

# Amateur TRW radio Club WB6WPO

# cross talk

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

When: Wednesday, 24 September 1969  
 Where: R4/1047  
 What: "Florida Revisited", a travelogue of hamming and other activity in and around Cape Kennedy (Cape Canaveral to you O.T.'s).  
 Who: Al Lee (W6KQI), the TRW/ARC prodigal son returned.



## THE PREZ SEZ

By Doug Heydon (WB6WDS)

Well gang, as you can see by the comments in Ed's activity report this month, participation in Family Day was less than expected. I'm sorry there wasn't more, and I thank those who did take part. I feel that some small measure of added appreciation and understanding of what ham radio is all about was given to the people who stopped by our exhibit. We sure impressed one family who had a message sent to Patterson, N.J. and received a reply within fifteen minutes. They think hams are pretty great people. What have you done to contribute to that feeling lately?

From the lack of response to my recent comments, pleas and questions in this spot, I can only conclude that a majority of our membership either does not read CROSS TALK or doesn't care about what they read, or both. Accordingly, the content and effort put into the bulletin are going to be restricted to the minimum required for conducting club business. Frankly, I'm becoming a little ashamed to ask the same eight or ten guys to do everything that has to be done to make a club function.

In spite of the negative sounds above, I personally enjoy my participation in this club and intent to continue in an active role after my current term as president is over. We may end up with only 15 active members, but it will be a doing group. Nuff said.

*Doug*

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Bill Thompson (W6PMV)

TRW/ARC Executive Board Meeting - September 10, 1969.

The monthly meeting of the TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club Executive Meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 1969 in M3/2580 at Space Park. Those present included:

Doug Heydon, Ed Thornley, Al Lee, Fred Reed, Doug Freeman  
Bill Dews and Bill Thompson.

Doug Heydon announced the next meeting of the LA Area Council of Radio clubs as September 18 and he agreed to attend as our representative. Ed Thornley will attend in November.

Action: Bill Dews was requested to obtain the SEA acknowledgement form for allotment checks from Bill Stoker, SEA Coordinator.

Doug Heydon reported regarding equipment insurance. Based on all equipment owned by the Club, being valued at \$2000.00, ARRL insurance involves approximately \$40.00 a year premium. A discussion involved a proposal that only high-cost items be insured. Doug will investigate SEA coverage and report at the next meeting.

A previous suggestion to convert Club QSL cards to a LM Descent Engine picture was discussed and several expressions of agreement were reported from Club members.

Action: Fred Reed will prepare a plan for conversion to the new card, considering such factors as 1) a balance of approximately 2000 of the present card; 2) consideration of other alternates to the Engine photo and 3) cost.

Bill Dews expressed concern over security of equipment in the Club Station.

Action: Ed Thornley will contact Security to ascertain current practice relating to guard surveillance.

Bill Dews identified seven members about to be dropped for delinquent dues and proposed such information be reported in CROSS TALK. Following the discussion, it was agreed that:

- a) first delinquent dues notice will be a note from Treasurer to member.
- b) second notice will be identification by name in CROSS TALK as a part of the Treasurer's report.

This will now be a monthly routine practice.

Bill Dews proposed that members paying dues ahead of their dues expiration date, be given 13 months of membership for \$2.00. Following the discussion, this proposal was converted to a modified plan proposed by Ed Thornley. His plan would offer a 3-year membership for \$5.00 for dues paid in advance. The matter was left open for further consideration.

Action: Bill Dews was requested to submit the quarterly report to Doug Heydon prior to the October 13 SEA Council Meeting.

The subject of the Club's support (incommunications) to Health & Safety was discussed.  
Action: Ed Thornley will contact Health & Safety to explore possibilities.

Doug Heydon appointed the Nominating Committee as: Doug Heydon, Chairman; Al Lee and Doug Freeman. Nominees are to be presented at the November meeting.

Regarding the "annual" Banquet in November or December, Ed Thornley will mention this in his CROSS TALK report to obtain inputs from all Club members.

The Club's Family Day activity was reported by Ed Thornley. Details are included in his report in CROSS TALK.

Ed Thornley has scheduled a work party in the Club Station at 9 AM on Saturday, September 13.

Al Lee announced the next regular meeting as Wednesday, September 24 at 12 Noon in R4/1047.

It was moved (Thornley), seconded (Lee) and voted to have the Club purchase a foreign callbook annually. Bill thompson will donate a recent issue for a starter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Bill Dews (K6AWO)

Balance on Hand 5 August 1969 \$129.81

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| <u>Receipts</u> |                |
| SEA             | \$61.40        |
| QSL Cards       | 4.00           |
| Dues            | 14.00          |
| Tickets         | 2.75           |
| Total           | <u>\$82.65</u> |

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| <u>Expenses</u> |                |
| Credit Union    | \$20.00        |
| Guest meals     | 5.20           |
| QSL Cards       | 4.60           |
| Total           | <u>\$29.80</u> |

Balance on hand 29 August 1969 \$182.66

Credit Union Share and Interest 8.85

Total Cash Assets \$191.51

Delinquent Memberships - These members are in arrears and will be dropped from membership unless paid up prior to the next meeting:

|         |                             |         |
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| R2/2036 | Etheredge Donald R. (K6UMV) | 2/28/69 |
| R2/2044 | Mushet Robert A. (K6JHX)    | 4/24/69 |
| M5/1040 | Jensen Allen S. (WB6DOW)    | 7/31/69 |
| R6/2448 | Davanzo Alan G. (WB6DKR)    | 6/1/69  |
| Non-TRW | Gary William (K6JTN)        | 8/1/69  |
| Non-TRW | Davis Burd E. (WOUZE)       | 8/7/69  |

ACTIVITY REPORT

By Ed Thornely (WA6JHD)

Family Day: WB6WPO had four rigs on the air in the R5 patio area during Family Day, September 6. We operated on 6, 15, 20 and 40 meters and had a total of 60 QSO's. 34 messages were accepted from TRW employees and their guests. We managed to move four of them during the day and the balance were moved out on the Southern California Net by Doug Heydon, WB6WDS over the weekend.

Amateur Radio Operations attracted a lot of interest during Family Day, but it is unfortunate that many of our members failed to show up, at least for a brief period of operations. We could have had many more QSO's logged and handled more traffic if more operators had been available.

The following men turned out for Antenna erection, equipment set-up, operations and tear-down: Fred Reed (W6UMC), Don Schweitzer (WB6TES), Doug Heydon (WB6WDS), Bill Dews (K6AWO), Doug Freeman (WA6AZW), John Rothrock (W6MYC), Alan Brubaker (K6QPH), Mac McGrew (W6YCZ), Arnie Conn (WB6VTQ), and Ed Thornely (WA6JHD). In addition to these club members, visitors Bob Pelton (W6HUR) and Steve Tyler (WB6YRW) stopped in and helped with operations.

Shack Notes: We had a small working party at the WB6WPO shack Saturday, September 13. Gary Cooper (WB6RLN) and Doug Freeman (WA6AZW) helped your activity manager clean up the shack and check for possibilities of providing some ventilation to the area. It appears that a minimum job of duct work would move some air through the two rooms we have slated for operating space. We will be checking with TRW Facilities to see if this work can be done.

A working party is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 at 9 AM. We hope to put together the TH6DX Beam and get it up on the tower. This will require a crew of ten men, so please call me at x62845 if you can help.

Annual Banquet: It's time to start planning our annual awards banquet. This affair can be anything we want to make, but it will require participation by the membership. Our last two banquets were very fine activities for the small number of members and guests that took the trouble to come. So this year, before we make any plans and expend a lot of effort, we want to survey the membership and find out if this kind of activity is really desired. Attached to this issue of the CROSS TALK is a survey form for you to fill out and return so that the executive committee will have facts to plan with. Please return the form to your activity manager at the mail station noted by October 6. We should be able to have an attendance of 50 to 75 and a fine program and meal, but it's up to you!

TRADING POST

For Sale:

Drake TR-4, RV-4, AC Power Supply, \$600.00  
TH-4 Beam, TR-44 Rotator and 40' guyed tower, \$125.00

Steve Chevelle x51384

Hallicrafters SX-99, best offer.

Phil Endliss, x53324