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NEWS BULLETIN OF TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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TRW/ARC Saturday Morning Nets 10AM LT

Primary	7.280 MHz
Secondary	3.980 MHz
Novice	7.140 MHz
Simplex	147.510 MHz

EDITORIAL VIEWS

Greetings and Salutations!!

Here it is the end of the year, already. I hope that all of you accomplished your desires for the year and that you can do the same in 1978. Yours Truly still has a few things to do.

The Election is over. There are a few changes. Bill Dews was re-elected Prez, M. McGrew Vice Prez, Jim Hill back in for secretary, Bill Ivey is our new Treasurer (why anyone would want that job is more than I can understand.) Well anyhow Good Luck Bill.

Paul weisz is in for another hitch as trustee, Gary Komatsu again for activities manager. Mel Erb will be your new Editor. I know that he will do a bang up job as he did very well when I was on Vacation and has been very helpful to me. Thanks Mel and good luck for the coming year.

Al Lee is back in the fold and has agreed to being the Training Manager for the coming year and is also our field day chairman... Thank You!... Al.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND;
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.
Mac.... K6RL



*** MEETING REMINDER *** R2-1055
Always the last Wednesday at noon
Subject: Unknown, until after the
Holidays.....
ALWAYS A DOOR PRIZE!!!!!!!

SEE YOU AT SAROC!!!!!!

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE!!!!!!

All Radio Club Magazines are to be moved from the Library to the Radio Ham Shack. This is upstairs Bldg. 65.

If you wish to see the Magazines they will be there.

This step was necessary due to the continual loss of our Magazines.

NEW ARRIVAL NOTICE!

Guess who?...or what?

The following notice was Rec'd in the mail Dec.12.....

Born: Twins!

Sunday: Dec 11....3pm.

Weight: 11# ea.

Color: Rustoleum White.

Performance.....I can hit W6VBB With full 10#.....

Congratulations Frank W6RLN....He sure will be "radio's Loudest noise now!!!!!!

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

1977... Call Book..... Jim Hill

" " "..... Bill Dews

DX Call Book, 1976..... Al Lee

Hand Book, 1976..... AL Lee.....

1978 ARRL NATIONAL

CONVENTION COMMENTS

The 1978 ARRL National Convention will be held on September 22-23-24, at the Town and Country Convention Center in San Diego. The convention is being sponsored by the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council, Inc. (Sandarc). I have been in contact with the general chairman, Sam Dear, K6BWT and the exhibit chairman, Lou Baughman, W6PKA. These gentlemen expect a large turnout for this affair and have convinced me that it is none too early for the TRW/ARC membership to start their personal planning for this event. The banquet facilities will accommodate 2600 while the convention total registration could well reach 3500. Therefore we would be well advised to secure our various reservations soon.

Included in this crosstalk edition is a registration form, which when completed should be forwarded (with the appropriate funds) to Sandarc to take advantage of the advance registration rates. This will also reserve your seat at the banquet on Saturday evening September 23rd. Bill Dews contacted the Town and Country Hotel regarding room accommodations and rates. Their reply indicates the rates noted below and that most rooms have queen size beds and some have two queen beds.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SINGLE</u>	<u>DOUBLE</u>
Garden Area	\$26	\$31
Highrise	\$29	\$34

The Town and Country address and landline member is on the Sandarc registration form. You should contact them directly for reservations.

I understand the exhibitor response to this convention has been extremely good and almost all exhibit booths have been filled. There will be a substantial number of very nice (and costly) prizes to be awarded. This should be one of, if not, the best attended ARRL National Conventions. More later....73's Jack WA6KPC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - December 7, 1977

By Jim Hill, W6IVW

The TRW ARC Executive Committee meeting was called to order in room M2-1825, by the president at 12:05 PM. The following people were present: President Bill Dews, K6AWO, Vice President Mel Erb, K6GWC, Secretary Jim Hill, W6IVW, Treasurer Ted Carter, WA6PAS, and Cross Talk Editor Mac McGrew, K6RL.

The meeting agenda follows:

1. Pettingell: Percentage of TRW ARC membership in ARRL
There are 55 full members in the TRW ARC, of which approximately 75% are affiliated with the ARRL. The present method of renewing memberships makes it difficult to determine the exact percentage of ARRL affiliation, since the application forms are no longer used for renewal.
2. No QSL Cards Available for Members
A suitable picture for the QSL card and a method of getting new QSL card blanks (QSL cards without the members name, call, and address) were discussed. Bill suggested that the picture show a more recent company product satellite. Mac said that the Personnel Services has a die for their postal cards, and possibly this die could be used. Mel is assigned the job of selecting suitable pictures, and forming a committee to get blanks. The need for a new printer (it appears that the existing will no longer be available) was also discussed.
3. Weisz: Local Repeater and TRW ARC
Tabled, as Paul was not present.
4. Erb: December 14th Meeting
No speaker is scheduled, as installation of officers will occur. Door prizes were discussed, and will include the Club's 1977 Call Book.
5. Cartier: Associate Membership Eligibility
Some non-TRW employee members joined primarily to use the impressive TRW QSL cards. QSL card blanks (a blank is a QSL card without the members name, call, and address printed) are difficult to obtain, and some non-TRW employee members order large quantities. The associate member eligibility subject was discussed, but tabled as Frank was not present.
6. Club Station Swan 500CX
The instruction manual is missing, and the method of operating the rig is confusing to some members not familiar with Swan equipment. Paul Weisz is assigned the task of preparing a 500CX operating procedure document, and placing it in a conspicuous location near the rig.
7. Cross Talk Publication Dates
Since Cross Talk cannot be published in time to include the December meeting notice, the meeting notice will be published in the Readout.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

By Jim Hill, W6IVW

The December general meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM, December 14, 1977 by President Bill Dews. 12 people were present.

The president announced the 1978 officers and new staff members. Refer to the last page of this edition of Cross Talk for a list. The following topics of general interest were discussed:

QSL Card Manager

A QSL Card Manager staff position is open. This position includes selecting a suitable picture for new QSL cards, and arranging to get a new set of QSL card blanks (QSL cards without the members call, name, and address printed). If necessary, he will select a new printer (it is understood that the present printer will no longer be available). After blanks are available, he will receive QSL card requests, have the cards printed, and send them to the requester. He will also handle incoming QSL cards. (There is a preferred candidate as of 12-16)

Librarian

A Librarian staff position is open. The librarian will be in charge of the club magazines and books, and will loan them out for limited time periods. The building S library is presently used, but magazines are disappearing.

Associate Member Eligibility

Some non-TRW club members joined primarily to use the impressive TRW QSL cards. QSL card blanks are hard to obtain, and some of the non-TRW members order large quantities of cards. The problem was discussed.

Station Refurbishment

Selection of suitable equipment to upgrade the station was discussed. Bill asks all members to input recommendations for new equipment.

A last moment surprise was a speaker. Al Lee, W6QKI, recently upgraded his station to communicate via Oscar, and described what is needed for this activity.

The raffle was held, and the meeting adjourned at 1:05PM.

Don Johnson (W6QIE) continues to provide good code practice at 2000 (8 PM) local time every evening except Monday. Don starts at 5 wpm and goes to 30 wpm in 7 steps during each 90-minute session. Listen for W6QIE on 3590 kHz; he has long been an excellent source of code receiving practice for W6LS licensing program students.

As of 1 October 1977, the FCC totals of Amateur Radio licensees was:

<u>License Class</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
General	110,686	34
Advanced	75,979	23.5
Technician	64,068	20
Novice	55,703	17
Extra	17,712	5.5



**Los Angeles Area Council
of Amateur Radio Clubs, Inc.**

is sponsoring the

SIXTH DISTRICT ARRL QSL BUREAU

The Bureau address is:
2814 Empire Ave.
Burbank, CA 91504

Requirements for participation in this **FREE** service are very simply that each Amateur who wishes to receive QSL's from DX stations only will have on file at the Bureau a Stamped (First Class Postage) Self-Addressed Envelope. This envelope must be 5" x 7½", with a gummed flap. The addressee must place his call sign in large bold letters on the upper left hand corner of the addressed side of the envelope. If you normally receive more than one ounce of cards each month, or you wish to wait until you have more than one ounce of cards before an envelope is mailed, place additional postage on the envelope with a paper clip, this will be returned to you when you receive the last envelope you have on file. You may keep as many as 6 envelopes on file if you wish, our managers mail once a month, if you have accumulated one ounce of cards, it will be mailed, if you do not accumulate one ounce, a mailing will be made every three months, if you have even one card on file, if you have no cards, you will receive no mailing unless you request information. Please send a self addressed stamped envelope for inquiries, otherwise these will wait until the next QSL mailing you receive.

If for any reason you find it impossible to purchase this envelope, please drop the bureau a note and we will send you information on how you can get these envelopes from the Bureau.