

## 50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - JULY 9, 1971

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (07.18.2021)

The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in June 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 July 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 August 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 July 9, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the August 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 July 9, 1971, monthly meeting was held at the picnic pavilion on Mt. Penn near the stone fire tower on Skyline Drive. It turned out to be a cool spot toward the end of the meeting with temperatures dipping into the middle sixties.

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

There were about 40 members in attendance.

The winners of the door prizes were Bill Schwartz, WA3MAQ, and Stew Ringler, W3EYN.

A "RRC Field Day 1971" report was given by Jim Stamm, WA3KBH. According to Jim, WA3KBH, we had the following contacts:

318 Contacts on 75 Meter SSB  
142 Contacts on 40 Meter SSB  
159 Contacts on 20 Meter SSB  
125 Contacts on 15 Meter SSB  
172 Contacts on 6 Meter SSB  
210 Contacts on 40 Meter CW

### **1126 Total Contacts**

A round of applause was brought up for the 1971 RRC Field Day Committee that organized a great RRC event:

Jim Stamm, WA3KBH  
John Freeman, K3CBE  
Bill Ader, WA3GTR  
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO  
Art Gantert, W3OLG  
Sam Rachlin, K3ALQ  
Bill Schwartz, WA3MAQ

Jim, WA3KBH, said that if you missed the 1971 Field Day event, plan on attending the 1972 ARRL \ RRC Field Day scheduled for June 24 and June 25, 1972.

Jim Lorah, K3IJJ / WB4KOB (Past President of the RRC in 1967 and 1968), and his XYL Janice Lorah, WA3MRZ / WB4KOC, made their annual two week visit to Reading, Pennsylvania, from their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and were in attendance at this meeting.

We were advised that the Mt Airy VHF Radio Club's annual picnic was scheduled to be held on Sunday August 8, 1971.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, announced that the South Jersey Radio Association's Hamfest will be held on Sunday September 12, 1971.

Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, reported on the last Transmitter Hunt. Leroy, K3MNI, announced that the next Transmitter Hunt (A evening hunt) is scheduled for Tuesday August 17, 1971, starting at the stone Fire Tower on Mt. Penn.

Rich, W3WJC, asked for three volunteers to review the proposed changes to the RRC BY-LAWS. The following volunteered:

Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP  
Duane Redline, W3UQH  
Dr. Dave Hottenstein, W3DEJ

President Rich, W3WJC, announced that in the ARRL Official Bulletin Number 330, dated July 8, 1971, the ARRL announced that they will be publishing a Repeater Directory. This will be a separate publication in addition to the Net Directory.

Rich, W3WJC, said that the Friday August 13, 1971, would be held at the UGI Building, in the Flame Room. The UGI Building is located on Route 10.

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