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WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

MEETING: Noon, 1-30-80 R4-1041
SPEAKER: To be announced

Bill, WA6QET

The TRW/ARC initiated two evening meetings during the year of 1979. Due to room availability on short notice, the turn-out was less than we had expected. The club is considering dropping the evening meeting because of low attendance. I maintain that the associate members of the club need an opportunity to participate in the meetings as well as the club activities. What do you think?

VOTE: The TRW/ARC club should continue its effort to have two evening meetings during the calendar year:

YES _____

NO _____

The membership drive in October is not conducive to reflecting the correct picture of TRW/ARC financial health. The SEA report is due semi-annually which causes next years membership dues to be recorded during the current year. Additionally, the TRW/ARC membership doesn't reach its peak until about three to four months after the primary renewal period.

A motion was made to change the renewal period from October 1st and assign February 1st as an alternative. This bypasses the Christmas rush, insurance anxiety, etc. and eliminates SEA report conflicts.

All membership cards good until 9/30/80 will be honored until 1/31/81.

VOTE: The motion to change the due date to February 1st for membership dues is

_____ Accepted

_____ Declined

Mail to: TRW/ARC S-365
Attention: Bill Ivey

NATION WIDE TRW NET

Several TRW members have been trying to set up a net on Sunday's at 2100Z on 21.300 MHz. Those heard on the net are K3SAE, K3RLI, N5YKC, N4ARO, N4BIA, W6KQI, K6YQ, N6NW, AA600. So far this is strictly informan and a definite time, band and net control still has to be selected.

NOVICE AMATEUR RADIO COURSE

On Tuesday, January 15, at novice Amateur Radio Course started, it is from 5:30 - 7:00 Tues. and Thurs. evenings for 10 weeks. It is being held in bldg. E2, Room 1100B, One Space Park, Redondo Beach, at a cost of \$16.00.

The cost includes text material, code practice tape, TRW Amateur Radio Club membership for one year. Limit of 20 students, Contact Al Lee, in R5/1171, Extension 61673 prior to attending class.

On Wednesday, August 30, late in the morning, several things were happening. At Space Park, members of the TRW ARC were getting ready to listen to Cec Jordan, WB6KHF, talk about his adventures in KL7 - land working VLF DX. Near the small Indian pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico, my family and I were coming to the realization that our vacation trip had come to a gooey halt, at least temporarily. Our VW bus was well and truly stuck in the mud.

Being an optimist by nature, I was reasonably sure I could dig our way out, but one of our seven-year old twins, Stephanie, said, "You better talk to somebody on your radio, Daddy." After a few minutes of trying my way, her idea seemed better and better, so at about 11:55 MDT I fired up the HW-22 on 7255 KHz. Lo and behold, there was a nice fat signal from W6AJC, the Net Control. A snappy "Break, Break" got his attention, and the world seemed a little brighter. He located a station willing to pass on the info for me, but since I couldn't copy the other station, it was necessary to relay.

Imagine, if you will, the hope that some rather obscure directions were getting through to an unheard operator, who in turn was going to call the AAA. The exact description of our location was "at the end of the picnic road, south of the Enchanted Mesa, near Acoma, New Mexico." Now, everyone knows where that is, right? After getting a QSL on this, my name and AAA number, I shut down the rig and went back to digging. About an hour, and lots of sweat, later we actually did get out. Only one problem confronted us - how to get back across/around the mud. Some of the grassy ground around the road appeared solid and dry, so I decided to explore. What I found was another place to get stuck! The kids went back to playing with the puppies at the nearby empty Indian house. Back on the air went WB6WDS/Mobile(?)5 to check on the status of help. A confirmation from WCARS of help on the way did a lot to lift the gloom, because this time there was no way I was going to get unstuck without lots of sturdy help.

Since we were about a mile from the main road to Acoma (Definition: Main Road - a gravel path with a traffic flow of one car/hour), it seemed prudent to wait there for the eagerly anticipated tow-truck. After about a half hour of waiting, a truck appeared - a pickup truck, from the wrong direction! It contained two elderly Acoma Indian ladies, who by chance lived in the house near where we were immobilized. After establishing an eyeball QSO with them, they said they would try to help. Diane and the kids were waiting in the shade at the picnic area by this time, while I waited in the sun and listened to the hum of activity around me - crickets chirping, birds soaring - that sort of thing.

Nothing else happened for about 45 minutes. Then, a dust trail above the road miles away to the north - the right direction. Sure enough, after what seemed like a very long time, a comfortably large, red, tow truck came around the bend. As I waved him to a stop, he asked "Are you Mr. Heydon?" When I said I was and how glad I was to see him, he gave me a funny look and said "I got a long distance call from the Auto Club in San Francisco to come pull you out of the mud!" Even after I told him about the marvels of 7255, I'm not sure he accepted it. He had come 39 miles, not even sure he'd find anyone needing him!

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ARRL MEMBERSHIP

ARRL membership: Please send the date your subscription ends to QST or if you are a "Lifer". I've received some, we need to keep our membership up to be a ARRL club in good standing. Send to Bill Dews, membership chairman
M2-2155 x53392

To join ARRL and receive QST is \$18.00 per year. Send a check to the club treasurer and he will mail it off and we the club will receive \$1.50 for our club use. Join up now. AWO

W6RO - FULL STEAM AHEAD!

W6RO, the Long Beach ARC-sponsored amateur station aboard the Queen Mary, now has Wednesday evening operating sessions. This will be great for those of you who always wanted to operate this station, but never could make it down there in the daytime or on weekends. If there is enough interest, more evening sessions may be set up later. For more information, phone Rosemary/N6BCY at 424-1262.

SWAPMEET

The December 29, TRW/ARC Swapmeet drew a very nice crowd of sellers and buyers. The TRW/ARC booth was manned by Bill Dews, K6AWO, Ed Wheeler, N6AGA, and myself WA6EVS. Thanks to Bill Dews, who at the last minute replaced our new club president, Al Lee, W6KQI, who came down with the flu, and to Ed Wheeler, N6AGA, who noticed we were short of manpower at the booth and pitched in to help us.

A new innovation, an equipment donation box, was set out next to our club booth and was filled with donated items by the end of the swapmeet. We will continue to do this each month since many sellers would rather get rid of certain unsold items rather than take them home. The accumulated donated items will be sold at occasional auctions held at our club booth. We have two very able auctioneers, Jack Clark, WB6TER, and Paul Weisz, K6YQ. This may turn out to be a significant income producer for the club.

A bulletin board will be installed at the club booth at future swapmeets for posting future TRW/ARC club events, "Rules for Swapmeet Sellers", Visitor Messages, TRW/ARC club members may post "for sale" ads on this bulletin board if they cannot bring the item(s) for sale to the swapmeet.

See you all at the January 26, Swapmeet - same time and place.

DON'T FORGET IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR SWAPMEET IS THE HUGHES HAM RADIO AUCTION. Jan. 26, 1980, 12 noon to 5 pm, Hughes El Segundo Employees Assoc. Building, 1216 East Imperial Highway, El Segundo.

Bill S. WA6EVS

SIXTH DISTRICT DX-QSL BUREAU

The 6th District DX-QSL Bureau, sponsored by the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs is now in Sun Valley. Send stamped self-addressed, 5" x 7½" envelopes, with your call in large letters in the upper left corner, to P.O. Box 1460, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

QSL CARDS

The Club has about 6000 blank QSL cards of the Pioneer Style. They are available to club members at 3.6¢ each. Overprinting is not available through the club and each individual must make their own arrangements. Contact Neal EX 50345 for QSL cards and Lewellyn Press for overprinting.

ARRL INSURANCE FORMS

Remember the FCC form 610, ARRL insurance forms and the loan of ICOM 230 VHF transceiver are available by calling Bill Dews, 53392.

OFF ROAD RACE

Parker 400, February 8, 9, 10 (off road race) Anyone interested in haming at a check point or just having fun give me a call for information. Dews, 53392.

LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

1980 ARRL Southwest Division Convention is planned for 5-7 of September, at the LAX Marriott Hotel.

The New Zealand government will activate ZL6IW (for Intruder Watch) in the near future. The station will not engage in regular QSO's, will not respond to calls or send QSL's. Don't call him in an effort to work a new country or prefix.

Paul K6YQ

VHF CONTEST

Thanks to Steve O'Neil, Mel Erb, Bill Schrec., and Bill Rodner. We ended the past QSO with the Queen Mary with number 200. This was 2 meters only and in June 14, 15 I'm looking for a hill top and if anyone wants to let W6TRW have the loan of their place for the week-end please give me a call. We need 6 m, 220, and 450 equipment too. Mark your calendar for the 14 and 15 of June so we get a few more ops on board.

73, Bill K6AWO

NOTICE:

Check your calendar our June 28 Swap Meet would conflict with field day, so it has been moved back to the 21 of June.

OAK RIDGE

We received a note from Dick Church, N4ARO, in Oak Ridge. He has just worked his 99th country since last July. Most contacts have been on 20 meters with a dipole. He sends regards to the guys here. Dick sent along a note from HT1VCC, that he thinks our QSL cards are the best he has seen and would like to know if they were available.

W6KQI

Al Lee, W6KQI, was mentioned in the January issue of CQ, as being one of the hams, who were the operators of W6RO (Queen Mary) when it was moved from the dock to its present location.

MAJOR ARRL OPERATING EVENTS AND CONVENTIONS — 1980

(Check QST monthly for updates.)

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
3 West Coast Qualifying Run 9 WIAW Qualifying Run 10-13 SAROC (Las Vegas)* 12-13 VHF Sweepstakes C/D Party 25 WIAW Qualifying Run 26 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 30 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING	1-10 Novice Roundup 6 West Coast Qualifying Run 9 Frequency Measuring Test 12 WIAW Qualifying Run 16-17 International DX Contest, cw 23 WIAW Qualifying Run 23 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 27 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING	1-2 International DX Contest, phone 6 West Coast Qualifying Run 12 WIAW Qualifying Run 14 ST. PATRICKS DAY BEER-BUST 24 WIAW Qualifying Run 26 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING A) 29 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET	2 West Coast Qualifying Run 5-6 C/D Party (open) 10 WIAW Qualifying Run 19-20 EMF Contest (part 1) 26 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 25-27 Dayton Hamvention (Dayton, OH)* 27 WIAW Qualifying Run 30 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING
MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
1 West Coast Qualifying Run 9 Frequency Measuring Test 13 WIAW Qualifying Run 17 TRW/ARC FIELD DAY WORK PARTY 17-18 EMF Contest (part 2) 28 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 29 WIAW Qualifying Run 31 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET	4 West Coast Qualifying Run 11 WIAW Qualifying Run 14-15 VHF Contest 21 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 25 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 24 WIAW Qualifying Run 28-29 Field Day	2 West Coast Qualifying Run 10 WIAW Qualifying Run 12 TRW/ARC POST FIELD DAY 13 NOON PICNIC 23 WIAW Qualifying Run 25-27 ARRL National Convention <i>(attle)</i> 26 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 30 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING	15 WIAW Qualifying Run 24 WIAW Qualifying Run 27 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 30 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 30-Sept. 1 Pacific Division Conv. (San Jose, CA)
SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
4 West Coast Qualifying Run 5-7 Southwestern Div. Conv. (Los Angeles) 6-7 Radio Expo (Chicago)* 9 WIAW Qualifying Run 13 Frequency Measuring Test 13-14 VHF Contest 24 WIAW Qualifying Run 24 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 27 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET	1 West Coast Qualifying Run 4-5 Simulated Emergency Test 8 WIAW Qualifying Run 25 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET 29 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 11-12 C/D Party 26 WIAW Qualifying Run	1 TRW/ARC ANNUAL DINNER 1-2 Sweepstakes, cw 6 West Coast Qualifying Run 13 WIAW Qualifying Run 14 Frequency Measuring Test 15-16 Sweepstakes, phone 24 WIAW Qualifying Run 26 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 29 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET	3 West Coast Qualifying Run 6-7 160-Meter Contest 12 WIAW Qualifying Run 13-14 10-Meter Contest 29 WIAW Qualifying Run 17 TRW/ARC NOON MEETING 27 TRW/ARC SWAPMEET *Not an ARRL event.

NOTE: TRW/ARC Breakfast — Every FRIDAY Morning, Building S Cafeteria, 7:00 A.M.
 TRW/ARC Simplex Frequency — 147.51 MHz