

THE VINTAGE AND MILITARY AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Report for the forthcoming RSGB Spectrum Forum Meeting 1st November 2014

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Good morning Murray,

Firstly thank you from all our members for taking over the Chair from John, we wish him well in his new position.

VMARS OBJECTIVES:

1). We would still like to see an expansion of 80m from 3.80MHz to 3.90MHz. This would certainly alleviate some of the 'overcrowding' on the Band especially during the winter. This has generally been met with approval from other Spectrum Forum members in the past. Perhaps with the 'Chair's permission we could ask for a show of hands by members as to their present views on this point.

The Band extension would also present us with an opportunity to work those American A.M. Amateurs who regularly use this part of the spectrum.

2) One subject we would like to revive is to bringing the full 160m band into the same licence conditions as those of other HF bands. i.e. maximum transmitted power levels of 400 watts pep instead of the current 32 watts allowed on most of the band. This subject of late appears to have been put to one side.

3) A continuous 150KHz bandwidth for 60m as a full amateur band for all classes of licence and including mobile use. I have been asked to prepare a full update on 5MHz. Also, clarity on the WRC15 proposals being made by the RSGB for use of 5MHz and of support or problems they are receiving from other countries on this subject.

I should point out at this point that despite misgivings expressed early on by some on the 5MHz reflector about A.M. being allowed on 60m, its use has been very popular and has not resulted in any reported complaints from other users of the band.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Committee on behalf of all VMARS members wish to express their thanks to the RSGB and to this Forum for the splendid work that they undertake on behalf of all amateurs.

Best Regards

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