

## Historical Committee Report

July 11, 2006

Greetings;

It is my pleasure to report on the work of the historical committee for the period of Jan. 2006 thru July 2006. I must tell you that all the major work of the committee has been done in Newington by Perry Williams at Headquarters. Scanning through my folder of items handled this term I have a sense that we are coming to an era when more items will come to us than ever before. There are perhaps thousands of amateurs that are in there seventies or eighties and many pass quickly. The families are left to deal with many treasures. I have only spent a short time with Perry up in his treasure room, but I realize that we (ARRL) simply do not have the space to store all the items offered each year. And the number of items will only continue to increase as amateurs get older.

We as a board need to look at this and focus on where we want to go. While the league has always wanted a “real” museum, finances are a big factor. A building with as much floor space as headquarters has would be required. I personally think it would be wonderful to have such a center where amateur radio could be displayed as it happened. I believe thousands would come every year, and pay a small fee to get in. But, the truth is I don’t believe this will happen.

This committee would like the Director’s opinion and comments. We need to move forward and have a goal rather than just continue to collect and archive items. It may not surprise you, but the offers of equipment alone are worth tens of thousands of dollars. To help myself get a better picture of just what takes place up-stairs I will be coming to Newington one day early so I might help Perry and learn what I can.

Respectfully submitted,

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