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THE PREZ SEZ

Well I must say it was great to see such a turn out for the first meeting at the library. Already we have 21 orders for club Tee Shirts and remember that if you want a shirt we will be taking orders at next month's meeting. So get in touch with me if you can't get to the meeting! \$8.00 with a pocket, call and name on the back, orange with black lettering.

The reports from the Hamfest Committee Chairman (WB3DNI) Pat) and the VHF Conference Chairman (KB3XG - John) indicated that these events are coming togeth

in the true Pack-Rat syle. True organizers they are!

The 900 MHz club project is under way and at the meeting we had 14 pre orders for the No Tune transverters. Everyone that couldn't make it to the meeting please call me if you are interested in getting involved in this building project! Let's get ready for the January contest now and get those stations together. All input is needed for a successful club effort. someone would be willing to volunteer for January Contest Chairman it would be appreciated. Please call Paul, WB3JYO for full details on the plan he's had a lot of experience.

At this writing the hurricane is coming inland and I hope that everyone

I was looking at the Pack-Rat Directory the other day and going over the membership list. We have 85 voting members by the way! While going over the list I noticed that most of the membership lives within 10 air miles of the meeting place. So how come no one comes to the meetings? Why are you people club members? Do you people have a transportation problem; do you have ham radio burn out; or don't you like the other members? Come on, people, let's get the lead out - we're all big boys now and supposed to be able to get along with everyone. Come on out to a club meeting and give some feedback to get the club airborn again. Everyone has something to contribute and teach others. I really don't think the two meetings a year rule is a good idea for a strong input. (cont., page 3)

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS By Harry Brown, W3IIT

OCTOBER

- Yonkers ARC Ham Fair will be held at the Yonkers Municipal Parking Garage in Yonkers, New York. Admission: \$4.00. Talk-in on 146.865/R or 440.15/R and 146.52.
- 7 13th Annual Mid-Atlantic VHF Conference will be held at the Warrington Motor Lodge, Warminster, Rte 611 and Street Rd., Warminster, Pa.
- 8 18th Annual Pack-Rat Hamarama will be held at the Bucks County Drive-In Theater at Rte. 611 and Street Rd., Warminster, Pa.
- 9 Columbus Day.
- 9 Yom Kipper.
- Board of Directors meeting for the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club will be held at the QTH of WA3JUF at 8:00 P.M. All interested parties welcome. Call 215-795-2648 for directions.
- 14-15 ARRL International EME Contest. Covers all bands above 50 MHz. Second weekend Nov. 18-19. See Sept. QST, page 84 for rules.
- 14-15 Pennsylvania QSO Party sponsored by the Nittany ARC.
- 34th Annual Syracuse Hamfest at the NY State Fairgrounds. Admission: \$5.00 at the gate. Talk-in on 146.31/91 and 147.90/30.
- The Shore Area Ham Radio and Computer Fest will be held at Allaire Airport, Rte 34 Wall, N.J. Talk-in on 145.110/-6 and .52.
- Regular meeting of the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club at the Southampton Free Library on Street Rd. in Southampton, Pa. All VHFers are encouraged to come and enjoy the evening with us. You need not be a member.
- 21 Predicted peak of the Orionids meteor shower at 2346 UTC.
- Penn Wireless Assn Tradefest '89 at the Yezzi Field in Bensalem, Pa. Admission: \$3.00 each or \$7.00 per carload. Talk-in on 145.52 or 147.00/.60.
- 29 RF Hill Hamfest at Sellersville, Pa.
- 31 Halloween.

THE PREZ SEZ (cont.)

Well that's about it for now and I hope to see you at the VHF Conference and Hamfest. Please come out to help, we need it - Call Pat WB3DNI at 215-672-5289. I haven't met a lot of you yet and the up-coming events are the places to relax and get the renewed interest.

Listen for the weak on David Hackford, N3CX

PROPAGATION REPORT Paul Drexler, WB3JYO

It's been another busy month for the serious VHFer. Propagation has definitely been above average - there's been a few good Auroras and lots to work on the bands.

On August 28th, starting at 2230Z, we had a FB Aurora to the NE and Chicago areas, first starting on 6 and 2, and eventually providing propagation through 432. Without spending too much time on the air, I worked into the Chicago area and our FN54 buddy, Bill, W3HQT on 220! The Aurora eventually died at 0215Z on the 29th. On the morning of September 1, a typical Autumn tropo began which lasted throughout the following week. WD4FAB (FM15) had an S6 signal at 2 meters on the 1st and FM05 and FM06 were reported active. On the 6th, Rick, WC2K reports excellent propagation in to the far reaches of grids FN96, FN86, and FN76 on 2 and 432. Rick also worked KIWHS (FN43) on 2304 that same evening with S6 SSB signals both ways! Conditions for the September contest were just average, however, with little exciting to talk about. The only enhancement I observed was on Saturday afternoon, with good conditions to the NE. On the 18th we had another Aurora, starting around 2200Z on 50 MHz. Signals on 6 were very strong to 8 and 9 land, and VE1, 2, and 3. The opening later shifted south, with stations in VA getting into the 6 meter Aurora! The propagation was slow to move to the higher bands, but eventually contacts were reported on 220. WC2K was busy with the nets that night and heard the conditions fade away at around 0300Z, the 19th. Rick was in the process of shutting the station down for the night at 0400Z when the Aurora returned in a big way. Beginning at 0431 and continuing until 0707, Rick enjoyed having the band to himself and worked pile-ups of W5, W9, and WØ stations! Grids worked included EM48, EM29, EM39, EM16, EM25, EM26, EM27 and EN32. W3HQT was the only other NE station to keep WC2K company, and they eventually worked each other on 220. Just goes to show you - it ain't always over when you think it is!

CU in the next Aurora!

CONFERENCE/HAMARAMA UPDATE

John and Pat are ready for this year's Pack Rat weekend. Are you? An excellent program has been scheduled for Saturday:

0900	Optimum Linear Transverter Design	-Paul Drexler, WB3JVO
1000	EME, Then and Now	-Dr. Al Katz, K2UYH
1115	VHF/UHF/SHF Band Plans	-Bob Bennett, W3WCQ
	Laser Communications	-Bob Atkins, KAlGT
	No Tune Transverters	
	10 tame rights Agi Carp	-Bill Olson, W3HOT

Don't forget to bring along any homebrew equipment that you'd like to display in the conference room,

Breakfast for the hamfest crew WILL NOT be held at the Warrington this year. Breakfast WILL be at PERKINS FAMILY RESTAURANT, 705 York Rd. in Warminster. (* mile north of Street Rd. near Path-Mark, Rickels, and Arch Bishop Wood). Try to get there as close to 0500 as possible so we can be at the drive-in by 0600. We need help to manage this hamfest, especially with the parking of cars throughout the morning. If you've never been a part of the parking crew, please assist the club this year by giving an hour of your time. Join us for breakfast or report to the club table to pitch in for the Pack Rats. See you all on the 7th and 8th.

SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE: Kenwood TS-180S with CW filter, DC converter, speech processor, remote VFO (VFO-180), MC-50 mic. excellent condx \$650.00. Tempo S1 2 meter HT, 1.5W, leather case \$100.00.

CONTACT: Bruce Loss, WA3YUE

PHONE: 215-542-6405 (W)

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FOR SALE: Heath SB-200 linear amp, new band switch, relay and meter + brand new set of 572B tubes \$450.00.

CONTACT: Chas Royer, K3BCV

847 Lacrosse St. Allentown, Pa 18103 PHONE: 215-432-2805

AVAILABLE: Variable voltage regulator kits as described in July '89 issue of Ham Radio Magazine by author/designer Howard, K3HW.

CONTACT: Howard Weinstein, K3HW PHONE: 609-596-3304

HELP WANTED: To assist Pack Rat in the removal of tower to be relocated at new

QTH near Hilltown, Pa.

CONTACT: Bill Jaxheimer, K3ESJ PHONE: 215-348-4163

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The following have been removed from the Pack Rat membership rolls: N3AHI, N2AQJ, WB3IGR, WB3IND, WB3KES, K3KVS, AC3T, WA3YDZ, and AA2Z.

VHF/UHF CONTEST SOFTWARE

Pack Rat Dave Mascaro, WA3JUF has developed an outstanding contest computer program for VHF/UHFers. Called "MULTILOG/VHFLOG", the software accommodates both single and multi operator contest logging in the ARRL VHF/UHF contests. For the single operator, the program can be operated in real time and provides very easy entry of callsign, and report. Band changes are simple and fast, duplicate QSO's are flagged, time is stamped on each QSO. The program produces a log (duped), check sheet, equipment list, operator information, and summary sheet complete with statement of integrity. It is generated in the format accepted by the ARRL. Contest aids on the program disk include beam headings for grid squares and stored bearings of stations which the operator enters to memory. At the conclusion of the contest, the operator is completely finished with his scoring and logging! An after-the-contest program is provided for multi-op stations into which log entries can be entered, duped, scored, and summarized. I've tested a number of other contest logging programs which have all been cumbersome at best. After playing with Dave's program today, I find it a real winner and true method to eliminate the penciled log sheet. This is a "must have" accessory for the VHF contester with Apple or IBM compatible computers.

TA4/G3SDL ON 6 METERS

Dave, TA4/G3SDL will be the first licensed 6 meter operator from Turkey in an operation planned from September 29 through October 9, 1989. He will maintain a beacon on 50.095 MHz and operate on 50.110 and 50.130 MHz. He will monitor the international 6 meter liason frequency 28.885 MHz as well. This would be a great catch - sure hope we get some early F2 propagation!

VISITORS - SEPTEMBER 21, 1989 MEETING

AA5AH - Bob Newhart - Camden, NJ XYL - Judy Newhart - Camden, NJ

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K9ES, Eric L. Smitt 107 Atlantic Blvd Indian Harbour Beach, Florida 32937

TID BITS

- Condolences to Pete Cummings, W3CIL on the recent loss of his XYL, Carol.
- The Fall issue of the QCWA Journal included a report from the Delaware Valley Chapter No. 5. A photo shows W3HK, George Van Dyke presenting a meritorious award to W2HX, BB Wentzel for his many contributions to the Chapter and amateur radio. Our good wishes, BB.
- EPA Section Manager, Kay Craigie, KC3LM is a candidate for Vice Director of the Atlantic Division. Her election to office would provide some needed local representation to the ARRL.
- Eric Smit, K9ES is relocating to Florida to pursue a new business. He will be located 1000 ft. west of the Atlantic Ocean, 40 miles south of Cape Canaveral. He plans to set up on 50, 144, 220, and 432 with his 56 ft tower. Good luck and keep in touch, Eric. Look for Pack Rats on 6 meters in January VHF SS!

SIX METER DX BEACON LIST From Northeast VHF News

As the F2 6 meter DX season warms up, Pack Rats will find the following beacon list handy for operating the band:

PDF △	CALL	GRID	LOCATION	ERP (W)	ANTENNA	MODE	NOTES
FREQ. 50.005	H44HIR	RIØØ	Solomon Is.	25	(·
50.005	ZSISIX	KF25	S. Africa	25	Dipole		
50.009	ZS6PW	KG44	S. Africa	15	2-1-2-2		
50.011	JA2IGY	PM84	Mie, Japan	10	Gnd Plane	AlA	Ø Ø
	P29BPL	QI3Ø	Pt. Moresby	30	Dipole	·	Ø
50.013	SZ2DH	KM18	Athens, Grce	10	Yagi	AlA	10
50.015		KMIO	Achens, Gree	10	2491	11321	
50.018	ZS3VHF						
50.020	CX1CCC	*A72	N. Wales	100	Yagi	F1A	ø
50.020	GB3SIX	IO73		100	2 x squale		ø, 1
50.020	JA6ZIH	PM51	Kyushu	50	Yagi	727457	<i>p</i> , ±
50.023	ZS6LW	KG44	Rosslyn	50	ragr		
50.025	он9	KP,	Finland	150	Vaai	•	
50.025	ZS6LN	KG46	Pietersburg	150 10	Yagi Yagi		
50.028	JA7JMA	QMØ7	To a Double of	40	_	FlA	ø
50.029	CT ØWW	IN61	Joao Pesdueira		Dipole	FlA	Ø
50.033	ZD8VHF	II22	Ascension Is.	50	Vertical	r la	p
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50.035	ZB2VHF	IM76	Gibraltar	200	Yagi	FlA	Ø
50.038	FY7THF	GJ34	Kourou	100	Gnd plane	LIA	Ø
50.040	CX8BE	GF15	Montevideo	10	Yagi	773 T 73	'n
50.045	OX3VHF	GP6Ø	Simiutaq	20	Gnd plane	FIA	ø ø
50.050	GB3NHQ		Bar Potters Bar	40	Turnstile		ø
50.055	ZS6DN	KG44	Irene				
50.057	KH6HI	BLØl	Oahu, HI				C.
50.060	GB3RMK	1077	Rosemerkie	40	Dipole	F1A	Ø
50.062	PY2AA	GG66	Sao Paulo	25	Gnd plane		Ø
50.063	GB3NGI	1065	N. Ireland	18	Dipole	FlA	Ø
50.066	GJ4HXJ	IN89	Jersey, C.I.	10	Halo	FlA	Ø,3
50.075	PY2AMI	GG66	Sao Paulo	5	Gnd plane		Ø Ø
50.075	VS6SIX	OL72	Hong Kong	30	Gnd plane		Ø
50.075	ZS5SIX	KG5Ø	S. Africa	10	Halo		
50.078	TI2NA	EJ79	San Jose	20	Dipole		Ø Ø 5
50.080	HC8SIX	EI59	Galapagos	4	Vertical		Ø
50.083	LULDMA	GFØ6	Buenos Aires	20	Yagi		5
50.085	9H1SIX	JM75	Malta	50	Yagi	FlA	Ø,6
50.086	VP9MO	FK86	Plymoth	10	Yagi		Ø
50.091	ZF2KZ	EK99	Grand Cayman	100	J		
50.099	TI2CF	EJ79	San Jose				
50.100	LU2FMO	FF96		4	Yagi		
50.100	HC2FG	FIØ7	Guayaquil	8	J-pole		Ø
50.100	VP5D	/ - /			-		
50.100	KG6DX	QK23	Guam	40	Yagi	AlA	7
50.105	ZS3E	ĴG89	Namibia		-		
50.110	A61XL	LL74	United Arab Em.	. 50	Yagi		
50.120	4S7EA	MJ97	Sri Lanka	50	Yagi		
50.321	ZS5SIX	KG5Ø	S. Africa	6	Halo		Ø
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SIX METER DX BEACON LIST (continued)

FREO.	CALL	GRID	LOCATION	ERP (W)	ANTENNA MODE	NOTES
51.020	ZLIVHF	RF 73	W. Auckland	25	Vert.dipole	Ø
52.100	ZK2SIX	AH5Ø	Niue	•	· -	•
52.200	VK8VF	PH57	Darwin		•	
52.320	VK 6 RTT	OG89	Wickham	25	J-pole	ø
52.325	VK 2 RHV	QF57	Newcastle		Form	ัด
52.345	VK4ABP	QG26	Longreach	10	Vertical	Ø Ø
52,350	VK6RTU	PFØ9	Kalgoorie	war w	Y W. W. D. C. C. C. L.	ر پ
52.370	VK7RST	QE37	Hobart			
52.410	VKØMA	MC12	Mawson			
52.420	VK2RSY	QF56	Dural	25	Turnstile	· ø
52.425	VK3RGB		Gunnedah			~
52.435	VK3RMV	QF12	Hamilton			
52.440	VK4RTL	QH3Ø	Townsville			
52.450	VK5VF	PF94	Mount Lofty	20	Turnstile	Ø
52,460	VK6RPH	OF78	Perth			p
52.465	VK6RTW	OF84	Albany			
52,470	VK7RNT	QE38	Launceston			
52.485	VK8RAS	PG66	Alice Springs			
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NOTES:

- Ø Operational 24 hours/day N not currently operational P Proposet
- 1 Callsign due to change to JA6YBR
- 3 Awaiting official license. Callsign will be GB310J.
- 5 Computer controlled. QRV from 1800 to 0300 UTC.
- 6 Beam heading chosen on a seasonal basis. (UK from May-August)
- 7 Operates on 50.100 when not attended, 50.110 when operator in shack.

This data was compiled by G4UPS and G4DGM with minor changes and additions by G4IJE and VE3IMT. Further corrections and additions were provided by W2CAP/1. Editorial corrections were made by W1GXT. This list was last updated on May 20, 1989 at the 15th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference, Nashua, NH. Please send any changes or corrections to VE3IMT, W2CAP/1, and W1GXT.

ARRL SEZ OK TO LOG DISKETTES From the ARRL Letter

The ARRL Contest Branch can now accept entries for the ARRL November Sweepstakes and other ARRL sponsored contests on IBM compatible MS DOS formatted diskettes, either 5½ or 3½ inch. Log information must be in a true ASCII file. The summary sheet may also be in an ASCII file, but paper summary sheets are preferred. The log file should take on the layout of the official forms containing band, date, time on/off, time UTC, reports sent and received, multipliers, new multipliers, and points. For additional info, call Billy Lunt, KRIR, Contest Manager, at ARRL Headquarters.

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