

Thames Amateur Radio Group

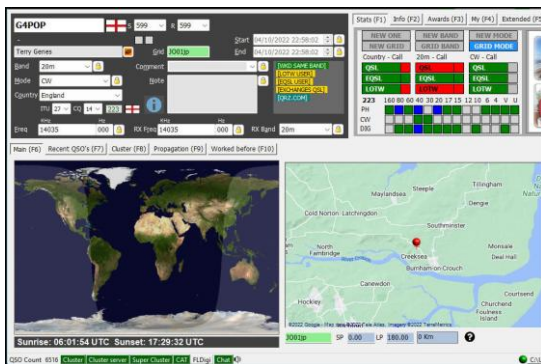
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Log4om

I've had a good idea! Why don't I invent an easy-to-use software that will log my calls and work out some really handy info at the same time, like:

- Search QRZ page (and other online databases) so I can instantly see who I'm talking to.
- Work out their distance and direction.
- Synch with propagation software to see which is the best band to use for this time of day.
- Have it all plugged into my radio so I don't even have to record the date, time or frequency.
- When I'm on a net, drag call signs in and out to note the time callers start and stop.
- Have it all backed up on the cloud.



As you will have guessed, such software already exists and it is free to download. It's called Log4om. Which stands for "Log for old man". At the July TARG meeting we had the privilege to meet one of the co-founders of this amazing tool, Terry Genes G4POP, who happens to live in Essex.



This demonstration is what a physical meeting is all about, seeing practical radio in action and being inspired by the enthusiasm of your fellow TARG members.

June

June was a busy month for TARG, and so, for the record, it's worth making a note of all that we did.

As reported in the previous newsletter, we started with a myth-busting of Amateur Microwaves at our 2 June club meeting. This was followed, on the 18 June, by a TARG presence at Southend Airport for the open day for the Vulcan bomber, GB2VUL.



Then, on 23rd June, we held an experimental net using FreeStar made available by club member Oscar 2E1HWE. This allowed people to join the Friday net via Simplex or digital modes such as Echolink and Peanut.

Benefits of Membership

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. This enables you to join TARG meeting via the online streaming service. The link will now be emailed out once a month and not be available via the website. A bonus reserved for TARG members.

What's Next?

Problems with getting your antenna high enough? Ever thought of attaching it to a kite? Yes, it works and at the club meeting on 4th Aug we'll be told how it is done by guest speaker, Dave Cutts M0TAZ. I can see a theme for a field day.

Also, make a note of 12-13 Aug where TARG are planning to operate from a tank at the "Echoes of History" military display in Rettendon. You'll need a ticket to attend (as there is a packed agenda of activities), but you can call in via radio for nothing.

Looking forward to catching up you on the Friday Night Net arranged by Steve G4OCP.