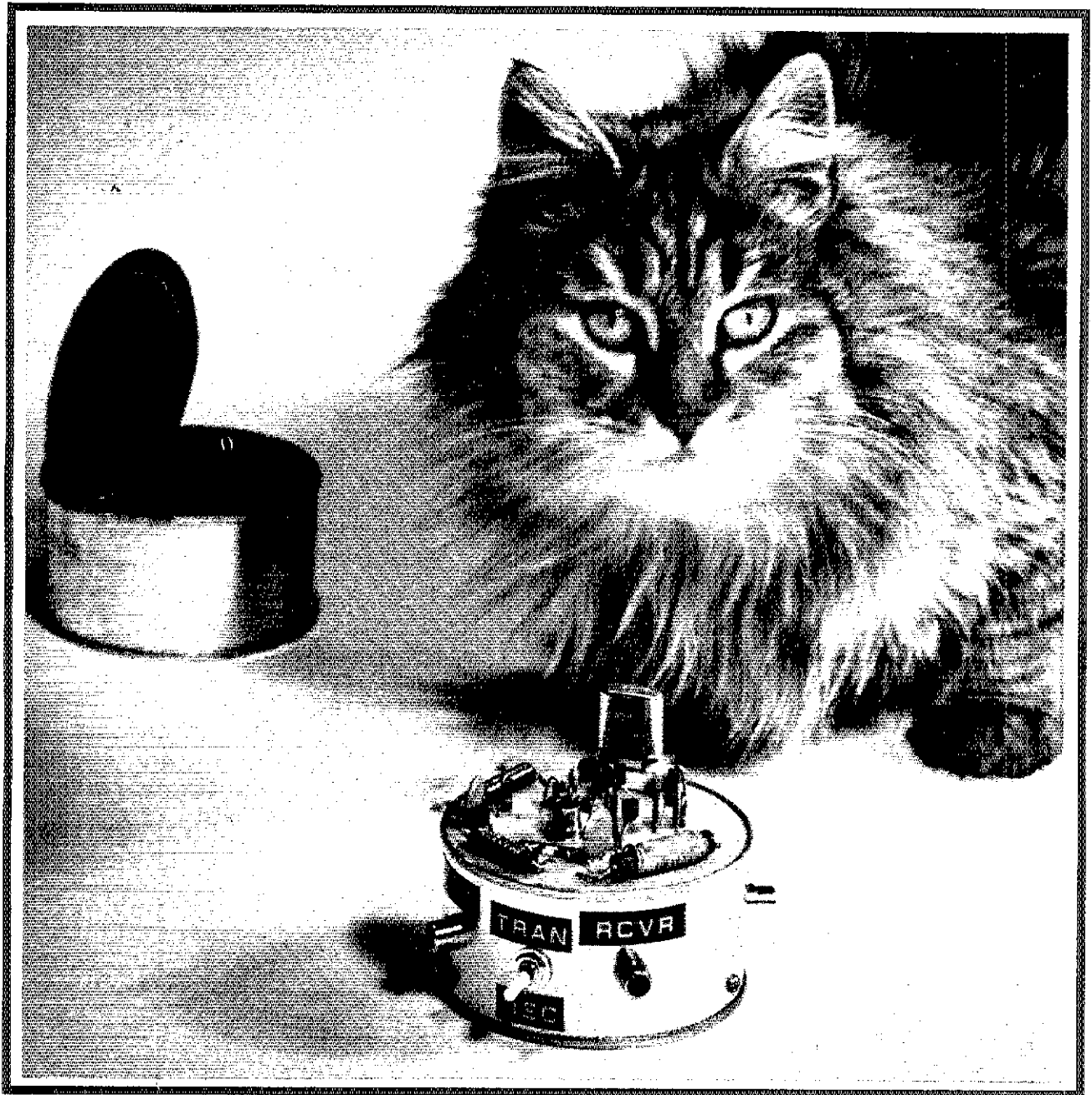


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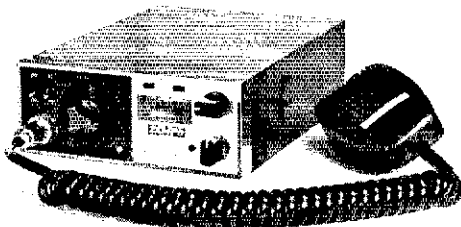
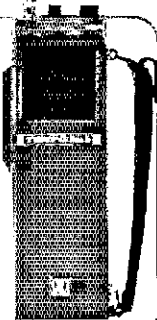


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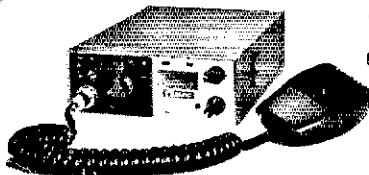
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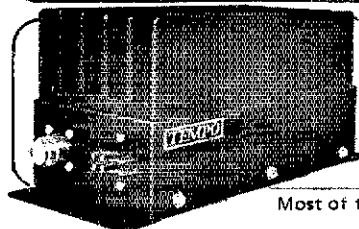
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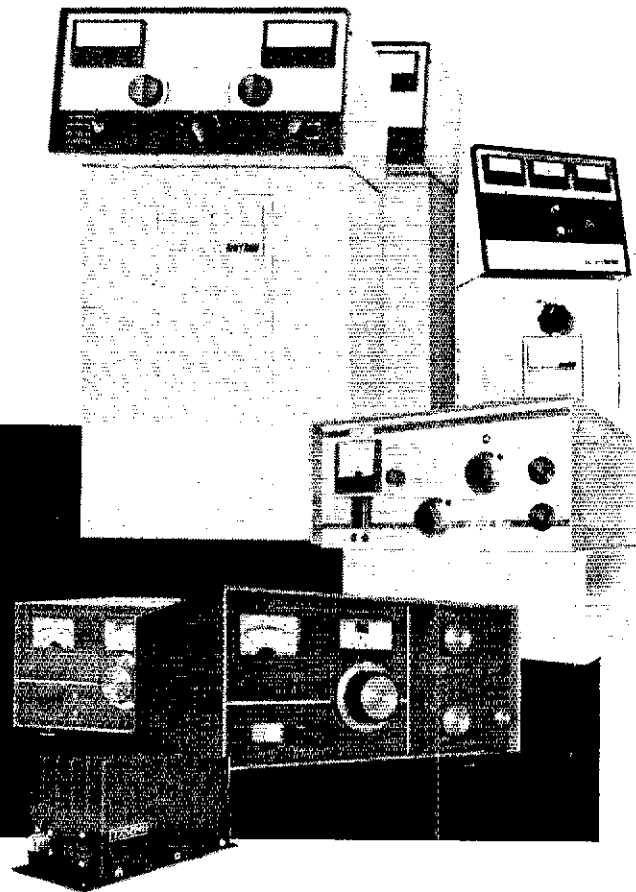
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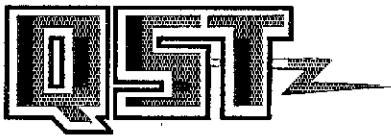
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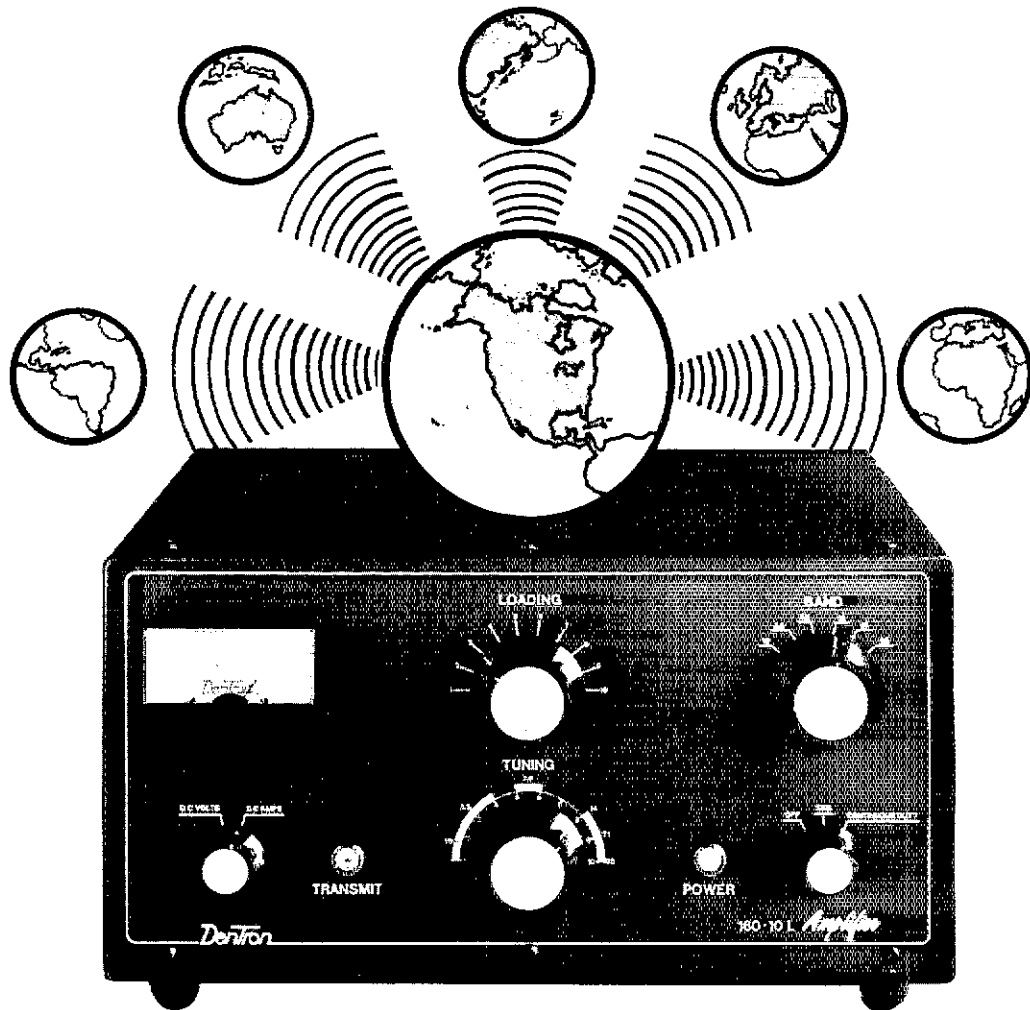
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Built-in Antenna change over relay  
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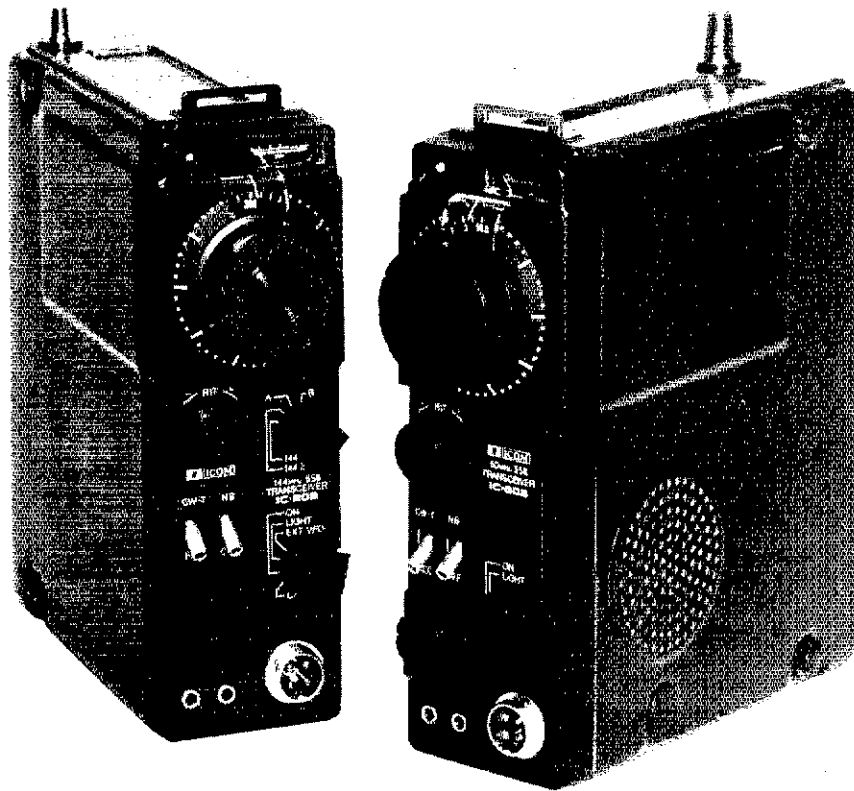
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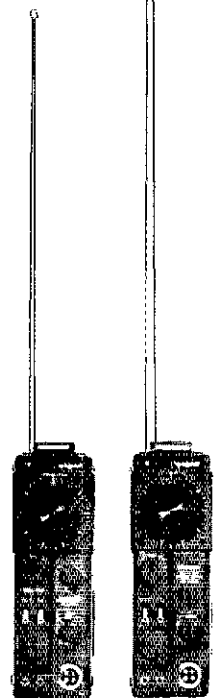
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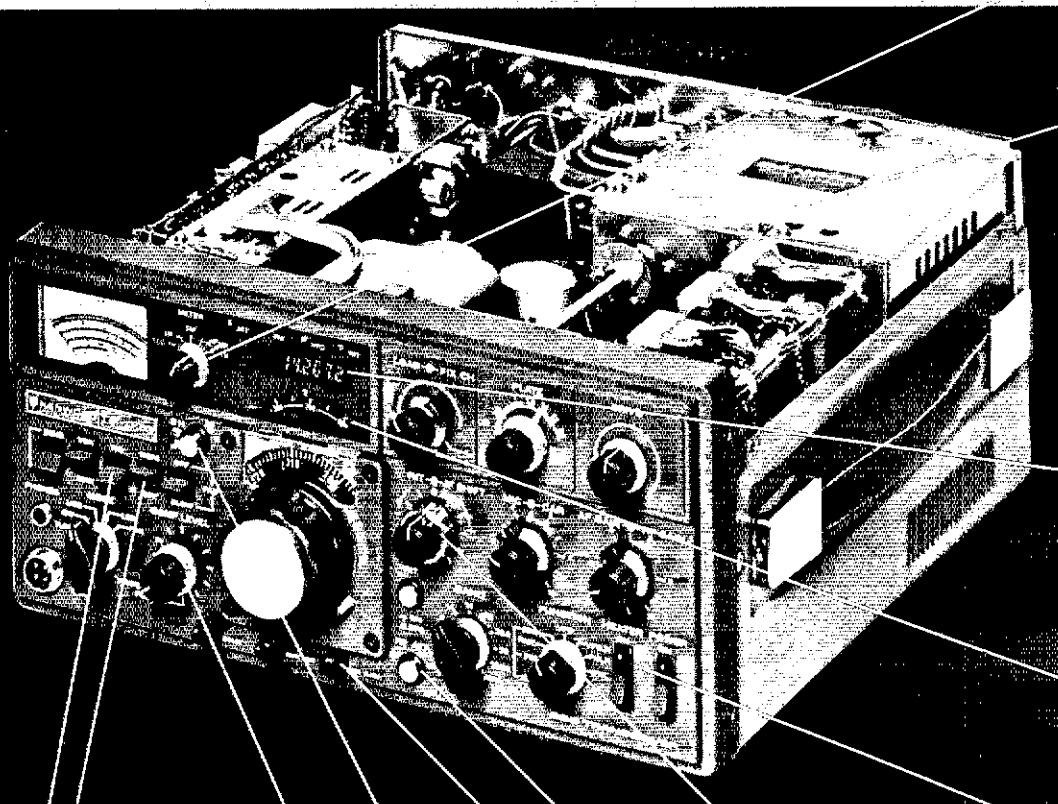
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**CW AUDIO CHARACTERISTICS** • During CW reception, a special filter is used to alter the audio frequency response to provide a more comfortable, easy to copy tone.

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- Built-in speaker\*
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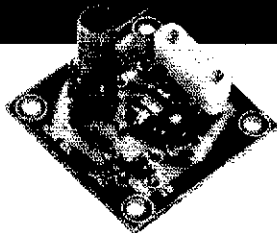
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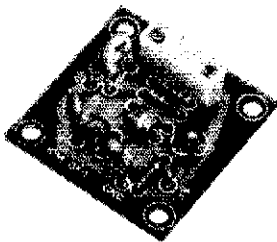
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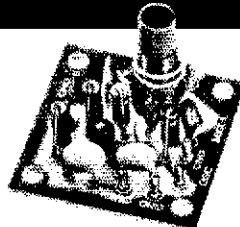
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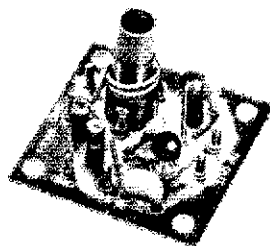
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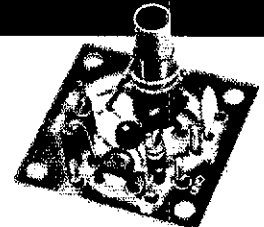


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# "It Seems to Us..."

## WARC Update

The ITU World Administrative Radio Conference is three years away, but some key deadlines for preparation already are behind us. February 2 was the date for non-government users of the radio spectrum to submit their future allocation requirements to the FCC Steering Committee through their respective Service Working Groups. (See *QST* for September, 1975, page 9, and March, 1976, page 42.) On March 22, the FCC issued a Public Notice listing the requirements that were submitted, with no attempt to reconcile or even to verify the conflicts between the services. The tabulation fills 128 pages, and includes requests from 10 kHz to 1,040 GHz. The Working Groups were not required to justify their requests in any great detail; the justifications are to follow later this summer.

The tabulation of requests is only a rough guide to the needs of the various radio services within the U.S. There is no way to gauge the relative merits of conflicting requests, and there is no input from the government side of the fence (including the military, a major user of the spectrum). Also, U.S. spectrum needs may be quite different from the needs of the developing countries who now hold the balance of voting power within the ITU. But the list does point up *some* of the conflicts between the Amateur Radio Service and the other radio services.

The tabulations of Amateur Radio Service requests run to 9 pages. Briefly, we're asking for new allocations at 160-200 kHz, where some amateurs are now experimenting under the FCC's rules covering restricted radiation devices; 10.1-10.6, 18.1-18.6, and 24.0-24.5 MHz, presently allocated to the Fixed Service; and 902-928 MHz, now used by industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) equipment such as microwave ovens. We're asking for expanded allocations at 1715-2000, 7000-7500, 14000-14500, and 21000-21500 kHz to accommodate future growth. Finally, we're asking for either exclusivity in, or simply retention of, our other allocations.

We have conflicts with the present occupants of most of our proposed new or expanded allocations, of course. There is also quite a crowd going for 902-928 MHz, apparently in the belief that ISM interference will not impair commercial communications uses. The 902-928 MHz band is right in the middle of recent allocations to the Land Mobile

Service and so is prime territory in spite of the ISM problem.

At hf our main competitor is the International Broadcast Service, which is requesting a total of 4.46 MHz. Their requests include new bands at 3900-4060 kHz (encompassing the most heavily-occupied portion of the 75-meter ham band!) and at 7300-7700 kHz. And this is just the position of the *private* hf broadcasters in the U.S., of which there are only *three* at the present time; the Voice of America, as a government user, has not yet been heard from!

At vhf and uhf we face a multitude of challenges. The Aeronautical Mobile Service has requested 140-144 and 146-150 MHz, though it has indicated that "... equivalent alternate spectrum of the same frequency order is acceptable." This would cut the size of the amateur two-meter band in half. The Citizens Radio Service has requested 5 MHz "in the band 216-300 MHz with the band 220-225 MHz preferred." At 420-450 MHz, the Private Land Mobile Service says it requires an *exclusive* allocation for the "development of a new generation of radio-location equipment ... giving recognition to the worldwide nature of usage in geophysical exploration activities." The Maritime Mobile Service wants a protected and/or expanded allocation for the same purpose.

In the microwaves we find the Fixed Service requesting access to 3300-3400 and 5650-5670 MHz and the Fixed Satellite Service to 5625-5925 MHz and 48-50 GHz for earth-to-space links, the latter on an exclusive basis.

We can't be complacent about those bands where there are no conflicts, because the government users and other countries haven't been heard from. Also, in the process of resolving conflicts between other services some additional conflicts with the Amateur Radio Service may be created. But just because another service has indicated a "requirement" for spectrum now allocated to us is no reason to believe that their request will prevail over ours. The history of amateur radio proves that! The detailed justifications will have a lot to do with how the conflicts are decided.

The conflicting claims being made to "our" bands should serve to remind us that amateur radio does not enjoy frequency allocations by divine right. We have to *work* to *justify* our continued access to the spectrum. — K1ZND

# League Lines...

After an 18-year struggle by the Radio Society of Ontario and others, VE3 amateurs have won call-letter license plates. The Ontario Legislature took the enabling action on March 18, making the province the last jurisdiction in Canada and the U.S. to grant the privilege. Special thanks go to VE3OR, VE3ACL, and VE3FAA for their efforts.

On March 11, The Hon. Robert W. Edgar of Pennsylvania's Seventh District introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives designating June 21-27, 1976, National Amateur Radio Week. Designated H. J. Res. 858, the resolution was referred to the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. In Mr. Edgar's words, the resolution "recognizes the many contributions made by the thousands of licensed amateur radio operators in servicing the needs of humanity during natural disasters."

If you turn to page 38 you'll see a brand new, regular feature: Washington Mailbox. The FCC receives hundreds of letters each week requesting clarifications and interpretations of the amateur radio regulations. The new question-and-answer column will respond to a representative cross-section of the letters. Let us know what you think of the new feature.

Attention VHF operators. Here is a rules change for the June VHF QSO Party, recommended by the Contest Advisory Committee and approved by the Communications Manager. Rule 3, paragraph 3 is changed as follows: "Contacts made by retransmitting either or both stations do not count for contest purposes. When using fm, only simplex operation with both stations transmitting and receiving within 15 kHz of each other is permitted. No frequency normally used as either the input or output of a repeater within 150 miles may be used for contest contacts, even if the repeater is turned off at the time. The 15-kHz frequency conformity requirement does not apply above 1200 MHz." The new rule will also apply to the September VHF QSO Party and the January VHF SS. The CAC invites comment on the change.

Help Wanted: An amateur with background in journalism to edit non-technical articles for QST, as a staff member. Contact Bill Dunkerley at Hq.

Amsat is sponsoring a special three-day low-power test of the Oscar 7 satellite, Mode B (70 cm. to 2m.), on June 16-18. Stations using the satellite on those days should limit their effective radiated power to 10 watts. Signal reports should include the erp being used so listeners can judge the effectiveness of the low-power transmissions. Send your results along with a station description to Amsat, P.O. Box 27, Washington, DC 20044.

Keep an ear out -- during May and June weekends there will be a number of Boy Scout Bicentennial Encampments, complete with ham radio stations. Two of these miniature versions of the Jamborees that we know about are W1BSA, Barton, VT, May 14-16, and N1BSA, East Hartford, CT, May 21-23.

May 10-16 is Bicentennial Amateur Radio Week for South Carolina, complete with special-events station AA4SC operating from the Governor's Mansion.

PC-76, the first trade show for the personal communications industry, including both the amateur and CB markets, was a huge success. ARRL was there, in Las Vegas in late March, explaining amateur radio, making new friends, and greeting old ones--including more than 200 hams who were at the show on business!

A new Emergency Reference Information operating aid, of particular use to mobile repeater users, is available from Hq. The card fits the sun visors of most automobiles, and provides a convenient place to record the information needed to report emergencies accurately and efficiently. To receive yours, send an addressed envelope (at least 6 by 9 inches, so we don't have to fold the card) with 13 cent U.S. postage. Ask for CD-209.

ASCII STA OK for Oscar through August 16. Need a translation? FCC has extended the special temporary authorization for the use of standard eight-level teleprinter code by amateur stations communicating through the Oscar satellites. More translation? ASCII means the American Standard Code for Information Interchange; Oscar means Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio; and FCC means oh, guess we don't need to explain that one!

# Boondoggle in the Boondocks

A lesson on how to make an impossible task into an even more difficult one — twice!

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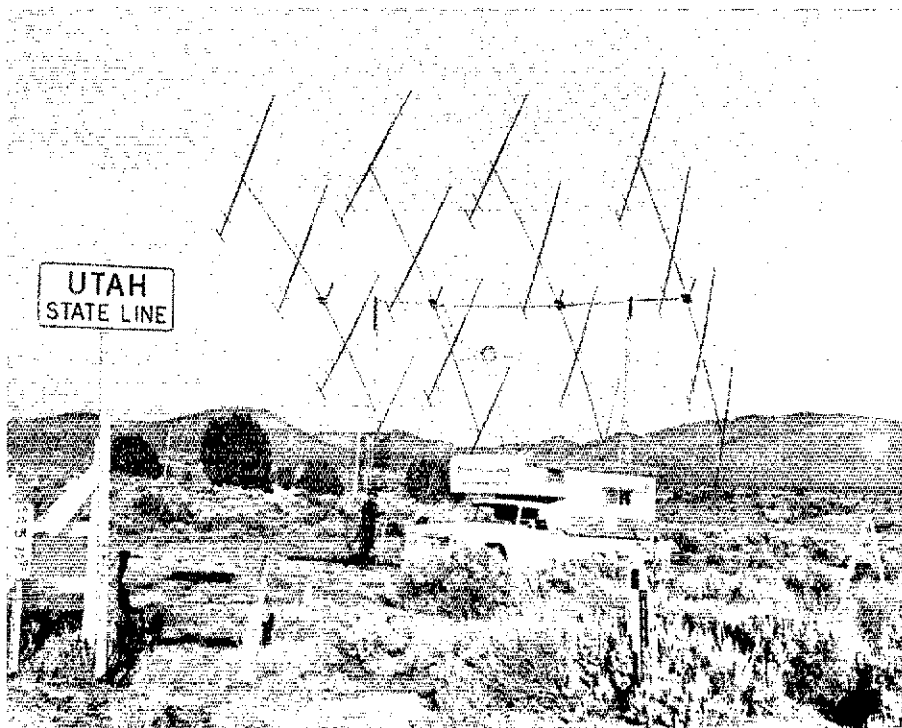
**B**oon·dog·gle, *n.*, 2. *Informal.* work of little or no practical value done merely to keep or look busy.

That's the definition as given in a dictionary, but is a work of love or curiosity ever of little or no practical value? Perhaps to a large number of non-vhfers, yes. But to those who dig doing things the hard way, the following description may guide them in fulfillment of their aspirations — or whatever!

Until recently, EME communications have been regarded as just barely within reach for the most able vhf/uhf amateur experimenters. Only a handful had succeeded with this very difficult mode.

But thanks to the advent of low-noise preamplifiers, high-power grounded-grid transmitting tubes that work well into the lower uhf region, and even complete antenna systems that can be purchased over the counter, dozens of newcomers have joined the earth-moon-earth club in the 1970s. EME is still a major technical challenge, requiring large antenna arrays with sophisticated phasing arrangements, plus the highest amateur power. Nevertheless, it has now become possible to stage "DXpeditions" to states and countries that were previously unavailable on the vhf/uhf bands.

This article describes the first two such EME "DXpeditions" that produced complete QSOs from a portable site: Two-meter operations on the Utah-



For the moment, the 16-bay array is up and ready to go.

Nevada border by K6YNB/7 in July and August, 1975.

Like most DXpeditions on the lower frequencies — and not unlike the typical field day operation in a remote locality — these vhf expeditions encountered

serious difficulties with logistics, weather, and what might best be described as the ravages of Murphy's Law. This was especially true of the first trip.

That trip, which put K6YNB/7 at a spot on the Utah-Nevada border 50

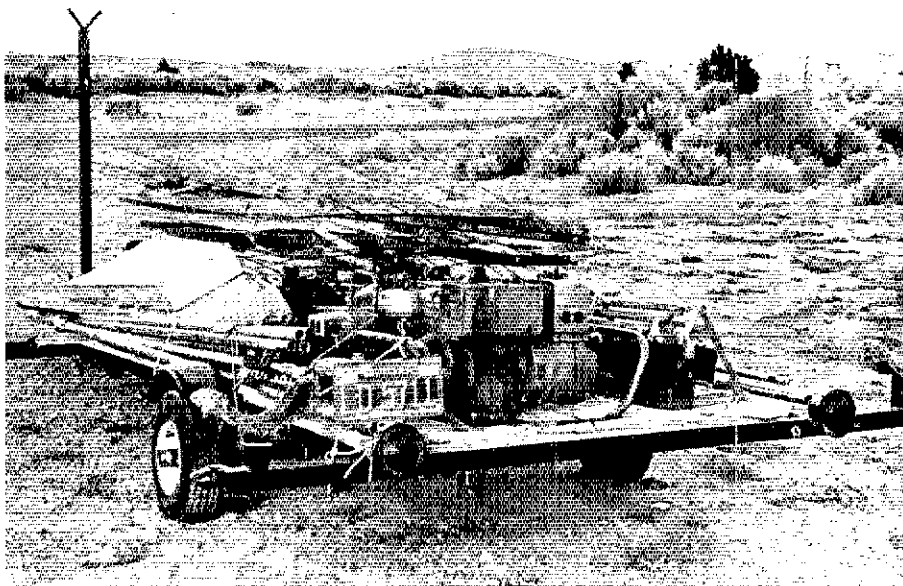
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miles from the nearest town of more than 500 people, turned out to be a shakedown voyage. It produced marginal success (one complete EME QSO plus good echoes of the K6YNB/7 signal), but it revealed numerous flaws in the portable system. The most important of these was that the original antenna system of 16 long quad-driven Yagis could not withstand the winds in an exposed desert location.

Several weeks of redesigning back home in Southern California produced a smaller, but more mechanically sound, 8-bay antenna system that developed about 21 dB of gain over a dipole. It was supported by two crank-up towers mounted at opposite ends of an 18-foot catamaran trailer, to simplify rotation.

The addition of this trailer was a considerable improvement over the original design, which used a fixed tower on the truck rear deck to provide half the support for the array. A portable tower on a Christmas tree type of stand provided the rest of the support, and the array was rotated by driving the truck in a circle around the fixed tower.

The truck-mounted tower arrangement had worked well for smaller portable antennas. Its use with a rotary triband cubical quad was described in an article and pictured on the cover of the August, 1971, issue of *QST* (see "The Cabover Kilowatt," Aug. 1971, page 48). But for an EME array that was too big for a single support, two towers mounted on a trailer — so they could be rotated without moving the truck — worked out very well. Better still would have been a bigger truck, a single larger tower, a prop-pitch motor, and a much heavier boom, but that seemed like carrying things a bit too far.



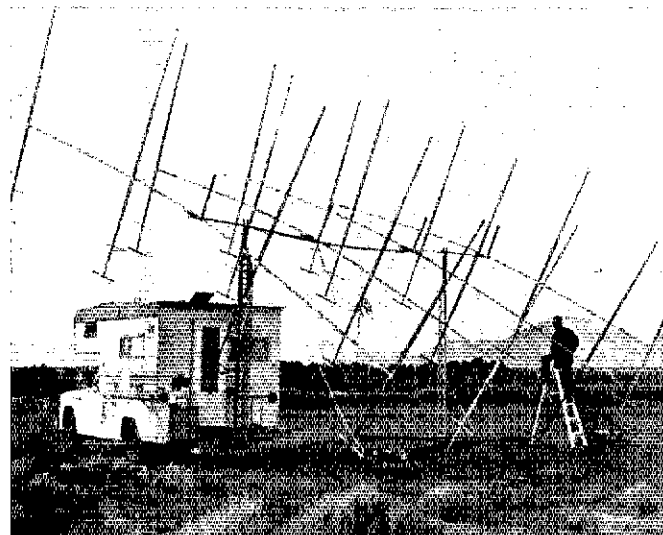
On trip number two, the trailer load of gear awaits unloading at the site.

The new system was set up on the Utah-Nevada border for three days of almost continuous schedules in mid-August. The results were complete EME QSOs with three more stations, plus solid copy from six others (two of whom copied complete call sets from K6YNB/7, but not at the same time).

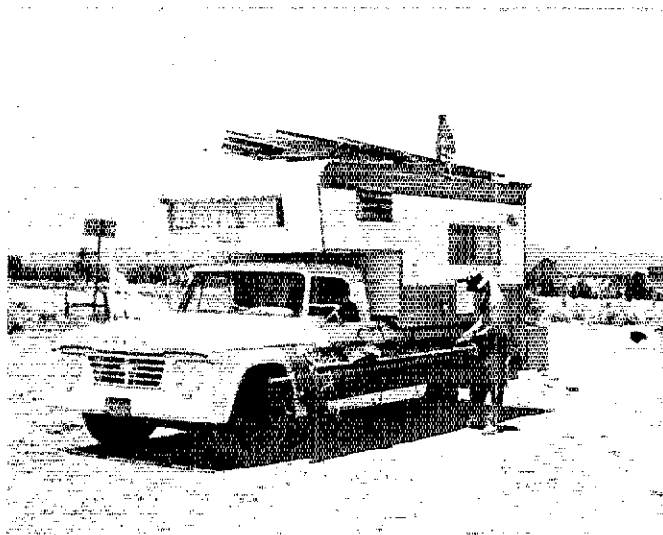
The expedition proved that it is indeed possible for amateurs to communicate via the moon on a fully portable basis, using emergency power

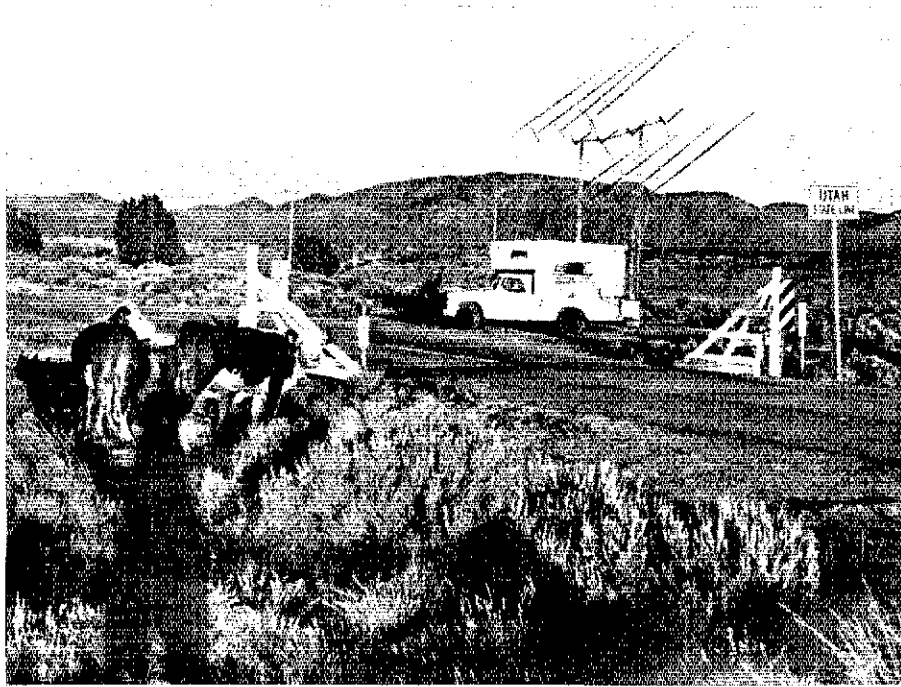
and home-built transmitters, receivers, and antennas. But it also reinforced what has long been known: That there are some variables (notably Faraday rotation) which can render two well-equipped stations unable to communicate via the moon for extended periods of time. A three-day operation may be about all that is humanly bearable in a hot, arid, and windy desert environment without some break in the routine. That isn't nearly long enough to catch all the

Desert winds transform the array into a work of abstract art.



WB6RIV (who went on trip number one but discreetly bowed out of number two) unpacks the truck at the Utah-Nevada border.



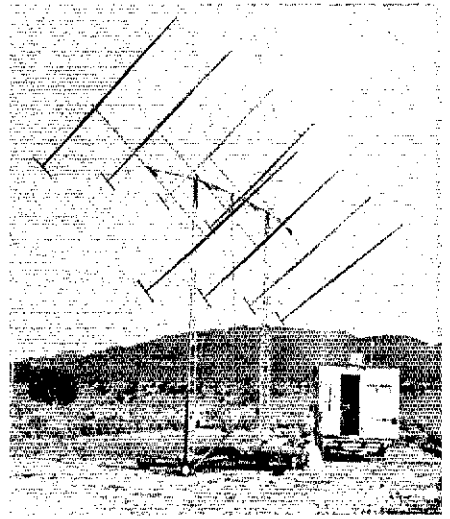


A local resident voices his opinion of EME expeditions.

variables right for complete QSOs with everyone who wants to work the portable station. EME expedition planners should probably think in terms of weeks rather than days at the remote site if

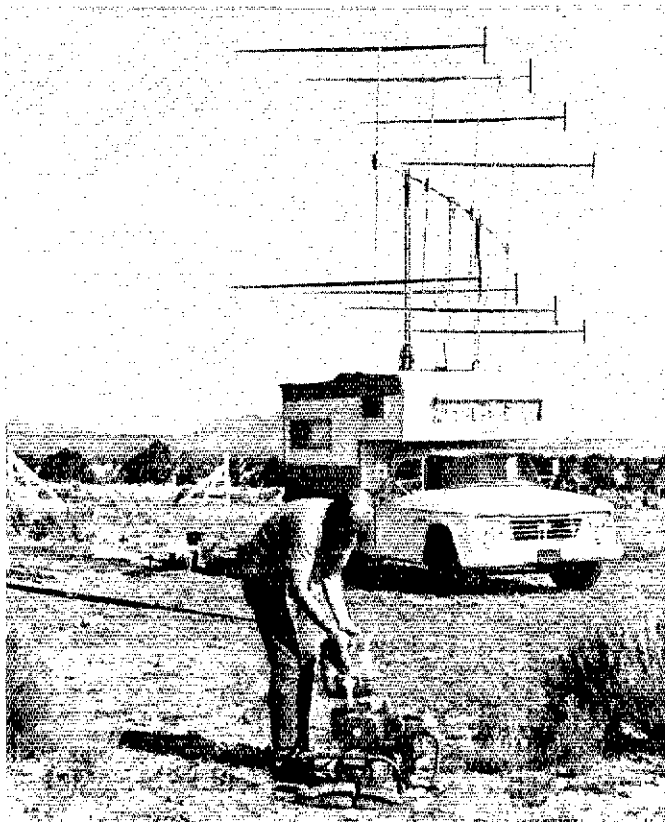
more than a few of the stations seeking to work the rare state or country are to make it.

The two trips here involved 3,000 miles of driving (in a vehicle that travels

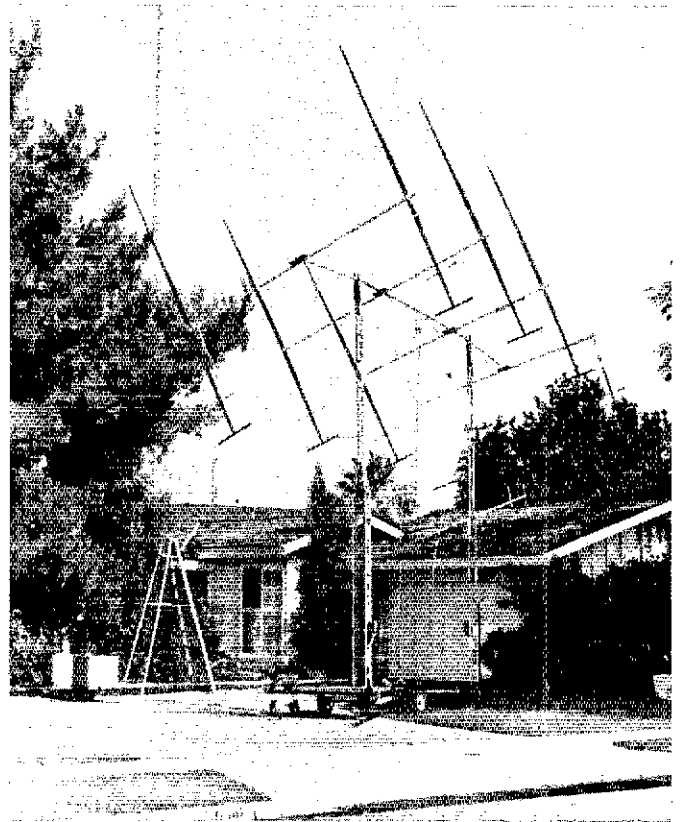


K6YNB/7 keeps three days of skeds with results that are at once exciting (the thing works) and disappointing (many skeds do not produce complete QSOs).

8 miles per gallon) and required about two months of full-time efforts. The net result was four complete EME contacts from a remote site - at a cost of nearly \$400 per QSO, not counting the value of the participants' time. **QST**



Isn't there some sort of multiplier for using emergency power in moonbounce work???



Back home, the neighbors grumble while K6YNB perfects the moonbounce-system-on-a-trailer in his driveway.

# Build A Tuna-Tin 2

Ham radio lost its kick? Go QRP with this weekend-project transmitter! WAS with a 40-meter half-watter? You betcha!

By Doug DeMaw,\* W1CER

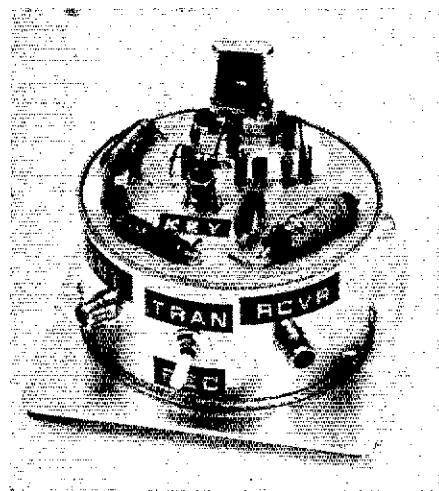
**W**orkshop weekenders, take heart. Not all building projects are complex, time consuming and costly. The Tuna-Tin 2 is meant as a short-term, go-together-easy assembly for the ham with a yen to tinker. Inspiration for this item came during a food shopping assignment. While staring at all of the metal food containers, recollections of those days when amateurs prided themselves for utilizing cake and bread tins as chassis came to the fore. Lots of good equipment was built on make-do foundations, and it didn't look ugly. But during recent years a trend has developed toward commercial gear with its status appeal, and the workshop activities of many have become the lesser part of amateur radio. While the 1-kW rigs keep the watt-hour meters recording at high speed, the soldering irons grow colder and more corroded.

A tunafish can for a chassis? Why not? This inspiration led the writer to a nearby Radio Shack store, where most of the parts for a two-transistor 40-meter cw transmitter were gleaned. A few hours later 350 milliwatt were being directed toward the antenna, and QSOs were taking place.

Maybe you've developed a jaded appetite for operating (but not for tuna). The workshop offers a trail to adventure and achievement, and perhaps that's the elixir you've been needing. Well, Merlin the Magician and Charlie the Tuna would probably commend you if they could, for they'd know you were back to the part of amateur radio that once this whole game was about — creativity and learning!

## Parts Rundown

Of course, a tunafish can is not essential as a foundation unit for this



View of the assembled Tuna-Tin 2. Dymo tape labels are used to identify the connectors and switch. The chassis is affixed to a base plate by means of No. 6 spade bolts.

QRP rig. Any 6-1/2-ounce food container will be o.k. For that matter, a sardine can may be used by those who prefer a rectangular format. Anyone for a Sardine-2? Or, how about a "Pineapple Pair?" Most 6-1/2-ounce cans measure 3-1/4 inches in OD, so that's the mark to shoot for. Be sure to eat, or at least remove the contents before starting your project!

One object of this venture was to obtain as many of the parts as possible from Radio Shack. A bargain pack of disk ceramic capacitors was acquired for this and other jobs in the future. All of the capacitors needed were found in the pile of mixed-value types. Coils, L1 and L2 of Fig. 1, were fashioned from ferrite-core rf chokes found in the store. A scan of the transistor types available led to the purchase of eight

substitutes for the popular 2N2222A device. That left six spares for the rig or for use in other projects. The important characteristics for the transistors are (should you want to try substitutes): maximum collector voltage of 30 or more, a gain ( $H_{fe}$ ) of at least 100, and a maximum frequency ( $f_T$ ) of 100 MHz or higher. Also, the transistors should have a dissipation rating of 500 mW or more.

Resistors for the circuit were already on hand, but new ones could have been purchased singly or in an assortment. Circuit-board material is also in supply at Radio Shack, so a sheet was added to the shopping bag. The tiny send-receive toggle switch is a mite expensive. The builder may want to substitute a low-cost miniature slide switch in its place. A small bag of phono jacks was purchased also, as those connectors are entirely adequate for low-power work.

Finding a crystal socket may be a problem of minor proportion. The type used will depend on the style of crystals the operator has on hand. International Crystal Co. has a variety of sockets for sale at low prices (see *QST* ads for their address). A Millen steatite crystal socket was used in the model shown. It is designed to handle HC-6/U crystals with the small-diameter pins. Fundamental crystals are used in the transmitter — the general-purpose (GP) type sold by International Crystal, 30-pF load capacitance. Surplus FT-243 crystals will work fine, too, provided the appropriate socket is used. If only one operating frequency will be used, the crystal can be soldered to the circuit board permanently. Estimated maximum cost for this project, exclusive of the crystal power supply and tunafish, is \$10. The cost estimate is based on brand new components throughout, inclusive of the

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# Learning to Work with Integrated Circuits

## Part 5: Latch the gate — before the hertzes get out!†

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As we put away our Ouija boards and brush the dust off our clothes after herding those cattle into the pens, it's time to put analogies aside and start to apply this information to ICs. Terms such as runup, fanout, inverted and not-inverted, loads and time base should now start to make sense. And as we have progressed this far, it should be plain to see that the frequency counter we're building will indeed fit within the confines of a shoebox (provided the shoebox is large enough). The use of a metal chassis is suggested by the authors due to the ineffective rf shielding offered by cardboard.

In Part 4 we mentioned that the time base section is boss over the whole operation of the counter, because it tells all the other circuits when it's time for them to do their job. The time base does this through the various gating circuits in the counter — the count-gate, the latch-gate and the reset-gate circuits. You'll also remember we said that a NAND gate was a good circuit for detecting time coincidence in two or more signals. This is exactly what we need to know in terms of information from the time-base divider section — when various signals available along the divider chain occur in time coincidence. There are several different signals available, and by detecting time coincidences of appropriate combinations of those signals, we can have a neat and orderly

set of commands passed along to the various counter sections.

In order to visualize this more clearly, let's take a look at Fig. 14. It'll also help if you look back at Fig. 12 in Part 4, the circuit diagram of the 60-Hz clock. Coming from U8 and U9 are several signals or waveforms, depicted in Fig. 14. The CL or clock signal is a train of pulses occurring at the rate of ten per second. In addition to being brought out to a terminal pad on the clock board, this signal is fed to U9 which is wired in a divide-by-12 arrangement. While it divides by 12 (providing one output pulse for every 12 input pulses), it simultaneously divides by 2 and 4. The A output from the time-base divider is the input signal divided by 2, the B output is the input divided by 4, and the D output is the input divided by 12, with one pulse occurring every 1.2 seconds. You can see the time relationships of these signals in Fig. 14. (There is also a C output available from pin 8 of U9 which we don't utilize in our gating scheme.)

"Yipes! How can we combine all these signals to make order out of chaos?" you ask. Admittedly there are a lot of things going on in that time base section all at once, but precise time relationships exist among them which we can use to advantage. For the moment, look at just the B and D outputs shown in Fig. 14, and more particularly, look to see when they are both in a high logic state (the way an AND gate would look at them). These two signals are

high in time coincidence only during clock-pulse periods 10 and 11. Perfect! Just what we need for our count-gate signal — a waveform which is in one logic state for one second (the period of ten clock pulses) and in the other for the remainder of the complete count/latch/reset cycle. This is shown as the waveform B·D in Fig. 14, where the · means a logic AND function. If we use an inverting AND or a NAND gate in our counter with inputs wired to B and D, its output will be right side up to be fed directly to another gate — the actual count gate. In this second gate, the train of pulses from the unknown input signal can be turned on for exactly one second and then turned off by this B·D signal. (Remember, the overscore means *not*.)

Similarly, we can combine other signals in AND-gate fashion to obtain a latch pulse and a reset pulse. On occasion we may find a need to invert a logic signal so that it'll combine as we require in one of the gates, and to do this we simply use an inverter section. In Fig. 14 you can see that, if we AND the B·D signal with the CL signal (B·D·CL), we are well on our way toward obtaining a latch pulse (a pulse which must occur after the count gate has ended but before the counting section is reset to zero) and a reset pulse (which must occur after the latch pulse has ended but before the count gate is opened). Separating the two pulses of the B·D·CL waveform is done in AND-gate fashion by combining this waveform with an inverted A or  $\bar{A}$  signal to obtain the

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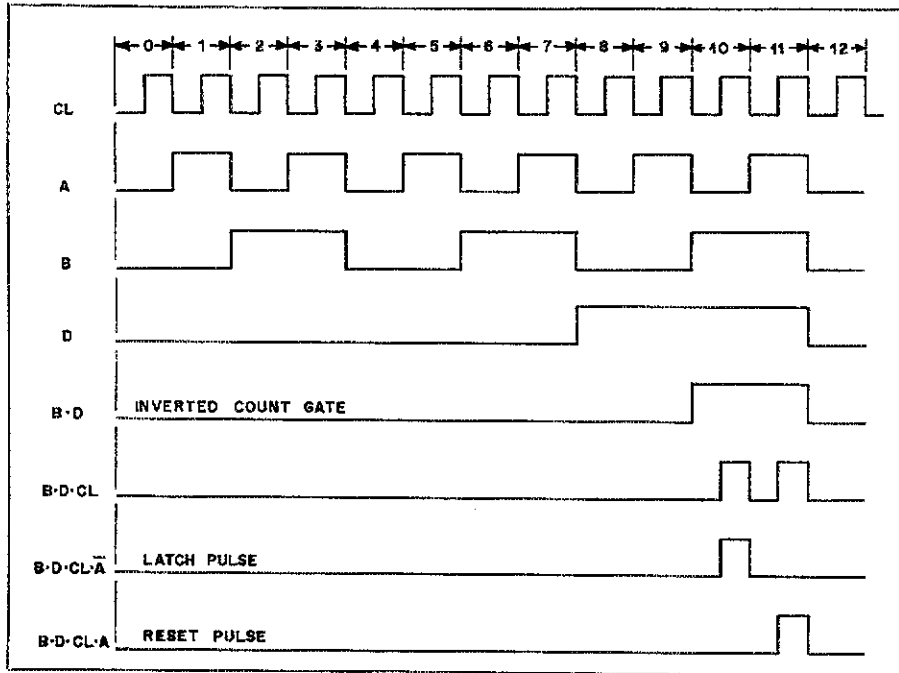


Fig. 14 — Waveforms used in deriving the count, latch, and reset gating signals in the frequency counter. Those identified as CL (clock), A, B, and D, are obtained from the 60-Hz clock board.

latch pulse, and with the A signal to obtain the reset pulse. That's all there is to it.

"Wait a minute," we hear you saying. "You're telling me that you've got gates gating gates that gate gates, with a few inverters thrown in for good measure?" Yes, complicated as it may

sound, that's the way it's done. But when it's all laid out end to end, we'll bet it won't seem so complicated.

### The Gating Circuitry

The complete gating scheme is shown in Fig. 15. Let's "take a walk" through that diagram so all these pieces

Fig. 15 — Schematic diagram of the gating circuit. Points marked common should be tied together and connected to the common leads of other boards and the power supply, but isolated from the chassis. No connections are made to pin numbers not shown on the ICs. Inputs A, B, D, and CL come from the clock board (see Fig. 12 of Part 4). Numbers within the triangles refer to connections made to the circuit of Fig. 17. All capacitances are shown in microfarads ( $\mu\text{F}$ ). Parts required are listed with Fig. 17.

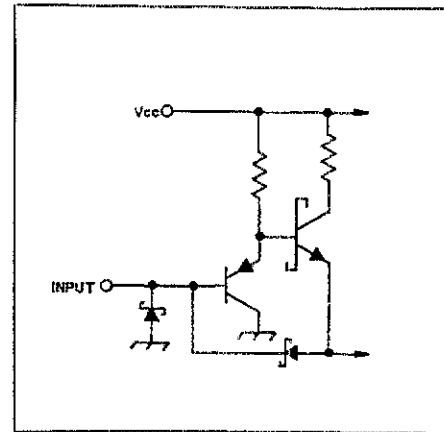
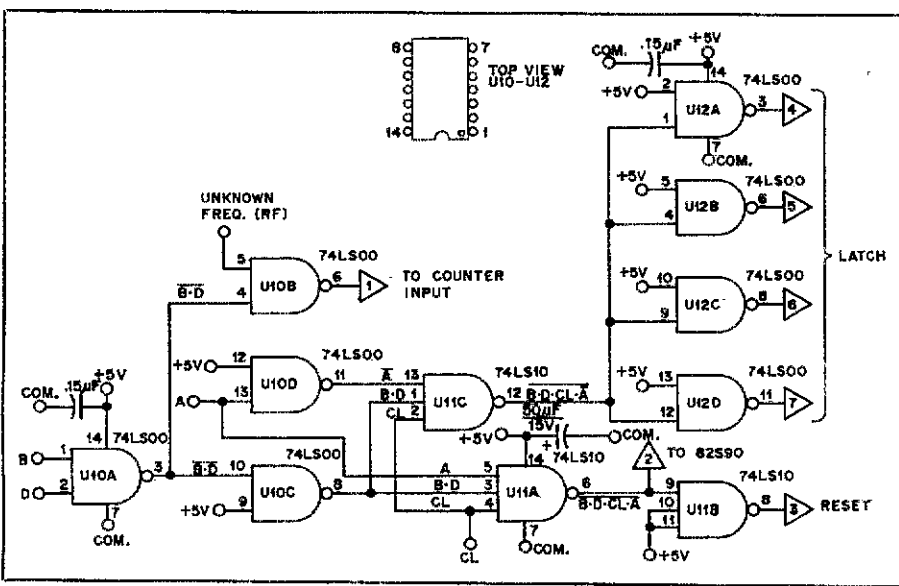


Fig. 16 — Low current pnp input structure of the 82S MSI-series Schottky TTL circuits. Pnp transistors are used to reduce input loading. The maximum input current requirement for a logic low is  $400 \mu\text{A}$ , whereas for ordinary TTL ICs it is on the order of 1.6 mA. This allows the circuit designer to improve existing systems without exceeding fanout limitations.

of information will fall into place. At the left, U10A is our old friend, a NAND gate, with input signals connected to the B and D outputs from the clock board. The output of U10A will be  $B \cdot D$ , upside down from the  $B \cdot D$  waveform shown in Fig. 14. This signal is fed to U10B, which gates the train of pulses from the unknown frequency on for one second and then off during latch and reset. The  $B \cdot D$  signal is also fed to one input of U10C, which has its other input wired to +5 V. When connected in this manner, the NAND gate functions merely as an inverter, so the output of U10C is  $B \cdot D$ , fed to pin 1 of U11C. U11C is a 3-input NAND gate with CL applied to pin 2 and A applied to pin 13 (an A signal inverted in U10D). The output is  $B \cdot D \cdot CL \cdot A$  inverted, upside down from that shown as the latch pulse in Fig. 14. U12A through D are each wired as inverters to bring the pulse right side up for passing along to the latch circuits. Four sections are used because of the heavy fanout requirements of the latch circuits. Meanwhile, U11A has as its inputs A, B, D, and CL, so its output will be  $B \cdot D \cdot CL \cdot A$  inverted, upside down from the reset pulse shown in Fig. 14. U11B is wired as an inverter, setting upright the reset pulses going to the 7490 counter ICs. The 82S90 input IC of the counter section requires a negative-going reset pulse, just the opposite of that for the 7490s, so this signal is taken out ahead of U11B.

So you see, it's not really so complicated now. As shown here, the B and D signals were already combined in a

NAND gate early in the gating scheme (U10A), so we make use of this B·D signal in combined form in later gates, U11A and C. Four-input gates could have been used where U11A and C are shown, with B and D being separate inputs. Electrically, either approach would be satisfactory. In designing circuits such as this, the total package count and cost are usually the most important deciding factors. Advantage can be taken of the fact that NAND-gate integrated circuits contain several independent sections and, as in the case of U10C, sections not actually required for a NAND-gate function may be used as inverters.

### To Count or Totalize

In Part 4 of this series we discussed the operation of the 7492 and 7493 counter ICs, with emphasis on the

divide-by-six function of the 7492 and reset-at-twelve operation of the 7493 4-bit binary counter. And in Part 4 we also discussed the operation of an EPUT meter, a term often used to describe the type of frequency counter we are building (we've added a voltage-to-frequency converter so we can measure ac and dc voltages). Now let's take a closer look at the 7490 decade-divider IC, and the 82S90 ultra-high-speed presettable decade counter, shown in the "count" blocks of Fig. 9, Part 4. "How come you call an IC a divider one time and you call it a counter the next?" you ask. The easiest way to answer that question would be to say that while the IC does divide, it is actually performing a counting operation. Still confused? Let's review some of the basics on IC counters that we talked about in Part 4.

Refer to Fig. 9 of Part 4 for the

following discussion. Let's assume that the frequency coming from the 566 IC is 2222 Hz. When the count gate is told to open by the clock, all 2222 of those "hertz" (a train of pulses, 2222 in number) flow into the first decade (units) IC. This poor first IC can't hold all of these pulses, but it can count every single one of them and retain up to 9 pulses. But since this is a divide-by-ten IC, it divides by ten with the tenth pulse providing a carry-over signal. The result is that the IC sends 222 of the carry pulses on to the next decade (tens) IC while retaining the 2 from the units position of the 2222 pulses counted. The tens decade can only hold up to 9 tens, but there are more than 9 tens. So after division in this IC by ten, 22 pulses are sent on to the next IC (the hundreds decade) with the 2 from the tens position of 2222 retained. And from the

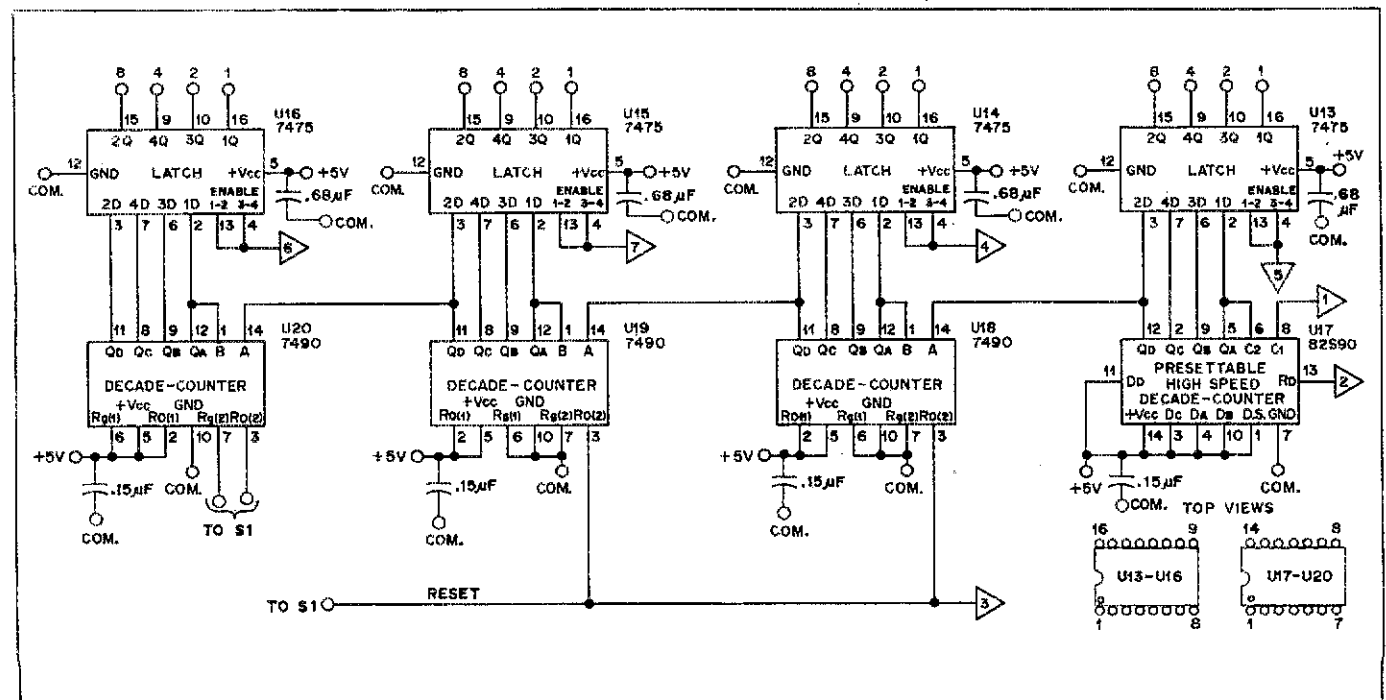
Fig. 17 — Schematic diagram of the totalizer circuit. Points marked common should be interconnected with the common leads of other boards and the power supply, but not connected to the metal enclosure. No connections are made to pin numbers not shown on the ICs. Numbers within the triangles refer to connections made to

the circuit of Fig. 15. All capacitances are shown in microfarads ( $\mu\text{F}$ ). The two circuits, that of Fig. 15 and that shown here, are constructed on one circuit-board (CW-LW4). Parts required for construction of both circuits are listed below.

- U10, U12 — Schottky clamped TTL quad 2-input positive NAND-gate IC, type 74LS00.
- U11 — Schottky clamped TTL triple 3-input positive NAND gate IC, type 74LS10.
- U13-U16, incl. — TTL 4-bit bistable latches, type 7475.
- U17 — Schottky clamped TTL ultrahigh-speed presettable binary counter, type 82S90. Note: The 82S90 will operate to 100 MHz. The lower cost (and per-

- haps more readily attainable) 74196 IC, rated for only 50 MHz, may be used as a direct replacement.
- U18-U20, incl. — TTL decade-counter IC, type 7490. (For lower power consumption, Schottky clamped 74LS90 ICs may be used.)
- IC sockets for 14-pin dual in-line IC packages, Cambion 3788-0416 or CA 14S105D, or equiv. (7 req'd.)
- IC sockets for 16-pin dual in-line IC packages, Cambion 3789-0416 or CA 16S105D or equiv. (4 req'd.)

- Electrolytic capacitor, either 47  $\mu\text{F}$  or 50  $\mu\text{F}$ , 15 V. (1 req'd.)
- Disk or rectangular ceramic capacitors, 0.15  $\mu\text{F}$ , 50 V. (6 req'd.)
- Disk or rectangular ceramic capacitors, 0.15  $\mu\text{F}$ , 50 V. (5 req'd.)
- Plastic-covered hookup wire, No. 24 or No. 26, assorted colors. Solid-conductor wire may be used for jumper connections on the circuit board, but stranded wire is preferred for interconnections between boards.



hundreds decade-divider IC, a final 2 pulses are sent on to the last IC (the thousands decade).

If we place these numbers in our display, from right to left (actually displayed from left to right on our readout), the number would read 2222 units, in this case hertz. So what has resulted from our dividing is in reality a *totalizing* or representation of all the pulses that went into our frequency counter. More specifically, a *count* of the pulses (frequency) has occurred.

### It's What's Inside That Counts — Have You Heard That Before?

The 7490 IC, a high-speed (?), monolithic decade counter consisting of four master-slave flip-flops, provides divide-by-two and divide-by-five operation. Internal gate circuits allow for resetting the outputs of the 7490 to 0 or BCD count of 9 for nine's compliment decimal application. We will be using this set-to-nine feature in the frequency counter project we are building; we'll talk more on this feature later.

To achieve a divide-by-ten function with the 7490, the divide-by-two and divide-by-five sections of the IC are wired externally in cascade. The B input is connected to the Q<sub>A</sub> output, and the input count pulses are applied to input A.

Similar only in function and circuit operation to the 7490, the 82S90 will perform a divide-by-10 operation in the frequency counter and, at the same time, allow for utilization of the frequency counter through the 6-meter

amateur band. The 82S series Schottky TTL circuits are implemented with Schottky-barrier-diode clamping to achieve very high speed operation that previously could be obtained only with emitter-coupled logic. And yet Schottky ICs can be used with most of the saturated logic circuits.

Schottky-barrier-diode clamping prevents transistors in the IC chip from attaining "classic" saturation, effectively eliminating *excess* storage charge and the resultant recovery times.<sup>9</sup> Schottky is the name given to an extra step in the process of manufacturing the IC chip. This process results in devices on the chip which greatly increase the speed at which the IC performs its assigned operating task. Schottky-barrier-diodes in parallel with the collector-base junction form the Schottky-clamped transistors. This diode has a lower forward voltage than the collector-base junction. As a result the transistor cannot go completely into saturation because most of the base current is diverted by the diode. The use of small area in IC chip design, coupled with reduced stored charge, results in significant improvement in switching characteristics. See Fig. 16 for an example of a typical input circuit for an 82S MSI Schottky IC.

In order for the 82S90 to be utilized in the frequency counter, we have to "preset" the data inputs so a divide-by-ten function will result. This task is accomplished by wiring all the data inputs and the data strobe input to

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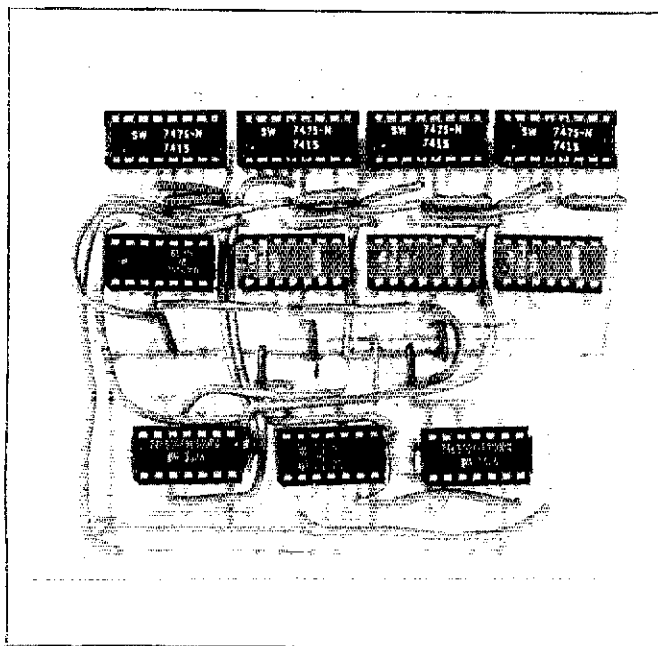
+Vcc, and then using the RS input for resetting all stages and outputs to zero (logic 0). The outputs, Q<sub>A</sub> through Q<sub>D</sub> of the 82S90 are wired to the same corresponding inputs on the 7475 (U13) as the Q outputs of the 7490s are to their respective 7475s. See Fig. 17.

### Latch the Gate — Before The Hertz Get Out!

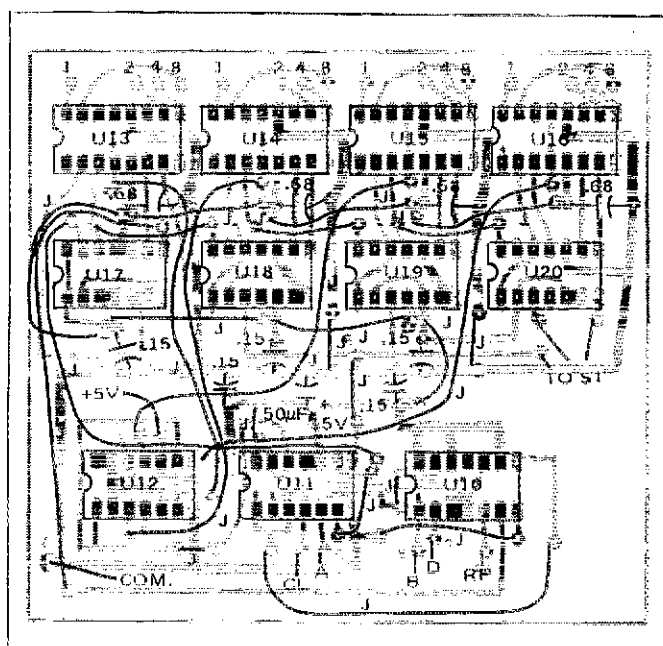
The 7475 4-bit bistable (flip-flop) latch integrated circuit is the electronic "memory" or storage element between the counter circuits and the decoder-driver and display units. Circuits of the 7475 IC will temporarily store information between processing units (the 82S90 and 7490s in this case) and input-output or indicator units (the 7447s used in the display section). Information at a data input, 1D of U13 in Fig. 17 for example, is transferred to the Q output (1Q of U13) when the clock input (enable 1-2 and 3-4) is a logic high. The Q output will follow the data input as long as the enable remains at logic high. When the clock goes low at the enable inputs, the information that was present at the 1D input at the time the transition occurred is retained at the 1Q output until the clock pulse to the enable again goes high. If the input information is BCD, then the output information will follow, also BCD.

The 7475 latches offer the advantage, of course, that one doesn't have to watch those displays blink madly away as the counters run up. By placing the latch IC between the counter and the decoder-driver ICs, runup is not dis-

Fig. 18 — Parts placement guide for the counter board, not shown at actual size. These views show the component side of the board. J = wire jumper. Some jumper wires may be seen in the photograph as



bare, with the plastic insulation removed. This is permissible when such wires are in the clear and there is no chance of their touching other conductors.





played and frequency changes are indicated by instant changes on the display.

### Let's Build It

Despite the fact that the counter and gate board has the highest density of ICs of all the five boards, no special techniques are required for assembling the pc board. The gating circuits of Fig. 15 and the counting (totalizer) circuits of Fig. 17 are all included on what we've called the counter board. One item worth mentioning, though, is that there are a large number of jumpers required for making all the necessary circuit interconnections. Routing of the jumpers can be seen in the parts placement guide, Fig. 18. If you want to etch your own board, the etching pattern is shown in Fig. 19. Placing the capacitors and IC sockets on the pc board as the first steps in assembly should make routing the jumper wires easier, since they can then be "snaked" around the sockets and capacitors. Approximately 26 jumper wires are required on the board, making the use of color-coded wires a good approach for this assembly.

Once you've wired up the board itself and checked to be sure you have no solder bridges or wiring errors, you're ready to connect the outputs from the clock board, A, B, D, and CL. Temporary interconnections will be okay for now, and we can dress them up and make them permanent when we assemble the complete instrument. Also connect common and +5-volt leads to the power supply section. Now insert all the ICs in the proper sockets and apply power. Again we dig out our trusty voltmeter and check the gating circuits. Measure the dc voltage at pin 3 of either U18 or U19, the reset pulse. The voltage should flick positive to 5 volts every 1.2 seconds. The duration of the positive pulse will be so short that probably the meter needle will never reach the 5-volt mark, so any flicking at all at the proper time interval is sufficient. Next check the four outputs of U12, pins 3, 6, 8, and 11. The results should be the same, positive flicking every 1.2 seconds, indicating the latch pulses are okay.

Now comes the moment we've been waiting for! Interconnect the 16 BCD wires between the counter board and the display board. Here again, temporary interconnections will be okay for now. The boards are constructed so that one should have the foil side up while the other is foil side down, and the wires may be run straight across from one board to the other. Refer to the layouts for both boards if you have doubts about these interconnections. If you end up with BCD wires crossing each other, you've done something wrong.

With the +12- and +5-volt leads connected as required from each board

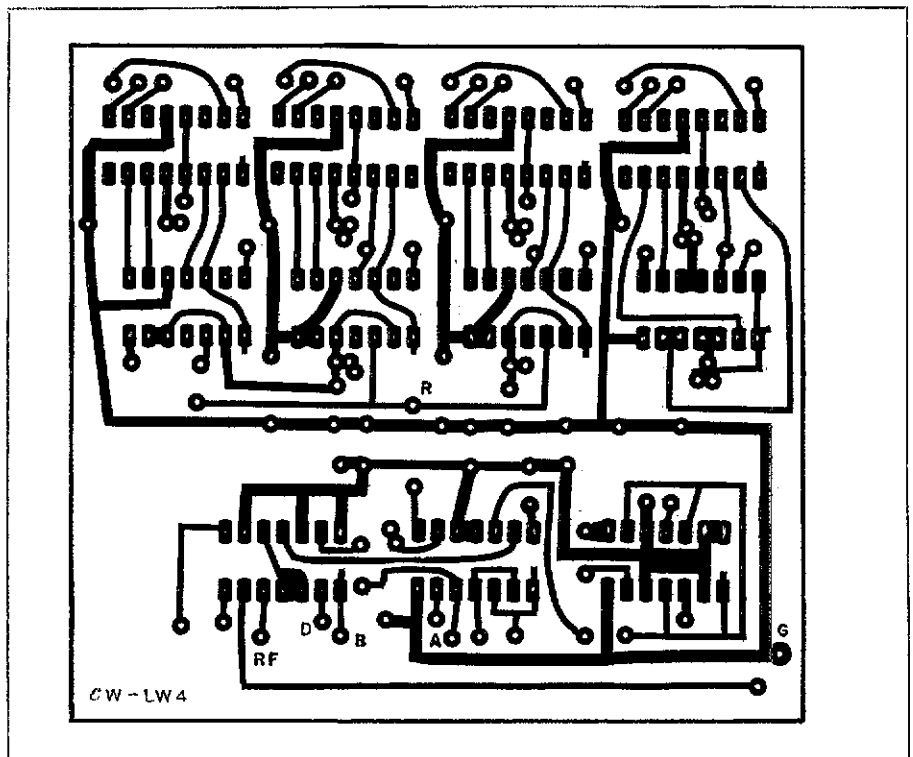


Fig. 19 — Etching pattern for the counter board, actual size. The pattern is shown from the foil side, with black representing copper.

to the power supply and with all common leads hooked together apply power. The readout displays should illuminate immediately and, after a second or so, should display the numbers 9001. If the readouts remain dark, you're in for some detective work. Check your power supply connections first, and then your other board interconnections. The figures 9001 should be displayed without flicker and without changing to other numbers after the first second or so.

Now remove power and locate the pad connected to pin 5 of U10, identified as "RF" on the counter board. To this pad solder a length of stranded wire which will become our test lead. This is the counter input lead. Reapply power, and connect this test lead to common. The 9001 display should change to 9000. Now touch the test lead to pin 6 of U7, the 74121 IC on the clock board. The display reading should change to 9060. Do you know why? Your pride-and-joy is counting 60-Hz line-frequency pulses, as shaped by the 74121! The 9 on the left of the display appears because the left-most 7490 is being reset to 9 at present, rather than to 0. We'll use that feature when we go to DVM operation. For now let's solder in some temporary jumpers to make it reset to 0. Looking at the board from the foil side, remove power and connect a jumper between the pad near pin 3 of U20 and

the pad at the left end of the R (reset) line. Next connect a jumper between the pad near pin 7 and common. All set? Okay, reapply power. With the test lead not touching anything, the display should now read 01, and with the test lead grounded to common, 00 should be shown. Touching the test lead to pin 6 of the 74121 should produce 60. Immediately after you touch the test lead to pin 6, you may note a reading of other than 60. This is normal, as you may have made the connection when the count sequence was already in progress. The counter will update its display in another 1.2 seconds after the erroneous number is displayed.

At this point the counter is ready to count unknown frequencies, but for one small detail . . . we've got no circuit to shape the unknown signal. As a temporary expedient you may wish to build up another 74121 circuit like that of U7, Fig. 12 of Part 4. The 1000-ohm resistor from pin 5, rather than going to the 60-Hz source, will become your counter input. The test lead which is connected to "RF" on the counter board may then be connected to pin 6 of this additional 74121 IC. With this arrangement you should have no difficulty in counting audio and low-frequency rf signals which are upwards of 10 volts or so rms amplitude.

Part 6 of this series will appear in a subsequent issue of *QST*.

# A PROM for the Accu-Keyer

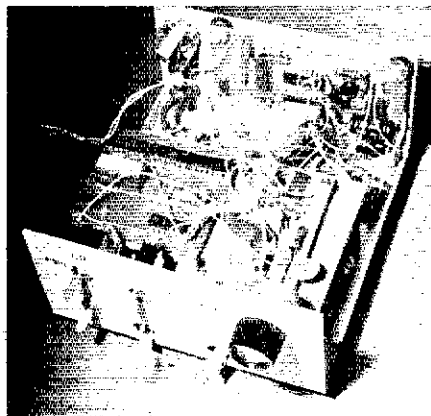
The Accu-PROM . . . a device that doesn't lose its memory when power is removed.

By David L. Madison,\* K3ACN

The Accu-Keyer<sup>1</sup> has all of the qualities of a classic amateur design: relative simplicity, fool-proof operation, and low cost. The popularity of the Accu-Keyer is reflected by periodic reports in *QST* of the number of circuit boards shipped by Mr. Garrett.

In a more recent paper, an Accu-Keyer with memory is described.<sup>2</sup> The heart of the Accu-Memory is a metal-oxide-semiconductor (MOS) memory device which can be programmed and erased repeatedly. The Accu-Memory will undoubtedly be built and used by large numbers of contest operators and cw enthusiasts.

For the occasional cw operator, the Accu-Memory may entail more complexity and expense than desired. A simpler alternative is possible through the use of a programmable read-only memory (PROM). The system to be described converts the Accu-Keyer to a message generator, or Accu-PROM. The modifications to the Accu-Keyer are minor and have no effect on keyer operation when a message is not being sent. Perhaps the best feature is the cost, which can be kept to about seven dollars if surplus ICs are used.



The author's version of the Accu-PROM is installed in his Accu-Keyer cabinet. The pc board on the back panel is the original Accu-Keyer circuitry. The white IC on the left of the pc board in the foreground is a programmable read-only memory (PROM) with 1024 bits of memory.

There are a couple of trade-offs, of course. The type of PROM used here cannot be erased once it is programmed. Several PROMs can be programmed though, for calling CQ, for contests or Field Day, and so on. The other disadvantage is that some circuitry must be constructed to program the PROM. The programming device can be bread-boarded from readily available parts.

however, and can be used to program any number of PROMs, making the Accu-PROM a good club project.

## Operation of the PROM

A type N82S129 PROM is used to provide 1024 bits of memory, organized as 256 words at 4 bits per word. In some respects this type of PROM is an IC version of the diode matrices used in earlier message generators.<sup>3</sup> In those circuits, the presence or absence of a diode at a particular location in the matrix represented a logic 0 or 1. The N82S129 is effectively a matrix of 1024 diodes, each in series with a miniature nichrome link. Prior to programming, the entire memory is in the logic 0 state. The chip is programmed by electrically fusing the appropriate nichrome links, thereby changing the corresponding bits to the logic 1 state.

The chip also contains all of the required address decoding and output buffering, and is fully compatible with TTL ICs. Eight of the sixteen pins on the N82S129 are used to specify the desired word. The address of the first word is 00000000, and the 256th word is 11111111. If the two chip-enable pins are grounded, the contents of the addressed word will appear on four of the pins.

## Logic Description

Four instructions are required to control the Accu-Keyer: Send a dot,

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<sup>1</sup>This and succeeding references may be found on page 24...

**Table 1**  
Word Address  
IC PIN

Contents of Word

5	6	7	4	3	2	1	15	11	12	*	9	10	*
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	--	1	0	.
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	--	1	0	.
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	space	0	1	--
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	--	1	0	.
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	--	0	0	space
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	--	1	0	.
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	--	1	0	.
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	space	0	1	--
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	--	1	0	.
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	--	0	0	space

Sample message coding for the Accu-PROM. Each word contains two instructions. Pins 11 and 12 contain the first instruction of a word, and pins 9 and 10 contain the second instruction. A space is represented by 00, a dot by 10, a dash by 01, and halt (not shown) is 11. The first eleven words of a 3 x 3 CQ are given.

\* Instruction

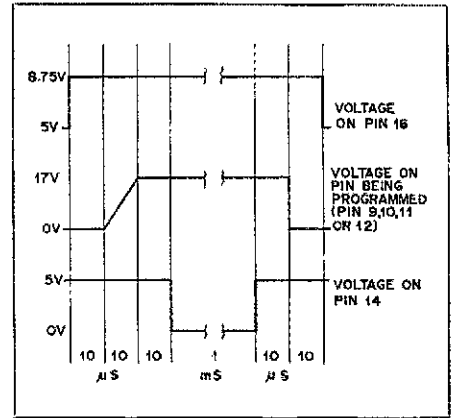


Fig. 2 — Timing diagram for the programming sequence of the N82S129 PROM. The above pulses will change the bit being programmed from the logic 0 to the logic 1 state.

send a dash, send a space, and stop or halt. A space is coded in the PROM by 00, a dot by 10, a dash by 01, and halt by 11. Since the PROM used here is organized in the 256 x 4 configuration, each word will contain two instructions.

As shown in Fig. 1, U1, U2, and U3 form a binary counter. When S1 is open,

pin 2 of each 7493 is high, holding the count to zero. When the switch is closed, the 7493s are enabled to count. The least significant bit of the count, available at pin 12 of U3, is used by U5 (a 2-input multiplexer) to select the "left" two bits of a word (pins 11 and 12 of U4), or the "right" two bits (pins

9 and 10 of U4). The next most significant 8 bits of the counter specify which of the 256 words is required.

The output of U5, on pins 7 and 4, represents one coded instruction. It is decoded by U6 into the four possible instructions. If the instruction is halt, pins 5, 6, and 7 are high and nothing further happens. If a dot is to be sent, pin 5 goes low, causing pin 3 of U7A to go high. After inversion by U7C, this condition causes the dot-paddle contact to go low as though it had been tapped manually. If a dash is to be sent, pin 6 of U6 goes low, effectively grounding the dash paddle. A space is sent in the same manner as a dot, but U7B prevents the output of the Accu-Keyer (pin 7 of U6) from reaching R8. The Accu-Keyer is thereby "faked" into sending a space by sending a dot but suppressing the output. This allows any number of spaces to be sent sequentially without having the Accu-Keyer clock stop. Pin 7 of U6 in the Accu-Keyer is also tied to pin 14 of U3 in the Accu-PROM. The falling edge of the pulse generated by a keyer dot, dash, or space advances the binary counter by one, allowing the next instruction to be decoded.

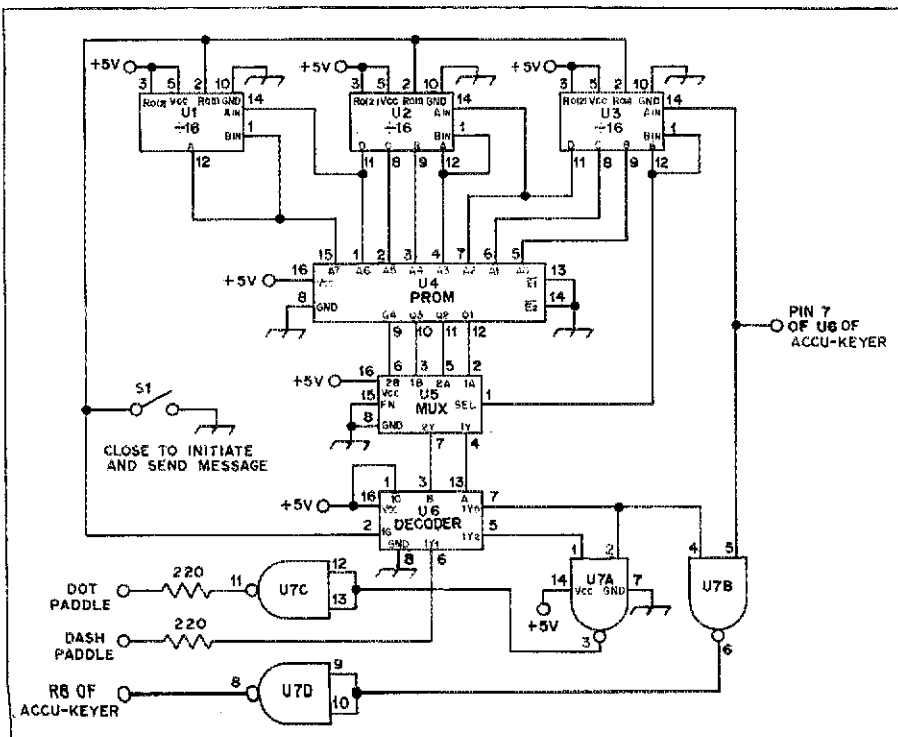
During manual operation, S1 is open and pin 2 of U6 is high. This holds pins 5, 6, and 7 high regardless of the inputs to pins 3 and 13; therefore, the paddle contacts are high unless they are manually keyed. The 220-Ω resistors are included to prevent damage to U7 when the paddles are closed. When S1 is open, pin 4 of U7B is high, and the Accu-Keyer output from pin 7 of U6 is routed to R8 essentially unaltered.

### Programming the PROM

The first step in programming the PROM is to construct a table of the required state (logic 1 or 0) of each bit of each word. Table 1 shows how the

Fig. 1 — Diagram of the Accu-PROM. There are 256 words of memory, each containing 4 bits, provided by U4, the N82S129 programmable read-only memory.

- S1 — Spst toggle.
- U1-U3, incl. — TTL 4-bit binary counter, type 7493.
- U4 — Programmable read-only memory, Signetics type N82S129.
- U5 — TTL quad 2-input multiplexer, type 74157.
- U6 — TTL dual 2-line to 4-line decoder, type 74155.
- U7 — TTL quad 2-input NAND gate, type 7400.



first two CQs of a message are coded. The halt instruction can be omitted; if it is not included, the Accu-PROM will consider the unused portion of the PROM to be filled with spaces, and the message will eventually repeat unless S1 is opened first.

Fig. 2 shows the timing diagram of the pulses used to program the N82S129. Fig. 3 is a circuit which will generate the required pulses; it is similar to the circuit recommended by Signetics. Slide switches S6 through S13 are used to set the address of the word being programmed. As previously mentioned, only the bits requiring a 1 are programmed. To program a bit, hold down S2, S3, S4, or S5 (corresponding to the required bit) and momentarily depress S1. The programming must be done carefully, since a bit that has been programmed to a logic 1 cannot be changed back to a logic 0. Also, after each bit is programmed, it is wise to check the status of the pin with a voltmeter. A pin voltage of at least 2.4

V indicates that the bit has been successfully programmed.

### Building and Using the Accu-PROM

The Accu-PROM circuit is simple enough that it can easily be wired on a small piece of perforated board, or, if preferred, a pc board can be etched. It is suggested that an IC socket be used for the PROM so that the message can be changed by replacing the IC. The only modification to the Accu-Keyer board involves breaking the connection between R8 and pin 7 of U6 and bringing leads from those points to the Accu-PROM board as indicated in Fig. 1. If the Accu-Keyer was constructed with the simple Zener-diode-regulated supply, better voltage regulation may be required to power the Accu-PROM. It is suggested that an LM309 5-V regulator to be used in lieu of the Zener diode.

Using the Accu-PROM is easy. Closing S1 initiates and sends the message, and opening S1 stops the message at any point and reverts the keyer to normal

operation. The message rate is determined by the Accu-Keyer speed control.

Several variations of the Accu-PROM are possible. If the capability to send one of several messages is required, the messages can be programmed on separate PROMs. If the corresponding pins of each PROM are wired in parallel, with the exception of pin 14, one PROM can be addressed by using a rotary switch to ground pin 14 on the desired chip. Another possible variation is the addition of a dpst switch to break the connections to pin 14 of U3 and pin 2 of U6. This switch, when open, would cause the Accu-PROM to pause during a message so that code (e.g., RST) could be inserted manually.

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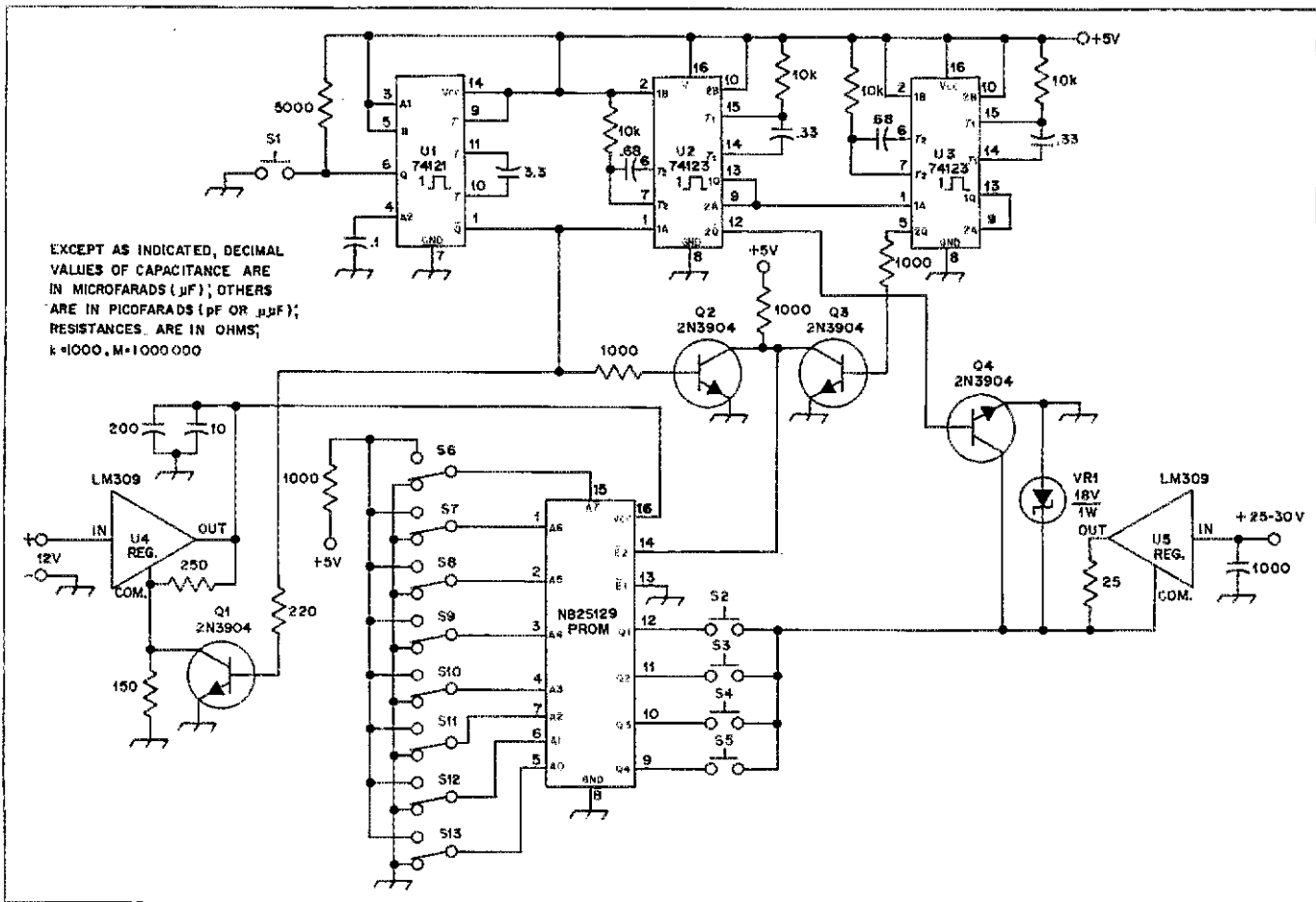
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Fig. 3 — Schematic diagram of the programming device for the N82S129 PROM. The word address is entered with S6 through S13. A logic 1 is programmed by holding either S2, S3, S4, or S5 closed, as required, and momentarily pressing S1. U5 is wired as a current regulator.

Q1-Q4, incl. — Silicon npn 250-mW switching transistor.  
S1-S5, incl. — Normally open push-button

switch.  
S6-S13, incl. — Spdt slide or toggle switch.  
U1 — Monostable multivibrator, type 74121.  
U2, U3 — Retriggerable monostable multivibrator, type 74123.  
U4, U5 — 5-volt regulator, type LM309.



# Power Amplifier Development with Your Transistors

Simple test equipment and methods for making-do with devices on hand, on frequencies you want to use.

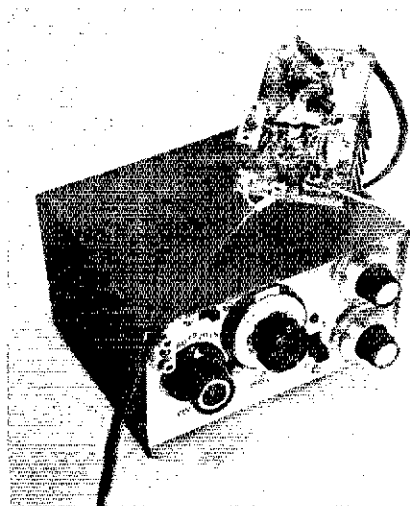
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One of the more exciting phases of ham radio today is the use of rf power transistors in transmitter amplifier stages. Solid-state design has obvious weight and power-drain advantages, especially in gear that may be used for mobile or portable operation. Development of balanced-emitter rf power transistors, virtually blowout proof and superior to earlier types in regard to stability, gave great impetus to use of all-solid-state equipment in both the hf and vhf ranges.

For the amateur who wants to do other than make exact copies of described equipment, a problem has been lack of understandable information that will permit him to work out transmitter designs for transistors he may have on

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Solid-state 40-meter amplifier, built by the author for use with his QRP rig, was tested and adjusted using the methods he describes.



hand or be able to pick up at moderate prices. Even when good information is available, it may be for only the vhf range, or the circuits described may not necessarily be the best available for amateur-band use. Unlike vacuum tubes, solid-state devices may exhibit wide variations between individual units of the same type. This is in part the result of applications design for top-quality production runs intended for military or space use, whereas the amateur may have to contend with second- or third-level quality. There is also the matter of the practical unreliability of mathematical calculations used in solid-state amplifier design. Johnson and Artigo have noted that competent engineering can produce "ball-park" errors ranging from -22 to +25 percent between calculated values and those that actually work.<sup>1</sup>

## Assumptions

The objective here is to allow the average amateur to circumvent the above obstacles, by placing emphasis on the actual device on hand through in-circuit measurements made during amplifier development. The method is based on several general assumptions which will hold in most cases. A reader unfamiliar with solid-state amplifier basics is encouraged to study papers by Franson, Hayward, Hejhall, and others.<sup>2</sup>

It is assumed that the base input impedance of the amplifier will be quite low, in the range of 1 to 15 ohms. The input matching network must be able to transform this low impedance to whatever is present at the output of the driver stage. This could be 50 ohms, as in using an amplifier with a separate

exciter such as one described by the author in an earlier article,<sup>3</sup> and shown in the photograph, or some higher value, if the exciter is to be an integral part of a complete transmitter. A reactive component will be present in the base input impedance, so the interstage matching network must tune the base input circuit to resonance, as well. The amplifier will operate properly only when both conditions are satisfied.

Any balanced-emitter device will have an absolute minimum gain of about 6 dB if operating properly. Efficiency will be 45 to 65 percent. At least 8-dB gain is expected normally. On this basis, the drive required for 10-watts output is 1.25 watts. In practice, the writer has found the 2N5590 can be driven to about 12.5-watts output with 1 watt of drive. In another application the 2N5590 delivered 5.5 watts of clean output with only 220 mW of drive -- about 14-dB gain. A word of caution is in order here: Maximum efficiency is obtainable only at the collector voltage specified by the manufacturer. Don't expect high efficiency if a 28-volt device is operated at 12 volts.

## Practical Circuit Details

Hayward discussed choosing values for the base swamping resistor, collector rf choke, bypass capacitors, and other components of the typical Class-C amplifier. Bearing in mind that these criteria are not official "dogma," the reader is advised to familiarize himself with them. There are several usable circuits, descriptions of which can be found in the references and in the *RCA RF Power Transistor Manual*. The author prefers the input network shown in Fig. 1, because it will yield practical component values in nearly all cases.

<sup>1</sup>This and all subsequent footnotes will appear at the end of this article.

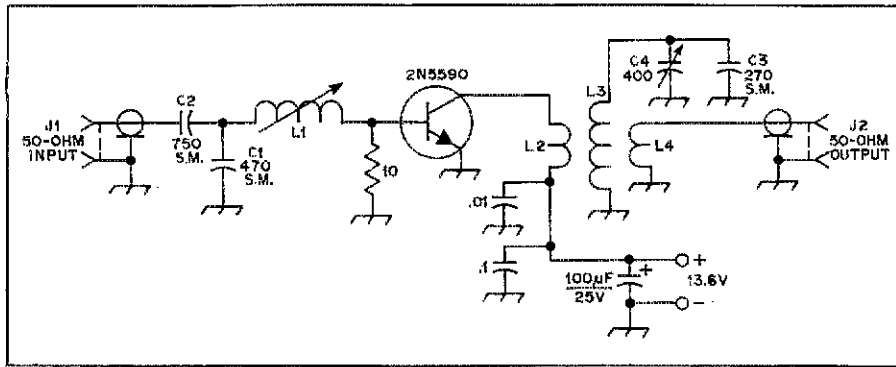


Fig. 1 -- Schematic diagram and parts information for the K8EEG 40-meter amplifier. Capacitor values not otherwise marked are in pF. Some parts are numbered for test reference only. All grounds should be made directly to the transistor emitter strip. C1, C2 -- Final values given; can be made variable as with C3-C4, for experimental purposes.

- C4 -- 400-pF miniature trimmer. Small broadcast-type capacitors suitable for low-power applications. See text.
- L1 -- 9 turns No. 22 enamel, closewound on 1/4-inch dia. slug-tuned form.
- L2 -- 2.5 turns No. 22 enamel, closewound on Amidon T-50-2 toroid core.

- L3 -- 13 turns, spaced to occupy entire core of L2.
- L4 -- 4.5 turns, spaced over 1/3 of core. In using the toroidal circuit for interstage coupling, make L1 1 to 2 turns for 10- to 40-ohm collector load impedance, and 4 turns for 40 to 80 ohms.

If the amplifier is to be used with a separate exciter, as in this instance, the input network is designed and adjusted to match the low-base input impedance to 50 ohms, the usual output impedance of such an exciter. Where the amplifier is to be part of a transmitter, the collector circuit of the driver can be connected in place of J1. To provide for matching the capacitors C1 and C2

should be made variable in this case. A better way would be to make a toroidal matching transformer similar to L2-L3-L4, using slight alterations for this application given under Fig. 1. In the first case there are two unknowns present: The output capacitance of the driver and the input impedance of the amplifier base. This makes optimum adjustment rather complicated, since the output capacitance of the driver stage varies with its collector load impedance. With the tuned circuits in both stages, the driver can be optimized for 50 ohms and will work equally well when the amplifier is installed.

There are additional advantages. The tuned network will provide at least twice the harmonic rejection, and there will be much less loading of the previous stages by the final amplifier. The latter is very important in simple VFO-controlled transmitters, where pulling of the oscillator can result in considerable difference in frequency between the SPOT and OPERATE conditions.

The circuit used for the output network is a matter of personal preference. The double-link tank shown yielded an efficiency in excess of 50 percent at 7 MHz, so it was left in. In a 20-meter application the efficiency was about 40 percent. Conversion to the network described by Hayward (reference 2) brought the efficiency up to 62 percent.

### Test Equipment

Three simple instruments, shown schematically in Fig. 2, were used in the development of the amplifier: A roughly calibrated wavemeter capable of tuning to the desired frequency and to its second harmonic, a power-output indi-

cator, and an impedance bridge. The wavemeter, Fig. 2A, was calibrated with the aid of a multiband transmitter.

The power-output meter, Fig. 2B, should be isolated from the transmitter and dummy load by shielding and RFC2. Actual output is obtained from the formula:

$$P_o = \frac{V^2}{2R_1}$$

The meter is used to measure power output from a driver or amplifier stage during developmental work. Remember that it is not frequency sensitive. It will read combined fundamental and harmonic power, hence the need for the wavemeter.

The variable impedance bridge, Fig. 2C, is similar to one described by Hayward (reference 2) except that the diode is connected to the arm of a 1000-ohm variable control, instead of to the junction of two 470-ohm resistors. The control can be calibrated by connecting fixed resistors of known value across the output. Adjust the control for null, and mark down the resistance value used for that setting. When you want a circuit to look like, say, 70 ohms, you set the control to 70 and adjust the circuit for null. Parts placement is not critical, but it is wise to use short lengths of coaxial line in connecting the bridge into the circuit to be tested, and to ground both braids at the same point.

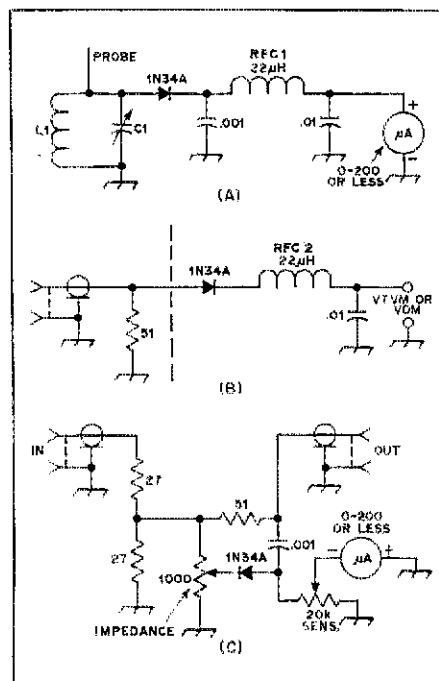


Fig. 2 -- Simple test equipment used in optimizing the solid-state amplifier includes a wavemeter, A, a power-output indicator, B, and a variable impedance bridge, C. Values of L1 and C1 depend on the band being checked. Parts designations are for text reference.

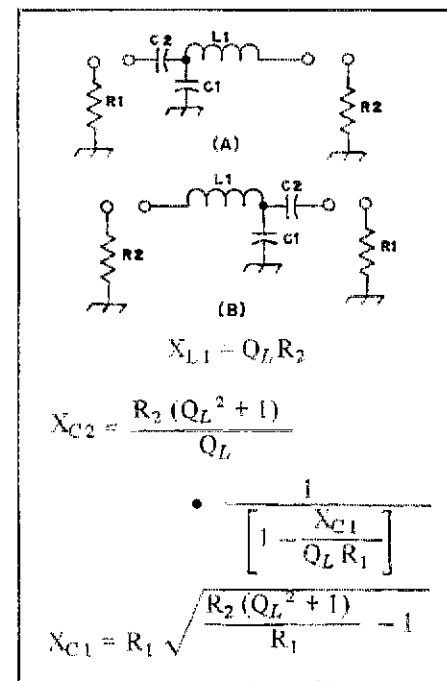


Fig. 3 -- Basic circuit for use with Tables 1, 2 and 3. Circuit A, for Tables 1 and 2, shows the network for input matching. B is used in matching the amplifier to 50-ohm output. The formulas are for operating conditions other than those assumed in the tables.



If the bridge is to be used only between 50-ohm circuits, coaxial connectors will be suitable, as shown.

### Construction and Testing

Armed with the above assumptions and test equipment, we can monitor several aspects of the circuit operation in the process of getting the amplifier to work properly. This is a rough duplication of the procedure followed in the manufacturer's laboratory in determining the performance characteristics of a device for given sets of conditions. These appear later on a data sheet. Our purpose is not quite the same, in that we are not looking for a set of "numbers." Rather, we seek to take into account automatically the actual characteristics of the device *on hand*, in achieving optimum operation for our application.

An experimental amplifier can be bread-boarded or built on a circuit board similar to the one shown. It is recommended that a single parallel-tuned circuit be used for the output side of the amplifier during developmental work on the input matching. It can be replaced when the work is completed. Calculated values for both input networks, and the output network, Fig. 3A and B, respectively, are given below for the hf bands.

**Table 1**  
Input network,  $R_1 = 50\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5\Omega$ ,  $Q = 5$ .

	3.5	7	14	21	28
	MHz				
$X_{L1} = 25\Omega$	1.25	0.63	0.29	0.2	0.18
$X_{C1} = 31\Omega$	1400	700	380	260	170
$X_{C2} = 64\Omega$	750	370	180	150	85
					pF

**Table 2**  
Input network connected to driver stage collector and load impedance of 70 ohms (1.25 watts at 12 volts dc),  $R_1 = 5\Omega$ ,  $Q = 5$ .

	3.5	7	14	21	28
	MHz				
$X_{L1}$	40	1.25	0.63	0.29	0.2
$X_{C2}$	21	1700	1100	580	380
$X_{C1}$	64	750	370	180	150
					85

**Table 3**  
Output network, final collector impedance  $8\Omega$ , (10 watts output at 13.6 volts dc),  $50\Omega$  load. (From Motorola AN-267.)

	3.5	7	14	21	28
	MHz				
$X_{L1}$	40	2.0	0.95	0.49	0.3
$X_{C1}$	65	720	350	175	125
$X_{C2}$	89	530	260	140	90

The formulas given in Fig. 3 can be used to calculate approximate values, should the driver stage operate at a different power level or load impedance.  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $L_1$  should be variable, to allow for initial adjustments. Inexpensive broadcast-receiver capacitors, 365 pF, are ideal for tuning. Where higher capacitance is needed, fixed-value micas can be connected across the variables. A 40-meter amplifier is shown in Fig. 1 with component values arrived at by experiment, as described below.

Apply at least 500 mW of drive to the network through the impedance bridge. The network is adjusted for deepest null, first by  $C_1$ , where the indication will be broad, then by  $C_2$ , which gives a deeper null, and finally by  $L_1$ . This is done with the wavemeter coupled to the final-amplifier tank, and the output meter connected to the tank as an indicating load. No dc voltage is applied to the amplifier thus far, as only the feed-through energy will be monitored at this point. With one watt of drive there should be 5 to 15 mW showing on the output meter, when the latter is tuned to the drive frequency. Remove the impedance bridge and repeak slightly for maximum feed-through indication.

Set the wavemeter to the second harmonic frequency. If the drive is clean and the circuits are properly tuned, there should be little or no output detectable at the harmonic frequency. Recheck tuning for minimum harmonic level, if any shows. Optimum adjustment should give maximum fundamental output and rejection of harmonic output.

Apply collector voltage, with no drive. If the transistor is the balanced-emitter type, full collector voltage may

be used. With other types it is well to start with about 70 percent of the maximum. De-couple the wavemeter, in anticipation of the 40-dB increase in power to be expected, and apply drive. Readjust both input and output networks for maximum output and minimum harmonic power. The wavemeter should be coupled to the lead going to the output meter for the latter check, as harmonic currents circulate in the output tank, and coupling to it will give an erroneous reading of harmonic level when the amplifier is running normally. Measure the dc input power and the rf output power and compute the efficiency which should be at least 40 percent. Substitute the double-tuned tank circuit for the simple parallel-tuned one, if the output is low.

If an external exciter is to drive the amplifier, no further adjustment is required, and the amplifier is ready for service. If you intend to connect the input network directly to the driver collector, the impedance bridge is set to the desired collector load impedance Figure ( $70\Omega$  for 1.25 W at 12 V), and adjustment is made for best match. Each of these steps monitors some aspect of circuit operation, using the actual components available, and gives assurance that optimum results are being obtained.

The amplifier shown in the photograph was adjusted by these methods and was ready for use, in the last hours before Field Day, in about a half hour after it was assembled. Running at reduced power, it gave a good account of itself on 40 meters the following day, using the exciter previously described by the writer.

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## Strays

Amateur radio will join festivities in the 1976 quincentenary celebration at Stow-on-the-Wold, England. The celebration will mark twin historical events

significant to town residents. In 1476, King Edward IV signed a special charter to allow the people of Stow-on-the-Wold to hold an annual horse fair. Ever since, this event has attracted equestrians from far and wide. The same year, 1476, saw completion of the town's church tower.

To commemorate these two events, townspeople of Stow are staging numerous festivities from May through October: A medieval market with period

costumes, an ox roast, exhibitions, and a carnival.

As part of these festivities, local amateurs under the direction of Harry Heath, G2AOK, will set up a special commemorative station, GB2SW, in the market square. Contacts with GB2SW will be confirmed with special QSL cards. The station will be operative from 0900 to 1900 UTC on all bands, 160 through 10 meters, May 1-31.

# One KW—Solid-State Style

**Part 2:** Part 1 of this paper described the 300-W power blocks of the system. Here is the wrap-up information.

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The driver contains a pair of MRF427A devices. It follows the same circuit-board pattern as the power amplifiers, output transformer excepted. The input transformer has a 4:1 impedance ratio. Minimum inductance in the one-turn secondary is:

$$\frac{4R}{2\pi f} = \frac{4 \times 12.5}{12.5} = 4\mu\text{H}$$

The foregoing applies also to the output transformer, which is a 1:1 balun. The required minimum inductance at 2 MHz is 16  $\mu\text{H}$ , amounting to 11 turns on a Ferroxcube 2616P-A100-4C4 pot core, which was preferred over a toroid because it is easier to mount. The transformer is wound with RG-196 coaxial cable, the type which is used also for interconnecting the driver to the remainder of the amplifier.

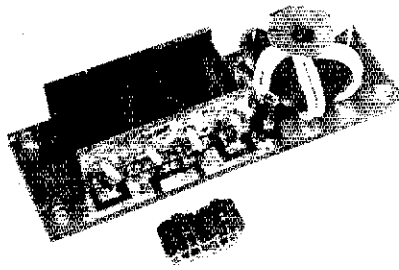
The component values for the base input network and the feedback system were established by computer. Neither amplifier employs low-frequency compensation. C7 and C8 are dc blocking capacitors. Their value is not critical. Leads *b* and *c* of T2 represent the rf center tap, but are separated in both designs, partly because of layout convenience and also for stabilization purposes.

## Combining Four 300-W Power Modules

The input power divider establishes four equal sources and provides reasonable isolation between each. The outputs are designed for a 50-ohm impedance, which sets the common input at 12.5 ohms. This requires an additional 4:1 step-down transformer to provide a 50-ohm load for the driver amplifier. Another requirement is a 0° phase shift between the input and the 50-ohm outputs, which can be accomplished with a 1:1 balun (*a*, *b*, *c* and *d* in Fig. 6). For improved low-frequency isolation the line impedance must be increased for the parallel currents. This can be

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Note: Part 1 appeared in April QST.



View of the assembled hybrid combiners. The large unit is the output combiner.

done by loading the line with magnetic material. In this type of transformer the currents cancel, making it possible to employ high-permeability ferrite and a relatively short physical length for the transmission lines. In an absolutely balanced condition, no power will be dissipated in the magnetic cores, and the line losses are minimized. The required minimum inductance for each line is 16  $\mu\text{H}$  at 2 MHz. A low inductance value degrades the isolation characteristics between the 50-ohm output ports, which is necessary to maintain a low SWR, should a change in the input impedance occur in one or more of the power modules. Because of the base-compensation networks, the power splitter will never be subjected to a completely open or shorted load.

Balancing resistors *R* dissipate the excess power if the SWR increases. The optimum values for *R*, which are equal, are determined by the number of 50-ohm sources assumed unbalanced at one time. The resistor values are calculated accordingly.

If we examine the currents with one load open, it can be seen that the excess power is dissipated in one resistor in series with three parallel ones. Their total value is  $50 - 12.5 = 37.5$  ohms. Similarly, if two loads are open, the current flows through one resistor in series with two parallel ones, totaling

37.5 ohms again. The situation is illustrated in Fig. 8.

Except for a two-port power divider,<sup>6</sup> the resistor values can be calculated for odd or even number systems as:

$$R = \left[ \frac{R_L - R_{in}}{n + 1} \right] n$$

where  $R_L$  = impedance of the output ports (50 ohms),  $R_{in}$  = impedance of the input port (12.5 ohms), and *n* = the number of output ports, properly terminated. Although these resistor values are not critical in the input divider, the formula applies also to the input combiner, where mismatches have a larger effect on the total power output and linearity.

The practical power divider employs large ferrite beads (Fair-Rite 2673000801, Amidon equivalent, or Stackpole 57-1511-24B) over a 1.2-inch piece of RG-196 cable. The arrangement is shown in Fig. 7. The ferrite materials have a permeability of 2500, and the inductance for one turn is in excess of 10  $\mu\text{H}$ . Step-down transformer T1 (Fig. 7) is wound on a Stackpole 57-9322-11 toroid core with 25-ohm miniature coaxial line. Seven turns will give a minimum inductance of 4 and 16  $\mu\text{H}$ , required at 2 MHz. The structure is mounted between two phenolic terminal strips. This provides a sufficient number of tie points for the coaxial cable connections.

## Output Combiner

Output combiner operation is reversed from that of the input power divider. We have four 50-ohm inputs and one 12.5-ohm output, which is transformed up to 50 ohms by means of a 1:4 transformer. An arrangement similar to that of the input divider is employed in the combiner. The baluns consist of straight pieces of coaxial cable which are loaded by a sleeve of ferrite. The line length is determined by the physical dimensions of the sleeves, for which the  $\mu$  versus cross-sectional area should be

<sup>6</sup>This and all subsequent footnotes can be found at the end of this article.

calculated or measured to give sufficient loading inductance.

These straight-line baluns have the advantage over multi-turn toroidal types in introducing a smaller possibility for phase errors, because of the line length. The greatest phase errors occur in the input and output connecting cables, whose lengths are 18 and 10 inches, respectively. All four input and output cables must be of equal length (within 1/4 inch), and the excess in some, caused by unsymmetrical layout, can be formed into loops. The connecting cables between the power-amplifier outputs and the combiner are made of RG-142B/U cable. The balun lines are made from the same type of cable. The length is not critical since it is well below the maximum length permitted at 30 MHz. The minimum inductance is 16  $\mu$ H per line. Fig. 9 shows the electrical design of the four-port combiner.

The power output with various numbers of disabled sources (Figs. 8 and 9) can be calculated as:

$$P_o = P_n - P_R + \frac{P_R}{n}$$

where  $n$  = number of operative sources,  $P_n$  = total power of operative sources (watts), and  $P_R$  = power (watts) dissipated in the balancing resistors. Thus, for one disabled source:

$$P_R = 250 \left[ \frac{28.13}{50} \right] = 140.65 \text{ watts.}$$

$$P_{out} = (250 \times 3) - \left[ 140.65 + \frac{140.65}{3} \right] = 750 - 187.5 = 562.5 \text{ watts.}$$

This is assuming that the phase errors between the active sources are negligible.

From the foregoing we see that 140.65 W will be dissipated by one of the balancing resistors, and only 15.6 W by the other three. For this high power dissipation the resistors must be a type which can be mounted on a heat sink, and they must be the noninductive type. After experiments with noninductive wire-wound resistors, which exhibited excess inductance at 30 MHz, and were bulky, some Motorola thin-film attenuators were modified for this application. The balancing resistors can be seen on the upper side of the combiner, which is shown in the photograph. Similar attenuators and terminations are available from EMC Technology, Inc., Solitron Devices, Inc., and other manufacturers of microwave components.

The purpose of T2 is to transform the 12.5-ohm impedance from the combiner up to 50 ohms. It is a 1:4 transmission-line transformer.<sup>3,4,7</sup> The line is made of two RG-188 coaxial cables connected in parallel in the manner shown in Fig. 10. The impedance becomes 25 ohms, but depending on

how close the cables are to each other physically, it can be as low as 22 ohms. The line inductance is 16  $\mu$ H for the 50-ohm side. This is achieved by winding several turns of dual cable on a magnetic core. In contrast to the balun transformers in the combiner, the line currents do not cancel. The magnetic core must handle the full power, and must be made of low-loss material. A toroid provided the shortest line length for a specific inductance. Two stacked units resulted in a shorter line length than was possible with a single larger core with similar cross-sectional area. Six turns on two Indiana General F626-12-Q1 toroids give 4.8 and 23  $\mu$ H for the secondary, the line length being 16 inches.

Fig 6 - Schematic diagram of the driver module output circuit. The remainder of the circuit is similar to that of the power modules shown in Fig. 3 of Part I. The differences are given below.

- C1, C2 - 3300 pF.
- C3 - 39 pF.
- C4 - Not used.
- C5 - 470 pF.
- C6 - 51 pF.
- C10 - 35  $\mu$ F.
- R1, R2 - 7.5-ohms 1/2-W composition.
- R3, R4 - 18-ohm 1/2-W composition.
- T1 - 4:1 transformer (see text).
- T3 - 11 turns of RG-196 miniature 50-ohm cable on the bobbin of a Ferroxcube 2616P-A100-4C4 pot core.

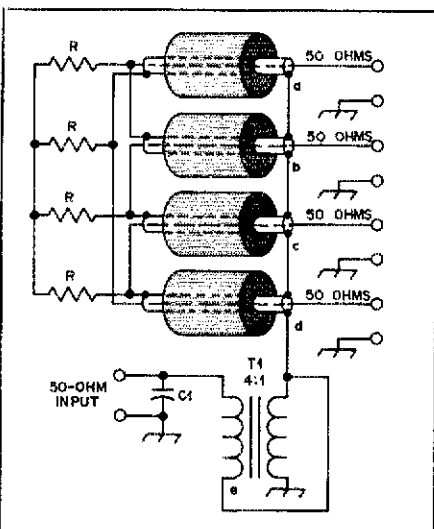
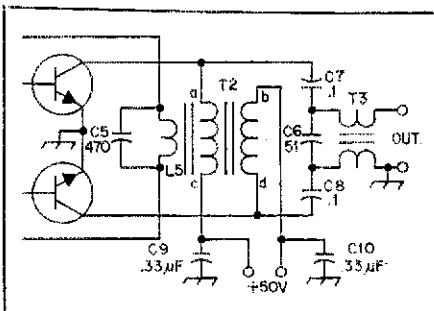


Fig. 7 - Details of the four-port power combiner.

In continuous operation the core temperature was measured as 95 to 90° C. This resulted in a decision to change the core material to the Q2 variety, which exhibits about 70% lower loss at 30 MHz. The lower permeability (35) yields 13  $\mu$ H for the same number of turns. The maximum flux density of the toroids is:

$$B_{max} = \frac{V_{max} \times 10^2}{2\pi f n A} \text{ gauss}$$

where  $V$  = peak voltage across the

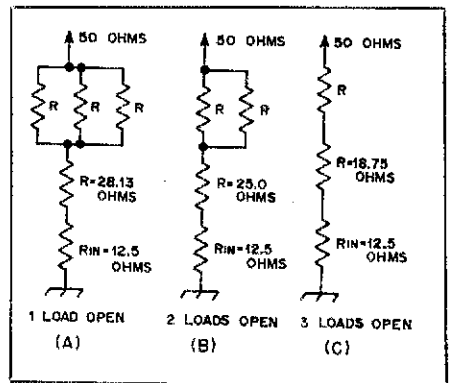


Fig. 8 - Various possibilities for open loads.

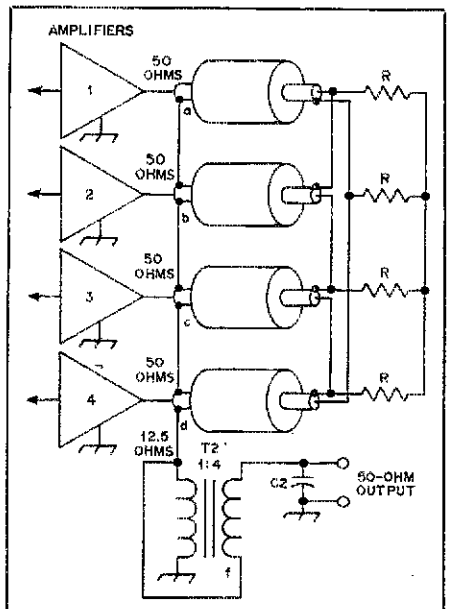


Fig. 9 - Circuit of the four-port output combiner.

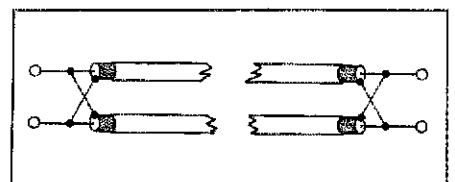


Fig. 10 - Cable connection for the 1:4 transformer used at T2.

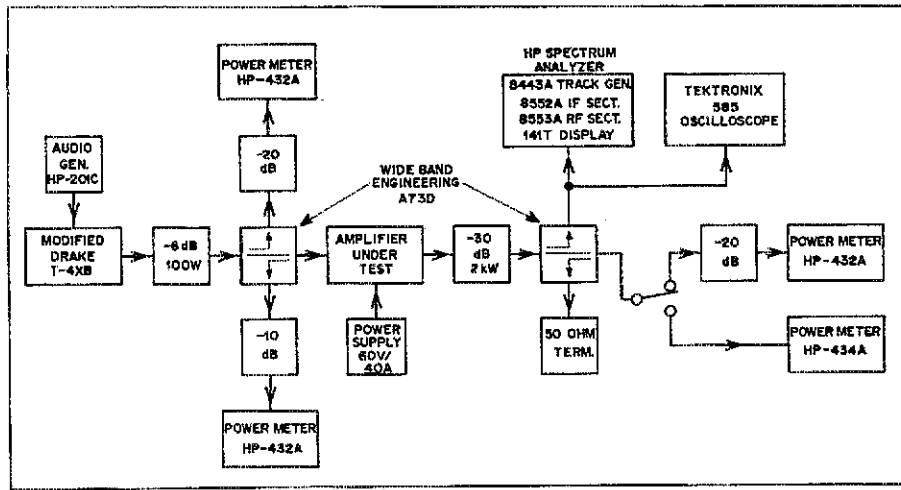


Fig. 11 — Test setup for checking amplifier performance.

secondary 50-ohm point (316.2 V),  $f$  = frequency in MHz (2.0),  $n$  = number of turns at the 50-ohm point (12), and  $A$  = core cross-sectional area (1.21 cm<sup>2</sup>). Therefore:

$$B_{max} = \frac{316.2 \times 10^2}{6.28 \times 2 \times 12 \times 1.21} = 260 \text{ gauss.}$$

From the BH curves we can see that the linear portion extends up to 800-1000 gauss, and the saturation occurs at over 3000 gauss. Comparable materials are Stackpole grade 14 and Fair-Rite 63. Core losses are minimal as compared to line losses, which for a 16-inch length amount to .035 dB.

As in the input transformer, the hf compensation (C2) was not required. The layout of the combiner and T2 is such that minimum lead lengths are obtained, and the structure is mounted on a pc board having feedthrough eyelets to a continuous ground plane on its lower side.

### Measurements

Six 300-W modules were built with matched-pair MRF-428s. The maximum gain distribution was 0.9 dB. In the four units selected for the amplifier the gain varied from 13.7 to 14.1 dB at 30 MHz. It was not necessary to utilize the input attenuators. Fig. 16 shows the arrangement for the test setup used in testing the modules and combined amplifier.

### Closing Remarks

The heat-sink design is beyond the scope of this report. Therefore, the details which follow do not represent an optimized design, but provide data for adequate sinking for short-period two-tone or cw conditions at full power. The heat sink consists of four 9-inch lengths of Thermalloy 6151 extrusion, each having a free-air thermal resistance of 0.7° C/W. They are bolted in pairs to

two 9 × 8-1/2 × 3/8-inch copper plates, to which the four power modules are mounted. Assuming a coefficient of 0.85 between two parallel extrusions, a total thermal resistance of 0.4° C/W is realized. Two of these dual extrusions are mounted back to back to provide a channel for the air flow from four Rotron SP2A2 4-inch fans. Two fans are mounted at each end of the heat sink, and the four fans operate in the same direction to deliver an air flow of approximately 150 cfm.

The third-order harmonic is only 14 dB below the fundamental at certain frequencies, as can be seen in Fig. 15. This number is typical in a four-octave amplifier, and it is obvious that some

Fig. 12 — Curves for IMD versus power output.

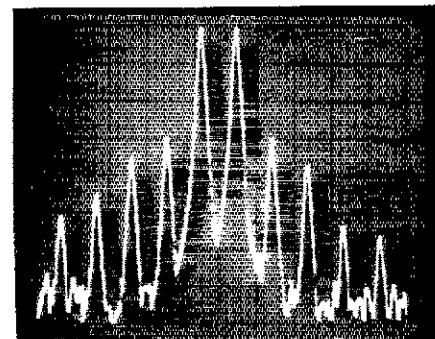
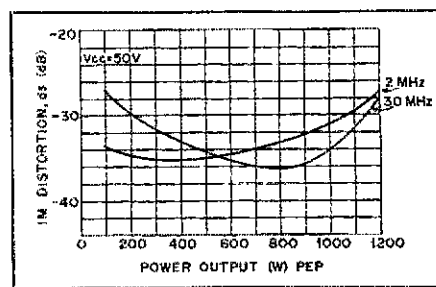


Fig. 13 — Spectral presentation of the IMD products through the 9th order (10 dB per division vertical scale).

type of output filter is required when the amplifier is used for communications purposes.

Fig. 13 shows the IMD characteristics of the amplifier as provided by means of a spectrum analyzer. The purpose of this paper has been to illustrate how a high-power solid-state amplifier can be designed and tested. Although this presentation was not intended as a construction project, those interested in building one or more of the individual 300-W amplifier modules can order components from M-RED-C & L, 1475 Oakdale, Pasadena, CA 91106. In quantities of 1 to 9 the finished double-sided pc board (without components) is \$22.50. A set of three wound transformers costs \$15, and a complete assembled board (minus transistors) is \$69. Scale pc-board templates for the double-sided board are available from The ARRL for 50¢ and a large s.a.s.e.

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Fig. 14 — IMD versus frequency at 800 and 1000 watts PEP, 40 and 50 volts supply.

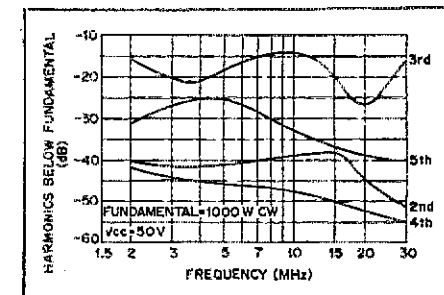
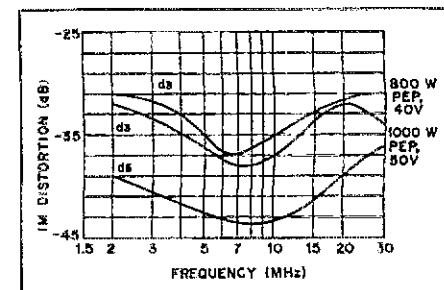


Fig. 15 — Curves for frequency versus harmonic level in dB.

# The 40-Meter Triangle

Hams like to experiment with antennas. Here's one that should pique your interest!

By Byron Self,\* WB6UFW

**A**re you looking for a good DX antenna for 40 meters that doesn't cost a fortune? One that is simple to make? Well, that's what I have and, with so many requests for information about the system, I decided to write an article about it. The antenna is a triangular-shaped full-wavelength loop, similar to an inverted Delta Loop element. The triangle measures one-third wavelength on each side, making it an equilateral triangle.

I had been using an inverted V, so all that was necessary to convert that antenna to a full-wavelength loop was to add another half-wavelength wire and to move the feed point to the bottom of the loop, at the center (see Fig. 1): The former feed point at the top of the inverted V was shorted together to make the full-wavelength loop.

The apex height of the inverted V and triangle was the same — 35 feet — and I immediately noted a difference in the performance of the triangle compared to that of the inverted V. The triangle was much better! This antenna is similar to a quad loop, and, of course, the quad has some gain over a half-wavelength dipole. Another advantage of the triangle is that only one support is required. This article provides information on making the antenna, plus an installation method that I found very satisfactory.

## Construction

The first step is to measure the antenna wire. Use the formula:  $1000 \div f$  (MHz) to obtain the overall wire length. Next, find the center of the total length by temporarily securing both ends a couple of feet apart. Then, while keeping the wire from becoming tangled, lay out both wires so they meet at the farthest end. Mark this place by forming a small bend in the wire. Next,

slide the apex insulator (Fig. 2) onto one end of the wire and along the wire until it comes to the bend in the wire. By rotating the insulator, the wire will twist together and secure the insulator at the desired point. Calculate one-third wavelength using the formula in Fig. 1. Then measure this length from the apex insulator toward the ends of both wires. Attach insulators at these points, using the same twisting method as described previously. Solder both ends of the wire together to complete the loop. The ends can be twisted together, then soldered to provide additional strength at the connection.

## Installation

Many hams have a tower that the antenna can be installed on, but others may wish to use a homemade mast installed against the side of the house, as I have done. The mast I used was a 20-foot length of 2-inch OD galvanized steel pipe, with a 20-foot telescoping mast inside. At the top, a 10-foot length

of 7/8-inch conduit is installed. Figs. 2 and 3 show most of the mounting

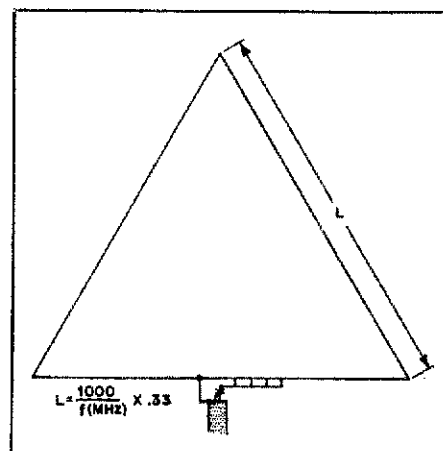
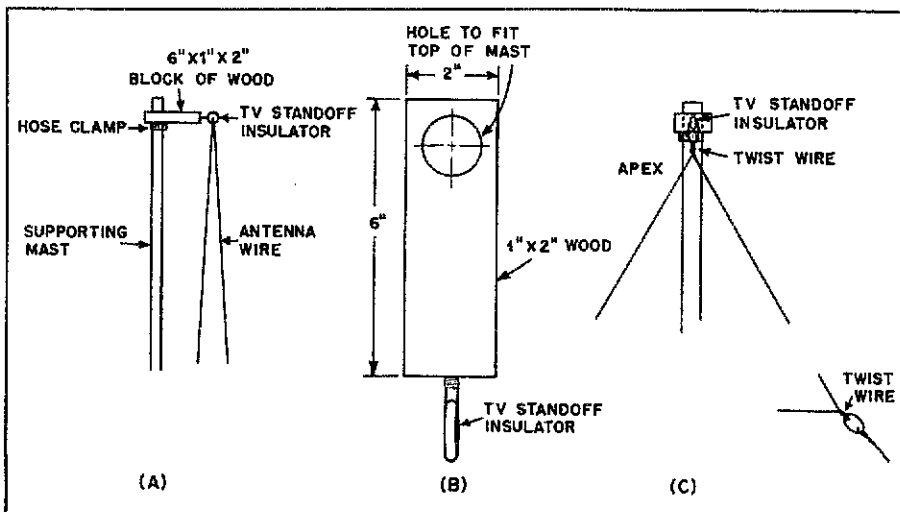


Fig. 1 — The 40-meter triangle or Delta Loop. The length of one side L, is equal to:

$$\frac{1000}{f \text{ (MHz)}} \times 0.33$$

Fig. 2 — Details of the apex insulator.



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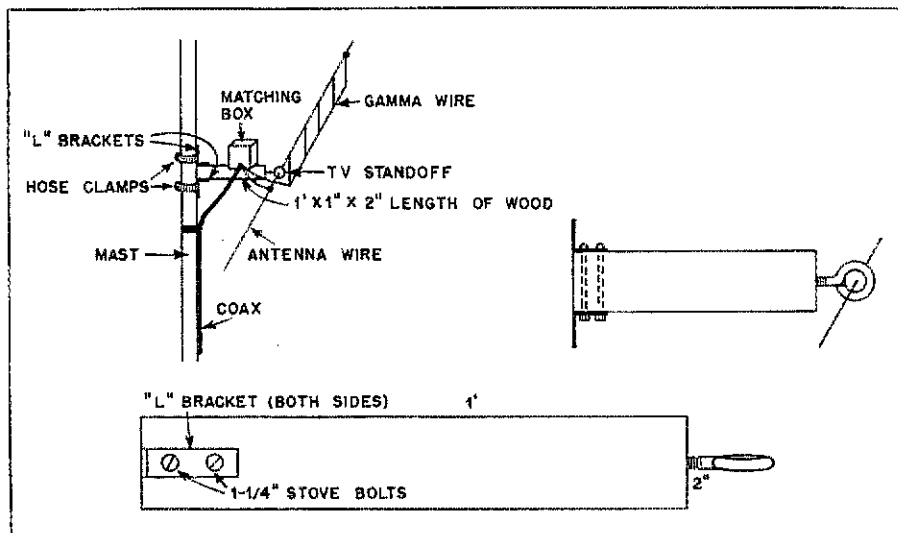


Fig. 3 — Gamma-match box mounting information.

details. First, slide a hose clamp over the top of the mast and tighten it in a position about 3 or 4 inches from the top of the mast. Put the apex insulator over the top of the mast so that it rests on the hose clamp. The mast can now be raised and mounted permanently to the side of the house. I used a homemade bracket at the peak of the roof to secure my mast.

Nylon cord or a heavy grade of nylon fishing line can be used at the lower corner insulators. These lines should be tied off as taut as possible to prevent sag at the bottom of the antenna. Mount the bottom center insulator on the mast, (Fig. 3) and attach the antenna wire to the insulator.

### The Gamma Match

Next, the gamma match can be installed on the antenna. Refer to Fig. 4 for electrical details of the matching section. I mounted the gamma capacitor in a waterproof container (such as a plastic refrigerator box). The capacitor I

used was a variable 365-pF broadcast-type plate which does not arc with my 100 watts. For higher powers, at least .025-inch plate spacing should be used. A gamma-matching system requires about 7 pF per meter, so 40 meters requires about 280 pF. Mount the gamma box on the bottom center insulator by means of a couple of screws. Solder the outer conductor of the coaxial feed line to the center of the bottom wire of the antenna. Solder the center conductor of the coaxial line to one side of the capacitor and the gamma wire to the other side of the capacitor.

### Matching

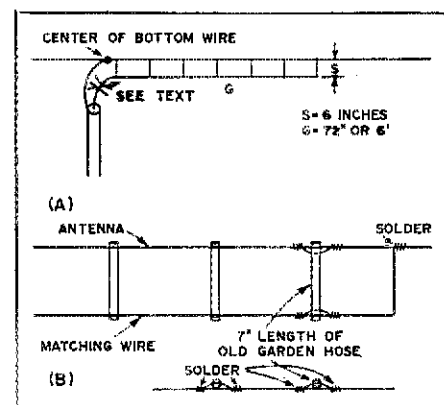
Matching the antenna to the line isn't difficult. All that is needed is an SWR indicator and a helper to adjust the capacitor while you operate the transmitter and observe the SWR indicator. Feed enough power into the feed line to get a reading on the SWR indicator. Then adjust the gamma capacitor to the lowest reflected SWR reading.

### Evaluation

This antenna has been effective while working DX. I have contacted with my 100 watts, EA8, FP8, KP6, FW0, and lots more on 40 meters from here on the West Coast. Many of these QSOs were in pile-ups, and I was always the first to fifth station called.

Of course the triangle can be built for any band. Also, with two supports and a line strung between them, it would be possible to use the triangle as a fixed-direction parasitic array. I suggest using the standard quad formulas for directors or reflectors. One last point: This has been a very inexpensive antenna. I made mine from galvanized bailing wire that sells for about one-half cent a foot.

Fig. 4 — Gamma match details.



## 50 Years Ago

May, 1926

□ The synchronous rectifier often produces more hash than carrier, so *QST* hasn't encouraged it much; but now some new schemes are outlined by Technical Editor Kruse to stop the sparking. The treatise makes good use of others' ideas, including some from Bob Morris, 2CQZ.

□ "When the craving for DX reaches the proportions of an obsession, when it blinds its possessor to the realization that there are other forms of amateur activity, it is just as bad as any other form of intemperance," says the Editor. 'Twas ever thus.

□ Readers who started the "how to become" transmitter last issue can now finish up the job with a power supply including a 15-jar lead-aluminum rectifier. Couple the rig to 130 feet of antenna and counterpoise and you're ready to go.

□ Lou Hatry says a single-tube reflex circuit doesn't save much, but the four-tuber he describes represents a real saving in tube cost and battery consumption.

□ The crystal-control rig can be highly temperamental, but Stan McMinn shows us an orderly procedure for adjustment to achieve good results.

## 25 Years Ago

May, 1951

□ Technical Editor Grammer says double-sideband, reduced-carrier transmission doesn't quite match s.s.b. efficiency, but is a good step in that direction and a great improvement over a.m. His treatise explains why.

□ The mysteries of ground resistance and how to measure it are tackled by K2BZ, with the conclusion that 8 feet of ground rod is an optimum depth, and that a series of such rods connected by bus achieves minimum resistance.

□ "There are many rewards in amateur radio," says staffer WIIKE, who then proceeds to describe the various ARRL and other awards for achievement in amateur operating.

□ Now that we have new civilian defense rules, WIHDQ has come up with a four-pound, 6-meter portable unit which National Emergency Coordinator WINJM demonstrates on no less a place than the cover.

□ The BC-610 is big in war surplus, but also in interference to TV, so W4CVO details a number of remedies to keep signals out of the neighbor's picture.

— WIRW

# Product Review

## Motorola MRF472 HF-Band Power Transistor

The burgeoning CB market has inspired a new Motorola plastic power device which is designated MRF472. The component is an npn silicon type which is meant for Class C amplification, with a-m modulation, at 27 MHz. It looks like a winner for cw work from 1.8 to 30 MHz!

It comes in a Case 77 plastic package with

a metal center surface for attaching an external heat sink. The collector is common to the metal face, in which a hole exists for mounting purposes.

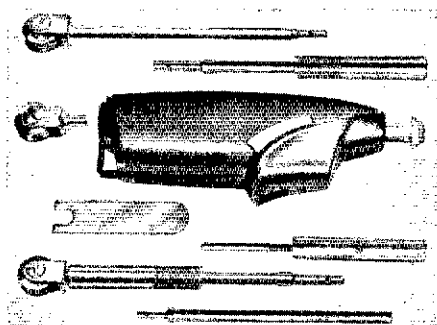
Maximum ratings are:  $V_{CEO}$ , 30 V;  $V_{CBO}$ , 60 V;  $V_{EBO}$ , 3 V;  $I_C$ , 1 A;  $P_D @ T_C$  of 25° C, 10 W; power gain, 10 dB and power output @ 150-mW input, 4 W. With 200 mW of

drive the power output is 5 W. Based on the foregoing information it seems that some interesting amateur possibilities exist for parallel or push-pull combinations of these transistors. Price class is \$1.50 each. Full details appear on Motorola's data sheet, available on request from Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., Box 20912, Phoenix, AZ 85036.

## WIRE-WRAP FAMILY OF TOOLS

Those who experiment with logic and other non-rt circuits should find the wire-wrap method of breadboarding a useful one. A test fixture can be put together quickly when using the wire-wrap method with IC sockets and perforated board. Vector Electronic Company is presently marketing a low-cost collection of tools for this purpose. The line includes what they call a Dual-Way Wrap-N-Strap tool, a Dual-Way unwrap implement, and a rechargeable power driver. These items are shown in the photograph. Wire sizes 22 through 30 can be accommodated, as can three popular post sizes.

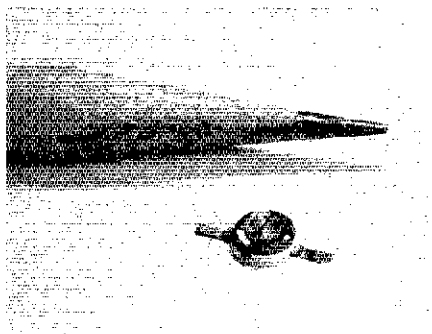
The power driver contains Ni-cad batteries, but a separate ac-operated supply is available. Vector will sell these tools direct, but they are also available through Vector distributors. Kits are available for either right- or left-hand rotation. Price class is \$50. Vector Electronic Company, Inc., Sylmar, CA 91342.



## MICROMINIATURE CERAMIC ROTARY TRIMMER CAPACITORS

One of the stumbling blocks for an amateur who wishes to build compact equipment is the difficulty in obtaining miniature components. This includes the trimmer capacitors used for setting crystal oscillators to a precise frequency, as tuning elements in resonant circuits, or wherever a really small variable-capacitance element is needed.

The ECV-1NW miniature ceramic trim-



mers should help shrink the size of some home-built projects. Manufactured by Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., the ECV-1NW series covers several capacitance ranges that will be useful to the builder or designer. Number ECV-1NW40T72, shown in the photograph, has a nominal range of 5.5 to 40 pF. Other ranges available are 2.5 to 10 (ECV-1NW10T72) and 5.0 to 20 pF (ECV-1NW20T21). The first two capacitors listed have a diameter of 0.197 inch, and the 20T21 is of 0.157-inch diameter.

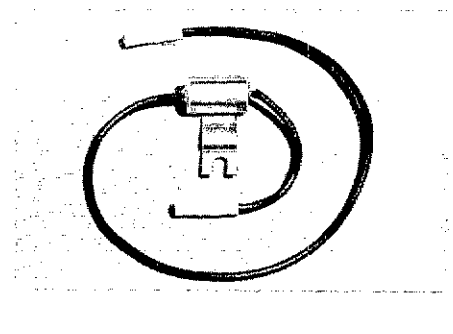
In addition to the line of capacitors, available since our catalog was obtained, is a 25-pF unit (25T72B) and a series that is physically smaller than those described above (30T18B). Price in quantity of 1 to 9 is \$2.75 ea., 10 to 24 is \$2.50 ea., 25 to 99 is \$2.40. Above 100 the price drops to \$2.25 each.

Units are available off-the-shelf from Nurni Electronic Supply, 1727 Donna Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33401. — WISE

## IGNITION-NOISE FEEDTHROUGH CAPACITOR

Cornell-Dubilier Electric has released a new coaxial feedthrough capacitor for automotive use in eliminating noise from heater motors, rear-window defoggers, air horns, and the like. It is called the CBF 864, will handle 50 volts dc at 30 A, and is a 0.25- $\mu$ F unit.

This product should be useful to amateurs who have problems suppressing noise from the various vehicular accessories. Connection to the noisy item is made by cutting the original supply lead, then inserting the capacitor in series with the line at that point. The

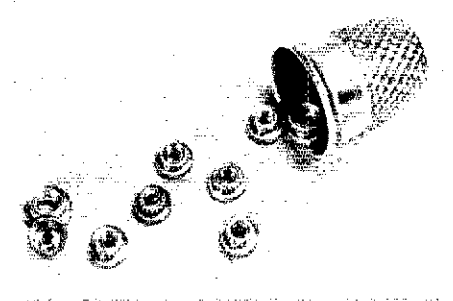


capacitor is furnished with a "crimp-splice" fitting on each pigtail. The case must be grounded to the automobile body. Further information is available from Cornell-Dubilier, Newark, NJ 07105.

## SPLINE NUTS FOR BUILDERS

Press-in spline nuts are available from Precision Metal Products and are supplied in carbon-steel, nonmagnetic, and stainless steel materials. They are ideal for use with pc boards, epoxy laminates, Nylon, and aluminum castings.

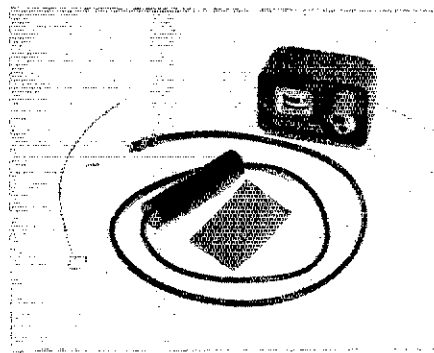
The splines on the nuts cut their way into the material as they are pressed into place, thereby exhibiting good torque resistance. They are relatively immune to pull-out force, once installed. A catalog is available from the manufacturer. Precision Metal Products Co., 41 Elm Street, Stoneham, MA 02180.





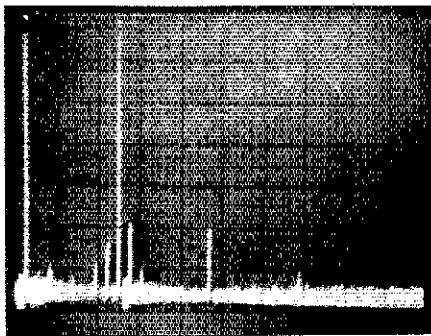
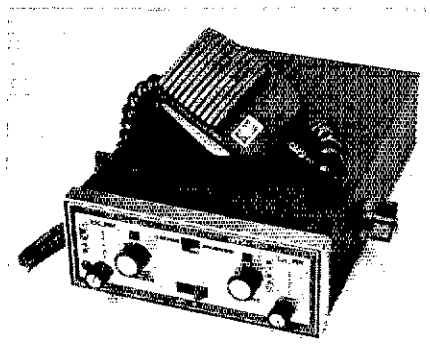
## LS-10B FIELD-STRENGTH METER

Ever need a field-strength meter that's so compact it will fit in your shirt pocket? If so, Infinite Inc. had you in mind when they designed their field-strength meter. It measures a mere  $1 \times 1\frac{1}{4} \times 2$  inches and will detect rf energy from 50 kHz to 1000 MHz. No tuning is required and it will respond to signal levels as low as 4 mW, but won't be harmed by a 1-kW signal. A front-panel headphone jack has been included should one wish to monitor his a-m signal. A 12-inch whip antenna is supplied, and a super-sensitive rf probe is available as an accessory. Either may be connected to the binding post on the front panel. The instrument is supplied with a small piece of sticky-backed Velcro dry adhesive material so that the instrument may be placed at the operating position in the home or car without the probability of it being dropped and damaged. The Velcro may be stuck together and separated a countless number of times without losing its adhesive property, allowing the unit to be removed from its permanent location for field work. The price class is \$12 without the super-sensitive probe, and \$17 with the probe. The instrument is available from Infinite Inc., 151 Center St., Cape Canaveral, FL 32920. — *WALLNO*



## GENAVE GTX-100 220-MHz TRANSCEIVER

The crowded repeater spectrum on 2 meters is forcing people to look for other frequencies for repeater operation. The 220-MHz band now takes up this burden. In response, General Aviation Electronics Company is marketing the Genave GTX-100 for 220 MHz. The unit provides ten standard possible repeater pairs, or 100 different receive/transmit combinations. It is possible for the operator to select a receive channel that does not correspond with the transmit frequency. The compact unit size



allows the transceiver to be tucked away under the dash. One interesting feature is the locking device provided for the cradle. The normal thumb screw for one side is replaced with a comparable bolt. This bolt holds the transceiver and the locking device to the cradle. After the unit has been installed, it is possible to insert a lock over the bolt head. Removal of the transceiver from the cradle without a key for the lock and a nut driver would be difficult at best.

### Circuitry

The receiver is a fairly standard dual-conversion superheterodyne. The signal goes through two sections of filtering prior to reaching the first mixer. The mixer converts the signal down to the first i-f of 13.1 MHz. This signal is amplified and then converted down to the second i-f of 455 kHz. Prior to detection the signal goes through three stages of i-f amplification. The detector is a multi-function integrated circuit. This IC contains the limiter, detector and an audio preamplifier. The external squelch circuitry is applied to the preamplifier. A second IC is used as an audio amplifier.

The transmitter uses a single IC in the audio stage. The basic rf-oscillator frequency is multiplied 16 times to reach the 220- to 225-MHz range. The final rf amplifier delivers greater than 10-watts output. A low-power mode of one watt is provided by inserting a 330-ohm resistor in the collector lead of a low-power stage. This eliminates the higher amounts of heat caused by inserting the resistor in the collector lead of the final amplifier stage.

### Performance and Operation

Through daily winter operation the unit performed exceptionally well. It was subjected to temperatures of 0 to 80°F during this use. There is provision for an external speaker, though its use was never desired. The audio level was sufficient during some window-down driving during our early spring weather. There is no provision for a Touch-Tone pad to be wired in externally. It would have to be connected via the audio input jack. The only feature of the transceiver objectionable to this writer is that white light from the dial lamps shines through openings in the front panel. This can be quite annoying while driving at night.

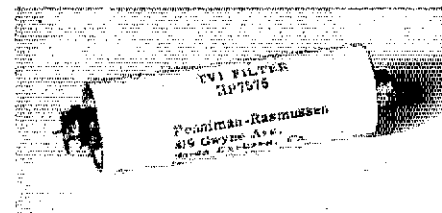
The operating manual is excellent. Information needed to fix nearly any problem is contained in the manual. There are two large parts-location diagrams for each side of the pc board. A parts list is also included. There is a table that lists the dc voltages throughout the circuit.

The rig comes from the factory with

microphone, mounting cradle, locking device and crystals for 223.5-MHz simplex operation. — *WIGGO*

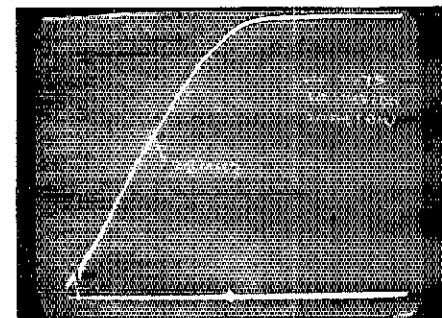
## PENNIMAN-RASMUSSEN TVI FILTERS

One item that was hard to come by is a high-pass filter designed specifically for cable TV, 75 ohms. Not any more. A couple of hams on the West Coast have come up with a 75-ohm to 75-ohm filter (HP7575) or a 75-ohm to 300-ohm filter (HP75300). The



filters have an insertion loss of less than 1 dB above 54 MHz. The attenuation provided is 30 dB at 28 MHz (10-meter and CB frequencies) and 60 dB at 14 MHz. Both models are available from Penniman-Rasmussen, 819 Gwyne Ave., Santa Barbara, CA 93111. Price class is \$6. — *WHCP*

Attenuation vs. frequency display of the HP7575 high-pass filter.



## MFJ CMOS-44ORS ELECTRONIC KEYER

Completely self-contained in MFJ's standard  $4 \times 3\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{16}$ -inch enclosure, the CMOS-44ORS electronic keyer includes sidetone with speaker, relay output, and is powered by four penlight cells. Using CMOS electronics, the unit features self-completing dots and dashes with "jam-proof" spacing and instant start with keyed time base, and fixed 3-to-1 dash-to-dot ratio. The sidetone oscillator utilizes an NE-555 timer IC which provides ample audio output to drive the speaker. Tone and volume are both adjustable with internal Trimpots. A fast-response reed relay, rated for 1-1/2 A at 250 V, provides for either grid-block or cathode keying of a transmitter. The built-in paddle features adjustable contact spacing and has proved comfortable for use during extended periods of operation. The CMOS-44ORS is available from MFJ Enterprises, P. O. Box 494, Mississippi State, MS 39762. The keyer is priced in the \$40 class. — *WAWFL*

# Hints and Kinks

## SEALANTS FOR AMATEUR USE

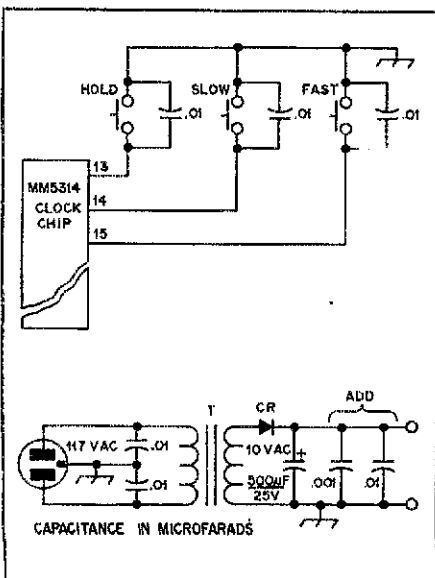
Many radio amateurs will find uses for one-part-silicon rubber sealer that is sold under such names as RTV, Silastic, and bathtub and tile sealer. On exposure to the air, the material forms a waterproof rubbery substance. This type of sealer has been used at WB6GNM for over two years, and no deterioration of the material is apparent.

One use of the material is to seal antenna connectors. I have also used it to form non-skid feet for a keyer-paddle base. Clean the base with alcohol to remove any grease or oil; then put a dab of the silicon-rubber on the key base for each foot. Set the key on a sheet of waxed paper and allow to cure or set overnight. — Paul Zander, WB6GNM

## MORE ON DIGITAL CLOCKS FOR THE AMATEUR STATION

For those who may have constructed the digital clock described in the November, 1974, issue of *QST* (by Bert Kelly, K4EEU), using the 60-Hz time base, you may have found to your dismay that it gained time radically. This is due to noise pulses getting into the chip and upsetting its normal operation. The following procedure was used with success to solve this problem in six different clocks:

- 1) Bypass each of the *set* and *hold* switches (pins 13, 14 and 15 of the clock chip) to ground with a .01- $\mu$ F disk capacitor (see Fig. 1).
- 2) Bypass each side of the ac line to ground with a .01- $\mu$ F disk capacitor.



3) Parallel a .001- $\mu$ F and a .01- $\mu$ F disk capacitor and place this combination across the 500- $\mu$ F filter capacitor in the power supply. Your clock should then be essentially noise immune and a nice asset to the ham shack. — Leland R. Shultz, KØRAB

## LIGHTNING ARRESTORS FROM SPARK PLUGS

Though many ham stations have effective lightning protection in the form of directive antennas of all-metal construction, mounted on towers that are well-grounded, there are still uncounted random-length-wire and resonant-wire antenna systems in use. Many of these have no real protection against lightning, despite the well-publicized need for it. John Askew, W4AMK, who recently came back into amateur radio after 25 years away from it, was lightning conscious from "way back." But when he started looking in radio stores for lightning arrestors, he found nothing he wanted to trust in this critical role. Particularly, most of them were not suitable for outside installation, which John deemed a must.

Every issue of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* shows spark-gap protection for wire antennas and feeders. W4AMK was about to make up something of this kind when he had a tune-up job done on his car and was left with a bag of old spark plugs. Would these work? He called Headquarters for suggestions, and the writer "just happened" to have some old plugs rolling around in his car after a tune-up, too, so some checks were run.

With nothing more than a wire brushing and cleaning with grease solvent, plugs were checked on the Lab's Q-Meter for capacitance and *Q*. The *Q* was nearly infinite, and the capacitance was 10 pF. The undersigned uses an end-fed random wire for occasional work on the bands from 21 through 3.5 MHz. It is ungrounded — but is its own protection, being of No. 24 wire eminently "meltable," and strung between two grounded towers. A spark plug was connected between this wire and the common ground, which includes everything metal in the house and an underground copper pipe to an outside well. No observable effect except a very small retuning for minimum reflected power resulted. The spark plug stays!

The gap, as the plug comes out of the car, is probably OK, though purists may want to file both parts to points, and adjust their spacing to the lowest that will stand the highest rf power used. Where balanced feed lines are used, mount two plugs on a grounded metal plate at approximately the feed-line

spacing. The *Handbook* gives all important safety details. — W1HDQ

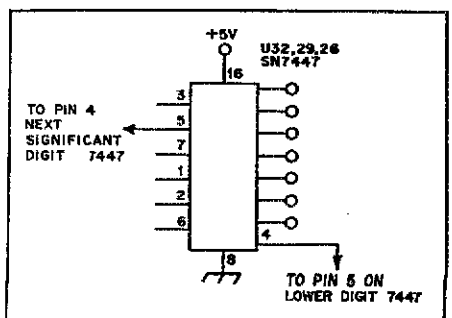
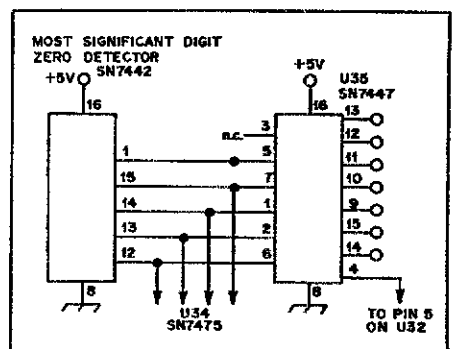
## A TIP ON SOLDERING-IRON TIPS

The tip on my 30-watt soldering iron never seemed too massive until I tried soldering a 24-pin IC socket to a circuit board. The old trick of wrapping a piece of copper wire on the tip as a thin extension was an unwieldy arrangement. I removed the tip from the soldering iron, chucked it in my electric drill and "turned" the tip down against a file. The best shape for my purpose was a thin section, terminating in a long tapering point. This ruined the tip for other uses, but soldering-iron tips are relatively inexpensive to replace. — Julian N. Jablin, W9IWI

## LEADING ZERO BLANKING FOR LED DISPLAYS

Here is an inexpensive and simple circuit modification for the frequency counter described in *QST* for January and February, 1975, by W2TJZ. The modification will give leading zero blanking capability to the display. This results in an easier-to-read display and also reduces power consumption.

Apart from some extra wiring, the modifi-



ation requires only the addition of one integrated circuit device (a 7442, one of which I had in my junk box) to the frequency counter circuit. Follow the schematic diagram for particulars on the modification. — *Mike Frey, G3VXZ*

### W5LW — NEW APPROACH TO THE FOLD-OVER TOWER

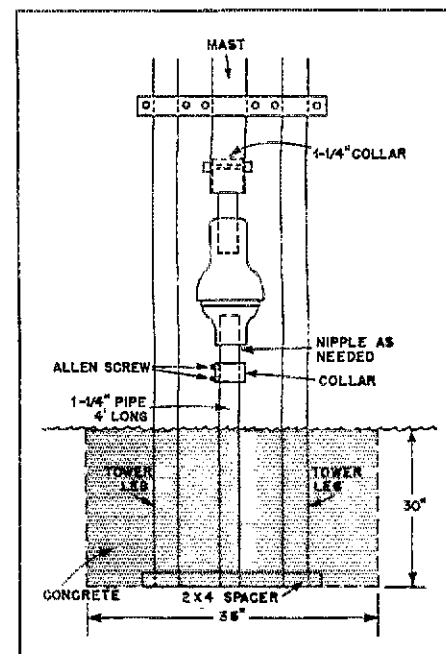
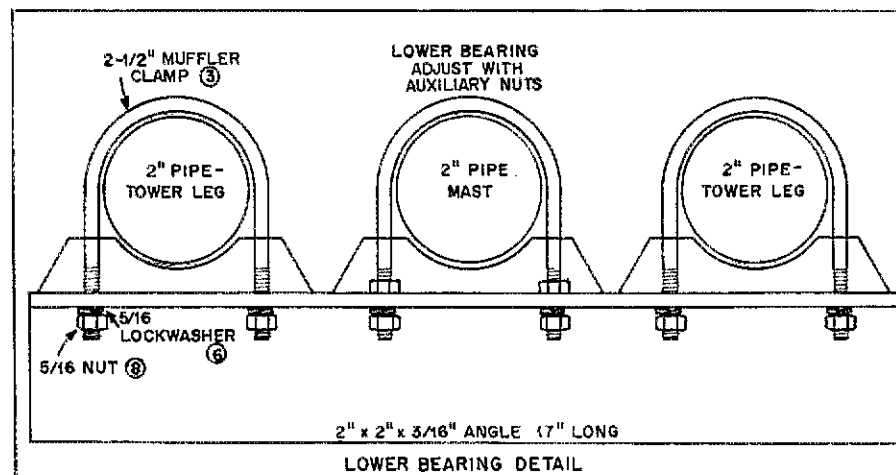
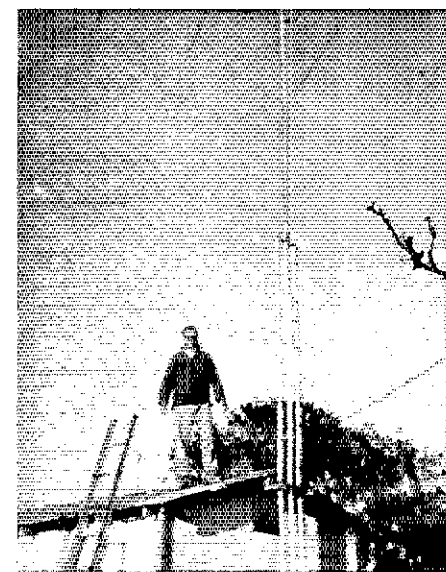
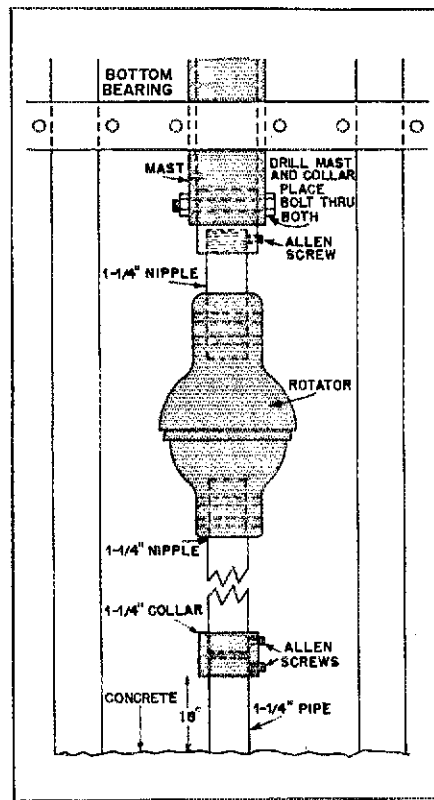
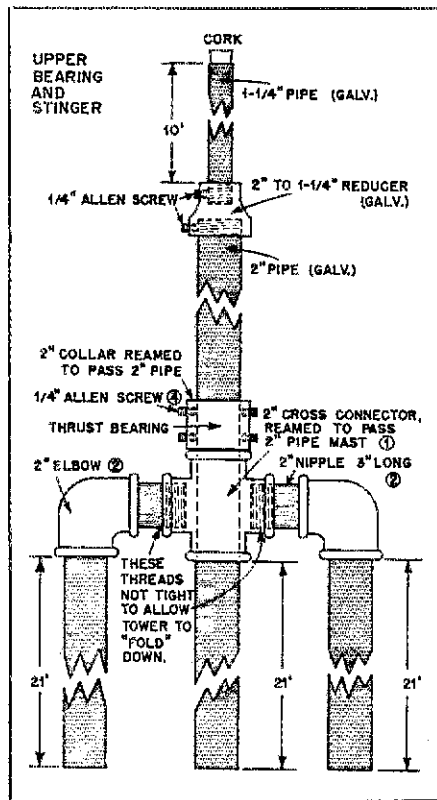
Those of us who cannot tolerate heights will find this fold-over tower a possible solution to the need for an instant sky-hook. The tower was assembled using only pipe wrenches with four-foot handle extensions. Galvanized steel pipe was used throughout for construction of the tower. The one built at my location was

braced by attaching the tower to the house at a point about nine feet above the ground. No further guying was done, and it appears that none will be required. The tower has weathered some stiff gales here at my location on the Gulf of Mexico.

The tower will support any of the smaller beams and should handle some of the larger ones, too. Galvanized pipe of larger diameter should be used for the tower if you are going to have one of those "monster" beams mounted atop it. Dimensions and type of material used for construction of my tower are given in the accompanying drawings. The photograph is of the installation of the tower at my QTH. — *Lyle Smithers, W5LW*

### Fold-Over Tower Material List

- 3 - 21-foot sections of galvanized pipe, 2-inch OD.
- 1 - 21-foot section of galvanized pipe, 1-1/4-inch OD.
- 2 - 2-inch elbow connectors.
- 1 - 2-inch cross connector.
- 2 - 2 x 3-inch nipples.
- 1 - 2-inch to 1-1/4-inch reducer.
- 3 - 2-1/2-inch muffler clamps.
- 6 - 1/4-20 x 1-inch Allen-head setscrews and lock nuts.
- 1 - piece of 2 x 2-inch angle iron 17 inches long.



# Home For Sweepstakes....???

QTC 1 Hanover. That's a Roger!

By John G. Troster,\* W6ISQ.

"G ot one for your area tonight OM. QRV? W6ISQ de KQ3QQ."

"Sure fella, all QRVED up. . . . dar de dar."

"OK, cpi this gud, it vy impt msg QRS. . . . Q R S dah dit dit dit"

Nr 912 KQ3QQ ck 36 Atlantis Island 0235Z Nov 5

Mrs. Eleazer Wheelock  
1769 Green Dolphin Rd.  
Hanover, California Fone  
(123)456-7890 BT

Hello Bessie stop coming home Friday stop will be in Charlie Whiskey sweepstakes over weekend then take you dining and dancing after contest stop meet me airport 1900 stop your loving husband 88 BT sig. Eleazer AR BK

"BK . . . RRRRRR . . . solid cpi OM . . . wl get it rite off on local net . . . gld QSP ani time . . . 73. KQ3QQ de W6ISQ . . . ditdit."

"HmMMM, now what do ya suppose that clown sent me anyway? With a miserable fist like he was using he should of QRSed to about 3 wpm . . . he must of made 50 mistakes. I'd better correct up all his mistakes afore I pass it on to the locals."

Lessee . . . 'nr 912'??? Nobody could of originated that many. He must of meant 'nr 12.' Ain't important. Nobody never reads it anyway."

"Now . . . 'station.' . . . HmMMM. . . What's this 'KQ3' call? Maybe he's a pirate. . . . No such call. . . . He must be a 'K3' . . . yeah . . . and this 'ck 33.' . . . I'll recount it after I correct it. . . . And who's he trying to fool with this 'Atlantis'? Why that Atlantis sunk even before them Scandahoovians got here. HmMMM. Maybe it's 'Atlantic' something. . . . That's it. . . . Atlantic City! Yeah, with a 'K3' call? . . . Close enough anyway."

"Now . . . 'time' . . . who cares? 'Date' . . . ditto . . . skip 'em."

"To 'Mrs Eleazer Wheelock' . . . hmMMM. That's ridiculous. Never heard of such a name. Ahhhhhh . . . must be 'Eleanor'. . . . Yeah, 'Eleanor Wheelot.'

. . . . Make it Ms . . . flatter the old gal. 'Address' . . . ahhhhh. . . . Who ever heard of a 'Green Dolphin'? . . . Small matter. . . . There's a phone number to call. . . . yeeaaaahhh. . . ."

"Now, this text. . . . Wheeeewww . . . chee . . . this fella must be a real charger. Oh boy, I better piece and shuffle this thing around so's it makes sense. . . ."

"And the language he starts with. . . . Whew . . . supposed to be FCC rules about that. . . . Oh well. . . ."

"And who is 'Bessie'? . . . That should be 'Eleanor.' Lessee . . . somebody's coming 'Friday.' . . . yeah . . . Can't be her OM. . . . HmMMM . . . must be some other fella. . . . Ahhhh . . . says he'll take her to the 'sweepstakes.' . . . Guess he means the horse races. . . ."

"And then, 'over weekend' . . . hmMMM . . . 'dining and dancing' . . . and something about a 'whiskey contest.' . . . Gad zooks . . . this is a real boulder-type fella we got here. I gotta fix this up."

"Then he says to 'meet me at airport' at . . . ahhhh . . . '1900' it says here. . . . HmMMM . . . guess that must be zulu time . . . yeah. I'd better put that in American time so's Eleanor don't get confused. That would be . . . lessee . . . guess I subtract 6 hours . . . or is it 8? . . . plus one hour for daylight savings. . . . But it ain't daylight savings. . . . Naw, it must be I add 8 hours. . . . That must be about . . . ohhhh . . . say about 3 o'clock in the morning . . . yiii. I dunno. . . . 3 is pretty early in the morning. . . . Better make it 0400. . . . So she waits an hour. Now. . . . hmMMM . . . which morning. . . . Can't be Friday . . . that's daylight . . . and this is night . . . ahhh . . . Saturday? Aw, say Friday. She'll find it. How many planes they got flying in from Atlantic City anyway?"

"Then this character has the nerve to send '88.' I'll not be a party to such carryings-on. Make it 'best regards.' . . . And that signature . . . ahhh . . . can't be 'Eleanor' again. . . . HmMMM . . . oooohhh, here's his name in the text.

. . . . Says 'Charlie.' OK, sign it 'Charlie.' . . . Better make that 'Charles' . . . give the the thing a little dignity anyway."

"Aaannnnndd, count the words. . . . See now, is it that I don't the address? . . . Or maybe it's that I count the address and not the name. I won't count any of 'em. Sooo, I get . . . ahhhh . . . 41 . . . 42. . . . Might as well count the sig . . . 43 and 44. Wonder if that 'sweep stakes' is one word or two . . . make it two. Oh well, who counts 'em? The other fella miscounted so bad anyway. . . . Yeah?"

"CQ CATS Net . . . is that station from Hanover on tonight?"

"Yeah, I'm here."

"Well, I just got a QTC message for ya fresh off the air. It's got a phone number so's you can get your extra delivery points without paying for a stamp too. . . . haw."

"OK, I'll get a pencil."

"Now listen up. The fella who sent me this cw message really goofed up pretty bad. And I don't want you making any more mistakes on it. OK? So I'll read it real slow so's ya can get it right. Ya QRVED up yet?"


"I'm QRVED."

"Nr 12 K3QQ ck 44 Atlantic City  
Ms. Eleanor Wheelot  
1769 Dolphin Rd.,  
Hanover, Calif. Fone 123-456-7890  
break

Hell Eleanor if you stop your husband from coming home this weekend I will take you to the sweep stakes Saturday then dining and dancing and to the drinking contest over the weekend stop meet me at airport Friday 0400 best regards sig Charles.

Ya copy that traffic OK?"

"Yeah . . . cheeee . . . dunno if I wanna read this one to Eleanor over the phone or not. You sure that's what the message said?"

"Come on, fella . . . it was a straight Morris Code message just come over the big net. Yeah! HmMMM . . . but maybe when ya telephone . . . just in case . . . ahhhh . . . don't tell Eleanor who ya are! And if a man answers. . . . you'd better hang up and mail it." 

# Washington Mailbox

Q. What is meant by a "third-party agreement?"

A. A third-party agreement is simply an agreement between the administrations of two countries which authorizes licensed amateurs of those countries who are control operators to handle messages on behalf of other people. The other persons, whether licensed or unlicensed, are known as "third parties," whereas the control operators are the "first and second parties." (97.3w)

Q. What are the international regulations on third-party traffic?

A. International regulations expressly forbid amateur stations being used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties unless a specific agreement exists between the countries involved. In addition, whenever amateur stations of different countries are in contact the transmissions shall be in plain language and limited to remarks of a technical nature or personal character that by virtue of their unimportance do not justify the use of public telecommunications services.

Q. Who decides if a third-party message can be sent from a U.S. amateur station?

A. It is determined by the station licensee, and in all cases a control operator, either the station licensee or one designated by him, must be present to continuously monitor the transmission. (97.79d)

Q. What type of third-party traffic is prohibited in the U.S.?

A. U.S. amateurs enjoy considerable freedom when handling third-party messages; however, there are certain restrictions which must be followed. Of

course, U.S. amateurs can not conduct third-party traffic with countries with which we have no formal agreement. Furthermore, no third-party traffic involving material compensation to anyone involved is allowed; and, except in emergencies, third-party traffic involving business communications on behalf of any party is prohibited. (97.114)

It should be mentioned here that phone-patching is a type of third-party traffic and must conform to the above rules. Although not specifically mentioned in the rules, domestic phone-patching solely to avoid toll charges gives rise to questions as to whether amateurs should have these privileges.

Q. What countries does the U.S. have third-party agreements with?

A. The U.S. has third-party agreements with Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Israel, Jordan, Liberia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Q. Why do international regulations prohibit third-party traffic at all, unless the individual countries enter into a formal agreement?

A. It's often a matter of vested interests. It is not the purpose of amateur radio to take revenue away from normal communication outlets such as the phone company and common carrier services. In many countries these services are operated, as well as regulated, by the government, and they are very protective of these means for producing needed revenue — to the extent that if

you are monitored while handling a third-party message with an amateur in a country with which we have no third-party agreement, you, or the other amateur, could be charged the price of an equivalent phone call. Or even lose your license.

Q. How does one go about creating a third-party agreement between the U.S. and another country where there is no present agreement in force?

A. It is *not* simply a case of writing the FCC and asking that one be put into effect. The FCC can not enter into third-party agreements as it is only a domestic regulatory agency. Such agreements are diplomatic matters that are handled by the Department of State. However, the U.S. stands ready to enter into third-party agreements with any foreign administration.

Q. How can I, as an individual amateur, help create a third-party agreement where no current one exists?

A. It is necessary to create the desire for such an agreement in the other country — to demonstrate that the usefulness of amateur radio as a tool to create and cement international friendships and as an absolute necessity in times of disaster far outweigh any possible conflict with established interests. The Sister Cities program is one way to do this because it introduces amateur radio to people in a position to influence the powers-that-be. Or you could ask friends in other countries to write their government representatives citing the many values of amateur radio, especially in the light of the recent Guatemalan tragedy. You *can* help.

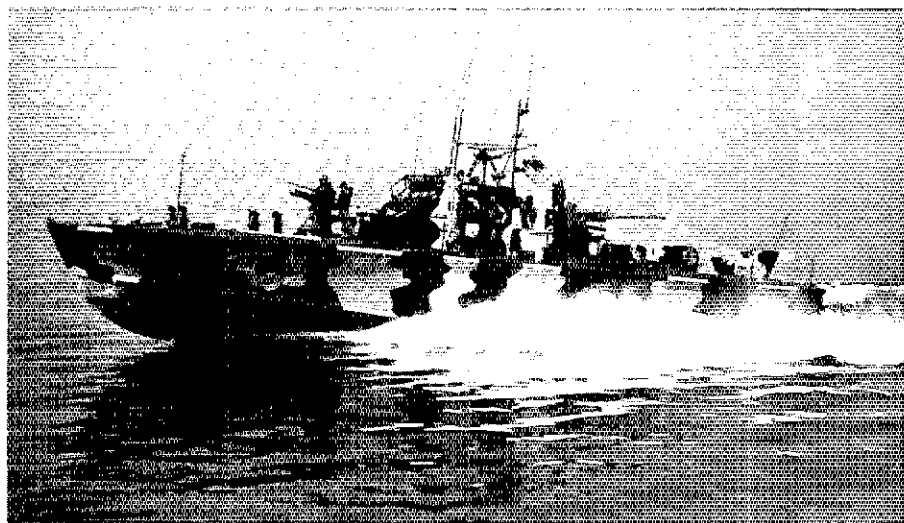
[Note: Send your FCC questions to Hal Steinman, K1FHN, ARRL, Newington, CT 06111. Questions appearing in this column are typical of those frequently asked of the FCC and other agencies. Answers, prepared at ARRL, have been approved by FCC staff. Interpretations contained herein concur with those of the Amateur and Citizens Division of the FCC. Numbers in parentheses refer to specific sections of the FCC rules.]

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## Strays

### FASTEST HAMSHACK AFLOAT?

WB2VYU/MMR2 claims his "100% Mahogany Hamshack" powered by twin diesels of 3100 h.p. each for unusual station status. Presently assigned as commander on the PTF-17 which operates on the Great Lakes, Tim Sammons operates his SB102 into a 28' fiberglass whip. While on board, he has had opportunity to make numerous hf and uhf antenna and propagation experiments. Tim also operated Field Day '75 aboard.



## Goldwater Enters RFI Fray

"Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today a companion bill to legislation proposed by Congressman Charles Vanik of Ohio to drastically reduce the amateur and CB radio bugaboos of television interference, hi-fi interference and other radio frequency interference to home electronics equipment.

"Most consumers do not understand that when they may encounter interference with their home television or radio set after an amateur or citizen band radio operator moves next door, the source is not a defect in the equipment of their neighbor but with their own radio or television . . ." (Congressional Record - Senate - February 25, 1976)

Right On, Senator Goldwater! And our

warm thanks for introducing Senate Bill 3033 to compliment the Vanik Bill, HR-7052. S-3033 has been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee and will be considered first by the Subcommittee on Communications, of which the Hon. John O. Pastore is chairman. The address is simply: United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

The Vanik bill is under consideration by the Subcommittee on Power and Communications of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, headed by the Hon. Torbert Macdonald, House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

Both bills would give FCC the authority to require consumer electronic devices to be

protected from radio frequency interference. As K7UGA points out in the remarks quoted above, the consumer doesn't realize that the device for which he paid so much money is missing a few parts which could keep it from trying to be a receiver. The industry has been slow to recognize the rapid growth in the number of radio transmitters, and thus, the great increase in potential RFI.

In this election year, letters from constituents are especially important in getting bills through Congress. The session will be shorter than normal because of the need for campaigning. The issues which generate the most mail are likely, therefore, to get the attention. Have you supported RFI legislation yet?

### ALSO ON RFI

In the March issue, we briefly mentioned Docket 20654, the FCC study of automotive ignition noise as it affects radio and television receivers.

The deadline for submission of comments in the inquiry has been moved from March 19 to June 18, and for reply comments from May 4 to August 3.

Among the questions asked is: To what extent are other kinds of radio services, such as television, microwave and amateur degraded by ignition interference. The League will be making a filing, and we'll welcome your thoughts on the subject.

Another study is underway now by FCC,

this one related to industrial, scientific and medical devices, such as diathermy equipment. Part 18 of the FCC rules was originally written in 1946, and although it has been updated from time to time, the basic technical specifications originally adopted have not changed.

In Docket 20718, therefore, the Commission is inquiring about technical specifications, measurement procedure, equipment authorizations, equipment in screened enclosures, and interference control. Anyone having thoughts to offer on regulating ISM devices so that they will not cause interference to communications may file comments with the FCC by May 18.

Amsat and a member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Talcott Mountain Science Center, which serves the pupils of the Hartford area. Bill is also a member of the U.S. CCIR, a technical study branch of the International Telecommunication Union.

Bill says that the high point of his career in amateur radio was when he sent the first ground control signals to Oscar 5 - the first amateur satellite capable of responding to ground commands. As Bill puts it, he was the first person "ever to tell an amateur satellite what to do." He was also primarily responsible for the design of ARRL's membership opinion survey, which last year tabulated the opinions of some 56,000 League members on FCC's restructuring proposal. Another project that Bill is proud of is the production of *QST* in its new format. The copy that he's holding in the accompanying photo is a mockup that was produced last year when the idea of a larger *QST* was first being studied.

Bill resides in New Britain, CT, with his wife Jill and four-year-old daughter Lori. He is mainly interested in Oscar and two-meter work and spends much of his spare time at the office studying for his Extra class ticket. - K1FHN

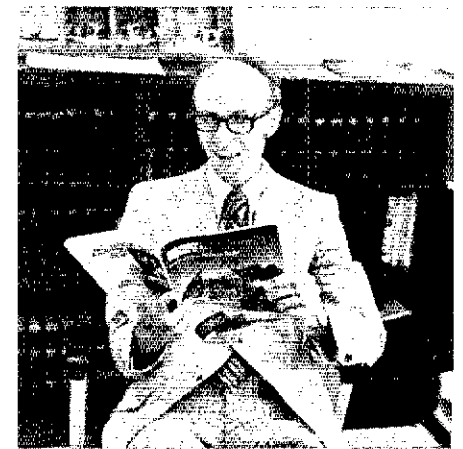
### BEHIND THE DIAMOND

William I. Dunkerley, WA2INB/KL7ELA, first came to the ARRL in 1966 as an assistant secretary for membership services. In 1972 he assumed the position of managing editor for *QST*, and in that post has been responsible for the publication of *QST* and all ARRL books plus typesetting, layout, paste-up, proofreading, and overall production. As head of the production department, he currently supervises a staff of thirteen.

Bill was originally licensed in 1956 as KN2UDH in East Paterson, NJ. He was a founder and vice president of his high school radio club, past vice president of the East Coast VHF Society and a founder of its Space Communications Group. He also served as assistant director of the ARRL Hudson division and was formerly Communications Officer for East Paterson Civil Defense. He has attended Fairleigh Dickinson University, Columbia University, and the University of Alaska.

One might think that being managing editor for *QST* would not leave a great deal of time for other activities. But Bill, since 1970, has also been in charge of the League's Oscar Educational Program - a program which encourages live demonstrations of satellite communications right in the classroom. He is also a member of the board of directors of

Is ham radio "for the birds?" Amateurs of the Nortown ARC displayed amateur radio during the annual "Finch Festival" at Seneca College in Ontario. In the foreground, VE3HOB and VE3HCN charm a visitor. VE3BJI and VE3HGA lounge in the background. Some 5000 people wandered by, watching hf and vhf activity; picking up copious amounts of ham radio literature from ARRL, RSO and other groups; and asking myriad questions about "how to become." (VE3HOB photo)







Fifty years of continuous affiliation by the San Antonio Radio Club are here celebrated by club president James M. Wright, K5CDT, holding certificate, Roy Albright, W5EYB, West Gulf director, ARRL, left and vice director Jack Gant, W5GM.

## MILITARY ON MODEL FREQUENCIES

From time to time, military agencies have made temporary use for tactical and training purposes of frequencies normally assigned for non-government use — including a few in the amateur bands. These are coordinated with the Field Operations Bureau of FCC in advance. The military use occurs only between 0600 and 1800 hours local time, is on a "non-interference to amateurs" basis, should be short-range and low-power, and should be away from population centers.

Nevertheless, interference has occurred, and especially to amateurs controlling models in the 53 to 53.6-MHz subband. Accordingly, at a meeting with ARRL and the Academy of Model Aeronautics, FCC agreed not to "clear" any future military use of 53-53.6 MHz. Until present authorizations expire this year, amateurs should notify ARRL of any interference.

## AMATEUR TV REPEATERS

The Federal Communications Commission has issued a waiver of section 97.61(c) for a period of one year, so as to permit operation of fast-scan amateur television repeater stations outside the 442-450 MHz subband to which repeaters are normally restricted.

WR4AAG in the greater Washington, DC, area has been operating as a TV repeater since January 1974 under a series of special temporary authorizations, the latest of which expired March 3, 1976. A petition for rule-making, RM-2507 was filed in January this year to allow permanent operation of TV repeaters; several similar requests have also been made. "Pending formal consideration of these petitions, and pending implementation of a formal frequency coordination mechanism within the Amateur Radio Service which would oversee the frequency selections of all repeater stations, the Commission is waiving Section 97.61(c) for a period of 1 year to permit continued experimentation in this mode of operation. Any licensed amateur repeater station operating in the 450-MHz band may conduct such tests without prior Commission approval," the announcement said.

## COLLEGE, HERE I COME!

If that is your cry for the coming year, you'll want to know about the scholarships offered

by the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a non-profit group of radio clubs in the Washington, DC/Maryland/Northern Virginia area.

All amateurs, wherever resident in the U.S. and holding an FCC license of at least General Class, can compete for one or more of the awards if they plan a full-time course of studies beyond high school.

The John W. Gore Scholarship pays \$750. Applicants must intend to pursue a career in electronics or a related science and have completed at least one year in an accredited college or university toward a baccalaureate or higher degree. Preference will be given to residents of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia.

The Richard G. Chichester Scholarship also pays \$750. Applicants must be members of the ARRL and be sponsored by an ARRL-affiliated club. There is no restriction on the course of study, but applicants must be enrolled in or have been accepted by an accredited university or college and intend to seek a baccalaureate degree. Preference will be given to residents of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, the District of Columbia, Maryland and Northern Virginia.

The Edwin S. Van Deusen Scholarship pays \$250. Applicants must have been accepted or enrolled in an accredited 2-year technical school and intend to seek an Associate degree in a science-related area. Area preference is the same as for the Gore Scholarship.

Application forms can be requested from the Chairman, Scholarship Committee, 8101 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20014. Requests must be postmarked prior to June 1, 1976.

## WE LOSE ONE — HIRAN SHARES 420

Despite strong opposition from the League and the amateur fraternity, pulse-ranging devices used for radio navigation in connection with offshore oil exploration may be used from April 22, 1976, until January 1, 1981, on a non-interference basis. Base and mobile stations may be authorized on a case-by-case basis along the shorelines of Alaska and the contiguous 48 states.

Amateurs should notify the League of harmful interference arising from Hiran or similar systems to their operations in the 420-450 MHz band, with as much detail as possible about hours, directivity of the signals, signal strength and the like.

## CODE RULES CHANGE

The Commission is planning to begin administration of multiple-choice "message content" telegraphy examinations on a limited, trial basis in the near future at a few FCC examination points. Under this system, applicants will listen to a five minute message in the International Morse Code and make whatever notes or copy they wish. Then, they will be given a multiple choice test on the contents of the transmission; 80 percent will be the passing grade.

To pave the way for this, and similar experiments in alternative ways of administering code tests, the Commission has changed Section 97.29(c) to delete the words, "free

from omission or other error for a continuous period of at least 1 minute." In part, the language now reads, "... messages in the International Morse Code at not less than the prescribed speed during a five minute test period..."

Qualified instructors who will be examiners for tests under the mail-exam system may obtain assistance with a suitable format from the Clubs and Training Department at ARRL Hq.

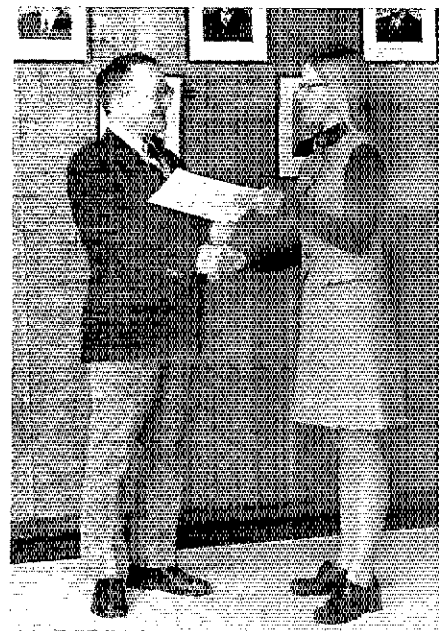
Another minor change was made to Section 97.29 (d); references to the drawing of schematic diagrams have been deleted, reflecting the fact that no one has had to draw a diagram for an FCC amateur exam in several years.

## CANADA EASES SSTV RULES

The Department of Communications has liberalized its rules for slow scan television. Endorsement for SSTV privileges is now required only once instead of annually. In the eighty-meter band, the frequencies 3725 to 3890 kHz are now available. Bandwidth at ten meters and below remains 3 kHz. On the bands 50 MHz and higher, slow scan is considered equivalent to facsimile, A4, and is permissible wherever A4 is authorized, with bandwidths up to 6 kHz. Repeater licenses may also be endorsed for SSTV, but the originator of the SSTV signal will have to ensure that deviation does not exceed 6 kHz. The changes are already in effect.

More than a hobby: Recipient of the Foundation sponsored Richard G. Chichester Scholarship, Catherine Fitts, WA1RAQ, accepts congratulations from ARRL General Manager Richard L. Baldwin. The University of New Hampshire senior is majoring in Communication Disorders. Presently, she is a member of the Handi-Hams of Minnesota, an organization of handicapped amateur radio operators.

No neophyte to amateur radio, Miss Fitts received her Novice license at age 14. More recently, she was elected president of the UNH Amateur Radio Club, W1ASZ. Along with her father, W1SAQ, she is a member of the newly reactivated Williamantic (CT) Radio Club.





## OSCAR Satellites Enjoy Worldwide Popularity

Recently compiled figures which show the number of stations (in each country) using the Oscar 6 and Oscar 7 amateur radio satellites demonstrate clearly that the program has international significance. As of early November, 1975, stations in 96 countries on the ARRL Countries List had established two-way communication through one or both of the satellites. In many of these countries, where the commercial use of satellites is still several years away, this activity by amateurs using low-cost equipment represents the first communication to be undertaken using space techniques.

Records maintained by Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (Amsat) reflect the following pattern of satellite activity:

### Countries with the Most Oscar Activity

COUNTRY	NO. OF USERS
United States	997
Fed. Rep. of Germany	315
England	172
France	170
Japan	136
Canada	70
The Netherlands	60
Czechoslovakia	58
Sweden	52
Australia	52
New Zealand	51

The figures represent only those stations known to Amsat who have definitely completed contacts, so as indicators of overall activity, they are very conservative. Including those countries with less than 50 satellite users, the total number of reported users is 2,655.

The pattern is somewhat different for the use of Oscar 7 Mode B, which uses a 432-MHz input and 145.9-MHz output and therefore requires a 432-MHz transmitter at the ground station. Here, we find that North America is far behind Europe in activity:

### Countries with the Most Mode B (432 MHz) Activity

COUNTRY	NO. OF USERS
Fed. Rep. of Germany	146
United States	114
England	58
France	41
The Netherlands	28
Czechoslovakia	22
Japan	17
Sweden	14
Italy	14
Canada	7

The Mode B translator was built by amateurs in Germany, so it is appropriate that Germany should lead the way in activity! Of course, this also means that when the satellite is accessible from North America and Europe at the same time, the U.S. and Canadian stations are the "rare DX"!

Of course, some countries have far more amateurs than others, so it's only fair to take this into consideration when comparing levels of activity. Here's how the number of stations using Oscar as a percentage of the total number of licensed amateurs looks, taking into account only those countries with more than five Oscar users:

### Top Countries in Percentage of Amateurs Using Oscar

COUNTRY	%
Rhodesia	4.04
Luxembourg	3.73
Czechoslovakia	1.90
The Netherlands	1.87
Bulgaria	1.38
Switzerland	1.36
Fed. Rep. of Germany	1.35
Dem. Rep. of Germany	1.28
New Zealand	1.28
Austria	1.16
Finland	1.14
Hungary	1.13
Belgium	1.07
United Kingdom	1.02
Yugoslavia	1.00
Sweden	0.97
France	0.86
Australia	0.76

If we were to continue this tabulation, we would find Canada in 22nd place with 0.48% and the U.S. in 24th with 0.40%.

## TEMPORARY LICENSES AVAILABLE FOR CONVENTION IN MEXICO

The annual Convention of the Liga Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores, A. C., will be held in the City of Puebla, State of Puebla, Mexico, on May 28-30. In past years many amateurs from north of the border have found the LMRE Convention to be an enjoyable occasion.

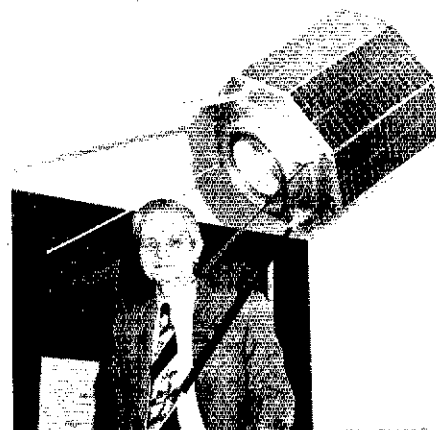
Of special interest to U.S. amateurs is that anyone wishing to make the trip may obtain a temporary license to operate from Mexico. The only requirement is that a letter be sent to the LMRE, Apartado 907, Mexico, D.F., together with a photostatic copy of the home license. There is no charge for this service. Temporary or reciprocal licenses have not been routinely available in Mexico for several years, and the provisions being made for the convention are appreciated as an expression of good will by the Mexican government.

## WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY, MAY 17

The International Telecommunication Union annually sponsors World Telecommunication Day on May 17, the anniversary of its founding in 1865. The theme of this year's event is "Telecommunications and the Media," highlighting the importance of electronic communication to broadcasting and the printed media.

Each year, radio amateurs sponsor and take part in special activities to call attention to the important relationship between the ITU and the Amateur Radio Service. This year, for example, members of the Department of State Amateur Radio Club, W3DOS, will be operating special-events station N3ITU during the month of May. Other special stations, such as 3AØITU in Monaco, are expected to be active.

On the weekends before and after World Telecommunication Day, the Brazilian Ministry of Communications will sponsor a contest to mark the event. The phone section is May 15, and the CW section is May 22. See page 62, QST for April, for details.



Indicative of the amateur satellite interest in Germany is this full-sized model of Oscar 7 which hangs in the lobby of the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club headquarters in Baunatal. Here, DC7AS, who is in charge of the "Amsat-DL Information Service," is standing underneath to give an idea of the relative size of the satellite package. (DJ4JI photo)

\* Assistant Secretary, ARRL

# Hamfest Calendar

**California:** The LERC Amateur Radio Club's Burbank Hamfest is May 15-16. Write: Alex Sheriff, WA6HUE, P. O. Box 1236, Canyon County, CA 91351.

**California:** The 27th annual Fresno International DX Convention, sponsored by Southern California DX Club, is May 15-16 at the Hilton Hotel in Fresno. Speakers from the latest DXpeditions, technical talks, DX forum. Write: Southern California DX Club, P. O. Box 73, Altadena, CA 91001.

**Florida:** \*The Playground Amateur Radio Club's Fort Walton Beach Swapfest is May 8-9. Free swap tables. Registration \$1.50 advance; \$2 door. Write: Swapfest Comm., P. O. Box 873, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

**Illinois:** The Dekalb County Hamfest sponsored by the Dekalb Repeater Club and Kishwaukee Amateur Radio Club is May 2 from 8 A.M. - 3 P.M. The location is at the Notre Dame Special Education Complex on Gurler Rd., (3 mi. south of Dekalb between Rte. 23 and South First St.) Tickets \$1.50 advance; \$2 door. Write: Howard Newquist, WA9TXW, P. O. Box 349, Sycamore, IL 60178.

**Illinois:** \*The Starved Rock Radio Club hamfest is June 6 at the Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton. Free coffee and doughnuts 10 - 10:30 A.M. CDST. Good food and refreshments. Camping and trailer space on first-served basis for a nominal fee. Many nearby historical sights of interest. Advance registration until May 20 \$1.50; \$2 after. Write: SRRC, W9MKS, RFD No. 1, P. O. Box 171, Oglesby, IL 61348. 815-667-4614.

**Indiana:** The annual Evansville hamfest on Sunday, May 16, is located at Vanderburg Co., 4H Center (8 mi. north of Evansville on Hwy. 41). Large indoor flea market area, and auction sponsored by the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society. Lunch available; free admission. Talk-in on 75/15 and 52/52. Write: Tom Dick, WA9QDZ, 2851 Wayside Dr. 812-476-2188 or Randy Riggs, 1552 Keck Ave. 812-464-3111. Both are from Evansville, 47711.

**Indiana:** The Wabash County Amateur Radio Club's 8th annual hamfest is Sunday, May 23, rain or shine, at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Wabash. Large flea market (no charge), technical forums, bingo for XYs, free overnight camping with ac hookup. Plenty of parking. Good food at reasonable prices. Admission is \$1.50 advance; \$2 gate. Write: Bob Mitting, 663 Spring St., Wabash, IN 46992.

**Kentucky:** The Kentucky Ham-O-Rama is Sunday, May 30, (Memorial Day Weekend). Location at Boone County Fairgrounds, Burlington (10 mi. south of Cincinnati, Ohio near I-75). Indoor exhibits, forums, XYL program, flea market, refreshments. Tickets \$1.50 advance; \$2 door. Write: NKARC, P. O. Box 31, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017.

**Maine:** The Portland Amateur Wireless Assoc.'s auction and dinner is in Portland, at the Ramada Inn, 1230 Congress St. (just off 1295, exit 5) on Saturday, May 22. Auction is at 10 A.M. Dinner starts at 6:30 P.M. Write: Martin Feeney, K1OYB, 38 Howard St., Portland, ME 04101. 207-775-2274.

**Maryland:** The Eastern Shore of Maryland Hamfest is May 23. This second annual event is sponsored by the Eastern Amateur Radio Society, rain or shine 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. (Located 5 mi. north of Easton on Rte. 50 at the Talbot County Agriculture Center. From Baltimore and DC area go across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and ride approx. 1/2 hr., signs posted both ways on Rte. 50) Talk-in on 52/94 and 146.445/147.045. Plenty of tables and chairs. Reasonably priced food and drinks. Admission \$2, additional \$2 for tailgaters. Write: Tim Meekins, K3RUQ, P. O. Box 805, Cambridge, MD 21613. 301-228-8534.

**Massachusetts:** The Hamden County Radio Assoc.'s flea market is on May 7 at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church in Feeding Hills (location is just off Rte. 57 in Feeding Hills Center). Approx. ten square feet of space \$1 flat fee for one-third table. Doors open to sellers at 6:30 P.M.; buyers 7:30 P.M. Write: Mr. Richard Stevens, Crest Rd., Monson, MA 01057.

**Minnesota:** The Irwin Ports FM Club's swapfest is on May 8 from 11 A.M. - 3 P.M. at the First Methodist Church, 230 E. Skyline Pkwy., Duluth, MN. 34/94 talk-in. Registration \$1.25, table space \$.75, bring your own table cover. Food nearby. Write: WA0BJY.

**Nevada:** The Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society in Reno plans a Memorial Day weekend excursion on the MS Dixie paddle-wheeler on Lake Tahoe. The date is May 29, Saturday, with plans for the floating ham shack to operate from 1 P.M. till 10 P.M. PDT. A complete tour of the Lake Tahoe shoreline, steak dinner at 7 P.M. Music, dancing after dinner. Special QSL cards to anyone working the Dixie Mobile. SNARS has chartered the Dixie for the entire day. Cost \$25 per person. SNARS requests a 50% deposit no later than May 1. Write: Sierra Nevada Amateur Radio Society, P. O. Box 7808, Reno, NV 89502. Non-collect calls to Sherrie Golden 702-831-3228.

**New Jersey:** The Irvington Radio Amateur Club's annual flea market-hamfest is May 16 at the P.A.L. Bldg., 285 Union Ave., Irvington (right alongside the Garden State Pkwy. at Exit 143). Doors open at 10 A.M. Talk-in 34/94 and 146.52. Refreshments. Table rental \$3. Write for table reservations to: Ed, WA2MYZ, 201-687-3240.

**New Jersey:** The Tri County Radio Assoc. Inc. hamfest at Nick's Grove, 318 William St., Piscataway, is on June 6. For info call 201-725-0778 or 201-752-4307 or write TCRA, P. O. Box 412, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

**New York:** LIMARC NYC area flea market is Sunday, June 6, at the NY Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, L.I. Talk-in 25/85, W2KPO. Admission \$1 per buyer; \$2 per space seller. Proceeds to be used for construction of emergency and public service communications facilities for Long Island. Call 516-938-5661, W2KPO.

**North Carolina:** The Durhamfest, fm con-

vention and flea market, is May 15 - 16 featuring technical seminars, ladies activities Saturday night banquet, 2-day covered flea market. Advance registration \$2; \$3 at door. Children free. Write: Durham F.M. Assoc. Inc., P. O. Box 8651, Durham, NC 27707. Talk-in 22/82, 28/88, 222.34/223.94.

**Ohio:** The Erie Amateur Radio Society is sponsoring the Vacationland Hamfest on Sunday, May 23, at Erie County Fairgrounds from daybreak till 3 P.M. Free camping Saturday night, free transportation to Cedar Point ferry boat dock. Plenty of flea-market tables, dealers welcome, 8 acres for trunk sales. Talk-in on 52-52. Tickets \$1.50 advance; \$2 at gate; flea market vehicles \$1 each. Write: E.A.R.S., P. O. Box 2037, Sandusky, OH 44870.

**Ohio:** The Champaign Logan Amateur Radio Club's 6th annual flea market and auction is May 16 at noon at the West Liberty Lions Park at West Liberty. Free admission; table and trunk sales \$1. Talk-in on 146.52 and 13/73. Write: John L. Wentz, W8HRK, P. O. Box 102, West Liberty, OH 43357.

**Tennessee:** The Radio Amateur Club's annual Greater Knoxville hamfest is May 29 - 30 at the National Guard Armory, 3330 Sutherland Ave., N.W. Indoor and outdoor flea market. Admission \$1; \$2.50 per table. Banquet on 29 at 8 P.M. \$6 per person. Talk-in on 16/76; 34/94; 39/80. Write: s.a.s.e. Edward L. Melton, WB4JGF, 749 Elkmont Rd., Concord, TN 37922.

**Tennessee:** The annual Humboldt ARC hamfest is Sunday, May 30, Shady Acres City Park, Trenton. Flea market, ladies activities, playground. Contact: Ed Holmes, W4IGW, 501 N. 18th Ave., Humboldt, TN 38343.

**Texas:** The Texas State RACES conference at the Texas Department of Public Safety, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin is May 29 - 30. Registration at 10 A.M. Conference opening and programs from 1 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. Sunday coffee bar open at 8:30; program going from 9 A.M. to noon. Write for details.

**Virginia:** \*On Sunday, June 6, a hamfest in Manassas is at Prince William County Fairground, 1/2 mi. south of Manassas on Rte. 234. Flea market, over 300 spaces available rain or shine. Parking for over 2,000 cars. Exhibit buildings inside and outside; refreshments on grounds. YL programs, children's entertainment. Special activities include: Fm clinic, ARRL booth, QSL bureaus etc. Advance registration \$1.50; at gate \$2.50. Children under 12 free. Tail gating \$3 per space. Tail gaters set up at 7 A.M. Others 8 A.M. Write: Ole Virginia Hams ARC, Inc., Tim Wayne, WA4GVX, 1708 Sharp Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191.

**Wisconsin:** The Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club's 6th annual hamfest is Saturday, May 22 at the Dell View Hotel in Lake Delton. Starting 10 A.M., meetings and events include: Swap n' Shop, DX, vhf RTTY, MARS, ARPSC, hidden transmitter hunt, ladies activities, liars contest and evening banquet with entertainment including something new - "The Kitchen Maids". Admission \$7 in advance or \$7.50 door (\$1.50 or \$2 without banquet). Write: Kenneth A. Ebner, K9GSC, 822 Wauna Trail, Portage, WI 53901.

\*ARRL Hamfests

# Coming Conventions

May 21-23  
New York State, Rochester, NY

June 11-13  
Southeastern Division, Atlanta, GA

July 2-4  
West Virginia State, Jackson's Mill, WV

July 9-10  
Central Division, Milwaukee, WI

July 16-18  
ARRL National, Denver, CO

July 24-25  
Atlantic Division, Philadelphia, PA

July 31-August 1  
Roanoke Division, Norfolk, VA

August 20-22

Maritime Section, Halifax, NS

September 3-5  
Pacific Division, San Jose, CA

September 10-12  
New England Division, Boston, MA

October 8-10  
Midwest Division, Omaha, NE

November 6-7  
South Florida Section, Clearwater, FL

November 13-14  
Hudson Division, McAfee, NJ

## HIGHLIGHTS

### 1976 ARRL Convention Preview from Mile-High Denver

Denver at night is like an ocean of light in a pleasant valley at the foot of the majestic Rockies. The bawdy, brawling gold — and later, silver — towns have become settled communities, catering to tourists, or ranchers, or the new energy population. Cattle and horses range mountain pastures, where not so long ago, the buffalo ran. But, centuries don't change the Rockies, or the wilderness lands, or the high lakes and streams . . . the big trout still lurk under a rock poised at 10,000 feet, there's still snow on Mt. Evans in July, the deer come into suburban back yards.

Colorado has water, rocks, sand, great vistas . . . for example, to the South lie the sand dunes, the ancient cave dwellings, the breathtaking Garden of the Gods, the Air Force Academy, the Broadmore Hotel . . . have we whetted your vacation appetite? Well, that's not the half of it. Here are our plans for the biggest, best, and certainly, highest ARRL National to be held yet. You see, we believe that the whole family should enjoy a convention. So we started by trying to figure out what might be fun for the YL, OM, and junior Ops . . . and we think that we've got some great things planned . . . bus tours to almost everywhere you might want to go, maps of the whole state for your driving pleasure, a list of restaurants as long as your arm, lakes spotted for your boat, camping sites for your camper, a tour to a summer ski resort, directions and programs for theaters, night clubs, hotels and last, but by no means least, a great convention.

Some of the things you probably haven't or won't see again at any amateur radio convention are:

- 1) A WWV time and frequency demonstration using their satellites.
- 2) The National Bureau of Standards.
- 3) The new ionosphere 2-megawatt heater for experimental vhf/uhf propagation tests.
- 4) Transmissions of multi-thousand messages using fiber-optics.
- 5) Communication by infrared — with a unit any amateur can build at low cost.
- 6) Propagation results from a repeater at 30,000 feet.
- 7) Father David Reddy of Easter Island.
- 8) Geoffrey Bryson of the BBC.

Those are just a few of the many happenings in Denver in July. And again, we haven't forgotten the ladies. There will be two major, grand, glorious, satisfying prizes given away — one for a lady, and one for an amateur. Of course, this doesn't count all the "little" multi-buck other things you both can win. A little hint about the lady's grand prize. Did you ever dream of an all expense paid

vacation to an exotic place, where the sun always shines on sparkling water? You have? Better get your reservation in right away, to where it says in our ad in this issue . . .

We'll keep this a bit brief, because we don't want to give away *all* our secrets this time. More about Colorado and the convention next month. In the meantime, we'll watch for your letter . . . '73

## NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

May 21-23, 1976, Rochester, New York

The 43rd annual Rochester Hamfest, now combined with the New York State ARRL Convention, will be held the weekend of May 21-23, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds near Rochester, New York.

Activities begin on Friday, May 21, at the Rochester Marriott Inn (hotel headquarters), where an evening Funfest in the main banquet hall begins at 7:00 P.M. Club groups, manufacturers, distributors and publishers will have open-house suites on Friday evening at the hotel.

Before dawn on Saturday, May 22, the huge flea market will begin to form at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Indoor and outdoor flea-market facilities are available. At 9:00 A.M., the huge Dome Center will open for commercial exhibits and programs. Also at 9:00 A.M., FCC amateur tests for General and higher class licenses will begin.

At 7:00 P.M., activities return to the Marriott where the annual awards banquet will be held. Following the banquet, the Antique Wireless Assn. will present a polar-expedition show. At midnight, Royal Order of the Wouff Hong ceremonies will be held.

Beginning at 9:00 A.M., Sunday, programming will begin at the Marriott. Programs will conclude at noontime. The final event of the day will be an areawide 2-meter transmitter hunt at 2:00 P.M., sponsored by the Rochester and Buffalo repeater groups.

For the ladies, buses will operate between the Fairgrounds and Rochester's famous Midtown Plaza for shopping and sightseeing. At 3:00 P.M., a fashion show and tea will be presented in the Top of the Plaza Restaurant at Midtown, after which buses will be available for return to the Fairgrounds and hotel.

Registration in advance is \$3.50. Advance registration closes May 15. Registration at the gate is \$4.00. Banquet tickets are \$8.50. Unlimited outdoor flea-market space available at \$1.00 per parking space. Indoor flea-market space, available by advance order only, at \$5.00 per table. A limited number of "RV hookups" available at \$15.00 each (includes two registrations). Ticket orders and information requests: Rochester Hamfest, Box 1388, Rochester, NY 14603.

Group (TAC), General Mitchell ANG Base, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Multiband contacts with WA9DZL will count towards Certificate Hunters Club points. In addition, WA9DZL is a Flying Club Member.

## STOLEN EQUIPMENT

- IC-230, Serial No. 1787. Contact John Weber, K4JW, 102 Southgate Blvd, Melbourne, FL 32901 or Ft. Lauderdale police, report 76-001694.
- Midland 13-50S, Serial No. 030577, stolen

## SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

June 12-13, 1976, Atlanta, Georgia

The ARRL Southeastern Division Convention and the Atlanta HamFestival 1976 will be held at Dunfey's Royal Coach Motor Hotel, I-75 at Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, Georgia. Special HamFestival rates of \$16 single, \$21 double are in effect; for hotel reservations contact the hotel directly.

A great convention is planned with nearly 100 major exhibitors in the air-conditioned Exhibit Hall and hundreds more displaying their wares in a mostly-covered outdoor flea market adjacent to the Exhibit Hall.

A Saturday night banquet and dance are planned. Pre-registration is a *must* for banquet tickets.

Individual registration is \$3.00 in advance, \$4.00 at the door; family registration is \$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door. Flea-market spaces (outdoors) are \$5.00 each, first come, first served.

For more information and pre-registration forms, write: Atlanta HamFestival 1976, 53 Old Stone Mill Road, Marietta, Georgia 30062, or telephone area 404-971-HAMS, day or night.

The U.S. Bicentennial and Colorado's Centennial are both being celebrated at the '76 ARRL National Convention in Denver, Colorado, sponsored by the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs. Here are some of the hard-working committee members: (l to r) Lys Carey, (KØPGM); Dick Schmidt, KØFLQ; Larry Steimel, WØACD; Chic Cotterell, WØSIN, Rocky Mountain Division Director; Jim White, WBØFPH; Boris R. "Slats" Council, KØATZ, Convention General Chariman; Mel Knoff, WAØYGU; Joe White, KØCNV; Dave Richardson, KØWOP and Clyde Glass, WØBPT. (William E. DeWolfe photo)



from car. Randall S. Krakauer, M.D., 9908 Pomona Drive, Bethesda, MD 20034 or Montgomery County police.

□ Drake TR4-C, Serial No. 36938, stolen from auto in Miami, FL. Robert H. Reid, 1510 River Hills Circle, Jacksonville, FL 32211.

□ Heath HW-12A, Serial No. 04346, stolen from car in Milwaukee, WI. Andrew W. Reichert, W9AQZ, Rte. 1, Rhinelander, WI 54501.

□ Heath HW-202, Serial No. 00316. Staber W. Reese, W9DOO, 1652 Norman Way, Madison, WI 53705.

## Strays

□ W19ANG (Wisconsin 9 Air National Guard) will be on the air May 15, 1976. Special Armed Forces Day Certificates will be issued to all stations worked. The operating schedule for Saturday, May 15 is: 7.280 MHz, ±5 kHz, 1330-2130 UTC, 14.310 MHz, ±5 kHz, 1330-2130 UTC. To obtain a free certificate your QSL card is required. Send all QSLs to W19ANG, c/o WA9DZL, 128th Air Refueling

# YL News and Views

Conducted By Louise Moreau,\* W3WRE



## YL Trademarks

We all have special symbols that indicate our affiliation with organizations. One key to YL identification is invariably that "33" which we use when we conclude a contact. It signifies "love sealed with friendship between one YL and another." Ever since 1939, the blue diamond with the scroll has identified the oldest women's international radio club, YLRL, as has the YL on the globe which marks its publication *YL Harmonics*.

Across the country, the chosen trademarks of the many YL clubs earmark their bulletins, membership pins, or stationary: Mermaids

and MINOWS in the west, the "Acorn" YL of WRONE, Georgia "Peaches," frilly Floridora ladies, the crinolins of the Buckeye Belles, or the kuspak and mukluks of the Alaskan Lassies. Still other clubs use the bird as an insignia such as LARK in Illinois, (which has been adopted and modified into WAYLARC in DC, GAYLARK in Texas, and BAYLARK in San Francisco), or the Indiana HAWKS.

Canada's YL clubs use flower trademarks as for example, the Ontario Trilliums, the first of the YL clubs in that country, and the roses of CLARA, Canada's nationwide YL club.

While the many identity symbols chosen by the clubs accent the feminine touch in amateur radio, most emblems also include a pattern of a key and microphone interlocking to indicate the major interests of their members.

The "ORV" motto of YLRL combined with YLISSB's "Torch of Friendship" might well be selected by all YLs to underscore the main goal of the growing number of female amateur radio clubs around the world — achievement of international friendship and understanding through amateur radio.



WA4FIS, Bonnie Jean Gross, was first licensed as a Novice at age 11, and now holds an Advance license at the age of 13. Active in 2 meter repeater work, Bonnie is a Life member of ARRL. (WA4FIQ photo)

## TWO MORE FIRST YLS

During a visit in April, 1976, LA8KT, Inger Bjerrang, became the first YL to operate from Svalbard Island. Her call at Svalbard was JW8KT. Inger and OM LA5NM/JW5NM are active members of YLISSB.

When Dr. Greta Hubacher, HB9ARC, operated as HB0ARC, she was believed to have become Lichtenstein's first YL.

## 1976 BUCKEYE BELLE PROJECT

Eila Russell, WA8EBS, 1976 Buckeye Belle president-elect, has proposed a "Radio Pal" program for the club. Through this plan, members of other radio clubs may become close on-the-air friends of Buckeye Belle members. The twin goals of this project are sharing ideas — club as well as personal — and

improving code to upgrade licenses through cw skeds. The idea has been well accepted by clubs in this country and in Canada to promote a closer relationship among YL amateur radio operators through their primary interest.

## 1976 DX YL TO NORTH AMERICAN YL CONTEST RESULTS

The winners: DX Phone: HC2YL, YN1KG, KH6IPL. N. A. Phone: WA8AHU, W2GLB, W4LKM. (Note W4LKM operated as W4CWV.) DX cw: DJ0EK, YV5CKR, I3MO. N. A. cw: WA2DMK, WA5POX, AC2HFR. DX Phone scores: HC2YL 540, YN5KG 378, KH6IPL 190, DJ0EK 150, F5RC 110\*, VE2JZ 110\*, DJ1TE 100\*, YV5CKR 90, VE7DIO 78.75\*, DJ5UAC 30\*, G8LY 24, ZS2AA 20\*, DF2SL 15\*, DK2KD 5\*, ZS2GH 1.25\*. N. A. Phone: WA8AHU 247.5\*, W2GLB 242, W4LKM 220\* (W4LKM operated as W4CWV), K6DLL 169, K4RNS



Dr. Greta Hubacher, HB9ARC, active YLISSB member, fulfilled a desire when she operated as HB0ARC and became the first known YL to work from Lichtenstein.



Linda, WN9DSR, has logged 30 states toward a goal of WAS Novice. She is busy on 80 and 40 meters, with plans for 15-meter operation in the near future. (K9GTJ photo)

36, WA2DMK 30\*, WB4QVD 30\*. DX cw scores: DJ0EK 48, YV5CKR 30, I3MO 24, DF 2SL 11.25\*, G8LY 1.25\*, N. A. cw: WA2DMK 15\*, WA5FOX 3, AC2HFR 1.25\*. Combined scores: DJ0EK 198, YV5CKR 120, DF2SL 26.25\*, G8LY 25.25\*. N. A. combined scores: WA2DMK 45\*. Note: \* indicates low-power multiplier.

## BRAZIL YL AWARD

Brazil is offering a certificate to all radio amateurs who submit the following qualifications: An authentic log record of two-way contact with YLs in Brazil. For DX stations requirements are 12 YL stations of different countries, and 8 YL stations in Brazil. The YL countries must be located on 3 different continents. Brazilian amateurs must work 20 YL stations in Brazil, and 5 YL stations of different countries located on 3 different continents. Send information to BRYLA, A/C I FI, P. O. Box 58 20.000 RIO, RJ Brazil. All applications should include a QSL for BRYLA's files and 10 IRCs for return postage. All logs must be certified by a recognized amateur radio association.

\*YL Editor, QST. Please send all news notes to W3WRE's home address: 305 N. Llanwellyn Ave., Glenolden, PA 19036.

## 450 MHz ATV Repeaters

In a public notice dated March 1, 1976, the FCC has waived Section 97.61 (c) of the rules for a period of one year to permit operation of fast-scan amateur television repeater stations outside of the repeater subbands. By this notice, fast-scan repeater stations can operate *anywhere* within the 450-MHz band.

At press time, we have word of three such repeaters on the air. Two have inputs at 427.25 MHz and outputs at 439.25 MHz and one uses the same frequencies but with input and output reversed. Additionally, we have word of four more systems planned, with two in the same metropolitan area. Fast-scan

repeater proponents claim no more than a total *theoretical* bandwidth of 9 MHz, 5-MHz bandwidth centered around the repeater input and 4 MHz at the output. The important point here is that frequency coordinators should exercise caution in assigning frequencies for ATV repeaters. Oscar 7 has an input at 432.125 to 432.175 MHz. In addition, world-wide moonbounce adherents do all their work at 432 MHz (and cannot *move*). Also most weak signal experimentation is conducted in the 432-MHz region. Assuming the stated *theoretical* bandwidth of 5-MHz for an ATV input signal, that frequency spread

covers above 432 MHz. We would be less than honest if we didn't point out that the 5-MHz bandwidth may not be within the capabilities of many amateurs (or commercial manufacturers, for that matter). The 450-MHz band is from 420 to 450 MHz. The regular repeater band is 442 to 450 MHz so if we subtract this figure it leaves us 22 MHz. It is quickly apparent that three 9-MHz bandwidth ATV repeaters in a single city or area wouldn't work. In fact, two could cause problems. Again, frequency coordinators should use cautious judgment. And, any ATV groups *should* work through their coordinators.

## MORE ON AUTOPATCH AND 911 SYSTEMS

"Dear Lew:

With regard to your interest in automatic 911 autopatches, I would like to give you some of my personal observations in the Nassau County, Long Island area.

There are several machines on Long Island, having autopatch, but not the auto-911 system. The predominant problem on a/p calls to the police is that the operator at the police hq. is not familiar with a/p and the ham in the mobile talks too much.

We have duplexed our patch (WR2ADZ) and found that while the longwinded mobile ham is giving the police operator a lot of useless information, the operator is asking a lot of specific questions that the mobile can not hear. Many times the police operator has said: "Hold on, I'll connect you with Highway Patrol" and the ham does not hear this and assumes that his call was disconnected or didn't go through at all. He then hangs up, redials 911 and starts all over again!

Another problem we have on this particular repeater (WR2ADZ) is that we are on the same frequency as WR2ADD in New Jersey. Although we do not cause each other too many headaches, there have been times that someone dialing 911 on our autopatch has brought up their auto-911 patch. Imagine the amazement of the police operator in New Jersey hearing our traffic and scratching his head!

As a result I feel that: If the police operators could be taught who we are and how we communicate, and if the ham could be taught to keep it down to very short transmissions of few words in length, and if care was taken to insure that not more than one machine on a frequency pair had the 911 system, then it might work.

It's a fantastic idea, but will it really work? We have found it best to call for a land station to take the information and pass it on, and use the a/p only if none was available. This additionally lets someone filter out the useless calls.

\*VRAC Liaison, ARRL Hq.

Just adding our two-cents, I remain, Yours truly, Manny Marcel, WB2BON."

Manny has some good points. Probably what we need is a guide for hams to use when calling the police via autopatch. During a bad storm in Connecticut, the autopatch/police calls were going hot and heavy on the local repeater. One ham accessed the patch and started off: "This is K1XXX, reporting an accident, etc." Some of the hams who also have police monitor receivers reported that the police dispatcher said he had a report from a CBer (!) on an accident. The CBers are getting enough credit so let's not tout up our public service efforts. It is probably a good idea to preface any calls: "This is *amateur radio station* K1XXX, etc." This puts the emphasis where it belongs.

## TIME-OUT AND LINKING

Phil Snyder, W9LVY, writes, "I like the repeater column very much. Here are a couple of items that might be of interest to other repeater people:

1) A number of repeaters in the midwest are adding something new to their systems. One or two seconds after you let go of your microphone button, you will hear a short beep. This indicates that the three-minute timer has reset. Waiting for the beep is required to keep from timing out the repeater. Of course, this time delay permits others to jump in by giving their call or for emergency traffic. Also, the last five or ten seconds before the repeater times out, there will be a continuous tone transmitted. This lets everyone know what has happened. After the timer resets, the repeater comes back on with an identifier.

2) I would like to see more information on how to link repeaters. I know that some are very exotic methods while others are extremely simple. The Columbus, Ohio, 16/76 machine is linked to Dayton via a 450-MHz link and to Newcomberstown by the 'Spectrum Conservation' method which was covered at the Dayton Hamvention last year. Briefly, the system is as follows: When a

station desires to link with Newcomberstown, he calls a control station who then dials the appropriate Touchtone digits. Now, whenever station A transmits on 16 in Columbus, a PL tone is added to the 76 transmitter. This is picked up by a 76 receiver at Newcomberstown (whose normal channel is 19/79), and if nothing is coming in on the main receiver (19), it retransmits the 16 signal on 79. When a station in Newcomberstown answers back on 19, this puts PL on the 79 transmitter which is picked up in Columbus and rebroadcast on 76. This is a very simple system and, of course, could be extended to any number of stations, assuming that no two adjacent repeaters were on the same frequencies.

We repeater people would like to hear more about linking, such as how the TIRS Texas system works." (How about it, Texas, anyone want to write us a short description?)

## RIP-OFFS

Hugh Vandegriff, DA1VH, writes that he liked the article we ran on the year of the rip-off but that we missed one big point. He had to testify in a court case in St. Louis involving the conviction of two thieves who had stolen radio gear from cars. They testified that their best indicator was the ham license plates! Hugh doesn't believe in advertising the fact that he is a ham.

He adds one further piece of noteworthy news: In Germany, there are no thefts of radio gear. Any theft of anything with a value of over 20 dollars means 20 years in jail! Maybe something like that is needed here.

Canada is another country that isn't too bothered by thefts, but we did get one humorous story out of Toronto. A ham up there had his transceiver ripped off. Two days later, he got a telephone call. The caller told him to look in his back yard for a plastic bag and he would find his rig in the bag. The caller then apologized for the theft stating that he was sorry but it wasn't the right kind of transceiver! (Maybe a sticker in the window of your car stating that the radio *is not* CB is worthwhile.)

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# Correspondence

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## GUATEMALA EARTHQUAKE

□ I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and that of our staff from Guatemala for the kind assistance provided by your League through radio communications between the U.S. and Guatemala during the first hours and days of the recent disaster.

Your reference to Mr. Socrates A. Martin ez of Middle River, Maryland, provided invaluable communications assistance to members of this office during periods of uncertainty regarding the welfare of their families in Guatemala.

Also, your organization is to be commended for its maintenance of radio communication services into Latin America through its members operating amateur radios. — *Dr. Harold B. Hubbard, World Health Organization, Washington, DC*

□ We wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for the service you gave in time of trouble. A recent service was one concerning our daughter and son-in-law living in Guatemala when the earthquake occurred.

We received word twice that all was okay from Columbus; then it was relayed to California where our son-in-law lives. — *Mr. and Mrs. John S. R. Turner, Sylvania, OH*

□ The Managua and Guatemala City disasters point to the very real need for U.S. stations to work foreign voice stations in the 14.1-14.2 MHz subband. Let's change those antiquated regulations to read: "U.S. amateur radio stations may utilize the 14.1-14.2 MHz amateur band segment to conduct voice communications with other than U.S. stations. — No communications between U.S. stations except disaster emergency traffic, foreign or domestic." — *Virgie H. Meador, WALVZ, Miami, FL*

## WHICH WAY AMATEUR GROWTH?

□ It was with great pleasure that I read "It Seems to Us" in QST for March.

I am an associate member of ARRL and have vowed that "this is the year that I will finally get my Novice license." I have been trying on and off for the past eight years to acquire what I must know, but it has always been easier to "wait until I have more time," than to teach myself (or find someone to teach me) and take the exam.

This is how it has been ever since junior high when WAISIT kindled the flame of my interest. After reading your article, my hopes are again high. Thanks for the good news. Now if I can only get some time after work.

— *Charles E. Biss, Rochester NY*

□ I am sure the Northwest Arkansas ARC will support and participate in your new growth for amateur radio.

We have recently completed a Novice class with 12 students having passed the code test and taken the FCC exams. There was a five to six week wait between passing the code test and receiving the exams. Your proposal for certification through ARRL affiliated clubs will be a breakthrough in cutting that unneeded red tape and should further enhance recently laudable FCC deregulation.

Most students for our recent class came from word of mouth advertising although as an afterthought we put a sign in a local radio

store. That sign has generated so many inquiries that we are starting another class. We may have to hire a hall! — *Clement R. Coggin, WSTXA, Fayetteville, AR*

□ The League seems to be plugging all out for a rapid increase in the number of licensed amateurs. This will effect an extra nudge that the manufacturers' lobby wants for admitting one and all into the amateur ranks and bands.

Such a trend is detrimental to the interests of all bona-fide radio amateurs. Even now, the general public lumps CBers and amateurs into one general category of "radio nuts."

However, the radio amateur is a distinct breed and has historically come from those possessing more than a cursory interest in the development of the art itself. Many rose to prominence as inventors, organizers and executives in the developing electronics fields.

It seems to me that amateur radio is not for everybody and entrance into the fraternity should be predicated on certain minimum requirements set at today's level. Try to equate in your mind such names as Marconi, Maxim, Handy, Schnell and yes, Doug DeMaw, too, with the CB characters. — *Clark F. Koffke, KQKO, Grand Island, NE*

[Editor's Note: The new training program does not intend to lower the present requirements for the Novice license, but merely to smooth the presently rocky road towards this license.]

□ After reading other ham magazines, I have come to the conclusion that the ARRL has more going for it and QST is the backbone of amateur radio. I firmly believe in your worthy organization and if we stick together we can have amateur radio the way we want it. Many changes are being made, some good, some bad, but if amateurs stay together we have a definite future for all. Let's preserve our hobby! — *Kelly McGrew, WA7VCL, Caldwell, ID*

□ When things get back to normal and everybody begins to think that we are all human beings and not numbers or indifferent to people's feelings and big companies begin to have feelings for people in general, then I will be the first to join the League. After 26 years in your organization, I find that big business doesn't care for little people, but for how much money they can take. — *Carl Saglimben, W7IBM, Tempe, AZ*

## EASY ON OSCAR: OSCAR IS EASY

□ AMSAT recommends the use of 80 to 100 watts effective radiated power with the mode B transponder (432.15-MHz input, 145.95-MHz output) to prevent overloading and excessive discharge of the spacecraft's battery. The use of 10 to 20 watts to a 10-element beam yields excellent results, and some operators report establishing two-way communications with power down to a watt or so! — *Perry T. Klein, K3JTE, Washington, DC*

## IN ADVANCEMENT OF THE ART

□ I do not think it is too early to start thinking about standards to be used when the

FCC gets around to OKing RM-1550 [ARRL's request for "deregulation" of teleprinter. — ED.] It might be a good idea to use the following universal computer industry standards for low-speed (up to 300 baud) terminals: *Originator* (uplink) mark: 1070 Hz, space: 1270 Hz. *Answer* (downlink) mark: 2025 Hz, space: 2225 Hz.

Note the use of 200-Hz shift, space high for both data directions. While full data duplex may not be common among amateurs I feel that we should still use that shift to allow those with commercial modems to use them without modification. We should decide soon as to which pair of tones should become the amateur standard for non-duplex work. — *Phil R. Karn, Jr., WB2AJX, Ithaca, NY*

□ For those people interested in experimental radio operation, WN4RBU and I now have a beacon on 163 kHz using narrow-band carrier-shift keying. A transistor controlled relay shifts the carrier a few hertz to produce a siren-like sound. In compliance with FCC rules, power input is about a watt or under.

Reception reports would be of great benefit to us particularly with details concerning time-differential of keying rate and receiving conditions. We will issue a carefully prepared QSL card to all who successfully report reception. — *Robert D. Null, K4JVH, 501 N. First Ave., Maiden, NC 28650*

\*[Editor's Note: §15.112 allows license-free operation of one watt or less from 160-190 kHz with a transmission line plus antenna length of less than 15 meters.]

## QST "STYLE"

□ I read with dismay several "Correspondence" letters about the over-technical nature of QST. If we are to follow the directives of amateur radio as stated in 97.1, surely we cannot stand idle and be satisfied as mere equipment operators. While some articles may be difficult to comprehend in their entirety by some, careful reading will almost certainly allow a basic idea of what is going on. For those who choose to fully understand the underlying theory, a watered-down version is of little use. I urge you not to degrade the quality of QST by reducing the number or technical content of the many fine articles. There are plenty of popular magazines available for those who are interested in mere tinkering. — *Michael B. Hayden, WA3WTQ, Greenbelt, MD*

□ Please understand that I've been a member for more than 20 years, but I've never seen a black American presented in your articles. They, too, represent part of the ham fraternity. There are many black clubs and organizations to be presented. I think this will give a great uplift to the minority groups, who, although small in number, are true members. — *Thomas Shields, W9NYW, Gary, IN*

□ After several months of reading the correspondence section of QST I noticed the main top concerns the size, what was on the cover, how many mistakes were made, an increase of advertisers and so on. Some people like it and some don't. I don't care if you made it the size of a matchbook, I would read it anyway to learn about electronics! — *Doug Johnson, Highlands, TX*

## AWARDS AND SUCH

□ How about drumming up some business for prefix chasers? I was disappointed that many Novices were not "AK" during the Novice Roundup. Cards don't have to be printed as long as the operator puts his bicentennial call on the card. — *G. Scott Henninger, AD8HBN, Loveland, OH*



# How's DX?



Conducted By Rod Newkirk,\* W9BRD

## They Should Have Tried Tea Leaves

The overflow mob jamming Long Hall finally quieted enough for chairperson Shirley Screamsalot to introduce our scientific guests of honor, Professor Phlim and Doctor Phlam of Phlim-Phlam Ionospheric Consultants, Ltd. The bewhiskered pair bowed to the DX Hoggery & Poetry Depreciation Society multitude just in time to duck the whizzing Rettysnitch that wasted Shirley. "The crux of your problem, as I see it, is excessive smoothing of sunspot numbers," declared Prof. Phlim. "They slide right off Old Sol before they really get rolling." This triggered Alvis Tuninup from the balcony:

Pioneer Pinhead McBlot  
Keeps doodling orbital plots.  
It's really quite plain  
He could be more sane,  
Bombing Oscar with 900 watts.  
"On the contrary," opined Dr. Phlam.

"The far side of the solar disk has all the spots you need but they are completely sucked dry by DX hounds on Mercury and Venus as they cross its horizon." Sue Perlid shouted from the floor:

A new low in sickening sound,  
The sideband of Lardmouth von Klown.  
He processed his speech  
From a scream to a screech --  
It's the hairiest signal in town.

"If we multiply the solar flux in bicks by the A-index in eenies," asserted the Professor, "we arrive at the X-factor in bickeenies, a figure quite revealing." Morris Codehater belowered from the orchestra:

Power-crazed Dimmer O'Blocks  
For Kilowatts blew all his rocks.  
The ampere-mad dunce  
Tried twenty at once --  
That's him in his little black box.

"You might simply switch to secondary-emission moonspots which could be more readily studied without hazard to the naked eye," suggested the Doctor. Kent Sendright howled from somewhere up front:

Sunspot computers a-glowing,  
The researchers look wise and knowing.  
But it's clear to me  
They barely can see.  
Where we've been, much less where we're going.

Our learned guests closed their glib presentation in cheery agreement. "The current sunspot decline actually bottomed out six months ago but you won't realize it until eight years from now." That won them this May's DXHPDS farewell award, a huge matched pair of lifetime-guaranteed final tubes that led to the river through a trap door beneath them.

## WHERE

**NORTH AMERICA:** How about that Cincinnati couple who put a note in a bottle and dropped it into the Ohio five years ago? Got a QSL from the west coast of Scotland this year after a 6800-mile trip down the Ohio, the Mississippi, through the Gulf and across the Atlantic. Real DX! Other "QSLers of the Month" in spring's bountiful harvest, all commended for remarkably rapid and reliable wallpaper output in "How's" mail from Ws 1BFK 1CDC 1JUB 1SWX 7HPI 7YF, WAS 1UAW 3DMH 4UPR 8UUY, WBS 4WHE 5HVY and VE3CUI: A35FX, CR6s GA 1K, CTs 1UM 2BS, DJ4PI, DK1FW, DL9OT, DU8ED, EAs 5TD 6BJ, EL8G, EP2s MW SN, FC2CI, FP8s DX FU, FR7AI/J, FYs 7AE 7AK 0BHL, G4CNY, GM4DGT, HA3KNA, HC2HX, HKs 4BVV 0BKX, HR6SWA, JAs 1QOW 8AA 8BAR 0RR, KA8OP, KCs 4AAC 6AO, KH6s 1KB 1JE, KP4EAS, KS6FF, KZ5BK, LA2BG, OH2LU, OK30CAW, OXs 3CS 5BW, P29GW, PJs 8YFQ 9JT, SK6CF, SM6BGG, SP4ETO, TF3IRA, TG9LW, TI2WX, T11s BF EZ, VE8AK, VK3CB, VPs 2A 2AYL 2DAR 2DH 2DX 2EEG 2LBR

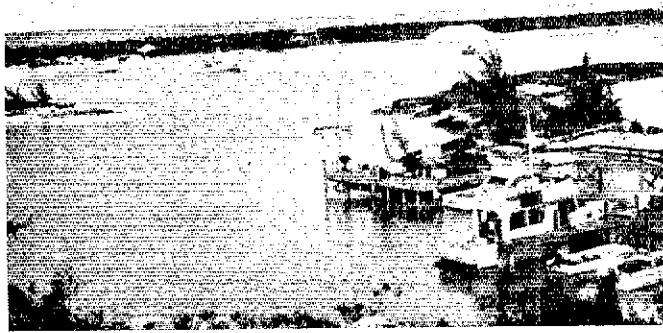
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to have more printed. VE1ASE was a multi-operated club station while VE1ZQ was on Sable with the Department of Transport. (VE1BDT) . . . W4GSM still has QSLs available for VP2MAH work back in '73, also for DL4GS, FP8CQ, P15MO and VP2EEA. (VE3CUI) . . . Currently poor QSO conditions may account for increased receipts of QSLs for 1972-'73 QSOs, both foreign and Stateside. (WA3DMH) . . . I'd like to close the book on FM7AA QSLing but I act as his QSL manager only for contacts from April 9, 1971, to February 24, 1973. No other logs are available here. I also have VP2AR logs only for January through March 6, 1972, but other VP2AR QSOs can be confirmed through Mickey's XYL, VP2AYL, FG7TD logs are on hand dating from 1972. No further ZF1CW QSLing from here although I've been receiving requests about this one, a call sign probably re-issued. (WA8TDY) . . . My DX QSL returns appear to be helped by my filling out each card in the language of the country concerned per K3CHP's QSL Guide. (W1BFK) . . . I have all my logs back to 1971 and do QSL but I may have missed some requests in the past. Note that my Callbook QTH is no longer valid; QSLs must be sent to my Bermuda address. Cards unaccompanied by s.a.s.e. (self-addressed

\*c/o ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111

VP5s CW WS and WW (W4s ORT SME and WB4EYX) recommend the Third Turtle Inn at Providenciales for your Turks & Caicos QTH of the Month. W4BRB more recently signed VP5GS at the Inn and

enthusiastically endorses the location. With such a view you can almost shake hands with DX.







UWØMF refreshes himself between 20-meter openings in Vladivostok. Mike is also heard from university club station UKØLAB. (KH6IKB-W1HOC photo)

stamped envelopes) or s.a.e. plus IRCs (International Reply Coupons) are answered via bureaus. (W4EV/VP9) . . . I always QSL on written request. IRCs are welcomed but not essential. (6Y5HJ) . . . My being listed as VP2M's QSL manager was a big mistake. Hundreds of cards received were forwarded to VE7BXG. (W4QL) . . . We operate from the same quarters in Managua and QSL 100 percent. Bicentennial WAS here we come! (YN1s KG RWG) . . . EX-WA1TNC/HIS, now W1DLF, offers to clear up QSL debts, if any, for his 1974 D.R. operation. (VE3CUI) . . . We volunteer our clerical services as QSL aides to needful ops at the DX end. (K5VTC, WA2YPF, WB7CGO) . . . Another big salute to Sterling (VA) Amateur Radio Club's effort at ARRL's Fourland QSL Bureau branch. Just received an 84-card batch. (WB4WHE) . . . It's important to recognize that some overseas amateur radio societies franchise their QSL bureaus on a members-only basis. QSL DX stations via bureaus only when they instruct you to do so. (DXNS) . . . 'Alp! Alp! These parenthesized brethren seek hints and kinks toward rounding up pasteboards from hold-overs specified: (W1JUB) CE9AJ, EA6BD, LU1s ZE ZR, UJ8AC, XE4EX, 3B8RS, 3D6AA, 7X2AN; (W5UQZ) FW8DA; (W7HPI) YN1MHL, ZF1AK, ZL1AA/c; (K4IQN) 4S7SW '74; (K4MZE) FV8DA, JA1KJW, T19FAG, VP1LE; (K6Z1F) SVØWGG; (WA3DMH) HKØAA, T19FAG, 5N2NAS; (WB5HYV) FGØMM, HKØMM, HKØAA, OD5HQ, UJ8AC, VR6TC, VU2DK, 7X4MD, 9Q5DM; (VE3CUI) ISØPUB, ZL4AU/c and 8P6GB. Any succor?

**AFRICA:** This business of W/Ks including dollar bills with their QSLs is a problem that could ultimately affect newly licensed stations all over the developing parts of Africa. One IRC for surface mail reply, two for airmail, and a printed self-addressed envelope are sufficient. After nine years in Zambia I really don't need more QSLs, except for certain United States toward WAS, but I do QSL 100 percent via RSZ's bureau. (9J2CL) . . . I'm managing QSLs for the Canadian and USA contacts by ZB4JH and ZL1BIL. My *Callbook* QTH prior to the 1976 issue is not correct. S.a.s.e., or s.a.e. plus IRCs, please, whichever is appropriate. (WA4UPR)

As QSL manager for the QSOs of C9MJO, CR6s II HK WW YY, TY5ABK and operator Dale of HR6SWA, please specify my new QTH, 763 Graham Lake Terrace, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017. (W8CNL) . . . In forming the Radio Society of Swaziland, we have established a QSL bureau at P. O. Box 21, Ezulwini, where 3D6BG will manage our incoming and outgoing confirmations. (3D6AW) . . . Contrary to some directories, I do not handle QSLs for FG7XJ and CR6FW. (W5QPX) . . . The D5 prefix block goes to Liberia, D6 to the Comoros, courtesy International Telecommunication Union. In fleeing from Angola to ZS3-land ex-CR6LF was able to salvage his logs of the past ten years. (DXNS) . . . QSLs for all but a few of my QSOs from Egypt have been issued and I've already sent out about 550 cards for contacts from Israel. I'll soon be taking all

logs back to Canada with me and can be reached via the home QTH or through VE1FO's bureau facility. (VE1VE/SU/4X) . . . A2CCY expects his logs to catch up with him shortly at his new Toronto address. (WCDXB) . . . I can still confirm TJIAD contacts made between December, 1974, and February of '75. Try me at 3264 S. Perkins, Memphis, Tennessee 38118. (WB4WHE)

**ASIA:** I'd like to close the QSL books on MP4BJR-A9XO operation from May 15, 1973, to May 15, 1975. Anyone still in need of his card should now write Mike direct at Rte. 2, Box 155M, Arlington, Washington, where he's signing K7CTW. (K9KXA) . . . I do not hold the logs of EP2PP who will QSL when he returns to the States in June. (W2BU) . . . Anybody still needing my HS2AKZ pasteboard for activity from May 6 to December 19, 1975, should apply to my California address. Same goes for WB6SCQ/KG6. (WB6SCQ) . . . Still have plenty of cards and all logs for my DXtensive HS4AHQ career of 1972-'75. My present Texas QTH should be good for the next two or three years. (WØEFD/5) . . . I still have a few 9V1QD cards left, should there be some still requiring confirmation of my Singapore QSOs. (W2MIG) . . . K6TWT no longer handles VU2ANI-VU7ANI QSLing. Go direct to the Andamans. (WCDXB) . . . HZITA indicates that W/Ks may QSL via W4UL, British stations via G3RSL. (DXNS)

**EUROPE:** SVØ suffixes are passed around to new operators so quickly that we at the SVØ QSL Bureau have lost track of who held what call and for what period. Hence we have a stack of undeliverable cards we'd like to forward to the proper operators. EX-SVØs can help clear the backlog by sending me their current addresses, former calls and dates of operation. By the way, "SVØPN" is very active but fictitious, and SVØs do not use 75 and 80 meters. (SVØWEE-WA4KSQ) . . . Those needing QSLs from SVØWJJ for QSOs between September 26, 1973, and January 25, 1976, should apply to my New York address. I no longer hold the call. (WA2AMY) . . . I manage 4U1ITU QSLs only for contacts made on November 25-26, 1975. Cards received for other QSOs of are being forwarded to Geneva. (W4KA) . . . QSLs for 4U1ITU contest QSOs of November 29-30, 1975, may go to DJ9ON. WA1NRV operated 4U1ITU on January 15, 1976, and can confirm his contacts. (DXNS) . . . Alas, dozens of HA LZ and YO stations are up to four years in QSL arrears at my end. (VE3CUI) . . . Re QSLing for GWs 4ENT and 6GW, use only my address as it appears in the '76 *Callbook*. Cards also may be sent via RSGB for my attention. (GW4BLE)

**OCEANIA:** VR4DX and YBØABV ran out of QSLs and will resume QSO confirmation on receipt of delayed stock from the printers. (WCDXB) . . . Former KJ6CF operator Herb now signs KH6IPS. (DXNS) . . . W7OK's QSLing for FK8BG and VP2KC is slowed by tardy log receipts. W6RGG keeps plugging away at the Yasmie Foundation QSLing for the VR1Z, VR8B, 3D2KG and C21 operations of W6s KG and DOD. Patience! (WCDXB)

**SOUTH AMERICA:** Our Chilean Amateur Youth Association began QSLing for Antarctic stations CE9s AA and AL as of the first of this year. (CE3AXO) . . . With two thousand cards on hand to answer, F2QQ regrets delay in sending forth FY7AK confirmations. Logs were slow arriving. FY7AK QSOs of March 15-16, 1975, can be confirmed through K3BSY. (K9OTB) . . . Now for our periodic QTH catalog but remember that each suggestion is not necessarily accurate, complete or "official."

ex-A2CCY, R. Furzer, Apt. 411, 20 Carahob ct., Agincourt, Toronto, Canada  
A2s CGD CNN (via SM3CX5)  
ex-A4XVE-MP4BHY-MP4QHY-3B8DQ.  
4W1GS (to A9XBD)  
AP5HQ, Commandant, Signal Training Centre, Kohat, West Pakistan  
C5s AH AQ, P. O. Box 254, Banjul, Gambia  
ex-C9MIZ-CR7IZ-CQ7IZ-XX7IZ (via REP of Portugal)  
CE9s AA AL (via CE3AOX)  
CO6OM, Box 3011, Havana 3, Cuba  
CO7KZ, Box 41, Camaguey, Cuba

ex-CR6LF-CQ6LF-XX6LF, P. O. Box 2154  
Windhoek 9100, South-West Africa  
ex-CR6OZ-XX6OZ, J. Fidalgo, Rue Marquis  
de Pombal 4, Tomar, Portugal  
DA1TH, T. Huston, PSC Box 251, APO, New  
York, New York 09123 (or to WABRYC)  
DLØFOC/HBØ/LX (to DJ6SI)  
EA9EJ, J. Perez, Calle Madrid 1, El Aaiun,  
Spanish Sahara  
EA9EW, Box 213, Ceuta, Spanish North  
Africa  
EP2EJ, E. Diehl, Jr., Box 170, Litton  
AMECOM Div., c/o U.S. Embassy, APO,  
New York, New York, 09080  
F2MO, M. Dort, 12 Av. de la Mongie, Puzac  
165200, Bagneres de Bigorre, France  
FB8s XN XP (via F5VU)  
FL8AC, B. P. 215, Djibouti, T.F.A.I.  
FL8s GL GT, SP.85038/GET, Djibouti,  
T.F.A.I.  
FL8KP, P. Kissonerghis, B. P. 1958,  
Djibouti, T.F.A.I.  
GC3YHU, D. Robinson, Solanita, Park  
Estate, St. Brelade, Jersey, U.K.  
GWs 4ENT 6GW (via GW4BLE)  
HC1PZ, Box 289, Quito, Ecuador  
HCISE, Box 4731, Quito, Ecuador  
HR1DH, Box 698, Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
(or via WA4UPR)  
ex-HS4AHQ, J. Boots, WØEFD/5, 447  
Demya st., San Antonio, Texas 78227  
IH1KSB/JD1, I. Sato, JE3AFS, 1-22 Shioiri  
cho, Yokosuka, Japan  
JR1BRV, M. Ohta, P. O. Box 244, Kyobashi  
Tokyo 104-91, Japan  
JW5 2CF 5NM 8KT (to LA5NM)  
JY9RA, Box 183, Amman, Jordan  
ex-KA6DE, J. de Mott, KS5ED/Ø, 12240 E.  
Arkansas Av., Aurora, Colorado 80012  
KC4USG, USCGC *Glacier*, FPO, San  
Francisco, California 96601  
KM6CV (via KM6B1 or WA6ZMN)  
ex-KZSWA, W. Mader, Jr., WA8WWM, Box  
2, Empire AFS, Michigan 99630  
SVØWEE, M/Sgt L. Dale (WA4KSQ), USAF  
Hospital, Athens, P. O. Box 225, APO,  
New York, New York 09223  
TA1MB, Box 1167, Istanbul, Turkey  
TR8TCV, B. P. 4110, Libreville, Gabon  
(or via REF)  
VE1VE/SU/4X (to VE1VE or via VE1FQ)  
VK2s FT/1h OO/1h (via VK2OO)  
VP2GAG, Radio Club of Grenada, St.  
Georges, Grenada, W.I.  
VP2s LCJ LCN MEV MWN (via WB9IWN)  
VP2MGB, P. O., Bethel, Montserrat, W.I.  
VP8s ML NY (via W5TWI)  
VR8A J. Thompson, Weather Office,  
Funafuti, Tuvalu  
W4EV/VP9, G. de Vilbiss, Tudor Hill Lab.,  
FPO, New York, New York 09560  
WA2BH/TU, A. Grossman, c/o U.S.  
Embassy, Abidjan, I.C.R.  
XE2RLP, P.O. Box 1147, Mazatlan, Sin.,  
Mexico  
YBØACG, R. Wirth, c/o Siemens Indonesia,  
Box 2469, Djakarta, Indonesia  
YN1s KG RWG, U.S. Military Gp.,  
Nicaragua, APO, New York, New York,  
09885  
YN8ODM, P. O. Box 20, Esteli, Nicaragua  
YS1WLE, C. Lund, A.P. 05-93, San  
Salvador, El Salvador  
ZK2AO, W. McNearne, c/o A. Smith,  
Mangawhata RD7, Palmerston No.,  
New Zealand  
ZL1GP/k, L. Orange, 2 George St.,  
Manurewa, Auckland, New Zealand  
ZS1ANT, G. Puts, 8 Kenray Ct., 525 Ed-  
mundstr., Pretoria 0002, S. Africa  
ZS3WK, Box 804, Otjiwarongo 9210,  
Namibia  
3D2KG, Yasmie Foundation, P. O. Box  
2025, Castro Valley, California 94546  
5Z4s PG RG (via WB9MFC)  
6Y5HJ, J. Hollingsworth, P. O. Box  
160, Kingston 10, Jamaica  
7P8s AG AH (via SM3CX5)  
7Q7RM, P. O. Box 472, Blantyre, Malawi  
9L1NP, N. Price, P. O. Box 12, Freetown,  
Sierra Leone  
9M6MU, Box 101, Keningau, Sabah  
9Q5DM, Songa Hospital, Kamina, Zaire  
A35AM (JR1BRV)  
A4XFU (G3XAR)  
A9XCON (via ARAB)  
A9XO (see text)

AH3DV/AG2 (KS6DV)

AJ4DIW (W3HNK)

CSAP (LA6LE)

C6ABA (G3AMR)

C6ABC (WB4YHN)

C9MJO (see text)

CE9AV (CE2MZ)

CR6FW (see text)

CT4AT (W1YRC)

CV4BL (CX4DL)

ex-CX6BT (YS1WLE)

D4CBS (CR4BS)

DJ8LP/5A (DJ8LP)

EA8CR/9 (EA8CR)

EL2ED (WA2BIH)

EL8O (OE6WMG)

EP2PP (see text)

FB8XO (F6CRT)

FB8ZG (F8US)

FG7AR/FS7 (K1LPA)

FG7AYO/FS7 (W2JKN)

FG7TD (WA8TDY)

FG7XJ (see text)

FG8BKZ (F6BBJ)

FG8CEN (F6AQO)

FM8BKZ (F6BBJ)

FM8BZW (W2MIG)

FL8BO (via REF)

FM7AA (see text)

FO8TF (DK7TF)

FY7AK (see text)

G4AMI/VP9 (G4AMI)

GW4CXM (G4CXM)

HC8RG (DJ9IK)

HD5EE (WA8TDY)

HK3CLX (W6OKW)

HS1ALE (via RAST)

HS2AKZ (WB6SCQ)

HZ1TA (see text)

IS8XKF (DL1RK)

IX4GN (LA4GN)

JX6DS (LA6DS)

JY8HXK (G3HXK)

K3HVG/HR6 (K3LLL)

KA8OP (W7PHO)

KC4AAA (W6MAB)

KC6AQ (WA6AHF)

KG4JS (WB5HGS)

KJ6DL (WB5HVY)

KL7RN (WA6SEY)

KS6DV/KB6 (KH6FF)

LH2A (LA2AD)

LU1ZA (LU2CN)

LU2A (LU2AFH)

LU8A (LU8AJG)

MP4BJR (see text)

OE7XBI (OE5CA)

PA5GIG (P1ARS)

PA9ANY (DA1TH)

PJ8CDC (W1CDC)

PJ8CO (W1YF)

PJ8KI (W8KI)

SV8WJJ (see text)

TA1ZB (W5QPK)

TG9YN (DK5VW)

VE1BFV (W3HNK)

VE2AQS/TG9 (VE2KQ)

VP2EEE (K2RPP)

VP2G (W5MYA)

VP2GFA (KL7FA)

VP2GJI (W2BJI)

VP2KN (W7OK)

VP2LCO (VP2MGB)

VP2SV (K3GYD)

VP2VI (VE3MJ)

VP5AH (WA4DRU)

VP5BR (K4GWK)

VP5DF (K4VMA)

VP8DL (WB4ASV)

VR3AG (K2BT)

VS9MPH (G4DVP)

VU2GO (VU2IJ)

VU7ANI (VU2ANI)

W00IR/C6 (W00IR)

WA1UGC/VP9 (WA1UGC)

WA4WME/HB0 (DA1VH)

WA7SIN/8R1 (W3HNK)

WB8HEY/VP2 (WB8OBA)

ex-XW8CO (HS1ALE)

YA1ZWA/SU7 (11HAG)

YB8ABV (WA7OBV)

YC7HV (JA8BMK)

YK1AA (DJ9ZB)

ZD7WT (ZD8TM)

ZE4JH (see text)

ZF1CM (W0ZTC)

ZL1BIL (see text)

ZL3LN/c (via NZART)

ZSPD/3 (WA4HHG)

ZS6BNF (SM4ANV)

ZS6DN (WA4HHG)

# DX Century Club Awards

Administered by R. L. White, W1CW

The following listings show DXCC Awards issued by Headquarters during the period from February 1, through February 29, 1976.

## New Members

### CW/F

280	DL2FV	128	PA0UU	WB5NEO	K7RSB	JA4IYL	K4IBP
JA2HO	215	EA3AEA	119	108	106	102	K8EEW
246	W4PZV	124	HB9AZO	KL7BVY	W8VZE	WA7JBE	K0FZT
JH1QOJ	205	OZ3XS	115	WB2QAX	105	101	VE6KY
222	YU3BU	121	DK6TP	WA7LAG	WB9OUX	W2TE	WA2JOC
K9DTZ	134	W5UFF	110	107	WA0IYY	WA6IYN	WB2NOM
219	WB9BQV	120	DL7KL	K4KFH	104	100	W4FOM
							WA0WNF

### Radiotelephone

221	144	WB9BQV	WB4VNG	106	W6ZUM	JA0AIE	W4TNX
JH1QOJ	DK8CO	123	112	VE3BR	104	102	WB4KTR
212	138	G3ZHC	CT1QZ	WA7LAG	WB6CKO	LU1BJZ	100
K9DTZ	JA2HO	113	107	105	103	W1JAA	10ZTG
173	134	EA5TD	K7RSB	EL2DT	DL6WO	101	K5VVV
W4PZV							W3FZE

### CW

102		101		100		K6RLY
W0BN		JA1KWV		K6KII		W4WSF

### 5BDXCC

#475	#476	#477
K4TIG	G3ZBA	VE3BMB

## Endorsements

In the endorsement listings shown, totals from 120 through the 240 level are given in increments of 20, from 250 through 300 in increments of 10, and above 300 in increments of 5. The totals shown do not necessarily represent the exact credits given but only that the participant has reached the endorsement group indicated.

### CW/F

350	W4ZSH	270	W4JUK	180	K9KEV	VE6CV
W2QHH	300	EA6BN	K4ZYU	115BU	W7RUK	WA2GEZ
325	W9KNI	W4AFS	K8HLR	W5RUB	W2TKZ	W8WCW
W8RT	W0CAW	W6ZYC	OZ1AJ	W6THR	WA3SRY	W8SVZ
315	290	WA7RFH	W4FZO	VE3CEA	W4CZU	W0KMN
W8ZDF	K3EH	260	W5ZSX	200	XE1FR	140
310	PY5UG	OE3HOW	W8QFR	HR1RTS	160	JA1IZ
W6MUM	280	W2VYX	W9LUD	JW5NM	JA2ETQ	K2IGW
305	K8UNG	W9LF	220	WB4OXD	K4WVT	K4HLJ
		W9NN	K0HGB	YU3TDX	K9BCK	KH6HML

### CW

200	180	140
W9KNI	W1DAL	K9UTN

### Radiotelephone

315	280	260	DK4YA	WA2FLA	JA3WBK	W0EVE	K9UTN
WA8ZDF	W8GUZ	WA4ZLP	11TBE	W6THR	JW5NM	W80NHG	KH6HML
300	270	250	KH6BZF	200	W2UFS	160	WB4OVX
W0BN	EA6BN	OZ1AJ	PY8JO	HR1RTS	W3WM	W8SVZ	WA9FUD
290	W6GTL	VP9GE	220	ZL1AJL	WB4OXD	140	120
W6TCQ	W6ZYC	240	PY2JY	180	W9PBY	JA2ETQ	W9QVY

ZY5YC (PY5YC)  
 3D2JP (JA2JPA)  
 5B4CO (SM0CHB)  
 5B4CX (OE8GMK)  
 5N2FAX (W1WTE)  
 5W1AZ (WA6AHF)  
 5X5NK (DJ3JV)  
 6Y5BF (DJ6RX)  
 6Y5DE (G4DEM)  
 7Q7DW (WB9EBO)  
 8P6ES (K4GLJ)  
 9G1TF (via GARS)  
 ex-9M2BU (YB0ACG)  
 9M6MP (JA2KLT)  
 ex-9V1QD (W2MIG)

Thanks for the preceding directory are due Ws 1CDD 1JUB 1SWX 4KA 7HPI 7YF 9LNO, Kc 4KCK 6ZIF 9KXA, Was 2EAH 2UYL 3DMH 4EWX 8TDY 8UUY, Wbs 4WHE 9IWN, VE3CUL, PA0HTR and literature of clubs, groups and individuals to be credited subsequently. Come again!

## OKINO TORI-SHIMA - A NEW COUNTRY

As part of the year-long celebration of the Japan Amateur Radio League's 50th anniversary, ARRL is pleased to announce the

addition of Okino Tori-shima to the ARRL Countries List. Even though Okino Tori-shima does not quite meet the specified mileage used in conjunction with additions made to the ARRL Countries List, an exception has been made for this one event and is effective with the activation of the JARL DXpedition to Okino Tori-shima. Advice from JARL indicates that the DXpedition to Okino Tori-shima is scheduled for June or July of 1976. A further announcement will be made concerning submission of confirmations for DXCC credits for contacts with the JARL DXpedition at such time as the operation does take place. ARRL is pleased to join with hams worldwide in celebration of the JARL's golden anniversary.

## DXCC NOTES

Attention holders of the CW DXCC Award. Starting with the June, 1976, issue of QST, there will be an Honor Roll listing shown for the CW DXCC. For the purposes of establishing the first such listing, CW DXCC holders having a total of at least 108 undeleted credits on their CW DXCC record may make a submission in June, 1976, without regard to the number of confirmations submitted. [55]

# The World Above 50 MHz

## New Blood

We stand at the threshold of an opportunity to win many new converts to the kind of vhf operation that many of us consider to be in the best ham tradition. The new 2-meter transceivers, providing multi-mode capability, are just starting to appear in quantity. Some new owners are finding their own path to the part of the band where ssb, a-m and cw activity take place. When they arrive, we should all go out of our way to welcome them and to provide them with information concerning regular activity such as nets, contests and such. Alternatively, many may not be aware that anything (besides fm) goes on in the 2-meter band. They may believe that the frequencies below 146 MHz are a vast empty wasteland. It is this group that we must find and convince that they are not getting all they paid for, if they fail to use the full potential built into their versatile gear. One place we can be certain to encounter these likely converts is on fm. So, if we hear someone sporting a new Yaesu 221, Kenwood TS700A

or KLM Multi-2000 on the local repeater, how about giving him a call. Make a schedule for a contact on ssb, a-m or cw. With a little missionary work like this, we can tap this source of new blood for our vhf/uhf bands.

The coming year should be an important one in the development of vhf/uhf, particularly with respect to increased population. Not only are the multi-mode 2-meter rigs appearing in increasing numbers, but ssb/cw transceivers for 6 and 2 meters as well as 70 cm are also becoming readily available. In addition, transverters for use with low-band equipment are once again finding their way to the market. We sorely need the increased population which this new equipment represents in order to justify retention of our bands. And from its pool of talent will come tomorrow's leaders in the world above 50 MHz. Every amateur should do his part in bringing these newcomers along. This column - and your League - hope to provide leadership, but the major people-to-people effort must come

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from the present occupants of the vhf/uhf spectrum



The site of ZL2WB. Gear for 2 meters, 70 cm, 23 cm, 9 cm and 3 cm was in place atop 4800 foot Mt. Murchison.

## WA6LET SCHEDULES ADDITIONAL 70-CM EME TEST

The next series of moonbounce tests from WA6LET, using the SRI 150-ft. dish, will be held May 23 from 1000 to 1900 UTC. According to a message phoned into the answering machine by Vic Frank, WB6KAP, overwhelming demand dictated that these tests again be conducted on 70 cm. Tests on 23 cm will not be held until late summer at least. Plans are being formulated for 13-cm tests which may well take place before the 23-cm attempts. Because of lack of interest, no 1-1/4-meter tests are presently scheduled.

The imminent 70-cm test will use a format similar to that of last November. This time, WA6LET will transmit on 432.095 MHz and listen up from 432.000 to about 432.050. Special effort will be made to listen between 432.025 and 050 for the lower power, smaller antenna stations never having made an EME contact. Those stations having already worked WA6LET on 70 cm are requested not to call in this part of the band. The sequence will be as follows: Starting on the hour, and for every 10-minute period, WA6LET will transmit for one minute, listen for one minute, transmit for one minute, etc. Left-hand circular polarization will be used for transmission and right-hand circular for reception. Request for an STA for more than 1 kW may be made. Listen to W1AW for late information on this.

It is also understood that twin-phase plans are underway for a 13-cm EME operation from the 85-ft. dish at Goldstone, CA. One phase is intended for completing two-way contacts on 2304 MHz. For these tests, the rig at Goldstone will run normal amateur power. The other phase involves one-way operation only and apparently would be conducted using the planetary radar transmitter installed at the site. It runs 100-kW output and operates on 2388 MHz. More information on this intriguing series of tests will be provided as received.

\*Send reports to Bill Tynan, W3KMV, P. O. Box 117, Burtonsville, MD 20730 or call (301) 384-6736 and record your message.

## FINAL CONFERENCE PLANS SET BY VHFERS

Plans are now firm for the second annual Eastern Vhf/uhf Conference. This year's affair will be held May 15 and 16 at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA 01803. The agenda includes technical seminars, equipment displays, noise figure measurements, awards and general good fellowship. For more information on the program, contact Joe Reisert, WIJAA, at 17 Mansfield Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824. Registration details can be obtained from Chuck Benevides WA1KIR, 103 Peabody Dr., Stow, MA 01775. This is fast growing into one of the must events for serious vhf/uhf amateurs.

## ON THE BANDS

**6 Meters** - This year's better than average winter E<sub>3</sub> season apparently did not carry over into February. The mail is almost completely devoid of reports of openings for the second month of 1976. WA9MRH of Omaha, NB, cites just a single E<sub>3</sub> session on the 9th at 2139 UTC to Texas with W5EUB. WAS1YX of San Antonio, TX, confirms the poor E<sub>3</sub> showing for February. In his always meticulous report, Pat notes the opening on the 9th with stations from Illinois, Indiana and Kansas being heard. He rates February 1976 as the poorest February since 1964 and notes the comparison with last year in which he recorded the best February for E<sub>3</sub> ever.

So much for the bad news, for the summer E<sub>3</sub> season should be on us any day now. Along with it will blossom good weather for taking to the hills and fields. Reminiscent of the sport of radio outings, we have been saving a report submitted a few months back by WA1RKS. It recounts a trip with his XYL, several ham friends, and their wives to Mt. Graylock in western Massachusetts last August. The trusty Swan 250 and 6-meter beam went along. Without aid of a band opening, numerous stations in 5 states were easily worked. Most important, a fine time was had by all. Ellis wants it known that hill-topping is far from dead. Incidentally, some of the newly marketed rigs such as the little Icom

502 6-meter ssb hand-held unit and the Yaesu 621 10-watt transceiver should make 6-meter portable operation easy indeed. The Icom 202 2-meter counterpart to the 502, along with the raft of other transceivers now available for that band, should fill a similar need for the 144-MHz enthusiast.

Hopefully, coinciding with some of the better E<sub>3</sub> days to come are several contests. As a tune-up for the ARRL June Vhf QSO Party to be held June 12 and 13, the SMIRK 6-Meter Party contest will be run June 5 beginning at 1100 UTC and ending at 0500 UTC the next morning. For further details, send an s.a.s.e. to K5ZMS, 7158 Stone Fence Dr., San Antonio, TX 78227. Speaking of s.a.s.e.s, Ray asks that SMIRK members send him some so that he can get the various bulletins to them.

When sending your envelopes to Ray, ask about the new 17/76 SMIRK award. It's open to all 6-meter operators and requires contact with any 17 states and 76 stations during the bicentennial year.

For the June Vhf QSO Party, W9NRI has offered to travel to South Dakota, Wyoming, North Dakota or Montana, or possibly a combination of these states. Frank would like to know what states the gang needs most. Drop him a line at 3041 Ursula St., Aurora, CO 80010 to express your preferences.

A few more tidbits of what we might expect to find on 6 this summer keep showing up. WASUUD in Louisiana is reported to have heard an HR6 on 52.525 fm, while from WA1OLK's OVS report we learn that VO2AG is on 6 and will be looking for contacts this summer. An OVS report filed by K7GWE informs us that W7KFS in Washington is loaded for bear this summer with a kW to a Tempo 6N2. We anticipate another big signal out of the Pacific Northwest this year. Congratulations are in order for K7TUO, new member of the 50-MHz WAS ranks. From the other end of the country, a station we should be hearing from in the months to come is 70-cm notable WIJAA near Boston. Joe has completed a 100-watt solid-state amplifier for 6 meters and expects to make good use of it. Another well-known vhf'er who has recently added 6 meters to his higher band activities is K8III. Paul has an 8877 running on 50 MHz

which should stand him in good stead.

**2 Meters** — Anyone need Idaho on 2 meters? According to a letter from K7ZCB, WA7BJU is planning to operate a portable EME station from that rare state during the June contest. Dan's reason is two-fold. One is to provide the state to as many as possible and the other is to demonstrate the viability of moonbounce for contest operation. Expressions of interest should be sent to WA7BJU as soon as possible.

Speaking of moonbounce, W1FZA proposes that some kind of progressive award be instituted for EMEers and suggests that its requirements be adapted to the level of current activity. Ken thinks that the award could take the form of "THE QUARTER MOON", for working one quarter of the active states. [How about adding countries? ED.] Active states would be those with at least one operational moonbouncer. An operational moonbouncer would be defined as one who has worked at least one station other than the big special stations like WA6LET. The award would progress up through THE HALF MOON, THE THREE-QUARTER MOON and THE FULL MOON. What are your thoughts on the idea? A new moonbouncer is KSMWH who made his first contact March 12 with K1WHS.

From Cherry Valley, NY, WA2TO1 writes that he is operating an attended beacon on 144.115 or 145.030 MHz most evenings from 1800 to 2200 local time. The rig puts out 100 watts to an 8 over 8 J-Slot usually aimed southwest. Jim asks that anyone hearing his beacon give him a ring on the phone and he will get on the air. He hopes to get some activity going in this way and has plans for a bigger antenna and more power in the not-to-distant future. Also from upstate New York, K2KIR sends word that he is back on 2 meters from his Syracuse QTH. Bud is running an SB-500 driven by a 32S-3. He says that it's easy to make the provisions in the 32S-3 to provide excitation for the SB-500 and would be glad to pass along details to anyone sending an s.a.s.e. to him at 112 Kenned Lane, North Syracuse, NY 13212.

Some of the San Francisco Bay area fellows have been clammering to change the standard calling frequency to 145.010. They feel that the even 10-kHz spot is easier to locate and is consistent with most of the other calling frequencies used. How about some comments from the rest of the gang on this proposal.

WA4MMP says that activity continues to increase in the Tidewater area of Virginia. WA2CJ/K4 is a new arrival. Jerry plans to bring his big rig down from New York soon. The 2-meter Tidewater Net still meets every Tuesday evening at 2100 local time on 145.025 MHz.

The members of the Rocky Mountain Vhf Society of Boulder, CO, have a novel idea. They have considered launching a free balloon carrying either a 2-meter fm repeater or some type of beacon during the ARRL National Convention.

From Houston, TX, WB5JHG, a 6-meter enthusiast for several years, is now on 2 meters with a TV-2. Pat says that he is just as enthusiastic about 2 as he is about 6. The first day on the band, he worked WA5CHK/M5 who was about 175 miles from Houston. The antenna at WB5JHG presently consists of 11 elements at 72 feet but Pat hopes to have a bigger one up soon. W5JTA informs us of a new organization recently formed in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to help further the use of ssb on 2 meters. It's called "SWOT" for Sidewinders on Two. The group hopes to organize nets and relays in various parts of the country. As a start, they have picked as a frequency for their area 145.1 MHz which is Channel 20 on the KLM Echo 11. Many of the gang regularly monitor this frequency with squelched receivers. Len would like to hear from others around the country who would be interested in expanding the SWOT organization. An s.a.s.e. would be appreciated. Address 1704 Glenn Dr., Forth Worth, TX 76131.

**1-1/4 Meters** — A letter from WA6GYD provides some details on 1-1/4-meter activity in the San Francisco Bay area. Don says that

quite a few of the 2-meter people there are also on 1-1/4. Every Sunday at 2000 local time, WB6TJO runs a net on about 222 MHz. All modes, including fm, are welcome. Don points out that, on the West Coast, most long haul 1-1/4 work is conducted on 222 MHz and just above. He notes that some conflict exists as a result of one of the area's fm repeaters being on 223.62 with an input of 222.02. Apparently, most activity on the band in other parts of the country is on 220 rather than 222. An advantage of the higher frequency is, of course, that it is farther from potential interference from nearby Channel 13 TV stations. We would like to hear from 1-1/4-meter operators who have opinions as to what parts of the band should be used for various modes of operation.

A well-known vhf'er newly on 1-1/4 is K7NII of Queen Creek, AZ. Tom has 120 watts of cw and can work WA5MFZ and WSLO, both of Edgewood, NM, a distance of 350 miles, quite regularly. Loaded for bear on 223.5-MHz fm is WB2WIK. With 500 watts out to a gain omnidirectional antenna, Steve can work mobiles up to 100 miles from his 1200-foot site near Arlington Landing, NJ. 70 Cm — ATV repeaters were given a temporary green light to use any frequency in the 420- to 450-MHz band by an FCC order released in early March. The order applies to any repeater licensed to operate in the band and runs for a period of one year. It will be interesting to see how the operation of these repeaters works out and what, if any, interference is caused to other users of the band. While on the subject of ATV, W9ZIH in Hickory Hills, IL, pleads for standardization among those operating the mode. Ron notes that some use fm sound 4.5 MHz above the picture carrier. This has the advantage that the transmissions can be received on regular TV sets with a converter. Others normally use an fm frequency somewhere in the 2-meter band. Ron indicates that, in the Chicago area, the frequency normally employed is 145.240 MHz. He suggests that ATV stations put up a sign from time to time indicating where their sound can be heard.

On the EME front, the monthly 432 EME News put out by K2UYH and VE7BBG states that during February more QSOs were generated by CQs than by schedules. Al, K2UYH, attributes this, at least in part, to the widespread damage to installations by severe winter storms which struck Europe and parts of the U.S. in January. One wonders if increased activity may also be a contributing factor. Some of the contacts resulting from CQs include W1SL's exchanges with K2UYH, VE4JX and VE7BBG and K2UYH's QSO with K8UQA. VE4JX as well as W1SL. Signal reports between K2UYH and K8UQA were 539 one way and 529 the other. Al also reports having what could be characterized as an "EME ragchew" on an ssb QSO with VE7BBG. All-in-all February was a good EME month for those stations not put out of action by the weather. Among those silent are W3CCX and G3LTF. We hope that repairs can be affected soon.

An interesting observation in the newsletter is that VK2ALU has petitioned The Wireless Institute of Australia to reserve 432,000 to 432,050 MHz exclusively for EME operation. Comments from the moonbounce gang and other 70-cm operators relative to this approach would be welcome.

**23 Cm and Down** — A new 9-cm (3300 MHz) world record of 238 miles is official, as far as the San Bernardino Microwave Society is concerned. In a recent telephone conversation, Chuck Swedblom, WA6EXV, confirmed that his organization considers the work reported in the December column by two parties from the Wellington Vhf Group in New Zealand to constitute a new record for the band. The contact took place on Feb. 2, 1975, between ZL2WA on 6000-foot Mt. Raupehu and ZL2WB atop Mt. Murchison at 4800 feet. The 60-percent over-water path was negotiated with 60 milliwatts and 3-foot dishes at each end. Congratulations are in order to this intrepid and hard working bunch of ZLs.

What part of the country can claim the most activity on 13 cm? K2RIW says that the Long Island area leads the pack. Dick lists the following as being on 2304 regularly: K2JNG (NJ); WB2FPE, W2OTA, W2UWC, and him-



This is the scene at the ZL2WA, Mt. Raupehu end, of the record breaking 238 mile 9 cm QSO. ZL2HI (then ZL2THW), who built the gear used at both ends, is handling the mic.

self. Illustrative of the high level of activity and the good performance of the band, Dick cites a 5-way roundtable which took place Feb. 11. All stations were able to hear one another at all times, which is noteworthy when one considers the type of antennas used on the microwave bands. Power used by the group ranged from 6 to 40 watts with 2C39s, working as triplers, being quite popular. Most stations are using a-m but a few employ nbm. It is understood that WA2EJS, W2GNI, WA2VTR, W3HMU, W1AJR, W2CQH, K1JIX and W1JAA are to join the 13-cm ranks soon. The Long Island group meets every Wednesday evening at 2100 local time on or near 2304 MHz.

On the West Coast, 23 cm seems to be quite active. Every month we receive several QVS reports mentioning operation on the band. One filed by WB6INN notes reception by himself and W6BWB of WA6NRV Visalia and K6ZMW Fresno. Jim says that this is the first instance of reception in his area of 1296-MHz signals from outside of Santa Cruz County. Can it be long before they make it two-way? A factor helping 23-cm activity in the area is, most certainly, the availability of modules for the band from Microcomm. A card to them at 14908 Sandy La., San Jose, CA 95124 will provide info on these units. In the Washington area it is understood that W4UCH and K2UOP/4 are having some success with 23-cm operation. How about news of microwave activity in other parts of the country?

## OSCAR DOINGS

Ever since he started listening to the Oscar satellites, ZK1DX in the Cook Islands has been reporting, via the weekly Amsat 15-meter net, that he frequently hears many U.S. and European stations on the 10-meter downlink. I finally asked Wyn to make a tape recording of the signals so we could hear what they sound like. Listening to the received tape is absolutely amazing. On one pass of Oscar 6 (15344 at 0025 UTC Feb. 23, Equator crossing 60.5 degrees), the tape sounds like it was recorded here on the East Coast rather than about 7,000 miles away from where the satellite was at the time. Many stations on both ssb and cw are plainly audible including some that could be given S-9 reports without stretching a point. Among the mass of signals is a two-way ssb QSO between W1NU and W8SMC. On later orbits, the tape includes good ssb transmissions from K7MWC/KL7 in Anchorage along with many signals from the rest of the U.S. and western Canada. Just what is responsible for these quite consistent extended range transmissions is hard to say but it appears the some type of transequatorial propagation is involved. Wyn points out that 10 meters is usually not open for normal work at these times. The satellite signals are all that are heard in most instances. This phenomenon certainly bears further consideration.

## RACES—A New Look

They finally did it: "They," meaning FCC, and "it" meaning action on Docket 19723 concerning deregulation of RACES. Sooner than we expected, actually. On the surface, it looks like "a lick and a promise," but on closer inspection it appears that a lot of thought went into it, even though the final product bears a remarkable resemblance to FCC's original proposal.

One thing that should be gratifying to most amateurs is that the new look in RACES is definitely an *amateur* look. This column has repeatedly insisted that RACES was intended as an amateur service for civil defense communication, not as a way for civil defense to use amateur frequencies. Some have contended that the end result is the same, and perhaps this is true, but the matter of perspective is all-important. Through the years, your ARRL has jealously guarded amateur frequencies against intrusion by non-amateur services and entities, including instruments of government at any level. The termination of the RACES procedure is an indication once more that this perspective prevails. Amateur radio is an important communications service and is expected to perform as such. It is not "only a hobby."

Much of the original work on the League's filing on the RACES docket was performed by the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee under the dynamic chairmanship of M. F. "Bud" Cone, WA4PBG. Although Bud has retired as chairman, he has followed

up this function by a paper addressed to the ECAC which sums up the final result of the proceeding. We paraphrase from it with due credit to source.

### What the Order Does

- 1) It "deregulates" by simplifying regulation and streamlining administration.
- 2) It authorizes a civil defense entity to hold a special RACES amateur radio station license.
- 3) It provides for sharing of all amateur-band frequencies between RACES and regular amateur stations except in the event of a war emergency.
- 4) It eliminates from operating all who are not licensed amateurs. This puts the burden of *control* operating squarely on the shoulders of us amateurs.
- 5) It restricts amateurs operating in RACES to communicating with other operators licensed in RACES. The League objected to this, but the restriction is not so severe as it sounds.
- 6) It limits RACES tests and drills to not more than one hour a week. The League's filing also objected to this. In reply, FCC says: "Those amateurs wishing to sharpen their . . . skills beyond that . . . may do so through those amateur networks organized for this purpose."
- 7) It abolishes tactical ("secret") call signs.
- 8) It reaffirms and recognizes that

RACES is in fact an *amateur* radio service.

9) It requires the original license, or a photocopy thereof, to be attached to each transmitter, with original license available.

The order does not require immediate cessation of operation under the old provisions, even though its effective date was March 23, 1976. Existing RACES licensees may continue under the old rules until expiration of their licenses, or if such expiration is less than 18 months away, on proper application, for one year thereafter.

What effect the order will have on the future of RACES remains to be seen. We could predict that some civil defense entities will drop RACES from their communications plans, but if the amateur response to the challenge is sufficient this will not be necessary. In that connection, here's a quote from (are you ready?) April, 1951, *QST*'s "With the AREC" column, on this very subject. The same philosophy applies today.

"Actually, we amateurs are being put on a spot. Recognition means responsibility. We have now come of age, to the point where we are recognized as a service, and it now looks as though our service, the *Amateur Service*, will be put to work in civil defense. We rise or fall in the public esteem with the success or failure of RACES. It's up to us. We will get the credit if we put it over, but don't forget also that we take the rap if we fail!

Can we do it? You bet we can! We'll have to — or else!"

## PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Snohomish Co., WA — December 3-10. Floods knocked out telephones in the area, and over 75 local amateurs kept authorities advised of developments. (WA7UQB, EC HAMS ARC)

□ Tucker Co., WV — January 21. A plane crashed during a snow storm, and members of The Mountain State Transmitters Club provided operators and the use of the club's repeater, WR8ABM, to Civil Air Patrol search teams. (W8DUV, SCM WV)

□ Kenai, AK — January 24-25. Mt. Augustine began a volcanic eruption while Alaskan SET exercises were taking place. 24 amateurs on the Alaska Sniper's Net and the SE Alaska Emergency Net provided back-up communications for the agencies involved. (KL7JDO, SEC AK)

□ Baja, Mexico — February 13-15. Mexican and American amateurs provided communications during the search for a lost plane. (W6GBF, SEC SDgo)

□ International Falls, MN — February 23. WA9CEL/mobile reported a serious truck accident to W1FAB, on the 20-meter County Hunters Net. W1FAB called a hospital in International Falls, and help was sent. (W2SDU, K0MAH)

□ San Diego, CA, and Manzanillo, Mexico — February 10. K6EDA intercepted a call from VP2VBI/maritime mobile, requesting an air ambulance. K6EDA made the necessary

arrangements. (W6GBF, SEC SDgo)

□ *Special Activities, October.* On October 5, Kern Co. (CA) Radio Club members used WR6AGQ to furnish communications for a national diabetes bike-a-thon. — (W6LIE), The Raleigh (NC) ARS held a traffic handling service at a local shopping mall on October 17. — (W4FMN, EC). *November.* Eight Birmingham, AL, amateurs provided communications over WR4AEJ for the Alabama Touring Club's motorcycle "enduro" on November 16. — (WB4CXD, EC). *December.* The AREC supplied communications for the annual "Christmas on the River" pageant and parade in Demopolis, AL, on December 6. — (WB4SVH, EC). Children in the pediatrics ward of Metropolitan General Hospital were able to talk to Santa Claus (WA8SVX) thanks to the efforts of some thoughtful Cleveland, OH, amateurs. — (WB8PSO). *February.* Members of the Emergency ARC (EARC) provided communications for the annual Haleiwa (HI) Sea Spree cycling race on February 14. — (KH6GQW, SCM). The Miami Valley (OH) Boy Scouts of America sponsored a Yukon Trails activity on February 21, involving over 200 scouts. Local amateurs linked the various events using Dayton area repeaters. — (W8JLC, EC). During 1976, the Cranford (NJ) ARS will operate AB2CLW at the 250 year-old Williams-Droeschler Mill, with power supplied by the mill's water wheel. The station is expected to handle approximately 2500 messages and greet over 30,000 visitors. — (WB2PBO, SEC).

□ *Repeater Log.* Reports received to date show repeaters were used to report 25 auto

accidents and related occurrences, and assisted in communications during one ice storm, one tornado, one flood and four searches. Repeaters involved were: WR1s AAC ABB, WR2s ACD ADM ADZ AFS AHR AHU, WR3ADG, WR4s ABR AEH AFE AGX AGZ, WR5AJG, WR6s ACD AHK, WR7s ACH ADX AFJ, WR8ABM, WR9ABY, WR0AGU and VE3RPT.

For the month of February, 32 SEC reports were received, showing a total AREC membership of 11,015. Last year at this time, 38 reports, listing 14,001 members, were received. Sections reporting were: Alta, Ariz., Colo., Conn., Del., EMass., Ga., Ind., Ky., Me., Mich., Mont., NC, NFla., NNI, Ohio, Okla., Org., Pac., SV, SDgo, SCV, Sask., SEla, SNJ, STex., Tenn., Utah, Wash., WVa., WMass., WPa.

## NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

We regret to report the passing of WB4TRI, who for so long held the fort on 4RND. W5KLV reports that the interface between RN5 and RN5d is working well and the esprit de corps is high. According to WB2FWW, there were a record number of 3RNd sessions in February. Harv attributes this to leap year. NYPON reps are now appearing regularly on 2RN. VE6FS issued RN7d certificates to VE5KS and VE7CJY. WA5ZZA indicates that DCAN is making headway. TWN manager W0HXB sez that conditions are better, except he is starting to hear summer-type QRN. Oh well . . .

\*Communications Assistant, ARRL



**February Reports**

1	2	3	4	5	6
EAN	29	1546	53.3	1.099	93.6
DEAN	58	454	7.8	.472	89.9
CAN	29	972	33.5	.928	97.7
PCAN	58	212	3.6	.210	82.0
DPAN	29	1069	36.9	.899	98.8
CTN	42	51	1.2	.102	69.0
1RN	29	360	12.4	.364	98.9
2RN	56	429	7.7	.354	86.2
3RN	29	192	6.6	.395	78.3
4RN	83	591	7.1	.490	88.1
5RN	57	397	6.9	.461	92.4
6RN	50	318	6.3	.340	81.4
7RN	29	161	5.2	.405	95.4
8RN	57	640	11.2	.421	94.5
9RN	52	192	3.7	.248	46.4
10RN	29	167	5.7	.248	88.3
11RN	58	653	11.2	.384	95.0
12RN	28	266	9.5	.236	80.0
13RN	57	274	4.8	.343	90.0
14RN	44	70	1.5	.175	25.8
15RN	49	252	5.1	.273	77.0
16RN	29	98	3.4	.505	94.3
17RN	29	83	2.8	.209	81.8
18RN	47	282	6.0	.303	61.5
19RN	24	65	2.7	.160	29.5
20RN	58	247	4.2	.335	90.0
21RN	58	446	7.6	.292	96.6
22RN	20	70	3.5	.120	60.0
TCC					
Eastern	102 <sup>1</sup>	616			
Central	79 <sup>1</sup>	466			
Pacific	107 <sup>1</sup>	749			
Sections*	3428	14137	4.1		
Summary	4645	26525	5.7		
Record	5065	34238	24.3		

1 -- NET  
2 -- SESSIONS  
3 -- TRAFFIC

4 -- AVG.  
5 -- RATE  
6 -- % REP.

<sup>1</sup>TCC functions not counted as net sessions.  
<sup>2</sup>Section and local nets reporting (94): AENB AEND AENJ AENR AENW (AL), ASN (AK), ATEN HARC (AZ), APN ARN (AR), NCN NEN SCN (CA), DEPN DTN (DE), FAST FMTN FPTN GN NFPN (FL), GSN (GA), IMN (ID-MT), ILN (IL), TLCN (IA), GKS (KS), LAN LRN LSN (LA), PTN (ME), MDCTN MDD (MD), WMN WMPN (MA), MACS M1GM MNN QMN WNN (MI), PAW (MN), MSBN MSN MTN (MS), MON MOSSBN (MO), MTN (MT), NAN WNN (NE), BARTEN NJN NJPN NJSN (NJ), SWTN (NM), NLI NLIPN NLS NYS (NY), CN NCSSBN THEN (NC), BRTN OSSBN O6MN (OH), CAN OLZ OTWN STN (OK), BSN (OR), EPA EPAEP&TN PTTN WPA (PA), CNN (SC), TN TPN (TN), TEX TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), VN VSN VSN (VA), NSN (WA), WVMW WVPN WVN (WV), WIN WNN WSN WSSN (WI), MTN (MB), GBN ODN OPN OSN (ON).

**Transcontinental Corps**

1	2	3	4	5
Eastern	116	87.9	1746	616
Central	87	90.8	961	466
Pacific	116	92.2	1508	749
Summary	319	90.3	4215	1831

1 -- AREA  
2 -- FUNCTIONS  
3 -- % SUCCESSFUL

4 -- TRAFFIC  
5 -- OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC

**TCC Roster**

The TCC roster (February): Eastern Area (W2FR, Dir.) - W1s NJM QYY, K1s EIR GMW, WA1s MSK WEM, W2s FR GKZ, K2HI/VE2, WA2s DSA ICB PJL UWA, WB2s PYM RKK UBW, W3EML, K3MVO, W4UQ, K4KNP, W8PMJ, K8KMQ, WA8HG, WB8ITT, VE3s GOL SB. Central Area (W5GHP, Dir.) - WB4s DXN SKI, W5s GHP MI QU UGE UJJ, WA51QU, W9s CXY DND NXG, WA9EED, WB9NOZ, W9s HH HI INH LCX GMY, K9s AEM CVD, WA9TMM. Pacific Area (K5MAT, Dir.) - W5RE, K5MAT, WB5KSS, W6s BGF EOT MLF TYM VZT, K6HW, WA6DEI, W7s DZX GHT KZ, K7s IWD NHL QFG, WA7WXY, W8s ETT IW LQ, LRN, K8DRL, WA8KKR/7, WB8s HCK QOT, VE7ZK.

**Independent Nets (February)**

1	2	3	4
Central Gulf Coast			
Hurricane	28	64	1868
Clearing House	24	295	468
Hit & Bounce	29	1460	417

1	2	3	4
Hit & Bounce Slow	17	107	189
IMRA	25	585	1118
Mike Farad	4	204	32
North American SSB	24	203	392
Washington Region PON	12	36	227
20 Meter ISSB	20	951	236
75 Meter ISSB	29	520	1355
7290 Traffic Net	40	480	1932

1 -- NET  
2 -- SESSIONS

3 -- TRAFFIC  
4 -- CHECK-INS

**Public Service Honor Roll February 1976**

This listing is available to amateurs whose public service performance during the month indicated qualifies for 40 or more total points in the following nine categories (as reported to their SCM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into cw nets, 1 point each, max. 10; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max. 10; (3) NCS cw nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (5) Performing assigned liaison, 3 points each, max. 12; (6) Phone patches, 1 point each, max. 20; (7) Making BPL, 3 points regardless of traffic total; (8) Handling emergency traffic directly with a disaster area, 1 point each message; (9) Serving as net manager for entire month, 5 points.

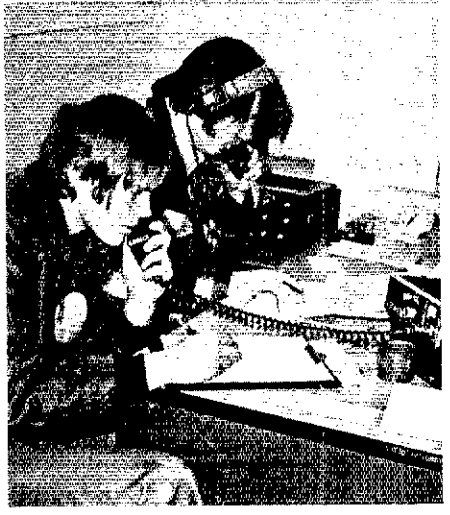
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WA4BZY	WA5ZZA	WB4OXT	KL7JDO
167	W7OCX	K4YRL	44
WB0LYU	W81BX	50	W1BVR
108	WB0HBM	W4OGG	W1EIH
K7NTG	59	WA0FMD	WB2YKG
92	WB2RKK	WA0KKR	K3KAJ
T12PTS/KP4	58	KP4HG	K3OIO
83	WA1PSI	49	WA3WPY
WA4UVG	WA2PJJ	WB2LZN	WB4DJU
79	WA5RJK	WB2RMK	WB4GHU
WB2VTT	WA6TVA	WA3BDM	WB4SKI
77	56	WA3OGM	WB4ZSO
WB5AMN	WA1FCM	K3YHR	W5UGE
73	WA2DSA	WB4EKJ	W5UJJ
WB6YID	W2MLC	K5MAT	WB8WKQ
72	WA2PCF	W7GHT	K9KHI
WA0GLI	WA4EPJ	WB8JGW	W9NXG
70	WB4ZDW	WB9KPX	WB0JYF
WB0HOX	WA5TQA	W9MFG	W0OTF
64	WA5YEA	K9ZTV	VE3FQZ
W5GHP	W6RNL	K0MRI	VE3GT
63	VE3GJG	VE3FRG	VE3SB
WB0OAG	55	WA3UKZ	VE4UL
62	W2MTA	WB4DXN	WA1MJE
K1PAD	W4WXZ	WB5NUM	W2FR
W5KLV	W6QIE	47	K4FTB
61	54	VE3DPO	WB8NCD
WA1MHJ	WA5VBM	VE3GOL	42
WB2FWW/3	53	46	WA2WIW
WB2RUZ	W6INH	WA2RMZ	41
WB2WRT	WB0QOT	WA3VBM	K4TH
WA3PHQ	52	W6RFF	WB5GVO
WA4FBI	W5GSN	VE3GFN	VE4PG
K4VHC	WA7MEL	45	40
WA51QU	WB0MNK	W31PX	WB2EMJ
	KP4BSQ	WA9QVT	WB2VRJ
			W7LG

**Brass Pounders League February 1976**

BPL Medallions (see December, 1973 QST p. 59) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: W7DAN WB0QOT. The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and U.S. possessions who report to their SCM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in standard ARRL form.

**Winners of BPL Certificates for Feb. Traffic**

1	2	3	4	5	6
W3CUL	374	1196	1485	77	3132
W0WYX	50	941	312	629	1932
K3NSN	0	500	500	0	1000
W3VR	267	219	428	12	926
K9CPM	1	446	140	210	797
WA5ZZA	67	385	295	6	753
WB6YID	0	32	0	312	624
AB0HOX	105	281	222	7	615
WB0MTA	29	276	276	0	581
W5GHP	59	288	202	12	561
K0ZSQ	0	272	0	0	271
AB2VTT	121	133	230	54	538
W4WYR	9	405	54	63	531
WA3UKZ	14	275	224	4	517
W3CVE	150	70	265	30	515
WB0MTA*	31	281	281	0	593



The Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs provided communications for the ten-thousand walkers who participated in a March of Dimes walk-a-thon in the San Fernando Valley on January 11. Shown here are two of the 68 amateurs who joined in: WA6GLC and WA6GFM. (W6DDB photo)

**More-Than-One-Operator Station**

WA4BZY	1150	516	1150	498	3314
K3CR	344	8	344	8	704

**BPL for 100 or more originations-plus deliveries**

WA3THT	319	WB0MKN	132
K0YFK	233	WB0NOH	130
WA3ATQ	231	W0FIR	114
WB0LYU	163	VE3GOL	101
W4YZC	142	WB2WRT*	123
W5TI	141		

**More-Than-One Operator Station**

W2ZQ	264		
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1 -- CALL  
2 -- ORIG.  
3 -- RECD.

4 -- SENT  
5 -- DEL.  
6 -- TOTAL

\*January totals

Some of the folks at a recent Virginia Traffic Nets gathering: (l. to r.) W4YZC, WA4YRH, WB4SZE, WB4JMD and WA4DHH. (WB4FD photo)



# Results, 42nd ARRL November Sweepstakes

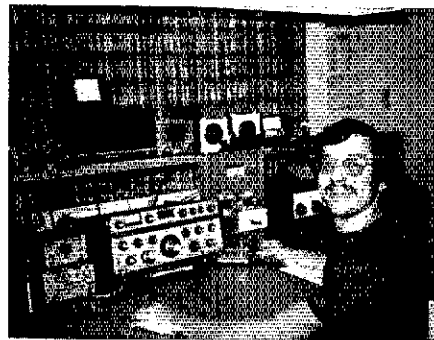
Operating fun? Two thousand entrants can't be wrong.

By Jim Cain, WA1STN\*

The November Sweepstakes is the biggest single operating activity of the year. Someday we're going to go through all the logs from one of the two weekends of the SS and see just how many different call signs are represented there. Someday, when we have about a month to spend without doing anything else! It looks like somewhere around 10,000 different stations were on for one or the other of the SS weekends (how's that for hedging?). It looks like . . . maybe . . . somewhere . . . Actually, we received 2299 entries, 1152 on cw and 1147 on phone.

Sweepstakes entries come from phone-only men, from die-hard cw operators, from vhf'ers who make all their contacts on six to two meters, from Novices, and from casual operators who get caught up in the activity and who end up making perhaps ten times the number of contacts they thought themselves capable of. Your first contact may be with someone who has been a licensed amateur (and SS participant) for decades and the next with last year's Novice Roundup winner. Half your contacts are with old standby operators, but the other half are with newcomers still trying to figure out the exchange.

SS entrants run the gamut from super-operator to dabbler, making writing a capsule summary of the activity a nigh-impossible task. The "big guns" want to read about how well they did, the little guys want to see their calls in print and get some tips on how the big guns do it, and the great mass of operators in the middle want to read . . . well, we aren't sure. There is a wealth of information to be had just by scanning the tabular scores. One can see, for instance, where the prime spots in the U.S. and Canada are for winning score production. One can see what sections produce a multitude of high scores through sheer peer competition, and conversely which areas of the two countries are represented by one or two standout operators having nothing by which to gauge their efforts but their own past performances. What you don't see from the scores and the "leader boxes" are all the actual logs. You just would not believe what's to be gained from poring over them. That's what we get to look at, with our prime responsibility being to convey some thoughts on the over-all picture of the contest, from this vantage point. Here goes.



WA9 Black White Yellow led the Central Division and seventh-place Indy DXers on both cw and phone. Outside hardware for the SS included Yagis on 20 and 40 at 30 meters above ground.

We always thought the November Sweepstakes was one simple contest, one weekend for cw and one weekend for phone. Everyone on the air was participating in that one event, and any stations we didn't manage to work were just because we weren't everywhere at once. After seeing all the logs, that is obviously not the case. There are really two SS contests going on at the same time: All on the same frequency bands, all under the same rules, all sending the same exchange, all figuring scores the same way. The similarity ends when you look at who's working whom.

There are, of course, the Big Guns. They may be defined as those stations making over 100,000 points. They make QSOs the same way everyone else does, by calling CQ or by answering CQs. They prefer calling CQ and having others answer them, because that's usually faster than hunting around. They must make 30 contacts per hour and 40 is better. In some contests 40 is a *bad* hour; in the SS (we're talking about cw now) a 40 average is *good*.

If you don't fall into the Big Gun category, maybe a category called Potential Big Guns fits you. These PBG operators just don't put in quite enough time to make 100K, or else their stations aren't up to Big Gun effectiveness. But, they're every bit as good at operating as the Big Guns. Potential Big Guns are lifesavers for the Big Guns, because the PBGs follow the same strategy and they are easy for the Big Guns to seek out and work.

The third category of SS participants makes up about 80% of the entries received. They are the ones who (at first glance at their logs) appear to be operating in a contest of their own. Many of them have weak signals, send slowly, don't copy very well, and always seem to be on the wrong band at the wrong time. Many of them are "one band wonders" usually on either 40 or 20 meters. These *Casual Participants* tend to work mostly each other, taking undue amounts of time to do so.

All this is important because the separation of the SS into two basic categories, Gun and non-Gun, is standing in the way of achievement of contesting's main goal . . . improving operator proficiency. By not venturing into the heat of battle and working the Guns, the "little guy" is hurting both himself (by not challenging himself to higher speeds of operating) and also hurting the Big Guns, who depend on contacts with the casual operators to run up their totals. Seems there is a barrier which exists between these two groups which must be broken down so that more contacts across the demarcation line can be made.

That's the feeling we get from the Big Guns, that we should exhort the casual operator to not be afraid to jump into the middle of things. Coming up with what the little guys want to tell the Guns isn't so difficult, either. Slow Down! If you (as a Gun) have been sending at 35 and reduce to 20 wpm, it may seem like *crawling*, but try slowing down to 15 and see what happens. Spread out over the band more, and lessen the clutter in the prime spots; the higher in the band you go the more likely you are to run into the casual operators. Finally, try turning off your amplifier and run "barefoot." If you aren't so overpoweringly loud the little guys may not be scared off so easily (really).

This is the drift one gets from talking to SS participants and from reading comments from logs and letters to the Contest Advisory Committee (CAC). Actually, scores are getting better and better every year because the Guns and the "little guys" are both, as groups, becoming more proficient and better equipped. It merely remains for all of us to keep pushing and not let the progress lag from year to year.

About those contest entries, from an administrator's point of view. If you have access to *QST* for April, 1969, dig it out and check page 69. Seems that even in those days and undoubtedly long before we were having

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problems with homemade log forms and summary sheets. The time it takes to do routine processing of entries, time which is lost for better purposes (like more interesting write-ups) is directly proportional to the number of non-standard formats in entries submitted. We admit that a handful may be because a few requests for contest forms went astray, but most are just a lack of interest in getting the right forms. The problems result from the inevitable: A homemade summary sheet will probably be lacking some vital bit of information. We can usually get that information by rummaging through the log, but that's time wasted.

Perhaps contest editors through the years have been seething and wishing they could spell out just what makes their work unnecessarily difficult. Or maybe this editor is just overly sensitive. Here are some of our headaches:

- 1) Bad photocopies that Sherlock Holmes couldn't read.
- 2) Logs so sloppy they would get an "F" in a third-grade penmanship class.
- 3) Logs sent by the deadline, but posted Third Class mail (meaning they can take as long as six weeks in transit).
- 4) Entrants who write above the "Do Not Write Above This Line" line.
- 5) Use of one dupe sheet *per band* instead of just one overall dupesheet.
- 6) Sections not numbered as worked, or not crossed off on the list at the bottom of the summary sheet, or both.
- 7) Logs in anything other than UTC/GMT.
- 8) Summary sheets indicating the operator's ARRL division instead of his *section*.
- 9) Logs of 100K points or more with no indication that the amount of operating time was figured.
- 10) Homemade log sheets where the exchange information is out of proper order.
- 11) One-point QSOs claimed (hasn't been allowed for years).

Before lambasting the editor for not first cleaning his own house (there may be a few mistakes in this report) keep in mind that time which could have been spent proof-reading and analyzing was wasted instead in trying, often with patience considerably less than that of Job, to decipher the entries in the first place.

We think a Soapbox comment from the cw log of W3DBT is appropriate here. "I apologize for the writing and condx of my logs. I had a spasm in an artery going to my brain that wiped out most of my vision (and perspective) from center of nose to the rest of the left field of vision." To be honest, we would have accepted anything as a contest entry from W3DBT, under those circumstances, but we didn't have to. Everything was in order, all the information was there, and was quite readable. So was the log from sightless WB8OBR, whose mother sees to his logs after each contest. What ARRL members get out of contests and contest reports is a direct result of what they put into it, both in their performance and in the contest report. Neater logs, more pictures, and more Soapbox comments will spruce up these pages for all to read.

In the affiliated club listings, we have returned to the traditional method of listing the clubs from top total score to bottom, without subdividing by call area. The latter method was used the past two years, at the suggestion of the CAC. Comments have generally favored a return to the "national" listing, which is more meaningful to most. Also relative to the club competition, an idea has popped up recently which deserves looking into. The most important person in the club is the one who contributes the most *total* points on both cw and phone. Unfortunately, that person is often not a club certificate winner, because someone in the club beat him on each mode. If the idea is to encourage versatility, and to reward the person who makes the greatest overall point contribution

to the club, then perhaps the club total winner should get the club certificate. We are proposing that this single certificate be in lieu of, *not* in addition to the separate phone and cw club certificates. If you feel that such an award would more accurately reflect who was most important in *your* club's effort, send a letter to the Contest Advisory Committee (c/o ARRL Hq.) and say so. If you think the idea is so much hogwash, write and say that.

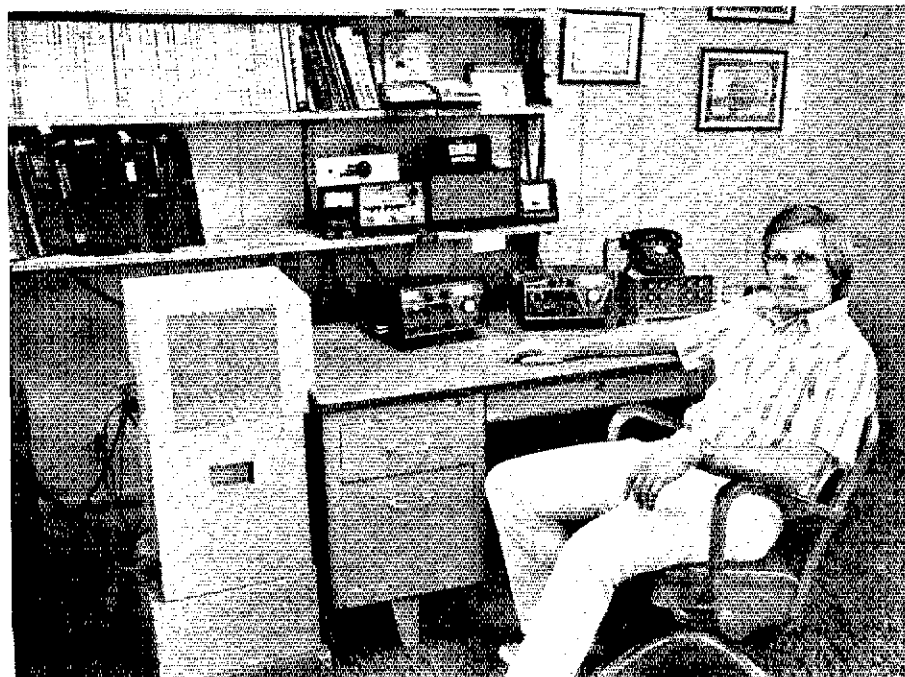
**Apology Corner.** "Sorry to those of you who received SS log sheets numbered 1-50 on *both sides*, and also to you who got summary sheets missing SV on the checkoff at the bottom of the sheet. Both forms were withdrawn from circulation as soon as the errors were discovered, and suitably relegated to the scrap heap. If you still have any of the 1-50 log sheets, we will gladly take them in trade for some proper ones. Your editor will do penance by using them himself for the next 117 years.

**Credits.** The compilation of this report began as a two-person job, spent two heady weeks with three licensed amateurs working on it, and ended up a one-man finale. WA3NAF was with us in the Fall and did much of the scoring and entry analysis. WA1NNC spent two school vacations doing the same kind of work. WN1WEV spent days laboriously typing 2,299 line scores on an IBM composer. Final responsibility lies with the person whose name appears on page one of this report. If no response is received after such a report appears, the writer, being basically a pessimist, assumes that no one liked it. Your comments, suggestions, and criticisms would be most appreciated . . . please write and let us know what you think.

### SOAPBOX

Worked all four corners of the U.S., plus NDak, CZ, and KH6, but where were all the KL7s??? - (KL7IDT). Operated by portable power plant from the Carrizo Desert . . . no commercial power available. - (K6PY). Bands seemed reversed: 6's and 7's on 80 and 2's and 3's on 15. - (WA3KOS). Spent a lot of

W6RTT operated this fine station himself on cw, but gave it up in favor of W6RR on phone. The combination worked, as Pete placed in the top ten on both modes.



### Top Ten

CW	PHONE
WA6LES 177,244	W7RM 261,300
KP4EAJ 169,344	WA0CVS 246,900
K4PUZ 164,396	W6HX 243,164
W7RM 162,652	WA7NIN 229,950
K5PFL 161,172	WB5DTX 228,636
W6HX 160,016	W6RR 227,032
WA7NIN 159,988	WB4AEX 223,628
W6RTT 159,544	WA5RTG 222,300
WB4AEX 159,504	W5MYA 219,000
K4GSU 159,286	K5PFL 218,562

### Clean Sweep Phone

W1ZM (WA2CLQ)	WB6KBK
K1DQV/1	W6ONV (WA9UCE)
WB2OEU	W6NUT
W3AU (W3ZKH)	K6COF (WB6CEP)
K4TIG (W8FAW)	WA7WXY
WA5RTG	WA7NIN (W6OAT)
WA5VDH	W7RM (K7VPF)
WA6AHF (WA6TLV)	WA9BWW
W6DGH (WB6ZVC)	WA0CVS (WB0DJY)
W6JZU (WB6AIN)	WA2WMT/0
W6MUR (W6PAA)	WB0IKN (K0CVA)
W6OKK (WB6DSV)	K0CVA

**Division Leaders**

CW SINGLE OP.	MULTIOP.	DIVISION	PHONE SINGLE OP.	MULTIOP.
K3EST	K3GJD	Atlantic	W3LPL	W3BWZ
WA9BWY	W9YH	Central	WA8BWY	W9YH
WA0ONL	W0OXN	Dakota	WA0CPX	WA0VQX
K4PUZ	--	Delta	WA5RTG	W5GAD
K4GSU	WB8JBM/8	Great Lakes	WA8YWX	WB8JBM/8
WA2UOO	K2BMI	Hudson	WB2OEU	WB2GKE
K0GXR	W0ZLN	Midwest	WA0PAO	K0RPB
W1FBY	K1JHX	New England	W1ZM	W1DGL/1
W7RM	W7YH	Northwestern	W7RM	W7FO/7
WA7NIN	W6YX	Pacific	WA7NIN	K6BR
K4VX	W4HJ	Roanoke	K4VX	WA4QOC
WA0CVS	--	Rocky Mtn.	WA0CVS	WA0UWF
KP4EAJ	WB4YFF	Southeastern	WB4AEX	WA4EY
W6HX	W6YRA	Southwestern	W6HX	W6YRA
WA5LES	WB5NDQ	West Gulf	W5MYA	W5YJ
VE3EJK	--	Canadian	VE6ATT	VE3ECP

time trying to tune the final with a pair of pliers as the shaft coupling on the final capacitor stripped on me for the second contest in a row. Any SB-102 owners out there who know how to solve that problem with the nylon coupling? -- (WB0GK). Although the contest was fun, I found the logging nerve wracking. -- (WN2ZOR). [See our article for some hints. -- ED.] Please be sure to put me under "low power" this year; last year you put me in the "B" category and I was a Novice then! -- (WB9PIR). The rules and scoring make this my favorite contest. -- (W3GNR). WB4VVF memory keyer sure worked neat. -- (W3BGN and countless others). Worked four new states! -- (WN4NID). I'd do anything to operate a big station during the next SS. -- (WB2OCF). Any articles on contests you could refer me to would greatly help; how do these guys work 60+ QSO/hour? -- (WA7QOD). [New Operating Manual, available later this year, will have some of the answers. -- ED.] I sure lost points by having stations confuse me with KH6JJ. -- (KH6LJA). My wife showed her wisdom by going to Palm Springs for the weekend. -- (WB6YMO). Braving the elements without a beam was a most exciting experience. -- (WB6ITN). Keeping our antennas up for the

two weekends became a daily problem, and they call Chicago the Windy City. -- (WB8JBM/8). Signing WA4UAZ not nearly as attractive as it was signing KZ5NG. -- (WA4UAZ). Used a machine which sent the complete SS exchange, including the number. Even has a repeat button which will repeat the last message without affecting the sequence. W6JDA did the logic design and W6GBY the logic wiring. -- (W6BIP). My 20' of wire in the attic is fed against the water pipes; it's nice someone answered me. -- (WB5JFR). All large antennas should be disallowed, at least until mine go up. -- (WA9YOL). Novices provided three un-repeated sections; next year I'll try to work more. -- (WA0URW). Thanks to WA4BY1, manager of Roy Rogers Restaurant, for free cokes to keep us going. -- (K3CR). My number 727 was W8FWA. -- (W5HGT). We put up dipoles by drilling holes through baseballs, attaching the wires, and throwing them through the nearest trees. -- (WA2PKL). Any YL advantage I have on phone disappears after about five hours when my voice begins to sound as if I've been gargling with sandpaper. -- (WA7WEG). Guess we didn't top the college club stations this year, but just wait; a new rig is on the way. -- (W7YH). [Remem-

No doubt what mode Tim, WA3SZX, is using here. He operated WA3FAL to second place in WPA on cw and the section-high score on phone. Note sign on keyer.



ber, W7YH is the Alpha Chapter, Rho Epsilon radio fraternity, Washington State University -- ED.] K6CQF brought in a hired gun (me, so he could hire himself out to W6MAV. -- (WB6CEP). What's this one-way skip stuff? -- (WA1KOO). [He's talking about 75 meters from New England the phone weekend. -- ED.] At approximately 2100 a well-meaning neighbor dropped in . . . literally. Result: One piece of equipment dropped on left foot and broken metatarsal. I continued operating until 2400 when XYL forcibly removed me from operating desk and took me to operating table! -- (K6ITL). Problems with K2DW also active, from the same section no less. -- (W2DW). Took time out on Sunday for skydiving instruction, made my first jump and broke my ankle. Guess that was my sentence for trying to cheat the great Spirit of SS. -- (WA0RAD/5). I worked the phone SS with 22 stitches in my head, a sprained knee and a dislocated right shoulder . . . result of an automobile accident. Murphy? Who's he? -- (W7GKF). Operating a kW in a fringe TV area can be fun at times. My neighbors stated that Cher's costumes were really wild and, in fact, out of sight at times. -- (K8WSN). [Hmamm.] First phone attempt . . . Horrors! Back to cw. -- (K9KRN). I almost forgot the SS was approaching; the antennas forgot to fall down beforehand. -- (WB2JSI). Fun contest, even though you have the silliest, most complicated exchange of any contest. -- (W0IUB). Had trouble reading the "HOT SHOT" speed merchants. -- (W2FSL). Young ops seem only to read electronic keyers; my bug resulted in many interpretations of my call. -- (W3ADE). That new guy on the contest desk at Hq. sure did a lousy job of arranging propagation conditions. (W1ERW). Sending with a straight key it was hard for me to keep up with all those "sharks." -- (WA3YQP). For your information, we are *not* the University of Washington; we're the Mighty Fighting Cougars of Washington State University, Alpha chapter of Rho Epsilon radio fraternity. -- (W7YH). Pleased to provide some Maine contacts. -- (WA1TWN). A small tornado went through town but was five hours too late to use as an excuse for my poor score. -- (W9EI). Never expected to pick up a new country (WSTES/KJ6) in the SS. -- (W2FVS). Thanks for the Generals (sic) who made it more fun. -- (WN0OLA). Like always it was a great pleasure to hear some of the same calls that I worked in the SS nearly 30 years ago. -- (W7WW). I've found a new hobby: contesting! -- (WN3YQB). After twenty years of being licensed, the 1975 Sweepstakes was my first contest ever. -- (K0VOM). With three different antennas I still could not work my own state of West Virginia. -- (WN8SNO). First effort in one of these contests in my hamming career (1935); found it to be a lot of fun. -- (W7SQT). Those who only send their suffix in the message are only hurting themselves. -- (K9KHI). [We agree -- ED.] I had requests for 25 QSLs in only 49 contacts. -- (WN4KOS). My VFO committed suicide and I worked the whole contest on two crystals. -- (WN7CJY). Thank you for the opportunity of again stating my belief that the Sweepstakes is an abomination and would be abandoned if the ARRL staff had the gumption of H. P. Maxim. -- (W3RIL). While checking over my entry, I discovered a stupid mistake on the summary sheet; I am enclosing a corrected summary sheet. Just shows you some people can't read instructions no matter how clear you make them. -- (WA4MJE).

**Top Ten - Low Power**

CW CALL	SCORE	PHONE CALL	SCORE
WA5VDH	119,422	WA5VDH	179,400
W8CQN	116,060	WB0MIV	138,816
WA5KLY	111,580	K0CVA	120,000
K5BSZ	102,816	WA4TYL	111,020
WA8ZDT	102,528	WB5AAR/5	110,296
WA7SLG	99,400	W4WSF	108,916
WA4TYL	99,216	K0PVI/5	107,800
W1FCC/3	94,944	K4VFF	105,408
WB4KSE	91,306	W1FCC/3	104,098
WB50OW	90,170	WB4DXD	102,200











# Affiliated Club Scores

Club	Score	Entries	Phone Winner	CW Winner
Northern California Contest Club	9,561,630	128	WA7NIN	WA7NIN
Potomac Valley Radio Club	9,201,978	138	K4VX	K3EST
Murphy's Marbles	5,114,247	76	WB2OEU	W3PZ
Wireless Institute of the Northeast	3,768,883	57	WA2UJO	WA2UJO
West Valley Amateur Radio Club(CA)	1,899,396	17	W6HX	W6HX
Richardson Wireless Klub(TX)	1,798,130	28	WB5DTX	WB5MYA
Indy DXers	1,725,636	18	WA9BWW	WA9BWW
Western Washington DX Club	1,624,844	21	W7RM	W7RM
Texas DX Society	1,460,806	21	K5PF	WASLES
Buffalo Area DX Club	1,376,030	21	W2HFL	WA2MBP
South Jersey Radio Association(NJ)	1,114,792	43	K2JOC	K2JOC
Frankford Radio Club	1,110,706	13	K3JGI	W3WJD
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	1,068,732	30	W8SWB	K8MFC
Delta DX Association(LA)	1,021,302	10	W4RCVS	W4RCVS
L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club(MI)	804,982	35	W5WU	W5WU
Nights of The Roundtable(MD)	713,420	11	K8BZK	K8HWW
SouthEast DX Club(GA)	697,196	8	WA3NYU	WA3NYU
Norwood Amateur Radio Club(MA)	584,310	22	W4YXK	K8B1
Central Virginia Contest Club	504,190	7	WA1EOT	WA1EOT
Johnson County Radio Amateur Club(KS)	460,076	9	W4MYA	W4MYA
Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association(MI)	398,180	26	K6CVA	WB9KW
Radio Society of Greater Brooklyn(NY)	387,936	9	W8TJ	W8TJKWH
Ohio Valley Teratology Network	361,148	6	WB2SJ	WB80FR
Mid-Mo Amateur Radio Club	350,706	4	WA3FAL	W8KRR
Warren Amateur Radio Association(PA)	343,968	8	WB8DZR	W3HAE
Blossomland Amateur Radio Club(MI)	314,626	8	K3PCX	WA4UFW
Reading Radio Club(PA)	308,934	14	WA4JFW	K9EYA
North Florida Amateur Radio Society	305,290	8	K9EYA	W6GCP
WisconsinValley Radio Association	302,596	10	W6GCP	K6YGS
Foothills Amateur Radio Society(CA)	280,936	9	WB9AJZ	W8AZAV
South Peninsula Amateur Radio Klub	279,090	12	K8ZKM	WB2WBH
Radio Amateur Megacycle Society(IL)	268,414	8	WB2WBH	WB9IWN
Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club(MI)	267,674	10	K3LDR	WB8BNF
Wartagh Amateur Radio Club(NY)	267,158	6	WB2AXV	WB2AXV
Poughkeepsie Amateur Radio Club(NY)	264,984	6	WB2OSQ	WB2OSQ
Radio Amateur Technical Society(IN)	235,686	5	WA1PXM	WA1SHX
Pennsylvania Amateur Radio Club(PA)	220,490	10	WA3JEN	WA3VJA
Motor City Radio Club(MI)	218,764	9	K2DTQ	
Bluegrass Amateur Radio Club(KY)	215,436	9	WB4JBS/7	
Schenectady Amateur Radio Association	213,777	8	WB9UED	W9ZAV
Dayton Amateur Radio Association	207,948	3	WA2SNQ/2	W3TOS
Southern New England DX Association	165,564	3	W3PWO	
Gloucester County Amateur Radio Club(NJ)	162,480	6	WA6WRS	WB6ITM
W.L.I. Amateur Radio Club(MA)	160,912	6	WA3LJW	WA2LEZ
South Hills Brass Pounders & Modulators(PA)	151,990	5	K2SOT	WB3OO
Penn State Amateur Radio Club(PA)	153,104	7	W9JCO	WA0URW
IBM Oswego Amateur Radio Club(NY)	146,536	5	WA9BLP	W9HPG
Ozaukee Amateur Radio Club(WI)	143,574	4	WB1DM	WB1DM
Oak Ridge Youth Amateur Radio Club(TN)	141,536	3	WB9FVD	WB9FVD
Radio Club of Tacoma	139,548	8	WA2SFT	WB8QFB
Northwest Amateur Radio Club(IL)	135,384	7	WB80BF	
Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club(NY)	127,124	12	WB9MRF	K9GSC
ARINC Amateur Radio Club(MD)	121,918	9	WA3YQP	WA3YQP
Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse(NY)	119,532	3	WA9YOL	WA9YOL
Delaware Amateur Radio Club	111,570	5		
Fresno Amateur Radio Club	110,204	9		
Nittany Amateur Radio Club(PA)	109,650	4		
Ulrich Amateur Radio Club(NY)	97,690	9		
Wabash County Amateur Radio Club(IN)	94,250	7		
Winona Amateur Radio Club(MN)	86,356	5		
Chicago Radio Traffic Association	77,942	8		
West Park Radios(OH)	76,210	6		
West Hills Amateur Radio Club(WI)	73,042	3		
Wheaton Community Amateurs(IL)	65,936	11		
South Towns Amateur Radio Society(NY)	61,280	5		
Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Club	55,909	8		
Parma Radio Club(OH)	51,170	5		
Alamance Amateur Radio Club(NC)	45,912	3		
Middlesex Amateur Radio Club(MA)	45,758	3		
Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club(WI)	44,118	6		
University of RI Amateur Radio Club	43,208	3		
Horseshoe Radio Club(OH)	20,746	4		
Delmarva Amateur Radio Club(DE)	17,626	3		
Kankakee Area Radio Society(IL)	8,902	3		
Lake Success Radio Club	3,685	5	W2NBI	

## 1975 ARRL DX COMPETITION

Here are some corrections to scores given in QST for October, 1975, for the 1975 ARRL DX Competition. DX CW, High Band: I2FGP should read 504 contacts, not 74. DX CW, High Band: LU3EX was omitted. His score should read 943,245-153-2055-C. DX Phone, All Band: C6ABN should be listed as "A" power, not "C". All French Guiana calls and scores were mistakenly placed in North America; they belong in South America. Affected calls are FY7AA, FY7AK, and FY0BH. Pacific Division multi-op cw winner should be W6NUT, not K6AQ. DX CW, Low Band: VK3XB was omitted. His score should read 61,803-63-327-27-A. ZB2USA, operated by W9JVF, should have been listed in the One-Weekend DXpedition box on page 57.

### Disqualifications - Sweepstakes

Cw: WB6ION, K4PQL, K5LZO, WA9GAM, WB9GFC. Phone: K0UYN, K5LZO, WB6HDH (operator of WA6NGG), K6LU, WB6ION, WA9GAM, WB9GFC.



Madeleine, WA3UTA, contributed 193,000 points to the PVRC effort, operating both cw and phone. You may remember her as the 1974 Novice Roundup winner.

# Frequency Measuring Test

By Ellen White,\* W1YL

FMTs are fun! If you haven't as yet participated in these quarterly events, you're missing another interesting phase of amateur radio. The first of the four 1976 FMTs took place on February 15. Participants submitting eligible reports numbered 170, with 45 achieving Honor Roll standing. A total of 2085 measurements was reported. Our "umpire" notes that the propagation curtains were once again pretty dense, so dense, in fact, that he found nothing to measure on the late 20-meter run! His official readings were: Early run 14069.761, 7084.733 and 3558.386 kHz; late run 7088.818 and 3564.454 kHz. Your writer's special thanks go to all the calculator aid from W1CKK.

May 8 is the schedule for the next FMT, rules in full in the April issue.

### Honor Roll

This top listing is the standing of the frequency measuring leaders. In consideration of the minimum possible error due to Doppler (and other unavoidable factors), we accredit as of equal merit all those reports computing 4/10ths parts per million (or better) accuracy. Please note that a participant must submit a minimum of 2 measurements to qualify for this listing. Again, the following are of equal merit, and are most conveniently shown in an alphabetical listing by call area.

W1BGW W1JH WA1NJG W1PLJ K1VHO WA2BXX WA2VPA W3BFF K3WIK K4BE

K4KA W4NTO WB4UUI WA5CBT K5EVK W5UJW W5KK K5LAZ K5WVX WB6AAL K6BE WA6CKD W6CLM W6KT K6MZN W6OQI W6RQ K7CC ex-7HM WB8BGY W8CUJ WA8KWM W8OK WA8ULG W9FKJ W9MNY WA9PVS K9WGN W0BJ W0BKV W0DJV W0IHI W0RUR VE7HQ Ireland.

### Better Than 35 Parts Per Million

(.5) W1JOT W6CBX, (.6) WB2REE/6 WA5QMI K01TV, (.7) W8OMY WB0DRV, (.8) K4RTA, (.9) WA1SQB WA3GAY, (1.0) WA4AIS K7EGA W7WM, (1.1) WA1WU WB2NYK W6JQR, (1.2) W1AYG W4IBU, (1.3) K2JFJ W9KO, (1.4) K1ZND WA8TTC, (1.5) W4THZ, (1.8) WB8DCR, (2.0) WA1JZC, (2.1) W9HPG K9WMP, (2.3) K4CHE/5, (2.9) K4JK, (3.0) W3YO, (3.1)

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WB8STQ, (3.4) WB2WQA WA6VPI, (3.5) Fulcher, (3.8) W1MBX, (3.9) K6EC, (4.1) WB4BAP, (4.3) W4ZAU KH6CZ, (4.5) K2FA K5MUK, (5.3) K6ASK, (5.9) WA1SSH Rosenberg, (6.7) WA6INF/7, (6.8) K0AZJ, (6.9) W3NNC, (7.0) W0OKS, (7.7) W9MZE, (7.9) W2JDC WA7HGB, (8.3) WA1USZ, (8.7) W1VZ, (8.8) W8OW Andi Bingham, (8.9) K3EO W9AG, (9.5) W0KH, (10.3) K9CCX, (11.0) WA3JSU/1, (11.3) W4UCL, (11.5) WB0HBM, (11.8) W1VH, (11.9) WA3TYB, (12.3) W7FIS, (12.6) W5PW, (12.7) WA3JSZ, (12.9) W8UPN, (13.1) W0HBH, (13.3) K6HI, (13.7) WB5EXI, (13.8) W4YOK, (13.9) W2AIQ, (14.4) W3GDZ/4 WA4VEC VE6MJ, (14.6) K1KSY, (14.8) W9WYB, (16.2) W9TGN, (18.6) W3KVS K4YO, (19.1) W3ZW, (19.3) AC3KEK, (19.9) W8BU, (20.1) W7JMS, (21.1) W3ADE, (22.4) WA1RFT, (22.7) K9UML, (23.3) W2TE, (23.8) WA3VJA, (25.7) W6PRP, (26.4) K4TXJ WB5DCY, (27.0) Dick Bingham, age 9, (27.8) WN0PGZ, (29.4) WA0TKJ, (30.2) K5BSZ, (31.3) W9JOO, (32.1) WA2LLP, (33.3) WB7CRU.

### Better Than 179 Parts Per Million

(37.9) WB8PGK, (38.0) W0MQE, (39.8) W6PZU, (40.3) W1AQS, (41.3) K4QG, (41.4) W6AEE, (43.5) K0FPC, (45.2) Bill Bingham, (48.4) K6CL, (52.3) W0NEE, (53.0) K6EPX, (61.1) WA1OHA, (62.9) K6DBJ, (66.1) W6SSB, (68.6) W0IB, (70.9) WA7BYP, (71.1) WA0DEM, (72.9) W6GBF, (78.0) W5YTN, (97.2) WA7TZO, (101.0) WA3BGE/8, (110.4) K2DW, (118.8) W5FFW, (136.1) WA4ZEN, (140.7) W0MDL.

### QRGee

Like the new soapbox caption? Thank Gene Mendenhall, ex-7HM! Was quite confident after being off only one Hz in the

November FMT, but lost all that confidence when I was confronted once again with weak signals and mucho QRM. - K0TIV. Sure do enjoy this activity. - WB0DRV. The sequence of transmissions is an improvement over the previous method. I appreciate the change. - W7WM. The early run signals were terrible with no signals on 20 or 40 whatsoever! I use a BC-221 as a transfer oscillator fed into a special circuit whereby the amplitude of the 221 output could be controlled and also fed into a frequency counter. It was recognized that the BC-221 operates on its fundamental in the 80-meter band. This meant that I must use the appropriate multiplier when zeroing bands other than 80, such as 40 or 20. As in all frequency measuring, the chief source of error is in the method used to zero W1AW. The amplitudes must be kept as near alike as possible and great care must be used to obtain the exact zero beat. A mixing box accomplishes this as well as controlling the amplitude of the signal fed into the receiver. I suggest that coax-fed systems be used into the receiver to minimize the pickup from stray radiation from the BC-221 in the same room. This is very important in my case as I'm not so fortunate in having a metal cased unit. - W4RHZ. Our first FMT and an excellent technical exercise. We (WB8DCR op., WB8KCY logger) hooked up the equipment just before the start of the FMT. Approximately 15 minutes before callup, we tested our techniques for the first time. Most of the gear is in regular use at WB8DCR, with the exception of the counter (which belonged to a local CB repair shop). We used an SB-301 receiver, 18-ft. vertical and phones. An SB-401 was loaded at minimum power into a Cantenna, and beat against W1AW to put it on the unknown frequency. The SB-401 frequency was then measured with a Heath-Schlumberger SM-110C counter with a 10-second time base. The longer counting period

allowed measurement to .1 Hz. However, we were basically interested in eliminating the plus/minus digit ambiguity in the Hz digit which we did by transferring the ambiguity to the tenth Hertz digit. Since the counter has a compensated timebase, the only inaccuracy in the system comes in the beating of the local signal against W1AW. In the SB-301, zero beat is not aurally discernible because the crystal filter cuts off response below about 300 Hz. Thus we had to use an audio beat note and match the two notes in our head. Improvements to be made in the future will be a receiver with a BFO set in the middle of the filter passband and a meter in the detector circuits to locate the exact zero beat. - WB8DCR. Enjoyed the FMT. As usual, signals here in CA were poor. Used an ST-5 RTTY Terminal Unit to obtain a scope pattern for zero beating the BC-221 with the signal from the Drake 2-B receiver. I read the BC-221 frequency with a Heath IB-1100 counter. - WA6VPI. Merry old Sol gave W1AW 599 on 14 MHz, for a change! - K0AZJ. Enjoyed it thoroughly and wish you had it every month. - W8OW. Using a new HW-104 equipped with my old SB-650 frequency display. It works very well as I feed the B. O. input of the 650 from the i-f out and then peak the signal using the cw filter to reduce the noise and interference. Gives very stable readings on signals of above S-2 with the S meter set for 100 microvolts = S-9. - W0KH. My first FMT and I found it to be interesting. - W0HBH. I sure learned a lot in a short time about measuring received frequencies under poor conditions. I think I'll try this again! - W3GDZ/4. My first FMT. I found it most enjoyable as I was able to apply some of the experimental techniques I am presently learning in college. Whether I was close or not, I shall return! - WA3VJA. Sure would like to have some helpful hints from others using the LM-18 Het. Freq. meter. - K4TXJ.

# VHF QSO Party

If you haven't already done so, it's time now to start planning for this year's June VHF QSO Party to be held June 12-14.

Contest logs (38 QSOs per sheet) are available. Unless first class postage is included with your request, the logs will go via third class (slow!) mail. One unit of first class postage is sufficient to send 5 sheets of paper. Using this as a guideline, you can determine the amount of postage to include.

Be sure your entry is postmarked no later than July 12, 1976. - WA1STV

### Rules

1) The 1976 June VHF QSO Party begins at 1900 UTC, Saturday, June 12, and ends at 0600 UTC, Monday, June 14. Entrants may operate no more than 28 out of the 35 hours. The seven hours of off-time must be taken in

increments of 30 minutes or more. Listening time counts as operating time. All contacts must be made on amateur bands above 50 MHz using authorized modes of emission.

2) Name-of-section exchanges must be acknowledged by both operators before either may claim contact point(s). A one-way exchange, confirmed, does not count; there is no fractional breakdown of the 1-, 2-, or 3-point units.

3) Fixed, portable or mobile operation under one call, from one location only, is permitted. A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under any other call during the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by FCC/DOC).

While no minimum distance is specified for contacts, equipment in use should be capable of real communications (i.e. able to communicate over at least a mile).

Contacts made by retransmitting either or

both stations do not count for contest purposes.

4) Scoring: 1 point for completed two-way exchanges on 50 or 144 MHz; 2 points for such exchanges on 220 or 420 MHz; 3 points for such exchanges on the higher uhf bands. The sum of these points will be multiplied by the number of different ARRL sections worked per band; i.e., those with which at least one point has been earned. Reworking sections on additional bands for extra section credits is permitted. Cross-band work does not count. Aircraft mobile stations cannot be counted for section multipliers.

Contacts made by retransmitting either or both stations do not count for contest purposes. (See League Lines for late info.)

5) Foreign entries: All contacts with foreign countries (such as Mexico and the Bahamas) count for score. All foreign countries are grouped together, and a multiplier of no more than one (per band) may be claimed for contacts with all foreign stations worked

Foreign stations may only work stations in ARRL sections for contest credit and will give their country name.

6) A contact per band may be counted for each station worked. Ex.: W2EIF (SNJ) works K1YON (Conn) on 50, 144, and 220 MHz for complete exchanges. This gives W2EIF 4 points (1 - 1 - 2) and also 3 section-multiplier credits. (If W2EIF contacts

other Conn stations on these bands, they do not add to his section multiplier but they do pay off in additional contact points.)

7) Each section multiplier requires a complete exchange with at least one station. The same section can provide another multiplier point only when contacted on a new vhf band.

8) Awards: Entries must be postmarked

no later than July 12, 1976. A certificate will be awarded to the high-scoring single-operator station in each ARRL section. In addition, the high-scoring multi-operator station will receive a certificate in each section from which three or more valid multiple-operator entries are received.

9) Disqualifications: See January, 1976, *QST*, p. 73

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# 27th Annual Armed Forces Day Communications Tests

This year's observance of Armed Forces Day marks the 27th anniversary of an annual event reflecting the long-standing good relations between the amateur radio fraternity and our military radio stations. As in years past, events scheduled for Saturday, May 15, emphasize the continuing climate of mutual assistance and warm esteem.

A featured highlight of the nationwide 1976 celebration will be the traditional military-to-amateur communications tests. Special commemorative QSL cards will be awarded to amateurs achieving a verified two-way contact with any of the participating military stations. Special certificates also will be sent to amateurs who receive and accurately copy the Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense, as transmitted in both cw and RTTY during the receiving tests. Interception by SWL is not acknowledged by QSL cards.

The military-to-amateur crossband operations will be conducted from 15/1300 UTC to 16/0245 UTC. The military stations WAR, NAM, NPG and AIR will transmit on military frequencies and listen for amateur stations transmitting in those portions of the amateur bands indicated above. The operators at the military stations will specify that portion of the amateur subband they are tuning.

## Cw Receiving Test

The cw receiving test will be conducted at 25 wpm for any person capable of copying International Morse Code. The cw broadcast will be a special Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense to all participants. A ten-minute CQ call for tuning purposes will begin at 16/0300 UTC. The Secretary of Defense's message will be transmitted precisely at 16/0310 UTC

### WAR (Army Radio Washington, DC)

FREQ. kHz	BAND UP FROM (MHz)
4001.5	3.5 cw
4020	3.775 lsb
4030	3.65 RTTY
6997.5	7.0 cw
14405	14.0 cw
20994	21.25 usb

### NAM (Naval Communications Station, Norfolk, VA)

3385	3.5 cw
4012.5	3.65 RTTY
4040	3.775 lsb
6970	7.15 lsb
7301	7.0 cw
7380	7.1 RTTY
7385	7.05 cw
13827.5	14.1 RTTY
14385	14.2 usb
14400	14.0 cw
148,410	fm voice
150,900	

### NPG (Naval Communications Station, San Francisco, CA)

4001.5	3.775 lsb
4005	3.5 cw
4010	3.65 cw
6989	7.0 cw
7301.5	7.15 lsb
7347.5	7.0 RTTY
7365	7.075 cw
13922.5	14.0 RTTY
14356	14.2 usb
14375	14.0 cw
14389	14.275 usb
20983	21.0 cw
20998.5	21.27 usb
49995*	50.0
143,995*	a-m/usb/cw 144.0
148,410**	a-m/usb/cw 145.0
148,950**	a-m/RTTY 146.0 fm
222,000*	221.0 a-m/usb/cw

\*To be operated from Mt. Vaca

\*\*To be operated from Mt. Diablo

### AIR (Air Force Radio, Washington, DC)

4025	3.775 lsb
7305	7.15 lsb
7315	7.0 cw
13997.5	14.0 cw
14397	14.2 usb

from the following stations on frequencies listed.

### TRANSMITTING STATION

STATION	FREQ. (kHz)
WAR - Army	4030, 6997.5, 14405
NAM - Navy	4012.5, 7385, 14386
NPG - Navy	4005, 6989, 14375, 49,995 MHz, 143,995 MHz
AIR - Air Force	7315, 13997.5

### RTTY Receiving Test

The RTTY receiving test will be transmitted at 60 wpm. A ten-minute CQ call for tuning purposes will begin at 16/0335 UTC. The special Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense will be transmitted at 16/0345 UTC. This test is to exercise the technical skill in aligning and adjusting of equipment by the operator, and serves to demonstrate the growing number of amateurs becoming skilled in this method of rapid communications. Transmission will be from the following stations on frequencies listed.

### TRANSMITTING STATION

STATION	FREQ. (kHz)
WAR - Army	4030, 6997.5, 14405
NAM - Navy	4012.5, 7385, 14385
NPG - Navy	4010, 7347.5, 13922.5, 148.410 MHz
AIR - Air Force	7315, 13997.5

### Submission of Test Entries

Transcriptions should be submitted "as received." No attempt should be made to correct possible transmission errors.

Time, frequency and call sign of the station copied as well as the name, call

sign (if any) and address, including zip code of the individual submitting the entry must be indicated on the page containing the test. Each year a large number of acceptable copies are received with insufficient information or the necessary information is attached to the transcription and was separated, thereby precluding the issuance of a certificate.

Entries should be postmarked no later than 25 May 1976 and submitted to the respective service copied. Stations copying NAM and NPG should send their entries to: Armed Forces Day Test Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS Building 17, 8th Street & South Courthouse Road, Arlington, VA 22204. Stations copying WAR should send their

entries to: Armed Forces Day Test Commander, United States Army, Communications Command, ATTN: CC-OPS-OM Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613. Stations copying AIR should send their entries to: Armed Forces Day Test, Air Force Communications Service /DOYF, Richard Gebaur Air Force Base, MO 64030. QST

# Field Day Rules

Take a little time out from your planning for Field Day *now* and read these rules. Next, send a large s.a.s.e. to ARRL Headquarters so you may obtain "dupe sheets" and a summary sheet for FD. Last year a number of clubs did not have the standard summary sheet and, as a result, left vital bits of information out of their entries. In addition, please note the mailing deadline for entries: August 2. Due to the tremendous number of FD entries and a tight QST deadline, that mailing deadline cannot be bent.

Cw contacts count double again this year, on a trial basis. A final recommendation will be made by the Contest Advisory Committee after the 1976 Field Day, based on *your comments*.

If you intend to use the Oscar satellites on Field Day, ask for a schedule of passes when you request entry forms. Good luck!

## Rules

1) **Eligibility:** The Field Day is open competitively to all amateurs in the ARRL Field Organization (plus Yukon and N.W.T.). Foreign stations may be contacted for credit but are not eligible to compete.

2) **Object:** For portable and mobile stations, to work as many stations as possible. For home stations, to work as many portable and mobile stations as possible.

3) **Conditions of Entry:** Each entrant agrees to be bound by the intent as well as the provisions of these rules, the regulations of his licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

4) **Entry Classifications:** Entries will be classified according to the number of transmitted signals simultaneously on the air at any one time during the FD period, followed by the designation of the nature of the individual or group participation. Once a transmitter makes a contact on a band, it must remain on that band for at least 15 minutes. During this 15-minute period, the transmitter is considered to be transmitting a signal, whether it is or not, for purposes of determining transmitter class. Class A: Club group (or non-club group with three or more licensed amateurs) set up specifically for operation in the FD and using portable identification. Such stations must be located in places which are not regular station locations and must use no equipment or facilities

installed for permanent station use, nor any structures installed permanently for FD use. Stations must be operated under one call (except when a Novice position is used, as provided by miscellaneous rule (c) and under control of a single licensee or trustee for each entry. All equipment (including antennas) must lie within a circle whose diameter must not exceed 1000 feet. All contacts must be made with transmitter(s) and receiver(s) operating from a power source independent of commercial mains. Entrants who, for any reason, operate a transmitter or receiver from commercial mains for one or more contacts, will be listed at the end of their class. Class B: Non-club stations set up and operated by not more than two licensed amateurs. Other provisions same as for Class A. Class C: Stations located in vehicles capable of operation while in motion and normally operated in this manner, including antenna. Class C stations may operate stationary, but no stationary equipment or facilities may be used. A Class C station may not be used as a station in any other class. The operator of a Class C station may also operate from another station during the FD period but scores for his mobile operations must be submitted separately. Class D: Stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations, not portable or mobile, using commercial power. Class E: As above, but using emergency power for transmitters and receivers.

5) **Field Day Period:** FD operation starts at 1800 UTC the fourth Saturday of June and lasts until 2100 UTC the following Sunday, a period of 27 hours. Class A and Class B entries who do not begin any setting-up operations until 1800 UTC on Saturday may operate the entire duration of the FD period. Others may operate no more than 24 consecutive hours; i.e., once FD operation has started it must cease 24 hours from that point.

6) **Bands:** Each phone and each cw segment is considered as a separate band. All voice contacts are equivalent and RTTY is counted as cw. A station may be worked once on each band. Cross-band contacts are not allowed. The use of more than one transmitter at the same time in a single band is prohibited, except that a Novice position may operate on any Novice band segment at any time. Contacts made by retransmitting either or both stations do not count for scoring purposes.

7) **Exchanges:** Stations in the U.S., possessions and Canada must exchange ARRL section (see page 8 in any QST) and signal report. Valid contacts with stations outside of a section consist of sending a signal report and section and receiving a signal report and country from the foreign station.

8) **Valid Contacts:** A valid contact is defined as a two-way exchange (see above) between stations. Class A, B or C stations may contact any station. Class D or E stations may contact any Class A, B or C station.

### 9) Miscellaneous Rules:

a. Operators participating in the FD may not, from any other station, contact for point credit the FD portable station of a group with which they participated. This is intended to outlaw any kind of manufactured contacts.

b. A station used to contact one or more FD stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the FD period. This rule is intended to outlaw multiple contacts on the same band with the same station, using different calls. It is not, however, intended to prohibit the use of jointly-owned stations which are normally used under different calls by members of the same family.

c. Any Class A group whose entry classification is three or more non-Novice transmitters may also use one Novice operating position (to be set up and operated only by Novice Class licensees) without changing their basic entry classification. The Novice position must use a Novice call sign and must keep their own logs and check sheets. The Novice position, QSO total may be added to the group QSO total before multiplying.

10) **Scoring:** Scores are based on the number of valid contact points times the multiplier corresponding to the highest power used at any time during the FD period, plus bonus points. Phone contacts count one point each, and cw contacts count two points each. Power multipliers. If all contacts are made using a dc input power of 10 watts or less AND if a power source other than commercial mains or motor-driven generator is used (e.g., batteries, solar cells, water-driven generators, etc.), multiply by 5. If any or all contacts are made using a dc input power of 200 watts or less, multiply by 2. Multiply by 1 if any or all contacts are made using a dc input power over 200 watts and up to 1000 watts. Over 1000 watts multiply by ZERO! Dc power on ssb

phone is considered to be half the peak envelope power. Batteries may be charged while in use for Class C entries only. For other classes batteries charged during the FD period must be charged from a power source independent of the commercial mains.

11) **Bonuses:** The following bonus points may be added to the score (after the multiplier is applied) to determine the final score. Only Class A and B stations are eligible for bonuses. Do not add bonuses to your final score - all applicable bonuses will be added at headquarters.

a. 100 points for 100% emergency power per transmitter classification. ALL equipment and facilities at the FD site must be operated from a source independent of the commercial mains.

b. If one or more contacts are made using equipment that is totally powered by a source of energy that is derived from "natural" power, such as wind, solar or water power, the FD group will get a 100 point bonus. Oil, coal, natural gas, nuclear fuels or any other fossil fuels or their derivatives are not allowed. The energy source must be described. Commercial electric mains or batteries may not be used for this bonus.

c. 50 points for public relations. Publicity must be obtained or a bona fide attempt to

obtain publicity must be made. Evidence must be submitted in the form of a clipping, a memo from a BC/TV station stating publicity was given or a copy of material sent to news media for publicity purposes.

d. 50 points for message origination. A message must be originated by the club president or other FD leader, addressed to the SCM or SEC, stating the club name (or non-club group), number of operators, field location and number of AREC members participating. The message must be transmitted during the FD period and a fully serviced copy of it must be included with the FD report. The message must be in standard ARRL message form as explained in *Operating an Amateur Radio Station*. The message must be correct in all respects or no credit will be given.

e. 5 points for each message received and relayed during the FD period, up to a maximum of 50 points. Copies of each message, properly serviced, must be included with the Field Day report.

f. 50 points can be earned by completing at least one QSO via the Oscar satellite during the FD period. The repeater provision of rule 6 is waived for Oscar QSOs as is the 15-minute provision of rule 4. An Oscar station does not count as an additional transmitter.

On the summary sheet show Oscar as a separate "band."

12) **Club Aggregate Mobile Score:** Entries under Class C may be combined to form an aggregate score for their club, having no connection with the club's portable entry, if any. Individual reports must include the club name. The club secretary or other designated club official must submit the club aggregate mobile score claim. Only bona fide members of a club operating in the club territory (175-mile radius from the club headquarters address) may contribute to this aggregate mobile score.

13) **Reporting:** Entries must be post-marked no later than August 2. The proper summary sheet, plus a list of stations worked on each band and appropriate proof(s) for bonuses constitute an entry. An entry that does not include a check sheet or any other list of QSOs made will be classified as a check log. A copy of your FD log is not required unless specifically later requested by ARRL. This does not, of course, relieve you of the responsibility of keeping a log as required by FCC/DOC. Send a stamped addressed envelope to ARRL Hq. for FD forms which include a summary sheet and a sample of suggested check sheet.

14) **Disqualifications:** See January, 1976, *QST*, p. 73. QST

## Silent Keys

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

WIBOS, Sidney L. Gardner, Voluntown, CT  
WA1FWP, Edward E. Hawkins, West Medford, MA  
WA1RKH, Michael Blandin, Bethlehem, NH  
EX-1SN, William E. A. Dodge, Beverly, MA  
W1VNH, Harold C. Atwater, Agawam, MA  
W1WS, Herbert A. Wells, Sr., New Ipswich, NH  
K2BP, Frank J. Hack, Rochester, NY  
W2IH, Richard Stewart, Congers, NY  
W2KFA, Eugene H. Lombardi, Port Chester, NY  
W2KKL, Frank Heinfing, Bronx, NY  
W2MZ, Harvey F. Wannemacher, Lancaster, NY  
W2QXX, Carl T. Young, Binghamton, NY  
WB2RQH, David Haviland, Montclair, NJ  
W2RSR, J. Fred Chichester, Conesus, NY  
WB2WRK, Willie W. Larsen, Osbornville, NJ  
W2YUE, John E. Egan, Rochester, NY  
K3AWE, Hobart A. Hill, Philadelphia, PA  
W3AQR, Park H. Cassidy, Hummelstown, PA  
W3NRX, Vincent L. Kish, Point Marion, PA  
WN3VEB, John Bordon, Philadelphia, PA  
W3ZC, Charles W. Thumm, Philadelphia, PA  
W4CRI, Andrew S. Mitchell, Jamestown, TN  
K4DEI, Charles F. Finney, Sr., Memphis, TN  
K4EGN, James I. Goldstein, Pembroke Pines, FL  
W4EQQ, Kilbourne E. Brookes, Hollywood, FL  
W4FH, R. W. Freitag, Boynton Beach, FL  
K4FOV, Frank Bolden, Tarpon Springs, FL  
K4JZJ, Coleman W. King, Sandston, VA  
K4LTE, George D. Everest, Greensboro, NC  
W4QES, Harold F. Walter, Louisville, KY  
W4OS, Henry A. Selby, Ormond Beach, FL  
W4PF, Howard R. Miller, Miami, FL  
WB4TRI, Edward L. Farmer, Tampa, FL  
K4TT, John D. Bay, Hollywood, FL

W4ZRR, William R. Henegar, Jr., Virginia Beach, VA  
WSAG, William Schmitz, Carrollton, TX  
K5CBG, Jesse W. Hines, Cache, OK  
W5CZB, Jerry J. Soukup, Mountain Park, OK  
W5DJW, Lewis B. Wimberly, Borger, TX  
WB5ELS, James F. Wright, Throckmorton, TX  
K5EOE, Walter A. Mickle, Jr., New Orleans, LA  
W5FSR, Gladys M. McCrary, Brownwood, TX  
W5IYG, Myron D. Bentley, Maplewood, LA  
W5TBN, Leonard E. Wyrick, Idabel, OK  
KH6AX, Freeman Lang, Honolulu, HI  
EX-W6DFJ, Walter M. Hicks, Bakersfield, CA  
W6GNS, Robert G. Gemmel, Ontario, CA  
EX-W6KBD/EX-K7GOM, Arthur B. McBride, LaHabra, CA  
K6LL, Leonard C. Tate, Lakewood, CA  
KH6LM, Glenn Ramey, Honolulu, HI  
WA6MDX, Kenneth E. Royer, Santa Barbara, CA  
W6MYO, Fred T. Gember, San Leandro, CA  
W6NRR, Richard W. Gorom, Gardena, CA  
K6QKG, A. B. "Jack" Jackson, San Diego, CA  
WA6RDG, Andrew W. Carey, Sonoma, CA  
W6SP1, Clarence F. Feldman, Pasadena, CA  
W6TTS, Eugene S. Darlington, Albany, CA  
WN7CQY, Kenneth L. Brule, Puyallup, WA  
W7GK, Charles V. Lovett, Hoquiam, WA  
W7KFR, Leland C. Hahn, Darby, MT  
W7MSD, Kenneth G. Randahl, Central Point, OR  
WA7OOJ, Donald C. Wright, Yuma, AZ  
W7OYO, William A. O'Neill, Seattle, WA  
W7SLC, Erwis Isgutt, Salt Lake City, UT  
W7TMO, Charles W. Jacobson, Las Vegas, NV  
EX-8ADT, Howard V. Mills, Fremont, OH

Ex-KN8AI, Fred W. Fischer, Ruskin, FL  
W8AU, Eldridge J. Dickerson, Muskegon, MI  
WB8DJY, Louis F. Davis, Detroit, MI  
K8EAT, Erwin M. Datz, Hinton, WV  
Ex-W8EOT, Martin L. V. Merchant, Ilion, NY  
W8GF, Robert M. Carter, Grandville, MI  
W8JGV, Maynard J. Moynahan, Munising, MI  
W8KKW, James A. Eberhart, Cincinnati, OH  
W8KRU, Frederick A. Schade, Bridgeport, OH  
W8RPM, George C. Prescott, Detroit, MI  
WN8VXL, Robert S. Fain, Massillon, OH  
WA8ZON, Gary J. Nolan, Southfield, MI  
W9AFF, Albert T. Frier, Mauston, WI  
Ex-W9BDV, Peter Clark, Lombard, IL  
WB9CFN, John L. Ritzinger, Chippewa Falls, WI  
W9DDI, Matthew R. Weirich, Aurora, IL  
WB9EBY, Raymond H. Johnson, Rockford, IL  
W9GUJ, Robert F. Stricker, Freeport, IL  
W9HGQ, Arthur A. Johnson, Rockford, IL  
W9HUH, Dr. Ralph R. Seidl, Park Ridge, IL  
W9IMQ, William H. Juhre, DePere, WI  
W9KDV, When G. Hochstetler, Martinsville, IN  
W9NSQ, Clarence L. Wilson, Caledonia, WI  
W9WUT, James C. Chapel, Kenosha, WI  
WA9ZOT, Wallace E. Brainard, Vista, CA  
K0SPO, George H. Ratcliff, Pueblo, CO  
W0UXN, William R. Tucker, Pueblo, CO  
VE6AMV, Gerald K. Shook, Edmonton, AB  
VE6EB, Lloyd L. Marcy, Brooks, AB  
VE7AJ, Isaac Glover, Rossland, BC  
VK3OG, G. S. Samways, Mt. Eliza, Australia  
VK5CE, Alfred R. McRitchie, Whyalla, S. Australia  
G6TA, C. Douglas Abbott, London, England  
G8PL, L. A. Kippin, Lincolnshire, England

## Strays

### STOLEN EQUIPMENT

o 22 Motorola Motrac Model U54HHT-3100

with the following serial numbers were taken from trucks on Feb. 7 or 8: G26398, A01710, G26400, A01733, A01720, A01727, A01716, A01735, A01718, A01730, A01731, A01707, K22114, A01722, A01724, A01729, H29851, A01726, G12473, A01714, G26399, G26401. American Builders Supply Com-

pany, 1044 East Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY 40204.

o GTX-10, Serial No. 13-56; Drake AC-3; Drake MS-4 with AC-3, stolen at High Point Howard Johnson's motel on Nov. 10, Wolcott M. Smith, 212 Locust Street, Vienna, VA 22180.

## Operator Training

Now, wait a minute. Isn't training supposed to be in another department, now? Maybe so, but operating belongs in this department, and that's what we're going to talk about — what kind of operating provides the best training to produce the highest skills in operator proficiency. This isn't something you pick up in a classroom or out of books. Operator skill is something you acquire by operating, spending time at it, hacking away at an operating pursuit that requires you, for whatever reason, to constantly improve yourself. Through the many decades of amateur history, the argument has raged: What kind of operating produces the best operators?

Our kind, say the testers. There is nothing so sharpening of operating skills as the zest of competition. In the fray of a contest one must dig out signals buried under inconceivable QRM, brain-scrambling to the uninitiated. In the cw competition, speeds run high, resulting in higher code proficiency. The young veterans with their already-sharp reflexes become even sharper. The old timers set the example and pace. Others merely catch the fever, rise to the challenge. The adrenalin flows. Yes, contest operating is a skill-builder, no doubt about it.

But we do something really worthwhile, say the traffic net operators, and provide operator training at the same time. In a traffic net, one learns discipline and procedure and efficiency and experiences a high degree of self satisfaction at the same time. A public service is provided and public relations are achieved through contact in originating and delivering messages. How can you beat that for training value, or just plain value?

All that is just a lot of fooling around, say

the emergency organizers. Operating in a communications emergency is what it's all about, and if you aren't trained to do that, all your experience in other kinds of operating isn't worth a nickel. So the best kind of operator training is to be found in emergency preparedness nets and drills — in the AREC, RACES and independent emergency preparedness organizations. Let's stop playing games and get down to business.

Don't overlook DXing as a skill-builder, remind the DX hounds. Snagging the rare one out of a pileup is an operating skill all its own, with an application to many other kinds of operating. Stalking DX requires sharpness in detecting weak signals, knowledge of propagation, and more technical skill than you might think. This is all a part of operating skill; you can't get away from it. It isn't just a matter of being able to wiggle a key or use prosigns. Besides, it promotes international good will. Competition? Name an amateur activity more competitive than DXCC.

In the direst emergency, we're all going to be working for the military; everybody knows that. Therefore, the thing to do is get training in military operating. Those who don't have it will be useless when the ultimate balloon goes up. And the place to get this is in the MARS programs.

RTTY can do it all, say the RTTY enthusiasts. It takes little more bandwidth than cw, not so much as voice, and equipment is readily available. If we'd all go RTTY, we would have it made insofar as reliable communication is concerned.

"Where do we come in?" asks the Novice contingent. Operator training begins in the Novice segments, and therefore the Novice

nets are of paramount importance in creating skilled operators. You have to crawl before you can walk, and it's important to get started on the right foot; therefore, more attention should be devoted to Novice training.

Phooey and balderdash, say the casual rag-chewers. All you people are trying to make work out of a hobby. None of it is really necessary. Gaining operating skill comes naturally once you get on the air, and then it can be quickly and easily applied to any situation. Meanwhile, let's stop all the pressure and enjoy ourselves. Life is so short.

Space communication is the coming thing, say the Oscar enthusiasts. Once we get satellites at the proper configurations operating the way we want them, communication at all distances is going to be possible on vhf and above. But special operating skills are required, and we'd better start acquiring them. Some day it may be all we have.

And so the debate goes 'round and 'round. Which kind of operating provides the best operator training depends in part on what kind of operating you are talking about. In general, however, the inevitable conclusion has to be that all kinds of operating experience provide training, and the "best" operator is the one who has experienced the most different kinds — the versatile operator. He may not be the best cw operator, or the best phone operator, or the best tester, or the best DXer, but he will be comfortable in any of these operating pursuits, and therefore he will be the best *all-around* operator. Let each shine in his own specialty. We'll nominate the all-around operator for the highest award of all.

### WIAW OPERATING SCHEDULE

Operating-visiting hours are Monday through Friday 1 P.M. to 1 A.M., Saturday 7 P.M. to 1 A.M. and Sunday 3 P.M. to 11 P.M. (all local Eastern time). The station address is 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 (about 7 miles south of Hartford). Maps with local street details and the general contact schedule are available upon request. All frequencies shown are approximate. If you wish to operate, you must have your original operator's license with you. Please note that the station will be closed May 31. Staff: Chief Operator/ARRL Asst. Communications Mgr. C. R. Bender, W1WPR; Alan Bloom, WA3JSU; Chris Schenck, WB2SEZ.

### Code Practice

Approximate frequencies: 1.805 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 and 145.588 MHz. For practice purposes the order of words in each line may be reversed during the 5-13 wpm transmissions. Each tape carries checking references. Details on Qualifying Runs appear monthly in *QST* Operating News. The 0130Z practice is omitted four times a year on designated nights when Frequency Measuring Tests are sent in this period.

\*Communications Manager, ARRL

Speeds	EDST	UTC
5-7½-10-13-20-25	9 A.M. MWF 9:30 P.M. TThSSu	1300Z MWF 0130Z MWFS
10-13-15	4 P.M. M-F 7:30 P.M. Dy	2000Z M-F 2330Z Dy
35-30-25-20-15	9:30 P.M. MWF 9 A.M. TTh	0130Z TThS 1300Z TTh

To improve your fist by sending in step with WIAW (but not over the air!) and to allow checking the accuracy of your copy on certain tapes, note the UTC dates and *QST* text to be sent in the 0130Z practice from the March issue of *QST*.

5/3 It Seems to Us	5/25 Public Service
5/6 Correspondence	5/28 World Above
5/14 League Lines	6/2 YL News

### Bulletins

Columns indicate times in EDST-PDST-UTC(Z).

Phone Bulletins (1.82 3.99 7.29 14.29 21.39 28.59 50.19 145.588 MHz):

2100 Dy	1800 Dy	0100Z Dy
2330 M-S	2030 M-S	0330Z T-Su

CW Bulletins at 18 wpm (1.805 3.58 7.08

14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 145.588 MHz):

1630 M-F	1330 M-F	2030Z M-F
2000 Dy	1700 Dy	0000Z Dy

CW Bulletins at 10 wpm (same frequencies as above):

0000 M-S	2100 M-S	0400Z T-Su
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RTTY Bulletins at 170 Hz shift are repeated at 850 Hz shift when time permits (3.625 7.095 14.095 21.095 28.095 MHz):

1730 M-F	1430 M-F	2130Z M-F
2300 M-S	2000 M-S	0300Z T-Su

Oscar Bulletins (18 wpm on cw frequencies):

0840 M-F	0540 M-F	1240Z M-F
1400 M-F	1100 M-F	1800Z M-F
1600 Su	1300 Su	2000Z Su

Oscar RTTY:

1700 Su	1400 Su	2100Z Su
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In a communications emergency monitor WIAW for special bulletins as follows (times in UTC):

Phone: On the hour.  
RTTY: At 15 minutes past the hour.  
CW: On the half hour.

# Operating Events

## MAY

1-2: Ten-Ten QSO Party, Massachusetts Bicentennial QSO Party, Connecticut QSO Party, p. 62 April.

5: West Coast Qualifying Run, W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate, 10-35 wpm at 0400Z (Universal Coordinated Time, abbreviated UTC; Z used as a designator), on 3590/7090 kHz. This is 2100 PDST the night of May 4. Please note that dates are always shown at least 2 months in advance and times are always the same local "clock time," i.e. 9 P.M. local Pacific time. Underline one minute of the highest speed copied, certify copy made without aid, and send to ARRL for grading. Please include your full name, call (if any) and complete mailing address. A legal size stamped address envelope will help to expedite your award.

8: Frequency Measuring Test, open to all, p. 62 April.

8-9: Bermuda Contest, cw, p. 71 March. Maine Bicentennial QSO Party, p. 62 April.

8-10: Georgia QSO Party, Vermont QSO Party, p. 62 April.

11: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-25 wpm at 0130 UTC transmitted simultaneously on 1.805 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 and 145.588 MHz. This is 2130 EDST (9:30 P.M. local Eastern time) the night of May 10. Underline one minute of top speed copied, certify copy made without aid, and send to ARRL for grading. Please include your full name, call (if any), complete mailing address (and an s.a.s.e.).

14-16: YL International SSBers QSO Party, p. 62 April.

15: Armed Forces Day, this issue. World Telecommunication Day Contest, phone, p. 62 April.

15-17: Michigan QSO Party, p. 62 April.

22: World Telecommunication Day Contest, cw, p. 62 April.

22-23: New York State QSO Party, p. 62 April.

23-24: Wisconsin State QSO Party, sponsored by the Neenah-Menasha Amateur Radio Club. Phone and cw are considered separate bands. The same station may be worked on each band and mode and WI amateurs may work in-state stations for QSO and multiplier credit. Exchange RS(1) and QTH (county for WI participants, ARRL section or country for others). Scoring: U.S. and VE contacts count 1 point, DX counts 3 points. WI amateurs multiply total QSOs by the no. of ARRL sections contacted (max. of 74), KP4, KH6, KL7, KZ5 count both as a 3-point QSO and a section multiplier. Out-of-state stations multiply WI QSOs by the WI counties worked (maximum of 72). Suggested freqs.: 1810 3550 3735 3900 7050 7135 7235 14050 14280 21050 21135 21300 28050 28600 50-50.5 144-146. Awards. When logging, indicate each multiplier the first time it is worked. Include a summary and usual info. Logs must be received no later than June 15 (DX logs July 1); Send to the club, c/o Mark Michel W9PJT, 700 Kinzie Court, Menasha, WI 54952. Nostalgia Radio Exchange, sponsored by the Southeast Amateur Radio Club, K8EMY, Cleveland, Ohio, open to all. Object is to restore, operate, and enjoy older equipment with like-minded hams. A nostalgia radio is any equipment built since 1945 but at least ten years old — an advantage, but not required in the exchange. NX period is 1800 UTC Sun. May 23 to 0100 UTC Mon. May 24. Exchange your name, RST, state-province/foreign country, transmitter type (homebrew send p.a. tube, i.e. "807"), and other interesting pleasantries. The same station may be worked on each mode on each band. No a-m phone below 21 MHz. Cw call CQ NX, phone call CQ Exchange. Non-contestants may be worked. Suggested frequencies: cw up 70 kHz from the low band edges; phone, 3910 7280 14280 21380

28580; Novice, 3720 7120 21120 28120. To score, add the numbers of different transmitters, states-provinces/foreign countries for each band. Multiply by the total no. of QSOs (non-contestant QSOs count one, NX QSOs count three). Multiply that total by the Nostalgia multiplier: Total years of your transmitter and receiver (if transceiver, multiply years by 2). Different equipment combinations may be used: Figure scores separately for each and combine for total score. Certificates are not awarded for the highest score — rather for unusual and ingenious experiences, circumstances, achievements, etc. Send logs, comments, pictures, anecdotes, etc. to W8KAJ, 2386 Queeston Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44118. CQ-M Contest, sponsored by the Radio Sports Federation of the USSR, from 2100Z Sat. to 2100Z Sunday, 80-10 meters; cw and ssb (crossmode contacts not valid). Call CQ-M. Categories: single op, single band, single op, multiband, multi-multi. Exchange RS(T) and serial contact no. The Soviet stations will transmit RD(T) plus number region (oblast). The same station may be worked only once on each band during the contest irrespective of the mode. Contacts between stations in the same continent count 2 points; contacts between stations on different continents count 5 points. Contacts between Soviet stations count only one point, irrespective of the continent. Contacts between stations in the same country count only for multipliers (not for QS points). Each country counts as a new multiplier per band. Total multiplier is the sum from all bands. Awards plus special notation for those working more than 50 Soviet stations during the CQ-M period. If your log confirms the conditions of the popular USSR awards (R-150-S, R-100-0, W-100-U, R-15-R, R-10-R and R-6-K) certificates will be issued upon request. The committee requests all those participating to mail no later than July 1 to the Krenkel Central Radio Club of the USSR, CQ-M Contest Committee, P. O. Box 88, Moscow, USSR. CQ-M!

## JUNE

2: West Coast Qualifying Run.

5-6: Minnesota QSO Party, sponsored by the Heartland Amateur Radio Club from 0001Z June 5 to 0500Z June 6. (Remember, this starts the evening of the 4th, local time.) No restrictions as to mode or operating time: 160-2 meters (repeater contacts not allowed). Only one transmitter permitted in operation at one time, no crossband. Suggested freqs.: phone, 1850 3950 7235 14330 21365 28525 51000 (and 2-meter simplex); cw, 1810 3535 7035 14035 21035 28035 50050 and 144050; Novice, 3725 7125 21125 28125. Exchange: MN stations send RS(T) and country; others send RDS(T) and ARRL section; send DXCC country. Score one point per QSO; Novice QSOs worth 3 points. MN stations multiply points by no. of sections and DX countries (USA and Canada excluded). Others multiply points by no. of MN counties QSOd (maximum 87). Stations using 250 watts or less multiply final score by 1.5. Phone and cw are separate contests and must be scored as such. Stations making 50 or more QSOs must include a check sheet for each band and mode used. Logs must include date, time (Z), band, mode, exchange. Usual disqualification criteria. Logs must be post-marked by July 2 and received by July 9 to be eligible for awards. A special events station is planned (call unknown at this writing). Contacts will be worth 5 points for each QSO on separate bands/modes. Please do not interfere with nets/traffic sessions. Awards. Mail to: HARC, c/o WB0MAO, Steven J. Gardner, Box 261, Staples, MN 56479. Please include rig description and your s.a.s.e. SOWP Bicentennial CW QSO Party, sponsored by the Society of Wireless Pioneers (SWOP), from 1200Z June 5 through 2400Z June 6. All

stations will exchange signal reports, QTH (city and state or country) and SOWP membership numbers. Suggested frequencies are 55 kHz up from the low end of each band. Members with Novice licenses should use the mid-frequency of each Novice band. Call CQ SOWP. A special certificate to members who contact at least 10 member stations. Members desiring a certificate should submit their list of contacts, showing calls of stations worked and SOWP membership numbers. Mail entries by June 15 to Bill Willmot, K4JPF, V.P.-P.R., 1630 Venus St., Marritt Island, FL 32952.

12-13: VHF QSO Party, rules this issue. Note the special rule change concerning fm operation in League Lines this issue!

12-14: West Virginia QSO Party, sponsored by the WV State Radio Council, from 0100Z June 12 to 0059Z June 14. No time limits. The same station may be worked on different bands for additional points. Only one contact per station per band for scoring. Exchange QSO no., report and county (if in WV), state or country. WV stations may work each other. Non-WV stations multiply eligible WV QSOs by no. of different WV counties worked. This total multiplied by 1.5 if dc input 200 watts or less (only multiplier). WV stations multiply eligible QSOs by sum of different WV counties, states, and countries worked. Then apply foregoing power multiplier. To be eligible for an award, a station may have only one unassisted operator. Suggested operating frequencies are 35 kHz inside each cw band and 10 kHz inside the general portion of each phone band. Awards. Logs must be received no later than July 17 and include date/time, QSO numbers, calls, reports, and county, state, or country of station worked, mode, hands. Send to WV QSO Party, Box 299, Dunbar WV 25064.

15: WIAW Qualifying run (plus 40 wpm!).

23: WIAW Morning Qualifying Run.

26-27: FIELD DAY, rules this issue.

## JULY

1: British Virgin Islands QSO Party.

3: Straight Key Night.

3-4: VHF Space Net Roundup.

6: West Coast Qualifying Run.

14: WIAW Qualifying Run.

17-18: Independence of Colombia Contest.

17-19: CW County Hunters Contest.

24-25: The ARRL Bicentennial Celebration (rules, p. 45 March.).

## SEPTEMBER

11-12: VHF QSO Party (note this is a date change).

## NOVEMBER

6-7: Sweepstakes, cw.

20-21: Sweepstakes, phone.

## Strays

### NEW A-1 OPERATORS

W2YS WB2EDW K5MAT W5ZWX W6JTG W681T W9OMX W9TKR W9EJJ V66AMM VE6OB VE6WV I3CRW I5IZ I9ZS IS0AEW ON4GK VP9BK

### 1975 160-METER CONTEST HIGH-CLAIMED SCORES (W/VE ONLY)

K1PWB 101,136, W8RLR 90,470, W3IN 89,343, W3GM (W3JSX, opr.) 85,092, W8HJI 83,360, WA9MCC/9 81,822, K4PUZ 77,996, K8CCV/8 76,226, WA9BWY 71,188, WB9RFN 63,261. Multi-Operator: WA2SPL 90,320.

### 5-BAND WAS AWARD

(Updating the February, 1976, listing, starting with number 234) K4GRD W6OKX W6FRY W4CZU W5OB WB4ASV W3RFL W5CPI W1SP K2SHZ WB6ZVC.



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## CANADIAN DIVISION

**ALBERTA:** SCM, Don Sutherland, VE6FK - Asst. SCM: John Wilkinson, VE6ALR; SEC: VE6XC; OPS: VE6R; VE6ASL; VE6AXH; VE6FS; DCS: VE6MJ; VE6KO; VE6TY; RES: VE6AM; OPS: VE6MX as Silent Keys. Congrats to VE6KO on his OO appointment. Quite a number of VE6s helped in communications during the Guatemala Quake. VE6XC planning a traffic education tour of Alberta. Surprisingly few VE6s are familiar with written message traffic and proper methods of routing. ARRL pamphlet: Operating an Amateur Radio Station deals thoroughly with this. PAM VE6AFO pleased that APSN is able to continue through the trying long-skip condition and wishes to thank the many VE7s and VE5s who have assisted. Traffic: VE6FK 141, VE6FS 76, VE6AMM 22, VE6KC 22, VE6AV 15, VE6AA 12, VE6CE 4, VE6WN 2, VE6FU 4, VE6AFW 3, VE6BBU 3, VE6YW 3.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA:** SCM, H. E. Savage, VE7FB - BCENet 3650 kHz meets 0300Z each night, RM VE7CDF, Net Mgr. VE7DFY, VE7HQ has been appointed ORS/OPS/OBS/QC. The big tower you see in Burnaby, BC, is the 1976 QST Director. The maker of the tower is VE7KL and he is making you one. British Columbia's QCWA are progressing favorable for their own Chapter. I am pleased to hear quite a bit of chate because I missed a month's report to QST. Traffic: VE7CDF 116, VE7ZK 105, VE7DFY 44, VE7BO 22, VE7FB 8.

**MANITOBA:** SCM, Steve Fink, VE4FQ - Members of WARC provided communications for the St. John's School Snow Shoe race in Selkirk Feb. 28. Band conditions on the 80/75 have been their worst in months with resultant low QNI and traffic. VE4UL passed his 7th LL. Our Asst. VEs: VE4FC, VE4FC3, Winnipeg Repeater Society: VE4LU, pres.; VE4FC, vice-pres.; VE4FH, secy.; VE4QS, treas.; VE4RE, tech. chmn.; VE4NI, past pres. MTN mgr. VE4FG has suspended the late session for the summer months. Plan now for Field Day June 26-27. MTN (3660 kHz at 1830 CDT): 47 340 QNI, 233 QNI, 104 QIC in 847 minutes. MEPN 3765 kHz, 900 CDT: 19 sessions, 757 QNI, 2 QIC. Traffic: VE4FP 120, VE4UL 81, VE4OW 24, VE4XP 23, VE4UM 10, VE4FQ 6, VE4JA 5, VE4LU 4, VE4RO 3, VE4AP 3.

**MARITIME:** SCM, Aaron D. Solomon, VE1OC - Asst. SCM: Maurice Gladden, VE1FC, SEC: VE1ACA, RM and 4PM Mgr. VE1AAO. It is with deep regret to report VE1OK, VE1AG and W152B/VE1 as Silent Keys. Recent hospitalizations include VE1MA VE1NZ and VE1RA. Groundhog '76 worst wind storm SW Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 100 years, saw VE1UN and VE1XG set up EMO net to handle emergency traffic. Net in operation over 24 hours and over 40 VEs and VE3s assisting. SONRA and HARC went all out to help. VE1AG, guest speaker. VE1AZX and VE1FQ passed Guatemala health and welfare traffic. Make reservations now for ARRL Convention, Halifax, N.S. Aug. 20-22, 1976. Following stations reported antenna and tower damage in recent storm: VE1AG, VE1AGU, VE1AI, VE1FQ, VE1XG, VE1AO, VE1ATG. VE1XG worked 1UREF via Oscar satellite. 1st. African/Canadian Oscar contact. Congrats. VO1LU awarded Pippy Memorial Award for outstanding Newfoundland handicapped citizen of 1975. Congrats. St. John's repeater, VO1GT has all new equipment. Very active white caners in VO1 and O1FRCs and present at unit queue-away Shop 2200Z Sun. 3785 kHz. Traffic: VE1AG 86, VE1BD 46, VE1RO 23, VO1GJ 22, VE1AMR 19, VE1OC 10, VE1NEB 4. (Jan.) VE1IAM 18.

**ONTARIO:** SCM, Holland H. Shepherd, VE3DV - Asst. SCM: N. Nimmmons, VE3GL. New Canadian Vice-Director, ARRL, VE3AK introduced guest speaker Lew McCord, W1ICP at recent Scarborough ARC meeting. A fine speaker, Lew's talk on new concepts in Quad antenna patterns; division and allocation of frequencies with a view to the future, plus CB/licensed hams etc., was enjoyed by the large audience in attendance. Toronto Metro ARC and SARC joined forces and presented a unit queue-away of 352 pieces of donated, used, VHF mobile gear. Metro club members continue their fine work with the handicapped at Sunnybrook and Riverdale hospitals. Oakville Extensicare hospital on the air with newly built FT-K Multi Trm rig. Ken Cross and AJ Lucas operating in Ontario. The 246 QST unit, the man behind the scenes here. Congrats to all and good luck with your HF gear project. The writer enjoyed a 2-meter QSO with VE3BVU during his hospital stay. Chuck was using his TR22C, running one watt into a 3/8 whip antenna. VE3GXM patched Chuck thru to a friend on the Montreal Net (3.784 MHz) at 6 A.M. local. VE3EKJ is leading 25 people thru the code and theory class. Good luck to all. Congrats to VE3GT who just became a member of the Old Timers Club. VE3ECV, acting asst. PAM of NWOPN during VE3AYZ's six week sojourn to AZ. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Allen, former VE3XY who became a Silent Key, Feb. 13. After watching the operation of the QSK unit, it is now no longer manufactured, VE3GM held up in his lab and produced his own highly successful QSK vacuum relay. New presidents in office: VE3CRX Ottawa ARC; VE3ARV Toronto FM Communications Society. 55 mobile units and 5 base stations effectively coordinated Amateur Radio communications during recent Winter Car Rally. 2-meter net mainly simplex channels, supplied coverage of the 950 mile route. 35 Hams assisted organizer VE3CRK in the annual Canadian Ski Marathon. 3,000 skiers' progress data was transmitted on RTTY. 30 VHF/UHF rigs were manned during the two day event with 200 formal and 200 informal messages handled during 34 hours of net time logged. The use of RTTY was proved to be highly successful. Amateur Radio received publicity during the Guatemala disaster when the activities of VE3GW were reported in the London Free Press: VE3FQ2 in the Brampton Daily Times.

VE3CJG and HBR have joined the East-Scan TV experimenters of the Quinte ARC. Traffic: (Feb.) VE3GOL 400, VE3SB 219, VE3FQ2 217, VE3DPO 160, VE3GJQ 153, VE3GFN 124, VE3FRG 88, VE3GT 84, VE3AW 77, VE3EWD 74, VE3GCE 64, VE3HJA 58, VE3CYR 56, VE3BZ 53, VE3HGJ 27, VE3CDA 26, VE3ATR 25, VE3GNW 25, VE3FV 20, VE3EBC 18. (Jan.) VE3FHQ 18, VE3DZK 7.

**QUEBEC:** SCM, Larry Dobby, VE2YU - K2HI/VE2 and VE2WT appointed as ORSs. Both of these gentlemen have been giving their strong support to the QUS Section net on 30m nightly at 7 PM. VE2BHT informs me of the Canadian QRG Club recently formed. Class A is 80 wpm and Class B is 70 wpm! Please contact Noel for more details. The gang at RASO still hard at work preparing for the Olympics. Conditions on the LF bands have been anything but great yet the BCRU saw a number of stalwarts hanging in there. VE2WA, VE2ZW, VE2AYY, VE2LY, VE2ZKA, hope conditions improve during the spring. VE2DKK and VE2GO already hard at work on ED for Westminster Club. Congrats to VE2BEN newly elected pres. at VE2RM. (Hope the mop is not used too often Jan.). There are plans to reactivate the operation from the QUS band for the June/Sept. VHF contest. Hope it is a big success. Traffic: K2HI/VE2 2, VE2ZKA 62, VE2DRC 43, VE2BP 38, VE2APT 34, VE2WT 30, VE2YU 29, VE2E 24.

**SASKATCHEWAN:** SCM, P. A. Crosthwaite, VE5RP - With the availability of equipment I think the time is long overdue and all amateurs should own and use a Dummy Load. We have used antennas long enough for a loading device. Help us eliminate QRM on the Net frequencies. Amateur radio has a lot going for its hobbyist with the development of the computer. Yes, you can build your own computer to rotate your antenna for the long haul plus many other fine things. Remember your month and traffic count, we don't want to miss anyone. Traffic: VE5NJ 14, VE5RP 8, VE5KY 3, VE5E 2, VE5SM 2m VE5KS 1.

## ATLANTIC DIVISION

**DELAWARE:** SCM, Roger E. Cole, W3DKX - SEC: K3KAJ, PAM: W3QDM, RM: W3EEB, PSHR: W3ADUM 49, AD3YHR 49, K3KAJ 44, WA3WJP 44. AA3GAY scored less than 1 part-per-million error in the latest FMST. Bi-Cen WAS No. 16 to K3HPB and No. 99 to WA3QCP. New Delaware ARC officers: WA3VPU pres.; VE1FC tracking plus many other fine amateurs active in handling Guatemala Emergency traffic. WA3GSM's 400-ft. tower, the tallest structure in Sussex Co., supports antennas for ham activities as well as his commercial pager-radio phone service. Top State members of the DE QSO Party were W1U1YU, VE1 325, W3EE, CT 23, WA3VU, WA3KFT, PA; WBA4JA KY; WB2TN MI; JAZHLY had 95 pts. DE winners by county were K3YHR WA3UUN and W3WVJ3. DTN: QNI 345, QTC 75. DEPN: QNI 65, QTC 12. Traffic: K3KAJ 40, W3ADUM 77, WA3WJP 76, AD3YHR 60, W3EEB 49, W3DKX 37, WA3UUN 17, WA3GAY 16, W3VJD 9, W3HGA 6, W3YAH 5, AA3GSM 2, WA3WJY 1.

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SCM, George S. Van Dyke, Jr., W3HK - SEC: W3FBF, PAMS: WA3PZO, WA3VJ, RMS: W3EML, K3MVO, WA3PHQ, WA3QGM, WB2FWW/3. Net reports: EPA QNI 228, QTC 119; CTN QNI 159, QTC 43; QNI 105, QTC 40; 49: EPL: W3CUL, W3VVR, K3NSN, WA3UK7, WA3ATQ, WA3THT, PSHR: W3WPK, WA3UKZ, WA3QGM, WB2FWW/3, WA3PHQ, K3QIO. OVS reports from WA3KFT W3VOT, W3GQA, K3TRM, DBS, WA3KFT, W3AVJ, WA3PHQ, W3ID, OOK, K3RDT, W3KEK, W3ANC, K3QIO, K3FBA, W3KCM, W3CUL and W3VR. CTN QNI 159, QTC 43. WA3THT tried to raise his output by moving rig to second floor. WA3QGM reports EPA doing better as condx improve. WA3AQ away on convention. W3EML reports condx have to get much better and stay for awhile to get traffic up. Reading repeater now operational. Reading ARC breaking down barriers and getting good PR for Ham Radio. W3ID reports RTTY boys like to sit on EPA freq. at net time. Guess net will have to QSY a bit if they won't. W3ID reports hearing tactical stations on 80. Not much we can do about that either! WA3MVP has new antenna and it works! W3AXA quiet due to wedding plans. His daughter, AA3QLG back at school. W3VJ found a bug in his rig now getting out OK. Hazleton hopes to have their repeater on by Apr. New officers RH Hill ARC: WA3LNM, pres. W3RUR, vice-pres.; W3DFY, secy.; WA3YLQ, treas. WA3QNC just graduated 18 new novices. Now he has a new class with 39 in it, many CBers. K3AWJ spent his vacation treating down barriers and getting good PR for Ham Radio. W3ACE and W3ACE have the Longstoga river gave the local boys a chance to work together. W3ACE and 35 members coordinated all activities with a well done from Civil Defense Director. Note to NCS stations: Try to spread traffic around to members. While regular outlets are a good deal we gotta give the new members a hand or they will leave us. Again some reports are late, mark the calendar. Traffic: (Feb.) W3CUL 3132, K3NSN 000, W3VVR 926, WA3UKZ 517, WA3THT 319, WA3QGM 278, WA3ATQ 231, W3EML 139, WB2FWW/3 116, W3WPK 113, K3MVO 90, W3VRE 75, K3QIO 65, WA3VUE 61, K3BFA 45, WA3VJ 26, WA3QY 23, K3EGL 22, K3BHT 21, W3RUR 19, WA3PHQ 19, W3ID 18, W3REY 16, W3D 16, WA3V 10, WA3YV 10, WA3AXA 9, WA3VDQ 4, W3HK 5, K3HX 5, WA3ZRE 4, AA3QLG 2, K3TRM 2, W3KEK 1, W3VOT 1, W3GQA 1, W3EU 1, W3KCM 1, WA3TMA 1, W3LC 1, WA3BSV 1, WA3BJV 1. (Jan.) K3QIO 113, W3KEK 1.

**MARYLAND - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** SCM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA - RM MDD, W3FZV, W3643, RMDC, and 2 PM local time daily. PAM MDDTN, WA3EOP, 3920 at 6 PM. ITSS, NCM, MERN, W3LDD, 3920 at 6 PM MWF and 5S at 1 PM, WR, PON, W3DFD, 3905 at 5:15 PM daily. WA1VMV/3 made 33 PSHR



points for Feb. With the nets it's sessions/TTC/QNI avg. MDD 59/163/8.1. MDCTN 17/46/17.4. MEPN 21/60/25.0. WR PON 12/36/18.9. The MEPN toppers were W3ADQ and W3DKX. MDD Top Brass WA3WPY WA3JA and WA3EV. MDDCT Top honors to WA3ZEE WA1VMV/3 and WA3EOP. AC8BZV/3 and AA3QIA are giving the bicentennial prefix a good workout. W3CVC leads with TG9 traffic, and made it on local TV for good PR. WA35JY did yeoman service for TG9, and was not too happy with contest QRM. WA3JAE and WA3JAL are breathing new life into 3RND. For MDD Contact WA3JG for details on the MDD bulletin. WA3EOP works nights and keeps W3CVC active days. WA3UYF is awaiting power supply parts to complete that new amplifier. W3MWD and WA1VMV/3 are candidates for NCM for the MEPN. W3LDD's new goal, all counties mobile! WB3AJQ still glowing over that good performance in the CD party. WA3YKK operates with an indoor antenna. W3FCI sports all new Drake line. WA3PRW is busy lining up NM skeds for the summer Boy Scout campers. W3ZNV has the big rig back in operation. W3EBK and WA3JZ make DC reports. EC reports have been received from WA3SVS WA3JSG W3HJH K3ORW W3GOW and W3OZ. WA3JG and WA3JG are GCWA parting having fun. W3ABC and WA3ZAS did duty at W3FA in the DX tests. W3BHE has pictures of the MEPN gang with one unknown! K3WAS at the Aberdeen Proving Ground is being reactivated by WN0RJ/3 WN5PWN/3 and WN3AJM. WA3THD says the District of Columbia is being slighted for the bicentennial. W3DFW and the W3DFW center are on the way into FL with relative ease. W3CVC made BPL this month. WA3ELL vows to do likewise soon. WA3HW is back from a winter FL vacation. Traffic: (Feb.) W3CVC 515, WA35JY 213, WA1VMV/3 93, AC8BZV/3 89, WA3ZEE 87, W3WFA 86, W3FZV 80, WA3EOP 71, WA3JYF 48, W3MWD 30, W3LDD 23, WB3AJQ 21, W3BZK 19, AA3QIA 20, WA3UYB 17, W3FCI 21, 10, WA3PRW 8, W3ZNV 4. (Jan.) WA3ZEE 107.

**SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SCM, Charles E. Travers, W2YPZ - VHF activities have increased greatly as evidenced by the impressive schedule of contests by SURA-179.584 with 35 stations taking part, reporting 25 sections. DVRA reports a Hamfest and Flea Market on Sun. May 2 at the Ewing Fire Co. on Pennington Rd., just south of the Trenton State College. WA2JZF working very hard with his committee in perfecting the operation of the repeater 07-67. Bob is station director and doing an excellent job. The NJSN continues to do well under the direction of WB2RMK who reports 31 sessions for Feb. with QNI of 140, QTC 40, QSP 33, percentage 83%. WB2VTT continues with excellent support on the NJPN reporting 29 sessions daily, 453 traffic/391 with 650 QNI. The Sun. sessions 5 with 64/57 traffic, 124 QNI. WB2LCV mgr. of NJN supplies the following activity for early sessions: QNI 429, QTC 166/130; late sessions QNI 149, QTC 94/40 in 29 sessions. Stations desiring appointments please submit request on QSL card addressed to your SCM. Send certificates for endorsement next. Traffic: W2ZQ 407, WB2LCV 274, WB2LCC 38, WB2OSQ 14, WB25FX 8, W2IU 5.

**WESTERN NEW YORK:** SCM, Richard M. Pitzeruse, K2KTK - SEC: WB2EDT. Don't forget the NY State ARRL Convention (Rochester hamfest to us old fogies) to be held May 21-23 at Rochester. Details from RARA, Box 1388, Rochester, NY 14603. WA2DRC summarizes winter traffic efforts with one word: winning. The winter months have indeed been making their toll. K2KTK continues to operate as OBS, sending ARRL and other code practice information as well as bulletins through Rochester repeaters on 28/88 and 19/79. Bulletins are sent Sun. evenings at 8:45 P.M. local time. WA2AIV took a lightning hit and is now repairing the damage. New swapshop taking orders on the Syracuse 21/9/91 repeater Sun. at 6:30 P.M. local. WA2EAJ built an electronic digital clock in a few hours and was pleased to see it run first shot. WA2ICB busy with the nets, planting gardens, and laughing at K2KTK and K2KTK while the latter call CQ night after night on 2 cw. That is all the info I received this month. A new SWR unit undoubtedly have taken office in May. Please give him all the support you can and be sure to supply him with info for this column. These columns are as interesting as you want to make them. Traffic: (Feb.) W2FR 194, W2MTA 170, WA2UYK 145, WB2VND 109, WB2VRJ 72, W2PZL 61, WA2UBV 58, WA2TP 55, WA2ICB 46, W2RQZ 44, WB2QJ 24, W2DFV 21, W2UYE 17, WA2ZDP 16, W2EAF 15, K2KTK 14, K2IMI 9, WA2EAJ 7, WA2AIV 6, WB2QDN 4, WA2DRC 2. (Jan.) WA2DRC 7.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SCM, Donald J. K3SWSK, K3SHD SEC: W3ZEC, W3ZEC. K3SMB WA3LJW. PAM: K3ZNP. RMS: W2KAT/3 W3NEM W3LOS W3KUN. WPA CW Traffic Net meets daily on 3585 kHz at 7:00 PM local time. PA Phone Net meets Mon. thru Fri. on 3960 kHz at 5:00 PM local time. PA Traffic Training Net meets daily on 3610 kHz at 7:00 PM local time. Western PA ARCS Net meets every Sun. at 3:00 PM on 3960 kHz at 5:00 AM local time. New appointment: WA3TPM as OO. WA3TMR received the Extra Class license and is employed at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. The Crawford Amateur Radio Society is conducting a novice class. W3FVU upgraded to Advance Class. WA3QGW acquired a new Genave 29. G. and H. all wishes go to 3MGW. If you are interested in 6-meter operation, check 50.150 MHz every Tue. at 7:30 PM in the Pittsburgh area. The South Hills Brass Pounders & Modulators set up an Amateur Radio display during community days in Baldwin, Brentwood and Whitehall. WA3ZNP received the General Class while W3BCH is in process. WA3ZNP is running a new one GLE-414. Congrats to WA3YQP who passed the Extra Class exam and WN3AGZ who passed the Advanced class. Cumberland Valley ARC handled communications during the local Cancer Drive. WA3WXR has been doing a good job in demonstrating Amateur Radio in school. Remember to submit your monthly report to me by the 5th of each month. A record session was set on Feb. 12, 1976 on the WPA CW Traffic Net during which 77 messages were dispatched by W3KUN (NCS) with K3CR WA3PXA W3UT and WA3VBM assisting. The WPA CW Traffic Net had 29 sessions in Feb. 53 stations checked in, and handled 1016 messages. BPL K3CR. PSHR credits WA3VBM 46. Traffic: K3CR 704, WA3VBM 382, W3KAT/3 319, W3UT 226, K3MIY 82, K3CHD 61, K3HCT 34, K3SMB 32, W3KUN 31, W3SN 27, W3SAY 16, W3GQJ 15, W3ATQ 11, WA3AHP 9, W3YD 7, W3IDO 6, W3TTN 6, K3OYB 4, K3SIN 3, K3VQV 1.

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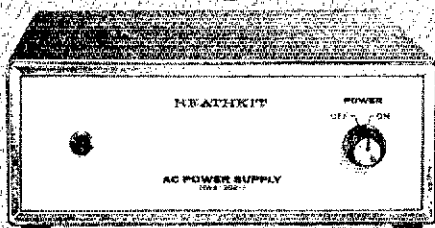
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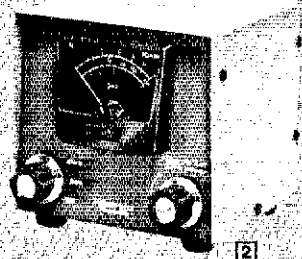
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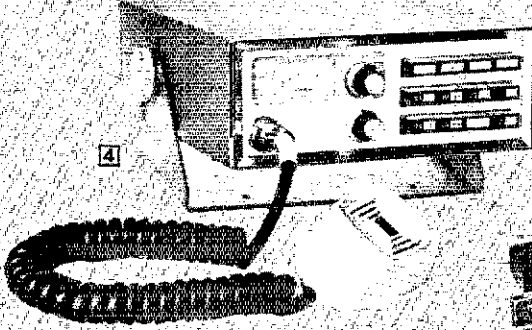
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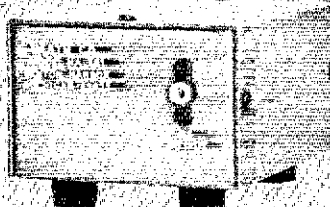
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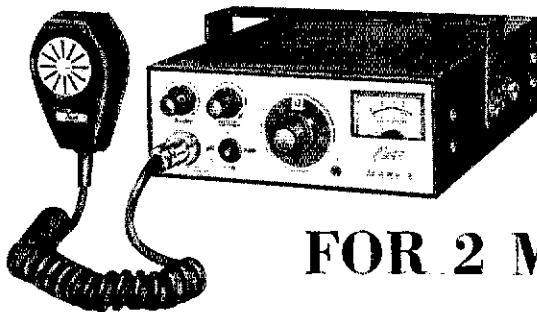
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This column's sympathy to the family and friends of K9DHz who has joined the ranks of Silent Keys. The Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society's Hamfest was the largest ever and many an eyeball QSO was held. This was also true with the Wheaton Hamfest, W9LBQ WB9MKL WN9RZW and WB9RYN are new officers of LAMARS. WB9SMD has passed his Advanced. The Starved Rock Radio Club's annual Hamfest will be held Sun, June 6th at Princeton, IL and ARRL First Vice-President, Victor Clark, W4KFC will be guest of honor, WA9GCV and his XYL are proud parents of twin boys. WB9NMP WA9PXT K9GCK WB9PJZ K9GNH WB9IPA WA9SHE WA9YET WA9JBD WA9GK WB9LII K9IEY WB9JIO K9OXQ K9AHT K9LLW W9KH W9IRA WB9IHV WB9RAS WB9JIP WB9NMP K9SYB WA9VXX and W9ERI participated in a Telephone fund drive for Cerebral Palsy in an 8 county area in southern IL. K9KMK operated as QSBPL from London for WB9PFG and Earl Walters. Congratulations to WA9BP and his XYL on the birth of their first child. An 55B Ragchew net is being inaugurated on 3890 at 1730Z Sun, mornings. Check in and get a roundtable started. Traffic: (Feb.) WA9VGV 371, W9NKG 199, WB9NO 175, WB9NVN 146, W9NHT 126, WA9BP 118, WA9KFK 116, K9ZTV 15, WA9JL 10, WB9JIP 97, W9JGK 70, W9KR 67, W9LNQ 65, WA9AQN 58, W9OYL 52, K9KHI 40, WB9PHM 39, WB9NIO 29, AB9DED 22, AC9PRN 20, W9HPG 14, W9VEY 8. (Jan.) W9NKG 304.

INDIANA: SCM, M. P. Hunter, WA9EED - SEC: W9UMH. Congrats to WB9PFG for cw. A note from WALUZE requests that officers or members of a college or university radio clubs contact him for a monthly column in Worldradio News. FWRC members are planning a club QSL with a picture of the old fort. WB9MDS had a good article on traffic handling in the FWRC Ham Splatler. WA9KWA advises he has a new 5-line Wilson 203, and DXCC. Conditions were not particularly good for the first DX Test weekend. Michiana ARC and St. Joseph Co. CD are co-sponsoring amateur radio courses which started Mar. 1. W9SWH was quite active with the Guatemalan relief traffic. Congrats to WB9DUX for his new DXCC (without the aid of a KW). I want to thank K9DCX for his hospital care and a visit. Tri State ARS announces its annual hamfest on Mar. 26. Lake Co. ARC reports that its annual banquet was a huge success - my apologies for not being there. Ham of the Year was WB9KGV. Net traffic: ITN 484; AREC 12; Hoos. VHF 43; Marshall Co. 4. Traffic: W9UNE 219, W9QLW 145, W9IOH 95, K9DCX 92, WB9FOT 92, WB9KTR 92, W9HFT 82, W9UNH 82, W9UNH 65, WB9IHR 65, K9TKE 59, WB9FTK 57, W9SWH 52, WA9OKK 36, AB9MDS 35, K9YRM 31, K9CBX 29, WB9KGR 29, WA9OHX 27, W9BUQ 25, WB9DIX 24, WB9NAQ 20, K9EQT 20, K9RWQ 20, W9MCL 14, W9PMT 14, K9PZ 14, W9DZW 13, W9LTU 12, W9JGE 11, WB9PZ 10, W9GMT 10, K9EJY 9, W9GGW 9, WB9GHS 9, K9IQY 9, WA9OT 9, WA9HVP 7, K9RGF 7, WB9GHA 6, W9EJY 4, WB9HCH 4, K9HMC 4, W9VB 4, W9FVH 2.

WISCONSIN: SCM, Roy A. Pedersen, K9FHI - SEC: K9PKQ. PAM: WA9YK, WA9LRW, K9UTQ. RMs: WB9ICL, W9MFG, K9LGL, K9KSA. Nets, Freq, Time, M-F, 1300-1500. QNI, QTC, Mor.: BWN 3985, 245Z M-S, 471, 350. WA9YK: BEN, 1800Z, 1985 Dy, 728, 193, WA9LRW; WNN, 3725, 2315Z Dy 48, 11, WB9ICH; WSHN, 3985, 2330Z Dy, 1075, 223, K9UTQ; WIN-E; 366Z, 0100Z Dy, (267 Jan.), 262, 137, W9MFG; WIN-L; 366Z, 0400Z Ly, 166, 14, K9LGL; WSSN, 366Z, 0030Z M-W-F 27, 1, K9KSA; E-X-P-D; 329Z, 1801Z M-F, 659, 55, WA9NIX. Win-L cert. to WB9LSS. OPS to WB9LIW. I regret to report W9NSQ and W9AFF as Silent Keys. Welcome to the new Novices W9NSYO W9STIG W9STFJ W9NTDV. Thanks for cards and condolences to all from the Pedersen's. Oshkosh ARC banquet had 49 present. Harley reports they had 11 Novices passing the code and 5 the theory since Nov. Don't forget Central Division Convention in Milwaukee July 9-10, also WNA picnic July 25 at Earaboo. Yellow Thunder Hamfest at Lake Delton May 29. Congrats to those who have WAS for Bicentennial. K9KGA made high class net. W9PAC 55 (Mar.). FLARC starting up Novice and General class in Mar. Club meeting attendance 30-45 per meeting. New officers for FLARC: K9KGA, pres.; WB9NOV, vice-pres.; WB9KFL, secy.; WB9DKS, treas.; W9LAA, W9RNF, W9TYD, board. W9RRE passed General in Chicago. Feb. W9NME an Extra Class licensee: WB9QXO WB9I 55. Class: WA9QVT has 2nd harmonic. Congrats to all. Two Portage members of the YTARC recently received the WAC award, namely Robert Johnson and Henry Schroeder. Traffic: (Feb.) K9CPM 797, W9DND 230, W9VHT 20, WA9GVT 138, WB9KPK 122, WB9NME 102, WB9ICL 97, K9HHT 87, WB9RME 72, WA9YK 69, W9SFL 68, WB9PYG 51, K9LGL 45, W9IEM 43, WA9PKM 41, W9ZBD 38, W9IHW 29, K9UTQ 28, WB9JW 27, K9KSA 24, K9ANY 23, WB9HLS 23, WB9LKC 22, WB9LIW 17, K9JPS 19, WB9QXO 13, K9MZO 12, WB9LSS 11, W9CFS 10, W9OEC 7, K9GSC, WB9IDU 3, WB9NKC 2. (Jan.) WB9KPK 252, WB9IDU 90, K9JPS 22, K9ASC 7.

#### DAKOTA DIVISION

MINNESOTA: SCM, Frank Leppa, K0ZXE - SEC: WA9DFZ. PAMs: K9ZBI, WA9GLI, AB9HOX, WA9VIT. RMs: K9CVC, K9RYU, W9BOA, Chief QSS: WB9LO, Chief CD: WA9RS. The MN calling freq. is 3925 kHz. WA9CFL summoned help for two injured semi drivers pinned in a wrecked truck via W1FAB who called MN authorities long distance. This occurred on the 20-meter CHC net. The Heartland ARC is sponsoring the MN QST Party this year. June 5 will be the date, see WB9MAC for info. The Twinports FM club having a statewide swapfest on May 8 in Duluth. More info in future QST hamfest column. WA9BJY is chmn. New Novices are W9NSCB, W9NSCE graduates of Mesabi ARC and W9NSCM, W9NSCN likewise of the Mankato ARC. New Generals

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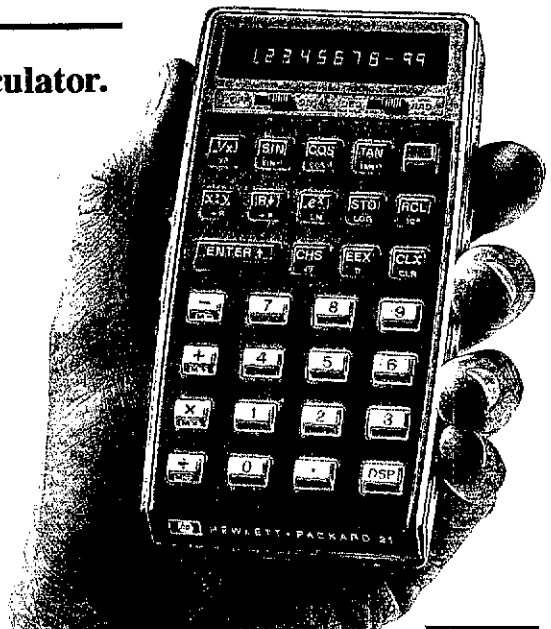
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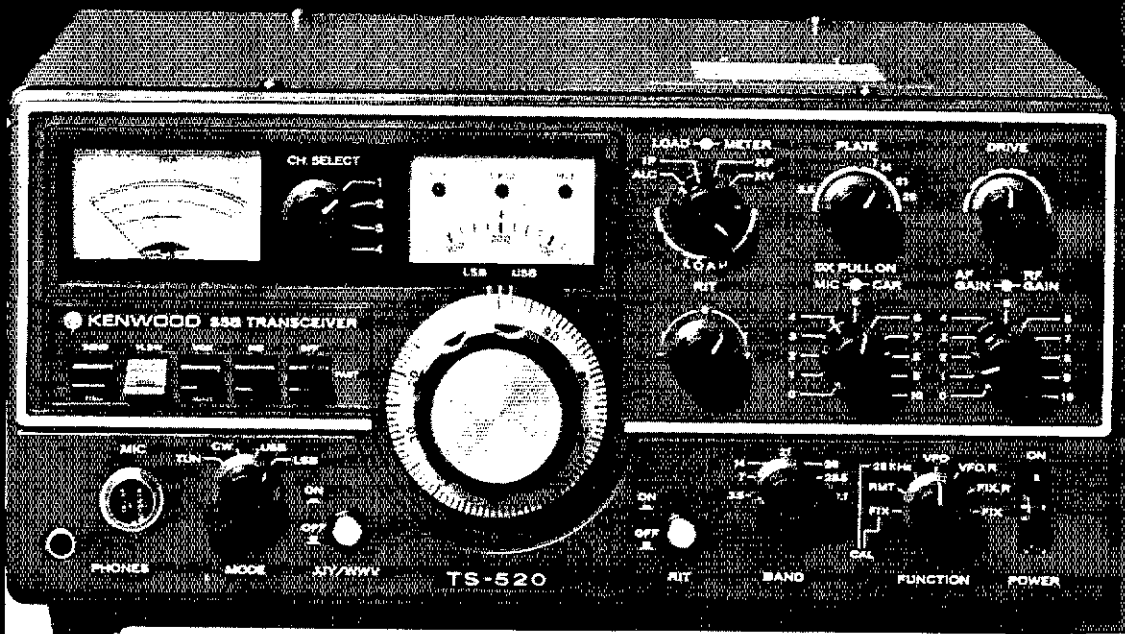
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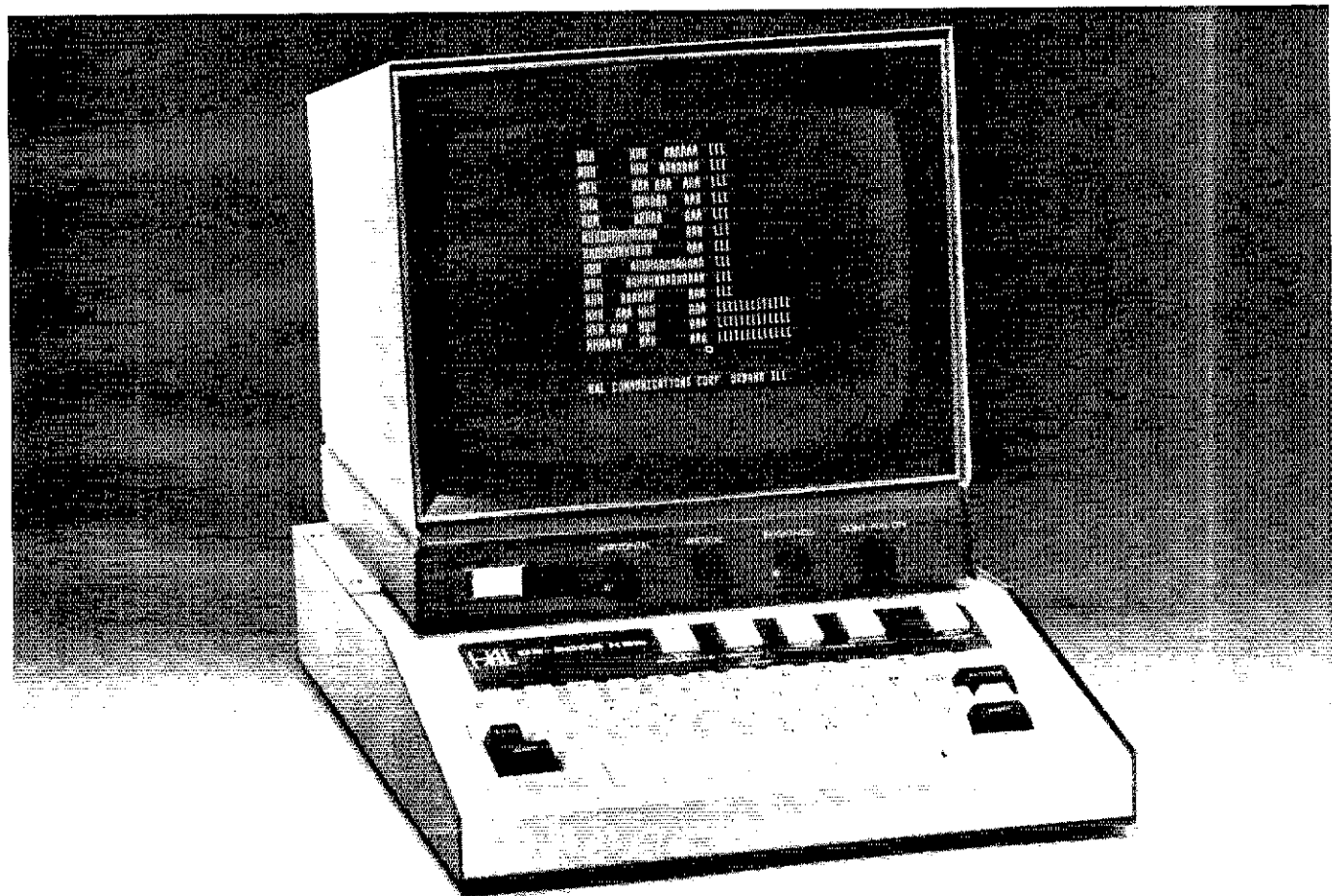
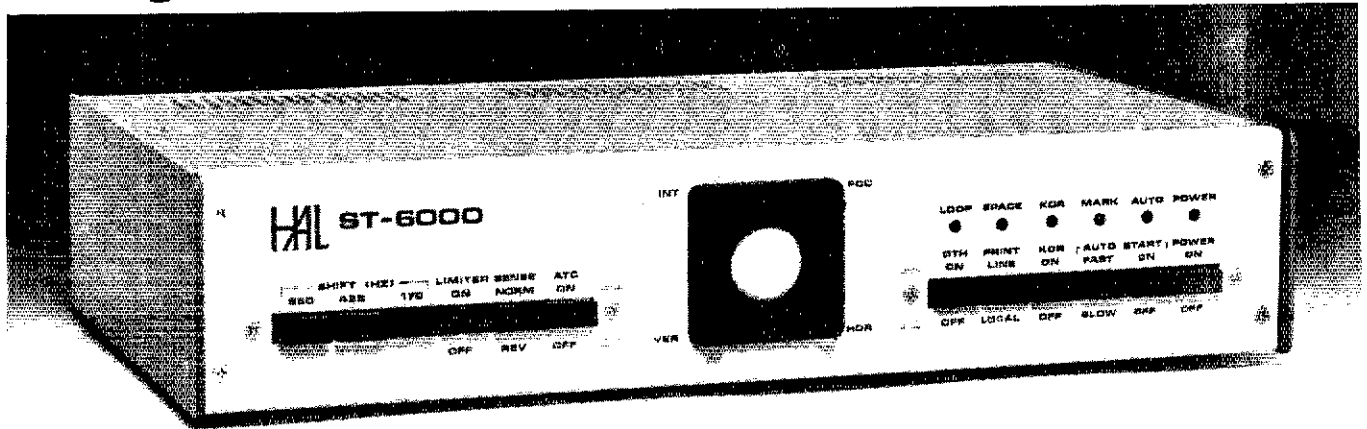
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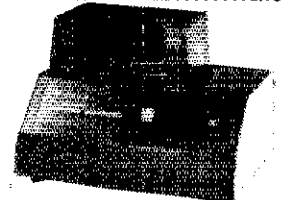
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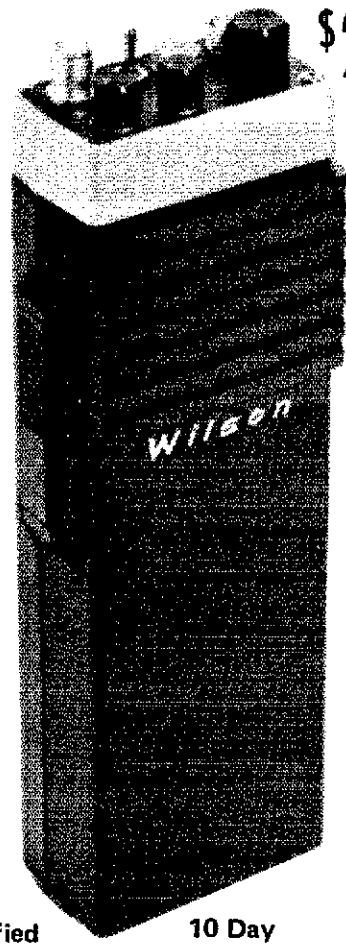
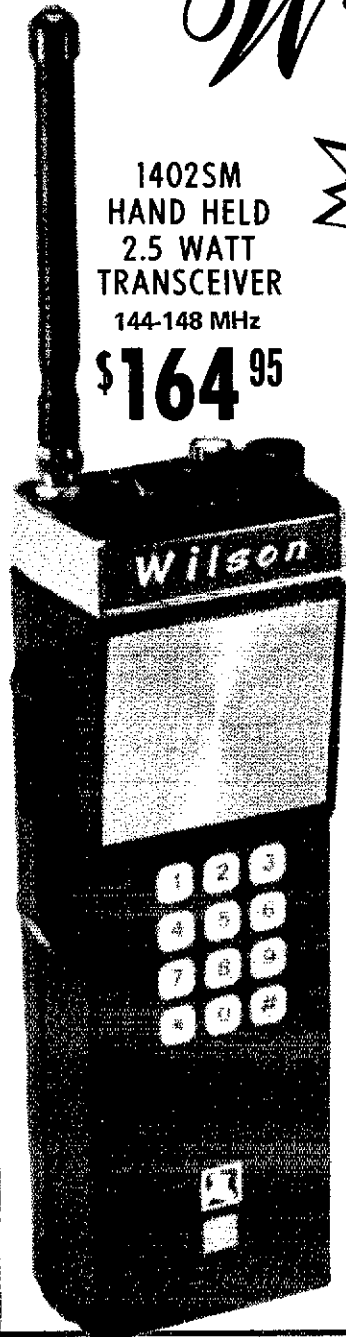
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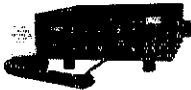
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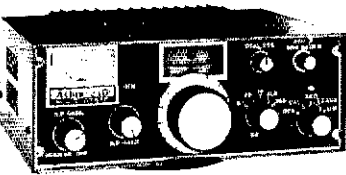
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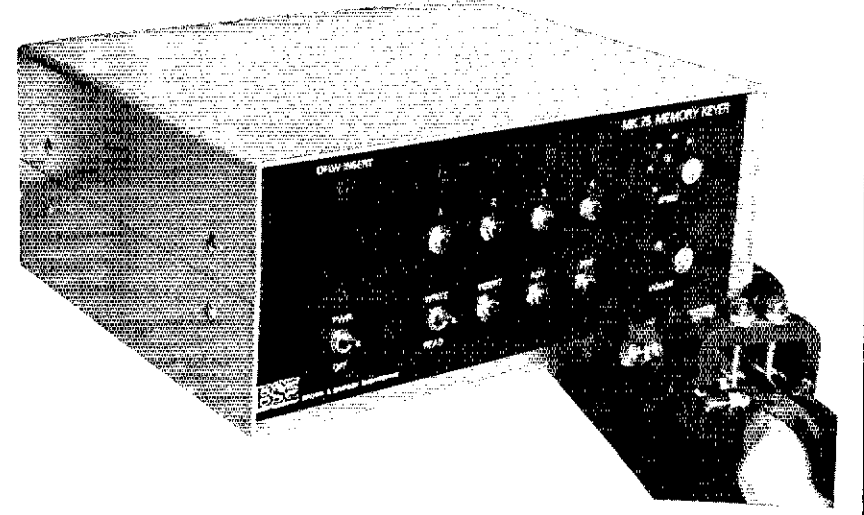
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are WB9NZB WB9QCW and WN0FQ waiting at the mailbox. New ECs are K0GNI and WA0GLI. Congrats to all of you. Oscar interest is high in NE MN. Many are monitoring Oscar and building equipment under the guidance of W9HS. The Paul Buryan ARC becoming active with possibilities of a Brainerd repeater soon. I regret to report WA0FN as a Silent Key. AB0HOX and others proved helpful in handling welfare and medical traffic during the Guatemala earthquakes. WB0NGX is forming a statewide group of public relations people willing to do small PR projects. The Mankato ARC picnic tentatively July 25 at Spring Lake Park. BPL AB0HOX. Traffic: AB0HOX 618, WA0GLI 272, W0QMY 196, WA0YVT 141, K0CVD 126, WB0DAG 73, K0CSE 22, K0ZBI 65, K0ZXE 59, WB0JFZ 52, WB0LDW 52, WB0MAQ 51, WA0URW 51, WA0TFC 46, WB0PMI 38, WB0PCP 36, WB0QCT 31, K0RXT 24, WB0KI 22, WB0ZU 21, WB0NGX 19, WA0JPR 18, WB0JVT 15, WA0YVA 17, WB0KTI 14, K0FLT 13, WA0ADK 6, WA0WOV 6, WA0IAW 4, W0KLG 3.

**NORTH DAKOTA:** SCM, Mark J. Worcester, WA0WLP OBS: K0DQ, WB0QY 9 giving code class at Rugby. WB0BN has new antenna on 75 meters and doing FB job. K0PYZ has returned from Chicago. K0GCC again back on 75 meters. WB0NV hospitalized in Cavalier. WA0SDQ was called to MI for funeral of his brother. The Amateur Picnic at Mayville scheduled for June 6, 1976. At the Feb. 2 meeting of the Midwest Can-AM Repeater Assn, K0PVG was elected pres. and new Repeater freq. assigned. W0ZTL's brother W5MFH was visiting in Glen Ullin. Our thanks and gratitude to the retired SCM W0DM for his services the past 10-1/2 years. Job well done "Prof."

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W0CDD			
RACES - 3996.5	1700 S-S	49 500	226
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Traffic: WA0RWM 1047, WA0SUF 178, W0CDD 114, K0ATK 40, W0DM 37, W0WWE 30, W0MXP 28.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** SCM, Ed Gray, WA0CPX - The SD Evening Net meets at 6:30 PM daylight time starting the last Sun. in Apr. when we go on Daylight Saving Time. This would be on 23rd and 13 at the last Sun. in Oct. when the net will change to 6:00 PM Central Standard time or 0001Z for the winter session. K0ZBJ will be the Summer Session mgr. and W0NEO, the Winter Session mgr. WA0VRE the NJQ net mgr. WB9LJM has a new Drake TR-22C. The SD Picnic will be June 12 and 13 at the fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. The picnic is being hosted by the Sioux Falls ARC and The Sioux Valley Repeater Assn. Net Reports: Morning Net, 444 check-ins and 289 formalis; NJQ, 640 check-ins and 53 formalis; Evening Net, 1456 check-ins and 37 formalis; YL Net, 45 check-ins. SDN CW active. Traffic: WA0VRE 147, W0HOJ 114, WA0UEN 94, W0IG 44, W0EVE 20.

**DELTA DIVISION**

**ARKANSAS:** SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5UAU - PAMS: W5POH WASZWZ, RM: W5MYZ, 146 kHz, 3885 15, Day, QNI, QTC, Mgr.: ARN, 3995, 0030/DY, 388 15, W5UAU; GZK, 3760, 0100/DY, 122, 30, W5MYZ; APN, 3937, 1200/M-S, 756, 39, W5POH; M-BIRD, 3927, 2230/M-F, 524, 14, WASZWZ, W5RXU has resigned as AR SEC. We need someone in the Little Rock area to take the position, please contact your SCM so that we may have contact at the state capitol Greene Co. ARC code class at community center Paragould Mon. & Thur. 7:30 PM, contact WA5YJL for info. Welcome to AR newest hams W5NS QVE QW QVA QWH QWN QXM QXP QZN RDO REF RHO RHC RHE RHS RHM RHP W5S QVY RCM RCS RDN RHH RHP RGE. The Feb. meeting of OZARC was ladies' night with special guest speaker Maxine Doub Jensen, author and Journalist, followed by AR SCM, Ft. Smith AR new officers: WASVMC, pres.; WA5VWH, vice-pres.; WASOG, secy.; W5FFY, act. chrm., Washington Co. Red Cross chapter has allotted space for NWAARC in the building. The annual banquet meeting of NWAARC had 96 in attendance. New PAM, WASZWZ, W5SOHD new mgr. for ARN, W5KL reports lightning struck again, PSHR: W5POH 39, W5UAU 24, W5EIJ 19. Traffic: W5HNN 86, W5UAU 37, W5MYZ 27, W5POH 23, W5SGW 19, W5KL 2, W5EIJ 1.

**LOUISIANA:** SCM, Robert P. Schmidt, W5GHP - Asst. SCM: John Souvestre, WA5NY, SEC: W5IRI, RM: WA5PRI, PAM: W5SEKU, VHF PAM: W5KAX, New Orleans VHF Club awarded certificates to W5SCUQ and W5VUH for their efforts in publicity with a Hollywood film crew, using 2-meter equipment. The VHF Club also announces that code practice will be transmitted on their 1876 repeater. Congrats to the Lafayette ARC on a very successful dinner Mar. 13. Baton Rouge ARC classes for Novices and Generals progressing well under direction of W5OVV. New officers of the Twin Cities ARE (Monroe) are: W5IKT, pres.; WA5QVN, vice-pres.; WA5YKD, secy-treas. These Novice classes have started. W5WMU very active in all contests. New appointments WA5VQE GRS; WA5Z7A OBS, Ozona ARC donated complete sets ARRL books to Silas High School as well as the Public Library. W5YN, OBS doing excellent job with the bulletins. Air Force MARS Region Four convention will be held in New Orleans June 18 thru 20. For details contact W5SEKU.

Net - kHz	Time/Days	QTC	QNI	Manager
LAN - 3615	7 & 10 PM Dy	172	379	WA5PRI
LTN - 3910	6-45 PM Dy	105	288	W5SEKU
LSN - 3703	8-30 PM M-F	34	107	K5TFC
LRN - 3587.5	7:00 PM Su	6	15	W5GHP

W5AZZA 753, W5GHP 561, WA5IUQ 238, K5TTC 169, W5MI 148, WA5VQE 71, W5APRI 59, W5SKQJ 23, W5KLC 21, W5SMB 31, W5STQA 29, W5S2JQ 28, W5YN 26, W5IKT 12, W5SNW 8.

**MISSISSIPPI:** SCM, W. L. Appleby, W5SDCY - Asst. SCM: C. E. Gibbs, W5LL, W5BMTQ now into Oscar 6 & 7. Please support the MS Slow Net MWF 6 PM local, 2733 kHz 5-7 wpm! Welcome new MS amateurs W5N5 QNS GFR RAS RIN RHP RFR RFD RGR RHR QWY W5RQG W5RHV W5RIB W5RIB Cert issued to WBAGZY WA5ZXL WA5N5H W5BMDR K5RRG now on with new wall-to-wall Heath, Big doln's at K5TYP Keeler AFB. Facility greatly improved,

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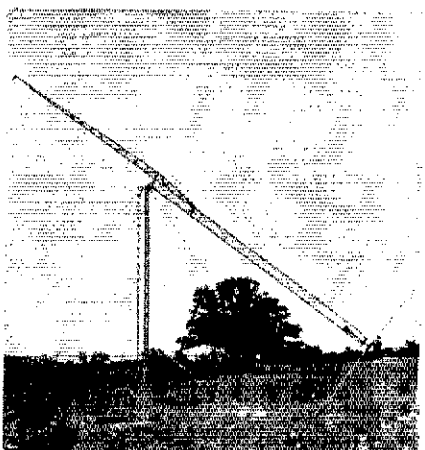
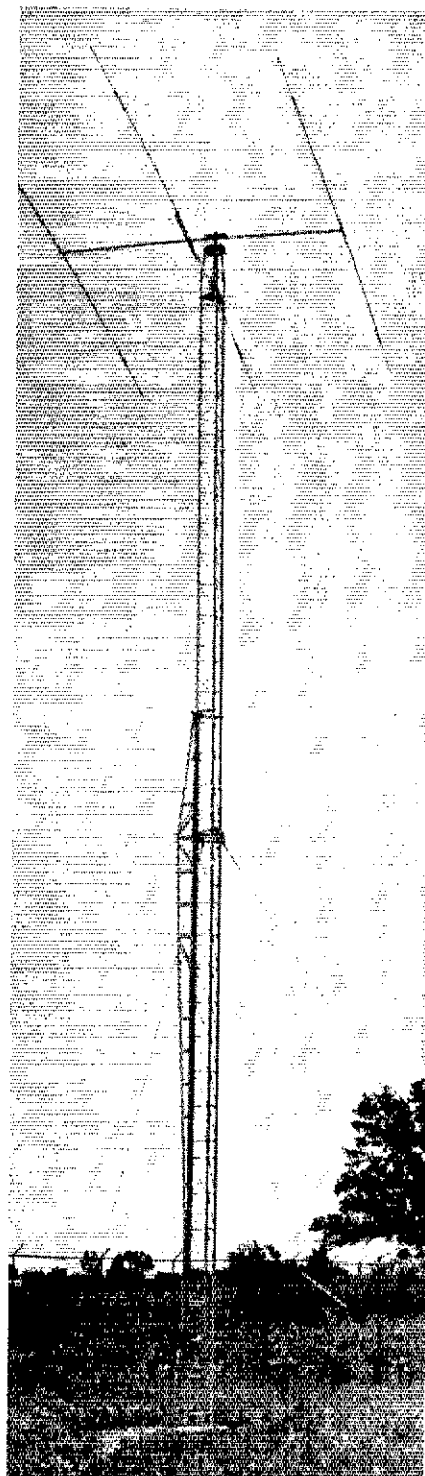
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NJN - 3695 10:00 Dy 29 149 40  
WB2LCV  
NJPN - 3950 6:00 Dy 29 650 391  
WB2VIT  
NJPN - 3950 9 AM Su 5 124 57  
WB2VTT  
NJSN - 3730 8:15 Dy 31 140 33  
WB2RMK  
PVFN - 145.71 8:00 Dy 29  
WA2OPY

SEC: WB2PBO. PAMS: WB2VTT (HF), WA2OPY (VHF). RM: WB2RMK. OO reports received from K2EK K2JFJ W2TPJ and WB2ZBI. New appointments: W2DOR as EC Toms River & vicinity; WA2WIW EC Ringwood & vicinity; AA2WXM OPS. The Knight Raiders VHF Society held another successful flea market during Mar. Newly elected officers of the Nutley ARS are K2IXE, pres.; WN2YUR, vice-pres.; WN2ANK, treas.; WB2UAM, secy. New officers of Delmont RC are WA3RMA, pres.; WA3VEA, 1st vice-pres.; WA3NLT, 2nd vice-pres.; W3UI, treas.; W3FB, secy. Add the New Providence ARC to the growing list of clubs in NJ sponsoring Novice classes. Contact WA2QIR for further information. Speaking of Novices, we welcome WN2FBY WN2EAL and WN2EAK to our ranks. Congrats to the following amateurs on their recent accomplishments: WA2SLF on becoming an Extra Class licensee, AB2ZYR and AK2ASC on receiving their Advanced tickets, WA2ASC on receiving their Advanced Novice tickets, AK2ASD WN2ZGS and W2LGI on receiving their General Class licenses, and W2EQK in placing first place in the U.S.A. in the PACC contest. K2JFJ getting his Ranger QRV for some 160-metertype work. Jack has recently been working two meter simplex fm. K2GBW reports making three QSOs via an Oscar 7 to Oscar 9 relay. Jay also reports working three new countries on 80 meters. WA2QHM promises us that the Sussex county repeater (WR2AHV) will soon be operational. NJNJ was well represented in emergency communications efforts during the recent Guatemala earthquake crisis. Much good PR for amateurs resulted from the tremendous job done by those amateurs involved. Want to know how to help in an emergency like this? Contact your SEC, WB2PBO, or myself - now, not during the emergency! Keep those Field Day plans going. The big day will be upon us before we know it! Traffic: (Feb.) AB2VTT 538, WB2RKK 456, AA2RMZ 338, WA2DJA 193, K2EHL 17, AA2ZVW 110, WA2WIW 100, WB2RMK 97, WA2PCF 91, W2SWE 77, AK2ASD 58, W2BLM 46, WA2DIW 45, W2WHB 34, K2ZFI 32, WA2NPP 30, AB2CLW 28, WB2HSG 28, W2CU 23, WA2RYD 22, AA2WXM 20, W2SHM 14, WB2LID 14, WA2RGV 10, WA2CCF 8, AK2ASC 7, WA2SRQ 7, WA2RIV 7, W2CIV 6, WB2VTT 6, W2ODV 5, WA2QJU 5, WA2SLF 5, W2WQJ 5, W2ZEP 4, WB2ZPM 4, WA2FIB 3, WB2YVC/2 3, WA2FLI 2, (Jan.) W2EQK 3.

## MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SCM, Max R. Otto, W0LFF - SEC: W0IYW, PAM/HF: WB0AVW, PAM/VHF: K0LKH. A very special "thank you" to WA0AUX WA0DMM and WB0ENL for getting the news and traffic to me here in Southern TX. The Storm Lake ARC hosted the 3900 Club quarterly eyeball meeting with over 100 in attendance, and I was fortunate to be one of them. The tragic earthquake in Guatemala brought many IA amateurs into emergency session. W0GQ and WB0GLU in Cedar Rapids area. WA0VX WA0PC K0UAA WA0KVB W0IYW WA0LEW and WA0KHF in Des Moines and Ames area. W0LFF ran several medical phone patches. Congrats to WB0JYF on making PSHB. WA0GXG reports U of I station W0IO getting organized for better traffic activity. The 1676 repeater in Ames now WR0AKC. W0IY station W0YI will get some good PR as a special events participant in Veisha on May 7-8. WA0QDK pres. of Mississippi Valley ARC reports novice classes with 16 students in Davenport area doing well. The Davenport club making plans for during the Dick Beiderbecke Jazz Festival in July. Story County ARC net now on 52/52. The IA 75 Meter Net is in session on 3970 at 1730Z and 2300Z during daylight saving. Traffic report for this net not received due to ice storm.

Net - Freq. Time/Days Sess. QNI QTC  
Manager  
Tall Corn - 3560 2330/ 58 330 105  
K0AZJ 0300 Dy

Traffic: WA0AUX 247, K0AZJ 118, W0YLS 104, WA0KHF 29, K0MA 67, WB0JYF 31, K0ELVH 38, WB0AVW 26, W0GMV 24, WB0RWN 9, W0MQQ 13, W0IO 11, W0LFF 10, WA0LKM 10, WB0HUS 3.

KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BXF - SEC: K0JMF. RM: K0MRI. PAMS: WA0SEV WB0BCL. VHF PAM: WA0EDA. The year of '75 has seen a lot of our fine radio ops on the sick list, and the latest to be confined to a hospital is our SEC, K0JMF. Traffic net reports for the month of Feb. are: K0N (QNI 638, QTC 180); QKS (QNI 363, QTC 140); KPB (QNI 161, QTC 18); K5BN (QNI 965, QTC 49); C5TN (QNI 846, QTC 59). Overall summary indicates traffic is down and more participation is needed on the cw frequencies. Are we really amateur radio operators or just brother technicians? Any one interested in reviving the Novice and/or Slow Speed cw traffic net please contact your SCM. NCS for Sat. Morn KPN is WB0KDE, 8 AM on 3920 kHz. WB0HBM OO reports listen' good, keep up the fine operating. W0PB states all activity is low in NE KS. Band conditions appear to be making its bid of operating hours by many of us. Perhaps by the time you read this, things will be back to normal. Harvest time is nearing hope to see you all out this year. Why not bring a newcomer with you this year each time you attend a ham radio event? Traffic: WB0HBM 188, W0FIR 121, W0CJH 91, K0MRI 83, WB0H 79, W0YH 68, W0OYH 45, K0BXF 38, WA0SEV 37, W0PB 36, WA0ED 33, WB0KDE 29, WA0MLE 23, K0FPC 17, W0MCH 17, WB0CK 14,

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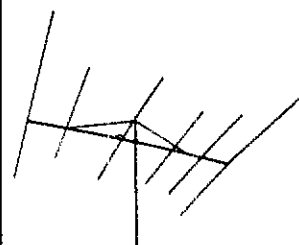
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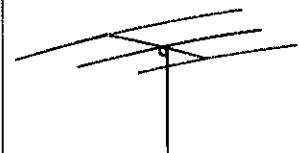
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Impedance	50 ohms	50 ohms	50 ohms	50 ohms
Mechanical				
Longest element	31.1'	27'	24.2'	27.3'
Boom Length	24'	14'	12'	6'
Turning radius	20'	15.7'	14.3'	14.3'
Wind load at 80 MPH	156 lbs.	103.7 lbs.	87 lbs.	96 lbs.
Maximum wind survival	100 MPH	100 MPH	80 MPH	100 MPH
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Mast diameter accepted	1-1/4" to 2-1/2"	1-1/4" to 2-1/2"	1-1/4" to 1-5/8"	1-5/8"
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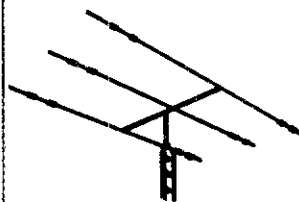
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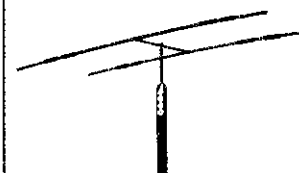
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MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — Asst. SCM/SEC; Cliff Chamney, K9LX. New appointments: W0MEO and W0LMW at ORS. New general WA0QD, congrats. Increased participation on all MO nets is urged. Let's hear from some of those out of the way places. Many thanks to WA0FMD, for two fine years under his leadership. I only hope that I might do half as good as he did during his tenure of office. He was sure right about the paperwork. Special thanks to the PHD ARC and the Warrensburg ARC for fine meetings attended. Remember the PHD ARC Hamfest, May 2 in North Kansas City; MOSSBN picnic in Jefferson City on June 13; and the Washington Hamfest in Washington on Aug. 1. Hope to see all of you at these functions. W0NUS will soon have a factory repaired rig back on the bands. Guess that traffic handling is not too good on them. All stations are urged to prepare for upcoming storm season. It is better to be ready than get caught by surprise. Clean up the emergency power supply and get to checking into the area nets, so you know where and when they operate.

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
MOSSBN	1274	94	MSN	223	79
SCEN	42	3	PHD	61	9
MON 1	206	122	MEN	630	52
MON 2	90	23			

Traffic: (Feb.) K0ONK 479, W0HH 137, W0HSP 123, W0MEO 101, K0RWL 95, W0FMD 83, W0BJ 70, W0BDW 64, W0DTF 47, W0EPI 42, W0DUD 42, W0NUB 34, W0LMW 30, WA0UPA 27, WA0EMX 21, W0GBJ 15, W0PERI 14, W0FND 13, W0NXX 9, W0NPC 5, W0BLI 6, WA0KUH 6, K0AHL 3, W0BFKY 2. (Jan.) W0MEO 38, W0NPC 35, W0RTO 30.

NEBRASKA: SCM, Dick Dyas, W0JCP — W0VWJ and W0KCK are Silent Keys. W0BROY and W0BROX are new amateurs in Minden. W0GGMK & W0GGMJ are new amateurs in McCook and W0PRH is new in Kearney. W0CCP now on 75 M. W0PLYU and W0BINK have been very busy handling Guatemala traffic. Omaha Big Brother/Big Sister program now tutoring 31 prospective hams.

Net - Freq.	GMT/Days	Manager	QNI	QTC
Neb - 3659	0100Z/Dy	W0MINK	53	15
NSN I - 3982	0030Z/Dy	WA0LOY	918	15
NMN - 3982	1330Z/Dy	W0GWR	126	22
WNN WX - 3950	1400Z/M-S	W0NIK	467	5
AREC - 3982	1430Z/SU	W0IRZ	241	7
CHN - 3980	1830Z/Dy	WA0GHZ	1162	89
SHN WX - 3950	1930Z/M-S	W0WJQ	289	13
NSN - 3980	2100Z/M-F	WA0AJX	387	15
QCWA - 3980	1500Z/Dy	W0E	56	
NSN II - 3982	0130Z/Dy	WA0LOY	359	10
160m WX - 1995	0130Z/Dy	WA0CBJ	392	214

(Z - 1 during daylight saving time)

Keith Co. amateurs and CB operators recently held a joint meeting to lay plans for both groups to actively participate in weather watches and local emergencies. Traffic: W0LYU 163, W0MINK 32, W0VWJ 92, WA0CBJ 57, W0HTA 42, W0EVS 28, W0FGB 28, W0BJW 25, WA0QCI 24, W0YFR 24, W0FRG 19, K0BRS 16, WA0QEX 16, W0CSW 15, W0JCP 15, W0GMMQ 14, K0SFA 14, W0GEG 13, W0M 13, K0FJT 8, WA0HAL 6, K0HNT 6, W0UFZ 6, W0VYX 5, W0NPK 5, W0DHY 3, W0EPI 3, W0LCE 3, W0FYB 2, W0GAK 1.

### NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

CONNECTICUT: SCM, John McNasser, W1GVT. SEC: W1DGL. RM: K1EIR. PAM: K1EIC. VHF PAM: W1ELA.

Net - Freq.	Time/Days	Sess.	QNI	QTC
CN - 3640	1900/2200 Dy	53	383	306
CPN - 3965	1800 M-S	29	504	227

2000 Su

VHF-2 - 28/88 2130 Dy

High QNI: CN, W1CIE, W1EIE, W1EIR, W1KAM and

W1AIR. CPN, W1QW, W1QW, W1AIR, W1ALF,

W1ISPW and W1UOU. SEC W1DGL continues his

club visits to explain the values of EC work. Director

W1HHR requests clubs make use of all ARRL Training

Aids in our effort to increase the total number of

amateur radio operators. CN Bulletin notes the

problems for late CN due to band conditions. K1GQC

Civil Preparedness Comm. officer stresses the importance

of Message Handling Procedures. W1UAX

invites all to join the Conn. Training Net at 2230Z on

3735 kHz. Stamford ARA "Squelch Burst" notes new

officers for Norwalk Club: WA1SXC, pres.; WA1FA,

vice-pres.; WA1GCV, pres. trans. WN1VX is new

Editor for Tri-City ARC Bulletin. ICRC/WRIIBM

Bulletin new editor W1EGD notes another new re-

peater to be added soon. Hamden ARA amateur radio

class includes 61 for Novice and 26 for General!

Southampton ARA adds 28.8 Net to the long going

145.4 Net for weekly sessions. Sharon ARC has

W1HHR W1DGL & W1QV as speakers at meeting.

W1EWF returned from hospital and still made High

QTC for the month! Contact W1NQO if interested in

tape of WTIC special 5E1 program. Congratulations to

W1UJH for General Class; W1EWF for Feb. High

QTC; and W1QV for High QTC on CN and CPN.

Feb. invite local Citizens Banders to field day -

they may see the light! Traffic: W1EWF 300, W1AW

166, W1GFH 154, W1WEM 152, W1UAX 122,

W1HLP 95, W1AIR 86, AA1RYL 74, W1CTI 71,

W1ITGE 67, W1UDB 55, AA1SPW 54, W1GVT 53,

W1DGL 42, W1AIRJF 40, W1BGI 29, W1ARZA 25,

W1UJH 18, W1UJG 18, W1UJN 18, W1UJN 18, W1UJN 18,

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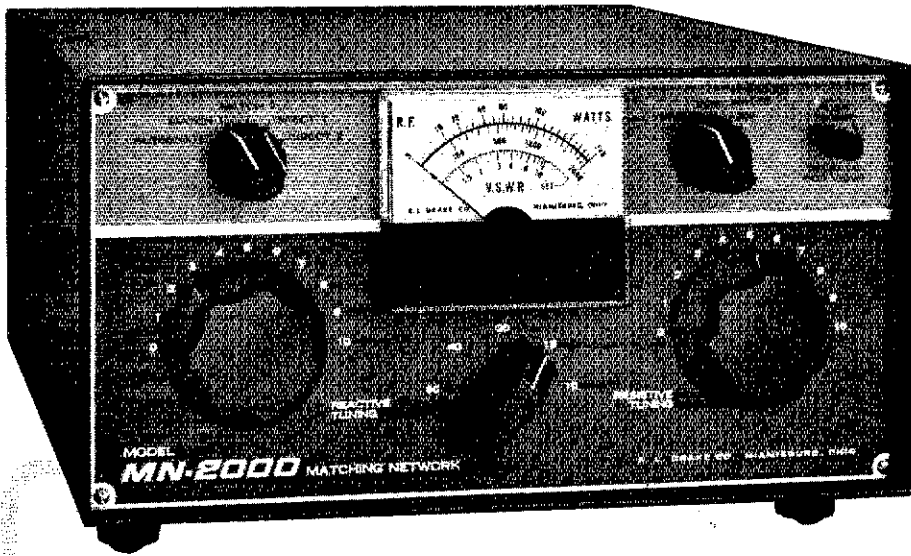
6, W1QV 5, W1UJN 4, W1CUH 3, WN1VPG 1.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Frank Baker,

W1ALP - W1TOW new EC for Andover; W1AUQ

DBS; W1GUD DVS. Endorsements: W1YZZ W1ALP

as ECs; W1ALP W1QV, W1FEK-GSADK-F0CHD



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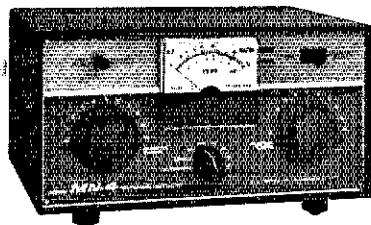
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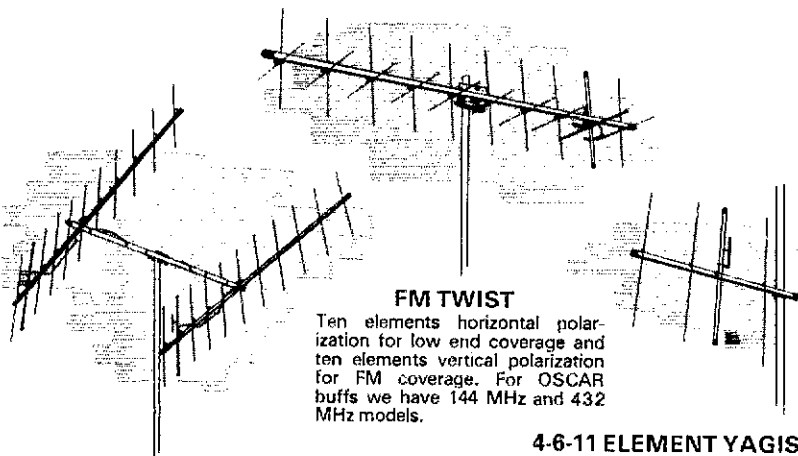


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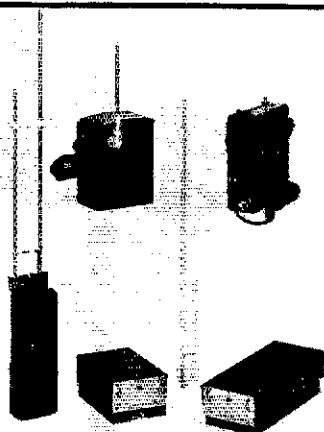
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Thur. WAIMKP is still ill. WJCT spoke at the Quannapowitt RA on HF Radio Propagation. New officers of Norwood ARC WA1ODM, pres.; WA1GSS, vice-pres.; K1HRV, secy.; WA1DLO, treas.; K1HRV, trustee. W1FR has his HR2B fm rig stolen in Harvard. S4: WA1TLX and ER2D have SB-200 linear. DL2AA/W1 and K1HRV building 450 MHz repeaters. Middlesex ARC sponsoring Explorer Post No. 510 to aid individuals thru age 21 to get a Novice license, contact WN1UXS at 244-8247. We are very sorry to have to report the death of W1AVN and his brother in an airplane crash. WA1QOC has his Advanced. Chelmsford ARA had the multi-media program "Africa Calling." Officers of "PART" of Westford are WA1QYM, pres.; K1TH, vice-pres.; WA1EMN, treas. They are using the call WA1EMN/1. WA1QAA back on the low bands. W1MW gave a talk at the Masscutt ARA. "Amateur Radio - What it was like 50 years ago." The club repeater WR1ADF has been overhauled and good reports heard. EM2MN had 77 QNTs. 32 QTC. EC reports received from: W1PEX K1PAD WA1QKD WA1RTR W1BHD K1NFV K1ZUP K1LEP WA1QV K1CCW. WA1QKD had 47 PSHR in Jan. Net certificates for EMRIPN have been issued to WA1ETM WA1VYN WA1VOC WA1RFX WA1MSI WA1TAM WA1SUX WA1QKD W1DMH W1MX WA1QU WA1UMU W1EQH by K1PAD net mgr. W1UX has Clearing House Net rosters, send SASE to him. W2OE still at Tripp Island, SC. Save your pennies for New England Div. Convention in Boston on Sept. 10-12. Thru the efforts of the Mass. Chapter, CHAC, June 20-26 has been best as MDO is a silent amateur Radio Week by our Governor. Ex-WA1DD is a Silent Key. K1BXZ and W1QSN passed their Extra class. Traffic: (Feb.) WA1MHJ 368, W1PEX 206, K1PAD 172, W1UX 168, W1QJM 122, W1DMS 79, WA1QKD 65, W1EIH 60, W1PEK 52, WA1OWQ 48, W1EMG 46, WA1UG 37, W1DMH 25, WA1TAM 14, WA1EY 11, WA1FE 9, W1BLU 4, W1LTD 4, WA1PAZ/1 3, WA1FNM 2, W1NF 1. (Jan.) WA1QKD 82, AA1MYK 40, WA1PAZ 1.

**MAINE:** SCM, Ed Bristow, WA1MX - New ORS WA1UOY, QMS WA1TRE, Nets: NE Barnyard QNI 372, QTC 16; PTN QNI 163, QTC 125; MSSN QNI 46, QTC 12; MSSN meets at 2130Z. W1WF on 3725 KHz. WA1UOY, Net Mgr. working hard to get MSSN going & needs your cooperation & participation. PSHR WA1FCM. New hams: WNIWHB WA1WJ (1) WNIWIK WA1WJ(7) WA1WJ(7) WNIWJ. 71 in ME. K1HCHC WA1WSS welcome all. New rpters: W1IAFN, Robinson (Maine Mtn., Island Falls, 28/88, K1FLO & WA1MDA spon. filling gap for northbound travelers. W1IAGW, Musquash Mtn., Topfield, 07/67. W1OUCU & Int'l Rptr Club, spon., up sbt, May 1, will link Presque Isle & Bangor. Hosttraders' Net 3rd Annual Tailgate Swapfest, Seabrook, NH, Sat., May 8, 11 A.M. Portland AF Wireless Assn. sponsor 1976 Maine QSO party 2nd weekend in May, also Annual Auction & Banquet, May 22 at Ramada Inn, Portland. Feb. Section meeting discussed help for Novices & prospective hams, how to help sick hams & families of Silent Keys. 15 present. Novice instruction by K1CFL WA1GJK who also is forming school club. W1KA back on air. W1QOC has sbt rig & has been on 75M. PAWA working on local repeater with assist from K1YFY. K1PXF's XYL making fine recovery. FB. Yankee ARC planning up-dating of WR1ADS. Traffic: WA1FCM 225, WA1UOY 91, W1LHT 54, W1ERW 43, K1MZB 44, WA1MUX 28, W1GU 20, K1HACJ 13, W1RWG 16, WA1VAI 7, WA1JCN 4, W1ANMW 2.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** SCM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1SWX - SEC: K1LSC, PAM: K1YSD, RM: WA1GCE. Endorsements: W1JB W1BY and K1YB as OPSs; WA1E W1JSM K1SHR OVSs; W1JB W1SWX OGS; W1JB OBS and EC for Merrimack Co. W1EHT vacationing in FL while rig is being repaired. The NHEPN report shows 34 QNI, 3 QTC in 4 sessions. WA1PS helped in recent earthquake disaster. K1LMS reported his QSO time for the weekend of ARRL DX contest. The GSPN has 406 QNI, 88 traffic. OD WA1JSD is off on a Mexican assignment. AA1RQT/1 has moved to Merrimack from NY. WA1PS answered an SOS and notified the Coast Guard. Welcome hams WA1WJC WNIWJE WA1WHD WA1WGJ WA1WHY WA1WC WA1WRN WNIWGR WNIWHW WA1WGH WNIWKF WA1WLV WA1WL WA1GCE reports the NHVTN had 132 check-ins, 59 traffic. Jim requests more help on the net from cw men. K1PQV has a new Midland 13-505 on 2-meter fm. W1DXB back on 40 chasing DX. Traffic: (Feb.) K1BCC 127, WA1PSI 58, K1PQV 45, K1PQV 39, WA1GCE 35, WA1RQT/1 5, WA1PVN 5, W1SWX 5, W1EHT 2. (Jan.) WA1GCE 28, WA1PVN 17.

**RHODE ISLAND:** SCM, Ron Simonton, K1GMW - NCRC auction May 17, at the Seaman's Institute Newport 1900. WA1PO received achievement award. WNIUZK in Saunderton is looking for ground wave QSOs on 15 meters evenings. W1AM is on the CQ Mag. DX Advisory Committee and also newly appointed associate editor of the Long Island DX Bulletin. W1AM also programming an 8080 microprocessor. W1OP club house was robbed, missing gear includes HW-101 minus cabinet, bottom plate and cord, also Johnson Ranger s/n 63775. Still looking for help with Tall Ships program in Newport check with K5FPW/1 or K1GMW. 147.36 Traffic Net QNI 139, Hc. 43 in 29 sessions. Traffic: K1GMW 42, WA1RFT 35, WA1POJ 10, K1QFD 2.

**VERMONT:** SCM, J. Breakstone, WA1PSK - SEC: W1VSA. Net - Freq. Time(L)/Days Sess. Qnl QTC  
Manager  
VTSSB - 3909 2300 M-S 29 548 111  
WA1SVS 1300 Su  
VTRFD - 3909 2300 Su 5 76 9  
K1BQB  
Carrier - 3935 1400 M-S 24  
W2DSK  
Vt Fone - 3932 1430 Su 5 133 7  
W1KKM  
Cdn Mtn - 3932 2230 M-S 24 568 32  
W1JLZ  
Congrats to WA1SVS on his election as VTSSB Net Mgr. Welcome new amateurs WA1WHO WA1WHP WNIWHG WA1WIF WNIWJH WA1WLM (IBM ARC) WNIWLK. Yours truly has been busy on Mt. Mansfield working for WCAX-TV. W1IAFL (01-61) almost ready at night and looking for W1V campus. W1LMO almost QRV on RTTY with super-Pro, 32V-1, Homebrew AFSKer, etc. . .

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS:** SCM, Percy C. Noble, W1BVR - SEC: WA1DNB. CW RM: W1DVV. PAM (HF): WA1MJE. PAM (VHF/UHF): W1KZS. Pick your activity and get in touch! We need more in all categories. During contests, we hear many of our West. MA cw ops in full bloom sending excellent code (then

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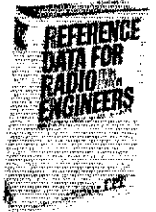
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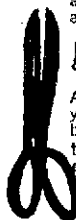
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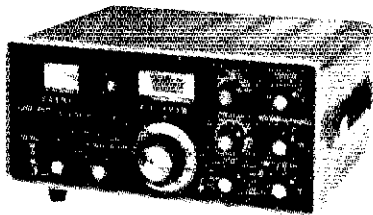
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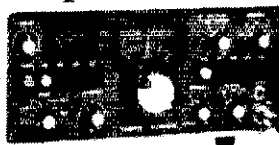
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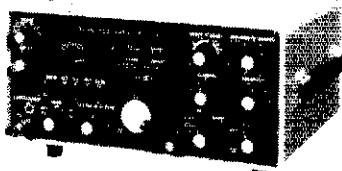
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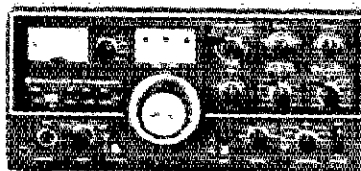
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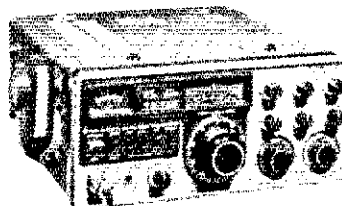
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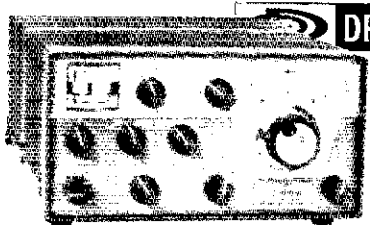
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### NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

**ALASKA:** SCM, Roy Davie, KL7CUK - The Anchorage ARC, KL7AA provided communications for the Fur Rendezvous World Championship Sled Dog Race. Seventeen stations participated using 2-meter fm and UHF RTTY. PAM KL7HOV reports ASN had 29 sessions with 648 check-ins. KL7JDO busy with Public Service and SEC. KL7HMK busy preparing an emergency plan for his area of responsibility. KL7IGE called in an emergency for a pair of 17 month old twins who were overcome with carbon monoxide while their parents were watching the dog race. There were over 100 stations participating in recent SET. The SEC issued the AREC bulletin and mailed it to all members. Please advise me if you desire more nets, include all data relative to the expanded net. We are now facing the longest sled dog race in the world over 1000 miles from Anchorage to Nome and amateurs of AK will furnish communications along the trail. Traffic: (Feb.) KL7JDO 29, W8ZDE/KL7 9, KL7HMK 2. (Jan.) KL7JDO 64.

**IDAHO:** SCM, Dale A. Brock, WA7EWV - SEC: W7JMH. PAM: WA7HOS.  
Net - Freq. Time/Days Sess. QNI QTC  
Manager  
FARM - 3.935 0200 Dv 27 940 41  
WA7VOH  
IMN - 3.635 0230 M-F 20 166 48  
W7GHT  
RACES - 3.99 1415 M-F 20 228 15  
W7KDB  
Id, Silver - 3.93 0100 MWF  
W71Y

WB7AEK has been transferred to MN. Boise has a new repeater, 146.077.67, W7YJX elected pres. of Boise's Southern ID RAC. K7UBC on an extended vacation in CA. W7NPO WA7FDH, WB7CCS and K6ZKI had a narrow escape while returning from servicing WR7AFH; but, thanks to amateur radio, they were rescued and suffered only minor frostbite. They had a snowmobile accident on the mountain; but were able to get help as they were carrying a 2-meter walkie-talkie. Traffic: WA9KKR/7 222, W7GHT 116.

**MONTANA:** SCM, Harry A. Roylance, W7RZY - Asst. SCM: Bertha A. Roylance, K7CHA. SEC: WA7ZR. PAM: WA7PZO. WA7DBH has 10 in a Novice class in Hardin. K7CHY is NCS on Wed, for the IMN. W7LZ is also NCS in progress in Hysham. MTN had 775 check-ins, 20 sessions and 31 pieces of traffic handled. Traffic: WA7KMP 20, W7NEG 16, K7CHY 12, WA7PZO 2.

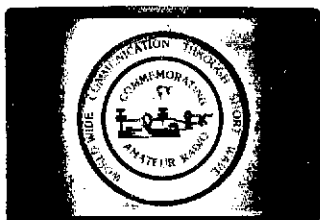
**OREGON:** SCM, Dwight J. Albright, W7HLF - SEC: WA7UHC. RM: K7OUF. PAM: K7RQZ.  
Net - Freq. Time(Z) QNI QTC  
Manager  
BSN - 3908 0130 465 66  
WA7MHP  
CSN - 3585 0245 169 111  
WA7TXV  
AREC - 3993.5 0300 211 2  
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**WASHINGTON:** SCM, Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP - PAM: K7VRQ. VHF PAMS: W. - K7GWE, E. - K7LRD. RM: K7OZA. Asst. ECs: WA7EBH, W7PWP, E. K7VAS.  
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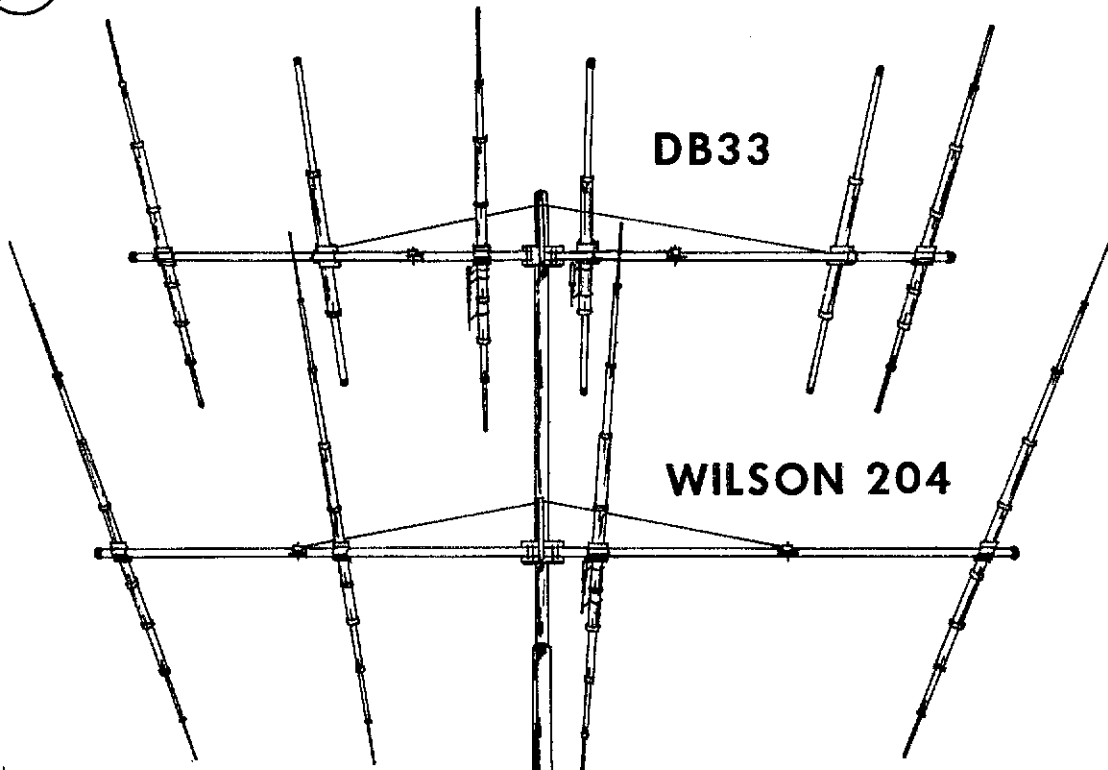
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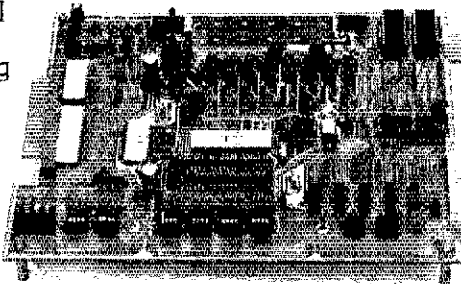
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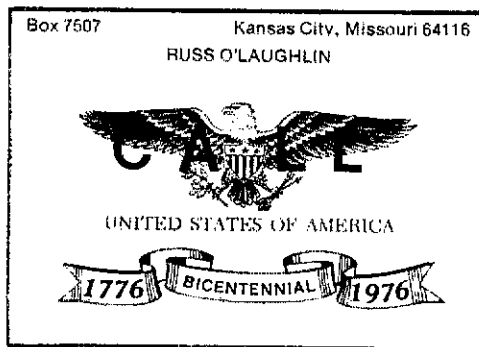
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### PACIFIC DIVISION

**EAST BAY:** SCM, Charles R. Breeding, K6UWR — Asst. SEC: Ronald Martin, W6ZF. SEC: WB6RPK. Asst. SEC: WB6DSI. The following members of the Mt. Diablo CA Net participated with our assistance of the Guatemala earthquake: W6QEN, WB6EU, WN6AEO, WN6FAX, WB6HWT, VE2AQV/W6 WA6HQB, WA6WGB, WN6HLA, K6JZR, WB6BIX, WA6AGP, ex-WN6WGC, WA6ENS, WA6IPI, and WN6KNU. I would very much like to hear from others who took part in the Guatemala operation. From the Northern CA Net the following were listed on the activity: Honor Roll, WA6BMV, WA6IPI, W6JXK, K6JZR, K6PMG, W6TYM, W6UZX, W6VEF, WB6CUA has been appointed OO. W6ZF did his usual fine job as master of ceremonies at the installation of the 1976 North Bay ARA. WA6BGW having a grand time with a new Atlas. W6DNU has a fine new quad up. W6SNJ now teaching at Napa Jr. College. At the Washington Day Breakfast of the Mt. Diablo ARC, your Dir. was the main speaker. At the regular MDARC Feb. meeting, W6OAT gave a fine talk on his operation from Kingman Reef. CCRC report following new calls: WN6GGQ, WN6HDW, WN6HEO, WN6GVC, WN6HEI, W6GJG, WN6GY, WB6GJW. Be sure to work NPG on Armed Forces Day. Traffic: K6HW 452, W6TYM 288, K6JZR 216, WA6IPI 198, AA6VEF 56, WA6CAZ 5, WB6MSU 4, WB6WBG 3.

**PACIFIC:** SCM, Pat Corrigan, KH6GQW — EC for Big Island, Hawaii Co. is KH6EJ. SEC: KH6GMP still seeks additional EC help. SEC has big success due to participation of 32 hams. We will lose W1ZPB/KH6 from Kamuela this summer, back to W1. Wait has done a yeoman job on section traffic. Sorry to hear KH6JES suffered a back injury in accident on Guam. Lots of KH6 activity in ARRL DX Contest. West Pacific Novice Traffic meets on 71120 kHz at 0830 UTC Fri. and Sun. and 2100 UTC Fri. and Sat. mgr. is W66JFK. WH6INE, her (M), WH6IOP, daughter, WH6IQK hold up Hawaii end of net. K1GUC visited from New England. I urge you to write both Senator Fong and Senator Inouye in support of Senate Bill S-3035. The Goldwater sponsored bill to require Federal government manufacturers to provide RFI protection or disclaimers. It is similar to Rep. Vanik's bill in the House. Don't forget '76 Hawaii Hamfest July 4 weekend. High school clubs on Oahu are getting more active. Traffic: W1ZPB/KH6 244, KH6IGU 157, KC6DK 147, KG6JA 119, KH6GQW 34, KH6BZF 14.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY:** SCM, Norman Wilson, AA6JVD — SEC: W6SMU. The El Dorado County ARC has become an ARRL affiliated club. AA6JVD had the pleasure of speaking at their last meeting. The Golden Empire AR Society's project has 25 two meter transmitters under construction that's on way to populate their repeater. (AF6AJU, 146.25/85). WB6GZL is a new call in Los Molinos. The Pioneer Radio Club is working on the development of beeping balls for blind golfers and talking dolls for emotionally disturbed children. FB! K6SIN gave a talk on printed circuit boards to the Jan. meeting of the El Dorado club. K6JQD reported on a replacement for the old NC-300. WB6NHF, K6KGA, W6SLX, WA6ICB and WB6DOD are instructors at the Novice license classes being run at the College of the Redwoods. WA6STS is now settled in his new QTH outside Santa Rosa. The Am. Comm. Soc. provided communications for a United Cerebral Palsy Assn. Walk-Thon on Marin County on Apr. 3. The North Peninsula Electronics Club planning an amateur radio exhibit at SF's Serramonte Mall the weekend of May 15-16. Both WB6IJPV and members of Goo. Ladd Pioneer RC were active in handling Guatemala earthquake tic. W6KQG took to the air again on 6 and 2m with antenna bigger than ever. Feb's 28 inches of rain, W6A's waterwheel spinning again and generating enough electricity to power Bob's stn. W6RNL made PSHR in Feb. Traffic: (Feb.) W6RNL 216, W6IPL 197, K6TP 99, W6NL 64, WB6UPV 18, W6EAJ 8, W6GGR 3, W6OAT 2. (Jan.) WB6ITN 12, WB6JEO 10, W6GGR 6.

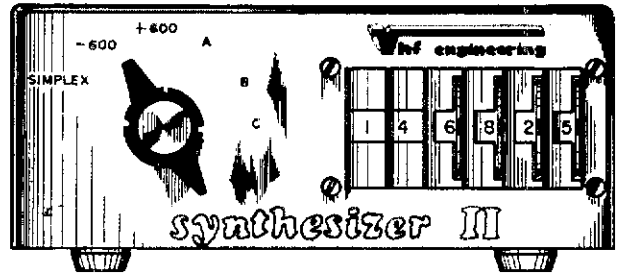
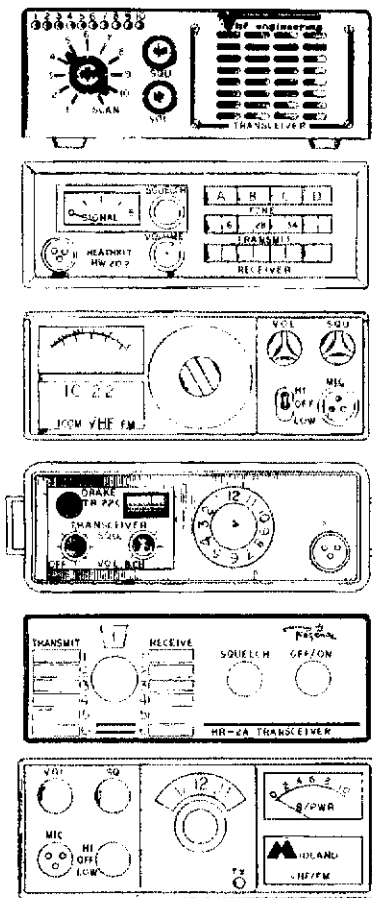
**SAN FRANCISCO:** SCM, Rusty Epps, W6OAT — The Redwood Empire Radio Amateurs is a new club formed by Mendocino Cty hams; WB6EUG was elected RERA's first pres. W6RQ had zero Hertz error on both 100 and 200 readings in the Feb. FMT. WB6UPV now sports a new Drake R-6C as a replacement for the old NC-300. WB6NHF, K6KGA, W6SLX, WA6ICB and WB6DOD are instructors at the Novice license classes being run at the College of the Redwoods. WA6STS is now settled in his new QTH outside Santa Rosa. The Am. Comm. Soc. provided communications for a United Cerebral Palsy Assn. Walk-Thon on Marin County on Apr. 3. The North Peninsula Electronics Club planning an amateur radio exhibit at SF's Serramonte Mall the weekend of May 15-16. Both WB6IJPV and members of Goo. Ladd Pioneer RC were active in handling Guatemala earthquake tic. W6KQG took to the air again on 6 and 2m with antenna bigger than ever. Feb's 28 inches of rain, W6A's waterwheel spinning again and generating enough electricity to power Bob's stn. W6RNL made PSHR in Feb. Traffic: (Feb.) W6RNL 216, W6IPL 197, K6TP 99, W6NL 64, WB6UPV 18, W6EAJ 8, W6GGR 3, W6OAT 2. (Jan.) WB6ITN 12, WB6JEO 10, W6GGR 6.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:** SCM, Ralph Saroyan, W6JPL — K6ZMW is 2-meter reb. on FT221. W6FEE heard on 2-meter ssb. W6DPD mobile with an Atlas 215 on all bands. W6JPS on 2-meter fm also WA6MRP. New officers of the Tulare County ARC are WB6LXA, pres.; WB6GTI, vice-pres.; W6AVV, secy.; W6ARE, repeater trustee; EC, WB6MGG. WA6NRYV has an FT221 up again on 6 and 2m. W6HIG-2. The call of the High School is WB6IG-2. They are known as the Wildcat Amateur Radio Society. WB6JDG has a 500 watt amplifier on 2 meters, with a sixteen-element beam. Southern San Joaquin Valley FM radio Net meets on Tue. at 1930, on W6AIM, 146.25 — 146.88 MHz. WA6BEZ heard on 2-meter fm. W6JPS on 2m and 10m. WB6CPI handled over 500 messages to and from W6A's, and received excellent press coverage. W6GKP on all bands with a KW. W6JXY has a KWM-2. The Central CA Amateur Teleprinter Society Repeater (146.10-146.70) is on the air. Those responsible for the repeater are W6YEP, WA6BUH, WA6SL5, WB6SHI, WB6QWE, K6YDW and W6EJQ. The Fresno Amateur Radio Club meets on the 2nd and 3rd month on the 10th floor of the PGE Bldg. Traffic: WA6RXI 86, WA6JDB 13, W6DPD 4, AA6CJP 2, WB6MGG 2.

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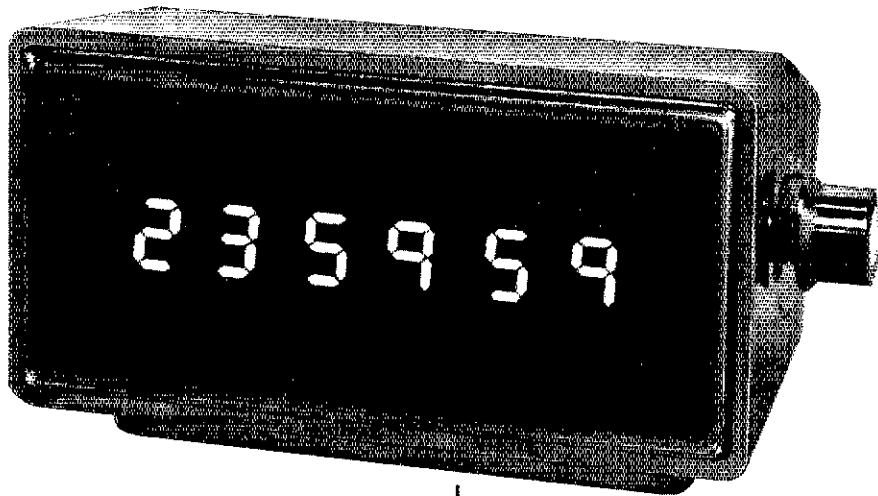
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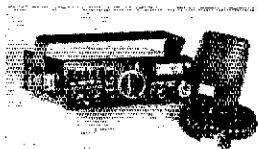
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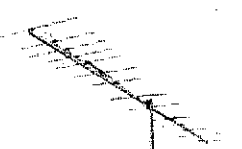
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**SANTA CLARA VALLEY:** SCM, Jim Maxwell, K6AQ  
by W6QIE W6RFF made P5HR, W6QIE ably assisted  
by W6DDM and W6HQO, handled mounds of tlc.  
into Casa Guatima during the earthquake. Also  
heard were W6HJP W6G00 W6G0Z, W6KQA W6RJS  
W6RFF W6NW W6YBV and K6LM. Please QSP to  
your SCM or to League Hq. details of your support of  
the Guatemala emergency. WA6NZY now deep into  
the mysteries of microprocessors. The West Coast  
VHF will take place May 1, 2 at the Ramada Inn in  
Santa Clara. Also, after the annual international  
meeting in Reno, the DX Convention will be held at the  
Sept. 4 weekend (Labor Day) is the date for the  
Pacific Division Convention, at the San Jose Hyatt  
House. NARC, the Northern Amateur Relay  
Council, going great guns, with a new bulletin ably  
published by K6HHD. Contact NARC via K6HHD for  
membership info. The Lockheed ARC will be guided  
thru 1976 by new pres. W6GVT; W6EPG, vice-  
pres.; W6MQJ, secy., W6HJP, treas. PAARA EC  
K6FS reports a highly successful SET with eleven  
mobile teams in action. W6RNU has a new 40/80  
vertical going with super results. The SCV VHF  
Repeater Soc. (ADE) gearing up for the May Diabates  
Bike-A-Thon, after a successful March of Dimes  
Walk-A-Thon, according to pres. B6DIN. W6O11  
filling up some leisure time with four daily net  
schedules. The Santa Cruz ARC will hold their annual  
auction at their May meeting. WA6WCG arranged to  
have a full set of ARRL pubs with the Santa Cruz  
County Library, courtesy of the SCCARC gang. Field  
Day coming up June 25-27 — more soon to start  
planning right now. Traffic: (Feb.) W6YBV 259,  
W6QIE 122, W6RFF 107, K6AQ 75, W6AUC 72,  
W6KZJ 36, W6NW 35, W6O11 22, WA6HAD 15,  
W6QNB 10, W6ZRJ 8, W6YBV 7. (Jan.) W6ZRJ 12,  
W6RNU 4.

### ROANOKE DIVISION

**NORTH CAROLINA:** SCM, Chuck Brydges, W4WXZ  
— SEC. W4EHF. RM: K4MC. PAM: W4DFP.  
PAM: K4GHR. EC of the Month is W4OFO active in  
Carteret Co. since 1971 and only slightly slowed down  
with a recent hospital bout so welcome back OM. CW  
nets are on the move as shown by Jan. CN with 65  
sessions, 649 check-ins and 340 msgs. Jan. CNN  
(Carinas Novice Net) 3718 kHz daily at 5:30 EST) 31  
sessions, 157 check-ins and 340 msgs. Feb. CN hit  
58 sessions, 617 check-ins and 303 msgs. Feb. CNN hit  
29 sessions, 157 check-ins and 56 msgs. Thanks to  
WB4OBZ for CN reporting and WN4UKU for CNN  
info and who says cw is dead? Congrats to W4FJF new  
net mgr. for Tarheel Emerg Net and to WB4MXG asst.  
Net Mgr. K4VHO who is outgiving THEN Mgr. and all of  
these gents have worked hard to keep THEN moving.  
Publicity has been explosive with WB9IBN/4 in  
Fayetteville paper, W4WXZ/K4CDZ and WB4JZ in  
W5J5 radio, WB4VKK on Chn 12 TV Greensboro, the  
W4CQ crew on Chn 19 TV Charlotte in Guatemala  
emergency, the Alamance ARC in Burlington paper on  
receiving reports and the awards for life saving. K4CJZ  
and K4DQ in the Greensboro Daily and W4XZ  
and K4DQ on Chn 18 TV High Point/Triad area with  
the latter regarding Guatemala. WXZ also had two  
newspaper runs. The Charlotte ARC W4CQ with  
cooperation from W5CQ-TV9 started a drive for  
Guatemala and had a local trucking line volunteer  
seven rigs for hauling goods to Guatemala where  
Guatemalas National Airlines picked up. A bank chain  
and a super-market chain also allowed their locations  
to be collection points for goods and if a person was  
not able to reach one of these a mobile station made  
the pick-up. A real fine public relations job on the part  
of the W4CQ crew. Congrats. An Amateur Radio  
Display was part of an American Engineering Soc.  
Bicentennial Display appearing in Greensboro,  
Burlington and High Point over a five-week period,  
thanks to W4DGE for his efforts through Bell Labora-  
tories Officers for the Bancombe Co. ARC are  
W44KWC, W4BRR, vice-pres. K4IGC, secy.,  
W4DPF, treas. Sympathy to the families and fellow  
amateur's of Silent Keys W4COJ and WB4TR1, both  
will be greatly missed. Traffic: (Feb.) K4FTB 157,  
W4RWL 98, WA9NEW/4 59, W4DFO 54, WB4MXG  
52, K4G 48, W4WXZ 42, WB4FJK 39, WB4OXT 34,  
K4MC 32, WB4TNR 29, WB4XZ 28, K4EZH 27,  
W4ACY 26, W4KFI 18, WB4JMG 18, WB4HE 13,  
WA4EGH 9, W4EHF 4, K4TTN 4, W4FMN 3. (Jan.)  
WB4CES 6, K4DJ 2.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** SCM, R. H. Miller, W4ECJ —  
SEC. W4ZMZ. RM: WB4OBZ. PAM: (still looking).  
Whoever heard of a phone net going cw? That is the  
preferred mode for Sun. session of Palmetto Traffic  
Exchange. Rules: NCS remains on phone; for all  
others cw is encouraged but not mandatory at net  
over 15 wpm. Results? Hilarious! After 8 years with  
the Force K4PFC will return to Columbia in  
June looking for old friends on 75 and W4NBK  
and W4EGH continue outstanding service as OVS and  
OBS respectively. Greenville hamfest May 2. Governor  
Edwards proclaims May 10 thru 16 as Bicentennial  
Amateur Radio Week in SC. Details elsewhere in this  
issue.

Net - Freq.	Time(Z)/Days	Sess	STNS	TFC
CN - 3573	0000/0500 Dy	5R	617	303
CNN - 3718	2230 Oy	2R	160	56
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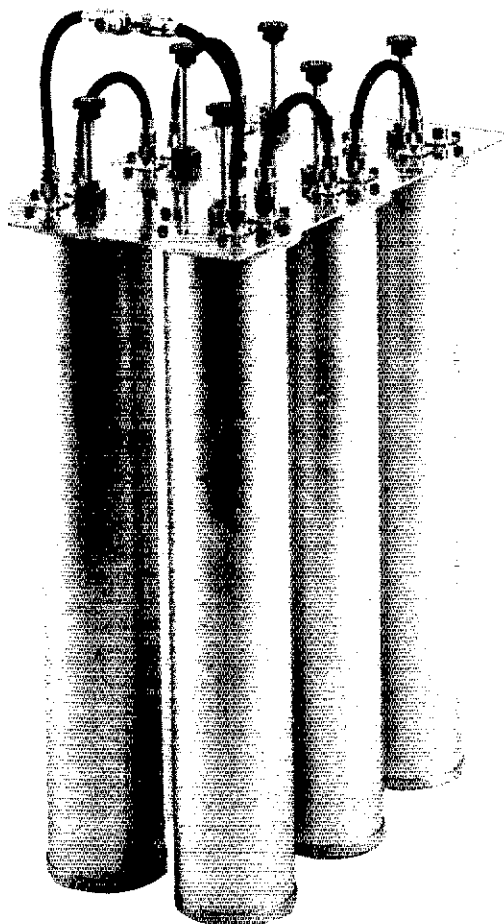
Traffic: WB4OBZ 339, WB4ARJ 198, WB4PDQ 107,  
W4NTO 97, WB4CGH 40, WN4UKU 37, WA4AK 32,  
WA4ECJ 28, W4FMZ 20, K4JLM 17, WB4NBK 2.

**VIRGINIA:** SCM, Robert L. Follmar, W4QDY — SEC.  
WA4YU. Asst. SEC. WA4PBG. PAM: WB4YKM  
VSBN 3947. RMs: K4IAF VN 3680, WB2VVK/4 VSN  
3680 (6:30 PM), W4SHF 4RN 3567. Plans for the  
ARRL Division Convention (being held in Norfolk  
July 31/Aug. 1) are completed and flyers in the mail  
to the entire Roanoke Division. Club papers were  
received from Lynchburg ARC; Hampton Roads RA,  
VA Beach ARC and VA Beach ARC (VBARC). Your  
SCM had a fine visit with the VBARC and spoke to  
them re the ARRL organization, appointments &  
traffic handling. W4YZC had another BPL month,  
that's 3 in a row. Congrats on your Medallion. K4MLC  
working on his Advanced WA4AGC sporting a new  
50-ft. tower (oops, mean antenna support).  
W4TZC raised his dipoles. W4SUS changed QTH to  
Orlean. Asst. SEC says he is back in shape and  
operating. A new Heath walkie-talkie is in the works  
for WA4AJF. EC WB4WUX put on a great SET drill  
with excellent reporting. Don also finds the time to  
check into his advanced WA4AGC going. K4ITV  
making trip to FL. W4LXB (displaced from NJ) says  
it's nice to be here and that we have a good bunch of  
fellows. John is an ole' UTL buddy or mine. W4TMN  
put up a 4-band vertical so now has 3 antennas to

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choose from. He also reports sending a H&W msg to Guatemala, got a return answer in 5 min. on net freq. How's that for quick svcs? Ye SCM and 1st VeePee W4KFC had an impromptu QSO on 2 meters on Mar. 3, when both happened to be in Richmond, Nice surprise! Vic visited Northern VA QSO Club. Showed Hams Wide World to Lions Club; attended AMSAT & ARRL Foundation board meetings. Oh yes, also operated in CW DX. Don't know where that feller finds all the time! EC WB4ZNB was hospitalized for a couple of weeks now during fine. Former SCM W4KX got his 50-year certificate from QCWA. Congrats. County Hunter W4JUI sez biz at new low (afraid that would happen), so he spent some time in QCWA QSO & YL/OM Phone QSO parties, OO W4HU active in H&W tlc 6 days with Guatemala; Novice Roundup; ARRL DX test and SE Orlando Conv. The VA gang have favorable comments about the handwritten certificates being issued by the SCM, but because of undue number of late monthly reports your SCM must remind the Section members that their reports are supposed to be sent to the SCM no later than the 1st or 2nd of the month (some arrive 2 weeks later) and from the same people! The deadline for the SCM is the 7th of the month. Traffic: (Feb.) W4YZC 322, WA4EPJ 170, K4KNP 156, K4MLC 147, K4GR 134, W4QDY 133, WB4FLT 102, WA4KPP 96, K4JM 94, W5VZO/4 90, WA4UQ 75, WA4JVO 73, K4IAF 72, W4SHJ 65, W4TZC 45, WA4SJS 39, WA4PBG 35, WA4AJF 31, W2TPV/4 24, WA4WLX 24, K4ATV 17, WA4CLK 16, W4LXB 13, W4TMN 11, W4KFC 9, W4LGM 9, K4VWK 8, WB4ZNB 6, W4MK 5, K4VIG 4, W4KX 2, W4JUI 2, W4DM 1. (Jan.) K4KDJ 314, WB4YKM 286, WB4KIT 37, WA4AJF 33, W4ZDN 24, K4FEL 17, W4BK 15, WB4FDT 6, WA4HHG 3.

**WEST VIRGINIA:** SCM, Kay Anderson, W8DUV — Have you sent in your nomination for West VA 1976 Amateur of the Year. Check with W8BDQX, chmn, to see if you still have time. W8BPKF W8BMAV and W8BDQX, all YLs upgraded to Advance. Congrats. West VA State Amateur Radio Council received call, W8WVA, with W8JUN as the trustee, K8LQU appointed Asst. Director for 1976. Remember West VA QSO Party, weekend of June 12-13. Also State Council Bicentennial QSO Party contest, bring logs and cards to Jackson's Mill State Convention, July 3rd and 4th. W8MIS confined to Graton Hospital with broken hip. W8CNC W8CKX W8CWY and W8JM report being active in QCWA party, Huntington annual Hamfest, Camden Park on June 6. K8DFG and K8CHW running SSTV tests, WVN CW Net in 29 sessions, 182 stations passed 55 messages. Novice Net with 101 stns in 27 sessions passed 6 messages. WVN Mid-day Phone Net, 29 sessions, 738 stations and 128 messages. WVN Phone Net, 29 sessions, 901 stations and 120 messages. Traffic: W8BDQX 91, W8HZA 47, W8GYN 37, W8CKX 27, W8FZP 22, W8JUE 17, W8JM 15, W8DUV 9, K8LSN 8, K8QEW 7, W8BSAW 7, WA8PFW 7, W8CCNN 5, WA8RUZ 4, WA8PO 4, W8ETF 3, W8BHI 3, W8BLA 3, W8DYB 3, K8MSP 2, W8CSN 2, K8CUB 2, WA8VW 1, WA8YTP 1, W8BIHA 1, W8BUH 1, W8BGR 1, W8BSG 1, W8BZP 1, K8VNL 1, K8IXO 1, W8BSQX 1, W8BNXV 1, W8BCPU 1, K8CET 1, W8BMAV 1, W8BSNL 1, W8BWN 1, K8ZDY 1, W8RDX 1, W8AKG 1, W8BTRK 1, W8BTD 1, W8BJN 1, W8BVO 1.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION**

**COLORADO:** SCM, Clyde O. Penney, WA0HLQ — SEC: K0FLQ. RM: W0BHC. PAMS: K0CNV WA0YQG. The CO Code Net (CCN) will change its name effective Apr. 1, 1976, to the CO WY Net (CWN). The CO Ten-Ten Chapter of Ten-Ten International reports membership now stands at 65 local, 74 out-of-state, total 139. Congratulations to AB0CGJ who received his Bicentennial WAS No. 22, having worked all 50 states on Jan. 15, 1976. It is with deep regret that we add to the list of Silent Keys, the calls W8EQQ, WA0PZ and W0LJC. All will be sorely missed by CO Section amateurs, as well as others throughout the amateur fraternity. Congratulations to W0ERR who recently became a member of QCWA. Congratulations also to newly licensed YLs W0RTF, W0RNE, W0RGT and W0QSM. Further congratulations to W0RFQ who is the 5th CO amateur to win membership in the International 500 Club of Ten-Ten International, by earning VP No. 254. Newly elected officers of RMRL for 1976 are W0ACD, pres.; W0YQJ, vice-pres.; W0BBAE, secy.; WA0IDQ, treas. Net tlc. for Feb.: Columbine QNI 1001, QTC 101, Informals 258, time 1560 min.; Silver State, QNI 147, QIC 23, 25 sessions, 356 min.; Moon, QNI 1317, QTC 40, Informals 230, 29 sessions, 480 min. Traffic: (Feb.) W0WYX 1932, K0ZSQ 543, W0BMTA 581, K0VFK 466, W0BQOT 384, W0BNOH 320, W0BYNP 164, W0HXB 121, W0RE 64, W0ETT 63, W0BVF 51, W0LAE 56, W0BYGQ 33, K0GTF 31, K0QIX 31, K0RQ 21, W0VBE 20, W0NML 19, W0PT 18, W0GW 16, K0FLQ 15, W0VYN 13, K0SPR 10, K0CNV 9, K0SIX 8, WA0TMA 8, W0YED 6, W0BZO 5, W0LFG 4, W0BWWO 2, W0DQN 1. (Jan.) W0BMTA 593, W0ETT 51.

**NEW MEXICO:** SCM, Edward Hart, Jr., W5RE — Asst. SCM: Joe T. Knight, W5PDY. SEC: W5LR. RM: K5KPS. PAMS: W5PNY W5DMG. NMRRN meeting daily on 3940 kHz at 1800, this month had 875 check-ins, and handled 59 tlc. SWN meeting at 1930 on 3585 kHz had the best checkin record in three years, with 296 stations reporting and handled 229 messages. RM appointment with W5UI has been cancelled at his request. WNSOLA new QRS II. New station in Bloomfield, W0PSL. We sure had a lot of activity this month, but very little of it was reported to your SCM. Let's have a little news with your reports! W5DAD had a large traffic report, and to make it more impressive, most of it came from the disaster in Guatemala. Traffic: W5DAD 42, W5UI 14, K5KPS 196, W5ENI 195, W5KSS 155, K5MAT 119, W5JOV 107, W5RE 86, W5YTX 69, W5DMG 35, W5TWZ 25, W5MSW 23, W5YQ 22, W5OHI 19, W0PSL/5 18, W5MIY 5.

**UTAH:** SCM, Ervin Greene, W7EU — SEC: WA7ZBO. RM: W7OCK. K7CLO WA7FGU W7B7A and WA7MEL have been active on Bicentennial WAS. K7CLO No. 28 to complete, WA7MEL very close. UCN picking up more activity this month. Sorry to hear W7WKF lost his 70-foot tower and antenna array in the high winds. A local group is writing a script for a ham movie tentatively to be called "The Isles of Ophir." Sounds like it should be award material. WA7GWU planning autopatch for the Hidden Peak repeater. WA7VNG planning a 40-foot tower and beam when weather permits. Congrats to WA7HOI for FE article in Feb. Q51. Layne participated in the Novice roundup and was surprised to hear so many proficient cw fists on the band. W7BE passes along a

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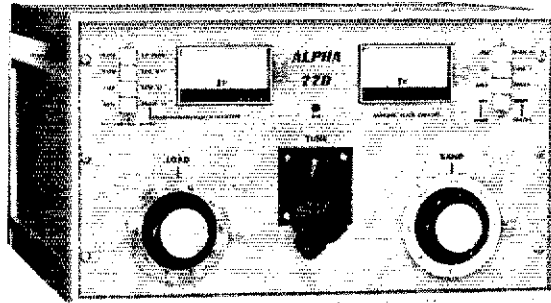
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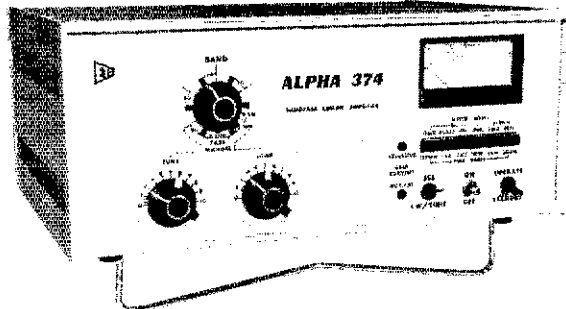
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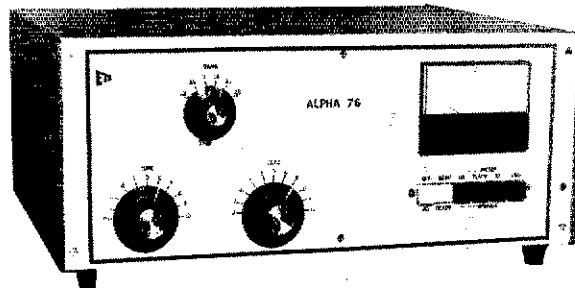
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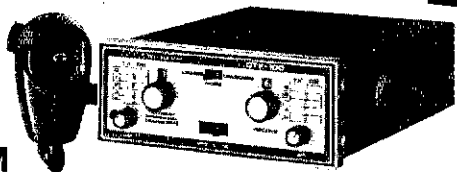


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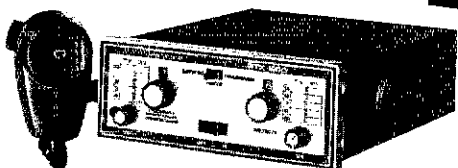
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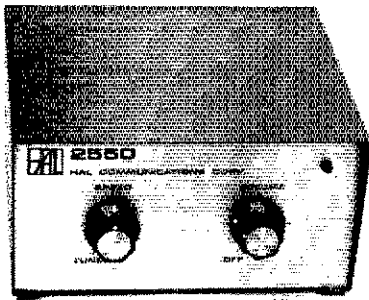


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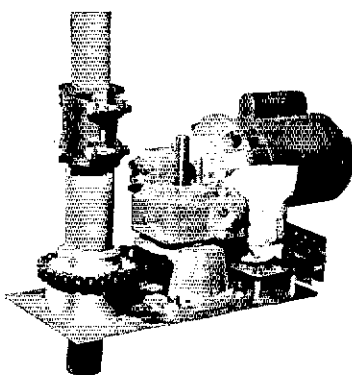
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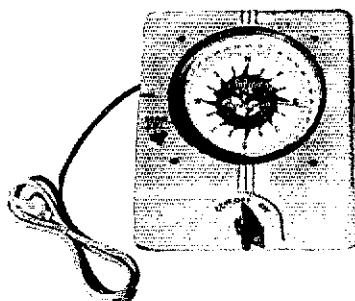
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**SOUTHERN FLORIDA:** SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL - VET. Asst. SEC: W45MK, RM; K4EBE (RTTY). PAMS: WA4NBE (40M) W4OGX (75M). New appointments this month: WB4OSN OVS. Endorsements: W4LEP EC Indian River Co.; W4OGX PAM 75 OPS OVS; WA4UQQ ORS OPS. OOs reporting: K4CFV K4DAS K4JPF WA4UUG. Many southern FL stations were active and handled lots of information in connection with the Guatemala earthquake disaster, but much of this was reported as traffic because it was not in ARRL form. W4IYT reports about 2800 messages processed through K4IWT, Red Cross Miami, for Guatemala, but most were carried in by mobiles and sent out by aircraft. Again, info is here that we should develop mobile emergency communication units that could be moved quickly to a distressed area. Those who have been hit by a catastrophe are not likely to be in condition to take care of themselves and also handle thousands of messages by radio. They are likely to need help from outside. W4DHR is now active on the 6M RTTY auto-start net in 3. Parry, T. Miller processor Society of FL is now formed and active in Tampa Bay area. WB4ARN has "SWIPC 6800 Computer" and WA4CTM is building one. W4DHR working on 8080 system. WA4KKE working lots of DX with new quad. K4CFV reports two new Novices, WN4IBW and a new Novice, WN4FYI in Kissimmee. WA4UUG's efforts with Guatemala traffic. Traffic: (Feb.) W4WYR 531, WA4SCK 498, K45JH 464, K4SCL 432, W4MEE 311, W4EH 305, K4TH 291, WB4AID 244, W4IJI 196, WB4ZSO 187, WA4JPV 161, W4DVO 141, WA4JVG 138, W4JBE 112, WB4ALH 88, W4QM 80, K4IWT 78, WA4KKE 72, K4GNS 67, W4EIC 67, WA4CTM 63, K4CAG 56, WB4WYG 45, W4EEB/4 44, W4GDK 33, K4BLM 32, W4IYT 31, W4IRA 22, K4CFV 21, W4ILE 21, W45MK 20, WB4CDQ 16, W4MML 14, K4CQG 14, K4YSN 10, K4EUK 12, WA4UQQ 12, K4DAS 6, W4KQJ 6, W4LKL 6, K4MV 6. (Jan.) WA4GNI 45, K4YSN 43, W4MML 8, K4DRH 3.

**WEST INDIES:** SCM, David Novoa, KP4BDL - New appointments KP4ZC OQ, KP4EHC OVS. Again amateur radio communication with Guatemala emergency. Many local hams helped after the Guatemala earthquake. KP4EGO has a new SB-104 waiting for his Advanced ticket. KP4s EFP ZC DJE MO EBQ and AN are very active on 80 ssb. KP4s EAT BBI A7A A7V A01 MW WL AYX and DRF all heard on 40 ssb almost daily. KP4s EAJ and EJE working lots of DX with the A4 prefix. New DX heard on two meters: KP4s EHS EJZ and EKJ. A repeater in El Yunque is being installed by KP4s DPA MC MQ CKY DAL and others and will be on 146.01-61. W4LGO/KP4 active on 20 ssb. KV4s BV and AQ have strong signals on 80 ssb. Get ready for the next CP Party and Field Day '81 work in 2000 and 04/54 year. Traffic: TI2PTS/KP4 92, KP4BSQ 47, KP4HG 44, KP4BRI 24, KP4EBQ 2, KP4BBK 3, KP4BDL 2.

#### SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

**ARIZONA:** SCM, Marshall Lincoln, W7DQS - RM; K7NHL. PAMS: WA7KQE and W7UQG. K7RDG K7NTG W7JYG W7HXM and W7KEY report handling large amounts of messages in and out of Guatemala during the Feb. earthquake there. K7NTG also submitted an excellent detailed report of the SET exercise in Pima County. A/ANNY, E/BE, E/2. Repeater Assn., succeeding WA7TGB, who is moving away. WA7PNY is the new vice-pres. WA7LGE, OM of WA7ESA, and K7KAW former resident of Scottsdale are reported as Silent Keys. A frequency study by the AEA recommends statewide coverage by overlapping repeaters of 167.6, 149.2, 142.787, 242 and 04/54. AZ ARC meetings will include time for selling and swapping of gear between the business portion of the meetings and the program. WA7GEG, ARCA chmn. recommends clubs over the state put on theory and code classes to get more persons into amateur radio. WA7GEG probably read this in other parts of QST. The Southern CA Net had a brunch meeting in No. Hollywood with 33 members attending; here were gathered the best cw operators in the Los Angeles Section. The meeting was conducted by WB6OYN and WB6AIT. Many serious discussions ensued regarding net operating and traffic. W7GK was also in attendance, coordinating the group into a new AEA. Let's not forget the LERC Hamfest in May, this is still one of our best yearly attractions, with increased activity and now larger swap tables. Congrats to WB6YID for helping to set up the first radio contacts between Los Angeles Area Hams and TG9MP in setting up for emergency traffic. WB6VH has been checking into the Sun, QCWA Net with a new Atlas. WB6MIM has upgraded his ticket to Advanced and he is now working on his Extra. Attention is called to the Official Bulletin transmissions by WA6FCEJ on 7060

**LOS ANGELES:** SCM, Eugene H. Vjolino, W6INH - SEC: W6SPK, RM: K4YK, WB6ZVC. I would like to mention that I am now checking all my appointments and those who have been inactive 1 year to terminate. It seems that lots of fellows want appointments and start out fairly well and after a while we don't hear from them anymore. I have several ORS appointments that have not been active as relay stations for months and I have not received reports from them for some time. WB6MKA reports of a rescue in the mountains of two hams who had a serious accident during the recent rains. The rescue was effected by the San Gabriel Valley Emergency Corps, with the help of WB6SNW WB6MKA WA6CY WB6JBL and several others. You will probably read this in other parts of QST. The Southern CA Net had a brunch meeting in No. Hollywood with 33 members attending; here were gathered the best cw operators in the Los Angeles Section. The meeting was conducted by WB6OYN and WB6AIT. Many serious discussions ensued regarding net operating and traffic. W7GK was also in attendance, coordinating the group into a new AEA. Let's not forget the LERC Hamfest in May, this is still one of our best yearly attractions, with increased activity and now larger swap tables. Congrats to WB6YID for helping to set up the first radio contacts between Los Angeles Area Hams and TG9MP in setting up for emergency traffic. WB6VH has been checking into the Sun, QCWA Net with a new Atlas. WB6MIM has upgraded his ticket to Advanced and he is now working on his Extra. Attention is called to the Official Bulletin transmissions by WA6FCEJ on 7060

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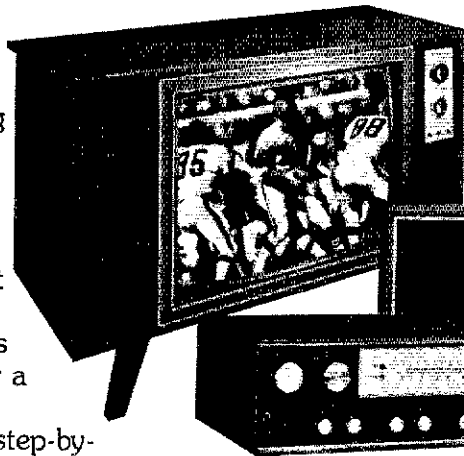
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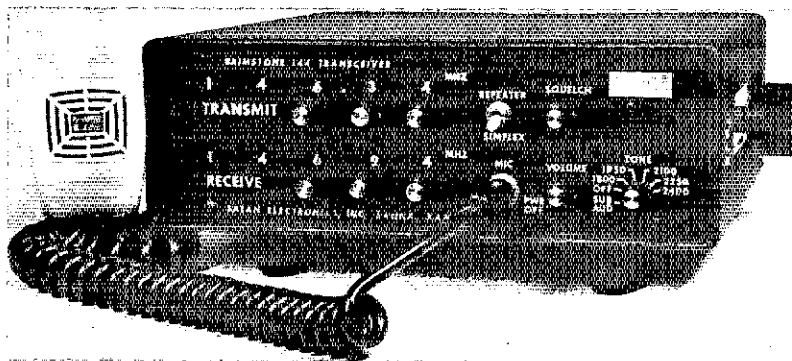
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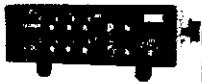
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SCM: DRICK, SCM: William L. Weise, W6CBB — Asst. SCM: Orange, K6CID, SEC: W6TVA, RM: PAM: W6BAK, Palm Springs, College of Desert has an impressive amateur radio licensing class. It is reported that 45 students are enrolled. Congrats to WA6BJD and WA6BJB instructors. Also W6WLU has his third class in Amateur Radio at the Palm Desert Campus. How good classes being conducted in other clubs? Please send me the dates JPS has been renewed for W6BUK. He says that he has had an appointment since about 1938. One of the oldest in the area. Band conditions for most traffic nets have been very poor. Look for some improvement as summer comes. Do not forget the League Officials meeting on June 5 at the Rumble seat in Riverside. Take the Adams St. Offramp from Highway 31. We will meet for lunch, meeting follows. Mark your calendar. Congrats to all who participated in handling traffic for the Guatemala earthquake. A job well done. W6TVA is very active on the 2-meter RTTY nets. Steve is pres. of the group and meets regularly in firm up operations. PSHR: W6TVA 58, Traffic: W6EIG 331, W6ABTVA 58, W6WRJ 32, W6CBB 28, W6YWS 6, W6QBD 4. (Jan.) W6YWS 28.

SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — SEC: W6GBF. North. Asst. EC for 2-meter fm: W6HJJ. New ORS is W6HFC. North Valley ARC has new constitution and officers: K6AVJ, pres.; W6PJU, vice-pres.; W6YZV, secy-treas. New officers for SANDRA: W6GIC, pres.; W6HGK, vice-pres.; W6EJNU, secy.; W6LXG, treas. SD Co. amateurs provided extensive county-wide fire coordination systems as major objective of SET 1976. Twenty-one fire departments presented. Dearth of activity can spell doom for 10 meters! Generate activity with club nets following lead set by QCWA, Pt. Loma ARC, SOBARS and Poway ARS. Ten is great for local code practice. Palomar RC's flea marts, first Sat. each month, continue to be popular. Held in SWAN parking lot. Palomar repeater on 146.1373 better than ever with new Stationmaster. Join fellow hams for pancake breakfast, 2nd Sat. each month, at Normal Heights United Methodist Church, 4650 Mansfield, San Diego. Novices are invited to participate in AREC Novice Net each Sun. at 0830 on 3725 kHz. K6C9Y is net band motorist was aided by W6NQZ and W6PZU thru WR6AJ. New hams, W6ITGA, W6N6YR. Traffic: W6BGE 145, W6HCF 122, W6PZU 66, W6DEY 24, W6UFY 6.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, D. Paul Gagnon, WA6DEI — SEC: W6EHW. RM: K6QPM. PAMS: K6YX, W6KPS. W6KPS appointed PAM for the VHF net activities. The VHF Section Net meeting on WR6AFI on Wed. at 2030. Another new appointee is W6SMJ on QBS active with the TRICAR Bulletin Network on RTTY. If you are on RTTY, please contact me. We need RTTY stations to help relay information. Stations upgrading to W6CZV to General, W6GIC and W6CYA. Advanced W6GCH has produced W6EIO W6EHW W6EIP W6EIZ from his Code classes for the Canajo Valley ARC. W6CWE heard on the SCN CW net and W6VBS trying his hand at Net Control. W6EIS and K6QPM helped with the multiple K6BCE during DX Contest. W6TW received several commendations from the Navy for his many patches to Antarctica. W6SMJ has completed a computer runoff for all hams in the northern part of the section. W6BLS now editing Key Klix for SBARC and doing an excellent job. W6GZD presented humorous story at SBARC. W6BKM and W6BDHW making the rounds of clubs with their new microprocessors. The Central Coast ARC has frequent pot lucks in the Arroyo Grande area. W6QMV a new tower in the works. K6YHK continues counter building. W6EAS completed an Accukeyer. W6EHW and K6LMD had KC0D and KC0E new TX 700A vhf rigs. We regret to note W6MDX is a Silent Key. W6GXM used WR6AFI to call for ambulance while camping in the mountains to assist a burn victim. W6POU W6PN and W6EJO were among those assisting Guatemala emergency. W6WYD handled 113 msgs on MARIS Traffic (Feb.) W6MBZ 111, W6GXM 84, W6WBS W6LBO 43, W6ITGA 31, W6POU 18, W6DEI 6, K6QPH 2. (Jan.) W6HJJ 91, W6JTA 60, W6LBO 56. (Dec.) W6LBO 81. (Nov.) W6LBO 44.

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NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, L. E. Harrison, W5LR — Asst. SCM: Frank E. Sewell, W5IZL, SEC: W5DWL, PAM: W5GNS. RM: W5GUL. See SCM 265-3295 Arlington. W5ARV replied in kind to SCM request for suggestions on VHF/HF freq. coordinator problem. W5JLG Midland ARC asked mtg WG officials included SCM's 1300 Mar 20th. Kilocyte ARC rpts good activity plus plans for upcoming F.D. W5EJK and W5AGM and W5FGR retired, as did W5K5X, W5JAX in Caruth Memorial class. PAM W5GNS rpts Abilene ARC 30 in Novice class. Brownfield Hamfest May 2nd & 7290 crowd set for Summerville State Pk Apr. 24, 25. No. TX top tlc man one trouble noted with TX tlc net is "minute" amt "time allowed" to pass RN5 tlc (to 20 min). Contact W5TI for info. See SCM 265-3295. W5GPK NoTX SR OO completed tour of duty. Dalt had with FAA troops. Even so, Gil made eleven observations showing T9C discrepancies sent to six 2-letter calls. The XYL and yours truly returned to Arlington after sojourn in Valley. Winter Texans boosted population by 200% during period Nov. to Mar. Houston QCWA Feb. mtg at Sharpstown (W5ARV) awarded awards to W5AIR K5AV and W5TPR. Also discussed Nat'l. QCWA mtg slated Houston Oct. 8, 9, 10. Dallas QCWA mtg Wyattis, Mko-bd/Abrams per W5KNY and Dallas ARC Of Nite Apr. 6. W1NKM's 00 report covers reimbursement for mailing notices on infringement. Also listed in report were the nation's top 100, including K6KA W9KO K4MZE and others. TX VHF/FM Society mtg held in Aggie land this year. We now read where the Mid-Summer mtg sked for Austin.

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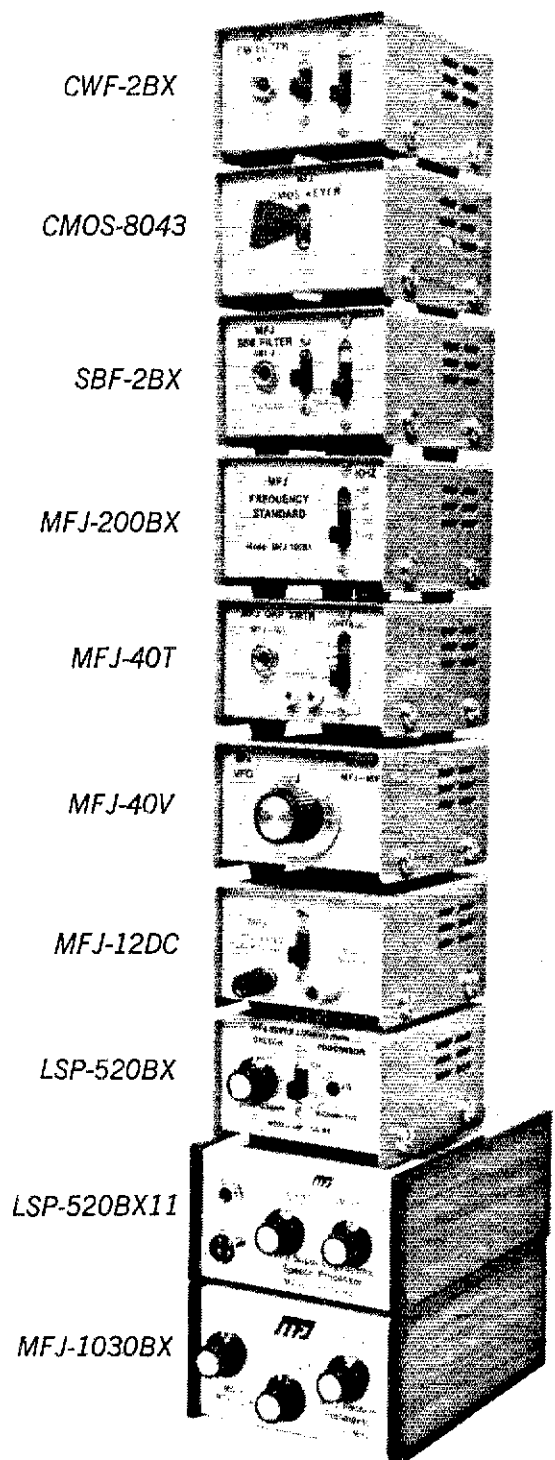
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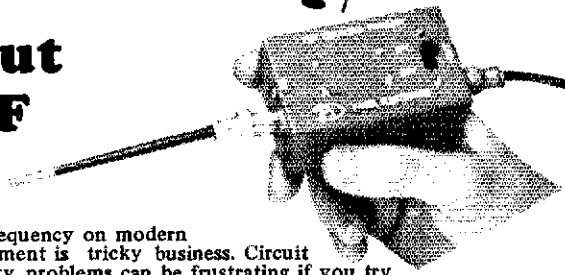
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W5NSQ moves to League's Advisory Board (Rptrs) effective Dec. 75. SMU's W5YF reported. W5KLU advises Sporadic "F" noticable on 6 meters. He also worked Oscar via WA8CKI. K5SOR wants into AREC, SEC take note, Dallas ARC announces classes started Feb. 16, attendance 170 people, 112 for Novice, 52 for General and 6 Advanced. Per W5LWB pres. DARC. Lafayette ARC, Inc. Banquet held Mar. 13 & the Pannett ARC says K5BI. 2 meters with borrowed rig. FD appointments include WASPEO and K5KNA. Arlington ARC says 6 Flag Shopping Center demonstration Apr. 24 per K5GMY & his co-chmn. W5CEG. Channel 8 recently gave us FB publicity. Richardson WK meets on 10 meters Mon. nights 2:59-3:00. Join with club meeting at TPL Bldg Monthly 8:PM Tue. NC W5KHP. Traffic (Feb.) W5TI 346, W5SDXB 59, W5MFO 56, W5GJ 52, W5DWL 41, W5YK 6, W5LR 4. (Jan.) W55XK 15, W5G5N 12, W5D5X/5 4. (Dec.) W52DX/5 7.

OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, W5FSN — Most repeaters have their storm warning plans all made and ready to put in operation. Hope they are not needed this spring. The Elk City 16/76 machine giving excellent coverage of West Central OK. Ardmore should be moved from 46/94 to 37/97 by the time this is published. March winds in Feb. (no loss) took their toll of antennas. W5REC newest OPS. W5NRJS new call in Enid with several more waiting on tickets. Oklahoma City working hard on Ham Holiday III scheduled for Aug. 7-8. All Net reports show excellent participation and considerable traffic handled. The storm traffic reports from stations on the regular basis. OC needs more weather reporting stations on the traffic and weather net at 5:45 P.M. My hat is off to the many unsung volunteers conducting Code and Theory classes. Enid and Miami have classes in session at this time. Traffic: W5NKC 190, W5SKG 129, W5RB 129, W5REC 126, W5LW 127, W55A 126, W5NKC 36, W5PML 36, W5OVL 30, W5AFN 29, W5PVL 17, W5SUG 16, W5OUV 15, W5EAY 3, K5CAY 4, W5JJ 3, W5FFW 2.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Arthur R. Ross, W5KR — SEC: W5TQP, RM: W5UGE. PAM: W5AMN. OOS reporting this month: W5CIT W5NGW K5B5. OVS reporting: W5CIT. Big news this month is earthquake in Guatemala. K5GDX and W5G7B (who also is W5AIG) were extremely active in an official business and emergency-only traffic nets; they put in many hours helping to pass the traffic but have not been able to come up with any sort of actual traffic count. OPS W5GVO was quite busy with H & W traffic; he ran one emergency phone patch between two doctors; he made TV news when a reporter and camera crew showed traffic; OPS W5VBT was "on-the-spot" active almost while the quake was still quaking, with emergency traffic; she took care of some H & W traffic later. OPS W5SRKU was also active in the H & W nets. The Guatemala quake efforts of W5MNR and W5NSMQ received news media attention in Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi club's radio school going strong with 25 studying in the general category and 35 in the Novice group; W5PJE W5OOQ W5SOL and W5SRX are running the show. RM W5UGE finally got some "vanity plates" and is putting an FT-101E in his car. EC W5TFW says that classes going good there. W5PSC passed the Advanced class exam. W5QPP went to Houston and passed the General. 'Tis nice to get reports, but 'tis nicer to also receive remarks to help fill this column." OO/OVS W5CIT reports 20-meter RITY has been generally pretty good; TIRS between Blanco and Austin now operating; the two will be interconnected in few weeks. Traffic: (Feb.) K5HR 42, W5KJ 35, W5VBM 34, W5UGE 28, W5LJ 39, W5GVO 157, W5AMN 93, W5KR 69, W5YEA 63, W5BNU 62, W5SQD 47, W5FMA 50, W5RTN/5 49, W5IJR 37, W5ARRK 36, W5RGE 32, W5QO 31, W5TFW 22, W5HNS 20, W5PSC 10, K5RVF 11, K5ROZ 7. (Jan.) W5SLTW 50, W5GZG 6.

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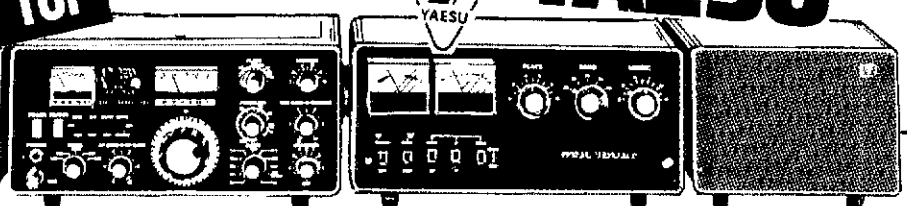
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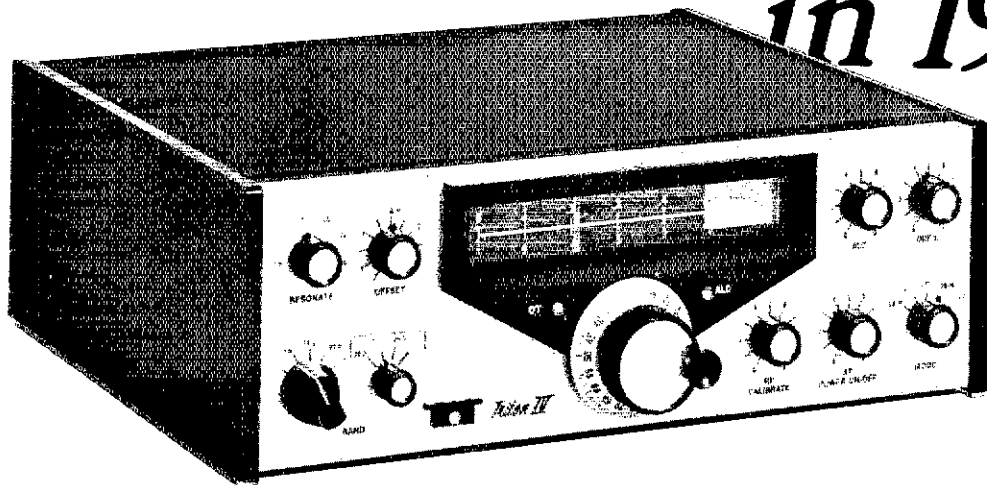
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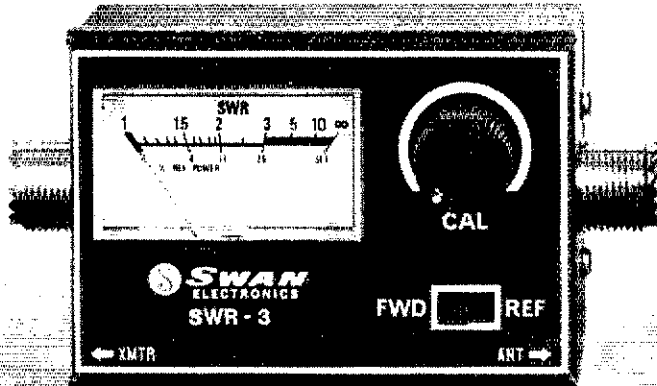
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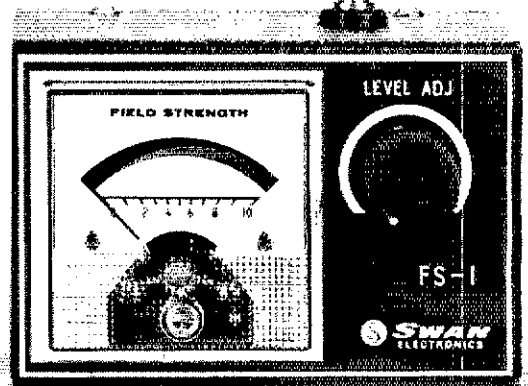
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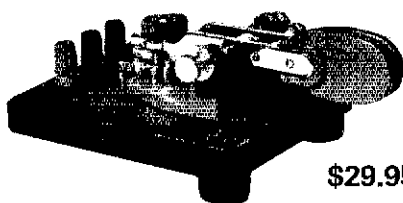
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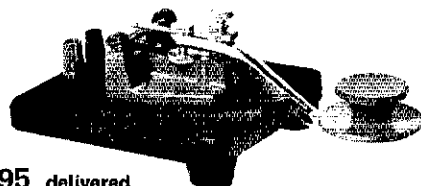


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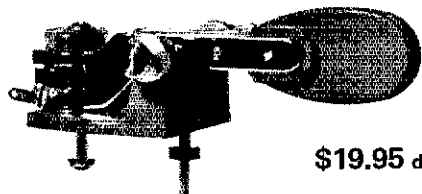


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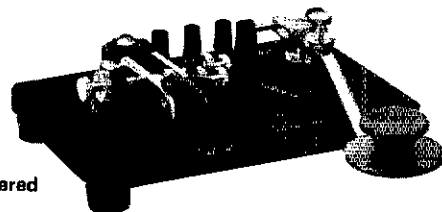
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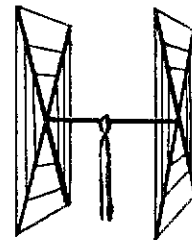
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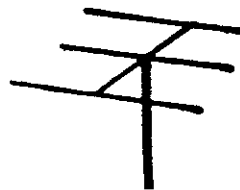
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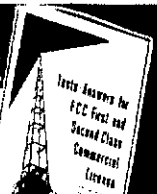
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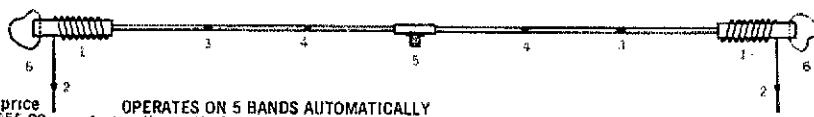
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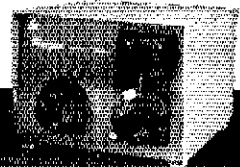
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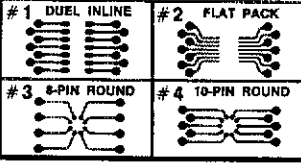
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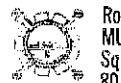
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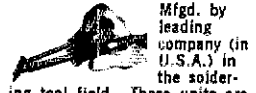
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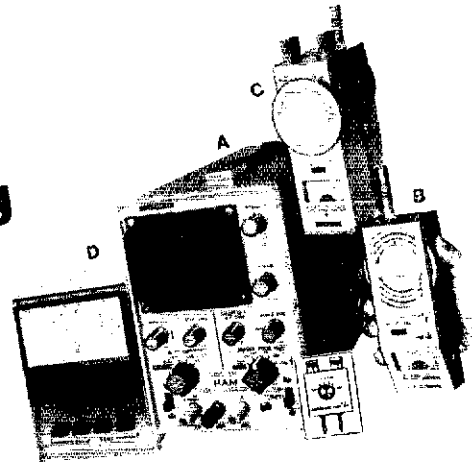


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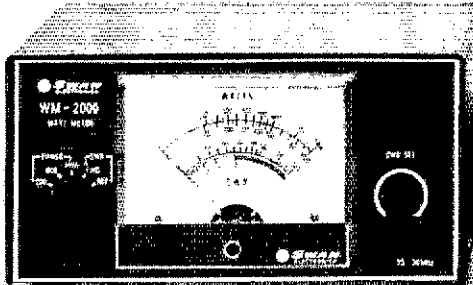
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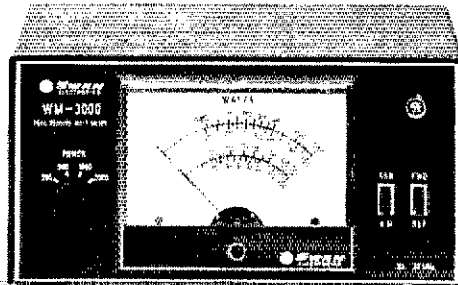
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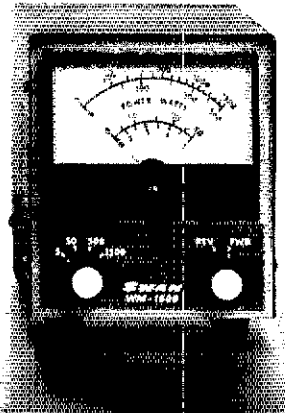
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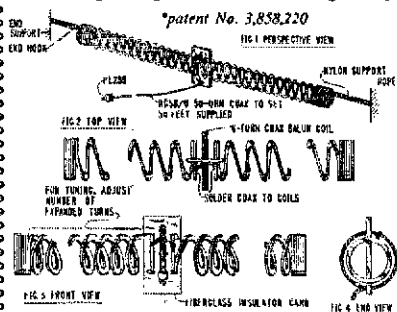


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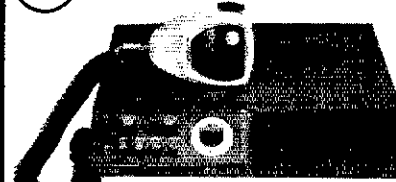
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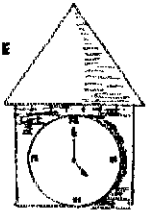


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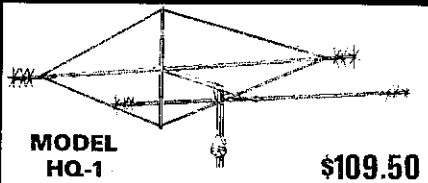
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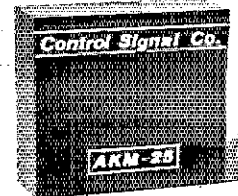
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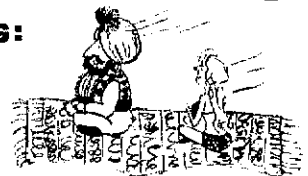


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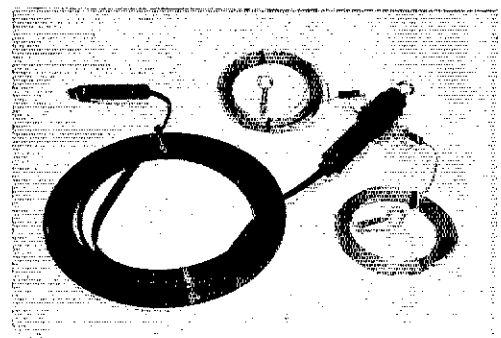
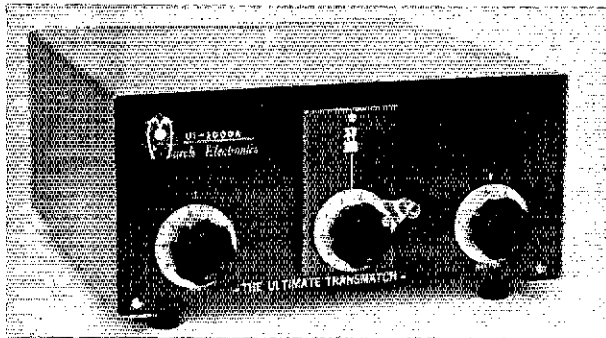
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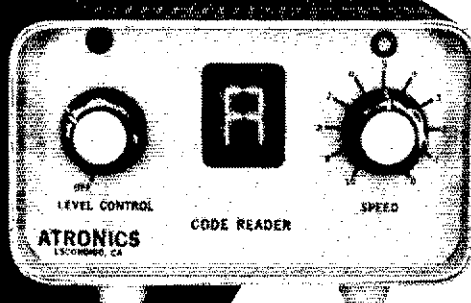
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TRANSISTORS  
WITH A HOLE IN IT  
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Untested.  
Cat's name factory but we bought barrels of 25 watters with hole in middle, PNP's and NPN's. Cat.No.SM2610

**BARREL KIT #35**  
NEON LAMPS  
40 for \$1.98

100% good.  
Famous NE-2's. All prime, but factory made millions and factory 'em. You cut postage. Cat.No.SM2613

**BARREL KIT #36**  
GERMANIUM DIODES  
200 for \$1.98

Untested.  
Famous maker, popular item. Never grows old. But this is the way the RE-TESTERS buy 'em from the factories. Cat.No.SM2614

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1 AMP "BULLETT"  
RECTIFIERS  
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Untested.  
Famous style, ass'd voltages, silicon, axial includes all types of voltages to 1KV. Cat.No.SM2615

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2 AMP RECTIFIERS  
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Untested.  
"CYLINDER" type, silicon. Makers, includes all voltages up to 1KV. Axial leads. Cat.No.SM2616

**BARREL KIT #39**  
2N2055 HOBBY  
TRANSISTORS  
15 for \$1.98

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From factory to you, these fallouts of the famous 2N2055's have 20 barrels. Cat.No.SM2617

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Untested.  
Hobby type, factory fallouts, we purchased them in barrels. These are untested. Cat.No.SM2624

**BARREL KIT #48**  
SIGNAL SILICON  
DIODES  
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Includes many, many types of switching, signal silicon types, all axial leads. Some may be silicon. Cat.No.SM2628 Untested.

**BARREL KIT #54**  
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**BARREL KIT #60**  
DTL'S IC'S  
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This is prime barrel material, who wants 194's, 924, 742, 449's. You gain in our loss. They're marked too. Cat.No.SM2728

**BARREL KIT #61**  
POLYSTYRENE CAPS  
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Untested.  
Famous traps made, as a general we bought 10 barrels from factories, mixed values, all good. Cat.No.SM2729

**BARREL KIT #65**  
MIXED READOUTS  
15 for \$1.98

Untested.  
Factory returns - each number as RETURN-A, MAN-7, MAN-2, 11 barrels & no time to separate. Cat.No.SM2733 Untested.

**BARREL KIT #68**  
2 WATTERS  
100 for \$1.98

100% good.  
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**BARREL KIT #71**  
CAPACITOR SPECIAL  
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Untested.  
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**BARREL KIT #73**  
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It "bugs" us why the factories dump 'em in barrels. We don't want to separate 'em. Values up to 300 pf. Cat.No.SM2747

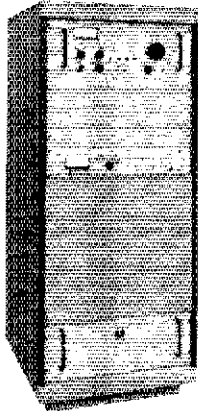
**BARREL KIT #75**  
400MW ZENERS  
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Untested.  
Factory out of last Amazing offer of 1, 12, 12 to 15V. Untested. Hermetically sealed glass case, double ring. Cat.No.SM2740

**BARREL KIT #76**  
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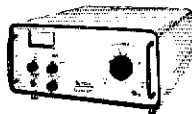
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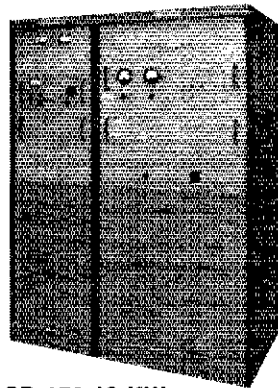
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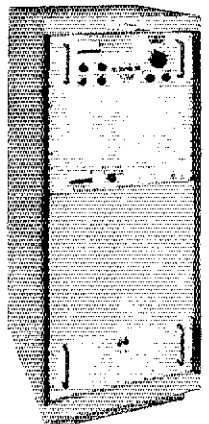


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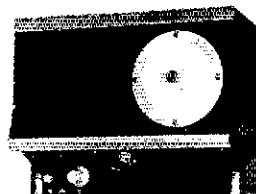
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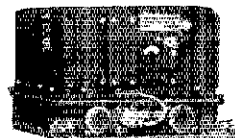
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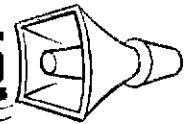
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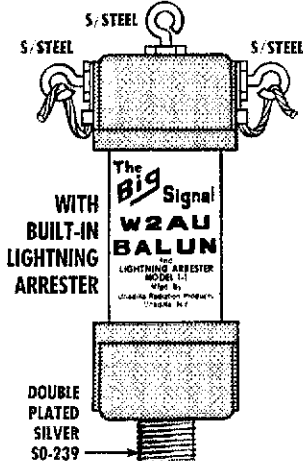
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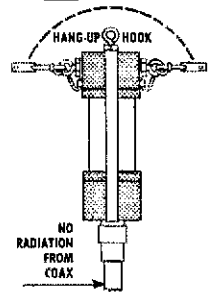
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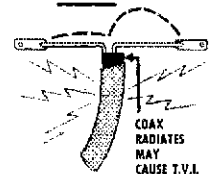
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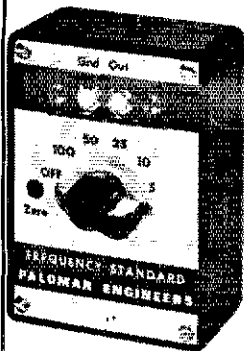
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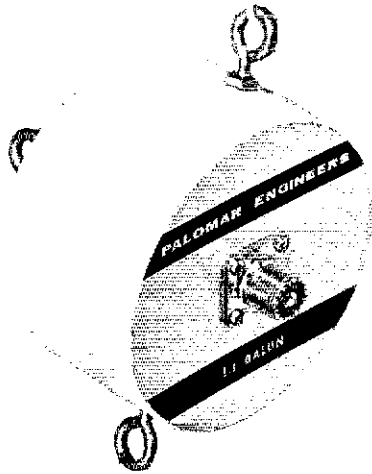
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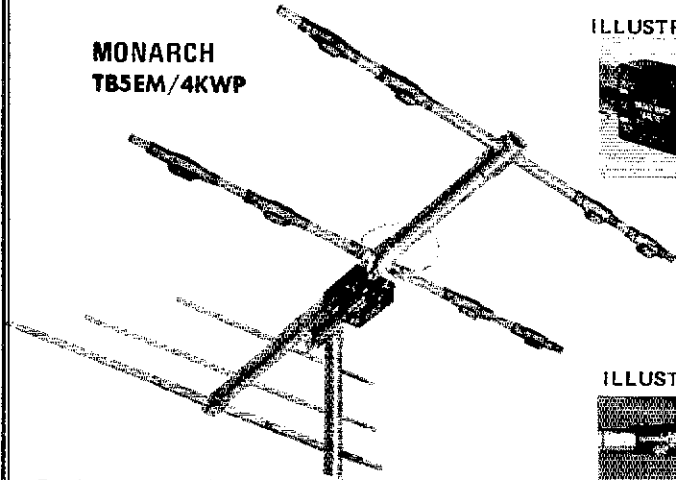


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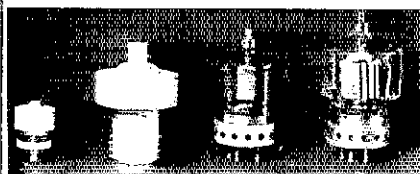
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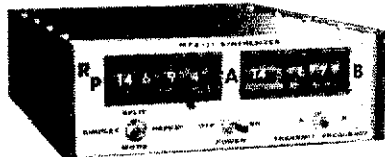
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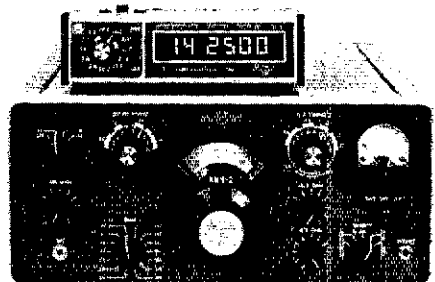
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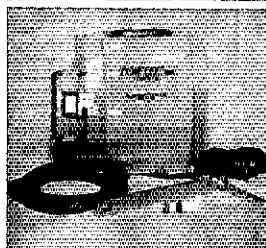
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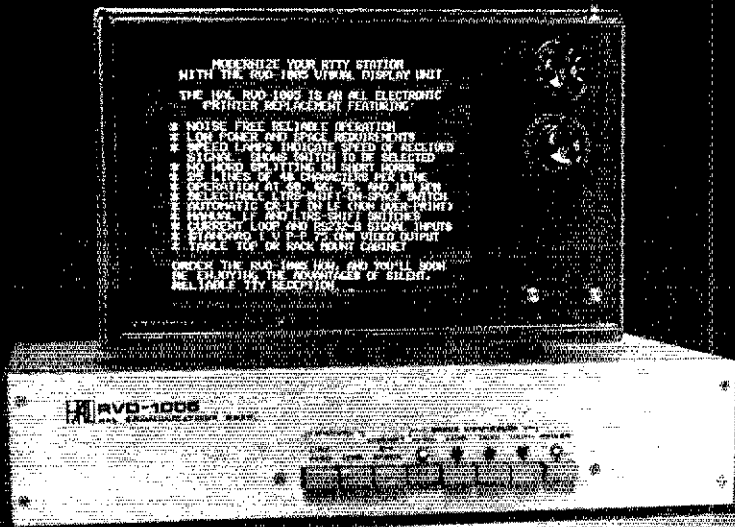
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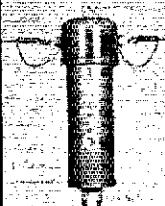
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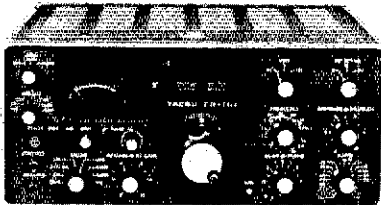
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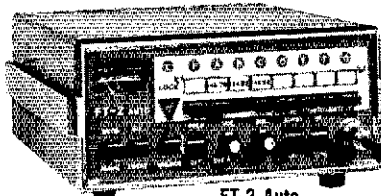
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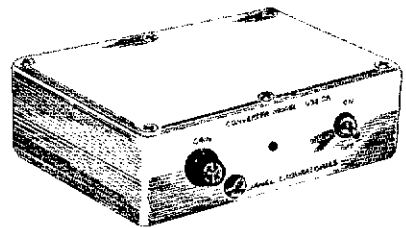
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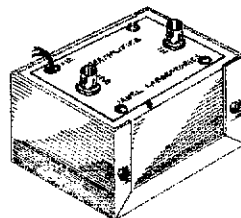
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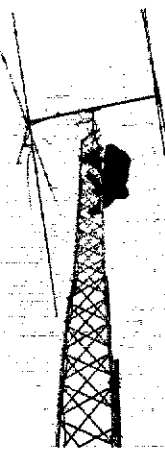
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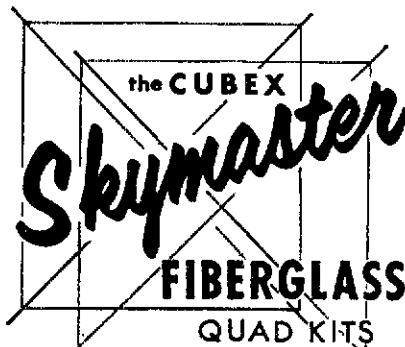
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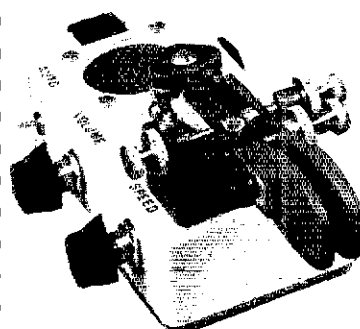
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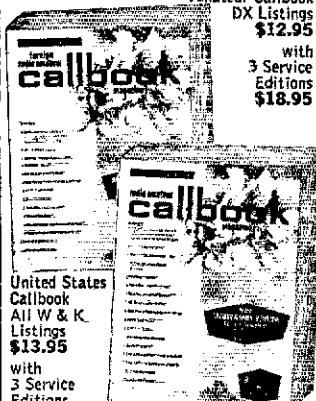
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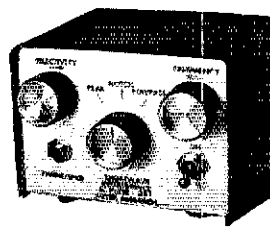
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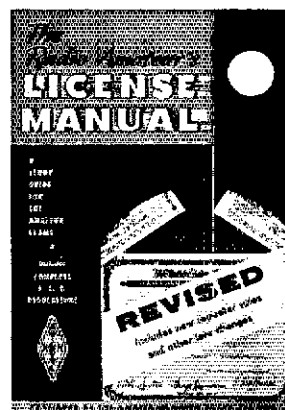
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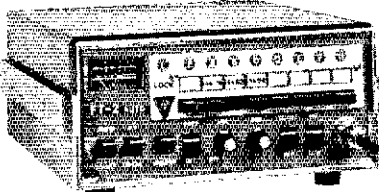
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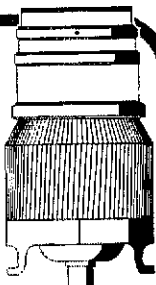
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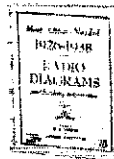
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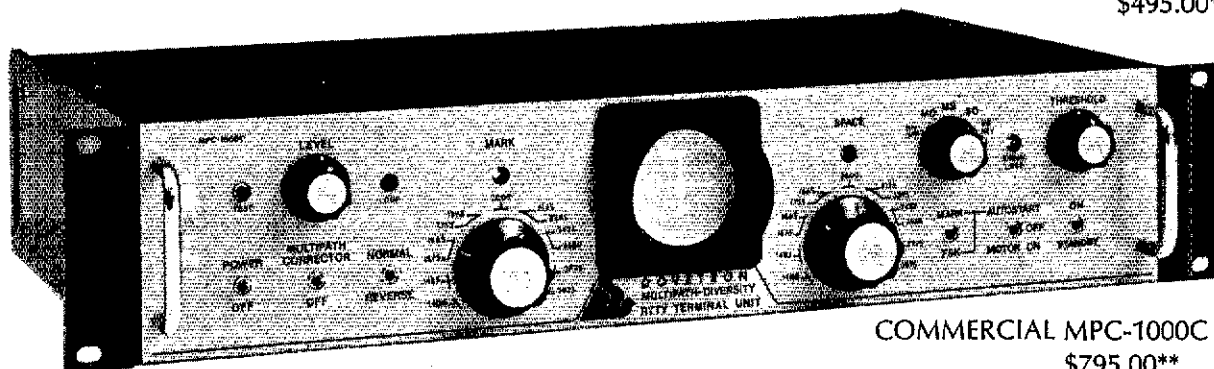
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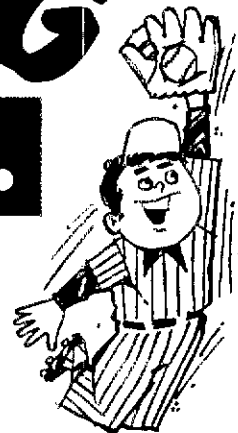
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VHF Mobile/Base Station  
2 Meter Transceiver

Here is a compact, versatile transceiver designed for the active 2 meter enthusiast. The FT-221 features all mode operation—SSB/FM/CW/AM—with repeater offset capability. Advanced phase lock loop circuitry offers unsurpassed stability and clean spurious free signals. Modular, computer-type construction offers reliability and ease of service. Preset pass band tuning provides the optimum selectivity and performance needed on today's active 2 meter band. Join the fun on FM, DX, or OSCAR, with the FT-221 transceiver—another winner from the world's leader in amateur communications equipment.

## Features

- Complete 144-148 MHz coverage in 8 band segments—11 crystal channels per band segment. (11 xtals = 88 crystal controlled channels)
- SSB output 12 watts PEP—FM/CW output 14 watts—AM output 2.5 watts
- Dual rate, concentric VFO dial drive with better than 1 kHz readout
- Three way metering: S-meter, power output, and FM discriminator
- Built-in AC & DC power supplies and speaker
- Built-in tone burst—adjustable 1500-2000 Hz

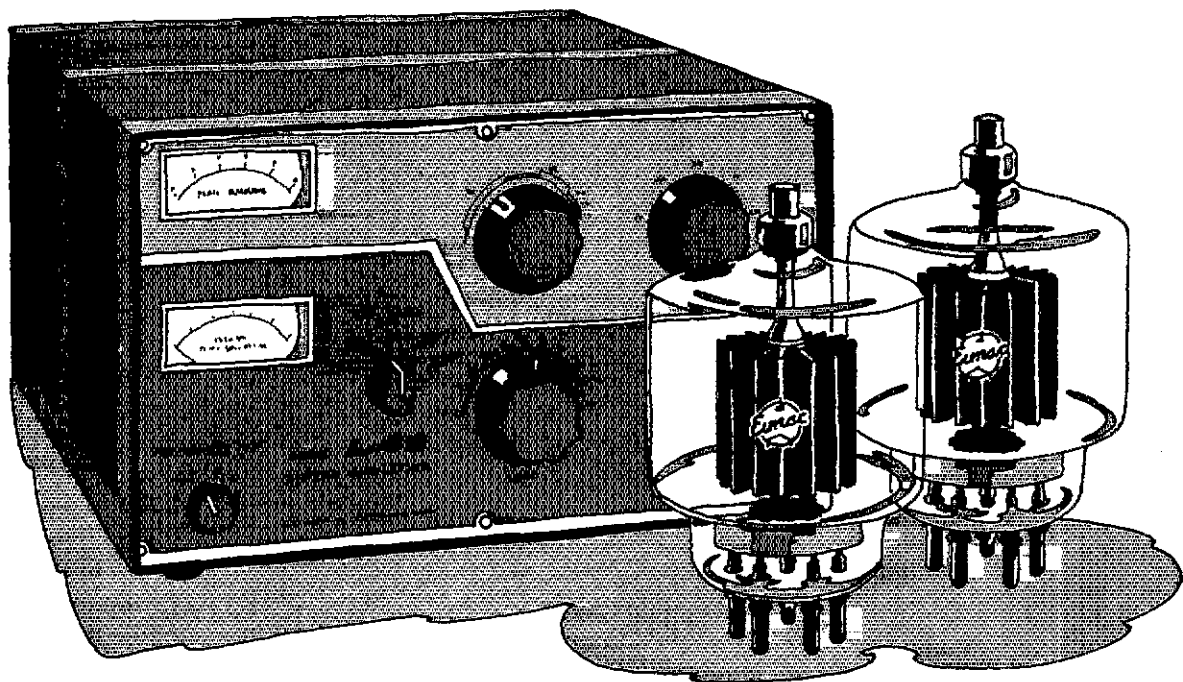
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# The Drake L-4B's not-so-secret ingredient.



## EIMAC 3-500Z triodes.

The good guys at Drake are proud to tell you about their L-4B linear amplifier. They won't hide the fact that precision design insures continuous operation at one kilowatt power input on CW, AM and RTTY; and two kilowatts PEP on SSB. You won't have to ask twice about the L-4B's features like the transmitting AGC circuit to control exciter gain, the standby switch or the built-in RF directional wattmeter.

Our point? Drake doesn't keep it a secret that the L-4B's high efficiency class B grounded grid circuit uses EIMAC 3-500Z zero bias triodes. EIMAC's performance reputation is a much publicized plus. Use of the 3-500Zs simplifies the circuitry, provides 1,000 watts plate dissipation and turns driving power into maximum output power.

To find out more about the reason Drake's first choice is EIMAC, or to ask about our design flexibility to meet individual applications, drop us a line or call. We have no secrets.

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