



round the PG Circuit

By GUNTHER "GUS" KARGER



Years ago, a small group of radio engineers decided that it was necessary to have some medium through which technical information could be disseminated. What better way could there be than the establishment of a Technical Institute. The Institute of Radio Engineers was thus formed.

The membership grew to such proportions that it is today not uncommon to count 60,000 persons attending the National Convention. However, this was no problem because as the numbers increased, so did the number of geographical sections and subsections. The serious problem has been in the search for a medium through which all these engineers could efficiently communicate despite the thick barrier called SPECIALIZATION. With a slight exaggeration, it is now possible for two engineers, specializing in very remote fields, to have only Ohm's Law in common! Yet they may be experts within their respective areas.

The Institute became aware of this problem and very wisely suggested that electrical engineers with like special interests should form small groups within the framework of the IRE. Thus were formed the Professional Groups.

Today there are 28 such groups covering a wide latitude of interests. Conventions, symposia and meetings are held and transactions are regularly published, thus causing to be available a wealth of important specialized information. However, these Professional Groups are not operated by persons specifically hired by the IRE for this purpose, rather they are kept going by engineers like yourselves. Would it not be nice if you could discuss your specific technical problems with persons outside your organization? Just think how much time could be saved and perhaps you might even get new ideas. Your Professional Group meeting is the place where you may go to do just that. Rest assured that more benefit can be obtained from the IRE than the privilege of filing the *Proceedings* and occasionally enjoying the color of NEWSLETTER covers.

Help yourself by becoming active in the Professional Group covering your

sphere of interest.

From the IRE desk of—

GEORGE W. BAILEY

Executive Secretary
IRE, International

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Dear Gus:
Congrats
and many thanks
for your excellent
article on "PGs"
in May issue of
"Newsletter"

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CHAIRMAN'S



REGIONAL CROSSTALK

As part of the Region 2 Program, which involves the New York, Long Island and Princeton Sections as well as our own, your Chairman has been receiving minutes of the Executive Committee meetings of the Long Island Section. The Long Island "Pulse" is operating on a "break-even" financial basis. It is the policy of the Section to restrict advertising copy to less than fifty percent of each issue. The Long Island Section also has a committee preparing local by-laws, to codify the traditional manner of operation, thus making it easier for incoming officers and committees to carry on their jobs.

The Princeton Section has cooperated in the establishment of a refresher lecture series for science teachers. The Westchester Subsection of New York had Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University at their February Fellows Dinner-Dance speaking on Extra Sensory Perception. The interest in the meeting was overwhelming. Many who came dressed and ready for the evening *had to be turned away*. The spirited question period following the talk was stopped by the Chairman at 11:15 P.M.

Your Chairman reports also that he and his wife were invited to attend the cocktail parties of the New York and Long Island Sections at which Fellow Award certificates were presented. Although your Chairman is disinclined to mix winter driving with liquid tranquilizers, he is strongly in favor of inter-sectional fraternizing. He therefore hopes that in the future NNJ may extend invitations to representatives of our neighbor sections, and do everything in our power to make these emissaries enjoy their NNJ visit.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Dear Mr. Hulst: (after the NNJ March Section Meeting)

Mrs. Olson and I enjoyed the fine hospitality . . . I was particularly impressed with the spirit and enthusiasm of the members of the Northern New Jersey Section.

I wish to express my thanks to you and your associates for your efforts which contributed to make the evening a very pleasant one for us.

With kindest regards,

Harry F. Olson

Director of Region 2, IRE