

Leicester Radio Show at Donnington Park 24th & 25th October 2008

The Show.

This year's show was a well supported event. Friday especially was very busy with people queuing to gain access until well after lunchtime. Numbers on Saturday were somewhat reduced however attendances were good overall.

Many of the main sponsors were there including Waters & Stanton, Radio World and Icom UK. Notable absences were Martin Lynch & Sons and Yaesu. Martin Lynch cancelled due to an unexpected bout of sickness in the company. (Presumably that was more serious than an expected bout of sickness....) Yaesu gave their reasons as 'A review of European marketing policy'. Speculation is rife that Motorola are having a complete review of expenditure since acquiring the company.

Trade was brisk and the stocks of equipment lined up behind the major stands dwindled quickly. Many of the smaller companies and radio club stands reported lot's of interest and good support from visitors.

It is anticipated that next years show will be held at Donnington as usual, the situation for following years is uncertain due to the projected F1 development that is scheduled to start in November 2009

The hot dog van wasn't there this year. While seemingly insignificant of itself it was the subject of much comment.

SDAWARG Stand.

Friday was a busy day with almost all of the good* stuff being sold. Around £130 was raised with a further £45 on the Saturday from the sale of the less good* stuff. Adding £175 to club funds made the whole thing worth doing and gives extra optimism for next year. A surprise was a rather sad looking old microscope and some weigh-scales donated by John which he valued at £5 each. They made £25 in total which was excellent.

Quite a few club members visited the stand on each day which was much appreciated. A few paid their subs to Lewis and this has been recorded. Someone however is recalled as having paid by popping £2 in the tin. Neither Lewis nor I can remember who this was. If it was you please let it be known.

(*good stuff = poetic licence. Less good stuff = junk)

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