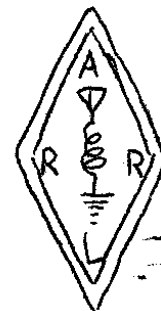




PACK RATS

CHEESE BITS



CLUB CALL: W3CCX

MARCH, 1969

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145.2 - 7:30 P.M.
50.2 - 8:30 P.M.
221.4 - 9:30 P.M.
432.3 - 10:00 P.M.

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MEETING NOTICES: LAST PAGE

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OUR PREZ SEZ



CLUB CHAIRMAN

In spite of the nasty weather that is still prevailing, it is a good feeling to realize that shortly we will be tearing the month of February from the calendar and that spring is but three weeks away. Of course, this means everyone who has an antenna problem will be preparing to take care of it when the first good break in the weather comes along. In my case I figure it should be in the month of April, but whether you have such a problem or not April is a very important month to keep in mind because "Ladies' Night" will be held on the 19th of April. So while the chairman is busy working out the details of the affair we should also start making plans to attend and make this Ladies' Night the best ever.

Every member knows that dues alone never cover the expenses of the Club so additional revenue must be obtained from the membership in the most painless way possible. One method is our monthly raffle. It appears to be insignificant, but it helps to defray a meeting night expense that the club could not afford without this help. To make the raffle interesting and to invite participation, the Club needs useful prizes. These prizes need not be expensive but can be simple accessories you no longer use, a little bag of components which you have in excess, etc. I know it's all been said before, but it will be repeated as often as it is necessary to obtain an adequate response. The raffle cannot be maintained without prizes, so fellows your earnest cooperation is needed; if you need more information talk it over with your very able raffle chairman, K3UJD, Mario.

73,
K3HSS, Charley

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ARRL BULLETINS

QR 205, January 22, 1969

Amateurs wishing to qualify for the ARRL Official Observer appointment should make note of the following Frequency Measuring Test. W1AW will transmit signals for measurement at 0230 GMT February 8 on approximately 3540 7030 and 14,118 kilohertz. A second series of test signals will be transmitted at 0530 GMT February 8 on about 3547 7045 and 14,151 kilohertz. Note that this is the evening of February 7, local time, for most United States and Canadian amateurs. Each participant reporting prior to February 19 will receive an individual report comparing the accuracy of his measurements with those of a professional frequency measuring laboratory. Further FMT details appear on page 95 of January QST AR

NR 206, January 30, 1969

Despite recent rumors and on the air statements by individual amateurs, the Thailand ban has not been lifted. For United States stations, the ban is still in effect with MS XU XV and 3W8 stations. For Canadians, the above list applies plus JY and XW6. Keep this in mind during the February and March ARRL International DX Competition AR

NR 207, February 6, 1969

All amateurs who participated in the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test on January 25 and 26 are urged to make sure that their part was included in reports submitted by their Emergency Coordinator or net manager. ECs and Net Managers are reminded that the deadline for reports and photos is March 15 AR

Reprinted from the Evening Bulletin 2-24 OLNEY

A teacher surprised three young men using a butane torch to set fire to desks stored on the fifth floor of Olney High School, Front St. and Duncannon Ave., at 11:40 this morning.

The teacher, Jay C. Jacobson, struggled with the three, but they escaped leaving the torch.

Jacobson, a biology teacher, had gone to the fifth floor after he heard the sound of glass breaking. He found six window panes in a storage room had been broken. Then he discovered the youths.

They jumped him when he sought to grab the torch.

A fire alarm was sounded and the school's 3,877 pupils filed outside.

Jacobson and school maintenance employees played fire extinguishers on the burning desks until firemen from Engine 61 and Ladder 29 arrived.

The firemen checked whether other fires had been set. Pupils then returned to classes.

Police Lt. Raymond Murphy said the three suspects are in their 20's and were flashily dressed. Two of the suspects are Negroes; the other is white.

Murphy said the fire marshal's office and police are investigating.

TNX WA3ERQ, John Gallagher

FROM THE BOOK RACK
Paul R. Behrmann K3WEU/*AREA

Title: EASY WAY TO SERVICE RADIO RECEIVERS (Tab Book No. 429)
Author: Leo G. Sands
Price: \$6.95 hardbound; \$3.95 paperback
Over 176 pages and 100 circuit diagrams and photos.

This brand new book tells how to diagnose and correct troubles in any kind of AM receiver - tube or transistor. Devoted exclusively to servicing standard AM broadcast receivers, the content details techniques for diagnosing and correcting troubles in any kind of tube or transistor radio set.

Beginning with a description of typical circuits and how they work, succeeding Chapters describe the many troubles that befall radio receivers, with step-by-step procedures on how to locate the defects most efficiently. Virtually every possible symptom and component fault is included - from dead set to intermittent operation, from noisy reception to distortion. To help speed diagnosis, numerous charts are used to list trouble symptoms and the most probable causes.

Other Chapters give complete details on alignment, special quick-check techniques, adding modifications such as tone-control circuits, extension speakers, headphones, tuning indicators, adapters for battery-operated sets, etc. The final chapter is devoted to the equipment needed and how to use it. Special test procedures - such as the use of substitution parts, signal tracers, etc. are also described. This book will enable the reader to quickly diagnose and repair any AM receiver.

K3WEU, Paul

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS?
K3ZPN, Lloyd Schoenig

By now you probably know the Code Practice Sessions sponsored by the Club have been discontinued.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS? (Continued)

After more than four years of sessions, originally by W3CD and for the last several months myself, this station was cited by the F.C.C. for "transmission of codes or ciphers" in violation of F.C.C. Rules Section 97.117. These "codes or ciphers" are the five letter code groups that the club has been using for code practice for over four years!

We have been advised by the Philadelphia Field Engineering Bureau of the F.C.C. that the Washington office of the commission handles all inquiries about F.C.C. Rules and at this time are awaiting a reply to our request for an interpretation of Section 97.117 as it applies to code practice transmissions.

73,
K3ZPN, Lloyd

WHY?

Being a Pack Rat with a very long tail and an even longer snout, I have made numerous observations and now have a few questions to ask!

Why do so many members find it so difficult to zero beat the net control during the Club's nets?

Why haven't we been able to get enough members to attend a meeting in order to approve (or disapprove?) the Amendments to the Constitution?

Why do some members sit in the back of the room and talk during the whole meeting? Is it a lack of manners or intelligence?

Why do some members (member?) think it is their "duty" to check up on others?

Why do certain people think they may use the Club's name (with and without permission) for their own pet projects, and yet miss most of its meetings?

Why do some people think that all they must do as a member is enter the January V.H.F. S.S.?

Why does the Editor of CHEESE BITS print such scurrilous articles as this?

(to be continued)
The Grouch

Editor's Note: The above article was "found" at the last General Meeting. CHEESE BITS will print all replies. I haven't the faintest idea who the old grouch is but in answer to his last question, "Why does the Editor of CHEESE BITS print such scurrilous articles as this?", the Editor of CHEESE BITS firmly believes that the club paper is a sounding board for all of the club members. The fact that they may be voicing an unpopular opinion is not really important. The fact that they have a place to voice this opinion is.

K3JJZ, El

DE W3GEW, SID WEINER

Don't head for your psychiatrist if you happen to see a Pennsylvania auto tag with call letter of K2KRC on it. You're not sick in the head. Frank, whose QTH is now at Front Street and Roosevelt Boulevard, moved here from two land and ordered his old call on his Pennsylvania tag. His three land call is not known yet to me, as I haven't spoken to him for some time.

Modene, XYL of Harold K3GFG, listens in on six meters almost every evening. Harold is working for Roger Charlie Abel, up in the cold regions of the far north. Why don't all you guys say hello to her on the nets or any time you in QSO on six meters?

FLASH

The following is the text of the letter received from Mr. James E. Barr, Chief, Safety & Special Radio Services Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission, in reply to my letter requesting clarification of Section 97.117 of the Commission's Rules.

In reply refer to
7524

Dear Mr. Schoenig:

This is in reply to your recent letter concerning Section 97.117 of the Commission's Rules.

Section 97.117 of the rules prohibits the transmission of messages by "secret" codes or ciphers or by speech scrambling for evasive purposes. The term plain language in this section refers to transmission of information in every day conversational language or in a code, such as the International Morse Code, which relates messages in every day conversational language.

This section, however, should not be construed to prohibit the transmission of a series of "code groups" in International Morse Code which are interrupted frequently and identified as code practice transmissions intended for persons learning or improving their proficiency in the International Morse Code.

Sincerely yours.

James E. Barr



CODE PRACTICE SESSIONS WILL RESUME MONDAY,
10 MARCH 1969 AT 1900 EST

K3ZPN

CLUB ACQUIRES NEW DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT

As you probably know the club has acquired an offset duplicator. Although somewhat limited in comparison to its larger and more advanced cousins, it has great versatility. In addition to being capable of duplicating two color work as on the other side of this sheet, it can duplicate photographs and schematic diagrams as well as regular typed copy.

The offset process is extremely simple; based on the fact that oil and water don't mix. The original copy is typed or drawn using special pencils on what is known as a master, a sheet of paper with a special water receptive coating. The typewriter and/or special pencil impression is oil receptive. The ink used has an oil base. Both ink and a water solution are applied to the master by the duplicator. Nonimage areas pick up the water and repel the ink, image areas pick up the ink and repel the water. The ink image is then transferred from the master to a rubber covered cylinder called the blanket, which in turn transfers it to the paper.

The basic function of the duplicator will be the production of Cheese Bits. Regular articles, those requiring typing only, should be submitted to the editor as usual. Articles which require a schematic diagram should have the diagram drawn, by the author, on a master. Both masters and special "Multilith" pencils (reproducing) are available from the editor and printer. Since articles which include photographs require special handling it is hoped that they will be held to a minimum and only those articles in which a photo is a necessity or will make a conspicuous improvement be submitted. Photo articles should be submitted typed on plain 8½ x 11 inch paper with the photo or photos well secured and positioned as the author desires.

I am trying to get a new column started in CHEESE BITS called "Getting to Know You". Send me a brief resume of yourself as to how or what or who started you out in ham radio, what your line of work is at the salt mine, what business of your own you are in, or what other hobbies you may have. You don't have to mention the name of your business or salt mine if you don't care to. You would be surprised at how much you don't know about your fellow "Pack Rats". It should make a very interesting column. Start sending in your letters fellows and I'll get it rolling.

73,
W3GEW, Sid

ARRL BULLETINS (Continued)

NR 208, February 13, 1969

The ARRL Intruder Watch is now into its fifth year of operation, with an impressive record of reports leading to intruders being removed from the amateur bands. Additional work and constant vigilance are necessary. Volunteers, with two or three years' amateur experience and good receiving equipment, who can spend two hours a week logging the calls of non-amateur stations in the amateur bands would be welcomed. Volunteers please write the Intruder Watch, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111 AR

NR 209, February 20, 1969

The ARRL Board of Directors meets annually in May to formulate the course of ARRL affairs during the coming year. The full members of ARRL elect the Board which has the overall responsibility for managing the affairs of the League. This democratic process is effective only to the extent that the membership participates. Now is the time for members and affiliated clubs to communicate with their division director at the address shown on page 8 of any 1969 QST AR

SCIENTIFIC STUFF
DE THE BLURB

Flat conductor cable technology, a product of the space program has reached the development stage where it could revolutionize the electrical cable industry.

Flat conductor cables - called FCC - have been developed at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center for use on various rockets and spacecraft. About a dozen private industries also manufacture FCC.

Inherent advantages of FCC include: more flexibility, weight and space savings; wires are in fixed positions and cannot be accidentally crossed; wires serve as connector contacts, thus eliminating problems of soldering, welding and crimping; and the more efficient heat dissipation of flat cables results in cooler operation and more current carried.

Other outstanding potential markets for FCC include communication and radar equipment, computers, radio and television sets, controls and appliances, and automotive wiring harnesses.

Plastic insulating materials used in FCC make them stronger, more flexible, simpler in design, easier to produce and faster to install and service. Also, the flexibility natural to thin tapes and flat metal strips makes them virtually immune to vibration.

The toughness of the insulating material makes FCC abrasive resistant and able to endure rough handling. Flat cables can be bent or folded easily to follow the contour of proposed mounting areas. Another important point is that cuts and other defects can be spotted easily because the conductor can be seen through the insulating material. Also, being flat, every strand is visible. Only the outer wires are visible in a round wire bundle.

Conducted By: W3ZRR, Ray Whitehead
7329 Shelbourne St.
Phila., Pa. 19111
215 - RA 2-4786

CONTACT: WB2SZK, Randy Bynum
21 West Temple Avenue
Stratford, N.J. 08084
609 - 783-8145

FOR SALE

- Lafayette HE45-B, and HE61-A VFO - mint condition
- Heathkit Sixer - mint condition
- Hethkit SWR Bridge

Excellent Prices

- Drake TR-4 with AC powr. & spkr. \$375 FIRM

CONTACT: K3WEU, Paul Behrmann
5101 Wynnfield Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19131
TR 7-0562

FOR SALE

- 21" Motorola TV, Blond Cabinet, Excellent Condition \$25

CONTACT: K3JJZ, Elliott Weisman
8533 Algon Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19152
PI 2-3525

FOR SALE

- Gonst Communicator IV 200 mc transceiver, mint condition, available in Levittown for 150.00 with mike, xtals, and beam

CONTACT: Al Nagler
745 S.E. 19th Avenue
Deerfield Beach, Fla.

An appointment to inspect will be arranged.

FOR SALE

- A large quantity of tubes and assorted parts, mostly new in boxes. Being disposed of for W3GEC - the club to share half of the proceeds. The usual good deals with special deals for my regular customers!!!!

CONTACT: W3LHF, Dave Zimmerman
520 Centennial Road
Warminster, Pa. 18974
675-4539

FOR SALE

- RCA Miniature TV (5 inch) work- ing condition Make Offer

CONTACT: K3BPK, Dave Ginden
10040 Jeanes Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19116
676-5571

FOR SALE

- Rohn #6 40' Tower - complete

CONTACT: WA3CAG, Dave Funk
16 Valley View Drive
Langhorne, Pa. 19047
357-8968

FOR SALE

- Knight-Kit TR-106 - 6 mtr. xceiver. 12 watts out 117 VAC & 12 VDC supplies \$90

- Heath-Kit HG-10 VFO 80- 2 mtrs. \$20

WANTED

- 4X-150A or 4X-250 etc. - also sockets and bypass condensers
- 100 watt modulation transformer

WANTED

- Schematic or XTAL frequencies used in Navy Model RCK Radio Receiver - CZC-46223

CONTACT: K3MXM, Lee Cohen
8242 Brookside Road
Elkins Park, Pa. 19117
ME 5-4942

WANTED

- Johnson Matchbox or similar ant. tuning unit for low bands

CONTACT: W3GEW, Sid Weiner
2036 Disston Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19149
DE 2-8655

DID YOU KNOW

K3GQJ, Jack Greenage, and his XYL Janet (K3PHF) welcome their 5th harmonic, a boy.

K3WGJ, Bruce Cooper, has departed for a four year Navy hitch.

K3MXM, Lee Cohen, sports a brand new general class ticket.

W3ZRR, Ray Whitehead, slipped and pulverized his elbow on the ice. Did a stint in Germantown Hospital.

If ye old Ed doesn't receive more newsworthy items for the "Did You Know" column nobody will know what's happening.

CHEESE BITS is now accepting business card ad's at \$1.00 per ad per issue. Contact K3MXM, Lee Cohen, 8242 Brookside Avenue, Phila., Pa. 19117, 635-4942.

At last count there were 77 active members, 31 retired members, and 4 student members.

MEETING NOTICES

The next DIRECTORS MEETING will be held at the QTH of W3MFY, Pres Funk, 4800 Magnolia Avenue, Trevoise, Pa., on March 12 at 8 p.m.

The next GENERAL MEETING will be held at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgewick and Thouron Streets in Mt. Airy on March 19 at 8 p.m. The meeting topic will be "Legal Phone Patches and Other Bell Telephone Gagetry".

A 16 page booklet entitled "Giving Two-Way Radio Its Voice" is available from:

Champion Spark Plug Company
P.O. Box 910
Toledo, Ohio 43601

MT. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB
1969 ARRL VHF SWEEPSTAKES RECAP

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K3ACR	217	7	7378	K3JJO	138	6	4416
W3AJF	270	8	9720	K3JJZ	383	8	13788
W2AXU	149	22	9536	WA3JSR	76	2	1824
WA3BIV	334	11	14007	W3KKN	451	17	24300
K3BOY	139	5	4170	K3KTY	253	4	7084
K3BPP	305	9	11571	K3KUB	100	5	3000
W3BRU	71	3	1846	W3KXH	183	5	5490
WA3BRV	160	4	4480	W3LHF	400	15	20000
W3CL	402	12	17688	W3MFY			
WA3CAG	501	16	26052	W3MVF	240	8	8640
WB2CDP	215	8	7740	K3MXM	267	5	8010
W3CJU	304	8	10944	K3NMN	226	4	6328
WA3CND	191	4	5348	W3NSI	104	2	2496
W3CXU	224	11	9408	WB2OAD	53	8	1908
W2DIL	100	5	3000	K3OBY	200	3	5200
K3DLS	115	2	2760	W3PST/3	89	2	2136
K3DUC	148	5	4440	W3SAO	296	8	10656
W2EIF	416	15	20775	W3CCX	295	8	10620
K3EOD	139	3	3614	W3SMK	200	9	7600
K3EPB	182	5	5460	WB2SZK	346	9	13148
WA3EPS	318	9	12084	K3UJD	230	10	9200
WA3ERQ	263	3	6825	K3VEQ	141	3	3666
WA3FAA	100	3	2600	K3WEU	129	2	3096
W3FGQ	207	5	6210	K3WGJ	78	4	2184
K3GAS	327	8	11772	K3WGK	78	4	2184
W3GEW	336	9	12768	W3WIJ	90	3	2340
WA3GNV	181	4	5068	K3YPL	128	2	3072
K3GQJ	141	3	3666	K3ZKO	64	2	1536
W3GXB	84	3	2184	K3ZPN	306	14	14688
W3HK	267	13	12282	K3ZPQ	177	7	6018
W3HFX	402	12	17688	W3ZRR	132	3	3432
WA3HIT	280	4	7840				
W3HKZ	174	7	5916				
K3HSS	241	3	6253				
W3HYO	26	2	624				
W3IA	74	4	2072				
W3IK	53	3	1378				
K3IGX	209	7	7089				
WA3IMT	218	4	6104				
WB2IOE	234	7	7956				
K3IPM	777	19	45006				

SCIENTIFIC STUFF (Continued)

Perhaps one of the most important advantages of flat cables is the built-in guard against getting wires crossed. All wires are parallel in the cable and the conductors on the end are keyed so that they can be joined in only one way - the right way.

(From Marshall Space Flight Center press release via WA3CNI)

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W3333N, Ernest Kenas
2823 Old Welsh Rd.
Willow Grove, Pa. 19090

FIRST CLASS MAIL

ROUTING SLIP (Continued)

Perhaps one of the most important advantages of this code is the
built-in check against getting wires crossed. All wires are parallel
in the cable and the conductors at the end are keyed so that they can
be joined in any one of the following ways:

(From cables) the conductors are as follows: