

# PACK RATS'



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CLUB CALL: W3CCX

MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB, INC.

# CHEESE BITS



MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB, INC. PHILA., PA. ARNS  
50.2, 145.2, 432.03, 1296 MHZ, WR3ACD - Repeater 222.98/224.58 Mhz.

AFFILIATED CLUB: AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

Meetings: Third Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M.  
Southampton Free Library, 947 E. Street Road  
Southampton, Pennsylvania 18966

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### THE PREZ SEZ

Is it Ladies Nite or the Pack Rat Banquet? When I was a shiney new Pack Rat, the President, W3GJU, Don explained the annual Pack Rat blow-out this way: "It's Ladies Nite and it's one small way we say thank you to our families for the many considerations we received during the year which make possible the pleasant pursuit of our hobby. And, it's a special thank you for putting up with the January SS Contest". At this annual club event, we pay special tribute to our ladies by treating them to an evening of dining, dancing and good fun.

In recent years, this annual affair has taken on more the appearance of an awards night. We utilize this fine gathering as an opportunity to honor those Pack Rats who during the year have become deserving of special recognition. And so, Pack Rat members are honored for their accomplishments in ham radio and for thier efforts on behalf of the club. Much ado is made of the Pack Rat Man of the Year, the January Contest, Hi Scorer... etc.

What will this years' affair be like? The banquet committee intends for it to be the best of both and a memorable evening. A new location has been scouted out and selected; the Country Squire on Route 611 in Horsham, Pa. The food there is great, we will have a private banquet room with easy access to the bar and the dance floor where a good band plays very danceable music. There will be gifts for the ladies, awards for the hams and a good time for all.

Let this be a celebration both of our personal families and of our Pack Rat family. They have both made our lives more interesting and enjoyable. Mark the date on your calendar, Saturday May 20, 1978. Fill out the reservation form in the next Cheese Bits and get it in the mail to Doc, K3GAS. See you there.

Tony, W3HMU

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VISITORS, FEB. 16, 1978 MEETING: Ian Janssen, Churchville, Pa.; W3HAQ, Dan McGovern, Holland, Pa.; John Sortor, Yardley, Pa.; WB2SRW, Howard Goldman, Delran, N.J.; WA3QWO, Earl, W. Downs, Jamison, Pa.; Bill Nace, Lansdale, Pa.; WB3EFO, Ed Lee, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; WB3KNU, Hugh Odhner, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.; Howard Hecht, Washington Crossing, Pa.; WA3IFY, Jay Kuperman, Phila, Pa.; WA3AOP, Rich Somenedetto, Phila, Pa. WB3ATA, Brian Mullen, Doylestown, Pa.

FROM STUDENT GRADE TO REGULAR MEMBER: N3EG, Earl Garber, WA3WAS, Steve Simons, WA3YUE, Bruce Loss.

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K3IGX, Dick Boyle (1 year)  
K3JJZ, El Weisman (1 year)

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MONDAY NIGHT NETS:

145.2 MHZ 7:30 PM  
50.2 MHZ 8:30 PM  
221.4/224.58 MHZ 9:00 PM  
432.03 MHZ 9:30 PM  
1296.3 MHZ 10:00 PM

NET CONTROL

W2EIF  
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K3IUV  
W2EIF

FRIDAY NIGHT ATV NET:


439.25 MHZ 7:00 PM

NET CONTROL


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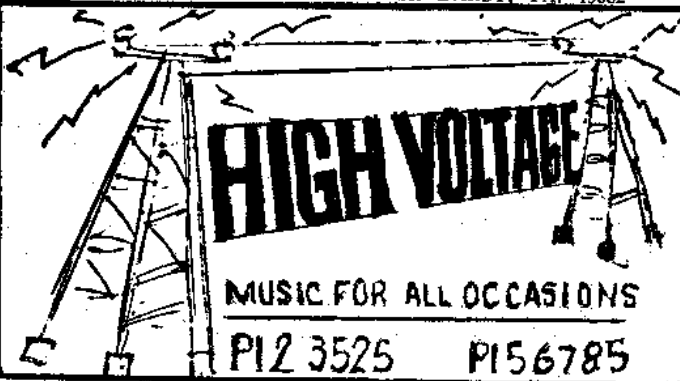
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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Syllabus By Lee, K3MXM

MARCH

- 1 DUES ARE DUE --- DUES ARE DUE ---  
Computer Convention, City Line Holiday Inn, Phila., Pa.
- 4-5 ARRL DX Competition, Phone.
- 6 EME-HK1TL Pack Rat Team Lecture, Philmont Mobile Radio Club, Phila.  
Franklin Institute, 3rd floor.
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting, QTH, WA3WAS, Steve Simons, 8506 Kendrick Place,  
Fox Chase (Phila., Pa.) Phone: 215-RA 5-1135 or RA 5-7170.  
Directors and interested parties invited.
- 11 First Annual Philadelphia Area Computer Game Festival - LaSalle College,  
20th and Olney Ave., Phila., Pa. (Science Bldg.).
- 11 Flemington, N.J. Hamfest, Hunterdon Central High School Field House,  
Indoors and heated. About 75 minutes North of Phila. Route 202 all the way.  
Easy to get to. Special ATV Demonstration by our club member, K3K20, Ron  
Ralk-in 146.52 FM. Info and reservations, Cherryville Repeater Assoc. c/o  
WA2CVK.
- 11 QCWA Delaware Valley Chapter Spring Meeting at the Mallard Inn, Marlton, N.J.  
Exit #4 N.J. Turnpike at Rte. 73.
- 15 WIAW CW Qualifying Run. Starting at 0300 Z - 10 to 35 wpm. Transmitted  
simultaneously on 1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08 and 28.08 Mhz. This is  
2200 EST or 10 P.M. Local Eastern Time on March 14th. Underline one minute  
of the highest speed copied and send in to ARRL for Certificate. A very good  
opportunity to hear and copy perfect code and to measure your own abilities..
- 16 General Club Meeting, Southampton Free Library. 8 P.M. Topic: TV in Space.  
K3IUUV, Bert Soltoff. The Mario Raffle. Frankies Silent Auction. Refreshments  
An open meeting to one and all...
- 17 EME - HK1TL Pack Rat team lecture. Absecon, N.J.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 26 Easter Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday April 9th. Penn Wireless Hamfest, The Armory, Roosevelt Blvd. and  
Southampton Rds, Info, Contact WA3NRU or Bruce 547-3035.
- April 22 and 23rd: Trenton Computer Festival, Trenton State College. Info.  
Alan Katz, 1-609-443-3185. or 1 - 609-771-2487
- April 28,29,30: Dayton Hamfest
- May 20th Ladies Nite: Country Squire Inn, Horsham, Pa. K3GAS Chairman, K3KTY,MC

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APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WB3DNH, Glen I. Weissman (Student) | WA3QWO, Earl W. Downs   |
| 8533 Algon Avenue                  | P.O. Box 333 Valley Rd. |
| Phila., Pa. 19152                  | Jamison, Pa. 18929      |
| WB3ATA, Brian Mullen               |                         |
| 94 East Street                     |                         |
| Doylestown, Pa. 18901              |                         |

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## NEW PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO HAMS

By Lyn: W3NSI

1. VHF RECEIVER MODULE KITS: Valley Instruments Products is now producing kits for 10,6,2 and 220 Mhz. bands. Sensitivity is rated at .25 mv and the 6 pole crystal filter results in 75 db adjacent channel rejection. Unit is built onto a PC board only 4" by 2.35". Operation is from a 12 V battery with a drain on squelch of 15 Ma. Case, spkr, and control kit are available as options. Price \$49.95. P.O. Box 339, Bartlett, Ill. 60103.
2. TWO METER ANTENNA MATCHER: B&W is selling their new AT 200 antenna matching unit, which allows the use of the regular car AM/FM antenna. This avoids having the second antenna to attract rip-off problems, Unit can be adjusted to 1.2/1 SWR or less. Tunes and switches from the front panel of the compact case. B&W, Canal St., Bristol, Pa. 19007.
3. PRE-SELECTOR FILTERS (UHF): Spectrum International now has available two very interesting interdigital filters for these UHF bands, PSF 432 covers 420-450 Mhz and PSF 1296 covers 1250-1340 Mhz. Both units use 3 pole circuits and BNC fittings, and are mounted in a well shielded box with flanges for attaching to chassis. Price \$36.70 + \$3.50 shipping. P.O. Box 1084, Concord, Mass. 01742.

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### VHF/UHF REPORT

By Jo, W2EIF

There is little to report this month - not because there was no activity, but because of the Flu bug. It attacked me, starting about a week before the Contest and so far, as of the 15 February, is just loosening its grip. As a result, there has not been much activity or monitoring on my part.

I note in the SWOT Bulletin, that there have been some openings on 2 meters in the Southland but not much mention of any activity in the North. My good friends, K1PXE and K1FO differ with me as to comments in Cheese Bits concerning the January Contest. I must admit that my comments were conditioned by the activity in this (Phila.) area and may not have applied to other areas; Conn. E. Mass, etc.

K1PXE has relayed information that Paul, K8III, has now moved to his new QTH, which he claims to be better than the old one. It must be, since Paul is running 50 watts on 2 meters and a small beam strapped to the chimney. He had a very good signal in the Phila. area during the Contest. According to K1PXE, Paul is not going to go any higher than 50 watts, but will put up a bigger and higher antenna.

Dave, K8UQA is now K8WW and had quite a strong signal on 432 during the Jan. Contest.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 692 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT FEB. 10, 1978 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT: On Wed. Feb. 8, FCC took action in Docket 21135 to abolish the licensing of secondary and special events stations. No action concerning the disposition of club, military recreation, and RACES stations was taken at this time, However, the Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking concerning the revision of eligibility criteria and processing procedures for these types of licenses. Also, an immediate freeze was imposed on the acceptance of applications for new club, military recreation, and RACES station licenses. Modifications and renewals will still be accepted. Present secondary station licenses will be valid until the end of their terms, and procedures will be set up to allow licensees to switch their primary and secondary call signs should they prefer to keep their secondary call. The effective date of the action is not yet know, but will be no sooner than March 13. AR

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 693 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT. FEB. 16, 1978 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT: The FCC announced Feb. 13, 1978, that it is permitting licensed amateur radio operators to operate their primary stations as repeater, auxiliary link, control and remotely controlled stations without prior FCC approval. Primary stations operating in the repeater mode must identify by following their call sign with RPT/repeater, primary stations operating in the auxiliary link mode must identify by following their call sign with AUX/auxiliary, depending on the mode used. There are no special identification requirements required for primary stations operating in the control or remotely controlled modes. This waiver is effective immediately and will terminate when the FCC releases a further order in 21033 pertaining to this matter. The upcoming edition of the Repeater Directory will include active repeaters operating under this new authorization, as well as those operating under WR call signs, provided that information has been registered with ARRL headquarters by March 1. AR

MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB, INC.  
SUMMARY OF CONTEST SCORES, JAN. 21-22, 1978  
VHF SWEEPSTAKES

| <u>CALL</u> | <u>CONTACTS</u> | <u>SECTIONS</u> | <u>SCORE</u> | <u>CALL</u> | <u>CONTACTS</u> | <u>SECTIONS</u> | <u>SCORE</u> |         |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| K3ACR       | 168             | 4               | 5376         | W3IIT       | 390             | 16              | 22932        |         |
| W3AJF       | 180             | 10              | 8960         | WA3IMT      | 90              | 2               | 2160         |         |
| WA3AQA      | 189             | 4               | 6552         | K3IPM       | 204             | 19              | 11948        |         |
| WA3AXV      | 550             | 25              | 46480        | K3IQO       | 195             | 5               | 6600         |         |
| K3BPP       | 307             | 16              | 21268        | K3IUU       | 411             | 17              | 29970        |         |
| WB3CDE      | 286             | 11              | 15078        | K3IUU/M3    | 19              | 3               | 988          |         |
| W3CJU       | 280             | 9               | 13072        | * K3JJZ     | 294             | 14              | 18288        |         |
| W3CL        | 307             | 10              | 15000        | WA3JSR      | 122             | 2               | 2928         |         |
| W3CLT       | 100             | 9               | 3800         | WA3JUF      | 318             | 20              | 25140        |         |
| W3CXU       | 70              | 5               | 2790         | WB3KES      | 64              | 2               | 1536         |         |
| K3DLS       | 15              | 2               | 720          | * W3KKN     | 611             | 20              | 43860        |         |
| K3DLS/M3    | 17              | 2               | 816          | K3KM        | 95              | 15              | 4750         |         |
| K3DMA       | 36              | 2               | 1728         | K3KTY       | 164             | 11              | 7980         |         |
| N3EG        | 254             | 2               | 7800         | K3MWV       | 566             | 24              | 45424        |         |
| W2EIF       | 365             | 20              | 30000        | K3MXM       | 140             | 5               | 5190         |         |
| W3ELX       | 259             | 14              | 13632        | WA3NDE      | 25              | 2               | 696          |         |
| K3EPB       | 160             | 6               | 6208         | WA3NFV      | 156             | 8               | 6120         |         |
| WA3EPS      | 88              | 4               | 2464         | WA1NGR/2    | 331             | 23              | 23694        |         |
| * WA3FOF    | 445             | 15              | 24150        | W3NSI       | 125             | 2               | 4200         |         |
| W3FQD       | 44              | 2               | 1176         | WA3NUF      | 165             | 3               | 4706         |         |
| K3GAS       | 184             | 5               | 7230         | K3OBY       | 35              | 2               | 840          |         |
| K3GOZ       | 212             | 4               | 5936         | * WA3OVH    | 173             | 9               | 6574         |         |
| 3HES        | 43              | 2               | 1032         | WA3PUL      | 20              | 2               | 960          |         |
| W3HFX       | 342             | 16              | 20540        | K3QQ/M3     | 82              | 2               | 3240         |         |
| WB3HHO      | 128             | 2               | 4320         | WB2RBG/3    | 380             | 21              | 23560        |         |
| WB3HHP      | 130             | 2               | 4368         | * WA3TEM    | 33              | 3               | 1456         |         |
| WA3HIT      | 108             | 2               | 2592         | K3VEQ       | 41              | 2               | 1104         |         |
| W3HK        | 149             | 8               | 5760         | K3VYG       | 164             | 5               | 6630         |         |
| W3HMU       | 361             | 21              | 30380        | WA3WAS      | 134             | 8               | 5400         |         |
| W3HQT       | 537             | 29              | 50310        | * WA3YBL    | 35              | 2               | 840          |         |
| WB3HSL      | 171             | 11              | 7182         | WA3YUE      | 337             | 17              | 23328        |         |
| WA3HVL      | 202             | 4               | 7112         | W3YXF       | 46              | 2               | 1416         |         |
| K3IGX       | 209             | 11              | 11466        | W3ZD        | 500             | 22              | 36544        |         |
| WA2RXM      | 2               | 1               | 88           |             |                 |                 |              |         |
|             |                 |                 |              |             |                 |                 | TOTAL =      | 766,388 |

\* Multi-Op

The committee wishes to thank Dave, W3ZD and his family for hosting the contest wrap-up meeting on February 4, 1978. Coordinators and club members turned out to give a helping hand. The following were present: W3AJF, WA3AXV, K3BPP, WB3CDE, W3CL, W3CXU, K3DLS, W3FQD, K3GAS, W3HMU, W3HQT, K3IGX, W3IIT, K3IUU, K3JJZ, WA3JUF, K3MWV, K3MXM, WA3NFV, WA3OVH, K3QQ, K3VYG, WA3YUE and W3ZD.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 694 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON CT FEB. 16, 1978 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT: FCC has adopted type acceptance of amateur power amplifiers and a ban on all commercially available power amplifiers capable of being operating between 24 and 35 Mhz. The Commission has not yet determined the effective date of the new rules, adopted in Dockets 21116 and 21117 on Feb. 16, 1978. An amateur will continue to have the right to build or modify an amplifier for personal use on the ten meter band. AR

MARCH 30, 1978 THE R F HILL A.R.C. ANNUAL AUCTION. THURS.EVENING 7:00 PM AT THE V.F.W. FOREST LODGE POST LOCATED ON THE OLD BETHLEHEM PIKE BETWEEN SELLERSVILLE AND QUAKERTOWN.

MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB, INC.  
 VHF SS JAN. 21-22, 1978  
 LISTING BY CONTEST POINTS

| CALL     | SCORE | CALL     | SCORE | CALL     | SCORE |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| W3HQT    | 50310 | K3IGX    | 11466 | W3NSI    | 4200  |
| WA3AXV   | 46480 | W3AJF    | 8960  | W3CLT    | 3800  |
| K3MWV    | 45424 | K3KTY    | 7980  | K3QQ/M3  | 3240  |
| * W3KKN  | 43860 | N3EG     | 7800  | WA3JSR   | 2928  |
| W3ZD     | 36544 | K3GAS    | 7230  | W3CXU    | 2790  |
| W3HMU    | 30380 | WB3HSL   | 7182  | WA3HIT   | 2592  |
| W2EIF    | 30000 | WA3HVL   | 7112  | WA3EPS   | 2464  |
| K3IUV    | 29970 | K3VYG    | 6630  | WA3IMT   | 2160  |
| WA3JUF   | 25140 | K3IQO    | 6600  | K3DMA    | 1728  |
| * WA3FOF | 24150 | * WA3OVH | 6574  | WB3KES   | 1536  |
| WA1NGR/2 | 23694 | WA3AQA   | 6552  | * WA3TEM | 1456  |
| WB2RBG/3 | 23560 | K3EPB    | 6208  | W3YXF    | 1416  |
| WA3YUE   | 23328 | WA3NFV   | 6120  | W3FQD    | 1176  |
| W3IIT    | 22932 | K3GOZ    | 5936  | K3VEQ    | 1104  |
| K3BPP    | 21268 | W3HK     | 5760  | K3HES    | 1032  |
| W3HFY    | 20540 | WA3WAS   | 5400  | K3IUV/M3 | 988   |
| * K3JJZ  | 18288 | K3ACR    | 5376  | WA3PUL   | 960   |
| WB3CDE   | 15078 | K3MXM    | 5190  | * WA3YBL | 840   |
| W3CL     | 15000 | K3KM     | 4750  | K3OBY    | 840   |
| W3ELX    | 13632 | WA3NUF   | 4706  | K3DLS/M3 | 816   |
| W3CJU    | 13072 | WB3HHP   | 4368  | K3DLS    | 720   |
| K3IPM    | 11948 | WB3HHO   | 4320  | WA3NDE   | 696   |
|          |       |          |       | WA2RXM   | 88    |

\* Multi-Op

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TID BITS CONTINUED

W3HMU reports the following: On Feb. 12, 1978, at 0012Z, KP4EOR worked LU5DJZ (Mar Del Plata) on 145.1 Mhz (SSB) over a 3925 mile path establishing a new direct contact world record. South Americans continue to run tests on 145.1 Mhz nightly at 0000Z. HF Liason Freq. 21.4 Mhz

Greg, WA3UXM arrived at his new duty station in the Pacific. His address is: L/CPL Adams, G.F. 167-54-5049. Hts Co. 3rd Recon. BN. 3rd Mar. Div. FMF, FPO San Francisco, Ca. 96602. Says he wants the Marine Corps to issue him a KWM2A!

We are saddened to report the death of Dolph Vilardi, WA2VTR, a long time friend of the Pack Rats.

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JOTTINGS FROM LEE K3MXM

If you are interested in obtaining information about weather service transmissions, you can obtain a free copy of Weather Fax Guide from Atlantic Surplus Sales, 3730 Nautilus Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224.

For you foreign travelers. We now have reciprocal licensing agreements with 49 countries. Liberia is the newest addition to the growing list.

Our Unsung Members

Congratulations to Carl Croce, K3DLS, for receiving the Medal of Merit recommended by the National Court of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America for services rendered during the Phila. Council Camporee at Valley Forge Park last June. Carl spotted a tent on fire, with two sleeping scouts inside. Carl awoke them pulled them from their sleeping bags and out of the tent, collapsed the tent, and extinguished the fire. His alertness and clear-headed response averted a tragedy and reflected a great credit upon him. de PENNARC -Kilowatt

For You 2 Meter Buffs: There are two new repeaters in the area. WR3ACU on 147.96/36 sponsored by the Delaware County ARA; 146.22/82 located at the RCA Bldg. in Camden.

FOR SALE: Clegg 27B-\$200.  
CONTACT: WA3OQR, Charles Zeager  
Phone: After 4 PM 215-533-9277  
R SALE: SB-200 Heathkit low band  
amplifier. 10-80 mtrs. 1200 watts PEP.  
new tubes, manual \$250. 572B Tubes - pair of  
new "Cetrans" \$40. 6M-FM, converted RCA,  
AC supply, rack mounted; xtals for simplex  
and WR3ABE. 30W. Manual \$25.  
CONTACT: WA3AXV, Ron Whitsel  
Phone: After 6PM 215-355-5730  
FOR SALE: Model 700A-Kenwood, FM & SSB  
Transceiver. Absolutely new condition, \$425.  
CONTACT: W2HX, BB Wentzel  
318 Gardner Ave. Trenton, N.J. 08618  
Phone: 609-EX 3-4823  
FOR SALE: KLMEcho 432 SSB/CW Transceiver  
original factory shipping box. Perfect  
condition. \$290.  
CONTACT: K3IPM, Stan Smith,  
4713 Pine Ridge Road, Harrisburg, Pa. 17110  
Phone: 717-238-7060  
NOTICE: Before Buying or Selling Anything:  
CONTACT: K3GAS, Doc Cutler  
Phone: 215-ME 5-1078

#### SWAP SHOP

WANTED: Electronic Keyer.  
CONTACT: K3HSS, Charles Lustick  
Phone: 215-342-4398  
FOR SALE: Emergency Beacon Corp. 144 JR-  
2M FM Transceiver. Synthesized. 142-150 Mhz;  
35 W. output. \$300. Dentron Super Tuner 160-10  
AT matchbox \$100. both items in mint condition.  
WANTED: 220 Mhz FM Transceiver  
CONTACT: WB2RBG/3, Howard Sherer  
Phone: 215-584-0280 after 6 PM  
WANTED: 220 Mhz FM Transceiver  
CONTACT: K3GOZ, Herman Klein  
Phone: 215-HO 4-6555  
FOR SALE: Model MFJ-16010 ST antenna super  
tuner - like new \$50 (firm)  
CONTACT: W3TEC, Joe  
Phone: 215-JE 5-2358  
FOR SALE: Collins KWS1, Transmitter and power  
supply Collins 75A4 - Receiver - Manuals and  
extra transmitting tubes - package \$600.  
CONTACT: K3NSN, Charles Waugh  
1602 Creston St., Phila., Pa. 19149  
WANTED: Instruction Sheet for TH 3 Jr.  
Tribander.  
CONTACT: WB3HSL, Charles Craft, 506  
Winding Rd., Lansdale, Pa. 19446  
Phone: 215-855-5704

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#### TID BITS

A number of Pack Rats have been on the sick or disabled list since the first of the year -  
K3HSS, Charley stripped knee tendons in a fall at a soccer game. Now limping cheerfully.  
K3HES, Dan spent time in the Rolling Hill Hospital, Out in time for the Contest. Came to  
our crying towel meeting.

K3IQQ, Stan had a mild heart attack - bounced back to compete in the Jan. VHF SS.  
W2HX - BB Wentzel slipped on the ice - the damage is on the mend.  
Loretta -EXYL W3CXU underwent surgery at the Chestnut Hill Hospital, Now recuperating.  
W3KKN, Ernie was hospitalized at the Abington with a very painful hip problem. Now at home  
taking it easy and wants to say:

"Thanks to all for the cards, calls and good wishes during my hospitalization. I didn't  
know I had so many friends." (Wonder if Western Union can read a "myelogram")

W2EIF, Jo suffers every year with a bad cold during the Contest period. This year, he was  
struck down with the SJRA virus. Just starting to sound like his old self.

Ron, WA1NGR/2 writes that his absence from the meetings lately because he is taking an  
accounting course on Thursday evenings. Getting in shape for Arpil 15th.

Tony, K4AWS down there in Fla. sez that he was on the air for 23 hours. Jan. 21/22  
without a single contact. The local guys not interested in contest. Heard only a couple of  
"bursts". Guess he rates the super crying towel. Come back home, Tony!

Doc, K3GAS again Chairman of Registration for the Annual meeting of the Phila. County  
Dental Society from March 5th to 8th at the Sheraton Hotel, 17th and J.F. Kennedy Blvd.  
If anyone in the area during that period, stop in and see Doc.

The Chief, Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau of the FCC on Feb. 9th waived the  
rules to permit licensed amateurs to operate their primary stations as repeater, auxiliary link,  
control and remotely controlled stations without prior FCC approval. This effective immediately  
will terminate when the commission releases an Order in docket 21033.

Our Prez, Tony, W3HMU, has appointed an awards committee - K3GAS Chairman, K3IGX and  
W3ZD as members.

Rich, WA3AOP is President of a newly formed club. The Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club.  
They operate a repeater on 04/64. Good luck to this group.

The club provides a license renewal date reminder service but needs the dates for the  
following members: WB3AOP, W3FGQ, W2GGB, W2GIA, K3WIN, WA3IMT, W3ISV, W3IXL, WA3JSR, K3KMN,  
K3NMN, K3OPC.

## AFTER THE CONTEST

The "Crying Towel" session on Feb. 16th was quite a bash. Dan, WA3NFV the contest Chairman, almost forgot the "towel" and at the last minute retrieved a frayed hotel "rag" that looked like it came from a tijuana car wash. The artistic effort of his XYL Lucy turned it into a "labor from the heart".

Herm, K3GOZ won first prize - The "Towel" and a special 432 Mhz cavity beer can (full) His story appears on this page.

Tony, W3HMU, came in second. A hurried reconstruction of all his antennas that came down during the ice and wind storm before the contest was his sad tale of woe. He won an empty 432 Mhz cavity beer can.

Other "cryers" covered the gamut from "what its like to be chairman" to "I didn't want to be a coordinator".

An outstanding effort was made by Ric, K3QQ who went mobile on 220 Mhz and 6 mtrs. Racked up 3240 points.

We were surprised to learn that the following stations used indoor antennas - WA3NFV, WB3KES, K3DMA, N3EG, K3DLS and W3AJF only on 220 Mhz.

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### MARLENE ALMOST WON

By Herm, K3GOZ

I'm not here to try to get you all crying. The towel wouldn't be big enough. I'll try to spill some of the beans about my problems. Now, I joined up with this organization in 1958 and to show you what some sentiments of good fraternalism and friendship does. I don't know how the devil I survived it, but I put the responsibility on the friendship of this club. Now, 2 days before the contest started there was this big pile up of snow. The plow comes around and opens the center of our driveway. 5' of snow piled up against our garage doors, nothing on the other side, and that it. Can't get the car out of the garage. The wife does part time work so she has number 2 jolopy at the curb. That's got 4' of snow in front of it, 4' of snow in back of it and 5' of snow from the plows from Welsh Road on the drivers side and 5' of snow at the sidewalk. We are pinned in! We can't get out! Can't get any help! We don't have anybody here! I got a grandson in Calif. and the other grandson is out of town. I called the Bulletin boy. He tells me he can't come over until the afternoon. Bring the shovel. There is too much snow. So, come with a helper. 1 o'clock shows up and he isn't here. One more hr. and the contest is here!! I phone and his mother says he left with a shovel. I says was he with another boy. No he's by himself. I don't think he can do it alone. 1:30 he shows up and knocks at the door and is by himself. He looks at the situation and says he can't shovel all that stuff. He needs help! I had 3 serious heart attacks and I'm lucky I'm here. With a chronic heart condition, I can't start shoveling.. The wife (she is the one that started this trouble.) has got to go to the hair dresser. Prior to the snow storm, she had the virus bug and had it bad. And then she gave it to me. After the virus bug, she got caught in the rain and said she had to go to the hair dresser. She said she looked like a drowned cat. She just had to go to the hair dresser. The only way to go is to get #2 charriot dug out. A neighbor got a shovel. I took a chance and did a little digging. He refused to shovel himself out unless he had help. We finally got the car out, and its 2 o'clock already. No, its ten after two. That's right. So she says you got to drive me to Marlene's the Hairdresser, because there might not be no parking there. I says, are you kidding, its 10 after 2 already. I can't drive you there. So, she got mad as hell. I go in the house. By the time I tried to get on its 2:30 because a couple of phone calls delayed me. I hadn't any lunch yet either. All of a sudden shes back - it's 2:30 and shes back. As soon as the door opened up, her mouth opened up too, I can't tell which it was. Her mouth was louder than the door slamming. I noticed that one of the little windows there cracked she slammed it so hard. What the hell are you so mad about, I said. She said, I told you you should have taken me there - I had no place to park! I wasn't going to get myself stuck! Finally, I get on the air. The rotor was froze up from a week before. Well, anyway, I'm on the air. Sarah next door phones. Herman your coming through. I told her for God Sakes, its only once a year. Can't you put up with it. She said I have an important.. I let her yell, I didn't care. Then, after that I didn't answer the phone. Well, after all the harrassment, I must have survived because I'm here. All I can tell you guys is living in an apartment with all of these harrassments is no fun. Still, I ran up 5,936 points score which was only 44 points less than last year, and three times as much trouble. Next month I'm going to the firemen's banquet. I got type A blood. The rescue squad will be there!!

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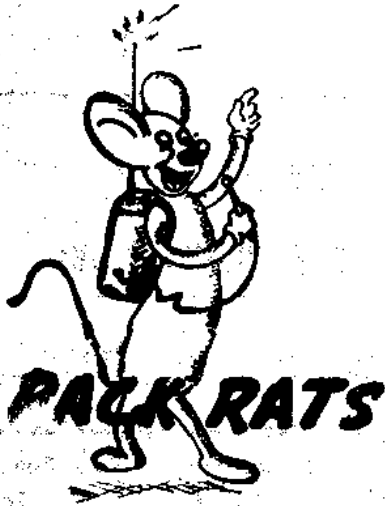
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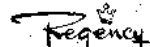
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