

50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - SEPTEMBER 10, 1971

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (09.25.2021)

The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in Sept. 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 Sept. 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 October 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 September 10, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the October 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 September 10, 1971, monthly meeting was held in the air-conditioned comfort of the "Flame Room" of the UGI Building. The UGI Building is located on Route 10.

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

There were 30 RRC members and former members in attendance.

Nick Damato, K3ULY, was the winner of the door prize

The winner of the door prize was Reading Radio Club Vice President, John Freeman, K3CBE.

RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, announced that the Friday October 8, 1971, monthly meeting of the RRC will be a dinner meeting to be held at the Lincoln Restaurant, north of Reading, on the Bernville Road. Cocktails at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. The Lincoln Restaurant changed the format of the dinner. There will be a choice of turkey, ham, chicken, or pork chops, with the vegetables served family style. Your XYL or YL are cordially invited. This will not be an order your own from the menu as had been arranged. **NOTE FROM THIS WRITER:** The Lincoln Restaurant went out of business many years ago and the building was demolished. The site is now a driver training school for obtaining a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

RRC President Rich, W3WJC, mentioned that there are several items of Club equipment for sale. Contact Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO, for the details of what is available.

The RRC By-Laws Committee consisting of Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP; Duane Redline, W3UQH; and Doc Hottenstein, W3DEJ, gave their comments, and a review of the proposed modifications to the RRC By-Laws. The Committee said that the suggested changes to the RRC By-Laws would be published in the October 1971 issue of the RRC BULLETIN. The proposed changes were originally published in the April 1971 (Vol. XI, Nr. 4), issue of the RRC BULLETIN. A up or down vote will be taken at the November 12, 1971, monthly meeting. A quorum of twenty-six voting RRC members is needed, (As of October 1, 1971), for a vote to be taken.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, formed a committee for the nomination of BOD candidates at the November 12, 1971, monthly meeting. The following are serving on the committee: Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP; Ken Cregar, K3KBG, and George Ganter, K3YIZ. As per the By-Laws, nominations are made at the November meeting and the election of BOD members is conducted at the December Annual Membership Meeting, The RRC By-Laws do not support last minute nominations at the December Annual Membership Meeting.

Rich, W3WJC, mentioned that the RRC 6 Meter Repeater is back on the air after repairs have been made. The transmit site on Deer Path Hill was hit by lightning. Remember you transmit on 52.575 MHz, and you receive on 52.680 MHz.

Bill Ader, WA3GTR, Editor of the RRC BULLETIN said he would like to see more articles by the members for the RRC BULLETIN, Bill asked the members to write something for the RRC BULLETIN and send it to Bill's home at 217 North Waverly Street, Shillington, PA 19607.

Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO, gave a report that 10-Meters is open. He also mentioned that a local group gets together on Monday evenings on 28.8 MHz starting at 7:30 p.m.

Rich, W3WJC, informed the group that Stew Ringler, W3EYN, was in room 527 of the St. Joseph's Hospital and was admitted for surgery. A get-well card was circulated for the members to sign.

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

NOTE FROM THIS WRITER: The entertainment for the evening was the showing of the 1959 AT&T Bell Telephone Laboratories film, "Similarities In Wave Behavior".

This is a must-see teaching film done by a gifted lecturer, Dr. John N. Shive. The film is now available on the Internet.

Google: Similarities In Wave Behavior
Then click on Similarities In Wave Behavior

Scroll down to "Videos" and then click on:
AT&T Archives: Similarities of Wave Behavior (Bonus Edition)

Skip The Ads.

This film is a visual/mechanical demonstration of what we spend time talking about - SWR. (Standing Wave Ratio). Enjoy.