

PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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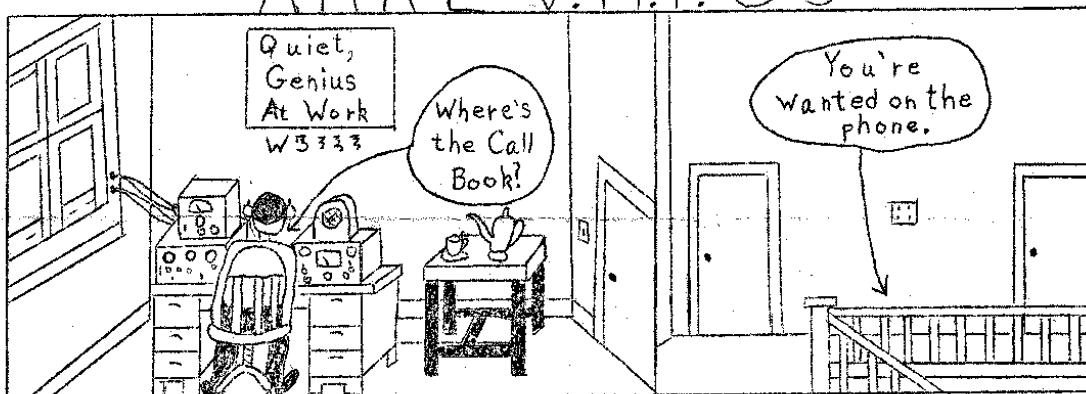
MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB INC., PHILADELPHIA, PA.
(144.2, 50.2 MCS. and 220)
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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

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ARRL-V.H.F.-SS



JANUARY 10th & 11th

The major contest event of the v.h.f. man's year is the V.H.F. Sweepstakes. Normally held the first week end in January, it was moved to the second this year to space it out a bit from the holiday week end. One change in the rules is made for the 1959 contest. A major inequity that came to light for the first time last year has been removed. Contacts can be made between different time zones only when the contest is under way for both zones. If we get an f2 opening Saturday afternoon the East Coast will not be able to clean up at the expense of the West. Details elsewhere in this issue. Reserve that second week end in 1959 right now.

RULES FOR SS CONTEST

- 1- Eligibility; Amateur operators in any ARRL section (See page 6 Dec. QST.) operating at home, or mobile or portable under one call on or above 50 Mc. are invited to take part.
- 2- Object; Participants will attempt to contact as many other stations in as many ARRL sections as possible.
- 3- Contest periods; The contest starts at 2:00 P.M. your local time, Saturday, Jan. 10, 1959, and ends at midnight, Sunday, Jan. 11, 1959. Contacts between stations in different time zones can be counted only when the contest period is in progress in both of the zones concerned.
- 4- Exchange; Contest exchanges, including all data shown in sample, (Dec. QST page 67) must be transmitted and receipted for as a basis for each scored point.
- 5- Scoring; (a) Contacts count one point when the required exchange information has been received and acknowledged, a second point when exchange has been completed in both directions.

- 5- Scoring (b) Final score is obtained by multiplying total contact points by the sum of different ARRL sections worked (the number in each of which at least one SS point has been credited) plus 10.
- 6- Conditions for Valid Contact Credits;
- (a) Repeat contacts on other bands confirmed by completed exchanges of up to two points per band may be counted for each different station worked. (Example; W1HDQ works W1RFU on 50 and 144 Mc. for complete exchanges of 2 points on each band; 2 plus 2 gives 4 points but only one section multiplier.)
 - (b) Cross band work shall not count.
 - (c) Portable or mobile station operation under one call, from one location only, is permitted.
 - (d) A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under more than one other call during the contest period.
 - (e) Contacts with aircraft mobiles cannot be counted for section multipliers.
- 7- Awards; Entries will be classified as single or multi-operator, a single operator station being defined as one manned by an amateur who neither receives nor gives assistance to any person during the contest period. Certificates will be awarded in each ARRL section to the top-scoring amateur in the single-operator classification. In addition, a certificate will be awarded to the top Novice and Technician in each ARRL section where at least three such licensees submit valid contest logs. Multi-operator work will be grouped separately in the official results in QST. When three or more individual club members compete and submit logs naming the club with which they are identified, an ARRL certificate will be issued to the leading club member. When less than three individual logs are received there will be no club award or club mention.
- A gavel with an engraved sterling-silver band will be offered the club whose secretary submits the greatest aggregate score, provided such scores are confirmed by receipt at ARRL of the individual contest logs from such members. Only the score of a bona fide club member, operating a station in club territory, may be included in club entries. Claims from federations, radio club councils, or other combinations of radio clubs, will not be accepted, nor can special memberships granted for contest purposes be granted.
- 8- Conditions of Entry; Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions of this announcement, the regulations of his licensing authority, and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.
- 9- Reporting; Reports must be post-marked no later than January 28, 1959, to be considered for awards.

From pages 93 and 67 December QST

Come on boys, let's back up the contest committee, W3KKN, Ernie, W3HYO, Lenny, W3HYJ, Joe, and W3JSD. John by getting your scores into them early so that they can total the aggregate score for the club, and get them to the ARRL in time for computation of competitive scores from other clubs.

Read the rules, and remember no matter how few contacts you make, your little bit helps to make the club score larger.

(Editor's note) I know that most of you do not like the Plus 10 multiplier. May I be so bold as to point out that the only way you can have it removed from the rules is to have every club in the country refuse to enter the contest, WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE. Whether or not you like the Plus 10, get in there and pitch. DO NOT LET THE CLUB DOWN! The club has been in two SS Contests and has had a very good showing, third and fifth. Let's not spoil it now.

On the next page you will find DX Listings for Six meters contributed by W3HKZ. Also sideband stations, if you have equipment for sideband. If you know of other stations not listed, look for them and try to work them.

A TIP OF THE HAT AND THANKS TO W3HKZ, ED.
FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

DX STATIONS ON 6 METERS

JAPAN: JALAA, JALSQ, JALBIR, JALBTH,
JALBDF and JA2AQ

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS: KH6AR, KH6UK, KH6CTC
KH6BP and KH6OR

BRITISH COLUMBIA: VE7NM, VE7AFB, VE7CN,
VE7KD and VE7AQQ

EUROPE: SM5CHH, SM7ZN, SM6MAR, SM6BIT,
1LAL, BI2W, G3BTA, G3ITK, G3EHY
and LA9T

UNITED STATES

MAINE: K1OJ, W1QZM and W1WAS

VERMONT: W1MMN, W1MCP, W1NH and W1OAK

RHODE ISLAND: W1CPC, W1OSG and W1FVZ

NEW HAMPSHIRE: W1OC

ALABAMA: K4JJJ, K4HJB, K4DYS and K4PIY

GEORGIA: W4FBH, W4FWH, K4GYZ and W4ING

N. CAROLINA: K4VAZ, W4CVQ, K4BYW, K4JJA,
K4KSM, W4NHV, W4ZXL and W4YSB

S. CAROLINA: W4NWB and W4TSE

LOUISIANA: W5IVI and W5PHS

MISSISSIPPI: K5ATH

NEW MEXICA: W5KWP and W5TIE

ARIZONA: W7QAP, K7BPC, K7EEA, W7RUX,
W7ALE, W7HIP, W7GDK, W7GRA,
W7OAU, K7ESG, W7ESQ, W7BHB
and W7JBX

MONTANA: W7ENG, W7LHK, W7CJN, W7JRC
and W7EGN

IDAHO: W7ACD, W7DDP, W7COL and W6BEZ/7

WYOMING: W7ILL and W7UFB

UTAH: W7DTB, W7BHF, W7GVE, W7FYC, W7QDJ
and W7RQS

NEVADA: W7MAH, W7JIV, K7EQO and W7JLV

COLORADO: KØGIL, WØCNM, WØFKY, KØCLS,
WØTII, KØISL, and WØIXF

NORTH DAKOTA: WØHMQ and WØYSJ

NEBRASKA: KØCHK, WØYSY, KØMSS, KØIAN,
WØ BTG and WØYOY

IOWA: WØPFP

SIDEBAND STATIONS ON 6 METERS

K9DTF-Wis., KØDGE-Mo., W4AYV-Florida,
W2SPY-N.Y., W2ZOI-N.Y., K5BEL-Texas,

K4IYO-Ga., W7MAN-Nev., WØCHK-Neb.,
W2EWN-N.Y., W1BIM-Mass., K2OFE-N.J.,
W3OBU-Hummelstown, Pa., W2IQR-N.Y.,
W2MHK-N.J., K2HHC-N.J., W1QCC-Maine,
W5KPKZ-Texas, K4DEL-, W1RJA-Conn.,
K9CSI-Ill., W3HFY-Havertown, Pa.,
W3IBN-Phila., Pa., W3HKZ-Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Just had to include his news note;

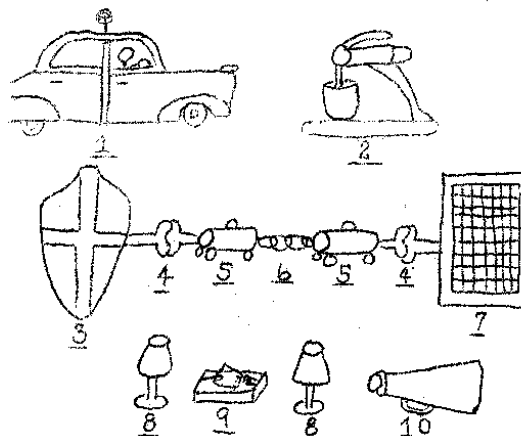
A six meter station near Portland, Ore-
gon tape recorded JALBTH (name is Kazu)
and played it back with his beam facing
a well known South Jersey ham and he did
not identify his K7 call - you should
have heard all the stations around here
calling CQ Japan ! TNP and HKZ bit.

Ed sent much more information but we
save it for another edition.

W3ZRR, Ray gives this bit of advice;
"When working on the rig, remove your
watch, rings and other loose jewelry
so as to avoid serious electrical
burns."

In keeping with K9AHK's article, "The
Perils of Six Meters" on page 75, Dec.
QST. While working on the drawing for
the SS Member Check-off list, Sunday,
November 30th, (my work shop is in the
shack) and Frankie was listening around
the 6 Meter band, we heard a fellow
ham (?) say he was having trouble with
a bulb in his Gonset.

From the Lingo used by Hams, the follow-
ing drawing is a layman's conception of
parts needed to build a transmitter.



- 1-Driver
- 2-Mixer
- 3-Shield
- 4-Couplers
- 5-Tanks
- 6-Links
- 7-Screen
- 8-Lamps (Sub.-Bottles)
- 9-Trap
- 10-Speech Amplifier

Don't shoot me now, wait 'til you see me.
My brain (?) was working again.

December 5th blew down his 42' tower.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 681 FROM ARRL HDQS.
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. DECEMBER 4, 1958

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

On League request for cw segments at the low ends of the 50 and 144 Mc bands, the Federal Communications Commission has taken action granting 100 kc exclusively cw segments but locating them at 50.9 through 51.0 Mc. and 147.9 through 148.0 Mc. These subbands are restricted to cw operation effective January ten.

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(Editors note) Just in time to get them out of your hair for the SS, January 10 & 11.

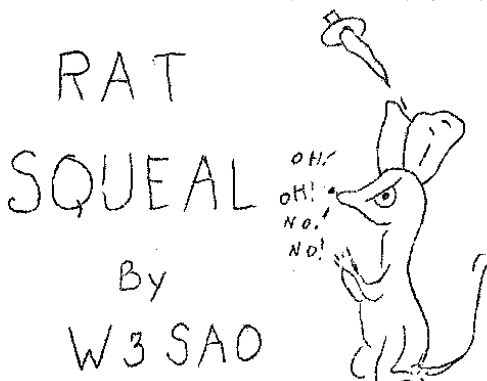
EXTRA DX FOR SS CONTEST

K3DKZ/VOL, Bob, is converting a BC-610 for 6 meters for the contest. Bob listens in on 6 meters with a HQ-110 and hears Phila. stations.

K3CCS/VOL, Paul Biss, New Foundland, expects to have a 4 over 4 element Telrex beam 100' up in time for the January V.H.F. contest on 6 meters.

These boys will be looking for Pack Rats, so let's hope that we have an opening at this time and look for them.

The above information came from W3FSC, Ozzie from a letter he received from his Jr. Op. Carl. Carl is with the Navy, Stationed in New Foundland with these boys and has passed his test for General Class and is just waiting for his ticket to arrive.



Sorry to hear that K3CHN, Seymour, is out of commission at his store. It seems that the sudden wind that came up on Friday,

AN ITEM FROM THE EVENING BULLETIN MON.
DECEMBER 8th

Mrs. Clara M. Krajczynski, 30, and her daughter, Patricia, were driving to Mass shortly before 9 A.M. today when four deer ran across the path of their automobile.

Mrs. Krajczynski, who was headed north on Henry Avenue above Cinnaminson Lane, Roxborough, slammed on the brakes and avoided hitting the animals. They bounded into a wooded area on the west side of Henry Avenue.

As Mrs. Krajczynski started the car again, a fifth deer appeared suddenly and tried to jump over her car.

"All of a sudden," she said, "I saw this big, brown body on the hood. It hit the windshield and I stepped on the brakes again."

She backed off a few feet, and the animal, a 100-pound doe, fell to the street--dead. It had been killed instantly.

Police took the carcass away.

Question to W3KKN, Ernie, and other hunters. "Why did you go to the mountains for deer when they are so close to home?"

Understand that Doc, W3JAY, is now an instructor. He is trying to teach the dog to whistle like a Parakeet and the Parakeet to bark like the dog.

We promised him front page space in a future issue of Cheese Bits if he succeeds.

In the last few weeks we have heard some of the club members in QSO on a different frequency during net time. When it was mentioned in person, the answer was that nets are monotonous, and they may call in, but then get out immediately. May I point out, that by this action they miss out on a lot of club information, such as changes in meetings, too late to be put in Cheese Bits; Special notices from the ARRL, received too late for publication; and special help needed by other club members and friends. It just so happens that this issue is early so that you will have the information needed for the January SS., and just by luck we received the bulletin from the ARRL in time to include it. The parties guilty of this practice know who they are, and I would like to ask, "Are you good-spirited club members, or just So-so?"

(P.S. The above comes from me, Helen, not Frankie.)

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Coming Events

JANUARY MEETING

- Hammerlund Super Pro -- \$100.00
- Johnson Viking 1, with VFC -- \$150.00
- National NC 101X -- \$50.00

For further information on the above items contact; - W2SPV, Ed Kephart
4309 Willis Avenue,
Merchantville 8, N.J.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, January 21st, 1959, at 8:00 P.M. at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgwick and Thouron Streets, Mt. Airy, Phila., Pa.

Our speaker for the evening will be; Ed Keener, W3AJS, from Johnsville Naval Air Development Center.

Ed Braddock, W2BAY, will demonstrate the latest Tapetone Receiver.

We will also discuss the possibility of holding another "LADIES NITE" in the Spring. Last years was a grand success and promoted more sociability among the XYL's of the members.

In the right hand corner, in the rear of the room will be placed a box of crying towels for anyone who desires to use them after the V.H.F. SS. (Hi-hi)

Past Events

DECEMBER MEETING

At our meeting held on December 17th, we had a very interesting speaker -- YOU. YOU gave YOUR ideas on the January V.H.F. SS, and they were incorporated in the plans for the whole club.

We were more than pleased to see how many of you were present and showed such a genuine interest in the planning for the V.H.F. SS.

To those of you who were not able to attend the meeting and receive your SS CONTEST SCORE SHEETS and CLUB CHECK-OFF list, may we state that they are in the mail, and you should have them by now, or receive them shortly.

The following applications were voted upon and accepted into membership;

W3HKZ- E. Edward Kushner
148 Stoneway Lane,
Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.
Mo. 4-4353

W3GLT- Arthur Sharpe
8000 Winston Road,
Phila., 18, Pa.
~~Ch. 7-0879~~ Ch. 7-0879

W3SMK- James G.B. Perkins Jr.
1335 Jericho Road,
Abington, Pa.
Tu. 6-5489



We want to take this opportunity to welcome each of them to the club and hope that they enjoy their association with us.

Don't forget to add them to your membership list.

Put Anti-freeze in your rotator, looks like a long cold winter.

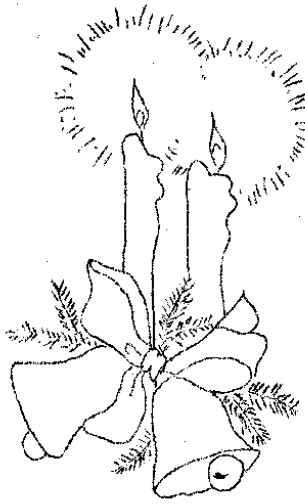
Hi;
Here's wishing each and everyone the best of good health, good fortune and good DK for the coming year, 1959.

From the "Three Brick's"
Frankie - H3 S A O
Helen - Editor
Harry - Jr. Op.

Seasons Greetings

From

The



"Pack Rats"

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