

PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is the first opportunity I have had to greet the members of the Club and our many good friends operating on the V.H.F. bands.

I want to talk about the coming January V.H.F. Contest which brings the interest in V.H.F. to a fever pitch each year. Our Club has on occasion been accused of being a "Contest Club". This is far from the truth if one looks back on the meeting program record of our Club during the past few years. I feel the January Contest serves as the final proving ground for new equipment, antennas, techniques, and operating skill. Of course, one only has to participate to feel the thrill of competition and friendly sectional rivalry.

In the past, most of the members were one-band operators, primarily 2 meters, but last year the majority of the gang added 6 meters to their stations. This year we also have a number of club members on 220 and 420 mcs. To do a good contest job, two-band or more operation is almost mandatory.

I know that many of the fellows are making plans for new rigs, antennas and converters. NOW is the time to put up that new stacked array not when the icicles are hanging off the whiskers; NOW is the time to get the bugs out of that speech equipment or to iron out those wrinkles in your switching system - not the night before the contest. Everything should be working "slick as a whistle" at contest time with many prior "dry runs" to prove out your gear.

I have appointed a Contest Committee consisting of W3KKN, W3HYO, W3HYJ and W3JSD, who are the "hot rods" on the V.H.F. bands and are formulating plans and ideas. They will issue timely bulletins between now and contest time.

Get in touch with them if you think you have a handy-dandy idea or kink - or if you need advice and help.

Our club policy has been to do the job with an active membership - no associates or last minute contest membership drives for us. A good job can be done with the application of SKILL and GUTS.

Come on, Pack Rats; let's give them a run for their money!

Gravvy B. Stein, W3CL

(Aside from the Editor; A pot of coffee also helps.)

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 671 FROM ARRL HDQS.
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. SEPT. 18, 1958.

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

The annual Simulated Emergency Test will be held October 11 and 12. All amateurs and especially AREC members are urged to participate in their local exercises or in handling traffic destined to ARRL.

civil defense and American National Red Cross. Consult your local Emergency Coordinator for details and sign up in the AREC if you are not already a member. Amateurs not taking part are requested to avoid use of the National Calling and Emergency Frequencies and local emergency nets during this week end. Calling and emergency frequencies are listed on page 81 September QST. Other information on the Simulated Emergency Test appears on page 87 of October QST.

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TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS. BT.

In order to give the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service more leeway in use of radio remote control and audio frequency shift keying, FCC on Sept. 19 released proposed rulemaking to amend present regulations to permit radio remote control of amateur stations on frequency bands at 230 mc and higher instead of 440 mc. and higher as now. Also proposed is addition of use of narrow band audio frequency shift keying to the entire six meter band. RACES regulations are similarly proposed for amendment to add, in the 50.35 to 50.75 Mc segment, type 6F2 emission. Deadline for comments on this proposal, docket 12607, is November 20.

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In moseying around W3FQD's library, one of the Pack Rats spotted these books on the shelf;

101 THINGS A BOY CAN MAKE WITH HUMAN SKIN

BRAIN SURGERY SELF TAUGHT

100 WAYS TO CHEAT AT POLO

THROUGH THE NASAL PASSAGE WITH GUN AND CAMERA

TOM SWIFT AND HIS ELECTRICAL GRANDMOTHER

SOCIAL AMENITIES OF THE MAU MAU

BOBBIE - THE TENDER STORY OF A BOY AND HIS SQUID

RAISING CHILDREN FOR FUN AND PROFIT

SO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SWAMP

EMBALMING CAN BE FUN

What gives, Dick? I thought Roland went to New York with his Ghouls. Did he leave one behind?

FROM THE MAIL BAG WE HEAR- - -

SYRACUSE V.H.F. ROUND-UP

The fourth annual V.H.F. Round-up will be held October 11, 1958, at Three Rivers' Inn, Route 57, north of Liverpool, New York; thruway exit 38 at 1:30 P.M. V.H.F. forum with Sam Harris, W1FZJ, moderator; 3:00 P.M. Walt Bain, W41RU, Scatter Propagation. 3:00 P.M. Handwriting Analysis Expert will entertain the ladies. Floor show and dancing, good food, plenty of prizes; fun for all. Bring the XYL. Registration - Early birds at 10:00 a.m., others at 12 noon. Pre-registration only, \$5.50. Write Bob Mele, 18 Homeland Road, North Syracuse, New York.

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SYRACUSE V.H.F. CLUB

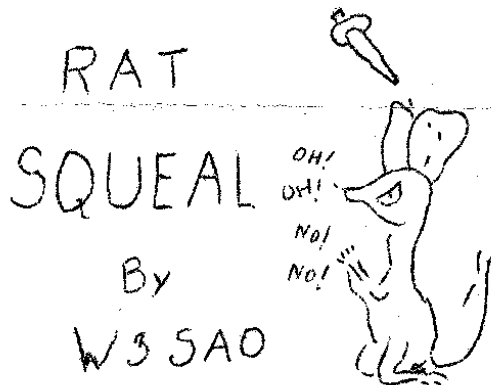
"COAL DUST" the organ of the A. W. A. TAMAQUA, PA.

Thanks boys, for the write up. There's only one correction; Frankie's call is NCT "Sick And Drunk" (SAD) but is "Sassy And Crnery" (SAC). Glad to hear you boys are going to town on your 6C4 xmtrs and rcvrs. Hey, Al; JAN tubes, where do you work? They are familiar letters around this QTH also.

OQ CHESTER COUNTY
Organ of the Chester County Emergency Net Club

We received a copy of their paper and a request to exchange papers with them from the Editor, W3DBL, Jim Collins. He and W3DBN, Florence, his XYL, are co-editors. This is a new V.H.F. Club and was formed August 27, 1958. (Please pass along your net frequency and day and time; perhaps some of the Pack Rats will call in just to let you know they are around.)

I am sorry that I misinformed you about W3FNF, Art. He did not join the Pack Rats Club, but did join them at the Ham Fest on August 10th. Excuse please, beg humble pardon. Editor Cheese Bits.



Understand that W3KKN is not allowed out without the permission of W3TNP after attending the meeting of the Johnsville Amateur Radio Club. Seems he didn't get home until the wee hours of the morning.

W3FCZ, Charlie, was in the Temple Hospital for an operation on the throat. We are happy to report that he is now at home and is back on the air.

K3BVZ sent his 2 meter Gonset back to Maryland for a new T-R switch. It's still NG. 2 was quiet for awhile.

The Pack Rats were represented at the Mobile Sixers Picnic on Sept. 28th by; W3KKN and his family, W3ASD, (Karl had on a white shirt and tie) and W3CL

W3HYG worked W3MDA, Chappel Hill, N.C. on 2 meter phone Wed. Sept 24, 11:45 P.M.

A bit of sad news must be reported here. W2ASG, Doc Mkitarian passed away on Sunday September 28th at the home of his daughter in Delaware. Doc was a swell guy and will be missed by all his Ham friends.

W3IBH reports, via the land line, that on September 14th, at 7:30 P.M., the call NALA/3 from the U.S.S. Galveston Cruiser was heard. Position 300 miles at sea. After having the call checked, it turned out that the operator was bootlegging the call and he was caught at the Navy Yard. Perhaps this is the answer to the QRRR signal heard by W3EIO on Sunday September 7th, that the Coast Guard and FCC were not able to trace at that time. W3CFS also heard the QRRR on six meters.

K3CRU, Geo., is either using or building a 2 element beam for six. Hope it works.

A poem from the XYL of W3AYG
A Pack Rat's Q.S.O.

Hi Brother Rat,
Knaw, knaw, knaw,
How are you receiving me?
Daw, Dit, Daw.

W3ZTL, our newly elected member, went on a business ? trip to the midwest and came home with a bride. Her handle is; Dolores. What kind of business, Miles?

W3SAO experimented on a high pass filter for 50 mc and lower bands. See July 1954 QST, Page 33 for schematic. It works fine no TVI on Channel 6 or 3 and it doesnot cut down reception as some traps do.

Past Events

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting was held on the 17th at the regular meeting place.

W3ZTL, Miles Groce, was elected into the membership. There was one other Ham up for membership, but it was decided that everyone up for membership must be present at the meeting when the vote is taken, so that the other members can meet him. I did not give you W3ZTL's address as it is included in the revised membership list on the last page of this issue. This new list was necessary due to the fact that some members have moved, and some were dropped at their own request.

Following the meeting we were pleasantly entertained by the films of the Ham Fest. Nice weren't they? I had a sneak preview on the 11th because I had a meeting of my own to attend on the 17th.

Just a little note; It is time for all members to check on their dues. If you need confirmation, contact Ken, W3CPT, and he will set you straight. Don't forget: To be a Pack Rat, and remain a Pack Rat, you must be ACTIVE on 2 or 6 meters.

and call in on the Nets each Monday night. 2 meters, 8:00 P.M.; W3SAO net control, 144.2; 6 meters, 9:00 P.M.; W3KKN, net control. If you have gear for 220 that net goes on at 10:15 with W3VIR, net control. The 420 net is not established as yet.

Are YOU a PACK RAT or just a member of the club?

Coming Events

OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15th, at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgwick and Thouron Streets, Mt. Airy, at 8:00 P.M.

Our speaker will be, Joe Walsh, from the FCC. What his topic will be, I do not know, but I can think of two very good topics. One is the explanation of the ARRL Bulletin number 672, on the second page of this issue; or, the indiscriminate use of the phone patch, which most of you know, is being done.

On Tuesday, October 14th, K3CIV, Ralph, has been invited to show the pictures of the Ham Fest, at the meeting of the North Penn Radio Club. This invitation is open to any member of the Pack Rats. Their meetings are held at the Harleysville Fire House, Harleysville, Pa. The Firehouse is not on Route 63; but you take route 63 from Willow Grove, and make a left turn off of Route 63 in Harleysville. Anyone in Harleysville can tell you where the Firehouse is.

HA, HA, HA'S

JOKES

When success turns a fellows head, it usually wrings his neck.

Saving money is still a pretty good idea - - it may be valuable again sometime.

Nothing can cook your goose quicker than a hot temper.

If taxes aren't cut pretty soon, people may be forced to marry for love.

He who laughs last - didn't get the joke

DEFINITIONS

EGG: An overdose of vitamin I

BACHELOR: A guy who never Mrs. anyone.

PHILOSOPHER: A man who can look into an empty bottle and smile.

INSURANCE TERMS

LAPSE: What people get when they sit.
(Continued next month)