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Wasn't that a great Pack Rat picnic on August 12th? The weather was good, the picnic committee provided us with many scheduled activities, and it certainly was nice to chat with our QCWA friends, families of our members and others whom we seldom see except for this occasion.

Having been picnic chairman some years ago, I am personally aware of the amount of effort that this event entails. This includes the chairman's planning, management and the delegation of responsibilities so that the many tasks associated with the picnic will be properly accomplished. Obviously all were done well, thanks to our picnic chairman, Don, W3CJU, and to all the others, too numerous to cite individually, who assisted him.

When someone does a job well repeatedly and with little fanfare we frequently take him and the job for granted and forget the amount of effort expended to accomplish it. There are numerous examples of this in our club activities, but at this time it is most appropriate to acknowledge one of these persons. For many years, when picnic time rolls around, he has assumed the responsibility for placing direction signs around a large area, bring numerous items of Pack Rat memorabilea and putting them on display, and providing coffee, tables PA system and a host of other items at the picnic site. He did the job 39217 this year in spite of significant problems with his health, and he did it extremely well; even the membership rosters were completely up to date. Therefore the risk of incurring the wrath of those not mentioned individually above, special kudos to Frankie, W3SAO.

Dick, W3FQD

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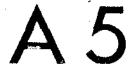
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 to attend; big flea market, activities for children and ladies.
 Money Prize drawing, first prize \$300.00. Transmitter hunts,
 tube guessing. Plenty of food available. Talk-in 16/76, 94/94
 and 52.525. Registration \$3.00 at door.
 - 25th Annual SJRA Hamfest and Picnic Molia Farms, Malaga, N.J. K2AA, Talk-in 7.26 Mhz, 50.3 Mhz and 146.19/79. Protected bathing area. Plenty of picnic tables. Gigantic swap shop and table and tail-gate selling. Valuable ham prizes. Registration \$3.00 per family.
- 9 Findlay Ohio Hamfest.
- Board of Directors Meeting QTH to be announced.
- 14,15,16

 ARRL Roanoke Division Amateur Radio Convention, Sheraton Convention Center, Reston, Virginia. Three big action filled days of talks, meetings, contest, flea market, films, banquets and a Wouff Hong Ceremony. See W3CL or W3HK for a circular with registration forms.
 - The Hamburg International Hamfest Erie County Fair Grounds, Hamburg, N.Y.
- 15 17 l6th Annual Pennsylvania QSØ Party. Send logs to Nittany ARC, P.O. Box 60, State College, Pa. 16801. See QST for rules and full details.
- Space Net Contest, honoring Apollo 10. 6:00 p.m. your local time to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Single or multi-op category. Club participation. Trophies 1st and 2nd place. In 4 power classes Each QSO = 2 points. Each different zip code = 1 multiplier. Each contact on different VHF bands counts as 2 points; zip code, however, only counted once. All modes except repeaters. Join the fun send in your logs for the Pack-Rats to Tony Slapkowski, WB2MTU, Director, Box 909, Sicklerville, N.J. 08081
 - Third Outdoor Meeting of the season -WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Last chance to clean up the cellar before the winter sets in. If you missed the hamfests, one chance remains. QTH, Joe Rushton, W3YXF, 107 Rosewood Drive, Lansdale, Pa. (see enclosed map) All area hams from all clubs cofdially invited to attend. Refreshments available.

OCTOBER

- 7 2nd Annual Pack Rat HAMARAMA, There are still some jobs open. Please contact Dave Zimmerman, W3ZD and offer your services.
- First Indoor Meeting of the season. Note new meeting place. Map included in this issue.
- 21 Gaithersburg, Maryland, Hamfest.

VHF/UHF REPORT BY JOE, W2IEF

The VHF bands seem to be suffering from the usual midsummer effect; that is vacations, lawn mowing and other outside activities. The VHF nets on Monday nites seem to be holding their own. The meteor showers have come and gone for August and some of the boys in the Northeast worked Texas, Oklahoma and South Dakota. I had no luck as usual either East or West.

August 17 has produced a UHF/VHF tropo opening for the last 4 years running. It will be interesting to see if it happens again. Keep your ears open!

Six meters was open Friday, August 10 around noon time with California stations coming in nicely but from the Northwest! I managed to work Stan, W6ABN with good signals. Also, there was a short skip (400 miles) at the time but found no signals on 2 meters. Don't forget the September QSO Party which starts Saturday afternoon, 3:00 p.m. September 8 and ends 2 a.m. Monday morning. You can pick any 2 consecutive 14 hour periods within that time frame to operate. I usually operate part of the 1st 14 hour period, get some sleep, go to the SJRA Picnic and return to work the last 8 hours or so of the contest. It is a sort of fun contest mostly looking for sections, and because they count as additional multipliers when worked on another band, all VHF bands are active. So have fun and put in a little time on it and make sure your gear is ready for January.

> Good luck *

PACKRAT CERTIFICATE

As Chairman of the Awards Committee and certificate makerouter, I have been asked by W3CL to outline the requirements for earning our beautiful certificate. It is printed in blue on a gold background. The names and call of the certificate winners are hand printed in two colors. I know of no other certificate which is done in this way. It is free, and only requires that, when you work the required number of stations, you prepare a list of the stations with the frequency, time and date worked. The requirements are as follows:

- 1. Standard Certificate: Work 30 packrat stations on any band, 50 Mhz through 1296 Mhz or up. Submit list with frequency, time and date worked to W2EIF, Jo R. Kilgore, No. 5 Sunnybrook Court, Stratford, N.J. 08084. If you are over 50 miles from City Hall, Phila., you need to work only 10 Packrats.
 - 6 Meter Certificate: Same rules as above except all contacts on 6 mtrs.
 2 Meter Certificate: Same as number 1 except all on 2 meters.

 - Ditto for 220, 432 and 1296 except number is 10 instead of 50.
- January Contest Certificate: If within 50 miles of Phila. City Hall, work 50 Packrats on 6 and 2 meters. These should be different stations. If you are beyond 50 miles from Phila. the number is 20. Good Hunting!

Joe, W2EIF

VISITORS AT THE AUGUST 15TH MEETING (FROM OUR GUEST SIGNATURE BOOK) Carmela, XYL, W3ELX; Susan, XYL, K3HIN; Loretta, XYL, K3GAS; Helen, XYL, W3SAO (Mother Rat); Harriet, XYL, K3IUV; Lorraine, XYL, K3JJZ; Sylvia, XYL, W3CL; Florence (WA 2WYE), XYL, W2AXU; Teddy, XYL, WA3JSR. K3PXX, Terry Runyon, Phila. K2UYH, Al Katz, West Windsor, N.J.

TID BITS

Sixteen clubs were represented at the Pack Rat Picnic among them the LIGA Colombiano De Radio Aficionados. HKlAMW/W3, Bolmar attending college here and Tony, HK4CYX/W2 who is in the U.S. on a work visa. We exchanged some interesting stories (The editor lived 2 years in Brazil). A couple of old friends and former 'ack Rats showed up, W2KFC/4, Lee and Big John, K2SMZ. It was real nice to see them once again.

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The regular outdoor meeting on August 15th ended up indoors due to threatening weather conditions. Over 40 members and guests ended up in the living room of K3IUV our host. We were lucky all the regular furniture had been removed as the result of a redecorating job, our hosts were most gracious and many thanks to Harriet and Bert. Helen (Mother Rat) ran some interesting color film of past picnics. Doc, K3GAs showed some excellent slides of club events. Mario, W3ELX showed some unusual night shots of our recent Hilltown venture. Of all the pictures taken during the raising of the 28 foot moonbounce dish at K2UYH, the ones shot by Jack, W2AXU were outstanding. Al Katz, (K2UYH) our guest that evening did a running commentary during the slide showings and fielded a number of questions. The XYL's present seemed to enjoy the technical presentation. We all adjourned after the meeting to the kitchen for coffee, danish and small talk.

Congratulations to the Warminster ARC making number 1 in the July 21, 22 VHF Space Net Contest. Bob, WA3HOW led the pack with first place in the low power class and high man in his club. Rich, K3ACR was first in the medium power group and led the Pack Rats who came in second in club participation. Our typist, Marsha, WA3TEM (home from a 2 week Switzerland vacation) drove the editor to the mini-hamfest at the QTH of WB2MTU on Sunday August 19th. It was a pleasure to receive the awards for Rich, K3ACR (on vacation) and the Pack Rats. It was a fun get together meeting the Space Net crowd, many for the first time in person. Our ad salesman K3MXM, his XYL, Peggy and Paul, WA3HIT were the other Mt. Airy representatives. Thanks for the nice time and the goodies, Tony. We are looking forward to the September 15/16 contest honoring Apollo 10. Keep those zip codes rolling.

Tony, WB2MTU reports the discovery of a new comet named KOHOUTEC after its Checkoslovak discoverer. It will be visible to the eye starting the week of December 29, 1973 and is expected to be as spectacular as Haley's Comet was in 1910. There is a possibility that VHF communications will be affected.

It is reported that WA7FSI (Gary) recently a participant in the Space Net Contest is located on a 7900 foot peak in Idaho and is looking for contacts on 6 meter SSB or CW.

Congratulations to Woody, W3PST (recently recovered from a bout with a kidney stone) who has been appointed to the ARRL Emergency Communications Advisory Committee.

Our condolences to Alan Rubin, K3AUH and family on the recent death of his father

Tony, KlSFF/3 has been up in VE3 land weeding a lake bottom.

New Pack Rat directories are in preparation. Please submit any changes to W3CL or W3FQD.

CENTRAL STATES VHF CONFERENCE 1973 BY JACK POWER, W2AXU

The Central States VHF Society held their 7th Annual VHF conference at the Marriott Inn in Bloomington, Minn. near Minneapolis, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 17, 18 and 19. There were 105 radio amateurs registered. They brought their families and represented all call areas. The East Coast was represented by WlHDQ, WA2WOM, K2RTH, K2RIW, W2AZL, W2UK, W2AXU, W3GEY and K3KMV. The program for the conference was excellent and of a technical nature that would hold the interest of any VHF amateur. WlHDQ, Ed Tilton presented a slide show. The History of EME (Earth Moon Earth propagation) - showing equipment used by radio amateurs from the first efforts to the present day. Dick Knadle, K2RIW, CONTINUED

CENTRAL STATES VHF CONFERENCE 1973 CONTINUED

gave two very informative talks, one on VHF/UHF Antenna Design and the other on High Power Transmitter Idiosyncrasies. Mel Wilson, W2BOC presented a special lim produced by WA5HNK of Mel's maps of the Es opening of November 8, 1970. The Es was in animated form showing the birth, the life and the death of the sporadie E clouds for that day in 5 minute intervals.

Jan King, W3GEY, Vice President of AMSAT, gave a preview of the forthcoming Oscar 7. It is expected to be launched in April or May, 1974. It will contain a transponder with input between 432.125 and 432.175 Mhz and the output between 145.975 and 145.925 Mhz at 14 W PEP output. There will be a beacon at 145.980 Mhz. A second transponder will have an input between 145.85 and 145.95 Mhz and the output between 29.50 and 29.40 Mhz with a beacon on 29.5 Mhz. There will be a beacon on 435.1 Mhz and on 2304 Mhz. Jan showed slides of OSCAR 6 and the future OSCAR 7 in the making. Walt Boin, W3LTU, talked on Metcor Scatter as only an expert in the field can as ellected to by his exploition in meteor scatter communications.

Roy Hejhal, who has a K7 call from Pheonix, Az., representating Motorola, talked on VHF/UHF Solid State Amplifier Design discussing many design parameters and pitfalls. Stephen Mieth, W6YFK, presented a slide-talk show on 1296/2304 Mhz Hints and Kinks. From my standpoint it was what every well equiped 1296/2304 Mhz ham station on NASA traking station should have. This fellow is fantastic! His equipment is professional in every respect, but is ham constructed - except for the dish and 584 mount of course. His tapes and TV pictures from the Apollo Rover Skylab mission are professional quality.

John Fox, WØLER, and Ron Dunbar, WØMJS, discussed a new found interesting phenomenon they have observed on OSCAR 6 and other orbiting bodies - inverted doppler. It has been discussed in the VHF column of QST and has raised many extrems because the phenomenon does not follow the theory.

The Saturday night banquet was a great success with the ladies dressed so colorfully in their long gowns and looking so beautiful. The Third John T. Chambers Memorial Award was presented to Ralph (Tommy) Thomas, W2UK, for his outstanding contributions to VHF/UHF amateur radio. WlHDQ made the presentation. Larry Shima, WØPAN, the Dakota Division Director, was the main speaker and he was followed with a few remarks by Charles Compton, WØBUO, the First Vice-President of the ARRL. Prizes were distributed to the lucky and then all dispersed to the various rooms for more sociability and technical talk. Next years' conference will be in Colorodo the same weekend.

FROM GLENSIDE NEWS - AUGUST 16, 1973 - SCOUTS LEARN MOORSE CODE Several hundred boy scouts participated in code classes held at the national Scout Jamboree in Moraine State Park, according to Jamboree Counselor for the merit badge, Pete Shavney, WA30HV from Glenside.

Shave 521d, "This was a unique experience, teaching requirement 5 WPM (Interact conal Morse Code) to the huge groups of scouts at the same time. Due to the same of the classes, it was necessary to use the PA system, part of the 1.S. Nav exhibit:"

Several dozen scouts were successful in completing the five word per minute code est (same as the novice license) held the last day thereby qualifying for the 'Partial certificate. Many more had learned enough code to qualify easily exponeture home."

n estimated three to four hundred scouts also enjoyed using the elaborate tation facilities set up by the American Radio Relay League for the Jamboree. our transmitters were in simultaneous operation and the scouts completed contacts o over 3,500 stations in all 50 states and 60 foreign countries. In addition CONTINUED

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SCOUTS LEARN MOORSE CODE CONTINUED

to the 44,000 scouts at Jambo-East, about 30,000 attended Jambo feet at Faragut. State Park, Idaho, and twice a day schedules via amateur radio were maintained.

Editors Note: Pete, WA30VH is one of our own Pack Rats.

NEW PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO HAMS By Lyn, W3NSI

- 1. 500 Mhz Prescalers: The Micro-Z Co. has introduced three prescalers which may be used with low frequency counters to measure frequency up to 500 Mhz. The PS 510 will divide by ten or 100 making it possible to use this unit with counters that normally go only to 5 Mhz. A second unit, the P\$ 502, will divide by ten to 300 Mhz or by 20 to 500 Mhz. The PS-170 divides by ten to 300 Mhz. Price PS 510 \$230, PS 502 \$150; PS 170 \$60.

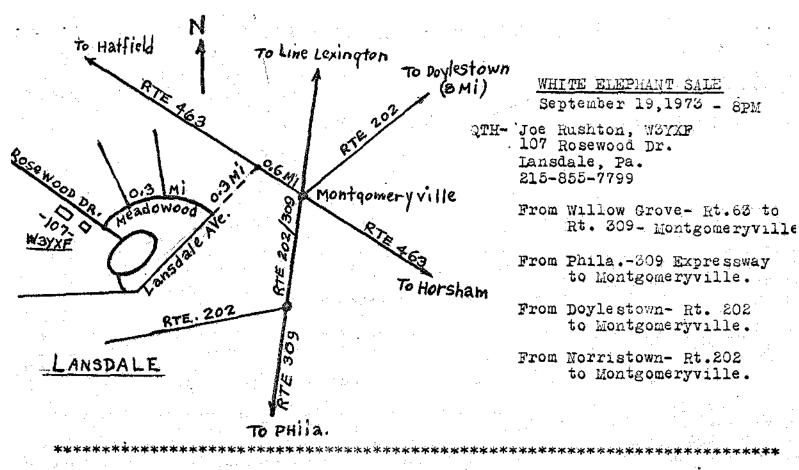
 Micro-Z Co., Bex 2426 Relling Hills, California 90274.
- 2. 432 Mhz Beam Antenna: VHF Communications type 70/MBM 46 is a 20 Db gain 46 element beam broadbanded to cover the 420-450 Mhz range. Length is 104" and weight is 6 pounds. Price \$52.50.
 VHF Communications East, 915 N. Main Street, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701.
- 3. VHF PM Power Amplifiers: KLM Electronics now has a line of 6-146 Mhz solid state power amplifiers with outputs up to 140 watts, with 1 watt input. A unit for 220 Mhz and two for 432 Mhz are also available, with outputs of 60 and 30 watte in that order. Prices \$40 \$200. KLM Blectronics, 1600 Deck Street, San Martin, California 95046.

MOTICE: If you have SSB capability please check-in to the East Coast VHF SSB Association Net on Sunday mornings at 11 A.M. on 50.175 Mhz, The ne t control stations rotate to WAZSAZ, WAZCVF, KZEGH and WAZAXV

OPFICIAL BULLETIN NR. 439 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON, CONN. AUGUST 16, 1973 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT The has proposed in Docket 19759 that the frequencies 224-225 MHz be withdrawn . from the amateur service to create an additional citizens radio service to be called Class E: the present Calss D service at 27 MHz would continue in operatin as well. The full text of the proposal appears in August QST beginning on page ! Comment from individual amateurs and radio clubs may be filed with the Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554 on or before Sept. 20. Formal participation requires an original and 14 copies, in many communities photo copy machines are available in public libraries. As has been earlier reported by bulletin from this station, the ARRL Board of Directors has taken a stand strongly opposition the removal of the 224-225 MHz frequencies from the amateur allocation and has " titged the filing of comments by individual amateurs as well. AR OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 440 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON, CONN. AUG. 23, 1973, SA ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT: At the July ARRL Board Meeting, plans were finalized the establishment of an Emergency Communications Advisory Committee. **Manbership is composed of W**2URP W3PST W4IYT K5SVD W6INI W7IBU W8ERD W9Q8H W**6**PB VE3DV with WA4PBG as obsirmen. Correspondence relating to emergency communication tions pay be directed to the committee or to ARRL Headquarters for forwarding; be with the other ARRIVadvisory committees in the fields of contests, by and repeaters, the new ECAC provides an additional opportunity for membership imput. AR

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Congratulations to George, WA3DNC and Lois his bride-to-be. They will be married on Sept. 8th in Pennsburg, Pa. George has his pilots license and they are going on a flying honeymoon across the USA.

WZEIF worked WlyPW in Maine on 1296 Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1973 at 9PM -- thats a 318 mile haul. Pretty FB for 15 Watts from Stratford, N.J.

Here is a new telephone number listing for Bill Murphy, K3ZSG, 215-272-0558.

Refer to page 7 of this issue in connection with ARRL OB NR 439, the following information was received. The members of the club are urged to make the suggested observations and report to the Communication Mgr.ARRL as noted below.

Aug. 24, 1973

Allofficial Observers:

In connection with our previous request to monitor CRS bands, please also, if possible, monitor areas adjacemt to CRS bands for illegal CB activity therein, and include any such in your reports. The following frequency segments are assigned as indicated, and CB activity therein is illegal: 25.02-25.32 MHz(Petroleum); 27.235-27.275(Industrial); 27.29-27.37(Special Industrial); 27.39-27.53 (Business).

ARRL has requested extension of time which, if granted, will give us more leeway, 73.

George Hart, WlnJM Comm. Mgr., ARRL



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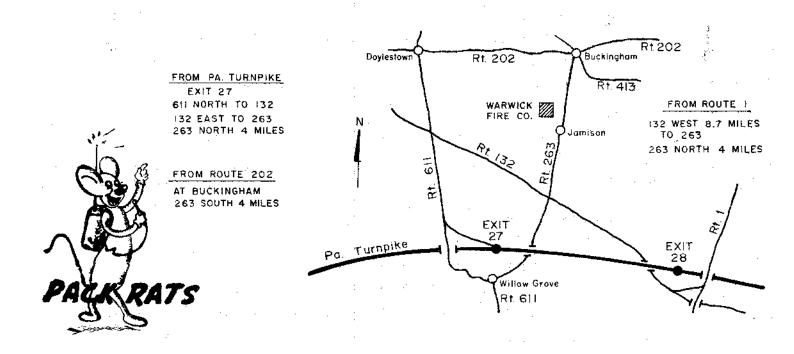
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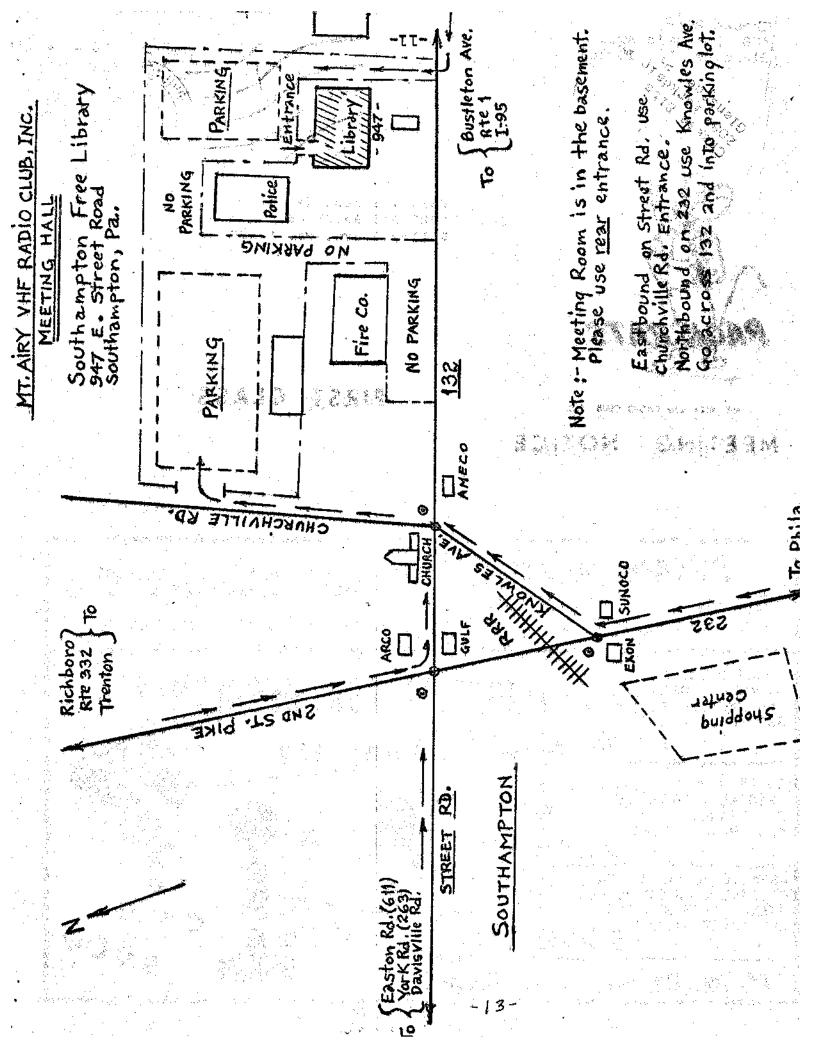
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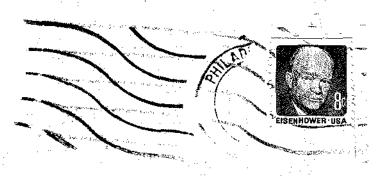


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