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Node/BBS News

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GB7MAX /BLOX Node

The BBS , now using WinFBB continues to perform satisfactorily.

Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is now available. The Xrouter Node continues to work well. Telnet access to the BLOX node on Port 2323 is still very much available and is working well. Contact Chris, G0CNG, sysop for further information or access password authorisation.

GB7PMB

The 2m colinear antenna has now been replaced resulting in a much improved signal on 144.950. Direct Telnet access to the BBS on Port 4001 is now available. Telnet access to the SALOP node on Port 2323 is also available and is working well. Contact Tony, G7BUG or Chris, G0CNG, for further information or access password authorisation

GB7WV NODES

All nodes and the UI digipeater are working OK

DY NODES

These nodes are working OK

PP NODES

Currently off air - see Chairman's jottings.

Any feedback should be sent to Chris
G0CNG@GB7MAX

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2003 - 2004 MEMBER'S MEETINGS

Monthly Member's Meetings continue to be held in the Lounge Bar at the **Sir Robert Peel Public House**, located on the main A4124 Bell Lane adjacent to the Lichfield Road / Broad Lane Junction and traffic lights (opposite the old Tildesley Ford Garage).
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The next meetings, all at the Sir Robert Peel at 20.00 hrs are:

Monday October 6th

Monday November 3rd

Monday December 1st.

Monday January 5th 2004

Please put these dates in your diary.

The meetings are all currently scheduled to be informal natter evenings.

We hope you may be able to pay us a visit at one of these meetings.

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

Greetings to all Members.

My apologies for the late issue of DC68 .

After what has been an excellent Summer with some tropical weather at times, Autumn now beckons with the nights distinctly drawing in now.

Not a lot has changed since DC67 with my time over the summer having been spent in things other than amateur radio.

The 2003 Telford Rally, again at the Aerospace Museum, Cosford proved to be an enjoyable event and I particularly enjoyed meeting many members and Friends and finding some time to look around the excellent selection of traders and stalls.

Since the move of our monthly Members' Meetings to the Sir Robert Peel Public House in Bell Lane, Bloxwich, attendance has improved, averaging more than double the average attendance at Perton during the final 12 months there. We do hope those of you who have not yet attended a meeting may like to come and join us on the first Monday of each month (except Bank Holidays). I have enjoyed the natter sessions being able to catch up with the news of fellow members and friends over a drink in pleasant surroundings.

GB7MAX using 16 Bit WinFBB continues to perform well in conjunction with its front end BLOX node using G8PZT's excellent XROUTER software. Our Shopshire BBS, GB7PMB uses identical software to GB7MAX.

I apologise to those users who access GB7MAX via Telnet for the occasional outages of the BBS/Node due to my Netgear DG814 ADSL Modem/Router having the irritating tendency to drop off the net from time to time, requiring a reboot to get back on line again. I'm currently taking up this problem with Netgear's Technical Support as it appears to be a problem with the Router's Firmware and I'm told an update is due soon which (fingers crossed!) may cure the problem. Note that this problem does **NOT** affect radio access in any way whatsoever. If you are interested in trying out Internet Telnet access to either GB7MAX or GB7PMB please drop me a packet message or email and I'll add you to the relevant system.

It is hoped to install a new Node at our Secretary, Miles' QTH, G4GSB in Madeley, Telford, sometime during the Autumn which will not only provide radio linkage between GB7MAX and GB7PMB but also improve access to both BBS's from the Shrewsbury Area. It is planned to have user access ports on 144.950 and 70.3375 MHz.

Sincere apologies are due to users of the Perton GB7PP nodes, PP22 and PP71 for the continuing outage of this system. Mick informs us that there is a problem with the dual band colinear antenna and he will try and rectify the problem as soon as possible, work commitments permitting.

73's until the next issue
Chris Roberts, G0CNG
Chairman.

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UK Packet Conference 2003 Saturday 13th September 2003

From: G3ZFR@G3ZFR.GB7COV.#29.GBR.EU
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Hi packet users and Sysops everywhere
You are cordially invited to attend the UK Packet Conference 2003.

Date: Saturday 13th September 2003
Time: 10.30am
Venue: Marconi Sports and Social Club, Binley Road, Coventry.

It is anticipated that there will be a number of presentations and equipment demonstrations, of interest to all packet Sysops and users. There will also be opportunity for discussion and socialising.

Tea, coffee and a buffet lunch will be available (the cost of which will be subsidised). There is also a licensed bar. The formal part of the conference is expected to finish at around 5pm, but the venue will remain open for the evening, if required.

The venue is easily reached from the Motorway network and there is ample parking. Talk-in will be available. Coventry is also accessible by rail and bus. Directions will be circulated in due course.

It would be helpful to know the number of attendees, so that we can make arrangements for the lunch, so if you intend to come, or to tender your apologies, please let me know.

Provisional Presentations/Demonstrations

1. Forward error correction on half-duplex links (G4FPV/G8PZT)
2. Progress with 23cm equipment for high speed linking (G4CFG)
3. The "1U Xrouter" project (M1FDE)
4. Various DCC items (G8SFR/G1DVU)

Discussions (with callsign of originator)

5. Use of WAP-capable mobile phones to access packet radio (G6KUI)
6. Distribution of bulletins outside their intended areas (G6KUI)
7. The future of amateur satellite for carrying packet mail (G3LDI)

Hope to see you there!

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MAXPAK modems price list for 2003

**Specially reduced prices
Prices include P & P**

MAX-01 1200 baud PACKET MODEM

Baycom type modem (3 IC's), PCB, circuit diagram & parts list plus all the components required to populate the PCB.

Members price £15.00

Non members price £20.00

Ready built and tested modems available
£5.00 extra

PRE DRILLED AND PUNCHED CASE including installation kit etc.

Members price £5.00

Non members price £6.00

MAX-02 1200 & 9600 baud MODEM.

This unit is available and comes complete with, PCB, all the components required to populate the PCB, full construction details and agw software on 3.5" floppy disk. FOC

Members prices

Kit including PCB/power kit £30.00

Pre drilled case £ 5.00

Ready made and tested modems are available
for £10.00 extra.

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Non members prices

Kit including PCB/power kit £40.00

Pre drilled case £ 7.00

Ready made and tested modems are available
for £10.00 extra.

agw software on 3.5" floppy disk. FOC

The MAX-01 has been tested with,
Windows 3.1x, Windows95, Windows98
and Windows ME

The MAX-02 will **NOT** work with Win 3.1x
but has been tested with,
Windows95, Windows98
and Windows ME

MAXPAK who's who

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**All sales items available from Chris
G0CNG, QTHR as above.**