

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BULLETIN

April, 1968

THE PREZ SEZ

By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

As you have undoubtedly noticed, this issue of the BULLETIN is quite late. There are a couple of reasons why we held it up. First, as those of you who made the meeting on the 24th are aware, we had no formal program this month and devoted the meeting to a general discussion of club affairs. Secondly, we wanted to include the updated (correct ?) membership list, and just couldn't get it ready in time. The list, in two parts, is attached to this BULLETIN. The first part shows the company location (mail station) and telephone extension, ARRL membership and dues payment date. This is the list that is so much trouble to keep current. (Ignore the places where the & sign got printed instead of a /. We will fix that problem next time around.) The second part of the list is the home address listing, which we hope will change less often.

Please do the following immediately:

- (1) Verify your entries in both lists for accuracy.
- (2) Phone Ed Thornley (WA6JHD) on Ext. 62845 with any corrections.
If you can't reach him, call me on Ext. 62266.
- (3) Make a note to yourself to notify Ed and/or me as soon as any changes occur, such as mail station, phone or ARRL affiliation.

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Now that we have the list current and on punched cards, we expect to be able to update the card deck each month and to distribute a current list to all members every quarter. The address list will be distributed with the annual report. Please help by taking the couple of minutes to check your entries, and to keep us up to date on your whereabouts.

Meetings

The May Executive Committee (12:00 noon, May 15) and General (6:00 P.M., May 29) Meetings are scheduled for Room 1271, Building 65, just beneath WB6WPO. This change of location is being accompanied by a change of time for the General Meeting. As an attempt to increase member interest and participation, we're going to try a meeting right after work, with time for some ragchewing and socializing. Those who wish can fire up the club station after the meeting. Mark your calendars and plan to come. Full details in the next BULLETIN. All are welcome at the Executive Committee meetings. BULLETIN deadline will be the Monday following the Executive Committee meeting on 20 May. All officers and contributors are urged to get BULLETIN material in at the E.C. meetings.

Doug Freeman (WA6AZW), our Field Day Chairman, says the questionnaire response has not been good. Would you believe eight returns out of 93? Field Day is our first major club activity and I certainly expected a greater show of interest than 8.7%. Dig out that paper, fellas, and get it back to Doug. If you've lost it, call him on 66649 and give him the info on the phone. We can't assemble, set up and operate a four or five position portable station with only six or eight people. Plan now to spend a few hours on the weekend of June 22-23, and have a lot of fun to boot.

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Contest. Looking for ideas for a good title and/or logo design for this BULLETIN. Submit your ideas no later than the May meeting (Wednesday, May 29) and a committee of judges will select the winner (or winners) of a suitable ham-type prize.

SECRETARY'S REPORT By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

Minutes of March 27, 1968 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-president, Arnie Conn (WB6VTQ) at 12:10.

The minutes and treasurer's report of the February meeting were approved as published in the BULLETIN.

Old Business - C. J. Rothrock (W6MYC) advised the club that the drawings for the WB6WPO antenna installation have been completed, and are now in the hands of Facilities. It was noted that there are no tune up procedures in the shack, and the handbook for the Swan could not be found. Johnny said the handbook would be returned to the shack.

The President discussed the training program. John McReynolds and Fred Suffield are working on a training course outline, and facilities for CW practice at WB6WPO will be improved. He also reminded the club that ARRL affiliation is still held up for lack of league members in the club.

Questionnaires have been sent out regarding field day, and all interested members were asked to return them ASAP. Doug asked that any members having camping equipment available please so note on the questionnaire.

Ed Thornley presented a program to acquaint the club with life member Benjamin B. Cantaros of the Cullion leper colony.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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FIELD DAY By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

So far, only 8 questionnaires have been returned, which is a rather disappointing response. A new rule this year includes set up time in the 27 hour period, (1900 Z 6/22 to 2200 Z 6/23) which really puts emphasis on preparation and planning. I can't do much without some help, so how about it, guys, get those questionnaires back.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Balance on hand - 15 March 1968 \$214.31

Receipts

Dues \$12.00

Door Prize Tickets 5.05

SEA Allotment 61.00

QSL Card Payments 7.00

Total Receipts \$85.05

Expenses

L.A. Council Radio Clubs \$ 2.00

Code Tapes 10.00

Call book 7.30

Door Prizes 4.87

Speakers lunch (February Meeting) 1.50

Credit Union Loan Payment 20.00

QSL Card Holders for shack 1.04

Total Expenses \$46.71

Balance on Hand - 15 April 1968

\$252.65

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SAGA OF THE SHACK By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Activity at the shack continues. On Saturday, 6 April 1968, Bill Dews (K6AWO) demonstrated ham radio to the Space Science Explorers, a senior boy scout group sponsored by TRW Systems. This group includes several licensed boys, including WB6WMT who worked three stations during the demonstration.

Other club members who have logged time recently are Johnny Rothrock (W6MYC), Carl Goss (WB6IEG), J. W. Redd (WB6RFQ), Randy McKechnie (W6ZWS), and Ed Thornley (WA6JHD).

FCC rules and regulations were clarified by the Los Angeles District Office. Section 97.83 of Subpart D, Part 97, FCC Rules and Regulations states: "The original operator license of each operator shall be kept in the personal possession of the operator while operating an amateur station." In other words, have your real ticket in your pocket when you are operating WB6WPO (or any other station). Photocopies are not sufficient.

A new station log book is in preparation. Copies will be placed in the shack soon, along with station operating rules.

Club QSL cards will be mailed at club expense. When you operate WB6WPO, and wish to send club QSL cards, fill one out and leave it in the "Out" mail box. Bill Dews, K6AWO, our new club QSL Manager, will see that it gets mailed and the club will pay postage. A brand new 1968 call book is in the shack for your convenience. Also, we have acquired a full set of FCC Rules and Regulations covering Amateur, CB and emergency operations. This will be maintained in the shack.

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STRICTLY COMMERCIAL

Ham City Electronics has recently opened its doors at 16604 Hawthorne Blvd., Lawndale (4 blocks south of San Diego Freeway). Don Herring (W6CKC), the owner, has a collection of new and used ham gear. He's ready to trade, swap, sell or service. Drop in, he's open 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, and sometimes on Sunday, too!

CONGRATULATIONS

To Norm Watson, who exchanged his old worn out WB6RTC call to brand new W6DL. Anyone interested in a few thousand QSL cards with WB6RTC on them, give Norm a call!

Herb Gleed is another lucky two letter call holder. He just exchanged his old W6ZPZ for W6FQ. Nice going fellows!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome aboard to three new members, who joined last meeting:

JACK CLARKE, WB6TCR

BRUCE WADE, W6FKD

DOUGLASS WILSON, W6GOT

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BLIPS By Don Schweitzer (WB6TES)

"CQ" Mag, March, 1968, is well worth the six bits they charge for the rag. Summed up, a lot of good thinking has been done for us by very serious minded hams, and we should support their efforts. Take a look.

A neat folding folded dipole for 145 MHz is included in 20 pages on Antennas for one thing. And, there is a fine review of the Henry 2K2 Linear. 'Giving homebrew a commercial look' produced still another way to make feet to improve vision of dials (I beat my gums about that last month). There is much more, and only one of those annoying thick inserts that make mags so hard to flip through. BI-CH, BI-CH, BI-CH.

This is election year, and since there is no stigma barring a ham from being a good citizen, why not form a little net to help your favorite candidate with communications on the exciting eve of elections? On a strictly amateur basis, the prestige of having an op at the campaign QTH in touch with a few roving mobiles checking returns at the precinct level - at the polling places would be an innovation this year. Next year the 'Charley Brown' gang will steal your thunder, you bet. Now why didn't AuH₂O think of that a few years ago? Maybe he did and I didn't hear of it.

Speaking of elections, I lost in my bid for City Council in my town. Maybe my TVI has been worse than I thought. HI, HI. 73.