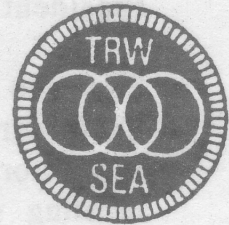


CROSSTALK

A Publication of the TRW Amateur Radio Club



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CALENDAR

Every Monday: DCS Net on 145.32 Repeater, 7:30 PM

Every Wednesday: Emergency Communications Team Net on
145.32 Repeater @ Noon

Every Friday: Club Breakfast in Bldg S Cafeteria, 7 to 8 AM

Mar 3: Executive Board Meeting, Upper Crust Pizza, Inglewood &
Marine, 5:30 PM

Mar 7-8: ARRL International DX Contest, Phone

Mar 10: Emergency Communications Team Meeting, R3/1413, Noon

Mar 13: St Patricks Day Party, Pizza Hut, 2208 W Artesia (@ Van
Ness), 5:30 PM

Mar 28: Swap Meet, Parking Lot on NW corner of Aviation & Marine,
7-11 AM

Mar 31: Club Meeting

Apr 7: EBM

Apr 14: ECT meeting

Apr 25: Swap Meet

Apr 28: Club Meeting

EDITORS NOTES: Our appologies to the external membership for the late Crosstalk delivery last month. The issue was delayed to allow the new St. Patrick's day party location to be included and due to a new SEA pre-publication review policy. We will try our best to avoid future delays. Remember the Crosstalk deadline is the 1st of each month.

VE TESTING: Numerous requests for VE test dates and locations are received each month. I try to keep a current list but often am too busy. The Northrop ARC test dates were published in February's Crosstalk. World Radio magazine publishes an updated listing each month. HRO and Jun's have bulletin boards in the store containing information on license classes and testing. If all else fails call me at home in the evening and I'll try to help. 73 de KJ6GR

President's Message:

The club VP, Dave Qualls, K6AYK, has lined up a celebrity for the July 28 General Meeting. Gordon West, WB6NOA, that premier ham instructor and nautical radio expert, will be speaking. Note that that meeting will be at noon in building R10, room 2778, not our usual place. I got my license through Gordon's class in 1982, as have many of you since. He is always entertaining. Be sure and be there.

Work in underway to improve our antenna farm. If you have worked the 6 meter radio in the building 65 shack, you will have noted that reception reports have somewhat low. This is because the rig is not connected to an antenna. We plan to erect beams for this and for the 1.2GHz rig. Also, Jeff, N9CZA and Don, W6SQF, are looking at 2 meter beams, dedicated ATV beams, weather satellite omnis, and even a log periodic for DC-to-light. If you want to help, call Jeff or Don (numbers on the back).

That's all this time. See you at the St. Patrick's day party on the 13th.
-73 David KF6IB

A Quick Note on SWL'ing

Many of you have HF rigs that are capable of continuous reception from around 100KHz to 30MHz. Get a copy of the World Radio TV Handbook for \$19.95. It lists all the world's broadcast stations by country, frequency, time and language broadcast.

I listened to Radio Habana (yes, with a "b") for a while one night, and sent them a reception report using SINPO, similar to RST. A few months later, I got back a type-written thank you note, a postcard serving as a QSL, and a schedule of broadcasts. I also get a Christmas card from them and periodic announcements. So far, this is the only country I've tried, so I'm 1 for 1 as an SWL. Try it! The program I listened to was pretty interesting, also.

By the way, I work in a closed building. I'm waiting for someone to notice I get Christmas cards from Cuba.

-73 David, KF6IB