

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - APRIL 16, 1971

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (03.25.2021)

The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in Apr. 1971 were:

President - Rich Ahrens, W3WJC  
Vice President - John Freeman, K3CBE  
Secretary - Al Brailer, W3UQC, (SK)  
Treasurer - Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO, (SK) (Not a BOD Member)

Other RRC Board Members serving the RRC in April 1971 were:

Bill Ader, WA3GTR (SK)	Art Gantert, W3OLG (SK)
Gerry Baldauf, W3WX (SK)	Leo Hood, WA3FBP (SK)
Russ Frederick, W3CDS (SK)	Bob Wagner, W3GII (SK)

The Editor of the May 1971 READING RADIO CLUB BULLETIN was William "Bill" Ader, WA3GTR, (SK).

*The following is, in a large part, the republishing of the "Highlights" of the April 16, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the May 1971 issue of the RRC BULLETIN, and written by the RRC Secretary Al Brailer, W3UQC, (SK). Other information has been added that has been taken from the RRC BULLETIN, personal notes, and meeting agendas.*

The Friday April 16, 1971, monthly meeting was held in the UGI lunchroom because the "Flame Room" Auditorium was in use by another organization. The UGI building is located at 225 Morgantown Road, Reading, PA.

RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The April 16, 1971, monthly meeting was attended by 40 Reading Radio Club members and guests.

Laverne Bloedow, W3RXN, won the door prize. The prize was a brand new 1971 ARRL HANDBOOK.

Guests at the meeting were introduced. They were:

John Burkhart, WN3QOY - Robesonia  
John Kennel, WA3EBY - New Holland  
Lloyd Maffett, W3OBU - Hummelstown  
Robert Sharp, W3DYN - Quakertown

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Web Painter, W3RAV, on April 8, 1971. Web, W3RAV, was a RRC member for over 20 years, and taught many of us the Morse Code and the theory when classes were held on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor of the Berks County Court House. Web, W3RAV, also served as a member of the RRC Board of Directors. Web,

W3RAV, lived on James Avenue, Reiffton. He was employed, as a supervisor, by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, has completed his 2 Meter solid state transceiver designed for transmitter hunts, and he hopes others will construct similar units. Leroy, K3MNI, had the transceiver on display, for everyone to check it out.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, reported that The Reading Radio Club 6 Meter Repeater is on the air using the call W3BN. It has been reported that the Repeater is loud and clear in Philadelphia, Allentown, and Lebanon Pennsylvania.

President Ahrens, W3WJC, passed out a list of the Hams that have been heard on the 6 Meter repeater (More or less, in the order that the stations have gotten on): W3WJC, WA3KBH, K3MGO, W3UQH, K3EUH, WA3GRQ, K3YIZ, W3ETV, K3KBG, WA3JMJ, W3WX, K3MNI, K3RQL, WA3GTR, and W3KNY.

The proposed changes to the RRC By-Laws that were published in the April RRC BULLETIN, prompted comments from several members in attendance at the meeting.

Voting on the adoption of the proposed changes to the RRC By-Laws will be made by the RRC Members attending the Friday June 11, 1971 RRC monthly meeting. **NOTES (Abbreviated):** The suggested changes involved having two classes of membership "Active" and "Associate". That the annual membership fee would be determined by the BOD. That all members of the BOD must be "Active" members. Changing the name from "Senior" to "Active". A member of the BOD can be removed by a two-thirds majority vote by the other members of the Board. The size of the membership shall be at the discretion of the Board. That absentee ballots for the BOD Election would be mailed to those unable to attend the meeting, upon request to the Reading Radio Club Secretary.

President Rich, W3WJC, reminded the members present to save the membership list that was published in the April 1971 RRC BULLETIN. This list can be used during 1971 to confirm RRC Membership for PAGODA AWARD credit.

Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP, announced that the Novice Code and Theory Classes have been completed. To date, three students have passed their FCC Novice examinations.

The 1971 RRC Field Day Committee reported that the RRC was once again going to Mt. Penn. Yet to be decided, was which location to use; the Fire Tower or the old WEEU-TV building. The RRC will operate in the four-transmitter class. The 1971 ARRL Field Day is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday June 26 and 27.

Reading Radio Club President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, adjourned the meeting, for a time of fellowship and refreshments.