

Braintree Radio Club Library

It has been some years since the club library has made an appearance at meetings. About a year ago I ventured into the big metal cupboard - and was almost overcome by the smell of musty books. So, partly for my own benefit, I decided to restart the club's library system and at the same time top up the collection with some new books. I have been successful with Ebay and the local rallies to see if any suitable books would be suitable. I am aware that not everybody in the club is into electronic construction, so am trying to increase the collection with some more books about history of radio, shortwave listening and other forms of technology to do with radio. I am hopeful that the library will be self-funding, although please remember that this is just a trial. Most hires are 20p per week. If the number of hires decreases after a while we will have to put them all back in the musty cupboard – as the box I carry around is very heavy!

Here is a list of the new titles in the collection:

Ultimate Scanning Guide, 30 -1000 MHz.

This is a companion to the Ferrell's Confidential Frequency guide for the HF band., which is already in the club library. Both are reasonably up to date.

Also, we have the 'How to use your scanner + frequency list', which is similar to the other, although the layout has some different navigation methods.

VHF/UHF Manual.

We have two of these. Well known and respected book. This is bible for construction of projects in the VHF and UHF spectrum. Antennas, transmitters, receivers, filters and test equipment are all covered.

106 easy projects beyond the Transistor.

An American book featuring build projects using FET, MOSFET, Unijunction transistors, Diacs/triacs and tunnel diodes. Also consider:

Popular Electronic Circuits. - A Babini book.

Transistor Circuit Guidebook. – some more simple projects.

Television Viewers Guide – Reference book for Television viewers, with all you need to know about satellite TV, digital terrestrial TV (DTT), internet TV, plus equipment reviews. Confused by digital television? This is the book for you.

Radio Listeners Guide - Reference book for public broadcast listeners, with all you need to know about FM & AM radio, DAB radio, internet radio & DRM, plus equipment reviews. Confused by digital radio? This is the book for you.

The Battle for Marconi's Story – Quick read.

Most Secret War - An account the part taken by the British Scientific Intelligence from 1939 – 1945. Most of the work was to do with radio navigation.

Technical Topics Scrapbook - This newly published book covers the more recent articles written by Pat Hawker from 2005 to 2008. The CD contains all of the articles in pdf for all 50 years.

Birth of the Box - The story of the development of Television - John Logie Baird's mechanical system through to the electronic version that we know today.

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