

# Amateur TRW radio Club WB6WPO

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## MARCH MEETING

When: Wednesday, 26 March 1969, Noon.  
 Where: R2/2055  
 What: "Crystals" - A 45-minute slide presentation of  
 Crystal Technology and Utilization.  
 Who: B. Groh of Monitor Products.

## THE PREZ SEZ

By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

As discussed by Ed Thornley in the Shack Notes, WB6WPO operations have been temporarily suspended because of the renovation work in Bldg. 65. We will keep you informed as to the progress of both shack re-activation and related activity.

Club membership at present includes seventeen (17) unlicensed members, many of whom have expressed a desire to obtain licenses. A major activity, which we have not been able to adequately provide, is that of education and training. I am once again soliciting a volunteer to serve as Training Manager. Please consider carefully whether you might not be the one who can contribute the few hours a month required for this assignment. Ask yourself if such help and assistance was not part of your exposure to Ham Radio.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Bill Thompson (W6PMV)

The regular monthly meeting of the TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club was held in R2/1055 at Space Park on Wednesday, February 26th at noon. Twenty-one members and guests were present. The program arranged by Al Lee, was a reviewing of the NASA film: "The Flight of Apollo 8", documenting the recent circumlunar flight.

Minutes of TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club Executive Board Meeting

The regular monthly executive committee meeting of the TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 12:07 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 1969 by President Heydon, in M3/2580 at Space Park. Those present were Doug Heydon, Bill Thompson, Bill Dews, Ed Thornley, Doug Freeman and Don Schweitzer.

The President reported on the last SEA Concil meeting, wherein he represented the TRW-ARC. Significant items on the agenda included:

1. The proposed draft of the SEA Club Council Constitution and By-Laws (dated 10 February 1969). Discussion at this meeting reviewed reactions to this draft. It was moved (Schweitzer), seconded (Thornley), and voted to have President Heydon communicate our feeling that this Constitution and By-Laws is unnecessary and that our attitude is "neutral" regarding its adoption.
2. Our Club's quarterly allotment check (\$61.00) (received and given to the Treasurer).
3. The SEA Concil's review of its 1969 budget (\$55,000) and the allocation and distribution of same.
4. A definition of "non-participation". It was announced that absence of a Club representative at more than four monthly SEA Council meetings would constitute "non-participation".

President Heydon announced the immediate cessation of automatic CROSS TALK distribution by Mail Services within Space Park. A discussion of possible alternatives resulted in a decision for future handling as follows:

1. Bill Dews will provide an up-dated "cover" distribution page master (names and mail stations) to be printed with CROSS TALK. This will be revised monthly.
2. The reproduction order will specify delivery to Bill Thompson (E2/6062), who will underline individual names on the cover sheet and place in the Company mail.

The President identified one new member during the past month: Don Taylor (K6PQU).

President Heydon reported that a letter had been written to the TRW Cleveland (OHIO) Amateur Radio Club, extending an invitation to their individuals to join our club if interested.

President Heydon announced receipt of a new Newsletter from Don Etheredge, Los Angeles SCM for the ARRL.

Librarian Doug Freeman announced that exchange Club Bulletines are now being received from: Lockheed Employees ARC, San Fernando Valley ARC, Long Beach ARC, West Valley ARC and Palisades ARC.

Ed Thornley reviewed the current major Bldg. 65 renovation work being done and its related effect upon the Club Station located there. During the ninety-day period starting March 17, we will not have access to the station. It was moved (Thornley) seconded (Schweitzer) and voted to remove certain items of station equipment for safekeeping during this period. The following were appointed to acquire, secure and acknowledge receipt for equipment: Doug Heydon, Swan 500 transceiver; Ed Thornley, 2 meter transceiver and two antenna rotating systems; Fred Reed, 6 meter transceiver.

The matter of insurance on station equipment was discussed. The President appointed Don Schweitzer to investigate insurance costs and report next month. Ed Thornley will provide a list of equipment.

The date for the next club QSO Party was set for Sunday, April 13, 1969. Details will be announced in CROSS TALK.

It was moved (Dews), seconded (Thornley) and voted to subscribe to HAM RADIO magazine.

President Heydon announced that Mrs. Doug Freeman had volunteered (and been appointed) as Editor of CROSS TALK. All inputs for the Bulletin should now be sent to Doug Freeman.

President Heydon confirmed the March 26 program as a slide presentation on "Crystals" by Bob Gro of Monitor Products.

President Heydon agreed to publicize the need for a volunteer to serve as the Club's Education Director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT By Bill Dews (K6AWO)

Balance on hand 31 January 1969 \$176.47

<u>Receipts</u>	
QSL cards	\$ 4.50
Door Prize tickets	5.25
Dues	30.00
Total	<u>\$ 39.75</u>

<u>Expenses</u>	
Door Prize	\$ 6.20
Credit Union	20.00
Dinner Guest (January Meeting)	2.50
Total	<u>28.70</u>

Balance on hand 28 February 1969 \$187.52

Please check your membership card (once in a while) to see that you are in good standing.

One of the duties of the Treasurer is to have a complete membership list each quarter. March 31 will be here and some guys will not be paid up. We receive a quarterly allotment on paid up members only, so try to help our Club by keeping up to date with Dews.

"FDR 1969" By Don Schweitzer (WB6TES)

In '32, F.D.R. stood for a New Deal (or fast shuffle) -- matter of viewpoint.

In '69 F.D.R. means Field Day Round-up for the WB6WPO line shack on the TRW spread.

March 5, Honcho Doug Freeman (WA6AZW) corralled vaqueros Dews (K6AWO), Disper (K6DD), Gleed (W6FQ), Thornley (WA6JHD), Rothrock (W6MYC) and Schweitzer (WB6TES) throwing a wide loop over everything concerned--from the care and feeding of Antenna Critters to Zymurgy (806's filled with fermented malt products).

When the Horrawing stopped, we had decided that June 28-29, Saturday through Sunday, our 'pokes will brave the T.V. Indians and use their running irons to brand thousand of stray Ham Doggies for Dead Eye Thornleys ARRL talley books. Get the points?

It'll be one heap BIG Round-up in the Sky!

This year old Wagon Master Rothrock (who usually runs with a wild bunch in Costa Mesa territory), will be home on our range, just a ham--stringing along on Old Bull. Hi! Senor Carlos habla espanole much gusto. ¡Veridad! Maybeso Trail Boss Tex Heydon will even be pounding a goof when our punchers grab horns and tune for maximum smoke signals. ¿Quien sabe?

Sutler Ollie Saunders (W1BJV/6) is looking for a chuck wagon Taco Bender. Gabby Hayes type. Call the man on 63037.

Better sign on early with Honcho Freeman if you expect to slope off into the hills with your Peeg amigos mañana.

FIELD DAY REPORT By Co-chairmen Bill Dews (K6AWO), Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

June 28-29 is fast approaching, we need BIG tents, tables, chairs, camp stoves and lights, cots and all other things which help make the Field Day outing comfortable and fun. If you have any of these items and are willing to let us use them, please contact Ollie Saunders (W1BJV/6) at 63037 or M2/1167 ASAP so that we will know what we have before the Big Weekend is upon us.

Contact has been made with TransAmerica Corporation seeking permission to use our selected site. We are awaiting confirmation of this request.

An expedition to the home of Bert Rosenblum in Pacific Palisades, March 9, 42 feet of very excellent tower for use at the Field Day site. Bill Dews, Herb Glead, Dick Soules (WA6RXT) and Doug Freeman made the trip. Thanks guys and to Bert also.

SHACK NOTES By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Operations at the Club Station, WB6WPO, have been temporarily (we hope) suspended. Bldg. 65 is undergoing a major renovation and all occupants were evacuated on 8 March 1969. Fortunately, we did not have to remove our equipment because the mezzanine area will not be affected. However, all utilities in the building will be subject to shutdown and access will be limited to contractor personnel.

The renovation period will last about 90 days after which we hope to resume operations and continue our antenna installations, set up our code instruction room and complete other details. Ironically, we had just completed drawings and a list of work details to set up the code room when we learned of the renovation. Hopefully, these plans can be dusted off in 90 days. We will keep you posted.

LIBRARY NOTES By Doug Freeman (WA6AZW)

At the moment it looks as though I am going to have a pretty easy time with magazine circulation. As of now I have only one request for distribution.

With the shack close, I will be holding all magazines and exchange club bulletins. If you wish to read any of these publication, contact me at 53126. As noted elsewhere, we are going to receive HAM RADIO in addition to QST, CQ, 73 and the exchange bulletins.

ACTIVITY NOTES By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Although the Club Station won't be able to participate, QSO PARTY No. 2 is almost here. Now is your chance to work any five club member stations and earn the club certificate.

Date: 13 April 1969  
Time: 0700 to 2100 PST (1500 to 0500 GMT)  
Frequencies: (Approximate)

<u>Band</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>CW</u>
80/75	3890 kHz	3550 kHz
40	7235 kHz	7035 kHz
20	14.250 MHz	14.050 MHz
15	21.350 MHz	21.050 MHz
6	52.000 MHz	--
2	146.000 MHz	--

Call: CQ TRW

Exchange: QSO Number, signal report, time (GMT)

Report: To obtain your certificate, submit data in the following form:

<u>QSO Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>RST</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5.						

Mail application to F. A. Reed W6UMC  
TRW Systems Group  
Mail Station R4/2182  
One Space Park  
Redondo Beach, Calif 90278

A personalized certificate will be mailed to you poste haste!

Note: It is NOT necessary to submit QSL cards.

You ops. who already hold certificates---fire up that rig and help the next guy to get his also!

#### FUTURE PROGRAM NOTES

Upcoming at the April 23 meeting will be Art Gentry (W6MEP) from KTLA Channel 5 with a program on the 2 Meter Repeater Network.

BLIPS By Don Schweitzer (WB6TES)

Worked off most of my amateur attempts to be humorous in the Field Day publicity which begins with this edition of X-QSO.

Now I'm reflecting on profundities.

For example: How wonderful it is to have a part in the first century of radio! How our descendants will envy us for our opportunities to advance the state of the art in some small way (those improvements and innovations someone else is belaboring-- while you and I are comfortably seated on our brains -- off).

Spring fever and Hong Kong flu can hit most anyone, but, did you know that there is a disease that affects only Hamband licensees?

Hamus Clamus is a form of lockjaw that seems to single out Amateur Radio operators for attack (never a CB'er). Clamus victims are usually very good ops., a credit to the fraternity, each having a signal so solid you could stir your coffee with it. Then \_\_\_\_\_ Nothing. Like a hole in a tunnel diode. Gone. The Clamus syndrome includes being saturated in a subject. A Bellyfull? Eventually the victim goes dead on the bands. His friends mourn his passing, dry eyed, but sorrowful.

There is hope for the victims of this insidious sickness, which has relegated so many fine ops. to the untimely status of a (false) "Silent Key".

Men! Put this simple check list beside your dinner plate, and review it daily. The man who lives with these thoughts will never succumb to Hamus Clamus.

1. I'm going to get on tonight, those guys would miss me.
2. I'm going to be at the next Club meeting, they-re my kind of people.
3. I'm going to keep my fist up too, someone needs me out there.
4. I'm going to build something new, solid state is the challenge.
5. I'm going to hang in there, and do my thing better.

If that doesn't work, just pick up "The Radio Amateur's Handbook", open it anywhere open your eyes, and you'll find a purgative cure for Hamus Clamus.

XYL's! I think one of the finest things you could do to show your affection for your uniquely exceptional american homemaker would be to work up a neat sampler reading, "God Bless Our Shack".

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#### DXPEDITION

Just received word of a DXpedition by SVØWN on April 4-6. Frequencies will be 14,250, 21,250 and 28,850 kHz.