

# PACK RATS CHEESE BITS

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As you all know, the meeting of June 21, (first day of summer) was for the election of officers for the year 1961-62. A large selection was presented to the membership, and the above is the result of your voting. We would like to extend congratulations to those who came out on top. To those who were not elected, we would like to make this statement; You missed the election to office only by 3 or 4 votes, so you can see that you are a popular member. To the members who were able to attend the meeting, and did not attend, and exercise their right to vote, we can only say this; If the party elected is not of your choice, then there is only one person to blame; YOU.

Besides the election of officers, at the meeting, through the courtesy of John, W3JSD, we had as our speaker, W2LOY, Ed Clegg, from Clegg Laboratories. Ed gave a most interesting talk on their equipment and had along with him, for inspection, the latest Zeus equipment for two and six meters.

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**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 804 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, 7, CONN.  
 JUNE 15, 1961.**

**TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS: BT**

The attention of amateurs interested in DX work is called to the addition of two countries to the ARRL Countries List. These additions are DAMAO and DIU, Portuguese territories situated on the west coast of India. Each of these will be considered as separate from each other and from present listing of Goa. DXCC credit claims for either of these additions received before October 1, 1961, will be returned without credit. DXCC Notes in August QST will carry further data on the additions of DAMAO and DIU to the countries list.

**OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 805 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, 7, CONN.  
 JUNE 26, 1961.**

**TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS: BT**

With the successful completion of another ARRL Field Day, June 24 and 25, all clubs and individuals who participated are urged to promptly report their activity to ARRL. Page 50 of June QST shows the proper form for submitting entry. Photos of Field Day setups and comments on activity are very much invited to be enclosed with your Field Day report. Since Field Day displays our emergency communications potential to the public, no activity is too small to be reported. Free log and summary sheets are available from ARRL on request.

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K.U.I.  
By, W3HKZ, Ed.

The FCC is recommending the following:

- 136-139 Mc.- Space Research
- 137-138 Mc.- Meteorological, satellite  
space, space research and  
space tracking.
- 138-144 Mc.- Fixed, mobile, radio-lo-  
cation.
- 144-148 Mc.- Amateur
- 148-174 Mc.- Fixed, Mobile
- 400-401 Mc.- Meteorological aids, space  
research
- 406-420 Mc.- Fixed, Mobile, except  
aeronautical
- 420-450 Mc.- Radio location and ame-  
teur
- 450-470 Mc.- fixed, mobile

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#### COMMENTS ON SIX AND TWO

By SMEL A. RHAT

Six meters has been wide open almost  
daily since about the 15th of May, and  
according to predictions the good band  
conditions should last through early  
July. If any Pack Rat has not been in  
on the fun, it can only be assumed that  
he is sick, out of town, or just plain  
not interested, or some other silly  
reason. Those that have been operating  
on six lately must certainly have not  
ticed a few individuals whose greed

for DX has caused them to reveal their  
true colors as evidenced by their cal-  
lous lack of common courtesy, common  
sense and good operating practices in  
general.

The practices which particularly irri-  
tate this operator are;

1. Out of band operation. This guy  
can't compete with the rest of  
us so he deliberately sets his  
carrier below the edge of the  
band to get out of the DRM, par-  
ticularly when foreign stations  
are in the first 100 KC. (They  
don't have to observe the US  
rule of no phone in the first  
100 KC.)
2. Band edge operation. This is  
done with xtal of VFO and is  
compounded by the use of VFO's  
which drift to the low frequency  
side, and so out of the band.  
Remember that your carrier must  
be high enough in the phone band  
(at least 10 kc) to insure that  
your lower side band stays in  
the band.
3. Local QSO's held in the first  
100 Kc of the six meter phone  
band, during a DX session. Now  
there is no law which says that  
you can't use any ham frequency  
which you care to, BUT don't be  
a "Dog in the Manger" type--  
insisting on your rights to the  
detriment of those trying for DX.  
As an example--the other night a  
local deliberately called CQ for  
a local contact at 50.15 mc, and  
got a contact from some idiot  
who can't normally receive across  
town. The CQer was asked polite-  
ly, by at least two stations, to  
please QSY up the band as DX was  
still coming in at that point--  
The reply was very rude. To  
quote--"So what, I can use any  
frequency in the band". This  
character happened to be clob-  
bering a New Mexico station which  
was coming through at that time.  
There is no doubt that several  
people may have been deprived of  
a chance for the rare state by  
by this local QSO which could  
have been carried out above 50.2  
mc unselfishly. It is suggested  
that we adopt a rule to the ef-  
fect that if we are called by a  
local in the first 100 kc of six  
or two meters--suggest that you  
both move up the band to con-  
tinue the QSO.
4. Bad practice no. 4. is accom-  
plished as follows -- I.M. Light-  
head, running about 100 watts,  
peruses the band and spots John  
Godfellow with 20 watts, calling  
KJ---. I.M.L. moves his VFO  
onto J.G.'s frequency and starts  
calling the same KJ--- just to  
prove to himself that his super-  
ior power is outperforming J.G.'s  
20 watts. Moral--Look for your  
own DX and don't deliberately

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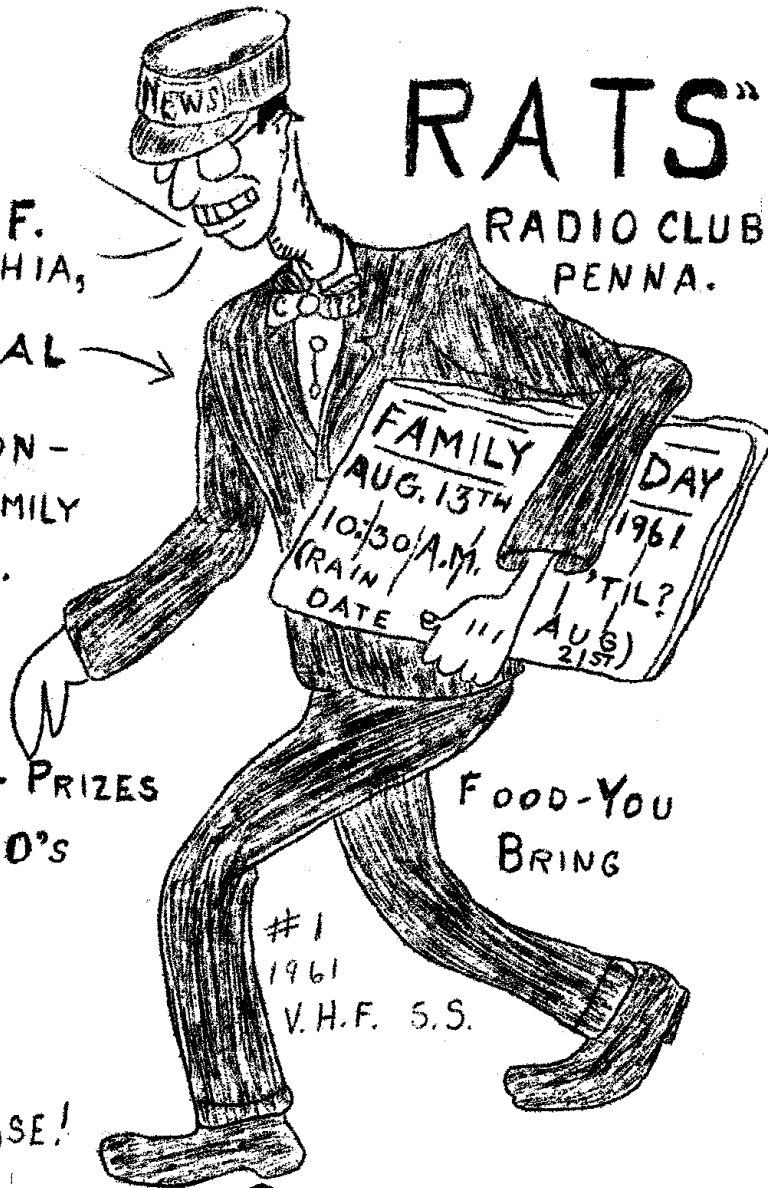
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SMEL. A RHAT (CONT'D)

QRM any signal.

The contest on June 10 and 11 proved that the old 6 meter band has an extremely large and country wide acceptance. It also showed that the old two meter band still has some very good dx with contacts available even up to Maine. Two meter incidently, is a very 'fing rag chewing band, particularly if you don't care for the DX on six. There are wide open spaces available on two, where one is never QRMed and the coverage is every bit as good as on six meter, so give it a try.

Yours for better operation,

SMEL

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(Editor's note) In regards to Smel's article, I would like to quote two articles from the Bucks County X-mitter. One deals directly with "Courtesy" and the second deals with both "Courtesy" and "Tolerance".

I have noticed lately that there has been many comments on the subject, not only by individuals, but by many clubs, the ARRL and even the FCC on the matter discussed by SMEL.

My personal opinion on the matter is; It won't hurt YOU to once again open the Handbook and study the "Amateur's Code". If I may quote from the Bible; "Whosoever ye would that man should do to you, do ye likewise unto man". In plain language, "If you want to be kicked, start kicking".

The first quote from the X-mitter is by the editor, K3MEH, Charles Birk

"The impact of courtesy never hurts." Such a cliché, when analyzed, carries a message that so many of us tend to forget.

Courtesy can become a habit that we could all benefit by and it takes so little effort.

One area where a gross lack of courtesy shows up is during band openings or when Ham activity is heaviest.

Reading the mail, or just plain monitoring of a frequency before going on the air, could be a big step in the right direction.

The dictionary sums it up this way:

"To be polite and considerate of others"

Can you qualify in this category?

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Quote number two is by the President Fenton Glazier, K3IDK.

(My answer to this question has always been. They are new, and must learn the same way you did.)

"I suppose you've noticed the increasing number of teenagers on the bands these days--in the Traffic Nets; rag-chewing among the "old timers"; and chasing DX on the high bands. I also

suppose you've heard some of the disparaging remarks I've heard about "those kids"!

How they 'bust up a good rag-chew'; how they 'talk too much'; how they 'don't know how to operate' and all the other things that everyone else seems to be able to do better, quicker, smoother and with more finesse.

Well--someone has to come to their defense, so I'll try.

Personally I believe most of the remarks stem from a little jealousy within the 'old timers'. Many are like myself--they didn't get into Ham Radio until much later in life than they desired (the Great Depression, The Great Wars, the Great Family, or some other good reason.)

I think the fact that some teen has "muscle" into their newly-found hobby has slightly deflated their ego notwithstanding the fact that the teen has to pass the same examination as the old-timer. (In fact, some of the teenagers go flying thru the exam while we old-timers struggle and strive.)

Sure, some of the teenage operators DO operate a little on the sloppy side and some of them DO screw up some traffic nets now and then, but fellows, where are you going to find operators for the years to come? Where are you going to find tree-climbers for the Field Day outings? (Old Dad's arthritis keeps him on the ground!) Where are you going to find "second Ops" for the various CD and AREC drills? And for all the other chores that need doing?

Look around you, and you'll find that "it's later than you think". Take a teen under your wing (if you're such a Hot Operator) and help instill in him some of the things YOU think are so important about Amateur Radio.

Be a BOOSTER - not a KNOCKER, and you'll find the Hobby to be better off for it!

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Thanks, Fent, and Charlie. There is just one thing that I would like to add, and it applies to all Hams, no matter if they are teenagers, newly licensed "old timer" or not. If you have been a SWL, or just plain reading the mail, and you make your FIRST contact with a fellow ham, DO NOT use his handle, even if you do know it. If you use his handle, the answer you may receive from him will go something like this, "OK, OM, you know me, but who are you?" Nine times out of ten, he will give you his handle. If not then ask for it, or state that you know his handle from hearing him or meeting him someplace.

This lack of courtesy and tolerance is a big problem just now, and requires a great deal of understanding. Let's work together to keep it a Hobby, and not a battleground.

PICNIC TIME IS VERY CLOSE

On one of the pages you will find a flyer announcing our picnic. 132 of these have been sent out to our friends, exchange papers, stores and the ARRL. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members and friends who have sent in S. & H., Top Value and Gold Square Trading Stamps to help us purchase prizes. If you still wish to contribute stamps, we will be very happy to receive them, as we could use more.

I know this is a little bit early to announce that I would like to have a Picnic Committee meeting at our QTH on Saturday, July 15th, at 8:00 P.M. to work out the final details. I do hope that the members of the committee will circle this date on their calendar. Cards will be sent out as a reminder, and also if there should be a change in the date.

This meeting is important, as it is only a month away from the picnic, and I must have all plans, so as to make up the programs.

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DEADLINE DATE

It seems that once again I must emphasize that the deadline date for articles is THE 15th OF THE MONTH. Most of the articles I receive after the meeting. If you think that it is easy to cut the stencils, mimeograph, assemble, address and sort for the mail in two days, then all I have to say is, YOU do it.

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REPRINT OF ARTICLES

Anything that is in "Cheese Bits" may be reprinted in any other publication as long as due credit is given to "Cheese Bits". I have noticed that some articles have been reprinted without credit.

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WHY RADIO AMATEURS ARE CALLED "HAMS"

Reprinted from the YLRL HARMONICIS of January - February 1959.

Have you ever wondered why we radio amateurs are called "HAMS"? Well it goes like this--the word HAM as applied to 1908 and was the call letters of one of the first amateur wireless stations operated by some amateurs of the Harvard Radio Club. They were Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy and Poggie Murray. At first they called their station Hyman-Almy-Murray. Tapping out such a long name in code soon became tiresome, and called for a revision and they changed it to Hy-Al-Mu, using the first two letters of each name.

Early in 1909 some confusion resulted between signals from amateur wireless HYALMU and a Mexican ship named HYALMO, so they decided to use only the first letter of each name, and the call became HAM.

In early pioneer unregulated days of radio, amateur operators picked their own frequency and call letters. Then, as now, some amateurs had better signals than some commercial stations. The resulting interference finally came to the attention of congressional committees in Washington and they gave much time to the proposed legislation designed to critically limit amateur activity.

In 1911, Albert Hyman chose the controversial Wireless Regulation Bill as the topic for his Thesis at Harvard. His instructor insisted that a copy be sent to Senator David I. Walsh, a member of one of the committees hearing the bill. The Senator was so impressed, he sent for Hyman to appear before the committee. He was put on the stand and described how the little station was built, and he almost cried when he told the crowded committee room that if the bill went through, they would have to close up the station because they could not afford the license fees and all the other requirements which were set up in the bill. The debate started and the little station, HAM, became a symbol of all the little amateur stations in the country, crying to be saved from menace and greed of the big commercial stations who didn't want them around. Finally the bill got to the floor of the Congress, and every speaker talked about the poor little station "HAM".

That's how it all started. You will find the whole story in the Congressional Record. Nationwide publicity associated station "HAM" with amateurs. From that day, to this, and probably to the end of time in radio, an amateur is a "HAM".

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We feel, that the preceding article is worthy of reprint, not only because it is a HOBBY, but also because the new head of the FCC, in Washington, Minow, is asking congress to charge the HAM for his ticket.

Once you pay for your License, you are no longer an amateur, you are commercial. To express it more simply; a member of any olympic team may not pay for, or be paid, to participate.

We would like to express our thanks to Marion, W3FTP, XYL of Warren, W3CKF for the privilege of the reprint.

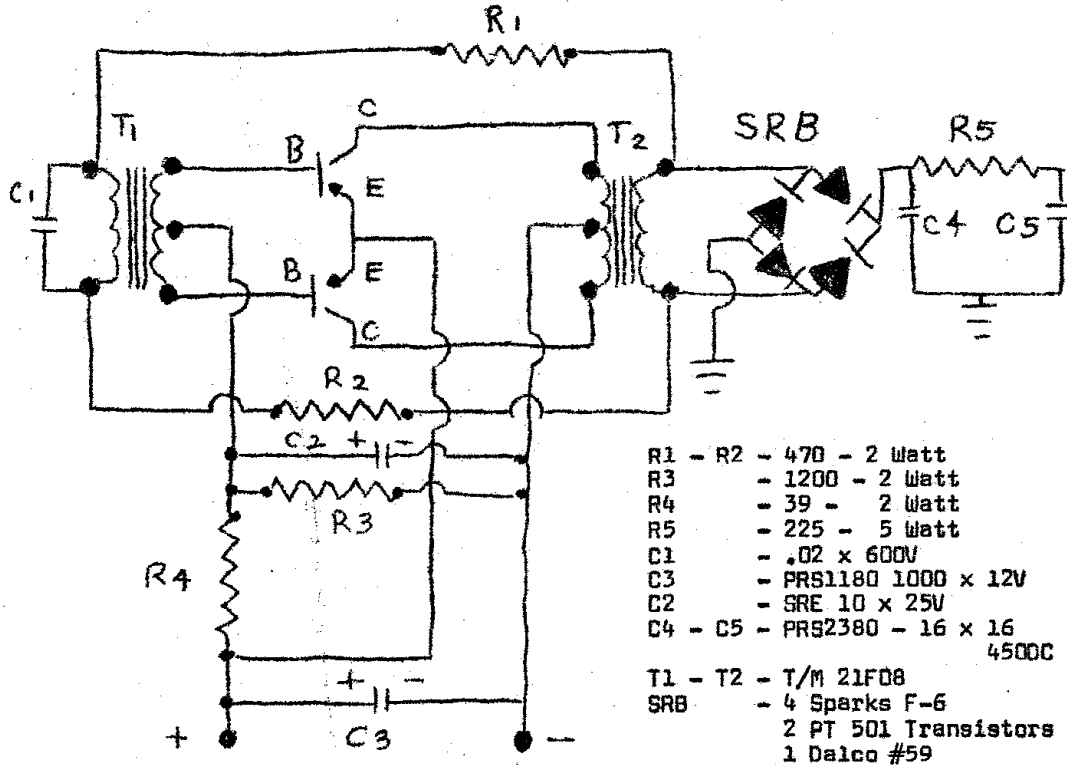
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OUR MAILBAG

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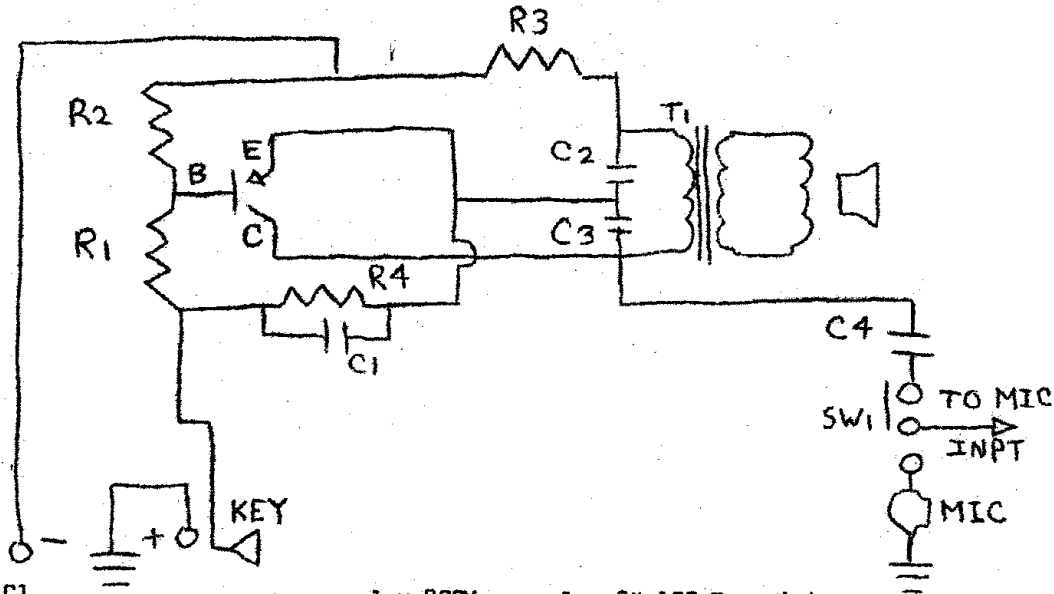
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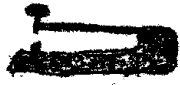
- R1 - R2 - 470 - 2 Watt
- R3 - 1200 - 2 Watt
- R4 - 39 - 2 Watt
- R5 - 225 - 5 Watt
- C1 - .02 x 600V
- C3 - PRS1180 1000 x 12V
- C2 - GRE 10 x 25V
- C4 - C5 - PRS2380 - 16 x 16  
4500C
- T1 - T2 - T/M 21F08
- SRB - 4 Sparks F-6  
2 PT 501 Transistors  
1 Dalco #59

MCW MONITOR - OSC.



- C1 - .1 x 200V
- C2 - C3 - C4 - .01 x 600V
- R1 - 22K 1/2 Watt
- R2 - 10K 1/2 Watt
- R3 - 330 1/2 Watt
- R4 - 18K 1/2 Watt
- T1 - A-2900 Merit
- 1 - 2N 107 Transistor
- SW1 - SPOT Switch
- Philmore 707 1 1/2" Speaker
- Dalco #55 Minibox
- 1 - 6 Terminal Tie Lug
- 1 - VS-300A RCA
- 2 - Battery Clips

All parts for the above two schematics are available at A. G. RADIO PARTS CO.

Silent 

June 9, 1961

K3MTL

EX-K8JGC

Courtland C. Manning, Jr.

3 Rampart E., Riddlewood,  
Media, Penna.

formerly of

1129 Chase Avenue,

Hamilton, Ohio

Brother Rat, we salute you,  
and wish peace to your  
family.

Mother Rat and  
the Pack Rats

At the right is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin on Tuesday June 13, 1961.

The calls of the members in the picture are, left to right, W3SAD, W2UZM/3 and W3CKP.

K3IUU, Bert, did a wonderful job of organizing the expedition, and in spite of the heat, a good time was had by all.

Our thanks go to, first, Warren for the use of his property; second, Doc, W3IHT, for the use of the generator, (glad the hospital didn't need emergency power, or we would have been off the air); third, John, K3LEA, for the use of the tents and last, but by all means not least, to all the members who actually sweat it out. I am sure that every one of them lost weight.

The following is a list of the members who either took part, or braved the heat to visit the gang, plus outside visitors.

K3IUU, Bert; his XYL, Harriet and Jr. Ops., Michael and Richard; W3GXB, Bob; W3SAD, Frankie his XYL, Helen and Jr. Op., Harry; K3LBT, Al; W2UZM/3, Jim; K3EQD, Al; K3BPP, Walt, his mother and a friend; K3AUH, Al; K3HJA, Earl; W3CKP, Warren, his XYL, W3FTP, Marion and Jr. Op., Richard; K3IPM, Stan; K3EPB, Howard, his XYL, Emily; W3IHT, Doc, and his XYL, June; K3LEA, John; K3BRU, Frank; K3MSV, Julie; W3IBH, Charlie; K3EDT, Clair; K3GAY, Don; W3CL, Harry; W2SXO, Bill and Jr. Op., Glen; K3IUZ, John; K3ANV, Coop; W2AXU, Jack; W3CPT, Ken and his XYL, Sophie; K3ALK, George; K3GQJ, Jack and his XYL, Jeanette and harmonics, Patty, John and the baby; K3CIV, Ralph; W3GEW, Sid; W3MVF, Dave; W3HAB, Monroe and K3HwZ, "Grandpop" Bill.

Their spirits were dampened by the news of the sudden demise of Court, K3MTL, the night before June 9, 1961. Court was to have been one of the operators with the group. He was also on the slate for a director of the club.

Bill, W2SXO, arrived Sunday with his tape recorder, and played the tape that he made of the 2 meter group just to show them how well they came in in North Plainfield, N.J. (40 over 5/9) He said the 6 meter group came in just as well.

I must beg the pardon of El, K3JJZ, for omitting his name and call in the above line-up. He was certainly there for he went home without his jacket.

I feel sure there is no need to mention that the bands were wide open. On Saturday, I couldn't hear W3CCX for DX in all directions, N.S.E.&W., on 6. As an example; you all know what a strong signal K2ITP, Joe, puts in. He was pinning the needle when a W9, in Wisconsin came on and wiped him right out of the picture.

Next year take a separate generator so that you can hook-up a couple of air conditioners. You might as well do it-up in style.



Tent near Doylestown serves as a transmitting station for (from left) Francis Brick, James Throop and Warren Parker as the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club participates in the June QSO Contest of the American Radio Relay League.

## Radio Hams 'Sweat It Out' In Contest on Broiling Hill

By FRED SELBY

A score of amateur radio operators spent a grueling 28 hours in a tent on a sunbaked Bucks County hilltop last weekend.

But the concensus Sunday evening, when they folded their tents and quietly melted away, was that the affair had been "highly successful."

The hams were members of the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club. They were participating in the annual June QSO Contest sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

The purpose of the contest, as explained by Bert Soltoff, the club's contest chairman, was to rack up as many QSO calls as possible in a 32-hour period. A QSO is a radio conversation between hams.

### Distance Is Factor

Distance also was a factor in the competition. Hundreds of other operators around the country were competing simultaneously.

"We made 350 contacts from New Hampshire to Florida and as far west as Oklahoma," said Soltoff.

"The whole thing went very well," he added, "but the heat on that hilltop was terrific."

The hilltop is on the property of the Doylestown Nursery owned by Warren Parker, a club member. It was selected because it's 500 feet-above sea-level.

Soltoff, of 8582-Benton av., said it was the first time any group had entered the contest from a completely "outdoors" location. Usually contestants work from their homes or club headquarters.

"But none of us realized how

hot it was going to be up there," he said.

### Set Up on Saturday

The hams moved onto the hilltop early Saturday afternoon. They set up their tent and raised three 35-foot high metal poles with rotating antennas on top.

The contest began officially at 3 P. M.

Club members took turns operating about \$1,000 worth of transmitting and receiving gear hooked up inside the tent. Soon the sun beating down on the canvas made the tent almost unbearable.

Nightfall didn't improve matters much.

"It was so hot in the tent some of us tried to sleep in our cars," Soltoff said. "The cars weren't much better. What with the heat and standing watch at the radios, none of us got more than three or four hours sleep."

### Climbed Antenna Pole

At one point, something went wrong with one of the rotors and club member Alan Rubin had to shimmy up the metal pole and repair it.

"We tagged Alan for the job because he's the youngest man in the club," said Soltoff. Rubin is 21. The oldest member is 72. The membership roll includes a number of doctors, lawyers, engineers and a psychiatrist.

By Sunday evening, the tent was like an oven. At 6.30—with four hours to go before the official end of the contest—the "baked" hams packed up and went home.

Soltoff said he thought the club's score would be as good as any turned in. It will be weeks before the winner is announced. Competitors' scores have to be sent to the ARRL for evaluation, Soltoff noted.



OUR MAILBAG (CONT'D)

HI:

I thought I'd inform you that WZAPS has passed away last February. You may pass along the sad news among his friends, as I don't really know all of them.

Thanking you for the invitation. Hope you will all have a good time and good weather.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Wm. Peterson,  
63 Weiner Street,  
S.I., N.Y.  
XYL, WZAPS

(The preceding was in reply to one of the Picnic Flyers.)

Thank you for your kind cards and letters from all the Pack Rats. The floral piece was lovely and helped so much at a time like this. I'll remember all of you and know Court enjoyed being with you as short a time as it was.

Again, thank you.

Lovingly,  
Ruth Manning & Boys.

Alden, New York,  
June 21, 1961

Dear Frank and Helen:

Well fellows, we got here at Bill's QTH fine and dandy and had a good time for just one day and then in trouble we got.

Frank and Helen, Nel took sick on Monday Nite with very bad cramps in her stomach. We called a Doc, he sent her to a hospital in Buffalo, and after an exam, he found a bad appendix. We called him at 9:30 P.M. and Nel was operated on at 1 A.M. on Tuesday. So they didn't lose any time. They found the damn thing had broken, and had to do the job real fast. Now we will be up here for 2 more weeks. Boy, what a Honeymoon, Ha-ha. BUT, now hear this. Nel said to tell Helen to put it in her "Cheese Bits", and tell the gang, that she can show one Pack Rat a real lot of excitement on his Honeymoon. Ha, ha.

Thought I would write and tell you guys something to write about, and how come none of you bums showed at the wedding? Was looking for some one anyhow.

Well Frank, take it easy and be good to Butch for me, and I will be seeing you.

As ever,  
Karl, W3ASD

P.S.

Not too much 6 meter up here. A lot of 75, but that's all.

Bye now,  
Karl

Well, Karl, I can't answer for the rest of the "bums", but I can answer for these two "bums". You picked the wrong Saturday in June. The Sunday School Picnic. This is one date we have each year, and due to Field Day Frankie has not been able to make it until last year.

Sorry to hear about Nel, but very happy to hear that she is coming along fine. Told you not to hitch her up to the plow too soon, Ha, ha.

GOING MOBILE WITHOUT A CAR?

Mitch, K3QKY, has his Heath Sixer, battery operated, mounted on the handlebars of his bike.

K3CIV, Ralph is visiting his daughter in Kansas. His address is;

Ralph J. Hersh...  
c/o Jack Orlove,  
5300 Lamar,  
Mission, Kansas

While the 6 meter band is open, take a look for him. Jack, K3GQJ, worked him on Monday, June 19.

TWO NEW TITLES SIMULTANIOUSLY

K3GAY, Don, now holds the titles of Papa, little girl, and Doctor of Psychology. Congrats on both Don, and also to Gloria on her new title of Mama.

Must have been a wind storm. We understand that "Harvey the Rabbit's", W3VGN, beam is bent over, and Doc's, W3INT, are so-so and go-go.

Hey, "Grandpop", W2EIF, Did you get Colorado Yet? Even comes home from work at lunch time to try.

I do wish you boys would pay more attention to what is in "Cheese Bits". It sure was discouraging to hear one of you say on the net, Monday, June 19, that you did not know of the E. Pa. Sec. Picnic, at Hershey, Pa., on June 18. It was announced at least three times in "Cheese Bits". So glad that K3EPB, Howard read it, and was our representative. The reason Frankie and some of the other boys weren't there, was that they were up at W3CKP, Warren's, removing the equipment used for the QSO Party the week before.

I would like to give you the results of the QSO Party, but the Chairman didn't give them to me.

Poor Bill, W3QZP, is really worked out. 12 hours a day, including Saturdays and Sundays, working on the repairs to the "Kitty Hawk".

Bob, W3GXB, isn't sure if his baby will be born this year or next. The expected date is December 31. Congratulations Bob and Ruth.

STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT, W3HKZ, E. EDWARD KUSHNER

I wish to thank the Officers and all the members for their assistance during the past year. It made my tenure in office a rewarding and interesting experience. If it were not for the support of everyone the following synopsis of activities would not have been possible.

D.V.C.A.R.C. -- We continued to have an active part, thanks in particular to W3AYG and K3LBT.

SWAPSHOP -- continued under the direction of W3ZRR. Nearly everything listed has been disposed of.

MEETINGS -- Even though we have two meeting rooms we enjoyed overflowing throngs at most of our meetings. We enjoyed 3 remote meetings, is, at W3KKN, WCAU and W3JSD.

BOY SCOUTS -- We gave prime assistance to the B.S.A. outing in the park for three days during July.

TRANSMITTER HUNT -- We continued this successful activity and we hope the next one is found.

FCC -- Government removes 100 Kc from 2 and 6 meters without our help.

PICNIC -- Bigger and better than ever. We had more than 400 people and everyone had a ball.

TVI COMMITTEE -- Continues under the hands of W3FOZ and W3VGN.

CHEESE BITS -- Still growing and is one of the best club papers in the U.S. Our gratitude to Helen.

FIELD TRIP -- Under the guidance of K2QOS, a large group went to Forrester Labs in Princeton, N.J. to see construction of a unit to harness the Hydrogen Ion.

NETS -- Growing weekly. 6 meters pressed for time and 220 doubled during the year.

VHF SWEEPSTAKES -- We are now number 1 and we should fight to stay there. We had both the General, Technician and World's high scorers in our club.

CODE CLASSES were started by W3KXN.

432 -- We has a 300% increase over last year.

220 -- We had 100% increase and we have more on 2 meters.

BY-LAWS have been changed slightly to reflect the changing times we live in and keep the club young and fresh.

LADIES NIGHT -- Was again a smashing success. Food good, music good, dancing good and floor show good after a slow start. We had 105 happy people. Thanks to W3JSD and K3HWZ for arranging.

W3CCX -- Club call has been used more and is getting to be known around.

VHF QSO PARTY was our Field Day. This was a bang-up affair on a hot weekend with the band open. We did very well for the first time in combining these two events. We should strive to have a VHF only Field Day. Success was in great measure due to K3IUU, Chairman and all his assistants.

In closing, thank you for your faith by electing me to your Board of Directors and I hope you will give your support to the new officers that you elected, just as you gave to the outgoing officers. I would like to quote partially from a Past President: "May we continue to grow in Honor and Prestige."

E. Edward Kushner, W3HKZ  
Retired President.

25 Van Duyn Drive,  
Trenton, 8, New Jersey.  
June 27, 1961

Editor  
CHEESE BITS  
Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club, Inc.,  
Philadelphia, Penna.  
Fellow Members,

May I express my appreciation and thanks for your confidence in bestowing upon me the honor of president. I will do my best to uphold the fine

MEETING NOTICES

JULY 12

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday July 12, at the QTH of K3HWZ, Bill McCutcheon, 124 Orchard Lane, Feasterville, Pa., at 8:00 P.M. If for any reason you are unable to attend, please call El: 7-4972.

JULY 13

DELAWARE VALLEY COUNCIL OF AMATEUR RADIO CLUBS

The stated meeting of the Delaware Valley Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, will be held on Thursday, July 13, at Town Hall, Germantown Avenue and Haines Street, at 8:00 P.M. Nomination of Officers will be the order of business.

JULY 19

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the club will be held at the QTH of W3KKN, Ernie Kenas, 2823 Old Welsh Road, Willow Grove, Pa., on Wednesday, July 19, at 8:00 P.M.

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Surfside Ham Fest, Saturday, July 8th, at Kurtz Pleasure Beach Club, Pasadena, Maryland, on the Banks of Chesapeake Bay. Time; 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., \$1.00 for Adults, \$.50 for Children. Free Ice Cream for the children. Meals and Beer available at the beach. No dogs allowed. Giant Door Prizes.  
Take Route 40 to Baltimore. Talk in frequencies. 38.85, 29.560, 50.250, 145.350 and F.M. Frequencies 50.44 and 50.65.

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Just found out the XYL, of Herm, K3G0Z, Betty is in the Rolling Hills Hospital. Come on, Betty, let's get home soon.

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(Letter from Trenton cont'd)

Job that has been done by those who preceded me.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
John B. Power, W2AXU

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SWAP SHOPPE

Conducted by, W3ZRR, Raymond Whitehead, 4534 N. Smedley Street, Phila., 40, Pa.

FOR SALE: SENECA X-MITTER, Factory wired, excellent shape.  
JOHNSON 6 and 2 X-MITTER, Factory wired.  
JOHNSON 6 and 2 VFO, Factory wired.  
EICO MODULATOR, Model #730, push to talk, will plate modulate the above Seneca.

HEATH UTILITY POWER SUPPLY -- 600 V.

CONTACT: K3LBT, Alfred Obenland, 99 W. Roselyn Street, Phila., 20, Pa.  
HA. 4-7986, for further information.

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A preview of a coming article appearing in the August Issue.

From the ARRL CD Bulletin, Summer Edition.

ABOUT PROJECT OSCAR, ASK BOX 183, SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA, HOW YOU CAN HELP.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBER CHANGE.

Change the phone number of the Treasurer, Dave Bloch, to DE. 3-0811. Be sure and make this change. Either cut it out and attach to your list or write in, but don't lose it. It is an unlisted number.