



The First Class CW Operators Club

Spectrum Forum Meeting – Saturday 2nd November 2013

Agenda item 7.6 FOC

1. Founded in 1938, and with its roots, history and management in the UK, The First Class CW Operators' Club (FOC) promotes good CW operating, activity, friendship and socialising via its worldwide membership of approximately 500. Members are active on all HF bands and the character of the club is best expressed in its motto: "A man should keep his friendship in constant repair" - Samuel Johnson (1755). FOC members aim to:

- a) Foster and encourage a high standard of CW operating ability and behaviour on the amateur bands.
- b) Observe the licence conditions and principles of band planning.
- c) Be considerate to other amateurs at all times.
- d) Protect the future of the hobby through being active, encouraging newcomers and supporting a national society.

2. FOC continues to support programmes aimed at improving operating practice on the HF bands and is pleased to see wide adoption of the DX and Dxpedition Codes of Conduct. The problem with very poor HF operating continues, but we are starting to get the impression that things are improving slightly.

3. FOC wishes to register its concern about the steadily increasing levels of domestic electrical noise and encourages the RSGB to take a robust line when negotiating this important issue, particularly in respect of PLT and Solar PV systems. We applaud the research funding that the RSGB has put forward, which although it may not have an immediate impact; it is a useful step forward.