Harrogate Northern Get-together 13th June
Mechanical Key Event 17th June
Activity day 21st June
Windle score update 24th June
News Sheet deadline 25th June
Friedrichshafen, Hamradio 26th June

Fives and Fifties

Years	Call	FOC#	Joined
65	G3ESY	286	1950
51	F2MA	798	1964
51	W1UU	806	1964
35	W1HL	1423	1980
25	K2VUI	1561	1990

Nomination list by N4TY

Send nominations to Tyler, N4TY: <n4ty@me.com>

Month	Call, Name	Sponsors
6	DL1CW , Arno	DL1BUG, DL5YL, K2SX, GØTBD
6*	9A2WJ , Daki	AD8P, S57WJ, PA5TT, DK8IT, G4RCG, HSØZLM, WØVTT, KF3B, DK2GZ, G4BUE, N3WT, DK1WU, VE3USP
5	W9SN , Steve	KØRU, WØVTT
5	KL7SB , Steve	N5XZ, N8DE
5	GØNXY , Paul	G2NF, GØTBD
5*	FG8NY , Jean-Claude	K4BAI, N9RD, K4XU, N3AM, K2ZR, DK1WU, OK1RR, N5CW, G4BUE, K9QVB.
5*	OZ1JHM , Jalmar	LA4XX, G4FAD, OX3XR, OZ1LO, N3JT
5	M6MPC , Mike	G3ZRJ, G4FAD, EI5DS, DL4CF, G3PDH, DL3AZ, GØCHV, G3PJT, MØCVR
5*	UA6HZ , Larry	DK8IT, LY2PX, G3LIK, R7KZ, WA1FCN, R6AF, 4Z4KX, G3MCK
5*	KCØVKN , Joe	JA1NUT, N5RR, G3RPB, K5AX, W1RM
5*	K2YWE , Dan	JA1NUT, DL1BUG, G4FAD, K5ALU, AC2K, G4AFU, W1DV
5*	K5VR , Stan	K5ALU, K6XG, K4LTA, K5XK, G4XRV, N5CW, DK7LX, G3RPB, HSØZLM
4*	W7AQK , Dave	K5ALU, AC2K, G3ROO, JA1NUT, W9RGB, W7QC, N5CW
4*	K1ESE , John	K4LTA, W4MQC, G3HGE, WØUCE, N3WT, W1DV, G3PJT, OK1RR, GU4CHY, K1GUP
4	OK2LA , Jindra	GØTBD, GMØGAV, W9YXX, DL1BUG, SV1AOW, DK7VW.
4	W6QR , Bill	N6TT, N3BB, WB6BEE
4	G3TJE , Peter	G3ZRJ, G3PJT
4	G4KJD , Ian	GØCHV, G3ZRJ
4*	UR5MM , Rudy	4Z4KX, W1RM, N3JT, N5AW, WØUCE, G3PJT, G4BUE, EA8CN
3*	K5VWW , Orville	W5SG, G3MRC, N5XZ, KZ5D, VE3USP, GU4CHY, N5CW
2	VK3MI , Brian	VK6VZ, VK4CT
2	K1BG , Bruce	OK1RR, K1AJ
2	SM2EKM , Jim	SM3EVR, W9KNI
2	W5ZO , Michael	5TØJL, G3RPB
2	KH6OO , Bill	HA9RT
1	VK7CW , Steve	W1EBM
1*	IKØYVV , Marco	GU4CHY, DK7VW, K2ZR, IKØYGJ, OK2CQR, N3WT
1	K1VT , Jack	W1EBM
1	K5LN , Bill	K5KV

Multiple objections to G3SJJ were upheld unanimously at the May 19th Committee meeting, and this nomination was removed.

New Members by N4TY

W6OAT (2065) Rusty Epps, 651 Handley Trail, Emerald Hills, CA 94062-3925 USA, +1 650 365 5918, <w6oat@sbcglobal.net>

Invitations sent by N4TY

The below nominee will be invited to membership this month:

G3YJQ (Fred): by G3VCN, M0CVR, G3ZRJ, K9QVB, HA9RT, K4BAI.

G8DX (Jack): by G3WGV, MØPCB, GM3POI, A65BD, F5VHY, G3TXF, N8DE, GU4CHY, G7VJR.

GØEFO (Mike): by G3SXW, KR3E, G4HZV, WA1FCN, WA9AQN, K1SA, G4IRN, DL4CF, G3HEJ.

ON4IZ (Hendrik): by G3SWH, VE3LYC, GW3YDX, G3RWF, F6HKA, G3TXF, 5TØJL.

Amendments by N4TY

SM1TDE (2021): Eric is returning to Full status from Associate (see Member News).

GM3JKS (1542): Frank has a new email: <frank.spires21@btinternet.com>

W1EBM (1966): Gary has a new email: <w1ebm.gary@gmail.com>

G3NKC (1991): Dave has a new phone: +44 01270 560450

Committee News by G3RWF

The Committee met by Skype on 19th May, with a full agenda. Our next meeting is on 23rd June.

Appointments: We are delighted to announce that Nigel, G3TXF – long-standing member and DX super-star has agreed to be our President for 2016. He will succeed Don, G3XTT after the AGM. Colin, G3VTT is standing down then after a very successful period as our Activity Coordinator. Iain MØPCB will be taking over – many thanks, Colin and Iain.

Subscriptions and Membership: We are planning to simplify arrangements for subscription payment, in line with many other clubs. We also talked about club size and what is consistent with the club's objectives and ethos. Club membership is hovering around the size indicated in our Constitution (500). We felt the club should remain small enough for members to know each other well but we are asking for member views. After that positive discussion, Committee was dismayed to have to consider yet again a substantial number of objections to a nomination, which they upheld.

IT and Publications: Wild Apricot- the IT system we use for the Club website - has announced a very large fee increase. The Committee is considering payment options and has until July to make a final decision.

Maintaining the Ethos of FOC by the Committee

Our constitution limits membership to approximately 500 members, subject to the determination of the committee. Currently our active membership is around 500 and we have a long nominations list.

In some ways this is a healthy situation but it has led the Committee to consider some basic issues about the club's fundamental ethos. We have also questioned whether the burgeoning level of nominations is in danger of making the club too large to maintain that ethos. One additional concern is the surprising speed with which some nominations receive additional support – which might suggest an element of soliciting. This is possible as our member list is an open document. Our rules are not about exclusivity – they are there to try to ensure, in the words of our constitution, "(not only) the highest quality of CW operating but also a happy, peaceful cohesion".

If you want a club with no specific responsibilities, there are plenty around which will give you a certificate for the shack wall! FOC is a club in which those accepting membership also agree to accept responsibilities (see page 8 of the Call Book). The Committee has spent much time seeking to ensure that members are active on the air. We feel we now need to act to protect the club's ethos. To help do that we propose:

- To invite all members to comment on these points (to the Committee via G3RWF);
- To maintain our current approximate size and, after the AGM, re-introduce the QRX list (the waiting list for those who have achieved successful nominations but await a vacancy). The QRX list would not apply to Associate Members returning to full membership.
- Ensure increased vigilance of the nominations list for signs of soliciting rather than on-air performance as the means of obtaining nominations. Our club depends greatly on the honour and goodwill of its members and we ask for support in taking this action.

The 2015 Northern Get-Together and Dinner, 13th June by G3WGV

Last minute call for bookings: the Dinner is 13th June at the magnificent Cedar Court Hotel, in beautiful Harrogate, Yorkshire. See May 2015 News Sheet for details. Please e-mail: <john@g3wgv.com>.

Annual Dinner 2015 by G3SXW

Mark those diaries: 31st October. We have already booked Jurys Inn, Milton Keynes. Please, *please* be there: this is the premiere social event of the FOC calendar at which up to 100 members and guests are expected. This is very XYL-friendly so bring your better half – it's guaranteed that she will enjoy it! Last year we were thrilled to welcome many overseas members so we are delighted to report that Tyler, N4TY with Debbie and Gabor, S57WJ will again grace us with their presence and several others have said that they hope to attend.

In addition to the regular visit to Bletchley Park (home of the WW2 code-breakers) John, G3WGV has set up a tour of the National Museum of Computing, a truly fascinating and unique experience, and there are many other tourist attractions close to Milton Keynes. Soon the whole programme will appear on the <www.g4foc.org> web-site, including how to book accommodation, dinners, menus, tours etc. But for now just plan your travel either for a quick weekend or for a longer holiday in central England. All will be made very welcome and your support for the Club will be really appreciated because the weekend also includes the Annual General Meeting: always an important Club event, by and for the members.

As AI, G3FXB always used to say: "See you up there".

Members' News

Send information for Members' News to <newsheet@g4foc.org>

G3OLB: Congratulations to Tom on fifty years of continuous RSGB membership (announced in RadCom, June 2015).

G3TXF: Nigel was QRV as 4X/G3TXF last month for the ARI Contest. Photos of his meeting with various 4X and FOC members can be found at: <<http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/4X-May-15/4X.html>>.

G3XAQ: Alan will be finishing up his holiday operation from Brushubi, The Gambia on 4 June including an entry in the CQ WW WPX Contest. QSL via G3SWH with logs at <www.g3swh.org.uk/c56xa.html>.

G3XNG: Ex member Lee, G3XNG (SK) had an N2DAN key that was engraved with his callsign. When he died in 2005, and John, G3LWI and I cleared Lee's shack. John purchased Lee's entire key collection. The loose arrangement was that in due course, John and I would come to an arrangement over the N2DAN key. Unfortunately, it never happened, and about a year ago, John himself became a silent key. Somewhere, out there is the N2DAN/G3XNG key. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, I'd be interested. (Bob, G3XNG, ex G4CEO).

G4PPG: "I will shortly be moving to our summer caravan on the coast, just ten miles north of the great maritime city of Liverpool. My gear is packed tested and ready for the off we will be staying there until mid October. This QTH has been a good radio location as it is only 500 yards from the sea, so looking forward to some good HF activity."

G7VJR: Michael was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame at the 2015 Dayton Hamvention for his contributions to the DX community in ClubLog, the online DXpedition log hosting tool. Congratulations Michael. Too late for last month's Newsheet, congratulations to Michael on his tying the knot with Samantha, M6VJS on 1st May in Cambridge with family in attendance. Many happy years ahead!

GU4CHY: Dick was active from special event GU7ØLIB, even on that dreaded mode called SSB! There is a special QSL via GU8ITE, bureau or direct if you collect them.

HSØZDZ: Former member Ray Gerrard, G3NOM and HSØZDZ, passed away at his home in Bangkok peacefully on 20th May, 2015 aged 75. His passing follows a heart attack that he had suffered more than a decade earlier. (Thanks HSØZDX and K3ZO)

K1DG: Doug was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame at the Dayton Hamvention for his many years of contesting excellence, including three time medalist in WRTC competitions and providing knowledge and instruction to others. Congratulations Doug.

K5ALU: Last September we were in Plymouth, Indiana and decided to invite some of the 9 landers to a BBQ at our RV and had a great response (picture was on the rear of Focus 99). So we decided to repeat it this year, and thus far K9FN, W9RGB, WØJX, N9RD, W9YXX and all XYL's have committed. I have also sent this invite to the others in 9 land, but no response from them as yet. W9RGB and K9FN have been coming for many years to visit us while we are in Plymouth. Everyone is welcome, got a big BBQ and we have canopy's for cover should the weather not be good.

LA5HE: I was diagnosed with spinal stenosis and have been partly incapacitated the past months. This coincided with broken cables so not QRV above 40 metres at the moment! Going through physiotherapy with good results, giving me hope of being able to attend Hamradio in Friedrichshafen as usual.

S57WJ: Our Editor, Gabor, is a man of many hidden talents. He recently played the leading role, Vladimir, in a play by Samuel Beckett, "Waiting for Godot". He has also won awards for his culinary skills, especially his famous Hungarian Goulash. In between he finds time to publish *Focus* and our monthly News Letter, always on time; he has a full-time job

and is active on the bands as well as raising two children and helping Jelka, S57NW in their lovely garden. Congratulations and our sincere thanks, Gabor. Your productivity is amazing. (TNX G3SXW)

SM1TDE: I am now back in the fold after 18 months spent in the wilderness. New QTH, not so good equipment, well, life goes on.

W1DV: Sadly Dave's XYL Jean succumbed to her two year battle with cancer on 14 May. Dave was at her side and said it was a peaceful event. Our sincerest condolences to Dave and his family.

W1FJ: Al left for a two week Alaska cruise on 17th May. Bon Voyage!

W8ZR: Jim has authored a nice article in the May issue of QST: "Add Full Break-in QSK Keying to Your Linear Amplifier."

FOC Members with Contest Callsigns in CW WW WPX CW, 30-31 May 2015

<i>Callsign</i>	<i>Operator</i>	<i>Remark</i>	<i>Callsign</i>	<i>Operator</i>	<i>Remark</i>
4U5F	S53R		KT5J	K5OT	
DD1A	DK7VW	multi op. team	M2X	G3VMW	
DM9K	DJ1YFK	multi op. team	M3I	GØORH	
G4E	G4BUE		MD4K	G3NKC	
G9V	MØPCB		NE6LE	K4XU	
G9W	MØDXR		TF3W	TF3DC	
KH7HH	N2NL		TM6X	F5VHY	
KM4FOC	K2SX		ZM4G	ZL2IFB	

The 2015 Windle Award by W4PM

Send your scores to W4PM only <hmmjr@comcast.net>. An asterisk against the score indicates that score has been updated this month.

The scores are the total points / total number of different members worked.

North America	K5TF	186/159*	WB4FSF	6/6	G3KTZ	331/232*	GØGKH	112/96*	
AA3B	606/344*	N2UU	184/119*		DL6LBI	313/224*	G8VG	105/91	
WØJX	564/340*	WB6BEE	183/142*	NA-West	HA9RT	309/224*	OH2EA	103/100*	
K2SX	475/275	K5OT	182/154	K4XU	342/250*	PA7RA	305/224*	G3MBN	82/75*
W9RGB	451/301	W5SG	153/125	K6AR	321/249*	G2JL	296/153	GM3YOR	74/72
AC5K	410/272*	N2ATB	125/106	K6RB	274/132*	DK2GZ	281/212*	LA3FL	64/52*
KZ5D	395/280*	K5ALU	125/98*	AC2K	255/157*	DL1VDL	275/221	F5NZY	63/63*
NA5G	357/226*	W1ZT	123/117	N9RV	205/162*	G4HZV	268/202*	OH2KI	56/52
N5RR	351/223*	W1EBM	116/96*	W7QC	172/142*	G3ZRJ	255/193*	GØORH	53/53
W5ZR	340/220*	W4ZYT	116/93*	KF7E	162/125*	SM5COP	240/197	SM1TDE	37/31*
W4PM	317/236*	KR3E	114/101*	K8RD	111/92*	IKØYGJ	204/148*	G5CL	36/28
WØVX	294/205*	K2ZR	106/88	NN6T	102/85*	G5LP	202/159*	Oceania	
N5AW	284/165	K4JJW	105/88	K6XG	86/80	G3ZGC	187/151*	VK2BJ	52/50
K5KV	280/213	W1JR	92/81	Europe		GØTBD	180/130*	VK4TT	50/47*
W1FJ	279/193*	W5PEH	75/66	OK1RR	700/351*	R7KZ	176/159	ZL1MH	25/25
K2QMF	249/209	W1AO	71/66	DK5AD	501/291*	G3LHJ	171/153	Africa	
K5AX	242/179*	WØZR	68/65*	R6AF	497/291*	G4IYY	157/132	EA8CN	528/310
K2NV	236/183	AD8P	63/63	F6HKA	485/281*	G3VTT	150/99*	ZS1C	53/51
W1RM	232/143*	WB2YQH	61/61*	G3LIK	459/292*	G4XRV	149/107*	Asia	
AC4CA	215/172*	K1SA	60/58	DL5YL	449/279*	DL3AZ	148/121	HSØZLM	103/85*
K1JD	211/163	W1AAX	57/48	DL5YM	417/288	DJ5IL	144/120	4X1FC	79/71*
K9FN	192/147*	AI2Q	31/31	G4BUE	398/272*	SV1AOW	138/110*	South America	
N3BB	190/146*	K4OSO	30/29	DL8PG	347/229*	G3KOJ	120/102		
N3WT	189/161	VE1DX	27/19	LY2PX	336/226*	HB9QO	116/103		
								no entry	