

PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON 50MCS IN THE WEST AND S. WEST

BY W3AYG

This year, through the good graces of our friends Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Schwentzfeier, of Lawndale, my wife Polly, and myself started out on Saturday, April 5, 1958, to enjoy two full weeks of traveling around some of our midwest and eastern states by motor car.

Of course we installed a Conset Communicator 3 for the six meter band along with a Halo Antenna mounted on the rear bumper, as we made our way over the Penna. Turnpike. We did not have much luck in making a contact until we were near the Pittsburgh exit, then we made a contact with W3HFE at Monroeville, Pa. Our first night was spent at Zanesville, Ohio, with no contact until the next morning when we approached Columbus, Ohio. There we made three QSO's and our next contacts were made going through Dayton, Ohio, which was quite active, making five QSO's in that city. Our trip then took us to Indianapolis, Indiana. There we snagged nine more stations.

Our next day's travel took us to St. Louis, Mo., and we had a bit of activity by working ten of the six meter boys there. From St. Louis, Mo. we stopped at Springfield, Mo. That night, no contacts in that city. The purpose of our trip was also to attend graduation exercises for our friends' boy, stationed at Vance Air Force Base at Enid, Oklahoma. So there we stayed for the next three days, and not having any six meters stations there, we did very little Hamming.

So leaving Enid, Oklahoma on April 12th, we made our way down south towards Oklahoma City, where we made over eleven contacts with that city and vicinity. At this point, one of the local Hams told me it I was lucky to QSO six of the Oklahoma Central 6 Meter Net and sent each one a QSL card to verify a valid contact, they would send me a very nice certificate issued by their club.

That night was spent in Dallas, Texas, and we had some very nice QSO's with the fellows around Dallas. The next day found us traveling from Dallas, Texas to Baton Rouge, La. Not much in the way of contacts during the day, but each night we would back the car up to the motel door and run the lead-in through so we could operate from 110 volt AC lines.

The next day took us from Baton Rouge, La. to New Orleans, La., there we made about six more contacts but it was a rainy day, so everyone was staying indoors, and our sightseeing tours were limited for that day. Leaving early the next morning we traveled through the State of Mississippi without making any contacts and arrived in Birmingham, Alabama that night, but some of the best QSO's were made with the boys in this city.

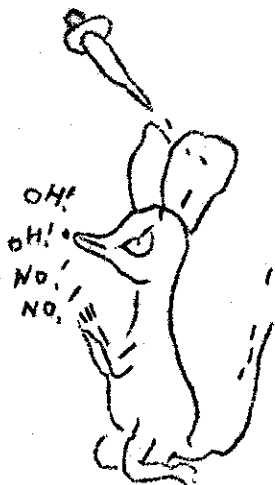
Leaving Birmingham, Ala. on the morning of April 16th we made our way north towards Knoxville, Tenn. There we stayed in a motel at a place known as Maryville, Tenn., about 15 miles from Knoxville. That night we made a startling discovery. The six meters boys, in Knoxville, operate on 50.700 mc only, and if you don't have a crystal for that frequency, you have a hard time working anyone. They just don't tune the band, but I finally was able to get them to notice me by calling on 50.550 mc. Then word got around a W3 was mobile Portable in the vicinity and then I had a field day that night. The next few days were spent in the Great Smokie Mtns, and the one high peak, known as Clingman's Dome was 6,661 feet high, so we tried out six meters from there, and worked a station in Greenville, South Carolina plus a fellow on Signal Mtn. at Chattanooga, Tenn., a distance of 115 miles air line with a R9 signal.

Leaving Gatlinburg, Tenn. we made our way to Waynesboro, Va., and the last day was spent coming over the Sky Line Drive, where we made contacts while on the Drive, with stations in Harrisonville, Va., Hyattsville, Md., Alexandria, Va.

Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md. up through Delaware and over the New Jersey Turnpike and home, arriving about 8:00 P.M. Sunday night April 20th 1958.

Our trip took us through 17 States and we made 105 contacts in 14 States.

RAT
SQUEAL
By
W3SAO



K3CIV, Ralph, now has a "Latreen" transmitter. (Letting) It sure does sound good down here. (Frankie gets angry with me when I say "Latreen", but he taught it to me.)

For all interested parties I would like to report that my father came through his third and final operation with flying colors. On January 3rd they opened him up and gave him a colostomy, and on July 3rd they removed the colostomy and closed him up. Exactly six months to the day.

DID YOU KNOW?

BY W 3KKN

W3IHT, Doc, says that he never washes his dishes because he is the only one to use them. He just scrapes the food off and when it gets too thick he tosses them out and buys new ones.

W3IBH, Charlie, helped to save the life of a 7 year old boy, who was going down for the third time at Margate City on Monday June 30th.

The father of W3OZP, our President, fell and cut his head which required about 6 stitches. We understand, at this writing, that along with other complications, his condition is touch and go. Sorry to hear it, Bill, and we pray that turn out for the best of all concerned.

On the six meter net of Monday, June 30th someone was pulling Ernie's leg. Who was it? W3IBH/M. Charlie was at the QTH of W3SAO. Frankie was the biggest RAT because he kept his mouth shut.

We reported in the last issue that W2PAU had been operated on for Kidney stones and was home recuperating, but at this writing we hear that he is back in the hospital with some liver trouble.

W3KKN reports that conditions on the 220 band are pretty good. On the net they have been able to work from New York to Delaware.

W3CXU, Wha' happen John, do the Rats ruin your modulation on the 6 meter net?

W3JSD, John, was very reluctant to come back on high frequency, but now he says, "There's nothing in life like the good friends, laughs and chuckles you get out of it."

W3CL, Harry, has been a HAM since 1914 and has travel around the world while in the Navy. He is now a big wheel at Johnsville Naval Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa.

W3CPT, Ken, is a licensed engineer, and has been employed in almost every kind of job there is? His hobby, besides HAM radio, was riding a motorcycle.

W3OZP, Bill, has a complete workshop in his cellar and learned cabinetmaking from his father.

W3FSC, Ozzie, is a Connecticut Yankee? He is a plant engineer and has set up plants all over the country.

W3RZU, Elio, is associated with NARCO and is working toward E.E. at Drexel?

W3JAY, Doc, is a general practitioner and specializes in heart study?

W3EMG, Howard, is working nitework at RCA?

W3IXL, Ellis, is looking for a new QTH? (Aside; He found one.)

W3DIR, JOHN, (I put it in capitals to show I got it right) runs an appliance shop in Glenside?

W3DRC, Tom, runs a camp, is an avid hunter and is rapidly becoming a 1st class archer?

W3HWV, Bill, is a top TV Technician? An Ex Navy man and has been a life saver in many a TVI case. (P.S. He will also be a father again in November.)

W3HYO, Lenny, is an avid surf fisherman. He and his brother operate a beach buggy and go after the big ones.

W3IHT, Doc, operates a hospital and raises siamese cats and french poodles.

W3IBH, Charlie, has more 2 meter contacts than anyone else in Pennsylvania?

W3NKD, Vic, is an Ex Navy man and is responsible for Electronic installations in ships at the Navy Yard?

W3FOZ, Charlie, runs a large auto shop and is one of the best auto men around?

W3UMI, Willy, has been in charge of various broadcast stations, is a Broadcast engineer, as well as being a top TV Technician?

W3VGN, Harvey, is an Al Archer, has participated in various championship shoots and lectures and instructs various groups in Bow Shooting?

W3AJF, Horace, is an engineering representative of an air conditioning firm, is a past president of YRRC, and is an old 5 meter man?

W3VIR, Bill, was the first Eastern Pa. contact to Ohio on 432 and is still holding this record?

W3AYG, John, is a banker and also a 5 meter man?

K3CIV, Ralph, has made his mark in the furniture game and has 2 daughters and a son and numerous grandchildren?

W3SAO, Frankie, has been an electrical instrument and meter repair man since 1928, and is also an E.E. graduate from Drexel?

(Aside from the Editor) W3KKN, Ernie, holds an important job at Budd Manufacturing Co.?

W3HYJ, Joe, is a top contest man?

CORRESPONDANCE FROM FRIENDS

J. Dawson Ransome, W2SAI/3 asked us to pass on to the club members the following items for sale:

D&W 5100-B & 51ssb latest #2
factory run - \$500.00

National NC300 Crystal calibrated speaker 417a 2 meter converter, National 6 meter converter with cabinet - \$325.00

Commercial 1-KW 2 meter final silver plated, 4 - 125A's blower, etc. - \$150.00

Johnson 6N2 complete with 700 power supply - \$165.00

Johnson Viking match box - \$20.00

For all information contact, J. Dawson Ransome, W2SAI/3, Old Welsh Road, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Chapel Hill 1285

(We sent a copy of the Cheese Bits to the Tamaqua Amateur Radio Club, their paper is known as TARC, but we received an answer from the Anthracite Wireless Association.)

These fellows are in the coal regions of Pennsylvania. Whether some of them are on V.H.F. I don't know, but some of them were.

If any of our fellows work the low meter bands their frequency is 3860 KC. They are on each Sunday morning. The time of their net was not given.

From what I can figure, they either changed their name or formed a new club. Either way we should congratulate them. During the worst storm, in March, they were on emergency situation condition and received, from the ARRL the "Public Service Award."

Frank and I met W3ZRQ, Al at the South Jersey Picnic in 1955, and again in 1957, when we attended one of their meetings, while on vacation.

(It's a good thing that I read Frankie's mail before he comes home.)

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 658 FROM ARRL HDQS. WEST HARTFORD, CONN. JUNE 19, 1958 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS. BT

The 1958 ARRL National Convention will be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. on August 15, 16 and 17. The program includes tours of places of interest, a code contest, technical sessions on VHF, mobile RACES, military, TVI, Novice subjects, YLRL, Single side band, antennas, RTTY, public relations, DX and others. A Wouff Hong Initiation will be held Saturday evening. Make your advance registrations by Aug. 1. See pages 55 and 66 of July QST for full details.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 660 FROM ARRL HDQS. WEST HARTFORD, CONN. JULY 3, 1958 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

U.S. amateurs wishing to operate in Canada and Canadian amateurs desiring to operate in the U.S. are reminded that they may secure authorization to do so. U.S. amateurs should obtain, fill out (Cont'd next page)

and file forms through Telecommunications Division, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Canadian amateurs must obtain, fill out and file forms through Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, 25, D.C. Appropriate authorization will then be issued by the government agency concerned and should be shown to customs authorities at the border. Write for forms well in advance. More details on across the border mobile work appear on page 9 of April 1957 QST.

AR

A FRIENDLY BIT OF ADVICE

Please check the frequency before calling CQ or testing. It isn't very pleasant to be in a QSO with someone and have a member unthinkingly knock your contact out.

When looking for DX on 6 meters don't give your location just W3, as the DX man may not answer because he does not want Pennsylvania.

DRINKERS, OR HOW TO HAVE A HAPPY WIDOW

BY THE SAGE OF MT. AIRY, DOC. W3JAY

A Liquor Store sends a card to clients and Prospectors which reads;

Since you cannot refrain from drinking why not start a saloon in your own home? Be the only customer!, and you will not have to buy a license. Give your wife \$55.00 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 drinks in a case. Buy all your drinks from your wife at \$.60 a drink and in 12 days (when the case is gone), your wife will have \$89.00 to put in the bank and \$55.00 to buy another case. If you live 10 years and continue to buy all your whiskey from your wife, and then die in your boots, your widow will have \$27,085.47 on deposit, enough to bring up your children, pay off the mortgage on the house, marry a decent man, and forget she ever knew a bum like you!!

Past Events

A CONSTITUTION CHANGE

At the Board of Directors meeting of July 9th, W3KKN made a suggestion that Article IV, entitled Officers, be changed to read,

The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Directors.

This is your official notice of a proposed amendment to the Constitution. Since a number of the members are on vacation, no vote will be taken on it until the September 17th meeting.

(May I be so bold as to suggest a mere technical change in the Constitution? The change I refer to is Article I, entitled Name. It should be changed to read;

The name of this organization shall be the MT. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB, INC.

I am sure this change was merely an oversight by everyone concerned.)

If these changes in the Constitution are approved, notice of the changes should be sent to the ARRL so that our Charter will be up to date.

JULY MEETING

On July 16th we hold election of Officers and Directors. The following members were elected;

- W3CL Harry Stein - President
- W3JSD John Houser - Vice-president
- W3SAO Frank Brick - Secretary
- W3CPT Ken Harrison- Treasurer

Directors;

- W3KKN Ernest Kenas
- W3OZP William Miller

Since W3CL, Harry, had one year yet to go to finish his term as director, he appointed W3AYG, John Harris, to finish the unexpired term.

Ernie, W3KKN, gave a talk on "Front End Overload on T.V. Sets". He had Rex-O-Graphed sheets made up giving all of the information needed. For the members who were not present, Frankie has extra ones at home. If you would like to have a copy, contact Frankie. We also have the information on who the T.V. complainant should contact to have the situation rectified. (This information will be in the September issue of Cheese Bits.)

The following HAM was elected to membership;

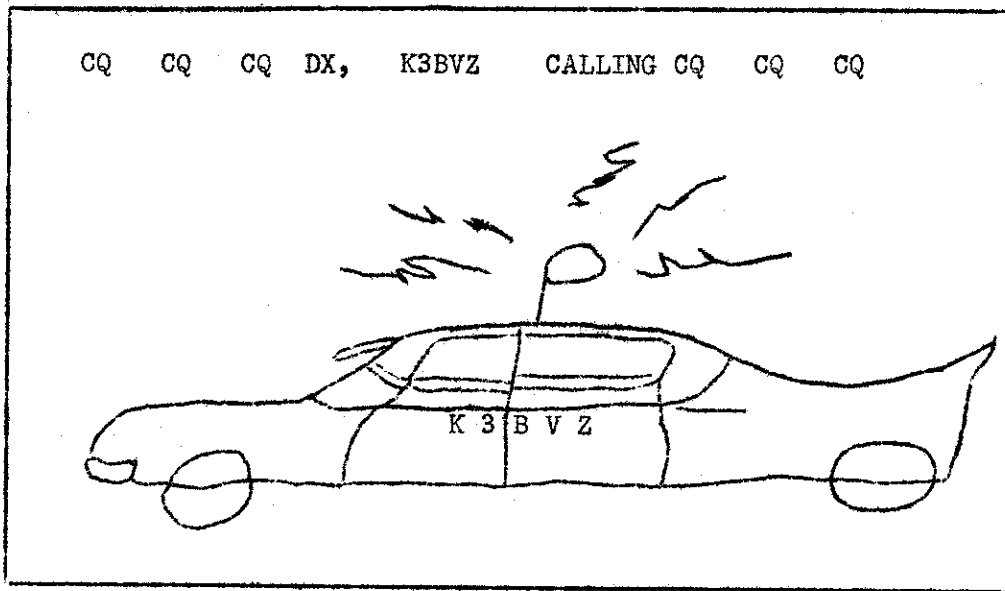
- W3MVF David E. Bloch
- 6922 Revere Street,
- Phila., 49, Pa.
- Ma. 4-7570

Please add him to your address list.

A CORRECTION

W2SPV, Ed, has decided that a 50 sheet tablet with call, for \$1.50 should be changed to a 100 sheet tablet.

HERE THEY ARE BOYS, THE REAL MASTER - PIECES



THE TWO METER HALO'S ARE AVAILABEL TO PACK RATS AT SPECIAL RATES

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FOR INFORMATION CALL BEN, K3BVZ-----GL, 7-1375

Coming Events

AUGUST MEETING

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND PLACE:

The meeting will be held at the QTH of W3KKN, Ernie, on Wednesday evening, the 13th of AUGUST, at 8:00 P.M.

For the benefit of those who don't know how to reach Ernie's, take Easton Road to the Clown Entrance of Willow Grove Park and turn either right or left depending on how you come, north or south. Right turn going south, and left going north. Stay on Old Welsh Road until you see ERNIE'S ANTENNA FARM just before you reach Fitzwatertown Road.

The speaker will be W3CXU, Johnnie Allen. His Topic will be on Transistors. This promises to be a timely talk, since so many Hams are interested in building compact equipment, especially for mobile work.

DON'T FORGET THE HAM FEST ON AUGUST 10th

Thanks to W3ISV, Syl, and his partner, Elliot, Frankie and I are rolling again. We are leaving on August 16th for three weeks. Due to our vacation, the September issue of "CHEESE BITS" will be late, so here is the information on the September meeting. Please mark the date on your calender.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

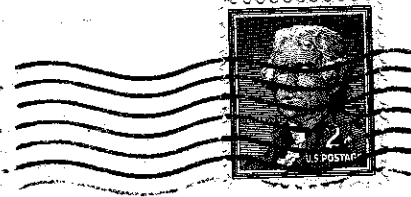
The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening September 17th, at the West Oak Lane Jewish Community Center, Sedgwick and Thouron Avenues, at 8:00 P.M.

The tentative speaker will be Bob Welch, from the Philadelphia office of the Federal Communication Commission.

More information on this will be given on the Monday night nets, so be sure to join in each Monday night.

If you have anything for the September issue, please get it to me before the 16th of August.

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