

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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Your last TARG newsletter

Unless you return the GDPR form giving us permission to retain your email address.

In April you were sent an email with two attachments by Mark, M0IEO, (Secretary) explaining the process to reopen the club post lockdown:

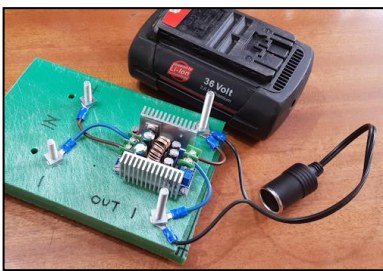


- Firstly, the need for an AGM (our first order of business at the July meeting). To participate you must have renewed your membership in line with the Constitution.
- Secondly, you must complete and return the GDPR form or else, by law, you will be removed from the mailing list – making this your last communication from TARG.

The post lockdown club will have a new feel with lots to do and great opportunities to get involved – do so don't miss the boat.

Both of these tasks must be completed by the deadline of **31st May**.

Thanks for the Help



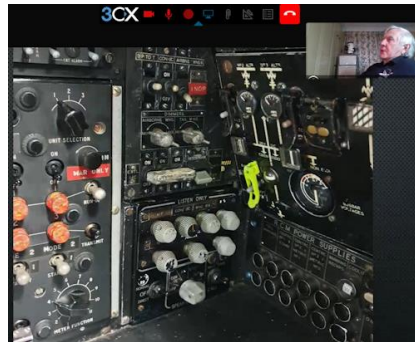
Nigel, M0ICH, is not known for his hands-on abilities but last month he found an experiment really useful. He had an old 36V lawn mower battery that he thought could be adapted in some way to power a 12V device or even a 13.8V transceiver.

He tried to design a Potential Divider but that got more complicated than he anticipated so bought a "Step Down Buck Converter" (which has a circuit board that does all the maths for you) and wired it up and is delighted with the results. Photo shows v.1 to test the theory, and v.2 is now encased in an electrically insulated box.

Many thanks to the TARG members who suggested the idea and helped him to get it working. That is a good example of what being a club member is all about, sharing knowledge and hands-on help.

Vulcan Presentation

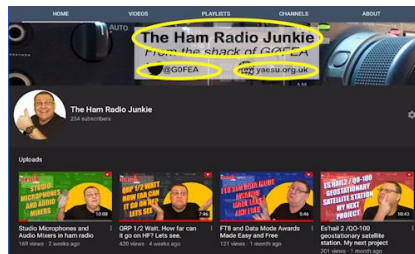
John M0LFX, Chair of TARG, is also a member of the restoration group that maintains the iconic Vulcan aircraft based at Southend Airport. His Webinar on 7th May was so informative and backed up with loads of unique photographs that you may want to watch it again. The link on the TARG website will last for 7 days.



What impressed many people was the level of technical knowledge and practical restoration skills John possesses – which is why, of course, he was selected to help with the restoration. John is also the Net Controller on 14th May if you have any further questions.

Next Webinar: 4th June

TARG are delighted to welcome Keith, G0FEA, who has his own You Tube Channel, who will be sharing the fun to be had in listening to and communicating with the Amateur Radio Repeater on the International Space Station.



Keith's website address is Yaesu.org.uk and for some strange reason gets emails to do with a particular brand of amateur radio? You'll discover he has a great sense of humour.

What was the key Date again?

Thanks for asking, 31st May to return the membership form and GDPR consent. If you "didn't get the email" then contact Mark M0IEO who will happily send you another. Oh, and one more date 15th May, see next item....

Field Event in May

TARG has renewed our Public Liability Insurance and Brian 2E0EUD has been busy making arrangements for our first Field Day of the year at Hadleigh Country Park on **22nd May**.



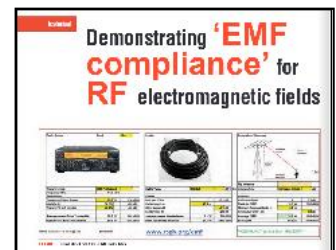
While anybody is welcome to attend the park as a visitor (parking charges apply), to participate in the TARG event there are, as you would expect, some important health and safety arrangements to which all attendees must comply. So, if you intend to attend then please email:

MarkSanderson5@sky.com

by **15th May** (one week before) for the details. Of course, all is WX dependant and those who have registered will receive a email if it has to be cancelled.

Almost There

If you subscribe to RadCom you will have seen the new EMF compliance spread sheet produced by the RSGB.



Mark also circulated an email drawing your attention to where to find this online. Just a reminder that this is the personal responsibility of each operator (the person who taps the key or presses the microphone PPT) to ensure the minimum safe distance is calculated and control measures are in place. TARG (and TARGs insurance) may not cover any claim against an operator if these licence requirements are ignored. If you need help in using the spread sheet or aren't sure what control measures may be needed – then speak with a Committee Member who will explain more.