

Amateur TRW Radio Club WB6WPO

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A MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN OF TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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| President | Doug Heydon (WB6WDS) | M3/2977 | 53694 |
| Vice-President | Al Lee (W6KQI) | M2/1579 | 62806 |
| Secretary | Bill Thompson (W6PMV) | E2/6062 | 67093 |
| Treasurer | Bill Dews (K6AWO) | M1/2113 | 63606 |
| Activity Manager | Ed Thornley (WA6JHD) | R4/2182 | 62845 |
| Trustee | Carl Rothrock (W6MYC) | S/389 | 66633 |

JANUARY MEETING

When: Wednesday, 29 January 1969, 6:15 P.M.
 Where: S Cafeteria
 What: "See the Swans II" - a demonstration
 and discussion of all the latest Swan
 equipment.

Who: Fred Snell (W6OZF) and Ray Hodges (W6AQP)
 of Knight Radio in Los Angeles, manufacturers
 of Swantenna.

THE PREZ SEZ By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

1969 got off to a good start with the first meeting of your new executive committee on January 8. In accordance with our announced plans, the full minutes of that meeting, as well as those of the December general meeting, are published in this issue of CROSS TALK.

As can be seen by the meeting notice above, we are again departing from the normal noon meeting time to an early evening meeting. Our guests for the meeting were not able to schedule a lunch time appearance, so we decided to try an early evening again. For you hungry types, the early eaters will be having supper in R5 cafeteria, where we unfortunately could not find an appropriate meeting place. Grab a bite in R5, or eat after the meeting, but try to join the fun next Wednesday.

The most recent count of ARRL members shows we are still short of the required 51% to permit club affiliation. If any of you are sitting on the fence, consider falling off now. Be sure to let me or Bill Dews know if you do join the League, so our records can be kept up to date.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW) and Bill Thompson (W6PMV)

Minutes of December 18 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the President at 12:15. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved as published.

The slate of officers presented by the nominating committee was elected by a 27-0 vote.

Old Business

There was a discussion of the QSO party. All favorable.

There was further comment about the club station call sign being changed to W6TRW/WA6TRW. It was noted that FCC will send our \$20.00 back if the call sign cannot be issued, so Johnny Rothrock (W6MYC) will send for a new call sign and see what happens.

The meeting was turned over to Al Lee for the L&H Antenna installation.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Minutes of TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club Executive Board meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Heydon at 12:10 P.M. in M3/2977 on January 8, 1969. Those present included: Doug Heydon, Ed. Thornley, Don Schweitzer, Al Lee, Doug Freeman, Bill Dews, Bill Thompson and Carl Rothrock.

The President noted the primary meeting objectives were:

- a) to assure proper transfer of responsibilities from old to new officers; and
- b) to assure timely fulfillment of all S.E.A. requirements re reporting.

In this regard:

- a) Ed Thornley will prepare and submit the 4th quarter 1968 report and the Annual 1968 report to S.E.A.
- b) Ed Thornley has sent dues notices to members approaching the end of their paid periods.
- c) Ed Thornley will prepare the current membership (Dec. 31, 1968) list.
- d) Bill Dews and Ed Thornley will arrange for transfer of bank signature cards. It was agreed that the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer be authorized to sign (any two officers). This will be done by January 10.
- e) Doug Freeman and Bill Thompson reported a full transfer of secretarial responsibilities.

Ed Thornley reported cash in the bank at this time amounting to \$87.57.

Doug Heydon requested Ed Thornley to contact the S.E.A. Council regarding arrangements for an audit of the Club's financial records.

It was agreed that CROSS TALK will include the minutes of Executive Committee meetings and regular membership meetings.

It was agreed to include Club officers' names and telephone extensions in the CROSS TALK masthead.

In regard to the time of publication for CROSS TALK, it was agreed that it would be distributed in the Company mail one week prior to the regular membership meeting. Inputs to CROSS TALK are due in the President's office by the date of the Executive Committee meeting.

Ed Thornley identified the problem of receiving members' dues on a timely basis following notice. The President felt that the necessary personal contact required to handle this problem should be provided by the members of the Membership Committee.

It was agreed that the Secretary will be responsible for all CROSS TALK mailings outside the Company (Associate Members and exchanges with other Clubs). Ed Thornley will provide Bill Thompson with a list of recipients and Bill Thompson will advise Doug Heydon regarding the number of copies of CROSS TALK required.

Training was discussed. It was agreed to concentrate on initiating a code class at this time, without attempting to coordinate theory training. Doug Heydon volunteered to establish and conduct classes in code; Ed Thornley agreed to proceed with facility and equipment arrangements. Preliminary planning is based upon a table accommodating 12 positions (30" wide and 24" deep).

It was agreed to cancel the scheduled Executive Committee meeting on January 15th.

The President announced that the agenda for the February Executive Committee meeting will include a discussion of 1969 year-long program plans. Al Lee was asked to be prepared to submit such a plan in draft form for consideration at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the President at 1:08 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Bill Dews (K6AWO)

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| Balance on hand 9 December 1968 | <u>\$124.07</u> |
| <u>Receipts</u> | |
| Dues | \$ 8.00 |
| Door Prize Tickets (December meeting) | 4.00 |
| QSL Card orders | <u>9.50</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$21.50 |

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| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Callbook for Shack | \$ 6.57 |
| Door prizes (Dec meeting) | 3.83 |
| Credit Union (Jan payment) | <u>20.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$30.40 |

Balance on hand 6 January 1969 \$115.17

SHACK NOTES By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

A lull in WB6WPO activities occurred over the holiday season, but will pick up soon. A major problem at this time in completing our antenna installation is in acquiring control cable for the antenna rotators. We need heavy-duty, outdoor type cable for this requirement. Johnny Rothrock (W6MYC) is pursuing the availability of suitable cable at a minimum cost. Hopefully, Johnny will be successful so that we can complete the installation.

A repeat of the WB6WPO QSO party is tentatively planned for March. Present thinking is for a one-day, all-band operation to help more members to acquire our WB6WPO certificate.

Doug Heydon (WB6WDS) and myself made some preliminary plans to utilize our newly acquired extra room in Bldg. 65 as a code instruction room. We will be asking TRW maintenance to construct a 10 position code table, plus an instructors table and bookshelves. This room will be equipped with a tape machine and a receiver so that efficient code instructions can be given.

In the meantime, feel free to utilize the club station at your convenience. The Swan 500 and Lafayette UHF transceivers are in working order and are there for your use!

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the club:

Al Cellier (WA6CFE) who is a signal processing Engineer at TRW, carries an extra class license and operates a home station with a Swan 500C.

Lee Way - A scientific application programmer in the TRW Computing Center. Lee is not licensed, but is interested in participating in code and theory classes.

Lorence Weaver (K6LTY) - He has been licensed for over 35 years; is a Manufacturing Test Technician at TRW and operates an SB101 at home.

Bruce Thornley (Ed Thornley's dad) lives in Cudahy, Wisconsin. During a vacation visit to California and a tour of the WB6WPO shack, he was "hooked" and joined our club. Bruce will be retiring soon and hopes to pick up a ham ticket.

A current membership list is attached.

BLIPS By Don Schweitzer (WB6TES)

Snack clean-up is a good project for January. If the activity is properly planned, it can be a source of pleasure -- and even a small profit.

Let's assume that you can get inside the room. The next step is to set a large trash bin just outside, flanked by a carton marked "Sway" and another marked "Care Packages". You are ready.

CAUTION! Maintain complete radio silence on the project. One hint will start a scavenger hunt.

Here are the rules for sorting and disposition:

Class A - "JUNQUE...goodies like transistors with legible markings and quarter-inch leads. These items go in the "Swap" container to be sold for cash at the Swap Meet (we never swap or trade anyway, you know).

Class B - "JUNK"...tubes with illegible marks, chassis with unfinished circuits (and some components), but no information. Such type material is used to make-up "Care Packages". Bundles of surprise radio parts.

Care Packages are gifts to be left with fellow hams when you visit their Shacks. If they won't accept them, leave the package by their door some night when you get a change -- don't take it home again.

Class C - "Trash"...is simply junk which no longer retains even a modicum of sentimental or intrinsic value. Broken taps, blown fuses, empty beer cans, should go first, so you can find A and B stuff easily.

Make a game of pitching C materials into the barrel. You may get so excited that a lot of B & C will go too.

This is what is known as good clean fun.

You now have only two minor problems. How to get rid of the trash in the barrel, and how to sell the Junque. If you can't come up with a solution, put it all back in the shack and hold it for the January Clean-up, 1970, or set it all out on the driveway and drop a hint "on the air" that someone is "going to come for it in a week".

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TRADING POST

Wanted

Swan 350, full 10M coverage Dews, x63606
10' roof mount tower Freeman, x53126

For Sale

Swan 240 - \$165, BC640, 6 meters, no TVI - trade or ? Dews, x63606
RTTY 3 part paper and tape Freeman, x53126