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REPORT ON THE SPECIAL MEETING, FRIDAY EVENING MAY 1, 1959

At our special meeting on Friday evening May first, held in the conference room at the Naval Aviation Supply Depot, 700 Robbins Avenue, we had the privilege of welcoming 31 guests. Our Speaker was Mason P. Southworth, W1VLH, Project Supervisor of the ARRL IGY Propagation Project. Aside from Mason, W3ASD, Karl, traveled the farthest to attend. 80 some miles.

Among our guests was a father and his son, non-hams, who heard about the meeting from a ham in Mt. Airy, and since his son is interested in radio, he brought him to the meeting.

Altogether with guests and members, we had a crowd of 55. We consider this a good crowd to get for a special meeting on a Friday evening, especially since Friday evening is usually shopping night for most people.

After first describing what the project was all about, and showing pictures of the work that the staff did, Mason then proceeded to illustrate the Propagation findings.

It was a little Greek to me, but I know that the hams understood all about the F2 Layer, the effect of sunspots and arora's on the transmitting and receiving signals. The different peaks that cause different kinds of backscatter. How, on certain openings, reception was better for DX, sometimes beam-to-beam, off the side or off the back of the beam, and how sometimes the only means of reading a station was by cw.

One illustration was a map showing the locations of propagation stations, and it was very noticeable that there were no stations in Russia. It seems that none of the propagation stations heard Russia coming through quite consistently around 55.3 mc with the beams to the Northeast, around 9:00 P.M. We told Mason about it and he said that it was the first time that he heard about it. This was reported in an earlier edition of "Cheese Bits", in fact the members of the 6 meter net took time out one Monday night to check on it. At first they thought it was a breakthrough from another band, or a rebroadcast; but when everyone heard it, they knew it was Russia.

Mason also showed us copies of the certificates that were sent to the propagation stations. We had two such stations present; W3ZRR, Ray, of Mt. Airy Radio Club, and W2EIF, Joe, from South Jersey Radio Association.

After the talk and illustrations a question and answer period was conducted. One of the questions asked concerned the cw segment for 6 meters. Mason stated that he could not answer for the ARRL, but that he could answer about cw from reports of the propagation station operators. Most of them reported that if it wasn't for cw in the low end of the band they would have missed quite a number of DX stations, especially with weak signals.

(Editor's note: For the ARRL's opinion on cw segments on the low end of the 6 and 2 meter band, see page 84 of May QST.)

After the meeting, W3CL, Harry, W3JSD, John, W3FDD, Dick, W3CPT, Ken W3HKZ, Ed and W3SAO, Frankie, myself and the Jr. Op. went out with Mason for a bite to eat. While there we learned that he would be in the vicinity until Monday May 4th, when he was leaving for Washington, D.C. From Washington he is leaving for Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, and will be there for two years. We promised to keep him up to date on any special DX that we come across. (P.S. While eating the Jr. Op. put his head on his arms and went to sleep, and the next night started with Scarlet Fever.)

We would like to thank the ARRL for sending Mason, and thank our many friends who took the time to attend the meeting.

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By
W3SAO



(Editor's Note; The above drawing was suggested by W3CPT, in place of "Rat Squeal". All comments will be gladly accepted.)

The rich man of Mt. Airy Club, K3CIV, Ralph, now has an SX71 Receiver.

John, W3AYG was not on the 2 meter net Monday, April 27th, because he was busy grinding a crystal for the 2 meter net. He is perfect now. Got him after the 6 meter net for a check on the crystal. Don't know whether he was happy or sad to join that "Gob fest" following the net.

(Excuse me, had to take time out to check the supper.)

W2RFM/3, John, was reading the mail, after the 6 meter net and hung around to talk to us. Glutton for punishment, I'd say.

Ed. W3CFS, reported that the bill for permitting the hams to receive police transmissions was passed by the senate, and the bill about the \$3.00 for tags was still in committee. (More on the above as we receive it.)

W2EIF, Joe, told us that W2LY, Roger Barrington, had all the nurses on the air while in the hospital. Just called the hospital and received good news, He was discharged on the 26th.

To keep the "old Fat Boy" down in Smyrna, Del. happy, here is the boo-boo that I pulled on Saturday May 2nd. We were in a three way with Karl, and Frank, W3BRU, and I was explaining to Frank what went on at the special and I said scatterback instead of backscatter....After thinking it over, now, I used the correct word. Throw any ball against a wall. Does it bounce back, or backbounce? So when a radio signal hits a high peak it scatters back. So there, Nyah!

Frank, W3BRU told us that his ankle was healed up very quickly, because his doctor used a new radio treatment. He also stated that he wasn't at the special May first because he makes his collections on Friday night. (That's the night that he kicks in all the doors in Perkasio, so he needed his ankle healed fast)

In the last issue we stated that the Brother-in-law of W3QZP, Bill, had passed his exam for a ticket and was just waiting for his call. Well, he received it. Clarence Proud's call is KN3 I Don't Want, or KN3IDV. Do not look for him on 2 or 6 as he is busy working for his general.

Understand that W3DRC, Tom, just purchased himself a 4 element Telrex for 6. I don't know, but his signal down here was 5 over 9 before, so when he gets this one up we will have to turn down the gain.

K3GQJ, Jack, and W3ULC, Lou, are looking for members to join the CD Net for Cheltenham. Anyone interested should contact either one.

Understand that one of our lady guests at Ladies Nite celebrated her (?) birthday on May 18th. Congratulations, Gerry, K3EOE.

K3GQJ, Jack has moved his shack from the second floor to the basement. Making room for the new arrival, Jack?

Sorry, Joe, W2EIF, that I didn't give you more to talk about on the net May 4th, but I knew if I didn't grab that dollar fast you might change your mind.

From reading the April issue of CQ Chester County, I find that W3DBN, Florence is now known as John's, W3AYG, other wife following the telecast of April 18th.

May first was not only the night that Mason P. Southworth, W1VLH, spoke to us on the ARRL Igy Propagation, but was also the birthday of our Veep, W3JSD, John. Congratulations.

Happy vacation to John, W3AYG, and Polly, his honest to goodness wife. Took an early one to Niagra Falls with their friends. (Took a second honeymoon to be sure of their marriage after the telecast.)

W3HKZ, Ed, was very pleased and happy that we managed to scoop the Sunday Bulletin on Ham TV. Ed's article on Ham TV appeared in our April issue which was mailed out after the March meeting.

W3KKN, Ernie, says that his extra work is letting up and he will soon be back as net control for the 6 net. He sure did look very tired at the May first meeting.

Surprised to hear K3BHK, Jerry on the 2 meter net on May 5th. Long time no hear on 2.

Ray, W3ZRR, is busily building a rig for 2 meters. (The League's opinion on technicians on 2 meters is in another part of this issue.)

Thanks to all who asked about the harmonic. By the time you receive this issue he will be back in school. He was in bed for a week with a very light case of Scarlet Fever (Scarletina)

Wanted

43Mc. XTL Controlled AMECO 6 meter converter, with power supply. Buy or trade. Anyone with information contact; W2RFM, John Sabol, c/o Robert Whiteside, 7356 Rudderow Avenue, Merchantville, N. J.

Viking Ranger by W3HYD, Leonard Ciucci, 126 Abbottsford Ave., Phila., 44, Pa. Da. 4-7494

one 5894 by K3EOD Allen Boblitt, 8389 Langdon Street, Phila., 15, Pa. Pi. 2-3312

By XYL of W3SAO; Different words and phrases in which to express my thank you's to Lil, XYL of W3IXL, Sylvia, XYL of W3CLL and to Bobbie, Jean and Joan, the girls in the office of Syl, W3ISV, for helping in typing the letters to the different companies requesting donations for the picnic. Out of 125 letters typed, the girls in Syl's office typed 79.

Aw shucks, I can't think of anything other than, "Thank you."

Helen

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LEAGUE ENDORSES TECHNICIANS ON 2

Responsive to the FCC proposal in Docket 12728, the League's Executive Committee conducted a mail vote of the Board of Directors with the result that ARRL policy has been established supporting the proposal to permit Technicians to use the 144-Mc. amateur band. The pertinent text of the League's filing follows:

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION COMMENT OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the notice of proposed rule-making in Docket 12728. The American Radio Relay League, Inc., files these comments on behalf of some 70,000 FCC-licensed amateurs who are members of the League.

The League supports the proposal to permit operating privileges for Technician Class amateur operators in the 144-148 Mc. amateur band. We agree with the Commission's conclusion that several of the pertinent considerations have undergone changes in the four years since a similar proposal was dismissed, largely at our request. The League feels that, in general terms, the arguments set forth are valid and meritorious.

Reprinted from May QST, page 84.



OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 701 FROM ARRL
HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

APRIL 30, 1959

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

Responsive to ARRL and other requests in Docket 12485, FCC has reopened the question of cw segments in the 6 and 2 meter band. FCC now solicits by August three specific constructive comment in favor of or against its original proposal to establish 100 kc cw segments at the low end of each band as proposed by the League. FCC indicates it has little interest in postcard type ballots or other yes and no expressions but wants viewpoints adequately supported by specific arguments.

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The League's petition for reopening the question appears in May QST starting on page 84. Read it, and then if you wish to file a comment, write a letter, not a postcard, to the FCC stating your views and reasons for or against.

(Aside to non-members of the League; Don't you think the above two articles are good reasons for joining?)

On Saturday, May 9th we received a phone call from W2EIF, Joe asking Frankie to check up on an unmodulated carrier that had been on since midnight at 50.3. Frankie got the call about 2:00 P.M. We could hear the voices of children and footsteps on the frequency. Frankie and K3BVZ pinpointed the signal due south of them, it was northwest of Camden.

Several mobiles went out to look for it, and we would like to thank K3CRU, George Kitter, for being among them. George lives out in West Phila. and he offered to track it down in Northeast Phila.

W2KFC, Lee, was talking to W3FNC, mobile, and asked him to use the "Pack Rat" frequency upon arriving at his QTH for further checks on the carrier. (Pack Rat net is being used for emergency work.)

The mobiles finally found the culprit. It was K3GHC, Gregory C. Jett, at 9th and Delhi Street, which is about 15 blocks directly south of us. The harmonics had turned his rig on and he didn't know it was on. Thank goodness that is all that it was. We thought that a ham had had a heart attack and his family did not know how to shut the rig off.

(Editor's note) I don't know how you have your shack fixed up, but Frankie has a 110 volt lamp that lights up when he is on the air and I know that if I walk into the shack and see it lit that the transmit switch is on.

/!*/- FLASH /!*/-

K3GQJ, Jack, stopped in to tell us that his XYL had a little boy about 4:45 P.M. Thursday May 14th. This is their second child, the older one is a little girl, 22 months old. The baby's name is, three guesses, yeah, you're right, John W. Greenage, Jr.

We stopped in to see Uncle Tom, W3DRC, on Mother's day evening and found that he was the grandfather of six girls and one boy. His dog had puppies that morning. We also heard some bad news while waiting for him to return from the hospital. His XYL, Mildred was taken to the Abington Memorial hospital on Friday evening May 8th. She was operated on on Sunday, Mother's Day, and a sample was taken for testing. Tom called us Wednesday evening and told us that he had brought her home and the test was negative.

Welcome home, MIL, and a speedy recovery.

PICNIC PROGRESS REPORT

On Saturday, May 9th we mailed out 100 letters to different companies asking for donations of prizes or advertising literature and to date we have received 11 answers with only three regrets that they cannot help us out due to company policy. One company sent 6 door prizes and another company referred us to their local distributor. When I say to date, I mean May 14th.

The park we have, the amplifier we have, the record player for dancing we have, but we still do not have any 45 RPM or 33 1/3 RPM records. If you have any and are willing to loan them, please contact me at Da. 4-7524.

For full details and location map of the Picnic see and save the last page.

When you register at the picnic, please be sure that you receive tags for each and every member of your family, as no soda will be given to anyone without a tag.

The next meeting of the picnic committee will be at the July Board of Directors Meeting. All members of the committee will be notified where and when.

For the rest of you, don't forget; Sunday, August 9th, (rain date, 16th) at Fort Washington State Park, Flourtown, Pa.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 702 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, CONN.

MAY 7, 1959

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

All amateurs located in the 73 sections of the ARRL field organization, individuals as well as clubs and groups are invited to participate in the annual Field Day June 27 and 28. Take advantage of this fourth June week end to test out batteries, generators and mobiles. Make any modifications necessary to insure full readiness and dependability. Convenient log forms and summary sheets are now available on request from the ARRL Communications Department. Official rules will appear in June QST.

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A CORRECTION

Just received a card from W3ZRQ, Al, thanking us for printing his articles. He points out that there is an error in the construction instructions on his schematic. The following is the error and it's correction.

"The I.F. frequency preferred here was .5 MC." should read 3.5 Mc. This appears in paragraph 4 of the instructions.

(Editor's note; Al, I hate to say this, but the error was in your copy to me. I looked up the copy you sent me, and your typewriter is just as bad as mine, it makes mistakes, and mine's a new one. That's the trouble, they haven't made a typewriter yet that spells correctly.)

For a better look at Al, W3ZRQ, see page 99 of May QST. Hey, Al, the shack looks better than it did when we saw it.

The following does not come from the mailbag, but since Al is running for SCM of Eastern Pa. it is pertinent to the voting situation.

In the letter from Al, in the April issue, it stated that shortly after April 10 ballots would be mailed out to full members of the ARRL for voting on the SCM's. So far Frankie has not received his ballot, and has not received a ballot for SCM's in the last two years. We have had reports from other full members about not receiving ballots for a couple of years, also. Ballots for Directors have been received but not for SCM. No ballot, no vote.

Frankie has written to F.E. Handy, W1BDI, stating the situation and asked him to check into it. We are waiting now for an answer.

The answer to the above has been received, and follows:--

Dear W3SAQ:

Many thanks for your letters of May 2nd. We're very glad that Mason Southworth could be with you.

There is a good reason why you have not received ballots for SCM. Mr. Louis Tonik, W3OV8 accepted the nomination but he later changed his mind and withdrew. Allen Breiner, W3ZRQ was also nominated.

A copy of our Articles of Association is enclosed. I have marked the pertinent section of the rules concerning SCM elections which are in the

booklet. With the withdrawal of one of the two candidates for whom valid nominations were received, the election is administratively completed, and so Mr. Breiner has to be notified that he has satisfactorily met the requirements and will take the SCM office as of June 15th 1959 when it becomes vacant.

All best wishes to your Club in its meetings and operating activities.

73.

Sincerely yours,
F.E. Handy, W1BDI
Communication Manager

(Aside to Al: If you have not as yet received your notice from the ARRL; you are it. A good thing, too. Both of you are friends of Frankie, and he would have been on a spot. The best he could have done would be to cast half a vote for each of you.)

A LETTER FROM WCAU TV

Dear Mr. Brick:

Thank you for your very kind letter regarding your participation in the "Big Blackboard" on April 18th. I am sure that all the viewers to this program, Hams and non-Hams, found the demonstration of your work absolutely fascinating.

I quite agree with you that one-half hour could not do complete justice to the subject but we suffer under that restriction every day in Television where many times we find the time allotted is wholly inadequate.

Thanks again for your letter and taking the time to write to me.

Cordially,
Jack Schneider,
General Manager.

W3SAQ
Attn: Mrs. W3SAQ!

Hi Helen:

Had a contact with K3CXV (Earl) near York, Pa. the other nite and he passed along some information which you may like to put in "Cheese Bits". He says that the Keystone V.H.F Club of York, Pa. issues a very nice certificate for working 12 club members on any one or any combination of bands. The minimum number of contacts per band however is 2, so that you may, for example, work 10 contacts on 6meters and 2 on 144 or 220 for the certificate. QSL cards must be submitted as proof and should be sent to K3CXV, Earl Kinard, 717 Hellam St., Wrightsville, Pa., or to K3BKH, Downing R. Webster, 235 N. 3rd Street, Columbia, Pa. Every contact above the necessary 12 will earn an additional seal on the award.

(Cont'd on page 7)

By W3HKZ

This summer the FCC will hold hearings concerning allocations in bands from 25Mc to 890 Mc. All interested parties are submitting their plans now, some are advocating sweeping changes in nearly every service including deleting TV channels 2 to 6, deleting some ham bands and shifting some ham bands. The following is what Motorola, Inc. is submitting to the FCC. Motorola is pushing for a great amount of land frequencies, including all of the 6 and 2 meter ham bands. (Motorola makes land mobile equipment). Motorola suggests putting land mobile from 50 - 72 Mc and shifting the 6 meter ham band to 72 - 76 Mc. They also want land mobile on 140 - 166 Mc and shifting the 2 meter ham band to 136 - 140 Mc with 136 - 138 ham frequency shared with space communication. They also want to put all TV on 174 - 354 Mc.

(Editor's note:) I don't know how you boys feel about Motorola's plans, but I for one, feel that you should all write to the ARRL asking them to go to bat for you to prevent it. After all the FCC allocated your frequencies before TV, and you can be sure that CBS, NBC and ABC are not going to sit back and do nothing about it. Should Motorola's plan be accepted and TV channels and frequencies be changed, then your TV set will be obsolete. You will either have to put a converter on it, or buy a new set. You don't buy TV sets for \$1.00. Think it over, and I am sure that you will write to the ARRL, or FCC, not only to protect your rights as a ham, but also to protect your pocketbook.

RACES and AREC are set up on the frequencies that Motorola advocates doing away with. You can see that they are not just bucking the hams, but also the Civil Defense and Mobilization of the Federal Government.

The Navy is going to construct a transmitter in Washington, D.C. to communicate directly with Hawaii, via the Moon. Eventually the Navy expects to be capable of transmitting 100 to 200 simultaneous radio teletype signals back and forth from Hawaii. Point of point UHF transmissions reflected off the moon are limited to line of sight angles between the transmitter and receiver. The passage of the moon in it's orbit necessarily confines communication to the relatively short period when the satellite is in 'View' of both stations. It is expected to be available from 5 to 7 hours a day.

The transmitters will use klystrons developing 170 Kw at a frequency above 500 MC. The klystron tube is 10 feet high and costs about \$20,000. Practicality of lunar UHF communications has been demonstrated between Alaska and California, a lateral transmission of 2,200 miles. A steady 2 hour signal was picked up by a 30 foot parabolic antenna, with a delay of 2½ seconds, klystron generated power was estimated at 20 million watts. Signal power received on a bandwidth of 100 cps was said to be 5x10 watts to the minus 17th power. It is envisioned that trans-Atlantic TV transmissions via lunar reflection will be achieved in about 5 years.

SOMETHING WENT WRONG SOMEWHERE

As reported on page 4, K3GQJ, Jack, became the father of a boy on May 14th, and without leaving his QTH, or having company there, he had a brawl.

It all started when Frankie asked to break in on K3CIV, Ralph and K3ICR, Grant. It started as merely a short QSO at 9:37 P.M. and ended at 12:45 A.M. Jack heard us talking and he beeped for a break-in so that he could make the announcement about the baby. After he made the announcement we heard nothing but beeps from breakers. It wound up with Frankie being net (nut) control, and they dubbed it "The Maternity Net".

That poor baby. He wound up with a gold plated bug in his hand, and grew from 19½" to 19".

As the "thing" progressed you were very lucky if you were able to get two words in without a comment from someone. One poor guy even had the X-Ray treatment pulled on him, but they didn't fool him because it had happened to him before, and he just played along with it.

With everyone breaking in at any time, it got so that you turned it over to the fellow that you didn't hear in there. It finally broke Grant, K3ICR, down and he was the first to pull out.

Susie, XYL of Joe, W2EIF, was listening and she just had to say something. That did it, they all started calling for Susie.

One thing is sure, we did not break up any QSO's because everyone was on the same frequency. The QSO started with three stations and ended with 13 stations.

If anyone made a tape recording of it I would love to hear it so we can hear the comments made while Frankie was transmitting.

It was nutty, but a lot of fun.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 703 FROM ARRL
HEADQUARTERS, WEST HARTFORD, CONN.
MAY 16, 1959

TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT.

The ARRL Board of Directors met May 15 in Annual Session at Hartford making a careful examination of league participation at the International Telecommunications conference to be held in Geneva, Switzerland beginning in August. General Manager, Budlong, W1BUD, and assistant General Manager, Huntcon, W1LVG, will be members of the United States delegation. Canadian Director, Alex Reid, VE2BE will attend as a member of the Canadian delegation. The League's President, G.L. Dosland, W1TSN, Technical Director, George Grammer, W1DF and General Counsel, Paul M. Segal will be available as required.

The Directors revised the By-Laws to set the Annual ARRL Membership Fee, starting August one, 1959, at five dollars in the USA with five dollars twenty-five cents for Canadian members.

The housing committee will continue to explore possible new buildings for League Headquarters. Vice Directors in the future will serve as Director at any Board meeting where the Director is unable to attend. Directors John G. Doyle, W9GPI, Morton B. Kahn, W2KR, and Milton E. Chaffee, W1EFW were elected as members of the Executive Committee.

Customary funds were continued for travel reimbursements of ARRL Field Officials and the mileage allowance for travel was raised to eight and one half cents per mile. The Board extended its thanks to SCM's, SEC's and QSL Managers for their services and approved a National Convention at Portland, Oregon for 1962.

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Past Events

MAY MEETING

At the meeting held on Wednesday, May 20th nominations were held for Officers and Directors. The following members were nominated;

PRESIDENT - W3AYG, John Harris
W3CL, Harry Stein
W3JSD, John Houser

VICE-PRES.- W3HKZ, Ed Kushner
W3FOZ, Charles Koelsch
COR. SEC. - W3SAQ, Francis Brick
REC. SEC.- K3CIV, Ralph Hersh
TREASURER- W3CPT, Ken Harrison
DIRECTORS- 2 to be elected.

W3HYD, Lenny Ciucci
W3MVF, Dave Bloch

Through a raising of hands we found that quite a number of the fellows are willing to go out, as a club group, on both the QSO Party, June 13 and 14, and Field Day, June 27 and 28.

The Corresponding Secretary was commissioned to write to the FCC Office to receive application for a memorial call as a club call. The call that we are requesting is, W3CCX, which was the call held by Matt Gelardi, our one and only deceased member.

(Editor's note; I called the FCC on the phone yesterday and received the application today.)

The "BIG SURPRISE" was a tape recording of the nets, made by W3HKZ, Ed. Weren't you surprised to hear how your signal came through at his QTH. (I know what it was to be a long time ago, so don't tell me a woman can't keep a secret.) We are sorry that the weather was so hot, and that a number of you left early.

An Application for Membership was received from K3BEF, Albert Shane. This application will be voted upon at the June meeting.

Coming Events

JUNE MEETING

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

The order of business will be the election of officers for the year 1959 - 1960. Be sure to attend and cast your vote.

A vote also will be taken on the application of K3BEF, Al.

Final arrangements will be made for Field Day, June 27 and 28.

Just a short reminder that the July meeting will be held at the QTH of W3JSD, John, and the August meeting will be held at the QTH of W3KKN, Ernie.

Heard on the net on May 18th that Sylvia, the XYL of W3FSC, Ozzie, passed a kidney stone and wasn't feeling too well. Hope you are feeling better now.

TRAVELERS DELIGHT

By W3AYG

On Sunday evening May 10, 1959 the XYL, Polly, the Gonset 3 and myself boarded a train headed west for a vacation and a visit with some friends in Toledo, Ohio. After traveling all night we arrived at the Willard Hotel there about 8:00 A.M. Monday morning.

The highest room we could get was only four floors above the street level, so after getting unpacked, the first thing to do was hook up the Gooney box in the room and see if any 6 meter stations were on the air, so calling a lusty CQ we made our first contact with W8VEK mobile and that started the fireworks when they heard a W3 calling in W8 land. From 9:55 A.M. May 11, until 10:26 P.M. we worked twenty one different 6 meter stations.

Boy, this sounds good for activity around Toledo, on the 12th of May we contacted seven more new stations and so each day brought new surprises. One of my early contacts K8KDY told me there was a group of 6 meter stations in Sylvania, Ohio who issue a certificate for working 7 stations out of a total of 13. This certificate known as S.O.S. or Sylvania on Six. Therefore we proceeded to work for the award as a week can go by fast. So by operating between the Hotel and our friends home we made a total of 44 different 6 meter stations.

As a highlight to the trip, on Tuesday evening, May 12th at 10:15 P.M. we snagged K5RBX in Greenville, Texas. Imagine a portable W3 in W8 land working a K5. That's a switch. So by Saturday afternoon we had to pack up for our train trip home but it sure was worth taking the Gonset out there.

Arrived home safe and sound on Sunday May 17th 1959.

The following list represents the stations to work for a S.O.S. certificate.

K8KDT, W8WTD, W8RBQ, K8EUG, W8BMN, W8ADI, K8GLW, W8DN, W8QCT, W8VKR, K8KDS, K8LFI, K8OFW.

(Editor's note; Be sure to attend the picnic to see what Polly and John picked up for themselves and Frankie.)

So as not to have all this paper left blank, I will give you an idea of what I copy from the nets for "Rat Squeal"

K2LUV, Bill Stackhouse will be moving to Ohio. Look for the gang. Like to continue to receive "Cheese Bits".

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2 & 6 METER NETS MONDAY, MAY 18th.

W3QZP, in and out-trip rest of week
W3FUZ, No rig on 6, ears stuffed on

B.S. at U. meet.

W3JAY, big kick out of "Bluebird of Happiness".

W3CPT funds for coffee and doughnuts.
W3SMK, Pitt., Buffalo & Rochester.
Home 9:00 P.M. Wed.

W3GXB, cooking supper for XYL. F.O. cook.

FSC & SMK called SAO "old needlenose"
10 On 2 meter net

W3CL net control W3HFY SSB interference.

W3ZTL, listen until time for work
K3CIV, told GQJ bring cigars to meeting

K3GQJ, phone patch to hospital, no dice.

W3KLL, be around 'til 1st of June, then Wash., D.C.

W3JSD, in and out, "Rube Goldberg" hook-up

W3HUV, welcome aboard, using TV antenna. not feeling too good.

W2EIF, 220 net -"Highbanders"

W3DRC, Rig flashed- Tom dashed-fixed & called, CU missed, finally made it, contact complete. Sounds good now, Tom, stop squeezing, might flash again. QSO interrupted by Mil's modeling a ? -- Tom liked it.

W3CFS, 6 meter band opens sporadically to the West & Southwest in the evening, 6 - 9 P.M. Some hear and some don't. Mostly short skips.

W3AGQ & W3NWP missed them, got phone call sister-in-law -- hospital. Pink or Blue on the way.

Called GQJ to tell him Janet getting company--Janet coming home tomorrow. Thanks, Jack, for your offer in Frankie's absence.

20 on 6 meter net.

Notes from four way May 19th

W3NWP- under the weather- in bed. sounds froggy. get better soon, Leo.

Susie, XYL, W2EIF, says the kids can't take messages because they can't write.

Since I still have this much space, I might as well tell you. This copy of "Cheese Bits" was typed under difficulty. I smashed both my thumbs in a storm sash May 7th. Storm sash is OK, but I will lose both nails.

FAMILY
DAY!

HAM
FEST!

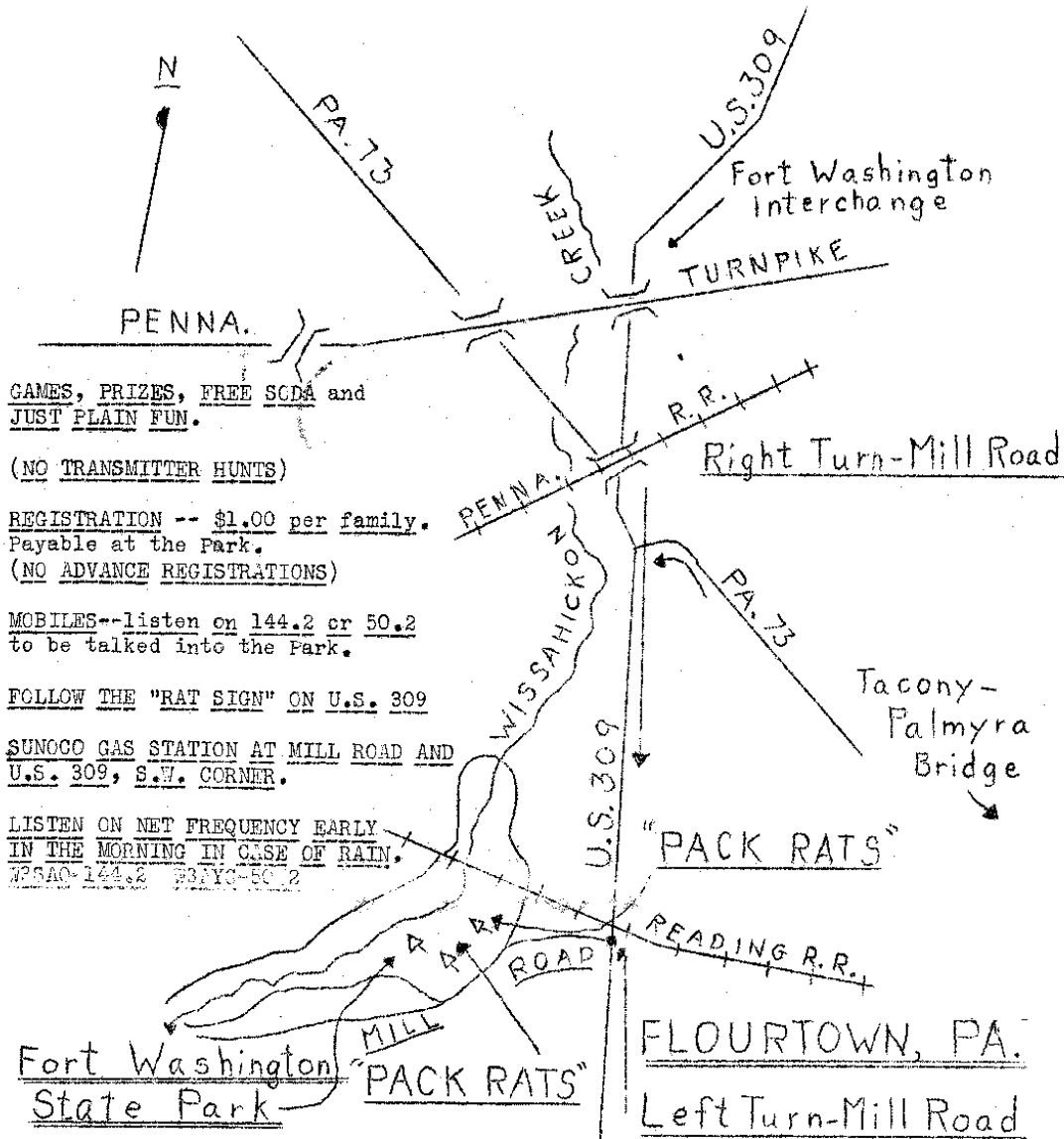
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