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May Meeting
FIELD DAY
PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE
31 May 1972 R2-1055
1200-1300 PDT

THE PREZ SEZ

By Paul Weisz, K6PSE

Traditionally, this space in the May issue of Cross-Talk is given over to the Field Day Pep Talk; this year is no exception. The TRW/ARC Field Day event will be held the weekend of June 24/25 on the grounds of Chadwick School on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Our able Field Day Chairman, Doug Freeman, W6NHX, is organizing the entire activity, and he can use all the help he can get. Operators, loggers, logistical support personnel and admiring spectators are welcome. Field Day is a unique amateur activity which provides an enjoyable weekend (or part) for all.

June is also a time of transition in our training program. The first Novice Course is ending, and on June 5 we start the next Novice cycle and a new course leading to the General Class license. Come one, come all.....

See you on the hill Field Day!

73, Paul

FIELD DAY REPORT

By Doug Freeman, W6NHX

Would you believe - Field Day is only one month away! So far, I have received only five (count 'em) applications back - c'mon troops - we need to have a better feel for how many will be there to help operate, set-up and log. If you lost last month's Cross-Talk, use the application included with this month's issue - get it in right now!

Also, we still need to borrow tents and other camping equipment - plus gear for back-up in case something breaks.

Even if you can't come, please return the application form and let me know that too - - - BCNU on the hill June 24/25.

WB6WPO LOG CHECK

Between 16 April and 11 May, two operators logged 12 QSO's (including 9Q5PA, Congo) at the club station. Although the club Swan 500 was down for repairs for about ten days, club net operations were conducted on two Saturdays during this period.

NOVICE STATION OPERATION

The Heathkit HW-16 transceiver was recently purchased for club member use by Activity Manager Mac McGrew, W6YCZ. Al Lee, W6KQI assembled and installed the transceiver and made the first QSO in the presence of the Novice students as they toured the club station Wednesday night, May 17th. The first QSO was all the way to Lomita with a 599 report. The second QSO was with Scottsdale, Arizona on 40 meters with a 579 report. Carl Rothrock, W6MYC, monitoring in Building S reports that there is a slight characteristic chirp and will design a circuit to improve the keying.

All members are invited to use the station. There is a supply of Novice Band crystals available and typewritten instructions are located by the rig. All Novices using the HW-16 will use the call WB6WPO but must operate only within the novice sections of the band.

NOVICE COURSE COMPLETION

By Al Lee, W6KQI

On Wednesday, May 17, five students in the TRW/ARC Novice Course successfully passed the 5 WPM sending and receiving tests given by Doug Heydon, WB6WDS. Previously, they had passed a sample FCC-type theory test conducted by Bill Dews, K6AWO. The graduates are: Connie Gilmore, Martha Rottenberg, Don Harris, Yas Komorita and Greg Loegering. They have sent away for their official FCC Novice written exam and we hope that they will all have their Novice Tickets by the end of June. Many thanks to Bill and Doug for their efforts and time they spent teaching and preparing the material for the course.

The next Novice Course will start Monday, June 5th, 5:30 to 6:30 in S-1353. The cost is \$ 7.50 which includes text books, miscellaneous course materials and a one-year membership in the TRW/ARC. Tell your friends! Non-TRW employees are invited to participate. The course will be held every Monday and Wednesday evening for 12 weeks. Doug Heydon will again instruct code and Al Lee will cover theory.

The course for the General Class License will also start Monday June 5, 5:30 to 6:30 and will run for 18 weeks. The class will be held every

Monday and Wednesday evenings in S-1480. Cost is \$ 5.00 to present TRW/ARC members with text books. Cost to non-members is \$ 10.00 which includes all text material and one year membership in the TRW/ARC. Prerequisite: A novice class license or equivalent knowledge of theory and 5 WPM code speed. Jack Clarke, WB6TCR will instruct the theory and Ben De Piazza, WB6SVV will instruct the code portion of the class. Non-TRW employees are also invited to participate.

TREASURERS REPORT

By Frank Halligan, WB6GBC

Balance on hand 31 March 1972..... \$ 221.91

Receipts

Dues	4.00		
QSL Card Orders	8.30		
Door Prize Tickets	<u>12.75</u>	Total receipts	25.05

Expenses

Novice Transmitter	106.15		
Door Prizes	27.34		
Coffee Pot	5.00		
QSL Card Printing	<u>5.30</u>	Total expenses	143.79

Balance on hand 30 April 1972..... \$ 103.17

CAN YOU TOP THIS???

Fred Reed, W6UMC went through his log book recently and reports he has confirmed two-way QSO's with 42 members of the TRW/ARC over the years. That must be some kind of a record, but can we let it stand at that? Who amongst us can come up with a larger count? If you can top Fred's record, let us know and we will be happy to publish the score. Just as a matter of interest to all of us, it would be fun to see just what kind of totals some of you active operators can show. Drop your editor a note and we will be happy to write you up.

One nice way to log those contacts with fellow members is to drop in on the TRW/ARC Saturday morning net on 7.280 at 1000 PDT. We always have a nice group and exchange a lot of good info and gossip. Its also an easy way to qualify for the club certificate, details of which can be obtained from our honorable Chief Certificate Issuer and Club Prez Paul.

FOR SALE:

Clegg 22'er Two-Meter Transceiver, Outboard Ameco R.F. Pre-Amp, and two home-brew 2-meter beams.

\$ 125 takes it all.....Dave Smith, W6WDH 52642 (TRW)
(213) 325-8471 (home)

WANT-AD INFO

Your ad published here. Drop a note or call your Cross-Talk Editor.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON CLUB FUNDING

The first meeting of the committee was held at the home of Paul Weisz, on 27 April 1972, and was attended by Ted Carter, Frank Halligan, and Ed Thornley. Also present and discussing the same issues from the XYL viewpoint were Mmes. Carter(Helen), Thornley(Judy), and Weisz(Beverly).

The meeting(s) were called to order at 2030, and began with a discussion of club funding deficiencies and alternative goals. Examination of the monthly balance sheet for 1971 disclosed that the treasury had been as low as \$19.12, and was below \$120 for eight months of the year. It was agreed, after consideration of the club roster and the current upward trend in membership, that a \$200 minimum treasury balance is a reasonable goal. It was also agreed that an increase in dues or special assessments on members should not be considered at this time, and that the necessary funds should be raised by special events and/or sale of various items.

Ideas for funding considered for the near term were:

1. Request for donation by TRW of blank QSL cards. Carter and Weisz will approach Systems Group P.R. on this.
2. Sale of special items to club members. Thornley will assess availability and price of such items.
3. Ham radio oriented special events (junk box auctions, swap meets, beer busts). Halligan will investigate sites, costs, and potential profits.
4. Family-oriented special events (barbecues, pot-luck picnics, etc.). The ladies, with considerable PTA, Scout and other experience, were unanimous in recommending this route. Judy Thornley will investigate the geographic distribution of members to determine feasibility.

Fund sources which may materialize, but which require no action at this time include:

1. The ARRL 50 cent rebate per member, which may accrue automatically to the club if ARRL improves its procedures.
2. The improvement in financial position that will come with growth in membership if we are prudent in expenditures and if the training program continues to bring in new members.

The meeting adjourned at 2400; the next meeting was not scheduled, but will be convened as circumstances require.

Respectfully submitted
Paul Weisz, Chairman
Ad Hoc Committee

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By: Jerry Dean, WA6GVO

The monthly meeting of the TRW Systems Amateur Radio Club Executive Board was called to order at 12:05 on Thursday, May 11, 1972 in E1/4002 by President Paul Weisz, K6PSE. Attendees were Paul Weisz, Carl Rothrock, Bob Goad, Jerry Dean, Mac McGrew, Ted Carter, Frank Halligan, and Doug Heydon.

1. To improve attendance at the general meetings, it was decided to mail individual announcements to members. (In addition to Readout and Crosstalk)
2. A general discussion concerning Field Day followed, during which it was decided to send our insurance forms and a check for \$25.00 to Chadwick School.
3. Lee motioned, Halligan seconded, that the charge for the Novice class is to be \$7.50. Motion carried.
4. Carter motioned, Halligan seconded, that the charge for the General course is to be \$10.00. This charge may be adjusted downward to a minimum of \$5.00 to compensate for current club membership and manuals already in possession. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1320.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Dean, WA6GVO
Secretary