

**50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - OCTOBER 8, 1971**

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (10.24.2021)

The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in Oct. 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 Oct. 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 November 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 October 8, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the November 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 October 8, 1971, monthly meeting was a dinner meeting at the Lincoln Restaurant on Bernville Road. Approximately forty attended the dinner.

Here is what RRC Secretary Al Brailer, W3UQC, had to say about the dinner meeting: "Our first attempt at having a dinner meeting turned out to be a grand success and we plan to have more dinner meetings in the future. The October dinner meeting was held at the Lincoln Restaurant and featured slides and a description, by RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, of the history of the Six Meter Reading Radio Club Repeater. Everyone enjoyed this presentation and appreciated the amount of effort that went into its preparation."

The Nomination Committee consisting of Ken Creager, K3KBG; George Ganter, K3YIZ, and Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP, reported that the following RRC members have been selected as possible BOD members:

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| Rich Ahrens, W3WJC      | Duane Redline, W3UQH |
| Ed Artz, WA3APN         | Jim Stamm, WA3KBH    |
| Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO   | Bob Wagner, W3GII    |
| Charlie McCreary, K3DTD |                      |

There are three (3) members to be elected and the voting will be by mail. (**NOTE:** In 1970, 78% of the ballots were returned). More

nominations may be taken from the floor, at the November 12, 1971, monthly meeting.

The By-Laws Committee consisting of Duane Redline, W3UQH, Doc Hottenstein, W3DEJ, and Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP. Reported that the proposed RRC By-Law changes will be voted, up or down, by secret ballot, which will take place at the Nov. 12, 1971, meeting.

President Rich W3WJC, announced that the 1972 dues would be \$6.00 per year. This is the same dues structure as in previous years.

Rich also said that at the December 10, 1971, Annual Membership Meeting the membership will nominate and elect the 1972 RRC Officers, (President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary) The election will be by secret ballot.

The 1971 RRC Field Day Committee reported that the RRC finished 27<sup>th</sup> out of ninety-five entries in the four-transmitter class. We had a total of 1126 contacts. Just counting the stations in the third call district, the RRC finished number five out of nine entries. The top W3 was the Delmont Amateur Radio Club, K3SSC/3, in Philadelphia. They had 2068 contacts.

The 1971 Field Day committee consisted of the following:

Bill Ader, WA3GTR	Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO	Sam Rachlin, K3ALQ
John Freeman, K3CBE	Jim Stamm, WA3KBH
Art Gantert, W3OLG	Bill Schwartz, WA3MAQ

A big THANK YOU to the Committee, a job well done.

President Rich, W3WJC, reminded the group that on October 12, 1971, the input frequency to the RRC Six Meter Repeater will be changed to 52.680 MHz. You will need new crystals.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, announced that former RRC President Jim Lorah, K3IIJ / WB4KOB and his XYL Janice, WA4KOC, are the proud parents of a son. Everyone is doing fine. Congratulations to Jim and Jan.

Rich also told the group that Stew Ringler, W3EYN, is recovering at home, after surgery at a local hospital.

***NOTE:*** *The presentation and business part of the meeting took place after dinner and dessert.*

Reading Radio Club President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, adjourned the meeting, for a time of fellowship and a chance to get to know a few of the new RRC members.