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## On a serious note

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#### What will be the CB of the future?

In the absence of our highly witty and talented editor It has been left to me a mere mortal to fill this page, commonly entitled introduction.

Here we are with autumns colourful hues only days away, without a hint, nay not even a whiff of a date for legislation. So what I hear you cry who wants FM anyway, we are going to keep our AM!

Fair enough who are we to deny you your opinion but just take a quick look into the future with three or even four CB systems, some legal some not, all in direct competition with each other for the breakers money.

27MHz AM I'm sure will survive, the breaker who has been using his rig for anything up to 4 years is not going to give up easily. The AM system being the only one currently used widely has served as an enormously beneficial social tool. It has created new friends for otherwise lonely people, broadened the horizons of people housebound by virture of age or disability and due to the generous nature of many CB Clubs raised thousands of pounds for charity.

Flicking through the pages of this magazine and hopefully reading and digesting them you will have discovered by now the new phenomenon known as Frequency Modulation which by all accounts will be with us fairly soon. Doubtless any new breakers that come onto the air (FM) will derive the same pleasures and benefit as existing AM Breakers for approximately the same outlay.

934 MHz by virture of its technical complexity will be a fairly expensive system to buy once it becomes available and as such will only fall into the price range of the slightly better off individual. Once again the people that use 934 MHz will have the opportunity to do with it what they will and in essence it will probably end up very much like AM or FM but with different technical capabilities.

So far so good. There is one thing that still puzzles me, why do people bother going out to work to earn money, to, in turn spend it on CB when all they are going to use it for is propogating foul language and abuse onto the alrways. This has been a subject of many readers letters recently and what many of them are saying is true.

Whichever CB radio system eventually wins, be it AM, FM, VHF, whether its users talk like English arisocrats or American truckers, what we do want to be is a Citizens Band Radio system for citizens not foul mouths.

I want my young daughter (when she gets older) to be able to go on channel and use CB without being propositioned and badmouthed. I would tike my grandmother to be able to put out a 10-33 after an accident at her home without being badmouthed and her call being treated as a joke.

We can all swear in private when things go wrong or in temper - however hopefully we don't stand up in the local shopping centre and shout abuse at the shoppers. This is precisely the effect you have If you use bad language on channel. CB has too many advantages and uses for the majority for it to be ruined by the minority who see it as another tool for their childish behaviour (thats probably being rude to children as they are usually good breakers).

#### Civil Disorder and CB.

Depending on your political point of view the recent spate of rioting could be seen as rebellion by disenchanted and unemployed youths or as a bunch of hooligans out for a punch up. Whichever view you take the result was the same; a horrific and bloody mess. The toll reads like a script from a war epic rather an example of life in an advanced and so called civilized society. One person dead, buildings burnt, vehicles smashed and set on fire, shops fooled, policeman and civilians malmed and it goes on.

One product of our advanced and civilized society Is Citizens Band Radio the use of which is illegal and users at the moment are put into the same category as bank robbers and child molesters & criminals. The publicity surrounding the recent riots has also pointed the finger at Citizens Band Radio users as being leftwing agitators or unscrupulous shop looters. Much mileage has been made of the fact that people using CB Radio have been seen In the vicinity of troubled towns by police.



However one aspect of CB Radio that police and journalists allke have overlooked is that, although CB Radio Is an excellent means of communication it Is by no means private. Anybody with the appropriate monitor can hear exactly what the breakers are talking about. Surely if the police felt that CB was being used In an anti social way they or the post office would have tuned in and got some real evidence.



Mr Gregory Chief Constable of West Yorkshire where CB users have been blamed forriot related offences, may have missed the possibility that CBers could have been helping the situation by warning people to stay away from trouble spots and contacting the emergency services, like the ambulance or fire brigade on the behalf of victims and their property.

The truth of what part CB Radio did play in the rlots will probably never emerge. Breakers in the Manchester area are so insensed with the possibility that CB was used as a criminal tool, that they have offered to give up CB altogether if the police claims are substantiated. Reponsible monitoring services like REACT may also feel that they could help the police in cases of clvil disorder by not only reporting 10-33's but also pinpointing trouble makers. If CBers could somehow become "self policing" it could help to keep the good name of CB alive and prevent bad headlines appearing.

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#### Update.

An important annoucement has just reached us from the offices of David Allen (Insurance Consultants)Ltd., who you may remember were offering CB Insurance in Issue 13 of CB Radio Magazine. Firstly their premium rates have gone down from 12% of the rig value to 10% and also the excess (clause E) has been dropped from £10 to £5.

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## Antennas and Transmissions on CB trequencies

#### by F.C. Judd, FISTC MIOA. Assoc. IPRE - Part 11

This article is in effect a continuation of part 10 published last month but as is now known the Home Office have limited the physical length of all CB radio antennas for 27MHz to 1.5 metres (approx 5ft.) and also put a limitation on the height above ground at which they may be erected. (HMSO PUBLICATION MPT 1320. Specifications for CB radio). Although both factors play an important part in radio wave propagation at this frequency, the combined effect of reduced length and height limitation is not so serious as might be imagined. Many CB operators have quite wrongly come to the conclusion that the limitation on physical length alone will greatly reduce working range.. This is not so and some explanation of precisely what limited antenna length means may help clarify the reason for this and also why the Home Office, with an obvious lack of knowledge of radio antennas, imposed this limitation in the first place.



(A) The voltage and current distribution over a normal length half-wave antenna. Feed points are possible at X (low impedance ) and Y (high impedance).

(8) Reduced to a length of 1.5 metres (4fr.111ns) there would be no resonance and therefore virtually no radiation.

(C) With resonance restored by inductive loading (L) a short antenna can be made to operate with accoptable efficiency. Matching to 50 ahms can be achieved by a low to high integrations network at the point marked Y.



Those who have studied the original HO draft specification for CB radio will undoubtedly have noted that whilst the permitted output power for 27MHz was given as 4 watts (FM) the effective radiated power (ERP) from the antenna was to be limited to 2 watts. They apparently lost sight of the fact that a really efficient and properly matched antenna, for example a half-wave dipole. either end or centre fed and physically about 17 feet long, will radiate at least 90% of the power supplied to it. The 10% or so loss is made up of natural resistive losses in the antenna itself (about 8%) and in the transmission (co-axial cable) line for the transmitter. This would mean an effective radiated power of at least 3.5 watts, from a transmitter output of 4 watts. To achieve an ERP of only 2 watts would of course entail attenuation by a resistive network at the output of the transmitter. As most CB rigs are combined transmitter/receivers then any form of resistive attentuation would also reduce the reception of signals by the same mount i.e., by 3dB. NOTE: A reduction of power from 4 watts to 2 watts is  $10Log_{10} = -3dB$ .

The wiser beings at the HO must have realised that the use of resistive attentuation to limit ERP was just not practicable and have come up with the equally not so brilliantidea of putting a restriction on the physical length of any antenna for 27MHz CB radio to 1.5 metres (4ft. 11ins.). They obviously assumed that this would automatically reduce antenna efficiency by about 50% and the ERP close to the originally specified 2 watts. Fortunately this is not so.



#### Antenna Length V Efficiency.

It is of course guite true that if a naturally resonant halfwave antenna as shown in fig. 1A, is made shorter than the normal physical length then the efficiency is greatly reduced. To begin with the antenna would no longer be resonant i.e., not tuned to the frequency of operation as in fig. 1B and it would in fact be virtually impossible to transfer power to it from a transmitter. A shortened antenna can however, be made resonant by inductived loading as in fig. 1C, in which case it will be electrically restored to a half-wavelength. Whilst there is still some loss of efficiency by comparison with an antenna of normal resonant length, the amount depends entirely on how small the antenna is actually made. For example, a quarter-wave antenna with its physical length reduced by ten times but otherwise 'tuned' to resonance, would have an efficiency of little more than about 4% and therefore radiate only 1/25th of the power supplied to it."

On the other hand shortened quarter-wave antennas with ground-planes are not uncommon anyway. The normal length as shown in fig. 2A would be about 6ft. 6ins. but with artificial (inductive) loading and a physical length of 5 feet as in fig. 2B, the efficiency would still be quite high. However, the problem with *all* ground plane type antennas is that maximum radiation is always at a high angle and this greatly restricts the distance of operation over a ground path.

Fortunately the loss of radiation efficiency with short but otherwise resonant antennas is not directly proportional to the reduction in physical length. Providing resonance is maintained the overall loss incurred by reducing the length of a 27MHz half-wave base station antenna from 17ft. (5.18 metres) to 5ft. (1.5 metres) is only about 20% as both calculation and measurement have proved. Direct comparison tests between a full length halfwave and a 5ft. long *artificially resonant* half-wave as the graph fig. 3 shows, resulted in a slightly reduced effective working *ground path* range although the difference in signal levels from British and European stations under good short skip conditions was barely noticeable.

Many antennas for mobile operation at present available will meet the HO specification since the majority are not more than 5ft. long in the interest of safety. Most mobile antennas are however, tuned quarter-wave types relying entirely on the 'ground-plane' effect of the car body to obtain a low impedance match and reasonably efficient operation. The problem of high angle radiation still remains and which limits the working ground range. Field trials with many different mobile antennas of this nature have proved this to be the case.

At 27MHz and frequencies in this region, radio wave



Antenna an car - FERROLINE 27 mobile antonna - DREAKENLINE 27 1.5 mottes (4tr. 1 11ns) tree-space runed half-wave at height at 15 teer. Countryside - open but undularing. Trial mode in normal daylight hours.

#### Antiennas and Transmissions on CB frequencies

attentuation over a ground path is at its highest. Although increased distances are possible during hours of darkness by reason of very short skip conditions, the average range over ground during daylight hours, as many have no doubt discovered, can be as little as 4 or 5 miles depending also on the nature of the terrain. Thickly wooded country, hilly country and built-up areas also contribute a high degree of attentuation.

#### Field Trials with Shortened Antennas.

The writer has been involved recently with the design and trials of three new antennas for CB radio to meet the requirements specified by the Home Office for use on 27MHz. The trials have proved quite conclusively that a fully resonant antenna for operation within the band 27 to 28MHz but with a physical length of 1.5 metres (4ft. 11in.) will compete favourably with its full size counterpart. The trials were conducted over relatively flat open country, over undulating (hilly) but not mountainous country, in built-up areas (large towns) and on the open sea.

The antenna used for the base station was set up at a height of 15 feet above ground at virtually sea level. This was a free-space type 1.5 metres long (to comply with HO spec.) and resonant to a half-wavelength. The graph in fig. 4 is the signal field strength as received using a free space mobile antenna, also to HO spec., positioned on a car as illustrated. The power used for transmitting from base was 4 watts only and with frequency modulation (FM). At a distance of 17 to 18 miles with a level of S1, signals were perfectly readable. *NOTE:* This trial was just one of many and carried out in normal daylight hours.

One of the most interesting trials was carried out from a private vessel located at sea about 14 miles off the coast as in fig. 5. The propagation path was therefore over both sea and land. All contacts were made after dark when short-short skip prevails. The stars indicate the positions of many of the CB stations contacted on land and the figures are the signal meter readings given by them. The transmitting power used on the vessel was 4 watts and the antenna a "FERROLINE27" at a height of 20 feet above the water.

It is hoped that the results of the trials outlined in this article will dispel any doubts that CB operators must obviously have with regard to the performance of single element antennas with a length not exceeding 1.5 metres (4ft. 11ins.) as now specified by the Home Office. It must finally be emphasised that trials of this nature can only be





Results obtained with FERADUNE 27 mobile antenna an seagoing vessel at height as shown. Vessel at approximately 14 miles due East fram coast at position X as indicated. Stars: Locotion of CD stations worked and figures are signal meter readings given by these stations.

made and the results properly analysed with the aid of very accurate measuring equipment and extremely carefully matched antennas. The majority of so-called "comparison" tests between one antenna and another and the results of field trials on antennas frequently published in other magazines devoted to CB radio and even by dealers, have all too obviously been carried out on an *ad hoc* basis without resource to either laboratory standard measuring equipment and the requisite qualifications, knowledge and experience.

In view of the HO requirement regarding antennas it is suggested that the Editor might like to compile a list of base station and mobile antennas that meet this requirement. Part 12 about antennas continues next month.

\* Ground-wave propagation with short resonant antennas by F.C. Judd (Adams prize awarded for this work). Published RSGB Bulletin December, 1960.



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## Dealing with nterfere nre nhlen

#### By E.A. Rule Final Part

This month we are going to deal with the interference problems found in motor vehicles and no excuse is made for the fact that most of the material is reproduced by the kind permission of Lucas Electrical Limited, Parts and Service Division, Birmingham, B18 6AU. This company have had many years of experience in the suppression of interference in motor vehicles and are always willing to help you with particular problems, just write to them and state the type of vehicles involved and type of problem. However It is hoped that most of what you will need to know will be found here. Lucas stockists will have most of the common items mentioned but special parts can be obtained from the address above.

The most common source of interference in a vehicle is of course the Ignition system and we will deal with this first. It goes without saying that this should of course be maintained to the manufacturers specification at all times. Indeed it is the Law that all vehicles manufactured In the UK MUST comply with published levels of Interference. These regulations are to ensure that only the minimum amount of interference is caused to domestic TV and radlos.

#### **Basic suppression.**

First check that the aerial installation is correctly fitted as per the manufacturers instructions. If It is the type that has to be 'earthed' to the vehicle's body, make certain that all paint etc. has been removed so that it makes good contact with the body. Second, take the supply voltage for the rig DIRECTLY from the battery, NOT from some other more convenient point inside the vehicle. Always run a separate power supply lead direct from the battery to the rig, this is to ensure that the low impedance of the battery permits only the minimum of ignition noise to get into the rig vla the power supply leads. This is a very important point and the one most commonly ignored. Make sure of course that this supply lead also contains a sultable fuse.

The first check is to remove the aerial connection from the rig and to tune the receiver over all channels with the engine running, this will check for interference via the power supply. While the aerial is disconnected it is a good time to also check for noise from heater motors, wipers, etc. (when checking the wipers, make sure screen is wet). If Interference is found from any of these sources fit a Lucas LS630 choke in the supply lead to the rig. On some rigs it may also be necessary to add an additional filter capacitor between the rig side of the choke and the rig chassis. This capacitor can be a 1000 MFD 16 volt electrolytic which Is obtainable from most radio components suppliers. Be sure to observe the polarity of the capacitor when connecting

Now reconnect the aerial system and recheck all channels as before, noting which items will need extra suppression. First check with just the engine running at various speeds. If interference is present fit an LS627 capacitor between the switch terminal of the ignition coil and earth. It is a very good plan to fit this capacitor as standard in any case, as in areas of weak signal the interference may show up whereas it didn't on the test site.

One point worth mentioning here is to check the earth bonding strap between the engine and vehicle chassis. Check for good contact and possible damaged braiding, replaced If necessary.

The Lucas interference tracing chart is given in fig. 20 and will be found useful in tracking down sources of interference that the basic suppression didn't cure. The other diagrams are also reproduced from the Lucas book (PLT 6338A), Coples of this book are available from Lucas and Is recommended very highly as It covers the full range of equipment available from Lucas.

The following diagrams and text are copied directly from this book and are self explanatory.

























## LEGAL RIGS!

#### AM to FM Conversion

At last a real breakthrough in British CB which is designed in Britain, built in Britain (well Warrington if that counts) by British people. How British can you get.

Finelms Electromecof 50 Parker Street, Warrington have developed circuitry which will convert an existing AM set, straight 40 or side band into a Home Office performance specification rig. This transversion as it's called, takes approximately 40 minutes to fit and will produce a 27 MHz FM Rig with 40 channels from any breakers rig.

As you might well imagine such an innovation has not been arrived at easily. The partners in Finelms, Dave Cross and Pete Ryder, conceived this idea over 9 months ago by almost clairvoyant means. They knew that the government would be making some form of announcement regarding an Open Channel or CB service, and foresaw the eventual demise of AM and the coming of FM. Their commercial sense told them that there would be a lot of redundant AM equipment about come legislation and that a lot of existing breakers, whilst quite happy about CB on FM would just not be able to afford to buy a new FM set.

At this stage the considerable technical skills of Bill Sparks (what an appropriate name) an experienced radio ham and lecturer on radio communications at Warrington Technical College, were called upon to develop the FM transverter. Bill's considerable technical skills enabled him to predict quite accurately the frequency and channel specifications of the Home Office specifications. Bill, with the assistance of Charles Bushell started gathering together test equipment and components from a whole host of British manufacturers and immediately started work on the laborious task of achieving high FM quality from standard AM sets.

Finelms needed a supply of AM rigs on which to develop and test their transverter and instead of relying on black market suppliers, went to the Home Office Radio Regularity Department and started a lengthy discourse (which is still going on). One positive result of this conversation is that FineIms were given a test and development licence and permission via C & E to import and use a number of AM sets. The home office have been and are still being highly co-operative which leads me to ask why aren't more people seeking H.O. co-operation and help rather than shouting? Mr. Howarth and Mr. McChlachan of H.O. Excise and Mr. Mouat and Mr. Butcher of C & E along with Mr. C. J. A. Parker (responsible for issuing an FM manufacturing licence to FineIms) have all been extremely helpful individuals whilst dealing with these matters.

The result of months of hard work was shown to me on July 29th (Royal Wedding Day) when on being summoned to Warrington I was given the opportunity of actually using a rig which had been transverted to FM by FineIms. The entire staff of the company had been working all through the previous night making final adjustments to the set and as a result were all biting their fingernalis at the time of my arrival.





The base station used for the test was a suitably transverted Super Tiger running off a standard power supply using a half wave centre loaded antenna with a small ground plane. The antenna was affixed approximately 5 metres up on the front of Finelms premises. The mobile set was a Midland 150M installed in a Red Chevrolet Monte Carlo using a standard K40 wire type antenna. No amplifiers of any description were used throughout any part of the test. The test was entirely practical and as soon as we are able an independant engineer will take a good look at this system. For reasons of commercial secrecy Finelms are not allowing anybody to inspect or test their invention until it is properly legally protected.

Driven by Dave we set off around Warrington, which incidentally was deserted (caused by the entire population being glued to their TV sets to watch Charles' and Diana's big day). Using the test licence number G95 SU we used the converted rigs under a variety of conditions. We burnt rubber literally up and down dual carriageways, in between tall buildings and got what I consider to be perfect copies up to 7.4 miles away from base. The majority of the test was undertaken with the squelch right up ensuring that we only picked up the strongest of signals. Even surrounded by concrete the signal came in loud and clear. Worth pointing out at this stage is that the Finelms premises are exactly opposite the British railway mains generating plant at Warrington which consists of tons of steel creating all sorts of magnetic fields. This generating plants signal can be picked up happily by the test equipment on the company's property but had little or no effect on the audio quality of the transverted rigs.



#### **Speech Processor.**

An extra feature on the transverter circuit is a speech processing facility. This works very effectively as proved to me by sitting in the back seat of the Monte Carlo and talking into the Mike while the driver held it. The base station reported back a perfect copy without knowing my position in relationship to the microphone.

Audio quality is one thing that BIII has strived hard to achieve. I think he's got

there, but now he won't be happy until he has achieved BBC FM transmission standards (stereo CB?). Bill was most upset that a components delivery had let him down and BBC type CB wasn't available for me to hear. What I heard was pure undistorted sound at a far range. Perhaps with the use of repeaters if allowed, the range could be bettered, apart from that my verdict is very favourable. The channel spacings were excellent with no pollution emerging through on the channels adjoint to the transmissions.

## **LEGAL RIGS!**



#### Make your rig legal.

Well not the type of amnesty you are hoping for i.e. a run in period of time during which AM can be used until full implementation of Government Specification FM. However another part of Finelms discussions with H.O. & Customs and Excise is to sort out an all inclusive price for their transversion circuit to include back duty for the import rig. This gives the breaker the right to take his AM rig in for conversion to FM pay his dues to the Government and obtain a full CB licence as a result. The price and approval for the above mentioned scheme has still to be settled by Finelms who with their so far good relationship with the various official bodies are confident that a sensible price, within the financial capability of most breakers can and probably will emerge.

It's anticipated that the Finelms transverter will be available throughout the country from numerous appointed fitting agents. The official date is all that is now required to enable you the breaker the opportunity to drive in with AM, drive out with FM whilst still airing your original rig.

#### New Projects.

Not content with just converting on rigs to FM Finelms are developing a totally new totally British rig. They have already got their manufacturing licence and a factory is currently under negotiation in Warrington. If they are fast enough this will be the first rig with a totally British pedigree. Their factory will be capable of producing 2000 rigs a week and they are confident that pricewise their products should be capable of competing with imports from the Far East.

#### Sony Old Bean

"We have been asked to apologise to Modmags Limited, the publishers of C.B. Citizens Band Megazine for certain statements contained in an article entitled "Citizens Band Exclusive" which appeared in the June 1981 issue of C B Radio. We are satisfied from information supplied to us by Modmags that certain statements were incorrect and we have no hesitation in apologising to them.

In particular, we acknowledge that **no** other magazine carried a report or a similar report on equipment referred to in the original article entitled "Rig Review" which appeared in the May 1981 issue of C B Citizens Band Megazine and therefore the article was correctly described as exclusive. We also apologise to Modmags for our failure to obtain their permission to reprint parts of their article and the photographs contained therein, thus infringing their copyright".

#### Again?

Our sincere apologies go to Buzzing Bee who in our July edition was referred to as somebody without experience in CB. On further investigation this has been found to be untrue and we are sorry for any misunderstanding which may have arisen as a result of the Legal Rigs article.



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#### Aloha, Kakou from Charlie Hotel.

Aloha Kakou. Pehea oe, Heaha ka mea hou? Well I did warn you that I was going a wee bit exotic this month.

For the benefit of our non-Polynesian readers what's being said is, Greetings to all, how are you, what's new? Now this doesn't mean that I am an expert in foreign languages. All it means Is that I have been given a few helpful hints by Bruce Coffman of the Aloha Paradise QSL Club of Hawaii.

#### QSL Envelopes.

How are you all finding the QSL scene these days. Theres always something new cropping up isn't there? What never fails to delight me are the different styles which people use when posting off their cards.

Some cards are posted in plain envelopes, some in envelopes covered with club stamps and CB style stamps (my own personal faourite style) and some (mostly from Australia) beautiful art work style envelopes. Another method which seems to be popular is envelopes which are specifically designed for CB'ers and QSL'ers.

The nicest part is where you normally put the address. It's already lined up for you with the immortal words;

To: CB Station' emblazoned across. Sheer magic. I can hardly wait for the day when good old Woolies will be selling them by the 1000's.

Another nice envelope which I've recently received came from Garry Scally ,SWAG-MAN 153,of West Australia. On the face of it, his Airmail envelope is 100% normal. It was when it was opened up that it was revealed in all its glory. On the inside of the envelope is a map of Australia plus all the surrounding oceans. Quite an interesting idea that one. It saves checking up in an Atias to see exactly whats what and where its at.

#### International S.A.E.'s

Speaking of envelopes, do you recall the free club mentioned in the July issue of CB

Radio - The Cheese Eaters Swap Club of Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A. It was free OK. The only hang up being the Stamped Self Addressed envelope. Well, this puzzled me for a while. Surely in this day and age there must be a way in which you can send a S.A.E. abroad. I know Amateurs have been doing It for years for one reason or another but how it was done had me stumped. Eventually, my local friendly post office man came to the rescue (again).

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#### QSL Club Survey.

The E.I.D.X.C. has been writing these DX/QSL club articles for quite a while now. I've been pleasantly surprised to occasionally receive correspondence relating to the articles. In fact, more than surprised, delighted is probably the right word. All very nice but something has been niggling me for quite a while. I've yet to receive correspondence which concerns the writers own favourite clubs, as opposed to clubs which have featured in this series of articles. I'm often tempted when I write back to ask What are your fave clubs? Well I'm now going to take the Bull by the Horns.

'What are your own personal favourite DX/QSL clubs?'In other words, I think its about time that we ran a popularity poll on DX/QSL clubs. Give the matter some thought and if you'll be so kind, drop me a card, stating, say your top three clubs in order 1,2,3. Please send this card to me C/O E.I.D.X.C.,225 ARNOLD STREET, BOLDON, TYNE & WEAR NE35 9BA.

#### Aloha Paradise QSL Club.

Now then, a temporary change of format. I thought that for the next couple of issues I would leave the basic 100% pure QSL type of club alone and tell you about some very interesting clubs, which although they are not quite QSL clubs in the accepted sense, are nevertheless well worth knowing about.

The Aloha Paradise QSL Club of Hawaii is one such club.

The Aloha Paradise was founded a few years ago by Bruce Coffman, its headquarters being P.O.Box 667, Aiea, Hawaii 96701.

Incidentally, Bruces full name is Arlen Bruce Coffman, easy to see how his AM Handle of The Alphabet Man' came about -A.B.C.

When Bruce founded the club, he had one Intention in mind. To spread 'Aloha' to the four corners of the world by means of QSL correspondence and friendship.

Aloha Is a word of many meanings depending on the circumstances when used. To briefly define it, Aloha is a greeting of Welcome and also a bid of farewell, generally used when friends arrive or depart. Aloha means Love, Love and respect for all mankind regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Up till the end of May 1981, the Aloha Paradise had 353 members, spread over 17 different countries.

Not a fantastic amount of members you're probably thinking to yourself. True, but there is a reason for this. One of the special attributes of the Aloha Paradlse Club is that members can only join via a reference from another member. Quite a unique occurence in the DX/QSL world.

The full membership package costing 9 U.S.Dollars include club certificate, membership roster, colour postcards of Hawaii, 10 members QSL cards, special Hawaian pamphlet and a rather special gift 'A little bit of Hawaii' (explained in full further on).

The Aloha Paradise also offers a Money Saver Special costing 4.50 Dollars. This package consists of a club certificate, 10 members QSL cards, some colour postcards of Hawaii, membership roster and a club rubber stamp. Due to the exorbitant cost of Air Mail (well it is in the middle of nowhere after all) Foreign members have to tack on to these costs, another 2 U.S. Dollars to cover Air Mail.

#### A Little Bit of Hawaii!

'A little bit of Hawaii' is rather special. Believe it or not, what Bruce sends out is a small bag of sand taken from Wakiki beach. Run you fingers through it and you can imagine the Beautiful Dusky maidens and the Boyo's out on their surfboards! Wonderful stuff.

Bruce is not only a keen QSL'er but is also a very keen CB'er/DX'er taking an active part in his local CB scene.

Back to Hawali itself. Since its early beginnings, CB Radio has come a long way in Hawaii, An estimated 1 out of every 75 people, own and operate CB equipment, either in their cars or homes.

Well now, should anybody be interested in knowing more about the Aloha Paradise club or the Hawaiian Islands, Bruce will be

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only to pleased to write and answer your queries, but because of those horrific mailing costs, he would appreciate it if you enclosed a S.A.E.

As is customary, I've done a QSL star rating but strictly speaking its not really applicable here. Although its star rating does not appear to be too good, don't read too much into it. Take from me, the Aloha Paradise QSL club of Hawaii is a unique organisation and warrants a special mention in the DX/QSL world.

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Vultures on the Side

#### Black Baron fights the system.

There is an uneasy feeling amongst breakers at the moment that if you want a quiet life it's easier to accept confiscation and attendant hassles rather than risk further trouble by fighting it.

One breaker who doesn't agree with this point of view is Black Baron from Folkstone in Kent. An active breaker in the area, Black Baron found two Home Office Officials on his doorstep at 10.45 pm on the 11th March. One of the officials, Mr.Marsh, told Black Baron and his wife that they were acting on a complaint of interference of the aircraft directional beacon at Reindeer Wood, affecting the approaches to Manston and Heathrow. Black Baron was naturally alarmed that his hobby could cause such danger, and after being told that he could 'do this the easy way or the hard way' permitted the officials to enter his home. He was worried that the 'hard way' could involve force and police involvement and as he had a 2 year old child and a new baby asleep he did not want any unnecessary disturbance.

#### Why not be a Radio Amateur?

After some discussion and disagreement Black Baron presented his boxed Base rig to Mr. Marsh who suggested that if he were so interested in radio he should study to be a Amateur Radio operator, although it was unlikely he would be allowed to operate from his home because of the Reindeer Wood beacon. The base rig was connected up and found to give only 3 watts output although Black Baron had been told that the interference was due to the transmitter power. Black Barons mobile rig was then brought in and both were officially confiscated and two rather dubious looking receipts given. Black Baron was wary of the receipts and asked to see their identification again - he was shown a Home Office identification and a GPO identification card. (No warrent was presented).

After time for calmer consideration Black Baron went to his solicitor for advice. His solicitor sent a letter to the South East Telecommunications office saying that Black Baron had been 'hoodwinked' into permitting Mr.Marsh to confiscate his



equipment by veiled threats, that the equipment had been confiscated without warrant or authority and that he (the solicitor) considered the impoundment 'unlawful'. No answer was received so 2 months later Black Baron himself wrote asking for his two rigs back as he had never admitted transmitting and no notification of prosecution had been received.

#### Repeat performance.

A letter eventually arrived from the Home Office saying they were 'looking into the matter' and that Black Baron and his solicitors would be hearing further in due course. Before they could hear further Black Baron had another night visit. Not one to give in easily he had gone back on channel and had in fact co-ordinated the search by 200 breakers for a missing child the previous week, so the sight of a police car outside the house earlier had not worried him. But at 9.30 pm three Home Office men and two policemen entered his house with warrents and told him they suspected he was operating illegal CB Radio. Black Baron and his wife were cautioned and the house was searched waking up the two young children in the process. The President Madison and a Midland 3001 were removed and confiscated. Two further Home Officials were positioned at the end of the drive presumably to prevent Black Baron from running away.

Did this further episode happen because Black Baron dared to query the authority of the Home Office or just coincidence? 5 Home Office officials and two policemen is a very obvious demonstration of power (and a very obvious waste of public money). I am sure that if Black Baron had been presented with evidence and proof of his interference to a an aircraft beacon he would have gladly stopped transmitting at home but Black Baron believes there could well be a third bust on the way (incidentally he is the only person to be busted at all in his area) and he is beginning to feel as determined as the powers that be! Things are at a stalemate at the moment as both parties wait for the next move.

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## M-125

## Readers Write

I am eagerly awaiting 'legal' day and confine myself to reading the books and listen in at odd times to local breakers. How true Mozart's comments are – this cult CB language!

If only some breakers would tape themselves whilst keying and have a listen afterwards – Mozart was right, it is TRASH e.g. negatory, negatory, na, na is that a Roger (this comprises one typical sentence). It is just meaningless words and why also do so many breakers try for a pseudo transatlantic accent. Let's keep the '10' code by all means but most Americans don't themselves use all that 'Convoy' trash-apart from truckers that ls'if you don't believe me, listen in on a good short wave receiver to some 'skip', we get plenty of it.

Sorry that I have carried on at such length but I and many others feel very strongly about this particular point.

Roll on 27MHz FM and keep up your good work.

#### Ray Warren (Herts.)

Considering the fact that we imported CB from the States, it's not surprising that some of the language of the trucking fraternity has come with it. Perhaps a specific channel (i.e. 40) should be allocated for 'jargonise'. Bucket mouths should also get their own channel (41).

I have just read the article on the CB Registration Service in your June issue and I would like to make a suggestion of my own on how to protect your rig. I engraved my good buddys name on the back of his with a simple hand held engraver. This is not as good as registering your rig but if you have access to an engraver it is better than nothing. 10-10.

#### Bluebottle (Bishop Auckland)

Afterreading your July issue there are a few points I would like to raise with respect to Mozart's letter.

He rightly points out that pressure from existing breakers has caused the government to introduce a legal CB system. What he omits to say, is that he and HMG know damn well we were campaigning for the adoption of 27MHz AM/FM/SSB to full FCC specification, no! Mr. Mozart we have not as you put it "got our own way". OK so they've given us 27MHz but not the 27MHz we, the majority, wanted, not on your life!

I wonder if Mozart is aware of some of the restrictions of 27FM, for instance mobile antennas limited to 1.5m. in length with no helical windings permitted, in other words a very inefficient antenna. If a base antenna is more than 7m. from the ground an attenuator must be fitted, reducing both output and input signals to 1/10th of full power, so who cares if a few 10-33's go unheard!

One final word from one of the "schmuks who couldn't walt", in my experience about 95% of conversation on the air is in plain English with the odd word of slang thrown in just to make it interesting. Now then "Schmuk"? Correct me if I'm wrong but aren't you much more likely to hear that on the other side of the Atlantic? No! Sorry I forgot "We're a bloody long way from Arkansas here lads".

#### The Oll Burner

#### Mr. Mozart certainly managed to raise a bit of oil pressure didn't he?

Whilst reading through Vol. 2 issue No. 13 I could not help wondering If the manufacturers of legal FM rigs realise that In GB we use right hand drive cars, if so why do they insist on copying American AM rigs which are made for left hand drive cars by putting the mike socket on the left hand side of the rig. Surely it would be more logical to put the mike socket on the right hand side for use in this country.

N. Hughes (Iron Horse) (Shrewsbury)

Perhaps the socket could be in the mlddle of the set allowing easy access for both driver and passenger!

Whilst being in full agreement with M. Crow (July issue) regarding the use (or rather mis-use) of traffic channel (19), I do not think that the breaking channels should be allocated by any club or CB organisation and that this job should be carried out by the Home Office and written into the licenslng conditions. If this was done then no breaker would be in any confusion as regards breaking channels, emergency channels etc. as they are now, also the mis-use of these channels would be in contravention of the license and could be dealt with more effectively.

I would like to add that as the UBA have fully alienated themselves with the new FM system, they should have no part in the organisation of the band should the H.O. wash its hands of the task.

K. DARBYSHIRE (Matt Black) Well, I am not sure you will have unanimous backing on your suggestions. But it may be worth considering that the H.O. cannot stop AM use let alone enforce what CB'ers should use.

I must confess I am glad to see that 27meg FM is to be made legal (one can forget 934!). Although the AM boys are offering still resistance it may end up the same way as VHF and UHF television or cassette v cartridge, we will have to wait and see.

lamsure the price of FM equipment will become realistic shortly although 1 do

hope we get a full 40 channels at 4 watts and not  $\frac{1}{2}$  watt like the Irlsh. Its possible that AM will be grudgingly allowed in the fullness of time.

I have made and repaired radios etc. since 1961 and I remember the days of Independent Radio and the hard road travelled by the likes of Radio London, Caroline etc. to get to where we are now. So, I think we must be patient in that respect and keep lobbying officials.

I regret a certain degree of Irresponsibility has crept in by a few 'nurds' on the airwaves. I hope the mass responsible CB'ers made them tow the line as they'll do the overall cause no good.

Some of the language and antics used by some people I have heard made me wonder if they are genuine radio enthusiasts or just idiots trying to be like Chips or B.J. and the Bear or Convoy or whatever.

I would just like to conclude by saying to these people If you want AM too - Cool It.

P. Lewis (Devon)

You've got 40 channels, 2 watts FM but when it will arrive... Well stick a pin in the calendar and you may be right!

Further to your smouldering difference of opInIon With "Citizen's Band" Mag, over what constitutes an "exclusive" and who has the moral right to bring lapses of journalistic accuracy/integrity to the attention of the Public.

It brings to mind the prevalling situation in the world of microcomputing publications, whose UK principals are "Personal Computer World" (pub: Bunch Books) and "Practical Computing" (pub: IPC). "PCW" long ago realised that there's room in the market for more than one mag, serving different interest groups and types of reader. By contrast, the other mag, has always displayed a chauvinism which often goes so far as to pretend rivals don't exist. Listings of computer exhibitions published in "Practical C" never mention one of the biggest of the year, the PCW Show, whereas "PCW" usually gives everyone credit. Result: nobody really trusts "Practical Computing", which comes out of it looking very shabby.

looking very shabby. I am afraid there's a moral in that for the CB community. I almost said "for the CB world"; but, actually, if I had to choose two CB mags to take regularly, I'd pick yours and "CB World". This is because, like your good selves at "CB Radio", the staff at "CB World" appear to be knowledgeable enthusiasts. (For once, IPC has done something right!) You and they approach the subjects from different but complementary angles. But "Citizen's Band"? I dunno, I guess they do make me laugh from time to time; and that must be worth something.

#### Sincerely, Gutenberg

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The CBers I know and tease, all know me, or know of me, and that I am just a Clown. They always like to be told they have sexy voices, and find they like to joke and kid-around as much as me. I have met a lot of the Guys that I have joked with, and they all have the greatest respect for me, but sometimes their wives get a little jealous, but I say it's only Night Angel doing her thing.

I don't dig talking about housework on the air, I feel CB is to help people in trouble or make them happy so they can forget their troubles, but don't worry girls, I'm not after your man, I just like to tease I have my own sweet wonderful Man, his name is Bob, and he is the only one I need.

Some people will just sit back and listen or copy the mail as we say, but I just have to remember to be a jolly tease, because when I laugh, my friends laugh with me, but when I cry, I cry alone. I like to be the queen of the buffaloes!

I will be in there from time to time listening for you sexy British Buffaloes, perhaps I can give you a few minutes of happiness by making your blood boil, or make your heart miss a beat by my teasing.

Now when you Big British Boys out there copy skip and hear Unit 31 – KIJ 6271 from Central Painthe U.S. of A, you will be laughing with the one and only NIGHT ANGEL, QUEEN OF THE BUFF-ALOES.

Love and more love.

#### WILMA

#### Thanks from Circle City

I should be most grateful If you could print a large 'THANK YOU' to the CB enthuslast who came to the assistance of a three wheeler in dire distress, within five minutes of my calling for help at Grosmont on Sunday 19th July 1981. Yours faithfully

'Camper' from Circle City



#### Thank you, Foot sore breakers

I would like to say a big thank you to all the breakers who attended the demonstration held in Blackburn, Lancashire on 20th June. Breakers started arriving as early as 8am. The assembly point we had chosen was a local park which with all the rain was rather soft underfoot to say the least. But the breakers were not deterred, they just kept on coming. Departure time was 2pm and to the tune of Scotland the Brave from our ever falthful Leyland Pipers Band we set off.

The sun came out to cheer us on our way and ted by Ian Leslie our National Committee Chairman, Mr K Bowman our Euro MP from Clitheroe. Disco One and Duchess. The march stretched for approximately 5½ miles. In all the day went well, the authorities were excellent and a lot of footsore but happy breakers went home pleased that they had certainly got their message over to the oovernment.

> M Gerrard (secretary). Central Lancashire Co-Ordinating Committee

#### North Birmingham CB Club

I would like to state that the North Birmingham Citizens Band Club is in no way whatsoever connected with or associated with South Birmingham CB Club. The South Birmingham CB Club are a pro FM support club and North Birmingham an active fighting club totally for 27AM and SSB. We are opposed to legal CB on FM. The North BirmIngham CB Club are members of Natcolibar and A.M.B.C. As our combined rally in BirmIngham organized between the M.C.B.R.C. and N.B.C.B.C. on June 6th proved support is there for 27AM. After all nearly 7,000 Breakers can't be wrong.

> 10-10 Heron (Chairman N.B.C.B.C.) Tom Hargest

#### AND ON THE SAME NOTE:

In our report on the Birmingham demonstration held on June 6th we stated that there were no celebritles present, however a Birmingham breaker has informed us that Mr Ian Leslie was present at the demo.

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## W REVIEW



#### More what the papers say!

Much of the press coverage on CB this month unfortunately concerns the recent riots that occurred in many of our city centres up and down the country. Claims that CB Radio was used extensively in controlling the looting and pillaging have been made from several quarters. Several counter claims from angry CBers have also been made. Little else of any significance apart from reports of clampdowns in the Midland area, has happened in the CB world this month. CPD

#### **Daily Telegraph**

#### Police blame CB 'Criminals'.

"It is now clear according to Police that some of the riots in the north of England, certainly in West Yorkshire were stage managed to some extent by criminal agitators using illegal CB Radio to direct mobs,'states the Telegraph. 'In the Chapeltown riots in Leeds, the West Yorkshire police siezed a number of CB Radios and arrested their users and this is thought to be the first definite evidence." Mr Ronald Gregory, chief constable stated that these were not "Simply CB enthusiasts'

The use of CB Radio has been blamed for the "Mobility and Flexibility" of the youths which caused the police so much difficulty. During the riots at Chapeltown, plain clothes police patrolled the streets looking for cars bearing CB antennas and about half a dozen were confiscated. Mr Gregory said that although there is no

evidence of a national campaign. 'Some unscrupulous people with CB radios have been taking advantage of the situation.'

#### East Anglian Daily Times

#### Police praise illegal CB operators after shooting

Outlawed CB Radio operators have been praised by Suffolk police for their help following a shooting incident. 40 operators from the Market Hill area of Sudbury, Suffolk gave chase to two men in a car after a call was made on channel by another breaker who had been hit by air rifle pellets. The car chase, reminiscent of the Dukes of Hazzard, resulted in the arrest of the two men. Inspector Derek Bird, spokesman for the Police said that the CB users were of great assistance to us' and that in this instance prosecutions were unlikely.

The tried were bailed pending the consideration of charges being brought at a later date.

#### Liverpool Daily Post

CB 'Enemy of Criminals'

Sir - In the middle of the first campaign by Citizens Band Supporters for a Parliamentary seat comes the news over everyones televisions that according to police CB Radio was used by people plotting petrol-bomb riots in Manchester.

What could be at first glance worst news for us? I'd like to say two things.

First if CB had been legal for years as it ought to have been, no criminal would think of using it - for he would knew that his every word would be overheard by the police.

Second any medium of communication can be used well or badly, but precisely because of its open nature CB once it is properly established is the one least likely to be used for harmful purposes.

Ian Leslie, Citizens Band Radio, candidate in the Warrington by-election

#### The Journal

#### CB Vigilantes scheme illegal.

"Police have criticised a vigilante patrol set up by Wearside CB Radio enthusiasts we are told by the Journal. Breakers in the Sunderland area have organised several weekend patrols in the area using CB Radios from their cars. A spokesman for the Police said that they cannot condone any scheme like this whilst CB Radio is still llegal.

This scheme was started by the CB Club following the recent death of Sarah Simpson and because of concern about vandalism in the area. Patrol organiser "Chief Ironside" said "We knew lots of people who were concerned about rising crime in the area and who would appreciate our Patrol", and that the police are stretched at present and we just want to help.'

Customs crack-down

#### Mercury Stall Reporter

CUSTOMS men have mounted a crack-down on the Midlands CB radio 'pirates" before the start, this autumn, of Britain's new legal CB network.

Customs men have been to the Midland-based British HQ of one of the world's largest electrical chains as well as calling on private individuals.

Sets have been seized at the rate of 100 a month in the West Midlands during the past three months, and I understand that the Customs men now have something

## **'pirate'** C

like 1,000 sets in sealed warehouses in Birmingham. Vehicles used to transport sets

have also been impounded, I understand.

understand. Customs officers went to the Walsall HQ of the American Tandy organisation after officers working with Post Office staff intercepted CB sets in transit. Customs officials would only confirm last night that they had "visited premises in the Walsall

area and taken away three scts," but Tandy's managing director. Mr. John Sayers, told roe: "Yes, It was our firm — but It was all a misunderstanding. "I didn't realise the sets were

capable of operating. I'd asked our American parent to send me mock-ups of the new sets they are building for the British system so I could have them photographed for catalogues and advertising work.

"What the Americans did was send us the sets with illegal CB internals.

Customs men have 'The accepted the explanation and I have a document from them saying so. I won't get the sets back, though."

The Customs crackdown is forcing black marketeers to try to dump their stocks of the illegal 27 MHz sets for just a few pounds. But there are said to be few buyers as enthusiasts prepare to buy the new VHF sets.

"This sort of clampdown was bound to happen," said Birming-ham CB campaigner Keith campaigner Townsend last night.

### **CB vigilantes**' scheme illegal

POLICE have criticised

POLICE hava criticised a vigilanto patrol act up by Warrside CB radio anthusiasts. Mombers of Sunderland Breakers Club have organized two weekend patrols involving about 17 members patrolling the area in cars with radio contact. A spokerman for North-umbra Polico said vester day that tCB radio is Illegal "and therefore we scheme that CB radio is Illegal "and therefore we scheme that. The patrol organiser, whi

like this." The patrol organiser, wh: is known as Chief Ironside, said yesterday that the death of Silksworth spinster Sarah Simpson and

break ins had sparked off

"We knew of lots of people in the area who are concerned about rising crime and would appreciate a patrol." he said.

Chlet Ironside described the scheme as an assistance to the police end said they were not wanting to take the law into their own hands.

"We realise that the police are stretched at pre-sent and we just want to help," ho said.

"Everyone is vetted before going on the patrol and they are all responsible individuals so this is not going to get out of hand,"

#### Sunday Mercury

Customs crack down on Pirate CR

Customs men have mounted a crack down on the Midlands CB Radio pirates before the start of Britains legal systems this autumn. Raids have been made on several private individuals as well as the British HQ of one the worlds biggest electrical chains. Customs officials confirmed that they had visited premises in the Walsall area and had taken away three sets. A spokesman for Tandy said that it was their firm but it was all a misunderstanding. It appears that they had asked their American parent company to send over some mock ups of the new sets due to be released in the autumn so that photographs could be taken but instead of sending dummies, the American company sent the sets with the existing AM wave bands. The Customs men have accepted this explanation but refuse to return the illegal equipment.

On the private side, it is claimed the 100 + rigs are being confiscated every month in the West Midlands and that these are being stored in secret warehouses in Birmingham.

#### Northern Echo

#### Take a break say CB men.

'CB breakers in Chocolate City are having a hard time getting on the airwaves", we are told by the Northern Echo, "So many youngsters have taken to the air that the more serious users are unable to make themselves heard above the noise." It's good to hear that us southerners are not alone with this problem as this article only reiterates the complaints we receive day in and day out about "10-1 wallies" and youngsters whose day would not be complete without disrupting the enjoyment of us sensible breakers with their background of constant verbal diarrhoea (but then again its the usual story of the few spoiling it for the many.) The greater majority of sensible breakers are packing away their rigs until the "CB craze" is over and done with so they can go back to modulating in peace. So breakers in the North are pleading with the youngsters to take a break.

#### **Eastern Daily Press**

#### **CB** Radio and the Riots.

Sir-Following the publicity in the national Press recently concerning the alleged use of Citizens Band during the riots in our inner cities, we, as a responsible body involved with the image of Citizens Band Radio cannot deplore such action too strongly.

We should also like to point out that if any information is heard on channel this will be passed on to the police immediately.

Let us hope that the action of a very few will not cloud the great deal of good Citizens Band Radio can and already has, achieved-

Yours faithfully

R Gould, (Committee chairman Aylsham Breakers Club.) 16, Banningham Road, Aylsham.

#### Morning Telegraph

#### Hospital denies CB death.

"The Northern General Hospital deny claims that a patient died as a result of interference caused to the internal paging system by CB Radio. Bradford Magistrates heard that CB Radio had delayed the arrival of help to a patient suffering a heart attack. Mr Martin Hewitt

prosecuting, said that there was a cardiac arrest in Sheffield last month and that a call had been blocked by CB Radio, the patient died.

A spokesman for the Northern General Hospital said that the incident never took place and that there had been one occasion in which CB Radio had interfered with the paging system but it had been very brief and no-one had died or even suffered as a result of it.

#### **Daily Mail**

#### **CB** Fans help crash victim to speak again.

"Illegal CB Radio enthusiasts are helping a crash victim to speak again after being in a coma for nearly a year.

A CB receiver was donated anonymously to Wheelchair bound John Freeman of Bedfordshire who now receives personal messages using his personal handle "Freewheeler of Fluffy Hill". John received brain damage when he was pillion passenger on a motorcycle nearly two years ago. After 11 months in a coma he returned home paralysed down the left side, speechless and helpless, but with the constant talk of the CB it is hoped that he will be able to speak a few words before Christmas, A spokesman for one of the local breakers club said "It's great to know we can help John to recover just by chatting to him. One day I hope he will be able to call us back.

## **CB** fans help crash victim to speak again

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Wheelchair bound John Freeman, 20, was given a radio receiver anonymously and spends hours listening in to the coded chat of the local 'breakers'.

Now they have given John his own call sign - Freewheeler of Fluffy Hill

- and send him personal messages. John's widowed mother. Marie said: 'I can't thank them enough for talking to John. As well as help-

broadened his outlook on life.' John, of The Crescent, Ampihill. Bedfordshire — Fluffy Hill to CB fans — suffered brain damage when he was a pillion passenger in a motor

cycle crash two years ago. After 11 menths in a coma he returned home. paralysed down the left side. speechless and helpless.

But Marie and her five other children spent hours talking to him and by Christmas he was able to mouth

o few words. \* Marie, 45, said : 'Then he was given the receiver in March and it has helped to provide him with extra stimulation, as he listens to local gossip. He spends hours listening. trying to repeat the words and waiting for the personal messages.

Now he is able to hold a conversa-tion, although it takes a little while and he says he enjoys CB very much.'

CB transmission remains illegal until the autumn, when its use will be sanctioned on a new wave band. One member of the local breakers

chib said : 'It is great to know we can help John to recover just by chatting to him. One day, I hope he will be able to call us back."

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KT 420 is a linear amplifier kit and should be intended primarily for licensed amateur use. To assemble or own a linear amplifier Is not an offence in Itself but if you do intend to build it please show some common sense in its use.

#### **KT420** Linear Amplifier.

#### **Technical Characteristics.**

Frequency range	26-30 MHz
Modulation	AM, FM, SSB
Antenna impedance	52 ohm
Output power	AM/FM/-70, SSB, -140W
Minimum RF Drive	AM/FM/2W, SSB, 5W
Maximum RF Orive	AM/FM &W, SSB, 15W
Valves used	6KD6
Semi conductors	4 diodes, 2 rectifiers, 1 transistor
Supply voltage	Mains, 220V 50Hz
Size	230 x 170 x 105
Weight	5.600 kg.

The RF Drive is fed to the KT420 Linear Amplifier via an input SWR tuning network. From there the low level R.F. is applied to the cathode of the 6KD6 valve (VTI). All the grids of VTI are grounded.

The amplified R.F. appears at the anode top cap and is prevented from backing up the H.T. Line by L3 but passes through the HT blocking capacitor C4 on to the output socket via the Pi Tank tuning circuit.

An electronic switching circuit together with a relay is provided to switch the KT420 Into the antenna circuit when R.F. Drive is applied.

#### Assembly.

To make sure you put the kit together properly, work in the following order: 1. Fit the four rubber legs at the bottom of the case using the screws with the conical heads 3x12

2. Fit the 2 S0239 sockets at the back of the case using the four screws 3x8MA;





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remove the varnish at the points where contact is made for a good electrical contact.

3. Fit the fuse holder.

4. Fit the rubber grommet.

5. Fit the AM/SSB switch at the back on the too right.

6. Wire up the earth straps and fit the valve socket.

(remove the varnish from the fixing points). 7. Fit the 3 screws which support the printed circuit as shown.

8. Fit the anode choke.

9. Fit the aluminium front panel using the 4 screws 3x5MA.

10. Fit the meter.

11. Fit the 3 lights in the following order: the green one on top, the orange one in the middle and the red one at the bottom. The orange light is neon, and must not be removed from its central position.

12. Fit the two switches on the front: ON/S. BY at the top and ON/OFF at the bottom. 13. Fit the solder tag as shown in the drawin.

drawing.

14.Fit the variable capacitors.

15.Fit the two knobs.

16. Solder the centre of the 10Kohm trimmer R2 to the of the meter.

17. Solder the 10pF capacitor C9 onto the LOAD variable capacitor.

18. Solder the small screened cable taking care that the central wire is connected between the free end of the 10pF capacitor C9 previously soldered and the free end of the trimmer; solder the free end of the wire next to the capacitor and the end next to the meter should be soldered to the negative of the meter(see drawing).

19. Solder the OA91 diode between the negative of the meter and the middle of the screened cable.

Solder the coil L4 between the variables LOAD and PLATE (see drawing).
 One side of the red and green bulb has

to be connected to earth. (See drawing).

How to wind coils L1 and L4				
	L1	L4		
, Wire mm	1.	<b>1</b> .5		
Width mm	8	22		
Lengih mm	10	25		
No.of spirals	7	9		
Spacing mm	1	see note		

#### Note:

If the Plate capacitor is completely open, the spacing is narrower and if the LOAD capacitor is completely closed, the spacing is wider.

The ends of C4 should be as short as possible and so should the ends of the RG58 cable.

22. Solder the second end of the red bulb to the ON/S. BY switch (see drawing).
23. Solder the second end of the green bulb to the ON/S. By switch (see drawing).
24) Solder one end of the centre bulb using a 220Kohm 1/2W resistor R1 (see drawing)
25) Fit the transformer by using the 3x 10MA screws and the washers.

26) Solder the wires of the main part of the transformer; the first one to the fuse holder and the second one to the ON/OFF switch. (See drawing)

27) Solder the first wire of the secondary 12V part to the ON/S. BY switch where the second end of the red socket and the second wire of the secondary 12V is attached to the solder tag.



28) Solder the secondary 6.3V; the first end to the solder tag and the second one to the leg N.1 of the valve socket.
29) Wind together the two white wires.
30) Put the mains cable through the rubber grommet and make a knot in the cable leaving about 30cm of wire free inside the case.

#### Note

A two wire continental mains lead is supplied with this kit. This lead MUST be discarded and replaced with a three core lead, it is ESSENTIAL that the metal case be properly earthed.

31) Solder the neutral of the mains lead to the free contact of the fuse holder and the 'live' to the free contact of the ON/OFF switch.

32) Solder the electrolyctic capacitor 220µF 25V to the first contact of the AM/SSB switch and solder the negative of the capacitor by using the tags fitted to the metal ring on the valve.

33) Fit and solder the various components to the printed circuit. (See drawing for details).

34) Fit and screw the printed circuit into position.

35) Solder the second contact of the ON/S.BY switch (where the green socket is attached) to the contact N8 12V of the base.

36) Solder the second end of the small bulb to the appropriate contact N.12 on the base.

37) Solder the smaller end of the anode choke to N.11 on the base.

38) Solder the free contact of the AM/SSB switch to the appropriate contact on the base.

39) Solder the white wires from the transformer to N.9 and 10 of the base.(500V anode H.T.).

40) Connect the cathode of the valve (pin 2) to the contact N.5 of the base by using the 1mm silver wire.

41) Connect the solder tag on the metal ring of the valve to the contact N.4 of the base by using the 1mm silver wire.

42) Connect the centres of the S0239 sockets to the appropriate contacts N.2 and N.3 on the base by using the 1mm silver wire.

43) Connect the variable LOAD with the base on contacts N.6 and 7 by using the RG58 cable (See drawing).

44) Put the valve into the socket.

45) Put the clips onto the valve.

46) Connect the valve clip to the variable PLATE by using the 33KpF 1500V capacitor C4 (see drawing)

47) Connect the top wire of the anode choke to the valve clip (see drawing).

48) Put the 2A fuse into the fuse holder.

49) Carry out the tests as per instructions. 50) Put the cover on and close by using the  $4.3x^{13}$  screws.

## CB Radio Project Kit*r*

#### Transformer Outputs.

Primary 220V ac brown Secondary 12V ac blue Secondary 6.3V ac yellow Secondary 500V ac white





List of terminals on the printed circuit.

- 1. To the AM/SSB switch
- 2. To the ANT plate
- 3. To the RTX plate
- 4. To chassis 1
- 5. To the leg on the valve socket
- 6. To the RG58 cable
- 7. To the central wire of the RG58 cable.
- 8. To the ON/ST.BY switch.

9. To the white wires (500V) of the transformer,

- 10. To the smaller wire of the anode choke. 11. To the 'transmission' bulb.

#### Setting Up

#### Note: The voltages produced within this kit are LETHAL. Greatest care MUST be taken when initially setting up with the cover removed.

1. Make sure that the mains switch and the ON/ST.BY switch are switched off and that the AM/SSB switch is in the AM position. Then connect the RTX and the ANT.

2. Switch on the ON/OFF switch.

3. Make sure that the internal heater of the

valve is on and leave it switched on for about a minute and then switch on the ON/ST.BY switch.

4. Adjust the small trimmer R2 which is placed on the meter to about half way.

5. Press the transmitting button on the transmitter and carry out the tuning in the following order:

5a. Bring the knob of the variable LOAD to half way and then keep looking at the needle of the meter turn the knob PLATF for the maximum reading.

5b. Turn the two knobs alternatively for the highest possible reading.

6. Tune the variable capacitor C2 which is on the printed circuit until you get the highest possible reading. This also corresponds to the minimum SWR between the transceiver and the linear amp.

Insert an SWR meter as shown in the drawing, so as to monitor the SWR input of the linear amp. The SWR should be between 1.3 and 1.7.

7. The meter is used purely to give an indication of power ,adjust the trimmer R2 for a reading of about 3/4 of the scale.

#### Notes:

Switching On

When switching on from cold switch the ON/OFF to ON and leave the ON/standby switch at standby for about 1 minute. This is to allow the heater filament in the valve to warm up thoroughly before H.T. is applied. T.V.I.

With a linear amplifier operating T.V.I. can be a major problem. You'll get on a lot better with your neighbours if you only use it outside TV hours.

Cooling

Quite a lot of heat has to escape through the ventilation slots in the metal case. If they are in any way obstructed overheating will occur.

#### AM, FM, SSB

To switch the linear from one mode of transmission to another the switch is located at the back of the case, up for AM/FM, down for SSB.

#### Tuning

When switching from one channel to another the linear may need slight retuning.
### KT307 Timer.

Supply Voltage 12v d.c.

Timer 0-15-30-60 minutes (see text)

### **Components List.**

Quantity	Description
R1	3.9 Kohm ¼ or ½W
R2	1.5 Kohm ¼ or ½W
R3	2.2 Mohm potentiometer
R4	470 ohm ¼ or ½W
C1	100 u.f. 12V
C2	10 K.p.f.
C3	50 K.p.f.
C4	470 u.f. 10w
C5	4.7 u.f. 16w
P1	Push switch
P2	Push switch
1	Printed circuit board
1	N.E. 555 i.c.
D1	IN 4003
D2	IN 4003
1	12w relay
30cm	Wire
1	length of solder

### Description.

By using a NE555 i.c an economical and precise timer can be made. The timed interval is controlled by the value of R3/C4.

Maximum value for R3 - 2.2M ohm

Maximum value for C4 - 1000 u.f. (timing 1 hour)

Maximum Timing with:-

R3 - 1 M ohm, C4 - 470 u.f. - 15 minutes R3 - 2 M ohm, C4 - 470 u.f. - 30 minutes

R3 - 2.2 M ohm, C4 - 470 u.f. - 33.5 minutes

Minimum timing with

R3 - zero Ohms, C4 - 470 u.f. - 1 second

### Assembly.

To assemble the kit fit and solder the components into the p.c. board as in fig 2.

Start with the small components first, fit the big bits last and only use the minimum heat necessary for a good joint on the delicate items -ic1, D1 and D2. When assembled the kit can be fitted into any convenient container, a plastic box (not supplied with kit) is ideal, particularly if the timer is used for switching a mains voltage appliance on/off. The two switched P1/P2 are wired with fly leads to the p.c. board.

### Relay contact

1 and 5 Relay coil 2 and 4 Normally closed 2 and 3 Normally open



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## Friendly Advice for Emergency Monitors

### Final part of the series by Mike Newbold.

The purpose of this programme is to offer a training syllabus for potential emergency monitor operators (E.M.O.) and give some guidence. as the role of the Emergency monitoring station and the standard of performance to be aimed at. The basic equipment necessary for an E.M.S. has already been covered earlier in this series. It should be emphasised that the folowing can be taken as practical hints for both present illegal monitoring and future legal monitoring, the latter will undoubtly include REACT as the forerunner.

The programme given is an adapted version of the National Emergency Aid Radio (Near) and is relevant to any system which might be established in Great Britain. This same programme is being 'anglicised' by REACT U.K. who should have copies available soon. Anyone seriously interested in becoming an EMO/EMS should join REACT as soon as possible. With the date for legalisation drawing closer REACT teams are ready to operate and training films, literature and back up for monitors are now available.



Important: This programme is only a guide as conditions will differ in the U.K. However the basic principles will be the same.

#### Introduction

The goal of any emergency aid service must be to develope, upgrade and professionalize the operation of the emergency response system and to achieve a constantly improving system.

This development can be separated into four major sections: Administration, Personnel, Equipment and Communications, the focus of this programme is on the last of this four.

Communications is the means by which the entire system becomes effective and efficient. In the absence of a 'purpose built' road emergency communications system, greater use of Citizens Band Radio will be made as it will be the only convenient method of allowing the public direct and immediate access to the emergency services. The vitally important link in the system is the trained monitor, who will listen for calls on the emergency channel, obtain the facts and then direct them clearly and concisely to the appropiate services.

This manual has been developed to give emergency monitors a thorough understanding of the role of monitor and what standard of performance is required. It outlines the basic rules and techniques used by CB monitors and indicates the five most common kinds of road related calls. These are:

- 1. Road accidents or medical emergency.
- Disabled vehicle not blocking traffic.
- 3. Disabled vehicle blocking traffic.
- 4. Careless, reckless driver.
- 5. Traveller assistance.

Much of this course is based on a training film and the discussion and questions that follow. Underlying guidelines for all monitor trainees are to adapt professional standards by remaining, as emphasized in part three of this series, calm, courteous, correct and concise and to remember the importance of providing a fast response to anyone in need.

### Qualifications

- 1. A valid CB licence
- Astrong desire to help your fellow man through dedicated public service. Although not essential a recognised first aid qualification would be useful.

### Purpose of the course

- To provide an understanding of the role and responsibilities of an emergency monitor.
- To discuss the various tools and aids used by a monitor.
- To discuss the government rules that affect the emergency monitor.
- 4. To discuss the proper attitude and techniques for good monitoring.
- 5. To discuss the five most common types of road related distress calls.
- To discuss the need for accurate record keeping and reporting.

### Ground rules for student participation in the course.

- 1. Ask questions.
- 2. Be interested in helping others.

### **Training approach**

On the face of it, being an emergency monitor appears to be a simple job, listen and report. But this is deceptively simple. Its just too important a job not to be done properly.

It is intended that a training film will be shown at this stage. The NEAR film lasts 30 minutes and covers all the essential information needed by the monitor and dramatises the five common types of calls (as listed earlier). A structured discussion period will follow the film to allow ample opportunity to examine, discuss and expand on the material presented.

The main points a monitor should pick up from the films is the facts, rules and communications techniques used. It should be noted how the monitors on the film handle the different types of calls, how they work to immediately establish the location, the urgency of the situation and how to proceed with the rest of the call. Special attention should be given to reporting and logging procedures.

### Discussion of the film

Discussion of the film centres around the following items.

The role of the emergency monitor is to provide a communications link between the NEED and the HELP. To keep that link intact the monitor must:

- \* Get information from the caller as needed.
- Pass information to the public safety agency or appropriate response source, and in turn to the responding unit so they can be ready to help in all respects when they arrive on the scene.
- \* Be ready to guide help to the scene.
- Act as a relay station among separate stations or mobile units.

\* Keep records on calls and responses. Since the overall aim of the monitor programme is to provide a faster response with the most appropriate kind of help, it is essential that calls be channelled into the system in the most efficient way, using the two most valuable tools – the CB set and the telephone. Make sure you understand the difference between Citizens Band and other two-way radio systems intended for personal communications. CB is like a party line and everyone with a valid CB licence will have equal access to the channels. By contrast, in other types of two-way radio services the frequencies are licensed to an individual company or governmental agency for a specific purpose, CB is the only existing two-way radio service that can provide citizens in all parts of the country with immediate direct access to the emergency systems.

### Understanding legislation

Although precise details of legislation covering CB in this country are not yet released it is likely the general principles that apply internationally will also apply in Britain. The following recommendations are based on this assumption.

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All rules for the use of CB and emergency channels apply equally to everybody, regardless of profession or organisational status.

- The American FCC rules state that:
- The emergency channel may be used only for emergency communications or for traveller assistance.
- You must, at all times and on all channels give priority to emergency calls.
- You may use any channel for emergency communications or for traveller assistance.
- \* You must share each channel with other users.
- Also worth bearing in mind;
- All stations must identify themselves with their station at the conclusion of each completed message.
- Monitors (like other users) must not use obscene or profane language, make threats or otherwise misuse or try to dominate any channel.
- Singing, whistling, playing music, using sounds other than voice and giving commercial messages are prohibited on all channels.

The objective is to keep the emergency channel for real emergencies (not time checks or radio checks). Use judgement in your approach to each situation, but clear the channel as quickly as possible. It is known that the British Government intend to release a booklet on legal FM operation and no doubt this will consider some of the above aspects.

### Techniques

The emergency monitor should have some knowledge of clear communications- techniques to transfer information clearly and accurately. Generally, anything that enhances communication between the caller and the emergency response system is desirable and anything that gets in the way of clear communications is to be avoided.

Plain English, spoken clearly and distinctly at a moderate rate is understood everywhere. CB jargon, 10 codes and slang expressions, on the other hand, are not. For spelling out names and other vital information use the phonetic alphabet (this was covered in part one of this series).

Another important part of monitoring is remaining calm, even though the caller may be excited or abusive. He may be under severe stress – however the monitor is not and should help to relieve the callers stress. A clear, confident plain English speaking style has a professional sound to it and that in itself inspires confidence in the caller. Never argue with a caller, explain any delay as best you can and get back to the caller as soon as possible.

Make sure you identify yourself correctly and establish the kind of emergency and exact location. Report the facts as they have been reported to you. Assume nothing, take nothing for granted. Eliciting the necessary information that has been covered prior previously in this series.

Of course, the actual programme fro trainees would include practical exercises and questions to be answered.





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### Our regular look at the House.

Well here we are into the first month of Autumn and still no date has been announced for the introduction of our legal system. Electronics companies throughout the country (and indeed outside the country) are furlously trying to finalise details for the manufacture and marketing of their goods and still the Government refuse to give them and those waiting to use the system an idea of when they are llable to get the go ahead in this country. As far as amnesty for 27AM goes there is still not even the finiest hint of a change of Policy by Mr Whitelaw or any of his colleagues in the Home Office radio regulatory department, so for those ardent AM breakers determined to stay ardent AM breakers there is still a very long way to go before they become law abiding AM breakers.

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### Citizens Band Radio.

Mr. Canavan asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department what criteria are used in deciding whether to prosecute people making illegal use of cltizens band radio equipment.

Mr. Ralson: All reports of suspected illicit use of citizens band radio submitted to the Home Office are considered with a view to prosecution. Except in the case of juveniles, the only criterion used in deciding on the institution of proceedings is the likelihood of securing a conviction.

Mr. Nicholas Baker asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department If he has received any further representations from users of model aeroplanes about the arrangements he has made for allocation of a wave band to citizens band radio operators.

Mr. Whitelaw: Since I announced my final conclusions on this matter on 24 June in reply to a question by hon. Friend the Member for Haltenprice (Sir P.Wall)I have received three letters from model aircraft enthusiasts. No authorised service does or will conflict with the 27 MHz sub-band at present allotted to model control, and in addition model aircraft enthusiasts already have two other frequency bands available to them.

Mr. Campbell-Savours asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he will ensure that representatives of prospective British manufacturers and Importers of citIzens band equipment who were members of the Home Office specification committee on citizens band radio are appointed as members of the Advisory Committee on Radio Interference established under section 9 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949to make regulations under section 10 of the same Act.

Mr. Ralson: Under section 9(2) of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949, my right hon. Friend is required to exercise his powers so as to secure that the committee is sufficiently representative of persons whose interests are likely to be affected. He is satisfied that the panel of persons already nominated by the president of the Institution of Electrical Engineers will enable him to do so.



### Open Channel Radio.

Mr. Mudd asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department when he intends to reply to the letter of 9 April from the hon. Member for Falmouth and Cambourne, conveying the observations of Mrs. L. Bevington on citizens band radio.

Mr. Ralson: I have now written to my hon. Friend, I regret the delay in replying.

SIr Patrick Wall asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department if, in the light of the delay in the issue of test and development licences to potential manufacturers and importers of citizens band radio equipment, he will speed up the issuing.

Mr. Raison: Applications for licences for testing and development and for more general evaluation of citizens band radio equipment are now being processed as quickly as possible. Mr. Young asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department (1) what is the extent of representations that he has received from those supporting AM wavebands for citizens band radio; and what consultations he plans to hold with such bodies;

(2) pursuant to his reply to the hon. Member for Bolton, East, on 1 July, Official Report, c.393, whether he intends to have any further consultations on citizens band radio or whether those are now completed.

Mr. Ralson: A number of organisations and many individuals have pressed us to introduce a 27 MHz citizens band service using AM. However, we cannot ignore the mounting evidence of the Interference caused by illicit citizens band AM transmissions and we remain committed to introducing a 27 MHz FM service in the autumn. We will shortly be taking the advice of the advisory committee established under suction 9 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 on the regulations we propose to introduce to control Interference from citizens band equipment.

21. Mr. Campbell-Savours asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department when he intends to convene a meeting of the advisory committee on radio interference to discussicitizens band radio equipment.

Mr. Raison: My right hon. Friend hopes shortly to apppoint the advisory committee on radio interference which he will consult before he makes regulations to control undue interference from citizenc band radio equipment to other radio services. Once the committee has been appointed, we hope It will be possible to arrange an early meeting.

### Written Answers.

37. Mr. Freud asked the Secretary for the Home Department what is his expectation of revenue from licences for citizens band radio over the next three years; and if he will make a statement.

Mr. Raison: The licence fee for citizens band radio has yet to be determined and it is not therefore possible to provide an estimate. Our aim will be to ensure that the revenue is adequate to cover the costs of introducing and administering the service. We Are Main U.K. Distributors for:

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The End - Wintjoy Wintjoy Limited the company known for its outragous advertising and distributing the Firestik range of antennas has ceased trading. This is the first major wholesaler to have been caught by the recession in the CB trade, caused by government inaction over legislation and general economic trends.

Started in 1979 by Glynn Hall, Wintjoy was one of the original CB shops in the south east. Obviously helped by having the sole UK dis-tributorship for Firestik, Wintjoys position was very strong. Cash flow problems unfortunately have put an end to this.

### Not Only vodka in Warrington

As you will have read in all the newspapers lan Leslie, chairman of NATCOLCIBAR, stood as a by-election candidate of the Citizens Band Legalisation Party in Warrington on 16th. July. We were hoping to run a lot more on this milestone in CB history last month but unfortunately all the relevant information didn't arrive from lan's agent in time. Of course now its old news, but you might not know that he polled 11 votes. Not an enormous amount but lan has succeeded, in focusing attention on CB and getting exposure for the problems that still face a successful legal system.

James Bryant, also of NATCOLCIBAR, is standing as a candidate for the same party in the Croydon by election. The SDP are likely to grab all the limelight again but congratulations are in order for lan and James for giving up all appearance of a normal life for the weeks approaching the elections and for standing up publicly for their beliefs.



### Breaker Break QRT.

Are Radio Amateurs realising that the enthusiasm and organisation of breakers is to be encouraged? Correspondance and posters from a local technical college arrived on my desk announcing Amateur Radio courses with the heading 'keen Breaker? - CB to Radio Amateurs Conversion Course'. There are lots of indications that the more technical breaker is turning to amateur radio now his attention has been caught by the mysteries of the radio waves. Breakers and hams have a lot to contribute to each other and it would be nice to put a stop to the bad feelings between the two groups. Any one inter-ested should contact Southall Technical College on 01-574-3448 exts. 40, 33 or 67.

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### **Best of British**

Nice to see two more British companies entering the CB scene.

V-Tronix of Poole in Dorset, already reputable for communication accessories, are applying their expertise to CB equipment. They will be manufacturing and marketing a range of goodles that include power supplies, loudspeakers, cable and connectors and the star of their range, the 'Blue Laser' base station antenna. The specification for this antenna reads very well and the price is very competitive (just under £30). There aren't any distributors selling this range yet so for more information contact V-Tronix at Unit 10D, Dawkins Road, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset.

That familar name in car entertainment Radiomobile are intending to bring out a range of CB sets after legalisation - the first such company to announce its intentions to enter the CB market. They intend to market two sets - CB 201 at £90.00 and CB 202 at £120.00. Both rigs have a very high technical specification and are very neat to work at if a touch expensive.



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### **Happy Birthday CBIC**

Bill Ridgeway celebrated the first anniversary of his Citizens Band Information Centre in July - quite an event in the ever changing world of CB.

We have just received from him his latest collection of information which covers clubs, technical specifications, records, publications etc.etc. Bill will pass on this information plus any other specific information required free to anyone - although a donation, especially from clubs would be gratefully received.

Bill works extremely hard and deserves all the support he can get, contact: CBIC, 7, Sandringham Crescent, Harrow, Middlesex





### Charity begins in Wales.

Another busy club are the Penarth Breakers Club who have sent us a whole plle of newspaper clippings on their activities. They recently gave a turkey meal to over 50 of the areas senior citizens in their club house and produced a "breakers' cabaret to entertain them, For many of the senior citizens attending it was the first time they had been outside their house this year. One old lady is quoted as saying 'I hear that Citizens Band radio is illegal but if this is an example of the good work they do then long may they reign'.

The club also handed over a cheque to the Llandough Hospital 'Build a Bungalow' scheme. This bungalow will provide accomodation for parents of children in the cancer and leukaemia wards at the hospital

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### October 16th?

Do Binatone know something we don't? Binatone have rigs ready for release onto the British market, and a press release received recently from them states confidently that the British launch will take place on Oct.16th. Further investigation at the Home Office and at Binatone proved this to be wishful thinking. Although we all sincerely hope that it will be sooner rather than later I can't help but think this was a very unsubtle way to put pressure on the government. Not likely to work either!



### **Music and CB**

There are quite a few records on CB around at the moment, most notable of which the Wall to Wall album by Citizens Banned. Three singles have arrived in the office lately to shake our eardrums (as if the Editors cries of wrath weren't enough!) but due to pressure of other articles we haven't got the space to review them thoroughly.

CB Baby by Rig and Twigs, Breaker Love by Mr. Twister and Breaker 1-4 by Rainbow (or Gypsy. - I couldn't quite tell which from the record label), are all by breakers and as such are sincere musical attempts to publicise CB. All three are reasonably well produced (certainly no worse than most singles released today) and have had technical expertise in their production.

CB Baby sounds a bit Ilke a Yorkie advert to me but is quite catchy - I found myself humming along to it. Breaker 1-4 has a strong Country and Western influence which isn't my favourite style but my main criticism of this one is that Its too local to mean anything to breakers outside its own area - especially as the singer seems to be determind to cram as many local handles in his three minutes as possible.

My personal favourite is Breaker Love by Mr. Twister as it shows a genuine effort to find a musical style rather than relying on CB to carry if. One worry though is that Mr. Twister seems to be using channel 9 and 1 can't tell if its an emergency or not! Shame on you, Mr. Twister, if it Isn't.

I suspect that these three are the first of a spate of CB records. A word in the ear of anyone considering producing a single (not you three chaps mentioned above) breakers will want more musically than the odd reference to 'breaker' in the lyrics. A bad single doesn't stop being a bad single because it has some lingo and jargon in it!





### Wheels of Life.

Very few breakers can be unaware of the Gareth Payne appeal on behalf of 2 year old Gareth, suffering from a very rare liver disease. Breakers seem to have adopted this appeal as their own and their efforts to raise  $\pounds40.000$  to send Gareth to America for a life saving operation have featured in many local newspapers.

The Leyland and District Breakers Club in Lancashire have started an ambitious marathon to help raise more funds for Gareth, who has been given only 12 months more to live without the operation. 4 members of the club are cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End, starting on the 2nd of August.

Unfortunately we didn't receive the information in time to feature in last months magazine so we couldn't give any advance publicity but best of luck and God speed to the riders. Any donations should be sent to the Gareth Payne Appeal, P.O. Box 16, Leyland, Lancs.

### The Latest Connexion.

Connexions the up and coming wholesalers in Maidenhead have pulled off their best deal to date by securing the UK sole distributorship for 'Firestik' the famous helically wound fibreglass antennas.

Following the recent demise of Wintjoy, the previously appointed UK distributor, Connexlons have persuaded Firestik to appoint them as sole UK importers and distributors. The latest in their Firestik range is the 'Dieselstik' tunable tip heralded as the best helically wound antenna. It is designed to tune over both illegal AM and the new frequency.



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### Wedding Present.

Congratulations to Lady Di and Prince Charles who by the time of reading should be successfully hitched. However the prize for the most ingenious wedding present must go to Rigs & Twigs of Westbourne Grove, for their gift of a legally imported (via Isle of Man) Rig suitably wrapped for the occasion.

This was presented on Friday 24th July at the door of Buck House and in return Neil & Brian of Rigs & Twigs received a signed card of acknowledgement.

Should breakers in SW1 watch out for two new handles coming up? Polo Prince & Charlies Angel?





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### 6 months of CB Radio Mag. Fact File.

Last March we announced the setting up of a Fact File which would be available free of charge to solictors to enable them to understand laws and legislation relevant to CB. It was hoped that it would be particularly useful for solicitors who had never had any contact with CB before but had been asked to act on behalf of a breaker.

Although we had teething troubles in getting the information verified by an experienced solictor and getting the file reproduced, it has proved to be a great success. Nearly 50 files have been sent out, many of them to people in the circumstances we had hoped-ie solicitors who had been asked to act for a breaker but was completely unfamiliar with the law and CB.

#### Know the Risks.

Quite a few requests came from solicitors who had been asked to speak to a club meeting about the law. This we were particularly pleased to see as we feel that if someone is going to break the law he should be fully aware of the risks he is taking and how to act if caught.

A lot of the information passed on came from you as we requested that anyone unfortunate enough to get caught and prosecuted send the details on to us. Many of our our readers did this and we were able to research the different laws, statutes and regulations mentioned or concerned.

Although this didn't help the poor breaker who was prosecuted it has meant that other breakers will be able to fight their cases better and with a greater chance of success.

### £100 for First Offence?

One of the most interesting things that came out of the research for the fact file was the vast difference in fines for people found guilty. One breaker in Thornton Heath, London was fined £200 for transmitting without a licence whilst a breaker in Birmingham was fined £25 for a very similar case. This is even though magistrates have been told that 'consistancy is desirable in the penalty exacted' and the Magistrates journal has suggested £100 is a 'reasonable starting point for a first offence'. Again many magistrates have given a very light fine because of impending legalisation although the same journal states that 'the fact that the Government may well legalise and

regulate this activity is not a mitigating factor: rather, the reverse'.

### More Prosecutions after legalisation.

The fact file includes a copy of the article in the magistrates journal, a description of the current law prohibiting the importation and use of Citizens Band equipment, examples of typical fines, case histories and reprints of our own articles in 'The Law & You'. Please carry on sending in any useful information as we hope to update the file as more information becomes available. It seems likely that prosecutions could increase after legal FM equipment is available so the Fact File could be as important as ever.





## Wales comes to London

### Where have all the Londoners gone?

Apart from the obvious landmarks in the big city, anybody taking part in the London Demonstration could easily have mistaken his location for Cardiff or Swansea. So large was the Welsh contingent and so minimal the London support that the few London breakers who did bother to turn up made a considerable effort to speak with Welsh accents, for fear of reprisals.

The demonstration was organised by the Thamesdown Transceiver club in support of 27MHz AM and in opposition to FM. When we arrived at Hyde Park Corner designated as kick off for the march we were greeted by the Tiger City breakers, six of them in all who come all the way from Leicester to show their support. The Tiger City chairman, Horizontal (who was vertical when I spoke to him) is an ardent campaigner for AM, was proud that he had only missed one demo all year! However for the first hour of the rally the six TC members, 10 Mosley breakers and a handful of visiting, Welshman, were the only representatives of a demonstration at which over 500 people were expected to attend. With three coachfuls of police, intermittent rain showers and possibly 25 demonstrators it began to look as if AM was dead and buried in UK.

Things eventually perked up with the arrival of several coaches from points west of Bristol and a convoy of some 30 cars and a lorry, the march set off with about 700 people taking part. The usual



chants of "what do we want... AM, when do we want it ... Now! Failed to impress onlookers at all. The most common comments heard en route were, "whats all that noise about" or "what is AM?" Any non CB onlookers couldn't help being bemused or even frustrated as no literature was handed out to explain the meanings of the series of nonsensical initials FM, SSB,LSB, CB, AM etc. It is no wonder that Joe Normal has no sympathy with





breakers aims because he hasn't got a bloody clue what its all about. Club secretaries please take note, a fair amount of descriptive club literature can maximise the impact of your demo and help to get converts at the same time.

The route of the march was the usual one reserved for London Demonstrations of all kinds; along Park Lane, down Piccadilly to Lower Regent Street through Trafalgar Square to Whitehall where a small delegation of breakers split off from the march to go to Downing Street. Police permission had been granted for 5 members of various clubs to present their pro AM petition to the Prime minister. Gamekeeper, Rollerskater, Mean Machine, Chairman James Bond and Condor were escorted to the door of number 10 where the PM's steward looking rather jovial considering the seriousness of the CBer's plea, received their hastily prepared petition. After passing the Houses of Parliament the demonstration broke up, and the intrepid marchers went home to tea.

Lack of support for this march probably owed alot to the Wimbledon final taking place on the same day. However Exeter CB Biscuit town breakers, South Wales breakers, Tiger City breakers all responded to the call from Thamesdown Transceiver club to demonstrate. Pity there wasn't more local support. Is this an indication that Southern Breakers are resigned to FM and see no future in AM or is it just that apathy is a common complaint in the Home Counties.

## The Eastbourne AM rally

### We were there but where was Willy?

Taking into consideration the average age of the residents of Eastbourne the turnout for the recent pro AM CB Rally wasn't at all bad.

The main focus for attention was the Grand Hotel at which William Whitelaw was supposed to have been attending a conference. These Southern Breakers saw this rally to be an excellent opportunity at which to express their disgust with current legislation proposals. Due to a large amount of civil unrest in other parts of the country the Home Secretary was not in Eastbourne, more likely Toxteth or Brixton.

The absence did not deter our stalwart protesters and with the addition of a well decorated lorry disguised as a rig blurting out Convoy at a couple of hundred watts the noise volume if nothing else was tremendous. East Sussex police who helped immensely with the marshalling and organisation of this event came in for praise from everybody. I was personally surprised to see people openly using CB rigs whilst driving past big burly coppers without a single bust being made. Perhaps East Sussex police realise the benefits of CB and don't want to waste their own time. Whatever the reasons, three CHEERS to East Sussex.

The rally consisted of about 400 breakers, the afore mentioned lorry and a tumult of banners. The only drawback about the whole event was the 'speech', now this rally was originally intended to run for 2½ hours from 7.30-9.30 and to act as a general eyeball as well as a demo. When Penny Black took the stage at about 8pm and immediately promised to keep his speech short a groan of disbelief



circled around the sea. Throughout Penny Blacks speech which for those who didn't stay to listen was pretty good, an exodus of yawning breakers was still in process. Perhaps there is a lesson to be learnt here somewhere? Approximately 10 breakers were left at the end of the event.

After moaning last month about the lack of printed material at the London demonstration, I was very pleased to see an A-4 size printed handout describing what the demonstrators were shouting about.

Not the biggest demo ever seen, not

quite the best organised but I am sure there are a let of holiday makers and retired civil servants who know all about CB. Whether or not they support us is a matter of pure conjecture.

One disturbing incident that can't pass without a mention is that when the convoys drove off there was a great deal of swearing at passers by, an otherwise sensible event was turned into disgrace by approx. 10 people. Eastbourne breakers please sort out your members.

PCC



Welcome back to Club Spot.

### Long Eaton Breakers' Club (Castle Breakers)

Just thought that I'd drop you a line about our club which was formed in August last year by two intrepid local breakers Skipper and Rat Bag. We meet every Tuesday night at a local clubroom which is complete with a bar (selling real ale!), pool table and dart board. The club is run in the hope of attracting the more serious CB'er and please note that there is nomind-blowing discoto scramble your brain, no juke box either but merely a place to go for a quiet drink and a chat (as opposed to a shout!) with your CB mates and XYLs.

The Castle Club is run more as a social club than a discotheque; the committee is elected by the members and all club policies and proposals are discussed openly and voted on accordingly by members.

There is a charge of 50p made at the door (XYLs free), which goes to offset the rent and heating charges. It also pays for the free hotdogs and all social events (another open-air barbeque is planned and also day trips will be arranged). All money collected is returned to the member in one form or another, with the exception of raffles held at the club, the proceeds of which go anonymously to local charities. We also have our own membership cards and embroidered badges, plus reasonable discounts from two of the local CB accessory shops.

### Bugs Bunny Give Us A Nine Club

We have been running for several months, and at present have an increasing amount of members.We meet every Tuesday evening at the Hand in Hand, Boxhill Road, Boxhill, Surrey, from 8 p.m. The joining fee is 35 pence, and we make a nominal entrance charge of 10 pence, to go some way towards printing charges and other expenses.

Every week we produce a Newsletter, and an up to date Membership list. We're proud of our raffle, which we believels one of the best around. We can supply Club posters and QSL cards, and we're awaiting arrival of sew on badges and car stickers.

We're active on the social front, having regular discos and many other functions ranging from barbecues to convoys. We're preparing teams to go Ten Pin Bowling on a regular basis, and we field two darts teams. We're always ready to accept challenges from other Clubs!

At present we're raising money for Leukaemla Research, and would be most grateful for gifts of stamps and ring pulls (from Coke cans etc) which are sold in aid of this worthy cause.

Our Club membership ranges from Company Directors to school children, from 70 to 7, and we warmly welcome all those 'would be' breakers who want to be ready to go on the air in the Autumn, to come and share the friendship, knowledge and experience of our Members.

Hope to see you soon, Breaker Break. Buos Bunny

### Forfar & District Breakers Club

Our club was formed slx weeks ago and to date has between 70 and 80 members. We have, so far, organised and held, a Fox Hunt, Pool Competition and film shows. We are also raising money to purchase and train a Guide Dog for a blind person.

We break on 19 and meet every Monday at 7.30 p.m. at the Stag Hotel, Forfar. Every second Monday is a social gathering. Any Breakers passing through the Bridie Town are welcome and information can be obtained from the Committee: –

Rocket Man, Moonshiner, Star Fighter, Jenny Wren and Iron Fist.

Rocket Man (Chairman)

### The Thorne and District Breakers Club

1 am writing to inform you of a new club which has only been opened since Nov. last. We have 165 members, we are called the Thorne and District Breakers Club. We meet every Tuesday evenings at the White Hart In Thorne. We have one O.A.P. 70 years young, named Guinea Pig. We also have about eight disabled members which was a joy to see when they joined us last week. All new breakers are made very welcome to the club, they will find us very friendly breakers. All members of other breakers clubs would be made welcome on our eyeball nights, which are the last three Tuesdays of every month. We are on channel 17.

So 10-10 for now Tea Bags on the side and satisfied.

### Merseyside '27 Club'

The Merseyside '27 Club' was formed 16 months ago when CB was a relatively new thing in the Merseyside area. Our membership grew rapidly as CB activity increased, until such a time was too vast, therefore it became increasingly difficult to please everyone especially those who had to travel long distances to weekly



venues. Consequently groups of members broke away from our club and formed their own clubs in their own area of Merseyside.

Now we cover North Merseyside and our present membership is 145. In North Merseyside the breaking channel is 27 but 19 as you get further towards Liverpool.

We have weekly eyeballs at five different venues where everyone is most welcome, and we have a closed meeting for members only once a month when forthcoming events are arranged and discussed.

Because we use different venues for our eyeballs each week we do not have, as yet, a permanent address for correspondence. We are at present arranging a P.O. Box form our friends the G.P.O. I will personally write and let you know as soon as one has been arranged.

Best 73's to you all.

Golden Eagle

### Southampton Citizen Band Club

Just a few lines to let you know of the existence of the S.C.B.C. (Southampton Citizen Band Club).

We number some 860 members and are growing daily. We hold a general meeting on the last Wednesday of every month, and an information meeting (technical) two weeks after.

A local charity receives our support both financially and practically. It is a home for mentally and physically handicapped children. Disco's, Foxhunts, rally's etc. help with finances.

We are a PRO. 27 megs. A.M. club.

A warm welcome will be given to any out of town breakers passing through the BIG S., just put out a call on 19.

Golden Numbers, To all Good Buddies. BAND-AID (PRO)

### South Staffs Breakers Association

We meet every Tuesday night at 8 p.m., our meeting place is the Dolrick, Hednesford Road, Brownhills West, West Midlands.

We are just off the A5, truckers passing through will be made welcome. Our activities include convoys, treasure hunts, disco's, also we are going to form an ankle snappers club to cater for the under 16's.

Membership is £2. Entrance Fee 40p. Visitors 60p. Ankle Snappers membership 25p. Entrance Fee 5p.

We hold a raffle every week with very exciting prizes.

Breaker-Break.

(Secretary)









### Sandwell Area Citizens Band Radio Club

Having written to you on several occasions we find that to date we have not been included in any of your mags on CB.

Could it be that our chairman the Ace of Spades Is Included in some sort of blacklist as a blackleg. If this is the case we the committee understand, because he came from Jamaica In 1960 dressed in traditional dress (starkers), with a tom tom drum under his arm, manufactured from the tree he perfected his swinging techniques on as a child.

Immediately on arrival to this country he signed on for social security benefits claiming for his 26 brothers and countless sisters, one of which met with a fatal accident whilst swinging from tree to tree on the reservation in Sandwell.

He attended university (Bagdad) and was educated away from cannibalism to becoming our chairman, after realising that CB was a more efficient way to communicate other than the drum which he still uses to indulge in makeshift tribal activities in Sandwell.

Being the only chairman we know who has two-tone hands, a vinyl roof and ivory grill we think we deserve a mention in one of your magazines.

We hold our meetings on alternate Thursdays at the Liberal Club, Nimmings Lane, Blackheath and visitors are more than welcomed if they remember to bring their passports to show the natives on their way through Handsworth and refrain from throwing bananas into the chairmans cage.

Please Ignore the red traffic lights in Handsworth as it is only a way devised by the natives to get people to stop there when visiting relatives in the white mans land.

Apologies for not printing this communique earlier but as we received it over the bush telephone it has taken sometime for our Swahili translator to decipher. Anybody visiting this club does so at the risk of being served up for dinner!

### **Royal 'T' Breakers Club**

Hithere! all you breakers in CBIand. We are the Royal 'T' Breakers Club who formed on 16/5/81, our present membership stands at approximately 100, but new memberships are being requested daily.

We have official 'eyeballs' on the first Saturday of each month, we discuss a wide range of subjects. We also have subcommittees for our D.X. club and Technical club, of which both are well supported.

We are presently arranging for T shirts, badges etc. to be printed, they will have our club motif and members handles printed on request. Our other main priority at the moment is to arrange Indoor/outdoor sports functions with the members, and competing against any other interested club.

Anyone wishing to join our club, just give us a shout on 14, and we'll fix you up.

So we'll give you all the highs and lows Just now, 10-10 till we do it again. The Saint (Secretary) Yorkshire's Elite Breakers (Y.E.B.)

We are situated between Steel City, Spiretown and Dukesville, at the present time we have about 80 members. The club is run by myself (2+2) and Money -Penny and meets every Wednesday night at 7.45 onwards at the Fairway Inn, Birley, Sheffield. Visitors are welcome. We have a raffle at every meeting and an assortment of prizes to suit everyone. We are trying to arrange some fund raising activities with other clubs in our area. We are members of the Northern Association of CB clubs and have been in touch with clubs in a radius of 20 miles of our area.

We would like members and visitors to attend clean and green.

10-10 till we write again.

This is 2 + 2 subtracting

### **Canal Side Breakers Club**

We are the "Canal Side Breakers Club". In addition to being involved in the struggle to get CB legalized on a suitable frequency, we also organise a wide variety of social events for our members and those who attend our 'eyeballs'. At our meetings, we have made special provision for the younger breakers who are not yet old enough to sample the joys of barley pop. We meet every Monday (excluding the first Monday of each month) at the Dingle Hotel (The Woods) in Lymm (The Little Village). Our meetings usually begin at 8.00 p.m. The club welcomes new breakers, and Invites breakers from other clubs to pay us a visit if you get lost, break on Channel 14 for more Information. We look forward to seeing you soon.

10-10 till we do it again, bye bye we gone.

Plato (Public Relations)

### O.C.B.C. (Orpington C-Ber's Club)

Meeting every Tuesday evening at Ramsden Boys School, Help from Tee-Cee on aerlals & D.I.Y. Jimmi Jazz on rigs and Mr. Con mobile Installations. No fees Just Fun!

Solid Gold 73's and Keep it clean 10-10 Tee/Cee.

P.S. Mickey Mouse please return old CB Radio Mags to me!

### **Wight Breakers Club**

The Wight Breakers Club (W.B.C.) Is based here on the Isle of Wight.

We meet every fortnight at one of six pubs, this is so that everybody gets the chance to have the eyeball in their local area. If you are down this way we break on one-nine and all information can be obtained on the air.

We hold regular fox and treasure hunts, also discos are planned as well as pub sport events and other activities are in the plpeline. 10-10.

Mr. Flame Sec. W.B.C.

### Severn City Breakers Club

We were formed in September 1980 and we now have a total of 400 + paid-up members. Our Committee consists of: – Chairman, Gander; VIce Chairman, Klbby; Secretary, Brown Owl; Treasurer, Rainbow; VIce Treasurer, Green Duck.

Our local breaking channel is 14. We do not use channels 20, 21 or 22 in the Shropshire area, as these interfere with the hospital systems.

Since our town is on a principal hollday route, it may be of interest to passing breakers that channel 9 is monitored between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m. by Sea Wolf and Mermaid, in case of emergencies.

We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday at Tiffany's In Shrewsbury at 8 p.m. Guests are welcome but should be accompanied by a pald-up member of the club. Yours faithfully.

C.E. Blumfield, Spitfire (Press Secretary)

### L. A. Breakers

We wish to inform you about a New Club which has started in Bridgetown (Hull). We are the L. A. Breakers, and meet alternate Wednesdays, at the Lockwood Arms in Cannon Street. We also have a fine committee running the club, this committee consists of (Chairman) Midget Man, (Treasurer) Rooster Booster, (Committee Members) Partsman, Swinger, and H.2.O. Also Snowbird, who takes care of all the paper work.

We have got a lot of good ideas in the pipeline some of which have not been done by any other clubs in this area and we are hoping these ideas will be first for our club, as we are a new club we cannot give too much away as yet, but we will keep you informed as to the progress of these ideas.

Yours sincerely. Midget Man (Chairman)

### Sky Blue City Zen Band Radio Club (Coventry)

We meet at 8.00 p.m. sharp every Monday evening at the Sky Blue F.C. Supporters Club, Highfield Road, Coventry. Visitors are welcome, small admission charge on the door.

We have a limited membership of 200, and we organise various entertainments for our members, Including, games, gulzzes, discussions etc, our aim being the responsible use of CB radio. Our members range in age from 18 to over 50 and we try to cater for everyone. We are also interested in participating in sports and games with other clubs that may be interested. Any further details, or correspondence should be addressed to either Liberty Bell (Secretary) or myself, Brandybird (P.R.O.) at Sky Blue City Zen Band Radio Club, c/o Sklps CB Centre, Wheelwright Lane, Exhall, Coventry, or Phone 1203 362779.

Breaker Break.

Brandybird (Sandra Witter)





### **Wool Ridge Breakers**

We meet once a forthight in a local brown bottle shop; and have a bit of a giggle etc. If any local breakers fancy coming along to see what we get up to, you'll find us in the Skittle alley in the Barnstaple Inn, South Molton, Devon.

Keep up the good work in your excellent magazine.

10-10 Tramp (Treasurer)

### Brewery Town Breakers Club

We are sltuated in the Shropshire town of Wem but have members from miles around. Our name Is taken from the famous Brewery sltuated here. Our club is a couple of months old and seems to be thriving pretty well. We are in the throes of raising money for an local causes. We extend a warm welcome to any other breakers, we meet every two weeks. Just give us a shout on 19 any time you are passing!

Good numbers.

Treacle Tart - Club secretary

### Bournemouth Independent Breakers Association (B.I.B.A.)

We meet every Tuesday night at the Coach House Motel, at Ferndown, so come along, join and crack a few brown bottles with the other 200 or so members.

For further details contact Wendy C/O "Skywave" 73, Curzon Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth BH1 4PW.

### Beachcombers Breakers Association

Just to Inform you that a CB club known as Beachcombers Breakers Association has been formed in the New Milton and Highcliffe district on the borders of Dorset and Hampshire.

At present, membership stands at 150, and anybody requiring further information should write to this address 3, Thursby Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, Dorset BH23 5PA.

Secretary

### Hucknall Welfare Breakers Club.

The H.W.B.C. was formed due to the demand from local breakers for their own club, and by the second meeting the membership was above 150. We hold our meetings on Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. and invite all breakers actively interested in CB radio to attend.

The club is affiliated to the N.A.C. (Nottingham Area Club), the largest in the area with over 2,000 members, and has the same objective which is to further the cause of CB radio on a local, national and international basis.

Ten Ten Screwdriver

### Weymouth & Dorchester 40 Club

We are a recently formed club in the Weymouth and Dorchester area with 496 members to date. Membership is increasing dramatically at every fortnightly meeting.

We would welcome invitations to participate in any national rally or campaigns and contact can be made through the club at P.O. Box 13, Weymouth, Dorset. For further details please write to Sue Brackley secretary for the W.D.40 Club.

### I.B.C. Ilkeston Breakers Club

I am writing to you on behalf of the likeston Breakers Club (I.B.C.). We have a membership of 900 which is still growing.

The club is non-profit making and most of the funds go to charity. We have recently bought a machine to help crippled children. This machine is a Lightwood Pulsed Radio Generator, and the alm of this machine is to help limbs to grow.

We have the normal raffles and disco, sponsored walks and in the near future we are having a Football Match in drag. It will be the I.B.C. v's Bell Town Breakers.

All breakers are welcome to come and Join in our activities. A good time is had by all.

We have also got a P.O. Box for DX'Ing, If there are any local clubs that would like to use our P.O. Box for Q.S.L. cards, contact: Venus at the I.B.C. eyeball.

10-10 till we do it again, way down way gone, break a break Venus (Sec).

### Three Counties Breakers Club (3 C.B.C.)

I thought I would write and let you know that we have formed a club here in Gillingham called the Three Counties Breakers Club. We have breakers from Wiltshire, Dorset, and Somerset hence the title.

As of yet we are few in number only 45, but we have also got a junior membership for those under 19 years of age so they don't feel left out.

We meet every 3rd Sunday night at the Kings Arms, East Stour, visitors are welcome, but please come clean.

If anyone would like any information about the club they can contact me at 48, Falrey Grescent, Gillingham, Dorset.

Foxylady (Secretary)

### A.B.C. 25

We have been going for about two months. Our club is called the "A.B.C. 25" and we meet once every two weeks on a Wednesday night.

The main objective of the club is to assist all members in any way possible. In this club we have members which have trades of all descriptions who are available to any member on request, i.e. a 24 hours breakdown service, a car maintenance service, an electrical service for repairing rigs, T.V. engineer, fridge engineer, a legal advisor. All these services and many more are available to any member at a very small charge.

We are more of a family than a club all fighting for the same cause. We would also like to have eyeballs with other clubs in other areas, so if any club outside the Birmingham area wishes to have an eyeball with A.B.C. 25 could you telephone Ambassador on: 454-1208, or write to Bushmans 20, Fairy Lights, Broad Street, just off the centre of Birmingham. 10-10 till we do it again. This is the

A.B.C. 25 on the side and satisfied. Break a break we gone.

Kent & Essex Breakers Association

ODE TO CITIZEN'S BAND The word is out, our members shout just you wait and see and us so scared of being found out for using the old CB.

It seems the South has heard our plight down there in Cockney Land we've formed a Club, to prove we're right so why not lend a hand.

We call ourselves Kent Essex Breakers or K.E.B.A. club for short the Government call us mischlef makers we're nothing of the sort.

Our club was formed in '79 you might say 'not so long' but in that time we've got on fine nearly 700 strong.

Tuesdays we meet at Orsett Hall where's that? you've got me foxed take the A13 to pay us a call next roundabout from Tilbury Docks.

Up to now we've shown them how we've pushed beds and raced a boat our disco's really are a wow and so is our Carnival Float.

We do these things for charity with sponsors as our backers who pay to see us eat boiled eggs and chomp upon cream crackers.

We may not be your cup of tea Its still against the law they say we don't act properly but don't you be so sure.

We don't spray walls with aerosols or vandallse the land this outlaw band has different goals we lend a helping hand.

We've raised a lot of money for those who need it most and you can be sure, we'll raise some more

and that's no idle boast.

So if you have a CB set at home or in your car need help or just a little upset

a good buddy's never far. So please print out our bardic verse

upon your CB page

come buzby's, smokey's do your worse It all helps to pay your wage.

('Angel') Secretary K.E.B.A.

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# Rig Test

### PRESIDENT 'Thomas J,'. Deluxe AM Mobile

Unfortunately, the President line of CB transceivers came out just about the time interest in CB had peaked in the States, hence, the President transceivers never truly earned the reputation they deserved.

As you have probably surmised, the marque "President" stems from the fact that each transceiver was named after an American president, though each also has a numeric model number; for example, the Thomas J. is Model 1013001.

A common thread that connected the various President models was (and remains) quality. The President transceivers seem to have just a bit extra in every characteristic, from finely finished controls and cabinets, to features, to performance. Had the President line been introduced a year earlier, when almost a half million new CBers joined the ranks each month, the President transceivers might well have become standards against which others would be judged.

The President "Thomas J." is a 40 channel AM transceiver for mobile and P.A. (public address) operation requiring a power source of nominally 13.8 VDC.

### **Test Results**

### Receiver

Transmitter

85% modulation.

RF output/50 ohms

Relative sensitivity for

Modulation capable of 85%

Input sensitivity for 10-dB S-N/N. Worse-case adjacent channel rejection AGC range for 80 dB input range Input level for S9 meter indication S-unit value 0.25 uV 60 dB 5dB 15 uV Relative (non-calibrated)

#### 4 watts Yes

Full off to -28 dB Yes

Modulation Ilmited to 100% Ye (Note. Test results are from signals synthesized to be the equivalent of those common to actual CB operations.)

Since there is no direct connection between the power supply and the transceivers cabinet the power source can have a positive or negative ground (earth). Overall dimensions are 2-13/64" H x 7-5/16" x 8-21/32" D. Weight





is 4.6 lbs. Standard accessories include a plug-in PTT (Push-To-Talk) microphone, plug-in DC power cable, and a detachable mobile mounting...the familiar U-bracket for under-dash transceiver installation. Each end of the bracket is secured to the transceiver by a cap-screw that permits a moderate degree of up-down tilting of the transceiver. In addition to the commonly expected features such as a digital channel indicator, noise limiter, squelch, and jacks for a remote speaker and a P.A. speaker, there are: a combination meter that indicates received signal strength, RF output power, the percentage of modulation, and the antenna system SWR; a noise blanker that is particularly effective against

### President Thomas J. Manufacturers Specifications

Channels:40

Frequency coverage: 26.965 MHz to 27.405 MHz Frequency control: Phase Locked Loop synthesizer Frequency tolerance: ± 0.005% Operating Temperature Range: -30° C to +50° C Microphone: Plug-in dynamic Input Voltage: 13.8 DC Normal Current Drain: Transmit: Pull AM mod. 1.5A Receive: Squelched, 0.3A Full audio output, 1.2A Meter: Illuminated. Individual calibrations Semiconductors: 26 transistors, 4 integrated circuits. 27 diodes, 4 light emitting diodes.

### TRANSMITTER:

Power Output4 watts Modulation:High and low level Class B AM Frequency:300 to 3000 Hz. Output Impedance:52 ohms unbalanced.

### **RECEIVER:**

Sensitivity:0.5 uV or less for 10 dB S-N/N Selectivity:6 dB @ 7k Hz, 60dB @ 10k Hz Image Rejection:80 dB I.F. Frequencies:10.695 MHz, 455 Hz Noise Blanker:RF type Audio Power Out:5 watts Frequency Response:300 to 3000 Hz

impulse and "shot" noises; a microphone gain control that adjusts the microphone sensitivity from full off to - 28 dB; a tone control (actually a high frequency cut); priority (instant) channel 9 selection; panel lamps that indicate channel 9 priority, TX (transmit), and AWI, an Antenna Warning Indicator that Indicates visually and instantly that the antenna system SWR is excessive. Finally, there is a Delta tune, a control that adjusts the tuned frequency +/-1500 Hz (continuous tuning). The Delta tune insures that received signals which are slightly off the precise center frequency of a channel can be tuned dead center in the I.F. passband to insure optimum rejection of adjacent channel interference.

The front panel is very highly styled. At the extreme left are grouped the frequently used operating controls: a volume control/power switch concentric with the squeich control; the microphone gain control concentric with an RF gain control; the tone control; the Delta tuning control; the meter function selector; and the SWR meter calibration control. In the approximate center, in a "blackout" panel area, are: the combination meter with calibrations for each function; the digital channel indicator; the PA/CB function selector; the Noise Blanker/ANL selector; a panel lamp dimmer; and the instant channel 9 selector. At the extreme right is the normal channel selector and the indicator lamps for channel 9, TX/RX and AWI.

The rear apron has a standard UFH antenna connector, and jacks for the remote and PA speakers. The internal speaker is mounted on the bottom, facing downwards; the rnost commonly used location.

The microphone plugs into a jack located on the left side, about 1/3 back from the front edge.

Though the test results of the Thomas J. closely resemble those of the better or high quality transceivers, it is subtle things that make the Thomas J. a little better; things like modulation that is crisp yet relatively undistorted, signal reception just a little cleaner than one would normally expect – and a little more sensitive, and of course, top quality construction and appearance.

# Eyeball at the Eyeball

### Enjoy a Home Office prawn special!

A new idea in eating opened recently in London - a CB restaurant that combines two of a breakers favourite activities into a good evening out. Located off Oxford Circus its ideally situated for eating before a film or popping in later on for a drink and a burger.

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The Eyeball Bistro Club is hosted by Mike Raphone who presides over a Rachet Room, Cocktail bar and Eyeball Restaurant. The Rachet Room is upstairs at the Bistro and offers a selection of salads, sandwiches and Breaker Burgers. Downstairs the Eyeball Restaurant has a selection of good food and wine and includes such delights as Old Smokey and Sea B Sole. The Cocktail Bar is guaranteed to get you very merry in under half an hour with a great selection of weird and wonderful concoctions (try the Pina Colada!).

Things get going at 7am with breakfast in the Rachet Room, moves onto lunch and

after work appetizers until 2am in the morning. Each table downstairs has an 'eyeball' monitor to either listen to CB or music with a CB stant, and the owners have several ideas for expanding this idea.

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Another novel idea is the Eyebali card. A member of staff at the restaurant takes each diners photo and makes up two plastic heat sealed eyeball cards, one for the customer to keep and the other is stuck on the eyeball board. Each card has the owners handle and 20 underneath so you can identify people you may have copied so beware if you were there with someone you shouldn't have been wilh!

Congratulations are in order to David Levy and Brad Mills for this novel idea. It should be a great success with the number of breakers and potential breakers on the scene. It's not the cheapest of places but bearing in mind its location the prices are not unreationable. If you pay a visit have a Pina Colada for me.





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