

Amateur TRW Radio Club WB6WPO

Cross talk

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THE PREZ SEZ

By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

Lots of good things have been happening in the past month and more are in prospect. Here are a few samples:

- Antenna towers are on the roof of Building 65, ready for the raising party Saturday, October 26. Call Fred Reed (W6UMC) on x69444 if you can help.
- Through the efforts of George Peck (K8QAI) and the cooperation of Dave Freeman of Administrative Operations, the company has installed a phone in the shack.
- We have been given permission to set up a classroom in the room across from the shack. We will have permanent code table positions and will include the club library in the plans.
- The club Award Certificate is done and is now available to qualified amateurs.
- Dwight Weber contributed a Hallicrafters SX-28A to the club. Thanks very much, Dwight.

On the darker side, the most recent check of available data indicates that we are split exactly 50-50 on membership in ARRL. As you may recall, a resolution of affiliation was passed early in the year, but has been held up by lack of the necessary 51% club membership in ARRL. If the attached membership list does not correctly indicate your ARRL status (either way), please let me know. The benefits to the club of affiliation are substantial, and the only thing needed is that 51% (plus a small cushion).

We learned one thing from Field Day this year - do your FD planning early! So, I have appointed Doug Freeman (WA6AZW) and Bill Dews (K6AWO) as co-chairmen for 1969. Take the time to re-read Doug's fine summary and critique of FD '68 in last month's CROSS TALK, and give your ideas to these fellows. Let's make TRW a winner in 1969.

As a reminder to ARRL members who may not have mailed their ballots, candidates nominated for Director are as follows: John R. Griggs (W6KW) and Ray E. Mevers (W6MLZ). Candidates for Vice-Director are as follows: Arnold Dahlman (W6UEI) and Gary A. Stilwell (W6NJU). Be sure to vote for the candidate of your choice.

SECRETARY'S REPORT By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

Minutes of September 25 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president at 12:14. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports of the last two months were approved as published in CROSS TALK.

OLD BUSINESS

WB6WPO Status - The towers are now painted and ready to raise for some hardware to be installed.

OSCAR - George Peck has the ball beginning to roll. We hope to hear more soon.

Training - With the expected acquisition of the room across the hall from WB6WPO, plans are to make it into a training room.

NEW BUSINESS

The second annual picnic is planned for Alondra Park on September 29. Bill Dews is coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 to a tour of Metrology, provided by John Rothrock.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Balance on Hand - 11 September 1968 \$98.76

RECEIPTS

Third Quarter SEA Allotment	\$62.20
Dues	14.00
QSL Card payments	27.50
Door prize tickets	4.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$107.70</u>

EXPENSES

Field Day expenses	\$ 3.59
QSL Card printing	12.00
Credit Union	20.00
Door Prizes	4.45
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 40.04</u>

Balance on Hand - 15 October 1968 \$166.42

Balance on Credit Union loan as of 30 September 1968 \$310.83

PROGRAM NOTES By Arnie Conn (WB6VTQ)

The October meeting feature will be a presentation by Mr. Ed Plummer of the Monitor Corp. on "Quartz Crystals". This talk will include slides and discussion. See you all in R2/1055, noon, Wednesday, October 30.

←—————▶ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ←—————▶

Reserve Friday evening, November 22, 1968 for our second annual Awards Dinner. This will be a gala affair and a high point in our yearly activities if you, your XYL or YL and your guests attend! Highlights of the evening will be:

Social Hour - - 7:30 P.M. (soft drinks, lemonade and what'll you have?)

Dinner - - (Fish or Beef)

Nomination of officers for 1968

Club Awards

Door Prizes and

Special Guest Speaker - - Mr. John Griggs (W6KW), Director
Southwestern Division, ARRL

Location - - The Lobster House
King Harbor
Redondo Beach

You will receive a separate announcement and reservation form in the mail shortly. Please respond upon receipt. Approximately guesstimated cost - \$5.50 per person.

NEW MEMBERS

Let's all extend a welcome to the following new members:

- Mac McGrew (W6YCZ) - Rejoins the club after an absence of several years. Mac is a leadman in the Metrology Laboratory and has been licensed for 32 years.
- John Connor, Manager of ESD Design Review Staff - John is not licensed, but his son, James, recently got his novice ticket (WN6EQE). We hope John can be motivated by James to get a ticket too!
- Allen Jensen (WB6DOW) - Allen is a Technician in Radio Frequency R&D here at TRW. His ham interests tend towards the VHF Spectrum.

SHACK NOTES

By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Progress is being made in our WB6WPO shack. George Peck (K8QAI) has been very ambitious in re-arranging and cleaning up the shack. It looks quite presentable and we want to thank George for his efforts. George also arranged for a phone in the shack (we understand George has good connections on the 11th floor of Building E2!). Phone number is: 535-2689.

A tower erection party was held on Saturday, October 5. Erection engineers Rothrock, Reed, McClellan, Conn and Thornley managed to get the towers up on the roof of Building 65. But, Murphy's law prevailing, the mounting pad and eyebolt installation made by Maintenance Dept didn't quite match Chief Engineer Rothrock's plan. So back to the drawing board; another delay while the location errors are being corrected.

HACK NOTES (con't)

In the meantime, there are three live transceivers in the shack, go operate them. Just remember, have your original license in your possession (FCC rule), be sure to sign your name and call in the log book and PSE QSL OM TNX.

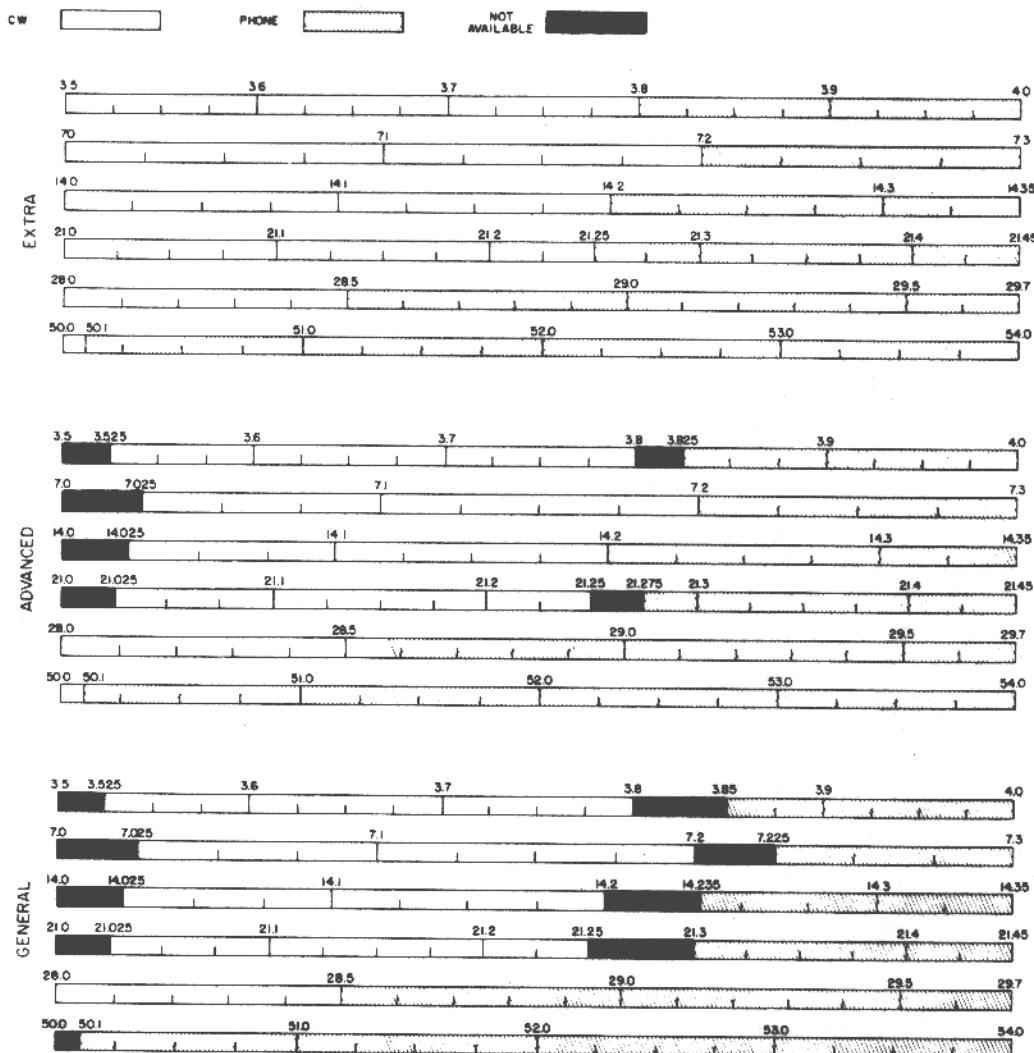
Don't forget, new frequency allocations for advanced and extra class go into effect on 22 November 1968. See below.

UNITED STATES AMATEUR FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS

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IPS By Don Schweitzer (WB6TES)

A blip is defined as a fleeting bit of information caught in sync and displayed - while you think.

Blip Halloween is nearly on us and after all the little imps knock off for the night, some big devils might decide to grip, dip and rip your mobile whip. There's a tip - blip.

Blip Many loose goodies alongside my shack (which aint out back). I've gotta cache the trash, before some goblins rash, smash my stash. Are you trick proofed?

Blip I've been in Comunicado for the past month. In fact, I was so busy there, that I missed the September meeting. Now, I must miss in October, too. Mr. Henry A. Samulon recently discovered that I've been around for five years and has invited me to a ham feast Wednesday, October 30. They will definitely serve a Ham. Me! Even if we feast on wet noodles.

Blip I'm running for councilman again. One of the honorable bums who beat me last April, left town and I've still got that old urge to get out there and work for good local government. I could use some friendly help - but, I don't really expect any.

Blip I wonder whose bid, of how much, won the Viking 6 to 2 Xmtr in the TRW Surplus Sale, recently closed? I also wonder how it escaped the eagle eyes of our scavengers, who have long been watching TRW surplus for station equipment.

ip Why don't we get a gang of "treat" type goblins to raise our towers? That would be a good "trick". We've got plenty of "dead men" for anchorage. Let's go out to the cemetery and dig up a livelier crew. I have spoken. Rattle your chains. -73-

QSL?

Do you QSL 100%? Bill Dews (K6AWO) Club QSL Manager, wants all operators of WB6WPO to know that pre-stamped club QSL cards are available in the shack. After a QSO, fill it out and drop in the mail on the way home. Note in the log that a card has been sent. Keep WB6WPO a 100% QSL station!

For your own consideration, do you have club QSL's for your home station use? Fred Reed (W6UMC) reminds us that there are less than 6000 of the "OGO cards" left and we should think about possible changes and/or re-ordering. Nearly everyone who uses these cards receives fine comments on them from all over the world. The first C05 worked by WB6WDS wrote a three-page letter which included the statement that his college student daughters had taken the card to school to discuss with their friends! Call Fred on x69444 if you have any questions or comments on these cards.