



# PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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W3CCX

## JANUARY 1960 V.H.F. SWEEPSTAKES

Now that the Sweepstakes has been put to bed for another year, and all the burned-up rigs are repaired, (or put in moth balls), and all the scores are turned in, (headquarters now has the headache) we can reveal the club score.

To all our friends (?) whom we confused by all the numbers on the air, we will now redeem ourselves and tell you that the score is not 2,600,466 but 436,642. That is only 234,938 more than we were allowed by another club. Refer to the December issue of "Cheese Bits".

Congratulations are in order for the large percentage of members participating. With a membership of 76, 69 were in the contest. 70 would have been on had not W3KLL, Walt been sent down south by his company. (It shouldn't happen to a dog.)

The tabulation committee, instead of counting sheep right now are counting contacts, sections, multipliers and totals. Don't feel too bad, this will wear off around June and you can go back to counting sheep to get to sleep.

By the way, if the envelope that you received the score breakdown in looked as though a rat was at it, there was; ME. They were all sealed when Frankie discovered he made a mistake and I had to open each one and make the correction.

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### CLUB SCORE

436,642

69 OPERATORS

### FIRST TEN HIGH SCORES

#1	--	W3KKN, Ernest Kanas	27,048	
#2	--	W3TYX, Bud McCallum	26,660	
#3	--	W3HYJ, Joe Slotnick	24,752	
#4	--	W3CL, Harry Stein	19,432	
#5	--	W3CKP, Warren Parker	14,352	
#5	--	W3FSD, Oscar Jacoby	14,352	TIE
#6	--	W3HKZ, Ed Kushner	12,213	
#7	--	K3IUU, Bert Soltoff	11,820	
#8	--	W3TBD, John Houser	11,550	
#9	--	K3BPP, Walter Bolhman	11,520	
#10	--	W3IBH, Charles Clements	11,400	

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### HIGH SCORING TECHNICIANS

#1	--	K3IUU, Bert Soltoff	11,820	2 & 6 meters
#2	--	K3BPP, Walter Bolhman	11,520	2 & 6 meters
#3	--	K3KMN, George Garoumas	10,868	6 meters
#4	--	W3FSD, Dick Huntzinger	10,428	6 meters

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### HIGH SCORE, SINGLE BAND

W3IBH, Charles Clements 11,400 2 meters

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### LOW SCORE

K3BGT, Harvey Rosen

360 (had the flu)

MOST IMPROVED OPERATOR

K3GDZ, Herman Klein

1959-348

1960-6,336

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There were six members with tie scores, their contact and sections were not the same, but their total score was.

TIE SCORES -- W3CKP & W3FSC -- 14,352

W3AYG & W3KXH -- 4,200 -- same number of contacts and sections, but AYG was on 2 and 6 and KXH was only on 6.

K3BVZ & W3HAB -- 2,400

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Just discovered that Frankie was not the only one who goofed on the breakdown sheet. I did also, but not in the breakdown. Under the Technician scorers I omitted K38PP. He is number two. Walt, please forgive your dear old mother, but after looking at so many numbers, I got cross-eyed. For the moment I forgot that you were a technician. I shall now write; I am a bad girl, 100 times.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank Harry, W3CL, and his XYL, Sylvia, for permitting the tabulation committee to meet at their home. Sorry that I was unable to be there due to the illness of the Jr. Op.

We would also like to thank the tabulation committee for their untiring efforts in getting the scores ready for mailing.

Special thanks to Dick, W3FQC, whom I feel sure was getting ready to shoot Frankie and I for the changes he had to make.

A GREAT BIG THANKS to all the members for having their scores in on time.

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OUR SCORE IS IN ! We will now wait and take our chances along with the rest of the clubs. No matter what position we attain, we can be proud of our effort.

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AVERAGE SCORE PER MAN

POINTS 6,328.14

CONTACTS 159.55

SECTIONS 7.36

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A special "800-800" prize to the party who forgot to include thirteen contacts in his score. Mama says shame.

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We would like to congratulate South Jersey on a score of 497,876, which is 61,234 points higher than ours. This does not mean that South Jersey is #1 and Mt. Airy is #2. The determination of place now is in the hands of the ARRL. Remember we were competing with all clubs in the country. One thing it does prove is a concerted effort on the part of both clubs.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Rats:

The fine co-operation of the members in the recent V.H.F. Sweepstake Contest, sponsored by the ARRL, makes me very humble and proud to be the president of such a fine bunch of fellows. Out of 76 members, 69 of you were in there pitching. Some did not do as good as was expected, but you have learned from this experience and know just what was wrong. Others had unfortunate accidents, which prevented a higher score, due to time out for repairs. I especially want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you, who was sick and yet took time to make a few contacts.

I know that we did not make first place, but with such fine co-operation, we need not, anyone of us, be ashamed of the score that we did turn in. Thank you,

73,  
Harry B. Stein, W3CL  
President

FROM OUR RATTY MAILBAG

January 31, 1960

Fellow Rats:

Its been some time since I took time off from regular activities to write you. What prompted this letter was the fact that I saw my call appear in the February issue and although I may (?) be falsely accused of same, I still am 100% behind every remark made by said editor of this namely article.

Holding the position as head of the Official Observers in the Eastern Pennsylvania Section, I can state the active OO sends in a discrepancy report each month with from 10 to 25 calls listed. My station and I report upwards of 50 to 75 second harmonic cooperative reports each month. This, I think, is what the FCC is trying to battle.

In 9 out of 10 cases the novice or technician is not to be blamed completely. It is my assumption the most blame should lie on the higher class amateur operator who is teaching, or let me correct that statement. "Trying to teach the new-comer the tricks of the trade, as they say."

The neophyte today is more interested in that QSO plus QSL than in the manner he obtains it or the way his signal sounds in order to get it. I know this will raise the short hairs on some of the more experienced operator BUT stop and remenis; When was the last time you helped a fellow amateur find his trouble with 5 minutes of assisting data in a QSO followed by 15 minutes running his rig and signal into the dirt?

The data he received will not go unheaded but the 15 minute calling-down made him feel, "My rig worked you OK so I don't need to fix it." It's operating of this type that is getting us a bad nome in the eyes of our government and the FCC. Super-power, harmonics, off-frequency operation and bad sounding signals are the bulk of the FCC headaches. This letter is not intended to inform you on how to cope or straighten the problem out. However, I do contend if we help the other fellow once in a while then he of course has to bow a bit also and accept asisstance.

Then looking at it from the comical side of life, what fun would it be to tune across the bands without any QRM, no side-band splatter, but each and every QSO would be 100% perfect. I think I'd go nuts (no comment pse) because I would not be able to practice what I had been taught on how to get that QSO through. The new receiver with that super dooper ~~mechanical~~ filter, the Q-multiplier, the triple decker beam, (Am I Boreing you?) all them stager tuned RF and IF stages we just added to the receiver would be a waste of money. Without the interference problem I could hold every QSO with my 6C4 super-regen receiver and then what would happen. Most receiver manufacturers would go bankrupt and WHY? Well, now that I've talked myself into a good question, I'll leave it at that.

I think this will increase the mail receipt at this end a bit so if anyone is interested in fileing some official looking letter with ARRL letter-head, I'll gladly oblige. The name and address is still on the top of page 6 in your late "QST".

Vy 73,

Allen "Al" Breiner, W3ZRQ  
Some Cutie Male

P.S. It's a shame to waste paper like this, but I can't see a half page going to pot, not with the battle of the sexes going as it has for the past couple centuries. The balance of the rag was also good, even to the point that I read the whole copy. There are times I only get to read the hi-lites etc. If it doesn't cost too much, I would like to run an add in your wanted column. (See "Swap & Shop" column for Al's add)

By the way, if any of the gang wants a BC-604 I can get them for less than they are listed in any ham mags. Say \$5.00 FOB. More info drop a card. These can be converted to 6 mtrs and at present am doing this to one of them for our 6 mtr xmtr. Expect about 50 to 75 watts out of it. Well, see I used up the paper and still not finished with what I have on my mind.

P P P.S. Incidentally all the BC 604's are in sealed over-seas shipping boxes with spare tubes and one xtal.

After I get mine converted, I'll send in a feature on what to do with all the extra parts etc after the conversion. nuff sed.

I have a lot more on my mind but no time to pound them off to you. Just getting this letter off before the end of the month rush and report makin' time for QST. I know it wuz a dig to get more articles for your rag. I'm just mad because I never thot of it when we had our Sardine Wrapper going, Hi. The MVBPC (Mahandoy Valley Brass Pounders Club) is going to start a paper soon.

I'll see you get a copy. Must run now and warm the snow plow up for tomora.

73,

Al.

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The preceding letter is in reference to that simple "Who Dat Smel A. Rhat" article in last month's issue. Most of you missed the point, but I knew Al would get the implication. By the way Al, in answer to your question on the cost of running an article in the wanted column. We charge the regular service charge, \$5.50 a line, and since we don't have the time, you can count the lines in your add and forward the money. We will not accept Confederate money but will take Stage money. (Editor's note; The envelope, in which I received the letter was addressed, "Madamn, Helen Brick, Inc." I think he meant to spell Madamn with a "y". With that address, and after reading his add, I am sure that you can understand why I say he is our very good friend.)

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That simple article has brought out three denials as to who "Smel A. Rhat" is, so out of 11 we still have 8 more to choose from. We will have to use the process of elimination to find out who it is. I'm still being accused of writing letters to myself.

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SWAP & SHOP CORNER  
By Ray, W3ZRR

For Sale Home brew CW final, 1 KW containing 1 final amplifier Pair of 813's 10 to 80 M, 1 final amplifier 304-th 20 M. 4' Rack and power supply \$250.00

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Wanted 24 to 32 volt transformer @ 10 amps. This is for the new prop motor we got for the 6 meter beam. Will even stoop to paying good United States currency for same, or swap a Brand new BC-604 Xmtr in sealed carton.

Contact W3NKO, Victor Lees 1403 E. Weaver Street, Phila., 50, Pa. Li. 8-3874

Contact W3ZRQ, Allen Breiner 212 Race Street, Tamaqua, Pa. Tamaqua 1979 J

For Sale Globe Hi-Bander VHF 6&2 Factory wired and tested. Used 2 hours. Still in warranty \$125.00 2 meter converter, 417A's in front end. \$35.00 2 meter Telrex 8 element beam \$10.00

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For Sale 220 meter tecraft Xmtr and converter, 20 watts and 11 element beam. \$70.00 50' triangular tower and 20' pipe and guy wires and hinge plate. \$70.00

Contact K3BVZ, Ben Chalmers 5128 Sydenham Street, Phila., 41, Pa. Gl. 7-1375

Contact K3APD, Fred Michelson 312 Cottman Street, Cheltenham, Pa.

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For Sale 6 meter G-50 Gonset \$250.00 Linear amplifier \$85.00

PLEASE SEND ALL SWAP AND SHOP ARTICLES TO W3ZRR, Raymond Whitehead 4534 Smedley Street, Phila., 40, Pa. Da. 4-5910

Contact K3IBD, Bill Biagioli 40 Duniper Drive, Levittown, Pa. Wi. 6-6265

After all this column is his and he should have the privilege of reporting the articles.

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For Sale Hallicrafters S-107 receiver including 6 meters \$75.00

If you have something for sale, DO NOT give it to Ray or Frankie on the air, because 9 times out of 10 it is sold before it appears in "Cheese Bits" Remember, THEY ARE NOT the only ones listening.

Contact K3EGP, Ralph Blakemore Byberry Road, Phila., 14, Pa.

Out of the articles in this month's column I had to look up the name and addresses of three in the call book. The call book is not always correct, as some of you have moved since it was printed.

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For Sale Crisscraft grd. plane ant. 10-15-20 meters. 15' pole. \$12.00

Contact W3DFH, Laurence Stillman 403 E. Wadsworth Street, Phila., 19, Pa.

Thank you, Mother Rat

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BULLETINS

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 736 FROM ARRL HDQ.  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN JAN 21, 1960

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

Because of recent ice-floe breakup,  
amateur 50 Mc work from Ice Station  
Charlie, originally scheduled to begin  
in February, will not be attempted.  
Instead, W1IJD and W1FVY will return  
to Fletchers Ice Island, T3, and re-  
sume operation on 50 Mc with the call  
sign KG1FN. Improved equipment is  
being taken to this expedition, with  
KG1FN expected to be in operation by  
early February. Beacon transmissions  
will be made at all hours, and two way  
work will be attempted when conditions  
appear favorable.

Experience reported in January QST  
show that the hours between 0400 and  
1000 GMT were most productive, so this  
period will be watched most closely.  
Operating frequency will be 50.04 Mc.  
Anyone hearing or working KG1FN on 50  
Mc is asked to report details to ARRL.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 738 FROM ARRLHDQ.  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN. JAN. 28, 1960

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

Effective February 5, 1960, amateurs  
of Haiti and the United States will be  
permitted to exchange messages on be-  
half of third parties. Full details  
in March QST.

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CANCELATION OF MEETINGS DUE TO  
INCLEMENT WEATHER

If at any time the meeting is canceled  
because of ice or snow, announcement  
will be made at 7:00 P.M. on the net  
frequencies, 144.2 & 50.2 on the night  
of cancelation. If in doubt, listen  
and find out.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30th ?

SPONSORSHIP

The Board of Directors have this  
request to make. Do not sign your  
call as a sponsor merely because you  
are asked to. KNOW the party that  
you are sponsoring for membership.  
Remember, if you sponsor a party and  
he should prove a detriment to the  
club, as sponsor, YOU are behind the  
eight ball.

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"SWAP & SHOP CORNER" (Cont'd)

For Sale; Receiver -- tunes 200 Kc  
to 2MC with BFO. Was a  
Coast Guard direction find-  
er. 117 V. AC P.S. makes  
good 3rd IF strip as it  
tunes 455 KC. Superhet  
\$10.00

For Sale by K3ADH

Contact; W3HKZ, Ed Kushner,  
148 Stoneway Lane,  
Bala Cynwyd, Pa.  
Mo. 4-4353

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We are sorry to say that the equip-  
ment for sale by K3BVZ, Ben, has been  
sold. Sorry for any of you who wished  
to purchase it, but happy that he sold  
it.

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HIGHLITES OF JANUARY 20th

Due to lack of space we were unable  
to give you the events of the meeting  
of January 20th, last issue.

Naturally the S.S. was discussed but  
not many crying towels were used, so  
we will save them for another time.  
Everyone had a chance to relate their  
experiences and some humorous stories  
were told in relation to the S.S.

One story concerns W3KXH, Jim. His  
modulator ~~in~~ went out and he was  
frantically trying to fix it. In  
Church the next morning, Jan. 10,  
while all was quiet, he turned to his  
son and said in a loud voice, "I know  
what is wrong with it. Let's get out  
of here."

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Frankie presented each Past-president  
with a pin denoting the time of hold-  
ing office.

Pins were presented to;

W3IRH, Charlie, Honorary first  
President. 1956

W3FSC, Essie, First elected  
President, 1956 - 1957

W3DZP, Bill, 1957 - 1958

W3CL, Harry, 1958 - 1959 - 1960

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SOUTHWARK A.C. APRIL 30th ?

SEE YOU ON THAT NIGHT ?

MORE SWAP & SHOP

FOR SALE: Seneca Transmitter factory  
wired. Complete for 6 & 2  
\$140.00

CONTACT: K3HSD, Elwood Wright  
2744 Springhill Road,  
Secane, Pa

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FOR SALE: 3 WE 416-B Planar Triodes  
\$12.00 Each

CONTACT: K3AXT, Jared Wolf  
Box 127,  
Concordville, Pa.

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COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS  
BEFORE THEM

Are YOU a Radio Active Member ? ? ?

- 1 - Have you attended a club meeting during the past four months?
- 2 - Do you call in on the 2,6 or 220 nets on Monday nites?
- 3 - Did you participate in the January V.H.F. Contest?
- 4 - Did you attend Ladies Nite last year?
- 5 - Did you attend the Picnic last year?
- 6 - Are you at present on the V.H.F. bands?
- 7 - Have you sent in any articles for "Cheese Bits"?

If you cannot answer YES to any one of the above questions, you are NOT RADIO ACTIVE in the PACK RATS.

If you are INACTIVE according to the above, please drop a line to the Corresponding Secretary, W3SAQ, and state the reasons for your inactivity. We want a club composed of ACTIVE members, but if circumstances beyond your control prevent you from answering yes to the above questions we would like to be informed in writing. This will answer any questions which will come up at meetings as to why you are not HEARD or SEEN at meetings or on the air.

Enuff said.

Frankie, W3SAQ  
Cor. Secretary

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 740 FROM ARRL HDQ.  
WEST HARTFORD CONN. FEB. 15, 1960

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

VHF enthusiasts will be interested in the following two notes. Single operator stations claiming over 15,000 points in the VHF Sweepstakes of Jan. 9 and 10 are; W3KKN, W3TYX, W3HYT, K2TYW, W1RJA, W2BLV, W3HFY, W1GEF, W3TDF, W3CL, W2EIF, K2ITP, K9KLU, W2PAU, W4LIP, W8NRM, W2BV, and K2HOD. Multiple operator stations claiming over 15,000 points are W2ADE, W1MHL/1,

W2REB, K2AA, and W5VHF. Other high claimed scores will appear in April QST.

Furhter VHF activity of interest concerns the operation of KGLFN from Fletchers Ice Island. Test transmissions were made for the first time February 11 on 50.04 Mc. KGLFN will be on regularly for at least two months. Full details in March QST.

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(Editor's note: The ARRL goofed in the high claimed scorers. Number 3 should read W3HYJ. You can see his score on the front page and it is over 24,000. Remember last year in July QST, they had Bud's call W3TX Y instead of W3TYX. We know it was a typographical error, but it makes me happy to know that my typewriter is not the only one that can't spell. I might also point out that I checked and could not find a W3HYT in the call book, and I called the only HYT in the book and he is only on low frequency. Would also like to offer congratulation to KN3HYT on getting his general.

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6 and 2 COMMENTS

by SMEL A. RHAT

The old VHF bands have been pretty good lately, with both good ground wave up and down the coast. Some of the boys have been working into New England and Virginia with good signals both ways. Heard one of the local boys across the river lining up the gang in Washington and Baltimore for certificats by working members of the National Capitol VHF Society and also members of the Maryland VHF Society. The rules are the same for either club. Work 10 members of the National Capital VHF Society after Jan. 1, 1960, and mail a record of the contacts (no cards or fees) to W4DWY, Arthur J. Swanick, 4629 N. Henderson, Arlington, Va. (3).

The certificate from the Maryland VHF Society, can also be obtained by working 10 of their members after Jan. 1, 1960. Mail a record of the log data to W3MAD (so help me that is his call) Walter F. Dorman, 8 W. Chatsworth Ave., Reistertown, Md.

The CW lads would sure appreciate it, if you of the phone gang would check to see if the aurora is in now and then. Heard one of the six meter boys complaining bitterly about stations clobbering the low end when there was so much room higher up - he was on 50.01 Mc covering 3 or 4 CW stations coming through on aurora!

I note that Frankie's lectures to Herm have paid off - Herm signed off 5 minutes before Monday nite net because, as he put it, "didn't have time to finish QSO".

SMEL A, RHAT (cont'd)

Congratulations to Jim, W3KXH, for starting code practice sessions. Jim will send MCW Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.00 P.M. on 51 Mc. Sure sounded good Jim, keep up the good work. Just one more example, what the Pack Rats are offering in the way of service to the local VHF fraternity.

The latest info has it that the annual Ladies Nite of the Pack Rats will be held Sat. evening May 7 - same place as last year too. I'll be there and I know that Frankie will try to guess my identity. His efforts have been feeble so far! For the benefit of the boys across the river, only currency of the realm is acceptable - no confederate currency please!!

Yours for better operating- Listen before you flip.

Smel.

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Dear Smel:

Glad to know that you will be at the annual Ladies Nite of the Pack Rats. Just remember to get your reservation in on time and the money. As you put it, "no Confederate currency".

You stated that Frankie's efforts to your identity have been pretty feeble. Well, what do think of my efforts?

In the last issue I stated that I was looking for some expression you use so as to identify you. In your last epistle, printed in this issue, I am pretty sure I have it now.

"Lads" is a typical up-state, coal region expression, and I know of only one person that uses it, and we see him more than just when we go on our vacation. Another thing; I am pretty sure that Frankie only made that remark to Herm at the last directors meeting. I could be wrong. Just one other point; you made a little too much of Ladies Nite.

If you are the party I think you are, your call was stated among the 11 in the last issue.

In parting, Harry, (the Jr. Op.) Frankie and I: We Three Just Say Darn.

88,  
Mother Rat.

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(SEE YOU AT SOUTHWARK A.C. FOR LADIES NITE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 30? NOT ME! I WON'T BE THERE THEN. MY REASON FOR NOT BEING THERE THEN APPEARS ON THE NEXT PAGE. THAT'S MY EXCUSE, WHAT'S YOUR'S? IF YOU HAVE A BETTER EXCUSE, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR IT.)  
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Speaking of code, as Smel A. Rhat was, here is a little thing that I picked up at the school. I feel that it does explain my theory, that if you cannot spell you cannot send code, and it

also points out how complicated the English Language is.

PLURESY

We'll begin with a box and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.

Then one fowl is a goose but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a whole set of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,

Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,

And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,

Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one would be that, and three would be those,

Yet hat in the plural wouldn't be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats and not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren,

But though we say mother we never say methren.

Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,

But imagine the feminine she, shis and shim.

So English, I fancy, you all will agree,

Is the funiest language you ever did see.

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All I can say that after reading the above is thank God that someone had the forethought to think up an international code so as not to confuse the people of our foreign speaking friends. Besides the plurals, we have words that sound the same but are not spelled the same such as "read & red" and "there and their" Please read "read" as "READ", past tense, I'll bet the above sentence got you confused, because you are used to speaking it and not seeing it in print.

You can be glad that you were taught English in school and are not an adult arriving here from a foreign country.

As a CW operator you had better be a very good speller, otherwise you should stick to phone, even though phone contacts are limited as for distance. Another good thing is to tune in on all code classes and improve your proficiency. These classes are sponsored by most clubs and the ARRL has them on each week. See QST for their schedules of WIAW code runs.

GODD LUCK



HAVE YOU HEARD.  
This one?

✓ 144.22 50.22 220 Mc.

Ladies



Nite

PACK RATS

Saturday, May 7, 1960 ~ 6:30 P.M.

Southwark A. C.

Full course Roast Beef Dinner!

Entertainment and Dancing

Reservations must be in no later than  
April 23rd. Send reservation + money to

#3 JSP, John Houser  
612 Pimney Road, Box 55  
Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Southwark A. C. is located at St. Vincent  
Street and Roosevelt Blvd. (3 blocks south of  
Cottman Ave.)

Price: \$4.00 per person.

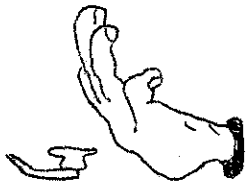




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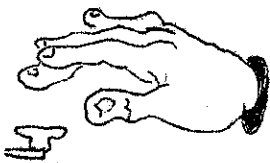
THE POUNDER



THE SLAPPER



THE TEA DRINKER



THE TAPPER



THE CLUTCHER



THE JITTER



THE HITCH HIKER

From X-Mitter. B.C.A.R.C.

German-English Glossary of Missile Terms

Guided Missile -- Das Skientifiger geschutenwerks firenkrakker

Rocket Engine -- Firenschpitter mit schmoken and schnorten

Guidance system -- Das Schteerenwerke

Control system -- Das Pullen-und-schoven werke

Warhead -- Das laudenboomer

Nuclear warhead -- Das Eargeschplitten laudenboomer

Hydrogen device -- Das eargeschplitten laudenboomer mit ein grossen hollengraund und alles kaput

Management Dept. -- Das ulzurenbalde gruppe

Electronic Dept. -- Das tubenkrap gruppe

Wind Tunnel -- Das huffenpuffen gruppe

Preliminary Design Dept. -- Das uppen-das klauden gruppe

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(Ed. note: Before my German and Up- State Dutch friends complain. I know that "firenschpitter" should have been spelled "Weirschpizzer" because "V" is pronouce like an "f", "ei" is pronounced "i", and "z" is pronounced "t". As an example; my maiden name in German is spelled "Voegele" and is pronounced "fegley", which is what we use. The "oe" is pronounced "a". We don't care about the misspelling, we enjoyed it.

Bucks County is holding their annual Dinner on Saturday April 9th at the Fiesta, 2636 Bristol Pike, Eddington, Pa. Price \$4.00 per person. For reservations refer to last issue of "Cheese Bit".

Sorry to hear that Clare, W3IKI, had the flu, glad to hear that you are better.

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FROM "HARMONICS, FEB. ISSUE"

Under the heading "NEWS & LIBEL" by W2BLV

"Bouquets to the PAK-RATS, for the outstanding competition in the VHF Contest. (Yes George, Frankie is all healed up) If you think you did a good job for the club in the recent VHF Contest, compare yours with the PAK-RAT Club Statistics. (See page 2) Remember this next year when you think SJRA has a push over in the 1961 VHF Contest

Number one man for the PAK-RATS is Ernie, W3KKN."

On another page of the same issue this appears;

DO YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR TYPE OF KEYING HERE ? OH THE HAM NEXT DOOR, HUH !

(de SKIP Fresno RC via ARRL CD BT )

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ATTENTION ALL TECHNICIANS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THEIR CODE !!

W3KXH, Jim, started a code class on 6 meters, Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 P.M. at 51 Mc.

These classes will be conducted each Tuesday and Thursday at the same time.

He will send code groups starting at 5 words a minute and increase the speed as he progresses. These code lessons will be hand keyed.

Jim is working for his general and in doing so he would like to help other technicians and anyone who would like to improve their code.

He does not ask you to send in a copy of what you copied, but he does request that you drop him a card if you are taking the lessons. By receiving cards he will know whether or not it is worth while. Send your cards to;

W3KXH, James Spry 4222 Princeton Avenue, Phila., 35, Pa.

This is NOT a club sponsored project, but it IS club approved. The FCC also aproves of it as Jim went down to the office to be sure that it was permissible to send code groups on the air, and was told that it was.

REMEMBER: CODE CLASS TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 10:00 p.m BY: W3KXH AT: 51 Mc

Why not join in and give Jim a lift ?

"FROM HARMONICS" (cont'd)

According to those in the know, the following totals are known of the 3 major participants in the 13th VHF Sweepstakes:

SJRA	497,000	108 Logs
Mt. Airy	433,000	69 Logs
Dayton	335,000	134 Logs
Unquoted		

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(Editor's note: the above does not mean that that is the way the final score will turn out, but what I like about it is that little 69 in the middle. That proves what a small club can do with a concerted effort.

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We would like to thank George, W2BLV, for the write-up in "Harmonics"

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RAT SQUEALS  
By MOTHER RAT

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V.P., V.P. WHOSE GOT THE V.P.?

First we hear that the V.P. is in the Women's Hospital for a check-up, then he is home for a visit, and back again in the hospital. We figured that he would not be able to make the meeting so we line up another speaker. What happens, Ed is at the meeting. Hey Ed, if you have a bad gall blatter, why not join the X-Gall Blatter Club? The initiation is not pleasant, but after once being accepted as a member, all of you worries are over.

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Like to meet some of your ex-buddies? Come to the Pack Rats meetings. Ed, W3CFS met his old Navy buddy Pete, K3 EMA there.

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How would you spell John Lopez upon hearing it? Yea, the same way I did. While going to visit a friend around the corner, what did I find on the pavement but a QSL card reading W3GJF, John Llopes. His name is Welsh and not Spanish. Hey, Johnny, what were you doing in this neck of the woods? If you were looking for Frankie, you were on the wrong side of the Railroad tracks.

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Well, well, hear that Bob, W3GXB, is now sporting a Stutz Bearcat. I thot they went out of business years ago.

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Sorry to find out that Clare, W3IKI, Editor of X-Mitter, B.C.A.R.C. had the flu. Glad you are better now.

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Glad to know that Frank, W3BRU, and Herm, K3GOZ, are over an attack of the flu, or whatever bug bit them, also any other members that had it. The winter has been warm, but whatever money was saved in fuel seems to have been spent in doctor bills.

We would like to offer our most sincere thanks to Bob, K2ISQ, editor of QSO for recommending the exchange of "Cheese Bits" to Ken, K8CHE, editor of "Static", Akron, Ohio. Didn't know that we were that good. Thanks.

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Have been wondering what has happened to the "Blurb" the Phil-Mont paper? Haven't received one since we started exchanging papers. One was handed to us and we were asked to exchange with them. If by any chance I have the incorrect address, please let me know.

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Who's the fellow that is going to get shot for interrupting an unmodulated carrier hunt on February 15th, by finding out where it was on the land-line? He knows who it is, because they were only about four blocks from it when it went off the air, and they all came to his house afterwards. He spoiled all their fun. Seriously, we would like to thank all who participated in running it down. They were not all Pack Rats.

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Don't forget to get your reservations in for "Ladies Nite" no later than April 23rd to John, W3JSD, 612 Pinney Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa., or Ernie W3KKN, 2823 Old Welsh Road, Willow Grove, Pa. Space is limited so as to keep the group together.

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Don't know how you made out in the terrific wind and snow storm of the 18, 19 and 20th, but a call was received from "Grandpop" Bill, laughing like mad, that he lost his beams. It will not keep him off the air as he has a beautiful set-up in his station wagon, mobile.

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I would like to thank Herm, K3GOZ, for purchasing the "TIME VALUE" stamp and the mail scale, so as to save time both here and at the Post Office in mailing "Cheese Bits".

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Understand that John, W3JSD, was a very sick boy for awhile with virus?. Glad to hear that you are up and with us again.

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I am sorry that this issue is late, but the day after the meeting, Thursday the 18th, I had to attend an all day conference. This is the day that I usually finish typeing and running it off. All I know is that I should have stood in bed Thursday, because the meal I got was lousy. Hamberger raw, with a lousy taste, potatoes, creamed, tasted like they were warmed up from the day before, and the string beans were not fully cooked. It didn't agree with me and I spent Friday trying to type and throw up. It was a well known hotel,

PAST EVENTS

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17th

At the meeting held on February 17th we had two speakers, with films; W3GXB, Bob, brought films from the Bell Telephone Company, which proved of great interest. We also had Ed, W3HKZ, present, whom Bob was substituting for, to show us films explaining the intricacies of "Video Tape in Commercial TV." With both, it proved to be a very interesting meeting.

The following amendment to the By-Laws was presented for a vote and was approved, with one dissenting vote.

ARTICLE V. LIMITATION OF MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. The membership in this club shall be limited to ninety (90) members.

(Please cut this article out and apply to your copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.)

Upon passage of this amendment, the following applications were voted on and accepted.

K3IB0, B.J. Biagioli  
40 Juniper Drive,  
Levittown, Pa.  
WI. 6-6265

W3CFS, Edward H. Albert  
1307 Dorothy Avenue,  
Phoenixville, Pa.  
Wellington 3-3104

Please cut the above names out and apply to your membership list.

Frankie was presented with a key from "Smel A. Rhat". Smel thinks that he needs code practice.

As a visitor to the meeting we had K4MLY, John from Richmond Virginia. John gave us the "low down" on VHF Activity in the south. He also told us that there is a net on every nite at 59.1 Mc at 1900 (7:00 P.M.)

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COMING EVENTS

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The next regular meeting will be held at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgewick and Thouron Streets, Mt. Airy, on Wednesday March 16th at 8:00 P.M.

AHOY all Pack Rats, dig way far in the back of your cave for equipment that you are not using, or you have extra of, and bring it to the meeting. We are holding an AUCTION SALE. The long unused equipment is only making less space in your shack. YOU may have something that you do not need and another party can use for better proficiency on 2 and 6 or higher. YOU may also pick up something that you need. NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED OR LOST. In any event be a good "Pack Rat" and attend the meeting.

BUY CHANCES FOR THE UPKEEP OF  
"CHEESE BITS"

*See you  
"Ladies  
Nite"*

*Saturday,  
May 7th?*

"PACK RATS CHEESE BITS"  
829 W. FISHERS AVE.  
PHILA. 41, PA.



W3KKK Ernest Kenas  
2823 Old Welsh Rd.  
Willow Grove, Pa.

**TIME VALUE**  
MEETING NOTICE