

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - MAY 14, 1971**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (04.25.2021)

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

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| 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 June 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 May 14, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the June 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 May 14, 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, Pennsylvania.

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

The May 14, 1971, monthly meeting was attended by 30 Reading Radio Club members and guests.

John Freeman, K3CBE, and Art Gantert, W3OLG, reported that they investigated the old WEEU-TV building area for our 1971 Field Day site. However, due to the proximity to other radio communications services Art and John thought it would be better to hold the RRC/ARRL 1971 Field Day exercise at The William Penn Memorial Fire Tower on top of Mt. Penn.

John Freeman, K3CBE, and Jim Stamm, WA3KBH, are in charge of the 1971 Field Day operations and John, K3CBE, will obtain permission from the City of Reading to use the Stone Fire Tower site.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, told the group that all FCC Amateur Radio license renewals or modifications should be made on the new FCC forms that are dated July 1970.

Ed Arts, WA3APN, volunteered to keep a postcard file of all the Reading Radio Club members renewal dates, and mail the postcards, as a reminder, before the member's license expiration date. Thank you Ed.

The RRC has received the annual report of the Officers and Directors of the ARRL covering the year ending December 31, 1970.

RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, presented a RRC PAGODA AWARD certificate to Les Hoffman, WA3LOY. A round of applause was brought up for Les, WA3LOY.

The RRC members present at the Friday June 11, 1971, meeting, which will be held in the UGI Flame Room, will vote on the proposed changes to the RRC By-Laws. These proposed modifications were presented and discussed in detail, two months ago, at the Friday April 16, 1971 RRC monthly meeting.

Also, at the June 11, 1971 meeting a vote will be taken as to which of Cartoonists Sylvia Taylor's "Miss Field Day" candidates will be crowned Miss Field Day 1971. The four candidates are #1 Henrietta Ham, #2 Annie Antenna, #3 Tina Transistor, and #4 Roxanne Resistor.

It was announced that the Reading Chapter of the QCWA will hold their annual picnic on Sunday June 20, 1971, at the home of Harold Stoudt, W3CJP. All QCWA members are urged to attend.

RRC Treasurer Russ Fredericks, W3CDS, told the group that his apartment in Ocean City, New Jersey, on Central Avenue, will soon be available for renting. Contact, W3CDS, for reservations at 1543 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading, PA 19602. Or by phone at 372-0768.

Secretary Al Brailer, W3UQC, appended the following to the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY 14, 1971 MEETING: CONGRATULATIONS - As of this writing, (*Written around May 30, 1971*), RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, and Mrs. Ahrens are on their honeymoon. Rich, W3WJC, and Corinne Graybill Ahrens, were married on May 29, 1971, at noon, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Congregational Church, at 8<sup>th</sup> and Court Streets, Reading, Pennsylvania. Our very best wishes to Rich and Corinne.

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