

50 YEARS AGO IN THE RRC - JUNE 11, 1971

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By: Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, RRC Historian (05.25.2021)

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 June 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 July 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 June 11, 1971, monthly meeting taken from the July 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 June 11, 1971, monthly meeting was held in the UGI "Flame Room" auditorium. The UGI building is located at 225 Morgantown Road, Reading, Pennsylvania.

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

The Friday June 11, 1971, monthly meeting was attended by only 18 Reading Radio Club members.

Winners of the door prizes were Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, Rian Robison, W3EMW, and Rich Ahrens, W3WJC.

The FCC license for the 6-Meter FM repeater has arrived, so the W3BN repeater is now officially on the air and in operation.

RRC President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, reported that the six-meter FM repeater (52.575 MHz input and 52.640 MHz output), did require some maintenance during the past month. An old pair of 6146 vacuum tubes had to be replaced.

John Freeman, K3CBE, Chairperson of the 1971 RRC Field Day Committee reported that everything is ready for the big event. Equipment is available, (80, 40, 20, and 6 Meters), and permission has been received from the city of Reading to hold the 1971 RRC Field Day on Mt. Penn, at the Fire Tower, and have the use of the adjacent Pavilion. Field Day is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday June 26 and

27, 1971. John, K3CBE, introduced the members of the 1971 RRC Field Day Committee:

Bill Ader, WA3GTR
Frank Esseluhn, K3MGO
Art Gantert, W3OLG
Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP

Sam Rachlin, K3ALQ
Bill Schwartz, WA3MAQ
Jim Stamm, WA3KBH

Because of the poor turnout this evening, it was decided to postpone the voting on the proposed changes to the RRC By-Laws until the Friday September 10, 1971 monthly meeting.

President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, presented a PAGODA AWARD to Bob Plummer, W3ETJ / W3RP.

Rich, W3WJC, reported that WWV and WWVH intend to change the format of their transmissions beginning on July 1, 1971. The frequencies will remain the same, but the tone will change.

Leroy Flamm, K3MNI, demonstrated, and had on display his homebrew solid state, battery operated, tone and voice modulated AM two-meter transmitter for use on future RRC transmitter hunts.

Bob Wagner, W3GII, announced that the Reading Chapter of the QCWA will hold their annual picnic on Sunday June 20, 1971, at Harold Stoudt's, W3CJP, home. Bob, W3GII, said that the Chapter is planning a dinner on Tuesday September 14, 1971, at Reeser's Restaurant on the Pottsville Pike in Muhlenberg Township. Plans are that the dinner may be attended by Hams other than QCWA members.

Bob Landis, WA3JMJ, reported that the RRC six-meter FM repeater has reliable coverage in the Stroudsburg, Monroe County, PA area.

Gerry Baldauf, W3WX, said he heard the RRC six-meter FM repeater in Beach Haven, New Jersey, about 135 miles.

Rich, W3WJC, reported that in the Allentown area there is FM activity on 146.94 MHz with a repeater on 146.34 MHz.

Before closing the meeting President Rich Ahrens, W3WJC, reminded the group that the Friday July 9, 1971 monthly meeting will be held at the Pavilion on Skyline Drive starting at 8:00 p.m. He added that the Friday August 13, 1971 monthly meeting will be held at the UGI "Flame Room."

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