

Year of Indecision

From Sears Community Hall the Club moved its activities to the American Red Cross Bldg. on Park Ave. When the Red Cross took over its present quarters on St. Paul Street, the Club moved with it. We had purchased a receiver (National NC 240D) in 1949 and the Red Cross allocated room for a station.

Norman Brooks, W3KDV was elected 5th President in 1950. A few months after taking office, Norman was re-called to active duty in the Army. Al Burns, W3BDY Vice-President, took over. Within a few months Al moved to Washington, D.C. About the same time Parker Ingram, W3NAP, the Club Secretary moved to Pennsylvania. Unfortunately during the confusion of moving many of the Club's records were lost including the minutes of past meetings. Wade Stonesifer, W3QND, acted as unofficial Secretary at several meetings and Ken Teeple, W3PSP, the elected Treasurer for that year, acted as Secretary and even President on several occasions. As the Club year came to a close in June 1951 it was proposed that the Corporation disband and divide the treasury among the members.

John Gore, W3PRL saves the day.

Instead of disbanding, the members prevailed upon John Gore to accept the Presidency and attempt to pull the Club together. Many will recall the next two years. Not only did John (only President to succeed himself) prevent the Corporation from falling apart, but in typical Gore fashion, raised the Club to new standards of success. During his first term the Corporation's charter was amended to change the name from The Baltimore Amateur Radio Communications Society, Inc. to Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, Inc. The official date of this action is February 19, 1952.

The Modulator

This record would not be complete without mention of the Corporation's official journal, "The Modulator". In the fall of 1948, Whitney Gardner, W3IBX, elected Secretary edited the first issue of our publication. It consisted of three to four pages of news and announcement of meetings. The Club purchased a second hand mimeograph machine. The publication was continued as a one sheet affair during Bill Cooke's and Norman Brooks' terms. During John Gore's two terms the sheet was printed and mailed by a woman hired for the job. Harold Archer, W3SKK, our eighth president revised The Modulator to its present form and edited, printed and supervised the mailing himself. Thus the cost to the Club was reduced. Four Advertisers were obtained, further reducing expenses. Four writers and 9th President has continued this policy and seven paid advertisers were obtained this year.

Many details have been omitted from this History and likewise the names of additional hams that have contributed much to the Club's development. This will serve, however, to refresh the recollection of our older members and give to the newer members a small background of the Club.