Mt. AIRY V.H.F. RADIO CLUB. INC.



CHEESE 3173





Incorporated May 1956

Volume XLVIII MAY-JUNE2007 Number 05

PREZ SEZ

This June, many of the new members will have a great opportunity to participate in the club efforts for the QSO Party as we head to Camelback on June 8 for set-up and June 9-10 for operating, then back home on Mon-

day, June 11. Why is this June different from the previous years? Due to a unique alignment of the planets, several of the previous years' leadership, ops and band captains have conflicts, leaving a host of opportunities for folks who may not have had a chance to get close to the action before. SO WE NEED EVERYONE WHO IS AVAILABLE TO TAKE ON A TASK, COMMIT SOME TIME AND COME TOGTHER IN THE EVENT THAT HAS BEEN THE PINNACLE OF THE CLUB'S ANNUAL SCHEDULE.

Kudos to Jeff Klein, K1TEO for such an informative talk on his contesting years from his CT QTH. As the pacesetter for single-op high-power VHF contesters, the message is loud and clear: GET YOUR ANTENNAS ABOVE THE TREES. There are other things you can do, like up your power, improve the feedlines, get more aluminum in the air, and add bands, voice and CW memory keyers, computer programming and WSJT. But if those antennas are shooting energy into the foliage, all the other improvements will have minor effects.

Some Pack Rats have made their reservations for Microwave Update. Paul, W2PED has been diligently accumulating papers and speakers, and this will be a memorable event. We need everyone to sign on for this (visit www.microwaveupdate.org), and especially to sign up to bring family and friends to

the banquet on Saturday night October 20th as we will also be celebrating our 51st Anniversary and there are plenty of door prizes. There are rumors that THE

Pack Rat will be there. Cochairs Phil K3TUF and Dave KB3HCL are insuring all the moving parts are in order and we also have had a boost with support from The North East



K1TEO Honored Guest of the PACKRATS

VHF Conference Group (N2LIV & KA1ZE) and the North East Weak Signal VHF Radio Club.

Elections are coming up in June. Many of the club officers have graciously agreed to serve another term. If we tap you on the shoulder to fill a slot, please say yes. Our May meeting will be devoted to June contest planning and a low key evening to give members and guest a chance to have extended eyeball QSOs. Our summer is filled with fun events: Post contest dinner at Otto's Brauhaus in the Biergarten (Dutch treat), the White Elephant auction at WA2OMY's QTH, and the annual picnic at the QTH of N3ITT. Looking forward to reuniting with many of you that we haven't seen during the winter months, and enjoying fun together in all the upcoming activities.

73, Rick, K1DS

Pack Rats **CHEESE BITS** is a monthly publication of the **Mt. AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB, INC.** -Southampton, PA.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE: \$16.00 PER YEAR (USA)

\$20.00 PER YEAR (CANADA)

\$10 PDF only

\$24.00 PER YEAR (ELSEWHERE)

We operate on a .PDF exchange basis with other non-commercial publications. Anything that is printed in CHEESE BITS may be reprinted in a not for profit publication, unless stated otherwise, provided proper credit is given. Deadline for articles and swap-shop is the monthly meeting date. Non-commercial swap-shop items free of charge.

Pack Rat Web Site: http://www.ij.net/packrats SUBSCRIPTION and ADVERTISING MANAGER:

Bob Fischer, W2SJ 7258 Walnut Avenue, Pennsauken, NJ 08110 (856) 665-8488 bobw2sj@version.net

EDITOR:

Doc Whitticar W3GAD 28 Twining Bridge Rd, Newtown,PA 18940

215-968-6397 info@docstech.com

CLUB TREASURER:

Dave Mascaro, W3KM 1603 Mink Road Ottsville, PA 18942

(215)-795-2648 dmascaro@motorola.com

TRUSTEE OF CLUB CALL - W3CCX

Brian Taylor N3EXA

(215) 257-6303 n3exa@verizon.net

PACKRAT 222 MHz REPEATER - W3CCX/R

222.98/224.58 MHz (PL 131.8) Hatfield, PA

OFFICERS 2004-05

PRESIDENT K1DS, Rick Rosen rick1ds@hotmail.com
VICE PRES: KB3HCL Dave Fleming kb3hcl@arrl.net

CORR. SEC: WA3EHD Jim Antonacci

Antonacci@worldnet.att.net

REC. SEC: K3EGE Bill Shaw K3EGE@aol.com
TREAS: W3KM Dave Mascaro dmascaro@motorola.com

DIRECTORS:

(2007)K3TUF Phil Theisphil@k3tuf.com(2007)N0YMV David Willmorewillmore@optonline.net(2008)K3JJZ Elliott Weismancompusimpl@aol.com(2008)W2SJ Bob Fisherbobw2sj@verizon.net

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

January Contest

June Contest: N3ITT & KF6AJ HAMARAMA: WA3DRC

VHF Conference: WA3EHD 215-659-4359
Awards Chairman WA3GFZ 215-884-3116
Quartermaster: K3IUV, Bert Soltoff, bsoltoff@comcast.net
MUD 2007 K3TUF phil@k3tuf.com

KB3HCL kb3hcl@arrl.net

PACKRAT BEACONS - W3CCX/B FM29jw Philadelphia, PA

50.080, 144.284, 222.065, 432.295, 903.071, 1296.251, 2304.037, 3456.220, 5763.190, 10,368.140 MHz (as of 3/1/01)

MONDAY NIGHT NETS

TIME	FREQUENCY		NET CONTROL	
7:30 PM	50.150	MHz	K3EOD	FM29II
8:00 PM	144.150	MHz	N3ITT	FN20kl
8:30 PM	222.125	MHz	K3TUF	FN10we
8:30 PM	224.58R	MHz	W3GXB	FN20jm
9:00 PM	432.110	MHz	WA3GFZ	FN20kc
9:30 PM	1296.100	MHz	WA3NUF	FN20le
10:00 PM	903.125	MHz	W2SJ	

Visit the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club at:

http://www.packratsvhf.com Www.w3ccx.com

Editor's Column

YIKES!! It's almost June and I am finally getting the "May" CheeseBits finished. Looks like a double header.

This spring has been very busy at my QTH and unfortunately it has not been ham radio related activities other than a few meeting and some very limited time for nets and phone calls.

What I need *now* is more material from the membership. The editor's job is to take your submissions and put them into a readable format and assemble a newsletter from all this collected information.

The JUNE VHF CONTEST is just around the corner—Two (2) weekends from now. Have you made you commitment to lend a hand to the club effort? Does N3ITT or KF6AJ know of that commitment? We need to know so plans can be made for the loading of equipment, operations and disassemble and returning all the gear to storage from the weekend efforts. Your shared commitment also helps the "GORMET MOUNTAIN CAFÉ" staff an opportunity to better plan the menu and food purchases for the worthy crew.

This event is a great opportunity to rub elbows with a few members of other contest clubs and learn a few tricks for these outstanding HF contesters.

If you physically can not make the trip get on the air from home and submit your personal best score for the aggregate club score.

Get on the air and make some noise.

Listen for the WEAK ONES
73
W3GAD Doc



CONVERSATION

By Ward Silver NOAX

The Time Is Now

A couple of years ago (in the 19 May 2004 issue to be exact) I published a short essay on reaching out, the biggest challenge to amateur radio and amateurs. With Morse code having been removed as a licensing requirement and the subsequent inrush of new and upgrading hams, it is even more important to meet the challenge of outreach. Not only for contesting, but for amateur radio in general.

What is it that will turn a casually interested new ham into a five-year, ten-year, lifetime ham? What is it that about amateur radio that will hold the Technician's interest and get them excited about finding out what lies around each of ham radio's many corners and curves? What is it that takes ham radio from a means to an end to being an end in itself? Where that crackly hiss from the speaker becomes an invitation instead of something to be muted?

There are so many paths from that first taste through the mysteries to discovering the magic that waits behind every power switch. And there are so many new call signs popping up on the bands! How will they find a good path, a true path? How will they gain the confidence to take on those mysteries, just as we did, and make it through to the other side?

Every reader of this newsletter can be a guide, a mentor, a teacher, a friend. These eager new faces are standing on the sidelines waiting to be invited to a club meeting, the Saturday breakfast, a hamfest, a multi-op contest. You can find them in the FCC database with brand-new calls. Many of them regularly log on to the ARRL Web, QRZ.com, or eham.net. In fact, I'll bet a lot of new hams check your club's Web site to see what's there.

Take a look at that club Web site. If a new ham found your club using the ARRL Club Search page at http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/clubsearch.phtml, what would they find? Would there be a "Welcome, New Hams" button or link? Would a recent upgrade to General feel comfortable attending an upcoming meeting? Could they even *find* the meeting?

Once a new face works up the nerve to attend a meeting or informal gathering, would they be welcomed into the group or would they be left standing around on the periphery? Too many groups let newcomers just fend for themselves. Is it any wonder a second visit just doesn't happen?

Here's some suggestions to every club and group:

- Make sure a visitor will see a welcoming message - Offer help and information in your group's specialty
- At gatherings, seek out and welcome new members Help new members break the ice with the cliques

None of this costs a nickel - just the expenditure of a little goodwill and ham spirit.

In the past thirty days, there are nearly 6000 new hams and more than 11,000 upgrades. The Amateur Service has reversed its population trend and is growing again. This is good for contesting and good for Amateur Radio. Some are worried that this will change ham radio and no doubt, it will! Yet, if certain practices and attitudes are important to ham radio, how will these newcomers find out about them? It is fairly unreasonable to expect that information to be magically absorbed from the ether.

It's up to us, not some nebulous 'them', to help this wave of new hams and make them part of what ham radio is and should be. After all, ham radio is you and me! Take a moment to do your part and help your organization do its part. There is no better time the time is now.

73, Ward NOAX

FROM: CONTESTER'S RATE SHEET, 18 April 2007 Edited by Ward Silver N0AX Published by the American Radio Relay League

One of the benefits of being an ARRL member is their newsletters. The CONTESTORS RATE SHEET, The ARRL Letter, The DX BULLITIN, and the weekly SOLAR UPDATE all serve the amateur radio community. They are all free.

To get your subscription just go to the ARRL..org Site and select the publications you would like to receive. Ed.

AND THE HONOREES ARE... PACKRATS ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT

The lights dimmed and the audience hushed as K1TEO filled our eyes with graphics and our ears with his tales of VHF/UHF and Microwave contesting since his teenage years. First along with his dad in New York and recently from his hilltop in Southern Connecticut in the heart of FN31.



Jeff Kline has the true spirit of a contester... How did I do this year against others in the sames category? How can I improve my score with what I have available? What bands do I need to add to grow my level of competition? How can I best use my time and energy during the contest?



He seems to have the right formula for getting the best performance from his equipment. That is:

- 1. Get you antennas above the trees.
- 2. Lots of antenna on each band and take the

risk with the weather. Jeff uses several crank-up/tilt over towers.

- 3. Power is important but good clear views to the horizon is just as important (See #1)
- 4. Get plenty of rest before the contest—fatigue can really effect your performance
- 5. An endurance based non-stop run may be macho but a few hours off in the middle of the night is really beneficial to maintaining peak performance for the long run.

We want to thank Jeff for journeying down from Connecticut to spend the evening with the PACKRATS and we are looking forward to many more contacts with K1TEO in the future

After the Business meeting the program continued with WQA3GFZ and the ANNUAL AWARD NIGHT presentations

Awards were presented recognizing individual and group contributions to the PACKRATS CLUB SCORE in the AJNUARY VHF/UHF SWEEPSTAKES, Submission and presentations forom the March HOME BREW NIGHT program and, this years awardee for PACKRAT OF THE YEAR.

2007 ARRL JANUARY VHF SS



SINGLE OPERATOR HIGH POWER FIRST PLACE K3TUF PHIL THEIS SCORE 226,284 POINTS

SINGLE OPERATOR - HIGH POWER SECOND PLACE - WA3DRC, ED FINN SCORE 116,857 POINTS

SINGLE OPERATOR - LOW POWER FIRST PLACE - W3SZ, ROGER REHR SCORE 155,122 POINTS

SINGLE OPERATOR
LOW POWER
SECOND PLACE
WA3GFZ
PAUL SOKOLOFF
SCORE 98,032 POINTS



MULTI OPERATOR CATEGORY - FIRST
PLACE
N3NGE, LEN MARTIN
WITH K3EGE, W2PED, K1WHS, N3FTI,
N3EXA, N2NC
SCORE 572,930 POINTS

AWARD NIGHT 2007 continued

MULTI OPERATOR
SECOND PLACE
K3EOD, AL BOBLITT
WITH K3DMA, N2GJ, N3RG, W2OF, WA3WUL
SCORE 123,318 POINTS

MULTI OPERATOR
THIRD PLACE
KA3FQS
Tom Frederickson
WITH KA3AXV



MOST IMPROVED SCORE
WA3QPX
PAUL DOMANSKI
73 % INCREASE

HOME BREW AWARDS 2007



MOST UNIQUE PAUL SOKOLOFF, WA3GFZ 10 Ghz. Tower Box

MOST AMBITIOUS JOE TAYLOR, K1JT Complete Station Control

BEST TECHNICAL PHIL THEIS, K3TUF Multi-Function Relay Board



2007 PACKRAT OF THE YEAR
"DOC" WHITTICAR
W3GAD
For Outstanding Service to the Members
And to the Organization

Pack Rat of the Year

It was not a hard guess who would be the Pack Rat of the Year for 2006-2007 after the first clue was given. The member that seems to be everywhere and do everything, whether he's asked or not. He always seems to have stuff ready for action, although at times, he may be a little shy on publication deadlines. He has a great gift for gab, and a great eye



for pictures. He has a great knack of encouraging a dollar from your pocket, and a load of patience when the crew is hungry. He owns a tent trailer that comes in handy for June and Hamarama. He knows

how to describe all the "treasures" that appear on the Mario Raffle table each month. And he knows how to run the numbers. He's the guy that collared me for the club presidency for the last three years, and in the process took on the editorship of CheeseBits.

"Doc" W3GAD, is not a doctor, but picked up the moniker from his dad. And it will take me a while to come to my thoughts about what his real given name is. But unlike one of Disney's dwarves, he is far from diminutive when it comes to playing a role in the life of the club. Without him we would have a significant hole in the club network. Not only is he single handedly responsible for so much of the current club structure, but he is fully entertaining with history and tales of the club's past.

As far as I can remember (and that's my 10 year membership as a rat) Doc has been the cook d'elegance for the mountain, perhaps assisted by N3ITT and N3OZO at times. He has also been the "talk-in" station for our Hamarama for many years, assisting those who have lost their way in the early morning fog that often shrouds the road signs. When the call goes out to help a rat take down a tower or clean out a basement, he's there with his tools and trailer. Having visited Doc's QTH recently, he truly embodies the club nickname, as he has a basement and a barn stocked full of radio and electronics gear.

Our Awards Chairman, WA3GFZ solicited input from the entire membership for this prestigious recognition. Please join me in celebrating his contributions as Pack Rat of the Year. Rick, K1DS

PACKRATS WANDER NORTH IN THE SPRING

In the spring the weather improves, the roads are clear of ice and snow and the NEWS GROUP hosts the annual EASTERN STATES MICROWAVE CONFERENCE.

I have made many trips to this conference in recent years and have found the conference well prepared and the people delightful. I will let the following photos tell most of the story.

One program of interest was the premier edition of AN INTRODUCTION TO MICROWAVE by Paul, W1GFC and Dale, AF1T.

Their conference, like our MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE, started Friday evening a with Hospitality Room, meetings and a banquet on Saturday followed by a tail gate parking lot hamfest on Sunday morning with real bargins and lots of stuff for the microwave enthusiast.



The PACKRAT banquet table

Those PACKRATS that attended thoroughly enjoyed the programs and even presented a few them-

Joel Knoblock W3RFC
www.therfc.com
The R.F.Connection
213 N. Frederick Ave. #11WWW
Gaithersburg, MD 20877 USA

World wide shipping via FED-EX or US Post OFFICE Tech Line 301/840-5477

Order Line 800/783-2666 All major credit cards taken Fax Line 301/869-3680

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30am-5:30pm Eastern



K3TUF gave a very informative presentation on SDR with excellent graphics.

K1DS expounds on rovering and how to set up a rover vehicle.



K1WHS—is playing with one of the ROHDE-SCHWARTZ analyziers

KF6AJ maybe listening intently to a presentation or...



The *Mario Table* never had it so good. Lots of door prizes. From a New BIRD watt meter to antenns, engineering kits and books to stuff for the ladies the were no poor choices. Doc W3GAD

NE3I

Robert A. Griffiths

Attorney at Law

KLETT ROONEY LIEBER & SCHORLING A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION (215) 567-7857

12th Floor, Two Logan Square FAX: (215) 567-2737

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2736 e-mail: ragriffiths@klettrooney.com

CheeseBits 2007 6

CQ, CQ, CQ, CONTEST DE W3CCX in FN20hb

Well, it is that time of the year again, the snow has melted, the spring conferences are in full swing. The club discussions turn to how are we going to better last year's participation and score. I am writing this from 35,000 feet inside of Delta 85 originating in Italy and headed back to NY. Some time "off" from the regular schedule (R&R with Jennifer KB1LIJ) enables those overused brain cells to be rested.

Based on our geographic area as well as our commitment to populate the frequencies as a club event, W3CCX has enjoyed a top 10 scoring position over the years. Our winning position is; however, constantly challenged by other competitive stations as well as by the change in the contest "landscape". As we know the activity level is lower today than in past years and the basis on which we make contacts has changed from calling "CQ" to a "contact passing" game. Contacts "by appointment" are also the norm for the upper frequencies and to work the rovers. The modes have also changed include digital (WSJT). Working the rovers now account for a high percentage of the total score.

We have agreed to and implemented various adjustments in our mountaintop station to reflect these operating trends including the replacement of the telephones with a fully functional computerized communication system, a centralized microwave station and individual equipment upgrades (rigs, antennas, amplifiers and accessories) all leading to more efficient production of contact points. As In the past, many changes have been tried – some with success and others not faring so well. These changes were proposed and carried out by the active members of the 'CCX team. Also of note, these changes came up against initial resistance from some of the group in addition to some that are not inclined to agree to change based on fear of the unknown. As a group of

technical achievers we should embrace well intentioned changes as their implementation enables us to tweak the operation for more operating fun and a re-



sulting increased score.

This year we will try a different arrangement for the operating positions to improve the passing of contacts up the bands. The arrangement of the vehicles and the location of the various desks will change, hopefully, for the better

My observation is that our club has set a high standard for ourselves; however, we seem to have an ever-decreasing group of folks that want to (or can) step up and be accountable for a portion of the W3CCX success. We are missing leadership in key areas such as band captains, builders of new hardware and planners. The workload has not really changed so the various tasks are loaded onto those few folks that already have a full plate. Remember, this is a club event.

We need help in the following areas: 50 mHz and 222 mHz band captains, assistance for the uW band captain, assistance at the barn to load trucks on Friday and unload Monday,. Set up assistance on the mountain, Operators, Rovers and kitchen help to keep us all well fed. Keep in mind that the ROVERS add a large percentage to the total club score. We need someone to DO the following: Set up Digital and rover skeds.

Remember, this is a club activity and run by club members for club members and friends.

What can you do to help? We would now like to get an understanding of who we can count on to for this event. Please be honest as to your availability as an accurate head count is helpful for meal preparation. Please contact KF6AJ or N3ITT with your commitment.

Looking forward to a fun and productive June VHF contest.

73, Steve, KF6AJ

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR:

Microwave Update 2007

(Replacing the Mid-Atlantic States VHF Conference)
Oct 18-19-20 Philadelphia, PA



MICROWAVE UPDATE 2007--CALL FOR PAPERS Any topics related to microwave theory, construction,

communication, deployment, propagation, antennas, activity, transmitters, receivers, components, amplifiers, communication modes, LASER and practical experiences welcome. Abstracts should be submitted by June 1 and completed papers and articles by August 15.

Please submit your papers, articles and abstracts to W2PED pdrexler@hotmail.com or N2UO lu6dw@yahoo.com in MSWord or as a PDF. Diagrams, photos and illustrations should be in black & white. Hard copies may be mailed to

PAUL E DREXLER, W2PED 28 West Squan RD, Clarksburg NJ 08510

Hosted by the Mt Airy VHF Radio Club Detailed information and registration at:

www.microwaveupdate.org

Registration, proceedings and banquet until 9/1 \$79 pp

89 pp from 9/1-10/1 and \$99 pp there-after

Hotel conference rate \$92+tax per night
The Inn at Valley Forge
(the former Hilton Valley Forge)
1-866-795-1995 mention "Microwave"

Questions to chairpersons Phil@K3TUF.com or KB3HCL@arrl.net



Historic Valley Forge

2007

8_

WHATS HAPPENING

A LISTING OF INTERESTING EVENTS

10 MAY 2007 MEETING OF THE PACKRATS BOARD OF DIRECTORS— at the QTH of KB3HCL

12 MAY 2007 SPRING SPRINTS CONTINUE ON 50 MHz 7 to 11 PM Local time

17 MAY 2007 <u>MEETING OF THE MOUNT AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB</u> This is the last meeting before the assult on BIG POCONO STATE PARK and the June VHF QSO PARTY. Come on out and learn wherer you can be part of this major club operating event and learn how you can help make if the most successful ever. Nominations will be entertained for the up coming elections. We need your help in both these areas.

08-11 JUNE 2007 W3CCX/PACKRATS ANNUAL TRIP TO CAMEL BACK FOR THE JUNE VHF QSO PARTY—Plan on joining us for the unique experience this weekend offers in testing your technical and operating skills. The comradship and food are also terrific. We are faced with new challenges as the site has been updated. This is also the site for the June Board of Directors meeting.

21 JUNE 2007 <u>MEETING OF THE MOUNT AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB</u> This is a special meeting at OTTO's BRAU HOUSE on Easton Road (Route 611) in Horsham. Subjects are the follow-up from the June Contest and ELECTION of officers for 2007/2008. This is also a "Dutch Treat" dinner meeting starting at when you get there (6PM). In the BEIR GARTEN - weather permitting.

JULY 2007 MEETING OF THE PACKRATS BOARD OF DIRECTORS DATE AND TIME - TBA

19 JULY 2007 <u>MEETING OF THE MOUNT AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB THE ANNUAL WHITE</u> <u>ELEPHANT SALE/AUCTION</u> AT WA2OMY'S IN NORRISTOWN, PA. This is one of the best opportunities to re-distribute the wealth of equipment and construction supplies or just move out that boat anchor to make room for more "usable" stuff. Bring a lawn chair. Be prepared for Mother Nature's offerings.

28 JULY 2007 MEETING OF THE MOUNT AIRY VHF RADIO CLUB

AUGUGST MEETING AND ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

At the home of N3ITT- bring a salad or dessert and your swimming suit We have shown you the pictures of past picnics and your family was missing. The pool is beautiful., the pot luck buffets are scrumptious and the fellowship opportunities are unbounded. Come, share with old friends, and make a few new friends too.

30 SEPTEMBER 2007 <u>PACKRATS HAMFEST</u>— Plan on being there to help and do some shopping too

19-20 OCTOBER 2007 MICROWAVE UPDATE RETURNS TO PHILADELPHIA.

This is a multi club event and we are looking for full participation from the PACKRATS to make this the very best MUD ever. When called please take the challenge. Co-Chairs are K3TUF and KB3HCL.

All meetings are announced on the regular Monday Evening Nets. (See Page 2) - Board meetings of the Mount Airy VHF Radio Club are open to all members. Teleconferencing for members is usually available. Regularly scheduled meetings of the PACKATS are held at 8 PM in the basement meeting room at the Southampton Public Library on Street Road in Southampton, PA. Meetings are open, not only to the membership, but to any party interested in VHF/UHF/Microwave contesting, equipment design and construction for use on the VHF/UHF and Microwave Frequencies or amateur radio in general.

CheeseBits 2007 9

PA LEGISLATURE and SENATE INTRODUCE LAWS IN SUPPORT OF PRB-1

Below is the original proposal for the PA PRB-1 legislation. First of all here are some facts to consider. The original legislation was to be part of the present "remodeling" of the PA Commonwealth's municipal

Planning Codes. During its period of introduction to the legislative process by PA Legislator Stewart J. Greenleaf, two modifications were (or are being) made; In line 2 ...precludes amateur service ommunications... will be changed to ...precludes Amateur Radio service communications... (Continued below the proposal which follows)

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 603 of the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, reenacted and amended December 21, 1988 (P.L.1329, No.170), is amended by adding a subsection to read: Section 603. Ordinance Provisions.--* * *

A municipality shall not adopt an ordinance, regulation or plan or take any other action that precludes amateur service ommunications or that in any other manner does not comply with the limited preemption of the Federal Communications Commission Amateur Radio Preemption order, published at 101 F.C.C. 2d 952 (1985), or any regulation related to amateur radio service adopted under 47 CFR Part 97. Any ordinance or regulation adopted by a municipality involving the placement, screening, or height of an amateur radio antenna based on health, safety, or aesthetic considerations must reasonably accommodate amateur communications, and represent the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the municipality's legitimate purpose. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit a municipality from

taking action to protect or preserve a historic, a historical, or an architectural district that is established by the municipality or pursuant to state or federal law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

The second change to be made was the realization that Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are not included in the municipal planning codes. THERE-FORE the above proposal - as an added section to the Municipal Planning Codes - is being withdrawn and the proposal will be offered as a stand alone piece of legislation which will now include Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Once the proposal is assigned the proper legislative tracking numbers etc. George Brechmann, N3HBT, the Ham behind this effort, will notify me and I will notify everyone AND IT IS AT THIS POINT WHERE ALL LETTERS SEEKING SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL SHOULD BE MAILED TO YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS.

Presently the PA Senate version of this legislation has received six co sponsors in addition to Stewart J. Greenleaf. The PA House version is moving a bit slower. I hope this helps everyone understand where this attempt for a PA PRB-1 bill stands. 73,

Eric D. Olena, WB3FPL.
ARRL Section Manager
Eastern Pennsylvania
284 Blimline Rd.Mohnton, PA. 19540-7810
610-775-0526
eolena@ptd.net or wb3fpl@arrl.org

TID-BITS from a list of:

THINGS IT TAKES MOST OF US 50 YEARS TO LEARN

- 1. You should not confuse your career with your life
- 2. There is a fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness".
- 3. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- 4. The most powerful force in the universe is: gossip.
- 5. Your true friends love you, anyway.

Thanks to the ever creative anonymous



Covernor's Office

PROCEAMATION

AMATEUR RADIO MONTH June 2006

WHEREAS, Thousands of our Commonwealth's citizens have been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as Amateur Rudio operators. These dedicated volunteers, also known as Hams, have been providing vital supplemental communications to their communities during times of natural disasters, in local emergencies, and at public events since the earliest days of wireless radio; and

WHEREAS, these Hums work without compensation in the best interests of our Commonwealth as well as the world—they are on the alert for any local or global emergency and are committed to being a critical resource in our Homeland Security efforts; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio promotes international goodwill, encourages young people to pursue an education and cureers in scientific, engineering, or liberal arts fields, and expands state-of-the-art communications and electronics through experimentation.

THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim June 2006 AMATEUR RADIO MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens of the Commonwealth to support the efforts of local Amateur Radio operators and recognize their vital importance in a comprehensive communications system.



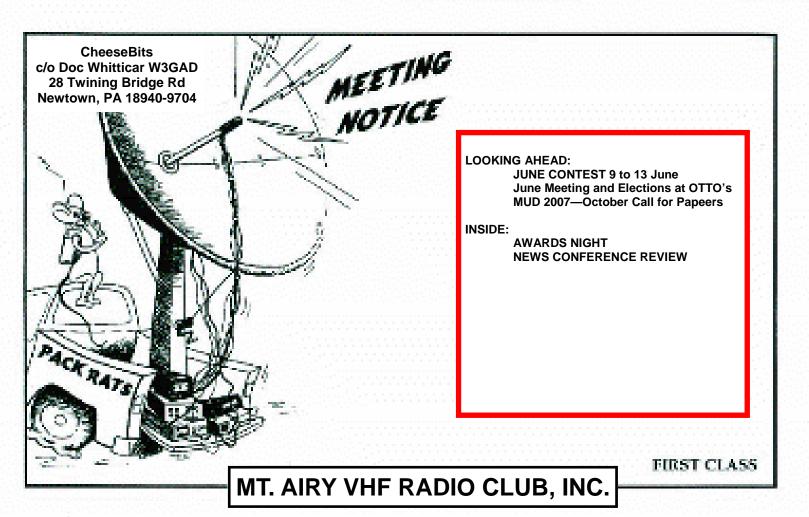
GIVIN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of June in the year of our Local two thousand and six, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirdieth.

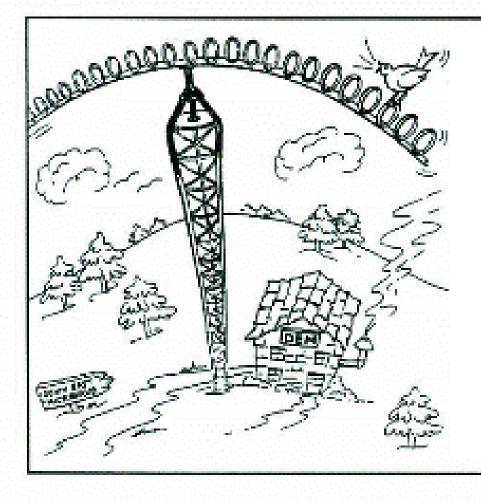
Edward & Rosell

EDWARD G. RENDELL. Governor

This proclamation was listed as a 2007 event—The only copy I could locate was a 2006 document...ed.

CheeseBits 2007 1





DOWN EAST MICROWAVE

Manufacturers and Distributors Of VHF/UHF/SHF Equipment and Parts 50 to 10,368 MHz

- No-Tune Linear Transverters
- Linear Power Amplifiers
- Low Noise Preamps
- Coax Relays, Coax Cable, Connectors
- Crystals, Chip Capacitors, MMICs, Transistors, RF Modules

For All Equipment : Steve Kostro, N2CEI 954 Rt. 519 Frenchtown, NJ 08825 Tel. 908-996-3584 Fax. 908-996-3702

http://www.downeastmicrowave.com

Say you saw it in CheeseBits