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NEWS BULLETIN OF TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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## REPORTING EMERGENCIES ON THE FREEWAYS--Walt Diem, WA6PEA (Rephrased from W6VIO Calling).

**What to Report:** Collisions, fires, hazardous conditions, and obstructions to the flow of traffic. The CHP does not want reports of stalled vehicles that are safely on the shoulder. If a car is stalled in the center divider, report it only if you feel someone is endangered. The CHP does want a report if someone is attempting to cross the freeway in heavy traffic. They want to be advised of a lone woman driver stalled in the center divider at night, but do not want such a report during the rush hour. A large piece of plywood on the freeway should be reported because it can be flipped up by a wheel and cause a serious accident. However, it would be ridiculous to report a sack of cement on the freeway, because the by the time the CHP arrived there would only be dust and paper left.

**Report it to:** The California Highway Patrol is responsible for freeways and County roads and highways. Emergencies in other locations should be reported to the police, sheriff, or fire department responsible for the area of the incident.

**How to Report:** If you have access to an autopatch, you can call for help yourself. Otherwise, ask for assistance through a repeater from someone near a phone. Be sure to say it's a call to the CHP or identify it as an emergency--you're more likely to get assistance. To report an emergency or hazardous road condition on a freeway or County highway, call or ask your contact to call the operator and ask for ZENITH 1-2000.

Emergency traffic will be handled much faster if you use the same format they use. The dispatcher needs to know **WHAT HAPPENED, WHERE,** and whether there are **ANY INJURIES.** Remember that clarity, brevity, and accuracy will expedite the arrival of assistance at the scene. The difference could save a life. It might be handy to clip the following and tape it to your dashboard:

### CHP REPORTING PROCEDURE

(ZENITH 1-2000)

1. Type of incident. Any injuries?
2. Direction of travel.
3. Freeway number.
4. Lane number (#1 is closest to the center)
5. Nearest cross street, off-ramp, call box #, or road marker #.
6. City or area.
7. Your name and call back number.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

When: Wednesday, Noon, January 27  
Where: R4-1041  
Speaker:  
Subject:

Garrett/W6TRW Repeater  
145.32 Receive  
144.72 Transmit (2A-PL)

MINUTES--Vic Musil, KA6NDN

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING--January 12, 1982

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm after pizza at Sala's.

Bill Dews (K6AWO) reported on elections of officers for the coming year. A total of 32 ballots were received, and those elected are as follows:

President	Gary Komatsu
Vice President	Bill Rodner
Secretary	Vic Musil
Treasurer	Fred Garrett
Trustee	Bob Hume
Activities	OPEN

It should be obvious that the club still needs an Activities chairman--any volunteers?

Dews also mentioned that membership renewals are slow coming in. Remember--membership in the club expires at the end of this month, unless renewed.

Bill Ivey (WA6QET) reported that SEA clubs are segregated into two categories, recreational clubs and social clubs, with recreational clubs getting more money. We are a social club and would like to get a more equitable allocation of funds.

Bill Schreck (KE6LB) reported that the 1982 swap meet duty roster will be published in the January Cross Talk (see next page). Dews indicated that, in his opinion, the swap meet closing time of 1100 hours was being ignored and that more effort should be made to enforce it.

LAACARC delegate Bill Daley (K6BO) reported that Paul Wiesz (K6YQ) has been elected vice chairman of LAACARC. Dues have gone up from \$5 to \$10 this year. The Goldwater Bill (#929) appears to have died, but HR5008, adopted by the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications, contains essentially the same provisions.

Gary Komatsu (K6HPD) discussed the possibility of participating in a "radio calls to Santa Claus" program at children's hospital wards next year. It would be good PR both for our club and the company.

Dews moved, and Weisz seconded, that the value of the monthly door prizes be increased from \$25 to \$50. The motion was voted on and passed.

Weisz moved, and Vic Musil seconded, that the club hold a St. Patricks Day party on March 17. The motion carried.

Rodner moved, and Ivey seconded, that the club supply \$50 for the above-mentioned party. The motion carried.

The OSCAR antennas have been received and are being assembled.

(Note: The minutes of the December general meeting, recorded by the previous secretary, were apparently lost in the mail--Ed.)

TRW/ARC FINANCIAL STATEMENT--Fred Garrett, N6CRW

Credit Union QSL Account	350.00
General Fund Account	294.97
Swap Meet Account	<u>305.27</u>
TOTAL	950.24

QST, CLUB MEMBERS

We all have our "own thing" in Ham Radio: ATV, CW, SSB DX on 2 meters, FM 2 meters, 160 meters, HF DX, computers and amateur radio, etc. How many club members have helped a Ham get started in the last year? Has anyone given a novice exam? Now, how about helping someone enjoy your hobby, Amateur Radio--spend a little time teaching, maybe showing how your equipment works in the comfort of your own QTH. Think about it for 1982.

Also, there are 8 to 10 possible aspirants to the Novice ticket already--would someone like to teach a class?

## SWAP MEET REPORT--Bill Schreck, KE6LB

The December swap meet, held the day after Christmas, drew a nice crowd. The weather was cool, but it was clear and sunny. The waiting line for hot coffee at our booth on this cool morning was unusually long, and our booth operators were busy. They were Bill Dews (K6AWO), Gary Cooper (WB6RLN), and Jim Hill (W6IVW). As usual, we had unsolicited help from other club members, such as Gary (K6HPD), Bill (K6AWS), and Stan (W6EKK). We appreciated this help, since it allowed our regular operators to take a break and look over the swap meet merchandise.

Operators scheduled for January are Mel Erb (K6GWC), Ralph Clark (KA6AVF), and Chuck Marlett (WB9ZDS). The duty roster for 1982 follows.

<u>TRW/ARC SWAP MEET DUTY ROSTER--1982</u>			
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TASK A*</u>	<u>TASK B*</u>	<u>TASK C*</u>
January	Mel Erb	Ralph Clark	Chuck Marlett
February	Dave Gilmore	Stan Johnson	George Lee
March	Bill Rodner	Bob Hume	Steve O'Neal
April	Ed Wheeler	Frank Cartier	Paul Wiesz
May	Brad Rodriguez	Fred Garrett	Vic Musil
June	Bill Dews	Gary Cooper	Ed Thornley
July	Jim Hill	George Lee	Ralph Clark
August	Bob Hume	Bill Rodner	Steve O'Neal
September	Frank Cartier	Brad Rodriguez	Stan Johnson
October	Ed Wheeler	Dave Gilmore	Mel Erb
November	Mark Muratet	Paul Weisz	Fred Garrett
December	Chuck Marlett	Bill Dews	Gary Cooper

Assignments can be adjusted to accommodate personal schedule problems. Task A includes transporting tables, signs, etc., and set-up and operation of the TRW/ARC booth. Task B includes transporting refreshment supplies and hot water, and operating the booth. Task C includes transporting the soft drinks, etc., as well as logging in sellers and crowd control.

## CALL SIGN UPGRADES--Bill Schreck, KE6LB

Many of us amateurs have upgraded our FCC license levels but, for some reason, possibly sentimental, have not requested a change of call letters. As a result, many of us still sport novice-level calls. The FCC now has a provision for upgrading calls at times other than license examinations. All one needs to do is fill out an FCC form 610, specifying "call letter change only," and send it off to Gettysburg, PA. It is suggested that, before you do this, you look at the amateur calls being issued at the beginning of each month for all areas and license levels. By looking at several back issues you can determine how many calls are being issued each month and can time your mailing to get a desirable call. For example, I found that approximately 50 advanced-level calls were being issued each month in California, and mailed my 610 form in time to get a KE6L-- call. (I was issued KE6LB.) On the average, 250 Novice/Technician calls are issued a month, along with 75 General, 50 Advanced, and 30 Extra. As of December 1st, the latest calls issued were: Novice/Technician, KA6SGD; General, N6FSI; Advanced, KE6MD; Extra, NG6C. Bill Dews has some 610 forms available; they can also be obtained by calling the FCC office (426-4451). Processing time is five to six weeks.

FOR SALE--Dentron GLA 1000B linear amplifier, 80 through 10 meters, 1200 W PEP. Price \$250.00. Contact Fred Garrett at x62692 or (213) 823-5520.

## HESEA ANNUAL AUCTION

The Hughes El Segundo Employees Association Amateur Radio Club will be holding its annual ham auction on January 30, from noon to 5pm. The timing is great, since it's after our swap meet--and they'll have hot dogs etc. on hand. The address is 1216 East Imperial Hwy, El Segundo. For more information, call Bill Stevens @ (213) 391-0711, x6552, weekdays.

### FEBRUARY

Late Membership.

EBM, Tues., Feb. 9.

Club Meeting, Wednesday, Noon  
Feb. 24

Swapmeet, Saturday, Feb. 27

8:00 - 11:00 am