

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Portable Vertical Base

This base unit made by John M0LFX has many purposes:



Close up photo shows (end of) a CB 27Mhz whip that fits the 3/8" base and works well on the Amateur 28MHz band.

It also fits a HF mobile antenna (eg Ampro 40), a single band vertical, where wire radials allow it to be used portable.

Many struggle to get 80m due to the size of a dipole; but the Ampro 80 with two flexible 10m radials is suitable for a small garden.

Put the base on a tripod (photo) and it's easy to fit the ATU at the antenna end of the feeder (where it should be).

On a different subject, John also fixed an electrical fault in a welder: another benefit of TARGet Nite.



On Loan



A member used their SWR meter to test a 70cm Antenna and got a wild result. That was because his meter stopped at 200MHz! They borrowed the club meter that does UHF. Remember; TARG members can borrow equipment & books, just ask a Committee member.

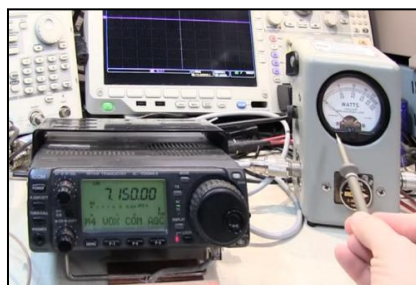
Help Online

www.khanacademy.org is a free online teaching resource covering lots of subjects - including science.

ke0og.net/ask-dave a massively helpful series of YouTube videos for Amateur Radio;



YouTube: Alan W2AEW gives an in depth explanation of electronics using a range of teaching methods



Suprise Suprise

Nigel M0ICH introduced EssexCW Amateur Radio Club at the April meeting and then had a surprise when they presented him with the 2019 G4OAD Memorial Trophy. Nigel contributes to three local CW nets and Morse on HMS Belfast.



DMR

The April talk on DMR attracted 40 attendees. Part 2 is on 17th May TARGet Nite where you can bring your own DMR to get it Code-Plugged. One visitor was delighted to get the National Calling Channel installed on the spot.

Foundation Pass

Congrats to Andrew (Right) retired Navy submariner in passing exam.



Two Reminders

1. Membership fees are due. Please do this ASAP so we can order the badges.
2. No TARGet Nite on 19th April (Good Friday) join Net instead on GB3DA at 8pm.