

AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

BULLETIN

MAY, 1968

THE PREZ SEZ By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

The main message this month: The May meeting will be held in Room 1271, Building 65, Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 P.M. The idea is to provide an environment where we can have a little more freedom for conversation and to be close to the shack, and still not keep you too late. Let's give it a try. Program feature this month will be Harvey Hetland (WA6KZI), Route Manager for the Los Angeles Section, discussing the National Traffic System.

Attached to this issue is a short form which we have titled "Application for Membership". In spite of the name, we would also like all present members to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. The data will be useful for a variety of club projects, and all future members will be asked to complete the questionnaire prior to joining. Take five minutes to complete it now, and return to George Campbell (W6FXZ), R2/2050 who will tabulate the data. Our thanks to George for making up the form, too.

Field day planning is proceeding slowly, as reported elsewhere in this issue. Please try to find time to provide some help during the planning period, and better still, to help with the operation on June 22 and 23. Non-licensed members can also contribute a great deal.

Don't forget that WB6WPO is there for your use. If you don't know how to find it, this month's meeting will be the time to learn the way. We will be meeting in a room directly beneath the shack.

SECRETARY'S REPORT By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

The meeting was called to order by the President at 12:15. A quorum was not present. The President announced that the BULLETIN would be late due to the addition of a membership list. The Treasurer's Report was read by Ed Thornley. The minutes of the March meeting were read by Doug Freeman. Both were approved upon arrival of a quorum. The President reported on the SEA Executive council meeting.

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OLD BUSINESS

WB6WPO Progress: A meeting was held with Facilities, and permission to install the antennas is being arranged. A working party was arranged for 4/27.

ARRL membership: 51.6% of the club membership are ARRL members. Therefore, the league membership application will go in.

OSCAR: The President reports that TRW ARC will work with the TRW Explorer scouts.

Field Day: A lengthy discussion of Field Day plans was held. The planning is moving along well.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Balance on Hand, 15 April 1968 \$252.65

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 14.00
QSL Card Payments	<u>13.50</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 27.50

EXPENSES

Magazine Subscriptions*	\$ 16.50
Credit Union Loan Payment	20.00
QSL Card Printing	<u>21.25</u>
	\$ 57.75

Balance on Hand, 15 May 1968 \$222.40

* The club subscribes to QST, 73 and CQ magazines. These are placed on the current magazine shelves in the company technical library and are available for your use.

Special Note: The Treasurer respectfully requests all members to pay their dues promptly upon submittal of their statement. It is extremely difficult to maintain a current membership list unless all members cooperate in this matter.

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CREDIT UNION SPECIALS

The Credit Union has a few items of ham gear remaining from their recent sale. These items can be examined and purchased in the Credit Union office, S-1158, from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. daily. Ask any credit union employee, all items are tagged with the identification number and the price, as listed below:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
1.	Modulator/Amplifier (Home Brew)	\$ 1.00
2.	Linear Amplifier - 2 to 28 MHZ, uses a pair of 4 x 250B, (Home Brew)	150.00
3.	RF Analyzer - Multi-Phase products Model MM-1	50.00
4.	4 x 250B Tubes (8 Total)	10.00 Each
5.	866A Tubes (3 Total)	1.00 Each
6.	Socket and Chimney for 4 x 250B (4 Total)	4.00 Each
7.	Dual 4 x 250B Socket Assembly (less tubes)	\$ 10.00

The club wishes to thank Mrs. Jane Court, Credit Union Manager for her donation to the club of a headset, a quantity of Co-Ax connectors and other goodies.

BLIPS From Don Schweitzer (WB6TES - The little sthinker)

TO BUY - OR NOT TO BUY - that is the question that most Hams must face even before question number one on an F.C.C. license test.

I take the attitude that there is no such thing as a bad guy in our fraternity (Oh! Brother.) Therefore anyone who wants to sell something to a ham is a bad guy, and you and I must, as buyers, beware, because not all advice or devices are essentially our cup of fish. A ham needs experiences and practice (without the loss of working capital) in order to deal with dealers, surplus items, trades, or plain bargaining, if he is to operate without R.F.I. from the X.Y.L. There is hope, you can win.

The "Swap Meet" is a good place to learn to be a sthinker.

"Swap Meets" are conducted at certain drive-in theaters, usually on weekends. In this area the Roadium Theater near El Camino College is big.

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BLIPS (Continued)

Vendors line up for permits about 6 A.M. and are ready for the suckers from 8:30 to 2:00 or 4:00 P.M. Some have the same stall each month, collect sales tax, and are simply outdoor merchants who operate seven days a week at various locations in the area. These offer what they get at auctions, or "new" seconds, and they display anything from an abacus to a zither; apples to zucchini! Be cautious here.

Look for the "irregulars" or first time sellers. These are relegated to the poorer positions in the first row (as you enter and park) or up by the screen area. These people may be truly distressed, or inexperienced in values -- to your advantage. Help them out of their misery.

In dealing with electronic gear, and psuedo-innocents who offer it, it would be a good idea to carry a simple continuity tester to be used with permission, (if you broke it, you bought it). 115 V.A.C. is available nearby so line-test anything that interests you, or forget it.

The entertainment feature of the walk-through is easily worth the fee. Roadium charges 50¢ for a car, you alone, or the whole family included. I suggest going alone at first because the cut glass and antique stands are just too much for the X.Y.L. and your bank-roll. It will take you about two hours for a slow trip - say two dollars. With the family (and the snack-bar is expensive) maybe twenty. Get it?

I regret a certain EICO 950B. \$5.00 down the tube. But, my \$19.50 PTT Shure Mike cost just 55¢ !

Looking for a flush toilet or a six meter halo? I've seen them there.

Caveat emptor! Have fun. 73.

SPECIAL REQUEST

In the March bulletin, we asked the membership for help in aiding the Inter-community Exceptional Childrens Home, Long Beach, in acquiring TV and BC sets and a record player. Don Schweitzer, WB6TES, came through with a TV receiver. According to Mrs. Roberta Stokesbury, a volunteer worker at the home, the set is appreciated greatly, but they could still use a record player and an FM/AM receiver. Anyone who would like to donate to this worthwhile cause, please call Ed Thornley at X-62845.

NEW MEMBERS

Our club growth continues, with three new members. A hearty welcome to:

Dick Church, W6IMD

Bob Mushet, K6JHX

Dwight Weber

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OLD TIMER'S who traded for two letter calls:

Bill McClellan, W6VB (ex - W6BJU)

Loren Disper, K6DD (ex - W6SJV)

Nice work fellows, those calls will sound real good on the air.

FIELD DAY, by Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

Thanks to the efforts of Bill Dews, (K6AWO), George Campbell, (W6FXZ) and Jack Clarke (WB6TCR) we now have exclusive use of a site on the Palos Verdes hill.

Also, from Bill's efforts, we have permission to use a TRW 10 KVA mobile generator.

Many things are still needed, including:

- 1) Antennas, antenna hardware, and coax.
- 2) Operating tables, chairs
- 3) Camping equipment (tents, campers, stoves, etc.)
- 4) Grounding rods

Anyone who can bring these items, please call Doug at X-64613.

LAACRC, By Al Davanzo (WB6DKR)

The May meeting of the L. A. Area council of Radio's Clubs heard a report from Director John Griggs (W6KW) on the ARRL Directors' meeting. This report will be published in QST for June. Pre-registration for the Phoenix convention until July 31 will be approximately \$10.00. Proceeds from the 1967 Convention will be equally divided among the six clubs which cooperated in the sponsorship.