



CROSSTALK

News Bulletin of the TRW Amateur Radio Club

MEMBER ARRL CLUB NO 1658 MEMBER LAACARC

W6TRW REPEATER: 145.320/-0.6 (PL 2A)

UHF: 442.000 IN/447.000 OUT

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CALENDER FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Friday	Every Friday	Club Breakfast in Bldg S Cafeteria anytime after 7 a.m. All Club members are welcome to attend.
Wednesday	Every Wednesday	Emergency Communications Team Check-in. Noon on 145.320. Everyone is encouraged to check-in.
Saturday	November 26	Swap Meet at the northwest corner of Compton/Marine and Aviation behind the Chevron station. 8-11 a.m.
Tuesday	November 29	Noon. Club Meeting R4/2041 . All Club members are encouraged to attend.
Thursday	December 1	5:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting at Pizza Hut at the corner of El Segundo Blvd and Oceangate. All members welcome.
Tuesday	December 20	Noon. Early Club Meeting . Location to be announced. All Club members are encouraged to attend.
Saturday	December 31	Swap Meet at the northwest corner of Compton/Marine and Aviation behind the Chevron station.

Deadline for the December CROSSTALK is Dec 9th.

Hams Live For Communications (source unknown)

The following article was handed to me at the Club Dinner. I cannot, however, remember who gave it to me.

In the October '88 issue of MOUNTAIN BIKE, there is a small 10 sentence paragraph which gives Hams a nice pat on the back. The paragraph appears on page 22 and is called 'Ham It Up'. The article is reproduced here...word for word.

HAM IT UP

by Charles Kelly/Mountain Bike

Here's another good tip for race promoters. Find the local ham radio club and ask for assistance. These people live for communications, and they're extremely accurate in giving lists of numbers over the air. Their equipment is always first-rate, and the operators can often be talked into ridiculous assignments, such as waiting several hours on some remote trail to report the race leader's number.

I dunno, is saying we can be talked into ridiculous assignments a compliment? Still, it is nice to see different organizations, such as these, recognize one of the many facets that amateur radio has to offer. For those of you who have never participated in an amateur radio public service event, try and find the time to do so. It is a great experience you will never forget.

New Media Guidelines

The League has adopted a new set of guidelines for amateurs' use when working with the media. The guidelines were developed by the ARRL Ad Hoc Committee on Amateur Radio and the Media. In developing the guidelines, the Committee agreed that it was essential they be easily understood, that the average radio amateur is neither aware nor concerned with all the nuances involved, and needs some simple, straight forward ground rules; nothing more. Input and comments were sought from both the amateur community and the media. The guidelines are reproduced below.

Amateur radio operators may assist news media representatives in their efforts to gather information for relay to the public from areas where normal communications have been disrupted. Amateurs may ask questions of, or relay media questions to, amateurs in the emergency area. The responses may be electronically recorded by media representatives.

Amateur radio should not be used to assist the news media in gathering information when telephones or other commercial means of communication are available.

Amateur radio should not be used to facilitate the operation of any business.

Amateur radio operators should depend on their own judgment in dealing with the news media and in operating their station in the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Thanks

Bill Dews, K6AWO, would like to thank the following Club members for remembering to put our Club number on their ARRL applications: Jack Basham, Jerry Nielson, Edwin Fine and Kathy E. Wathen. Every time you renew your ARRL membership, or become a new member, and you put our Club number on your application, the Club earns money. Thanks.

Tidbits by David Kropp N6PLV

Bob Hume, KG6B, sent me the following stats on Field Day '88. W6TRW was:

Fourth out of 19 entrents nationally in class 7A; Sixth out of all W6 entrents in total points; third out of all W6 entrents in total QSO's; thirtieth out of all 1758 USA entrents in total points and eighteenth out of all 1758 USA entrents in total QSO's.

It may be a little early to start thinking about Field Day '89, but if W6TRW wants to score at the top, we are going to need more operators, especially CW operators. Start planning now to be at W6TRW's Field Day '89 operation.

With Christmas fast approaching, it's time to start dropping hints as to what toys you'd like Santa to leave you this year. Here are a few helpful hints on how to get your ideas across to the YL or XYL. First, find the item advertised in QST or some other magazine and circle it. Then leave it lying on the coffee table, or even the kitchen table. A better plan would be to pick up a few brochures on the item and leave them in various strategic locations around the house. Raving about the benefits of a new rig and how the old one just can't cut it anymore (so what if you only got it a month ago?) cannot hurt, either. Plan your strategy right and, not only will she know what you want, but she just might be sick enough of hearing about it to buy it for you just to shut you up.

Yes, it is that time of year again. It is time to renew your TRW/ARC membership. Please note that this year's membership application has TWO sides, both of which must be filled out and sent into Bill Dews, K6AWO, at his address on the back of the newsletter or to his attention at the address at the bottom of the application. The back is a release that is now required by TRW to be signed by all members of any TRW club. Have the application completed and in by January 31.

Well, I guess that is about it for this month. Please note that we have included a calender for 1989. Plan on becoming more involved in the Club. 73.

1989 TRW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Executive Board Meetings: First Thursday of the month, after work

Club Meetings: Last Tuesday of the month, noon

Swapmeets: Last Saturday of the month, 7:30 AM

JANUARY 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 28 SWAPMEET 31 CLUB MEETING <i>New Club Officers Announced</i> <i>Membership renewal</i>	FEBRUARY 2 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 25 SWAPMEET 28 CLUB MEETING <i>Late Membership renewal</i>	MARCH 2 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY 25 SWAPMEET 28 CLUB MEETING
APRIL 6 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 25 CLUB MEETING 29 SWAPMEET	MAY 4 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 9 CLUB PICNIC 27 SWAPMEET 30 CLUB MEETING	JUNE 1 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 7 CLUB PICNIC 9-11 VHF CONTEST WEEKEND 23-25 FIELD DAY WEEKEND 24 SWAPMEET 27 CLUB MEETING
JULY 6 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 13 CLUB PICNIC 25 CLUB MEETING 29 SWAPMEET	AUGUST 3 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 11 CLUB PICNIC 25-27 HAMCON '89 26 SWAPMEET 29 CLUB MEETING	SEPTEMBER 7 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 9 SATURDAY CLUB PICNIC AND BBQ 26 CLUB MEETING 30 SWAPMEET
OCTOBER 5 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 28 SWAPMEET 31 CLUB MEETING	NOVEMBER 2 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 18 ANNUAL CLUB DINNER BANQUET 25 SWAPMEET 28 CLUB MEETING <i>Nominations for Club officers</i>	DECEMBER 7 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 19 CLUB MEETING 30 SWAPMEET <i>Vote for new Club officers</i>

CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN CROSSTALK

MEETING MINUTES - EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 3, 1988

The TRW Executive Board meeting was called to order by the President at 5:30 pm. Attending were Board Members N6CIZ, W6SQF, WA2KDL, WA6ATK, N9CZA, KE6LB, N6IQA, K6AWO, KG6CR, N6RRY, N6PB, and N6PLV. Club Member N6JLS was also in attendance.

The preliminary 1989 Club calendar of events was reviewed and, after brief discussion, accepted by the Board. N6CIZ will upload it to the Club BBS and reformat it for printing in Crosstalk. KG6CR will present it to SEA for their comments.

It was noted that the parking lot used for the swapmeet has been repaved and the spaces repainted. If the space numbers have been changed, we can anticipate problems at the next swapmeet. Club Officer reports and assigned actions:

Vice President Don Renkowitz, W6SQF: The speaker for the next Club meeting (November 29) will be Lenore Jenson, W6NAZ, who has just published a book about her years in Amateur Radio. WA2KDL has the action to put notices in upcoming Readouts. The Club banquet has 39 people signed up. It is expected that we'll be very close to our estimate of 50. Hamcon '89 planning is continuing with meetings being held monthly. The Club needs one (and preferably two) people to attend these meetings as TRW/ARC representatives. N6CIZ has the action to recruit volunteers. Swapmeet Chairman, WA6RAY, will coordinate the TRW/Hamcon combined swapmeet.

Treasurer Dave Stockwell, WA6ATK: Presented a revised budget based on expected revenue through year-end. The Board voted to accept the budget as presented.

LAACARC Delegate Steve Ng, N6IQA: Reported on the activities of various clubs in the L.A. area. The TRW/ARC needs a volunteer to check into the LAACARC Club-to-Club Net on 147.705 (-600) every Wednesday night at 1930 hours. N6IQA will write an article for Crosstalk to expand on the LAACARC and its activities.

SEA Council Rep Paul Herbert, KG6CR: There is confusion about the phone lines needed in the Ham Shack. Bldg. 65 is changing over to the new digital phone network and TRW Communications needs to be informed about what we want. N6CIZ has the action to contact Communications and verify that the proper phone service is installed in the shack.

Membership Chairman Bill Dews, K6AWO: SEA is requiring all clubs to have all members sign a liability release form. This form will be added to the reverse side of our membership form and all members must sign it when they renew their memberships next year.

Technical Chairman Greg Martens, N6RRY: Reported on the two meter repeater problems and what was done to solve them. A long-term solution needs to be worked out. Will report next EBM on a recommended solution. A new DTMF decoder has been installed in the W6NWP repeater which will eliminate problems we have had with the old one. The TRW/ARC BBS system is back up. The computer power supply went bad and has been replaced under warranty.

Crosstalk Editor Dave Kropp, N6PLV: The deadline for Crosstalk articles is November 18. Our printer informed us that pictures can be added but must be submitted early so that they can be screened before printing. Photos should be black-and-white but color can be used with poorer results. Club members are encouraged to submit photos for printing in the newsletter. Scott Lobue, N6AZY, has volunteered to be Editor. N6CIZ has asked N6PLV to step aside and let Scott take over. N6PLV and N6AZY are to work together and provide for a smooth transition.

Trustee Phil Bergeron, N6PB: Reported that new Callbooks and maps have been ordered for the Club shack. Hams at the TRW Capistrano Test Site are setting up a station and have asked for donations of equipment that we are no longer using. N6PB will inventory unused equipment and offer it Capistrano first and then to other groups who will be able to make use of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1900 hours by the President.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rich Sauer, N6CIZ

A big thank you to everyone who attended our annual banquet on Saturday November 12th and to those who helped to make it a success. We had about 60 people in attendance - a record! Serge Miller gave us an interesting talk on Amateur TV, Joe, WD6DBD, recorded it for posterity on videotape and many in attendance won doorprizes.

Awards were handed out to some people whose work for the Club this past year has been outstanding. Receiving awards were: Vice President Don Renkowitz (W6SQF), Secretary Chris Wachs (WA2KDL), Treasurer Dave Stockwell (WA6ATK), Field Day Chairman Bill Schecengost (KE6LB), Former Librarian George Lee (W6IOW), Membership Chairman Bill Dews (K6AWO), Swapmeet Manager Paul Herbert (KG6CR), and Crosstalk Editor David Kropp (N6PLV).

For those who weren't able to attend, WD6DBD's tape will be available in the Ham Shack for checkout. Once again, thanks to all of you who made the evening a rousing success!

We are in need of one (and hopefully two) persons to step forward and volunteer to be the key contact between our Club and the group organizing the ARRL Hamcon '89 Convention for next summer. You will be called on to attend one meeting a month (usually held on a Saturday afternoon) and report goings on to the Executive Board. The TRW/ARC has agreed to support the Hamcon effort with a special swapmeet. If you'd like to help us out, contact me at the number listed on the back page.

Don't forget...the TRW/BBS is up and running and needs your support. We're getting a new phone number (due to the new phone system being installed at the Ham Shack) but for now, call (213) 535-3542 at 300/1200/2400 baud.