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Buffoon Spotters News

Hello all you Buffoon fans, it is good to report that the circulation of your Buffoon magazine is becoming much wider now....please feel free to photo-copy and pass on, the more the merrier!

The old Buffoon has been in action again, this time he has been making nuisance visits to radio enthusiasts homes in the small hours of the morning, we are told 04:30 is favourite!

Many of us may be familiar with the childhood prank of ringing doorbells and running away, well the old Buffoon has receded further into senility and has resurrected this old game with a new and personalised twist! We are sure you have witnessed people at your door trying to sell you Encyclopaedia Britannica and the odd religious fanatic that may even give you leaflets free and invite you to become a Seventh Day Adventist or similar, the old Buffoon has taken this a stage further! A local midlands radio enthusiast answered his door bell a few days ago to be greeted by the blubbering manifestation of the "Eddie Yates" look-alike himself, yes the Buffoon was on his doorstep. Before he could even catch his breath, the Buffoon hurled a large hardbacked book at him through the opened door, catching him squarely in the chest. Astonishment took over for a split second as the Buffoon made good his getaway, leaving our colleague with the weapon in his possession. The assault with a deadly book was reported to the Halesowen nick (where the collator has a large file marked "BUFFOON") and the weapon taken away for inspection. Yet another brush with the law for this former law officer.

One must ask the question, what kind of misdemeanour is required before being thrown out of the notorious West Midlands Police force, when reports of theft and corruption are regularly reported in the national press, and the officers involved with these crimes are only disciplined internally?

The Buffoon has been heard broadcasting the fact that he used to be

"Crime Prevention officer for Handsworth" wasn't that where they had the riots and where there was a virtual no-go area for police?



*"Lancashire Hot Pot
in the name of the law!"*

*"I think that should be IRISH STEW,
Malcolm!"*

As reported last month, the Buffoon failed in his attempt to get yet another radio enthusiast involved in an assault that would have been whilst in the jurisdiction of the British Transport Police, annoyed at his failure he vented his anger on a camera this poor chap was holding, kicking and damaging it. As we told you last month, this incident was reported to the

West Mercia Constabulary - we are sorry to have to report that the Crown Prosecution Service are NOT to continue with the charge of "Causing Criminal Damage" as laid before them, BUT the good news is that the claim for the cost of repair is being brought in the County Court using the crime report as the evidence. The Buffoon must attend to defend the action, or pay up as instructed by the registrar. We will keep you informed of date and venue so all of you not familiar with this apology of a human being, can feast your eyes on the great Buffoon when he attends. It would seem his back is against the wall on this one, and he is in a no-win situation - if he goes to defend the action apart from losing the case (which only cost £10.00 to bring) he will be faced with the ridicule of the attending spectators, OR if he chooses not to attend, he will be faced with the ruling of the registrar in his absence and end up paying anyway! SEE YOU THERE.

Many of you will have met the Buffoon or will know of him. Formerly a police constable, he now exhibits in his actions and content of transmissions the unescapable fact that he is UNSTABLE, if you remove STABLE from CONSTABLE, you are left with a fair approximation of the regard in which he is held locally!



CAR STICKERS as above have been available for a few weeks already, and are springing up everywhere, there are still a few to be had free! from your usual source. The WANTED posters are all gone, and without funds for a second print run there may never be any more, unless someone comes up with the cash for the printers.

This was spotted in a local paper recently, we wonder, are they by any chance related?

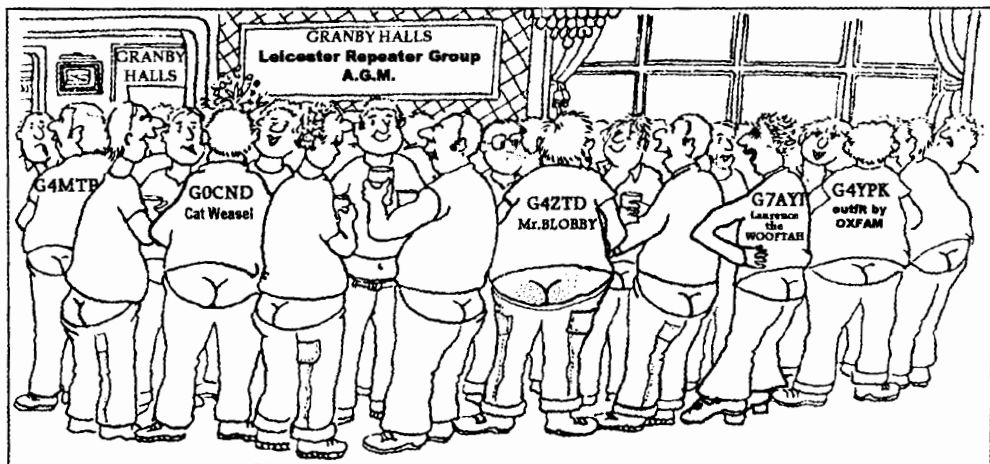
Amateur radio buffoon Police Sgt William Bowden got an on-air invitation for coffee and at Mid-

Amateur Radio Observation Society A.R.O.S.

The A.R.O.S. is an organisation funded by subscriptions to the R.S.G.B.Ltd., We want any details of this organisation that you may have. Headed by a foul-faced old fart (as seen on BBCTV recently, thank god it was only a fleeting glimpse) they seem to be carrying out the work of the D.T.I. for them, but not without a certain amount of bias and conspiracy. We know of two amateurs that have written letters of complaint to A.R.O.S. after being fobbed off by the D.T.I., in neither case was any action taken, or any acknowledgement given to the letters. In another case, the A.R.O.S. contacted a well known local radio enthusiast and "threatened" dire retribution, when asked what was complained of and on what dates (so he could consult his log book) no reply, save a postcard stating that a further reply would be sent, was ever received - despite follow up letters. The address and function of these people are published in a D.T.I. leaflet entitled "Abuse of Amateur Radio" (RA198) It seems the A.R.O.S. are abusing what little power they think they have. We hope to print a story about them next month, with pictures! WATCH THIS SPACE, let us have any information and copies of any correspondence as soon as possible.

REPEATER NEWS

There still seems to be concerted effort by certain individuals to "censor" traffic on the GB3CF repeater. Please log it all down, in the remarks column of your log book, and do please keep a log book. There are certain people at the D.T.I. who would relish the chance of catching anyone with an incomplete log book and closing the station for log book inaccuracies, this has been done in the past! Several people have been keeping a log of the offending stations, and the same few call signs keep occurring time and time again it. We need to be able to take our complaint to the authorities backed up with as many independent reports as possible, so even if you are just listening, and you hear others attempting to make calls when the repeater is obviously in use, just log the date, time, and call sign. THE MORE CORROBORATING EVIDENCE THE BETTER. There are those of us that will not rest until ALL the abusers of the repeaters are dealt with in the same way. We will not suggest the stations we think are to blame as we want genuine reports so as to add weight to our complaint when the time comes, which it will! Those who appear immune from prosecution will have to modify their behaviour shortly, and the D.T.I. officials can no longer sweep complaints "under the carpet", thanks to the provisions of the Citizens Charter.



LEGAL NEWS

We know that many of you attended Dudley Magistrates recently to hear the case of the D.T.I. vs G7GDR, well it ended in a draw - rather like George's case, but in a slightly different way. George was charged with 10 offences and found guilty of 5, 50% success for the D.T.I., or as I heard him describe it later "I challenged them to a battle of wits, and proved they were only half prepared". With G7GDR the outcome was slightly different, 3 charges were made and the magistrates returned a guilty verdict on all 3, BUT with the subtle difference, giving a conditional discharge! This meant that NO FINE was imposed WHATSOEVER! The D.T.I. asked for £3910.00 towards the costs of prosecution, the magistrates decided that £1000.00 was more suitable, and ordered this to be paid over 4.77 years! It is nice to know that our licence fees are spent so wisely. With just over 60,000 licensed radio amateurs in the British Isles, the Radiocommunications Agency has around £900,000.00 to throw around (after you take off the administration costs for S.S.L., who now provide the licences on behalf of the D.T.I.) MONEY WELL SPENT? Lester Maddrell & Co. would agree, they prosecute Wireless Telegraphy Act cases for the D.T.I. and do very well out of it!

BUFFOON ON THE TURN

Fears for the sanity of the old Buffoon have long since faded, but lately his unstable state of mind has become even more acute. Remarks have been heard concerning the bodies of naked individuals of the SAME SEX! It appears that spurned in the affections of Peggy (the old bat with a face like a bulldog licking piss off a thistle) the Buffoon has turned his demonstrative attention upon other radio enthusiasts. Be warned, if you are approached by a large extinct land reptile, and there is NOT a Jurassic Park publicity stunt nearby, this may be the Buffoonasaurus, and what is worse, it seems to be the mating season. The Buffoon can be identified by the suit that has been slept in, and its characteristic loonish laugh. Backs firmly to the wall is the advised posture, although we are not sure if the Buffoonasaurus actually does it this way round, although safety first is always a good motto, be warned, there's a rampant woofah Buffoon about!

We apologise for the lack of pages this month, a bit of a disappointment after last months giant issue, but little Buffoonery to report on this month. We have high hopes for next month, so look out for your jam packed September issue. We hope to bring you the unedited version of the "BUFFOON TAPE?" telephonic communication between the Buffoon and other radio enthusiasts. Keep the information coming, and happy Buffoon Baiting until next month!



For heavens sake give it a rest Malcolm!

WARNING

Please do not attempt any of the cunning stunts detailed in BUFFOON Magazine. Careful and detailed training is required to act like a complete Buffoon, in one case, training and experience gathered over 25 years is needed.

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