

# PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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## Sad Sacks

"Listen you Hams of razor backs,  
And I'll tell you a tale of a few Sad  
Sacks,  
On March nineteenth, of fifty eight,  
It started to storm, and the wires did  
shake,  
The wind, and the rain, and the snow  
Came along and laid antennas low."

### "GONE WITH THE WIND"

W3SAO's 6 meter elements  
W3FOZ's 2 & 6 Beams (replaced now)  
W3CPT's 10 meter elements  
W3KKN's beams, (all replaced now)  
K3BHK's feed line  
W3AUH'S 6 meter elements

There are more too numerous to report.

Come the fine, balmy (?) Spring weather  
and all of these boys will be back on  
the beam.

## High Scores



ARRL-V.H.F.-S.S.

Roll out the red carpet, and beat the  
drums for the high scoring members in  
the recent ARRL V.H.F. SWEEPSTAKES.

We are proud to present the loving cup  
to the following:

W3KKN -- Atlantic Division -- 2 & 6

W3IBH -- Atlantic Division -- 2

KN3BHK -- Atlantic Division -- Novice

K2LXI -- Northern New Jersey -- 6

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This is a lot easier than buying cups  
and cheaper. You boys can cut them out  
and hang them in your shack. Just  
think they won't have to be washed and  
dusted.

Congratulations; Ernie, Charlie, Jerry  
and George.

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What happened to the "RATS" that didn't  
turn in their scores? If you read the  
results in QST you can see that your  
little score would have put us in fourth  
place. Next year try to make second, or  
at least third place, where we were last  
year.



## Ham

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There are hams, and there are "HAMS".  
Felin's may have the patent to "IXL",  
but we now have the original Ham.  
Welcome to Ellis Hersh, W3IXL, son of  
Ralph, K3CIV.

Don't forget to add him to your address  
list; W3IXL Ellis Hersh,  
2367 Orthodox Street,  
Phila., Pa.  
PL 4-0226

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May 27<sup>th</sup> ?

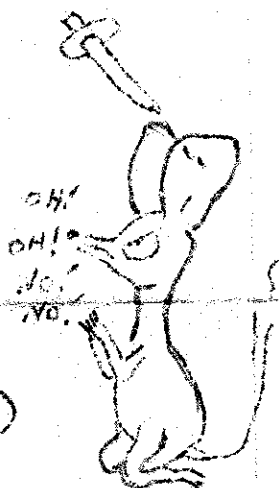
OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 647 FROM ARRL HDQS  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. MARCH 27, 1958

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

About May one FCC will begin new system of call prefixes for new amateur station licenses. This policy is made necessary by shortage of calls in second and sixth districts and will be put into effect in those areas first. All new licenses except Novice will have WA, repeat WA prefixes. All new Novices will have WV, repeat WV prefixes changing to WA upon advancement to permanent grade. FCC cannot consider requests for calls out of the new alphabetical sequence except as provided in amateur rules.

See May QST for complete details.  
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RAT  
SQUEAL  
By  
W3SAO



Congratulations to KN2ZHT, brother of W3HYO, Lenny, on dropping the N. He is now a full fledged HAM. K2ZHT's handle is Lew, and his QTH is Trenton, New Jersey. Look for him on the air.

W3HYJ, Joe, is buying a home in the Huntington Valley section, and will be moving in soon. Good luck, good health, and good DX, Joe

W3KKN, Ernie, was wondering why he was having trouble receiving on 2 and 6. He pulled out the Collins and put new tubes in, and still had the same trouble. He then thought it was the band switch. He finally found out, that after two years the crystals were dirty, cleaned them up, and everything was FB.

W3HWV, and W3EMG, Bill and Howard, are working nights at RCA and that is why they are missing from the nets Monday nights and the meetings. Hurry and get back on day work, we miss you.

Wonder how W3ASD, Karl, down in Smyrna Delaware made out during the storm? Are you still in business?

Three guesses what happened to W3ZEY, Russ, during the clean up period after the storm. How many phones and phone lines did you have to repair?

CQ, W3VGN, Harvey, where have you been lately? We miss your melodious voice on the nets.

K3BHK, Jerry, after losing his feed line in the storm, is purchasing a ten element beam for 2.

Gee, I hope that K3BVZ, Ben, has finally gotten a good rotator control. First two were NG.

The souvenirs for Ladies Nite were purchased by Edith, XYL of W3FOZ. Our thanks to you, Edith.

CQ, W3NKD and W3RZU, Vic and Elio. Are you still around? Haven't seen or heard you lately.

## Comments Heard About the Paper

W1HDQ, Ed Tilton, V.H.F. Editor QST; "Thanks for the Vol. 1 No. 1 of CHEESE BITS. A paper like that can help club interest a lot, if you have a few fellows who are willing to carry on the work of getting it out regularly. It's not an easy task, but it is well worth the effort."

P.S. All I ask is that you fellows send in the news early and I will get the paper out. Thanks, Helen.

Edith, XYL of W3FOZ, via land line, to W3TNP, Bert, XYL of W3KKN; "Did you get the mail yet? The club now has a paper."

W3KKN, Ernie; "The paper is really swell. Thanks a lot. Jus what the club needs."

W3HYO, Lenny, "Thanks a lot for the paper. I didn't know about W3IBH's dog until I read it. The article about Matt, W3CCX, was very interesting. I read it cover to cover."

5/27/58-8:00 P.M.

W3SAO, Frankie to W3KKN, Ernie; "Helen just got a brainstorm and made up the paper that had been discussed for quite sometime. I'm glad you like it."

Violet, XYL of W3HYG, to Helen, XYL of W3SAO, "I enjoyed reading the paper because I know the people you are talking about."

W3CL, Harry, "Everyone I talked to likes it a lot. Keep it going."

W3OZP, Bill, "I think it a good idea only don't forget to send in items to keep it going, boys."

W3JAY, George, espicially liked "Shock Theater".

W3AGY, John will send a report on 6 meters in 14 states on his return home.

K2LXI/3, George, "Got paper and like it, my XYL, May, enjoyed reading it also."

W3VGN, Harvey, "Got paper and like it a lot, will send in some news or poems."

W3FOZ, Charlie, "It sure was a surprize. Keep it up."

There are too many comments to report, but all of them were favorable, even W3IBH, Charlie liked it. Thanks.

## Past Events

### LADIES NITE

The ladies enjoyed the night out and are looking forward to another one next year. It is events like this that will keep the ladies from resenting the time we spend on the air.

### INCORPORATION

The articles of incorporation are drawn up and signed by the Board of Directors and Officers. We are now waiting for them to be registered. Perhaps by the time of the May meeting we will be incorporated.

### APRIL MEETING

We were priviledged to have W3LVF, Chas. Badgett, Vice-director Atlantic Division speak to us on the topic of the coming hearing of Abington Township on the height of towers. The meeting will be held on April 28th, and W3CL was appointed to represent the club.

We are glad to welcome W3JSD, John as a new member. Add him to your address list. W3JSD, John Houser, 612 Pinney Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. P.O. Box 55

Chapel Hill 0677.

Two new members, welcome W3EXL, Ellis and W3JSD, John.

### SAD NEWS

We are sorry to announce that we have lost W3ALR, Ed. Apple as a member.

Are you a voting member? Check your membership card for dues.

## Coming Events



### MAY MEETING

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The meeting will be held on TUESDAY, MAY 27th, at 8:00 P.M. at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Thouron and Sedgwick Streets, Mt. Airy.

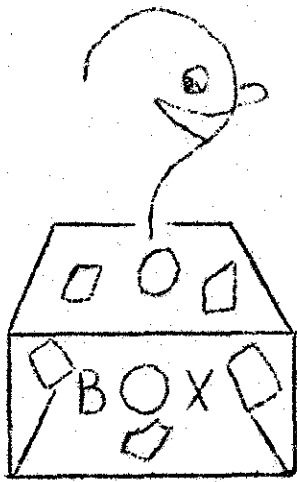
Our special guest speaker will be; W1HDQ, EDWARD TILTON, V.H.F. EDITOR QST MAGAZINE.

His topic will be announced later on the Monday night nets.

So far we have quite a few visitors who will be there, by talking it up on the air. Be sure to attend and bring some friends along.

### NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Out of respect of our visitors and speaker, we have postponed nomination of Officers and Directors until our June meeting. Election will be held in July. Installation will also take place in July. Remember you must be present and up to date in dues to have a voice in Nomination and Election.



"DO YOU JUST BELONG?"

Are you an active member  
The kind that would be missed,  
Or are you contented  
That your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings  
And mingle with the flock,  
Or do you stay at home  
To criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part  
To help the work along,  
Or are you satisfied  
To only just belong?

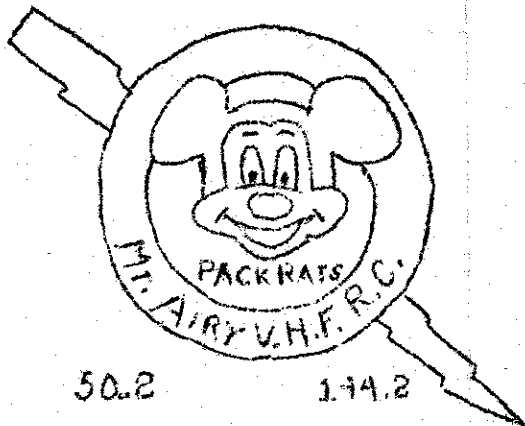
Do you ever go to visit  
A member who is sick,  
Or leave the work to just a few  
And talk about the clique?

Think it over member,  
You know right from wrong,  
Are you an active member -  
Or DO YOU JUST BELONG ?

Author Unknown

We notice lately that some of our  
members are missing. Somewhere along  
the line something must have happened.  
Our questions for the month are;  
WHY? and WHAT HAPPENED ?

FOR YOUR APPROVAL



OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF MT. AIRY?



Memories

What a grand time we had Saturday night,  
April 12th, at the Southwark A.C. If  
you weren't there, you don't know what  
you missed.

We had a delicious roast beef dinner,  
cut thick and well done, or rare as you  
like it.

The fine four piece orchestra of Charlie  
Gaines provided the music for dancing  
and the grand floor show. Frankie  
Richardson was the headliner, who took  
us back to the good old days of Vaudeville

The "RATS" pulled a dirty trick on me by  
presenting me with a beautiful handbag.  
Thanks, boys.

A special thank you to Joe and Margaret,  
our host and hostess, for inviting us.

SHOCK THEATER

If you connect all your chassis together  
with copper braid and connect to a  
common ground, YOU WILL AVOID THAT  
SHOCKING SITUATION.

T.V.I. HINT ON SIX

If you get into Channel 6 on your TV,  
connect a 2500 OHM resistor in series  
with one side of the TV antenna at the  
set.

INVITATION

The Bucks County Radio Club, through  
the courtesy of K2SHT, Sam, has invited  
us to pack a lunch and the family into  
the car and attend their "3rd FAMILY  
GET TOGETHER". PLACE: Picnic Grove at  
the foot of BOWMAN'S HILL, Washington's  
Crossing Park, Pa. DATE: Sunday, June  
1st, 1958. Those who attended last year  
had a grand time despite the rain.  
Come early and leave when you please.

"TOMBSTONE TERRITORY"



Borrowing from WFIL:

"Hitch horsesense to horespower."

Let's be realistic, not just a statistic.

A car can save you fare and also put you off the air.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank K3CIV, Ralph, for purchasing and delivering to my home, the mimeographing machine, ink, stencils and correction fluid. This makes it possible for me to do all the work at home.

I would also like to thank the person who donated the paper for this edition.

Thanks,  
Helen

Editor's Note

This paper is published once a month. Like a magazine it is sent out early, so please send in any information or contributions before the end of each month.

NOTE: All information about meetings will be printed in this paper, so please read it carefully, as it is the only notification of the meeting you will receive, unless there should happen to be a change unexpectedly. Should there a change, it will be announced on the nets, so be sure to listen and call in each Monday. 8:00 to 9:00 P.M. for 2 meters and 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. for 6 meters. W3SAO is net control for 2, and W3KKN is net control for 6. 144.2 and 50.2 respectively. Come on, boys, let's keep the nets hopping.

Thank you, Helen

Contributions  
From "The Rats"

W3FSC, Ozzie, reports that he is now conducting a code class for a Boy Scout Troop at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center on Monday nights. The class is for ten weeks. He says that there is an average attendance of 40 boys. (Give him a hand some night, if he should ask you.)

W3CPT, Ken, sent in the following, and also enough material for a long time.

Wife to sick husband: "What do you mean you have nothing to live for? The house isn't paid for, the car isn't paid for, the TV isn't paid for...."

One thing about the good old days---- if you bought a horse you could be pretty sure that the model wouldn't change next year.

From W3JAY, Goerge.

ADVICE TO YOUNG WRITERS

In promulgating esoteric cogitation and articulating superficial sentimentalities, philosophical and psychological observations, beware of platitudinous ponderosity, jijune babblement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous discantings and unpremeditated expiations have intelligibility and vivacity without thrasonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all polysyllabic propensity, psittaceous vacuity and ventriloquical verbosity. Shun double-entendre, imprudent jocosity, and pestiferous polluting profanity either obscure or apparent. Don't call names or use big words, but talk plainly and truthfully. (Must be a misprint, that sentence has too many common words.) All of which is mindful of Disraeli's phillipic for Gladstone; "He was a sophisticated rhetorician inebriated by the exuberance of his own verbosity."

QUOTED IN SCIENCE, JUNE 1954

(Definition: If you can't write anything nice, don't write.)

From the article on RATS, I found only the following that applies to the "PACK RATS":--"They are smart--- and they share generously."

Here is a story that I heard on the radio during World War Two: There were three bears, Papa, ~~Mama~~ and baby bear. Papa bear died. Out of the two that were left, which was the smallest? You don't know the answer? Gee you are stupid. Mama bear because she was a widow bear.

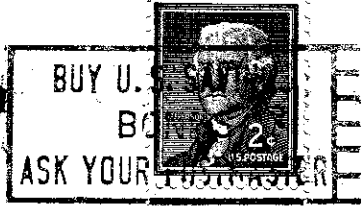
If you have any rig or antenna trouble, don't hesitate to ask for help, because that is what you belong to a club for.

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