GX0SCR/P Kenley Common Sunday 10th July 2011
Caterham Radio Group (CatRad) again set-up and operated another Amateur Radio Special Event Station operating in the Short Wave frequency Amateur Radio bands. Demonstrating Amateur Radio to the public.

Preparation
Final preparation and planning meeting was held at the CatRad meeting on the 8 July 2011.

The Fun day event was to be held on Kenley Common on the North side of Kenley Aerodrome perimeter.

Kenley common is managed and maintained by the City of London Kenley Common

Setting Up
Mike G3TWJ, Kim G6JXA, Paul G4APL and John G8MNY arrived on side a little before 8AM.
First task was to get a halyard up into a tree, So that the G5RV aerial can be erected in an inverted Vee formation. i.e. The dipole element sloping down to the ground to a suitable tree or pole.

Then the following task had to be completed:-
Test the 3KVA generator which provides the mains power.
Erect the tent frame, and canvas. Erect and set up the tables and chairs
Install the Amateur Radio equipment IC745 Transceiver, Drake L4B amplifier, Aerial tuning unit and test.
Public Address system so that the public can hear both side of the radio contacts.
Se-up the mess table. To enable hot drinks to be available.
Amateur Radio Hand outs.
Ken G3CQU and Mike G3TWJ time were shared between the RAFA (RAF Association) Tent next to ours.

Equipment
The GX0SCR/P stations consisted of.
Station Details
Station QTH Kenley Common IO91what 167metres ASL (above Sea Level).
WAB TQ35 GLC, DX Node 14 ITU Zone 27

14 MHz SSB IC735 400 Watts Drake L-4B Linear, Pulstar ATU G5RV wire aerial at 10 metres AGL (Above Ground Level) supported at the centre by a tree in an inverted Vee formation.

A local RF (Radio Frequency) proof Audio Public Address system provided the public to listen to both sides of the radio contact.

The large tent door used as an awning on two poles which covered a table with our paper work.
Weather
The weather was dry, Cloudy with a few sunny spells. Though there was a noticeable drop in temperature around 11AM. When it clouded over.

Visitors Meet and Greet
While the contacts were in progress, John updated the ‘Stations Worked white board’ with the Amateur Radio stations callsigns and countries worked for the Public.

Paul and John greeted and explained our Amateur Radio Station activities.

Many members of the public came to hear the contacts being relayed over our public address system and chat to us.

Paul and John had many interesting conversations with our visitors

Operating
By 09:30AM we were ready for John to call in to his Sunday morning top band net on 1.926MHz. After John’s net, Paul took over and started the CQ calls for Non Contest Contacts. As there was a 24 hour worldwide contest in progress over the weekend. Ceasing at 1PM on the Sunday.

Paul established 12 contacts over the next hour and a half, when his voice was starting to fail. Handed over control to Kim G6JXA. Who took control for the rest of the day. Kim made 40 contacts during his session of four and a half hours.

Ted G7OBF and his XYL Kathy dropped in to see how the team was getting on.

Fun Day Activities
There were many activities around the field.

Packing Up
Started the close down and packing up at 4:15PM. John, Kim and Mike left in John’s Van at 5:30PM.
While Paul walked home taking the trail along the northern edge of the Kenley Aerodrome runway. Meet up with a dog owner and had a very enjoyable conversation about the Kenley Common, Aerodrome walks. Which will need more exploring when Paul finds some spare time to go wandering.

From the 2011 logs supplied. These have been analysed as follows

Country prefix worked by John G8MNY, Paul G4APL on 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, 28, 50, 145, 433MHz GX0SCR/P Station IC735 Drake PA and G5RV Aerial

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