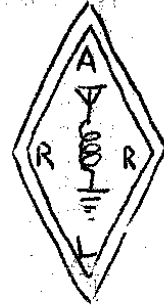




PACK RATS

# CHEESE BITS



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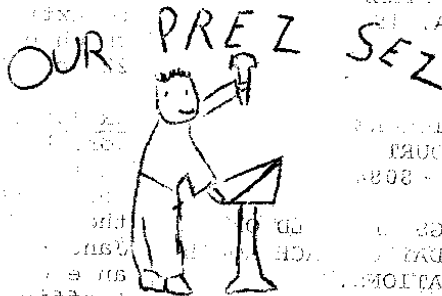
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November's meeting was down slightly in attendance. I don't know if it was because of the program or not, but those who stayed enjoyed it very much. It was our annual "Home Brew Night" and there were many excellent pieces placed in competition. I would like to thank the selection committee, which comprised: W2EIF, Joe; W3HKZ, Ed; and W3CLQ, Walt, for the fine job they did in selecting the winners of the various categories. I happened to listen to their discussion and it was not an easy task. The winners were W3NSI, Lin; K0ZZM/3, Chuck; WB2IOE, Lou; and WA3GNV, John, who were presented tie clasps donated by W3MPY, Press, our Vice-President. The club extends its thanks to everyone who brought in equipment for helping to make the evening's program an enjoyable one and proving that home brewing is still part of the amateur's hobby.

Due to the publishing and mailing dates of CHEESE BITS being after the holiday season the best I can do at this time is to wish that everyone had a most enjoyable holiday season and may the good wishes extend throughout the new year.

In regards to the January V.H.F. Contest, I hope everyone fulfills his contest pledges because this is the only positive action that can assure our club of maintaining its ability of turning in a winning score each year. I don't think this year's total score will be as high as some in the past several years, but I am looking forward to it being a winner.

73,  
K3HSS, Charley

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7:00 TO 7:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 50.2 MC BY K3ZPM, LLOYD SCHOENIG.

MONDAY NIGHT NETS:

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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MEETINGS: FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 P.M.

NR 197, November 29, 1968

On November 19 word was received from the International Telecommunications Union in Geneva that Indonesia has withdrawn its objection to international communications by its amateurs. Contacts with stations using the prefix YB are now permissible. This information updates the list appearing on page 89 of December QST AR

NR 198, December 5, 1968

ARRL efforts to keep the six meter band fully open to all holders of renewable amateur licenses have again been rejected by FCC. It denied RM 1352, most recent petition of the League in this matter, which can be found in Happenings of the Month, November QST. While FCC did reiterate its intention of watching the restricted segments closely for possible future changes, it feels that the Docket 15928 version of incentive licensing needs longer trial and changes now would be premature. Thus the restriction of 50.0 to 50.1 MHz to Extra and Advanced licensees, which became effective November 22, continues to be in effect AR

NR 199, December 12, 1968

Word has been received from FCC that a third party traffic agreement has been made with Korea for the period December 21 through January 3 only. This will permit an exchange of holiday morale traffic between armed forces personnel and their families at home. The temporary agreement is good only for the specified period of December 21 through January 3 AR

NR 200, December 19, 1968

The Federal Communications Commission has changed the eligibility requirement for Novices. Effective January 24, 1969, anyone not licensed as an amateur by FCC in the 12 months prior to his application will be able to take the Novice test and receive a two-year license. However, FCC denied the ARRL request that current holders of Technician Class licenses also be made eligible for Novice. Full details will be in the February issue of QST AR

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DE HAM FAX

Our subways aren't safe, our streets aren't safe, our parks aren't safe, but under our arms we've got complete protection.

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JANUARY SWEEPSTAKES  
K3DUC, Phil Delano

Fellow Pack Rats:

One of our most important club functions, the annual ARRL V.H.F. Sweepstakes contest, takes place January 4 and 5, 1969. We have been the victors of this contest several times because of your efforts and the efforts of everyone else in the club to make as many contacts as possible and then turn in your score, regardless of its size.

We have won and will continue to win because of the number of logs we add together to make the big score. We do like to brag about our high scorers and the section and band winners and take pictures of their beautiful shacks with all the terrific equipment.

But...the key to our success is the great cooperation we have always gotten from the Pack Rat who makes as many contacts as he can, on the bands he has available, puts in as many hours as he can, and then turns in a log to his coordinator.

YOU fit that category...and we need your score. It's fun to be a winner, and to know you helped win. Do your thing January 4 and 5, Mr. Pack Rat!

HELPFUL HINTS

1. Check out all equipment you expect to use at least 2 weeks before the contest.
2. Make your operating position as comfortable as possible.
3. Make up your mind to take the QRM lightly - just do your best.
4. Condition the household. Blessed are those who do not have to entertain that weekend and have no household chores to do.
5. Make sure you have spare tubes and fuses.
6. TABOO - No Techs or Generals allowed between 50.00 - 50.10 Mc.
7. 10/10/10 SCHED - Look for Pack Rats on 220 and 432 at 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday to work everybody.
8. Two meters will probably be hottest since 1957.
9. Use only "Roger your number \_\_\_\_\_" to acknowledge. This will save you time and unnecessary repetition.
10. Use GMT as your time base. It's easier to give and saves time and aggravation.
11. Get plenty of rest the night of January 3.

WORK AS HARD AS YOU WANT TO! GOOD LUCK, GOOD LUCK, GOOD LUCK!

Contest Committee  
Pack Rats  
December 1969

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"MILLION DOLLAR SUIT"

Exchange Papers Please Copy.

Ansil Gridley (Grid), W4GJO, located at 1966 Hillview Drive, Sarasota, Florida 33579, is being sued for one million dollars in damages by his next door neighbor in a T.V.I. complaint case. Grid has been cleared by the FCC and his neighbor has made no effort to install a filter.

A defense fund has been established by the Sarasota Florida Amateur Radio Association, Inc., P.O. Box 3323, Sarasota, Florida 33578. (Checks should be made payable to Sarasota Florida ARA W4GJO Defense Fund.)

It will require a lot of money to defend this case. All contributors are advised to enclose their name and return address since all money will be held in escrow until needed.

WE GET LETTERS

Mr. Ray Whitehead, W3ZRR  
4534 N. Smedley Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19140

Dear Sir:

I am a regular reader and subscriber of the Pack Rats CHEESE BITS papers published by your Amateur Radio Club. Since you are the editor of the "Swap Shop" column in the paper, I hope that you will be kind enough to insert the following advertisement for an item which may be of interest to some of your readers. I've enclosed \$1.00 which I hope will cover any costs involved. If not, please let me know. (See Swap Shop for ad - K3JJZ)

73,  
W8GGE, Ron Will  
4880 Walden Lane  
Kettering, Ohio 45429

Dear Ron:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of December 10 requesting the insertion of an ad in the Pack Rats CHEESE BITS Swap Shop column.

It is indeed interesting to note that you are a regular reader and subscriber of the paper, and I know you must enjoy it as do all of us.

I am returning your dollar Ron for the very simple reason that no charges are ever made for any ads appearing in CHEESE BITS, although we do appreciate your thoughtfulness. Your ad will have the very best attention, as you will note when it appears in the next issue, and we sincerely hope we will be successful in disposing of this equipment.

Very best wishes of the Holiday Season.

Sincerely,  
W3ZRR, Ray

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1296 - ENGLISH STYLE

According to the news letter of the Midland Amateur Radio Society of Great Britain, there was a 1296 MHz contest in October. They made nine and a half contacts and more than half of these were at distances over 50 miles. But the real hooker is their claim that conditions this year were terrible. Last year they had 18 contacts. We must be doing something wrong.

K3JJZ, El

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MEMBERSHIP

DE HAM MONITOR

Retired Status  
W5NFD/3, George Gakoumis

The customer returned his monthly payment card with his check. The card was not stapled, not folded and not creased in any way, but did contain a correction in the spelling of his name along with this neatly penned message:  
"Dear machine: You have my name spelled wrong again. Please correct and acknowledge. If not corrected by next month, I shall bend your card."

Military Service  
WA3HVL, Don Derosa

Resigned  
W2AXC, John B. Power

New Chairman of Technical Committee  
W2EIF, Jo Kilgore

New Address  
W3BVR, Ted Lief  
Shirley Court Apts. D-104  
Long Lane & Bradford Road  
Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

SWAP SHOP

Conducted By: W3ZRR, Ray Whitehead  
4534 N. Smedley St.  
Phila., Pa. 19140  
215 - 324-5910

FOR SALE

- Nems-Clark-RF Preamp for 220 MHz.  
Can be peaked anywhere between  
220 and 240 MHz over 20 DB gain.  
Perfect condition, used little.  
Self contained 110vac Reg Power  
Supply. Can be mounted at  
antenna in its own container.  
Waterproof power and coax fit-  
tings.

CONTACT: W8GGE, Ron Will  
4880 Walden Lane  
Kettering, Ohio 45429

FOR SALE

- Ameco TX 62  
6 and 2 meter trans and matching  
VFO for 50-52 mcs, 145-147 mcs,  
220 Asking \$180  
- SX-99 Rcvr with matching spkr  
and Q mult \$60  
- Tapetone 6M conv., HB pwr supply  
Make Offer  
- 4 ring 6M Halo \$5

CONTACT: K3GFG, Harold Klock  
3400 Ashville Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19136  
MA 4-0617

FOR SALE

- Viking 6 and 2 transmitter, 120  
w. mod. and p.s. mounted in 6'  
rack, D-104 mike and stand \$75  
- Rohn 50' Tower  
20' Mast  
CDR Rotor  
6M 6 EL wide spaced beam  
2M 10 EL beam \$75  
- Ameco 2M converter \$10  
- Ham. HQ 170A rec. - Like New  
\$175  
- Satern 6M Halo \$5  
- (2) R.C.A. 450 mc transmitter  
strips, complete with tubes  
Each \$15  
- Dozens of brand new trans and rec  
tubes all types CHEAP

CONTACT: W3GEC, Joe Mehlretter  
137 County Line Road  
Huntingdon Valley, Pa.  
357-0984

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MEETING NOTICES

The next DIRECTORS MEETING will be  
held on Wednesday, January 8, at  
the QTH Of K3JJZ, Elliott Weisman,  
8533 Algon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

The next GENERAL MEETING will be  
held on Wednesday, January 15 at  
8 p.m. at the West Oak Lane Jewish  
Community Center, Sedgewick and  
Thouron Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.  
The topic for the evening is "Crying  
Towel".

W3MVF, Dave Bloch, recently under-  
went repairs at Jeans Hospital.  
He is such a loyal member that  
he scheduled it so that he could  
still make the contest.

W3ZRR, Ray Whitehead, of Swap Shop  
fame has had his moving date  
postponed. Welcome to the  
January Contest Ray.

K3UJD, Mario Fontana, had the guts  
to admit that the famous Ivyland  
modifications to colinear antennas  
had never been performed at his  
own QTH.

K3IUUV, Bert Soltoff, didn't even  
have a chance to recover from  
the colinear story, when Mario  
also related that he never  
measured one of his own antennas  
at the antenna measuring party.  
All this after Bert took down  
his colinear to modify and  
measure it.

W3BHIT, Paul Rilling

1. Did not know his picture  
was in October CD Bulletin.  
Anyone having an extra copy  
please send it to him.
2. Is a substitute music  
teacher in the Philadelphia  
school system during the  
Hong Kong flu epidemic.
3. Works in the audio room  
of Temples Palley Library.  
He invites visitors. Con-  
tact Paul to find his work-  
ing hours.
4. Has his Shawnee on the  
blink again. He hopes to  
have it working again by  
the contest.

W3KKN, Ernie Kenas, reports that  
his XYL Bert passed her advanced  
class test. Congratulations!

W3MVF, Dave Bloch, is home and on  
the road to recovery.

The next Book Review Net will be  
held on Tuesday, January 7.

W3CL, Harry Stein, will review  
T.V. Servicing Guide Book Prob-  
lems and Solutions by Art Margolis.  
K3WEU, Paul Behrmann, has been  
giving out books costing from  
\$2.95 to \$12.00 for signing in  
to the Book Review Net.

Constitutional ammendments will  
be voted on at the January meet-  
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DE SIGNAL REPORT

Exhilaration is that feeling you  
get just after a great idea hits  
you and just before you realize  
what's wrong with it.

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