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NOVEMBER MEETING

28 NOVEMBER 73

R2 1055 1200

Door Prizes

THE PREZ SEZ

By PAUL WEISZ, K6YQ

By now, everyone in the club must surely be aware that we took first place nationally in Class 5A on Field Day. The victory is extremely gratifying, and credit for it is due to all who participated. In particular, Bill Dews and Doug Heydon are to be commended for their strenuous and successful efforts as managers of the 1973 Field Day activity. A hearty "Well Done", and let's get set to repeat in 1974!

The annual Hamfeast and Field Day Victory Celebration at the Cockatoo

is now history. The high point of the evening was the presentation by John Cashen, W6KNC on the Tongareva ZK1TA DX-pedition. It was a delight to our DX-ers, to all the hams present, and to the XYL's and YL's. Many thanks, John, for a fascinating hour; hope to see you back again soon!

We approach the end of the year, and it's time to select a new group of officers to carry the TRW/ARC banner in 1974. A ballot appears in this issue of Cross-Talk, with a slate of candidates assembled by the nominating committee. Room is provided for write-in candidates of course. All regular members of the club (TRW employees located at Space Park) are urged to vote and get your ballots back in by 7 December 1973.

I'm going to take some vacation and sample the daytime spectrum.

73 Paul

FIELD DAY REPORT

By Ed Thornley, WA6JHD

Final Field Day scores are reported in QST for November. We want to show how we scored in Class 5A (club or group, 5 transmitters operated simultaneously). Below is official tabulation of the first five place entries in Class 5A, taken from QST.

| <u>CLUB</u> | <u>CALL</u> | <u>OPERATORS</u> | <u>QSO's</u> | <u>SCORE</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. TRW/ARC | W6FQ/6 (+WN6PQY) | 40 | 2708 | 6081 |
| 2. Delmont Radio Club | K3SSC/3 | 25 | 2580 | 5765 |
| 3. Fullerton R.C. | W6ULI/6 | 26 | 2331 | 5262 |
| 4. Story County A.R.C. | WØNJ/Ø | 22 | 1909 | 4418 |
| 5. Garland A.R.C. | K5QHD/5 | 32 | 1921 | 4392 |

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jerry Dean, WA6GVO

Balance on hand 2 October 1973.....\$ 611.66

Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Dues (new) | \$ 4.00 |
| Dues (renewals) | 26.00 |
| QSL Orders | 15.50 |
| Dinner reservations(16) | 120.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 165.50 |

Expenses

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| QSL Card printing | \$ 8.50 |
| Postage (Cross-Talk) | 8.00 |
| Door Prize (ARRL) | 7.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 23.50 |

Balance on hand 31 October 1973.....\$ 753.66

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By FRANK HALLIGAN, WB6GBC

The regular monthly meeting of the TRW/ARC Executive Committee was called to order at 12:10 PM, November 13, 1973, by President Paul Weisz. Others present were: Carter, Dean, Freeman, Halligan, Kennedy, Koho, Lee, Rothrock, Thornley, and Wineman.

Old Business

1. November Dinner Meeting. This event was acclaimed a complete success by all present. Dinner expenses were approximately \$ 190. A letter of appreciation and thanks is being sent to John Cashen, our speaker of the evening, along with a TRW/ARC 5-member contact certificate. Checks of member logs verify that ZK1TA confirm that the DX-pedition worked more than the required number of members and qualified for the certificate.
2. TRW/ARC Special Award. Certificates will be prepared by Al Lee for those members who have given special effort in club activities.
3. Logo Contest. Winners of the Logo Contest will receive the appropriate cash awards. Checks for \$25 to Jerry Starkey and \$ 10 to Joel Wine-man will be submitted by the Treasurer. (Have you seen our new logo on our new award certificate? Both look great!)
4. Nominating Committee. The committee has made its selection of candidates for the 1974 TRW/ARC offices. Members ballot will be found elsewhere in this issue.
5. Field Day 1973. The club took first place in class 5A this year. Kudos to Dews and Heydon for their fine efforts, and of course to all those who participated. A letter is being sent to the ARRL Contest Committee recommending that certificates of some form be issued to winners in the various classes. (Editor's note: The fact that the TRW/ARC has placed high in it's class each year does not appear to have caused such a recommendation to come forth, however, if ARRL sees fit to issue any, we'll be glad to accept several retroactively!)
6. Constitutional Review Cimmittee. Chairman Halligan indicated that he was still looking (?) for a copy of the club constitution before calling the committee into session. Sue Kennedy indicated that she has the master.

New Business

1. Two-meter FM. Trustee Rothrock proposed new two-meter FM gear for the club shack. After much discussion, a motion was made by Thornley and seconded by Halligan and approved by the committee, that the club purchase an ICOM 230 for approximately \$ 425. The details of procurement will be handled by Rothrock.
 2. Finance Committee. President Weisz immediately appointed a finance committee, Dean, Chairman, with Carter, Halligan, Kennedy and Rothrock, to determine the best method to handle a major capital purchase. (Item 1)
- Epilog: Weisz has expressed concern about the ICOM 230 capability to handle local RACES frequencies. Problem being worked by Rothrock, Freeman and Carter.

ACTIVITY AT WB6WPOBy: Roger Trapp, K6SSN

The following is a summary of activity since the last report (August Cross-Talk).

| <u>20 Aug. - 18 Sept.</u> | | Ops. K6AWO W6NHX WA6SMS K6SSN | |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| <u>DX</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Band</u> |
| Kure I. | 20 | Calif. | 6,20,40 |
| | | N.C. | 20 |
| | | Florida | 20 |
| | | Conn. | 20 |
| | | Wash. | 20 |
| | | Hawaii | 20 |
| <u>19 Sept. - 27 Oct.</u> | | Ops. W6NHX WA6PAS K6YQ K6SSN | |
| <u>DX</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Band</u> |
| Angola | 15 | Calif. | 20,40,75 |
| Br. Honduras | 10 | Wyo. | 20 |
| Peru | 10 | Hawaii | 20 |
| Costa Rica | 10 | N.Y. | 20 |
| Montserrat | 20 | | |
| <u>28 Oct - 15 Nov.</u> | | Ops. W6KQI K6SSN WB6TCR WA6VCZ | |
| <u>DX</u> | <u>Band</u> | <u>State</u> | <u>Band</u> |
| W. Germany | 20 | Mo. | 15 |
| El Salvador | 15 | Calif | 15, 40 |
| Mozambique | 15 | Oreg. | 20 |
| Portugal | 15 | Alaska | 20 |
| S. Africa | 15 | Vermont | 75 |
| New Zealand | 75 | Louis. | 75 |

The following is a status report for DXCC and 5BWAS as of 15 November 1973. Getting DXCC confirmed looks good to add to WAS but 5BWAS will take awhile. The station was not on during the 40th ARRL (phone) Sweepstakes.

| | | 5BWAS | | | | | |
|-----------|------|-------|----|----|----|----|----|
| | DXCC | 6 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 40 | 75 |
| WORKED | 121 | 4 | 20 | 26 | 41 | 27 | 33 |
| CONFIRMED | 94 | 4 | 17 | 21 | 26 | 19 | 25 |

TRAINING PROGRAM RECOGNITION

AL LEE W6KQI

To make the TRW/ARC training succeed as well as it has the past three years, has required the time and assistance of many members. A way of thanking these members has finally come about with the generation of special attractive certificates of appreciation including for the first time our new club Logo.

During the November banquet, time was allotted to me to present certificates to the instructors present. For all others, it is requested that they be present at a regular club meeting.

Listed below are the members who have either received their certificates, or who are eligible to receive them.

1. Paul Alward WB6WTK - general class theory.
2. Jack Clarke WB6TCR - general class theory.
3. Ben DePiazza WB6SVV - general class CW.
4. Bill Dews K6AWD - novice theory.
5. Nelson Hayes W6VVB - extra class theory.
6. Doug Heydon WB6WDS - novice CW.
7. Neal Hudson WA6VCZ - novice CW.
8. Al Lee W6kQI - novice theory, extra class CW, training manager.
9. Greg Loegering WA6SMS - novice CW
10. Jim McWilliams W6RTG - general class theory and CW.
11. Johnny Rothrock W6MYC - extra class theory.
12. Steve Shane WA6NRQ - novice theory.
13. Wade Walstrom WA6TXE - novice theory.
14. Paul Weisz K6YQ - general CW.

New novices, general and possibly extra class courses will be starting in January, so let me know if you're interested. Final details are being made now, and will be announced in the next crosstalk.

1974 ARRL DX CONTEST

By Ollie Saunders, W6OTC

With the popularity of the club's Field Day activities and the great competitive success which the club has enjoyed, it would seem that club participation in events such as the ARRL DX contest would be a "natural". I know that many members shy away from serious DX operation at their home QTH because (especially here in 6-land) they feel non-competitive. By going to a club operation from WB6WPO (multi-operator, single-transmitter) it would be possible to field a really first class DX station with high power and good antennas and it would let a lot of us work the kind of stuff we normally only hear about.

Having been appointed (the actual word is railroaded) to the post of activity manager for the 1974 ARRL DX contest, I would like to extend an invitation to all club members to participate and I would like to hear from those of you who are interested. My main interest is in working in the SSB portion, so I am also looking for someone to head the CW effort if there is sufficient interest.

There will be a modest amount of work to be done in the areas of equipment, antennas, operating plan, operator scheduling, logging (a big job) and QSL's. With the proper planning and coordination, this contest can be a real ball, but remember that the first operating weekend is in February. So please let me know from all you DX'ers and would-be DX'ers.

73 Ollie

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FIELD DAY PHOTOGRAPH FOOTNOTE

We forgot to mention under the Field Day Report earlier in this issue that our Honorable Prez Weisz was covered by additional honor and glory by QST (unfortunately anonymously) when they published his photo (or is it foto?) of our boys WA6RAY, WA6SMS and WA3FVG fine-pointing their OSCAR antenna during FD operations. That was a good shot, Paul.