

50 YEARS AGO, IN THE RRC - MAY 11, 1973

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The officers serving the Reading Radio Club, Inc. in May 1973 were:

President - Leroy Flamm, K3MNI (SK) (Not a BOD member).
Vice President - Jim Stamm, WA3KBH (A BOD member).
Secretary - Al Brailer, W3UQC, (SK) (A BOD member).
Treasurer - Charlie McCreary, K3DTD, (SK) (Not a BOD member).

RRC Board Members serving the RRC in May 1973 were:

Bill Ader, WA3GTR (SK)	John Freeman, K3CBE
Rich Ahrens, W3WJC	Art Gantert, W3OLG (SK)
Al Brailer, W3UQC (SK)	Jim Stamm, WA3KBH
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO (SK)	Bob Wagner, W3GII (SK)
Russ Frederick, W3CDS (SK)	

Editor of the June 1973 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 11, 1973, monthly meeting taken from the June 1973 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.

RRC President Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, opened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The May 11, 1973, RRC meeting was held at the Northmont Fellowship Association Headquarters, 600 Bruckman Avenue, Reading, PA.

Approximately 30 RRC members attended the May 11, 1973, meeting. The following visitors were introduced:

Dan Angstadt, WA3SLL
Paul Brobst, WA3MBR

President Leroy, K3MNI, introduced the following new RRC members:

Rick Michale, Sr., WA3MFT
Clara Kocher, (Robb), WA3TOC

Duane Redline, W3UQH, reported on the recent motorcycle Enduro, for which the RRC members supplied emergency communications. Both 6 Meter FM and 2 Meter FM were used during this Enduro. The following Radio Amateurs supplied emergency communications for the event:

Rich Ahrens, W3WJC
Dan Angstadt, WA3SLL
Al Brailer, W3UQC
Charlie Brownmiller, K3PCX

Ken Cregar, K3KBG
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO
Lloyd Hartman, K3RQL
Charlie Hummel, K3BFA
Rian Robison, W3EMW
Duane Redline, W3UQH
Jim Stamm, WA3KBH
David Strickler, WA3THB ? ?

RRC President Flamm, K3MNI, announced that he would be holding an evening 2 Meter transmitter hunt on Friday May 25, 1973. The hunters will assemble on Mt. Penn, at the Fire Tower, at 6:30 p.m.

Charlie Hummel, K3BFA, reported that there are twenty-three Radio Amateurs in the Reading area on 2 Meter FM. He said that he is interested in building and maintaining a 2 Meter FM Repeater, somewhere in Berks County. Charlie, K3BFA, discussed his plans relative to cost, location, power, Civil Defense emergency communications, and other technical details.

Bill Ader, WA3GTR, the RRC BULLETIN Editor, announced that the RRC BULLETIN would be reduced to a one-page meeting announcement for the July and August 1973 BULLETINS.

Leroy, K3MNI, called attention to the annual membership roster that was included in the June RRC BULLETIN. The roster had seventy-one member's names, with Call Letters, in alphabetic order by last name, and a second list with the Call Letter in alphabetic order.

RRC President Flamm, K3MNI, said that he is looking for Chairpersons, and added participants for some of the following committees: Picnic, Banquet, Meeting Programs, Meeting equipment demos, Halloween Party, New Year's blast.

Ed Artz, WA3APN, read the ARRL Bulletin number 425, dated May 10, 1973, that related to the new 32-page ARRL publication that was a guideline for the use of the Amateur Radio satellites now in orbit.

President Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, told the group that the June 8, July 13, August 10, and the September 14, 1973, RRC meetings, would be held at the Northmont Fellowship Association Headquarters, located at 600 Bruckman Avenue.

Bill Ader, WA3GTR, discussed the 1973 RRC Field Day, that will be held at the Mt. Penn Fire Tower and Pavilion area, and the involvement of more RRC members. He said that there are many opportunities to take part, operating, setting-up, cooking, maintenance, keeping the generator running, etc.

President Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, closed the meeting, for a time of fellowship, refreshments, and some "Eyeball" QSO's.