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BRIGHTER SIDE OF 'USING THE AIR WAVES'

By ED KOTERBA

(reprint from Evening Bulletin, Nov. 10)

Washington--Flying in 14,000 miles from the most remote spot on earth to the nerve center of the world in the span of three days brings on a shock that takes time to wear off.

To get resettled into the routine of confusion here, I spent a day in the House caucus room listening to the big wheels of quiz, spinning yarns on rigs to riches.

Charles Van Doren had long removed himself from the insulated caucus booth, but the memory of fast money lingered on.

I got to thinking about another story of the air waves in which there was a prize.

This one concerns the Navy boys in Antarctica, some of whom barely make \$129 in the time that it took Van Doren to collect \$129,000.

UNUSUAL PRIZE

The star of my story is an 18-year-old Rutgers University student, a ham operator from Clark, N.J., a fellow by the name of Jules Madey.

Young Madey has copped what is perhaps the most unusual prize awarded to a college student. He won an all-expense vacation trip to Antarctica. The award was made by Admiral David M. Tyree, who heads this year's Antarctic Expedition. The Pentagon fully approves.

What Jules did--voluntarily could never be measured in dollars and nickels, nor in words of praise or admiration. Up in New Jersey the past year--throughout the Antarctic winter--Jules sat at his ham radio each day, sometimes as long as ten hours, bringing the outside world to those men of isolation.

The loneliness of an Antarctic existence can be felt only when you're there to feel it yourself.

14,000 MILE PIPELINE

In seven months Jules kept a 14,000-pipeline between his station K2KQJ and Mc Murdo Sound's KC4USV.

In the past year, Jules processed 4,800 messages between them and their families. Mostly, this was done by "phone patches". A "phone patch" is an electronic box that transfers the radioed voice into the telephone lines.

A lonely GI in the McMurdo sound ham shack would ask Jules to put in a collect call to home.

Jules relayed long-distance calls all over the country. The GI pays only the charges from Clark, N.J.

Telephone people dislike the "phone patch" idea claiming it cuts into their business, but I wonder how many thousands of dollars folks like Jules Madey earned for the telephone companies, processing long-distance calls that otherwise would never have been made.

DAILY OCCURENCE

Daily in McMurdo the public address system would resound with: "Now

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"USING THE AIR WAVES" (cont'd)

HEAR THIS, NOW HEAR THIS, THE HAM SHACK IS INTO CLARK, N.J." On one occasion I got into the shack in time to talk to Jules himself. He said he'd leave for Antarctica on his Thanksgiving vacation.

So now, back in Washington where the smokescreen of TV fixes casts a heavy pall, I think of the deeds of ham radio operators like Jules Madey. All of a sudden the sun cuts through the dark overcast. There is some good in those air waves.

(Editor's note: Jules was also awarded the Edison Award for this service. See ARRL Bulletin in the March 1959 issue of "Cheese Bits".

TO ALL HAMS: Have you noticed lately how many articles have been "popping-up" in papers all over the country about the good work of the hams? Radio Stations and TV Stations are putting on programs to acquaint the public with the activities of the ham also. During UN WEEK, the City of Philadelphia loaned its Communications Unit to the Council of Amateur Radio Clubs of Delaware Valley to set up on City Hall Plaza so that the public could see ham radio in action.

The most that the public knew about the ham was that he caused TVI, BCI and Hi-Fi I, and usually when he heard him he was usually hooked-up in a "Nitwit Network", where each one tries to outdo the other with insults. What he doesn't hear are the ALL STATE transmissions for a lost child, a stolen car, stolen gear and blood donors.

Of course there is the ham who does everything he can to cause nothing but trouble. He won't cooperate with the TVI Committee or listen to the other hams, but that usually ends up with the FCC revoking his license and putting him off the air. It is that type of a ham that the public remembers and because of him, they think that all hams are bums.

We would like to thank all who are helping to bring the true ham to the public view.

"WHAT IS A HAM?"

A Ham is; A Minister, a Priest, a Rabbi, a Doctor, a Dentist, a Lawyer, a Salesman, a Garage Mechanic, a Repairman, a College Professor, a Street Cleaner, a Ditch Digger, a Housewife, a President of a large Company, a Student, a Movie Star, a TV Star, a Radio Announcer, an Undertaker, a Senator, a Governor or even the President of the United States. A ham's color is Red and Yellow, Black and White. The ham's universal language is International Morse Code. No matter who or what, a ham is just plain "Joe or Mary" to another ham. The ham code is "Friendship and Service".

Most of all a ham is a human being, a creation of God.

Hi Sons:

Sorry about the above, but the wheels in Mother's brain (?) started turning after reading the article in the Bulletin, and that is the result. That's what happens when you don't use the brain, the wheels get rusty and some of the rust gets in the way.

Anyhow I still love you and wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannakka and Good Health for the New Year.

Love,
Mother Rat

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 725 FROM ARRL HDQ
WEST HARTFORD, CONN OCT. 30, 1959

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

Slow progress continues at the ITU Conference in Geneva. Tentative agreements by subcommittees and working groups recommend no significant changes in 1.8, 3.5, 7, 21, 28, 144, 220 or 420 Mc bands so far as the

Americas are concerned. No report has yet been made covering 14 or 50 Mcs. It is emphasized that these decisions have still to be adopted by the full allocations committee and the conference as a whole. See the monthly QST column Happenings of the Month for full details.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 726 FROM ARRL HDQ
WEST HARTFORD CONN. NOV. 5, 1959
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

ARRL has been receiving requests for schedules of stations sending code practice on the air. Any amateurs who are maintaining code practice schedules are asked to file information with the ARRL Communications Department, indicating frequency, days, speed and times. For your convenience ask for Form CD 62 in filing information.

In setting up schedules care is suggested to avoid conflict with net frequencies and times. A list of stations maintaining on the air code practice will be carried in QST as soon as all the information has been filed with ARRL.

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In answer to requests of several members as to whom we send copies of "Cheese Bits" to, we answer with the following list:

EXCHANGE PAPERS

- AUTO CALL NEWS, Washington D.C.
- THE BLURB, Phil-Mont Radio Club.
- C Q CHESTER COUNTY, Chester County R.C.
- K3GOW, Betty Riley, Wilkesbarre R.C.*
- HAM SHACK GOSSIP, Toledo, Ohio
- NORTH PENN STATIC, Fairview Village, Pa.
- SIX ONLY, Mobile Sixer's Radio Club
- HARMONICS, South Jersey Radio Assn.
- QSD, VHF-UHF NEWS, Rahway, N.J.
- X-MITTER, Bucks County Radio Club.
- *Wilkesbarre Radio Club has no publication as yet but will exchange as soon as the have one.

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

- W3UQV, Joseph Welch, FCC Phila.
- W1HDQ, Ed Tilton, QST, Hartford, Conn.
- W3ZRQ, Allen Breiner, SCM, Tamaqua, PA.
- ALMO RADIO COMPANY, Phila.
- K2UWV/9, Bill Stackhouse, Aurora, Ind.*

- W8TTM, Bob Kunstbeck, Toledo, Ohio **
- ALBERT STEINBERG & CO, Phila.
- A G RADIO COMPANY, Elkins Park, Pa.
- RADIO ELECTRIC SER. CO., Phila.

* Former member

** Started exchange with Ham Shack Gossip.

SUBSCRIBERS

- K3AUH, Alan Ruben
- W3EIF, Joseph Kilgore
- W3KFK, Jack Greenberg
- W3SYN, Ted Sawirka
- W3FNF, Arthur Morris
- W3CFS, Edward Albert
- W1RJA, Ed Bristol
- K3ERX, Helen Tull
- W3DR, Alan Vincent
- K3IPM, Stanley Smith

29 copies, plus 72 club members a total of 101 copies each month. In addition to the regular mailing, complimentary copies are sent to anyone requesting one, each applicant for membership and to anyone contributing to the furtherance of the club. Sometimes I mail as many as 110 copies a month.

FROM EXCHANGE PAPERS

"C Q CHESTER COUNTY"

Tall Tales

TVI - Down Wilmington way there once was a ham with tvi problems. Although he explained to his neighbor as nicely as he knew how, the proper procedure for curing the condition, she continued to complain. One night while the ham was on the air, his mother received a phone call from the irate neighbor. "You tell your son he doesn't need to use a phony name to try and fool me. He can call himself William Charlie Yoke all he wants to, but I know who it is!"

"SIX ONLY"

Remark of the Editor, W3TXD, on the above: This still isn't as bad as the time W3AWA's neighbor was having tvi problems, and looked in the phone book for Adam William Adam!!

"QSD"

GROUND WAVES

October 16: Alan, W3DR, Glen Mills, Pa., was heard calling W4GAY/4 on the Skyline Drive in Virginia. K3GFF, George, Phila., Pa., reports having heard North Carolina on ground wave this same evening.

"CHUCKLES" From HAM SHACK GOSSIP

Mary had a little cash,
She kept it in her hose,
Everywhere that Mary went
Her friends all said it shows!

So Mary took it to the bank,
And there she wisely hid it,
Which brought her far more interest
Or did it?

(Indiana AMA-CHEWER)

"NORTH PENN STATIC"

"FCC isn't an abbreviation for "Fine Checkers, Charlie".

(Ed. note) I know it isn't that, it is an abbreviation for "Fewer Chins, Clara".

Keeping in the lighter vein, here is another epistle from our mystery writer.

COMMENTS ON 6 & 2

By

SMEL A. RHAT

The title of today's little talk shall be, "How to Make Friends and Influence Operators on 6 and 2 Meters". It is prompted by a series of incidents heard from time to time on the bands. If you fit into one of the categories described, the inference is purely intentional.

The cruddy operators usually line themselves up for identification, and can readily be detected by a few minutes listening each day on your favorite VHF band. In order that you will have little doubt as to what to listen for, the following examples may be used for comparison purposes.

Operator No. 1 - This party may be quoted as, "I just came up from 10 meters and only have one crystal" (50.05 or 144.05) - - - he is interrupted by K4---(gone completely nuts) and K4--- "anyway the stuff here on 6 is not DX to me so don't worry about it, Hi". The poor guy that is hooked up to this wretch is pulling his hair out and wonders whether to bother to go back or just claim that he is lost in the QRM.

Operator No. 2 sounds something like this, "This is W3 Blah Blah Blah -- I don't care anything about DX. I use a 5 foot piece of wire for an antenna and a carbon mike - the x mitter is an old razor blade excited by a cigar lighter. -- my receiver is a Radcold III with real good selectivity." Needless to say he has perched in the choice portion of the band for DX also. Five minutes later he has no contacts as everybody else is working DX -- so he moves onto CQ7---'s frequency and calls him for 5 minutes. While he is calling - CQ7-- works 7 stations, all out of the area because

nobody can hear anything except heterodyne. W3 Blah, Blah, Blah leaves the air muttering about getting a KW- and everybody breathes a sigh of relief and thinks of possibilities of electrocution.

The next night opens up good for Aurora and the CW is coming in good from the North. K1--- in Maine is giving forth with a CQ. Gonset Gus, as operator No. 3, can't hear him because he has no BFO. He goes merrily on with his local QSO at 50.05 or 144.05 certain in his own mind that the boys on 6 and 2 are certainly a selfish bunch of fellows to jump on his frequency, never thinking that he has a clear channel all to himself 500 KC up the band.

Now lest you be disappointed the supply of Cruddy Operators has not been exhausted - if you are patient- the next issue will contain a further cataloging of the culprit operators with which you may compare yourselves.

Sure was surprised upon opening the October issue of "Auto Call" and saw drawing of the "hayseed" that we had on the last page of our October issue of "Cheese Bits". In color, too. Andy, W3NL, the editor, wants to know if it is Zeke, who writes those "City Slicker Letters" because he knew that Zeke was once in Philadelphia.

(Ed. note) No, Andy, don't think it is Zeke. If he was in Philadelphia, we never saw him. We came across him in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, while visiting W3ZRQ, Al Brainer. From his letters he doesn't sound "Pennsylvania Dutch".

Sorry I am unable to print word for word from Auto Call because I don't have it here. We loaned all the issues we have to W3GXB, Bob, to read while he is in the Abington Hospital.

HIGHLIGHTS; B. of D. MEETING, NOV. 11

Harry, W3CL, appointed W3FOZ, Charlie, and W3ORC, Tom, to the TVI Committee for the Horsham, Hatboro area.

Ellis, W3IXL, asked Harry, W3CL, to appoint a new alternate delegate to the Delaware Valley Council of Amateur Radio Clubs due to attending school on the meeting nights.

It was suggested that the Editor attend all Board of Directors meetings so as to be informed of all of the plans of the club.

It was decided that Plaques will be awarded to the first three high scorers in the January V.W.F. S.S. There will also be an award for high scoring Technician.

Baby sitter needed for Jr. Op by me for B. of D. meeting night.

WCAU

November 9, 1959

Dear O.M.

Appreciate Ham cooperation on spotting flight path of free balloon scheduled (barring inclement weather) to take off from Valley Forge Airport on Saturday, November 14th, at about 9:00 A.M.

Call in on 50.2 or 144.2 mc to W3CCX located at WCAU studios - NW section of Philadelphia-or call on land line, Gr. 7-8405.

Publicity for Amateur Radio, CO and public service, etc.

Ed Kushner,
W3HKZ

Should the above event take place as scheduled, a full report will appear on another page of this issue.

Should the weather prevent the flight, all clubs in the Delaware Valley Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, participating in following the path of flight will be notified of the next take-off, or complete cancellation.

The equipment that will be used are Gonset Communicators and Halo antennas on 6 and 2 meters.

The operator on 6 will be K3GQJ, Jack, and the operator on 2 will be W3SAO, Frankie. REMEMBER; the station call is W3CCX/3.

As I understand it there will be three persons in the basket; the owner and two staff members of WCAU. Reports will be broadcast on both radio and TV by WCAU.

As this is being typed, November 13th, the weather report is rain for late afternoon on the 14th. So, unless the winds play tricks on us, the Free Flight should go off as scheduled.

Speaking of the Delaware Valley Council, the next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, December 10th, at Town Hall, Germantown Avenue and Haines St. at 8:00 P.M.

"SWAP & SHOP"

by Ray, W3ZRR

Before we list the items for "Swap & Shop" I would like to repeat a statement made by Ray. The "Swap & Shop" program is working out fine and all contributors report the sale of the equipment. Both Ray and the Editor have a request to make; Please send all articles for "Swap & Shop" to;

W3ZRR, Raymond Whithead
4534 N. Smedley Street,
Phila., 40, Pa.

We appreciate your sending us the item but Ray is in charge of the Column, and he should have the privilege of reporting them. Be sure that he receives them before the third Wednesday of each month, otherwise they will not appear in "Cheese Bits" until the next month.

For Sale: Gonset II for 6 meters
\$175.00

Contact: W3DEG, Richard Axelrod
125 Edgehill Road,
Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
Mo. 4-4521

For Sale: 5x99--\$100.00 Practically new

Lionel Trainset, complete set up, including houses.
\$125.00

Contact: K3DXC, Mel Spiegel
5639 N. 19th Street,
Phila., 41, Pa.
Ha. 4-6166

(He is also offering a \$5.00 reward for phonetics for his call not using X-Ray or Extra)

For Sale: Hallicrafters (General Coverage) SX28-A
Recently realigned and checked. \$140.00

Gonset Communicator III
6 meter, 6-12 volts
\$200.00

Gonset 6 meter linear Amp. with unsigned guarantee card and 10 final tubes.
\$130.00 or best offer over \$100.00

Contact: W3GWQ, Elliot D. Marcus
301 McClatchy Bldg,
Upper Darby, Pa.
Fl, 2-7993 or
Ma. 6-5263

All equipment in excellent condition.

NEWS FLASH ! ! !

W3GWQ's XYL informs me that all of the above items have been sold. Called her to get the home QTH, instead of business address. Disregard all items for sale by W3GWQ, Elliot Marcus.

In regards to the above cancellation I think that I had better put a deadline on for information for all articles. That DEADLINE IS: NO LATER THAN THE 15th OF THE MONTH. W3GWQ sent his in on October 27th and the paper was mailed October 23rd.

REMEMBER: DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES IS THE 15th OF THE MONTH, AS I TRY TO GET THE PAPER OUT TWO DAYS AFTER THE MEETING.

"SWAP & SHOP" (cont'd)

For Sale: 522 Xmts converted, Brownie Converter with power supply, 4 Element Beam \$50
Contact: W3ILK, Arthur B. Lovett 3231 E. Brighton Street Phila., 24, Pa. Ma. 4-2518

Wanted: 6 Meter Halo for a friend
Contact: W3BRU, Frank Benner 523 Vine Street, Perkasie, Pa. Al. 7-2450

Wanted: Would like to purchase an ARC 4.
Contact: K3HFH, Sid Kulick 7807 Froebel Road, Phila., 18, Pa. Ad. 3-2939

Trade or Sell: One pair of current model Handy Talkies complete with remote hand sets. This matched pair of units operate on 51 megacycles. I am looking for a good general coverage receiver for my shop.

Contact: K3HWZ, Bill McCutcheon 124 Orchard Lane, Feasterville, Pa. Elmwood 7-4972

Complete Tech. Manuals go with these units.

For Sale: Two meter Communicator III, complete with dynamic mike, six crystals, halo and 50 watt linear with connecting cables. Excellent condition.

Contact: K3HWZ, Bill McCutcheon 124 Orchard Lane, Feasterville, Pa. Elmwood 7-4972

For Sale: 1 Hallicrafter S53A receiver. 1 1/2 months old. Perfect Condition. \$40

Contact: K3IPM, Stan Smith 6344 N. 8th Street, Phila., 26, Pa. Li. 9-4044

Did you know that K3HWZ, "Grandpop" Bill, is ex. 8AEO, ZL2JX and VK2OX?

JANUARY 9th & 10th, 1960



GEE, I wish I could find a typewriter that spells right, or that the keys wouldn't jump under the wrong finger.

Please make two numerical changes on the address list.

Change W3ZRR's address to read 4534 Smedley Street, and change K3G0Z's Phone number to read Fi. 2-8571

For the edification of all who have inquired, Mahanoy City is pronounced, MA-HA-NOY and not Mahoney.

There is a new radio club in this neck of the woods, Northeast High School Radio Club, club call K3CSK. The club is under the sponsorship of W3NSI, Lyn Rowland, Jr. They are on 6 meters. Congratulations.

Good news is traveling through the sewer pipes. The converters designed by Brother Rat, Charlie, W3IBH, are now being used in New England.

K3CIV, Ralph, was working 6 meters the other week, he pulled switches to take a nap. Yep, you guessed it, as soon as he did, Equador came thru.

Even though Ralph was "asleep at the switch", Helen, K3ERX, was not, she worked Equador. Congratulations.

If you are looking for DX, I understand that South America is coming through on 6 meters each weekday between 9 and 11 A.M.

K3EMA, Pete, is now on 2 meters. He is our newest tech to become a General.

Mama was all set to hand out a good scolding to her boys for not calling in on the Monday night nets, (scold all not excused) but it seems that they took stock of themselves and decided to call in. The 2 meter net jumped from 7 to 20, and the 6 meter net from 20 to anywhere from 27 to 32.

Let's be honest, all calling in on the nets are not members, so I ask you; "If our friends call in regularly, each Monday night, why don't more of the "Rats" call in?" There can be only one answer, we must have some service to offer our friends.

You think you get all the news in the "Cheese Bits", but sometimes there is important news that must be spread sooner. If it waited to appear in the paper, it would be stale news. How many members knew about the event sponsored by WCAU, or that we needed 2 and 6 meter Gonsets and Halo's and operators? Only those who were on the nets November 9th.

How many know that the "Hams" are going to relay messages for Gimbel's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and that K3DXC, Mel, was asking for operators? Sure you are reading it in "Cheese Bits", but look at the date on your calendar. Is it before or after Thanksgiving? Either way it is too late to offer your services.

Come on boys, let's give one or two hours each Monday night for the nets. 8:00 P.M. at 144.2 and 9:00 P.M. at 50.2.

Congratulations to George, K3GFF and Stan, K3IPM, upon their appointment of D. E. S.

We would like to say thank you to Bert, K3IUU, a new member, for being the one and only Tech calling in on the 2 meter net. We would like to say that we now have 3 Tech's calling in.

W3GXB, Bob, used to have a lot of Gall but now he doesn't have any. He was in the Abington Hospital, should be home now, and had his Gall Bladder and appendix removed. (Aside to Ruth: I have to change that answer from "yes" to "no" the seam split.)

Carl, Jr. Op. of W3FSC, is now home from the hospital with a medical discharge from the Navy and is now working at Strawbridge & Clothier.

W3FOZ, Charlie, has a nerve reaction in the face muscles, it may last 4 weeks or six months. Hope it is sooner. He is now on the air with a 5894F and an ARC 5 V.F.O.

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Lee, W2KFC, (High Sheriff) was on the net with a plate modulated Seneca. Clear as a whistle. (Ed. note: Lee, don't forget your promise to me.)

George, K3GFF, announced that there is an Amateur Missionary Service on all bands and they send messages to foreign countries permissible to work.

If your religious organization has a Missioner in foreign lands, and they would like to send a personal message, contact George, by letter, stating first, LOCATION (COUNTRY) Second, Name of Missioner Third, Name of organization Fourth, the message

Should there be an answer, it will be forwarded to the organization.

Write to; K3GFF, George R. Korn
3807 Amherst Place,
Phila., 36, Pa.

EXTRA LOUD SQUEAL ! !

W3BQU, Howard Buerger, better known as "Ham" Buerger has opened a NEW HAM SHACK (larger quarters) at GLEN-
SIDE AVENUE & RICES MILL ROAD, WYNCOTE,
PA. Devoted primarily to Hams.

Open House was held on Saturday, Nov. 14th, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. 420 Hams, with friends and family attended.

Refreshments were served and door prizes awarded. The big prize, a HQ-110 was won by the Brother-in-law of Leo, W3NWP.

SHACK HOURS ARE: Mon., Wed., Fri., Noon to 9:00 P.M. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Upon attending the Board of Directors meeting I found Lillian, XYL of W3IXL, in bed with the Measels. (Third time) We know that she is better now and back to her job as school teacher.

After the January V.H.F. S.S., Ralph, K3 CIV, is packing up and heading for Florida. (He needs a good rest.) Let's hope, that while he is there, we have an opening on 6, and we will be able to keep in touch with him.

How's your receiver? How's your converter? How's your antenna? How's your power supply? Is your VFO on frequency? When are you going to start checking them; January 8th? We are setting up an emergency service under the Chairmanship of K3BVZ, Ben, but this service is for emergency only. The S.S. is January 9th, so check your equipment now. The only way to check it, is get on the air.

S.S. JANUARY 9th & 10th, 1960

In answer to a request as to where I get the information for "Cheese Bits", I will list the sources of information.

1. Listening in on the air
2. Reading the paper from first page to last (see lead on this issue)
3. Via the landline
4. Via the mail
5. Having messages from ARRL sent here
6. Word of mouth from other hams (That's how I received this request)
7. Last, but not least, through exchange papers.

Some months I receive too much information, other months not enough. When I don't receive enough, I improvise. By improvising, I mean things that are authentic, but at the time I hear them, I save them until I need them.

For example, here is some information that I got from K3GQJ, Jack. He and his XYL are expecting another child in May. This would not have ordinarily appeared in "Cheese Bits" until the April, 1960 issue. There is other information that I have, but for obvious reason will not be printed now. The example is of meaning to club members only.

I write down the information as I get it, and wait for something big for the first page. When I receive news for the first page I start cutting the stencils; which is most times one week before the meeting, that is why the Bulletins from ARRL are not grouped together. For instance, I started cutting the stencils for this issue November 12th, and today is the 16th, and the meeting is not until the 18th. Past Events and Coming events are not printed until the day after the meeting.

Perhaps the above information may be of help to other editors, but 50% of your information must come from your members. The other 50% is up to you, the editor.

As I stated, I print the news early. Since Frankie will not be home tonight, I will mimeograph what I have cut.

If you would like a sample of improvising, refer to the above. What I am typing now is also a sample. When I came to this page I had no further information, but I remembered what Frankie told me Saturday, when he came home from "HAMBURGERS". It helped to fill up the page and answer a question posed to him there. As for the time; I don't have the time, I just take it. We strive to keep this paper Homey, Friendly and Informative. We know all our members are not strictly VHF, therefore we pass along information from other bands

REFERENCE TO BALLOON FLIGHT

As stated on a previous page, the flight was due either the 14th or 15th barring inclement weather. Well the wind and weather played tricks on us; It is now scheduled to take off this Saturday, or Sunday, 21st, 22nd, weather permitting. If not then it will take place on the 28th.

Not only are the hams tracking the flight, but sports car enthusiasts are also in on it.

Prizes will be awarded for the one who predicts where it will land, within 2 hours after assention.

1st prize--1week vacation at the Macombo Hotel, Atlantic City. Plus tickets to the Pittsburgh-Eagles game.

2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes--tickets to the Pittsburgh-Eagles game.

Prizes for sports car enthusiasts are not known as yet.

A question was raised as to why the hams were asked to track it, and the answer is as follows;

The location of the balloon will be relayed to a truck, which will be dispatched to pick it up when and where it lands, thus saving time and possible damage.

Past Events

REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING

At the meeting held on the 18th, Bud, W3TYX spoke on operating in the V.H.F. S.S. First of all he stated that he knew that his location was of great advantage, and he had great admiration for all hams in the city that roll up large scores through all the QRM.

One of the things he pointed out was to check your gear now and not the Friday before the contest. If possible, go to bed early Friday and sleep until noon on Saturday. Have your own pattern of operating and don't follow someone else. While you are following the other fellow, others are working stations around you. Don't give up in a lull, that is when you might work a weak station.

Since W3DRC, Tom, was unable to serve on the TVI Committee for Horsham and Hatboro, W3VGN, Harvey, was appointed to take his place.

W3MVF, Dave, was appointed to replace W3IXL, Ellis, as alternate delegate to the Council.

Two new members were voted in, they are, W4ZEHM, Bob Stewart, he is on the membership list sent out last month.

also; K3HSS, Charles Lustick
5924 Hasbrook Avenue,
Phila., 20, Pa.
Fi. 2-4398

Application for membership were re-
ceived from;

W3QAS, Lynford Rowland, Sr.
W3BMA, Richard F. Hoffman
K3CJV, John H. Glassford, Jr.
W3NSI, Lynford Rowland, Jr.
K3ESL, Benjamin Gindin
W3GEW, Sidney Weiner

were developed. Dayton and Mt. Airy
increased their scores by the amount
indicated in the increase column. SJRA
in addition to dropping its score by
the amount indicated above will have
to absorb an additional 35,964 points
***** Now review the scores. SJRA no
longer has a wide, comfortable margin
as it did in the past! *****Above all
avoid the "We always win, so don't
worry" attitude."

Well boys, there it is, in black and
white, directly from SJRA. They are
worried.

They have given us a third place score
to shoot for, 201,704. Are we going
to be content with that score, or are
we going to surpass it? Can we give
them the "surprise" they are looking
for? We can, if each and every one
gets on the air.

Here is our chance to drop the "We
can't beat SJRA" attitude.

SJRA came in first, as a club, last
year, but out of the first four top
scoring operators, Mt. Airy came in
1, 3 and 4. We also had the top
scoring operator on a single hand,
plus the top scoring technician in
E. Pa.

If each member gets only 3,000 points
we will have over 23,000 points more
than they are allowing us.

So boys, its up to you. A club is
no stronger than its active members.

REMEMBER!! THE 13th ARRL VHF SS CONTEST
IS JANUARY 9th and 10th, 1960.

Coming Events

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be held on
Wednesday December 16th, at 8:30 P.M.,
at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community
Center, Sedgwick and Thouron Streets.

It behooves each and everyone to make
an effort to attend, as it will be
the last get-together before the VHF
Contest. If there are any kinks in
your rig, here is the time to ask for
and get help.

FROM "HARMONICS" NOVEMBER 1959

(Regarding VHF SS January 9th & 10th)

"This article could very appropriately
be titled "What Cost Complacency:"
Shown below is an analysis of the
results of the 11th and 12th VHF SS,
and the "predicted" results for the
13th VHF Sweepstakes Contest.

Club	11th VHF SS	12th VHF SS	Point Increase	Point Decrease	13th VHF SS
#	Score	#	Score	#	Score
SJRA	1 *345,514	1 *343,130	*	11,384	1 *295,772
Dayton	4 *171,413	2 *194,912	* 23,509	*	2 *218,421
Mt. Airy	5 *169,946	3 *185,825	* 15,879	*	3 *201,704

Only 3 clubs are listed for reference
ease and because it is felt they will
decided the winner of the 13th VHF SS
Contest. In the 11th, SJRA won by a
comfortable margin. SJRA won the 12th;
however, note the progress made by the
Dayton and Mt. Airy Clubs. Notice
that SJRA's score decreased by 11,384
points from the previous year while
Dayton and Mt. Airy increased their
scores 23,509 and 15,879 points,
respectively.

The right hand column, although it
still shows SJRA as the winner, doesn't
take into consideration and "surprises"
there may be in store for us from the
runnerups. I'm sure you now realize
the need for 100% club participation.

Based on the presumption the same
increase or decrease will come about
this year, some interesting figures.

Here is our chance to prove that 13
need not be an unlucky number. We
may not come in first, but we can sure
give them a run for their money.

Get your gear and antennae in order
NOW, and make NO DATES for the second
weekend in January.

Let's make our slogan, "100% PARTICI-
PATION".

The only solution that we can come up
with, as to the whereabouts of Doc,
W3IHT, is the one given us by Dick,
K2DYW. "Stynam Cathedio" means "Swamp
Rats", so he must be in the Everglades
of Florida. The Post Office and
Western Union never heard of the
place.

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