

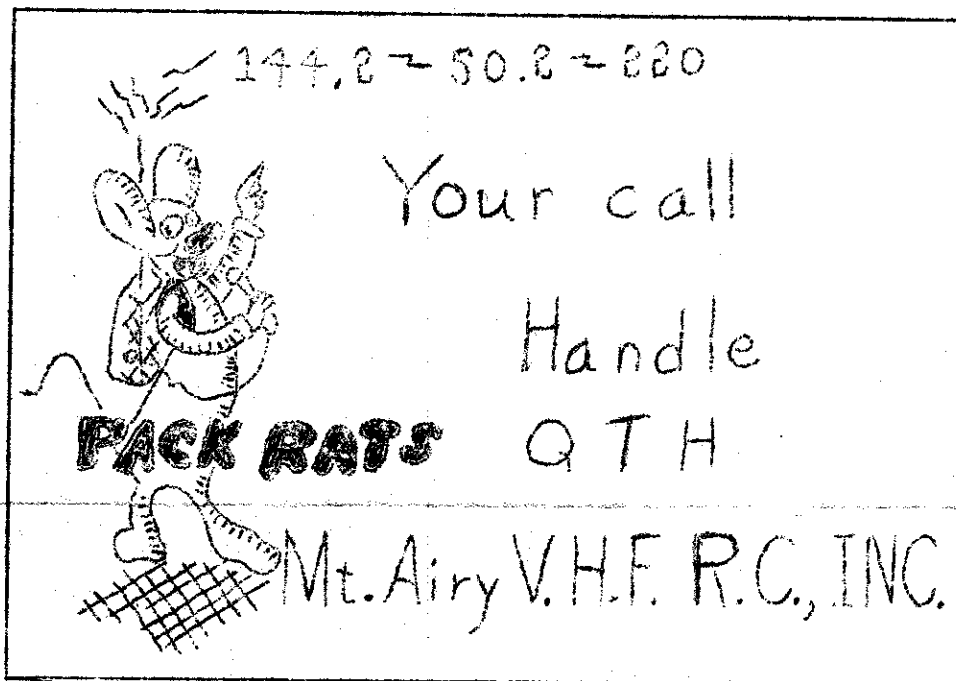
PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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CLUB Q.S.L. CARDS?



This sample card is presented for the approval of the membership, if you like it and would care to have some made, please be sure to let Frankie or I know. As you can see this is only the front of the card. All technical information will be on the left hand reverse side and room for address on the right reverse side. My conception of the RAT may not be as good as the original which Frankie has, and he will show it to you if you care to see it. W2SPV, Ed Kephart, is the printer for our club and he will make them up for any of the fellows who desire them. Ed also makes tablets, size 5½" X 8½", with your call and handle for \$1.50 for 50 sheets, or five (5) tablets for \$4.50. Here is a sample of what they look like. They are printed in blue.

W3SAO

Francis D. Brick

Our friends across the river request us to announce; - - - - -

S.J.R.A. HAM FEST
SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, 1958
"MOLIA FARMS"
OLD DELSEA DRIVE
MALAGA, NEW JERSEY

FEATURES OF THE DAY

THREE TRANSMITTER HUNTS

2 METERS - - - - 145.8

6 METERS - - - - 50.5

10 METERS - - - - 28.9

(Winner to be determined by shortest mileage)

Registration \$1.50 (mail) \$2.00 (grounds)

Picnic



SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th

FORT WASHINGTON STATE PARK, FLOURTOWN,
PENNSYLVANIA. U.S. 309 or PA. 73.
FROM PHILADELPHIA, ROUTE 422 (GERMANTOWN
AVENUE & PIKE) TO ROUTE 309.

We are hoping for clear weather, we had it two years running. Will our luck hold out? If it should rain, the picnic will be held on AUGUST 24th because of the ARRL Convention in Washington on the 17th.

We have the permit for the Park, and prizes are coming in through the mail.

The registration is only \$1.00 per family for our picnic.

We have games and prizes for everyone from 1 to 90, and free soda for all.

This is strictly a family affair, no transmitter hunts to take the OM away from the family.

The Park is State property, and we request that you abide by the rules and bring NO BEER.

(Aside from the Editor- I think that we should call it "FAMILY DAY" for that is what it is.)

Please do not make advance reservations. All monies will be collected at the Park.

See last page for route map and side information.

A FUNNY

Maybe one swallow doesn't make a summer, but it sure breaks a New Year's resolution.

"MINNIE THE MOUSER"

(Courtesy W3JAY)

A singing mouse named Minnie, in 1936, demonstrated a two-octave range on a national radio network, leading to the theory that all mice sing, but in a ultrasonic range.

(You can see, boys, that a member of the RAT family preceded you by twenty years)

TECHNICAL NEWS

I have been asked why the paper carries no technical news, and my answer was that none was sent to me. If you have any technical information that you would care to share with others, send it in. After all, I can only print the information that I receive.



TOMBSTONE TERRITORY

1 plus 1 equals 2, but

1 high voltage plus 1

unthinking HAM equals 1.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 654 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, CONN. MAY 22, 1958

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS, BT.

The proposals FCC made in it's Docket 12160 to require fewer notices to District Engineers, by amateurs operating portable or mobile, have been adopted and become effective June 24, 1958

The full text is in QST for November 1957, beginning on page 68.

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A FEW FUNNIES

Many a man now wishes that he had saved enough money during the Depression so he could afford to live through the present prosperity.

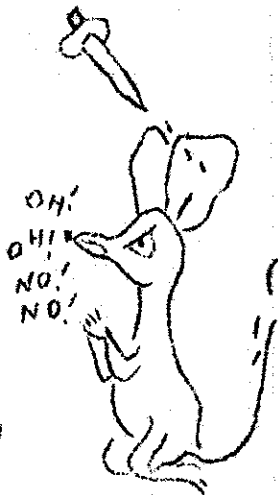
Hard work never killed anybody - - - but why take a chance being the first victim.

When the grass looks better on the other side of the fence, it may be that they take better care of it.

You've got to hand it to the income tax people -- or they'll come after you.

RAT SQUEAL

By
W3SAO



W3JST, Inez, XYL of W3FUL, Sam, has a code class for 6 YL's all working for their Novice ticket. Sam and Inez also celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary on June 12th. Best of luck to both of you.

W3HWV, Bill, says to look for him on the Monday night net at 8:40 P.M. from the RCA parking lot. He is at 144.3. He has a coffee break at that time.

W3OZP, Bill, our president, put a kink in his back while digging holes to place tomato plants in his garden. (Must have been digging for China.)

W3TNP, Bert, XYL of W3KKN, is running for treasurer of the Penn-Jersey Y.L. Club. Perhaps the tally is in by now. Bert, whether you won or lost, congratulations.)

W3CPT and W3SAO tried to demonstrate HAM RADIO to a Church Group, on 2 meters on Sunday June 8th, but it seems as though Ken's, rig was not getting out. Between the hours of 5:30 and 7:30 P.M. I logged 13 station on 2, and they only heard 3. (I had to stay home because the Jr. Op. had the measles.)

W3DIR's handle is John, not Tom. I was a b-a-a-d girl and must write it 100 times. (Sorry, John.)

W3IBH, Charlie is feeling much better after getting rid of four abscesses on his face.

K3CIV, Ralph, spoke to his daughter in Kansas by phone patch from W3KKN's QTH on 50 MC's. Ralph was tickled pink.

Everyone we hear on the air, who was at our May meeting, enjoyed it so much that the caretaker had to ask some of them to please leave so he could close the center.

Look for K3CIV and W3IXL to have more power on 6 meters.

K2LXI/3 and his XYL, May are expecting a blessed event in August. This is their first child and we will keep you posted whether it is blue or pink.

W1RJA, Ed and his XYL, Rae and Jr. OPs will attend our picnic. They are coming down Saturday, August 9th, and are spending the night with W3HYO, Lenny, and his XYL, Violet, so that they will not be late for the picnic.

Just heard from W3TNP, Bert, XYL of W3KKN that she was in the hospital for an operation. She is home now and doing fine.

K3BVZ, Ben, was heard on 50 MCs for the first time June 17th. He is using a home built rig. K3BHK, Jerry was helping him.

W2PAU, Brownie, was in the hospital for kidney stone operation. He is home now recuperating. All I can say is, that W3AYG and W2PAU, these two HAMS, with gall stones and kidney stones, were really rock bound.

"50 MC'S BAND OPENINGS"

We would like to start a 50 MC column on band openings. Any station that has worked on these openings, please send in a report.

This month we report the workings of; W3SAO, Frankie.

On Sunday, June 15th, during the QSO Party, Frankie worked West Palm Beach, Florida. Frankie's report in Florida was 5-9. He also heard Texas but was unable to raise them. (Please remember that he only has half of a 4 element Telrex beam.) With this half beam he has worked at least 5 States, so you with a whole beam, must have worked more.

W3AYG, John, sent in a beautiful three page report on 50 MC's, from his trip through the Southwest, but due to lack of space in this issue, it will be in the next issue.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to thank K3CIV, Ralph, for bringing me the Address-O-Plates, which were used to send out this issue. I used the Church machine this time, but they do have an extra one that I can use at home, but we cannot get it until we get a car. (It's too heavy for me to carry home.)

A SPECIAL CQ FROM THE ARRL

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 657 FROM ARRL HDQ'S WEST HARTFORD, CONN. JUNE 12, 1958

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

The FCC public notice of December 21, '50 and as since revised, in compliance with (Cont'd next page)

(ARRL BULLETIN NR 657 CONT'D)

with U S Treaty obligations, cautions FCC licensed amateurs not to communicate with stations in Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran and Vietnam.

Prefixes to be avoided are; F1B, XU, PK, EP, EQ, XV, 3W and YB to YH.

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Past Events

JUNE MEETING

Nomination of Officers was the order of business and the following members were nominated;

PRESIDENT -- W3FOZ - Charlie Koelsch
W3CL - Harry Stein
W3AYG - John Harris

VICE-PRES. - W3CXU - John Allen
W3JSD - John Houser

SECRETARY -- W3SAO - Frank Brick
K3CIV - Ralph Hersh

TREASURER -- W3CPT - Ken Harrison

DIRECTORS -- W3KKN - Ernie Kenas
K3CIV - Ralph Hersh
W3OZF - Bill Miller
W3AYG - John Harris

(I hear that someone put my name up for secretary, and that broke my wittle heart, because the directors promised me I could be president.)

We were privileged to have 16 visitors with us, and out of the 16, we received two applications for membership. We want to thank these friends for their interest in our small organization.

"AUCTION SALE"

Financially the sale was a success, we made more than enough to pay for the Address-O-Plates and stencils, but we were disappointed that we didn't have more to offer the members and visitors.

Coming Events

JULY MEETING

The July meeting will be held on Wednesday evening July 16th at 8:00 P.M., at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center Sedgwick & Thouron Sts. Mt. Airy.

Election of Officers will be the order of business, followed by a good old Rag chew.

We have a fine slate, so please attend and show your confidence in these men by casting your ballot.

We will also vote on the two new applications for membership.

ABOUT FIELD DAY

By the time you receive this issue, Field Day will be past, but I would like to quote a passage from a letter received June 20th, from W1UED, Perry F. Williams, Assistant Secretary, ARRL.

"Field Day can also be used to educate local-government and civil-defense officials in the emergency-communication potential of amateurs. Perhaps you can get the Mayor or Civil Defense Director to start the generator or call the first CQ. If your location is more-or-less public, you could have a guide or two on duty to explain the set-up to visitors, both official and casual."

I know that the club is strictly V.H.F. and so far has never participated, as a club, in Field Day. Don't you think we should? Remember the floods in this section in 1955? Communications were established by the HAMS, some of them sitting in two feet of water in the basement of their homes up State. Other HAMS set up communications in row boats. During the explosion and fires in South Amboy, New Jersey, a few years ago, the only means of communication out of the town was HAM RADIO. I know that all of you remember the snow storm of March of this year. These things have all happened, and, God forbid, they can happen again. Have you noticed that the Police and Fire Departments all use V.H.F. frequencies? V.H.F. frequencies are the most logical for short distance communications. Even the Armed Forces use them.

I feel that the club should participate in this most worthy venture.

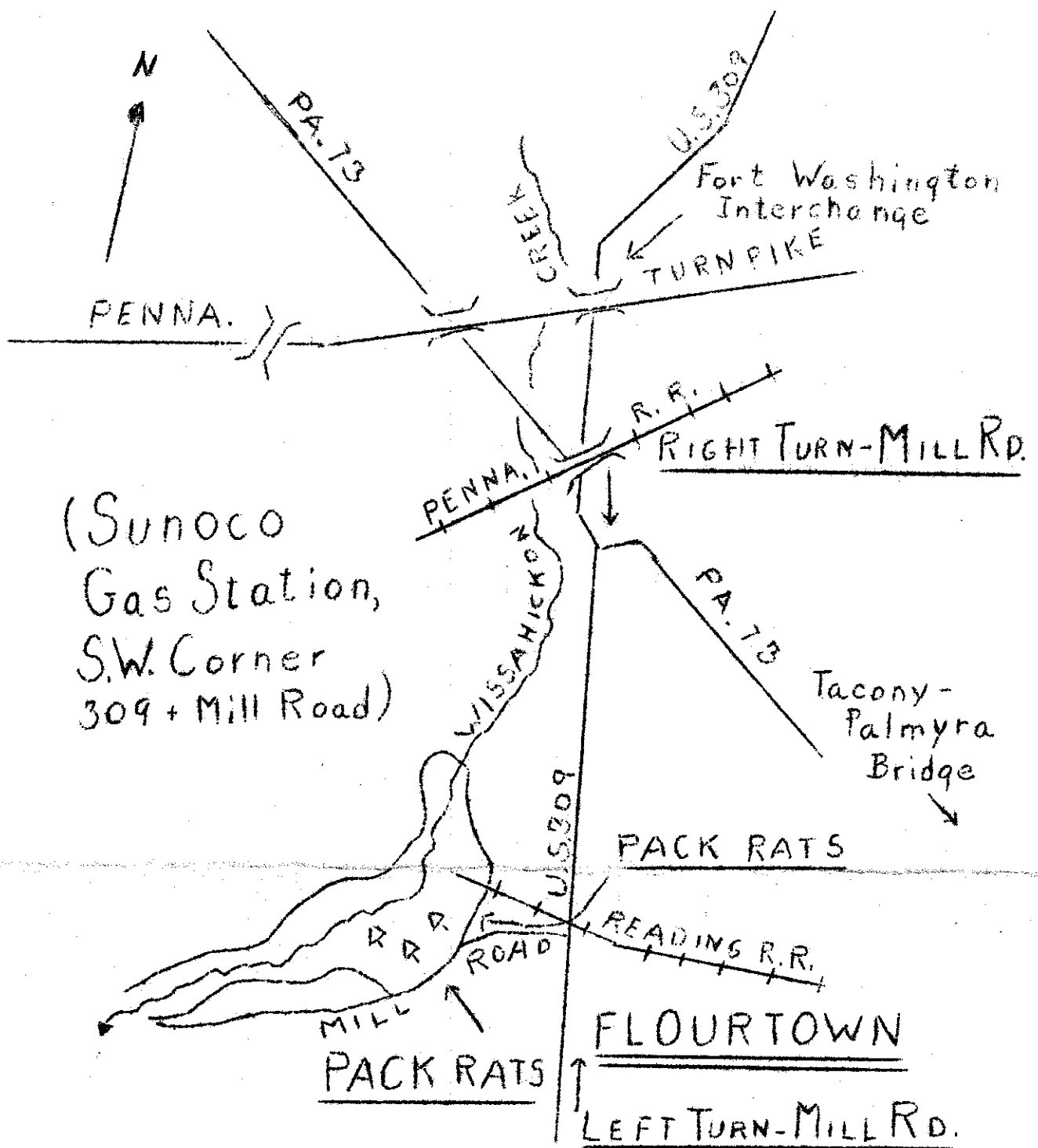
(Please forgive my lengthy dissertation on emergency operation, but that is how I feel about it. It means so much to so many people. Helen)

PICNIC -- AUGUST 10th

We will be on the air, both 2 and 6 meters to talk in anyone that needs assistance. W3AYG, John, will be on 6 meters. Right now we do not know who will be on 2 meters. Join in the nets on Mondays to find out any further information, and also anyother time that you hear Frankie or any other officer of the club on the air.

We hope that the weather will be fine, and are looking forward to seeing you.

U.S. 309 TO FLOURTOWN



"Pack Rats" Ham Fest - Sunday, Aug. 10th, 1958. Fort Washington State Park, Flourtown, Pa. Follow the Rat sign on U.S. 309. Registration, \$1.00 each family. A welcome to one and all from Mt. Airy U.H.F. Radio Club, Inc. Phila., Pa.

Come early ~ Leave late
(Rain date - Aug. 24th)

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BUY U.S. SAVINGS
BONDS
ASK YOUR



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