

INTRODUCTION

I, Wally Martin, W2PLD, have been requested to edit our Club's paper "CROSS TALK". Trying to follow in the footsteps of Jack Layton who did such an outstanding job of putting out this paper for several years, is certainly a challenge to me and I hope that I can continue making this paper an interesting means of keeping you, our members, informed as to what is going on in your Club. As each individual maintains a "style of writing", I trust that you will not get bored with some of my articles. Now you know, that any individual cannot be everywhere or know everything that is going on, so here is where you come in. I need your help! If you want this paper to continue, you will have to supply some of the news items from time to time. If you just jot down some of the important facts, I will re-write them for you. Do not feel shy or hesitate to keep in touch with me because articles that you think aren't so HOT, may be of interest to your fellow Club member and may help him to solve a problem from your experience. In order to get this paper going on the right foot, I would like very much to have a staff of "REPORTERS" -- that is certain individuals to handle different article material such as operating data, technical information, nets, public relation, Club news, illness of members etc. These are only a few to give you an idea of what we need. After we get organized, we can condense the staff and really come up with a dandy Club paper.

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EDITORIAL

CROSS-TALK. What does it mean? Not only is it the name of your paper, but according to Webster's New World Dictionary, the definition given quote "in radio & telephony, interference in one channel from another or others." Although this meaning applies to the dictionary, it does not apply to our paper because our articles are not for causing interference but to enlighten. So you see even a word or name does not always mean what it implies, but how it is used. This paper happens to be your Club's mouth-piece -- what you feed into it, will be re-broadcast to you fellow members.

1. It represents the means of keeping your membership interested in the Club.
2. It helps to get new members for the Club.
3. It shows what kind of a Club we have.
4. It is a cheap way of keeping an interclub-net going so that it contacts each member at the same time. Do you honestly want to see this Club go ahead? Do your part when asked. Remember a few can't do it all and as the old saying goes -- in union there is strength. So be it.

NOTE

Can we help to get our meeting place in some kind of ship-shape order? The appearance leaves a lot to be desired and to the visitor does not make a very good impression. I have had a couple visitors up there and that was one of the first remarks made to me about the condition of the Club room. I will be willing to meet with several members at a given time to help to get this cleaned up. WHAT SA?? are you with me??? I am presently overhauling an amplifier for the room which should be a big help. There are so many possibilities that can be done with the room by YOU and YOU and YOU and I do mean YOU. We don't want this to be a one man job. Remember you get out of anything just what you put into it. Seriously fellows, let us follow this through. You belong to a Ham Radio Club because you are interested in "Ham Radio only", so why not have the conditions the best we can?

DUES

Don't forget boys your dues for 1968 are now being collected by our Treasurer, Jim Peck. Just \$4.00 per year if paid in one lump sum. Where can you get so much for so little? Let's get our dues in early so that we can swell our treasury and be able to meet our obligations and projects as they arise. Remember, it takes money to run any organization and you are not penalizing yourself but helping to promote "Ham Radio." Many of you spend lots more than this without thinking and receive very little in return.

APPRECIATION

The thanks of the Club is given to Doug Gehring, our retiring President, for his untiring service and interest for the year 1967. Through his efforts and drive, not counting many discouraging moments, trials and tribulations, a lot was accomplished; our Club is now on the upgrade after hitting a low ebb. The fine work and cooperation of the other Officers and committee leaders who helped Doug along, cannot be ignored, for it is only through their efforts that Doug was able to advance. Our thanks again to all who made this possible. Let's keep the ball rolling. Get behind these Officers for 1968!

President	- Jack Bowen
Vice President	- Bill Bachman
Recording Secretary ...	- Bill Frambes
Corresponding Secretary	- Della Parker
Treasurer	- Jim Peck
Trustees	Phil Catona
	Gil Hilman
	Woody Frantz
	Gordon Cooper

DIRECTORS

Bill Shaw	Preston Weil
John Kull	Doug Gehring
Van Turner	Fred Bergmann

DIRECTORS MEETING

The first board meeting of the new regime got off to a good start on December 20 with nine of the eleven directors present. Several items of business held over from the past year were discussed and disposed of as follows:

1. Club banquet or party. It was decided to put this item in the "round file" for lack of interest.
2. Code Class - disbanded for the same reason - lack of interest. The class started with eight members in September and after two meetings quickly dropped to two then only one. We have made arrangements to offer code instructions to our surviving student on an individual basis.
3. Condition of Club Room. Bill Shaw has a standing offer to donate paint for the Club room anytime we can get a work party together. For various reasons the directors felt that we should not proceed with this project at the present time. Perhaps in a month or two we'll be able to do something.
4. Door Prizes. In our efforts to stimulate interest and attract members and guests to our club meetings, we plan to continue offering a "door prize" each night. These prizes will consist of various tools, coax fittings, cable, etc. All items which should be valuable to any real "ham." In addition, we are going to draw in June for a "Grand Prize" - a combination offer of a Domestic Call Book plus a Foreign Call Book. To be eligible for this extra drawing in June you must be present at 4 of the first 6 meetings. Then, next December we are giving another extra - the ARRL Handbook plus the Mobile Handbook. For this one you must attend 3 of the 5 meetings held in the second half of the year.
5. We may soon have some new License Manuals for sale, at discount prices.

FLASH!! Congratulations to WB2NNB and K2JKA - Bill and Jack just passed Amateur Extra - Wow!

FLASH!! Greetings to our newest member, Robert Kostic, WN2BUL. Bob lives over Williamstown way.

FLASH!! We understand Wayne Wood has just returned home from the hospital following an operation and is doing nicely. Too much straining putting up that new tower, Wayne?

A "STATE OF THE UNION" MESSAGE

Fellows and Girls -- It's nice to be able to start off the new year with an issue of Crosstalk. Let's all try and give Wally lots of help so he can keep it going. You know its pretty easy to step in as President and take over following Doug - he has everything well organized and functioning -- but it may be tough to keep up with his record for the past year. Thanks, Doug for a swell job. Now, if you have read this far, you have seen that we have dropped several projects because of that old bugaboo - lack of interest. We can't force you to come out to our meetings or take part in the Club's activities - nor would we want to. What we have to do is try and make our meetings and activities so interesting that you just can't stay away. In order to do this we need some new ideas and "gimmicks." Something we hope to do real soon is have a little contest - a display of some of your recent QSL cards - more details later. Any other ideas??

Now, for the state of our union - we had chairmen for all our committees last year -- I am requesting all of these people to continue in the same capacity for the coming year - and all those contacted so far have agreed. THANKS. Our treasury is sound - over \$400 currently - and 1968 dues money will be coming in soon. So, with the active group we have functioning now, it looks like a good year ahead. Better come out and enjoy the fun..

See you at the meeting.....

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For the convenience of those who wish to pay their dues by mail the form below is provided for your use. Please fill it out completely. If your copy of 'CROSS-TALK' did not have a ZIP CODE then please fill this out.

Name Call
Address City State.....
Zip Code

Enclosed is check for the amount of \$..... for 1968 dues.

Mail to James Peck , W2LWV