

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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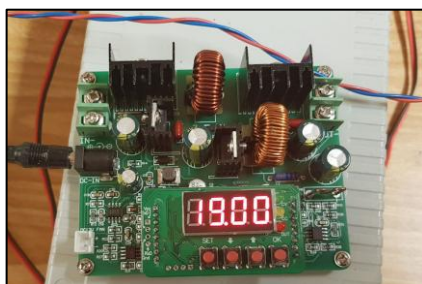
Back in Business

On the 4th of March John M0LFX ran our first new style of interactive presentations. This involved hands on examples of real Power Supplies, which made the information far more understandable than would have been possible with a series of Slides.



The idea is for a short talk but with real-life demonstrations. For example, John said there is a critical need to ensure a capacitor is discharged and this can be done with an earth lead (a wire to the earth terminal of a standard electrical plug) – but how do we know the earth plug socket works so he shows a little device to check exactly that. Seeing things in action makes all the difference.

Amongst a range of equipment there was a little device that looked like something from of an explosive movie: do we cut the red or blue wire? In fact, we cut neither as it is a variable “Buck” converter. This changes the fixed DC voltage from a battery to whatever DC output is needed (within reason!):



If you, or someone you know, would like to give a hands-on presentation of a radio related topic, then please get in touch.

Welcome On Air

Every Friday at 8pm (when we are not at Jubilee Hall) there is a TARG net via GB3DA. This is an important aspect of the “service” that the clubs provides.



We are delighted to welcome three new Controllers to the rota:

- Steve G4OCP
- Steve G4HBA
- Aubrey M7SDA

Please tune in and support them as they lead the conversation.

Next Club Night



We saw him on the TARG webinar, now meet him in person: Dave Cutts M0TAZ, our RSGB Rep, will be “interviewed” at on 1st April.

Our TARG interrogator (!) will ask the questions, and you will get the chance to follow up on the any of the topics in his Webinar about internet SDR – or the RSGB.

Important Change of Date

The next Radio Active at Jubilee Hall has been moved to 25th March.

Turn up at any other date and you will be disappointed!

The topics are listed on the Diary Page of the TARG website. On the 25th March we will cover:

- SSTV
- Resistors
- QRP Tuner
- Worked All Britain

There will be ample opportunity to follow up on topics raised by John’s presentation on Power Supplies.

Future Radio Active Nights:

15 April: AM Phone / Soldering Demo / SWR and PRS meter / Contests

20 May: Digital data / Measure Volts & Amps / WDPR / SOTA

17 June: Satellite / Diodes and Transistors / QRP / RayNet

The whole point of Radio Active is to cover practical topics that will help you as a Radio Amateur. TARG have many experienced members that are able to assist. Just ask – but you do need to ask, so that we know 😊