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#### THE PREZ SEZ

Happy 1986 as the Pack-Rats head into another year. The next few months will bring a "flurry" of club activity -- January VHF Sweepstakes (only a couple of weeks away); Crying Towel; Homebrew Nite; ARRL Nite, and Ladies Nite (May 31st). Hope you are planning to be a party to these activities as working together has made us number one.

Thanks to Dave, N3CX, for the fine contest program at the December meeting.

Everyone knows that club meetings are the third thursday of the month, but there is other club activity that you can partic ipate in too. The Board of Directors meets on the second Thursday with location rotating among the members. This location is listed on page three of Cheese-Bits. These are open meetings and I encourage you to participate with the officers and board members in shaping the clubs future.

73, Mike, WB2RVX (FM29)

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#### CONTEST NOTICES

Did you receive your Contest Packet? If not, get in touch with your team captain. 2304 Mhz operation during the contest will take place on Saturday starting at 12 midnite. N3CX, our Contest Chairman, suggests that 220 Mhz simplex FM contacts should be made on Sunday the 12th between 2 and 4 P.M.

Look for the N3AHI gang down there in Georgia - EM85 - They will be banging away January II and 12, 1986,

Our friend AFIT, Dale Clement from up New Hampshire way, will be on 902 Mhz besides his regular operating bands from 50 to 1296 Mhz.

-- DUES ARE DUE --

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS Syllabus by Lee, K3MXM

#### **JANUARY**

- 1 Happy New Year may it be the best one ever and especially a Healthy One!!!!
- QCWA, Delaware Valley group and friends lunch at the Buck Hotel, Feasterville, Pa.
- Board of Director's Meeting QTH: W3KKN, Ernie Kenas, 2823 Old Welsh Road, Willow Grove, Pa. If lost: 659-3485. Directors and interested members always welcome.
- ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes or in plain words "The Contest". Make every effort to work as many club members on as many bands as capable.

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- 11-12 For our Southern Readers and snowbirds Sarasota, Florida Hamfest.
  - Philadelphia Micro Show Winter Edition. George Washington Motor Lodge Conference Center, Willow Grove, Pa. Exit #27 of Pa. Turnpike.
- 11 Low Band SSB Contest de 73 Magazine.

1/11 - 40 meters 1/25 - 15 meters 1/12 - 75 meters 1/26 - 20 meters More Information 73 Magazine or Page 96, December QST.

- General Club Meeting Southampton Free Library, 8 PM, Bring your LOGS to the meeting. Contest wrap-up time Crying Towel. The Mario Raffle, Frankie's Silent Auction, Refreshments.
- For all of you could of, and should of people: in 1980 on this date GOLD was quoted at \$790.00 an oz. in London, England.
- 19 Expo 64 for Commodore Computers Show #2, Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, Secaucua, N.J.
- 20 Martin Luther King Day.
- Contest evaluation committee meeting at the QTH of W3ZD starting at 10 AM. Team Captains must have all their team members logs in at that time!!

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If you find mistakes in this publication--please consider they are there for a purpose. We publish something for everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes...

Some motorists drive like they took the crash course ...

It seems a little odd when the local cemetary raises the price of lots and blames it on the cost of living...

A diamond is a chunck of coal that made good under pressure...

To those of you who have friends down Florida way and want to keep in touch - Philmont Mobile Radio Club is re-establishing their SNOWBIRD Net beginning Sunday Morning. January 5th at 9 AM at 14.235 plus or minus. W3SGR will be n/c

South Jersey ARC now has their own 2 meter repeater - 145,29 Mhz.

For Your Information Department: UHF REPEATERS: All are up 5 Mhz. 442.200 N. Wales; 442.650 Burlington, N.J.; 443.590 Coopersburg; 443.700 Easton; 443.800 Roxboro; 443.900 Valley Forge; 444.200 Bensalem; 444.550 Horsham.

#### NEW PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO HAME By Lyn. W3SNI

- 1. AUTOMATIC SWR/POWER METERS: The Wm. M. Nye Co. well known for their antenna tuners, have just introduced a pair of automatic SWR/Power meters. These units feature dual meters and remote sensors, with automatic switching to the higher range of power readings when called for. No reset or calibration adjustments are needed for SWR readings. The SWR 005 covers the range 1.6-30 Mhz with power ratings of 300 and 3000 watts. The SWR 006 covers the 2 meter band with power ratings of 30 and 300 watts. Price \$145. (A third unit, the SWR 003 is designed for the blind or visually impaired. This unit uses a tone oscillator to indicate SWR and Power Levels in the HF range)
- 2. MFJ 300 WATT ANTENNA TUNER: MFJ Co. has a new tuner on the market featuring a cross needle meter that reads SWR, forward, and reflected power, without the need to adjust, calibrate, or switch. The MFJ 949C makes it possible to check SWR across a band without the constant adjustments normally required with the usual SWR meter. Front panel controls (4) adjust antenna and transmitter matching, inductance, and antenna switching. A dummy load with the same rating as the tuner (300 watts) is built-in; and a 4/1 balun is also built-in for use with balanced open wire lines. Price \$150. (#815 is available w/o the antenna tuner/switch for \$60).
- 3. MFJ DIGITAL SWR METER: The MFJ 818 is a very compact digital SWR/power meter that will automatically read SWR up to 9.9 on .6 inch LEDs. No adjustments are necessary. A 12 segment LED bar graph indicates PEP readings up to 200 watts output. The 818 operates from 12 VDC power and is designed for a 50 ohm system. Size is ideal for mobile operation  $-5\ 1/2\ x$  4 1/4 x 1 inch. Price \$90.

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## WHF COMMUNICATIONS MAGAZINE By-Lyn, W3NSI

This publication from Germany covers VHF, UHF and Microwave communication. Four issues are published yearly in the spring, summer, autumn, and winter. Volume 17 - spring 1985 contains the following very well done articles: Compact BNC Attenuators; A Low Noise Metersat Converter for 1694 Mhz Wx Frequencies; A Digital Multiple Image Storage for WX Sat. Images; Color Module with Composite Output for WX Sat. Images; Power Meter for 2-200 Mhz; Impedance Transformation using a 1/4 wave line; PLL Osc. with Delay Lines; A shortwave VFO for 5-6 Mhz; A 2.3 Ghz Prescaler.

The quality of the construction is very high, and parts and kits are listed in the back of the issue for those wishing to build the items. Some of these parts are not easy to find the U.S. and are not cheap as listed in the magazine. The kit of parts inc. PC board for the Metersat converter is listed at 395 DM which is approx. 180 \$ US. The magazine write up on this converter covers 9 pages. The International edition, in English, has only one ad other than the kits available from the publisher, so nearly all of the 65 pages contain technical information. The editor and publisher, Terry Bittan, G3JVQ/DJOBQ was killed in an aircraft accident last March. The magazine will continue, hopefully, as well done as the sample copy. Cover price 7DM (About 3 \$US).

The publication is available in the USA and Canada from - UV Comms, P.O. Box 432, Lanham, Md. 20706 (A1 Whiting, K3BRS is the representative).

SWAP SHOP

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CONTACT: Doc Cutler, K3GAS

Phone: 215-635-1078

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CONTACT: Harry Schools, KA3B Phone: 1-215-468-1866

WANTED: Drake MN2700 Ant. Tuner; Drake MN 2000 Ant. Tuner.

FOR SALE: Heathkit "Sixer Lunchbox" \$10; Utica 650 - VFO only \$10; Gemtronics, 2325 SSB/ AM 23 ch. CB new \$75; Heath HR-10 Ham band rece. \$70; Heath HW-16 CW xcvr for 20,40,80 meters \$75; Heath monitor scope HO-10 \$100: Heath station console \$75; SBE-144 2 mtr xtal control xcvr \$95; Cubic, Astro 103 xcvr incl'd new bands and 2nd VFO, (Built in) \$550 (Mint) CONTACT: K3UKW, Tony Musero

Phone: 215-271-8898 or on air 146.685 repeater.

## COMMERCIAL AD

Loop Yagis: 902Mhz and 1296 Mhz 45 element \$70; 2304 Mhz \$62.50. Also available assembled and tested. Power dividers, stacking frames available. Linear Amplifiers; 1296 Mhz, 1 watt in 18 watts out \$230; 2304: 1 watt in, 10 watts out \$300. Write for more information to: Down East Microwave, Bill Olson, W3HQT, Box 1655A RFD 1, Burnham, ME 04922 (207)948-3741.

## TID BITS

Sunspot No. for November 1985 = 16.6 - Smoothed No. for May 1985 = 17.8 New phone numbers for Bill Murphy, WØRSJ, now located in Easton, Pa. 215-252-3956; work -201-234-6771. He will need help on Jan. 9th or 10th, 1986 in erecting a tower at his new location - get in touch, please.

Our Prez, Mike Gullo, WB2RVX and his XYL, Janet, KA2NYF, are expecting a blessed event in April, 1986.

Best wishes to the Zumbach family (WA3AQA) on the recent marriage of two daughters --The same for the Brandt family (K3LOM) on the marriage of their daughter.

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA S.E.T.

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, ARES/RACES participated in the Simulated Emergency Test on November 16th, 1985. The SET was made a part of the National Medical Disaster Service Drill under the auspices of U.S. Navy.

The scenario for the NDMS drill included 160 patients from a tornado disaster in Western Pennsylvania being flown into the Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Montgomery County, Pa. From there they were sent to six hospitals in Bucks County and six hospitals in Montgomery County after triage. Ham Radio Operators provided the communications liadson between the triage area and the hospitals, advising each hospital of incoming patients, patients condition, and the ambulance which was transporting them.

The day of the drill dawned bleak and forbidding with rain falling and temperatures in the thirties. Fog prevented helicopters from air-lifting any patients as had been included in the planning for the drill. The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness Communications Van, with W3EAG and W3HKZ operating, was parked near the triage hangar. WB3BBV and WB3BBW, in the triage area, transmitted patient information to the Montgomery County O.E.P. Van. From the van, the information was relayed to the hospitals and to the Montgomery County Emergency Operating Center where N3ACL, K3ZKO, W3DJL, and WB3AIS cperated 6 meter, 2 meter, and 220 Mnz equipment. Packet Radio at the E.O.C. on 145.090 Mnz kept tabs on the operation from Philadelphia International Airport.

Sixty messages were handled regarding patient status. Twenty-six operators participated including: K3ZKO, W3DJL, N3ACL, N3BBR, K3SRO, W3WWB, WA3DSP, W3HKZ, W3VVC, W3OOJ, K3YPO, KA3NIQ, N3DZG, KA2DYG, SB3BBV, WB3BBW, W3CS, WA3TUC, W3YSB, WB3AID, K3JFP, W3EAG, K3ACR, W3CL, K3NTD, and KB3Cl. (Tnx to W3EAG, Thomas E. Gibson, Director - Office of Communications)

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#### RECEIVED FROM THE ARRL LETTER 12/23/85

Privacy Act Does Not Target Phone Patches

We first mentioned the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1985 in the Nov. 7 Letter. Here's more. This League Lines item is preprinted from January 1986 QST and is copyright (C) 1985 by the American Radio Relay League, Inc:

In Communications to ARRL and to their representatives in Congress, amateurs are running up verbal "hurricane warning" flags regarding the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1985, S. 1667 and H.R. 3378. "Small craft warnings" would be far more appropriate: The bill indeed requires some attention from the amateur community, but it poses far less threat to amateurs than some people think. More next month, but for now be assured that: (1) the bill does not propose to outlaw phone patches; (2) it would not make possession (by anyone) of any kind of equipment illegal; (3) the bill can't possibly reach the House (or the Senate) for a vote before February or later; and (4) ARRL is working closely and personally with Committee staff to smooth out rough spots.

ARRL had been asked to testify at a Dec. 5 hearing scheduled by the House Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties and the Administration of Justice on the Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1985, but that hearing will probably be rescheduled to January 29 or 30 of next year. Whenever, ARRL will be there. Why was the hearing rescheduled? It was preempted by the Chairman of the full Judiciary Committee, Peter W. Rodino, Jr. D-New Jersey. The Judiciary Committee had received a 1400-page report on doings at the Environmental Protection Agency, and on a procedural point it was insisted that the entire report be read! Wrote ARRL's Washington Area Coordinator: "Part way through the reading, after an hour or so, however, a compromise was struck, waiving the reading. . .so some useful prupose could be accomplished by the hearing. None of this is germane to our work; I mention it because I was fascinated, and also to show that the cancellation of the hearing on the Privacy Act was not part of some deep dark plot by the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association to muzzle radio amateurs!"

Dec. 17, 1985

Harry B. Stein, W3CL 2087 Parkdale Avenue Glenside, Pa. 19038

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your participation in this year's exercise of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) on Saturday 16 November 1985.

By your enthusiastic support of the exercise, you gave of your free time to provide critical communications support to the area hospitals receiving simulated casualties. This was our first time utilizing HAM operators which proved to be a very vital service to our exercise.

The success of the exercise was in large part due to your communications expertise and professional dedication.

In an exercise of this magnitude, as in an actual scenario, communications play a key and absolutely essential role in it's success, and I look forward to your participation in future exercises of NDMS.

Again my sincere appreciation in significantly aiding in the success of this years NDMS exercise.

Sincerely,

L. Carey Hodges Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer

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#### AMATEUR RADIO TESTING HARRISBURG AREA

Test Date: February 1, 1986 April 16, 1986

Test site: Pa. Air National Guard HQ Bldg #26, Harrisburg International Airport Complex Talk-in: 145.470 Repeater -- 146.520 Simplex at airport.

The following is required to be presented at the time of testing: (1) Your original Amateur License. (2) Two forms of identification including photo i.d. (3) A \$4.25 check or money-order made payable to "ARRL/VEC". You may also bring a copy of your amateur license to be attached to your FCC 610 form, to enable you to retain your existing original license. FCC 610 forms are available at the test site. Pre-registration must be made at least 35 days before the test date. All Pre-Registrations must include a copy of your amateur license, a completed 610 form, and a check of money order for \$4.25 made payable to "ARRL/VEC". Send all pre-registrations to: Lee Shreffler, W3PU, 243 Westford Circle, Harrisburg, Pa. 17112 Phone Number: 657-1323. Further information and FCC 610 forms can be obtained from: John Obradovich, W3IS, 12 Hickory Place, Camp Hill, Pa. 17011.

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## FROM THE W5YI REPORT OF DEC. 15, 1985

MICHIGAN ADOPTS PACKET RADIO PLAN: A very detailed and well thought out frequency plan for Michigan packet radio was unanimously consented to at a statewide planning conference held during late November. Those in attendance agreed that PRISM, Packet Radio in Southern Michigan would act as the packet frequency coordination organization under the umbrella of the Michigan Area Repeater Council. MARC policy does not allow for the coordination of packet channels on 144-148 MHz and any activity in this range will have to be by "gentlemen's agreement."

### (2- METER PLAN)

144.91	Experimental and QRP
144.93/.95/.97	Local Area Network
144.99	Non-digipeated Packet Simplex
145.01	Inter-LAN & Mail Forwarding
145.03/.05/.07	Local Area Network
145.09	Experimental and QRP

The objective is to avoid conflict with existing voice operations and to help develop a segment on 2- meters which ultimately will become recognized as a "packet subband."

220 & 440 MHz - Conference attendees agreed that it is important to provide room on 220-225 MHz band for both 1200 and 9600 band packet since 2-meter emergency voice operations could desence 2-meter packet systems from the same location. Also, spectrum exists on 220 MHz for dual frequency digital repeaters that will allow higher speeds and fewer collisions and retries.

Furthermore, if the FCC grants the ARRL proposal for new Novice Class privileges, a potentionally large number of new, inexperienced amateurs will be seeking to operate unsophisticated packet stations on 220. PRISM also recognized that Novice voice operation on 220-225 MHz might work to the detriment of 220 Packet activity.

PRISM would like to encourage some thought into use of the 420-450 MHz band (instead of 220 MHz) for 9600-bps linking since inexpensive, surplus equipment for 450 is available. Nineteen coordinated 50-KHz packet linking channels were selected between 430 and 431 MHz. 420-430 MHz is not available to amateurs in much of Michigan, it being above "Line A." There is a strong likelihood that 420-430 MHz will be lost throughout the country in the near future[to land mobile interests]," PRISM said.

For a copy of (or to comment on) the Michigan Packet Radio Frequency Plan write: Jim Brooker, NISE, Chairman of the PRISM Spectrum Planning Committee, 696 Graefield Court, Birmingham, MI 48008

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The January 1986 issue of " 432 and ABOVE EME NEWS" by Allen Katz, K2UYH, Editor/Pub is available at W3CL.

Jay Miller, KS2T, advises that G4GLT will be allowed a 24 hour use of 6 meters sometime in Mid March '86

John Tate, K3KTY, up from Florida, was a visitor in the shack of W3CL during the Monday Nite Nets on December 23, 1985. He greated all the Fack-Rate with Holiday Greatings.

## Modification to Bird 43 Slugs

### by D. Mascaro, WA3JUF

Bird slugs can be modified to read different power levels for full scale. For example, a 25 watt slug can be made to read 50 watts F.S. Changing the calibration resistor inside the slug is all that is needed in most cases. Adjusting the pick-up loop may also be necessary.

These slugs can also be modified for different frequency bands. Low power VHF slugs can be used to make UHF or Microwave slugs. There are many odd frequency and power level slugs floating around at Ham Fests that are perfect for conversion.

All these slugs are basically the same inside. They have a pick-up loop that samples RF which is rectified. A calibration resistor sets the F.S. reading on the 30 ua. meter movement.

The following describes using a 5C element (5 W, 100-250 MHz.) to make a 5 Watt, 2304 MHz. slug.

To open a slug: 1-Pry off the Model \* plate with an awl or 2-Heat up the top of the slug on a hot plate to soften the glue or 3-Drill and tap a 2-56 hole in the cover and pull it off. Remove the screw inside the cover. This exposes R2 and D1. Next remove the two screws holding the Teflon cover on. This cover encloses the pick-up loop L1 and a load resistor R1.

Remove L1 (2 turn coil) and the plastic coil form by cutting it out with a diagonal cutter. Remove calibration resistor R2. Replace L1 with a brass strip as shown. Replace R2 with a 3.3 K ohm resistor. R2 can be "adjusted" by using a resistor of lower value and filing a groove in the carbon to raise the resistance.

The size and placement of L1 and the value of R2 was found experimentally as follows: I replaced the calibration resistor R2 with a 10K, 10 turn trimpot. Then different sizes of brass strips were tried. The slug is partially assembled each time and checked in a Bird 43 which is connected to a calibrated load and a HP power meter. The shape and size of L1 was adjusted until both the F.S. and linearity were correct. Reasonable tracking can be achieved by trial and error. Lastly, the directivity is checked with the slug in the reverse position.

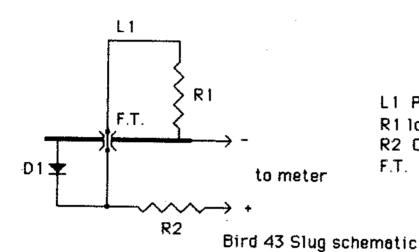
The accuracy and linearity depend on how long you spend adjusting L1 and R2. Performance is at least as good as my other slugs.

Re-assemble the slug and check it's performance again. Re-adjust R2 if calibration is off. Change the Model # plate to indicate the correct frequency band, and you're done.

Many inoperative slugs can be repaired rather easily. Dropped slugs usually have a broken L1 coil. Some have bad solder joints. Don't be afraid to open one up. It's no good if it's broken anyway.

## Modification to Bird 43 Slugs

Using a 5C element to make a 5 Watt, 2304 MHz. slug

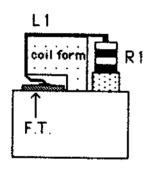


L1 Pick-up coil or loop

R1 load resistor

R2 Calibration resistor

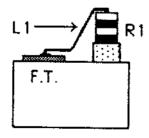
F.T. Button feedthru cap.



## Bird 5C slug

Remove L1 and coil form
Remove R2 inside slug housing

Replace R2 and L1 as shown



L1 0.65" X 0.050" X 0.010" thick brass strip shaped as shown between F.T. and R1

R2 3.3 K ohm 1/2 watt adjusted as necessary

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