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JUNE MEETING

FIELD DAY PLANNING

24 JUNE 1970

R2/1055 1200 - 1300

ALL FIELD DAY PARTICIPANTS ARE
URGED TO ATTEND

THE PREZ SEZ

By Ed Thornley (WA6JHD)

Field Day planning has taken much of our time this month. Field Day Chairman Bill Dews (K6AWO) and his crew are hard at it, laying out the site, lining up gear and facilities and laying out an operating schedule. There is still time to sign up for the fun. Come to the June meeting and find out all about it.

Our thanks to Mac McGrew (W6YCZ) for volunteering to manage our club QSL card program. Mac will gladly accept your order for the new Apollo cards and see that it receives prompt attention.

See you next meeting, and on the hill for Field Day!

73's

Ed

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By W. M. Thompson (W6PMV), Secretary

TRW/ARC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

12 June 1970

The monthly meeting of the TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club Executive Board was called to order at 12:08 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 1970 in R6-1553. Those present included Ed Thornley, Bill McClellan, Frank Halligan, Doug Heydon, and Bill Thompson.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Ed reported that attempts to have Public Affairs cover a telephone extension in the club station have been unsuccessful. A number of alternatives were considered. At present, the alternative with the greatest chance for successful implementation appears to be a club station without a telephone extension. However, the club officers' creative minds will continue to work the problem.
2. President Ed reported two recent club station working parties had accomplished considerable clean-up work as well as corrected a problem with the beam rotater.
3. President Ed reported the appointment of M. E. (Mac) McGrew (W6YCZ) as club QSL Manager.

NEW BUSINESS

ACTION
DEWS &
THOMPSON

1. It was noted that other local radio clubs are financially assisting the SCM in publishing the Section Newsletter, "DIDIDUMDUMDIDI." It was moved (Heydon), seconded (McClellan), and voted to contribute \$5.00 for this purpose. The Treasurer was instructed to forward a check to Harvey Hetland, SCM, with a letter to be prepared by the Secretary.

ACTION
THORNLEY

2. Our continuing "on the fence" position with respect to ARRL affiliation (in terms of the number of club members who are also ARRL members) was discussed. President Ed will cover in his next "Prez Sez" section of Crosstalk.


ACTION
ALL
MEMBERS

3. For approximately two years now, the name of P. J. Neiman has appeared on our roles as an Honorary Member. His QTH is Villa Fontana, Carolina Puerto Rico. His identity and relationship to the club was questioned, and no one present could provide any information as to why he is an Honorary Member; how he became one; does he have a call; etc. Any clues from any member in regard to Mr. Neiman are solicited prior to the Secretary writing him a letter and asking him these embarrassing questions.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

4. A general discussion regarding Field Day plans consumed the balance of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted


W. M. Thompson (W6PMV)

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Bill Dews (K6AW0)

Balance on Hand 1 May 1970 \$334.73

Receipts

Door prize tickets	\$ 4.00	
Dues	6.00	
QSL Cards	<u>16.60</u>	
	\$26.60	<u>26.60</u>
Cash Available		\$361.33

Expenses

QSL Cards	\$52.60	
SWR bridge kit	18.85	
Guest meals	5.61	
Postage	1.00	
Door Prize	4.20	
Antenna	<u>5.03</u>	
	\$87.29	<u>87.29</u>
Balance on Hand 31 May 1970		\$274.04

SHACK NOTES

By Jerry Starkey (WA6LIJ)

On Saturday, 23 May, Ed Thornley, Olie Saunders, Bill McClellan and Jerry Starkey met at the Squirrels' Nest (WB6WPO shack). Approximately 4 boxes of useable parts were stored outside the shack on the mezzanine, and 4 boxes donated to the custodian of the building. Respectfully request any further gifts to WB6WPO be accompanied by a note from the XYL and coordinated by the President. (U.S. or Club) The plan is to make the club station an operator's dream; i.e., brightly painted walls, colorful maps, air conditioning, linear amplifier, telephone with patch, tape recorder and much more station activity.

SHACK NOTES (Continued)

On Saturday, 6 June, Ed Thornley, Bruce Wade, Ollie Saunders, Al Lee, Bill Dews and Jerry Starkey met at Ye Olde Club Station to tackle the rotation problem and Field Day antennas. Ed had previously modified the indicator of the rotator so that one can see at a glance where the antenna is pointed. Neat job, Ed! Bruce with curled feet and polar clothing scooted up the tower and repaired the rotator while Ollie stood at the bottom of the tower with head at 89°, coordinated activities with Ed and Jerry in the shack. Al and Bill, with singed fingers and long tape, made several 20-over antennas for Field Day. After a dozen donuts, pot of coffee and much enjoyable rag-chewing, we pulled the SWAN 500 switch and departed around 1200L.

The club has three projects in need of volunteers. The first requires the care and feeding of a Tektronix oscilloscope which the club obtained from TRW surplus. Repair and incorporation into the club system would greatly enhance the station's operation.

The second project is the integration of the club tape recorder into the club station such that the operator can record and send with the tape recorder.

The third project is the overhaul and clean-up of a genuine Hallicrafters SX-28 communications receiver. This will make a fine CW receiver for our Brass-Pounders. For the benefit of younger members, the SX-28 was developed before the war (World War II, that is) but was and still is a fine receiver. It uses vacuum tubes exclusively, but you'd be surprised how well transistor-less equipment performs!

Request interested volunteers call Jerry Starkey, X51321.

NEWS AND NOTES

TICKET UPGRADING

Two of our members recently visited the local offices of the Friendly Candy Company and expanded their operating privelages. Claude Malott (W6NYC) passed the advanced test, and Cec Jordan (WN6KHF) passed his general exam. Congrats to you both!

SHACK TELEPHONE SERVICE

We have not been successful in our recent request to Public Affairs Department for a club phone. Company funds for that type of service are extremely scarce at this time. We hope that, as the business picture improves, we may have phone service at a later date.

ARRL AFFILIATION

Our roster is still marginal as regards ARRL affiliation. Rules require a minimum of 51% of regular members to be ARRL members in order for the club to affiliate. If you have recently joined ARRL, please advise Bill Dews so he can up-date the club records.

ARRL AFFILIATION (Continued)

As has been stated before, the club can gain much by ARRL affiliation. So how about it, you hold-outs, why not invest \$6.50 to join this league. It's to your benefit and it will help the club.

BOY SCOUTS AND HAM RADIO (From May DIDI-DUMDUM-DIDI)

The following information is from WB6NVP, Al Hodgeveen*, of the Downey Radio Club. He believes many hams could and should be merit badge counselors for their area.

Al has an excellent point, namely...How better to spread ham radio to the youth and increase any interest they may have in our great hobby? More hams and less CBers.

There are fifteen Boy Scout Councils in Southern California. Requirements to be a merit badge counselor are:

- Age - 21 years or over (male)
- Training - one evening
- Books and materials needed - Merit Badge Pamphlet on subject
(under fifty cents each).
- Registration - Two dollars per year per counselor. All costs
are tax deductable.
- Areas - Electricity Merit Badge.
Electronics Merit Badge.
Radio Merit Badge.
Signaling Merit Badge.

Your local Boy Scout Council may be found in the telephone book under "Boy Scouts of America".

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NEW MEMBER

W. G. Ivey (WA6QWT) is a technician class license holder, active on 2M, AM and FM. He has been licensed for 10 years and works in Metrology here at TRW. Welcome!