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NEWS BULLETIN OF TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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

TRW UHF Repeater: 447.000 Receive -- 442.000 Transmit

CALENDAR FOR JUNE AND JULY

June 24-26	FIELD DAY 1983 , at Friendship Park (see map inside).
June 28, Noon	Club Meeting, R4/1041. Field Day post mortem.
July 12, after work	Executive Board Meeting. All members are welcome.
July 11, Noon	Picnic at Pollywog Park.
July 26, Noon	Club Meeting.
July 30, 8-11 am	Swapmeet.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR -- Phyllis Gilmore, KE6TC

Someone has asked whether the club repeater has an autopatch capability. The answer is no; we haven't even been able to get a telephone for the club station, much less the repeater.

In the, perhaps foolish, hope that you'll get this issue before Field Day, I've enclosed another map of the site. Feel free to come up, if only for a few minutes.

One club member has expressed concern about the amount and upkeep of the test equipment, rigs (including the repeater), and technical library the club maintains. Promised items don't seem to appear, and other things seem not to work properly. Part of the problem is participation. Test equipment must be used, people have to want to work out equipment problems, etc. A club can be a social outlet, but it can be something more, if the people in it will give a little. It's been observed in the past that some members don't even know where the club station is; others have complained about the content of Crosstalk, yet have never submitted an article or offered to be the editor. The club member concerned about the club's technical stance volunteered to help correct the problem: Are you willing to do as much?

WELCOME TO THE CLUB -- Jim Cox, (K7JAJ), Irv Emig (W6GC), Don Harvey (KA6ZTI), John Jones (KA6ZQS), John Keller, John Orr (KX6A), and Gene Seiler (N6EYI). Irv is a long-lost friend to the club.

IMPENDING LICENSE EXPIRATIONS -- John Mason (KB6BU), Rich Hefley (KB6FN), Don Nardone (K6UG), Ed Wheeler (N6AGA).

FOR SALE -- 2-meter beam antenna, KLM 144-148-16. 16 element, 15 db gain, beam width 16 degrees. \$50. Bill S. (KE6LB) x56271.

DID YOU KNOW? It's still true--you get a free door prize ticket if you wear your TRW/ARC badge to club meetings. If you don't have one with your current call on it, drop Bill Dews a check for \$2.00, along with your name and call. Wear them at Swapmeets and picnics too.

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MEETING MINUTES -- Walt Pearson, N6DZM

General Meeting, 31 May 1983

Twenty-one people attended. President Bill Rodner called the meeting to order and Vice President Fred Garrett reported the treasury to be in excellent condition. Prior meeting minutes were approved as printed in the May Crosstalk.

Activities Manager Gary Komatsu reviewed the status of funds allocation for an antenna tower, Building 65 antennas, and a repeater antenna. Requirements for these items were discussed, but no action will be taken before Field Day.

Gary led the discussion on the setup for Field Day (a map of the site appears in the May and June issues of Crosstalk). A special meeting was called for all interested in participating, at noon on 7 June at Edison Park. Bill Schrecengost's and Bill Rodner's wives have been volunteered for kitchen duty. The need for 20 CW team participation was emphasized.

The door prizes were two multimeters, two clock pens, a power supply, and a fire extinguisher.

Executive Board Meeting, 7 June 1983

Attending were Bill Daley, Bill Dews, Fred Garrett, Jim Hill, Gary Komatsu, Walt Pearson, Bill Rodner, and Bill Schrecengost.

President Bill Rodner called the meeting to order and Vice President Fred Garrett confirmed that the subject at the next General Meeting on 28 June will be a Field Day recap. A deviation meter will also be available to check frequencies of 2-meter hand-held transceivers.

Meeting minutes were approved as printed in the May Crosstalk. Fred Garrett will act for Treasurer Connie Gilmore while she is under the weather.

Activities Manager Gary Komatsu reported that Field Day T-shirts are on order; discussion of criteria for selection of awardees followed. The antenna for OSCAR on Building 65 has to be made operational and the low-band antenna has to be replaced this summer. Gary is looking into some towers he has located in Visalia, for possible club acquisition.

LAACARC Delegate Bill Daley showed a copy of the West Coast Amateur Radio Service Sentinel. Emergency Coordinator Dave Gilmore reported low activity and urged TRW/ARC members to regularly carry authorized hand-held transceivers. Membership Chairman Bill Dews reported a total of 144 members, three of whom are new during the past month.

Jim Hill stated that he will reserve a better area for the Swapmeet concession stand and that the associated group is considering expansion of concession operations. The rule permitting only dealings in amateur radio and associated electronics will be strictly enforced at the swapmeet. An enforcement team will be established.

MUM'S THE WORD -- W8WKY, Silvercreek ARS, via ARNS

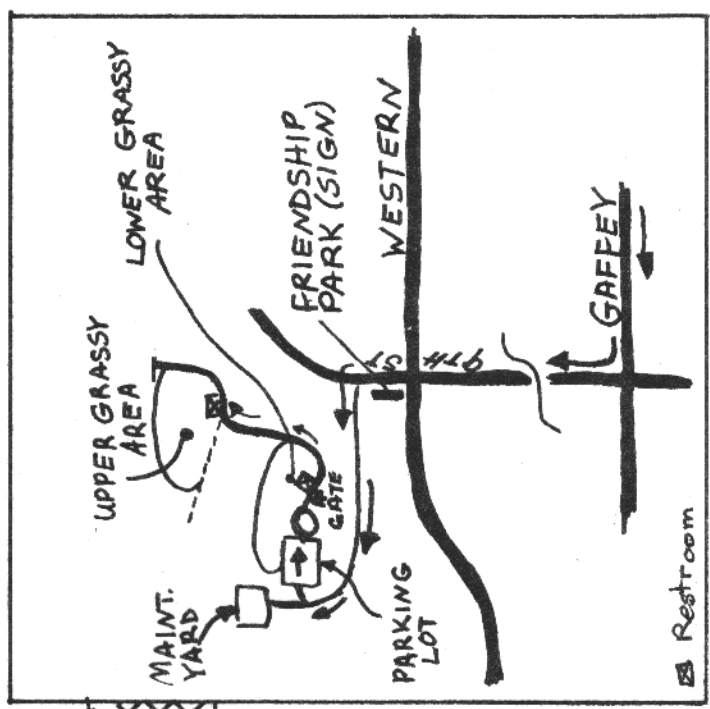
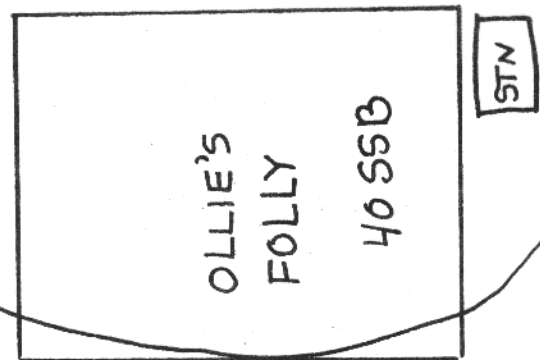
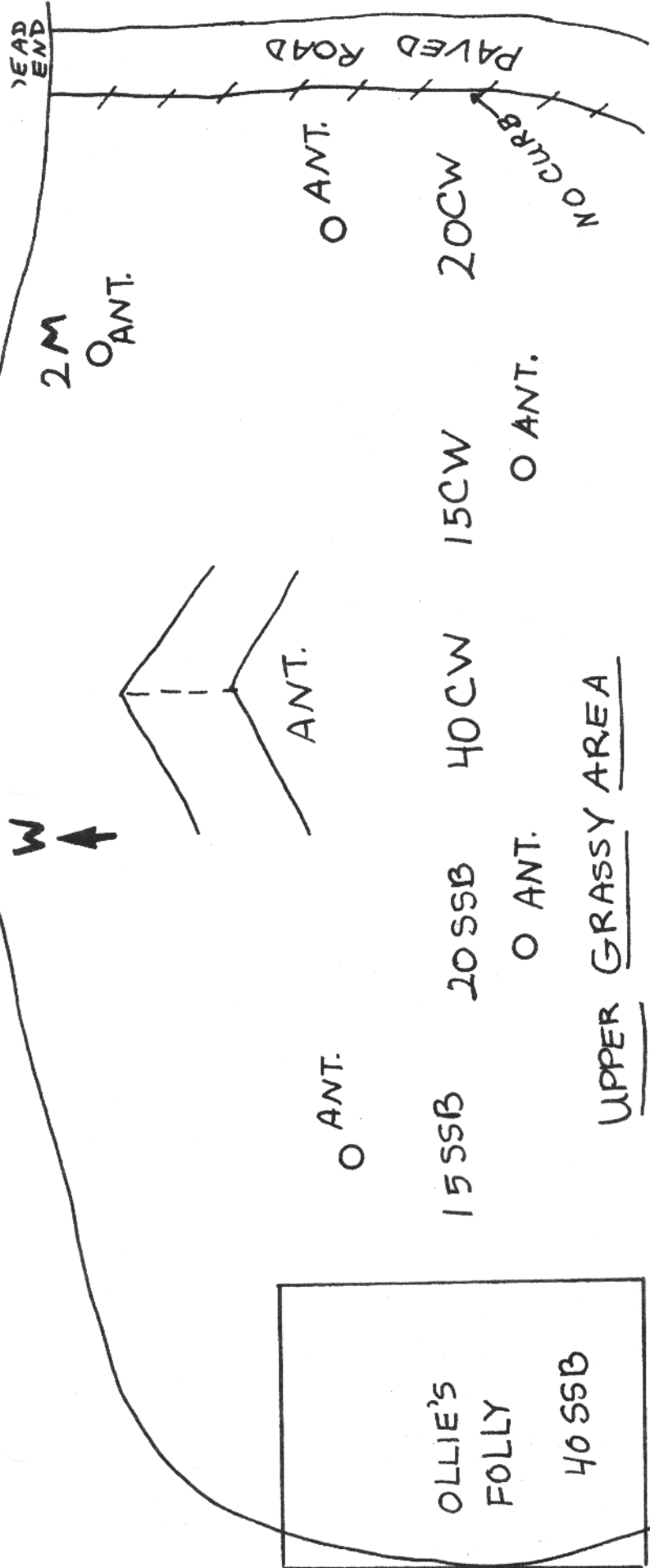
To safeguard your own equipment, and that of your fellow hams, we urge you not to broadcast over any ham frequency any information about an upcoming vacation or a weekend trip, especially not the time.

It's sad, but true, that with the aid of sophisticated scanners (not to mention the ham transceivers possessed for illegal use by non-hams), thieves can monitor just about any frequency to learn who is going to be away from home, when, and for how long. All they need is this information and the call signs, and the rest is easy. Getting the QTH of any ham is certainly no big job, as we all so well know. After one innocently tells on-the-air friends the details of that much looked-for vacation or trip, one has literally offered an invitation for a break-in.

We hams, as a general rule, are a loquacious lot, and we sometimes say things to our friends on the air that we would not announce publicly otherwise. We must learn to protect ourselves from the eager beavers who are just waiting to hear who is going to be away for a little while. Can anything be simpler than that for robbers?

Don't tell the world what shopping center you're going to -- tell them where you've been.

AMSAT NEWS: Gary Komatsu reports that Phase III was launched on June 16 and is doing fine. It should be active in about 30 days. More information next month.



FIELD DAY SITE