

# PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

VOLUME III

MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB, INC., PHILA., PA.  
(50.2, 144.2 and 121.4 Mc.)

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W3CCX

(Meeting notice, last page)

MARCH 1961

## FINAL CLUB SCORE, 1961 VHF SS

617,204

### FIRST FIFTEEN

#1	W3HYJ	528	Contacts	19	sections	30,504	total
#2	W3KKN	541	"	15	"	27,025	"
#3	W2EIF	484	"	14	"	23,232	"
#4	K2TYW	290	"	19	"	22,591	" *
#5	W3CKP	397	"	14	"	19,032	"
#6	W3CL	440	"	9	"	16,720	"
#7	K3IUV	404	"	10	"	16,160	"
#8	W3TYX	319	"	13	"	14,628	"
#9	W2KFC	375	"	9	"	14,155	"
#10	W3FGD	362	"	9	"	13,756	"
#11	W3FSC	359	"	9	"	13,642	"
#12	W3HKZ	364	"	7	"	12,342	"
	W3HKZ/M	40	"	2	"	260	"
						<u>12,602</u>	"
#13	W3SAD	352	"	7	"	11,968	"
#14	K3AUM	311	"	8	"	11,196	"
#15	W2AXU	300	"	8	"	10,800	" **
	W3IBH	300	"	8	"	10,800	" **

The above are the top fifteen high scores out of 85 members on the air for the contest.

\* K2TYW, Ed, was number 4 top score and number 1 Technician.

\*\* W2AXU, Jack, and W3IBH, Charlie, were tie, but ~~Ed~~ was on 2 and 6, and Charlie was only on 2.  
JACK

The following is the number of hours spent on the air by these fifteen, but that does not mean that other members on did not equal or surpass their time.

W3HYJ, 30 Hrs.; W3KKN, 31 Hrs.; W2EIF, 34 Hrs.; K2TYW, 25 Hrs.; W3CKP, 30 Hrs.; W3CL, 30 Hrs.; K3IUV, 33 Hrs.; W3TYX, 17 1/2 Hrs.; W2KFC, 30 Hrs.; W3FGD, 24 Hrs.; W3FSC, 24 Hrs.; W3HKZ, 31 Hrs.; W3SAD, 28 Hrs.; K3AUM, 30 Hrs.; W2AXU, 27 Hrs. and W3IBH, 25 Hrs.

Just as an example of time put in we will pick one at random; W3IXL, 30 Hrs. with a score of 305 contacts, 6 sections for a total score of 9760.

As you can see by the up-and-down numbers, sections were the main thing in the total score. Where some had more contacts, they had less sections.

In explanation of the score of W3TYX, Bud, who was number 1 last year, we would like to point out that we are very happy to receive any score from him, as his XYL was sick and he had to take care of her and the three children.

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OK boys, stick out your chest WE BEAT SOUTH JERSEY! Now pull in your chest, so you don't bust the button on your vest. This DOES NOT MEAN THAT WE ARE #1 IN THE COUNTRY! Should it turn out that we are #1, then your work is laid out for you. You must work TWICE AS HARD, next year, to retain your position, for then YOU will be the #1 target for the other clubs to shoot for.

Congratulations to the Contest Committee and to the Co-ordinators who did everything to get the boys on the air and to help keep them on during a break-down. Congratulations also to each and everyone of you who spent hours on the air to help us gain the score that we did. We would like to congratulate the XYL's and YL's for their co-operation. Without it, we could not have made the score that we did. As the fellow from North Jersey said, "Wha' happen; we heard few "Pack Rats" through the year, but at contest time, that was all we heard down that way."

Ladies

Wife

Saturday

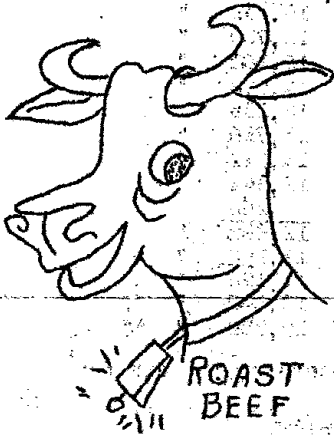
April 15<sup>th</sup>

Time:

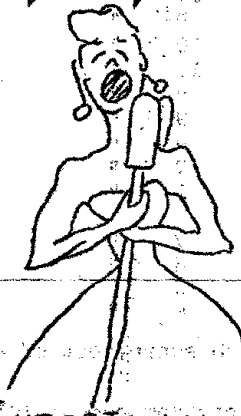
7:30 P. M.

Southwark A. C., St. Vincent St.  
and Roosevelt Boulevard. (Rt. #1.)

\$4.50 per person



ROAST BEEF



ENTERTAINMENT



DANCING

Tickets may be obtained from any co-ordinator.

Make checks, or money orders, payable to: Mt. Airy V. H. F.  
Radio Club (Bargain rate: two for \$9.00, hi!)

All reservations, with money, must be in no  
later than April 1. (April Fools' Day, but this  
is no April Fool!)

No tickets  
sold at the  
door!



No last minute  
reservations will  
be accepted!  
Get yours early!

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 829 W. Fishers Avenue,  
 Phila., 41, Pa.

(Editor's note: Just a word of caution.  
 Our club score is 617204, and we did  
 beat South Jersey, but that does not  
 mean that we are the #1 club in the  
 Country. After all we were not the  
 only two clubs in the contest.)

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1, Feb. 1961

PRESIDENT: W3MKZ, Edward Kushner  
 VICE-PRES: K3MIZ, William McCutcheon  
 TREASURER: W3MVF, David Bloch  
 REC. SEC.: W3ZRR, Raymond Whitehead  
 COR. SEC.: W3SAO, Francis Brick

Dear Mother Rat:

CLUB CALL: W3GGX  
 TRUSTEE: W3FOZ, Charles Koelisch  
 2600 Morsham Road,  
 Hatboro, Pa.

Haven't been too active on 6'n 2  
 lately due to all the time I've had to  
 devote to CAP frequencies. However,  
 do understand that the Central Vir-  
 ginia Six Meter Net changed the pub-  
 lication dates of the CVN NEWS to  
 four times a year: April, July, Octo-  
 ber and January. Membership now up  
 to about 60 and growing rapidly from  
 the two of us on in Dec. '59.

DIRECTORS: W3KKN, Ernest Kenas  
 W3CL, Harry Stein  
 W3JSD, John Houser  
 W3CKP, Warren Parker  
 K3CIV, Ralph Hersh,  
 ex-officio.

Will be in Philly 3 thru 13 Feb.  
 and will try out the Gonset G-76 on  
 6M even though it hasn't been back to  
 the factory for their grid drive mod-  
 ification as yet. Will only be able  
 to get about 30W out of it instead of  
 100W, unless I want to take a chance  
 on blowing the 6DQ5!!

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:  
 W3AYG, John Harris  
 K3LBT, Alfred Obenland

Tell the Kingfish I'll see him  
 soon and keep up the good work on  
 "Cheese Bits" Helen. What did it take  
 to get K3HAF to write that conversion  
 chart??

MEETINGS: DIRECTORS: SECOND WED.  
 OF EACH MONTH. 8:00 P.M.  
 GENERAL: THIRD WEDNESDAY  
 OF EACH MONTH. 8:00 P.M.

MEETING PLACE: WEST OAK LANE JEWISH  
 COMMUNITY CENTER, SEDGWICK  
 & THOURON STREETS, MT. AIRY,  
 PHILA., PA.

73,  
 John, K4MLY

NETS: 144.2, 2000 each Monday  
 50.2, 2100 each Monday  
 221.4, 2200 each Monday

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Feb. 1, 1961

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OUR MAILBAG

Feb. 1, 1961

Dear Helen:

Dear Helen - "Mother Rat" -

That compilation of VT numbers  
 makes a welcome addition to our Tech-  
 nical Information Service files. We  
 get lots of inquiries that can be an-  
 swered from that list, and we have had  
 nothing like it before. Many thanks.  
 We're swamped in VHF SS logs. Can't  
 tell for sure, but Mt. Airy did  
 extremely well this year. Bet all  
 your gang are getting tin-eared; this  
 was the first contest I ever was in  
 that I couldn't break through your  
 local QRM!

There are a few items that might  
 be of interest to you - and also one  
 that has me real curious!

Congrats, and 73,

Ed, W1HQQ,  
 V.H.F. Editor, QST.

(1) My license expires June 11, 1961.  
 This is in answer to your repeated  
 warnings - thanks!

(2) I note - with interest, 7! - that  
 Doc, 3IHT, is going to be a Grand-pop  
 in September! - If you received this  
 information during the middle of Jan-  
 uary (going to Print Deadline), this  
 would mean that some one sure found  
 out fast! (I can still count to 9!)

(3) Likewise, I am going to be a  
 Grand-pop - but in June.

Thanks for a great-news-publica-  
 tion.

Sincerely,  
 Deacon, W3AJF

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Feb. 1, 1961

Dear Helen:

As always, "Cheese Bits" is the  
 "ONE-derful" paper of the number  
 ONE VHF Radio Club in the Country.  
 Bob Brown's (K2ZSQ), Guest Editor-  
 ial letter was read with enviable in-  
 terest and think he should be invited  
 to "drop-in" more often. It is a com-  
 pliment to you and our club.

(Aside: What is this Grand-pop year  
 in the Pack Rate? First IBH, then  
 IHT, likewise AJF and now GDZ is  
 going to be a Grand-pop in August.  
 Isn't anyone going to be a Pop, with-  
 out the Grand?)

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Feb. 4, 1961

73,  
 Pete, K3EMA

Hi you all  
 up there at the North Pole.  
 We had a sudden death in the family,  
 my Sister-in-law passed away last

(OUR MAILBAG CONT'D)

Friday, so you can guess things have not been too pleasant, but they are getting back to normal again. 80° here today. What was the final score? Remember me to the boys and regards to you and Helen.

73,  
Ralph, K3CIV

Dear Son, Ralph:

So sorry to hear about the passing of your Sister-in-law. Our sympathy to you and Paul.

For heaven's sake, stop making us drool with that temperature reading.

In case you missed it, the final score is 617204.

88,  
"Mother Rat"

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MT. AIRY may be an all MALE club, but with the exception of Ralph's card, you can see who receives all MAIL. Hi!

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I can just see the men at the Post Offices shaking their heads and saying, "All the nuts aren't in Byberry.", when they receive letters addressed as follows:

"Station Expiration Dep't,  
Mrs. Helen Brick, Librarian, et al."

"Mother Rat" with "After 5 days return to The Rat Hole."

I guess the one with "Willow Grove Hospital" for a return address and addressed to "Mother Rat" really had them guessing.

Thanks to each and everyone for taking the time to write. Special thanks to W3QB, Jay, for almost two books full of TV Trading Stamps, and to W3AYG's XYL, Polly, for the S. & H. Green Stamps.

In regards to the snow and ice here is a tip from the AAA, which we are borrowing from "THE BLURB"

GARRY CLOTHESLINE TO USE AS "CHAINS"

During winter months, every motorist should carry clothesline rope in his car. If the car should get stuck on a slick spot, the rope can be cut up and used as emergency chains. Just tie a couple of pieces around each of the back tires. Once the car is moving, it's not necessary to stop and remove the "Chains".

Congratulations to the new publisher of "The Blurb", W3LEM, Ed McVaugh.

We would also like to congratulate the new officers of the Philmont Club. May you have a successful term.

DON'T FORGET APRIL 15th!

A bit of information snatched from the North Penn "STATIC"

DISTRICT ESTABLISHMENTARIANISM

Have you ever wondered why our radio districts are numbered in the way they are? You will note that the 1st District is in New England and the numbers run clockwise around the periphery of the country to the State of Washington, thence into the interior.

The districts were originally established following the passage of the radio act of 1912 and were drawn up in keeping with the thinking of the times that stations in the interior would not be as numerous as those along the coast. It was assumed that radio's future lay mainly in communicating with ships at sea!

We would like to thank North Penn for the compliment, but we would also like to say, the difference in percentage may be because we are strictly a VHF club.

We would also like to congratulate your members who took part in the VHF SS.

We found out why it is that some of the hams do not like contests. They feel that it is not "hamming". I would like to point out that the ham making this statement had the following score, for the good of the club; 364 Contacts, 7 Sections for a total score of 12342, and was on the air for 31 out of the 34 hrs.

True, contests are not "hamming", but they are a test of your equipment endurance, plus your knowledge of quick contacts should an emergency arise.

EDISON AWARD

This year we have not one, but two winners, John T. Chambers, W6NLZ, of Palms Verdes Estates, Near Los Angeles, Cal., and Ralph E. Thomas, KH6UK, of Oahu, Hawaii, for their communication distance record of 2,540 miles on 432 Mc, on July 20, 1960.

This and similar feats confirmed a theory that UHF radio communications was not limited principally to line-of-sight or very short range.

The winning pair have set other records in the UHF frequency ranges on the same 2,540-mile course between Hawaii and California: one on 144 Mc. in July, 1957, and another on 220 Mc in June, 1959.

The above is an excerpt from a News Bureau release from General Electric.

Most of the old-time 2 meter boys will remember "Tom", KH6UK, when he was W2UK back here in New York.

BUCKS COUNTY A.R.C. THIRD ANNUAL BANQUET then we both send all of folks the

DATE: APRIL 8, 1961  
PLACE: FIESTA, Rt. 13, CORNWELL HEIGHTS, PA.  
TIME: 6:30 P.M.  
Price: \$4.00 Per ticket.

best of DX and 73's.  
Regards Bill and Bertha  
K2UWV & "Chicken"

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Bill's new address is; K2UWV, Wm. Stackhouse, North Star Rd., R.D. 2, East Aurora, New York.

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Dear Bertha:

Real good to hear from you and that you are back in this neck of the woods.

Sorry to hear about Bill, and we all wish him a very speedy recovery.

You can be sure that the Pack Rats will turn their beams up there to look for him when he is able to get back on the air. It's been over two years since we heard that call. So glad he got it back. There's nothing like working one of your "Brothers" after a long time.

Best of luck, and hope Bill gets home soon and stays there.

73,  
Helen,  
"Mother Rat"

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To refresh the memory of the older members, Bill joined the club in October 1958, and lived in Salem, New Jersey at the time. He was then transferred to Aurora, Indiana, and received the call K9UHE, and we kept in touch with him by sending him "Cheese Bits", so he is right up to date on all that has happened in the club.

Have you noticed the similarity of address, Aurora, Indiana and East Aurora, New York. We only hope that it doesn't take an Aurora to work him. (I ducked just in time after that last comment.)

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Well, here is the news you have all been waiting for.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 787 FROM ARRL HDQ. WEST HARTFORD CONN., FEB. 9, 1961

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS - BT

VHF enthusiasts will be interested in the following high claimed totals registered in the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes of January 7 and 8. Single operator station scores of over 12,000 points are claimed by W3HYJ, W3KKN, K2ITP, W2EIF, K2TYW, W2BLV, W3CKP, W3HFY,

W9RDS, W2BV, W3CL, W1QXX, K3IUV, W2TYX, W2KFC, W3FQD, W3FSC, W2PAU, W2NSF, K9LTC, K2MLB, K9QPA, W2HQQ, W3HKZ, K8MMM, K3HNP, W2JAV and W3TXD. Multiple operator stations claiming over 12,000 points are K1AII, W2ADE, W2PEZ, W2REB, W3QQB/3, K2JWZ/2, K6TJL/6, K2MUB, K2RRM/2 and K8BLS/8. A more complete listing of ARRL VHF Sweepstakes high claimed scores appears in April QST.

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Anyone desiring to attend the above should no doubt, contact the Treasurer, Irene Coffin, K3BKP, at Wf. 6-2710, and she will give you further details, for at the moment, I have no other information regarding their dinner.

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CHANGE IN STARTING CODE CLASS

Due to the change in working hours of W3KXH, from day to night, Jim will start code class on the first Tuesday in March, at the same time and same frequency.

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Hi, Cukkie, W3CUK, I see in your paper that you had to report W3ZRQ finally did get his shack done for Xmas. What did he do, twist your arm?

Oh boy, that Breiner family, two new hams, K3NZD, Evelyn and K3NYX, Al, Jr. Well, two more to go and they will be an all ham family. Congratulations to Ev and Al, Jr.

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Just received this letter from the XYL of one of our former members, K2UWV, Bill Stackhouse.

Feb. 13, 1961

Dear Helen:

We just received our copy of "Cheese Bits", February issue, and enjoyed it very much as we always do.

I am writing this to give you our change of address and change of Bill's radio call letters. We moved to New York the first part of December and Bill is now K2UWV again.

Also wanted to tell you that Bill is in the Mercy Hospital, Buffalo. He was in the hospital from the 8th to the 16th of January. Then he had to go back on the 10th of February. I don't know how long he will be in this time, but I am hoping he will be able to come home in a few days.

The first time he was in the hospital, they found he has a heart condition called Angina Pectoris. He was doing real well for a while after coming home, then he started having the chest pains quite regularly and very often, so the doctor put him back in the hospital to have his blood thinned out. He seems to think this will help Bill's circulation. He had a very good day yesterday (Sunday).

Please pass our best regards to all the "Pack Rats" and ask them to turn their beams this way sometimes. Maybe we'll be able to contact some of them when Bill gets home again. Until

Did you know that W2TGN, in Mercer-ville, N.J. is on 144.6 Mc. with a 1.5 watt transmitter (636 final) and a super-regen receiver, in a cigar box. Lenny, W3HYD and Dick, W3FQD, have worked him.

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The woss of smous. Charlie, W3IBH, used up 5 gallons of gas and 1 set of chains trying to move the station wagon from in front of his QTH. When he finally did get out, he parked it on Chew Avenue and got a ticket. Understand that K3IUV, Bert, was also a victim of the ticket-hander-outers.

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Frank, W3BRU, our milkman, played it safe and delivered the milk on Friday, February 3rd, so everybody in Perkasio had milk the next day. At least all of his customers did.

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During the contest, K3LBT, Al, had to take his daughter-in-law to the hospital and she is still there at this writing.

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Oh yes, we are not just a "Grand-pop" club, Don, K3GAY, is expecting to be a papa soon, and so is K3J3Z, El. In fact El wanted to know if he had to pay admission for his 8/9th for Ladies Nite.

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One thing we learned through reservations for Ladies Nite is that El's XYL came home after the contest.

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At the meeting on the 15th we learned that we have another Papa-to-be. He is George, K3KMN.

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HAM RADIO SAVES A YOUNG DAMSEL IN DISTRESS

By Melvin Spiegel, K3DXC  
While riding along Schoolhouse Lane in North Phila., around ten-thirty at night, in back of a police car, I saw two young ladies in distress. They tried in vain to stop the police car. They then flagged me down, thinking my car a police car due to the six meter halo on the rear bumper.

Of course I pulled right over. After appropriate introductions, both girls got into my car; to keep warm of course. I had been in QSO with K3EIF and W3ZYD.

I found out that their car was a 12 volt system and mine a 6 volt, so I could be of no help starting their car. Then I asked for their phone numbers and names so I could phone patch them through to their mothers and let them know they were alright.

When W3TBF heard what we were doing he broke in to help us. We called their mothers who were quite thrilled to hear what was going on since neither of them ever heard of ham radio. W3TBF

then called the 3A's on my membership card. During the 45 minutes it took for the truck to arrive, we were telling jokes on the air in order to keep the frequency clear.

By the way, the jokes on both ends were pretty bad. In the meantime, Bob, W3ZYD, after hearing that one girl was 19 years old, 36x24x36 and very good looking, he sat out in his car from C and the Boulevard, to see what they looked like.

He arrived just as the tow truck came. The driver promptly started their car and we sat waiting for their battery to charge up a little. (auto battery). We then arranged to meet in Lintons at Germantown and Chelten, where we were to have a cup of coffee. On the way, I had her phone number transmitted to me for my personal records, of course. After leaving Lintons, I arranged a date with 36x24x36 for the following Saturday night, and I have been taking her out ever since.

So from this experience I urge all ham radio operators who have mobile, that when you are riding along and you see a young lady in distress don't be afraid to pull over, this could happen to you. This does not include you married men.

73,  
Mel Spiegel, K3DXC

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SWAP SHOPPE

Please send all articles for the Swap Shoppe to W3ZRR, Raymond Whitehead, 4534 N. Smedley Street, Phila., 40.

- FOR SALE:
- GONSET TWINS G66B & G77A (Perfect condition priced low to sell fast.) Complete with power supply \$325.00
  - DX40 Heath transmitter practically new-used 10 hrs. \$50.00
  - LYSCO 35 watt all band CW transmitter VFO/XTAL incl. \$65.00
  - Modulator for above \$20.00
  - NATIONAL NC270 (15 Hrs.) Less speaker \$200.00
  - MOSELY TA 33 JR Beam (New) \$38.00
  - MOSELY V30R Vertical 10-15-20 mtrs. (New) \$14.00
  - HAMMERLUND HQ100 General coverage receiver (Practically new) \$160.00
  - POLYTRONICS CITIZEN transmitter 12 v DC/6 v DC - 115 v AC-3 stages of IF-one stage RF (top unit on the market) Demonstrator - practically new. \$160.00

CONTACT: Dan Antrim, W3HLZ  
4022 Woodruff Road,  
Lafayette Hill, Pa.  
TA. 8-9604

**SWAP SHOPPE (Cont'd)**

**FOR SWAP Johnson Matchstick Antenna, all band, for a six meter transmitter.**

**CONTACT: K3ALK, George Keyser  
5610 Ormes Street,  
Phila., 20, Pa.  
Da. 9-7307**

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**COMMENTS ON SIX & TWO**

**BY**

**SMEL A. RHAT**

Most of you have received a card from the VHF Contest Committee announcing the Official Score of 617204 points compiled by the Mt. Airy VHF Club. It was a fine overall club effort by the individual club members, contest committee, and coordinators who did a yeoman job rounding up equipment, antennas and fixing recalcitrant equipment, and still found time to get their own gear in shape. If there was one thing that stood out about the affair, besides the score, it was the lack of time to get everything ready. So if you have a list of items which must be done before next contest, don't wait until next November or December to get it started.

Ladies Nite Banquet has been set for Saturday evening, April 15. ---The cost just \$4.50 perperson---So get your reservations in as early as possible. You will be able to pick them up at the regular meeting nite.

Rumor has it, that Cheese Bits will henceforth include a column covering the Mount Airy VHF Club Activity on various VHF bands. The column will be prepared by that sterling character Francis D. Brick, otherwise known as "Frankie". This is good news and certainly in keeping with Club aims, and will serve to keep other interested clubs posted on our vhf progress, activities, schedules etc., and promote more use of the higher bands. It certainly is a big step in the right direction.

Incase Frankie has not covered it, the Club has been pushing for 220 and 432 MC operation, and quite a few of the gang are already on 221.4 using an 8200 KC rock. There are a few who have converters going and will have the xmitter on soon. Incidentally the 221.4 MC has always had at least 10 stations sign in, and they usually include calls from Lancaster, Pa., Wilmington, Del., Allentown, Pa. and Long Beach Island on the Jersey Shore, and this is usually done with normal band conditions!

Lee W2KFC and John, K2SMZ, are presently leading in the move to get on 432. Both have good converters going, with transmitters under construction. Bert, K3IUV, has done considerable work on transistorized converters will full information available to club members. These converters are for 50, 144, 220 and 432 MC. Reports have it, that all work surprizingly well, and every bit

as well as tubes. It certainly is gratifying to see the boys pushing the VHF activity for the Club.

Smel

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Dear Smel:

Thanks for the compliment to Frankie, but how would it be possible for him to cover the activities of all the VHF Bands when he is only on 6 and 2?

He does have a 220 converter and is working on a transmitter and beam. He did work cross band with W2KFC, K3IUV, W2EIF and K2SMZ, receiving on 220 and transmitting on 2, using his 6 meter antenna to receive 220.

As I understand it, Frankie is to report on 2 meter activities; (which he didn't do this month) W3CL for 6, W3KKN for 220 and whenever they have enough boys ready to go on 432, whoever is net control is to report for 432. In other words, Net Control is to be the reporter.

88,  
Mother Rat

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W3MVF, Dave, is on 2 with a 2E26 Transceiver, built by W3NSI, Lyn. Beautiful job. Look for him at 145.22.

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W2KFC, Lee, was on board the USS Kitty Hawk for her shakedown cruise. Took his blanket and bottle of seasick pills along.

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K2TYW, Ed, is the CO Director for Gibbsboro, New Jersey.

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Understand that Ann, XYU of W3JSD, was the head nurse at the operation on the eye of Stewart, Harmonic of Dave, W3MVF.

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We have the sad duty to report the passing of the mother of John K2SMZ on Wednesday, February 15th around midnight. Our sympathy to John and his family.

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Everything happens in fours at Ben's, K3ESL, Edith, his XYL, is the fourth one to come down with the virus. A speedy recovery, Edith.

Ben was working in Jersey during that "white stuff" we had and he stayed there. That is why he was missing on the air.

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OK, GUKIE, How many do you want for your cat farm? By the way, we just decided to spend our vacation in Cal.

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DON'T FORGET APRIL 15th. Get yours early, as tickets are limited. No reservations honored after April 1. First come, first served. See your co-ordinator.



!!!! SPECIAL NOTICE !!!!! READ!!!!

Next to the last page, in this issue, you will find two pages, stapled together. This is the latest, most up-to-date membership list.

TO THE PACK RATS: PLEASE REMOVE AND PLACE IN THE BACK OF YOUR LOG BOOK!

In this list there is ONE ERROR, through no fault of mine. If you will go back and read the January issue, you will note that I asked each member to please check the old list, and report any error to me for correction in the new list. I found the error when by accident I dialed that number, when calling another party. The party answering the phone was very nice about it, but I feel sure that he will not be as nice when he receives too many calls for the same party.

Here is the error; W3HYJ, Es. 9-3155.

Here is the CORRECTION; Es. 9-3115. PLEASE make the change on your list. To get the correct number I had to call information. THANK GOODNESS it was not an unlisted number.

Now I have a request. PLEASE CHECK YOUR LISTING, if it is INCORRECT, let me know, and I will announce the correction in the next issue.

Thank you,  
Mother Rat.

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WILL FLASH!!!!

THE LOST HAS BEEN FOUND

Many have been wondering about the whereabouts of W3ASD, Karl. Most knew that he had been in the hospital before the contest. After the contest, he just disappeared. Rumors spread that he had sold his farm in Delaware and moved to Florida. We received the information that he was not moving until June; so in answer to queries, we gave out that information.

Saturday, February 18, we were in QSO with K2TYW, Ed. He posed the question, with the statement that he had heard Karl was living with his sister in Woodbury, N.J., but no one knew her name or address.

Ed had received a number of queries from hams who wanted to send Karl cards. Ed's brother, I believe that is what he said, is the Chief of Police in Woodbury, and he was going to ask him to try to find Karl's sister. We told Ed that we knew Karl's lady friend and we would call her and get his sister's name and address. When I looked for it, I couldn't find it. I knew that Ben, K3ESL, had her phone number, but due to the hour, 0045, I didn't call him.

The next morning about 1045, I called. I received a busy signal, waited 15 minutes, called again, same result. I waited another 15 minutes, called, phone rang and rang; no answer. So-- I figured they went out.

Then I sat down and racked my brain. (I have one) It then occurred to me that "Little Vincent", W3OR, knew Karl's family, and he could give me his sister's address. Un fortunately I found that Al has an unlisted number. Then I wore off a couple more sections of my brain, and remembered that Al is a member of the Mobile Sixers. Then I tried to figure who I knew that was also a Sixer, not outside Phila. Then it hit me; Ted, W3SYN, was one. So-- I looked his number up and called; no answer. Just for fun, I tried K3ESL again, busy signal.

Then I got the idea to call Karl's QTH on the assumption the Karl, Jr. and his XYL, would be there; no answer.

As things always turn out, when you look for something you can't find it, I looked for a copy of "SIX ONLY" to call the editor for W3OR's phone number. By the way, that was why I was trying to contact members of Mobile Sixers. Tried K3ESL again; busy signal.

Then I remembered that "Grandpop Bill" was a member. Before calling him, I tried W3SYN again; no answer. So-- I tried K3ESL; no answer.

Then I decided that the only way I could get Al's phone number was to call "Grandpop Bill". As things happen, in dialing the number, listed as they are, I skipped a line, and that was how I found out that I had the wrong number for W3HYJ. Then I thought, before I try "Grandpop Bill", I'll try Ben again got an answer. This was about 1150.

Edith answered and she was home all morning with a headache. She gave me Karl's friend's phone number.

P.S. To make "A Short Story Long", I just spoke to Karl on the phone, Feb. 20, and his physical condition is as I reported on the air. He has not sold anything, and when he does he will let me know. He was in Florida, to look around, and returned this weekend.

Anyway here is his address:

W3ASD, Karl G. Vincent  
c/o Alice Warnick  
207 S. Warner St.,  
Woodbury, N.J.  
Tilden 5-2337

Now Karl will be on the air from time to time, so listen for him.

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TILTABLE BEAMS

What's all this talk I heard about tilttable beams on the six meter net and afterwards. Why do you have to read about them in that 1959 issue of IRE? All you need is a gate, or barn door hinge, a rotator, placed in a horizontal position, and you've got it. They weren't called Tilttable years ago, they were called Flip-Flip. Frankie had one, only instead of a rotator, he used a waste gate opener to flip it. He got rid of it because it was a pain in the neck. Two controls to handle,



HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY MEETING

The theme of the meeting was: "I REMEMBER MAMA" "MAMA" being the early days of Ham Radio. We were made acquainted with little known facts about such members as K3HWZ, Bill; W3CL, Harry; W3AJF, Deac and others. Sorry that I was not there so that I could give you a better run-down.

(Just got an idea that if some of the members would write about what they do, we could have a column in "Cheese Bits". We could call it, "KNOW YOUR BROTHER RAT", or "MEET THE MEMBERS".)

We sold 65 "Grab Bags" with one bag containing a dollar bill, and Walt, K3BPP, was the lucky bidder.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the new officers of the Council ARC of Delaware Valley.

Chairman; W3JFI, Harold Carr  
Vice-chairman; W3AYG, John Harris  
Sec.-Treas.; W3IIO, Richard High

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We would like to pass along our sympathy to K4MLY, John, on the passing of his father.

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Welcome home, Ralph, K3QIV. Sure was a surprise to hear your voice on the landline.

MEETING NOTICES

MARCH 8 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors will meet, through the courtesy of K3HWZ, at HUMPHRIES, INC. 9430 STATE ROAD, at 8:00 P.M.

Take the Boulevard to Grant Avenue, pass the Airport to State Road and turn left. Please use the front entrance. A light will be lit, and Bill's Station wagon will be parked out front.

Alternate route: Frankford Avenue to State Road. Turn right or left, depending on which direction you are coming. North; right, South; left. (The main thing is to go over State Road towards the Delaware River.)

MARCH 15- REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting will be held at the WEST OAK LANE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, SEDGWICK & THORON STREETS, PHILA., at 8:00 P.M.

The Speaker of the evening will be; W3DD, Tom Benham, of the Department of Physics of Haverford College.

His topic will be; SATELLITE TRACKING.

We urge all to attend and hear this up-to-the-minute topic.