

50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - NOVEMBER 12, 1971

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (11.24.2021)

The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in Nov. 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 Nov. 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 December 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 November 12, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the December 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 November 12, 1971, monthly meeting was held at the UGI "Flame Room" auditorium on Route 10.

There were approximately 26 members and one guest. Wayne T. McIntosh, W4KNU, from Atlanta, Georgia was visiting in Reading.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, introduced two new Reading Radio Club members:

Charles W. Brownmiller, Jr., K3PCX, Robesonia, PA
Norman E. Van Raay, WA3RTY, West Lawn, PA

Winner of the door prize was Les Hoffman, WA3LOY.

Condolences were extended to RRC Member Ed Artz, WA3APN. Ed's mother passed away on November 6, 1971.

Rich, W3WJC, announced that the 1972 RRC annual dues would continue to be \$6.00. The dues are due before the end of Feb. 1972.

The RRC 1971 Field Day report was published in the November 1971 issue of QST. The 1971 Field Day Committee received a round of applause for a job well done.

John Freeman, K3CBE, gave a report about our October 8, 1971, dinner meeting, which was a great success, John, K3CBE, said that he

expects to schedule a dinner meeting for our April 1972 meeting at the Lincoln Restaurant located on the Bernville Road, a few miles north of the Reading Airport.

Don McKinney, W3FCT, suggested that the Reading Radio Club enter into an agreement with the York, Lancaster, Lebanon, and Harrisburg Radio Clubs to hold a Hamfest in the spring of 1972.

Ballots for the Board of Directors election will be sent, by U.S. Mail to all RRC members in good standing. Sealed ballots must be returned before the Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for Dec. 10, 1971.

The December 10, 1971, meeting will be held at the UGI building.

RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, passed out the list of the committees, and the members of the committees, which were active in the Reading Radio Club during 1971:

FIELD DAY 1971

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Rich Ahrens, W3WJC
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO
Duane Redline, W3UQH
Jim Stamm, WA3KBH
Bob Wagner, W3GII

RRC BULLETIN

Bill Ader, WA3GTR
Rich Ahrens, W3WJC
Ed Artz, WA3APN
Gerry Baldauf, W3WX
Al Brailer, W3UQC
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO
John Freeman, K3CBE
George Ganter, K3YIZ
Stew Ringler, W3EYN
Jim Stamm, WA3KBH
Sylvia Taylor
Bob Wagner, W3GII

TVI

George Ganter, K3YIZ
Lloyd Hartman, K3RQL

2M TRANSMITTER HUNTS

Leroy Flamm, K3MNI
Lester Hoffman, WA3LOY

REPEATER MAINTENANCE

Rich Ahrens, W3WJC
Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP
Duane Redline, W3UQH
Rian Robison, W3EMW

EQUIPMENT SALES

Bob Jensen, K3HIU
Russ Nagle, WA3BHF
Ed Rothermel, K3SZG
Bob Wagner, W3GII

NOMINATIONS

Ken Cregar, K3KBG
George Ganter, K3YIZ
Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP

BY-LAWS

Doc Hottenstein, W3DEJ
Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP
Duane Redline, W3UQH

LICENSE RENEWAL NOTICE

Ed Artz, WA3APN

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, suggested that the members look over the list and consider joining one of these committees or starting a needed RRC committee.

Rich, W3WJC, reported that thirteen stations are using the RRC 6 Meter Repeater since the input frequency was changed to 52.680 MHz by the Repeater Frequency Coordinators.

Ed Artz, WA3APN, reported that the ARRL has published an updated Directory of Repeaters. Ed, WA3APN, said that the Directory is available without charge from the ARRL Headquarters. For first class shipment, from the League, send a large self-addressed stamped envelope with 24 cents of U.S. postage.

Ed, WA3APN, also reported that in the ARRL Official Bulletin Nr. 349 the results of the Atlantic Division election for Director and Vice Director were announced. Harry A, McConaghy, W3EPC, was elected Director, and Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, was elected Vice Director of the ARRL Atlantic Division.

It was reported that the local QCWA Chapter will hold a dinner meeting on Saturday December 11, 1971, starting at 6:30 p.m. The covered dish dinner will be held at the home of Harold Stoudt, W3CJP, and Hilda Stoudt, WA3KLW, home on Riverdale Road, Contact the Stoudt's if you plan to attend.

Rich, W3WJC, reminded the members that at the December 10, 1971, Annual Membership Meeting, the winners of the BOD election will be announced, and the membership will elect the RRC officers for 1972.

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