










BATC 2018 General meeting



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BATC review – 2018 GM

Noel Matthews – G8GTZ

BATC Chair







Topics

-  Meet the committee
-  Membership review
-  BATC review
-  On-line update
-  The future of CAT meetings
-  Supporting the ATV community

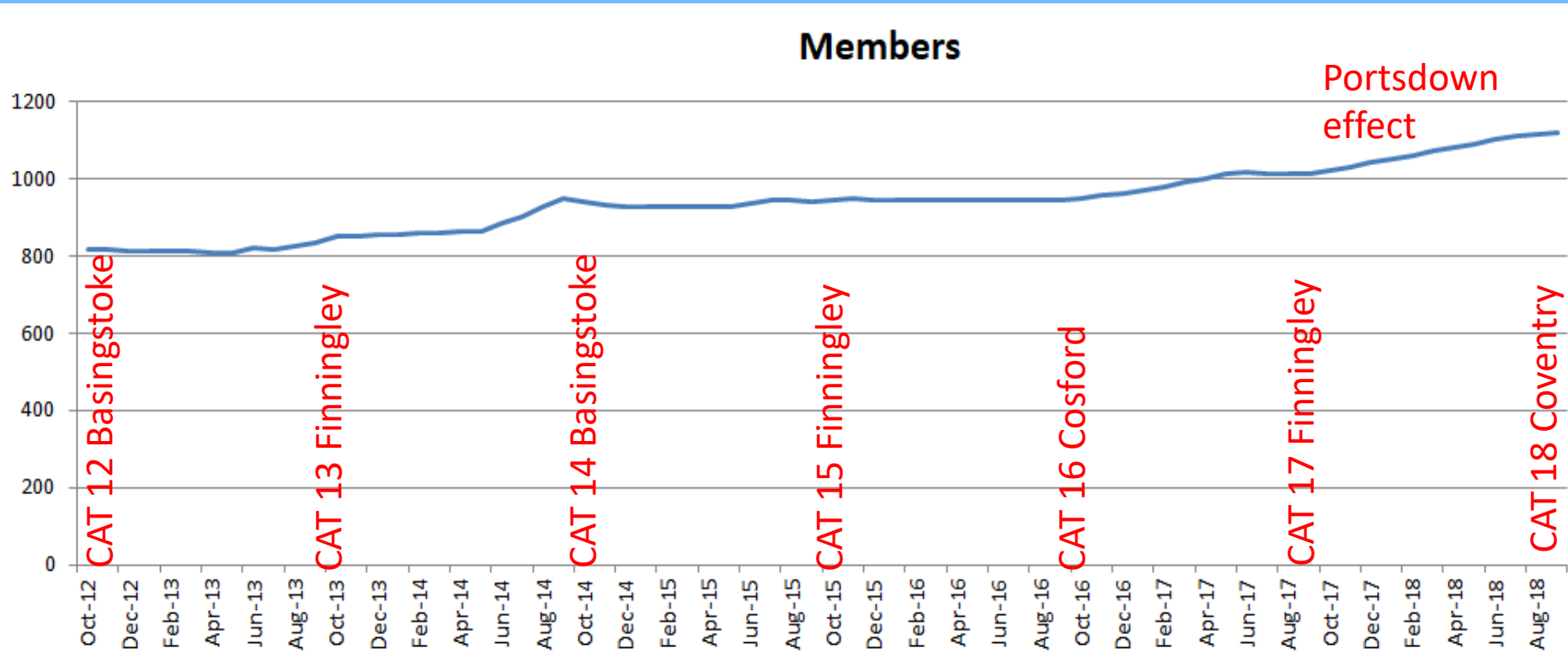
The (current) committee






-  **Noel G8GTZ = Chair**
 - Shop
 - ETCC TV rep
-  **Graham – G3VZV**
 - President
-  **Dave G8ADM**
 - Secretary
-  **Brian G8GQS**
 - Honorary Treasurer
-  **Robert – G8NXG**
 - Membership secretary

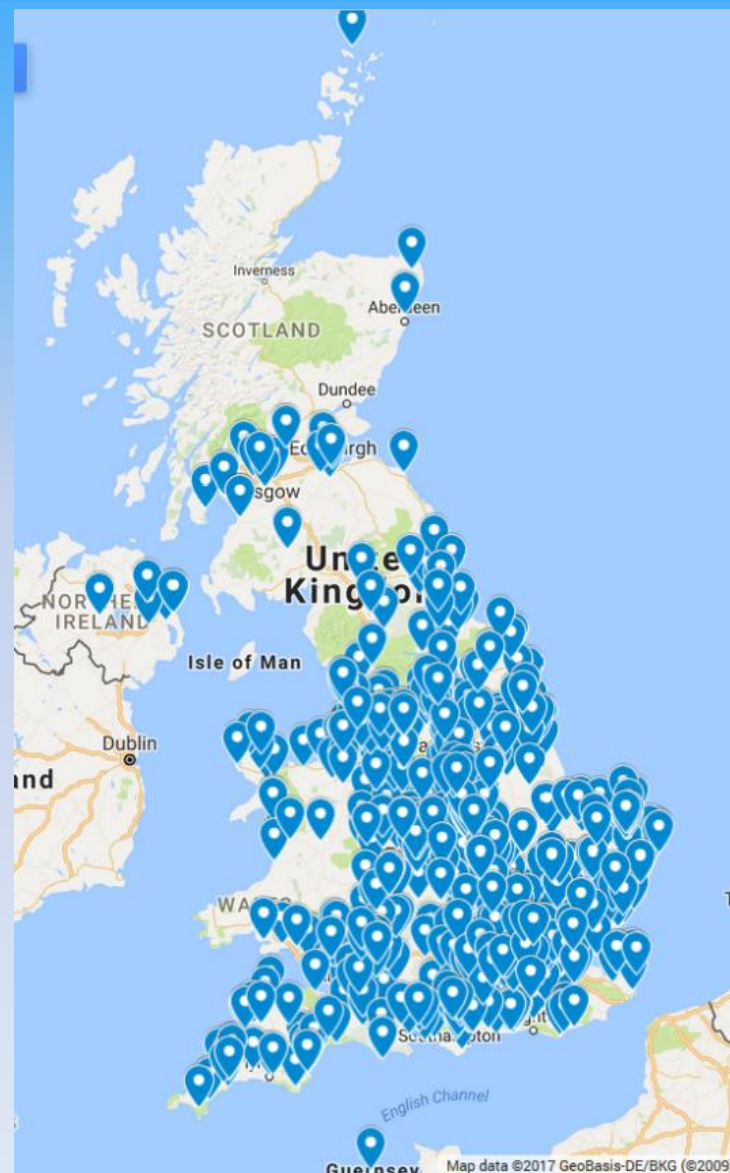
-  **Dave G8GKQ**
 - Forum admin
 - Portsdown guru
 - Special projects
-  **Frank MOAEU**
 - CQ-TV editor
-  **Ian – G8XZD**
 - Publicity
-  **Clive G3GJA**
 - Contests

Membership still growing








Members

-  Total membership = 1110
 - CAT 17 = 1,011
 - CAT 16 = 934
 - Thank you Portsdown!
-  Approximately 80% in the UK
 - 800 cyber members
 - 310 paper members
-  61 repeater streaming channels









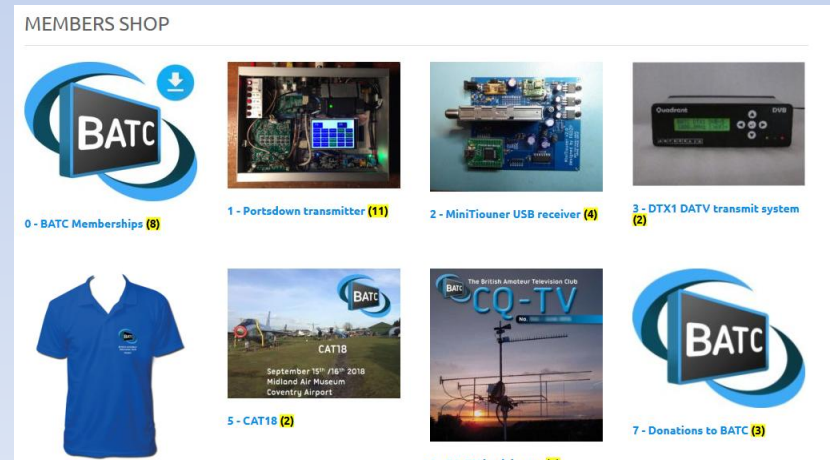
On line presence

-  **After 4 years of talking we have a new web site!!**
 - Integrated streamer with Flash and HTML
 - Clean modern look with Flexible shop
-  **Migration at end of May went smoothly**
 - Moved 1,100 membership records!
 - Thanks Dave and Rob
-  **One or two bugs to be ironed out**
 - Please bear with us
-  **We close down the old server in 2 weeks time**
 - Everything hosted on Linode
 - Maintenance contract with Inspya (developer)
-  **The BATC now has a major on-line presence**



The new website

-  Basically a Wordpress site with UMP membership and woocommerce plugins
-  Integrated streamer by MODNY
-  Limited custom code to ensure support
-  Fully documented on BATC committee wiki – yes there is one!





On-line presence - 2

BATC wiki

- THE ATV reference library
- Great place to point newbies
- Your place to put information

Dxspot.tv

- Dxspot cluster just for ATV
- Interactive spot map
- dedicated dx chat line
- Upgraded in 2018

BATC Github

- Code repository for DX Spot, Wordpress and Portsdown



BATC members forum

- Your place to discuss and learn
- Please post anything of interest
- Much better than a “closed” email
- 812 (591) registered users





Monitoring the forum

-  ~ 5 posts a day
-  Lots of valuable information
-  Hard to know what's happening
-  Use the RSS feed – produces a web page listing the last 20 posts including pictures
-  Click on the links to reply to posts
-  <https://forum.batc.org.uk/app.php/feed>

[CAT18 - CAT18 - BATC shop special offer](#)

14 September 2018, 09:45

Don't forget the BATC shop will be at CAT18 with all stock at special cash only rally prices and a special offer on the ready built Portsdown Filter m

[Es'hail-2 - DATV Transponder - Re: Es HailSat 2 location](#)

14 September 2018, 01:49



P.s thanks for the Excel sheet very useful

[Es'hail-2 - DATV Transponder - Re: Es HailSat 2 location](#)

14 September 2018, 01:21

That was how I set up the dish in the garden with the laptop and mini-tuner but as I wanted to use it on narrowband as well as TV, using the sat switch horizontal or vertical.

[Es'hail-2 - DATV Transponder - Re: Es HailSat 2 location](#)

13 September 2018, 20:12

Just one thing to add is if your using a Satellite receiver to receive BBC Arabic service on Badr Sat and the LNB out to drive the mini-tuner, A good way to get around this is to not use a satellite receiver but just the mini-tuner with 12V to the LNB, rotate the LNB by 90 degrees and loc This may also help http://www.groundcontrol.com/Satellite_...ulator.htm

As the UK longitude 26 degrees west of the satellite, polarisation is tilted too, it is going to be practically the same as for 28E so the standard LNB does not allow excel files so it is a zip.

[Satellite.zip](#)

[ATV Activity and Contest Discussions - Re: More 4m tests - Friday 14th September](#)

13 September 2018, 18:38

It would be great to join you but I will be travelling up to Coventry for CAT18.

Have fun
73
Noel

[Es'hail-2 - DATV Transponder - Re: Es HailSat 2 location](#)

13 September 2018, 18:24

Just one thing to add is if your using a Satellite receiver to receive BBC Arabic service on Badr Sat and the LNB out to drive the mini-tuner, then r

[General ATV Discussion - Re: ATV on 6cms - It's Cheap and Easy on 5665MHz](#)

13 September 2018, 13:38

My 5.6GHz gear is coming together, a bit of a rats nest but it seems to work ok. Just need an aerial now, where does the best deal guys?
73 Dave.



Social media

 Social Media is about building a vibrant community worldwide

- Facebook has 300 (142) members
- Twitter has 448 (176) followers
- 15,500 tweet (8,000) impressions a month



 BATC Youtube channel

- All BATC videos are on there – is yours?
- 22,000 views of ATV content since 2015!



 Essential we develop social media to promote BATC and ATV in the future






 Twitter is a really effective way of communicating your ATV activities!

- People love to see your successes and failures!



CQ-TV – better than ever



-  **Thanks to Frank MOAEU**
 - And to all the authors who produce content!
-  **Postage (and print) cost is still a concern**
 - We are monitoring it closely
-  **Please consider upgrading to paper**
 - We could then print every page in colour!
-  **Content, content & content**
 - Please write up your projects / activities!
-  **CQ-DATV**
 - We do not see it as competition
 - But we would appreciate first refusal on copy about any BATC supported activities





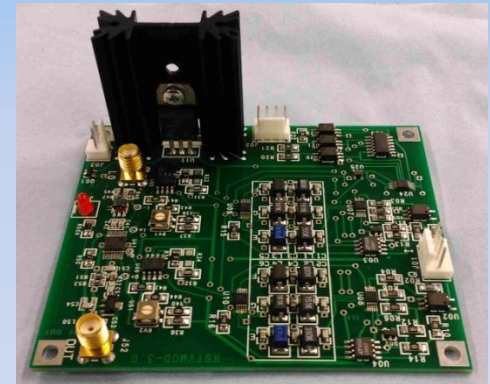
Contests

- We are trying to encourage members to “get on the air”
 - There is a real danger of “use it or lose it”
 - Ofcom DO monitor activity
 - Get on air and tell everyone about it
- BATC activity weekends to focus activity
 - We need your input to improve them
- It does work!
 - Zero UK entries in 2015 IARU region 1 contest!
 - 11 in 2016
 - 23 in 2017
 - 28 in 2018 – more than any other country!!










BATC shop

- ⓑ Shop policy is to make “hard to get parts” (only) available to members at lowest possible cost
- ⓑ Shop is there to support members and encourage all forms of ATV activity
 - Not to make a profit – but it does 😞 😊
- ⓑ Portsdown ~280 builders
- ⓑ 500+ Minituner parts sold!
- ⓑ DTX1 - Sold ~150 units at cost
 - No longer stocked
- ⓑ New shop is more flexible
 - CAT18 tickets
 - Golf shirts







BATC bursary fund


-  Grants of money available to individuals and groups to fund projects to benefit the ATV community
-  Pump priming for development projects
 - Development tools / hardware, prototype PCBs
-  One off funding for repeater groups
 - one off costs such as rebuilds or legal fees.
 - Will not fund ongoing annual fees
-  ATV infrastructure
 - Es'hail-2 ground station project at Goonhilly
-  Funding for Dxpeditions with an ATV interest.
-  Outreach support for ATV groups
 - Demo kit
 - ATV equipment for use by Radio Club members
-  Applications welcome using the form on the website




Representing ATV

-  **RSGB spectrum forum**
 - 146 MHz in the band plan!
 - RSGB supporting DATV at IARU level
 - ATV acknowledged as a the big innovator!

-  **Ofcom liaison**
 - 146MHz and 71 MHz additional spectrum!
 - WRC 19 submission

-  **ETCC representation**
 - Supporting & promoting ATV repeaters
 - 3.4 & 5.6 GHz New bands for repeaters

-  **RSGB microwave committee**
 - Jointly promoting the use of spectrum above 1 GHz

-  **European liaison**
 - Represented UK ATV at pan-European conference at HAMRADIO2018
 - Meet with reps from 4 other countries to align strategy on 70cms and 1.3 GHz



Promoting ATV to the wider amateur community






BATC

- RSGB convention & Hamfest and Local rallies
- Radcom column and articles
 - 5.6GHz
 - Portsdown
- Taking ATV to a wider audience
 - Winning entries in construction competitions
 - Radio club talks
- Organise ATV academies
 - BATC will support you
- 5.6 Ghz and Portsdown make great club projects
 - Low cost and easy, just ask Furness radio club
- Banners & printed material available to support your group events
- ATV has a great story to tell!!









The future of CAT

-  BATC will continue to have a national convention with the BGM every 2 years
-  Should we make alternate year events several smaller regional gatherings?
-  Organised by the people in the region and supported by BATC
 - North East / Yorkshire / Lincs?
 - North West / Manchester / Wirral?
 - Midlands / Telford?
 - South West / Bristol?
-  Will help to build ATV communities around the country
-  Thoughts / ideas / volunteers to lead?









Repeaters

-  **Not a BATC responsibility but**
 - G8GTZ is TV representative on ETCC
-  **Currently 43 licensed units**
 - 8 licensed but never put on air!
 - 5 Licensed but not in service
-  **1 new application**
 - All TV repeaters require Primary User approval
 - Frustrating but out of our control
 - 3.4 GHz is “easy”
 - Just had 3 * 23cms units approved by Ofcom!
 - GB3EY after 4 years!
-  **Use them or lose them!**



BATC vision for the future



-  Continue to support individual ATVers and regional groups
-  To broaden the appeal of BATC
 - Anything to do with video...
-  Introduce and make ATV accessible to younger age groups
 - Engage through Social Media
-  To continue to work at national and international levels to protect spectrum
-  To build stronger relations with ATV groups around the world
-  Continue to drive the digital migration
 - Support new initiatives










Your BATC

- 🔊 **Thriving and driving the ATV community forward**
- 🔊 **SO much more than just a magazine**
- 🔊 **Financially stable**
 - And using the funds to drive the ATV community forward
- 🔊 **We need your input**
 - Contests, CQ-TV, CAT19....
- 🔊 **How are we doing?**
 - Have your say
 - Use the forum
- 🔊 **Any questions?**





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Treasurer's report

Brian Summers










Treasurer's Topics

-  Accounts for 2016 - 2017 and Treasurers report are in CQ-TV 260.
 - More detailed information is available on request.
-  The BATC shop made a significant surplus in 2017
-  We have and intend to use these funds to :-
 - Promote ATV and BATC presence at shows and rallies.
 - Support the new website, streamer, forum, wiki.....
 - Postpone an increase in subscriptions.
 - Contest awards and the Bursary scheme.
-  PayPal secure payments for credit card and money transfer
-  Print & postage for the paper edition of CQ-TV.
-  Brexit, value of the £, VAT, customs duties and mutual trading.
-  Our financial security is good and we have adequate reserves




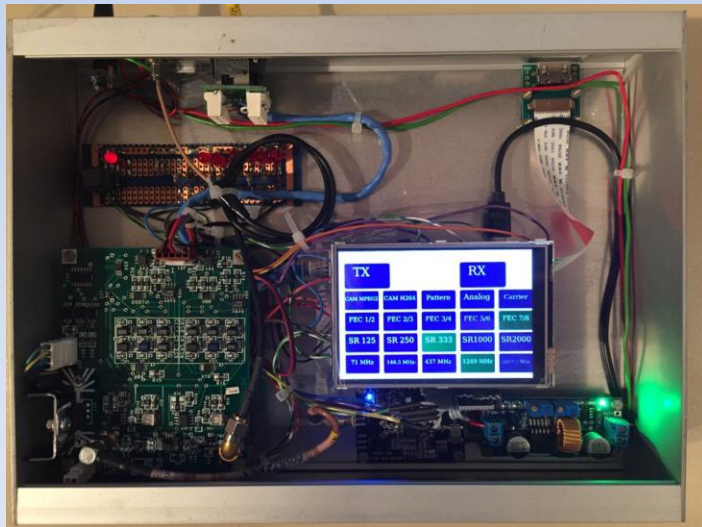
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Grant Dixon award

 Presented to Dave Crump G8GKQ for the outstanding contribution he has made to the development of DATV and RB-TV through the Portsdown project



BATC Portsdown Transmitter Main Menu

TX	RX	M2		
Modulation DVB-S	Encoder MPEG-2	Output to EXPRESS	Format 4:3	Source Webcam
Freq 437 MHz	Sym Rate 2000	FEC 7/8	Band/Tvtr 70_cm	Exp Level 30
EasyCap Comp Vid	Caption On	Audio Auto	Atten NONE	
Preset 1 146.5_333	Preset 2 437_1MS	Preset 3 1255_HD	Preset 4 437-2MS	Store Preset



Contest awards

BATC June 146 MHz Contest

– 1st = G8GKQ (not eligible for award)

Best DX 2-way 5.6 GHz Contact during IARU contest

– G3NWR and GW4CBW at 154 km.

Portsdown system received at the furthest distance (any band)


– G4LDR at 64 km on 24GHz

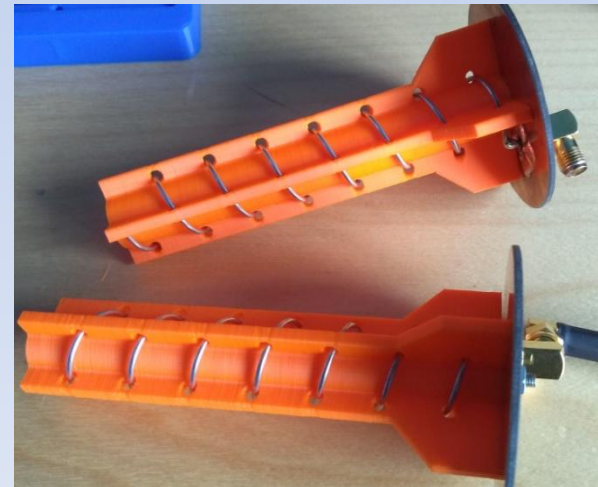
Construction competition



 1st prize GOEID – RB-TV Mod










 2nd prize – G4XAT - 3D printing





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Outgoing president

 Thanks Graham for many years of hard work dedicated to promoting ATV



Dave Mann

BATC President










-  Joined EMI in Hayes as an apprentice in 1956
 - Spent working life in manufacturing broadcast television equipment.
-  Licensed as G30U0/T and transmitted analogue 405 line on 70cm.
 - John Tanners van - early 1960's.
-  Joined BATC in Spring 1958 age 18.
 - First CQTV was No: 36
-  Appointed BATC membership secretary in early 1960's for a couple of years
-  Became Secretary and Membership secretary again 10 years ago
-  Stepped in as CQ-TV editor for 240









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Committee elections

-  Committee can have up to 8 members who can serve up to 2 terms
 - The president is not officially on the committee
 - Plus co-opted members
-  Noel G8GTZ, Ian G8XZD and Rob G8NXG can continue without re-election
 - Dave G8ADM is retiring
-  Club officers & roles are confirmed at subsequent committee meeting
-  Chair can only stand for 3 terms
 - G8GTZ will be standing down and new chair elected




Standing for election

-  **Brian Summers G8GQS**
 - Hon Treasurer
-  **Frank Heritage MOAEU**
 - CQ-TV editor
-  **Clive Reynolds G3GJA**
 - Contests
-  **David Crump G8GKQ**
 - Special projects incl'd Portsdown
-  **Phil Crump MODNY (Co-opted)**
 - Network support



Thank you!

 Thanks for a great weekend

 Have a safe journey home and see you
at a regional CAT next year!