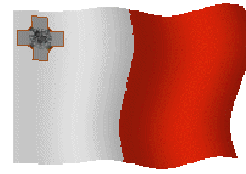


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From the Editor

Friends,

I welcome you to another issue of this magazine for March 2008, which is issue 24 of this series.

In this issue we are bringing you photos of an activity of the Civil Protection Department for which the volunteers group that are working hand in hand with this department were invited.

Up to now the cooperation was always on training and we hope that here will never be the need for their help in an emergency, but if God forbid it arises they will be ready and well trained for it.

We are also bringing you photos of **9H1SF** who is making an honour for himself and our country when together with whom he is dancing are placing first or in the first places in dancing championships.

Steven should be an example to everyone and we do not only congratulate him for the success that he has already acquired up to now, but also wish him to continue to acquire more success further on to continue to honour himself as well as our country.

It appears that the group of radio amateurs that are going to work from places outside their homes are planning another operation for the month of May. Keep your eyes on this magazine because as soon as we know the details we will publish them so that whoever wants to can go and enjoy him/herself with them.

Do not forget that we shall shortly start making some BBQ at our Club as we have done last year. As soon as we have the details we will put them on this magazine and also inform you with some other means.

Dominic, **9H1M**, promised me that he will continue the articles that he was contributing as well as some other things. However, as many of you know, work comes first because this is a hobby and everyone wants to try to find some spare time to practice his hobby more so to write something for this magazine.

I hope that you find the information in the magazine useful to you and if you have some article please leave it in my QSL box.

Lawrence
9H1AV / 9H9MHR

Photos of the activity by the Civil Protection Department

On 23 February 2008 a meeting was held at the Centre of the Civil Protection Department, Xemxija, St Paul's Bay to commemorate the opening of the same Centre.

For this commemoration meeting members of the radio amateur group that help the Civil Protection Department when the need arises as we have shown in a prior magazine were invited.

A mass was also celebrated by Monsignor Archbishop together with other priests while music was provided by a band group.

Members from various sections of the Department together with **9H1PI** as representative of the **MARL** group took part in reading the prayers. After mass drinks were served where the **MARL** group were also invited.

The **MARL** group took care to establish a radio station as well as a television station that served to show the work that this group does when it is working together with the Civil Protection Department.

There was also a presentation on a monitor by 9H1M about civil protection activities in other countries that also served as information of similar activities and how these are carried out outside Malta.



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Mons Archbishop Pawlu Cremona during mass



Mons Archbishop with the Chief of the Civil Protection Department Mr Peter Cordina



9H1PI reading a prayer



Mons Archbishop at the back

We hope that more radio amateurs will be enticed to offer their services later when things will have moved forward and we hope to have a group in every town and city in Malta that will be ready to offer their services if the need arises.

Lawrence

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Internet webpages

All those interested to know how signals sound like on VHF when there is Es, tropo, aurora, meteorites and other methods of propagation can download a good number of transmissions recorded on **144 MHz** and on **50 MHz**. These can be downloaded from **PCIT's** webpage.

The **144 Mhz** link is

http://www.vermonden.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=19&Itemid=33

The **50 MHz** link is

http://www.vermonden.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22&Itemid=36

Among the transmissions are those of **9H1GB**, **9H1CG** u **9H1CD** on **144 MHz**.

There is no doubt that it is interesting to hear your voice as it is being received at the other end.

Another most interesting link is that for antique American equipment where you will find many books and circuits for radio equipment and other equipment.

The majority of these books are **DJVU** which is a programme similar to **PDF**. The difference is that it takes less space, that is, in size, if a book is 1Mb, **DJVU** will be one third and even less.

From the same page you will find a link from where you can download a programme to be able to see these books and circuits. This page is known as The Schematic Bank and its link is

<http://techpreservation.dyndns.org/schematics/manufacturer.htm>

See them because they are really interesting

Other links that are useful are those of the Malta Communication Authority from where one can download documents related to our hobby.

The first one interests foreign visitors in order to acquire a licence for 3 months. The link <http://www.mca.org.mt/infocentre/openarticle.asp?id=735&pref=31>

while the link for the application itself is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/filesystem/pushdocmgmtfile.asp?id=735&source=3&pin=>

The link for downloading an application by Maltese citizens is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/infocentre/openarticle.asp?id=733&pref=31>

while the link for the application itself is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/filesystem/pushdocmgmtfile.asp?id=733&source=3&pin=>

and the link for the application itself in English is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/filesystem/pushdocmgmtfile.asp?id=733&source=4&pin=>

The link for downloading a form about radio and television interference is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/infocentre/openarticle.asp?id=741&pref=31>

while the form itself is downloaded from

<http://www.mca.org.mt/filesystem/pushfile.asp?id=741&source=4&pin=>

The link for the page from which the National Frequency Bandplan, which is going to be changed this year, can be downloaded is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/infocentre/openarticle.asp?id=516&pref=24>

while the link for the plan itself is

<http://www.mca.org.mt/filesystem/pushdocmgmtfile.asp?id=516&source=3&pin=>

I hope that you will find these links interesting. If someone finds some interesting internet webpage and would want to share the information can leave them in my QSL card box at the **MARL** Club.

Lawrence

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We congratulate Steven Fenech, 9H1SF

We congratulate **Steve Fenech 9H1SF** u lil **Mandy Ghio** who are making an honour for themselves and Malta in the Holland Dans Spektakel Championships, the greatest World championships for wheelchair dancers.

They placed in the fifth place in Class 2 in the Ballroom Dancing Championships and fifth in the Latin American Championships.





Last year **Steven** and **Mandy** won the Open German Wheelchair Classical Latin American Dancing Championships.

In February this year they were welcomed with a great ovation by the audience during the Canadian Classical Snowball Dancing Championships that were held in Vancouver. This is apart from other titles in other championships.

We also wish them success in the Malta Open Dance Spectacular that is going to be held in Malta in November 2008.





I thank Pippa Roberts who kindly gave me permission to use as much photos as I need from their internet webpage which is <http://www.maltawda.com/> as well as for sending me the information found further down for our magazine.

I also thank her for the writing that is found hereunder which I have edited.

Wheelchair Dancing

Wheelchair dancing is a sport and art that integrated wholly and therefore the person who does not have a disability recognizes the other wheelchair user as a person more than a person with disability.

The wrong thinking that some persons with disability are also limited in their mental abilities is quickly dispelled, such that many persons are educated. After all there is no person that does not have some sort of disability, e.g. shyness.

Wheelchair dancing also teaches the wheelchair user and/or the helper how to better use the wheelchair. Frequently by seeing other dancers making more with their wheelchair encourages them to become more independent and try other movements. Similar to dancers who have no disability try to copy their peers.

Wheelchair dancing was introduced in Malta in 1999. In other parts of the world it has been practiced for more than 20 years. The Association was formed in Malta in 2001. Its aims are to teach wheelchair users to dance in the form of persons who do not have a disability and create integration by dancing.

For competition purposes there are two forms: Combi (single person on a wheelchair with a standing partner) and Duo (two wheelchair dancers).

The **MWDA** holds international competitions, the Malta Open Dancing Spectacle, every two years. The competition integrates dancing by people without disabilities with wheelchair dancing. The dancing spectacle is going to be held on 29/30 November 2008.

There are many benefits for the wheelchair users. The first is that they can express the feeling of dancing that evades the person and has nothing to do with the feet but is more inherent to the person.

Secondly they learn to use the wheelchair better to help them in their daily life as well as when they are dancing.

As people without disabilities not all are good, but the most important thing is their participation especially at a social level. With this line of thinking there is line dancing and single dancing that could be used at a social level. In Malta we try to keep in the line of line dancing by those who do not have a disability etc., so that integration will be greatest.

For more information please visit the association webpage www.maltawda.com

News

500 kHz

News as regards this frequency is that on 13 April Mal, **G3KEV** succeeded in working with **RW3ADB**, both on **ĊW** as well as on **QRS3**. Mal was on **502.6 kHz** while **RW3ADB** was on **7 MHz**.

Whoever wants to try to talk to Mal should listen on **500 kHz** while Mal frequently listens on **7.033 MHz**.

There are other stations who are doing the same, that is transmitting on **500 kHz** while listening on other frequencies. Do not forget that further information can be found on the internet webpage <http://www.500kc.com>

We also remind you that Rik Strobbe, **ON7YD**, is working on **500 kHz**. Temporarily he is on **503.1 kHz** with about **0.5W ERP**, but had to increase power to about **3W ERP** and is arranging to operate between **501-504 kHz**. The callsign used for these experiments is **OR7T**.

Rik has already worked a number of **UK** stations (**G, GW, GI** u **GM**) while he received reports from **PA, F, DL, G, SP, OK, SM** and **OH** with the greatest distance being 1680 km.

Belgian stations with an A licence can all operate on **500 kHz** between **501-504 kHz** with a power of **5 W ERP CW** and **QRSS**.

The Americans are also using **SSB**.

And we?

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Information

We have good news for all **MARL** members.

Some time ago **MARL** had asked **IARU** to be given a transceiver if at all possible as a donation. After **IARU**, more correctly the **Region 1 Executive Committee** had considered **MARL's** request **MARL** they found that the **International Amateur Radio Club** in **Geneva Switzerland** had a transceiver that could be given to us.

Our friend **Hans, DF5UG** had arranged for this transceiver to be taken to **Friedrichshafen** in **Germany** from **Switzerland** with the hope that someone from Malta will be there to bring it with him, but there was no one.

Other arrangements were being made and due to certain circumstances and difficulties we were going to lose this transceiver, but now we have news that **Hans** can bring it with him when he come for a holiday in **Malta**.

There is no doubt that the transceiver will find good use at our Club and will integrate with our plans for the future.

We thank **IARU Region 1 Executive Committee** as well as **Hans, DF5UG** through whom this transceiver is going to be received.

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Activities

Spring Fair at San Anton Gardens

MARL is again going to take part in the Spring Fair organized by the Malta Horticultural Society that is going to be held at San Anton Gardens. This fair is going to be held on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 May. Whoever wants to take part should inform the Secretary as quickly as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

Do not forget if possible to take some equipment with you and it is always good to take with you some handheld equipment so that if you can communicate between yourselves if required. You will not give a good impression if to talk to each other you will have to shout instead of using communication equipment.

Spring Fair at the Rest Gardens

On Sunday 4 May there will be another fair in the Rest Gardens which is on the ieta' Bastion at Floriana. From these 19th century gardens in which there are many neoclassical monuments there is a magnificent view of Marsamxett harbour.

To arrive at the gardens one has to go down Great Siege road in Floriana near the National Library at Belt is-Sebh, turn left and again turn left near the Excelsior Hotel.

This fair which is organized by Din l-Art Helwa is going to be held between 10 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon. Entry is free and there will be food and drinks, books and other things. Profits will go towards maintenance of these gardens.

These gardens museum is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 9.30 a.m. and 12.00.

It will be a good idea if there are enough radio amateurs who can go to work from there in collaboration with Din l-Art Helwa and at the same time it will be an outing for their family. Time is not so long and we encourage you to also go and operate from these gardens.

If someone wants to go he should contact us so that we can see how we can make the necessary arrangements with Din l-Art Helwa especially if they need a 220/240V if they do not have a generator.

I suggest that however goes takes with him handled equipment as I have suggested above so that s/he will not only be able to communicate through internet but also with the other station at San Anton Gardens.

There is no doubt that two fairs such as these will serve as good advertising for MARL and the radio hobby in Malta.

These are tow good occasions for those who enjoy working portable and at the same time take their families to a nice restful environment.

Lawrence

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