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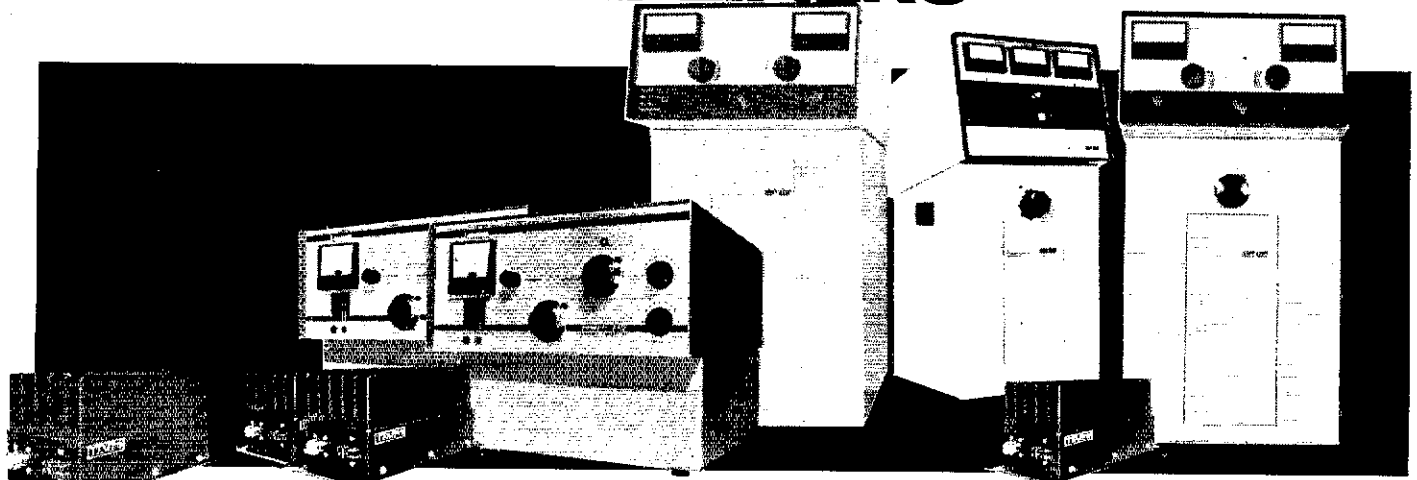
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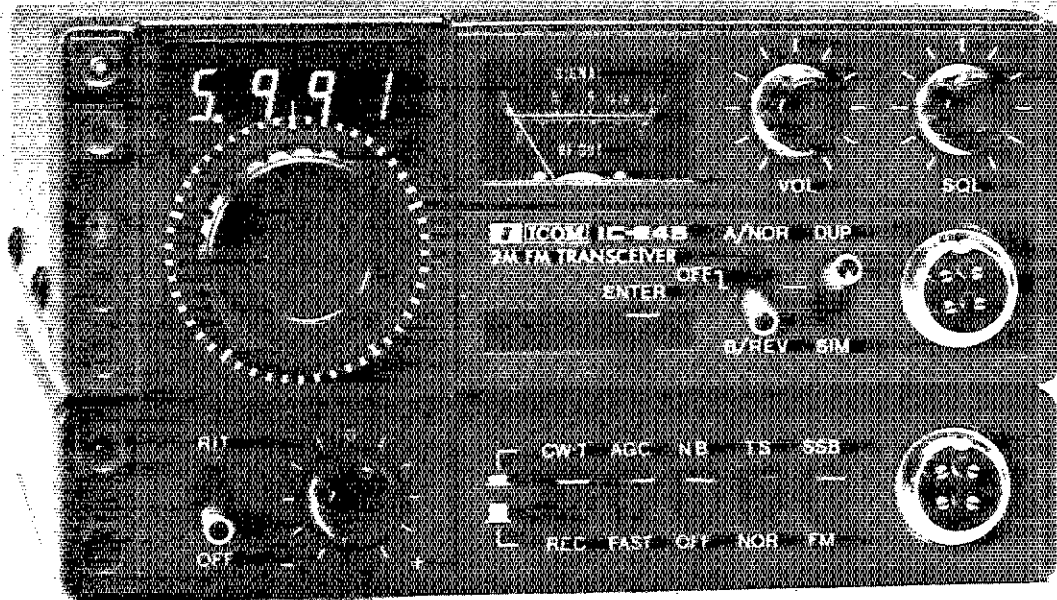
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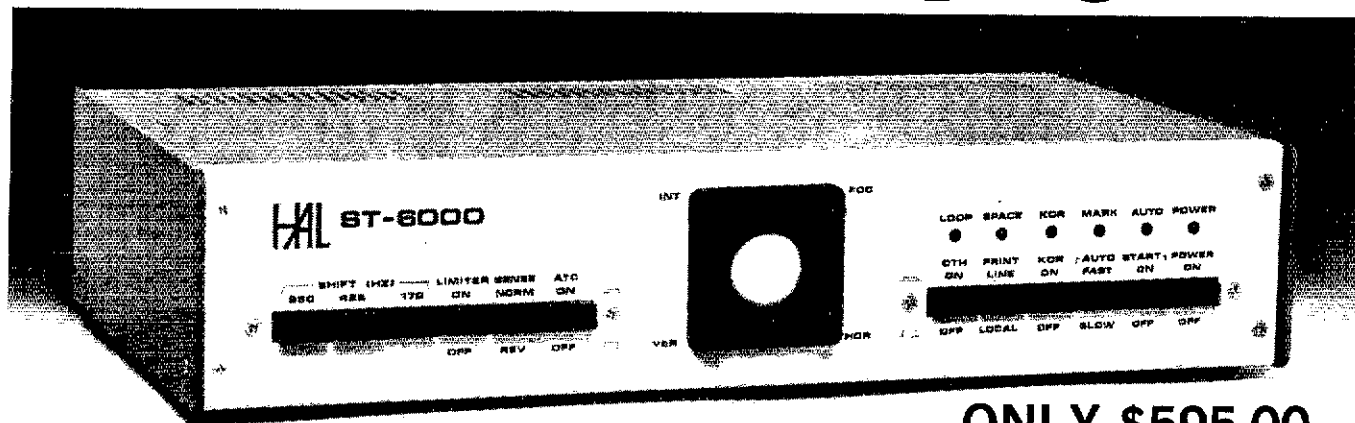


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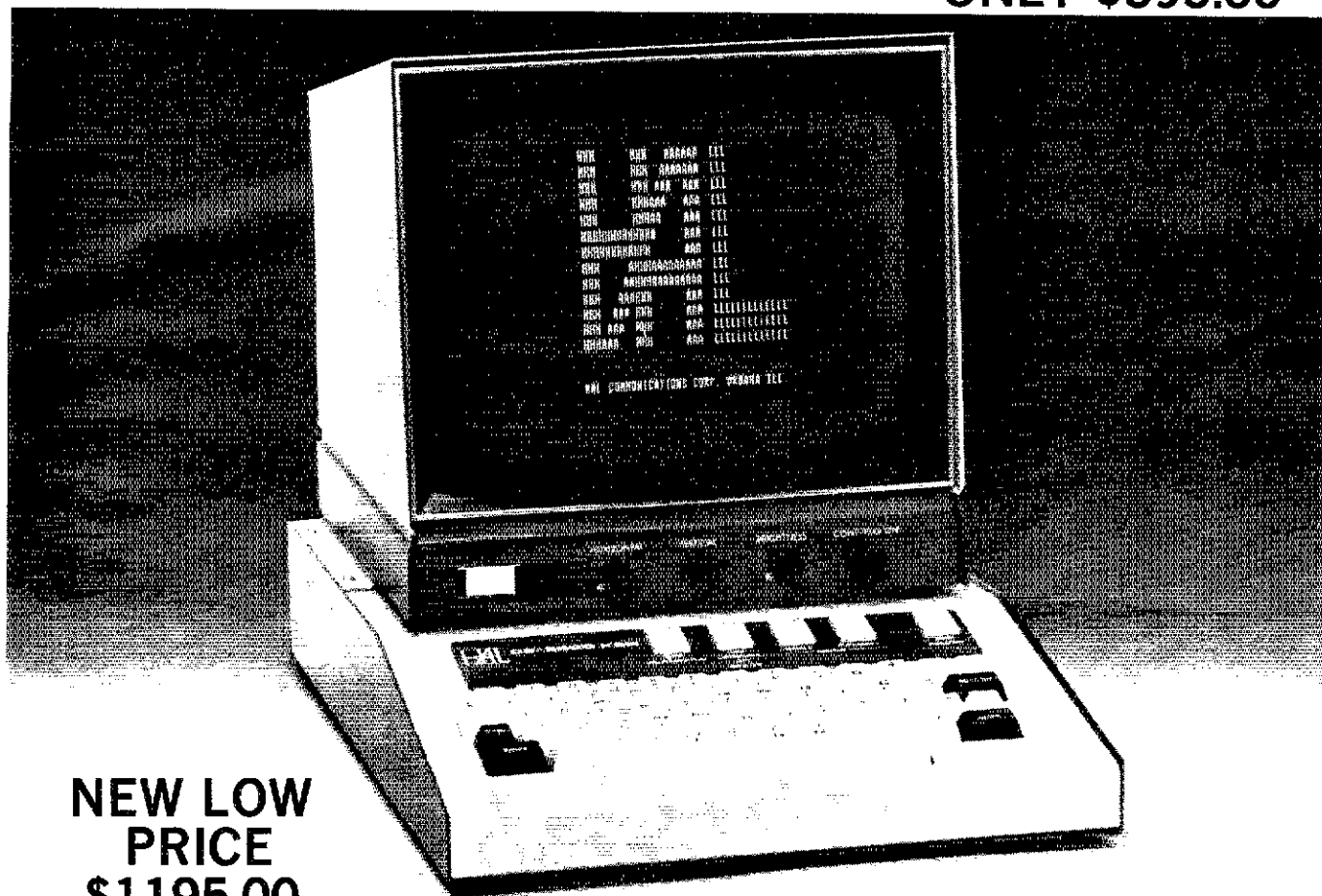
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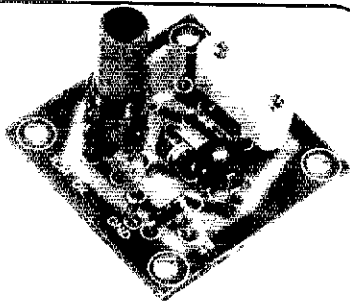
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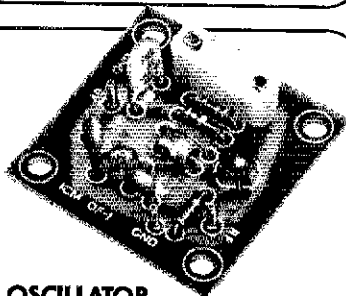
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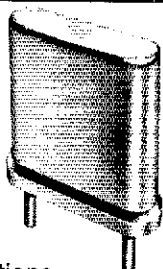
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900-MHz Class E CB — the Ultimate Answer

The sword of 220-MHz CB continues to hang over our heads, and it may be time for the Commission to resolve the question for once and for all. And we think, once all the facts have been reviewed, there's only one logical answer.

To get at the facts, one has to stand back and look at CB objectively. The real hard question that has to be answered is — what kind of communication does CB need? While there may be some relatively minor exceptions (minor in terms of percentage of total use), our experience is that the overwhelming majority of CB contacts take place over a range of no more than two or three miles. This not because that is the limit of the frequency or the equipment, but because it is the limit of the *need*. Car-to-car communication on the open highway needs only a maximum range of two or three miles to pass the word about traffic conditions. The CBER in search of travel directions invariably can best be helped by another CBER who is nearby and is familiar with the neighborhood. The fisherman along the coast is interested in what is happening nearby, not in long-distance fishing information.

Another aspect of CB operation is that people gather where the action is. On the open highway it's channel 19 for those critical Smokey reports, or channel 9 if the CBER wants to monitor for emergencies. In various cities certain specific channels are used for local traffic reports and commuter chit-chat along specific roads, and when you tune across your CB set, whether it has 23 or 40 channels, only a few are in heavy use, because that's where the action is. So, although there may be 10 million CB licensees in the U.S. right now, there aren't 10 million ÷ 40 on each channel, or even 10 million ÷ 23 on each channel. It's more like 10 million divided by about half a dozen, to get the true channel loading on the popular channels, and by several hundred on the others. The 17 new ones are still graveyard-quiet, even in metropolitan areas.

The CB market is in a state of disarray right now. An overstock of 23-channel sets at year-end, and the introduction of the new 40-channel sets, have resulted in all sorts of price-cutting and instability. To introduce another CB allocation at this point would only add chaos to an already confused mar-

ket situation. What the CB market needs right now is a period of tranquility, so that the overstocks can be reduced and a cautious reassessment can be made as to what the next step ought to be.

What *should* the next step be? Certainly not 220 MHz. That was a proposal made in haste more than five years ago, proposed by those who hoped to profit quickly from what they very correctly saw as a large market. The dollar sign was the only thing in focus. In opposition were such real considerations as the fact that 220 was already allocated (albeit on a secondary basis) to a viable and responsible service, that there might have to be certain geographical restrictions, that there were serious possibilities of interference to TV sets, and that no real *need* has been clearly demonstrated. Even now, with 10-million licensees, because of the short-range character of the communication that takes place, and because of the tendency of the users to cluster together on those channels where the action is, the *need* for additional channels has yet to be clearly demonstrated.

But, as CB continues to grow, and as hf propagation conditions change with the inevitability of the sunspot cycle, the need for more CB channels will develop.

Where to put them? More channels in the vicinity of 27 MHz? Maybe, by displacing other users there and by accepting the fact that the problems of freak propagation and the unauthorized use of amateur transmitters will continue to bother CBERs and the Commission.

More channels at 220? Maybe, if the government is willing to displace two existing services which are using that allocation heavily, if it wants to risk problems in border areas, and if it is willing to accept the chances of TVI. And, of course, the same problem of unauthorized use of higher powered amateur equipment would exist.

But why not a solution which avoids all the previously mentioned pitfalls and which is a sagacious long-term solution and which demonstrates good and responsible frequency management? 900 MHz! No existing service would have to be displaced. Dozens and dozens of channels could be made available for future CB needs as yet undefined. There would not be the temptation for CBERs

to use equipment of illegal power. There would unquestionably be fewer interference problems. It would truly be a personal radio service which would not impinge on other services and which could exist in splendid isolation.

Is the state of the art ready? Yes, sir! Last month we personally took part in a demonstration in which two cars, each with 27-MHz and 900-MHz units of comparable effective radiated power, drove around a typical urban-suburban area, switching back and forth between the two channels, comparing signals. Fantastic!

There were some spots where one exceeded the performance of the other, but overall there doesn't have to be one word of apology for the coverage provided by 900. And while a few manufacturers toss around offhand comments about high cost, the fact is that the ones who have done their homework are capable *today* of producing equipment in zillion-lot quantities at very reasonable prices.

For a variety of reasons, there may be no need to announce Class E CB at this time, but when the time does come, 900 MHz is the only logical choice. — WIRU

ANDERSON ANSWERED

Just as this issue was going to press, on April 4, a Jack Anderson column appeared in hundreds of newspapers and was quite upsetting to many of our members. The column implied the League's efforts to convince FCC not to reallocate amateur frequencies to CB were somehow improper. It contained a number of factual misstatements in support of its thesis. Nothing was said about potential for television and other interference, nor about the numerous other problems which could be created by a reallocation. The theme was that 300,000 amateurs were thwarting the desires of nine million CBers; not a word was said about the rights of 200 million TV viewers, or about the efforts hams are making to open up amateur radio to CBers and others serious about radio communication.

The response of League members was gratifying, to say the least. We received hundreds of phone calls from concerned members who intended to write their local papers to set the record straight, and we know this is only the tip of the iceberg. Already, the impact has been felt at both the local and the national levels. The League has concentrated on uncovering the source of the misinformation quoted since this, not Jack Anderson, is the real source of our unhappiness. As we go to press, a suitable response at the national level is being drafted by Hq. — KIZZ

League Lines...

Nominations are still open for committee members to be appointed by ARRL President Dannals, W2HD, to the vhf/uhf advisory committee (VUAC), recently authorized by the ARRL Board of Directors. Nomination forms may be obtained from Hq. Potential nominees and the three signers of the nominating petition must be League members. The purpose of the VUAC is to advise the Board on matters pertaining to the spectrum above 50 MHz. The repeater advisory committee (VRAC) will continue to advise on repeater matters.

DXCC REMINDER. As announced in January QST, a change in DXCC Rule 9 has been approved. But the change has not yet been implemented. Please wait to send in your applications and cards under the new provision until the detailed "go-ahead" is announced in QST "DXCC Notes" in the coming months.

Through efforts Director Ron Hesler, VE1SH, and other hams in the Canadian Division, the special call sign VA3RRL has been obtained for use at the National Convention station in Toronto this June. See YOU there!

HELP WANTED: League Headquarters is looking for personnel with amateur radio backgrounds to fill vacancies in the Membership Services, Communications Club & Training and Technical Departments. We also have an opening for an Assistant Manager of Marketing. Interested? Send your resume, information about your job and amateur radio experiences and salary requirements to ARRL Hq.

Due to the death of VE6TK, the VE QSL Bureau has been taken over by VE6AGV. The new VE6 QSL Bureau address is G.D. Holston, VE6AGV, 4003 - 1st St., N.W., Calgary, Alberta T2K 0X2, Canada.

Are you a ham working in the newspaper, radio, TV, magazine or other related business? If so, we'd like to list you in our card file of hams in the media. Please send info on yourself or anyone you know who would qualify to Public Information at Hq.

The Jordanian Amateur Radio Society has announced that Jordanian amateurs will be using a special JY25 prefix followed by their individual calls on special occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Majesty King Hussein of Jordan, JY1. The period of the special call use will run from 2200 UTC May 24th to 2200 UTC June 25th 1977. A special award will be issued. Further details available from ARRL. S.A.S.E. please.

The National Telecommunications Conference (NTC) has extended its call for papers deadline to June 1, 1977. Modern Technology in Amateur Radio is one of the special subject topics being solicited. For more information, contact S.A. Butman at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA.

Saudi Arabia has authorized amateur radio station 7Z1AB to conduct third party communications with U.S. amateur stations, effective immediately.

Your First Receiver— How to Choose It

If you're an average newcomer to amateur radio, it's likely that selecting your first receiver has you confused and perplexed. A correct choice can mean the difference between enjoying ham radio and hating it!

By Doug DeMaw,* W1FB

I walked into a large radio wholesale house recently and was intrigued by the shelf upon shelf of new and used amateur equipment displayed by the vendor. But even more interesting was the lineup of prospective buyers that shuffled back and forth among the aisles. The potential customers were scratching their heads and asking questions of one another, pointing to this and that piece of gear and inquiring about the salient features — if any. After doing some eavesdropping among the busy and enthusiastic shoppers, I realized how confused most of the first-time buyers really were, and I recalled my early days as a ham: I was pretty mixed up also when it came to getting the most for my investment. I'd like to offer a few suggestions for those of you who are new to our amateur pastime — pointers for picking a receiver that will do the job of "hearing" the weak signals, separating them in a busy ham band, and staying tuned to the desired frequency once it has been chosen.

New or Used Gear?

A lot of beginners feel that it's best to proceed with caution . . . spending the least amount of money possible when purchasing that first receiver or transmitter. Well, we all like to be Scotsmen when it comes to investing dollars in our hobbies, but *cheap* is not necessarily *best* for a fellow or gal who is just getting into amateur radio. Sure, a person can "luck out" now and then



This collection of receivers illustrates some choices for a new amateur. Top to bottom, a homemade unit, used commercial receiver, surplus type and another homemade job (foreground).

and realize a buyer's bonanza in ham gear, but it seldom happens in a *store*. Some good-hearted experienced amateur may offer the newcomer a fine piece of equipment (one that has been sequestered in the cellar since his new apparatus was bought) for a reasonable price, but let's address the matter of buying that receiver from a *dealer*. That's where the action is, and you probably want your equipment *now* . . . not when you stumble upon a Good Samaritan. Shucks, you can always sell what you buy now, should a first-class deal emerge later on.

The question of new or used gear is a tough one to judge. If the buyer is really short of "greenies," the logical outlook is toward a used receiver. Used gear is classified as commercial or war surplus. One should remember that most of the war surplus material on the present market is old — really old — from WWII. The state of the art has advanced tremendously since the 1940s, and the surplus hf-band receiver is pretty much deserving of its popular name, "boat anchor." Surplus receivers are rugged, and for the most part — ugly looking! Not only that, they lack selectivity (ability to separate stations), have a fast tuning rate (no bandspread) and may lack sensitivity from aging (weak tubes and misalignment). Among the more tempting surplus receivers are the BC-348, BC-312 and single-band Command receivers. But, none of those items are really suitable for use in today's crowded amateur bands. If you're a technical person you might be able to modify the old surplus receivers to approach modern-day receiver performance, but the cost of the changes and added components would make the entire project absurd, taking into account the initial cost of the boat anchor. In essence, I can't recommend that a beginner start out with war-surplus receiving gear. As a casual item to experiment with later on — yes, but don't buy one and expect to dig those "weakies" out of the QRM!

What option remains if we reject the surplus? Well, it's logical that we examine used commercial receivers as we

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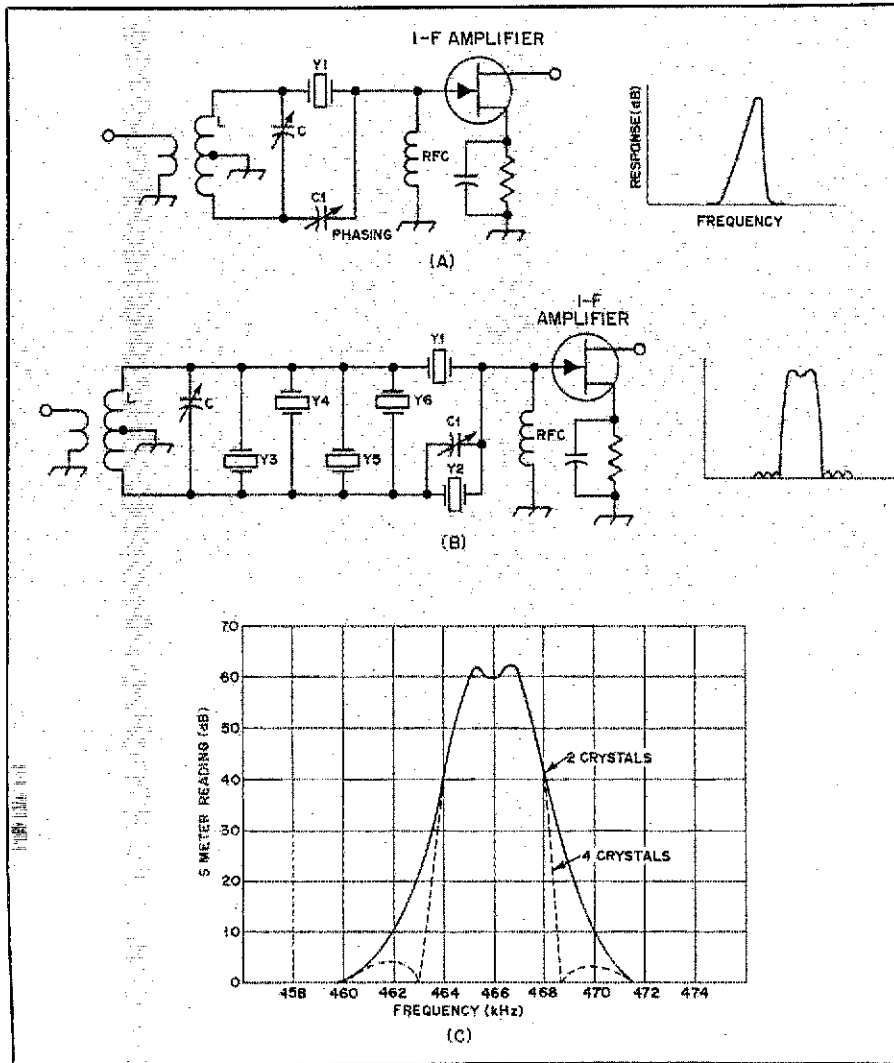


Fig. 1 — Illustration of i-f bandwidth differences versus the number of crystals used in the i-f filter. At A is a one-crystal type of filter with a phasing control (C1). The filter curve is not symmetrical, and its shape will change as C1 is adjusted. At B we see the result of using six crystals. Note the symmetry of the band-pass curve, plus the steep sides of the curve. Greater adjacent-frequency signal rejection is possible because of the sharp slope of the curve. The curves at C show how a two- and four-crystal filter compares in the sharpness of the curve. The response is plotted in kHz versus dB.

continue to squeeze our expenditure to a minimum. How far back in time can we go when evaluating used receivers? Here's where we get into an area of subjectivity, for no two operators regard a given model of gear in the same manner. What you might love as a feature might end up as something I abhor in a receiver. So, in this discussion we must forget our preferences for cabinet sizes, colors and textures. We'd best forget our views on the sizes and styles of knobs, panel-lamp colors, and all manner of superficial trivia. The question is, "How will the darned thing perform on 80-meter cw, or 20-meter ssb?"

Receiver Features

Now that we've decided to investigate used commercial receivers, what

shall we seek by way of useful features and performance? What price class are we dealing with? Well, I seriously doubt that anyone with a keen interest in operating our hf amateur bands will be able to squeak by with anything under \$100 in price. So let's look at the items that sell for that price or higher. That means we forget about such receivers as NC-57s, S-40s, S-38s, NC-88s and similar squawk boxes.

By way of needed features are selectivity, sensitivity and bandspread. The latter means that the user has the ability to spread the stations over a wide arc of dial calibration. It would be a terrible receiver that allowed the operator, say, 1/2 inch of dial face for the entire 80-meter band. It is much better to be able to spread it over several inches of dial face. Right? So we'll hunt for a

receiver that has plenty of bandspread. Generally speaking, we are interested in a ham-band-only receiver. That type has a slow tuning rate and plenty of dial face for each ham band. All modern amateur receivers are made that way, and most tune 500 kHz on each band, even though some of our ham bands don't have 500 kHz of spectrum for our use (160 meters, for example, with a 200-kHz availability).

Most of the early day receivers had two dial faces and tuning mechanisms. One was called *bandset* (fast tuning) and the other was labeled *bandspread* (slow tuning). Receivers of that class covered the ham bands and the commercial frequencies in between, including the standard broadcast band. For amateur work that was a waste of space and components, but if you're a shortwave enthusiast, then a general-coverage receiver may be your "thing." The primary handicap with that style of receiver is the difficulty one has in trying to get the bandspread dial set up for meaningful frequency readout. Each time you change bands it is necessary to adjust the bandset dial to the proper reference mark so that the bandspread dial markings are correct. A built-in 100-kHz calibrator is a must if the task is to be performed quickly and accurately. Unfortunately, not many older general-coverage receivers had a calibrator built in, but you can purchase one and install it if you choose that style of receiver. A contest operator would despise a general-coverage receiver, because in contests it is necessary to switch from band to band numerous times during the event, and all of that calibrating would send most of us off to the "laughing academy" in short order. Don't let me sell those old clunker shorts, however: Many of them can provide good service for the patient operator. Some of the units that might be suitable are the NC-183D, SX-71, SX-76, HQ-129X, HQ-140, HQ-180, NC-303, SX-111, RME 50, HQ-110 and others of that age and class. One might also consider the HRO-50-T1 and HRO-60 receivers. With these boxes it is necessary to plug in a coil assembly (front of the receiver) for each band of interest. Each coil module has shorting bars which can be set to provide bandspread or general coverage, and the choice is up to the user. HROs, in their day, were the "Cadillacs" of the receiver world, and they were built very well inside and out.

With respect to *selectivity*, we're speaking mainly of i-f (intermediate frequency) selectivity. In other words, we want a receiver that has sufficient selectivity to separate ssb and cw signals when conditions become crowded in our bands. The early receivers that we have mentioned have *crystal filters*

These circuits consist of a single crystal in series with the i-f signal path. A phasing control is located on the front panel of the equipment to enable the user to manipulate the characteristics of the filter — changing the filter curve to enhance desired signals or reject unwanted ones. In practice, that's just one more chore the operator has to contend with as he tunes in a signal. Some sports-car enthusiasts insist of having a manual 4-speed shift, as it "gives them something to do while they're driving" in addition to aiding performance. An early-day receiver gives the operator "something to do" while he's operating too — band calibration and crystal phasing!

In an ideal receiver one would not need to fiddle with a crystal filter. Rather, the receiver would have separate i-f filters for cw and ssb work. The filters would be prealigned, and they would be far more complex in design than the old single-crystal filters were. Modern receivers use as many as eight crystals in a filter, and that is much better when it comes to rejecting signals that are close in frequency to the desired one. Fig. 1 illustrates how the i-f bandpass characteristics compare between the early filters and present-day ones. It can be seen that the *skirts* of the filter curve are much sharper and uniform with modern multipole filters. Collins mechanical filters compare favorably in this characteristic.

Don't feel that all is lost if you want to buy a good "older" receiver. Those senior-citizen units can be perked up rather well by adding a low-cost RC active audio filter to them. The MFJ Enterprises CWF-2, for example, can be installed just after the receiver detector. Its operating voltage can be swiped from the cathode of the audio output tube, as anything from 6 to 15 volts will run the audio filter nicely. Most audio amplifiers have approximately 8 volts available across the cathode-bias resistor (Fig. 2). Alternatively, a 9-volt battery will power the filter for a long time. If you don't like the idea of chopping into the circuitry, an Autek Research audio filter can be used outboard between the phone jack and the speaker or phones. (Both companies advertise in *QST* from time to time.) The RC active filters will aid cw reception a great deal, and selectivity comparable to that obtained with a multipole crystal i-f filter can be realized. An audio filter will also help to reduce wide-band noise coming from some of the vintage receivers.

Concerning receiver stability, one can never predict how things will turn out in that regard when buying any piece of used equipment. Nothing can be more troublesome than a receiver which has a drifting local oscillator and/or BFO. Mechanical instability can

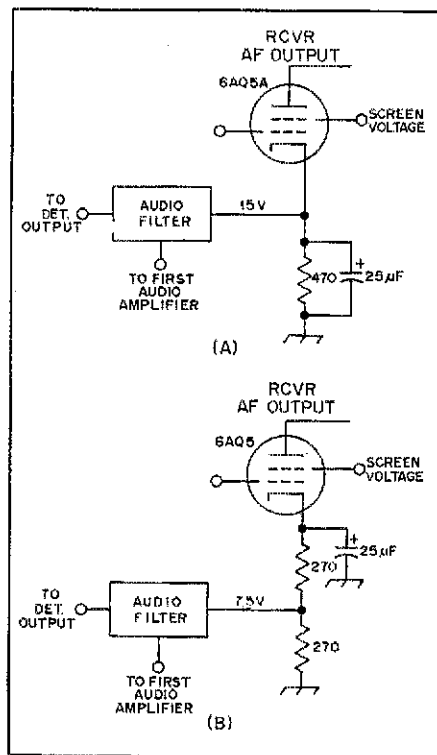


Fig. 2 — Typical audio output stages in older receivers. Operating voltage (dc) can be obtained from the cathode of the audio amplifier tube as shown. The actual amount of voltage developed across the cathode bias resistor will depend on the current drawn by the tube. At A we find 15 volts available for a typical stage. If less voltage is desired, make a resistive divider as is shown at B. The total resistance should be approximately equal to the ohmic value of the single original resistor. The ohmic ratio of the two resistors can be anything the operator chooses, and the ratio will determine the output voltage available.

complicate operations also. Some of the older receivers were somewhat fragile in construction, and the mere act of bumping the receiver or the operating table could make the received signal vanish, or at the least — warble until the vibration ceased. Inspection of the dial mechanism, variable capacitor and chassis strength is worthwhile when picking a used receiver. The more rugged those items are, the better. As far as regular frequency drift goes, that's mainly a matter of heat changes within the receiver cabinet. Tube-type receivers are especially prone to drift, and operating with the lid of the cabinet open should aid the problem. Dirty or worn bearings on the main tuning capacitor will often cause drift or erratic oscillator operation. It's a good idea to give a used receiver a few shots of contact cleaner at the bearing points of the variable capacitors, and a squirt or two into the potentiometers (and on the switch contacts).

It will be meaningless to guess at the

receiver sensitivity when making a selection. If the seller is doing the right thing for his customers, he's offering equipment that has been checked and aligned. This means that bad tubes should have been replaced, and all serious equipment maladies resolved. If he has not done this (ask him), he may be willing to get the equipment percolating properly for a slight service charge. As a buyer who has no particular technical aptitude, you might be wise to have that task performed. I can't recommend strongly enough that the buyer take his used receiver home on a *trial basis* for a day or two, then make the final deal if all is as it is advertised to be. Once you get the piece at home where you can play with it, ask an experienced operator to help you determine if it's worth the fee being charged.

Among the better (and newer) used receivers are the Drake line, Kenwoods, Collins 75-A4 and 75-S series, and the Heath SB-301 and SB-303 units. The older Collins 75-A units (75-A1, A2 and A3) aren't bad either: Stability, selectivity and sensitivity are likely to be okay in those units, and the frequency read-out is very accurate. Mechanical filters can be purchased to obtain the specific degree of i-f selectivity you want, consistent with the bandwidths that Collins Radio makes available.

Of the later-model good war-surplus receivers are the Collins R-390 and 51-J1. They cost quite a bit as used gear (\$300 class), but are good substantial items, and should perform well for most amateur work.

Selecting a New Receiver

The "dollars crunch" really hits you hard when you decide to start out with a new receiver! Nothing is inexpensive these days, in relative terms. Perhaps the most economical approach is to buy a Heath receiver in kit form and wire it yourself. Not only will you save some money, but you'll learn something about the layout of your equipment, and that will make servicing less difficult when the need arises.

Good amateur receivers are made by Yaesu, Kenwood, Drake and Collins — as "separates." Don't allow anyone to fool you about tubes versus transistors! A properly designed communications receiver which contains transistors and ICs can do as well or better than a tube type of receiver. It's an old wives' tale that transistors are noisier and more prone to signal overloading than tubes are. Transistorized gear generally requires less service work, operates cooler (less occasion for drift), and is more efficient in terms of power-supply requirements. The chap who "puts down" transistors is probably a person who knows very little about them, and is out of step with today's technology!

For greatest operating convenience the new receiver should have a built-in frequency calibrator (100-kHz or 100- and 25-kHz markers). It should have a tuning dial that turns easily and smoothly, and without noticeable backlash. If it does not have ssb and cw filters, it will probably have the one for ssb. However, make sure that there are provisions for adding a cw filter when you want one. Most cw filters come in 500- or 600-Hz bandwidths, and that is adequate for all but the most demanding weak-signal work.

If the receiver has a digital readout system you will probably have no difficulty breaking the frequency down to 1 kHz. If the unit does not have a digital display, make sure that the analog readout (mechanical) has 1-kHz increments. This will help you to stay within your authorized frequencies, and will aid in spotting the exact frequency when working nets and schedules with friends.

A noise blanker is a nice "extra" to have in your receiver, but the added cost is not always worth the feature. Most blankers cause some degradation in receiver performance, and don't do much good on run-of-the-mill atmospheric and man-made noise. They come into their own when operating mobile, or when you live in an area where sharp pulse noises prevail. Spark-plug noise is chopped rather effectively by means of noise blankers. If you purchased a receiver just because it had a built-in blanker, chances are that you ended up with a long face and a scowl when you tried to banish atmospheric noise in your receiver. A blanker falls short of the mark in such situations.

It is nice to have receiving provisions for one of the WWV NBS station fre-

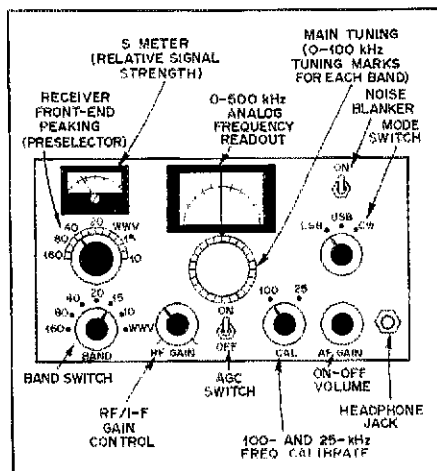


Fig. 3 - Representation of a modern receiver. The labels indicate the control functions for the standard features which most amateurs desire. The analog readout provides 1-kHz increments.

quencies included in your receiver. That facility will enable you to keep tabs on the accuracy of your frequency calibrator - and subsequently your dial readout. WWV will also keep your clock accurate if you adjust the tinypiece frequently against the NBS station.

It would be impossible for anyone to state in a positive manner which new receiver is better than the rest. When we buy a new piece of gear we do it on a chance basis, and each brand and model has its good and bad points. For the most part it's a "trade-off" when you buy ham gear. You simply select the features that appeal to you and settle for what you've bought (Fig. 3). It's always smart to visit a ham who has a receiver of the type you are interested

in purchasing. Try for a free chance to tune the equipment and evaluate it at the other fellow's or gal's shack; then toddle off to the store with your cash.

Homemade Receivers?

An unfortunate fact of life nowadays is that you can't build a receiver for less money than you can buy one - assuming that you are seeking comparable features and performance. Single lot parts purchases are expensive, and parts availability is almost beyond the nightmare stage now. Sure, a cheap receiver can be tacked together for a few dollars (simple superheterodyne or direct-conversions types), but the performance will probably leave a lot to be wished for when it gets down to digging those signals out of the QRM.

Personally, I'd like to see all amateurs using homemade equipment, but not everyone has the technical know-how to build the stuff and make it "play" correctly. An experienced technician can do a lot with a handful of parts, but the less apt person might have a heart-breaking adventure by tackling a complicated receiver project and may lament about the money involved.

I think it's best to start with a store-bought receiver, then as you learn about technical matters you can bit into a few home-construction projects... starting first with some simple receivers and working your way up to the esoteric circuits.

Hey, it's time to get back to tuning the band. I hope you've gotten a few helpful tips from all of this rambling. Maybe I'll see you at the used equipment counter one of these days. Meanwhile, good luck when you go shopping for that first ham receiver!

QST-

Strays

THE HAM IS STILL IN THE CLOSET

□ That's right. Back in my junior high school days I didn't have my shack in the closet. At the time I had a small cw setup. It was located right by the window, which, by the way, is 180 feet above the ground and has a view of the entire New York City vicinity. Most hams would say that's not bad for a 12 year old.

When I grew to age 14, I got bigger, my station got bigger, my room seemed smaller, and my money went faster. By that time I had passed my Tech and had gotten a 2-meter rig. I was just entering high school and had piles of homework. A lot of equipment and a lot of school

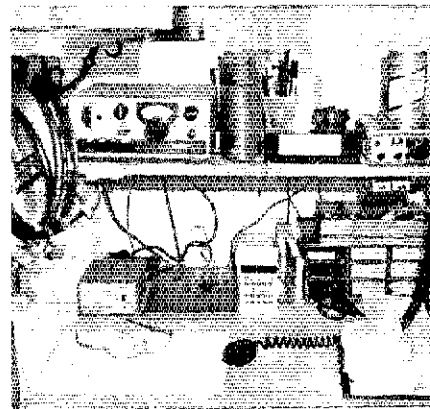
work don't mix, so with permission from the folks, I proceeded to empty out my entire closet. (You're probably wondering where all the clothes went. Well, everyone knows that at that age, you only have one pair of dungarees, and it wasn't hard to find room for them in the hallway closet.)

Now the problem was putting a desk in there. This was the impossible dream. So, without going any further, I built shelves right into the wall.

Now I'm 15 and a sophomore at John Dewey High School. For those of you who read about Jerry Woods' ham-shack closet in August 1976 *QST*, I must say I don't have sparkling new green walls, but I can truly say I have a shack.

One question, though: How do you put up a decent antenna in an 18th floor apartment where it's against the rules to put up an antenna? (It's proba-

bly not too important, though, since my shack seems to have broken all the other rules!) - WA2ALT



Steve Schwartz, WA2ALT, shows that his bedroom closet holds everything a good ham shack needs!

Keying Wave-Shape Correction Circuit

Keyed-cw wave shaping is a lot like the weather — everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it. Perhaps that's because few know what can be done. Suitable shaping circuits can be designed with mathematical equations.

By Robert B. Dome,* W2WAM

This paper discloses means for avoiding keying spikes in transmitters. The correction circuit is passive (no tubes or transistors) and works for any load current; it is independent, therefore, of any changing load conditions presented by the transmitter. The circuit should be of interest to those who use very high-powered transmitters, particularly those with high voltage where tube or transistor regulators would be very expensive and would have to dissipate large amounts of power.

When the key of a transmitter is suddenly closed as in sending a dot or a dash, and the plate voltage is being supplied from a rectifier system having the customary regulation, the wave shape of the dot or dash reflects the presence of regulation. The wave shape is such that initially the dc voltage is highest and then rapidly decreases exponentially to come to rest at a some-

what lower voltage, as shown in the time-voltage wave of Fig. 1. The drop in voltage from the value E_1 at $t = 0$ to E_2 at $t = \infty$ (infinity), when the voltage comes to a rest, divided by the load current in amperes at $t = \infty$ yields the regulation resistance R_1 , or

$$R_1 = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{I_2} \text{ ohms} \quad (A)$$

The simulated circuit of the system is shown in Fig. 2.

It is the purpose of this paper to show that when the source circuit is that shown in Fig. 2, it is possible to introduce a relatively simple correction circuit to cause the output voltage to be relatively constant with time, as shown by the voltage line E_0 in Fig. 1. Such a correction will eliminate the "spikes" of voltage immediately following the closing of the key.

The correction circuit introduced into the system to achieve this desirable

result is shown in Fig. 3.

The problem is to specify the values of L , R_3 and R_2 which are required to achieve the flat output voltage shown as E_0 in Fig. 1.

The problem may be solved with the aid of operational calculus. In order to obtain the solution, the circuit of Fig. 3 should be redrawn¹ as Fig. 4.

The voltage across the load resistance R_0 is thus given by Eq. 1 of Fig. 5.

Since there are two different factors involving p , namely

$$p + \frac{R_2 R_3}{L} \text{ and } p + \frac{1}{R_1 C} \quad (B)$$

it is evident that in order to avoid sinusoidal oscillations in e_0 on the one hand and unequal time constant (and therefore noncanceling) exponentials on the other hand, it is required that the two factors be identical², or that

$$\frac{R_2 + R_3}{L} = \frac{1}{R_1 C} \quad (C)$$

Letting these quantities be called β , Eq. 1 reduces to Eq. 2 of Fig. 5. Solving this equation from operational function tables³ where

$$a = \frac{R_0 \beta + \frac{R_2 R_3}{L} + \frac{1}{C}}{R_0 + R_2} \quad (D)$$

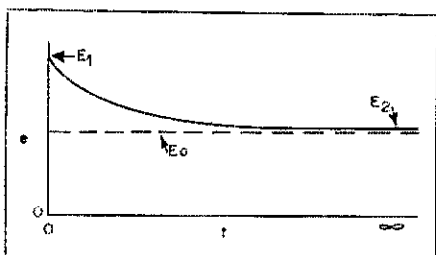


Fig. 1 — Plate-voltage wave shape as a function of time, t .

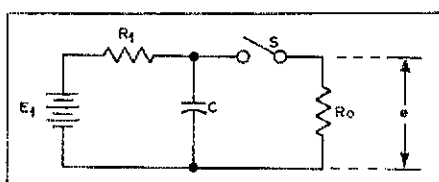


Fig. 2 — Rectifier supply simulated by a constant voltage source E_1 followed by the series resistance R_1 , the shunt filter capacitor C , switch S to simulate keying, and load resistance R_0 .

¹ Footnotes appear on page 17.

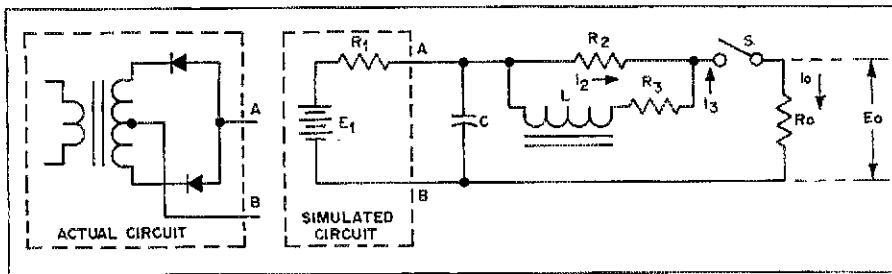


Fig. 3 - Correction circuit consisting of L , R_3 , and R_2 added to the circuit of Fig. 2. R_3 is not an added separate resistor but is the actual dc resistance of the inductor.

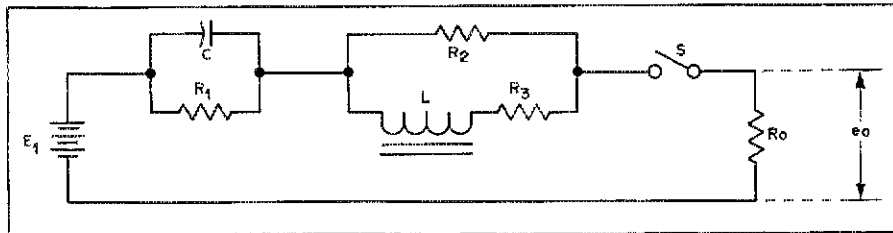


Fig. 4 - Circuit of Fig. 3 redrawn for solution by operational calculus.

$$e_o = \frac{E_1 R_o}{R_o + \frac{R_2 R_3}{L \left(p + \frac{R_2 R_3}{L} \right)} + \frac{p R_2}{p + \frac{R_2 + R_3}{L}} + \frac{1}{C \left(p + \frac{1}{R_1 C} \right)}} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$e_o = \frac{E_1 R_o (p + \beta)}{(R_o + R_2) \left[p + \frac{R_o \beta + \frac{R_2 R_3}{L} + \frac{1}{C}}{R_o + R_2} \right]} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

$$e_o = \frac{E_1 R_o}{R_o + R_2} \left[\epsilon^{-at} + \frac{\beta}{a} (1 - \epsilon^{-at}) \right] \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{2} [R_1 + \sqrt{R_1^2 + 4R_1 R_3}] \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

Fig. 5 - Equations referenced in text.

then Eq. 2 becomes Eq. 3 of Fig. 5. Using Eq. 2, the value of

$$\frac{\beta}{a} = \frac{(R_2 + R_3)(R_o + R_2)}{(R_o + R_1)(R_2 + R_3) + R_2 R_3} \quad (\text{E})$$

It is observed that the two exponentials in Eq. 3 can be removed providing β/a can be made equal to 1.0. Therefore, setting the right-hand portion of Eq. E equal to 1.0, it will be found that the condition to be satisfied is

$$R_2^2 - R_1 R_2 - R_1 R_3 = 0 \quad (\text{F})$$

Since R_1 is usually known and since R_3 can be approximated, Eq. F should

be solved for R_2 , whence, Eq. 4 of Fig. 5.

When this condition is met, Eq. 3 reduces to the simple form of

$$e_o = \frac{E_1 R_o}{R_o + R_2} = E'_o \quad (\text{G})$$

This equation is seen to be independent of time and so E'_o is constant from the time the key is closed to infinite time.

There remain the problems of solving for the value of L and the specific value of R_3 to be inserted into Eq. 4. First consider the ratio of L to R_3 . The numerical value of this ratio was computed for a large number of filter

reactors generally available to the amateur. Let the ratio

$$\frac{L}{R_3} = q \text{ or } R_3 = \frac{L}{q} \quad (\text{H})$$

q was found to lie in the range from about 0.013 to 0.167. A q of 0.05 may therefore be assumed for initial calculations.

Solving Eq. C for L and substituting Eq. H for R_3 ,

$$L = \frac{C R_1^2 \left(1 + \frac{3 R_1 C}{q} \right)}{\left(1 - \frac{R_1 C}{q} \right)^2} \text{ henrys} \quad (\text{I})$$

where C is in farads and R_1 is in ohms.

In case the proper L with the proper R_3 cannot be found in the list of available inductors, the nearest one may be used and C adjusted so that from Eq. C

$$C = \frac{L}{R_1 (R_2 + R_3)} \text{ farads} \quad (\text{J})$$

By means of Eqs. 4, H, I and J, the circuit may be designed.

Illustrative Example

Suppose a given transmitter is to be operated at approximately 200 milliamperes and 600 volts dc. The rectifier system may consist of a transformer with a full-wave rectifier with capacitive filter. Let $C = 16 \mu\text{F}$. The design steps are these:

1) Determine R_1 . With L out of the circuit, load the rectifier with the transmitter or a resistance load so that the current flow is 200 mA. Note the open- and closed-circuit voltages E_1 and E_2 . Then

$$R_1 = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{I}$$

If $E_1 = 720$ volts and $E_2 = 620$ volts, then

$$R_1 = \frac{720 - 620}{0.2} = 500 \text{ ohms}$$

2) Determine L . Let $q = 0.05$. Then, substituting in Eq. I,

$$L = \frac{4(1 + 0.48)}{(1 - 0.16)^2} = 8.4 \text{ H}$$

3) Determine R_3 . Substituting this value for L into Eq. H,

$$R_3 = \frac{8.4}{0.05} = 168 \text{ ohms}$$

4) Determine R_2 . Substituting values for R_1 and R_3 into Eq. 4,

$$R_2 = \frac{1}{2} [500 + \sqrt{500^2 + 4(500)(168)}] = 632 \text{ ohms}$$

5) Determine the actual results

E_o . Assuming the load resistance is

$$R_o = \frac{E_o}{I_o} = \frac{620}{0.2} = 3100 \text{ ohms,}$$

then from Eq. G,

$$E_o = \frac{720(3100)}{3100 + 632} = 600 \text{ volts}$$

Thus all circuit components and the output voltage have been determined. The main thing to do now is to locate a reactor with 8.4 H of inductance and a 168-ohm dc resistance, and which is rated at

$$I_3 = \frac{I_o R_2}{R_2 + R_3} \text{ amperes}$$

$$= \frac{0.200(632)}{632 + 168} = 0.158 \text{ amperes.}$$

From a list of reactors available one was found to have $L = 6$, $R_3 = 150$, at $I_3 = 0.200$. This one should serve quite well since the actual current (I_3) is only 0.158 A. At this reduced current from the 0.2-A rating, where L is measured, it can be expected that L will rise above 6 H, because of lower saturation of the iron core. If desired, recalculations may be made based upon $R_3 = 150$. These yield $R_2 = 620$ ohms and $E_o = 600$ volts (no significant change), and

$$I_3 = \frac{0.200(620)}{620 + 500} = 0.161 \text{ A}$$

The current through R_2 after the transient has passed is $I_2 = I_o - I_3 = 0.200 - 0.161 = 0.039$ A. The power dissipated in R_2 is

$$P_{R2} = I_2^2 (R_2) = (0.039)^2 (620) \\ = 0.94 \text{ watt}$$

A standard 2-watt, 620-ohm, carbon resistor is suggested.

Tests

The system may be tested by keying the transmitter with square-wave keying pulses and observing the waveform of the rf pulses. If desired, a final adjustment to C may be made to remove any ripples. If the top of the square wave shows a downward dip, the capacitor should be increased, whereas, if the top shows an upward peak, the capacitor should be decreased.

It should be pointed out that the dc voltage will rise for lighter loads, and drop for heavier loads, but no voltage spikes will be present.



Footnotes

¹ Berg, "Heaviside Operational Calculus," McGraw-Hill Book Co., First Edition, 1929, pp. 49-51. See Figs. 20 and 21, pp. 50 and 51, for instructions on redrawing the circuit diagram.

² See ref. 1 above, equations 13 through 15, pp. 164-165.

³ See ref. 1 above, equations 1 and 3, p. 164.

Strays

□ When Michael Russ, WA6NGF, a fifth grade teacher at Sierra View Junior Academy, introduced his students to the adventure of ham radio, Bruce Lee of Lindsay, CA, was listening. With help and guidance from Mike and others, Bruce's interest grew and before his Novice call expired, he had worked 49 states on a Ten-Tec Argonaut with only 5 watts power. By the time Bruce reached seventh grade, he could copy code at 20 words per minute and was soon a full-fledged amateur with General class license, WA6KMW. Now in ninth grade, he has just received his Advanced license.

Dr. George Guernsey, WA6GKT, of Lemoore, CA, heard about Bruce and wanted to help the young ham with some better gear. George loaded up all the gear from his personal ham shack and took it as a gift to Bruce! — *WB6QDN*



WA6KMW had a grateful handshake to acknowledge his extraordinary gift from WA6GKT.

TENTH ANNIVERSARY JERUSALEM AWARD

□ The Jerusalem Award Committee announces a new certificate to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the unification of Jerusalem. It will be available to radio amateurs and short-wave listeners. To qualify, submit proof of contact with eight stations in Israel, including at least three in Jerusalem, all made in the year 1977, the 10th anniversary of the city's unification. Have your log entries certified by another amateur and send them with 10 international reply coupons to Jerusalem Award, P.O.B. 4079, Jerusalem 91 040, Israel.

The regular Jerusalem Award will

still be available but the number of contacts required has increased to eight. For the regular award, contacts may be dated as far back as 1948.

□ The OH-KY-IN VHF Amateur Radio Society recently held what is believed to be the first ham radio display in a major shopping center in the Cincinnati area. On display were slow-scan television, RTTY, low-band and 2-meter gear and the association autopatch. Club members answered questions about amateur radio and the differences between ham and CB were discussed many times.

Earlier, the group had held its Christmas project at the mall. Each year the club takes its communication van to a local shopping center (usually on the coldest day!) to collect Christmas messages and then send them on their way via the traffic nets.

QST GETS RESULTS

□ In February, 1952, an item in *QST* about an all-ham family in Elgin, IL, caught the eye of Chuck Dutton, WN9QLK, who walked over to their home and introduced himself. On February 10, 1977, the 25th anniversary of the original meeting, Chuck, now W9QLK and married to the family's daughter June, W9BDY (ex-W9OTM), joined the chief operator, the Rev. Everett Battin, W9OWD, his XYL Edith, W9OTO and son, John, K9DX (ex-W9MEM and WB4TLG), to celebrate the occasion. Their cake was decorated to read, "... 25 Years of Solid Copy ..." Shirley Micka, WA9LYJ, a foster daughter, also joined in the ragchewing fun. — *W9BDY*

STOLEN EQUIPMENT

□ Stolen from locked auto in Terre Haute, IN, on February 16. Motorola Modar Triton, model no. D23ABA1820A, modified; serial no. LM049T. Inscribed with driver's license no. KY C-400-877-533-475-6 and owner's name and call sign, William L. Call, WA4ZSJ, Box 2740, University Station, Murray, KY 42071 or Terre Haute Police Dept., case no. 77-2094.

□ Stolen from the WA3RCA club station between 5 and 8 P.M. on Dec. 12, 1976. Collins KWM, serial no. 10272; Drake TR4-C, serial no. 35245 and Heathkit HW 2021, serial unknown (kit incomplete and repackaged for factory completion). Report information to Cheltenham Police, Detective Santel, 215-887-6200. \$100 offered for substantial info.

Propagation— Past and Prospects

Cycle 20 is dead — or is it? Long live Cycle 21! After many feints, Cycle 20 finally seems to have had it, and Cycle 21 is beginning to act up. How “good” will it be? Try us again in 1980 or so. Meanwhile, there’s always OSCAR.

By Edward P. Tilton,* W1HDQ

There’s no time like a solar minimum for studying the sun and its effects on radio propagation. Even then we see things we don’t understand, but major events come far enough apart so that a neophyte has some chance of sorting them out. Keeping a detailed record is the first step in explaining what has happened, understanding what is happening, or predicting what will happen next.

This general idea was in back of the author’s resumption of sun-watching in the latter half of 1972. We’d projected the sun at intervals for many years, mainly at times of high solar activity. There was plenty to see the first time, in 1946, as we were approaching the peak of Cycle 18. There was still more 11 years later, when Cycle 19 was setting an all-time record for the more than 200 years that man has counted sunspots in any systematic way. All this was exciting — but not very useful to a beginner in the art. There was just too much going on, nearly all the time.

Similar confusion appeared to be developing when we began what we hoped would be a documentation of the Cycle 20 minimum. We hadn’t expected that much activity, but we just happened to start at a time when Old Sol was on a near-record rampage. Remember the August auroras? The *QST* vhf column in the October, 1972, issue gives some idea of the extent, intensity and duration of this late-in-the-cycle upsurge. It’s worth another reading.

The number of sunspots dropped off markedly following that early August binge, but a recurrence began about

three weeks later. With this hint, the author went out on a 27-day limb and predicted an aurora for the 1972 September VHF Party. One came, thereby enhancing our reputation as a seer locally, though in retrospect it must be admitted that this success was mainly a matter of “beginner’s luck.”

We checked the sun frequently if not regularly thereafter, but made the mistake of trying to *remember* what we saw, instead of keeping a detailed record. Again, there was too much on the sun to make much sense in such a limited and random effort. The project was moved to a back burner again, though we kept it simmering.

Events combined to bring the project up to a full boil in the fall of 1974. Not the least of these was the inauguration of a new and more useful propagation bulletin service on WWV. Here at last was a continuing and near real-time check on our solar and radio observations. From November, 1974, through this writing we have put all WWV solar, geomagnetic and propagation data into detailed chart form. Drawings of the sun for at least one observation on every sunny day are added, along with notes on propagation on the amateur DX bands and other frequencies. The signals of WWV, WWVH and other standard time and frequency stations are checked regularly for this purpose.¹

About WWV Bulletins

A government economy wave almost cost us the bulletin service last fall, but at this writing propagation bulletins are broadcast hourly at 18 minutes after the hour by WWV on 2.5, 5, 10 and 15 MHz. The preparing agency is the Space

Environment Services Center of NOAA. The bulletin content is not quite the same as formerly given at 14 minutes after the hour, but the uses for our purposes are similar. The standard text (which may be modified for special occasions) gives the Boulder K index for the current day, changed four times daily; the 2800-MHz solar flux and the A index, both for the previous day; the state of solar activity and the earth’s magnetic field for the previous day; and a prediction of these factors for the current day. The significance of these data is given in *QST* and the *Handbook* so this information will not be repeated in full here.²

Note that the K index for *Boulder* is given. This reading of geomagnetic activity is taken at many different observing points, Fredericksburg and Anchorage being two others commonly quoted. The actual figure may vary from one site to another, for a given time, but the Boulder information serves well enough for our purposes. The A index is a 24-hour figure for the same thing, but on a numerical scale more suitable for statistical purposes. Record it and it will help you catch recurring phenomena associated with the sun’s four-week rotational period.

Recurrence Fudge Factors

A long-term running record of solar flux and A index can be an invaluable adjunct to the prediction charts now published monthly in *QST* or in making your own day-to-day estimates of radio propagation of almost any kind. Published predictions have to be based on an assumed level of solar activity and on the position of the sun at the season under consideration. The charts cannot take into account short-term fluctua-

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¹ Footnotes appear on page 22.

tions in either solar or geomagnetic activity, both of which *tend* to follow the solar rotational period of about 27-1/2 days. Hence the value of a monthly chart of the WWV indices.

If that were all there were to it, forecasting would be a breeze. But an activity center on the sun may last for months or even years, or its total life can be no more than minutes or perhaps a few hours or days. Why? Hints as to some possible answers were given in the cover story in October, 1976, *QST*.³ Whatever the causes, the erratic behavior of the sun (and as a consequence wide excursions in geomagnetic activity) holds down the accuracy of long-term predictions for any particular day to a very low level. Your own records can improve this to perhaps 65 to 75 percent. Careful and frequent observations of the sun can get you into really high-accuracy short-term prediction, but by then you may find yourself in the prediction business for other people. A fair alternative is to listen to the W1AW propagation bulletin service, which is updated whenever short-term incidents warrant. See the latest issue of *QST* for W1AW frequencies, modes and schedule.

Two controversial fudge factors were discussed in reference 3: interplanetary effects and eclipses, both solar and lunar. Three examples were shown and another discussed in which a large excursion in solar activity was coincidental with an eclipse. We added another only three weeks after the article was published. It is detailed in Fig. 1. This shows the 2800-MHz solar-flux record for the month of October (red line), and for the related periods four weeks before and after, as was done in the October *QST* story for other events. Here again, we see a marked solar-flux anomaly. After an almost flat run the first three weeks, the flux curve starts up Oct. 22, reaching 86 on the 25th, the highest figure in seven months. In less than a week it is back to 72, the low for October. Note that the related periods a month before and after show nothing like this. There was a total eclipse of the sun, visible in the southern hemisphere on Oct. 23!

How about the bump in the November curve (broken line) centered on the 18th? Well, it "just happened" that Jupiter and the earth were lined up on the same heliocentric longitude during that afternoon.

It is not without interest that major changes in the appearance of the sun accompanied both these events. New England skies were overcast during the eclipse period, but our first view of the sun after the eclipse was worth waiting for. On the 26th there was a large and active-looking sunspot group of the new cycle, just west of the central meridian.

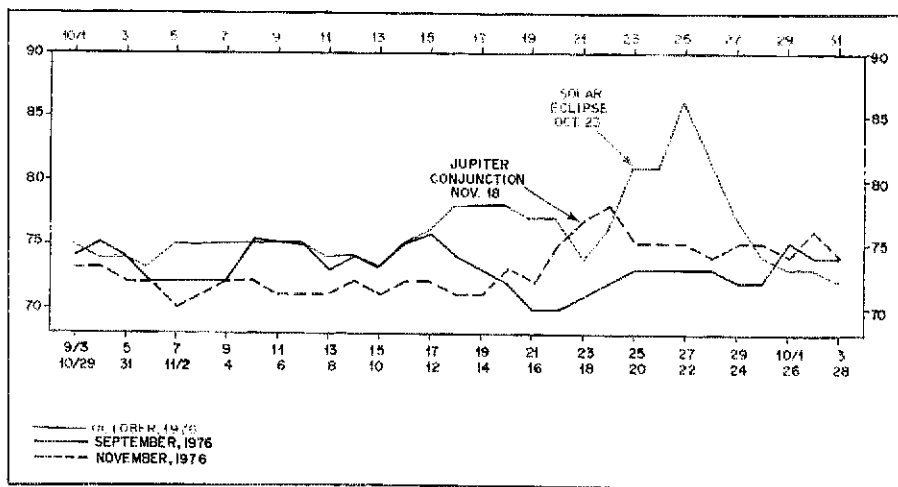


Fig. 1 — The solar-flux data for October, 1976, red line, shows a marked anomaly beginning the 21st. Curves for the comparable periods of September, black line, and November, broken line, show no variations that are related to October by the rotational period of the sun.

If this had been a recurring activity center, we'd have seen it on the 21st, the last sunny day before the eclipse. This group was "born" the day before the eclipse, and Boulder confirms that it quickly grew to become by far the largest active area of the new cycle, to date.

Viewing weather was better for the November period of interest. On the 17th a promising group came around the east limb of the sun. It grew in size and activity through the 19th, and sustained some of this until it went around the west limb on the 30th. Was this triggered by some force associated with the Jupiter-Earth-Sun alignment of the 18th? It was not a recurrence of the October activity. It was days too early for that, and in a much lower position on the sun than the "eclipse group."

Old Cycle — New Cycle

For at least two years the first question raised in any discussion of propagation has been "Where are we in the sunspot cycle?" Soon after would come "When is 10 meters going to be good again?" Until the past few months the only honest answer to both was "I don't know, but . . ." followed by some pretty involved alibis. Though the demise of Cycle 20 was the most studied and best documented solar minimum ever, the best "predictions" about it were made after it was over. Here are ours.

That the sun seemed near the magic turning point several times is obvious from the statistical record of the 2800-MHz solar flux for the past three years, see Fig. 2. Any of several lows could have been the end of Cycle 20, in terms of the time passed since the Cycle 19 minimum in October of 1954. (There have been several cycles shorter than 10 years.) The chart shows highs, lows and averages for each month. Even

in 1974, real downtrends seemed to get underway at least twice. The minimum-flux reading got down to 70, or close to it, in five months of that year. But the monthly average went under 80 only once, and the year's average was almost 87. The year 1974 was not a bad one for DX. There were surprising surges, especially one in early October, that pushed conditions to cycle-peak levels. With the solar flux hitting 145, VUs and JAs were worked from the Northeast on 10 meters — no routine thing at any time. A huge sunspot group was in evidence in this period.

Beginning in November, a five-month decline followed by a four-month trough looked as if Cycle 20 was really going out, especially when the bottom came in June, 1975, the "right time" statistically for the end. There was no visible sunspot activity the first 10 days of that month, as the solar flux coasted along at 66, give or take a few tenths. This is the "quiet sun" level, but just as we were getting ready to bury Cycle 20 a new outburst of activity started, and all the numbers shot up again. They held up much of the time through the summer, the solar flux reaching the 1975 high of 125 on Aug. 5. The sun was crawling with spots, but they all crawled along the solar equator, tying them to the "dying" Cycle 20.

High-latitude sunspots, hesitant and faint harbingers of Cycle 21, were seen back in the latter part of 1974. But you had to look quickly and often with a good telescope to see these "here-today, gone-tomorrow" wraiths. One of the virtues of visual observation was that it certified that there was going to be a Cycle 21. These spots identified themselves as part of it by their positions, well above or below the solar equator.

After a brief spurt in November, 1975, detailed in reference 3, another downturn began. Would this be *it*? The

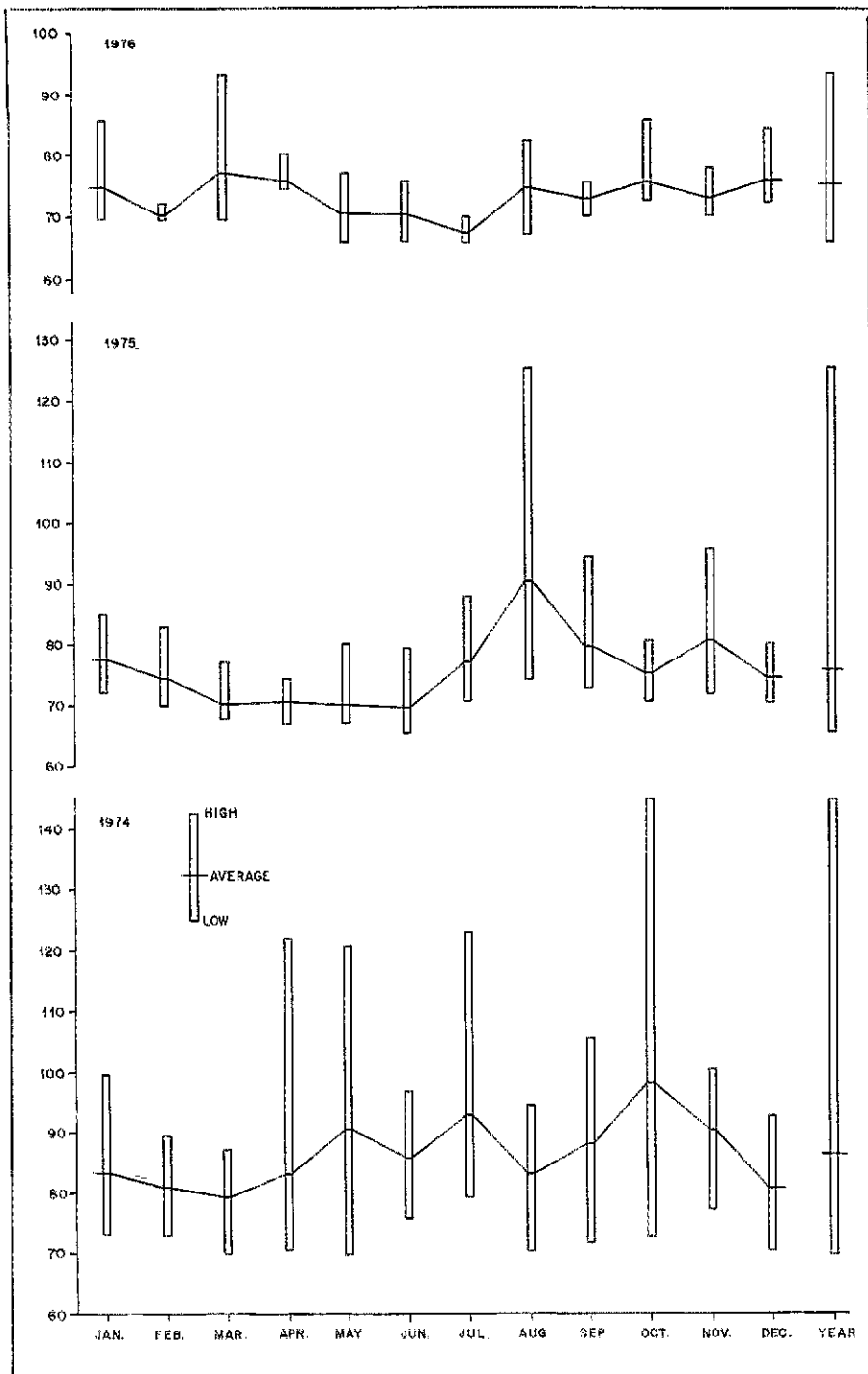


Fig. 2 — 2800-MHz solar-flux record for the past three years, showing monthly and yearly highs, lows and averages. Can you find the bottom of Cycle 20? Figures for January and February, 1977, not available when this chart was made, show impressive gains.

tiny rectangle representing February, 1976, in Fig. 2 certainly looked that way. It had the lowest "high" yet, 72, and most of the month and the first 11 days of March were at 69. When this figure is adjusted for the nearness of the sun to the earth in the early part of the year, 69 is close to quiet-sun conditions. But another surge began March 16, and the flux shot up to the 1976 high of 92, in five days. The sunspot activity associated with this resurgence was all

close to the equator, identifying it as another Cycle 20 blowup.

April, 1976, is anything but impressive in Fig. 2, but score points for visual observation here, because on April 18 we saw our largest spots of the new cycle, up to that time. Well south of the equator, they grew in size, instead of fading out as earlier new-cycle ones had. We followed them for four days. In this time they lagged behind an old-cycle group with which they were sharing the

solar disk; further proof of their new-cycle identity. (Solar areas above and below the equator rotate more slowly than the region right along the belt line.) Late April and early May brought more Cycle 21 groups. These were small and short-lived, and well north of the equator. Their visit was overshadowed by the more spectacular Cycle 20 activity discussed in reference 3.

It was not easy to discern as we went along, but in retrospect we see the real turning point in mid-1976. The first half of June was dominated by yet another Cycle 20 resurgence, a long-lived recurring area making its fifth run across our field of view. The real news came later in the month: A cycle 21 group that lasted through an entire transit of the solar disk, the first new-cycle activity we saw do this. July was unimpressive from what we could see on the sun or from the appearance of it on our chart. It was the third month in a row with a low of 66. Its high, 70, is a record "low high," and the average, 67.45, the low point in our records.

This is good news? Yes, when one more point is made, which does not show in the charts or in anything but visual observation. If you sort out the sources of what little July activity there was and draw curves for the components of both cycles, the old-cycle curve drops almost to zero, while the Cycle 21 curve crosses it on the way up. Though activity has been mostly low, the rise since has been all new-cycle oriented.

Now, about the 10-meter band? There was a substantial increase in F-layer DX on 10 early in 1977, but there's really no point in going out on that limb now. The F-layer muf is always low in summer, and regardless of solar activity all 10-meter propagation beyond local will be via sporadic E from May until September. Such E-layer skip is little affected by any aspect of the solar numbers game. We'll risk one prediction: 15 meters will be open longer and 10 meters more often, this coming fall than in 1976. Don't expect miracles; things move slowly at first. But once it really gets going, the muf will rise fast. Another year should show some real progress.

When will Cycle 21 peak? How high? Get out February QST, and turn to page 28. Take your choice from the expert opinions there charted. A somewhat different slant is shown in Fig. 3, which plots the mean of 12 cycles, 8 through 20, Cycle 20 just concluded, and a recent projection for Cycle 21 that has impressive professional backing.

Sunspot Numbers and Cycles — Who Needs 'em?

Everyone should know by now that seeing sunspots is no great accomplish-

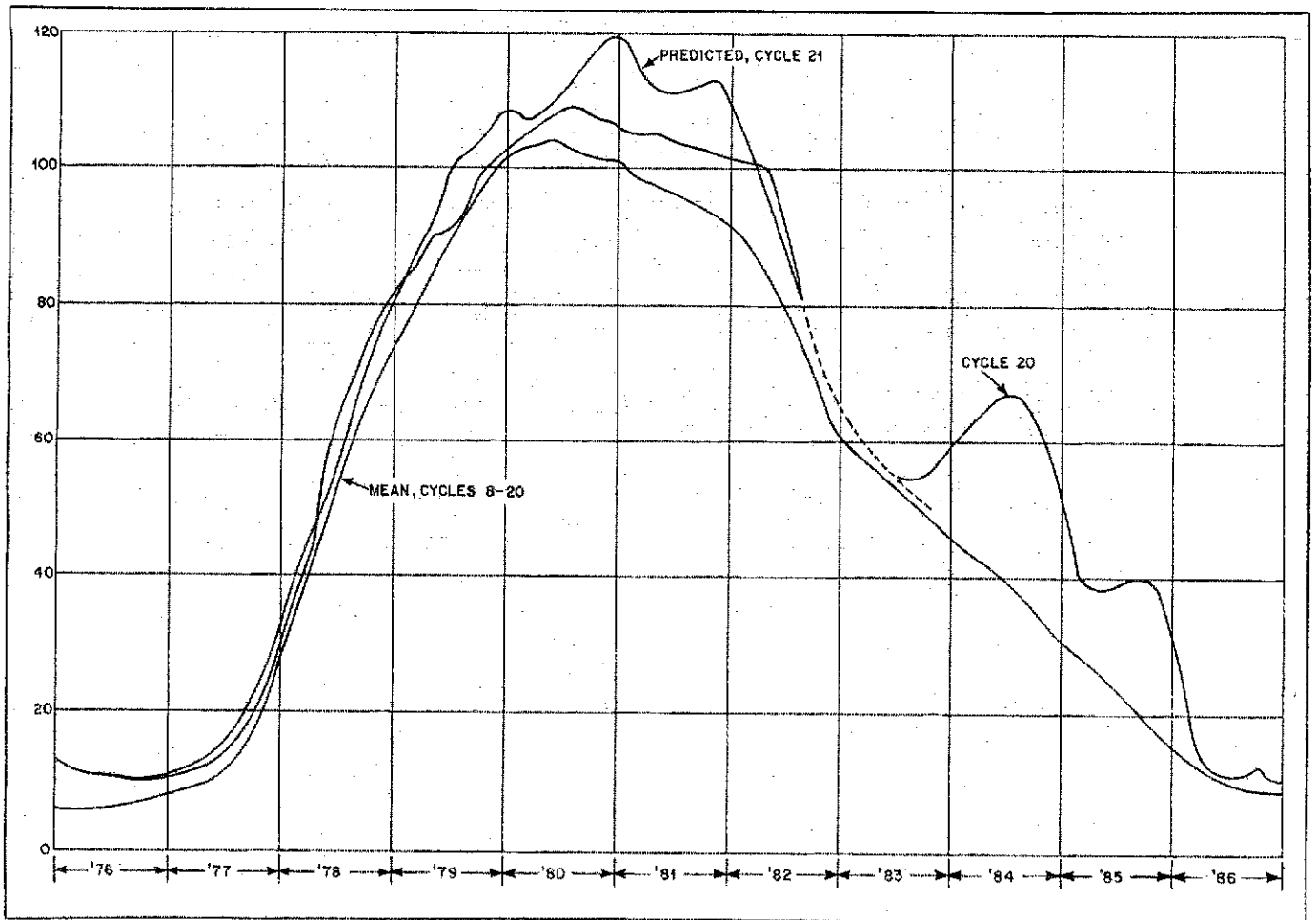


Fig. 3 — How will we fare in Cycle 21? The highest curve here is a recent projection for the new cycle. The peak below it is for Cycle 20, and below that is the mean of 12 cycles ending with 20.

ment. Anything *that* easy has to have technical limitations. Otherwise, Galileo, Hevelius and their thousands of followers in later centuries of sun-watching would have had better answers than we are able to give, at this late date.

What is "sunspot number," anyway? It is *not* the number of sunspots. Rather, it is a vague but time-honored index of solar activity that is still in use mainly because of its statistical link with the past. With it we can compare 1977 with 1777, in at least a rough sort of way, as to relative sunspot activity. The "number" is derived from many observations, and it is not available in any final form until months after the fact. Sometimes called the Wolf Number, after the Swiss astronomer who began using it in 1848, sunspot number is derived from $R = K(10g + f)$, where R is the Wolf Number; K is a rating factor based on the observer's equipment, skill, visual acuity and site quality; g is the number of sunspot *groups* visible; and f is the number of sunspots, regardless of size.

The limitations are obvious, and they have been for many years, but Wolf and others used the principle to

work backward in time and establish a rough picture of sunspot numbers almost to the invention of the telescope in the early 1600s. By even rougher approximations and many other indicators, however questionable, sunspot numbers have been assigned back to before the Christian era.⁴

You can find your own rating by projecting the sun on a white card, with a dime-store telescope or binoculars. (Do not look at the sun without a filter certified as safe!) Assign yourself a K value of 1, and plug in the observed numbers. Use the sunspot number you get to find the equivalent 2800-MHz solar flux from Fig. 1, June, 1975, *QST*, or chapter 19 of the *Handbook*, 1976 or 1977 editions. Check this against the figure for the day given by WWV. Do this over a period of time, and adjust your K rating so your results track fairly well with the graph. Then, three months later, when the Zurich smoothed sunspot number is available, you can see how well you match the experts. Or forget the whole sunspot-number business, except as an interesting exercise, particularly if you intend to go into sun-watching seriously.

The longer one observes the sun,

especially with advanced methods, and checks the ever-changing nature of radio propagation and other solar-induced terrestrial effects, the more one realizes that sunspots are not too important for our purposes anyway. They don't *do* anything; they're merely one indication of something happening on the sun. Sunspots and radio propagation variables are *by-products* of something else, not cause and effect.

The solar flux (and with it, radio propagation) can change markedly when there are no sunspots visible at all. And the number and size of sunspots, when we do see them, don't necessarily tell us very much about coming good or evil times in the radio realm. It's their day-to-day activity and growth or demise that matter. The 2800-MHz solar flux, as provided by WWV, is a much more useful indicator for today, or anytime in the 30-year record we have of it, than is "sunspot number," or even the size and number of spots seen at any one time.

Narrow-Bandwidth Sun Viewing

A device of great potential for understanding the sun and its effects on communication is the narrow-

bandwidth filter. The sun is mostly hydrogen, so it follows that if we can see the hydrogen wavelength only, we will see things happening that are lost in the white light associated with the sun's tremendous temperatures. Special filters are made for several wavelengths, hydrogen and calcium being the most common.

Since last September the author has been viewing the sun several times daily in both white light (with a proper solar filter) and with a DayStar hydrogen-alpha filter that has a passband of 0.7 angstrom, tunable either side of the 6562.8 angstroms. In this time there have been many days when no sunspots were visible in the white-light view, even with a quality telescope like the Celestron 5. But there has never been a

sunny day when we didn't see some H_{α} activity. Many times there are bright patches, which can portend the coming of sunspots, show areas where spots formerly were, or active areas that may never have spots but which still affect propagation. Beautiful prominences, often looking like windblown forest fires on the solar limbs, identify active areas that may be up to three days around the limb, out of sight to full-light viewing. On the east limb they may warn of a sunspot group on the way. On the west limb they can show activity from a group that has moved around out of sight.

This is truly a "learning experience." We still have much to learn, and may have more on H_{α} observation at a later date. Meanwhile we warn, "Don't get

too caught up in worship of sunspots or sunspot number." They're side effects — interesting and useful, but side effects, even so. We're developing the same feeling about sunspot cycles. They've been grabbing cheap headlines too long. The true picture of the sun is by no means that simple! QST

Footnotes

- ¹ A table showing some of the more useful time and frequency stations of the world is given in chapter 19, *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*. A complete detailed list is given in the *World Radio and TV Handbook*, Giltner Associates, Inc., Box 239, Park Ridge, NJ 07656.
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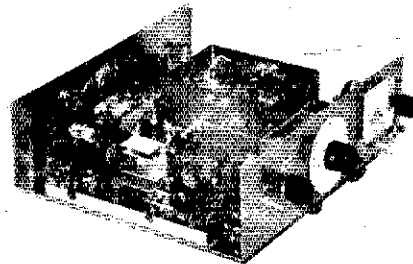
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FROM WORKSHOP TO ANTENNA WITH HOMEMADE EQUIPMENT!

□ Here is additional mute testimony to the game of constructing one's equipment rather than purchasing it! This equipment, built in a truly masterful fashion, should offer incentive to others who have slipped away from our early heritage of assembling our own station equipment. The examples shown here were provided by John Lawson, K5IRK, who duplicated the 10-watt, 40- and 20-meter cw transmitter from the 1975 edition of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* and built the Mini-Miser's Dream Receiver from *QST* for September of 1976.

In the exterior view of the equipment we find the transmitter on the bottom — looking like a carbon copy of the original, which was built for the *Handbook* by WA1JZC. The *QST* receiver sits atop the transmitter. John did a fine job of making the units similar in appearance.

He reports having been a QRO type of operator for some 19 years, and upon switching to QRP he became "simply amazed" at the success he's enjoying at the low-power level. The interior view



Inside, the custom-made transmitter looks as clean as any commercial equipment.

of the transmitter indicates that he's no slouch when it comes to doing neat work! Perhaps the main message one can extract from this type of amateur effort is found in John's words, "It is hard for me to describe the personal satisfaction and pleasure that has been derived from the construction and actual on-the-air operation of these units."

How about you readers? Are your soldering irons hidden by cobwebs? Maybe it's time to join the parade of homemade-equipment enthusiasts! — *W1FB*

GERMAN RTTY AWARD

□ Those working RTTY will again be eligible for the annual Europaisches RTTY Diplom (EURD) and Deutsches RTTY Diplom (DRD) of the Deutsche Amateur Fernschreib Gruppe (DAFG). The EURD is based on two-way RTTY contacts with different European countries and prefixes, and the DRD is to promote amateur RTTY activities. For more information, write to DAFG, Award Manager, Post Box 1663, D-4140 Rheinhausen, West Germany.

Results of the Ninth Worked All Europe DX Contest (WAEDC), 1976, RTTY

Single Op

STATION	SCORES	STATION	SCORES
CT1EQ	170317	ZP5WO	9344
I8AA	118065	SM6ASD	9322
I5GZS	79002	SM5EIT	8280
I5KPK	74191	OZ4FF	6850
I1COB	63896	OZ4DZ	6512
F8XT	56742	W0MT	4920
HB9AVK	44422	DJ9MQ	4824
DJ6JC	39754	VE2QO	4662
DJ4KW/4X	39308	OK2BJT	2640
OK1MP	39304	PA0CWI	1581
DL6BI	29106	F8RZ	1482
SM6AGV	27612	YV5GU	1275
LZ1KAB	23808	OK1KZE	840
I5HZZ	22022	DJ3TI	676
DJ2YE	21080	DL1OY	544
WA0YDJ/4	18232	DL8KQ	360
DJ9IR	16008	DJ1QT	264
IT9VBJ	14637	OH3IH	168
I3FUE	13231	DK4IS	140
DL8QP	12546	EA3AHM	96
K6WZ	12400	SM6CAL	64

Trophy Winners

CT1EQ	Europe Single Op
I1PYS	Europe Multi-Op
WA0YDJ/4	North America Single Op
W1MX	North America Multi-Op
DJ4KW/4X	Asia
13-13018	SWL

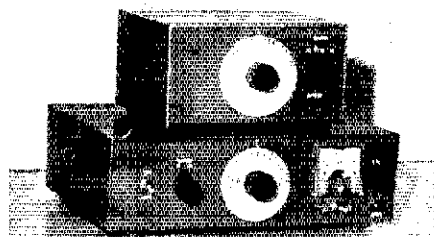
Multi-Op

STATION	SCORES	STATION	SCORES
I1PYS	169257	DL0BU	18762
W1MX	57400	UK2BAB	17236
DL0TS	56575	OH1AR	11473
UK3ACR	49644	G3UUP	11125
UK2GAX	49280	TF3IRA	6118
G4ALE	28842	OH1AD	4680
OK1OFF	20701	SK6AW	2160

SWL

13-13018	55945
OK2-5350	41250
13-14258	17784
14-14707	17664
I1-56889	11200
HE9KNO	3726
UA3-170305	1092
UA3-117146	440

Check Log: DJ1XT, DJ8BT



The "homebrew" receiver and transmitter shown here make a very neat matched set.

Slant-Wire Feed for Grounded Towers

Planning on shunt feeding your tower for operation on 160 meters? Confused about which type of matching method to use? If so, take a look at this simple system!

By Walter Schulz,* K3OQF

There have been a number of fine articles in the amateur literature describing shunt-fed towers using gamma-rod systems and various matching networks. Many of the networks that are commonly used are of high Q . This tends to limit the operational bandwidth of the antenna system unless the network is made variable and readjusted each time the frequency of operation is changed a few kilohertz.

Hoping to find a solution to this problem, I decided to try a slant-wire feed system.¹ This method for feeding grounded towers was worked out by engineers in the 1930s. The system consists of a wire slanting down from the tower at a 45-degree angle (see Fig. 1). Connected in series with the ground end of the slant wire is one side of a variable capacitor. The center conductor of the coaxial-cable feed line is connected to the other side of the capacitor. The braid of the feed line is grounded to the radial system, providing a return path to the base of the antenna. Since the rotor and stator of the capacitor are hot, they must be insulated from ground. The system shown in the photograph not only isolates the capacitor from ground, but also protects the capacitor from the weather.

Finding the Tap Point

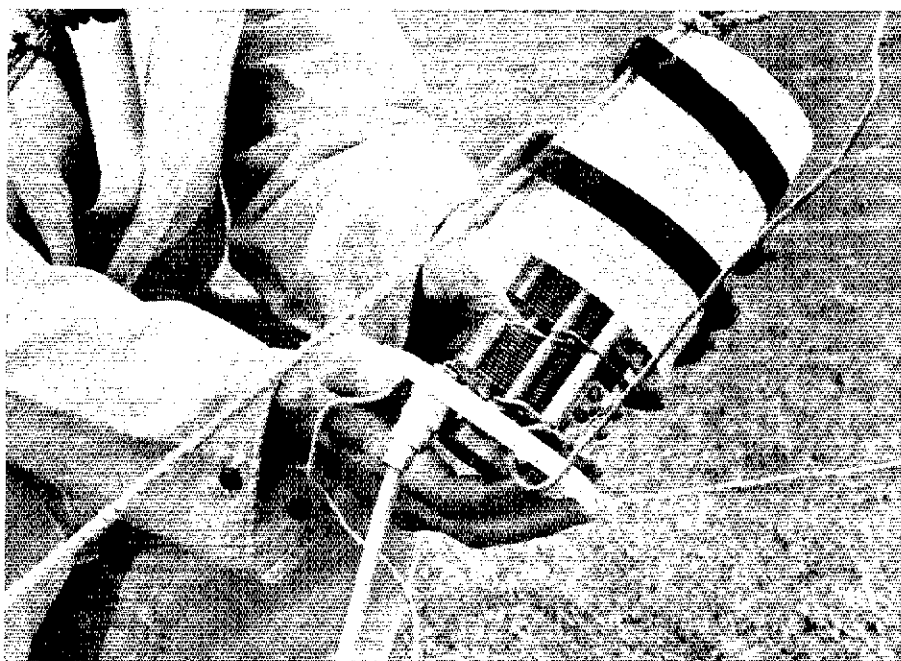
According to the material in ref. 2, the proper tap point on the tower (for a $50\text{-}\Omega$ impedance) is located approximately one fifth of the distance up the total *electrical height* of the tower. This

is quite simple to figure if the tower has no antennas mounted on top. For the higher bands, most amateurs who own towers have an antenna, such as a quad or Yagi, mounted atop. In these cases the electrical height of the tower can be considerably different than the physical height. The antenna on the top of the tower can be considered as a sheet of parallel conducting wires which acts as a top-loading capacitor. The amount of capacitance that this presents to the system can be calculated using the

information contained in refs. 3 and 4.

Once the amount of top loading is known, the electrical height of the tower can be figured using the equations contained in refs. 5 and 6. The overall electrical height of the system is the sum of the electrical height of the tower alone plus the additional electrical height caused by the top loading.

If the reader does not wish to work through the somewhat involved mathematics, he can refer to a chart developed by W4OQ⁷ which shows the electrical



Shown here is the method of mounting the capacitor to isolate it from ground and to protect it from the weather.

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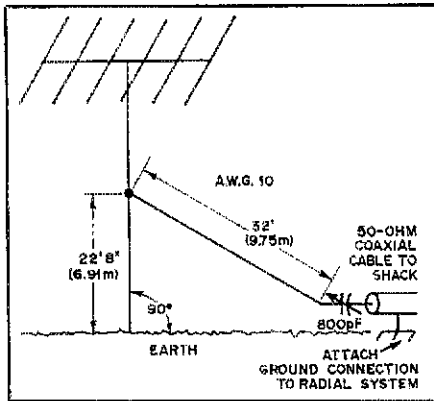


Fig. 1 — Diagram of the slant-wire feed system. The feed wire should form a 45-degree angle with the tower and ground.

height of a tower as a function of physical height and the type of antenna used as top loading. This chart is relatively accurate and is a convenient time-saver. Once the electrical height

has been found, the tap point can be calculated as one fifth of this dimension.

Tap Adjustment

Since the chart and equations do not take nearby objects into account, it may be necessary to find the exact tap position experimentally. One way to locate the tap point is to measure the impedance at the bottom of the slant wire with an rf impedance bridge or calibrated rf noise bridge. Move the position of the tap up or down the tower until a 50-ohm resistive component is indicated by the measuring device. Once this has been done the series capacitor should be installed in the slant wire. Adjust the capacitor for zero reactance as indicated by the rf bridge.

Comments

The system used at K3OQF consists of a 55-foot tower topped with a

TH6DXX triband beam. The tap point is at the 22.7-foot level and the slant wire is 32 feet in length. The ground system consists of 52 radials, each 35 feet long. Using 50 watts of input power to this antenna system, I have worked stations from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

The author would like to thank W4OQ and W2DU for their contributions to the discussions which resulted in this project.

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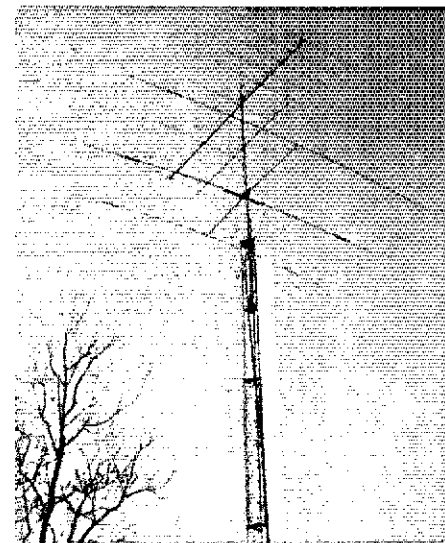
□ Noel Eaton, president of the International Amateur Radio Union, joined 24 other members of the Guelph, ON, Amateur Radio Club on a recent surprise visit to the home of Fred Hammond, VE3HC, to present him with the ARRL Certificate of Merit for his many contributions to amateur radio since the early 1920s. Dr. Maine, Member of Parliament for the area, delivered a letter from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. Several short speeches were made and radiograms collected by VE3GOL and VE3CDK from U.S. and Canadian amateurs congratulating Fred were read and displayed. Full press and TV coverage was provided. The TV people were especially impressed by Fred's museum of early ham gear, and the event provided plenty of goodwill toward amateur radio. — VE3GT

□ Wade Achord, WB7DNC, is another high-speed ham. He became disenchanted after four years of CB, so he bought a Tempo One, put up 50 feet of wire, and began listening. His Novice license was issued March 5, 1976, but meanwhile, he passed his Technician test in January, 1976, his General in February, and his Advanced in March. He missed a try for Extra Class in June, but on January 28, 1977, he made Extra Class, too, and he remains an enthusiastic amateur!

□ Once again radio amateurs have demonstrated their sincere desire and ability to help their fellowman. Leonard Carroll, W6LXH, of Petaluma, CA, explains.

"While having a nice QSO with KØSTF, Jack Brand, of Rapid City, SD, I mentioned that I was convalescing from a heart attack. During my transmission my rig went dead. I diagnosed the problem as a blown fuse, and began to search for the proper size. After approximately 15 minutes the fuse was replaced and I got back on the air.

To my pleasant surprise I found that KØSTF had kept the same frequency, and was frantically trying to contact someone in my area, who could by phone or otherwise check on my physical condition. I have no idea how many hams were involved, but I do particularly wish to thank KØSTF and WA6ALC, Franz Kurth."



Gene Barnes, WA5CBT of San Antonio, is the first applicant for the brand new ARRL 6 Meter "600 Club" Award. Gene met the requirements in just seven weeks and says he had a great time chasing contacts for the award. WA5CBT found that QSL returns were about 78 percent, much better than he ever had on hf. On top of his 50-foot tower is a 6-meter 8-element KLM, below, an 11-element 2-meter beam, and on the bottom a 3-element trap beam for 10-15-20 meters. Gene says that the 10-meter section of his SB-200 is modified for 6 meters and that the TV-6B to the left of the scope is a homebrew 6-meter transverter built to match the Drake line. Gene thanks all those he worked on 6 who made his feat possible, plus SMIRK.

The 5 X 3 Power Supply

If you're looking for a clean-cut, simple-to-build power supply for operating those 5-volt IC projects, here's the ticket. It will get the job done!

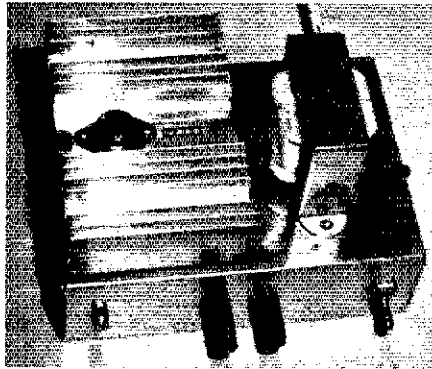
By Ken Powell,* WB6AFT

As most of us recall from the vacuum-tube era, the addition of a voltage regulator to a receiver or VFO made quite an improvement to the circuit stability. It was a very easy addition since it required only a series resistor and a regulator tube. The cost was minimal since the component count was low. This modification was probably made on many thousands of low-cost receivers as a first step in getting more performance for our amateur dollar. One severe limitation to this simple scheme was the current handling capability of the VR tube, usually about 35 milliamperes. Of course more circuitry could be added to increase the current handling capacity but soon the regulator became bigger than the gear to be regulated.

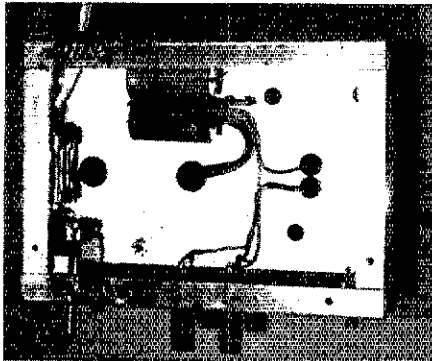
As we ushered in the solid-state era, the Zener diode came along and, like the VR tube, it was easy to use. A series resistor and a Zener diode did the job. However, as with the VR tube, the amount of current that could be handled was a limiting factor. So once again we find that, in order to regulate a larger amount of current, we must increase the circuitry by adding a series-pass transistor and using the Zener diode as a reference. Very similar to the vacuum-tube days! Then along came the integrated circuit, and with it the IC voltage regulator. The IC regulator put it all together in a neat little package. These devices usually referred to as three-terminal regulators combine the simplicity of the Zener diode with much greater current-handling capacity. Put unregulated dc in one terminal and get regulated dc voltage out of the other terminal. Minimal components and minimal cost!

IC Regulators

If you have done much work with ICs, you have probably used these devices, especially the LM309K, which is the most popular of the 5-volt regula-



The 5 x 3 power supply in finished fashion. The LM5000 is nested on the large heat sink which occupies most of the top of the chassis.



Interior of the power-supply chassis. The 3/4-A fuse is at the left and the electrolytic capacitors are at the top.

tors and I am sure you will agree that for the cost, the effective design and simplicity are hard to beat. It is a neat little TO-3 package that provides 5 volts at 1 ampere and is just the thing for TTL power supplies. However, once again I encountered the current limitation. Some of the more ambitious amateur projects I have built, such as electronic TTY or frequency counters, require five volts in excess of one ampere.

After many hours of looking over

data sheets, I came up with a suitable regulator for larger loads. This unit, the LM5000, is a two-terminal, TO-3 package rated at 5 V and 3 A. I tried this relatively new unit and found it to function so well in an IC project that I decided to build a small bench supply for TTL work utilizing this regulator.

The supply requires a minimum of parts, no adjustments, and can be assembled in a few hours. Best of all, because of the internal protection designed into the IC regulator, it appears to be indestructible. The internal protection has proven to be a good thing to have on more than one occasion, both in the bench supply and in the IC projects I have used this regulator for.

Circuit Description

The circuit, as depicted in Fig. 1, consists of a 12-V power supply and the three terminal regulator. A 12.6-V filament transformer rated at 3 A feeds a full-wave bridge rectifier. The rectifier is a single unit device rated at 6 A and 200 PIV. This package was used because it is easier to mount and wire than discrete diodes. The rectifier output is filtered by a 2000- μ F, 35-V dc capacitor. The filtered dc is applied to the regulator which in turn furnishes 5-volts output, \pm 100 millivolts. The 5-V output is filtered further by a 150- μ F, 16-V dc capacitor. The power-supply output is monitored by means of a light-emitting diode which also serves as a pilot lamp for the unit. The negative side of the output is left above ground for the bench supply so as to facilitate its use as a negative voltage source, if required.

Construction

The power supply was constructed on a 5 x 7 x 2-inch chassis but could be reduced in size if a more compact package was desired. A meter could be added to read the output current. The power transformer is a Radio Shack unit rated at 12.6 V, 3 A, center tapped. The center tap is not used in this applica-

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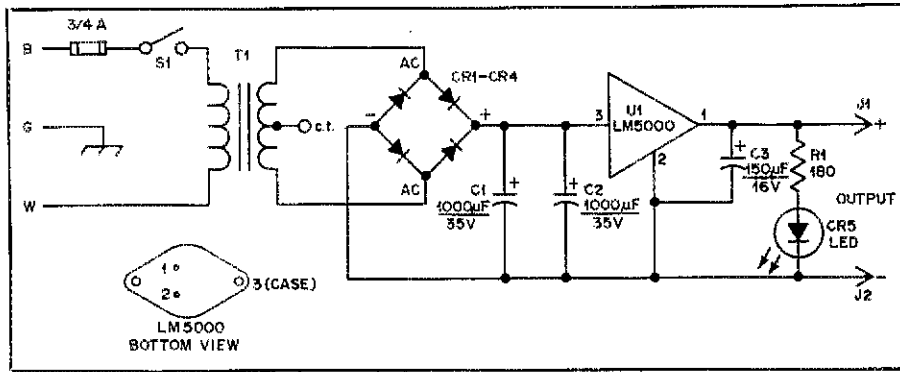


Fig. 1 — Circuit diagram of the power supply.

C1, C2 — 1000- μ F, 35-volt electrolytic. Also, it can be a single unit, 2000 μ F, 35 volts (Radio Shack 273-1511).
 C3 — 150- μ F, 16-V electrolytic.
 CR1-CR4 — 6 A, 200 PIV (Radio Shack 276-1172).
 CR5 — LED (Radio Shack 276-047).

J1, J2 — Terminals (Radio Shack 274-662).
 U1 — LM5000 (EEP Inc., 10150 W. Jefferson, Culver City, CA 90230).
 Also, one heat sink (Burstein-Applebee no. 12A2227), one chassis (Radio Shack 270-246).

tion. The bridge-rectifier unit is rated at 6 A, 200 PIV. This is a little heavier than required but costs only a few cents more than one that might prove marginal in performance. The input filter capacitor, 2000 μ F, 35-V dc, is actually comprised of two 1000- μ F units in parallel since these were more readily available. The transformer, rectifier and input filter capacitors are not critical and components of equal or higher value could be used; however, 2000 μ F is about the minimum amount. A capacitor of lesser value will cause problems as the supply load approaches the 3-A mark, since the output ripple will increase with the load. The output filter capacitor, C3, should be mounted directly at the terminals of the IC voltage regulator to minimize the possibilities of the circuit oscillating. The

output capacitor should be a good quality unit. The value of the output filter does not appear to be critical but should be 100 μ F or greater to minimize output ripple.

The heat sink is 3 \times 4-1/2 \times 2-1/2 inches high. This is about the minimal size sink that can be used in order to keep the case temperature of the IC regulator down under heavy loads. The heat sink is insulated from the chassis with grommets on the mounting hardware as depicted in Fig. 2. The IC regulator is mounted to the heat sink using heat-sinking compound. The insulating procedure should be used as the IC case and heat sink are at a 12-volt potential.

The output indicator, CR5, is a standard 20-mA unit with a 180-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor in series to limit the

LED current. Both the positive and negative output terminals are insulated from the chassis so as to allow the use of the supply as a negative source.


Testing

Since there are no adjustments in the circuit, I guess we could say it either works or it does not! The LED will indicate if the 5-volt output is available. You can measure the output with a voltmeter, and it should read five volts, plus or minus 100 millivolts. This should provide a good check of your voltmeter as I found these regulators to be very accurate. If an oscilloscope is available, the output of the unit can be checked for oscillation and ripple. If oscillation occurs, check the connections between the output capacitor and the IC regulator terminals. If this does not cure the problem another output capacitor should be tried.¹ If a scope is not available you can check for oscillation with a signal tracer or an audio amplifier coupled to the output of the power supply via a 0.05- μ F capacitor. If all is normal, the output of the tracer or amplifier will be nil.

Utilizing my old bench scope, the ripple measured approximately 10 millivolts under full load and fell appreciably as the load was reduced. Increasing the value of the input filter capacitor will further reduce the ripple if your particular application requires it. For normal TTL work it doesn't seem necessary but might be required if you were powering voltage-controlled oscillators, op amps or comparators. Line regulation on the IC regulator is specified as 20 millivolts and load regulation is specified as 50 millivolts. I could not verify these parameters as they exceed the capability of the test equipment I have on hand.

Miscellaneous

Parts placement is not critical with the exception of the output filter capacitor which must be located at the IC regulator terminals. The power transformer was mounted on top of the chassis to prevent heat buildup under the chassis. But after many hours of operation, the transformer did not get very hot and could be placed under the chassis to conserve space. It is a good rule of thumb to keep the input filter capacitors within about four inches of the IC regulator input terminals.

The bench supply described in this article has been in use for about six months and has been a flawless performer. The same circuitry has been in use in other gear in the shack for about a year and I have not had a failure to date, so I know the circuit works. 

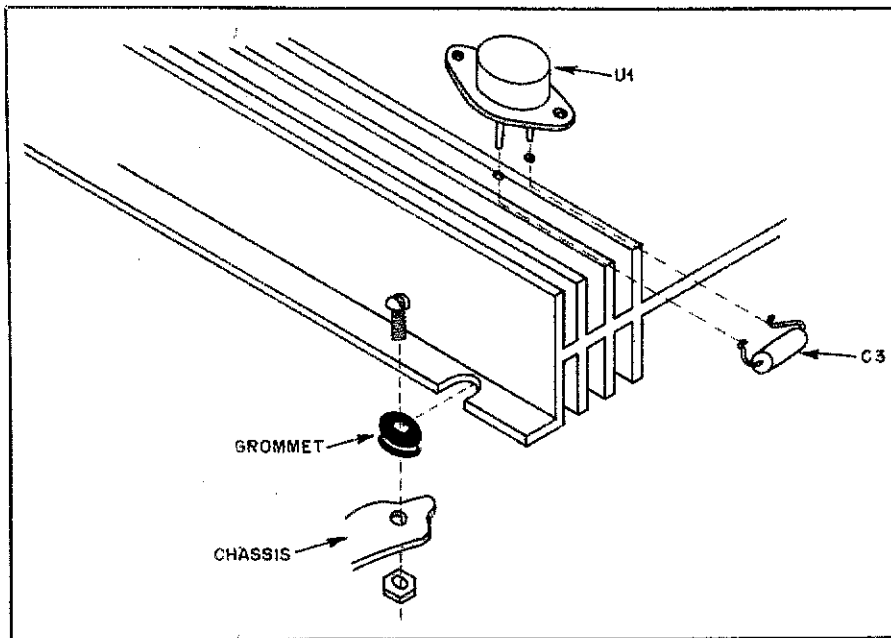


Fig. 2 — Mounting details for U1 and the heat sink.

¹ [Editor's Note: National Semiconductor also recommends bypassing the input, pin 3 to pin 2 with a 0.22- μ F capacitor.]

Independent Sideband for Your Drake TR-4C

Voice and video now may be transmitted at the same time with this dual-sideband adapter. The capability of expensive equipment can be achieved with this economical unit. It's designed for "independent sideband"!

By Robert W. Gervenack,* W7FEN

Single-sideband lib? Equal rights for the uppers and the lowers? Whatever is involved, you may be stirred to join the isb movement. Fear not about dues, group gatherings or special allegiances. On this and the following pages you may find a way to become an isb (independent sideband) activist!

Isb is authorized for amateur use. So, again fear not. Think first of the times, while working in roundtables or nets, that you wished to withdraw a station to the other sideband in order to exchange information as the group's business continued to roll on. Perhaps, on the other hand, if you operate with slow-scan television, you've desired to transmit or receive video on one sideband and voice on the other. Well, read on!

What is about to unfold before your eyes is the way to make an adapter that will put you on the isb bandwagon. With a small amount of time, some effort and a collection of parts that is easy to acquire, that TR-4C at your operating position can have the isb capability of other more-expensive equipment.

The principle involved is not new. It takes advantage of the fact that all sideband transmitters generate both upper and lower sidebands. This same method may be applied also to other single-sideband transmitters, receivers and transceivers.

Design of the isb adapter is fash-

ioned after the original TR-4C circuitry with the same type of parts and layout being used. Construction amounts to putting together a kit for which you make up the parts list while this article provides you with the assembly instruction. So, after a little more discussion, let's have at it!

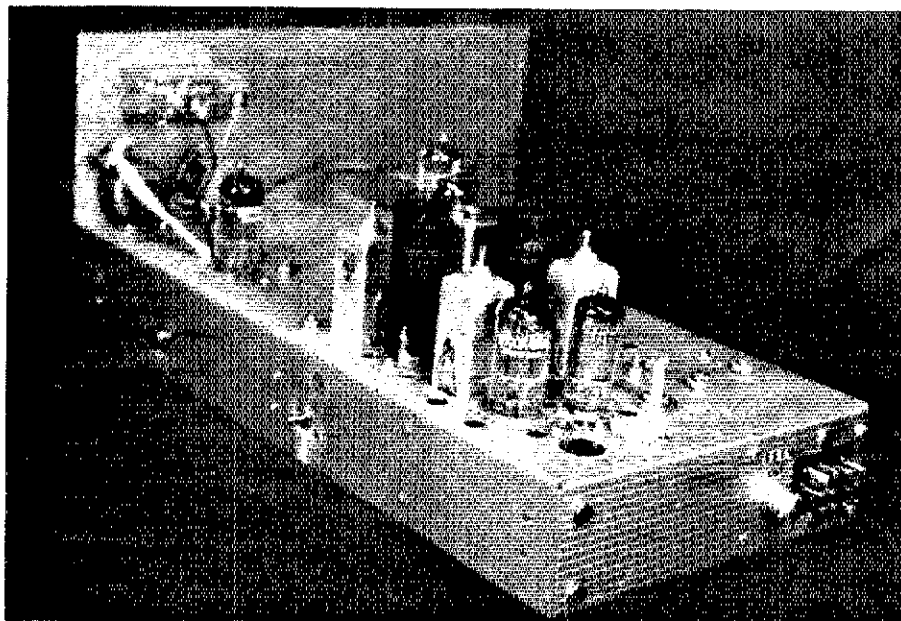
Background

The first project was to build an isb adapter designed for use with a Collins 75A4 receiver and the KWS-1 trans-

mitter.¹ Next to be tried was an isb adapter for a Drake TR-3 for YN3RBD/WA7SFY. The results were very encouraging. So, I started looking for a transceiver with which an isb adapter could be used, but one which would not require the drilling of holes or making physical changes in the cabinet. The Drake TR-4C filled the bill.

Since the Drake TR-3 and TR-4 series of transceivers employ sideband

¹ Footnotes appear on page 32.



The isb adapter for the Drake TR-4C transceiver.

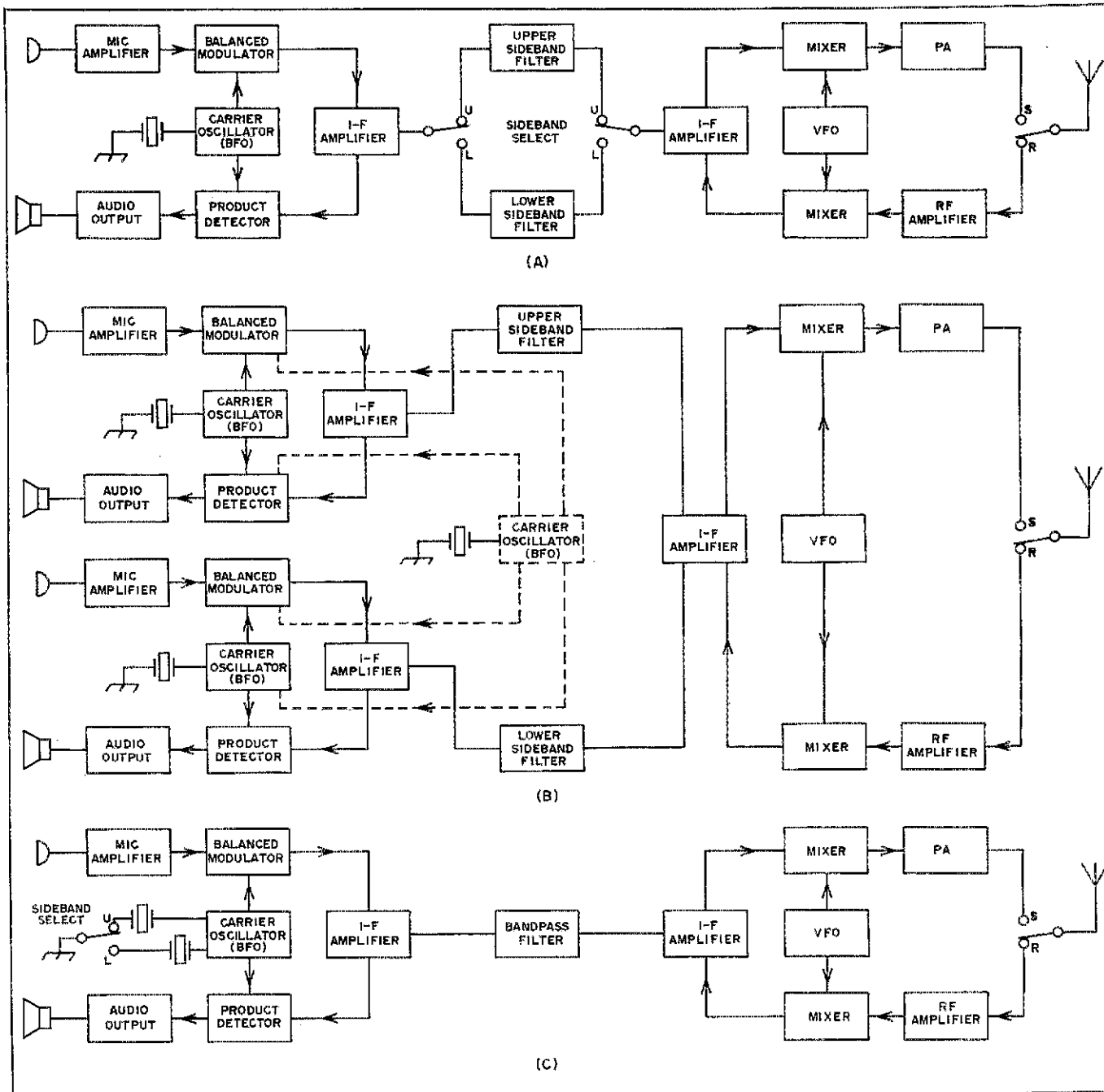


Fig. 1 — Basic block diagrams for filter type sideband transceivers. The arrangement used in the Drake TR-3 and TR-4 series is shown in 1A. A block layout for the TR-4C with isb is shown in 1B, while a basic plan for a transceiver using a band-pass filter is shown in 1C.

filters (integral components for isb operation), it is unnecessary to purchase separate filters for adapting them to isb. This saves about \$200. See Fig. 1C. Another good reason for choosing the TR-4C is that it does not require the purchase of a crystal for the carrier (BFO) oscillator as well as other parts to make sideband filters compatible with the circuit.

All TR-3, TR-4 and T4X transceivers and transmitters use separate crystal-lattice sideband filters in the generation of the lower and upper sidebands. The oscillator uses one 9-MHz crystal to

generate the carrier (BFO) frequency. The desired sideband is selected by switching in the related filter (Fig. 1A).

Most other single-sideband, filter-exciter circuits use a band-pass filter and one of two crystals in the carrier (BFO) oscillator to obtain either of the sidebands. The chosen sideband is selected by switching in the proper crystal to generate a frequency above or below the band-pass center frequency, thus providing the selected sideband (Fig. 1C and Fig. 2).

To use a single-crystal carrier (BFO) oscillator, as in Fig. 1B (dotted lines),

would require cutting and drilling the chassis of the TR-4C and the design of a product detector for the isb adapter. The TR-4C uses a 6GX6 as a carrier oscillator and product detector. The frequency injection for the product detector is through interelectrode capacitance. Thus, it was easier to duplicate the 6GX6 circuit.

The "Nitty Gritties"

I am not trying to sell Drake but simply to point out that an adapter to add isb to Drake equipment is less expensive than for equipment using

band-pass filters. Basic steps are to duplicate the microphone amplifier, balanced modulator, audio output amplifier, product detector, carrier (BFO) and i-f amplifier. Secondly, it is necessary to wire each of the sideband filters to the original and the new circuit. All parts required for the adapter for the TR-4C may be ordered from Drake. Part numbers and values may be taken from the manual, as well as Figs. 3, 4 and 5A. Also refer to the caption for Fig. 1.

The adapter should be wired according to the TR-4C circuit shown here, rather than the manual. In my TR-4C, R57 is connected to the positive 235-V line at the S-meter. Also there is a 1-pF capacitor from the plus terminal on T11 to pin 1 (grid) of V11.

Ideally, it would be desirable to obtain a punched chassis with the oscillator shield plate from Drake. Whatever chassis is used, however, it should allow a parts layout identical to that of the TR-4C. Except for minor changes for components that are bypassed, the wiring should also follow that of the TR-4C.

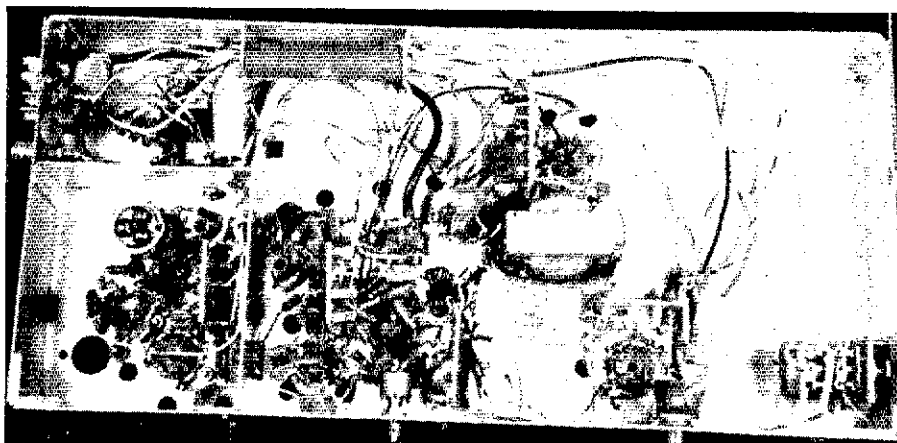
An auxiliary audio-output jack and switch are mounted at a location of the builder's preference to serve as an extra position for TTY, SSTV, FAX, or what have you. The switch is placed in the speaker circuit so that the speaker may be silenced while receiving other than voice signals. Indeed, it makes reception a pleasure to hear as the other station operator's voice comes out of the speaker while one is watching the picture but without the interference of the video impulses.

Other considerations could be the installation of a tuning indicator for TTY and/or SSTV² in the cabinet with the isb adapter. A relay may be added to the PTT line which would allow automatic lowering of the room lighting intensity while receiving SSTV. No attempt was made, however, to provide agc, since TTY and video are usually transmitted through the adapter at a reduced level.

TR-4C Wiring

As preparations to modify the TR-4C wiring are about to begin, a recommended step is to give the transceiver an alignment before proceeding further. It probably needs it anyhow. Follow this initial operation with the separation of the two sideband filters, a necessary maneuver so that each may be used in the ssb or isb mode.

Actual isolation of the two sidebands is accomplished in the i-f transformer, T6. Another winding, identical to the one with the 470-ohm resistor across it, is wound over the transformer coil. See Fig. 4. Follow this by wiring the two filters as in Fig. 1B to eliminate



A bottom view of the isb adapter showing the parts layout. Separate capacitors were used for sections A, B and D.

the sideband switch, S7. Since S7 cannot be rewired to suit circuit requirements in Fig. 4, the switch must be replaced. Observe that Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 are drawn according to the format supplied in the TR-4C manual with the same symbols as in the original Fig. 5-5 TR-4C schematic drawing.

Modifying the I-F Transformer

Begin the changes required for the i-f transformer T6 by making a sketch of the position of T6 as it appears on the chassis. Carefully show the wires connected to it. Then you can remove the wires from the terminals on T6, keeping in mind that they will be replaced. Now, remove T6 from the chassis.

Extracting the coil from the can is next in order. First, epoxy the two small terminals between the primary and secondary terminals of T6. Once the cement is firmly set, it is safe to remove the coil and begin by winding

5-1/4 turns of no. 33-cc wire over the lower small coil. Do this in the same winding direction that the lower coil is wound. To secure the new winding, apply some coil dope to the turns and allow it to dry. Once the dope is set, connect the leads of the added coil to the new terminals but do not solder them.

At this point you are ready to reinsert the coil in the can. Install and solder a 470-ohm 5-percent resistor across the new terminals. T6 is placed again on the chassis, and original chassis wiring is reconnected to T6.

Replacing the Sideband Switch

To make the substitution for S7, several pieces of hardware need to be removed. Take off the knobs and the front panel, also the screws holding J2, but do not disconnect the wires. Unclamp the two lamp holders.

Remove the three screws holding the sideband filters. Unsolder and remove the wires on S7 (R) that are connected to the filters. Do take note of the wires that go to S1. After moving the filters aside and unsoldering as well as withdrawing the remaining wires on S7, the filter assembly may be lifted from the set, followed by removal of the switch.

With this bit of surgery over, it is time to reassemble the material. Insert the new switch, connecting and soldering the two wires from S1 and the coaxial line from T13. Replace the filter assembly. Remaining steps include wiring a length of RG-174/U between the new terminals of T6 and the lower sideband filter. Mount a coax jack in one of the holes on the rear plate but insulate it from the plate. A length of RG-174/U is wired from this jack to the switch as shown in Fig. 4. Lamp holders and J2 are remounted followed by installation of the front panel and knobs. The TR-4C should now be back

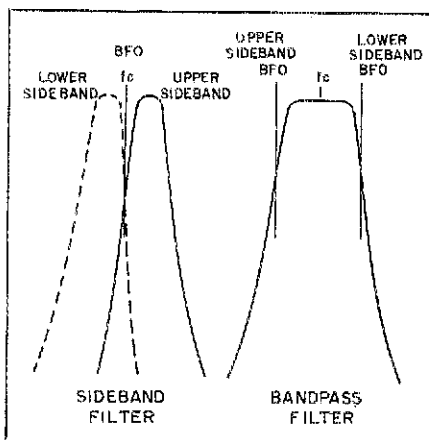


Fig. 2 - Filter-response curves for sideband and band-pass filters.

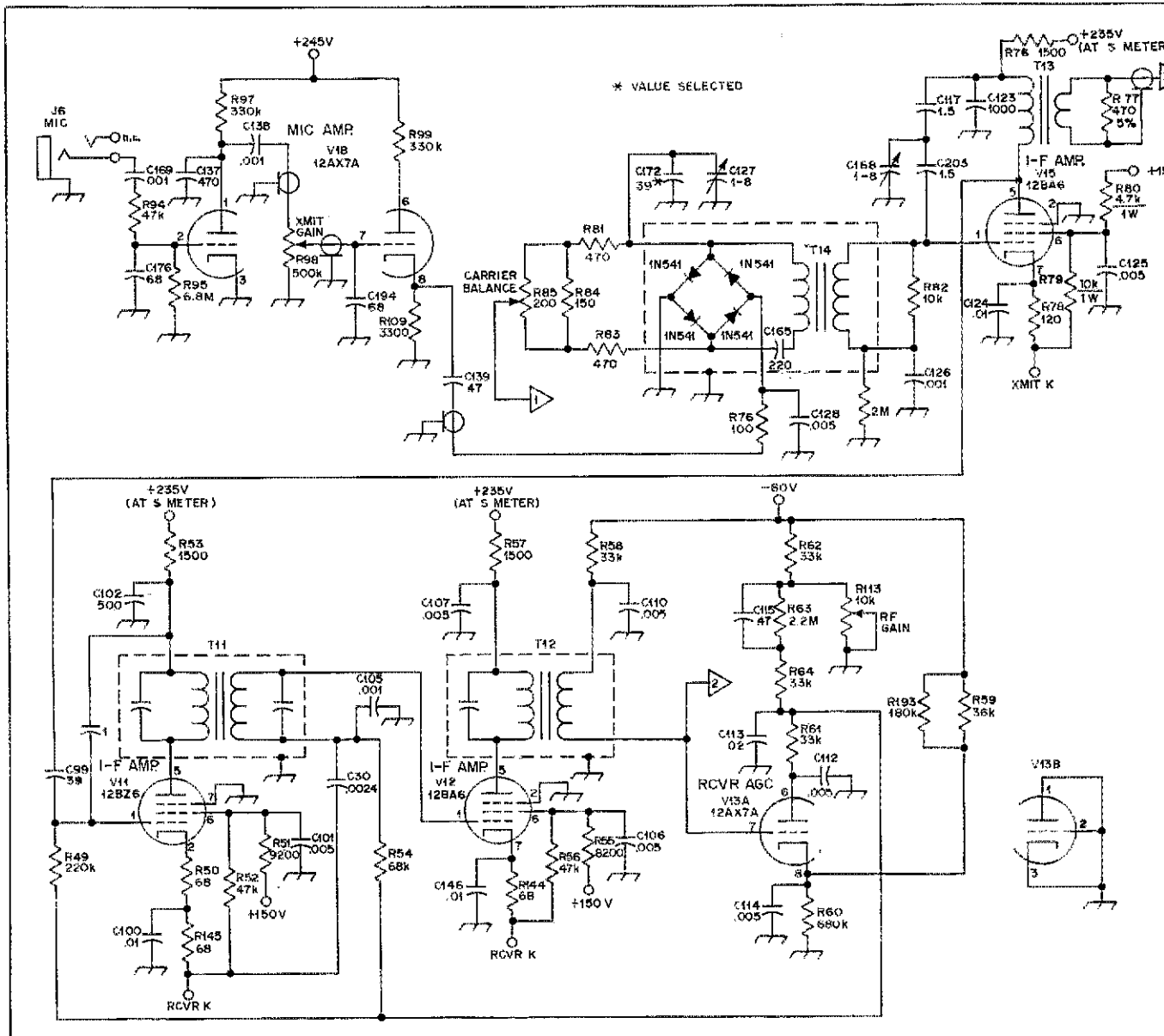


Fig. 3 - Circuit for the isb adapter to be used with the Drake TR-4C transceiver is shown above. It is fashioned after the original TR-4C with the same type of parts and layout.

Note the following: The audio card includes these parts - C135, C136, C142, C211, C212, Q5 (2N3877), R42, R181, R182, R183, R184, R185.

Also observe that a 12BZ6 is used in place of the 6BZ6 to balance the heater circuit. R110 is changed from 2500 ohms at 7 W, to 6000 ohms at 5 W. R112 is changed from 2500 ohms at 7 W, to 3000 ohms at 5 W. R136 is changed from 1 M Ω to 2 M Ω . R141 and C84 are shunted with a jumper wire which may be opened to inject carrier for testing purposes.

in its original ssb mode with the upper and lower sideband filters duly isolated.

Power for the Adapter

Voltages needed to make the isb adapter percolate are supplied from the TR-4C power supply. The arrangement and circuit for the cables, including plugs and jacks which are required to interconnect the adapter to the TR-4C, is shown in Fig. 5. The cathode transmit-receive lines for the adapter are obtained from J2, located at the bottom of TR-4C. Another suitable connector will have to be made if this receptacle is being used for an accessory. Be sure to use at least no. 18 wire for the 12.6-V ac heater leads. The rf output from the

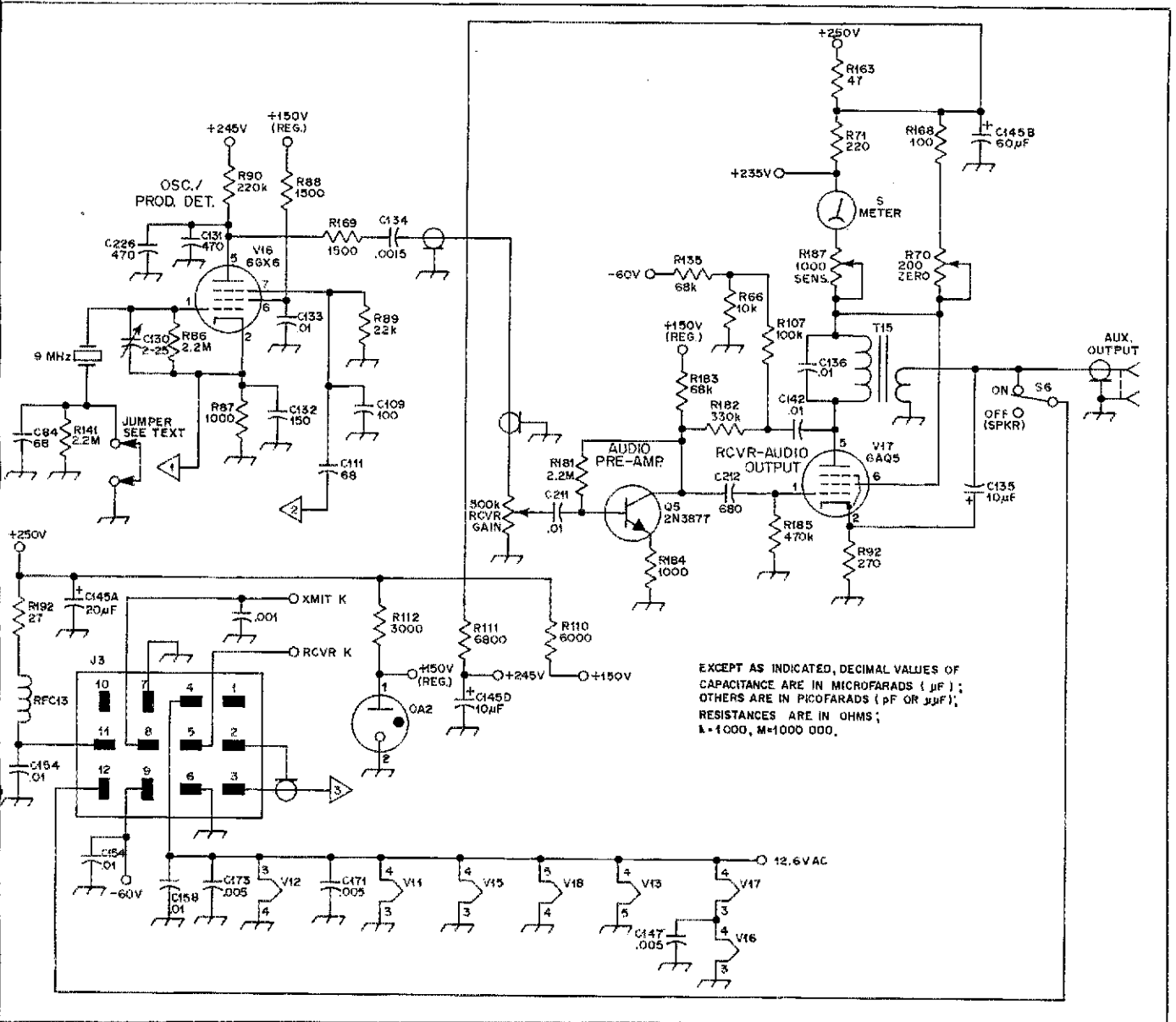
isb adapter is fed through the power plug via RG-174/U or RG-58A/U to a plug or jack on the rear of the TR-4C. See Fig. 5.

Tune-Up and Adjustment

If you and the TR-4C have survived to this point, then the moment of great reward is about to arrive. Align the adapter by following the procedure outlined for the alignment of the TR-4C. The two 9-MHz oscillators must be on the same frequency. If you have not already aligned the TR-4C, as previously suggested, that should be done before going further. The addition of a coil to T6 in the TR-4C probably will detune T6.

Referring to the alignment instructions in the manual, proceed with the following steps. Disconnect the plate and screen leads of the amplifier tube where they pass through the partition under the chassis. Plug in the proper cable connectors between the isb adapter and the TR-4C and the AC-4 power supply. Turn on the power supply and adjust the bias.

Receiving sections of the TR-4C are to be aligned first. Since the two 9-MHz crystal oscillators are in the circuit you will probably hear a heterodyne. Adjust C130 in the adapter to zero beat, followed by adjustments of T6 and T1 in the TR-4C adhering to the technique carefully outlined in the manual under



Filter Matching Transformer (5-15) *except* step g. Adjust T11 and T12 in the isb adapter as described under Receiver I-F (5-13).

Adjust T13 in the isb adapter as indicated in steps 5-15. Do not, however, adjust T6 in the TR4C or use step g. Properly set the S-meter for correct indication as explained in steps 4-2 and 5-19. This completes the alignment of the TR-4C and the isb adapter for ssb and isb reception.

Transmit Adjustment

The alignment of the transmit section of the isb adapter remains. The carrier-balance controls and T14 need adjustment. They can be set roughly with the use of another receiver tuned to 9 MHz. Then, open the jumper across R141 to insert carrier in the sideband filter band-pass while leaving the TR-4C mode switch in the ssb position. The receiver is tuned for maximum S-meter

reading. T14 is adjusted also for maximum S-meter reading. Once those moves have been taken, the carrier-balance control and C127 are adjusted for minimum S-meter reading. It will be necessary to pad or reduce the value of C172 if minimum S-meter indication is reached with C127 at maximum or minimum capacity.

Final adjustment of the isb adapter follows the same procedure as used in steps 5-14 pertaining to the balanced modulator and carrier balance as explained in the TR-4C manual. The exception is step e. The plate and screen leads are reconnected, leaving the jumper across R141 open. With the jumper open, the carrier (BFO) frequency is shifted in the isb adapter just as with the X-CW switch in the TR-4C.

Having accomplished the foregoing, it is time to turn on the power and adjust the bias. Follow the procedure again in steps 5-14 in the manual,

except for step e. The TR-4C mode switch must be in the ssb position and the sideband switch should not be in the X position. To conclude the adjustments, disconnect the power and solder the jumper across R141. This completes the alignment.

Microphone Use and SSTV

The microphone-gain potentiometers on the adapter and the transceiver control the audio inputs separately for the two sidebands. I use an external switching arrangement to change one microphone, TTY, SSTV or other outputs to either the isb adapter or the TR-4C. The TR-4C sideband switch is used for quick selection of either the upper or lower sideband.

Because of the flexibility produced as explained here, a new source of pleasure can be derived from operating, especially with SSTV. Try setting the camera³ in a position to be focused on

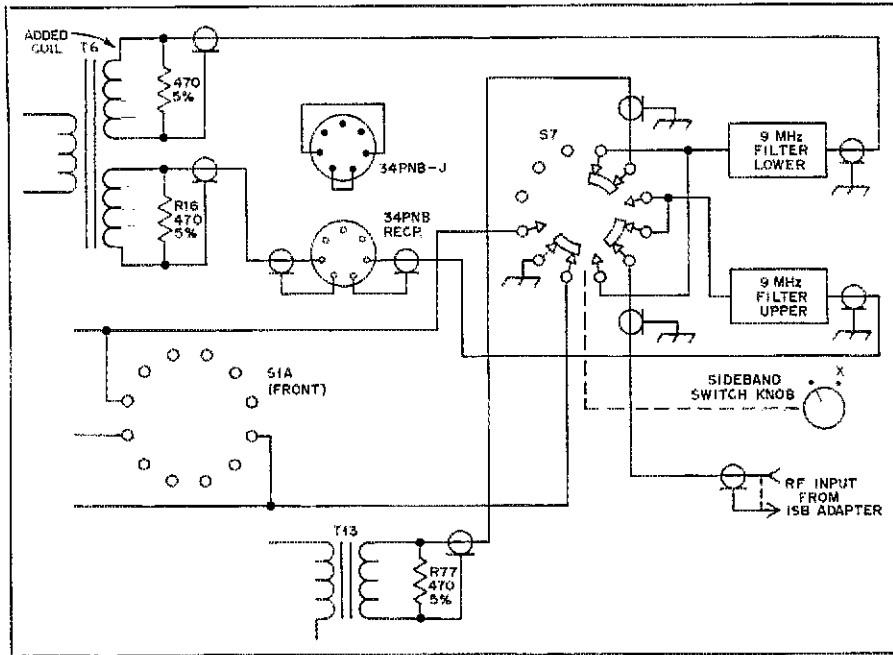


Fig. 4 — Modification of the TR-4C circuit for isb. S7 is a Centralab switch, type PA1007 or equivalent. For the rf input from the isb adapter see details in text.

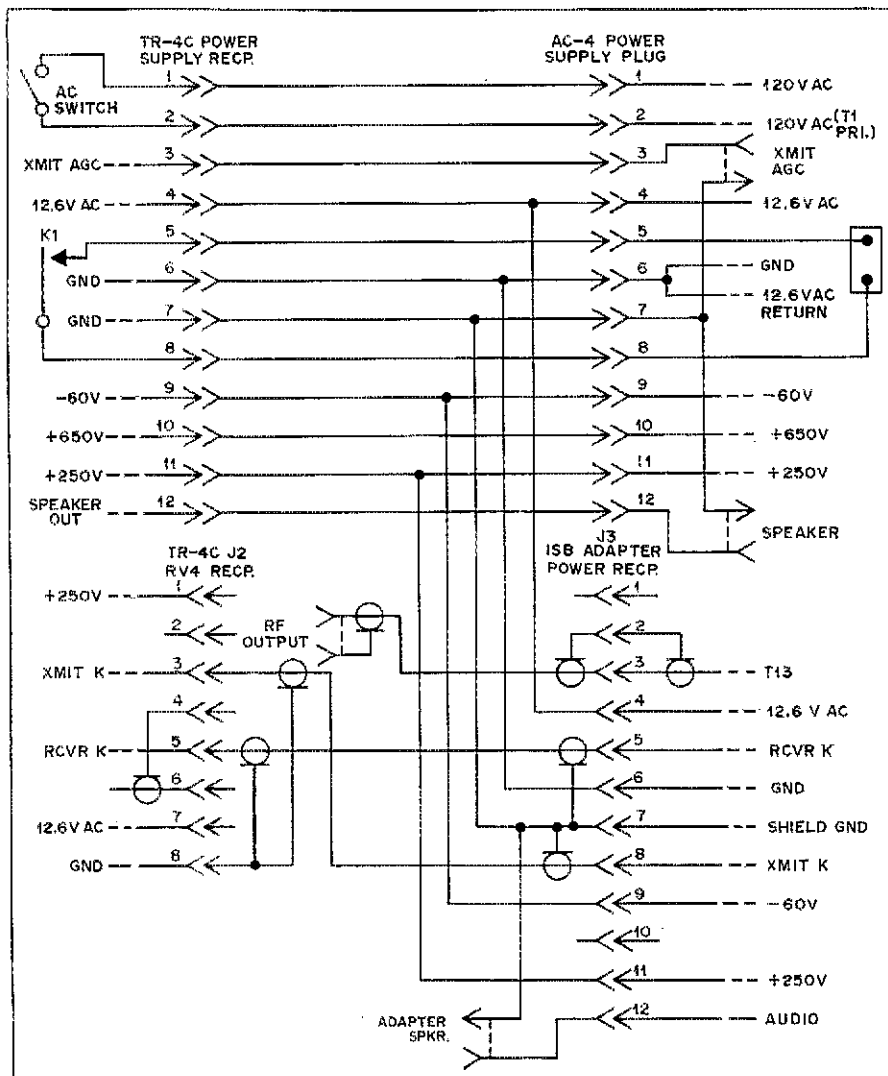


Fig. 5 — Power cable connections between the TR-4C and the isb adapter. TRW Cinch 300 Series Type CCT connectors are used with the cables.

yourself. With the microphone in hand you can be seen and heard.⁴ Isb can cut your operating time in half because video and audio may be sent at the same time.

I found when transmitting with slow-scan TV on the TR-4C that the output varied 3 dB from black to white. Because of the shape factor of the filters, the output doubled when the video changed from white (2300 Hz) to black (1500 Hz). A simple filter⁵ consisting of a 0.05- μ F capacitor in series with the input and a 10-k Ω resistor to ground smoothed out the changes in the output.

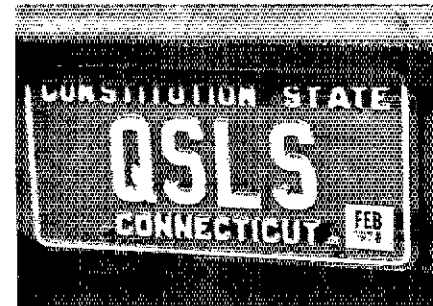
These are the facts and figures. You have the fun!

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Not too often does a job change within the same state lead to a change of license plates! In tune with his new post as Manager of the ARRL QSL Bureau, W1CW traded in his "DXCC" plates for "QSLs."

The Stark Key

Are you into keyers? Well, a lot of hams are, and here's a way to save a buck — several in fact!

By Col. Howard J. Stark,* W4OHT

At first I was going to title this piece, "What Comes After the Accu-Keyer?" or "So You Built the Accu-Keyer, but What About a Paddle?" After a little more thought, I decided on the Stark Key or Starkey for short. Oh well, at least the words sound alike. Anyhow the title Stark Key is more appropriate because the key contains some original approaches.

So here is an article about building a key to be used with an electronic keyer. If you have a 1/4-inch electric or hand drill, drill bits, nuts and screws, scraps

of plastic and aluminum and a little mechanical ability (usually referred to as "working with the hands"), you can make this very useful key.

Having looked at numerous circuits of keyers (the pc-IC deal) for the past several years, I decided to have a go at Jim Garrett's, WB4VVF, Accu-Keyer (Aug., 1973, *QST*). I gave considerable thought to the aspects of a mechanical device to work the Accu-Keyer. At first, a single lever with some means of bringing the lever back to a neutral position after it made a dot or dash looked easy, but the idea was soon discarded. Two levers, each of which had a fixed rest position initially and

each of which returned to it after making dots or dashes, looked much better.

So here is the fruit of my labor; it's about a three- or four-night job with a few extra hours looking at the sketches. Material should not be difficult to come by, and you will have saved yourself about \$30. You will get an extra bonus: You'll appreciate why a commercial key costs \$30 and is worth all of it!

How-to Details

The key is built on a piece of 1/2-inch thick Lucite or similar plastic. Only one other small piece of 1/2-inch thick Lucite will be needed for a "keeper" on the lever pivots. The key is lightweight, so you may want to fasten it to a firm support or provide some weight to the base. Pieces of 1/4-inch thick Lucite bonded together with adhesive (or held with screws) will suffice in place of solid 1/2-inch Lucite. The paddles are cut from 1/16-inch Lucite and fastened to the 1/8" x 1/8-inch square brass arms with 3-48 machine screws and nuts, two screws to each paddle, placing the nuts on the inside of the brass arms. The brass arms and paddles should be built first. This will help you to orient and align the respective arms to the base. At this point the holes should be drilled inside the lever arms for the 1/16-inch diameter and 1/8-inch long pins. Care must be exercised here as the pins are a friction fit into the brass arms, and the holes are only drilled 1/16-inch deep. The pins must *not* touch each other when arms are in the normal position. The pins serve only as a guide and keeper for the spring. You select the latter to give the desired "feel" of the key. The spring is only a few turns of thin steel spring wire. It keeps the lever arms away from

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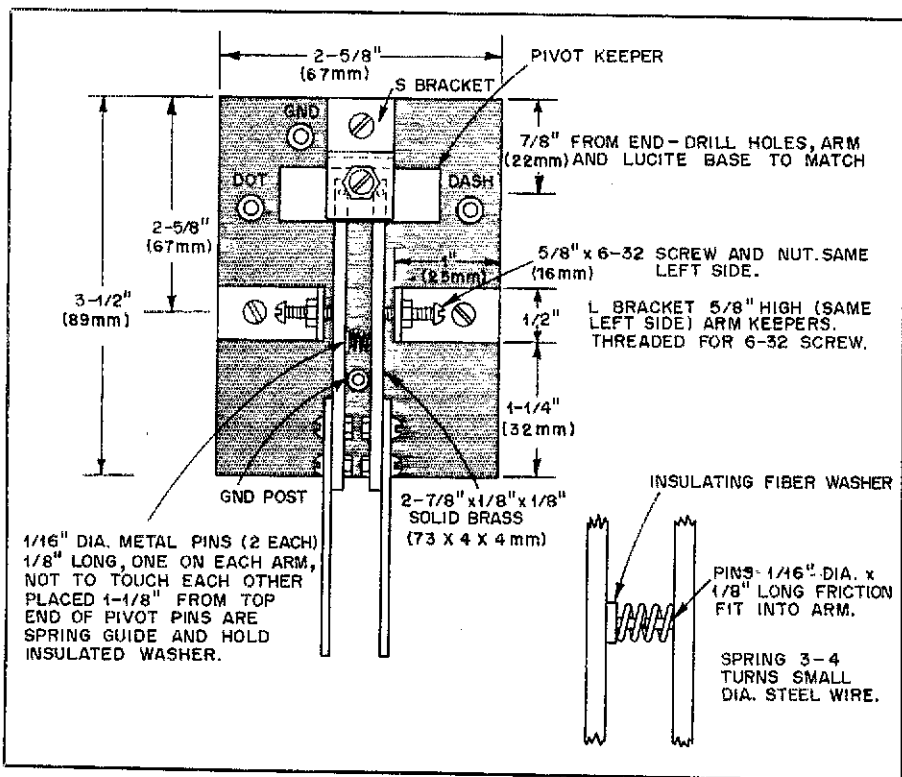


Fig. 1 — View looking down on the keyer.

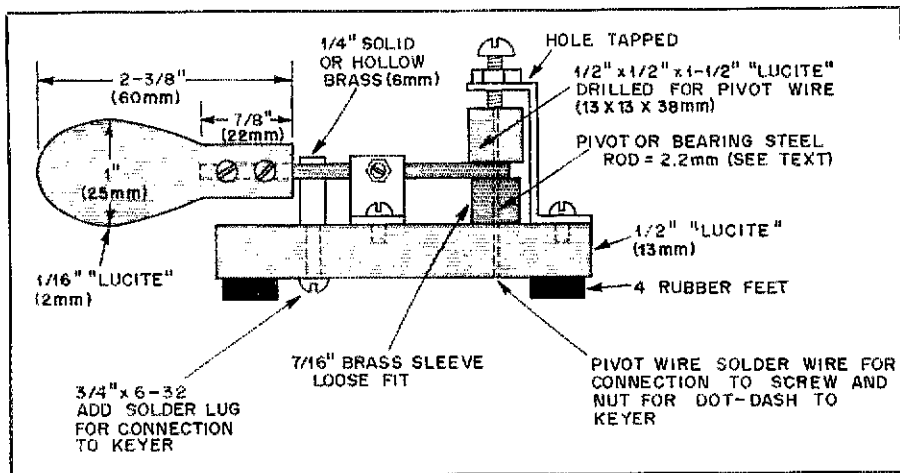


Fig. 2 - Side view of the Stark key.

the grounding post and against the screws in the side brackets.

Installing the two pivots for the key arms is probably the most difficult part of the project. The holes through the 1/2 x 1/2 x 1-1/2-inch Lucite pivot keeper, lever arms and 1/2-inch Lucite base must all be in the same vertical alignment, and yet each hole has to be drilled separately. So, drill the holes in the end of the brass arms, then the holes in the base, and finally the holes in the pivot keeper.

There should be little slack between the hole in the end of the arm and the pivot wire, but there should be considerable freedom for the pivot wire to slide through. I used a 5/16-inch drill for all these holes and steel wire having a 2.2 mm diameter for pivot wire. I found that an ordinary finishing nail can be used here. A 2-inch 6D bright finishing nail with cup head measures 2.3 mm in diameter. Cut this nail

1-13/16-inches long, and it will be just right.

Locate or make the 7/16-inch brass sleeve as part of the bearing assembly and see that the hole through it allows the pivot wire adequate freedom. Make the S-bracket and mount it on the base. Dimensions are not given as the bracket is simply made of 1/2 x 1/16-inch aluminum to provide 1/8-inch clearance above the 1/2 x 1/2-inch pivot keeper. The hole is tapped for a 6-32 by 3/4-inch machine screw and a keeper nut is placed on the screw to lock the tension on the pivot keeper. This unit keeps the brass arms in a horizontal alignment. Without the keeper the arms will droop.

Next, the 1/4-inch diameter solid or hollow brass grounding post is secured to the base. Its position is determined by placing it (see sketch for dimensions) between the arms when arms are exactly parallel and straight out.

Next, the two side brackets (which determine the amount of travel and spring tension on the arm) are installed. In making and installing these as a last or near-last step, care must be taken that the threaded holes in the brackets will allow the end of the 6-32 machine screws to contact the brass arm at the center of the arm (the 1/8-inch dimension) and not off to one side, above or below center.

Install the insulated washer and a spring of your choice. Remember, one side of this spring should not make electrical contact with the side of the arm which has the fiber or insulated washer on it. At this point you can install the binding posts, machine screws and nuts, or whatever you desire to bring electrical contact from each arm and the key grounding post to the keyer. One inch x 6-32 machine screws were used. They were mounted at appropriate places (see sketch) at the front of the key. You may have to disassemble the key to remove the two pivot wires so that you can solder copper wires to the bottom of them, or to the nail-head end. Then you can run wires to the aforementioned machine screw or binding posts. It's possible you may have to slightly countersink the holes for the two pivot wires after the copper lead wires have been so soldered there to. The wires are run under the Lucite base of the key.

If the key will not control the dots and dashes separately, then the wire tension spring may not be insulated properly from the arm of the key. Recheck this and you should be in business.

At this point you should have gotten the key working. Good luck and good DX!

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Last Looks! As the U.S. Air Force bases in Thailand are phased out, MARS (Military Amateur Radio Service) station A18NA will meet its demise.

ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY NET

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ENGLAND: A NATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION

All amateur radio enthusiasts will be delighted by news of England's "International Radio Communication Exhibition National Convention." A section for hfers and a section for uhf and

microwave aficionados will comprise what promises to be an outstanding event. Propagation expert Ed Tilton, W1HDQ, will represent ARRL at the convention. Planned for 6, 7 and 8 March at the Alexandra Palace north of London, there will be, in addition to manufacturers' exhibits, flea market, raffles, dinners and dances, lectures designed to explain the various facets of amateur radio in an entertaining manner. Talk-in will be provided on 2, 8 and 160 (that's right -- the British know that to *keep* a band, it must be used in meters. Plenty of activities are planned as well for family interest. Full details may be obtained from the Radio Society of Great Britain, 35 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2AE, England.

A Fully Automatic Morse Code Teaching Machine

How would you teach Morse code to a person? Probably you'd divide the characters into groups and send the same few signals repeatedly until learned — sending "missed" characters more frequently. A microcomputer can provide the same individualized introduction to Morse code.

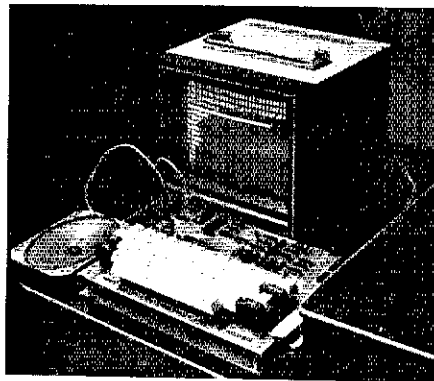
By Howard Cunningham,* WA9VRU

There are many ways to learn the Morse code, most of which will work if given enough time and effort by the student. However, some techniques have been shown to streamline the learning process.¹ These include sound recognition and postponed discrimination. With the aid of both techniques, most students can reach proficiency at 5 wpm after six to eight one-hour sessions.

Sound recognition is perhaps the single most important instruction technique. Since the code is copied by ear, it must be learned by ear. Further, characters should be learned at a speed fast enough (approx. 15 wpm) to hear each character as a single sound rather than a sequence of dots and dashes.

Postponed discrimination requires that longer characters be introduced to a student before shorter characters with the same element sequence. For example, C is introduced before K, which is introduced before A and T. This forces a student to listen to the entire letter before making any decision.

The first problem encountered by the student then becomes finding six to eight hours of good code-practice material. Most code records and tapes are one to two hours long, requiring repetition of material and practice with material both above and below the student's ability. An alternative is at-



The HAL Communications Corp. MCEM-8080 microcomputer, all set to go for the continuation of a practice session on learning the code. No knowledge of computer operation or programming is required of the student; all he need do is use the keyboard to type the letter sent via the speaker before the computer displays it on the monitor screen.

tending a good code class where new material is presented at a level in line with the overall ability of the class. In fact, very small groups are ideal, as the instructor can keep track of each student's proficiency and adjust the practice text accordingly.

I have taught Morse code for many small groups. It was while instructing a make-up session that I realized how

mechanical my technique had become. While watching each student carefully, I would look for troublesome letters, concentrate on them until the student gained proficiency, then throw in some old letters for practice. If he could still copy satisfactorily, I would introduce some new letters. Then I realized this technique was a natural application for a microprocessor.

Programming the microcomputer to send code was no problem; Thomas and Belter discuss a code-practice oscillator program in their introduction to microprocessors.² The challenge was having the computer adjust to the student's ability.

The student would be required to copy on a computer keyboard. This did not seem too severe a restriction as even hunt-and-peck typing speeds are well above the rate characters would be sent. The computer could time response intervals in addition to testing for correct responses. Furthermore, the computer printing could be controlled to provide immediate positive reinforcement.

I wrote such an instructor program for the Motorola MC6800 microprocessor and tried it out on a few friends. The results were so encouraging that I doubt I will ever teach Morse code by hand again.

Theory of Operation

The microcomputer communicates with the student both aurally and visual-

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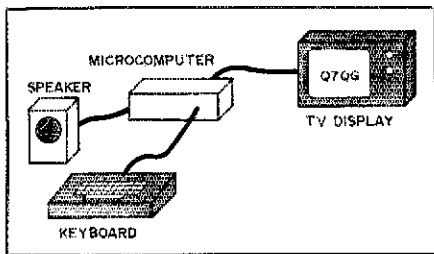


Fig. 1 — Basic components of the Morse code teaching machine. The student listens to the code from the speaker and types the characters on the keyboard. Correct answers are displayed on the TV screen.

ly (see Fig. 1). A speaker connected to the microcomputer is used to send individual Morse characters at 15 wpm. The character being sent can also be displayed visually on a video display screen for simultaneous sight and sound recognition.

Student input is through the computer keyboard. Correct answers for characters sent are acknowledged immediately by displaying the character on the TV screen. Incorrect answers are simply ignored. It is important that the computer uses no negative conditioning for incorrect answers; if the student is unsure, he is encouraged to guess. A correct guess is a very satisfying response.

The teaching algorithm can be summarized in the following manner (see Fig. 2). The program works with a subset of the alphabet starting with the longer letters. One of these is selected at random, with preference given to troublesome letters.

The selected letter is sent as Morse code but not displayed on the screen. The computer then waits for a correct answer. If the correct response is not typed within a few seconds, the letter is repeated, both as Morse code and on the TV screen, and again the computer waits for a response. This step is repeated until the correct letter is entered by the student. The actual duration of each wait is adjusted based on previous responses and is slowly lengthened if no response is made.

When a correct response is entered, the computer will adjust an error probability estimate for that letter. If the student responded correctly, without being told in the previous step, the error probability estimate is reduced; otherwise, it is increased. If the student is still having trouble with any of the letters (i.e., some error probabilities are high), the program returns to select a new letter from the same subset of the alphabet. If, however, the student is doing sufficiently well with all of the letters introduced so far, one of the remaining letters is added to the subset.

New letters are selected in a postponed-discrimination order (see Table 1). The initial error-rate estimate for this letter is 100 percent (worst possible) as it is assumed to be new to the student. This will cause a high concentration on the new letter until the student can reliably recognize it without the aid of the visual display.

The estimated error probability for each character is at the heart of the computer program. It represents the computer's immediate evaluation of the student's recent performance. This information itself can be of value to a student; therefore, a special function in the program will print a bar graph on the display terminal representing the amount of additional work needed for each letter.

Programming Details

In this section some of the implementation details of the program will be discussed. It will be of interest to those considering writing a similar program; others might skip this section for now.[†]

The program was initially run on a microcomputer system using the Motorola MC6800 CPU, 1/2 kilobyte of RAM and 1/2 kilobyte of monitor ROM. The program uses 350 bytes of memory for instructions and 90 bytes for data. The program communicates with a video terminal through an ACIA (UART). A mechanical terminal could be substituted if its noise did not interfere with the code reception. Only one bit of programmable output is

[†]Space limitations do not permit the publication of complete program listings here in *QST*. However, as a convenience to those wanting the information, such listings are available for the Motorola 6800, the Intel 8080 and the MOS Technology KIM-1 from ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. With your request for a program listing, please enclose 50 cents to cover handling, a business-size return envelope bearing postage for two ounces, and don't forget to specify which of the three listings you desire.

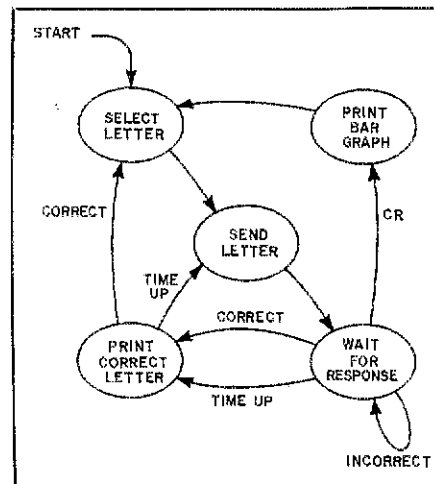


Fig. 2 — State-transition diagram for the Morse teaching program.

Table 1
The character introduction order used by the Morse code teaching machine.

NO.	CHAR.	NO.	CHAR.
1	Q	19	X
2	7	20	D
3	Z	21	Y
4	G	22	C
5	0	23	K
6	9	24	N
7	8	25	2
8	O	26	3
9	1	27	F
10	J	28	U
11	P	29	4
12	W	30	5
13	L	31	V
14	R	32	H
15	A	33	S
16	M	34	I
17	6	35	T
18	B	36	E

required for the Morse code. Parallel output ports are well suited for this, although the original implementation used the RTS modem signal of the ACIA. A 1000-Hz square wave is generated on this line so only a single transistor or TTL gate is required to drive the speaker. Interrupts are not used; all program timing is done with a delay loop in a subroutine.

Data structures used by the program include three tables, ERROR, MORSE and ASCII (see Fig. 3), all of which are indexed by a selected character number. The ERROR table contains the estimated probability of error for each character. Each element ranges from zero for zero percent to 255 for 100 percent. The zeroth element of the table contains an average error rate over all characters. The other two tables contain the Morse code and ASCII (teleprinter) code for each letter. Both are required because the tables are sorted into the postponed-discrimination introduction order.

Character selection is based on the ERROR table as follows; a random number ranging from one to 32767 is generated from a pseudo-random sequence. The program then cycles through the ERROR table subtracting each probability from the random number. The character that corresponds to the element which finally counts the number past zero is selected. The large error probabilities are naturally more likely to push the counter past zero and thus cause the more troublesome letter to be selected.

The dots and dashes of each Morse character are encoded into an eight-bit byte as a string of zeros and ones respectively.³ An extra one bit is added to mark the end of the character. As the code is being sent, the bit pattern is shifted once for each dot or dash (the bit shifted out indicates which) until only the single extra bit remains. A do-

is sent for 80 milliseconds, a dash for three times that. A 1000-Hz tone is generated during this time by complementing the single output bit every 1/2 millisecond. Any keyboard entries typed while the character is being sent are discarded.

While waiting for a correct response, the computer counts the response time in 20-millisecond units. Using eight-bit arithmetic, this places an upper limit of about five seconds on delays. The program waits for twice the average response time before giving up on a correct response. The average is computed as 7/8 of the previous average and 1/8 of the most recent response time. This weighted average permits the program to adapt to widely varying typing speeds but prevents sudden changes with a lucky guess on a single character. If no correct response is entered, twice the average is used in the computation, resulting in a delay increase of about 12 percent.

The error probabilities are also adjusted with a weighted average of 7/8 of the old value and 1/8 of the new value. The new value is zero (perfect) if the correct response was entered without help from the microcomputer. A new character is added only when all individual error rates are less than 40 percent (indicating no major problem areas) and the overall error rate is less than 30 percent (indicating a satisfying, but challenging performance level for the student).

The carriage-return key is used to request a bar graph display of the error-rate estimates. A hard-copy print-out of this graph at the end of each practice session provides a very positive indication of progress for the student. Sending does not resume after the graph is displayed until a second carriage return is typed, thereby giving the student a chance for a break.

Experience

From early experience with the Morse teaching program, some points have become clear. Regular practice is important, although it makes little difference whether the practice is once a day or once a week. Practice periods of one to one-and-one-half hours are about as long as are useful. Longer sessions cause performance on previously well-known characters to drop. Of course, the program recognizes this drop, and will not introduce any new letters.

The student may feel he has forgotten everything since the last session. But the program will start over at the beginning to review the letters learned previously. Each session turns out to be divided roughly in half between practice of previously introduced letters and introduction of new letters. Note that there is nothing in the program that

distinguishes between review and new letters. Its behavior is dictated solely by performance in the current session.

The program introduces new letters to keep the student copying at about 70-percent correct. The number of letters added in a single session is a good indication of progress. In fact, once all letters have been introduced, there is little the program can do other than building up a little speed. Speed itself is limited to 8 to 10 wpm because a response is required before continuing. Above 10 wpm some other form of practice is needed, permitting the student to copy several characters behind. Indeed, above 15 to 20 wpm random text is of questionable value as syllable and word recognition become important. In other words, the program will take a student from ignorance of the code to a Novice ticket, but a different type of practice will be required for the General, and possibly a third type for the Extra.

One positive consequence of the 10-wpm limit is that no student will become too dependent on a keyboard to copy code. At 8 wpm the transition from "mill" to pencil is not at all difficult.

The success of the Morse code teaching program is dependent on three very important concepts: reinforcement, adaptivity and automation. The student is reinforced for correct answers by character echoing and for total improvement by the bar-graph display. When one still does not know enough code for a complete sentence, it is very reassuring to see new letters being chalked up on the bar-graph display every session.

Adaptivity is even more important as it is the concept upon which the program was built. The program is adaptive in three respects: character selection, character introduction rate and typing speed. Although the student may be unaware of the internal program operation, he will develop confidence in the program to maintain a good pace without pushing too hard. This leads to the third point, automation.

The program must work auto-

matically. It is unreasonable to expect the student to know anything at all about the program or about computers in general. The instructions for use are simply, "Try to type the letters before the computer does." The student can figure out the rest.

Where can one get access to a machine to run the Morse code instructor program? Those who already have a microprocessor system have only to obtain a version of the program for their machine, or convert a copy of one of the existing programs for their system. Those considering building up a machine can add this to their list of possible applications.

Amateur radio clubs, particularly those with training programs or operating stations, could well consider maintaining a microcomputer specifically for Morse code instruction. The Purdue Amateur Radio Club has installed such a system and, although the club intends to use the machine for other applications, code instruction will have a first priority. The club has continued its regular code classes, but has tailored them so students can switch freely from classroom to computerized instruction. The service has been indispensable for those who get behind, or who want to get ahead.

Since beginning this project, I have become convinced that microprocessors can have some real applications in amateur radio. In fact, the teaching machine was an amateur radio project that happened to involve a microprocessor, and not the other way around. We should welcome the entry of the microprocessor into our hobby, particularly when it is solving problems with no previous solution. QST

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LETTER	ERROR PROB.	MORSE CODE	ASCII
Q	60	11011000	121 ₈
7	68	11000100	67 ₈
G	41	11010000	107 ₈
Z	130	11001000	132 ₈
0	255	11111100	60 ₈
9	255	11110100	71 ₈
E	255	01000000	105 ₈

Fig. 3 — Data structures for the teaching program are organized into the three tables illustrated here.

An Ultramodern Linear Amplifier

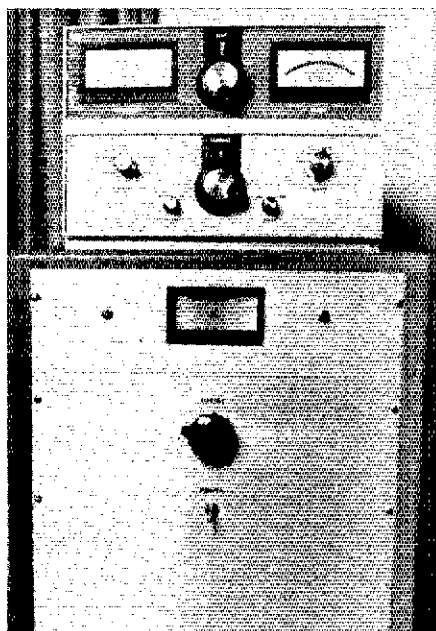
Been dreaming about that big amplifier while collecting the parts? Well, get with it. This article is for you.

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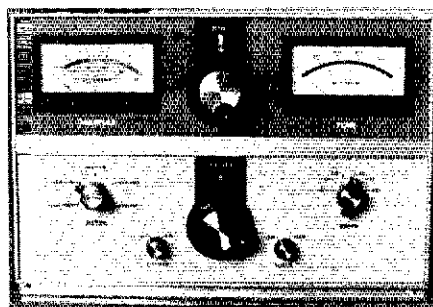
Readers — you can *never* use vacuum tubes again! If you're an old-timer [or if your name is Bill Orr — Ed.], I may hear your screams of rage. Well, the statement is almost true; vacuum tubes are passe for 99 percent of electronic work. However, if you want a high-power amplifier, then you *almost* have to use tubes. In fact, it is still the most economical way to do the job. Also, no matter what anyone tells you about store-bought amplifiers, there is a "heckuva" satisfaction in building your own. While old-timers are aware of this, neophytes might not be — when you build your own, you get to *know* the piece of equipment, inside and out. There is a lot to be said for doing your own building, and you get what you want, not what someone tries to sell you. In any event, here is an amplifier that I built and I am very proud of it, so proud in fact I had to write an article about it. Maybe it will give you some ideas.

The kW amplifier described here compares favorably with the best that can be built, but at a fraction of the cost of a comparable commercial unit. The component parts are the finest and most reliable that I could find. They were purchased from classified ham ads and flea markets.

The schematic diagram in Fig. 1 represents the essential circuitry for good operational characteristics. Also, the amplifier is capable of handling two kW PEP, has TVI reduction considerations, and imparts a commercial appearance. An Eimac 4CX1500B is used. This tube has exceptionally low intermodulation distortion and low grid interception, which makes it especially suitable for ssb operation. A 4CX1000A



The finished product: The 0- to 5,000-volt meter is also 0- to 1-mA basic movement. I'm still looking for a matching dial for the Variac.



This shot shows the front panel of the amplifier. The two escutcheon plates described can also be seen here in detail. The two meters are surplus 0- to 1-mA, and the new artwork was done by F. W. Krokaugger, 7839 Airline Ave., Los Angeles, CA.

could be substituted, with appropriate changes in bias and screen voltages. However, because of distortion characteristics, the 4CX1500B is preferred.

The front panel is made from a standard relay-rack panel and is cut off at both ends to form a piece 10-1/4 X 16 X 1/8 inches. The finished cabinet measures 10-1/4 inches high and 15 inches deep. A 3-inch section directly behind the front panel forms a shielded enclosure for the meters, switches and the two E. F. Johnson counter mechanisms. Much consideration was given to the layout of the front panel. The meters, pi-network vacuum-variable capacitor dials and all switches were laid out symmetrically to form the finished panel shown in the photograph. Escutcheon plates that came with the E. F. Johnson counter dials were too large and covered most of the front panel. They were scrapped and those shown in the photograph were made up from two pieces of 2 X 2 X 1/8-inch brass plates, painted black and lettered with press-on transfer lettering. In fact, all of the panel lettering can be done the same way. I used universal-gray paint for the upper section and smoke-white paint for the lower half, dividing the two colors with a 3/4-inch wide piece of anodized aluminum stock.

The amplifier enclosure is built of 3/4-inch aluminum angle. Refer to Fig. 3. The top and sides are covered with pieces of perforated aluminum sheet and the back shield is made from two pieces of 0.064-inch aluminum, sheet stock. The lower portion holds the BNC input connector, the eight, 0.001- μ F feedthrough capacitors and the high voltage shielded terminal that carries all input and output wires from the lower cabinet power supplies. It also covers the back of the terminal box that

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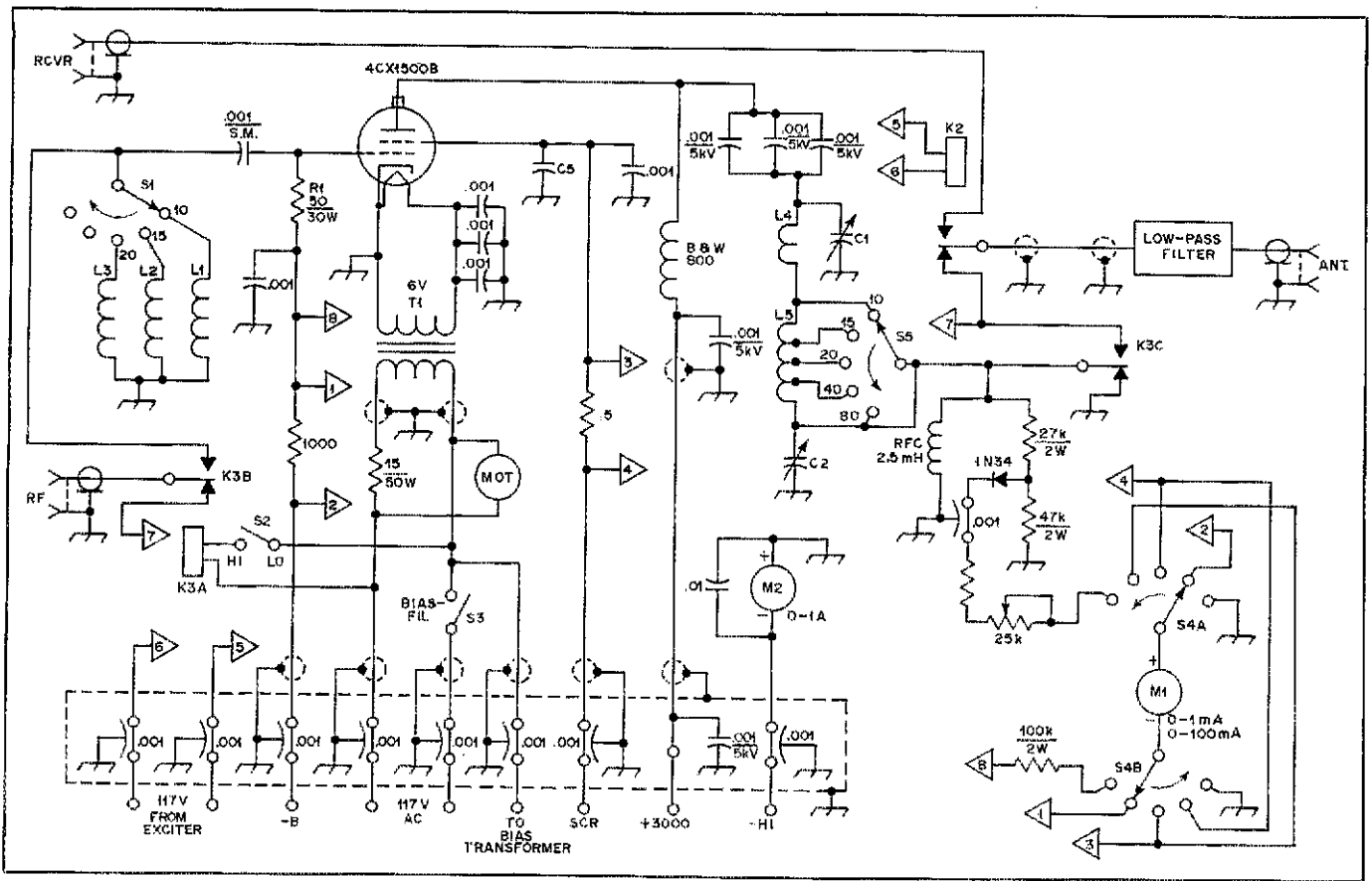


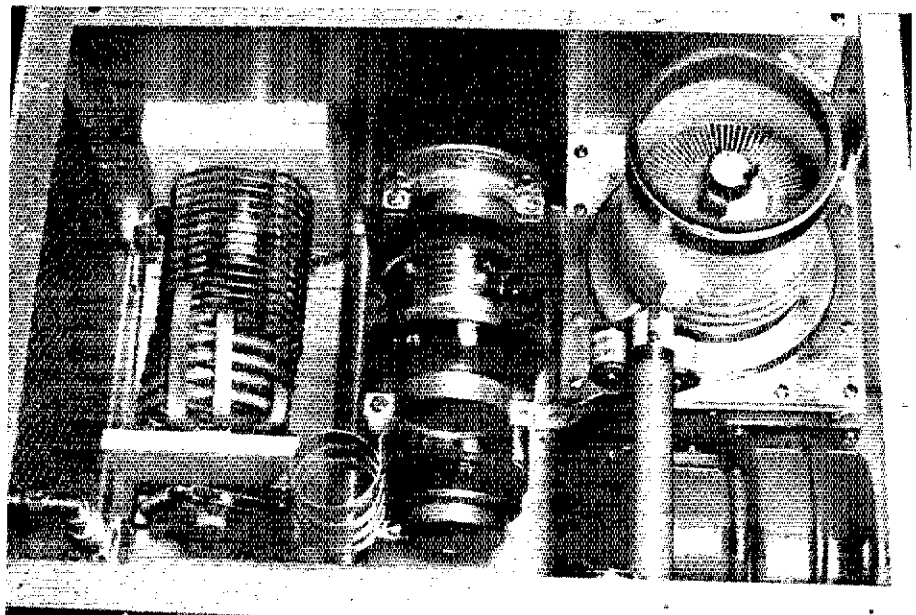
Fig. 1 — Circuit diagram of the amplifier. All 0.001- μ F feedthrough capacitors are 500-volt rating, other 0.001- μ F capacitors are disk ceramic. Resistances are in ohms, all resistors are 1/2 watt unless specified.

- B1 — Blower (Dayton Model 1C39 or equiv.).
- C1 — UCSL-500 (Jennings).
- C2 — UCSL-2000 (Jennings).
- CS — Part of Eimac special socket.
- K1 — Coaxial relay, 117-V ac, 1- μ W type.
- K2 — Dpdt relay (Leach no. 1207-S9, 117-V ac or equiv.).
- L1 — 10-meter coil, 5 turns no. 14, 1/2-inch

- dia, 1-1/4-inch long.
- L2 — 15-meter coil, 7 turns, no. 14, 1/2-inch dia, 7/8-inch long.
- L3 — 20-meter coil, 12 turns, no. 14, 1/2-inch dia, 1-inch long.
- L4, L5 — Turret inductor (B&W 852 recommended).
- R1 — 50-ohm, noninductive 30 watts (Corn-

- ing).
- S1 — Single-pole, five-position input grid switch, ceramic type, coupled to S5 with bead chain.
- S2 — Spst filament and bias-supply switch.
- S3 — Single-pole, five-position meter switch.
- T1 — 6.3 V, 10 A.

houses K3 and the rf sampling network. The antenna coaxial relay was also mounted on the rear terminal box, but was fastened to the top cover just over K3. It is positioned so that the antenna input connection protrudes from the enclosure and becomes grounded when the rear upper shield is in place. This arrangement keeps rf lead lengths short. Between the rear terminal box and the section behind the front panel is a 1/2-inch piece of conduit that carries the appropriate wires to the front panel. I edged the three pieces of perforated aluminum shields on three sides with 3/4 \times 1/8-inch aluminum strips held in place with small countersunk rivets. The front of the same three pieces was edged with 1 \times 1/8-inch aluminum strips and then fastened so as to have a 1/4-inch overlap of the front panel. This provides a more professional appearance. All of the aluminum needed for cabinet, with the exception of the base and interior pieces, was purchased from hardware stores. The 3/4-inch angle for the framework must be unanodized material, while the 3/4-and 1-inch flat stock were



At the upper right is the homemade Teflon chimney as described in text. Also shown is the coaxial antenna relay mounting method used. The low-pass filter mounted to rear-upper shield goes directly to relay. Note how the three 0.001- to 5-kV caps are mounted to the B&W 800 rf choke. Total copper strap length connections between components do not exceed six inches. In fact, there are no other wires in the rf field.

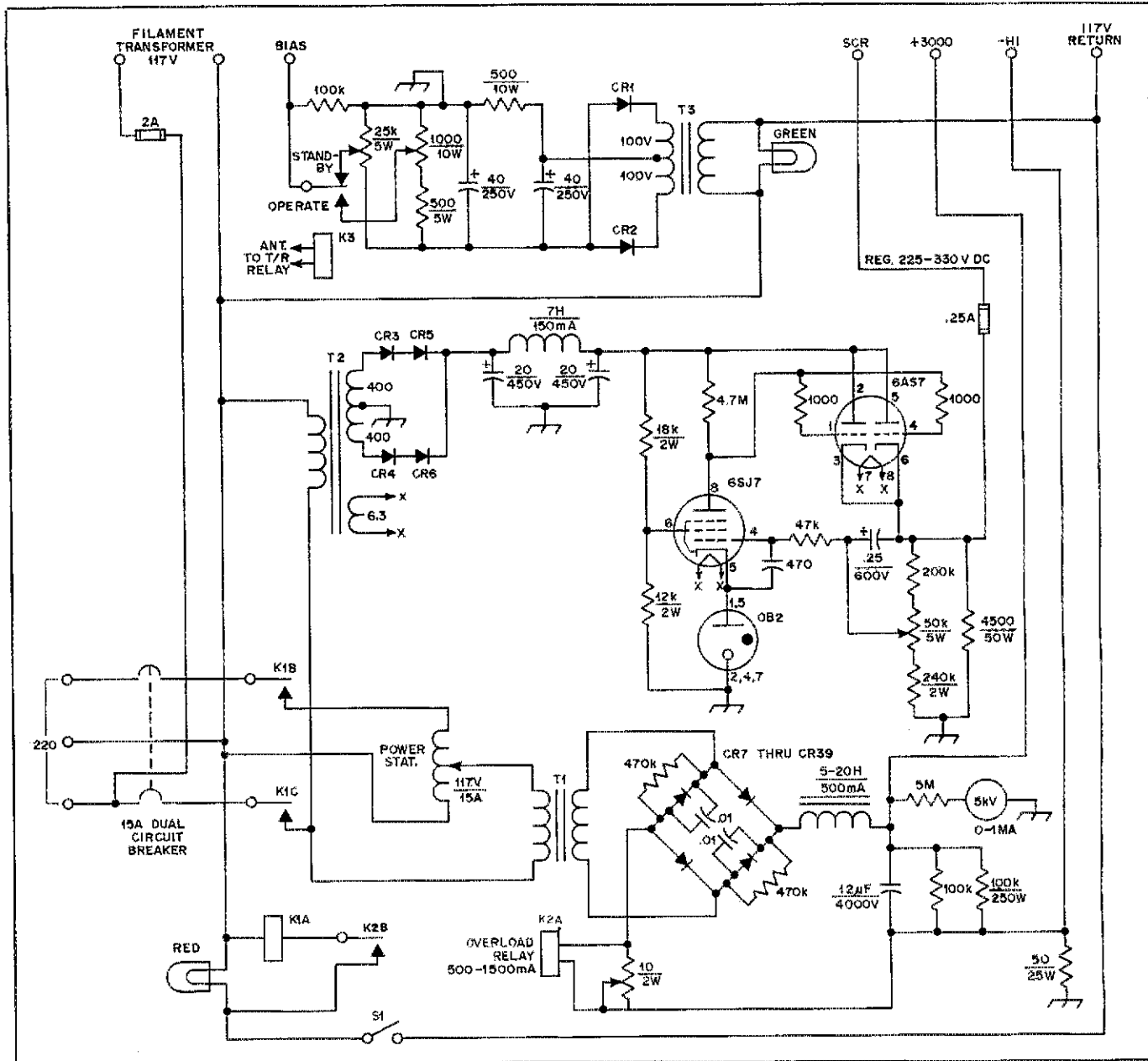


Fig. 2 - Circuit diagram of the power supply. Resistances are in ohms. All resistors are 1/2 watt unless specified. Capacitors with polarity shown are electrolytic. The 0.25- μ F/600-volt capacitor is paper.

CB - Dual 220-V ac circuit breaker, 15 A (Wood Electric).
 CR1-CR39, incl. - 1,000-V PIV, 2.5 A (Motorola HEP170 or equiv.).
 K1 - Power relay, 220-V ac, 20 A, with 117-V ac coil.

K2 - Overload relay, 500-1,500 mA (Leach).
 S1 - Spst.
 T1 - Plate transformer, surplus, dual primary, 117 and 220 V, Sec: 4000 V, 3 kVA.
 T2 - 800 V center-tapped, 100 mA or greater, (approximate ratings).

T3 - 200 V center-tapped, 100 mA or greater, (approximate ratings). Also, Powerstat or Variac, 117 V, 15 A. The red and green indicators are 117-V neon lamps.

anodized to dress up the unit. Make sure that the angle stock used to make up the framework is not anodized, as this would result in poor rf shielding. The anodized edging material does not make contact with the inner frame. It stiffens the shields and helps provide a tighter fit while adding to the appearance of the unit. All exterior shields are fastened to the amplifier frame with 6-32 screws, spaced approximately 2 to 3 inches apart.

A 6 \times 6 \times 6-inch aluminum chassis with one open side was built to mount

the 4CX1500B tube socket and house the grid-circuit components. The filament transformer and blower were attached to the rear section of the chassis as well as a BNC bulkhead receptacle for the rf input. The assembly should be completed before being fastened to the main chassis. It becomes the complete input module and is easily removed if necessary. A piece of aluminum shim stock (6-inches square) was attached to the perforated side shield and serves to seal the grid-compartment opening when in place. This arrangement is

convenient for making changes, measurements or adjustments that may become necessary inside the grid module. The drawing and photographs give a good picture of the framework and chassis just described.

Circuit Description

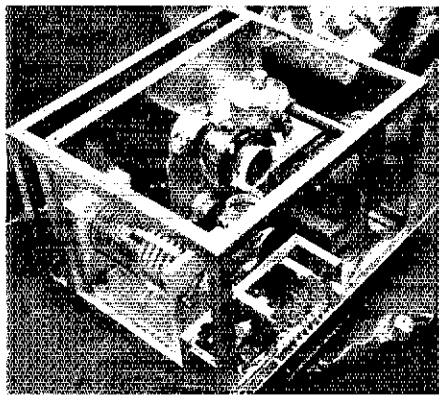
The circuit of the all-band amplifier contains an untuned input circuit. The output employs the familiar pi network. The rf drive signal is terminated in a 50-ohm, 30-watt noninductive resistor through which grid bias is supplied to

the tube. To improve the input impedance match on the 10-, 15- and 20-meter bands, three untuned grid coils are coupled via a chain drive to the output coil assembly and are switched automatically by means of S1 when changing bands.¹ Two meters are used to measure most currents and voltages. M1 has a 0- to 1-mA movement which can be switched (with the proper shunts) to read bias voltage, grid-current, screen pos., screen neg., or sample the rectified rf output. M2, a 0-1A meter, continuously monitors the plate current.

The rf-voltage waveform should be an amplified replica of the applied grid-voltage waveform, so it's obvious that the design of the rf tank circuit greatly determines the efficiency and distortion characteristics of the linear-amplifier stage. A tank circuit Q of 12 was used with this amplifier. The output-coil assembly seen in the photograph was homemade around the familiar Barker and Williamson type inductor. The input and output capacitors of the pi-network were set up to their calculated values² and the proper tap on the coil found.³ The 10-meter band should be set first, followed by the other bands in descending order. Rather than attempt to build your own coil assembly, I recommend using the Barker and Williamson type 852 assembly. It will work equally well if the input capacitor has a tuning range of approximately 5-500 pF.

One of the most important components in this amplifier is the Eimac SK800B socket. *It's a must.* I made the mistake and used another manufacturer's breechblock type of socket without a built-in screen bypass capacitor. When the amplifier was completed and

¹ Footnotes appear on page 43.



This view shows frame construction, parts placement, and rear lower shield including the method used to construct the input shield box. Note the eight 0.001- μ F feedthroughs, high-voltage terminal, and BNC rf input terminal. K3 is at the left. Just below K3 are the rf sampling components. You can also see the method in which the blower and filament transformer are fastened to the grid compartment.

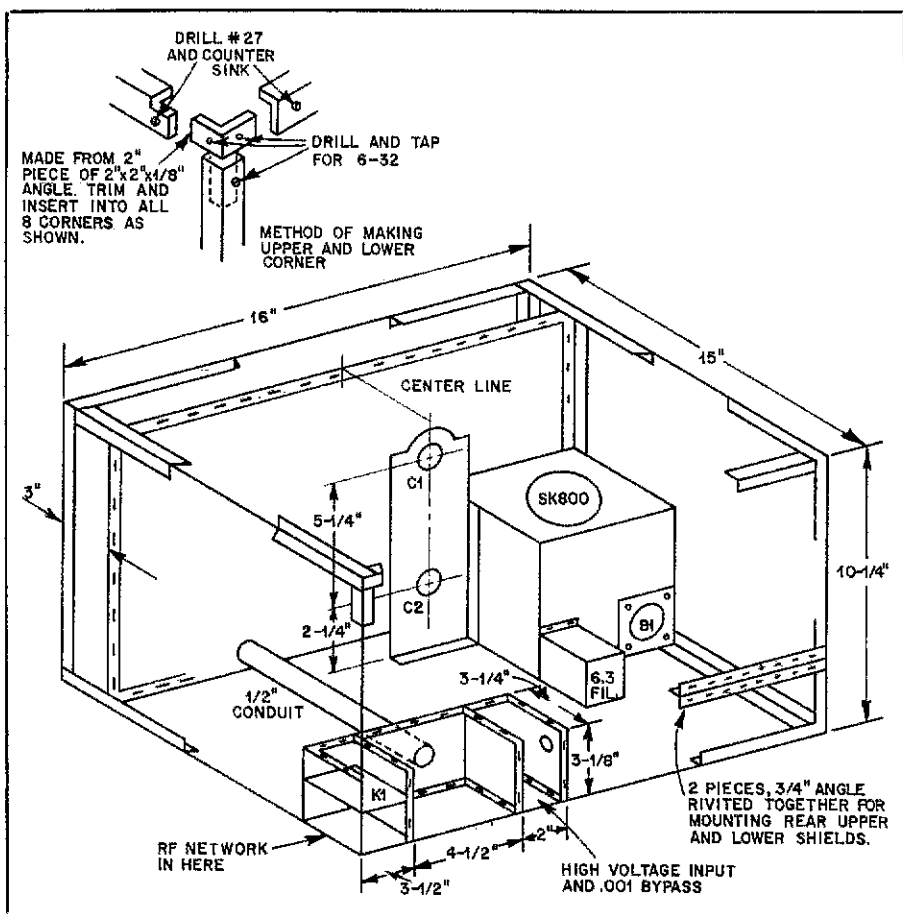


Fig. 3 — This sketch shows the amplifier-enclosure framework construction.

power applied, the 4CX1500B tube self-oscillated. I could write pages and pages on the different types and methods of bypassing that were tried to achieve stability, including all of the ideas that Rinaudo, W6ZO, of Eimac had to offer. All to no avail. After much anguish, while trying to solve the self-oscillation problem, I came to the conclusion that changing the circuit to a dc-grounded screen configuration or replacing the socket was necessary. I decided on the latter, and after replacing the original socket with a SK800B unit, the self-oscillation ceased. Eimac had good reasons for designing special sockets for their tetrodes: The circular housing of the socket into which the screen bypass capacitor is built must have sufficient shielding to reduce intra-stage coupling. At least it proved so in my particular case. This wasn't the end of my problems. However, the other problems were associated with the screen and bias supplies, not with the amplifier circuitry.

Cooling

Radial beam power tubes require adequate cooling to keep the temperature of the anode at the base of the cooling fins and the temperature of the ceramic-to-metal seals to acceptable

levels. Instead of using the 4CX1500B chimney, I made a "chimney stack" from a piece of 1/16-inch Teflon sheet stock, formed around two 3-3/8-inch diameter Formica sleeves. The chimney stack ran from the 4CX1500B socket to the top cover in which a 4-inch-round hole was cut. A piece of aluminum screening (the type used for screen doors) was riveted around the cutout of the top shield with an aluminum ring 1/2-inch wide. This method exhausts the flow of hot air directly out of the amplifier enclosure and keeps both the tube and amplifier cabinet cool.

Prior to the method described, a standard chimney was used, and the exhausted hot air was dissipated inside of the perforated enclosure. During talk periods with the tube running 1,000 watts of plate dissipation, the amplifier enclosure became extremely hot, especially the top cover and side shields.

Power Supplies

The method of housing the power supplies is a matter of choice. To keep the commercial appearance, I used an old relay-rack cabinet (30-inches high) that accommodates 19-inch-wide panels. With a little elbow grease, the rust spots were removed. The cabinet was then sprayed with universal-gray paint.

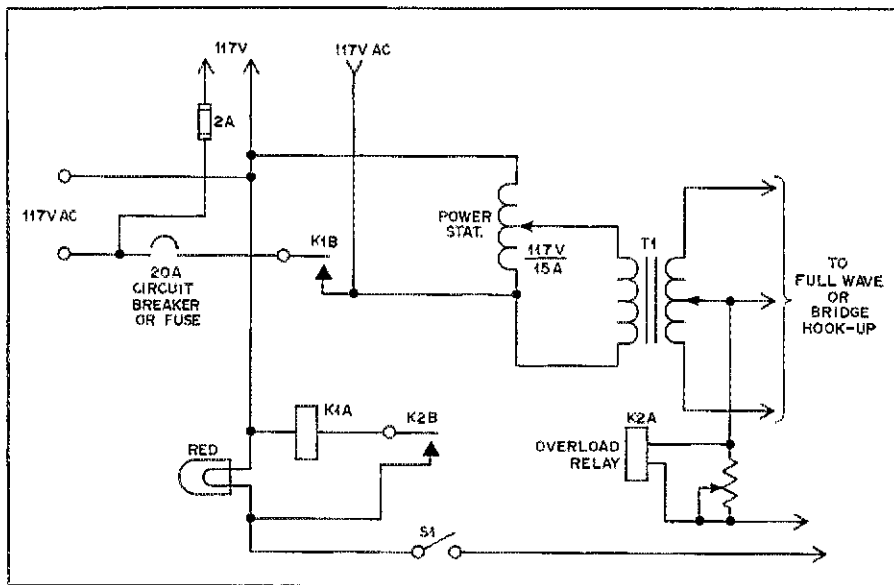
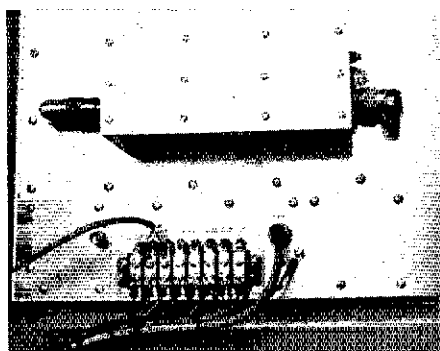


Fig. 4 — Diagram showing alternate connections for 117-V ac.

The 4CX1500B is a low-voltage, high-current tube which is designed specifically for Class AB1 or AB2 operation; therefore, the high-voltage power supply must be capable of maintaining good voltage regulation. During ssb operation the load will continuously vary from standby to full-load conditions. Unless the power-supply regulation is good, the effective linearity of the amplifier will be so poor that the output signal will contain a high percentage of distortion products.

It is possible to obtain good regulation of a high-voltage power supply by a number of methods.⁴ The circuit shown utilizes bridge rectification, a swinging choke, and large values of filter capacitance, including two 100-k Ω , 250-watt bleeder resistors in parallel. This configuration allows the high voltage to vary approximately 100 volts between no-load and full-load conditions. If you choose bridge rectification, use a transformer designed for bridge. Transformers with a center-tap connection designed for full-wave rectification lack sufficient insulation to permit the



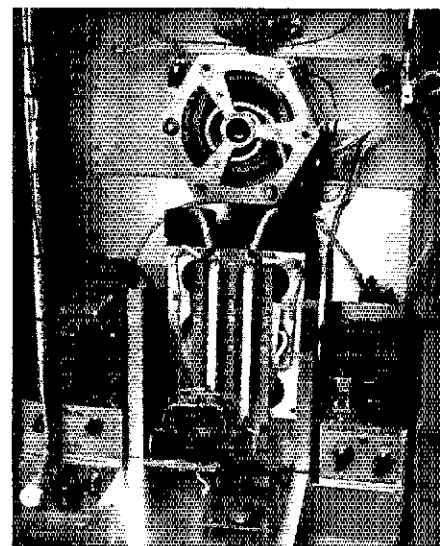
Rear view of the amplifier cabinet. Note the TVI filter.

average plate-power transformer to be used in bridge-rectifier circuits. The transformer employed in the supply shown was purchased for ten dollars on the surplus market. It has a dual 120-volt primary 4,000-volt secondary with a rating of 3 kVA. In order to reduce the high-voltage output of the power supply and the high-current inrush when the supply is activated, a 115-volt, 15-ampere Variac was used in the 220-volt line. This arrangement reduces the dc plate voltage to about half of the required 3,000 volts when the Variac is in zero position and allows you to increase the plate-voltage to the required level. The high-voltage power-supply components, as well as the screen and bias supplies which are plug-in modules, were all mounted on a standard 17 \times 13 \times 3-inch chassis that fastens to the base of the cabinet. The screen and bias supplies were built on standard 7 \times 5 \times 3-inch chassis. Banana plugs are utilized in the bottom of each chassis. They accept the ac-input and dc-output voltages from corresponding banana jacks in the main subchassis. Both supplies were positioned to allow adjustments and removal from the rear of the cabinet, as shown in the photograph. The remaining area of the base chassis has sufficient space to mount the high-voltage transformer, choke, capacitors, K1 and the high-voltage rectifier board. The rear face of the base chassis was used to mount the 220-volt input receptacle, the dual 15-ampere circuit breaker, filament fuse high-voltage terminal and a 12-position Jones plug. All other wiring was done underneath the main chassis.

Let me offer some thoughts concerning screen and bias supplies for tetrode linear amplifiers, the problems I

encountered, and the means used to cure them. An electronic regulated power supply as shown in Fig. 2 must be capable of bleeding at least 75 mA and of maintaining good voltage regulation over wide excursions of plate current.⁵ The supply shown more than met the criteria, but would lose regulation causing the screen voltage to change when the 4CX1500B drew current in excess of 400 mA. This voltage change was caused by rf getting back into the screen regulator. I discovered that the rf in the screen regulator was not because of radiation from the amplifier, but caused by direct radiation from the antenna, or possibly by rf flowing back down the outside of the coaxial line. A 47-k Ω resistor in series with the control grid and bypassed to the cathode of the 6SJ7 tube with a 470-pF capacitor corrected the problem.

The grid-bias supply exhibited some of what the same symptoms as the screen supply, but for an entirely different reason. Originally, the output of the bias supply had two 25-k Ω potentiometers in parallel used as voltage dividers. These potentiometers with the auxiliary relay supply the bias voltage for the "standby" and "operate" modes in single-sideband operation. No problem existed in the standby mode, which was set for approximately 75 mA, but in the operate mode with -34 volts of bias and a plate current of 250 mA, beyond a certain point the bias voltage would rise with increase of drive. It was soon discovered that the bias supply had to be "stiffened" to obtain the desired results. A new supply was built using a



This is the rear of the power-supply cabinet. Both the screen and bias supply modules can also be seen as well as all the other high-voltage components. The Variac has its own mounting panel fastened to the cabinet from the inside so that the front panel can be removed by itself.

huskier transformer and the voltage divider which was originally a 25-k Ω potentiometer was replaced with the 1,000-ohm potentiometer and 500-ohm series resistor shown in the diagram. These changes corrected the problem.

The problems encountered with both the screen and bias supplies exemplify the need for monitoring these voltages during dynamic operation of high-power linear amplifiers, or at least until one is satisfied that the linear is operating properly.

Amplifier Operation

Running the amplifier in Class AB1 and using the manufacturer's ratings of 2,900 volts on the plate, 225 volts on the screen and a grid-bias voltage of

approximately -34 volts, I connected the amplifier to a 50-ohm, 1-kW power meter and dummy load. With excitation applied and no grid current, the rf output reached 1 kW with ease. Even though the input circuitry is untuned, it only takes approximately 40 watts of peak power to drive the amplifier to the legal limit. How about TVI? None whatsoever at this location with this unit.

Conclusion

I make no claims of new circuitry or innovations, but rather I've collected and put together all of the best ideas that have appeared in the various amateur journals. Also, I have attempted to go into more detail of the construction aspects and some functional problems

that have not previously been highlighted. The linear power amplifier described is suitable for construction by a technically qualified amateur; others proceed with caution!

A note of gratitude goes to Ray Rinaudo, W6ZO, for his many suggestions in helping to resolve some of the functional problems. **QST**

Footnotes

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Strays



□ Don Foster, KSKW, recently fell victim to Guillain-Barre syndrome, the temporary paralysis related to the swine flu vaccine. While he was completely immobile, unable to have visitors or even to talk on the telephone, Don managed to keep his spirits high and pass the time with his bedside HR-2B. Not only did he keep his friends apprised of his daily progress, but he did a great job recruiting potential hams from the ranks of the hospital staff.

Demonstrations from his 12th floor QTH included QSOs up to 75 miles through the local repeaters and nearly 40 miles on 146.52 direct. He attributes his success to his latest antenna creation, an inverted bedpan on the window sill with a quarter-wave magnetic whip affixed to the upper side. He calls it his "12-story bedpan ground plane." For specifications on the invention, you can contact Don through the Tulsa, OK, Repeater Organization. [For a picture and specs on a similar creation, see *QST* for August, 1976, page 60 - Ed.] - *WB5QXI*

□ When "Big Al" Mitchell, WA4HLP, received the 25,902nd Worked All States award recently, it was a noteworthy event - it was the first WAS awarded for using RTTY on a single band. The Jacksonville insurance agent, who had his General ticket only six months before he worked his 50th state on 20-meter RTTY, has set his sights on working 100 countries - via RTTY, naturally.

□ Chicago-area OSCAR buffs can garner late-breaking news about the amateur satellites via the Chicago FM Club's new OSCAR Net on its two-meter 16/76 repeater. Hosted by Ralph Wallio, K9JPR, the net disseminates late in-

formation from low-band OSCAR nets meeting earlier in the evening. Ralph also gives orbit times for the Chicago area for the coming week and answers questions on the satellites. All amateurs in greater Chicago are invited to check into the net, which begins at 9 P.M. local time on Tuesdays.

QST Congratulates . . .

□ Bob Piekarski, WB9LJW, who recently received a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Air National Guard for his help in relaying medical emergency messages from an Air Guard plane to the base at Mitchell Field.

GROWING PAINS

□ The increased League membership (now exceeding 150,000) and the increased participation in League activities by our members has resulted in an avalanche of mail at Headquarters which we're having a hard time coping with. This was especially true in the month of March; thousands of members accepted our offer to extend their memberships at the old rates or to take out new Life Memberships, resulting in a doubling of the usual work load.

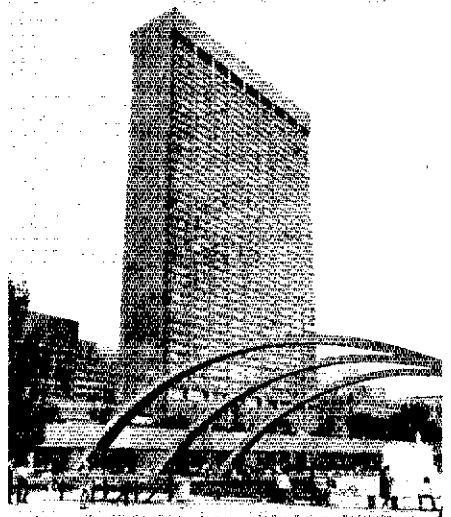
Much to our regret, we have heard several complaints of nonresponse to letters addressed to Hq. We have every intention of continuing to fulfill our obligation to deliver membership services in a timely manner. If you are one of those who has not received a response to a request, please mail the details to my personal attention. If possible, send a copy of the original letter. If not, let me know the date of the correspondence and what specific topic was involved.

No one at Hq. is in the habit of ignoring members' needs, as our postage bill for correspondence will attest! Your assistance and cooperation while we learn to deal with these "growing pains" are most appreciated. - *WIRU*

RI NATIONAL GUARD ON THE AIR MAY 21

□ A special commemorative certificate will be issued to persons working KIFCO, the club station of the 143 Communications Flight (Spt), Rhode Island National Guard, on Armed Forces Day, May 21.

To qualify for the certificate, a QSL card and s.a.s.e. must be sent to KIFCO, 143 Communications Flight, Rhode Island National Guard, T. F. Green Airport, Warwick, RI 02886. The station will operate on the following frequencies between 1400 and 1800 Z: 21.385 MHz, 14.330 MHz, 7.280 MHz and 50.700 MHz.



From City Hall Square you see the Sheraton Center Hotel, site of the 1977 ARRL National Convention "Communications Between Nations."

Product Review

Processor Technology Corp. 8KRA Static-Memory Module

When you finally got that new microcomputer up and running, you found out that the 2 kb (kilobytes) of random-access memory supplied with the system just wasn't enough for you to run that 5-kb BASIC program the manufacturer furnished with the kit. About the only thing you *can* do with your microcomputer is play tic tac toe, and that takes you 30 minutes to program into the computer! Expand the "mind" of your microcomputer with this 8-kb random-access-memory (RAM) expansion module from Processor Technology Corporation (PTC) of Emeryville, CA.

The 8KRA static read/write memory module has a capacity of 8192 eight-bit bytes and operates in a static mode (as opposed to dynamic memories which require continuous refresh of the data contained in the memory). All address and data lines are buffered, and extensive noise immunity has been designed into the circuit of the memory module. Also featured in the module is switch-selectable addressing, which allows the starting address of the unit to be offset in 1-kb increments from 0000 to 65 kb.

How's It Go Together?

Assembly of the review 8KRA module went smoothly with no unusual construction techniques required for the task. Approximately eight hours were spent in building the kit, by proceeding slowly and cautiously to make sure each component was in the proper

location before applying solder to the pc board. The largest portion of assembly time was spent soldering the 77 DIP IC sockets to the pc board. These sockets are provided for simplification of installation or removal of ICs should troubleshooting or IC replacement become necessary. All resistors and capacitors are installed in two steps; for ease of assembly we laid out the parts in the order in which they would be installed. This eliminates haphazard searching for components and is a good practice with any kit building. During and after assembly, the builder is instructed to make several tests on the pc board to help assure that a defective component has not been installed or that damage has not occurred to the pc board during the assembly process (this would include such things as solder bridges between or breaks in the circuit runs). Following this procedure will make isolating the cause of a problem easier should trouble be encountered. No problems appeared, however, and the review unit has performed satisfactorily since power was first applied.

Component quality is excellent. The double-sided pc board has plated-through holes and a gold-plated edge connector. A green lacquer solder-resistant mask has been applied to the pc board to help alleviate the chances of solder bridges occurring during assembly of the module. All parts locations are silk-screen outlined on the component side of the pc board, a real aid in the

construction process!

Maximum worst-case access time for the 8KRA is 520 ns. Thus, in any 8080 system this memory will operate at the same speed as any other memory with an access time between 50 and 520 ns. Both the access time and nonrefresh features of the 8KRA mean no computer "waiting" time is required.

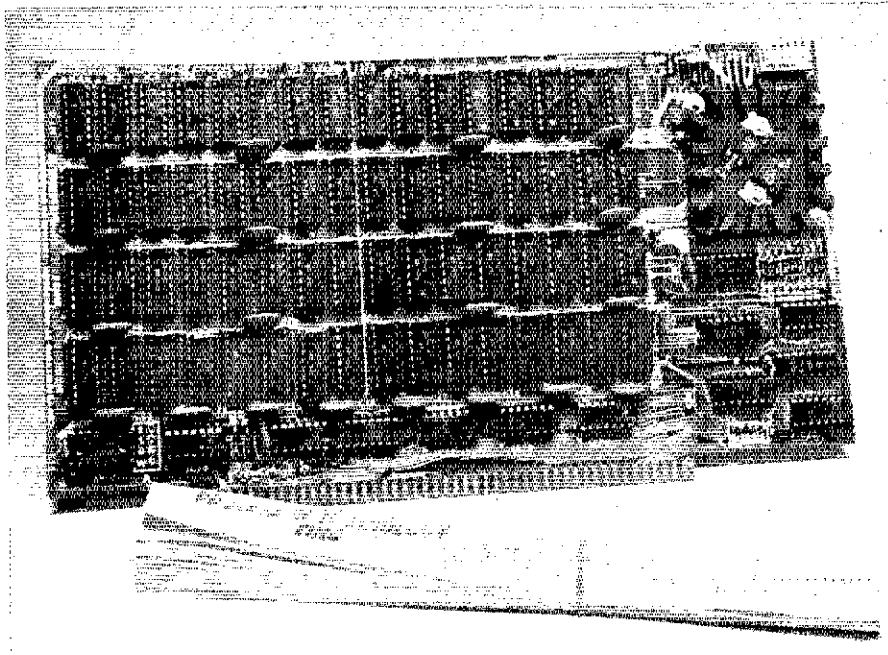
The 8KRA memory module plugs into the back-plane expansion board of the SOD microcomputer and is compatible with other microcomputers which use the S-100 bus. It requires +7.5- to +10-V dc at 1.9 A (max. operating power). In addition, the low-power memory ICs used on the module can operate in a low-power standby mode (+1.6- to 2.5-V dc at 0.9 A max.). Data loss from the 8KRA during loss of power or power-interrupt conditions can consequently be prevented by using two size D batteries for standby power. Provisions for adding this standby capability are incorporated in the module design.

One of 64 possible starting addresses for the 8KRA is selected with the six DIP switches positioned in the upper right corner of the module. This corresponds to starting positions at every 1 kb from 0 (to 1023) to 64,512 (to 65,536).

Documentation supplied with the 8KRA is excellent with a 70-page manual containing full assembly instructions, theory of operation, Intel 8080 "op-code" listing and system software.

System software is provided so a user can rapidly get the system on-line tested and ready to run (provided the would-be user has an appropriate tape reader; a tape containing a program called ZING is also provided). With this information included in the manual, an experienced kit builder should have no problems assembling the kit and getting the finished 8KRA module into operation. In the event a problem with the 8KRA does occur, Processor Technology provides full support for the module and will provide the kit builder with assistance in isolating and curing the problem.

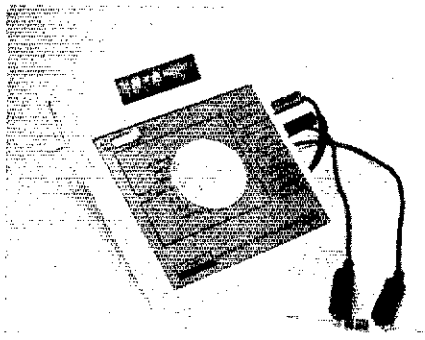
With the memory of our computer expanded to 10 kb, it is now possible to run some of the more complex programs that we have developed in recent months. The flexibility of some computers will be greatly increased by the addition of 8 kb of memory (RAM) and the user can apply the system to more functions around the ham shack. The 8KRA is available from Processor Technology Corporation, 6200 Hollis Street, Emeryville, CA 94608. Price class for the 8KRA at the time of this review is \$295 (kit), and \$375 factory assembled and tested. — WA6GVC



The Processor Technology Corp. 8KRA static-memory module.

WESTON 6000 DIGITAL MULTIMETER

Here's an instrument for the amateur who needs a VOM for the workshop and the field.



The Weston 6000 digital multimeter.

No need to depend on ac power to operate this lightweight battery-operated digital VOM; a pair of 9-volt batteries provides a minimum of 200 hours of continuous operation!

The display numerals are 0.5 inch in height for easy viewing. Reflective, field-effect liquid-crystal display elements are used for reading out the measurements taken with the model 6000. Readability is good throughout a wide range of ambient light levels.

There are five ac and dc voltage ranges, five ac and dc current ranges and six resistance ranges. The 26 ranges are provided by means of autorange on volts, milliamperes, amperes, kilohms and megohms. The 200-mV and 200-ohm ranges are selected by separate positions on the function switch. Ac and dc measurements are effected by placing a slide switch in the appropriate position.

An unusual but valuable feature of the model 6000 VOM is the *remote-hold* input jack. It permits storing the result of a measurement as long as the remote-hold input lead is attached to the common bus of the circuit under test. This function is useful when an initial reading is to be compared to a new reading after making circuit changes.

The input impedance of the instrument is 10 megohms in the dc mode, 9 megohms in parallel with 39 pF on the ac range and 10 ohms for the ac and dc current positions. Resolution for ac and dc voltage measurements is 100 μ V and is 1 μ A for the two current ranges. Maximum readings are 1000 V ac and dc, 10 A for ac and dc current, and 20 megohms on the resistance range. Frequency limits for the ac voltage and current modes are 40 to 400 Hz, respective to the rated accuracy.

Some of the other features offered in this VOM are a low-battery warning (valid reading blinks during last 10 hours of battery life), over-range indication (blinking 1888 in display window) and a high-impact polycarbonate plastic instrument case. A handsome brown leather carrying case is provided with the "6000." The plastic instrument housing is a light beige in color.

A single pair of banana jacks accommodates all input functions other than amperes; a separate jack is provided for the latter. The model 6000 is a 3-1/2 digit instrument, and all of the VOM components are assembled on a single etched-circuit board. The handle of the instrument case serves as a tilt stand while measurements are being taken.

Total package weight (inclusive of batteries) is 22 ounces (625 grams). Dimensions

are (WHD) 7 \times 5.75 \times 2.25 inches (178 \times 146 \times 58 mm). Price class is \$185. Manufacturer is Weston/Schlumberger (made in the USA), 614 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark, NJ 07114. — WJFB

HEATH IP-2718 TRI-POWER SUPPLY

It seems the building and testing of solid-state circuits these days requires a whole collection of power supplies at the work bench. Say you're breadboarding a circuit with TTL integrated circuits — you'd need a 5-volt supply, preferably regulated. Or if it's a solid-state receiver you're perfecting you'd probably need something in the range between 9 and 18 or 20 volts, at least until you finalized the construction and put everything into one package with a self-contained power supply. Or how about that gadget which uses a couple of quad op-amp IC packages, a pair of FETs, and a few TTL ICs to boot? Wow! You'd probably need plus and minus 18 volts dc for that, as well as 5 volts. That would be a difficult bill to fill unless you had three separate power supplies.

Or *would* you need three? Not if you had a Heath IP-2718 tri-power supply, for the '2718 is really three independent supplies rolled into one enclosure. No, it doesn't use three separate power transformers, but it does use three separate secondary windings on the husky transformer it contains. (As if you couldn't recognize it, the transformer is that large object in the upper right corner of the interior-view photo.)

From the tri-power supply you can extract 1.5 amperes at 5 volts (fixed, regulated voltage output), and 0.5 ampere at 0 to 20 volts from each of two supplies (independently and continuously adjustable voltages, also regulated). Or with the flick of a switch on the front panel you can go to the "tracking" mode for the adjustable voltage outputs. In this mode you manipulate a pair of knobs which are coupled with a friction type of clutch. By presetting the knobs you can make the voltages track at the same amplitude, or they can be made to track with a fixed voltage difference between the two outputs. Because the terminals of each output are completely isolated from the other supply outputs, you can apply the voltages to your circuit in any combination of polarities. It's a simple matter, for example, to set up the supply for a continuously adjustable tracking output from 0 to plus and minus 20 volts. Any pair or all three of the supply outputs may be connected in series, or the 20-volt



A peek inside the IP-2718 shows that most of the active devices and other components are mounted on a circuit board, which measures 3-3/4 \times 6-3/4 inches. The supply was placed on one end to make this photo, but in operation the circuit board lies in a vertical plane, near the wall formed when the cover is put in place.

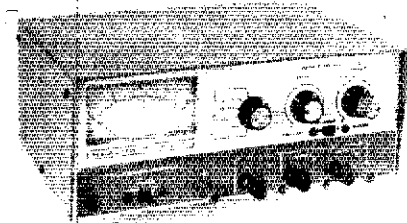
supplies may be operated in parallel by adding half-ohm current-equalizing resistors. Current-limiting protection is provided for each of the three outputs, as is short-circuit protection. All three sections of the supply repeatedly survived the "crowbar" test — a dead short on the output terminals for several seconds.

All of the current ratings given in the paragraph above, by the way, are Heath's. We found them to be on the conservative side. As an endurance test we set up the power supply on the lab bench and loaded its three outputs full bore into a bank of load resistors. Then we allowed the setup to "cook" for a few hours. During the course of this test the enclosure for the supply did become warm, but that was to be expected — the rear panel is used as a heat sink for the 5-volt regulator and the two 20-volt-supply pass transistors. Meanwhile, the 30-watt bank of resistors, barely adequate for the task it was performing, became much too hot to handle. Cooked fingers, anyone?

Monitoring of the voltage or the current from any one of the three outputs is provided by the front-panel meter, the face of which measures roughly 1-1/2 by 3-1/4 inches. A six-position switch controls the monitoring function of the meter. In some of our applications of the supply, we found it desirable to monitor more than one function at a time, but of course this cannot be done with just a single meter. Attaching external meters into the circuit is the solution.

Construction

This writer constructed the IP-2718 in one weekend, with time out for the usual other weekend activities. I was intrigued with the construction approach Heath used in this supply — almost all of the components are located on a circuit board, which is mounted vertically at one end of the enclosure. Take a look at the photo of the interior and you can see that this approach greatly simplifies construction. The only parts which are not located on the circuit board are the controls binding posts, components which require a heat sink, the power transformer, and (out of the picture at the top) a couple of diodes and a few other parts. A *preformed wiring harness* takes away the nuisance of measuring, cutting



The Heath IP-2718 tri-power supply.

and stripping a multitude of wires during construction. Even though the two 20-volt supplies use discrete parts altogether (no integrated circuits), the circuit-board technique makes for a surprising amount of open space inside the enclosure. When you first remove the cover you get the impression there's "nobody home," even though there are nearly a hundred components inside.

The enclosure for the tri-power supply measures 7-1/4 x 10-1/2 x 4-1/8 inches. The overall dimensions are slightly greater because of protruding knobs, binding posts, etc. The weight of the completed supply is just a tad under 10 pounds, and of course most of that weight is in the power transformer. The supply has provision for switching to operation from either of two input ac voltage ranges, 105-135 or 200-270. The supply may be operated from either 50- or 60-Hz lines, and requires an input of 100 watts at full load. Price class at the time of this review is \$80 in kit form, or \$140 if you wish to purchase a factory-assembled version. The IP-2718 is available from Heath Company, Benton Harbor, MI 49022. — *KITD*

HAL ST-6000 DEMODULATOR

One of the more recent offerings in HAL Communications Corporation's line of radio-teleprinter demodulators was evidently designed for "no compromise" operation. The HAL ST-6000 demodulator includes both pre- and post-detection filters, input-age stage and automatic bias-distortion-correcting circuitry to ensure reception in the presence of interference or noise, and the autostart and anti-space features prevent the TTY machine from printing garble when no valid RTTY signal is being received. A keyboard-operated switch (KOS) circuit turns on your transmitter auto-

matically whenever you type on a keyboard or send cw identification, and a crystal-controlled audio frequency-shift keyer (afsk) is built into the ST-6000 circuitry.

State-of-the-art circuitry is used throughout. R-C active filters replace the ubiquitous 88-mH toroid coils in the input (pre-detection) filter, discriminator and post-detection filter. The six-pole input filter (equivalent to three tuned circuits) is very effective in reducing the effects of noise and interference. One disadvantage of active filters — susceptibility to overloading by strong signals — is ameliorated by including an automatic gain-control circuit (agc) preceding the filter.

The afsk generator uses high-frequency crystal-controlled oscillators for good stability. The hf signal is run through a digital frequency divider and digital-to-analog converter to produce the audio tones. Frequency shift is selected by the same front-panel push buttons that switch the pre-detection and discriminator filters so that the afsk and demodulator frequencies are always the same. The unit can be supplied with the low-frequency (mark) tone on either 2125 or 1275 Hz. Frequency shifts provided are 170, 425 and 850 Hz. In addition, the cw identification feature produces a tone 100 Hz below the mark frequency.

Some commercial shortwave RTTY stations use 425-Hz shift, so this shift width is useful for those who enjoy shortwave listening. The post-detection filter has a bandwidth wide enough to copy speeds in excess of the 100 wpm that some commercial stations use. Although this bandwidth is wider than optimum for amateur 60-wpm operation, it doesn't seem to cause any serious decrease in copying ability. If desired, the bandwidth could be changed by changing the value of three capacitors in the filter.

The tuning meter uses the "plus-plus"

method — that is, both mark and space signals give a positive indication on the meter. Correct tuning is achieved when the meter doesn't flicker while an RTTY signal is being received. An optional oscilloscope tuning indicator gives the standard "plus-sign" readout (vertical line for space, horizontal line for mark).

Most internal signals are available for use through a connector on the rear panel. For example, it is possible to route the CMOS-compatible post-detection RTTY signal out to a digital processor (such as a UART signal regenerator IC) and then back into the keyer stage to control a 60-mA loop. The ST-6000 can key a current loop (up to 100 mA) using either the internal 175-volt, 60-mA supply or an external voltage source (or both simultaneously). In addition, outputs are supplied that conform with EIA RS-232C specifications (± 12 volts space/mark) or MIL STD-188C specs (± 6 volts mark/space). Power requirements are either 110 or 220 volts ac.

Cabinet styling is designed to match that of the companion DS-3000 KSR video terminal. However, the flexible input/output (I/O) options make the ST-6000 compatible with just about any TTY gear on the market today, and its advanced features ensure that this unit should satisfy the amateur RTTY operator's demodulator needs for years to come! — *WA3JSU*

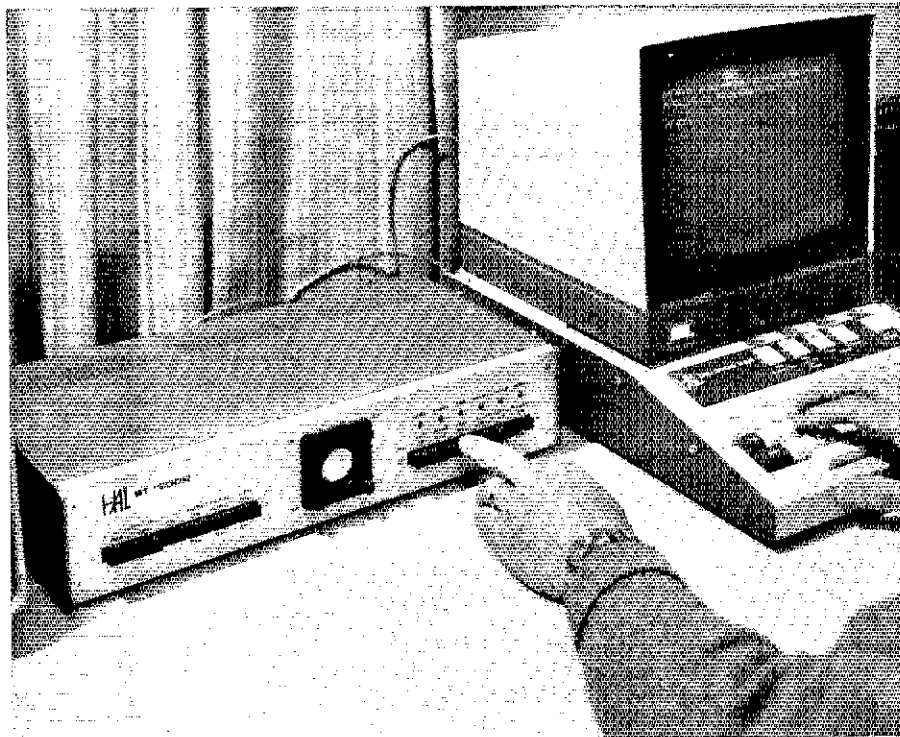
HAL DS-3000 VIDEO DISPLAY TERMINAL

With microprocessors being used in everything from missiles to toasters, it seems only logical to expect to find them in teleprinter circuits. After all, TTY machines are controlled by digital signals readily adaptable to the binary language of computers. The HAL DS-3000 KSR video display terminal is an all-electronic TTY "machine." It comes complete with keyboard and a TV screen to take the place of the ubiquitous roll of yellow paper found on conventional teleprinters.

With a 72-character-per-line capability, the unit is compatible with most surplus TTY machines in use today. The screen can display up to 16 lines of text. When you start to type the 17th line, the top line disappears and all the other lines move up to make room for the new one at the bottom. This process is known as "scrolling."

An Intel 8080A microprocessor IC gives the DS-3000 the ability to perform a bevy of functions never before available in a communications teleprinter. The unit will print (and send) both Baudot (communications) and ASCII (computer) codes at a variety of speeds. (ASCII is available in the "2X" version only.) Available are 60, 66, 75, 100 and 132 words per minute using Baudot code and 100, 150, 300, 600 and 1200 wpm ASCII. Even if you never use anything but 60 wpm on the ham bands, the extra Baudot speeds are fun to have for copying the commercial shortwave stations (most of whom seem to be using 66 and 100 wpm). The ASCII option, of course, makes the device usable as an "intelligent" computer terminal.

Microprocessor control allows you to type a whole page (TV screen) of text, go back and correct your mistakes, then send the corrected copy at the speed of your choice. The



The HAL ST-6000 demodulator (left) and the DS-3000 video display terminal (right).

feature makes composing keyboard pictures easy. In addition, you can store up to 255 characters in a special memory which may be recalled at will by pressing a button. For example, you can load in CQ CQ CQ DE WIAW WIAW WIAW and then fill the whole screen with CQs merely by pressing the button a few times. A third 255-character memory acts as a buffer so that if you type faster than the machine is printing out, it will remember what you typed for later transmission. Thus, you can type up to 255 characters ahead. On a conventional teleprinter, if you type even one character ahead, the key will lock until the previous character has been sent.

Other "bells and whistles" include a feature that causes the machine to type out THE QUICK BROWN FOX JUMPS OVER THE LAZY DOG'S BACK 1234567890 whenever you hit the proper keys. If the machine is placed in the "word mode," it won't output a word until you start typing the next one. Thus, if you notice a mistake before the word is finished, you can just backspace and correct it so that the fellow at the other end of the circuit thinks you're a faultless typist!

Even more impressive to the other operator is the "blankfill" switch. This sends blanks whenever the buffer memory is empty. Even a hunt-and-peck typist can send a steady 60 wpm with this feature!

"Unshift-on-space" (machine returns to lower case whenever a space character is sent or received) can be switched on or off from the front panel. Automatic carriage return/line feed (machine automatically starts a new line whenever a line runs over 72 characters) is always available. In fact, when the "word wrap-around" mode is selected, the unit will

move the *whole word* to the next line so that the word won't be broken in the middle. This means you never have to worry about carriage returns — the machine will automatically start the new line at the proper place as you type!

A keyboard-operated switch (KOS) circuit is available for "break-in" RTTY operation. Whenever data are being sent, a keying transistor is biased ON to ground the push-to-talk line in your transmitter. When the machine stops sending, it will automatically return the station to receive.

Input/output (I/O) standards are quite versatile. Either EIA standard RS-232C or a standard high-voltage TTY current loop may be used.

For the apartment dweller, or for the RTTY enthusiast who simply doesn't like large, noisy TTY machines, the DS-3000 KSR may be the perfect solution. Small, lightweight, attractive and noiseless, it's an alternative that even the most fastidious spouse can approve! — *W4JJSU*

HAMTRONICS P8 VHF PREAMPLIFIER

Older model receivers (and some new ones too) often need a little help receiving weak signals. When feed-line losses have been reduced to a minimum, when antenna operation has been optimized and when the receiver front end has been tweaked, the simplest way to improve sensitivity is to install a preamplifier in front of the receiver. For casual operation, a preamp with an extremely low noise figure is not required. In most cases, the gain of the preamp will mask the poor noise

figure of the receiver, and its own noise figure will be low enough. The Hamtronics P8 preamplifier is such a device. Using two JFETs in cascade, the P8 provides a gain of 20 to 23 dB.* The preamp we tested was intended for use on the 2-meter amateur band, but a unit may be selected to provide amplification over various ranges between 83 and 190 MHz. Hamtronics will supply a finished preamp, aligned at the desired frequency (model no. P16) for about \$17, or a kit of parts (model no. P8) for about \$8. The kit provides all parts including an etched glass-epoxy circuit board. One aspect of the kit may surprise some builders; a short piece of enameled wire is supplied, and the constructor must wind the coils per the instruction sheet for the desired frequency of operation. This should pose no problem for the builder, as the coils are small and require only a few turns of wire. One obvious advantage to this method is that the builder may change the operating frequency in the future by referring to the instruction sheet and rewinding the coils accordingly. The kit went together quickly and worked as soon as power was applied. Alignment took only 15 minutes to optimize. Because most vhf rigs are transceivers, the 1/2 x 2-3/8-inch circuit board should make it easier to install the preamp between the antenna relay and the receiver input, making external connections and switching unnecessary. The preamp should make a significant improvement in reception of vhf cw and ssb, fm repeater, and OSCAR 7 Mode B signals. The P8 preamp is available from Hamtronics, Inc., 182 Belmont Rd., Rochester, NY 14612. — *W1XZ* QST

*Measured in the ARRL lab.

Strays



I would like to get in touch . . .

- a pen pal who shares my interest in stamps, swimming, baseball, hiking, television and reading. I am 41 years old and have a wife and two children. Imao Kaneko, no. 634, Yoshida-cho, Totuka-ku, Yokohama, Japan.
- anyone who has converted a GF PLL CB set for use on an amateur band. Vic Davis, WA1SLV, Armory Rd., Milford, NH 03055.

N7PC AT PC '77

- Special-events station N7PC was set up at the main entrance to the Las Vegas Convention Center for delegates attending the Per-

sonal Communications and the Automotive Parts Conventions. Over 200 radio amateurs attended these conventions and visited N7PC from nearly every state and many foreign countries, with the JA amateurs getting the honors. Approximately 300 contacts were made by WA7MRS, W7MWF, W7PBV, K7ZOK and WB7BDX. A special QSL card is available to all who worked N7PC. QSL to N7PC, P. O. Box 945, Boulder City, NV 89005. — *W7PBV*

NEW BOOKS

The Low and Medium Frequency Radio Scrap Book, by Ken Cornell, W2IMB. Published by *Ham Radio Magazine*, Greenville, NH 03048. Soft-cover version, 8-1/2 x 11 inches, 110 pages. Price: \$6.95.

This fascinating and informative publication is probably the most complete collection of notes available to those who are interested in the frequencies between 10 and 1600 kHz and, more particularly, the so-called experimenter's band between 160 and 190 kHz. If you aren't familiar with the latter, it's a band where operation is legal without an FCC license. The restrictions are one watt maximum dc input power to the last stage of the transmitter, and an antenna whose total length, including the feed line, does not exceed 50 feet. Scattered groups of experimenters are active in the U.S. They transmit beacon signals for one another to hear, and use their initials, amateur calls, or whatever as call letters. QSOs are mostly carried out by means of cw.

The author is the unofficial patriarch of

the experimenters. For many years he has served as a pathfinder for those who wanted to try their luck in low-frequency QRP work. His notebook is a reflection of his efforts and acquired skills over the years, but it contains a lot of technical meat as well.

Ken's book is sure to elicit the praise of those who are smitten with radio nostalgia, as it contains a lot of miscellany about old-time circuits and techniques which were in vogue during the early days of amateur radio. There is even a section on winding old-style coils and loops from yesteryear!

For those who still "dig" vacuum tubes there is material that will make the reader bristle with delight — numerous tube-type circuits for transmitting and receiving between 160 and 190 kHz. Most of the circuits, including a few solid-state ones, are somewhat removed from the state of the art, but they should serve as good starting points and stepping stones to a permanent foothold on the low-frequency band.

Adding spice, the author's philosophies are sprinkled throughout the pages. The narrative is totally casual — the sort of reading that goes well with a glass of your favorite beverage and a few puffs of well-aged pipe tobacco. Once you digest this notebook you'll probably be given to fits of impatience to warm up the soldering iron, raid the ham junk box, and start building your first low-frequency station.

Cornell has included a reprint of the FCC rules and regulations concerning operation in the band. There is a fascinating section on antennas for use in the 160- to 190-kHz range, and none of them are hard to build and adjust.

Even if you don't intend to "fire up" a station for the experimenter's band, you'll want this book for plain old pine-stump reading. It's a refreshing departure from the oft-times stilted and highly technical narrative found in much of the amateur literature of today. — *W1FB*

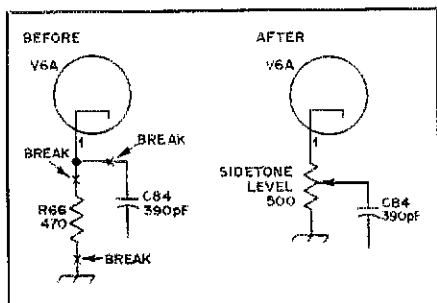


Kay Davis, WB7BDX, operating in Las Vegas.

Hints and Kinks

SIDETONE LEVEL ADJUST FOR THE HEATH HW-16

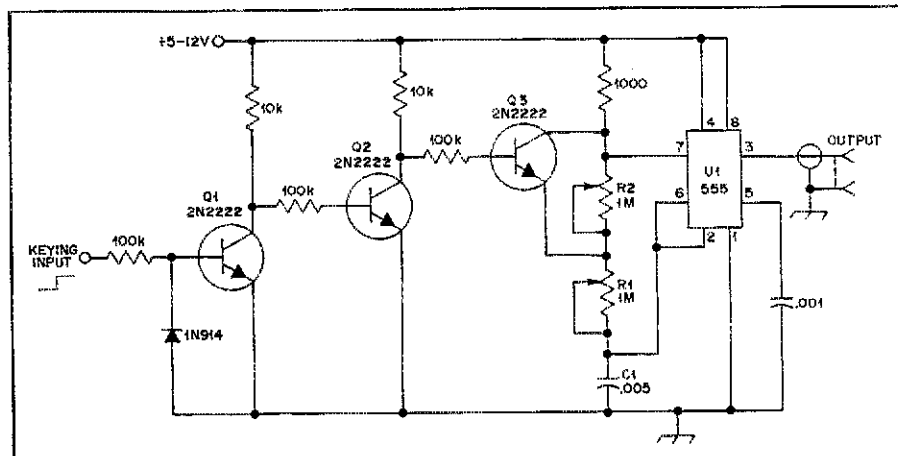
HW-16 sidetone level may be adjusted by incorporating the modification shown in the schematic diagram. R66, the cathode resistor of V6A, is removed. The lead of C84 connected to the cathode pin of V6A should be disconnected. A 500-ohm potentiometer is connected from the cathode pin of V6A to ground, and the free end of C84 is connected to the wiper of the pot. Sidetone level may now be adjusted to the desired level. — *Jose M. Armengol, WA2BNM*



HW-16 sidetone level modification.

WIDE-RANGE AFSK GENERATOR

With the component values given, the AFSK generator shown in the schematic diagram will "tune" from 50 Hz to well over 20 kHz. It is capable of shifting between two frequencies over 20 kHz apart. Oscillator U1 is a 555 timer, connected as an astable multivibrator. Potentiometer R2 and Q3 are connected in series with the discharge resistor R1. When Q3 is biased off, the charge/discharge currents for C1 flow primarily through R1 and R2. This series combination determines the lower frequency of oscillation. When Q3 is biased on,



Circuit for wide-range afsk generator.

R2 is effectively shorted, increasing the frequency of oscillation because of the shorter time constant. Q2 causes the switching of Q3 to be less dependent upon the keying voltage. Q1 adds further isolation and acts as an inverter so that a higher voltage at the input of the generator causes a higher tone to be generated. The Q1 collector load resistor will affect the level of input signal at which keying takes place. The 10-k Ω value shown will result in keying when the input voltage exceeds 1 volt with a 5-volt supply. A value of 1,000 ohms will raise the keying voltage to 3 volts.

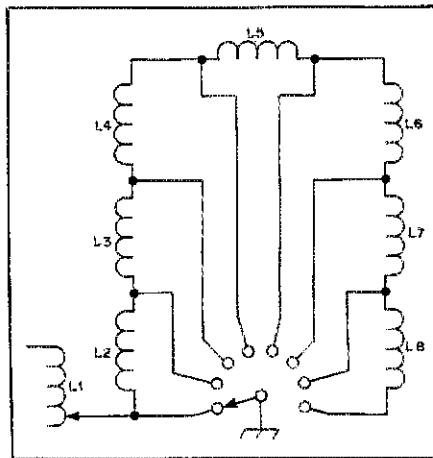
The higher frequency should be set first by applying an input voltage to J1 and adjusting R1 for the desired frequency. To set the lower frequency, short out J1 and adjust R2. Since the output of U1 is a square wave, some filtering may be required in certain applications. — *Thomas M. Whittaker, WA9RSB*

POTENTIOMETER TURNED INDUCTOR

It is not news that variable inductors are difficult to find. Many amateurs may not know that there is an inexpensive component, readily available on the surplus market for about \$1, which can be modified to yield an excellent 0.3- to 2.5- μ H variable inductor. Coupled with a switch and a handful of fixed inductors, this compact unit may be used to build a Transmatch for use with a QRP transmitter or up to medium-power rigs.

The unit to be modified is a 10-turn potentiometer, which is of the type usually found in a black phenolic case measuring 1-3/4 x 3 inches. The resistance value of the unit is unimportant. Upon opening the unit, it will be found that the shaft holds a sliding contact, the wiper of the potentiometer. The inner surface of the phenolic case is spirally ridged, and in the spiral valley lies a coil of heavy, varnished copper wire, consisting of 10

turns. Around that coil is wound a large number of turns of very fine high-resistance wire. The wiper normally contacts just the resistance wire. The heavy copper wire serves only as a form.



Potentiometer turned inductor.

Two approaches to the conversion are offered. First, one may roll up a tube of sandpaper, insert it into the case, and sand the inner surface of the coil until the high-resistance wire is sanded away along the length of the entire coil. Care must be taken to see that this sanding penetrates not only the high-resistance wire, but also the varnish insulation between the high-resistance wire and the heavy copper coil. When reassembled the slider will run against the heavy copper coil, and one now possesses a 10-turn, 0.3- to 2.5- μ H variable inductor.

Another approach is to remove the heavy wire, along with its wrap of high-resistance wire, and to replace it with a new coil of no. 14 bare copper wire. This is a bit tedious, but can be done quite nicely if one winds the new wire onto a coil form slightly larger than the inside diameter of the phenolic housing. Then it is possible to twist the new coil in place. The ridges and valleys molded into the housing greatly aid in this process.

There is a type of 10-turn potentiometer which has the coil wound on the outside of the central phenolic cylinder, rather than on the inside of the housing. This style of potentiometer is even easier to convert since it is much simpler to wind a coil on the outside of a cylinder than on the inside.

I have just completed the QRP Transmatch shown in recent editions of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, replacing the switches and Amidon cores with fixed inductors and the variable inductor, as shown in the circuit diagram.

Inductance L1 is a variable type (0.3 to 2.5 μ H) modified from a 10-turn poten-

ometer. Coil segments L2 through L8 have individual inductances of 2.5 μH . With the switch in the position shown, the total inductance ranges from 0.3 to 2.5 μH . Advancing the switch to the next position changes the value from 2.8 to 5 μH , while the maximum inductance would be 20 μH . Of course this can be easily raised by adding more fixed inductors.

The unit is a beauty! — *Dr. Stan Kaplan, WB9RQR/N*

CONTINUOUSLY LOADED HELICAL

Living on a postage-stamp-size lot has left me with insufficient room for a typical 75/80-meter antenna. Feeling concerned about the relatively poor efficiency of some shortened verticals on the market, I decided to put up what I call my "Continuously Loaded Helical Vertical." Constructed with the help of WB8JXF, two toy-store spiral coils were soldered together making one long continuous coil. The antenna is supported at the top of my 40-foot tower with an 8-foot side arm and standoff. A strain relief insulator fastened to a ground rod is connected to the lower end of the antenna.

In order to tune the antenna, I applied about 10 watts of rf while watching an SWR bridge at the base of the antenna. Tuning was accomplished by pulling in a number of coil turns until an excellent match was achieved. Excess turns were pulled into a bunch at the base. These can be removed leaving only enough for any future tuning. Since the initial adjustments were for the cw band, it was only a matter of pulling in a few more turns (shortening the antenna) to properly match it for the phone segment. Signal reports have, indeed, been satisfying. It also appears to be relatively immune to man-made noise, giving

quieter performance than the vertical and dipole it was compared with. Furthermore, it is good for DX.

Raising and lowering the top of the antenna does cause some change in the inductance. Actually minor tuning can be done this way if a halyard and pulley are used at the top of the tower. Heavy winds will cause swaying of the antenna but the SWR indicator shows an insignificant change.

The system may be mounted close to the side of a wooden building but it is best to keep it three or four feet from a metal structure of any kind. Top feeding the antenna has been found practical and is an approach that may be used by an amateur living on the upper floors of a multistory building. A good ground in either case (whether top or bottom fed) is essential. I used an 8-foot ground rod since radials did not seem to make sufficient difference to bother with digging up the backyard. Total cost of the antenna was about \$3. — *Craig V. Jansiti, WD8BDQ*

ALC FOR THE SWAN 250-C

Addition of an alc circuit is an improvement for the Swan 250-C 6-meter transceiver to prevent the final amplifier from being overdriven. The modification shown in the schematic diagram has provided results that are indeed effective.

Most of the components used in the modification are installed in a small aluminum box which is mounted on the inside wall of the PA compartment. Dimensions of the box should be suitable for use in this area of the transceiver.

These are the steps to be followed in making the modification.

1) The first i-f amplifier (V9), a 6EW6 sharp-cutoff pentode, should be removed and replaced with a 6GM6, a variable- μ semi-remote-cutoff pentode. This will allow proper gain control of the stage by the derived alc voltage from the final amplifier.

2) Remove the ground connection to pin 7 of relay K1. The alc voltage is connected at this point and is applied to the control grid of the 6GM6 during the transmit mode.

3) The alc circuit is built in a small aluminum box. Note that C2 and C3 are feedthrough capacitors.

4) There are four 10-W resistors on the inside back plate of the transceiver. Drill two small holes for insulated standoffs, and mount the 12-k Ω , 10-W unit (R3) above the four resistors. All wires may be routed through the closest existing holes in the chassis.

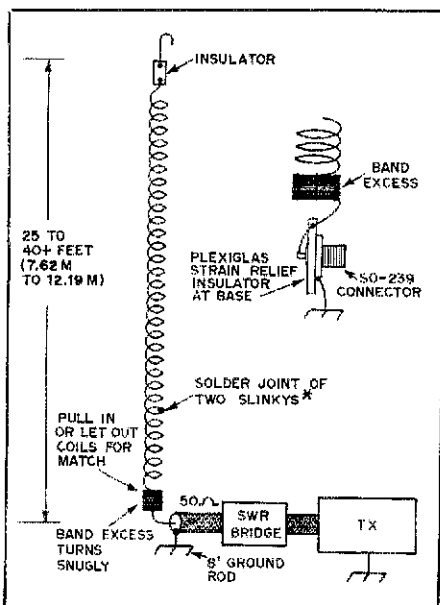
5) Zener diode VR1 may be mounted at any convenient point on the chassis.

6) After modification is complete, check the full range of the bias voltage (0 to +39 V) to be sure that it is available at feedthrough capacitor C3.

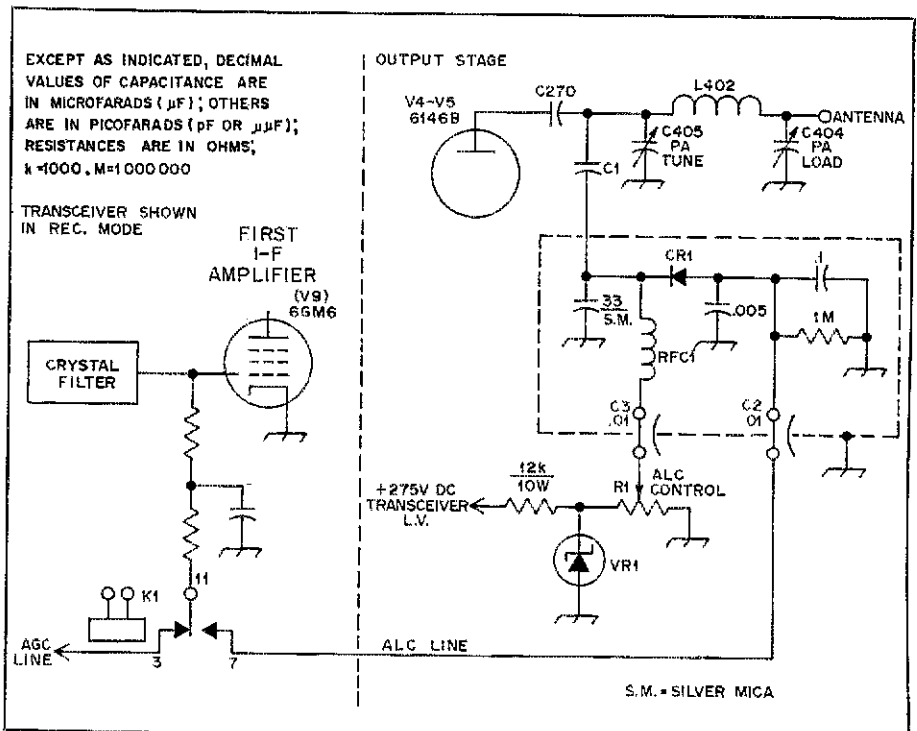
7) The alc potentiometer, R1, may be mounted on the front panel of the transceiver in the upper left portion between the S-meter and the window for the tuning-indicator dial. As space is very limited, a miniature potentiometer must be used.

8) Proper adjustment of alc-control potentiometer R2 may be determined by monitoring the ssb signal on an oscilloscope while adjusting the potentiometer to prevent voice peaks from overdriving the final amplifier. — *Hamp Richardson, K5EFW*

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Continuously loaded helical antenna. *Coils for helical antennas manufactured by Teletron Corp., Box 84, Kings Park, NY 11754. Toy-store variety of coils is used in the antenna illustrated here.



Schematic diagram of Swan 250-C alc modification.

C1 — 1-pF 2-kV transmitting type capacitor.
C2, C3 — 0.01- μF feedthrough type capacitors.
CR1 — Silicon diode 1N39B or equivalent.
R1 — 20-k linear taper potentiometer.

RFC1 — Ohmite Z-50 rf choke.
VR1 — Zener diode, 39-V, 400-mW Motorola 1N292B or equiv.

Getting to Know OSCAR — from the Ground Up

Part 5: Whether working DX, filling walls with operating awards, participating in technical experiments or assisting the AMSAT field organization, OSCAR communicators rarely lack for something interesting to get involved in.†

By Charles J. Harris,* WB2CHO

“**T**he OSCAR bug bit hard after hearing OSCAR 7 for the first time,” writes Mike Tappan, WBSYCE, of San Antonio, TX. “After reading about the satellites in the first two *QST* articles, I tuned into the downlink of OSCAR 7 Mode A using my low-band rig. The prediction chart was right on, and I had no difficulty copying the satellite. The Doppler shift was particularly intriguing. In my financially crippled condition, I am not shooting for ssb gear right away, but I am scrounging up a 2-meter cw rig, and I’ll be on OSCAR soon. Fascinating!”

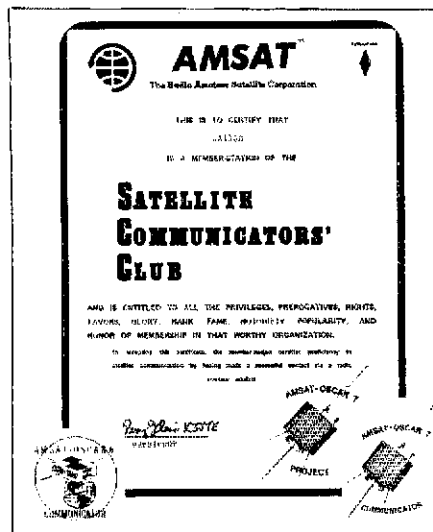
As Mike — and several thousand other amateurs have been discovering — little can match the thrill of sending your signal through space. The first four parts of this series provided all you need to know to get hooked into OSCAR. This month we look at what you can do with your satellite station, from chasing awards to participating in unique space experiments.

OSCAR = Certificate Hunter’s Dream

Your first satellite award will be the Satellite Communicator Club certificate, mentioned in part 2 of this series. To earn this AMSAT-sponsored award, simply report a two-way contact through either satellite to AMSAT, P. O. Box 27, Washington, DC 20044. A special reporting form for this purpose is available from the ARRL. As with any “freebie,” a self-addressed, stamped envelope (s.a.s.e.) would be appreciated. You can even earn “endorsements” on

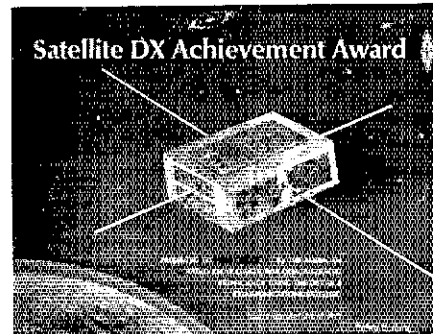
*Club and Training Manager, ARRL

†Parts 1 through 4 appeared in *QST* for January through April, 1977.



this award in the form of stickers for the two satellites now functioning.

With your Satellite Communicator Club certificate hanging in an honored place on your wall, you'll want to set your sights on the OSCAR award and the Satellite DX Achievement certificate. AMSAT sponsors the OSCAR award, issued to stations which submit confirmations of contacts with 20 different states, Canadian call areas, other countries or a combination of these. You should send your cards to AMSAT with sufficient postage for their safe return; you'll need them back for the other awards. The OSCAR certificate is free to AMSAT members, \$1 to others. The rules for the ARRL-sponsored Satellite DX Achievement award are a little more complicated. You have to

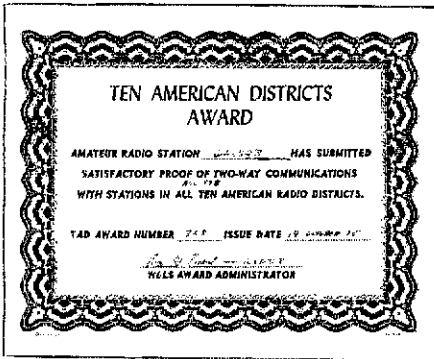


Your satellite wallpaper comes in several different styles and colors.

send to the League confirmations of satellite contacts totaling 1,000 points on the following scale: each new station, 10 pts.; each new country, 50 pts. and each new continent, 250 pts. Your first satellite confirmation nets you 31 pts.: 250 for the continent, 50 for the country and 10 for the station. You can earn this coveted award with as few as four contacts from four different continents — but not everyone lives within satellite range of four continents. The author did the next best thing: five cards from four countries on three continents (750 pts. for the continent, 200 for the countries and 50 for the five different stations, total 1,000!). All five stations were worked in a single 24-hour period one weekend. Nearly 400 Satellite DX Achievement Awards have been issued since number one went to LA1 in January, 1973. Stations in more than 40 countries have already qualified for this attractive certificate. As with all ARRL awards, the Satellite DX award

available only to ARRL members and DX stations. There is no fee for any ARRL award, but sufficient postage for the return of your card is required.

Another certificate well within the reach of any North American satellite communicator is the 10 Districts Award, sponsored by the Lockheed Employees Radio Association, W6LS, 2814 Empire Avenue, Burbank, CA 91504. The award is issued for confirmed contacts with stations in all 10 U.S. call areas. Send the cards, complete with postmark, envelope or bureau stamp, to W6LS along with \$1 and ask for the special OSCAR endorsement.



The Canadian equivalent of the 10 Districts Award, the WVE Satellite Award, is sponsored by the Northern Alberta Radio Club. W/VE stations must confirm contacts with four Canadian call areas; DX stations (including Alaska and Hawaii) need two different call areas. Send the cards and 25 cents to Ray Nadeau, VE6SF, P. O. Box 52, Barrhead, Alberta T0G 0E0.

Ready for the Tough Ones?

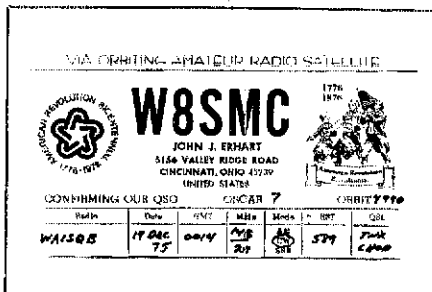
Once you have knocked over the easy awards, it's time to start gunning for the big ones — the ones that separate the casual OSCAR user from the gung-ho satellite communicator. In order of increasing difficulty, there are several awards issued to satellite DXers: OSCAR Sexagesimal Award, Satellite Worked All States, CQ DX Award satellite endorsement and Satellite DXCC.

An extension of AMSAT's basic OSCAR award, the OSCAR Sexagesimal Award is issued to stations confirming contacts with 60 or more states, Canadian call areas, other countries or a combination. Once you have earned the OSCAR award, you can begin shooting for the endorsement stickers. These are issued in multiples of 10 after the basic 20 contacts. At levels of 30, 40 and 50 states, Canadian call areas, countries or mixture thereof, you earn endorsements. When you reach the magic number of 60, you qualify for the OSCAR Sexagesimal Award. Only 18 stations



have earned the Sexagesimal award as of March 1, 1977. Yours can be next.

The other ARRL-sponsored satellite award is the special satellite Worked All States (WAS). The rule prohibiting "re-layed" contacts in the normal WAS award is replaced by one requiring relay through an amateur satellite. Stations to the west of the Mississippi have a much easier time earning this toughie, because of the difficulty of working Hawaii from the East Coast. But more on this later. As with any satellite award, QSL cards should clearly show that the contact was made through OSCAR, preferably with the satellite and orbit number identified.



A host of regional awards are available to active satellite paper-chasers. These include the Hawaiian Satellite Award, the Washington Satellite Communicators Award and the North Jersey DX Achievement Award. Send an s.a.s.e. to Stephen Carson, KH6IHP, 1624 Kaweleka St., Pearl City, HI 96782, for full details on the Hawaiian award. Tim Blair, WA7FVT, P. O. Box 2262, Tacoma, WA 98401, distributes the rules of the Washington state award. The North Jersey award is available only to DX stations who work five or more NJDXA members via the satellite. Neither cards nor fee is required for this one. Send the log data to Hayden Evans,

K2BZT, 11 Holly Tree Lane, Little Silver, NJ 07739.

Finally, the series of awards offered by the JARL can also be earned through satellite contacts. For details, see the *ARRL Ham Radio Operating Guide* or write Awards Manager, Japan Amateur Radio League, Box 377, Tokyo Central, Japan.

Awards for Super Satellite Operators

Looking for a real challenge? Try for a couple of the most difficult satellite DX awards: the satellite endorsement of the CQ DX award and Satellite DXCC. Neither has yet been won! The former requires confirmations from 50 different countries via the satellite, as well as qualifying for the basic, hf DX award. WA6GLD, P. O. Box 1271, Covina, CA 91722, will send complete details on this award for an s.a.s.e. The ARRL DXCC award for satellite contacts has not yet been formally announced. When available, it will be the ultimate in satellite DX awards. Watch the DXCC column in *QST* for further details.

Another toughie yet to be earned is the satellite endorsement of the Worked All Continents award, issued by the International Amateur Radio Union. An s.a.s.e. to the IARU Headquarters Society (ARRL) will bring full details on this sought-after award.

Satellite DXers often pass up the many QSL services available, as they become preoccupied agonizing over their confirmations. Satellite QSLs can be sent through the ARRL Outgoing DX QSL bureau (see *QST* for Oct., 1976, page 51). The AMSAT QSL bureau also handles satellite confirmations. Send your domestic satellite QSLs and several business-size s.a.s.e.s to AMSAT QSL Bureau Manager, Dennis Grindrod, WA1EHF, 564 Stillman Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608. The bureau also forwards DX satellite QSLs for 6 cents each or 20 for \$1.

Working DX via OSCAR

To earn any of the more difficult OSCAR awards, you will need to work a considerable amount of DX through the satellites. These stations will be near (or even beyond!) the maximum range of satellite communications, and you'll need some special operating practices to be consistently successful.

Your first requirement for satellite DX is to gear up your existing satellite station for maximum efficiency. Check the accuracy of your antenna pointing system by searching around the predicted direction for maximum signal strength. If your tracking system is more than a few degrees off, it will hamper your DX abilities. Next, check the sensitivity of your 10-meter receiving system by listening to the OSCAR 6 telemetry beacon on 29.45

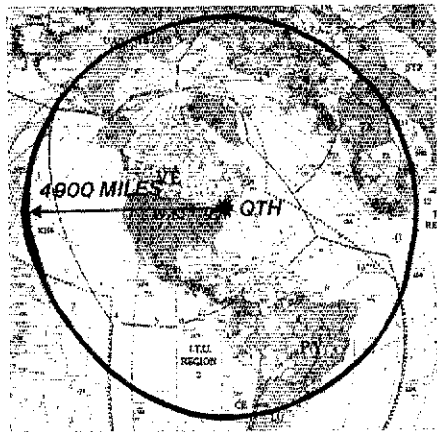


Fig. 4 — The maximum 4,900-mile range of the satellites takes in a lot of territory.

MHz. You should have clear and consistent copy of the beacon right up to the predicted LOS (loss of signal) as the satellite passes beyond the horizon. Many satellite systems benefit from the addition of a suitable preamplifier. See part 2 of this series in February *QST* for more on 10-meter preamps.

When you are confident that the receiving half of your OSCAR station is working well, examine the transmitting

portion. Your signal into the satellite should be strong enough for consistent copy, but not so strong that it reduces the sensitivity of the satellite receiver or takes a disproportionate amount of the transponder output. If your downlink signal is significantly stronger than other copyable signals, reduce your erp. Remember that changes in polarization will cause deep fades for short periods of time. Compare your peak signal to the others. An erp of 100 watts should be sufficient.

As you try to access the satellite when it is near your horizon, you will notice your signal is significantly weaker than during overhead passes. The distance to the satellite is greater, increasing path loss, and the greater distance through the lower atmosphere adds additional absorption. Finally, trees and other vegetation which have no effect on overhead passes may introduce considerable attenuation in signal strength on passes close to the horizon. If you can still copy the beacons consistently, but your own signal fades before LOS, you may benefit from a slight increase in erp. Remember to use this additional power (up to about 300 watts erp) only on DX passes and to reduce power to normal levels for overhead passes. Excessive power is probably the greatest

single factor in shortening the useful life of the satellites.

Who Can You Work?

Your maximum range in any satellite communications is determined by the height of the satellite. For OSCAR 6 and OSCAR 7, at an altitude of approximately 910 miles (1,500 km), maximum range — with the satellite directly between you and your contact — is about 4,900 miles (7,800 km). You can draw a circle on a map to show what falls within this range, as Fig. 4 shows for Hartford, CT. All states except Hawaii, all of Canada, parts of six continents and well over 100 countries fall within range. Of course, not all these areas have active satellite communicators, and the small section of Asia within satellite range makes Worked All Continents difficult, but at least there are plenty of DX possibilities.

Over-the-Horizon DX

It is even possible, under some circumstances, to work stations beyond the "maximum range." Extended propagation on 10 meters is relatively common, especially in the summer months, and you can often copy the satellite long after predicted LOS. For two-way communication, however, you will need some sort of extension of the 2-meter uplink as well. Tropospheric ducting is the most common form of long distance propagation and helps make Worked All States possible for East Coast stations. Over-the-horizon satellite contacts are handled in a similar manner to meteor scatter skeds. Instead of waiting for the next "shower," satellite DXers pore over orbital crossing data, looking for orbits exactly midway between the two stations. Every 36 days, for example, OSCAR 7 is properly situated for East Coast/Hawaii contacts. Again, as in meteor-scatter and moonbounce communications, the exact time, frequency and calling sequence are predetermined carefully aligned around the very short "window" when the satellite is in exactly the right location. Patience is more than a virtue in this work; it is a necessity. Persistence pays off, however, as demonstrated by several East Coast WAS award winners and G3IOR's remarkable achievement of contacting W6CG (a distance of more than 5,600 miles).

In actual, over-the-horizon satellite DXing, an erp of greater than 100 watts is acceptable, and even essential, for consistent results. This power should only be used, however, when the satellite is no longer in direct line of sight with your station. Be sure to turn the amplifier off during overhead passes. Again, as in meteor scatter, unscheduled contacts add additional excitement to this form of DXing. You may hear

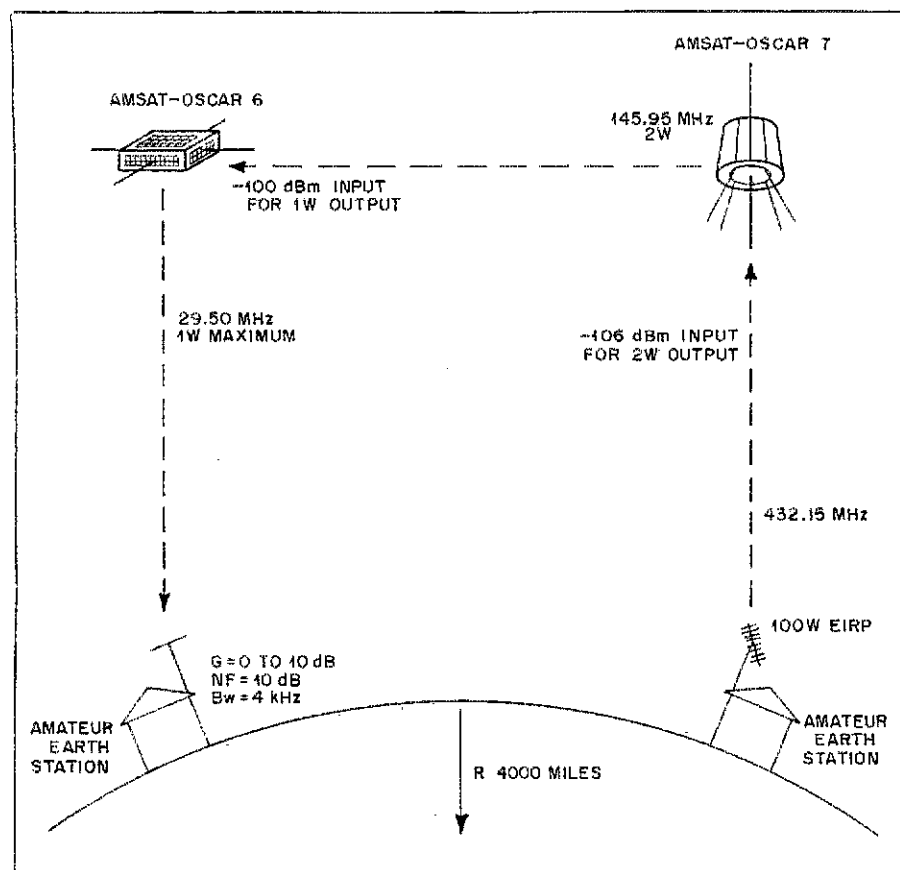


Fig. 5 — Satellite-to-satellite links are possible out to a separation of 5000 km.

stations calling, "CQ LOS CQ LOS." They're looking for over-the-horizon DX; give them a clear frequency. You might be in that position soon!

The QRP Challenge

Satellite DXing is not for everyone; some of us prefer a more casual approach. There is one regular feature of satellite operating which has nearly universal appeal: QRP (low-power) days. As of March 1, 1977, UTC Mondays have been reserved for OSCAR QRP. This includes both Mode A and Mode B on OSCAR 7 and the "on" (ascending) orbits of OSCAR 6. On these orbits, AMSAT asks all stations to use 10 watts or less *erp*. Note that this is *erp*, not output power. Try it — you'll be amazed at the results. So long as higher powered stations are not reducing the sensitivity of the satellite receiver, nor claiming the hog's portion of the output power, even the weakest stations are Q5.

Mode B operators have been enjoying QRP for some time, but even OSCAR 6 has the sensitivity to relay signals of less than 10 watts *erp*. Imagine a hand-held satellite ground station! It's within the realm of possibility on QRP days. This same low power would be equally effective every day if all stations used the minimum power necessary for all contacts. Perhaps we'll see QRO (high-power) days in the near future; one day a week for those stations running more than 10 watts *erp*!

Experiments in Space

For the technically inclined, two regular features of satellite operations should be of interest. Every UTC Wednesday, OSCAR 7 is reserved for special experiments, coordinated by AMSAT Vice President of Operations, Rich Zwirko, K1HTV. Past experiments have included sending electrocardiograms from a moving vehicle to a hospital thousands of miles away (see *QST* for October, 1976, page 42). Canadians have used OSCAR for emergency transmitter location, such as in the case of a downed aircraft. Also, OSCAR is the only amateur band where eight-level, computer-style teletype (ASCII) is permitted, under special authorization from the FCC. If you are interested in having a computer linkup via amateur satellite, or have some other special experiment in mind for OSCAR 7, contact K1HTV, 36 Sweet Birch Drive, Meriden, CT 06450.

Another unique aspect of satellite operation that has created quite a bit of interest is the twice-yearly linking experiments. Since OSCAR 6 and OSCAR 7 are in slightly different orbits, OSCAR 7 overtakes and passes its predecessor about twice each year. When the satellites are within a few hundred miles of

Table 6
OSCAR DX Leaders Compiled by SP9DH

STATION	POINTS	CONTINENTS	COUNTRIES	STATIONS	BEST DX	DISTANCE
K1HTV	25,000	4	78	2000+	—	4,650
G3IOR	15,250	5	80	960+	W6CG	5,600
G6RH	14,670	5	63	1127	W7SFA	—
DL8DF	12,900	5	53	900	FY7AS	4,900
OK3DDI	11,910	4	72	731	ZE7JX	4,700
SP9DH	10,600	4	59	665	W8DX	4,500
OH2RK	9,700	4	54	500	—	—
YO2IS	9,560	4	51	601	VE3BNO	4,700
W8DX	9,000	5	55	500+	—	—
PA0LQ	8,000	5	35	500+	—	—

(Points based on the ARRL Satellite DX Award scoring system. Distance in miles.)

each other and OSCAR 7 is in Mode B, a double satellite relay is possible. The 432-MHz uplink to OSCAR 7 is translated to 145.9 MHz, which is in turn picked up by OSCAR 6 and relayed to ground stations at 29.45 MHz. (See Fig. 5.) The first OSCAR link tests in 1973 comprised the first free access satellite-to-satellite relay in the history of space flight — another communications first for amateur radio! The W6PAJ AMSAT Orbital Calendar gives the dates of these link experiments. AMSAT will provide further details on these tests.

Those of us who are not experimenters or electrical engineers can still perform a valuable service by carefully monitoring the satellites during these tests. Exact signal strengths, fading characteristics, telemetry data and other information sent to AMSAT help evaluate the projects. This information can then be used to justify further experimentation or modifications to future satellites.

Even the casual OSCAR communicator can make a real contribution by helping to investigate a few of the unexplained anomalies of OSCAR operation. OSCAR 7 Mode A seems to "hear" particularly poorly when it is to the south of the transmitting station. The downlink signal strength increases dramatically as the satellite passes overhead. Frequent monitoring of these signal strengths is necessary to help design this problem out of future OSCARs. OSCAR 7 also experiences unexplained mode changes. AMSAT needs many more telemetry reports before, after and hopefully during the mode shifts to diagnose the problem. Finally, several stations have reported a "reverse Doppler" effect on the 435-MHz beacon of OSCAR 7. The apparent frequency of the beacon increases as it drops below the horizon, the opposite of the predicted effect. Anyone with a well-calibrated receiver can help AMSAT and the rest of the scientific community explore this puzzling phenomenon. Any takers?

As with any amateur activity, satellite operating and coordination requires the volunteer assistance and dedication

of large numbers of amateurs throughout the world. A well-coordinated network of hams operates command stations which turn the OSCARs on and off, acts as bulletin stations for both regular satellite bulletins and special educational demonstrations and runs hf satellite nets. Randall Smith, VE3SAT, is the volunteer command station operator for eastern North America. Randy's completely automated station, operated by a microprocessor, provides continuous control over the satellite while it is over this part of the world. Other command stations dot the globe.

There are many nonoperating volunteer jobs in the satellite "field organization." Almost every state and many countries have AMSAT Area Coordinators, who disseminate information about the satellites, arrange for convention and hamfest speakers and demonstrations, and help spread the word about satellite operating problems or schedule changes. These volunteers are always looking for assistance in these projects. Drop a line to your area coordinator offering your services. Contact K1HTV or ARRL for names and addresses of the coordinators.

A-O-8 and Phase III on the Way

As the battery and temperature problems this past February have

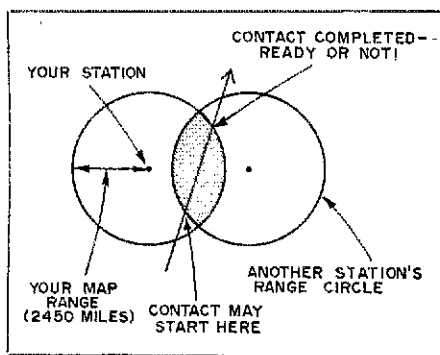


Fig. 6 — The greater the distance between the stations, the shorter the possible contact period.

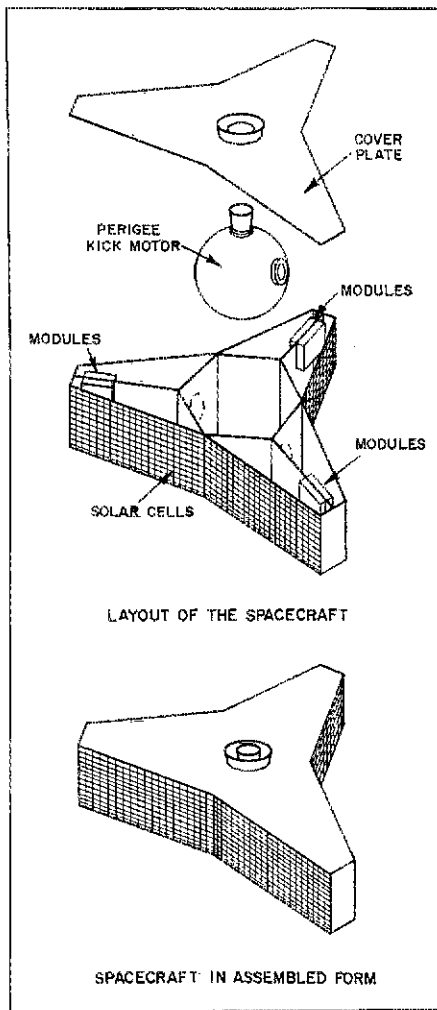


Fig. 7 — Phase III Satellite: The start of worldwide satellite DX.

demonstrated, OSCAR 6 and OSCAR 7 will not last forever. A replacement for OSCAR 6, now called AMSAT-OSCAR-D, is scheduled for launch in late fall. A-O-D (to be called OSCAR 8 when it achieves a successful orbit) has a 2-meter to 10-meter transponder similar to OSCAR 6 and OSCAR 7 Mode A. It also carries a 2-meter to 70-centimeter transponder, designed and built by a team of Japanese amateurs.

Uplink frequencies will be compatible with present satellites. The 2 to 10 transponder will be on exactly the same frequencies as OSCAR 7 Mode A, and the JAMSAT transponder will have an uplink of 145.9-146.0 MHz. The inverted downlink will fall between 435.1 and 435.2 MHz, with a beacon on 435.095 MHz. Watch for further details in *QST*.

The ultimate amateur satellite — AMSAT-OSCAR Phase III — is rapidly becoming a reality. A high-power satellite with an internal solid propellant rocket motor, the Phase III satellite is scheduled for launch in 1979 by the European Space Agency. The internal motor will push the satellite into a highly elliptical orbit peaking high above the Northern Hemisphere. The greater altitude of the orbit will significantly extend its useful range — nearly the entire Northern Hemisphere will be accessible. At the same time, the spacecraft's reduced velocity will extend the time it will be within range of a given station to as much as 20 hours per day. As you may have guessed, the DX possibilities will be tremendous. Satel-

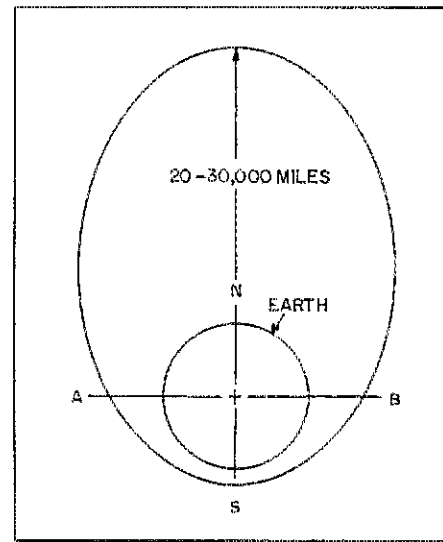


Fig. 8 — The highly elliptical orbit of the Phase III satellites will greatly extend the range and operating time.

lite DXCC look out! A series of articles on the Phase III satellites will begin in *QST* for June.

Meanwhile, OSCAR 6 continues to set longevity records for limited lifetime satellites and OSCAR 7 provides reliable daily satellite communications for amateur stations throughout the globe. And persistent, but unconfirmed, rumors abound of a Russian amateur satellite in the near future. What is the future of amateur satellites? Whatever we, the amateurs, make it. See you on OSCAR.

Strays



Herb Schoenbohm, KV4FZ, and WVWI News Director Lee Caryle were recently awarded a certificate of honor by Virgin Islands Senate President Elmo Roebuck for their role in the rescue of



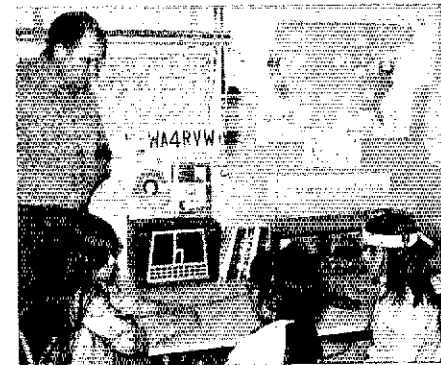
Virgin Island Senate President Elmo Roebuck presents a certificate of honor to Lee Caryle and Herb Schoenbohm, KV4FZ (right).

the pilot and four crew members of a Gruman G-21 seaplane that crashed and sunk near St. Croix. A private pleasure boat, hearing the radio reports sent by KV4FZ and rebroadcast by WVWI, was able to divert its course to the crash site and pick the survivors out of shark-infested waters. None of the survivors had time to put on life preservers, and they were found in the dark clinging to pieces of the wreckage.

Herb is an active DXer and became an amateur celebrity when he acted as the official receiving station for both of Thor Heyerdahl's *Ra* expeditions.

It's a long way from the drums and smoke signals used by the first Americans to today's space-age amateur radio communications. But school children of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indian Tribe in Cherokee, NC, are closing the gap. Under the expert tutelage of Bob Lacy, WA4RVW, a science

teacher at the Cherokee School, the children are making rapid progress. The program is sponsored by the Blue Ridge Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, whose members have furnished the school with radio equipment, a training course and complete ARRL library. — W4YK



With the help of WA4RVW, these Cherokee children may soon be on the air, broadening their horizons through contacts with distant people and places.

Inferno in Friuli

Within minutes, hf and vhf networks were handling emergency traffic.

By Robert J. Halprin,* WA1WEM

To Associazione Radiotecnica Italiana: In the recent calamitous earthquake in the Friuli region, Italian radio amateurs rendered a great deal of assistance in our hour of need and we are deeply grateful for their selfless devotion to our people.

The members of your organization have given of their time freely and they have helped immeasurably to solidify relations among our people. They have worked closely with us and we are speechlessly grateful for their efforts. Cordially, Sen. Giulio Orlando, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications

The earthquake struck the Friuli region of Italy on the evening of 6 May 1976. The result: tremendous devastation, a death toll of nearly 1000 and disruption of regular lines of communications.

However, three two-meter fm repeaters were still operative. By means of battery-powered two-fm rigs, 10 amateurs living in the area of the disaster were able to immediately begin the emergency operations.

"The earthquake has destroyed so many homes, there are many casualties . . . send help as soon as possible . . . I3SQJ.¹ I'll be at the police station in a minute, stand by . . . I3COP/mobile."

Within minutes, authorities were alerted. All communications for this first chaotic night and for days afterward were handled by amateurs using the repeaters and 80-meter emergency nets, maintaining communications to and from the ravaged towns and villages.

"The house in front has collapsed . . . I3CQX. Let's try to coordinate

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¹ From the two-meter log of I3BLQ (*Radio Rivista*).

remote locations, making sure these ruined villages had a link with the outside world.

"I'm at Osoppo; my brother's place is completely destroyed. Everything is flat to the ground . . . I3AOS/mobile."

Thanks to an agreement between the P.T.T. and the FCC, third-party traffic was permitted between the U.S. and Italy for the duration of the emergency, for anxious relatives on both sides. I1MOL/W8, in the Detroit area, offered the services of the Oak Park Radio Club to the local Italian Consulate. Member-stations K8IDE and K8HLR handled an enormous amount of disaster reports, phone patches, and health and welfare traffic. Local radio and television stations covered the operation. In Cleveland, WB8OGB had daily schedules with I1OKC, providing status reports for the news media (NBC filmed him in action three times!) and the Red Cross. He also handled a large amount of health and welfare traffic. Many stateside hams were involved in the H & W effort on 20 and 15 meters.

"I am outside of Tarcento . . . I3UBD/mobile. Go directly to the restaurant La di Moret — find out where the people to be vaccinated are — then call me with all possible information . . . the doctor is here . . . I3BLQ. Roger . . . I3UBD."

In this emergency, Italian hams demonstrated discipline, skill and traffic-handling capability. And once more, radio amateurs, with their relatively simple equipment, replaced more sophisticated telecommunications channels which were paralyzed by a natural disaster.

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. . . I3ILC. Keep the frequency clear for emergency traffic . . . I3BLQ."

Hams provided communications for police, military, Red Cross, hospitals and rescue patrols. In two weeks, the various nets handled over 20,000 messages. Over 500 amateurs participated, most of them members of C.E.R., the A.R.I.-sponsored *Corpos Emergenza Radioamatori*.

"Tell them lights are needed, strong floodlights, and shovels — houses have collapsed and there are children inside . . . I3SQJ. Tell the hospital to be prepared to receive many people . . . I3SAX."

When P.T.T. communications were restored in most of the region, C.E.R. members elected to remain in the more



Towns and villages in northeast Italy were reduced to rubble by the seismic shock. (F9FF photo)

Pedalera Bike Run Communications

Huff . . . Puff . . . Can you climb the mountain? On a warm California day, almost 800 bicyclists did. Amateurs from Lockheed worked with the company's other employee clubs to cover the remote, rough terrain.

By William G. Imes,* WB6KBS

Over winding roads, behind shadowing mountains and through valleys and hollows, the terrain raised obstacles. For almost 900 bicyclists it was a physical challenge, for the two dozen hams who assisted it was a communications challenge, and for all participants it was a successful run.

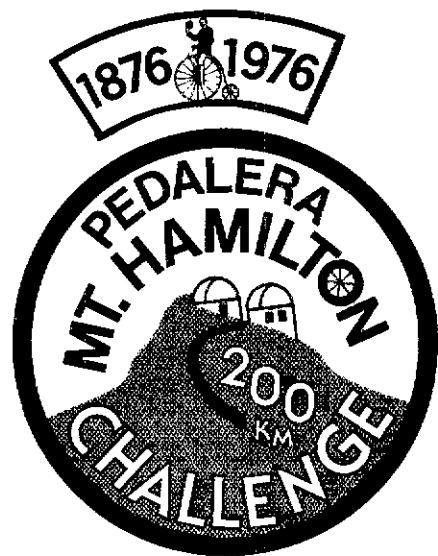
The seventh annual Challenge and Mt. Hamilton Ascent drew bicyclists from all around California to attempt a grueling 133-mile (approximately 200 km) ride. Sponsored by the Pedalera Wheelmen of the Lockheed Missile & Space Company Employees' Recreation Association (LERA), it actually consisted of two events on that warm April day: (1) a 70-mile round-trip ride from

the LERA building in Sunnyvale, CA, to Lick Observatory at Mt. Hamilton (elevation 4,213 feet) and (2) continue along the back side of the Diablo range, through the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, and return to the LERA building for the full course.

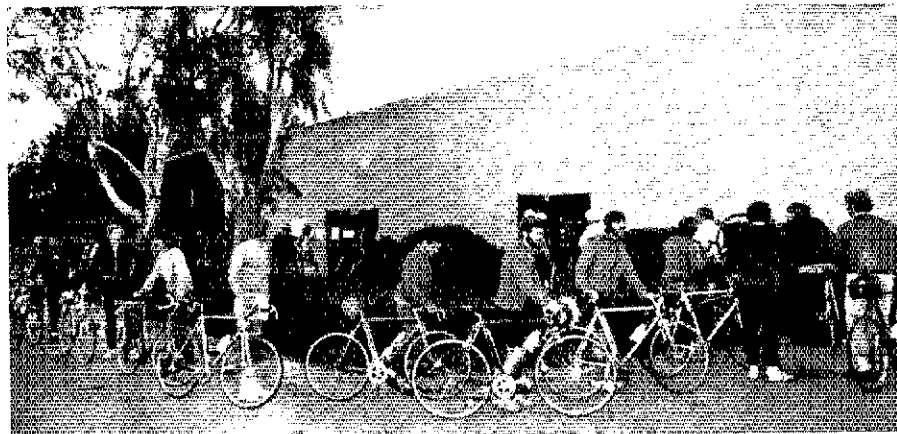
Preparations

Against this backdrop the LERA Amateur Radio Club undertook the difficult communications task. The challenge was to keep track of the cyclists by relaying checkpoint and emergency messages, rider and support vehicle progress, and logistics information. Supporting this effort were members of the Santa Clara Valley VHF Society (WR6ADE) and citizens band members of LERA's Four-Wheel-Drive Club.

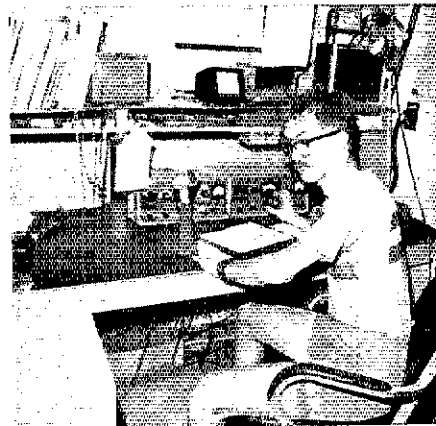
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Headquarters for the ride was at the LERA building with the club station WA6GFY, acting as a communications center. There, four amateur stations were on the air: a Collins S-Line on 40 meters, two Clegg FM-21s on 220 MHz and an ICOM IC-22A on 2 meters. Other network stations were set up at the observatory atop Mt. Hamilton.



At the LERA building, Sunnyvale, CA, riders await check-in to begin the Challenge Run. Visible in the background is a portion of LERA ARC's 70-foot tower.



Bill Pierce, WB6CFU/WA0PJI, listens to 40 meters at the LERA ARC station, WA6GFY.



1976 LERA ARC President Ev Wittig, WA6GYT, chats with Mt. Hamilton via the WR6ABH 220-MHz repeater, while in the background Bill Imes, WB6KBS, operates 2 meters at the LERA building.

Arroyo Mocho on the back side of the Diablo range and at the Youth Center in Pleasanton. These locations served as checkpoints for the ride.

Pedal Away

The communications job was long. It began at 5 A.M. and the last bicyclist wasn't safely back until after dark. Each rider was required to turn in an identifying tag as he reached a checkpoint. It was also a place to get medical or mechanical attention and a welcome rest. He then stated his intention on whether to continue or be taken back by vehicle to LERA. This information was radioed back to the LERA building so each rider could be tracked.

A number was assigned to each rider so that only numbers were transmitted in blocks. Still, there was difficulty in handling the large quantities of traffic efficiently. Operators would attempt to pass too much information too fast or without formalizing it into messages. Such information was lost or had to be repeated. Formalizing is a little slower,



Riders take advantage of the Four-Wheel-Drive vehicle to have a drink and a rest at the Smith Creek ranger station, 28 miles from the start.

but the only way to keep it all under control.

Information more significant than "Gee, it's hot" or "I was just passed by 15 riders" was treated as message traffic. Typical of those were "How's the food holding out at Mt. Hamilton?" "I need a repair truck for a broken bike at San Antonio Junction." "Send a first-aid van to checkpoint two; we have an injury."

On the Road

In addition to the "nonprofessional" emergency services described, arrangements had been made for ambulance service and a California highway patrol helicopter should they have been required. Although a number of medical problems arose, neither was needed.

A nonassigned mobile vehicle just for 40-meter communications was provided by WB6EPG. He spent portions of the day at each checkpoint and assisted in the mop-up operations making sure all stragglers at the end of the line were picked up. Also, he relayed information when the shorter-range CB- or vhf-equipped vehicles could not maintain contact.

Propagation problems were caused by the rugged, winding terrain. While some efforts had been made to strategically locate stations for maintaining continuous communications, more were needed. Significant problems occurred on the back side of Mt. Hamilton on both hf and vhf. Repeater contact could not be maintained because of line-of-sight blockage. Hf had better luck, but also experienced some problems. At one point late in the afternoon, an Alaskan station came in to serve as a relay point. Don't overlook that on these projects. The skip can help to overcome terrain problems and faraway hams are usually eager to help.

Into the Sunset

The whole 133-mile trip was completed by 575 riders while more than 200 bicyclists took the shorter "Ascent-and-Back" route. Some 80 others did not finish for one reason or another, but still enjoyed the day. A total of six injuries requiring hospital treatment occurred. The oldest entrant finishing was 69 years old while the youngest, actually a passenger riding piggyback with her dad, was 14 months old.

The LERA ARC expresses sincere thanks to the LERA Bicycle Club (Pedalera), Four-Wheel-Drive Club, First-Aid Club and their primary coordinators, Larry Lee and Ron Lewis, along with Challenge chairman Vladimir Baicher, for "their help and understanding toward the success of our communications effort, and for allowing us to participate."

Also, thanks to Gene Root,



Riders begin the ascent of Mt. Hamilton. They've gone 35 miles at this point.

WB6000, for coordinating publicity and photographic support with Will Hilbrink, WA6LLZ, of Lockheed public relations. Our thanks and that of all the other organizations go to these dedicated people: WB6EPG, WB6KBJ, WB6KBS, WA6GYT, WN6MQJ, K6HB, K6CN, WB6TOH, WB6CFU, WB6VPI, W6HJP, WB6LDR, K6JVK, W6OLO, W6RUV, WB6MJD, WB6AFJ, K6GZK, W6IRY, WA6AU, WB6SFC and WB5EMM.

And, of course, our thanks to the Pioneer Radio Club, Baycom and Mt. Vaca Radio Club for the use of their repeater facilities, and to all amateurs on all bands who permitted interference-free operation throughout the day.

Every amateur should participate in an exercise of this type at least once just to gain an appreciation for the level of organization necessary to achieve success in a high-information-rate or emergency situation. Q57



Atop Mt. Hamilton at the 220-MHz operating position, Gil Morris, WB6KBJ, is at the mic, with Carl Hartshorn, WA6AU, taking notes.

All Special Calls— Doomed?

Drastic relief for a drastic problem seems to be the theme of FCC's latest proposal. Decades of tradition and years of comfortable familiarity could be swept aside by the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Docket 21135, which looks toward ". . . simplification of licensing and call-sign assignment."

By Perry F. Williams,* W1UED

No W1AW at Newington? No K2BSA in New Jersey? No K3CR at Penn State, or W8SH at Michigan State or W6YX at Stanford? Under the proposal, these and other club calls would be discontinued at the end of their terms and no new club licenses would be issued. Secondary licenses held by many amateurs, RACES station licenses, military recreation stations including K4NAA and K4WAR, special-event stations like NCØARL (National Convention Zero American Radio League) and NJ3BSA (National Jamboree three Boy Scouts of

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America) would disappear. (The elimination of repeater, auxiliary-link and control station licenses was earlier proposed by FCC in Docket 21033, deregulation of repeaters and remotely controlled stations.)

FCC's Dilemma

No question, the Commission *does* have a drastic problem. In the editorial of *QST* last month, we said (in part, some phrases omitted)

"The Commission has not been able to obtain approval of a budget large enough to cope."

". . . FCC is faced with an ever-increasing flood of work — caused mainly by more license applications and the need for more enforcement of the regulations. There were 980,253 CB applications during the month of January . . . 21,500 pieces of amateur-related mail at Gettysburg — as recently as 1974 the average was 8300. Because amateur applications are more complicated than those for CB, they are, on an individual basis, more work for the Commission.

"But the problem is that, despite all of this, the Commission has not been able to obtain approval of a budget large enough to cope. Many actions proposed by the Commission were designed to reduce the cost of regulating the amateur service. New programs even though beneficial to the amateur service can't be considered. There is no money. Because of the long lead time in de-

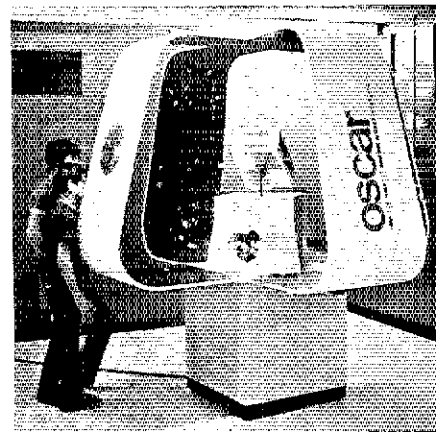
veloping a government agency budget (for instance right now the 1978 budget is being developed), it is difficult to deal with the realities of the present with a budget that was devised a couple of years ago. We think this is a good argument either for radio license fees being channeled back directly to FCC or a more realistic budget. If you believe that FCC needs additional resources to properly accomplish [its tasks], then you may wish to communicate with your Congressional representatives Now."

The FCC's Views

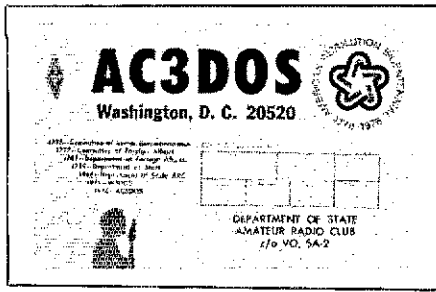
In the introductory passages of Docket 21135, the Commission under-



Club stations, like WB2JSM in the Hall of Science, New York, provided continuity of call sign and the necessary manpower for emergency traffic with Guatemala following its earthquakes in 1976.



This OSCAR display and the nearby club station, WB4ICJ, introduce a million visitors a year to ham radio and to amateur involvement in space communications at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



The Department of State has its own radio club with distinctive call letters, W3DOS (AC3DOS during the Bicentennial) and an equally distinctive Field Day location — the Mall, in full view of the Washington Monument where thousands of visitors to the Capitol can see ham radio in action.

scored its problems in the following passages (from which we have deleted some less-necessary phrases, for brevity's sake):

“... This surge in interest in personal radio communications has placed a heavy burden on Commission staff engaged in processing licenses. Although the workload at Gettysburg has increased approximately 1000 percent over the past two years, the number of permanent employees has increased by only 50 percent. This has led, in turn, to an increase in the length of time necessary to process and issue Amateur Radio Service and CB Radio Service licenses. We are very much aware that many amateur radio licensees are dissatisfied with the speed with which their regular licenses are processed and issued, and we are investigating methods by which, assuming no new resources to be forthcoming, service to our amateur licensees might be further improved.

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“The Rules governing the Amateur Radio Service contain licensing and call-sign assignment systems of some complexity. At the time these rules were adopted, the size and workload of our Gettysburg staff were such that routine and special amateur application processing could be accomplished without undue delay. As we indicated in the preceding paragraph, however, our resources have not kept pace with the increased demand for personal radio communications. Given these limited resources, we have been forced to assign priorities to our current licensing activities. *We believe our most important task in the Amateur Radio Service to be the processing and issuance of amateur*

operator and primary station licenses. We have reached the point at which our lack of resources simply precludes all but the most basic licensing functions. Our regulatory obligations have outstripped our current capabilities. . . .

“Under the existing amateur radio licensing system, a licensee must obtain both an operator license and a station license. A licensee holds only one operator license and is required by Section 97.40 to have, at a minimum, a primary station license, as well. There are several other station licenses available, however, including military recreation, club, special-event, RACES and secondary station licenses, and many amateur operators have obtained one or more (occasionally, many more) such licenses. Additionally, many amateur radio operators are eligible for specific station call signs or ‘preferred’ formats.

“We do not believe the continuation of the issuance of the various station licenses, other than primary station licenses, or the existence of the current call-sign assignment system to be essential to the Amateur Service. The entire system has become extraordinarily burdensome and difficult to administer properly: A disproportionate percentage of our resources must, because of existing rules, be devoted to the processing of special call-sign requests and nonprimary station license application. Of these, about 95 percent were primary stations. The other 5 percent were secondary, club, military recreation, and RACES stations. Yet processing applications for these nonprimary stations required resources nearly equal to the resources needed to process primary applications. Similarly, Ama-



KM5BSA at the 5th Annual Explorer Air Show demonstrates the value of special-events stations — here to an audience of Scouts.



Two centuries of history, America as a “melting pot,” and the Field Day spirit of amateurs were all demonstrated in the WL2USA operation at the base of the Statue of Liberty during Thanksgiving weekend, 1976.

teur Extra Class licensees comprise only 6 percent of the amateurs, but processing specific call-sign requests requires as much time as issuing call signs to the remaining 94 percent. Clearly, our resources are not allocated in the most effective manner.”

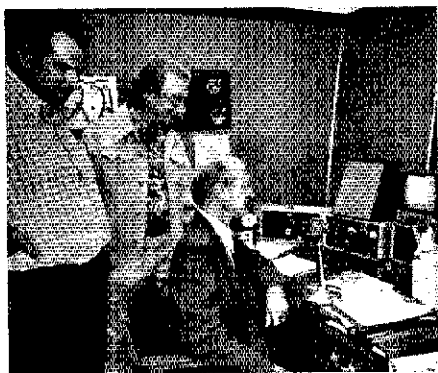
FCC's Proposed Solution

“In this proceeding we are proposing to simplify the basic licensing structure of the Amateur Service by discontinuing the issuance of all amateur station licenses, other than primary station licenses and space station licenses (under consideration in Docket 19852, October 25, 1973). All amateur radio operators would be limited to one station license. Licensees holding the types of licenses listed above would be permitted to retain them until expiration of the licenses but would not be permitted to renew them. . . .

“We are proposing to simplify the basic structure . . . All amateurs would be limited to one station license.”

“We are particularly interested in receiving comments concerning the continued usefulness to the amateur community of separately licensing club stations. . . . We solicit comments concerning the continued usefulness, if any, of special-event stations and wish to be provided with specific, concrete examples of special-event stations that have brought favorable public attention to the Amateur Radio Service. . . .

“We are also proposing to simplify drastically the system of amateur radio



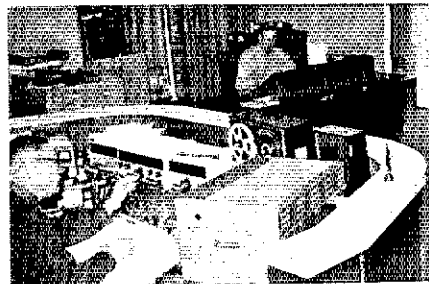
And who can forget the hundreds of newspaper columns and the slow-scan TV pictures on prime-time newscasts which resulted from the N6V special-events station at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories during the Viking landings on Mars last summer?

call-sign assignment. Sections 97.51 and 97.53 of the Rules contain rather complex regulations and policies governing amateur radio call-sign assignment. Certain licensees are eligible for 1 X 2 call signs, others are eligible for certain nonspecific "preferred" call signs, while still others must take the call signs assigned them by the Commission. We are proposing to amend Section 97.51 of the Rules to state simply that amateur radio call signs will be assigned on a systematic basis. Section 97.53 would be deleted entirely. Licensees holding Amateur Extra Class operator licenses would be afforded the opportunity to obtain 1 X 2 and 2 X 2 call signs, but such call signs would be assigned systematically by the Commission. (Amateur Extra Class licensees would not be permitted, as they are now, to

obtain specific 1 X 2 call signs of their choice. Licensees moving from one call sign area to another and modifying their licenses to reflect the moves would not continue to be assigned new call signs of the same format as the call signs relinquished. Nor would we continue to issue specific call signs to former holders thereof. We would not issue any more distinctive call signs to stations in repeater or RACES operation. Our proposal, if adopted, would result in a much simpler and fairer call-sign assignment system and would permit us to concentrate our limited resources in areas more productive for the Amateur Radio Service.

... We invite interested parties to submit comments concerning our proposals on or before June 2, 1977, and reply comments on or before June 30, 1977. An original and five copies of all comments and reply comments shall be furnished the Commission. Respondents wishing each Commissioner to have a personal copy of the comments may submit an additional six copies. Members of the public wishing to express interest in our proposals but unable to provide the required copies may participate informally by submitting one copy of their comments, without regard to form, provided the correct Docket number is specified. All comments and reply comments filed in this proceeding should be sent to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554."

A copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the text of the proposed rules in Docket 21135 can be obtained from Hq. A self-addressed envelope with 24-cents postage would



Perhaps the best-known club station of all — W1AW.

be appreciated. Hq. and your ARRL director (see list on page 8) would each like a copy of your comments. Remarks of simple opposition are of little utility to the Commission. Practical alternatives are sought from those who would like to preserve the status quo.

The "Closed Season"

Separately, but related to the above proposals, the Commission in an Order dated March 2, has established a moratorium on issuance of new secondary and special-events licenses. Applications received before March 3 will be processed in due time, but no new ones will be accepted. Secondary, club, RACES, military recreation and other "additional station" license renewals are being accepted, pending determination of the outcome of Dockets 21033 and 21135.

And FCC has discontinued its informal practice of issuing a call sign like K3XXX to a person who once held a Novice call of the form KN3XXX according to a release dated March 16, 1977.

Strays



□ The Wellesley (MA) Amateur Radio Society will be transmitting code-practice sessions on 21.120 MHz at 1800 UTC Sundays and 0030 UTC Wednesdays. Copy will be taken from issues of *QST* and page numbers for previous code sessions will be given in following sessions. Speeds will be 5, 7-1/2, 10, 15, 18 and 22 wpm. Following the transmission, there will be time for cw QSOs with W1TKZ as net-control station. — *W1ALP*

□ Last June when Eleanor Jefferson, XYL of WA3VYS, went into the hospital for a heart-bypass operation, 14 members of the Pottstown Area Repeater Team gave blood for the elective surgery. In February, WA3VYS himself went to the same hospital to undergo the same operation, and 12 members of

PART were still around to volunteer a pint apiece for the second time! When not at the blood bank, the group keeps busy with civic affairs, theory and code classes, and operating the 147.81/21 and 223.42/224.02-MHz repeaters in Pottstown, PA. — *WA3CPK*

□ The Boy Scouts of America are looking for counselors to manage the radio merit badge and amateur radio is looking for dedicated young students for Novice classes. Check the phone book under Boy Scouts and let them know you're holding a class.

□ Some people are luckier than others. The other day we received a package of cards that had been sent to the ARRL Membership Overseas QSL Service which the post office indicated they had received in bad condition. Upon

opening the package a note was found signed by the Foreman of Mails, suggesting it might be a good idea to remind the people sending bundles of cards to be sure and wrap the cards securely. Where does the luck part come in? In this particular case the luck part is that the Foreman of Mails is a ham and knew what he was looking at when he saw the scattered cards. Coincidentally, the suffix of his call is BPL. QSL his QTC? Wrap those cards securely — you might not be as lucky.

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ other amateurs who are interested in home construction, for correspondence and exchange of schematics. Richard Sample, WD9AJZ, 430 Pearl St., Richmond, IN 47374.

ARRL Presents the Wide World of Amateur Radio

A series of six professionally produced radio programs for use by broadcast stations is now available from the League. With them a broadcaster can partially meet his requirements for public-service programming while helping to spread the word about ham radio. Where will you use them?

By Peter O'Dell,* WB8NAS

"I'll produce these programs for you if you agree that I do not have to personally meet President Dannals," Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, said when we originally talked to him about the concept of syndicating radio shows about ham radio. "Every time I meet him it either costs me four years of my life or a lot of money. The first time we met, he talked me into joining the Navy. Four years later I was just about to be discharged and I ran into him. He talked me into reenlisting. The last time I saw him, he sold me a life membership." And with that tongue-in-cheek caveat he began the task of producing radio broadcast programs on ham radio. Little did he realize that his efforts would ultimately arouse the curiosity and interest of well-known newscaster Walter Cronkite!

The Shows

The six 15-minute programs in the package dramatically acquaint audiences with a range of radio-related activities. In subtle parody, the program dealing with theft prevention of mobile radio equipment begins, "Do you know where your radio will be tonight?" Another, with a touch of the women's-lib outlook, describes one YL's introduction to ham radio: "I got tired of doing the dishes every evening while my brother was in the ham shack having all the fun. So I" Well within the public service category, these professionally prepared, broadcast quality tapes were written, directed and produced by Steve along with Harvey Hurwitz, WA2HYS.

The Producer

Having spent most of last year on the road with the Carter campaign,

*Public Information Officer, ARRL



During one of the editing sessions, Walter Cronkite and Steve, WA2DHF, exchange ideas. (Steve, if you are as good a salesman as President Dannals, then you should be able to convince Mr. Cronkite to get a ham license.)

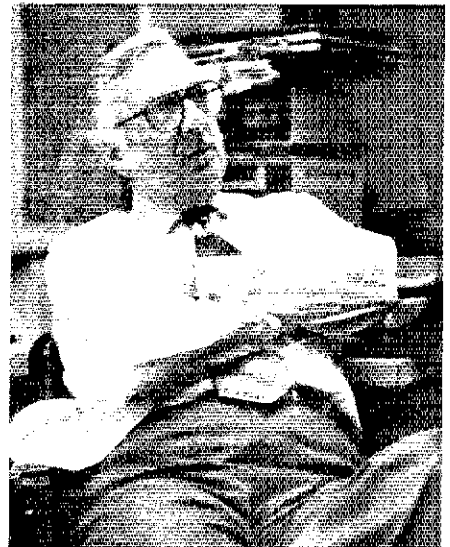
Steve is now back at CBS Radio Network News where he works as an audio engineer and spends his copious spare time editing amateur radio shows. In addition to utilizing his own professional talents, Steve occasionally received advice from some fairly well-known people at CBS while making the programs. One of the voices heard on the programs is that of a famous CBS reporter. Steve, an active ham for over 18 years, holds an Advanced class license. Besides owning a repeater and serving as the Secretary of the Tri-State Repeater Council, he is an avid DXer with over 150 awards including DXCC. While in the Navy he operated for several years as GM5AHS.

Air Time

If you can get air time for these programs, write to Public Information

Radio Shows, ARRL, and we will send you the package. We will provide them to anyone who can get them on the air. If you are making the shows available to more than one station in the same market area, be sure to let both stations know. Since it is likely that additional programs will be available at a later date, we are soliciting comments and suggestions for improvement. If you have ideas for additional program themes, please pass them along. A questionnaire will be included with the package for use by the station in evaluating the programs and providing us with feedback. This is your chance to help your community tune in to THE WIDE WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO. Don't delay — write today!

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Walter Cronkite listens attentively to one of the early programs before the editing really began.

The ARRL Foundation: We'll Put You in Orbit!

Open doors to the wonderful world of amateur radio. Your contribution to the ARRL Foundation will support AMSAT's Amateur Satellite Phase III program.

By Larry J. Shima,* W0PAN

At 7:10 I turned my HW-101 on and tuned to 29.502, looking for OSCAR 7's beacon. For 10 minutes I heard nothing so I started tuning down the band. All of a sudden there it was! The 29.4 to 29.5 segment of 10 meters sounded like 15 during a contest! New Mexico, Ottawa, Florida, Texas, New Jersey — they were all there." — *WB2EYB* That's excitement, the excitement of a new Novice discovering one of amateur radio's most exciting accomplishments. The OSCAR satellites have added a whole new dimension to communication for many amateurs around the world and a source of pride for all of us.

From Ravenna, Ohio, physics teacher Eugene Roliff writes, "My students were certainly impressed with the idea of using man-made satellites to measure the mass of the earth. The use of OSCAR has added interest that could

*President, the ARRL Foundation



ARRL Foundation President Larry Shima, W0PAN.

not have been achieved with textbook data."

Across the continent — and around the world — OSCARs 6 and 7 are bringing a live, firsthand experience with space communication right into hundreds of classrooms.

For 1977 the ARRL Foundation's major program is directed to support for AMSAT's Amateur Satellite Phase III. This will be the first in a new OSCAR series — designed for long lifetime operation in high altitude, synchronous, circular or elliptical orbits. With these characteristics the Phase III OSCARs will bring revolutionary new capabilities to amateur satellite communication. These will include disaster relief communications . . . classroom educational uses . . . international experimentation . . . new ways to chase DX . . . less sophisticated equipment and antennas . . . and expanded use of vhf/uhf frequencies for all. The operational capabilities of the Phase III satellites will surpass all previous OSCARs!

How Can Individual Amateurs Help?

Each of us has our own special reasons to appreciate what amateur radio has added to our lives. The start of a career in electronics — a hobby for relaxed enjoyment at any hour — the opportunity to serve human needs. We acknowledge that debt in various ways: One is to contribute in large ways or small to the support of innovative programs through the ARRL Foundation. A few dollars can help open the door to the wonderful world of amateur radio for the young hams of the future.

How Can Amateur Organizations Help?

A number of successful conventions and hamfests have allocated a portion of their profits to the Foundation. Perhaps

your club is planning a convention. Why not consider the Foundation?

Are Contributions Tax Deductible?

Most assuredly, YES! Donations are fully deductible under IRS regulations. You may designate your gift for a specific purpose or allow it to be allocated by the Foundation Board of Directors.

The ARRL Foundation was created by the League's Board of Directors to develop funding for major projects for the advancement of amateur radio and radio amateurs. The Foundation will be involved in projects above and beyond the normal and traditional functions of the ARRL itself. The objectives the Foundation has set for itself require that such projects have identifiable end results and a clear cost benefit ratio. Contributions may be sent to The ARRL Foundation, Inc., 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. **QST**



Outgoing President of the Hudson Amateur Radio Council Sy Schlitt, W2SL, presents a check to Division Director Stan Zak, K2SJO. A portion of the profit of HARC's convention, the funds support the ARRL Foundation's program to benefit AMSAT's Amateur Satellite Phase III.

Purity of Emissions: New Rule

Yet another long-standing concept in amateur regulation — as hard to part with as a comfortable old shoe — has succumbed to the passage of time and the realities of the present. For years, the standards of purity and stability of emissions for the Amateur Radio Service have been vague — deliberately so, we believe, to encourage home-built and individually modified equipment. For years, the "purity" regulation, section 97.73, has begun, "Spurious radiation from an amateur station being operated with a carrier frequency below 144 MHz shall be reduced or eliminated in accordance with good engineering practice."

A new rule, effective April 15, reads

97.73 Purity of emissions.

a) The mean power of any spurious emission or radiation from any amateur transmitter or external radio-frequency power amplifier being operated with a carrier frequency below 30 MHz shall be at least 40 dB below the mean power of the fundamental without exceeding the power of 50 mW. For equipment of mean power less than 5 W, the attenuation shall be at least 30 dB.

b) The mean power of any spurious emission or radiation from any amateur transmitter or external radio-frequency power amplifier being operated with a carrier frequency above 30 MHz but below 235 MHz shall be at least 60 dB below the mean power of the fundamental. For transmitters having mean power of 25 W or less, the mean power of any spurious radiation supplied to the antenna transmission line shall be at least 40 dB below the mean power of the fundamental without exceeding the power of 25 μ W, but, in any event, need not be reduced below the power of 10 μ W.

c) Spurious emission or radiation from an amateur transmitter or external radio-frequency power amplifier being operated with a carrier frequency above 235 MHz shall be reduced or eliminated in accordance with good engineering practice.

d) For the purposes of this section, a spurious emission or radiation is any emission or radiation from a transmitter or any external radio-frequency power amplifier which is outside of the authorized Amateur Radio

Service frequency band being used.

e) The above notwithstanding, should any spurious radiation, including chassis or power-line radiation, cause harmful interference to the reception of other radio stations, the licensee may be required to take such further steps as may be necessary to eliminate the interference in accordance with good engineering practices.

The new language was adopted in a First Report and Order, Docket 20777, the FCC proposal to substitute bandwidths in various parts of amateur bands for the current specifications of mode; in other words, where we now have A1 and F2 emissions, allowing only RTTY and cw transmissions, FCC proposed to allow any emission with a bandwidth less than 350 Hz. This Notice attracted quite a lot of comments: 333 persons and eight clubs filed papers, and 23 petitions added 625 names. The Commission has not completed action on the main portion of its proposal, and so Docket 20777 continues to be open.

There was, in addition, a proposal for a new standard to govern purity of emissions: spurious emissions removed from the authorized bandwidth by 250 percent or more of the authorized bandwidth were to be reduced by 40 dB. FCC saw the 40 dB as a first step toward solving the problem of purity of emissions. It represents an attenuation of spurious and harmonic emissions to a level of 1/10,000th that of the fundamental signal. For an amateur station which has a 200-watt output, spurious emissions may be no more than 20 mW, offering a degree of protection. The effects will vary from location to location, from band to band, and for different emission modes.

"It is," the Commission said, "a level of attenuation which the Commission believes can be readily met by most equipment on the market today, and would not require expensive remodeling of equipment by the amateur. It will, however, restrict the use of linear amplifiers which are not meeting what the Commission regards as minimal standards of purity. In a memorandum to the Office of Chief Engineer written November 26, 1976 . . . the Laboratory Division detailed the results of tests of linear amplifiers purportedly sold for use in the Amateur Radio Service which indicate that many such am-

plifiers achieve harmonic suppression far less than 40 dB, especially in the second and third harmonics.

"The new rule, as adopted, is a modification of the rule proposed in the Notice. . . . Because there has been no decision regarding Docket 20777's proposed bandwidth rules, we are unable to enact the rule as proposed. . . . Therefore, in keeping with the scope of this rulemaking, we are adopting the international standards of emission purity which generally relate to the 40-dB level of attenuation proposed by Docket 20777.

"The International Telecommunications Convention of 1959 requires that all spurious emissions be attenuated by 40 dB when transmitting on frequencies below 30 MHz. When utilizing frequencies between 30 and 235 MHz, transmitters with power output below 25 watts will be required to attenuate their spurious emissions by 40 dB [But there is also a limit of 25 microvolts; see 97.73 (b), above. — Editor]; transmitters with power output of 25 watts or more will be required to attenuate their spurious emissions by 60 dB. Amateurs operating near the edges of amateur bands should give due consideration to these attenuation requirements. We consider these international standards to be a minimal level of purity, but to have required higher levels of attenuation would not have been within the scope of this proceeding. The Commission will be instituting a rulemaking to investigate the need for higher levels of spurious emission attenuation in the Amateur Radio Service. Additionally, upon the disposition of Docket 20777, Section 97.73 will be modified to reflect the Docket's final outcome."

We understand that external filtering to meet the new rules is permissible. Power output, as used in these rules, means the power delivered to the antenna system, including feed line.

The Commission continues to seek suggestions on the subject of spurious emissions and related topics, and there will be additional formal consideration of it.

Copies of the First Report and Order in Docket 20777 are available from Hq.; a self-addressed envelope with 13-cents postage would be appreciated.

FCC CANCELS BULK NOVICE TESTS

The FCC announced in March that it was ending a program of bulk mailing-out of written examinations for the Novice class license because it had proved unsatisfactory and had increased rather than decreased the Commission's workload. Under the experimental program established last November, volunteer examiners could obtain multiple

copies of the written exams for students in licensing courses. But the results have not been satisfactory, according to the Commission's Public Notice; many exams are simply not being returned at all and many examiners appear to be requesting multiple tests just to have them on hand in case of future need. Such actions severely impair the integrity of the volunteer examiner program, the Commission said, and for that reason it was terminating the rule waiver. Effective immediately, the FCC said, it was returning to the original method whereby the examiner

must file an application prior to administering each Novice class written exam, and Novice examinations will be available only in accordance with the rule.

ATV REPEATER WAIVER EXTENDED

Back in January, 1974, FCC issued a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) waiving Section 97.61(c) to permit amateur repeater WR4AAG to retransmit television signals of other amateur television stations in the Wash-

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Fred Hammond, VE3HC (second from left), here received the ARRL Certificate of Merit during a testimonial to Fred's 50 years in ham radio and his many good turns for others. A highlight was the reading of a letter from Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau by the Honorable Frank Maine, MP (second from right). ARRL Vice President (and IARU President) Noel Eaton, VE3CJ (left), made the presentation on behalf of Canadian Director Ron Hesler, VE1SH. At far right is Fiocco Furfaro, president of the Guelph Amateur Radio Club of which Fred is a founder. (Mercury photo)

ington, DC, area. This STA was renewed several times. In response to other requests for similar authority, a one-year blanket waiver of Section 97.61(c) was issued effective February 27, 1976, to allow such operations at any 450-MHz repeater station.

On February 23, the Commission extended the blanket waiver until February 27, 1982, or until the release of a Report and Order in Docket 20777 dealing with television repeaters and bandwidths in the 420- to 450-MHz band, whichever comes first.

WC CALLS IN ERROR

In late February several hundred Amateur Radio Service call signs in the 10th call area were erroneously assigned the prefix "WC." According to the Commission's rules, that prefix is to be assigned only to stations licensed in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). The FCC said it would soon correct these call signs to the proper "WB" or "WD" prefix, but amateurs holding WCØ calls may continue to use them until the correction is received.



Joe Tomczyk, WØDBC, of Minneapolis, received double recognition at a meeting of the Upper Midwest Chapter, QCWA; a QCWA certificate attesting to 50 years as a licensed operator and a plaque marking 50 years of ARRL membership. Gar Anderson, KØGA, director from the ARRL Dakota Division (left), makes the award for the League.

MINOR RULES CHANGE

Up to now, an amateur changing his permanent station location has been required to file for modification of his license before going on the air, and in any case, whether on the air or not, within four months. As part of the Commission's program of "deregulation," the second half of this rule has been dropped, effective March 23, 1977. The rule now reads,

"97.95(a) (2) When the authorized fixed-station operation location is changed, an application must be filed prior to any operation in accordance with Section 97.47."

Licensees have a continuing obligation, of course, to keep the Commission informed as to their current mail address; several amateurs have faced revocation proceedings recently because they did not reply to Commission correspondence. This notification does not require a Form 610, but simply a letter stating the new and old name and/or address, call sign and class of operator license.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., a nonprofit confederation of amateur radio clubs in the Washington, DC, area, has announced the availability of scholarships for the academic year 1977-1978. In addition to the three which have been offered in the past, there is a new scholarship, sponsored by the Radio Club of America, which will be administered by the Foundation. All amateurs, wherever resident in the U.S. who hold 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 two-year technical school and intend to seek an associate degree in a science-related area. Area preference is the same as the Gore Scholarship.

The Radio Club of America Scholarship also pays \$250. There is no restriction on the course of study, but applicants must be enrolled in or have been accepted by an accredited university, college or technical school and intend to seek at least an associate degree. There is no area of preference.

Application forms can be requested from FAR Scholarships, 8101 Hampden Lane, Bethesda, MD 20014. Requests must be post-marked prior to June 1, 1977.

The Foundation is devoted exclusively to promoting the interest of amateur radio and

to scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of amateur radio.

RFI BILL INTRODUCED AGAIN

Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, has again introduced a bill to give FCC authority to ensure that consumer electronics devices manufactured or sold in the U.S. have adequate protection against radio-frequency interception. We started to write an explanation of the bill, but then found that the Senator had said it better than we could! Here are excerpts of his remarks from the Congressional Record of March 2, 1977, followed by the text of the bill:

Reducing Radio-Frequency Interference with Home-Entertainment Products

Mr. Goldwater. Mr. President, it is obvious that citizens band radio has arrived. There are eight million CB stations in operation right now and 20 million CB users. Almost another million persons seek licenses every month . . .

One serious problem raised by the growing number of CB sets is possible interference with radio, TV and stereo sets and other home electronic equipment. In fact, the problem might be called a giant one. The Federal Communications Commission informs me it is now receiving complaints about radio frequency interference to home entertainment equipment at a rate of about 200,000 a year. . . .

Now, understand that this is only the tip of an iceberg. The FCC has made studies which prove that there are at least 14 other people in the same neighborhood as each person who files a complaint who are annoyed by the same problem. This factor alone would bring the total number of persons adversely affected by radio-frequency interference up to about 2.5 million. . . .

Thus, the true dimension of the problem is gigantic. There are many, many millions of citizens who are troubled in their daily lives by annoying and disruptive interference to the proper operation of electronic equipment in their homes as a result of the susceptibility of such equipment to radio-frequency emissions.

Mr. President, some 80 percent of the problems I am talking about are related to the operation of CB stations. Another seven percent of the problems stem from the operation of stations licensed in the amateur service.

What is not commonly understood is that the great majority of these complaints result from defects in home electronic equipment that pick up signals they should not receive. In fact, the FCC has found in past years that 90 percent of all television-interference problems can be cured only at the television receiver. Interference has not been caused by the CB or amateur radio transmitter; it has resulted from basic design defects in the TV set itself.

Further, nearly all problems with audio devices, such as hi-fi equipment, phonograph, electronic organs, and intercoms, must be corrected at the set. After all, if a neighbor's phonograph starts acting like a shortwave receiver, there is usually nothing the CB or ham radio operator can do about it. The phonograph simply should not act as a radio receiver.

In short, a major source of the problem is that otherwise well-designed home-entertainment equipment is not adapted to today's urban and suburban environment. The few small components or filters which would block out radio-frequency interference are too often left out by the manufacturers. Later there is a high service call to install them, even though the cost of the protective item itself is minimal.

Some responsible manufacturers already supply filters for reducing television interference when cases are brought to their attention. There is at least one major manufacturer and distributor of television receivers in the United States who now includes the proper filter in his tuner design; and, in my opinion, he has proven that such products can be marketed at competitive prices. Some manufacturers of other home-entertainment equipment recognize a responsibility to the consumer by incorporating the necessary susceptibility-reducing components in their equipment, as well.

A good number, however, still do not. This is where the bill I am introducing today comes in. One means of insuring that the nontechnical public will be offered home-entertainment equipment which is capable of operating properly in the vicinity of nearby CB and amateur radio transmitters is to give the FCC specific authority to require the inclusion of interference-protection components in various types of consumer electronic devices. Thus, I am submitting today legislation which will do just that. . . .

It is my intention that the bill cover television receivers, a-m and fm radio receivers, tape recorders, high-fidelity audio systems, phonographs, intercom systems and electronic organs. Public address systems would also be reached by the bill.

The legislation is not, however, limited to the above products. In a change from the bill which I introduced last year, the new bill drops the restrictive term "audio and visual electronic equipment" and substitutes for it the term "consumer electronic equipment." My purpose in making this drafting change is to reach electronic control devices and warning devices, as well as the above kind of equipment. Home burglar alarm devices are one type of warning system I have in mind. . . .

S. 864

A bill to amend section 302 of the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to prescribe regulations with respect to certain electronic equipment that is susceptible to radio frequency energy interference.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That (a) section 302 of the Communications Act of 1934 (82 Stat. 290; 47 U.S.C. 302a) is amended as follows:

1) Subsection (a) of such section is amended -

A) by inserting "(1)" immediately after "governing" in the first sentence;

B) by striking out the period at the end of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof " and (2) the use of protective components in consumer electronic equipment which are capable of reducing interference to such equipment from radio frequency energy."; and

C) by striking out "shipment, or use of such devices" in the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "or shipment of such devices and consumer electronic equipment or the use of such devices.".

2) Subsection (b) of such section is amended by striking out "ship, or use devices" and inserting in lieu thereof "or ship devices and consumer electronic equipment or use devices";

3) Subsection (c) of such section is amended -

A) by inserting "or consumer electronic equipment" immediately after "devices" wherever such term appears in the first sentence;

B) by inserting "and consumer electronic equipment" immediately after "Devices" in the second sentence; and

C) by striking out "the common objective of reducing interference to radio reception," in the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "the objectives of reducing interference to radio reception and to consumer electronic equipment,".

b) The heading for section 302 of such Act is amended to read as follows:

**"Interference with Radio Communications and Consumer Electronic Equipment."
United States Code: Title 47 Section 302A Telegraphs, Telephones, Etc.**

Section 302A. Devices which interfere with radio reception; regulations; restrictions; exceptions

a) The Commission may, consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity, make reasonable regulations governing the interference potential of devices which in their operation are capable of emitting radio frequency energy by radiation, conduction, or other means in sufficient degree to cause harmful interference to radio communications. Such regulations shall be applicable to the manufacture, import, sale, offer for sale, shipment, or use of such devices.

b) No person shall manufacture, import, sell, offer for sale, ship, or use devices which fail to comply with regulations promulgated pursuant to this section.

c) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to carriers transporting such devices without trading in them, to devices manufactured solely for export, to the manufacture, assembly, or installation of devices for its own use by a public utility engaged in providing electric service, or to devices for use by the government of the United States or any agency thereof. Devices for use by the government of the United States or any agency thereof shall be developed, procured, or otherwise acquired, including offshore procurement, under United States government criteria, standards, or specifications designed to achieve the common objective of reducing interference to radio reception, taking into account the unique needs of national defense and security.

NAB PETITION: ARRL COMMENTS

The National Association of Broadcasters has filed a petition RM-2830 asking FCC to change the rules of the Broadcasting, CB Radio and Amateur Services so that broadcast and TV stations could routinely retransmit CB and ham reports of emergency information, traffic, road or weather conditions without specific permission from FCC. NAB claimed

the change was a relief from a restriction and thus could be put into effect by a simple Order of the Commission.

ARRL has filed comments indicating uneasiness with the proposal and asking that, if the request is to be considered by FCC, normal procedures - issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and so on - be followed. "The risk of exceeding reasonable limits for permissible communications by amateur stations would not be justified by the questionable benefit to the broadcaster and to the general public. The present rules have been in effect for many years and have been most satisfactory," the comments said.

"COMMUNICASTING"

Some preliminary work via ham radio with the concept of using repeaters and talk-back stations for educational purposes has led to a petition for rulemaking to establish a new Community Educational Radio Fixed Service, preferably within TV channels 70 through 83. The petition was filed by Dr. Lee Cohen, WA2RPC, of the Center for Advanced Study in Education of the City University of New York and is cosponsored by S. Edwin Piller, W2KPQ, president of a nonprofit group called Communicasting Association of America, Inc. Exact usage of the new service would vary, being tailored to the community each cluster of stations would be established to serve. However, one use would be for televised lectures by TV repeater, with "talk-back" by students on an adjacent channel. This would enable students to "Communicate - Not Commute."

For more information, write Dr. Cohen at 33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036, or Ed Piller, at 80 Birchwood Park Drive, Syosset, NY 11791.

CALL FOR PAPERS: TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM

The 1977 ARRL Technical Symposium will be held on Friday evening, September 16, 1977, at the Tysons Corner Ramada Inn, Falls Church, VA, in conjunction with the ARRL Virginia Station Convention on the 17th and 18th. This American Radio Relay League technical symposium is managed by the Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation (AMRAD). Both the convention and the technical symposium are sponsored by the Northern Virginia Amateur Radio Council (NOVARC).

Previously unpublished papers are invited on all technical subjects relating to amateur radio. Areas of interest include propagation, antennas, transmitting and receiving equipment, amateur radio applications of microprocessors, design and construction techniques, station and shop design, hf techniques, vhf/uhf repeaters, amateur television, radioteletype, space communications, microwave experiments, or other topics of technical interest to radio amateurs.

Prospective contributors are asked to forward informal summaries along with a photo of the author and a one-page biographical sketch of the author's amateur/electronic background by July 15. Manuscripts are due by August 15. Please write or call Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, 1524 Springvale Ave., McLean, VA 22101, 703-356-8918 evenings or weekends.

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NEW HAMS STRIKE BACK

Q K5BA, fellow ham, when you first keyed up, did you know everything about ham radio operation? Maybe the inexperienced ham of whom you spoke of using 10-2 was making his or her first contact — with you! Weren't you excited and a little nervous when you made your first contact? Your unnecessary comment might have discouraged this new ham. Amateurs should give the new hams a little more help and a little less criticism. Why make unnecessary public remarks? — *David Andrews, WB5VIH and Mark Davis, WB5EY, Little Rock AFB, AR*

Q I am quite sure that if you took a survey about one out of 10 presently licensed hams (maybe more) either is now or was at one time a CBer. I personally know quite a few hams who fall into one of those categories. I hold a CB license as well as an amateur license. When I got on the air as a ham, it was difficult not to say 10-4 and 10-20, but eventually I learned the Q signals and put the 10 codes behind me. I'm sure that when you first got your ham ticket that you made a few mistakes, too. Mr. Maxwell, there are a lot of CBers in my area that are going into ham radio; I hope that you and the people who feel like you do will give us a chance. — *Carlene Healey, WB1BTJ, Pittsfield, MA*

TNX FER THE QSL

Q I would like to thank you for the super QSL service which you are providing. When I received your postcard acknowledgement of the receipt of my cards I was really amazed to learn how rapidly you handled my cards and got them on the road to their overseas destinations. For this kind of service I am very grateful. — *Frank Mitchell, K4KA, Falls Church, VA*

PLEASE REPEAT???

Q Perhaps call-sign proliferation has gone too far. This past weekend I stopped sending when my eye fell on the check-sheet entry of the station I was replying to.

He swiftly sent a question mark, and I as swiftly returned "B4." "B4?" he asked. I replied, "B4 SRL."

Well, you could almost see his helpless shrug . . . and then the station sent "B4SRI 579150." *William Nightman, W4XR, Richmond, VA*

DUES BLUES AND VIEWS

Q I am not a "loyal supporter of the League" — just the opposite. The ARRL has done more to kill amateur radio over the years than any other factor. The only reason I am a "member" is because of gift subscriptions for the past 15 years, and I have tried to discourage these without success. — *G. W. Fyler, W9JT, Lombard, IL*

Q Just a line to let you know that this will be my last year as an ARRL member due to the increase in dues. *Iou DeLuca, WB2AKP, Brooklyn, NY*

Q I wish to commend you on an outstanding job — QST has never been better, and the League's activities concerning WARC are truly commendable. I recently got a letter from Headquarters offering membership extensions before the dues rose to \$12. As a college student, I can only afford three years' worth, but I consider it an investment in amateur radio, small as it may be. — *Donald Button, WA2IMD, Newark, DE*

Q I feel that your organization is worthwhile. However, at the present time, I stress the viewpoint that you are taking advantage of your situation as a monopoly. Such is evident, in your recent inflation of membership dues. As a result, I must refuse to support such an organization. — *John Christopher Fargas, WB2VVV, Pearl River, NY*

Q Cost-conscious ARRL? How much did it cost to send the January 1977 letter and publicity material to League members patting yourselves on the back and announcing a dues increase to defray expenses of recruiting more amateurs? Unless we get more frequency allocations or hopefully keep from losing more, you are only compounding the problem. Finding a clear frequency is hard enough without your Club and Training Department spending more trying to make it worse. Apply cost consciousness in administration and you might not need to increase membership fees. Besides, QST isn't worth more; there is so much technical matter that I'm beginning to get a complex thinking I must be the only Advanced who can't understand it.

How does it feel to have rocks thrown at your glass house? Will the ARRL ever stop throwing bricks at the FCC and learn that more flies can be caught with honey than vinegar? — *Warren Smith, WB0GTL, Colorado Springs, CO*

Q Perhaps you engineer types profit from setting up exclusive classes of licenses so you don't have to share your band space with the low types who can't whip up a junk-box GDO in 12 minutes, but out here in the hinterland, the unwashed multitudes are still plodding along without nine supergrade extra special licenses, and somehow we are all getting along without being able to load up on the snob portion of the band!

So, for all practical purposes, the ARRL may be fine for you, but as far as I am concerned you can hang it where the sun doesn't shine. *Fred Carroll, WA1CSG, Frankfort, ME*

Q I recently received your letter informing me of the price rise in ARRL membership. I seem to remember recently that the ads said that the new size QST will help us hold the price line and better serve the amateurs. It seems to me you have done neither so I will not renew my membership. — *Claude Still, WB5SVS, Abilene, TX*

Q I would like to express my appreciation to you for what is happening at Headquarters. The ARRL membership is to be proud of the way things are happening.

There are new publications, materials, training aids and programs for both the newcomer and the old-timer. There is an enthusiastic interest and concern for those

seeking ham radio and an equal enthusiasm and concern for those already active. I first received my Novice in 1959 and passed the Technician the same year. In 1966 I made Conditional. Then there followed sporadic interest and activity on my part.

Thanks to you and your staff, I rejoined ARRL two years ago, flew to Anchorage (600 miles) and passed the Advanced. Therefore, I am applying for life membership.

I just wanted you to know that I for one am proud of the way the League is growing and improving. Keep up the good work. — *Paul Arvin, KL7FBU, Sitka, AK*

Q I am very glad to be a member of the ARRL once again. Boy, it sure takes a long time to get a ham license from the FCC, but it is worth the wait. I finally was able to get \$9 together for my dues. I am looking forward to getting my first copy of QST in a long time, since I am really behind in what is going on. I will have my next year's dues in before this year's runs out. Believe me, I am proud to be a ham and an ARRL member. *Al Carpenter, WA8REC, Spencer, WV*

Q Recently, due to a slight illness, I had the opportunity to read the last few issues of QST from cover to cover. Most enthusiastically do I support your management of the League and urge that you continue to follow the same line of reasoning that is now controlling your decisions. With your help I now hold an Advanced license. Please renew my membership. — *Fred Lanyon, WB0QTP, Lemay, MO*

Q I have renewed my membership for one more year at \$9. Even at \$12 it is a bargain. — *Jim Armstrong, WB0TDX, Mission, KS*

THE JOY OF HAM RADIO

Q I just read that some psychologist says that CB is breaking up marriages. I never heard of a ham busting up his marriage over ham radio — maybe his rig or even his house, but not his marriage. There isn't a woman on earth worth ham radio. Who knows . . . I have to cut this letter short. The war department just came home from Bingo with that broke look on her dial. — *Chuck Waugh, K3JNSN, Philadelphia, PA*

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

Q Last night I copied a bulletin which made me a little sad around the edges. It said the FCC was proposing to ban "the sale or manufacture of any amplifier covering the 24 to 35-MHz range."

Now we are to be punished for the lawbreaking of a few CBers? This ruling, if put into effect, will penalize the Amateur Radio Service whose members are entitled to use a kilowatt of power on 10 meters and who, according to the FCC, are "our best behaved service." The FCC has adopted the "whipping boy" concept! Surely, it is beneath these folks to resort to punishing their "best behaved" for the acts of a few upstarts! There has to be a better way than this. — *Charles M. Royer, WB0BTD, Des Moines, IA*



YLRC Italiano Elettra Marconi

The YLRC Italiano resulted from an idea to unite the Italian women amateur radio operators. In 1969 I8PLH, Hildegard Pellicone Goldstein, felt that there would be more feminine interest in amateur radio if the YLs were better acquainted with each other and with women amateur radio operators in other countries. With this idea in mind, 24 of the 36 YLs who then held licenses met in Rome in September of 1969 to organize the YLRC Italiano. Shortly thereafter in September of 1973, the Princess Elettra Marconi permitted the club to adopt her name and became its Honorary President. Membership in this rapidly

growing club is now over 100.

These YLs sponsor an intra-club contest to encourage on-the-air activity among members as well as other contests that are open to all amateurs. In 1976 they sponsored a special project to help preserve the Venetian art objects through their "Let's Save Venice" certificate. The beautiful WAIYL certificate appeared in 1971 and is available to all amateurs submitting proof of contact with Italian YLs.

YLRC Italiano members are particularly anxious to work amateurs in this country so

to promote such contacts they sponsor tapes in Italian and English for those members not too fluent in English. The tapes illustrate most types of contacts from contest through QSO so that the gals can recognize them.

The YLs work comfortably on cw and RTTY since they can translate as they work. Yet for those who do work phone, the membership has sent us a major request saying, "Please remember to speak very slowly as talking is much easier than understanding a language other than our own, and we want to become well-known to the amateur radio community."

YLRL TAPE TOPICS

The YLRL sponsors a special project for blind YL operators. The club's Tape Topics Chairmen tape the contents of *YL Harmonics*, the official club publication, as well as *QST* "YL News and Views" and other related YL information for sightless YL operators. In Canada a similar program is sponsored by the Ontario Trilliums.

NEW HARMONICS COLUMN PLANNED

YLRL Harmonics has added an affiliated-club column for news of club activities to be included in future issues of the magazine. Eila Russell, W4EBS, has been appointed editor of this new column.

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



Meet Louise Evans, WB6AUK, with her teacher, WB6USB. Louise passed her General class in just 16 weeks and then took only 32 weeks to upgrade to Advanced class.

E15CG, Miss B. Babe and EI7CW, Mrs. Claire Dixon. This increases the list of countries with women amateur radio operators to 118, so far as we have been able to find them in the *Callbook Magazine*.

1977 YLISSB CONVENTION

The YLISSB has announced that the 1977 Convention will be at the Tri-Arc Travel Lodge in Salt Lake City, June 23-26, 1977.

The convention will include technical sessions, many phases of amateur operation, forums and a business meeting. For those who may be interested, all reservation requests should be sent to V. Mayree Tallman, K4ICA, 428 S.W. 28th Road, Miami, Florida 33129.

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NYC-YLRL January luncheon meeting. Top row (l-r): Ruth Garretson; Helen Horbstman, WA2LBU; Bea Schwartz, WA2RST; Ruth Kalish, W2IGA; Amy Samuels, W2EUL; Helen Zuparn. Center row: Irene Putzer, WB2LWG; Chris Haycock, WB2YBA; Madeline Greenberg, W2EEO; Ruth Schlitt, WA2RIX. Front Row: Patti Wiener, WA2RRI; Nancy Iscaro, WA2GKT and the two WA2RRI Jr. ops. (W2EEO photo)

CLARA 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Canadian Ladies' Amateur Radio Association is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a miniconvention within the ARRL National Convention in Toronto in June. The CLARA theme is international YL friendship. Plans include a forum, guest speakers and a special birthday luncheon to be held on Saturday, June 4, 1977.

CLARA will sponsor a hospitality room at the Convention for the relaxation of all women who attend the June affair. There will be a separate program and luncheon for the wives of amateurs who attend the ARRL Convention.

For those YLs who wish to attend the CLARA luncheon, a separate reservation from the Convention reservations should be sent to the Chairman VF3HAI.

CLARA plans for all women who attend are excellent. See you there.



VE3HAI, Ann Nutter, CLARA vice president, is the busy chairwoman of the women's activities as well as of the entire CLARA celebration at the ARRL National Convention in June.

IRELAND'S YLS

Ireland has added another country to the rapidly growing YL map with two YLs.

Greece: Ancient Ideals and Amateur Radio

While sitting in a park overlooking Athen's famed Acropolis one warm afternoon in January, this writer couldn't help but recall with pleasure the many stories that have come down the centuries about the ancient Greeks. Two qualities which vied for first place among the classical Athenians were *communication* and *self-development*. How fitting, then, to be able to report this month that the Radio Amateur Association of Greece has successfully convinced the Greek government to overhaul the Amateur Radio Service in that country, and to once again conduct examinations for applicants.

Due to political turmoil, and some unpleasant effects on amateur radio, the IARU society (RAAG) asked the government to freeze amateur exams temporarily. This was accomplished on June 6, 1972 — and there hasn't been a new Greek ham since! But in October of that same year, a whole new law was drafted concerning the Amateur Radio Service in Greece. It finally became effective in April, 1976.

The first exams were given in March, 1977, and there were hundreds of anxious Greeks waiting for that magic date. In order to take the exams, the applicant must first show that he holds a certificate from RAAG (see below). This certificate proves that the applicant has successfully completed a course in radio theory, regulations, code and operating procedures. Then, and only then, the applicant takes the test for the Class C license: a basic theory test and a 40 character-per-minute code test. If he succeeds, he may upgrade his license five years later, progressing from 50 watts to 150. When he or she turns 25 years of age, the top class of license (A) is available in exchange for a tough exam and a 60 character-per-minute test. The reward: 300 watts input power (the maximum allowed in Greece) on the standard hf bands, plus 2 and 1-1/4 meters.

The 3.5- to 3.6-MHz band was only recently allocated to Greek amateurs by their government, and the SVs are eagerly showing proof through regular use of the band that the allocation was well deserved.

C'EST BON: 160 METERS AND 2-METER REPEATERS

President Jan Coussi, F9FF, writes from his headquarters of the Reseau des Emetteurs Francais in Paris that the French government has at long last granted the 160-meter band to the radio amateurs of France, along with permission to establish 2-meter repeaters!

Many months of cautious negotiations preceded this announcement: lengthy meetings, painstakingly drafted documents, patient explanations to the government about the



The bearer of this certificate is entitled to take the exams for a Greek amateur license. He has successfully completed a course in amateur radio theory, regulations, code and procedures from the IARU society of Greece.

Vhf activity? Plenty. Repeaters are being built around Athens, as well as northern Greece, and a new VHF Society was born last year. Affiliated with RAAG, almost every RAAG member has been drawn into the VHF Society by the contagious enthusiasm shown by these vhfers.

A more amiable and hospitable group of hams would be hard to find. RAAG officers are anxious to have foreign amateurs visit Greece, and make marvelous hosts. But, even better, they balance their amiability with effective management.

With WARC-79 drawing so close so fast,

needs of the French amateurs.

"We still have much to do," writes the French IARU society, "but we must work slowly with diplomacy in order to reach our desired goals. Looking toward WARC-79, these two authorizations symbolize the optimism which we hold, as we press on in our responsibilities for defending the Amateur Radio Service."

How many amateurs have stopped to consider just how intricate such negotiations can be? Frequently, scores of government employees must be educated about amateur radio and the vital role it plays in a nation's relations with the world. The achievements of

the Greeks have made significant progress in re-orienting their national Ministry of Communications toward very favorable support of amateur radio. They even anticipate having an amateur appointed full time to the Greek delegation to WARC in 1979. Their weekly contacts with the Ministry are going far toward making certain that the Amateur Radio Service in Greece can fulfill at least two of its public goals: the advancement of *communication* and international goodwill, and the providing of a skilled corps of self-training, *self-developing* technicians. RAAG, *kallo!*

the French amateurs will go far toward helping the entire international Amateur Radio Service at WARC-79. *Merci!*

OOPS!

If you're using the Brazil prefix map that appeared in this column in the March issue you may have noticed that there are two PY4 regions. The southernmost one is the state of Minas Geras, which should bear the prefix PY4. Our apologies to our Brazilian friends and our thanks to eagle-eyed WA4MDS.

*International Services Assistant, ARRL

Summertime - Vacation Time

Vacation time, that time of the year we all look forward to is rapidly approaching. For many of you, it will be your first chance to use your fm rig on some other repeater than your local one. In case you don't know or haven't looked lately, the woods are full of repeaters. In some areas of the country it is now possible to travel many hundreds of miles and always be in range of a repeater. We're now at work on the latest edition of the *ARRL Repeater Directory* (and it promises to be a big one). The directory will be free (just postage), so watch WIAW bulletins for the

availability date.

Since fm-repeater work is still a new thing to many amateurs, it is worthwhile passing on a few operating hints, particularly if you are traveling. For starters, always keep in mind when using a strange repeater that *you* are the visitor. Guide your operating habits as if it were your own station you were using. It may be a cliché, but the best advice in this case is to do unto others, etc.

The use of autopatch varies greatly from area to area. Generally, the repeater with autopatch reserves the use of autopatch to its own members with the provision that visitors

are welcome but the patch must be accessed by a club member. When in doubt, ask!

Most important, while your own repeater group may not mind long-winded transmissions, many repeater groups frown on such operation. If someone calls you to task, don't be upset - it is *their* operation and they have every right to run the system the way they want. In fact, it's a good idea to do some listening before coming on the air. In that way you'll get an idea of how the repeater works, and you'll be less likely to put your foot in your mouth.

SPORADIC-E TIME

We mentioned above that it was vacation time - summertime - which is also sporadic-E time when the ionosphere likes to play tricks on us, particularly with 10, 6 and 2 meters. Don't be alarmed for example, if you are driving around Albuquerque and all of a sudden start hearing a bunch of W6s on the local repeater. They aren't local jokers pulling your leg; they really are California stations whose signals are reaching you via the ionosphere and sporadic-E propagation.

Sporadic E is more common across the southern section of the country but it can take place anywhere. On 6 meters for example, it is so common between the West Coast and Texas that hams have come to expect openings every day. If you run into such an opening on 2 meters, don't forget the simplex (direct) frequencies. You might experience a pleasant surprise by going simplex and calling CQ. (By the way, for any newcomers to amateur radio who have never worked low frequencies, CQ is a general call to all amateurs and *still* a good way to let other amateurs know you are looking for a contact.)

It would be appreciated if you log any sporadic-E contacts and send the information along to Bill Tynan, W3XO, who conducts our "World Above 50 MHz" column. And if you are a 220-MHz operator and run into any unusual skip condition by all means let Tynan or ARRL hq. know. Sporadic E on 220 is something we have been trying to pin down for some time and what with all the repeaters now operating there, we should be able to get some good information about the band.

60 dB DOWN?

You'll be reading about it in "Happenings," but the FCC just changed the rules, effective date April 15, concerning purity of emissions. The part that greatly affects all vhf operators is 97.73(b) which states that transmitters, 25 watts or more, operating above 30 MHz and below 235 MHz must have *all* spurious signals attenuated at least 60 dB. In case you ain't looked lately, that means *all* amateur commercial and homemade gear we know of won't meet those specs. Repeater transmitters using duplexers should hit 60 dB or more without problems but us users - no way!

It appears that strip-line filters, and other types of filters are going to become a way of life with us. We'll be going into greater details in later issues of *QST* but we thought you

would like to know that we know of no rigs that meet those specs now.

HOW TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

As more and more repeaters install autopatch, more and more amateurs will be using the systems to report emergencies to the police. In our travels around the country we have listened to many repeaters and their autopatch systems. Some do a good job and some - well - some are pretty bad. It is just as easy to do a good job and here are some suggested guidelines. First, state that you are an amateur radio station making the report (we need all the credit we can get).

- 1) "This is amateur radio station"
- 2) "I would like to report a traffic accident" (could be a fire, etc.).
- 3) "At" (It is important here to take your

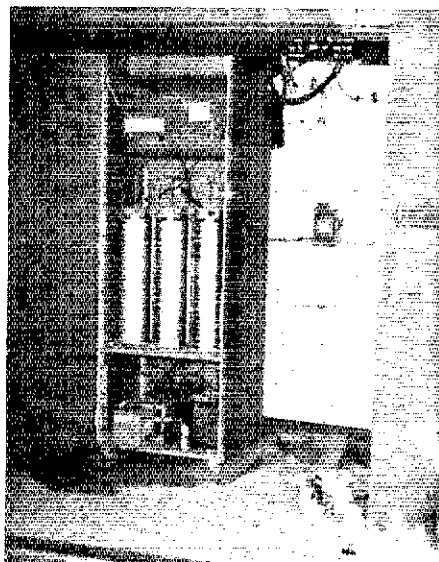
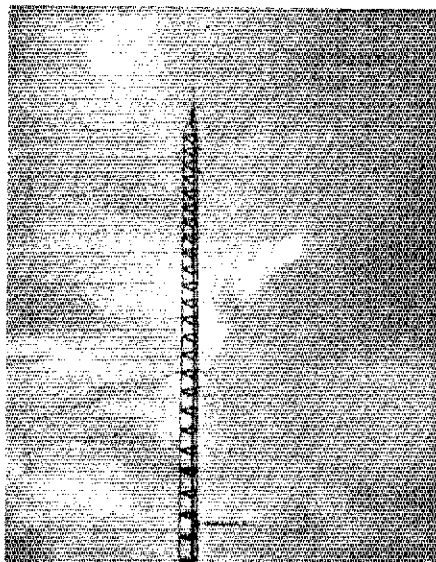
time and give the location as precisely as possible).

4) It is a good idea to provide as much additional details as you feel are needed. If you think an ambulance is required don't be afraid to say so; let the police make the final judgment.

MORE RFI PROBLEMS

In letters sent by Illinois Bell to their mobile-telephone customers a warning was given to all radio users in or near a 1977 Cadillac. The cruise-control feature of these cars is affected by strong rf fields and can cause a sudden increase or decrease in its speed.

Bell warns to try to avoid using mobile telephones or radio transmitting equipment if you notice you are near a '77 Caddy. Amateur radio operators should take this advice seriously. - *Western Area FM A.R.C. bulletin*



The two photographs show the installation of Caballo Mountain repeater site. Floyd Chowning, K5LA/WR5ASE, is the trustee of this 15/76 machine. Caballo Mountain is located 11 miles southeast of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

The tower is 50-ft high and has a Hustler antenna on top. Lower down is a 450-MHz Yagi. The repeater is equipped with emergency power (batteries at bottom of rack).

Coming Conventions

- May 14-15
Mississippi State, Jackson, MS
- May 21-22
New York State, Rochester, NY
- May 21
Wisconsin State, Lake Delton, WI
- May 28-29
Tennessee State, Knoxville, TN
- June 3-5
ARRL National, Toronto, Ontario
- June 18-19
Georgia State, Atlanta, GA
- July 2-3
West Virginia State, Jackson's Mill, WV
- July 9-10
Roanoke Division, Norfolk, VA
- July 30-31
Northwestern Division, Seattle, WA
- September 16-18
Virginia State, Falls Church, VA
- September 23-25
New England Division, Hartford, CT
- September 24-25*
Delta Division, New Orleans, LA
- October 7-9
Midwest Division, Wichita, KS
- October 7-9
Southwestern Division, Santa Maria, CA
- October 8-9*
West Gulf Division, Austin, TX
- October 15-16
Pacific Division, San Mateo, CA
- November 19-20
South Florida Section, Clearwater, FL

*Date Change

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

May 20-22, 1977, Rochester, NY

The New York State ARRL Convention/44th annual Rochester Hamfest will be held the weekend of May 20-22 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds near Rochester, NY.

Activities begin on Friday at the Rochester Marriott Inn (hotel headquarters) where an evening Funfest in the main banquet hall begins at 7 P.M. Famous guitarist, Alvino Rey, W6UK, will entertain. Club groups, manufacturers, distributors and publishers

will have open house suites on Friday evening at the hotel.

The huge flea market at the fairgrounds will begin to take shape on Friday afternoon. Flea-market parking spaces will be available continuously from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon. The outdoor flea market will operate continuously, weather, light and shoppers dictating hours. The indoor flea market will open at 7 A.M. Saturday and operate until 5:30 P.M., then reopen at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday.

The huge Dome Center (where commercial exhibits and programming are located) at the fairgrounds will open at 9 A.M. on Saturday. FCC tests for Technician and higher classes of exams begin at 9 A.M. Completed FCC form 610 should be sent to FCC, 601 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 no later than one week prior to the convention. The form must be marked "for examination at Rochester Hamfest." FCC will send confirmations and exam times.

At 7 P.M. activities return to the Marriott where the annual awards banquet will be held, and at midnight, the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong ceremonies take place.

Sunday, at 8:15 A.M., an old-timers buffet breakfast will be served at the Marriott. A program will be presented at the breakfast, after which activities return to the fairgrounds for the day.

Advance registration, \$3.50; registration at gate, \$4. Advance registration closes May 14. Banquet tickets are \$8.50. Unlimited outdoor flea-market space is available at \$1 per parking space. Indoor flea-market space is \$5 per table, per day. A limited number of camper hookups are available *free* on a first-come, first-served basis.

For the ladies, buses will operate between the fairgrounds and Rochester's famous Midtown Plaza where women may shop and sightsee on Saturday. At 3 P.M., a fashion show and tea will be presented in the Top of the Plaza Restaurant at Midtown. Buses will make a return run to the fairgrounds. Other programs for the ladies are slated.

Ticket orders and information requests should go to Rochester Hamfest, Box 1388, Rochester, NY 14603.

WISCONSIN STATE CONVENTION

May 21, 1977, Lake Delton, WI

A day of fun is in store for Wisconsin and area hams attending the 1977 ARRL Wisconsin State Convention, sponsored by the Yellow Thunder ARC, Inc.

Forums beginning at 10 A.M. include VHF Repeater (featuring "A Repeater is a Repeater"), club officers, Navy-Marine Corps

MARS, ARPSC, DX (hosted by the Madison, WI, DX Club), RTTY and an ARRL Forum, featuring Robert L. White, W1CW, from ARRL headquarters.

It's a good opportunity for Wisconsin area hams to meet and get acquainted with the new Central Division Director Don Miller, W9NTP, of Waldron, Indiana.

There will be a large indoor swap area, with tables priced at \$1.50 each. For table reservations, send \$1.50 each to Ken Ebner, K9EN, 822 Wauona Tr., Portage, WI 53901.

There will be another fantastic liars' contest with a select panel of well-qualified judges picking the best liar, to whom goes a large trophy and a badge.

Ladies activities start at 2 P.M. with games and a slide show.

Happy hour is 5:30 to 6 P.M., with the dinner featuring the famous Dell View Resort buffet of chicken and ham plus all the trimmings. After-dinner entertainment will star "Happy the Clown," with eye-defying feats of magic and the traditional Clyde "Coffee" Downing routine, "It's in the Book."

Also, a bearing contest will be held at noon, with the best direction-finder receiving an award, and a hidden transmitter hunt at 2:30 P.M. on 146.94 MHz. Grand award is a Regency HR-2B.

Early bird deadline is May 1, 1977. Registration on convention day, Saturday, May 21 starts at 8 A.M. Registration, \$7.25 in advance, \$7.75 at door (includes everything) \$1.50 in advance, \$2 at door (no dinner). All advance registrations to Ken Ebner, K9EN. For info on hotel accommodations, write Dell View Resort, Lake Delton, WI 53940.

TENNESSEE STATE CONVENTION

May 28-29, 1977, Knoxville, TN

The Tennessee State Convention/Greater Knoxville Hamfest will begin at 9 A.M. on Saturday and Sunday, May 28-29. As last year, activities will take place at the Knoxville National Guard Armory on Sutherland Avenue.

Features this year include an indoor ARRL booth, 10-10 booth, flea market forums, movies on amateur radio, prizes and multiple QSOs. The talk-in will be on 34/94 for 2 meters and 3980 for 80 meters.

A fun banquet, with Peter O'Dell, WB8NAS, Public Information Officer, ARRL headquarters staff as speaker, will be held Saturday evening at the Howard Johnson Motel, West Hills exit of 140-175. Dinner reservations must be paid for in advance to Jim Melton, 749 Elkmont Road, Knoxville, TN 37922.

Hamfest Calendar

California: The 22nd annual West Coast VHF Conference is May 13-15 at the Miramar Hotel on the beach in Santa Barbara. Features include technical and operating-oriented sessions for beginners and advanced vhfers,

plus the traditional receiver noise-figure and antenna-gain measurements. Registration is at 6 P.M., Friday. Full day of technical sessions starting at 9 A.M., Saturday. Dinner Saturday night. Registration fee is \$2 until April 30; after that \$3. Registration forms, hotel information and further details write Dr. Overbeck at the Communication Division, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA 90265.

*California: The Lockheed E.R.C. Amateur Radio Club's hamfest is in Burbank at the Lockheed Employee's Recreation Club

*ARRL hamfest

the weekend of May 21-22. Admission is \$4

Connecticut: The Candlewood's Amateur Radio Assoc.'s annual auction and flea market is Saturday, May 14 at St. Mary's school in downtown Ridgefield. Doors open 10 A.M. auction at 1 P.M. Admission \$1, indoor table space \$1; outdoor tailgate space available S.a.s.e. to K1QPP for map and info.

*Illinois: The Starved Rock Radio Club's annual hamfest is June 5 at the Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton. Modern buildings, excellent parking, free coffee and doughnuts from 8:30 till 9 A.M., refreshments available on the grounds. Camping and trailer

space assigned with small reservation fee, electrical hook-up on first-come basis. Many motels, plus numerous historical spots nearby. Advance registration until May 20, with s.a.s.e. please; \$1.50, at the gate \$2. More info write W9MKS/WR9AFG, RFD 1, Box 171, Oglesby, IL 61348. 815-667-4614.

Indiana: The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society's annual hamfest is on Sunday, May 22 at Vanderburgh County, 4-H Center in Evansville. Food available, setup space. Talk-in frequencies are 75/15, 19/79, and 52. For further info write TARS Steven Harris, R-2, Box 81G, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620.

Indiana: The Wabash County Amateur Radio Club's 9th annual hamfest is Sunday, May 22. Rain or shine at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds in Wabash. Large flea market (no table or setup charge). Technical forums, bingo for the XYL, plenty of free parking and lots of good food at reasonable prices. Advance admission \$2; \$2.50 at gate. Children under 12 free. Write Bob Mitting, 663 Spring St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Kentucky: The Kentucky Ham-O-Rama is Sunday, May 29 (Memorial Day weekend). Located at Boone County Fairgrounds, Burlington (10 miles south of Cincinnati on I-75 Burlington exit). Features: indoor exhibits, flea market, refreshments and more. For info write NKARC, Box 31, Ft. Mitchell, KY 41017.

Maryland: The third annual Easton Amateur Radio Society hamfest is May 22, rain or shine, at 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. (5 miles north of Easton, on U.S. Rte. 50 at the Talbot County Agricultural Center. From the Baltimore or DC areas, go across the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and follow Rte. 50 east for 21 miles from the bridge. Exact location is between mile markers 60 and 61.) Hamfest signs on Rte. 50, north and south. Talk-in on 52 and 146.445/147.045 repeater in Cambridge. Some tables both inside and outside, good-priced refreshments. Lots of room for tables and tailgaters. Donation \$2, with an additional \$2 for tables or tailgaters. Write K3ONU, Robert L. Roberts, Jr., P. O. Box 781, Easton, MD 21601. Phone 301-822-0943 after 6 P.M.

Michigan: Cadillac, Michigan's 17th annual Swap n' Shop is Saturday, May 21, at the National Guard Armory, Cadillac. Free parking, everyone welcome. Tickets \$2. Talk-in on 146.3797.

Minnesota: Amateur Fair '77 swapfest for amateur radio operators and computer hobbyists is Saturday, June 4, at Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Free overnight parking for self-contained campers. Talk-in on 16/76 and 52/52. Selling from your car or from tables. Some undercover space available. Presented by the Twin City FM Club. Admission \$2. For advanced space reservations, tickets or info call Gary at 612-644-4488.

Nebraska: The Pine Ridge Amateur Radio Club's 23rd annual hamfest is June 4-5 at the Pine Ridge Job Corp Center, 11 miles south of Chadron on Hwy. 385. Registration begins

at 2 P.M. Saturday; 10 A.M. Sunday. Free camping. Meals served at a nominal cost. Swap table, transmitter hunt, eyeball QSOs and much more. For more info Terry Cogdill, WB0RMJ, 131 Ann St., Chadron, NE 69337.

New Jersey: The Irvington Radio Amateur Club's hamfest is Sunday, May 15, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the P.A.L. building, 285 Union Ave., Irvington (right alongside the Garden State Pky. at exit 143). Refreshments. Talk-in 34/94 and 52/52. Admission \$1; tables \$3. For info write K2GQ Radio Club, P.A.L. Bldg., 285 Union Ave., Irvington, NJ 07111 or call Ed, WA2MYZ, at 201-687-3240 evenings.

New York: The Rome Ham Family Day is June 5. Bring the XYL and kids and spend a great day at the Beeches, Rte. 26, Rome. Over 5,000 square ft of indoor display area and a giant flea market. For the family we offer a free tour of Ft. Stanwix. For the ham we offer programs, contests, exhibits and technical presentations. At day's end, relax and treat the family to the famous Beeches buffet. For info write P. O. Box 721, Rome, NY 13440. (Exhibitors are urged to reserve free display areas now.)

North Carolina: The 1977 Durhamfest is May 28-29 at the South Square Shopping Center, Durham. Two-day flea market under covered parking deck. Seminars including Lew McCoy, W1ICP; bingo and shopping for the family. Durham FM Assoc., Box 8651, Durham, NC 27707.

Ohio: The Champaign/Logan Amateur Radio Club's annual flea market is May 15 at the West Liberty Lion's Park, West Liberty. Free admission. Trunk sales and tables \$1. Talk-in on 146.52.

Ohio: The Erie Amateur Radio Society's annual Vacationland Hamfest is Sunday, May 22, at the Erie County Fairgrounds on South Columbus Ave., Sandusky. Plenty of flea-market tables, \$4 each. 3 acres for trunk sales. Tickets \$1.50 advance; \$2 at gate; Flea-market vehicles \$1. Free transportation to Cedar Point Ferry Boat Docks. Talk-in 52/52. For info or reservations write E.A.R.S., P. O. Box 2037, Sandusky, OH 44870.

Pennsylvania: The Warminster Amateur Radio Club's "Hammart," flea market and auction is Sunday, May 15, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at William Tennent Intermediate High School, Street Rd. (Rte. 132, 2 miles east of York Rd., Rte. 263) Warminster, Bucks County. Registration \$1; tailgating \$2 additional. Talk-in on 147.69-09; 16/76 and 146.52. For info write Horace Carter, K3ZAC, 38 Hickory Ln., Doylestown, PA 18901.

Pennsylvania: The 23rd annual Breeze Shooters hamfest is Sunday, May 22, at White Swan Park, Parkway West, near the greater Pittsburgh International Airport. Western Pennsylvania's largest ham event. Amusement park adjacent to site. Free parking. Contact WA3LUM, 311 Evergreen Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15209.

Pennsylvania: The Annual Penn Central Hamfest is June 5, rain or shine at our new location in Allenwood. Flea market, auction

and contests. Registration \$3, XYL and children free. Talk-in on 3940 MHz, 37/97, 13/73 and 52 simplex. For info write Clair Yeagle, WA3QXI, R.D. no. 1, P. O. Box 224, Turbotville, PA 17772. Phone 717-437-2595.

Pennsylvania: The Perkiomen Valley Amateur Radio Club's hamfest is June 5, at the Perkiomenville sale and auction ground, Rte. 29, Perkiomenville. Tables available for flea market. Talk-in on 28/88, also on channel 14. Site is located south of Green Lane on Rte. 29 in the scenic hills of Pennsylvania.

South Dakota: A ham picnic is sponsored by Medicine Butte Radio Assoc., Rosebud Amateur Radio Club, and Pierre Amateur Radio Club on June 17-19 at the Armory, Chamberland. ARRL forum, fm forum, slow-scan and RTTY demonstrations. An auction with many XYL and harmonic activities. Food available. Talk-in on 3.955 and also 16/76. Tickets \$4.50 in advance; \$5 at the door. Info from WB0MZB, Kennebec, SD 57544.

Tennessee: The Humboldt Amateur Radio Club's hamfest is on Sunday, May 22, at Shady Acres City Park in Trenton. Flea market, ladies activities etc. For further info write Ed Holmes, W4IGW, 501 N. 18th Ave., Humboldt, TN 38343.

***Virginia:** The Manassas hamfest is Sunday, June 5, at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, 1/2 mile south of Manassas on Rte. 234. Presented by the Ole Virginia Hams A.R.C., Inc. with refreshments by Woodbridge Wireless, Inc. Admission \$3. Gates open at 8 A.M. Tailgating \$2, cover available in case of rain. Refreshments, special-activities programs for the entire family; fm clinic - spectrum analysis, deviation and power checks; cw proficiency awards - 5 wpm and up; learn how QSL bureau work. Space for dealers and manufacturers, write Ole Virginia Hams ARC, Attn: Frank Atkinson, K4CB, P. O. Box 1225, Manassas, VA 22110. Talk-in 37/97 and 147.84/147.24 repeaters. 146.52 simplex and CB channel 1. Camping and hotel accommodations nearby.

Washington: The Fort Vancouver Hamfair is Saturday, and Sunday, May 21-22 at the Clark County fairgrounds, 7 miles north of Vancouver on 15; sponsored by W7AIA, Clark County Amateur Radio Club in cooperation with W7KYC, Portland Amateur Radio Club. Camping, contests, swap & shop, displays, and may other activities. Registration \$3; write Dorman Stafford, W7ZDR, registration chairman, Fort Vancouver Hamfair, 3509 E. 21st St., Vancouver, WA 98661. Checks payable to Fort Vancouver Hamfair. Talk-in on 2 & 75 meters.

Wisconsin: The Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club annual auction of amateur equipment and parts is Thursday, May 26, 7:30 P.M. at Club Meeting Hall, 7500 West State St., Wauwatosa. Open to all hams and proteges. No sales charge or admission fee. No flea-market dealers. Please tag all gear to be sold with seller's name and minimum opening bid.

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"THE ANTENNA HERE IS ----"

Everyone is interested in antennas. Even the typical "formula QSO" nearly always includes an exchange of information on the antennas in use, and antenna discussions rank high on the ragchewer's list of favorite subjects. Antenna forums draw the crowds at conventions and hamfests. But how much do we remember about them all?

Hob Haviland, W4MB, makes a practice of recording details of antennas used in his 21-MHz QSOs. He recently took time out to analyze the log data from more than 500 QSOs between April and December, 1976. Just over half the antennas reported were the Yagi type, multiband or monoband. Nearly 80 percent of these parasitic arrays used three working elements. Only five percent were the

two-element variety, and the rest were four elements or more.

It was rather surprising to find that the second most popular antenna was the vertical. Most were multiband trap jobs, though there were a few 21-MHz ground planes. Comments indicated that space (or lack of it) is the principal factor in their 15.7-percent representation.

The quad rated third, with just under 15 percent, nearly all of them two-element jobs. Dipoles were fairly common, their 11.8 percent including some "inverted Vs."

Other antennas encountered were long wires, 1.8 percent; W3DZZ trap jobs, 0.8 percent; 40-meter doublets, also 0.8 percent; the Delta Loop, 0.6 percent; and log periodics, ZL Specials, and G4ZUs, 0.3-percent each.

Heights ran the gamut from 10 feet or less above ground (two percent, mostly verticals) to over 120 feet (also two percent, mostly atop apartment buildings). Only 12 percent were over 80 feet, and two-thirds were less than 60 feet up. The average height was almost exactly 50 feet.

W4MB has tried to see if there is one universally good antenna. He has found interesting variations, but no consistent optimum for all conditions. Even a dipole, and a low one at that, can do a respectable job at times. Evidence: a rotatable dipole less than 20 feet above ground was in use at the part-time Newington location of the undersigned, during the long ragchew that resulted in our receiving this information. And the power output on 21-MHz ssb at the time was under 50 watts. — W4HDQ

Washington Mailbox

Conducted by Harold M. Steinman,* K1FHN

GRANDFATHERS

Q. What exactly is the "grandfather clause"? I have been licensed over 50 years, and wonder if I could receive any examination credit toward an Extra Class license.

A. There are many misconceptions about the grandfather clause, and there are not many people today who meet its provisions. It only applies to people who hold a General class or higher license today and who held prior to May, 1917, a valid amateur radio station or operator license issued by any agency of the U.S. government. These people may, upon request, receive credit for the Amateur Extra code test, and the Advanced and Amateur Extra written exams. In effect, those who qualify under this clause may have their General class tickets "grandfathered" into Amateur Extra Class tickets. (97.25c)

Q. Are there any other provisions under which applicants may receive amateur examination credits?

A. Not many. Under certain conditions applicants may receive credit for the 5-, 13- or 20-words per minute code tests. If you held any class of commercial radiotelegraph operator license or permit issued by the FCC within five years prior to applying for an amateur radio license, you can receive credit for the 5- or 13-wpm code test. (97.25)

Under a more stringent condition, you can receive credit for the 20-wpm code test. You must hold a valid First Class commercial radiotelegraph operator license or any commercial radiotelegraph operator license containing an aircraft radiotelegraph endorsement. To receive credit for the 20 wpm test, you must hold this license at the time you apply for the amateur radio license. (97.25b)

Q. Is it possible to receive any credit toward the amateur written exams based on having passed commercial radio operator written exams?

A. No.

Q. Why not? I have a First Class radiotelephone license. The exam was at least as hard as the Amateur Extra exam is supposed to be. Why can't I get credit toward an amateur radio license?

A. Whether the First Class radiotelephone exam is harder than the Amateur Extra, or vice versa, is not clear. Some who have both licenses say the commercial exam is harder; others say the Amateur Extra exam is harder. What is clear, however, is that the exams are different; particularly the questions on regulations. The exams are sufficiently different that it is impossible to grant credit toward amateur written exams by virtue of having taken commercial written exams.

COMPREHENSIVE CODE EXAMS

Q. We keep hearing that the FCC is going to give code tests based on comprehension rather than the one-minute solid copy out of five

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that is now required. My field examination point is still conducting the old-fashioned type test. When will we see the new style tests?

A. The new comprehension style code tests have already been prepared by the FCC in Washington, DC; however, they have not yet been distributed to the FCC's field examination points. Right now the only FCC examination point using the new style tests is the one in Washington, DC.

Q. When will all the field offices be offering the new style code tests?

A. Our best estimate would be July 1, 1977.

Q. How will the new style code test work?

A. Under the "one-minute continuous-copy" code test, the examiner sends code for a period of five minutes. He then checks your copy to see if it contains one solid minute of error-free copy. You cannot pass unless you have copied at least one minute error free.

Under the new comprehension type test, the examiner would send a typical amateur message of roughly five-minutes duration containing such things as a signal report, type of rig, and so forth. During this time you may do what you wish: Copy down what you hear, take brief notes on what you hear, or simply lean back in your chair and take notes in your head. At the end of five minutes you will be given 10 questions to answer based on what you have heard. The questions will be of the multiple-choice type. If you took notes while the code was being sent, you may keep those notes in front of you. You must answer eight of the 10 questions correctly in order to receive a passing grade on the code test.

Q. Is the comprehension type code test harder or easier than the old style code test?

A. We can't say whether one type of test is harder or easier than the other. We feel, however, that the new comprehension test is more in keeping with reality than the "one-minute error-free" test. Few amateurs actually copy the code solid during a QSO; rather, they take notes on the content of the QSO. Also, many proficient cw operators can copy the code solid in their heads, but have a hard time putting the words on paper.

Results of the new type code test are promising, however. In some preliminary experiments that the FCC conducted to compare the old and new style tests, it was found that the failure rate dropped from 50 percent to 20 percent.

Q. Is it legal for a volunteer examiner to conduct the Novice code test using the comprehension technique; i.e., sending a typical QSO for five minutes, then giving the Novice applicant a 10-question multiple-choice test based on the content of the QSO?

A. Yes.

MORE ABOUT EXAMS

Q. How long do I have to complete a written exam at an FCC examination point?

A. There is no set time limit. You may take as long as you need, as long as you finish before the office closes for the day, which is usually around 4:30 P.M. As a practical matter, exams do not take nearly that long to complete. It shouldn't take you longer than an hour or two to complete each written element.

Q. What is an "element"?

A. There are four written examination elements (97.21):

- 2: Novice
- 3: General/Technician
- 4a: Advanced
- 4b: Amateur Extra

There are three code examination elements:

- 1a: 5 wpm
- 1b: 13 wpm
- 1c: 20 wpm

Q. If I already have a General class license, for example, and try to upgrade to Advanced, do I have to retake any elements I've already taken, or do I simply have to take the Advanced written test?

A. You will receive full credit for those examination elements that are contained in the class of license you already possess. This means that if you have a General class license and seek the Advanced, you need only take element 4a, which is the Advanced written exam. (97.25a)

Q. Do I receive examination credit for exam elements taken by mail?

A. Yes. And this applies to the Novice class, also. This means that, in particular, every Novice has credit toward the 5-wpm code test. If he wishes to upgrade to Technician, he need only take the General/Technician written exam (element 3). He already has credit for the 5-wpm code test. (97.25a)

Since July, 1976, the Technician exam has only been available at an FCC examination point. But if you took the Technician exam by mail before that date, you automatically have credit for the General/Technician written exam, and need only pass the 13-wpm code test to qualify for the General class license. (97.25a)

Q. If I fail a code test, what happens?

A. The exam ends at that point; you cannot go on to take the written element. However, you may come back as soon as you want to try again.

Q. If I pass the code test and fail the written element, what happens?

A. Again, the exam ends at that point. In addition, you must wait a minimum of 30 days before you could try again. (97.33)

Q. If I pass the code test and fail the written test, will I receive credit for the code test?

A. No. The FCC has no provisions for granting such credit. You must retake the code test the next time you appear for examination.



Roasting and Toasting the Earless Wonder

Our pompous guest stood on stage flexing the biggest mouth we ever saw, and nothing at all where his ears should have been. Loda Watts, chairperson for this year's 25th annual DX Hoggery & Poetry Depreciation Society conclave, paused nervously for the tumult to subside in Long Hall. She had reason to be jumpy; a whizzing red-hot Rettysnitch had already removed her coiffure. The obese visitor took command with an a-m roar, discussing the octaphonic possibilities of running eight identical megawatt programs side by side on 7 MHz. Audie O'Mess shouted from the gallery:

An unstable ham from Verona
Went weird over fiery corona.
His sneaky black box
And a hairtrigger VOX
Soon fried him inside his kimono.

The guest loudspeaker next revealed that increasing power from 1,000,000 to 10,000,000 watts gives 10 more dB to the Music for Malpelo Hour. Otto Backitoff retorted from the floor:

We sigh as we file past the bier
Of lynched OM Gadgets von Shmear
Who, taking a snooze,
Kept calling CQs
With a hung-up programmable keyer.

Windbag, swelling indignantly, next discussed computerization involved in automatic QSY to the quietest part of the nearest amateur band. Y. B. Suchalid retaliated from up front:

For instance take Bigmouth McRaver,
You'll do all the locals a favor.

He gives us a pain
With excessive gain
And sounds like an old plug-in shaver.

Blimpy dodged two curare-tipped Wouff Hongs and boasted of a new jammer so powerful it doubles as diathermy for seven health resorts along the Sea of Azov. Osa Bigstack responded from the balcony:

Promising cards to us all,
A rare one with plenty of gall
Demanded some pay.
We flew there next day
And thumbtacked the thief to his wall.

We should have held this DXHPDS meeting last winter. Our gassy guest's ancient-modulation arced over and burst him like a mammoth balloon, releasing enough hot air for an antarctic Field Day in T-shirts.

GETTING 'EM ON THE WALL

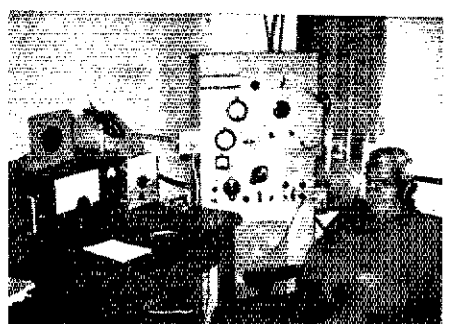
Like who needs sunspots? Crummy conditions notwithstanding, those pretty pasteboards keep bouncin' around. "QSLers of the Month" commended in correspondence from W01YR, WA5 3LVR 4PSL 8FIO 9FFZ, WBs 4JKP 4WHE 5IOQ 7DUV 8ZRL and QNOU for unusually swift and sure confirmational comebacks include A2CSD, C311X, CE6EZ, CN8AD, COTUPC, CT1s DY QN, CXs 1CF 3AL, DJs 2BO 9MH 9LC, DRs 3SN 6KH, EA8s BF CS, EI6CE, F6s BPF EFC, FC9UC, FG0CXV/FS7, FY7AN, G4FMI, Is 1APQ 1PIN SIRM 7LMR 0AEH 0RRW, IK6POY, IS0BDO, JAs 1DFQ 1MCU 5E2L 5JGY 8ZO 0UH, JE1FFW, JH1WIX, JW2CF, KC4AAC, KL7s HHX IKA, KZ5s FR PDN, OH7YS, OK1MIN, PJ1AA, PY1SJ, SP5RH, TF3AX, TR8BJ, TU2FH, UA6HBC, UB5ZBB, UK2GKW, UV3NA, VE2AQS/TG, VPs 1FOC 1MPW 2LAW 2MOC 5A, VS5MC, W2HWS/VP2, WN5OOT/TG, YS1O, YU2AAY, ZSs 51Y 6ME, 4U1TU, 7P8BC, 7SL6DO, 9J2BL, 9L1CD, 9V1SH and 9Y4VT. QSL aides W2GHK, K2BPP, WA6AHF, VE2KQ and DJ5DA. Any reliables we overlooked? . . . WA4GKR, WBs 5SBH and 0BAL offer to handle QSLs for overburdened ops at the DX end, the rarer the better. . . . We perceive confusion in differentiating Rhodes, Crete and the Dodecanese. The 18 inhabited Dodecanese isles in-
c/o ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

clude Rhodes. (SV1IG, RAAG) . . . I'm always amazed at the number of DXers who never convert their local times and dates to UTC. Their claimed QSOs are often impossible to find in my log. A very sharp postage rate increase here necessitates that QSLs received without sufficient return postage must be answered via bureau. Cards accompanied by one International Reply Coupon receive slow surface mail reply, those with two or more IRCs get airmail response. (PY1RO) . . . A six-month leave and abrupt transfer put 9J2BO far behind in QSLing. Patience, please. (W3CV, WB5NDF) . . . For QSOs on or after May 1, 1977, QSLs are welcomed direct to my St. Thomas QTH. Contacts in Canada and Mexico please include one IRC, those elsewhere one IRC for surface reply, two for air. (KV4CI) . . . Throughout the Bicentennial Year I answered all QSLs on a daily basis including cards from 1656 Russians. Glad to have WA6AHF take on my 1977 QSLing responsibilities. (KV4AA) . . . W2BZL is my QSL manager but I'll be glad to answer cards received direct if sufficient IRCs or appropriate mint postage are supplied. (VP2DD) . . . Sorry for delay in confirming my VP2MNR contacts. The printer lost my original order. (WA6VNR) . . . Not many QSL tenders can surpass W51LU's 20-year performance as FY7YE's manager. (W8IBX) . . . Contrary to widespread misimpression I do not manage QSLs for VP2GLE. (K4GKD) . . . Note that ZS2MI, call sign for Marion Island's weather station, is not issued to

individuals. We manage QSLing only for ZS2MI operator Piet's 1975-'76 QSOs. The next ham assigned duty there will make his own arrangements. (ZS6s BBF CE) . . . I'm inundated with cards arriving direct. Please QSL only via my manager, WA6CEB. (TU2EF) . . . K9CSM still holds logs for activity by MP4s BGR BGW BGY, SV0WM, YB0AAD, 9K2s CA CB CC, 9V1s OI and OX. (WA4JTI) . . . I regret that some of the gang worked a bogus 3D6AX last fall. Vic's been off the air since March, 1976. (WA5IEV) . . . Sorry — no connection here with portable-JW1 activity or other such misuse of my call. (WB8TLX) . . . I still confirm 1970-'75 DXpeditionary QSOs by DJ6QT from CT3 EA8 TY TZ XT ZD3 5T 5U and 5V locations. (DL8PC) . . . WB2MIC now takes over his own KG4EY QSLing. (WA2IRS) . . . Please correct the ZIP on my address in January's "How's" to 18966. (W3KVQ) . . . Kindly call attention to my new QSL-managerial QTH: P. O. Box 73, Edgemont, Pennsylvania 19028. (W3HVK) . . . Despite contrary indications I have no QSLing arrangements with VRs or other DX stations. (CE7BAL) . . . Operated KC4AAC from November 29, 1975, to December 2, 1976, and am quite busy confirming 17,000 contacts. My replacement in Antarctica is K7ODK. Cards for current KC4AAC QSOs by Fred are forwarded to me from his home address. My own KC4 logs didn't follow me north until March. (WB6KIL) . . . With the assistance of Fs 3AT and 8VJ I recently received confirmation of a



ZL1ABO, left, among New Zealand's foremost DX hunters, radiates potent rf from Wahaia Beach. OM-XYL team ZL3s AAA and AAB enjoy DX life in Greymouth. ZL1HY, right, maintains high ranking



on ARRL's DXCC Honor Roll. Alan, Ross, Zeldk and Dave were among dozens of prominent DXers visited and photographed by VE3AUI on a recent worldwide tour.

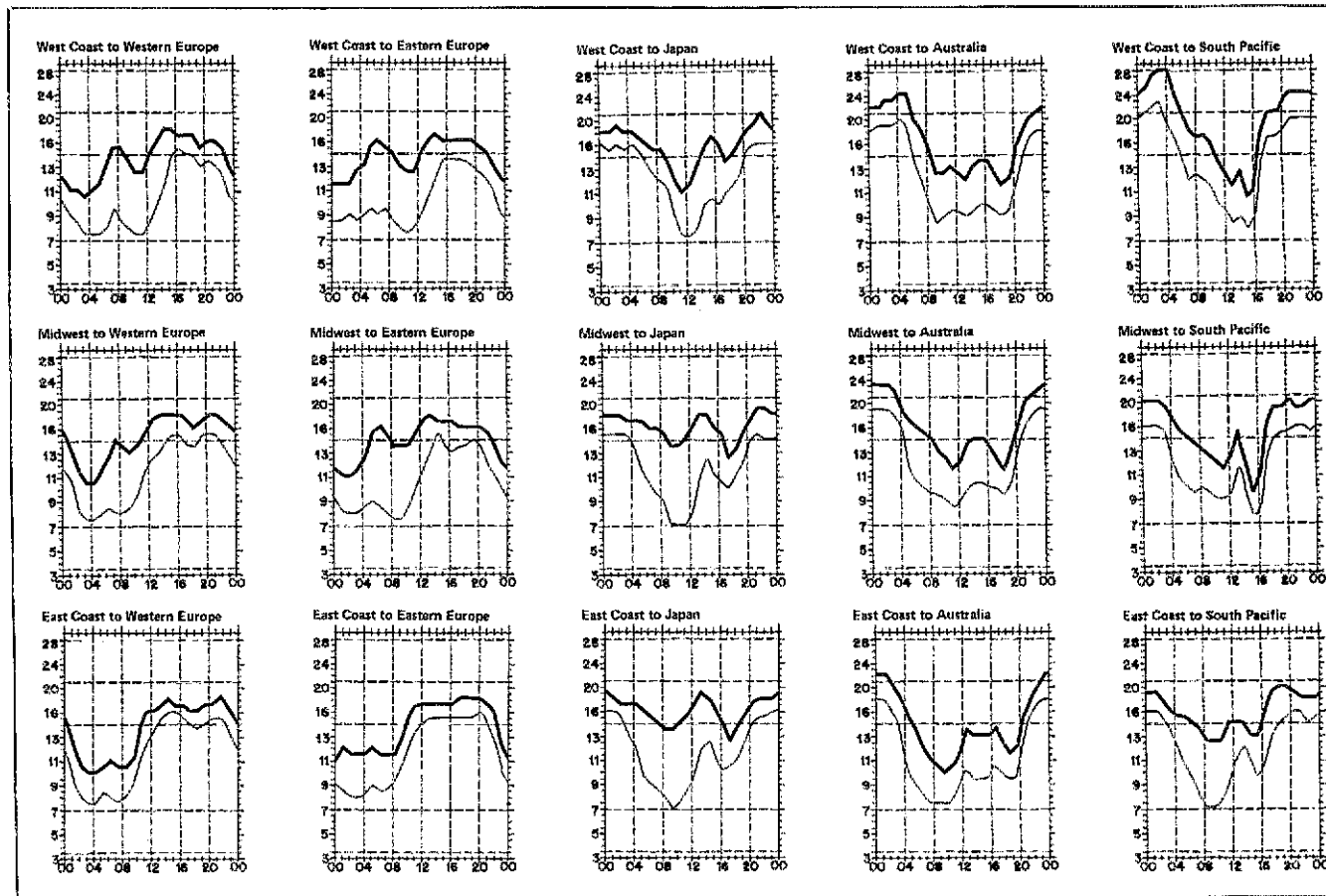
1968 TT8AN contact. The latter's present QTH is supplied for your listing. (W4BRB) . . . QSLs for my 9J and 3B springtime action, suffixes unknown at writing, may go via NCDXF, Box 717, Oakland, California, 94604. (K4FOK) . . . WA7HRE will tackle QSLing for ZK1BA's latest Penrhyn-Manihiki strike. (WCDXB) . . . CF-CI-CK-VC-VF prefixes emanate from Canada, suffixes usually unchanged. (DXNS) . . . C4AFW is said to be sporting a fresh Cyprus label near 3790 kHz at 2230 UTC. (WCDXB) . . . HZ1AB operators Bill and Joe want QSLs via K8PYD and WA4OQO respectively. Other ops may be reached through DJ9ZB. (DXNS) . . . Rig trouble at VR3AK held up log transmissal to KH6AHZ. No regular Fanning mail service. (WCDXB) . . . Note that QSLs for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales now may be routed through G13HXV, GM6MD and GW3ANU respectively. (DXNS) . . . More WCDXB items: PY1CK battled 50 pounds of QSLs after his recent PY0ZAE Trinidad trick. K6AAR is responsible only for VP2LX contacts of 1972, no others. VK0AC's Macquarie contacts probably won't be confirmed until his return to the mainland in December . . . 'Alp! Parenthesized colleagues hunt handy hints on coaxing cards from targets specified: (W01YR) DU1POL '74, FR0BCS, PY0BXC, VP8MH, VU2MQF, ZS3XQ all '75; (WA3ERG) HC's 1KP '75, 2BL, TU2s AF '73, BR '72, WB5APF/KC4 '73; (WB4TCH) op Ferrell of old ET3USB; (WB4WHE for his T1AD DXCC) HAS 3KMA 9KOL 9KPU 9RT, JY5HCT, KZ5PL, LU8FEU, OD5HF, PA0AIY, PZ1AR, SQs 8AOV 9AWL, T12KF, WA8UZZ/4X, 4Z4GG, 9J2EP, 9M2EE; (WB9NOU) FO8DF '74 and TF2AA. Any aid? . . . Now to individual recommendations but be mindful that each suggestion is not necessarily accurate, complete or "official"



OK1DDL needs only Oceania to complete her 160-meter WAC. Running the Czech 10-watt limit on 1.8 MHz, Dagmar has captured 32 countries. This is four less than husband Ludek, OK1HAS. (W1BB photo)

AP5HQ, STC, Kohat, Pakistan
 CN8AD, P. Doche, 19 Rue Mausole, Casablanca, Morocco
 CT2BZ, Lt. L. Bostic, PSC Box 102, APO, New York, New York, 09406
 ex-CR7JZ, R. Graca, Rua Gomes Freire No. 7-6 Esq., Lisbon 1, Portugal
 DA1UM/LX (via ON5NT)

DJ4LW/5A (via DJ2UU)
 DJ7RU/5N2 (to DJ7KU)
 DK4TA/OY (to DK4TA)
 DK5EC/JET3, K. Schmidt, P. O. Box 5711, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
 DK0GD/ST (via DL9IL)
 DL8PC, H. Lemp, An der Kirche 6, D-6364 Florstadt 6, West Germany
 EL2s EN ET EU EV (via W3HMK)
 EP2NQ, D. Jones (K5MM), 18 Kuche Erfan, Khabani, Shah Abbas, Tehran, Iran
 EP2RL, P. O. Box 496, Shiraz, Iran
 F0s DAC/FC DAP/FC (via ON6s KL AP)
 FB8s ZI ZJ (via F8US)
 FK0TX, R. Touzard, Box 320, Noumea, New Caledonia
 FL8FF, SP-85018, Djibouti, T.F.A.I.
 FM0COO, P. O. Box 619, Fort-de-France, Martinique, F.W.I.
 FP8ZC, P. O. Box 16, St. Pierre, St. Pierre-et-Miquelon Islands
 G-GC-GDSAGA (to K4ID)
 HB8JAM/KP4 (via RCPR)
 HP1KJ, P. O. Box 2000, Panama 1, Panama
 I2DGG/5V, Box 1170, Lome, Togo
 IC8HGZ, P. O. Box 18, Capri, Italy
 IK0LYN/IS0 (via WA1VSJ)
 JA1PIG/PZ, G. Usui, Box 1237, Paramaribo, Surinam
 JE1TWG/S21, c/o Japanese Embassy, Box 458, Dacca, Bangladesh
 JH1KSB/JD1, H. Fukushima, Yokokan, DD-102 Yukikaze, Nishi Henmi-cho, Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan
 JX6LF, A. Muanthe, Jan Mayen, c/o Den Kgl Norske Ambassade, Reykjavik, Iceland
 K4II/AH3-6 (to K4II)
 OE8PRK/YK (to OE8PRK)
 OX3EA, E. Arnholtz, P. O. Box 1281, APO, New York, New York, 09023
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 OZ3DX/SU (to OZ3DX)



When are the bands open? These charts predict this month's average propagation conditions for high-frequency circuits between the U.S. and various overseas points. On 50 percent of the days of the

month, the highest frequency propagated will be at least as high as the upper curve. On 90 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the lower curve. See January 1977

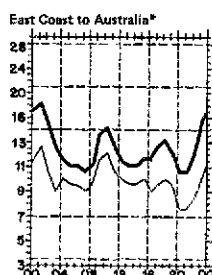
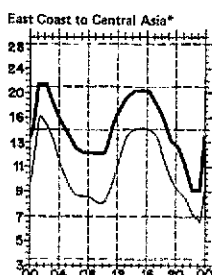
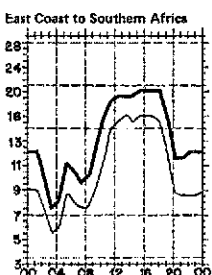
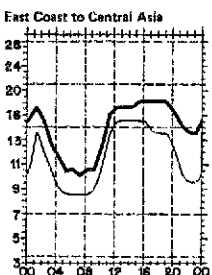
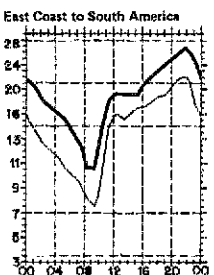
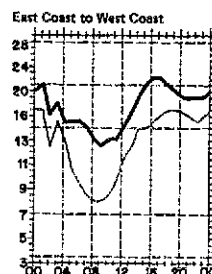
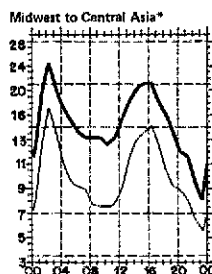
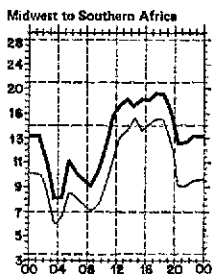
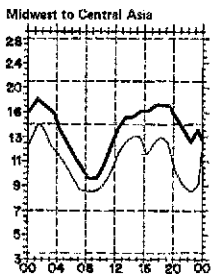
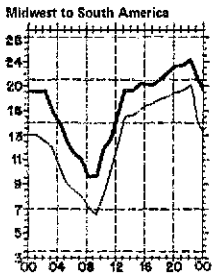
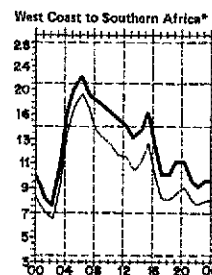
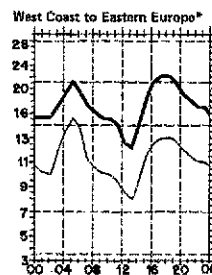
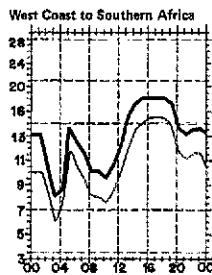
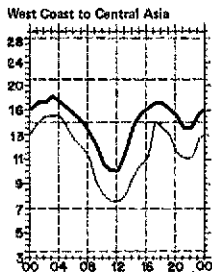
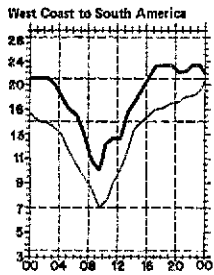
PY1RO/5N2 (to PY1RO)
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 VE2DQC/4X4 (via VE2YM)
 VE3FXT/S8 (to VE3FXT)
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 W9VNE/C6A (via W8TPS)
 WA1TCG/LA (via WA1UZK)
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 WA8TOB/C6 (to WA8TOB)
 WR2IEC/S2 (via W2GHK)
 WB6FWH/VQ9 (via WA4FVT)
 WB6UAG/FM0 (via WA6AKK)
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KV4AA made the Bicentennial Year memo-
 rable by dispensing 35,335 QSOs as AJ3AA.
 This is Dick's cw shack where a Viking kW is
 the workhorse; the adjacent ssb room sports
 another gallon. KV4AA has hammed for half
 a century after first firing up in the Virgins
 as K4AAN. Always in the thick of things,
 Dick performed as CQ DX editor for many
 years and served as president of DX-oriented
 Yasmé Foundation. He's just as fast with
 QSLs as with QSOs. No other station's cards
 show up nearly so often in DX Century Club
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 9J2LM, P. O. Box 199, Luanshya, Zambia
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 A35SW (JA1BNW) KG4JS (WB5HGS)
 A4XGZ (WB4NND) KG6RI (WA7JCB)
 AD4H/AD4 (K4II) KP4CDL (WA3JEM)
 C31KO/p (DB2PC) KV4IM (KP4BDL)
 C5AU (G3LOP) OA8AN (WA4ETN)
 CSAZ (OH2NB) OE6HZG (W2VMH)
 CK3UOT (VE3UOT) OH3XT/0 (OH3XT)
 CT9AT (OH2BAD) ON7VT (ON6CK)
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 EL0AP (JA1VE) PA9AWG (WB9JEN)
 EP2DD (K9YPW) PJ8JH (WA6VNR)
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 F0HX (G3ZXX) PJ9AR (K2QBV)
 FB8WE (F6APG) PJ9CG (WA1JLD)
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 FL8KP (W3HKN) S79DF (ON6FN)
 FM7AQ (K4KQB) S79FC (ON4CH)
 FR0DCK (F6EQJ) ST2RK (DL7FT)
 FR0CYZ (F6ELJ) TA2QR (W5QPX)
 FW8CO (F6AXY) TR8CM (F0BYR)
 HH2EL (K6KII) TR8LE (W3HKN)
 HI8MOG (W3HKN) TR8MC (W2YY)
 HI8SRH (W2KF) TU4AK (W6VZA)
 ex-HK0BMO (YN8ARC) VK3ART (W2NHZ)
 HK0TU (LCR) VK9ZM (VK4ABW)
 HL9TJ (K6VA) VK0AC (VK3ZQC)
 HL9VA (WA2JFK) VK0LD (VK2RS)
 HS5AKW (W9NGA) VK0RH (VK5WV)
 HW6ADB (F6EEM) VP1E (DL1JO)
 HZ1AB (see text) VP1EK (DL1JW)
 IA5AT (I2LPA) VP1HE (DL1JW)
 IB0CBM (I2YDX) VP1KS (DL1KS)
 IG9PLN (IT9ZGY) VP1RS (G4BEW)
 JY9ER (DL8DC) VP2AZB (RSGB)
 KC4AAC (see text) VP2DJ (WA2BJI)
 KC4AAE (W0OOW) VP2GWM (W8JUY)
 KC6KO (WB2WSP) VP2LDT (K7VFF)
 KC6SP (KG6JFX) VP2M (VE7BXG)



QST, page 58, for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows
 Universal Coordinated Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in
 MHz. Asterisk indicates long-path circuits. Data are provided by the

Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These
 predictions for May 1977 assume a sunspot number of 15, which cor-
 responds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 75.

DX Century Club Awards

Administered by David Newkirk, WA1VCG

The DX Century Club certificate is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC List. But there's more — you can endorse your certificate in 20-country increments through 240, in 10-country incre-

ments through 300, and in 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from November 19 through December 31, 1976. Think you may be ready to qualify for DXCC? Write Headquarters for details.

New Members

Mixed

KP4DHD/292 I6POY/209 W9LXU/203 K8ETO/179 W9HR/160 IT9TNO/151 W1DLF/141 W4MWT/141 W9OWZ/136 DK5VO/135	JR1URH/131 K2OIX/131 W8JO/130 I7LMR/126 PAØHVZ/121 LU3HAK/121 LX1XL/121 WA4YDR/121 WB2MJJ/119 KS6FG/116	DK5ML/110 DL7UX/110 JR1FY5/110 WA1TAI/110 WA4WCG/110 DK5TI/109 OH5AB/109 WB9QJA/109 I5IRM/108 JR1FCT/108	DK6OZ/107 WA2OHN/107 F6BWA/106 OZ9PP/106 WA1KOC/106 WA3KCY/106 WA5CVG/105 JA7DLE/105 KJ6DL/105 OK1FAE/105	WB4TEL/105 W6NDS/105 HA8DZ/104 JA2PJJ/104 K1HKF/104 W4TYE/104 W5PP5/104 Y06ADM/104 K1KRY/103 VE2ABX/103	WA2ZR1/103 W3IBL/103 DL9WS/102 K3PCQ/102 PAØFNB/102 VE3GCL/102 W2IAM/102 WB4AVG/102 I5XRP/101	K4BIY/101 W3FAE/101 WA4JJW/101 WB4HOK/101 W5VIW/101 JA3CJO/100 JA5BZL/100 KP4EBG/100 WA1QNF/100	W2SEC/100 WA3THD/100 WA3TXV/100 WA6GFU/100 WA7LDZ/100 WB8PCN/100 WB8TF/100 W9HPP/100 WA9EWJ/100
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Radiotelephone

I3LBW/216 I7RNH/210 KP4DHD/210 W9LXU/199 PAØEHF/197 I6POY/196 K6UD/193	W7BG/163 WA2RPN/147 CP6EL/145 Z4MAG/140 W4MWT/138 DK5VO/135 WØIUB/131	F6BOR/130 W2EDE/126 I2GGC/124 PAØHVZ/122 W7YEM/116 ZF1MA/113	I3ABI/110 JA3CHO/110 WA4QMQ/110 K8ETO/109 DK5ML/107 I6WOL/107	F6DWE/107 HC1WW/106 K7DXD/106 OE1SBA/106 WA5VUW/106 EL7F/105	K2AHL/105 I2KQ/104 K2DF/103 I2YCF/103 JA6BMR/103 JA7SPJ/103	SM4ACH/103 K9BQL/102 W6MJM/102 CT2BL/101 K2CTJ/101 W4DZZ/101	F2ME/100 G4CVZ/100 KØIET/100 WA5CVG/100 WA65GB/100 W9MMZ/100
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CW

K4EZL/114 VE3IR/114 AC6PT/111	JR1URH/111 DL1HH/110 W7WN/109	K8ETO/106 W7YTN/106 DJØYD/104	W4TYE/104 W6YKS/104 DJ7CX/102	K8CW/102 K9KWK/102 WØFHE/102	I6POY/101 VE3DCD/101 WA1SSH/101	W2IBZ/101 WB2MJJ/101 VE2EGE/100	WA4DBG/100 W6ISQ/100 W9HFN/100
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5BDXCC

JA1ELY	JA1EOD	W3EPR	JA2AN	HB9A00
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Endorsements

Mixed

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Radiotelephone

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CW

W9KNI/257 K4YFQ/247 W1DA/234 W6PT/226 K9WEH/218	OZ1VY/218 K2TQC/200 W8ZT/200 K9UTN/197	WA3SZ/196 W9LNM/186 W8ZCQ/184 DL8AN/182	K2SHZ/182 F3A1/177 OZ7BW/177 K8MFO/173	JA1EMX/169 W6ID/161 WB6ZUC/161 F6CRT/159	OZ3Y/158 W7LR/155 WØBN/150 K6DT/147	SM5BHW/146 WB2FMK/140 W45V/140 W1YN/132	F6DBX/121 WB4TDH/120 YV4BK/121 W6JD/120
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VP2MAR (WØNAR)	ex-VR1AA (GW3HCL)	ZS3KC (WA4MAY)	6W8A (WA3NCP)	9J2WS (W4RF)	9L1AP (I3SCO)
VP2MDV (VE2DDV)	VU2MKP (VU2ARC)	3D2DK (VK8OM)	6W8AK (F6AXP)	9K2EP (SMØDJZ)	9L1MD (G3TEJ)
VP2MNK (WAØNK)	VU7ANI (WA3HUP)	3D2IC (JA1BNW)	6W8FOC (DLIRK)	9K2FN (DJ9ZB)	9X5RK (WB4ZTI)
VP2MXW (WB4PXW)	YB4ACJ (K7LAY)	4S7DR (W2AWJ)	6W8LF (WA4ETN)		
VP2SAA (W4UG)	YBØACP (K6MOG)	4S7WP (F6CRT)	7P8AY (K3TUP)		
VP2SZ (WB8OBA)	YV4BK (W2GHK)	4W7KM (DB7KM)	ex-Q7HR		
VP2VCU (W9QDA)	ZD8C (KP4EKD)	5B4DI (WA4APD)	(G4EDZ)		
VP2VDK (KP4BDL)	ZD8W (WA4TLB)	5B4DP (SM4HQO)	7X4MD (W5DDJ)		
VP5CNL (W8CNL)	ZØ4JI (WA4UPR)	5N2WB (5N2NAS)	7X55B (F6AXY)		
VP5LDH (WB8LDH)	ZF1RD (W4BAA)	5T5JD (W3EVW)	7XØBI (YØ8AHL)		
VP5MB (K1ALP)	ZK2AT (K3RLY)	5V7AR (F6ACB)	8Ø5AH (A2ACH)		
VP5NG (K1AA)	ZL2BIY (K4II)	5W1AT (WB6DXL)	8P6GN (WB8BTU)		
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VQ9RB (G3LQP)	ZS2MI (see text)	5Z4RT (DJ3NG)	9J2JX (I8JN)		

These are yours thanks to contributoria teamwork by WS ICW 3CV 3HNK 4BRI 7LLM 7NQ 8IBX, Ks 4PI 5MM 8CSG 8MFO WA5 1SOB 1STN 1VCG 2RIS 3LVR 4ETN 4JTI 5IEV 8PIO 9FFZ, WBs 4TCH 4WHI 5IOQ 5NDE 6DXL 6KIL ØNOU, EP2NQ F8VJ, I2CBM, JA1BNW, 5V1G and D's newsletters to be gratefully credited subsequently.

HONOR ROLL

The call signs of DXCC participants who have come to within 10 countries of having worked all 321 countries currently on the DXCC List comprise the DXCC Honor Roll. The number after each call sign

indicates each op's grand total when countries deleted from the list are included. The next HR is scheduled to be published in September, 1977, for submissions received through June.

Mixed

- 321 G3FKM/352 4X4DK/353 W1BH/358 W1HX/355 W2AGW/359 W2BKA/359 W2OKM/353 W2SSC/351 W2TP/344 W3KT/358 W4EX/359 W4GD/355 K6ZO/359 W6AM/360 W6BEZ/354 W6PT/352 W6ZO/355 W7KH/358 W7MB/359 W7PHO/353 W8AH/351 W8BF/356 W8GZ/358 W8LKH/354 W8PHZ/350 W9LNM/358 W0DU/357
- 320 DJ2BW/351 DL9OH/345 G3FXB/351 LU6DX/358 OE1ER/356 VE2NV/352 W1NU/348 K2BK/348 K2FL/350 K2LWR/348 W2AO/351 W2CTO/354 W2NUT/350 W2QM/349 W3CWG/350 K4LNM/348 W4OM/356 W4QCW/350 W4VPD/351 W5KC/357 W5MMK/355 K6DC/350 K6EC/348 W6CYV/352
- W6ET/346 W6KZL/350 W6RT/351 W7AQB/346 W1BJH/353 W8MPW/352 W8MCK/345 W9BG/359 W9DWQ/347 W0BW/355 W0ELA/357 W0MLY/350
- 319 DL3RK/350 DL6EN/348 I0AMU/351 OH2NB/354 PY2CK/356 UR2AR/342 ZL1HY/357 WIDK/352 W1HZ/351 W2BOK/350 W2GLF/346 W2LV/352 WA2RAU/334 W3EVM/354 W3GRS/345 W3LMA/355 W3MP/355 K3WGH/348 W4BYU/351 W4GBX/354 W4LNM/345 W5NO/343 W5POA/351 K6LGF/345 K6LU/339 K6RQ/343 W6ABA/335 W6BA/352 W6CHV/351 W6EE/354 W6HX/356 K7GCM/341 W7SGN/349 W8ZCQ/347 W9JUV/351 W9RCJ/345 W0PGI/349 W0QGI/349
- 318 G5VT/352 IT9TAI/348 ZL3IS/345 4X4JU/347 W1JNV/347 W1MV/349 K2TQC/339 W2BMK/344 W2CR/349 W2DOD/350 W2FXA/345 W2GKZ/334 W2JVU/353 W2PV/334 W2YY/340 W3CGS/351 W4AIT/355 W4EO/346 W4NJF/335 W4SSU/340 W5QK/343 W5QKZ/339 W6GJ/353 W6GPB/353 W6ID/351 W6KTE/333 W6RKP/346 W6ZM/342 W7CMO/342 W7OF/348 K8IKB/343 W8EWS/356 W9FKC/352 W9GFF/344 W9GIL/349 W9HR/346 W9SFR/347 W9WVB/345 W0LWG/342 W0NVZ/344
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- K5QHS/324 W5FT/345 W5GC/337 W5LCI/339 W5NMA/345 W5OB/338 W6DOD/327 W6FW/329 W6PO/342 K8EHD/327 K8LSQ/338 W8KBT/341 W8LY/340 W9LW/334 W0QLD/329 W0ZTH/335 W00A/343 W00K/337
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Correction for the September, 1976 Honor Roll: HB9MX should have been shown at 313 in the Mixed listing with 335 before deletions. Corrections for the DXCC Annual listing of December, 1976: in the

Mixed listing, add K5FKD 300, K61R 285, K9VQK 281, WA7HRE 139. In the Phone listing, add PY2PC 324, WA1NSJ 140, W3KVS 258, W4NXR 162.

Silent Keys

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

K1DUJ, Theodore J. Yusko, Washington, NH
 W1LVR, H. Victor Stenbeck, Scituate, MA
 WA1MKU, David B. Barry, Needham, MA
 WN1RVA, Donald W. Kilbrith, Orlando, FL
 K1URQ, Frederick E. Fields, Essex Jct., VT
 W2CDA, Albert Kennyhertz, Roselle, NJ
 WA2EEF, Edward V. Kluss, Rochester, NY
 WA2ENP, Arthur G. Reichert, Huntington, NY
 W2FNK, Harold F. Winter, Westfield, NJ
 WA2GSU, Lawrence A. Labelle, Penellville, NY
 W2HIUW, Elizabeth W. Bumby, New Brunswick, NJ
 K2KAN, Park E. Robinson, Paramus, NJ
 K2PBE, Edith M. Appell, Hudson Falls, NY
 W2WRF, Nunzio N. Iacino, Forest Hills, NY
 W3HI, William S. Ridenour, Coraopolis, PA
 K3HMJ, Lloyd A. Thomas, Shamokin, PA
 K3JM, Van Turner, Milford, DE
 W3KLA, Harold W. Wilcox, Baltimore, MD
 W3SJB, Richard H. Gridler, Scottdale, PA
 WB4AEO, Jesse "Ed" Dodd, Jr., Abbeville, AL
 W4DXG, Joseph B. Bullock, Black Mountain, NC
 W4EZR, Lester C. Morrell, Arlington, VA
 K4JKH, Edmund W. Burroughs, Vero Beach, FL
 WA4KMY, Stephen J. Penzick, Miami, FL
 W4NF, Kenneth S. Norquest, Doraville, GA
 WA4PZB, Ronald E. Seats, Snellville, GA
 W4RWF, John M. Morel, Dania, FL
 K4SEF, Arnold Garcia, Miami, FL
 WB4SWP, James J. Munday, Memphis, TN
 WB4VCO, Fred O. Wilson, Memphis, TN
 WB4WQM, Dr. Morris Rosenberg, Plantation,

FL
 W5EQA, Conrad F. Harington, Little Rock, AR
 W5FSA, Louis F. Hargus, Jr., Slidell, LA
 W5GMM, Thomas E. "Bump" Humphrey, Jr., Huntsville, TX
 W5GZU, B. Forest Gammon, Bonham, TX
 W5SPhi, Donald E. Page, Roland, OK
 W5SIG, Lloyd A. Burrows, El Paso, TX
 W5SSC, Joseph Newchurch, Metairie, LA
 W5TOJ, John A. Davis, El Paso, TX
 K5TJZ, W. A. "Doc" Curry, Houma, LA
 Ex-6BMF, Tom Richardson, Walnut Creek, CA
 K6BZQ, Richard P. Partin, Manteca, CA
 W6DIT, Dr. J. Sloan Berryman, Santa Monica, CA
 WB6ETB, Paul W. Tipton, Torrance, CA
 W6EQZ, Harold W. Steinmeier, Ontario, CA
 W6HGW, Thomas O. Crow, Sacramento, CA
 Ex-6HZ, Harold H. Hoffman, Carmel, CA
 Ex-W6KTM, Francis A. Harvey, San Diego, CA
 WA6KUD, Lonnie K. Brewton, Merced, CA
 W6NGV, Harold S. Ayers, San Francisco, CA
 WB6OCT, Jay B. Moore, Carson, CA
 W6OTK, Clarence R. Bismack, Yucaipa, CA
 W6QKY, Lawrence L. Current, Redlands, CA
 W6SCT, Glyn V. Smith, N. Hollywood, CA
 K6TRT, John R. Durham, San Diego, CA
 W7BPV, B. Nealley Wood, Forland, OR
 W7GLL, Louis F. Kruse, Jr., Sierra Vista, AZ
 W7HWY, Ralph D. Berkman, Seattle, WA
 K7IOI, James P. Reinoehl, Eugene, OR
 K7PRE, Max E. Jennings, Spanaway, WA

K7URN, Harry T. Randle III, Layton, UT
 WA7WGF, Harold A. Iverson, Buffalo, WY
 Ex-W7YPN, Henry N. Bouchee, Livingston, MT
 W8BSR, Leonard F. Strobel, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
 W8FZJ, Dana M. Bailey, Newton Falls, OH
 W8IJV, Warren Bauer, Columbus, OH
 W8LMZ, Richard L. Butler, Farmington, MI
 W8RYK, Gilbert E. Borg, Southgate, MI
 W9BGF, Delbert B. Stifle, Paxton, IL
 W9EVI, Lloyd E. Hopkins, Elgin, IL
 W9FSY, James DeHaan, Chicago, IL
 WA9LEA, Herschel C. McKenzie, Indianapolis, IN
 K9LZN, Joseph L. Plotner, Kokomo, IN
 W9MBN, Edward D. English, Chicago, IL
 W9NIX, John J. Lehman, Chicago, IL
 W9WGY, John H. Catherwood, Springfield, IL
 Ex-W9WTF, Roy L. Switzer, DeKalb, IL
 W0BUI, Robert W. Collier, Colorado Springs, CO
 W0CEA, John C. Fisher, Chisago City, MN
 W0DMY, Ellis L. Butcher, Hebron, NE
 W0HQT, Ralph E. Sargent, Arvada, CO
 W0JEA, Herschel E. Satterfield, Greeley, CO
 W0LHX, Melvin L. Breeden, Leavenworth, KS
 K0ONT, Leonard W. Caverly, Fargo, ND
 W0PBX, Clifford H. Horne, Miltonvale, KS
 W0UIS, Charles S. Sterne, Denver, CO
 VE1DM, Stanley H. Appleton, Glace Bay, NS
 VE4HS, Harold J. Simpson, Miami, Manitoba
 VE6TK, Duncan C. Davidson, Calgary, AB
 VO1DV, J. H. "Jack" Tarrant, St. John's, NF
 VO1GO, Llewellyn Sams, Deer Lake, NF
 VO1MO, William Lyall, Baie Verte, NF
 ZL1ARO, George Currie, Ngatea, New Zealand
 G8HX, Frank N. F. Bewley, Notts, England
 JY1XYL, Queen Alia, Amman, Jordan
 JY3BZ, Bader Zaza, Amman, Jordan

50 Years Ago

May, 1927

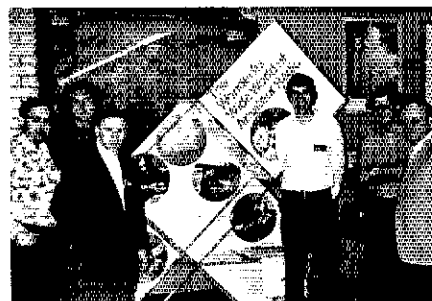
- At its first meeting the new Federal Radio Commission extended the terms of amateur operator and station licenses, but the "Amateur Extra First Grade" has been eliminated. The Editor warns that new regs require us to stay in band, and IBD shows one way — calibration of harmonics from a b.c. receiver.
- RCA's new 8S2 transmitting tube looks like a winner — 75 watts output with grid and plate leads separate from filament socket area to prevent flashover; wonder how much power it will really take?
- Harold Westman designs a compact little rig with a pair of UX-171s — not much power, but its self-rectifying system produces a tone less irritating than r.a.c. and really "pleasing to the ear."
- Our hero on the cover is poring through QSTs and other literature pondering the move to crystal control, now that we have all these new "strict" regulations.
- R. Preece claims minimal distributed capacity and low r.f. resistance for his two-turn loop receiver but makes no mention of directivity.
- With the trend to cleaner notes continuing, S. E. Hall of Prestolite describes the factors of solutions, heating, leakage and counter-e.m.f. in electrolytic rectifiers.
- IAY points up the need, particularly for Official Relay Stations, to be operational at all times and shows some examples of emergency and back-up gear.
- 1NF, Art Erickson, is a subject of this month's station description — 650 volts of raw a.c., but loose coupling to the antenna to achieve a steady signal.

25 Years Ago

May, 1952

- Yippee! After a five-year wait, required for the complex task of moving established commercial stations out of the segment, we finally get 21,000-21,450 kc. as a brand-new amateur band. But all is not peaches and cream — TV manufacturers, despite forewarning, have their intermediate frequency smack in that band segment, and things are going to be hectic.
- W5CSU makes an exhaustive analysis of the 75-meter vertical — concluding that it is a good daytime antenna as well as for DX at night, and if you have the room and the gumption to install the necessary radials, it might be for you.
- Some of the lab tricks of chassis layout, scribing, drilling and such are described by W1TS.
- Alignment of a linear amplifier is still a headache for most of us, and W2NJR smooths the path with extensive descriptions of two-tone and trapezoid tests on a scope.
- Potomac Valley nosed out Frankford in the spirited SS club competition last year, even with W3BFS and W3DGM in second and third place nationally, and W4KFC only in fourth.
- Copy the Armed Forces Day message perfectly and you'll get a certificate of merit from the Secretary of Defense.
- W5OME has two extra elements to mount, while stationary, on his car bumper to form a 3-element beam on 10 meters.
- Staffer W1FTX packages a 50-watt c.w. rig in a cabinet not much larger than his QSL card dimensions.
- Chairman Coy of the FCC, in testimony before Congress, says hams should get a Congressional Medal of Honor in communication, if there were one. — WTRW

Strays

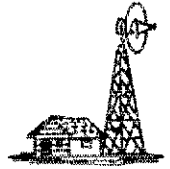


On a recent weekend of promoting amateur radio with the ARRL exhibit at Trumbull (CT) Shopping Park, members of the Greater Fairfield Amateur Radio Association met the public, answered questions ("No sir, we're not exactly CBers!") and distributed literature on hamming. Caught by W1BVO's camera are, from left, WA1YOF, WA1YMA, W1HEO, WA1YFO, WA1RUB and WB1BSF. — W1HEO

The Naval Electronic Systems Command Amateur/Navy MARS Station W4USN NNNQNMN in Arlington, VA, will be in operation May 21 to commemorate the Armed Forces Day Communications Test Operations will be conducted from 1400 to 2100 UTC on or near the frequencies of 7230, 14300 and 21375 kHz on ssb and 705 and 14090 kHz on RTTY. Visitors in the area will be welcome at the station located in National Center no. 1 Building, 2511 Jefferson Davis Highway.

The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted By
William A. Tynan, *W3XO



More Excitement Ahead

In the spring of 1935, 5-meter operators were startled to hear signals from 500 to 1,200 miles away burst in on their local QSOs. Since that time, sporadic-E propagation has fired the imagination of most vhf enthusiasts. It has provided the main source of 6-meter DX and, in the last few years, has become a significant factor in boosting state totals for many 2-meter operators.

Another sporadic-E season is now upon us. Once again, our 6-meter band will resound to signals from stations thousands of miles away. More 6-meter operators will complete contacts with their last few states, swelling the WAS ranks. If the luck of last summer and winter continues, Es excitement will not be limited to our lowest frequency vhf assignment. Inhabitants of 2 meters may also share in the thrill of S9+ signals suddenly appearing from stations a thousand plus miles distant. Even 1-1/4-meter devotees may be in for a treat. But more about that later.

The ultimate range of Es is an open question. Although it is quite well established that the so-called single-hop distance for E-layer propagation is about 1,350 miles, we do not know how many hops are possible. So called double-hop range appears to be limited to around 2,700 miles. WA1OUB pointed this out in a letter last summer in connection with the lack of propagation from KL7HLE, Juneau, AK, into New England at a time when Vince was contacting OH and MI stations. On the other hand, European stations were widely worked on many evenings during last June, July and August on 10 meters. This apparently was sporadic E, normally called short skip by 10-meter operators, of more than two hops. Another case of extreme distance probably caused by multiple-hop Es, occurred on February 11, 1977, when several stations in the San Antonio, TX, area barely missed QSOing KH6IAA, Hilo, HI, a distance of 3,600 miles.

In an effort to collect data on extreme

range 6-meter sporadic-E propagation across the North Atlantic, the International Amateur Radio Union is planning an observation program in support of which it is proposed to set up a 50.1-MHz beacon on the French Coast. In addition, a Canadian station, VE1SIX operating on 50.088, will transmit toward Europe. Coordination and collection of reports on the European end are to be handled by F8SH. On this side of the pond, Ed Tilton, W1HDQ, will be in charge of distributing and gathering results. Those interested in participating should contact Ed at League headquarters. Actual start-up of the program will be announced on a WIAW bulletin. This IARU-sponsored activity should provide a fine opportunity for radio amateurs to demonstrate anew their unique ability to contribute to the fund of man's knowledge of the complex subject of radio wave propagation.

Another unanswered question is the upper frequency that can be propagated by intense ionization in the E region. We know that TV Channel 13 has been observed on quite a few occasions, including last February 8 when WA5IYX San Antonio, TX, received signals on that channel emanating from Sioux Falls, SD. The upper end of Channel 13 is 216 MHz, very close to our 1-1/4-meter band. It appears certain that signals on that band can be propagated via sporadic E, but no 1-1/4 meter Es QSOs have ever been reported. A concerted effort to attempt 220-MHz contacts via the E layer certainly appears worthwhile. Not only would success be an exciting and rewarding experience for those involved, but it might also help in defending this and other bands from attacks by commercial interests.

How should one go about looking for 1-1/4-meter "E skip?" First assemble a station which can give a reasonably good account of itself. A transmitter producing 50 to 100 watts or more, along with an antenna system exhibiting 10 to 15 dB gain, should be

sufficient. Much activity on the band these days is on fm so that mode should not be ignored. The national simplex frequency is 223.5 MHz, so that channel would appear to be the best place to concentrate fm efforts. Monitoring the outputs of various 220-MHz repeaters for an indication of band openings would also be useful. Consult the *ARRL Repeater Directory* for these frequencies. For cw, ssb and a-m operation, a frequency near the low end of the band would be best. Let's designate 220.050 MHz as the spot to call and listen. To determine when conditions may be favorable, watch 6 and 2 meters as well as the TV channels through 13. Then, get on and make some noise. If everybody is listening, nobody will work anyone.

While on the subject of sporadic E, we must acknowledge the work done on the subject by Mel Wilson, W1DEI/W2BOC. Mel has collected and interpreted literally hundreds of thousands of pieces of data over the past 40 years. His two-part *QST* article, "Midlatitude Intense Sporadic-E Propagation," which appears in December 1970 and March 1971 issues, provides an insight into this very complex subject. We can all help Mel continue his work by sending him detailed reports of Es conditions for all bands. Reports should include such important facts as stations worked or heard and their locations, if known, the exact time, signal characteristics and beam headings for maximum signal strength. Address Mel at 17 Van Cortland Dr., Pittsford, NY 14534.

No discussion of sporadic E would be complete without also noting the tireless data collection job by Pat Dyre, WA5IYX, of San Antonio, TX. Pat's reports appear frequently in this column and are very helpful in putting into perspective the many other accounts received.

As 5- and 6-meter pioneer Vince Dawson, W0ZJB, was fond of saying, "CU all of a sudden."

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — Following the pile of reports for early February, mail listing DX for the latter part of the month is very sparse, indeed. One exception is reported by WB4OSN, Margate, FL. Joe tells of receiving the T12NA beacon with signals ranging up S9+40 for an hour the evening of March 16. Attempts to attract Eric's attention on 50.150 were in vain. As is usually the case during the "slim pickings" portions of the year, scatter again comes to the fore. One who is taking advantage of the reliable propagation offered by this mode is WA3HGK/2. Vince finds that he can work

into the deep South as well as the Midwest any time that stations are on. He states that he is on about 50.108 Friday and Saturday evenings from 2300 eastern time until about 0130 the next morning. Those wishing schedules can write him at 105 N. 26th St., Camden, NJ 08105. Incidentally, Vince recommends that ARRL sponsor a 6-meter contest. He feels that it would help fellows along with their 600 Club Award. The SMIRK contest may fill the bill, Vince. Open to SMIRK members, it will be held from 1300 UTC June 5 until 0500 UTC June 6. An s.a.s.e. to KSZMS, 7158 Stone Fence Dr., San Antonio, TX 78227 will bring rules and log forms. Two stations looking for scatter skeds are WB9EDP Chicago and WAQMRH Omaha. The latter has just completed his new installation consisting of a kW into a stacked six over six at 60 feet.

WA3ZRE of Philadelphia informs us that he is running an attended beacon on 50.2 from 2100 to 2130 UTC and during most evenings. The above-mentioned VE1SIX beacon, or "propagation study transmitter" as the Canadian DOC apparently prefers to call it, will be aimed toward Europe but should provide enough signal to enable U.S. and Canadian stations to spot band openings to the Maritime Provinces. The frequency will be 50.088. At first, operation will be from the QTH of the station's builder VE1ASJ but later the equipment will be moved to 858-foot Bloomsbury mountain.

In the DX department, K5ZMS informs us that FO8DR is still on 6 and is just waiting for favorable conditions. He has not made any contacts in the last two years but he did hear the KH6EQI beacon and some TV Channel 2 activity last September. He will initiate regu-

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lar 50.110 cw transmissions beamed toward the U.S. during even days of each month. On odd days, the same transmissions will be beamed in the direction of Japan. Another 6-meter stalwart in the DX realm is HL9WI. Always optimistic, Bill will be looking toward the States during the SMIRK and ARRL contests. He is also continuing his effort of many years to work KL7HAM on Shemya Island in the Aleutians. Speaking of KL7s, KL7IFP in Ketchikan is very active on 6 meters with 120 watts from a homebrew pair of 6146s to a four-element beam. The antenna will soon be expanded to a four over four to help John garner Es and scatter contacts this season. In addition to ssb and cw activity around 50.110, he plans RTTY work at 50.150. John is also on 2 meters and OSCAR with a TS700. On 2 meters, he has worked as far as 250 miles to VE7DRF in Sandpit, BC. He would like to build an amplifier for that band but needs some help with parts. When 6 is good for sporadic E, don't forget the possibility of a 2-meter opening, John. An fm broadcast receiver makes a good monitor for indicating when conditions might be favorable.

For those who haven't already gotten off to a good start on the ARRL 6 Meter 600 Club Award, now as the Es season is beginning should be a fine time to do so. An s.a.s.e. to Headquarters will bring complete rules and an entry form.

Many of the gang know of the terrible fire which wiped out everything at WA5YOU and badly burned Charlie's XYL Wanda, WBSNIF. The home and radio equipment are now replaced and Wanda is recovering. They both would like to express thanks to everyone who helped when their need was great. Charlie asks one more favor. Since all their QSL cards were destroyed, they will have to start all over again unless they can get replacements. Therefore, everyone who has worked WA5YOU or WBSNIF is requested to send duplicate cards.

I am sorry to report that one of those who put Newfoundland on the 6-meter map in recent years is a silent key. Bill, VO1MO, has been killed in an automobile accident. We also wish to acknowledge the passing of another well-known 6-meter operator K1HFK.

In the new-call department we find Connie, K5WVX, who now sports K5CM.

2 Meters - Aurora has been rather scarce this year but nevertheless there has been some. The evening of January 30 was apparently the best session according to reports received. Unfortunately, in an attempt to cover the rash of Es activity in early February, accounts of aurora contacts had to be left out of last month's column. K9KQR's log provides a good overview of the January 30 affair. Dick, from his QTH near Chicago, worked W0KRX, W0ONM and W0SJJ all MN; K0DAS 1A; WA0CHK MO; W0EMS and K0PAY MB; K8III OH; VE3FVN Ottawa and WA2PKY NJ. Dick says that he was glad to hear some of the gang above 145 take advantage of the opening. In the same session WA10UB from Hillsboro, NH, hooked up with W2ROA, WA2BIT and WB2DNN all NY; WA2CJK/4 VA; K8III OH; WA8NLC and K8HWW MI; K9MRI and K9SLQ IN; W9YYF IL as well as VE1RG.

On the EME front, a very nice letter from SM7BAE fills us in on 2-meter moonbounce activity in Sweden. Kjell states that he is using an antenna consisting of 10 16-element Yagis. Other Swedish stations active on 2-meter EME are SM6CKU with four 16-element KLMs, SM5FVH with an 80-element Cushcraft collinear, SM7CRO with four 13-element Yagis and SM3AKW who uses a 48-element collinear. SM7BAE indicates his willingness to schedule any moonbouncer at appropriate times. Those interested may write to him at his *Callbook* address.

In the South, at least, tropo' continued throughout the winter months. W5UBW of Kingsville, TX, southwest of Corpus Christi, lists February 17, 21 and 25 as being particularly good. On the last of these days, Jack managed to pick up three new states by contacting WA4CQG AL, WA4KCL GA and WA4CRU TN. Although the GA and TN stations were fairly weak, WA4CQG was S9+ and W4CSS in FL was 20 over. These are only a few of the stations Jack worked on this occasion. Quite a few of them were in FL which is not surprising since, according to

WB4JVZ, there are now more than 200 2-meter ssb stations active in the Sunshine State. Of these, about 15 have high power and big beams and five are working toward moonbounce capability. On the February 25 opening, one FL station WA4QHE in Largo worked several TX stations, two in LA and K4GMP Wilmington, NC. WB4JVZ accounts for that opening as the tail end of the high-pressure area that followed the severe winds and dust storms which ripped through the Midwest a few days before. Incidentally Jim's station is one of those nearing EME capability. Being a Technician, he must operate above 145 MHz and hopes that the EME boys will look for him there when the time comes.

One new convert to 2-meter ssb, WSUCY of Pascagoula, MS, says he's having a ball with his Multi 2000 since getting on the band February 15. Between then and March 6, Lowell caught six good openings and worked nearly 40 stations from Sunshine, TX, in the Rio Grande Valley to Miami Springs, FL. Not bad for 10 watts and a small beam.

Quite a bit of mail has come in asking why an award similar to the 6-meter 600 Club cannot be set up for 2 meters or for all of the vhf/uhf bands. One person making such a suggestion is KH6BZF. Another with a similar idea is W5JTA of the SWOT group. The VHF/UHF Advisory Committee (VUAC) was established to tackle just this kind of thing. Once members are chosen, I am certain this will be one of the first pieces of business considered.

Speaking of SWOT, that organization is growing by leaps and bounds. Its members now number over 550. Associate membership is now open to anyone, without need for the requisite two contacts with SWOT members. Also OSCAR contacts now count for full membership. The monthly *SWOT Newsletter* is packed with information on 2-meter activity around the country including listings of many nets and various stations wishing schedules. An s.a.s.e. to Len Hoops, W5JTA, 1704 Glenn Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76131 will bring full details on this worthwhile organization. One recent *SWOT Newsletter* includes an application note from Eimac describing a 500-watt 2-meter amplifier that looks relatively simple to build. I am sure that an s.a.s.e. to W6SAI at Eimac requesting Note AS-24 will produce the information on this nifty-looking design.

If you hear FF, it's NM. Fred swapped W5LO for W5FF a few months ago. Now XYL Lee has turned in W5MFZ for K5FF. How's that for a his and her call-sign combination? Incidentally, they have improved their Es monitoring capability and will be looking this summer for openings from FL to the New England states.

70 Cm - There's good news for 70-cm EMEers in the form of ZE5JJ. Peter's 32-foot dish is up and working. Even before he had the drive system completed, he got on and worked W1JR. That was at 0230 UTC March 6 and the contact gave Joe EME WAC number 3, the other two holders being K2UYH and G3LTF. Now that ZE5JJ is ready to provide African contacts, the number of WACs on 70 EME should increase markedly. W1JR's contact with ZE5JJ is the culmination of a five-year effort. Joe, then W6FZJ, first heard Peter in 1972. He has been trying to work him ever since. Earlier in the same evening, Joe made the grade with G3LTF for the first time. The two QSOs brought W1JR's EME totals to 24 stations in 13 countries and 10 states as well as WAC. Joe says he runs "a very legal kW" to a 128-element extended/expanded collinear.


The dish at W5FF/K5FF (ex-W5MFZ) will be back up by the time you read this so Fred and Lee should be ready for EME skeeds on 70 cm and 1-1/4 meters. Anyone need NM?

A number of people have written asking where they can get the IN4885 varactor used in the Transplifier described in January 1976 *QST* and in the tripler found in the *Handbook*. According to WA1WVK at Headquarters, the diodes can be obtained from Space Power Electronics, RD 1, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826. Apparently the supply is limited, however. I understand that another firm handling hard-to-find semiconductors is Circuit Specialists in Scottsdale, AZ.

ATV activity seems to be picking up over the country. In support of this, W3HM in Mechanicsburg, PA, suggests that a regular subsection of the column be devoted to the facet of our hobby. What do you think? The material in the column is dependent on the reports received so let's hear from you.

23 Cm and Down - In the March column we mentioned the Gunn diode equipment for 23 cm being offered by Microwave Associates. Unfortunately in reporting the price, we said that the diodes are available for \$85 each. Actually, the whole assembly consisting of the Gunn diode oscillator, a Schottky diode mixer, a varicap acid diode as well as the mounting and coupling structure (what Microwave Associates calls a Gunnplexer) is what you get for the amount stated. Also available is a 17-dBi horn which can be mounted on the unit. All that needs to be added is a power supply and an fm receiver to make a complete 10-GHz transceiver. For more information, drop a line to Dana W. Atchley, Jr., W1CF, Microwave Associates Inc., Burlington, MA 01803. Interest in these units is being expressed from all over the country. On a recent trip to the West Coast, I had a 2-meter s.s.o. QSO with WA6ZKY. Gordon told me that quite a few members of the San Bernardino Microwave Society are planning to purchase Gunnplexers with a view to some DX QSOs both the mountaintop line-of-sight type as well as the over-nonoptical-paths sea ducting. Recall that it was with units very much like the one that G4BRS and GM3OXX set the 3-cm L record of 324 miles on an overwater path last summer.

Another application for the Gunnplexer on local line-of-sight paths as are often encountered in controlling and linking repeaters. W1CF says that the group operating WR1AJY in Carlisle, MA, is using one of these units to remote a receiver from W1ZA's tower to the repeater site about two miles away. There should be no end of uses to which amateurs can put these devices. The only limitation is ham ingenuity.

Let's hear more about your microwave experiments. 

50-MHz WAS

1	W0ZJB	52	W6GCG	102	WA6J
2	W0BJV	53	W2RQV	103	WB6W
3	W6CJS	54	W1DEI	104	W7FN
4	W5ZG	55	W6RBY	105	WB6G
5	W0ZHL	56	W6ANN	106	WB6O
6	W9OCA	57	W1SUZ	107	K7ZO
7	W0BC	58	W1AEP	108	WA6O
8	W0INI	59	W5LPH	109	W6PO
9	W1HQD	60	W6N LZ	110	K6JLD
10	W5HJ	61	W7MAH	111	K9BD
11	W1DZ	62	W8E5Z	112	W6F
12	W1LL	63	W2RYM	113	K6BV
13	W0DZM	64	W7ACD	114	K6QA
14	W0HWV	65	K6PYH	115	WA6O
15	W0WKB	66	W4HOB	116	WA6H
16	W0SMJ	67	K0JJA	117	K7CIN
17	W0OGV	68	K8RNO	118	W6GN
18	W7ERA	69	W9GWT	119	W4YG
19	W0JFU	70	W6EDC	120	W7ZB
20	W6TMI	71	K6VLM	121	WATF
21	K6EDX	72	K6GOX	122	WB6H
22	W5SFW	73	W0EDM	123	WA6A
23	W0ORE	74	W9JCI	124	WB6B
24	W9ALU	75	W8LLU	125	K6GH
25	W8CMS	76	W7RT	126	Not Is
26	W0LL	77	W6RBY	127	WA6B
27	W0CNM	78	W6KIN	128	WB6U
28	W1YNH	79	W6OKR	129	WA6K
29	W0QLY	80	K6GMX	130	K7GW
30	W7HEA	81	W7DYD	131	WA7B
31	K6GIG	82	K6ZEE	132	K7TU
32	W7FEG	83	K6HCP	133	WA6N
33	W0PFP	84	W7WYX	134	WB5C
34	W6B5J	85	K6GMV	135	K5HV
35	W2MEU	86	K7BAG	136	WA7E
36	W1CLS	87	W7ZOW	137	WA7R
37	W6PUZ	88	K7ZPS	138	VE7A
38	W1LL	89	K6EPT	139	W6SM
39	W0DXX	90	K7KHU	140	K5CM
40	W0DO	91	WATFO	141	W7IN
41	K9DXT	92	WATFO	142	W8DP
42	W6BAZ	93	WA6HxW	143	WA5I
43	W6ABN	94	W6NIT	144	WBKQ
44	VE3AET	95	K7ICW	145	W6GJ
45	W0FJP	96	K6EJO	146	WB6V
46	W0QIN	97	W6NLO	147	W7GR
47	W0WVN	98	W6NLO	148	K6DY
48	K9ETD	99	K6ZXS	149	WB6N
49	W0FQJ	100	K7MUR	150	K7YA
50	W8LPD	101	K5EFW	151	K7YA
51	W0ZTW	102	K5EFW	152	W5TR

No. 20, 22, 34, 43, 60, 68, 70, 71, 72, 74 a all after 75 are for 50 states.

Public Service

Conducted By Robert J. Halprin, * WA1WEM

Hammus Trafficus

When we saw this phrase in the Wisconsin Nets Operating Manual, we were overcome with a desire to know more about this strange species. So we searched and searched, through ancient and yellowed records and books, but we still weren't satisfied. Nowhere could we find a true definition of the traffic handler. Finally, with eyes burning from strain, we were about to give up, when we stumbled upon the "Traffic Topics" section of *QST* for November, 1957:

"Ever hear of Ben White, W4PL? Of course you have - that is, if you've been handling traffic very long. Ben is the dean of all traffic men, having been in the traffic game since before many of us were born and certainly since most of us were in knee pants; and what's more significant, he's been handling traffic ever since, steadily except for an occasional short layoff to QTA an illness. Add to this fact that he's a real swell guy, and you

have a combination that cannot but bring forth a certain amount of veneration for a gent who has been with us a long time and, we hope, will continue to be with us much longer.

"W4IA's Traffic Hounds Morning Watch, a fraternal type traffic net operating in the early morning (always Ben's favorite time for brass pounding), pulled a surprise party for Ben on the occasion of his 73rd [sic!] birthday. And when we say surprise, we do mean surprise. On August 17, with W4PL as NCS, 52 stations reported into the MW, a new record for the net. All of them had traffic for W4PL. After receiving the first few, Ben said 'I begin to smell a conspiracy.' But it was only the beginning. It was three hours and ten minutes later when Ben copied the last message, totaling 63 in all from 22 states, DC, Alaska [sic - Ed.], Quebec and Ontario. Many other stations were on with additional messages of greetings, but couldn't get

through the QRM. As one of the ARFers said, 'Sounds like a DX pileup.' VE2DR's message was a 73-word poem which we wish we had room to quote. VE3BUR expressed the sentiments of all with such phrases as '... may the ensuing years bring much good health, contentment and peace of mind to a grand old fellow.'

"Ben responded in typical fashion in a letter which was printed in W4IA's FB Morning Watch Bulletin. 'Any verbal felicity that I thought I had seems to have deserted me just when I need it most,' he said. 'I can only say to those who planned this, to those who called in, to those who tried to call, to all who kept the secret, my heartfelt thanks and warm appreciation. Hams are fine people, and the very finest of them are those who handle traffic.'

After reading this, we realized we had, at long last, reached the end of our quest.

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

Waukesha, WI - February 15 (1976). Normal frequencies failed for a military transport returning sick personnel from Germany to Mitchell Field near Milwaukee, WI. When their condition worsened, WA9VVS put the gear on 40 meters, contacting WB9LJW. Located just a few miles from the base, he relayed the request for ambulances and medics to stand by. (K9PAK)

Stewartsville, IN - December 21 (1976). Telephone efforts proved fruitless in trying to report a 4 A.M. fire across the street from WB9YPM, so he contacted WB9LCA on an area repeater. He was able to call his local police, who had neighboring fire departments respond. In the following days, amateurs also conducted a donation drive for the fire victims. (WB9RIU)

Georgia - January 2-3. The GA ARES net was activated for reporting conditions to the Atlanta NWS office as a severe storm moved across it and neighboring states. (K4YRL, SEC GA)

Leitchfield, KY - January 26. A natural gas explosion destroyed one building and set fire to four others, injuring eight persons. Coordination of county emergency equipment, 50 miles away, was handled by amateurs. (W4OYI)

Morrisville, PA - February 2. The Lower Bucks County ARPSC provided communications for both civil defense and the Red Cross during an apartment fire. (WB3BLE, EC Bucks Co.)

Lawrence, KS - February 11. Vandals slashed tires during a dinner of visually handicapped persons, including WB0QZV. Fellow amateurs gathered enough surplus tires to get everybody on their way again. (Kathy Vaughn)

Caribbean Ocean - February 17. Rough waters disoriented a converted PT boat south of Cuba, with WA4KPH aboard. He checked into the Maritime Mobile Service Net and WA4IAI called the Atlanta FCC office, who activated direction-finding stations in Washington and Florida. From their report,

VP2VB plotted a new course using the facilities of the larger ship he was on. (WA2LYT)

Caribbean Ocean - February 18. Between Cuba and Jamaica a sailing vessel hit rough seas, losing its bilge pump and LORAN navigation. WA3LBU/R2 broke in on W2LTP, who called Coast Guard hq. in New York. Also, W8EH called the FCC monitoring station at Allegan, MI, and WB5BTD contacted the Galveston, TX, Coast Guard station. A rescue plane located the boat, dropping three bilge pumps. (W8EH)

Dallas, TX - February 20. Mobile units of Dallas County and Garland RACES were at the scene of a train explosion within minutes. Both nets were activated to handle crowd and traffic control, and intracity communication. (W5DWL, SEC NTx)

Tuscaloosa Co., AL - February 23. Exactly two years after a killer tornado hit the area, a late-afternoon watch activated the West Alabama Emergency Net. It changed to a warning status, with the town of Eutaw being hit shortly afterward. Damage messages for c.d. were handled by WA4HIA, but no injuries were reported. (WB4SVH, EC Tuscaloosa Co.)

Yosemite National Park, CA - February 27. On an icy mountain road WB6AFH lost control and was hit by another vehicle, sending it over a cliff. He contacted WB6FZH through a repeater for help. While waiting, two similar accidents happened in the same area, but no injuries resulted from any of the incidents. (WB6AFH)

Repeater Log. According to reports received to date, repeaters were used to report 34 automobile accidents and related occurrences, two fires and one medical emergency. Repeaters involved were WR1AAC, WR3ACE, WR4ACO, WR7s ABQ ACA AEL AIM, WR9ABY, WR9ADH.

SEC reports received in February total 28, compared to 32 this time last year. Reported ARES members totaled 10,851 as compared to 11,015 in February 1976. Sections reporting were Ariz, Ark, Colo, Conn, Del, EMass, Ga, Ind, Kans, Me, Mich, Nev, NC, ND, NFla, NTex, Ohio, Okla, Ont, Org, SDgo, Sask, SFla, SNJ, Utah, Va, Wash, WMass, WPA.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

EAN's ubiquitous W2JJ reports that February was an "excellent month, superb conditions, lots of traffic and vastly improved representation." W7KZ, equally satisfied with his net's performance during the month, pronounced RN7 as *healthy*. New assistant managers: VE3GFN (ECN) and WB9TWT (9RN). First annual 2RN certificates went to W2AIR K2KQC WA2ECO WA2ZGR WA2KFE WA2KOJ WA2YEI WA2SYR WA2YXY WA2YYM WB2ASD WB2RMK WB2THS WB2YKG; second annual - W2JI WA2ELD WB2CST; fifth annual - W2ZEP WB2OYV; ninth annual - W2RUF. 1976 3RN wallpaper went to W3EEB W3IPX W3KUN W3LOS W3NEM W3NNL K3KAJ K3MVO K3OIO WA3AHP WA3OGM WA3PXA WA3QOZ WA3SXU WA3SWF WA3UYF WA3VBM WA3WPY W2KAT/3 W8BZY/3; 4RN certificates to WA4EPJ WA4KFE WA4JPV WA4ZHU; 2RN-D certificates to W2MTA W2UYE K2HNW WA2ECO WA2KOJ WA2PCP; and 9RN certificates to K4QCQ WB4HQW W9CXY (with the net since 1952!) W9DND W9GGW W9LTU W9NXG W9OT W9OYL W9QLW K9KHI K9MZO.

February Reports

(Evening sessions)
(Daytime sessions)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EAN	28	2020	72.1	1.609	98.2		
EAN	56	794	14.2	.675	90.8		
CAN	28	1492	53.3	1.303	100.0		
CAN	56	336	6.0	.263	97.2		
PAN	28	1307	46.7	.992	98.2		
PAN	56	164	2.9	.197	85.1		
1RN	54	668	12.3	.467	93.5	100.0	
1RN	24	154	6.4	.399	72.4	94.6	
2RN	82	657	8.0	.519	94.1	100.0	
2RN	51	421	8.2	.621	77.5	92.8	
3RN	56	367	6.5	.464	95.2	92.8	
3RN	28	101	3.6	.433	98.8	98.2	
4RN	54	740	13.7	.535	72.7	100.0	
4RN						98.2	
RN5	54	1006	18.6	.589	91.9	100.0	
RN5	28	379	13.5	.418	90.6	100.0	
RN6	56	952	17.0	.540	100.0	100.0	

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RN6	28	176	6.3	.218	88.3	96.4
RN7	56	464	8.2	.543	88.5	96.4
RN7	55	102	1.8	.147	52.0	75.0
8RN	53	404	7.6	.363	83.3	96.4
8RN	28	129	4.6	.386	92.8	100.0
9RN	56	498	8.8	.424	84.8	100.0
9RN	28	153	5.4	.320	91.1	91.0
TEN	56	526	9.3	.414	85.9	100.0
TEN	28	157	5.6	.312	38.5	100.0
ECN	54	422	7.8	.530	98.7	100.0
TWN	56	556	9.9	.426	98.6	98.2
TWN	20	79	3.9	.185	62.8	83.9

CTN 28 584 20.8 .776 100.0

TCC	102 ¹	854				
Eastern						
TCC	76 ¹	732				
Central						
TCC	102 ¹	919				
Pacific						
Sections ²						
	3957	20644	5.2			

Summary						
Record	5242	38957	7.4			
	5065	34238	24.3			

¹TCC functions not counted as net sessions.
²Section and local nets reporting (133): BCEN (BC), MTN (MB), WQV/UHF (PQ), SATN SSTN (SK), AENB AENO AENF AENM AENR AENW SENS (AL), ASN (AK), ATEN HARC (AZ), AMBN APN ARN OZK (AR), NCN NEN SDNN SCN (CA), CWN (CO, WY), CN CPN VHF-2 (CT), DEPN DTN (DE), FAST FMTN FPTN GN QFN QFNS SPARC TPTN (FL), CVEN GARES GASSBN (GA), IMN MTN (ID, MT), ILN ISN (IL), TLGN (IA), KSBN KWN GKS QKS-SS (KS), MKPN KNTN KPN KRN KSN KTN KYN (KY), LAN LRN LSN LTN (LA), PTDN SGN (ME), MDCTN MDD (MD), EMRI EM2MN HHTN WCN WMPN (MA), HEN KCAN MACS M16m MNN QMN WSBN (MI), MAWX MSN MSSPN MSSN PAW (MN), MTN (MS), MON MOSSBN MNN PHD (MO), BARTEN NJN NJPN NJSN (NJ), SWN (NM), NLI NLIPN NLS NYS WDN (NY), NCS5BN PX SCS5BN THEN (NC, SC), ONN OSN OSSBN (OH), OAN OFON OIZ OPEN OTWN STN (OK), WCN (OR, WA), WPTN (Pa), EPAEP&TN PTTN WPA (PA), ETTMNTN TNN TPN (TN), BEN TEX TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), VFN VSN VSNB (VA), WSN (WA), WVN (WV), BEN BWN WIN WNN WSBN (WI).

1 -- NET	5 -- RATE
2 -- SESSIONS	6 -- % REP.
3 -- TRAFFIC	7 -- % REP. TO AREA NET
4 -- AVG.	

1	2	3	4	5	
Eastern	108	94.4	2319	854	
Central	84	92.8	1458	732	
Pacific	112	91.1	1873	919	
Summary	304	92.7	5650	2505	
1 -- AREA				4 -- TRAFFIC	
2 -- FUNCTIONS				5 -- OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC	
3 -- % SUCCESSFUL					

TCC Roster

The TCC roster (February): Eastern Area (W2FR, Dir.) — W1s NJM QYY, K1s EIR GN, WA1s FCM MSK WEM, W2s FR GKZ, K2HI/VE2, WA2s ICB PJL, WB2s ASD RKK, WA3s SXU VBM, W4s NPT UQ, K4KNP, W8s LTA PMJ, K8KMQ, WB8ITT, VE1AAO, VE3s GOL SB. Central Area (W5GHP, Dir.) — W4RQS, WB4SKI, W5s GHP MI UGE UJJ, WA5IUQ, W9s CXY DND NXG, WA9EED, WB9s NOZ TWT, W0s AM HI QMY, K0s CVD CW, WA0TNM. Pacific Area (K5MAT, Dir.) — W5RE, K5MAT, WB5KSS, W6s BGF EOT MLF OA VZT, K6HW, W7s DZX GB GHT KZ VSE, K7s IWD NHL QFG, W0s ETT IW KLE LQ, K0s DRL TER, N0IA, WB0s DJY QOT, VE7ZK.

Independent Nets (February)

1	2	3	4	5	6
Clearing House	28	552	555		
Early Bird	26	111	205		
Hit & Bounce	56	1752	414		
Hit & Bounce Slow	16	39	106		
Mike Farad	24	112	275		
North American SSB	22	112	279		
North American					
Traffic and Awards	22	124	929		
Washington Region PON	16	48	306		
20 Meter ISSB	23	658	491		
75 Meter ISSB	28	760	1342		
7290 Traffic	41	542	2210		

Public Service Honor Roll February 1977

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 within a disaster area, 1 point each message; (9) Serving as net manager for entire month, 5 points. This listing is available to Novices and Technicians who achieve a total of 20 or more points.

72	59	51	46
W5KLV	WA1VGP	WB5NEZ	WA1MJE
71	WB4ARJ	50	WB4SKI
WB5NUM	W7VSE	50	K5ZSI
58	57	WB8NCD	K6JES
W4OGG	WA2BMI	49	WA7KQE
67	56	W1RWG	WA9QCF
WA5RKU	WA1MSK	WB2EMU	WB0QOT
64	AB2ASD	WB2LZN	VE5WM
WA3YJG	W2MLC	K3YHR	45
WB4OBZ	WA25JG	WB5FHU	K3ORW
VE1ZH	WB4CAK	WA51QU	WA5VBM
63	WA4FBI	WB5PVL	K0PVI
WB9HOX	WB5PTH	WA5ZZA	W0OYH
62	WB6JIK	WB6UZX	44
WA6TVA	W6RNL	WA7MEL	W1BVR
61	WA1TEH	K0EVIH	WA2ERT/1
WA1FCM	WA4EPJ	K0MRI	K3KAJ
WA1VEI	K0CVD	W0RFF	W31PX
WA2ECO	53	VE1AMR	WB4DJU
W2MTA	WB2CST	VE3DPO	K4EV
WB4EKJ	WB2RUZ	VE3DV	W9MFG
WB5KGP	WB4DBK	48	W9NXX
WB5NKG	52	W4MEE	WB90EC
WA5YEA	K4BKX	W9MMP/0	WB9PIR
WB6PVA	WA6BFL	47	WB9QKH
W7OCX	W7GHT	WA2DIW	K9ZTV
WB9ICH	K9SAO	WA2ZJP	VE1AAO
	VE7DKY	WA3VBM	VE1ACU
		W0HXB	

VE3CDK	42	WB4TEK	VE5KJ
VE3GOL	W2CS	K9LGU	39
VE5NJ	WA2VEN/0	WB0LFLY	WA1ZAZ/N
	WA4PZD	VE5XC	
43	W9GGW	VE5XU	22
WB6JXK	W9NJP	40	WA1UWF/N
K0CVD	VE4UL	WA5JYH	WB4QBB/N
WB00FQ	41	W5UJJ	
W00TF	W4LXB	VE4VV	

Brass Pounders League February 1977

BPL Medallions (see December 1973 QST p. 59) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listings: WB4SK1 W5UGE W7SQT WB8DQX WA0VRE VE7ZK.

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 handed on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in standard ARRL form.

1	2	3	4	5	6
W3CUL	319	2153	2316	121	4909
W4DUG	2307	29	2315		4651
K3NSN	1460	240	235	5	1940
W0WYX	42	856	321	535	1754
WA0RWM		554	35	550	1139
W3VR	316	295	411	22	1044
W2EC		518	471	9	998
WA4JDH	1	489	483	1	974
W4MEE	4	453	390	17	864
K0ONK	13	712	111	18	854
K9CPM		482	66	274	822
K1NH	73	330	397	20	820
K0ZSQ		380		380	760
W0MZI	20	355		301	656
WB6EIG	12	322	312	10	656
WB4OBZ	12	325	308	3	644
W5SHN	103	305	221	4	633
VE3SB		287	301	3	594
WB0HOX	4	291	277	14	588
WA0AUX	11	286	276	8	581
WB4ARJ		256	295	2	553
W4FOE	13	265	228	43	545
W5KLV	3	290	243	9	545
W9MMP/0	23	211	172	112	516
K4TH	10	237	164	92	503
K3CR	228	23	228	22	501
WA3YJG	11	181	201	108	501

BPL for 100 or more originations-plus-deliveries

W0FIR	240	W7VSE	146
WA3ATQ	208	W7TZK	132
K7VWA	182	WA1VGP	120
WA3THT	171	WA9GBW	118
WA4TXM	155	W6NL	111
W7SQT	152	WA5VBM	108
		W9IOH	102

1 -- CALL	4 -- SENT
2 -- ORIG.	5 -- DEL.
3 -- RECD.	6 -- TOTAL



George Wood, WA1ZAZ, is a good example of hamhus trafficus. There's not enough room available to tell you how many nets he's active in, but suffice it to say that he was one of the first to qualify for Novice PSHR. How about you?



You'll notice that Gordon Good, WB8YVI, also achieved Novice PSHR. But not for long. He reports that he just passed the General exam. Good work!

Armed Forces Day Communications Tests

Here is a chance to make some contacts outside amateur bands. Army, Navy-Marine Corps and Air Force stations will be looking for your calls on May 21.

This year's observance of Armed Forces Day marks the 28th 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 21, emphasize the continuing climate of mutual assistance and warm esteem.

A featured highlight of Armed Forces Day 1977 will be the traditional military-to-amateur communications tests. These tests give amateur operators their yearly opportunity to demonstrate their technical skills and receive proper recognition for their expertise. The proceedings include crossband operations in continuous wave (cw), voice (ssb), radioteletypewriter (RTTY) and slow-scan television (SSTV). QSL cards will be awarded to amateurs achieving a verified two-way contact with any of the participating military stations. It will not be necessary to send a QSL card to the military station contacted. Certificates will be sent to those amateurs who receive and accurately copy the Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense, as transmitted in both cw and RTTY.

Interception by shortwave listeners (SWL) is not acknowledged by QSL cards. However, anyone with the required equipment and ability can qualify for a certificate by copying the Secretary's message.

The 1977 Armed Forces Day slogan is "PEACE THROUGH READINESS," with the emphasis on the vital role our armed forces play in the defense and preservation of our great nation. This responsibility has always been shared by the amateur radio community, ever ready to devote their time, effort and

skill toward a beneficial working relationship with the U.S. military communications community.

The military-to-amateur crossband operations will be conducted from 21/1300 UTC to 22/0245 UTC. Military stations NPL, NMH, NAM, NPG, WAR and AIR will transmit on military frequencies, and listen for amateur stations transmitting in those portions of the amateur band indicated below. The operators at the military stations will specify that portion of the amateur subband they are listening.

NPL (Naval Communications Station, San Diego, CA)

MILITARY FREQ. kHz UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED	APPROPRIATE AMATEUR BAND IN MHz
14.389 (1500Z-2100Z)	14.225-14.250 SSTV
7.370 (1500Z-2100Z)	7.16-7.19

NMH (Coast Guard Radio Station, Alexandria, VA)

14.470	14.225-14.250 SSTV
7346.5	7.16-7.19

WAR (Army Radio Washington, DC)

4001.5	3.5-3.75 cw
4020	3.775-4.0 lsb
4030	3.65-3.775 RTTY
6997.5	7.0-7.15 cw
14405	14.0-14.2 cw
20994	21.25-21.45 usb

NAM (Naval Communications Station, Norfolk, VA)

3385	3.5-3.75 cw
4040	3.775-4.0 lsb
6970	7.15-7.3 lsb
7301	7.0-7.05 cw
14385	14.2-14.35 usb
14400	14.0-14.1 cw

NPG (Naval Communications Station, San Francisco, CA)

4001.5	3.775-4.0 lsb
4005	3.5-3.65 cw
4010	3.65-3.75 cw
6989	7.0-7.075 cw
7301.5	7.15-7.3 lsb
7347.5	7.0-7.1 RTTY
7365	7.075-7.150 cw
13922.5	14.0-14.15 RTTY
14356	14.2-14.275 usb
14375	14.0-14.1 cw
14389	14.275-14.35 usb
20983	21.0-21.2 cw
20998.5	21.27-21.4 usb

FREQ. MHz

49.995*	a-m/usb/cw 50.0-51.0
143.995*	a-m/usb/cw 144.0-146.0
148.40**	fm/RTTY 146-148
148.95**	fm/RTTY 146.0-148.0
222.0*	a-m/usb/cw 221.0-222.5

*To be operated from Mt. Vaca
**To be operated from Mt. Diablo

AIR (Air Force Radio Washington, DC)

4025	3.775-4.0 lsb
7305	7.15-7.3 lsb
7315	7.0-7.3 cw
14397	14.2-14.35 usb

CW Receiving Test

The "cw" receiving test will be conducted at 25 words per minute 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 22/0300 UTC. The Secretary-of-Defense message will be transmitted precisely at 22/0310 UTC from the following stations on frequencies listed.

TRANSMITTING STATION	FREQ. (kHz)
WAR — Army	4030, 6997.5, 14405
NAM — Navy	3385, 7301, 14400
NPG — Navy	4005, 6989, 14375, 49.995 MHz, 143.995 MHz
AIR — Air Force	7315

RTTY Receiving Test

The radioteletypewriter "RTTY" receiving test will be transmitted at 60 words per minute. A ten-minute CQ call for tuning purposes will begin at 22/0335 UTC. The special Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense will be transmitted at 22/0345 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	FREQ. (kHz)
WAR — Army	4030, 6697.5, 14405
NPG — Navy	4010, 7347.5, 13922.5, 148.410 MHz
AIR — Air Force	7315

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 May 25, 1977, 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 St. & So. Courthouse Rd.; 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

Strays



At age 81, Joseph Ross, W6GYX, has confessed. His amateur radio station, ca. 1911, was decidedly not legal. Until competing interests (girls) took over, Joe had a great time with his newfangled radio equipment. Licensed in 1951, W6GYX remains active in two local radio clubs and keeps up with QST at the library. His station's call sign in the century's second decade? JR, of course!

WANT TO HEAR A SATELLITE?

□ You've read about them, wondered about them, seen pictures of them. Why not listen to them?

OSCAR 6 will be coming your way all month on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, local time. Tune your receiver between 29.45 and 29.55 MHz at about 8:50 P.M. CDST on Friday, May 6, and you'll likely hear the band come to life with all sorts of Morse code and phone signals, as ground stations frantically try to garner QSOs while the satellite speeds northward. Spanish will be evident at first, but contacts will slowly change to English as OSCAR speeds out of range of South and Central America. This OSCAR 6 pass, its 20,842nd, will bring the bird over the heart of North America. This means it will be within range of the entire U.S. and most of Canada.

A good pass for the East Coast and Midwest will occur on Sunday evening, May 16. If you're listening at about 8:30 P.M. EDST, you'll hear Venezuelans contacting Floridians, then stations in the eastern and midwestern U.S. getting together via OSCAR. OSCAR 6 will pass out of range of the north-

eastern U.S. at about 8:50, while over Northern Canada.

If you're on the West Coast, listen for OSCAR 6 on Wednesday evening, May 25. Begin tuning for the tiny spacecraft at about 8:50 P.M. PDST (a few minutes later if you live in the Pacific Northwest). With any luck, some Hawaiian regulars will be on that evening, and you'll hear some DX between W6s and KH6s for about 20 minutes. OSCAR 6 will be traveling northward about 300 miles off the West Coast, well within range of the islands.

If you Westerners (U.S. and Canada) would like to hear the newest amateur satellite, AMSAT-OSCAR 7, try Wednesday evening, May 4. Start listening between 29.4 and 29.5 MHz at about 7:55 P.M. PDST, and you should hear some Mexican stations, followed by U.S. and Canadian OSCAR users vying for attention. Catch the quick dit-dahs of the telemetry beacon on 29.502 MHz.

When A-O 7 is in Mode B (even days of the year), you'll need a two-meter receiver and antenna to hear it. Its signals are somewhat stronger than OSCAR 7's 10-meter "downlink," so it will be that much easier to catch. A good midwestern pass that should be within range of most of North America will occur on Monday, May 9. Tune in on 145.95 MHz at about 8:45 P.M. CDST for this one.

If you have mornings free, why not try the less crowded conditions you'll find on OSCAR 7's north-to-south orbits? A 10-meter orbit the East Coast will hear loud and clear will occur on Thursday morning, May 19. Try listening between 29.4 and 29.5 MHz at about 10:15 A.M. EDST.

A West Coast morning orbit can be heard on Monday, May 9. Start listening on the same frequencies at about 9:05 A.M. PDST. You should hear OSCAR 7 for about 20 minutes as it comes down from the North Pole on its never-ceasing journey through the sky.

Another good evening orbit for OSCAR 7's 10-meter signals is Saturday, May 28. Tune in to the spacecraft about 8:40 P.M. CDST. This pass should bring OSCAR within range of the eastern two-thirds of the U.S., then the Canadian midwest.

These selected orbits are just a few of the hundreds of times each month one OSCAR or the other is available to us in North America. You need only a 10-meter receiver and just about any kind of antenna — along with the desire to catch a communications satellite from your own QTH. Happy hunting!

Rules, 1977 IARU Radiosport Championship

Do your part for WARC and have fun in the process.

This is it . . . a DX Competition in July, a summertime Sweepstakes, a Worked-All-States weekend, an International QSO Party. As stated in the outline of rules for this Radiosport Championship (March *QST*, page 87), the special occasion which promises to make this an operating event to remember is the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference, and the international amateur solidarity to be fostered between now and then. If you are an operating radio amateur, then there is something here for you.

The rules as outlined in March remain unchanged, except for an expanded awards program; separate categories of competition for single-operator station will include the following: cw only, phone only, and mixed phone and cw. Mixed-mode only for multi-operator entries.

Entries from U.S. and Canadian amateurs will be accepted *only* if made on official log sheets and summary sheets. Those will be available upon request in mid-May in any quantity desired. Send a large, self-addressed stamped envelope to ARRL Headquarters, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, USA. Log sheets contain space for 100 contacts per sheet of paper; don't forget to also request Operating Aid 6 forms for keeping track (in matrix form) of W/VE contacts and form CD175 for DX contacts. Such forms (filled out) are required with any U.S. or Canadian entrant making a total of more than 200 contacts. The summary sheet contains a worldwide ITU zone list.

Eligibility: All amateurs worldwide, in single-operator and multi-operator, single-transmitter categories. No multi-transmitter allowed. Guidelines for single-operator and multi-single are the same as for the ARRL International DX Competition (page 88, December 1976 *QST*).

Contest Period: July 9 and 10, 1977 (in UTC). Maximum 36 hours for single-operator entries. No time limit for multi-single.

Valid contacts: All amateur bands,

160-2 meters. Each station may be worked once per frequency band, regardless of mode. Crossband contacts not allowed, except contacts via the OSCAR satellites are allowed and count as a separate band. Contacts within one's own DXCC country count one point, outside of one's country but within one's own continent count three points, and outside of one's own continent count five points.

Multipliers: The sum of the number of different ITU zones worked on each band.

Exchanges: Signal report and ITU zone.

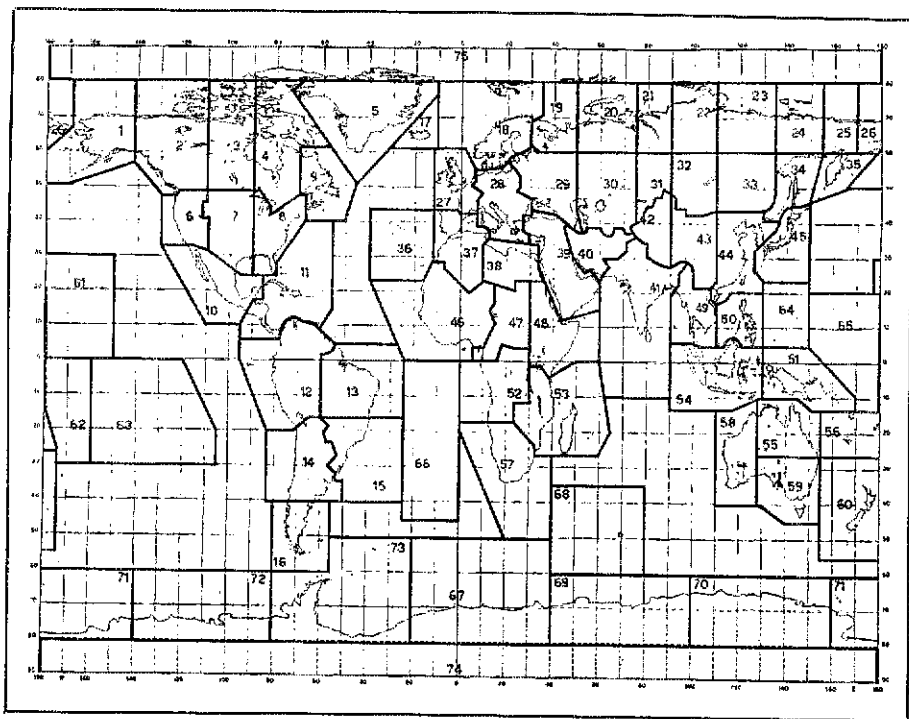
Scoring: Final score equals number of QSO points times the zone multiplier.

Reporting: All entries worldwide to

be sent to IARU Headquarters, Box AAA, Newington, CT 06111, USA. All U.S. and Canadian entrants *must use* official log sheets and summary sheets, and their entries must be accompanied by dupe sheets if they made 200 or more QSOs. Entries must be post-marked no later than September 1, 1977. All entries become the property of the IARU and none can be returned. In cases of dispute, the decisions of the IARU awards committee are final.

Awards: A certificate will be awarded to the highest scoring cw only, phone only, and mixed-mode entrant in each U.S. state, each Canadian province, each ITU zone and each DXCC country. Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each country's IARU national society.

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This is a standard ITU zone map. W1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 are in ITU Zone 8; W5 and W0 are in Zone 7; W6 and 7 are in Zone 6; VE1 and 2 in Zone 9; VE3 Zone 4; VE4 and 5 Zone 3; VE6 and 7 Zone 2; VE8 Zones 2, 3, 4 and 75. KH6 is in Zone 61 and KL7 in Zone 1. A complete list, by country prefix, is on the back of the Radiosport Championship summary sheet (form CD236).

Results, 43rd ARRL November Sweepstakes

Happiness is being part of an all-time record-breaking event.

By Jim Cain,* WA1STN

We did something right. Despite dire predictions that the 1976 November Sweepstakes contest would be a bust, the 1976 SS was an unqualified success. From every viewpoint, the operating activity which has been touted over the years as the "opening of the contest season" reached new heights last November. The only benchmark which was not raised was the number of complaints from noncontesters, which were almost nonexistent.

For starters, give this some thought. In 1976, every single high-power all-time division record was broken on phone. Every one. We thought about just running the 1976 phone-division-leaders listing and giving it two labels: 1976 and all-time! On cw, a few previous division records remained untouched, but not unchallenged; those remaining to be shattered are Central Division, Midwest, Northwest, Roanoke (c'mon, you guys; W4KFC's record is 11 years old), and Southwest. If this keeps up we will need an electronic scoreboard with instant updating.

Total number of entries in the 1975 Sweepstakes was 2399, down just slightly from 1974, which was the all-time record. In 1976 Headquarters was inundated by 2805 entries, fully 22 percent more than the previous year, and a new record. That's just a handful less than the record for the highest number of entries in any single contest, set in the DX Competition during the last sunspot maximum. If you're thinking

that the Contest Branch had 22 percent more work to do this year than last, you're wrong. Thirty-five percent would be more like it, because the average



Santa Barbara man WB6JXB finds left-footed sending a most relaxing November SS mode of operation.



WB4KTR (r) found his SS operation somewhat limited; he took time out to make some music with famous Bluesman Muddy Waters.

number of contacts per entry was up by at least 10 percent.

The additional entries seemed to come primarily from those "little guys" we discussed on these pages a year ago, at least some of them as a result of the 200-QSO award offered this year. The Bicentennial Worked All States award probably didn't hinder activity, either. A few of the Canadian sections were moderately scarce (not to mention the U.S. Canal Zone) but all the 50 states were easily found on both modes.

Highlights, Big Gun Category. Everyone knew beforehand that the phone weekend would probably be a battle of two stations: WA0CVS and KV4FZ. WA0CVS received his new call sign hours before the start of the SS and operator WB0DJY had to re-do his CQ tapes with the new call, W0TR. It was only fair, though, that he have a two-letter call sign to compete against the possible advantage gained by his competition's semi-exotic KV4 call sign. K7VPF rolled into the KV4FZ radio station and proceeded to operate while contending with several unknown quantities like band openings and "where's the john?" When it was all over and the dust had cleared there was still some doubt about the outcome, since both contenders had to dupe and re-dupe their logs. The final QSO spread was 21, less than one contact per hour!

Amazingly, two East Coast phone operators managed to break into the Top Ten this year with a couple more lurking very near — WB2OEU with big antennas and WA1LNQ with little ones

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Little by big-gun standards, of course, yet it's not only size, but operating technique that counts. All in all, it was four stations south of the Mason-Dixon line, six north, and four stations west of the Rockies and six east. Eight of the 10, however, are at the right distance to work the East Coast on 20 and 15 meters and that's still what counts. Overall, in 22 sections it took over 200k points to win, and only 11 section winners made less than 100k on phone!

WASLES, last year's cw record-setter, beat his own record but that wasn't quite enough, as Chip at KV4FZ beat it by even more. Add KP4EAJ who operated from KP4AST and W6OAT who keyed WA7NIN and we have a total of three operators who bettered the former record and one who came close. Yes, indeed, there were more "little guys" to work and they did send faster this year. Bravo! Fifty-three of the sections required over 100k for victory on cw, and 18 took over 150k!

Last year there were *no* clean sweeps (all 75 section multipliers worked) on cw, while in 1976 we had 17. VE8 was still the killer and there seems to be no solution to that problem. If you discount the four multi-operator cw stations who swept and the three operators who were "out" for a clean sweep (score not so important) that leaves a lot of serious SS contestants who just plain didn't make the grade, although not for lack of trying.

One hundred and nine clean sweeps on phone is more like it, all right. This writer attempted a minimum-time sweep on phone and finished it by calling a VE1 out of the 75-meter band on cw and luring him up to 3780. That came after coming dangerously close to having to run a phone patch to Balboa in the Canal Zone. Oh well.

What about the low-power competition, you say? The all-time listing elsewhere in this report reveals that many division records remain to be broken, although 11 out of 32 were laid to rest in 1976. It *would* be interesting if some of the well-hardwired stations would shut down their amplifiers for a year and go after some of those 200-watt records. Anyhow, AC8CQN lead the cw QRPers (and, by the way, three of the top four in Michigan were category "A" stations), while Coloradoan WB0MIV turned in the top amplifier-less phone score. That computes, since the overall top phone score also originated in John Denver's Rocky Mountain high country.

And now for something completely different for most casual participants and probably different for most big guns. It's called "disqualifications and how to avoid them." Unfortunately, entrants eliminated from the competition this year include several operators from the Top Ten on both phone and

Division Leaders - Phone

HIGH POWER	LOW POWER	DIVISION	MULTI-OP
W3KWV	WA3TBW/3	Atlantic	K3CR
WA9BWW	WB9KMQ	Central	WB9GCS
WA0ONL	WA0URW	Dakota	WB0DSJ
W5WMU	W1FCC/4	Delta	WA4EJX
WA8PLZ	W8TR	Great Lakes	WB8JBM/8
WB2OEU	WA2LBT	Hudson	WB2MZU
K0GXR	WB0ISW	Midwest	W0QQQ
WA1LNQ	WB2JSJ/1	New England	K1VTM/1
WA7WXY	W7TYN	Northwestern	W7FO
WA7NIN	WA6WRS	Pacific	W6YX
K4YF	W4WSF	Roanoke	W4BVV
W0TR	WB0MIV	Rocky Mtn.	WA0UWF
KV4FZ	AA4BTQ	Southeastern	W4AQL
W6HX	WA7VTM	Southwestern	W6CCP
K5LWL	AB5AAR/5	West Gulf	AA5RXT
VE5DX	VE6ATT	Canadian	VE3DOP

Division Leaders - CW

HIGH POWER	LOW POWER	DIVISION	MULTI-OP
W3LPL	WA3SWF	Atlantic	K3GJD
WA9BWW	AB9CGL	Central	K9RMA
WA0ONL	WA0UCU	Dakota	
W5WMU	WA5VDH	Delta	W4EAL
K4GSU	AC8CQN	Great Lakes	WB8JBM/8
WA2UOO	AB2SJJ	Hudson	W2SZ
K0GXR	WA0PAO	Midwest	W0ZLN
W1FBY	W1DGL/1	New England	W1MX
W7TML	W7YTN	Northwestern	K3MNT/7
WA7NIN	AA6MQS	Pacific	W6YX
K4VX	W4WSF	Roanoke	W4UPJ
WB0DJY	W0ETT	Rocky Mtn.	WB0OYX
KV4FZ	K4VFY	Southeastern	W4AQL
K6NA	WB7AEB	Southwestern	WB6JJE
WA5LES	WB5OAF	West Gulf	AA5RXT
VE7CC	VE1MX	Canadian	VE3ART

Top Ten - Low Power

CW	PHONE	CALL	SCORE	CALL	SCORE
AC8CQN	131,254	WB0MIV	176,100		
WA5VDH	129,940	WB0IWL	139,160		
W1FCC/4	125,504	W4WSF	128,400		
WB5AOF	116,928	AB5AAR/5	128,084		
WA3SWF	115,632	WA3TBW/3	124,960		
W5AC	115,632	W8TR	117,718		
W0ETT	112,896	WA7VTM	116,340		
W5SBX	111,444	WB5AOF	114,402		
K4VFY	108,914	WA6ELX	113,040		
WA0PAO	108,478	WB2JSJ/1	108,288		



Ninth-Area Contest Advisory Committee member Vic, K9UIY, and his famous QRP station.

cw. Careful scrutiny of the claimed scores in February's *QST* compared to the final scores in this issue will indicate that *every* Top Ten entry was adjusted in score. When one is adjusted downward greater than two percent, the entry becomes eligible for *possible* action; in practice, the figure used is three-percent score reduction. Entries so adjusted are reviewed by the Headquarters Awards Committee and are weighed against the disqualification criteria specified several years ago by the volunteer Contest Advisory Committee (and printed each year in January *QST*).

So much for the standard speech . . . now for the nitty-gritty. All those disqualified from the top scorers were primarily for "rubber-clocking" (with a few dupes thrown in). If you don't know what rubber-clocking is, it's just as well. If you do, then you also know that with 2,800 logs to cross-check it is not very difficult to spot such time bending.

Backtracking. Last year in the SS report we exhorted entrants to use our forms instead of homemade ones, and to write so we could read what you wrote. This year about 15 percent of the entries used homemade forms, which doesn't seem like much until you

multiply 2805 times point one five. Be sure to read the rules for the upcoming November Sweepstakes, and for all upcoming contests, for that matter. You may be surprised at what you read about requirements for submitting entries in ARRL contests. We're sorry it has to be that way, but with all of our contests experiencing increased activity, with more awards offered all the time, and with the potentially gigantic Radio-sport Championship to deal with in July, we simply have to do what we can to streamline our operation. Please ask for and use ARRL contest forms, and we'll reward you with faster service, more timely QST reports, and less errors in those reports.

Last but definitely not least, some words about the Affiliated Club Competition aspect of the SS. Number of clubs with valid entries this year: 90, up from 76 in 1975. While some medium-sized clubs were swallowed up by contest conglomerates, many made rather hefty advances in their total point productions over the '75 SS. The Northern California Contest Club wins overall for the second year in a row, their margin of victory over second-place Potomac Valley Radio Club a half-million points this time, versus just 350k in 1975. Both groups produced over a million more points than they did in 1975, NCCC with 136 valid entries and PVRC managing 154.

New to the Top Ten clubs listing in 1976 are the New England Contest Club, the Southern California Contest Club, the Texas Associated Contest Operators, and the Colorado Contest Conspiracy. The first three are new groups, while CCC has been around a few years. Biggest jump upward in the listings is the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, from a quarter-million points in 1975 to over a million (and

Affiliated-Club Competition

CLUB	SCORE	ENTRIES	CW WINNER	PHONE WINNER
Northern California Contest Club	10,884,832	136	WA7NIN	WA7NIN
Potomac Valley Radio Club	10,343,214	154	W3LPL	K4YF
Murphy's Marauders	6,520,254	62	W1FBY	WB2OEU
Mad River Radio Club(OH)	3,776,318	42	WA3WIK	WA3WIK
Wireless Institute of NE	3,387,260	49	WA2UOO	WB2RKK
New England Contest Club	2,936,782	45	W1DAL	W1CF
Western Washington DX Club	2,871,650	46	K7RSC	W7RM
Southern California Contest Club	2,863,224	40	W6RIT	WB6YBL
Texas Assoc. Contest Operators	2,350,766	25	AA5LES	WB5OOE
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	2,029,258	17	WB0DJY	W0TR
South Jersey Radio Association	1,356,216	49	K2JOC	WA2VYA
Central Michigan ARC	1,093,428	63	AC8SH	WA8LTX
Texas DX Society	995,022	11	W5SBX	K5LWL
Radio Amateur Technical Society (IL)	849,874	11	WB9KLV	K9HDE
Buffalo Area DX Club	757,194	13	WA2LCC	WA2LCC
Canton Amateur Radio Club(OH)	697,612	20	W8SWB	W8SWB
L'Anse Creuse ARC(MI)	679,674	32	W8GLC	K8BZK
Frankford Radio Club	632,496	8	W2LYL	K3DPQ
Schaumburg Amateur Radio Club(IL)	605,834	10	WA9PBK	WA9PBK
Radio Club of Tacoma	586,908	10	W7BUN	W7BUN
Southern California DX Club	562,544	10	W7CB/6	K6AC
Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Assoc.(MI)	549,778	27	W8QM	WB8IOT
Indy DXers	482,710	5		WA9BWY
Kankakee Area Radio Society(IL)	470,462	9	AC9NLR	WB9HAD
Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club(SD)	421,826	3		
Orlando Amateur Radio Club	401,772	3		
Motor City Radio Club(MI)	399,014	13	W8BNF	WA8FRE
South Peninsula Amateur Radio Club(CA)	377,120	14	W6ICJ	W6KH
Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Assoc.	369,458	7	W8RSW	
North Florida Amateur Radio Society	356,108	4		WA4UFW
Wisconsin Valley Radio Association	344,920	8	W9NA	W9NA
Michigan DX Association	342,348	4		
Twin City DX Association(MN)	342,302	5	WB0ANT	
Georgia Tech Amateur Radio Club	322,450	4		
Ozaukee Radio Club(WI)	320,986	5	W9LO	
Gloucester County ARC(NJ)	302,822	10	WB2OSQ	AB2BVV
Winona Radio Club(MN)	294,998	8	WA0URW	WA0URW
Northern Illinois DX Association	271,970	3		
Bluegrass Amateur Radio Club(KY)	266,660	5	AB4FOT	
Alamance Amateur Radio Club(NC)	266,436	10		WA4FFW
Central Virginia Contest Club	266,070	6	K4JM	W4QCW
Pennsylvania Wireless Association	250,728	6	WA3NAF	
Northwest Amateur Radio Club(IL)	248,016	7	W9ZAV	AB9DED
Massillon Amateur Radio Club(OH)	247,698	5	W8LSO	
Overlook Mountain ARC(NY)	239,310	11	W2FPG	AB2BXL
Northrop Radio Club(CA)	230,338	7	W6VPZ	W6HDK
Fresno Amateur Radio Club	228,232	11	WA6JDB	WA6WRS



Another 200k points to the winning NCCC club effort from this gent, WA6MS.

12th place) in 1976!

Those extra points the leading individuals picked up in 1976 and those ballooning club scores are, no doubt, because the "little guys" were out in force. Some of them moved out of that category and into the potential big-gun classification by virtue of their 1976 performances. Our resident philosopher says it's because many of those casual operators started out to make the 200-QSO award level, found out how easy it was, and proceeded to make 300, 400 or more contacts. The certificates will be mailed sometime in May; 200-QSO, section winner, club winner, and that's it. It was a tremendously successful SS, and we thank you.

Oh, yes, the results compiled here would never have been completed with-

out the help of Contest Branch Communications Assistant Bill Jennings, WA1AHI, typist Rita Tilley, WA1WEV, and part-time able helper Dan Street, WA1QNF

Soapbox

My good friend John, K9YBC, was married during the cw weekend. He will be remembered as having been an excellent SS operator. R.I.P.! (K9I WV) The miracle of ham radio — a refugee from Brooklyn goes to Vermont and instantly becomes a celebrity on 20 meters. (WB2JSJ/1) My XYL has made a noteworthy observation: There is a significant reduction in desire to operate the radio after 24 hours of operation. Conclusion . . . there really can be too much of a good thing! (K0JGH) Perhaps

Nicolet High School ARC(WI)	226,350	4		
Five Flags Amateur Radio Assoc.(FL)	211,642	3	WB4SKI	
Lincoln Amateur Radio Club(NE)	204,944	3		
Norwood Amateur Radio Club(MA)	200,274	4		
ARINC Amateur Radio Club(MD)	196,722	8	W3TOS	WA3UUO
IBM Oswego Amateur Radio Club(NY)	185,536	4		
Electronics Museum ARC(CA)	184,968	5	W6ASH	
Burlington Amateur Radio Club(VT)	184,772	4		
PENNARC(PA)	182,390	8		WA3WVT
Schenectady Amateur Radio Assoc.	181,368	4	WB2QDP	
Lake County Amateur Radio Club (IN)	177,702	3		
Connecticut Wireless Association	174,694	5	W1BIH	
University of Manitoba ARS	164,716	4		
Wabash County Amateur Radio Club(IN)	162,708	8	W9JOO	W9JOO
Douglas County Amateur Radio Club(KS)	162,456	4		
Memphis Amateur Radio Association	157,588	8	AB4WHE	K4TTA
Ft. Wayne Radio Club	153,548	3		
Muskegon Area Amateur Radio Club	148,868	8		WB8OQR
Blossomland Amateur Radio Assoc.(MI)	148,588	8	W8IHE	WB8DZR
Johnson County Amateur Radio Club(KS)	139,260	3		
Framingham ARC(MA)	138,548	6		
Atlanta Radio Club	137,134	3		
Richardson Wireless Klub(TX)	135,890	6		WB5SBH
Eastern Iowa DX Association	135,258	3		
Foothills Amateur Radio Society(CA)	110,548	6		AB6GNM
Farout Amateur Radio Club(OH)	100,890	3		
Neenah-Menasha ARC(WI)	98,446	3	AB9PYE	
West Jersey Radio Amateurs	97,304	3		WB2LBT
Hellgate Amateur Radio Club(MT)	95,668	4	K7CTI	
Delaware Amateur Radio Club	95,508	4		
Acadia Naval Radio Amateur Club(ME)	94,920	4		
Murray State University ARC(KY)	91,720	4		
Dayton Amateur Radio Association(OH)	78,938	5		WB8QXN
Reading Radio Club	78,308	6	K3DTD	WB3AAK
807 Club of Kokomo	73,458	3		W9KQD
Spokane Radio Amateurs	70,990	5		K7AWB
Chicago Radio Traffic Association	52,614	5	W9HPG	
Parma Radio Club(OH)	49,560	3		
Wellesley Amateur Radio Society	34,646	3	WA1TAK	
TARCOM(NY)	32,072	6		WA2EXI
Great South Bay ARC(NJ)	30,000	3		
West Park Radiops(OH)	23,828	5	WB8UFO	
Rip Van Winkle Amateur Radio Society	14,090	3		
Mobile Sixers Radio Club(PA)	6808	3		WB4BDD
Iolani School Radio Club(KH6)	6294	3		



Multi-operator, obviously. Proud pop WB8DQP takes time out from WB8JBM/8 SS operation to demonstrate proper keying technique to six-month-old Robby.

them listen during SS when 1000 stations are all on the same frequency at the same time. (WB0MCL) It took seven of us to put up the beam that smashed into the neighbor's fence, and four of us to find all the lost pieces. (WA4GNI) My first chance to enter an hf contest (been on 50 MHz since 1963). Wonder what effect the TV telecast of "Gone with the Wind" had on the last few hours of the contest? (WA5IYX) It occurred to me at the last minute that N6V was available for only two more weeks - Put it on in SS! So I did. Of course the call was the best part. Only one contact was lost as a result of "K6?" QSLs are available for N6V SS contacts from "Mojo," WB6DJP, Caltech 1-55, Pasadena, CA 91126. (N6V/WB6DJP)

we need to go back to the low-power multiplier again. This would encourage energy conservation. (W5QJH) Frustration is having to work the SS from the Novice bands, while awaiting your Advanced ticket in the mail. But was

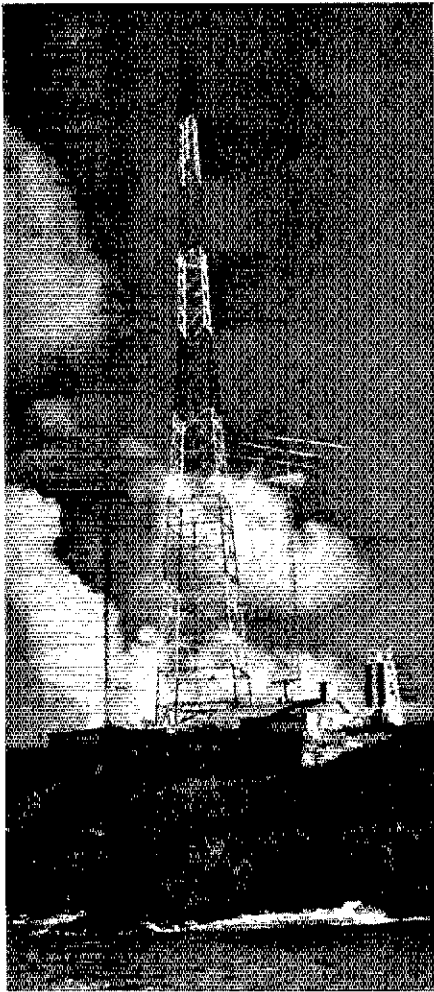
Top Ten

PHONE	CW	
W0TR	285,900	KV4FZ 193,500
KV4FZ	282,750	AA5LES 182,780
WA7NIN	262,950	KP4AST 182,304
WA7WXY	261,900	WA7NIN 172,950
WB2OEU	253,050	K4GSU 169,488
K5LWL	244,050	K6NA 167,608
WB5OOE	240,600	W5WMU 166,294
W7RM	239,850	WB0DJY 166,050
W5WMU	227,550	WB4AEX 163,888
WA1LNO	225,450	W7IR 163,392

pleased at the invariably courteous attitudes of the other operators for QRS, fills, etc. Didn't find any bummers this trip! (WB6BYH) With the exception of Alaska, Rhode Island, Delaware, Mississippi and Tennessee, I worked every section I heard, and I didn't get a chance to call any of those except the KL7, who was buried in a pile of eager section hunters. Calling him with 100 watts and a wire antenna was like trying to work AC4YN in Tibet with a pair of semaphore flags from Chicago. (W1PWK) I sure wish I knew why the total number of calls on the dupe sheet doesn't add up to the amount of QSOs in the logs, just after I finished duping all my logs! (AA6DYZ) When anybody wonders why amateurs need their frequencies and maybe more, just have



MRRRC President and general go-getter K8RMK, in one of his more reflective moods.



Number one on cw, number two on phone, but who cares about contests? This is your ham radio location of the year, KV4FZ in the U.S. Virgin Islands. K7VPP managed to ignore the blue sky, the sunshine, the natives and the blue Atlantic long enough to operate a couple of November SS weekends from this majestic site.

For the first time since SS no. 1, I was able to work all sections on both modes in one year. (W6BIP) This was my first time at it . . . was insane . . . no stations sent slower than 40 wpm . . . if I sent slow, I was ignored . . . If I sent fast, I was too sloppy to copy . . . All the high-power sigs buried by 160 watts . . . I sprained my wrist . . . I loved it. (WA4FMA) If ARRL wants to move Hq. to a different zone, I vote for NWT. (W1ERW) Thank goodness for the demise of the Bicentennial calls! (VE3GD) Got so sleepy that I started copying all QSOs as ZZZZZZZZ! (WB5PTE) Worked 74 sections. Haven't watched Walter Cronkite lately. Did we give up the Canal Zone to the Panamanians? (WA1WEM) Suggestion on the dupe sheets. Put a designation on them for WD call signs so you will have one uniform symbol for these calls. (WB9PIR) If my score keeps increasing as it has for the past few years, in 25

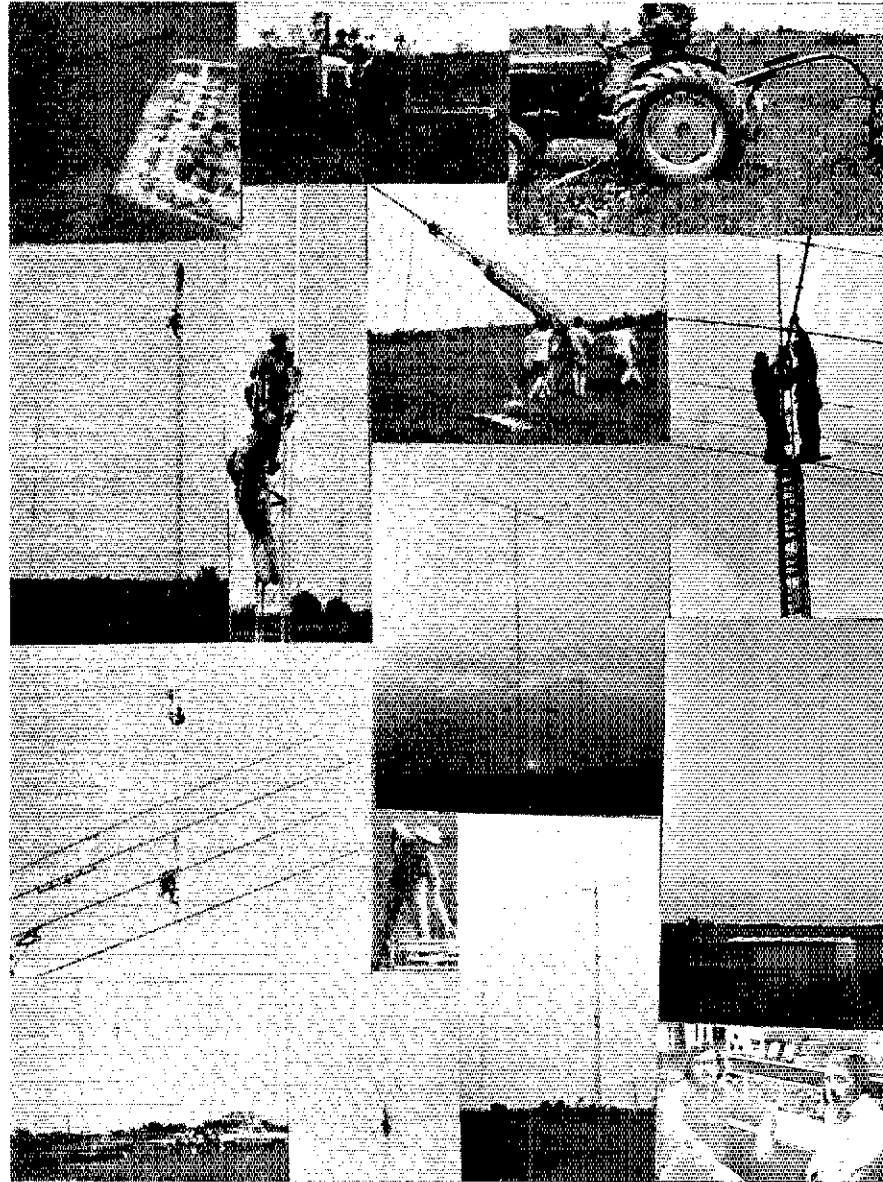
All-Time High Power Leaders

CW

W3LPL	159,432	76
W9YT	154,800	74
WA0ONL	145,892	76
W5WMU	166,294	76
K4GSU	169,488	76
WA2UOO	161,476	76
K0GXR	134,550	74
W1FBY	160,284	76
W7RM	168,150	74
WA7NIN	172,950	76
W4KFC	156,859	65
WB0DJY	166,050	76
KV4FZ	193,500	76
W6RR	172,350	74
AA5LES	182,780	76
VE7CC	145,562	76

PHONE

Atlantic	W3KWB	204,150	7
Central	WA9BWY	216,450	7
Dakota	WA0ONL	219,150	7
Delta	W5WMU	227,550	7
Great Lakes	WA8PLZ	213,014	7
Hudson	WB2OEU	253,050	7
Midwest	K0GXR	180,310	7
New England	WA1LNQ	225,450	7
Northwestern	WA7WXY	261,900	7
Pacific	WA7NIN	262,950	7
Roanoke	K4YF	214,950	7
Rocky Mtn.	W0TR	285,900	7
Southeastern	KV4FZ	282,750	7
Southwestern	W6HX	253,200	7
West Gulf	K5LWL	244,050	7
Canadian	VE5DX	185,100	7



Building winning antennas for WA5LES and hired-gun K5LWL (l-r, bottom right photo) is no easy task, as the above pictures taken over seven months of labor by some forty helpers, indicate.

years, watch out! (WB2FRH) Now why would a grown man stay up half the night, smoke six packs of cigarettes,

develop "brass wrist," a sore back and ruin his nervous system? (WB9VR) The Extra portion of the bands are ut

Clean Sweep Phone

WA1LNQ	W8FAW/4	W7CB/6	W8SWB	W1DGL/1*
WA1QNF	W4YUU	K6LL/6	K8MFO	K1KDP*
WA1JZC	W1FCC/4	WB6EDM/6	WB8URN	WB2MZU*
WA1STN	K4PJ	WB6AIN	WB9HAD	K3CR*
W1CF	K4YF	W6OKK	WA9PBK	W3KWH*
W1ZA	W3ZKH/4	AA6PGB	K9BGL	W4AQL*
W1RR	W4WSF	WB6LPK	WB9BWU	WA4EJX*
W1UQ	W4QCW	K6NA	WB9DZS	W4BVV*
W5UDK/1	KV4FZ	W6KQG	WA9NVF	K4VT*
K1RQE	W5WMU	K7JVR	W9GT	W4DM*
K1GQ	WB5LZC	WA7WXY	WA9IXF	K0DX/4*
WA1ABW	WB5OOE	WA7NIN	K9HDE	AA5RXT*
WB2OEU	W5TMN	W7TML	WA9BWW	K6AUC*
WB2VFT	K5RHZ	W7RM	K9CDB	K6ZM*
K3DPQ	WA5UCT	W7BUN	K9KGA	WA6GFY*
K3AWZ	K5LWL	K8IDE	W0TR	W6BIP*
K5JZN/3	K6RV	WA8QEF	WB0LLR	KH6GQW*
W3KWB	K6HIH	WA8MOA	WB0MIV	K9HDZ*
W3GRF	W6RGG	WB8BGY	W0QWS	W0QQQ*
AC3USS	W6RJ	W8BNF	WA0ONL	*Multi-operator
W3AZD	K6AC	WA8YWX	VE5DX	
K3ZAW	WB6YBL	WB8UKX	VE7WJ	
WA3SXH	W6SVN			

Clean Sweep CW

K1ZND	WA7NIN(W6OAT,opr.)	W4UPJ*
K4PJ	W7TML	K6ZM*
KV4FZ	K7RA	W6YX*
WA5RTG	W8OK	W6BIP*
W6UA	W8DB	*Multi-operator
W6JZU(WA6TLV,opr.)	WB0DJY	
WB6KBK		

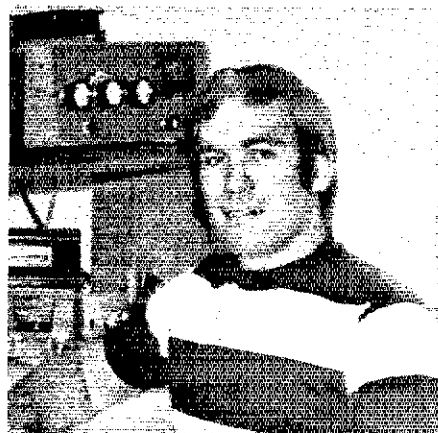
All-Time Low Power Leaders

CW			PHONE			
WA3SWF	115,632	76	Atlantic	WA3TBW	124,960	76
WB9GFC	128,772	74	Central	WB9GFC	129,940	74
WA0BWM	100,110	72	Delta	WB		
WB9GFC	128,772	74	Central	WB9GFC	129,940	74
WA0BWM	100,110	72	Dakota	WB0DSP	122,850	72
WA5VDH	129,940	76	Delta	WA5VDH	179,400	75
W8CQN	137,492	74	Great Lakes	W8TR	117,718	76
WB2RJJ	111,024	73	Hudson	WA2LBT	96,652	76
WA0PAO	108,478	76	Midwest	K0CVA	120,000	75
WA1QNF	101,762	74	New England	K1EUF	152,144	71
W7YTN	95,904	76	Northwestern	W7CFL	114,300	71
K6SSJ	106,042	73	Pacific	K7JCA/6	153,825	73
W4WSF	103,222	76	Roanoke	K4PQL	138,380	74
WB0DLE	113,040	72	Rocky Mtn.	WB0MIV	176,100	76
K4VFY	108,914	76	Southeastern	K4WAR	119,550	69
K6LKD	115,344	74	Southwestern	WB6PXP	136,656	75
K5RHZ	117,216	70	West Gulf	K5RHZ	148,000	70
VE2AXW	71,994	74	Canadian	VE6ATT	84,180	76

for us QRP types, as the QRM is light and a few contacts, particularly on 80 can be made there. (WA6UAV) Since I'm working on 5BWAS, I was hoping that 10 meters might open up during the contest (I need most of my remaining states on 10). I did listen on several occasions during the contest, but heard no activity. Also, 15 was open nicely here around 1930Z on Sunday, at which time I worked both coasts as well as old reliable, KH6IJ. (WB0INQ) Very pleased to hear the courtesy shown to ragchewers. There really is room for all of us. (WB0TFM)

Scores

Scores (beginning next page) are grouped by call area, ARRL section, and in order from highest to lowest score; single-operator stations first and multi-operator second. The letter "A" or "B" at the end of each line score indicates the power class of the entry. Example: W1FBY 160,284 - 1083 - 74 - 24 - B means 160,284 total points, 1083 contacts, 74 sections, 24 hours of operation, power over 200 watts. Asterisks denote full-time Headquarters staff members, not eligible for awards when operating their own station or that of another staff member.



Steve, WB4FEC, produced one of five 100k cw scores from North Florida in 1976.

College/University Club Station Scores (multi-operator entries only)

CALL	SCHOOL	TOTAL SCORE	CALL	SCHOOL	TOTAL SCORE
W6YX	Stanford University	305,864	WA2NPQ	State Univ. of NY - Buffalo	106,582
W0QQQ	Kansas State Univ.	304,392	WA6IMY	Univ. of Cal. at Davis	104,976
W4AQL	Georgia Tech.	257,082	W9YB	Purdue Univ.	104,256
W2SZ	Rensselaer Poly. Inst.	230,718	K2MFF	Newark College of Engineering	88,750
K3CR	Penn. State	229,240	W1MX	Mass. Institute of Tech.	88,622
W4EAL	Univ. of Tennessee	174,020	WB0OKX	Missouri West. State College	74,256
W8LT	Ohio State	164,872	W0YC	Univ. of Minnesota	65,412
AC5AC	Texas A and M Univ.	161,914	W7YH	Washington State Univ.	63,616
W0ZLN	Univ. of Missouri	147,168	WB4BNH	Univ. of South Florida	57,728
K2GXT	Rochester Inst. of Tech. (NY)	139,034	W3MGF	Drexel Univ. (PA)	41,168
W1YK	Worcester Poly. Inst. (MA)	125,954	W6BB	Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley	24,378
K1AD	Brown Univ. (RI)	118,432	W9JWC	Bradley Univ. (IL)	23,632
W0EEE	Univ. of Missouri - Rolla	110,260	W5YJ	Oklahoma State Univ.	532
WB5AXC	Univ. of New Mexico	109,872	K4FAU	Florida Atlantic Univ.	180

CW Scores

Table listing CW scores for U.S.A., Connecticut, Eastern Massachusetts, Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New Jersey, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Southern New Jersey.

VERMONT

Table listing CW scores for Vermont, including stations like W1AYK, W1KIQ, W1KIV, and W2JUS/J1.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Table listing CW scores for Western Massachusetts, including stations like W1A1BW, W1DKD, W1PZM, and W1WIK.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Table listing CW scores for Eastern Massachusetts, including stations like W2J0EU, W2A2O, W2HHC, and W2A2U.

N.Y.C.-L.I.

Table listing CW scores for N.Y.C.-L.I., including stations like W2PYM, W2FV, W2FYK, and W2GSL.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

Table listing CW scores for Northern New Jersey, including stations like W2U0A, W2YDU, W2F2F, and W2G2Z.

Table listing CW scores for Western New York, including stations like W2FBF, W2EPA, W2E2D, and W2KHP.

WESTERN NEW YORK

Table listing CW scores for Western New York, including stations like W2LCC, W2LNC, W2ZSO, and W2ZK.

DELAWARE

Table listing CW scores for Delaware, including stations like W4FR0/3, W4J3R, W4J3H, and W4J3K.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Table listing CW scores for Eastern Pennsylvania, including stations like W3ABT, W3DZB, W3DPE, and W3DJK.

ALABAMA

Table listing CW scores for Alabama, including stations like W4J4L, W4J4K, W4J4L, and W4J4M.

GEORGIA

Table listing CW scores for Georgia, including stations like W4B4I, W4B4L, W4B4M, and W4B4N.

MARYLAND-C.

Table listing CW scores for Maryland-C., including stations like W3PL, W3K2, W3KWB, and W3KBN.

Table listing CW scores for Florida, including stations like W3FA, W3FBS, W3FUH, and W3GZU.

NORTHERN FLORIDA

Table listing CW scores for Northern Florida, including stations like W4YU, W4YUW, W4YVY, and W4YVZ.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA

Table listing CW scores for Southern Florida, including stations like W4YJZ, W4YK, W4YKZ, and W4YJY.

TENNESSEE

Table listing CW scores for Tennessee, including stations like W4PZ, W4FCC, W4AMC, and W4LH.

VIRGINIA

Table listing CW scores for Virginia, including stations like W4KFB, W4KFD, W4KFE, and W4KFF.

KENTUCKY

Table listing CW scores for Kentucky, including stations like W4G5U, W4G5V, W4G5W, and W4G5X.

ALABAMA

Table listing CW scores for Alabama, including stations like W4J4L, W4J4K, W4J4L, and W4J4M.

Table listing CW scores for various states including Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, and North Carolina.

Table with multiple columns containing alphanumeric codes (e.g., WA3WQP, WA3UB) and numerical values (e.g., 25,760, 322-40-17-A). The table is organized by state or region, such as OKLAHOMA, SOUTHERN TEXAS, and MARYLAND-D.C.

ARIZONA

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like KTVJR 135,600, W7BCYU 140,688, WA7YFM 116,340.

IDAHO

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like WA7WXY 261,900, W7YSS 42,840.

MONTANA

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like W7JVW7 130,900, W7YBWA 752,091.

NEVADA

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like WA7NIN 762,950, W7F0O 74,244.

OREGON

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like W7TTL 184,800, W7BCLJ 95,840.

UTAH

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like W7GXG 39,650, WA7WV 28,098.

WASHINGTON

Large table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like W7RM 239,850, W7BLN 177,580, WA7DGL 141,036.

WYOMING

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like KV40Y 99,680, KP7V17 57,322.

ALASKA

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like KL7JHP 32,818, KL7HSB 49,104.

MICHIGAN

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like KBYRV 142,058, W8TR 117,718.

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like W8MNL 56,816, W8BIOT 55,996, W8BFLC 53,196.

Table with 3 columns: call number, frequency, and power. Includes entries like W8BZ 20,736, W8PCS 20,040, W8BWT 19,870.

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Field Day Rules

Making contacts outdoors is even more fun than making contacts indoors Try it June 25-26.

ATTENTION. 1977 Field Day entries must be made on standard ARRL summary sheets and Operating Aid 6 forms (dupe sheets). Request these from Headquarters now. You will need one summary sheet plus one Operating Aid 6 for each band/mode you plan to operate on. Substitutes for either of these standard forms cannot be accepted, and entries on nonofficial forms will be check logs.

Changes in the rules for Field Day 1977 are as follows:

1) The two-point cw rule is now "permanent."

2) Miscellaneous rule "c" has been reworded to allow Technicians to participate in the setting up and operation of the "free" Novice station for groups in 3A or more transmitters.

3) The natural power *bonus* has been eliminated.

4) The "publicity" bonus may now be obtained by conducting FD operations from a site which is readily accessible to the general public, *as well as* by obtaining media publicity as in the past.

5) Homemade entry forms can no longer be accepted.

If you intend to use the OSCAR satellites on FD, request a special sched-

ule of passes when you request your summary sheet and dupe sheets.

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



Get the bugs out of your equipment *before* Field Day, *not* during.



Two-operator "Class B" is one of the most popular Field Day categories.



With some 15,000 people participating in Field Day every year, it's "cot" to be good.

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. Crossband 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 and Technician class licensees) without changing their basic entry classification. The Novice position 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 two. Multiply by one if any or all contacts are made using a dc input power over 200 watts and up to 1000 watts. 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 percent 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) 50 points for public relations. Publicity must be obtained or a bona fide attempt to obtain publicity must be made, or operation conducted from a public place (example: a shopping center). 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.

c) 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 participat-

ing. 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.

d) 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 FD report.

e) 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 postmarked no later than August 1. The official 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 check sheets will be classified as a check log.* A copy of your FD log is not required unless specifically later requested by ARRL. Send a stamped addressed envelope to ARRL hq. for FD forms which include a summary sheet and check sheets.

14) **Disqualifications:** See January, 1977, *QST*, page 85. QST

Feedback

□ Photo credit for the picture of the Midwest division amateur of the year award, page 71, *QST* for March, 1977 belongs to KØJDC.

□ Spectrum Research Laboratory, Inc. of Tucson, AZ, has asked us to notify *QST* readers that they no longer provide pc boards for our projects. We suggest that inquiries about boards be made by writing to WAØUZO and K8WDC.

□ Ex-VP2VV, Yvon J. A. Kerguen, is not a Silent Key as listed in *QST* for April, 1977. His call is now FG7AK.

VHF QSO Party

Important new rules for 2-meter work!

Participants in the 1976 June VHF QSO Party will recall fantastic conditions and a number of new section and division records. The June and September Parties are traditionally mini-Field Days with most of the attractions of the all-band FD late in June.

Be sure to note the new rule concerning 2-meter operation (last paragraph of part 3), a rule partially resulting from recommendations of the Contest Advisory Committee with additional input from the Headquarters VHF Repeater Advisory Committee liaison. In addition, note that entries may be returned unless they are made on official ARRL contest forms, in this case form CD68. Make your request NOW for as many copies of that log sheet/summary sheet as you think you will need (38 contacts per sheet). Don't be bashful, since the same forms are used for the September QSO Party. Good luck!

Rules

1) The 1977 June VHF QSO Party begins at 1900 UTC, Saturday, June 11, and ends at 0600 UTC, Monday, June 13. 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 does not count.

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. Multi-transmitter operations are limited to *only one signal per band* (6, 2, 1-1/4 etc.).

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).

Use of the segment 146.0 to 148.0 MHz is restricted as follows: Contest contacts *may be made* only on recognized simplex frequencies (per the ARRL official band plan): 146.49, .55, .58; 147.42, .45, .48, .51, .54, .57. Contest contacts may NOT be made on any other frequency in the range 146.0 to 148.0; this restriction *includes all* repeater frequencies (including 146.94) and *also includes* the frequency 146.52.

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. Crossband work does not count. Aircraft mobile stations cannot be counted for section multipliers.

5) Foreign entries: All contacts with foreign countries 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.

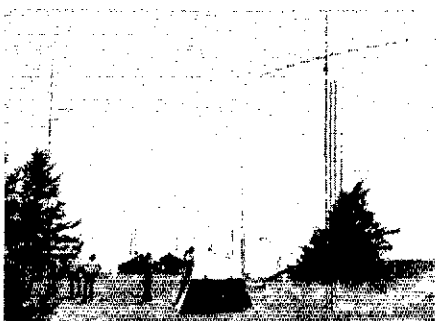
6) A contact per band may be counted for each station worked. Example: W2EIF (SNJ) works K1YON (Conn) on 50, 144 and 220 MHz for complete exchanges. This gives W2EIF 4 points (1 - 1 - 2) and also 3 section-multiplier credits. (If W2EIF contacts other Connecticut stations on these bands, they do not add 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.

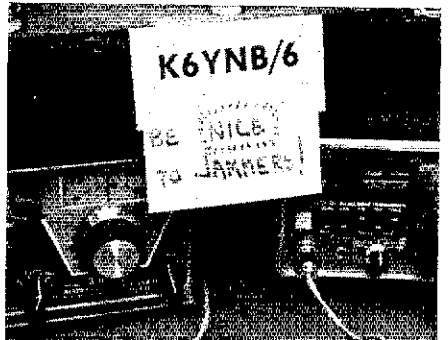
8) Awards: Entries must be post-marked no later than July 20, 1977, and must be made on ARRL form CD68. A certificate will be awarded to the high-scoring single-operator station in each ARRL section. In addition, the high-scoring multi-operator station will receive a certificate in each section from which three or more valid multiple-operator entries are received or where exceptional effort has been displayed.

9) Disqualifications: See January, 1977, *QST*, page 85.

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The June VHF QSO Party is your chance to work contest expeditions like this one to Tennessee by members of the Mecklenburg (NC) Amateur Radio Society, W4BFB, last September.



With the new 2-meter rule in effect, this is probably our last chance to print this picture! (K6YNB is Contest Advisory Committee chairman.)

DXCC Problems

We expect (and devoutly hope) that they will have been resolved by the time you read this, but the interest in DXCC is so great in the operating fraternity that it seems appropriate to devote some space to a discussion of recent (current, as we write) problems.

One thing that has made DXCC a popular and much-sought-after award is the high standards that have always been applied to it. Cards have been meticulously checked and "cheaters" have been dumped from the rolls, whenever they were uncovered. Some of this "uncovering" recalls interesting tales, and some of it has also involved litigation procedures and even threats of physical violence. Nevertheless today, as always, cheating is not tolerated. When your cards are sent to Headquarters, they will be checked thoroughly — by people, not by machines. No doubt in the past some phoney cards have gotten by without being discovered, but a great many have also been disallowed and their perpetrators appropriately dealt with.

What is it about DXCC that makes it such a popular award? Non-DXers don't understand it. It is, after all, just another award based on individual operating effort and achievement, of which we have a great many. What's so special about DXCC that sometimes drives otherwise perfectly normal people to cheating to achieve it? Why should consideration of the ramifications of a single operating award involve the League's Board of Directors to the extent of special meetings and occupy big wads of time of the general manager, the general counsel, even the president? It defies all comprehension. At present the DXCC Branch of the CD has more personnel than the Public Service Branch. The League's insistence on maintaining the highest of standards has caused the Headquarters no end of problems. It has even been suggested that DXCC be set up as a separate Headquarters department!

Well, we don't know all the answers, but there it is. DXCC went from a minor checking function in the CD to a major part of the department's operation, and shortly after WWII reached major proportions, occupying most of one person's time. By the time Bob

White (then W6YYN, later W1WPO, right now W1CW) came along, it was a full-time job, then became more than that but no additional person was added to the staff. Bob simply made two people of himself by putting in unsolicited overtime to get the job done. About the time Headquarters moved to its roomy new facility (now outgrown) in Newington, even this was not enough, and a clerk was hired to assist. Fairly recently we have upgraded this clerk to full-fledged communications assistant and added a part-time assistant. DXCC had become a marathon, a whole series of related awards, its rules a matter of heated controversy in DX operating circles which frequently and consistently reached ARRL policy-making levels.

When the League's new QSL Bureau was established, Bob White was tapped as the man best qualified to head it up. (His license plate is now QSLs instead of DXCC!) Naturally, Bob's understudy moved up and the feelers went out for a new communications assistant. Everything was according to plan; or so we thought. We soon discovered, however, that losing Bob White from DXCC was a little more serious than losing one person; it was more like losing two, both of them with a veritable wealth of experience, knowledge and wisdom in DXCC lore. No one person could step into those shoes without stumbling a bit, not even someone of Dave Newkirk's obvious talents — not unless, that is, he was able and willing to devote his life to DXCC, as Bob had practically done for 25 years.

So, what happened? Guess it's no secret. By the time we filled Dave's previous position and got a new assistant going (part-time), the DXCC backlog was building up, so was the pressure created by the ire of eager award applicants and Honor Roll seekers, and there was no immediate hope of reducing either. It was decided to have Saturday "card parties" of volunteer employees, some hams and some nonhams, to bite into the backlog and hopefully bring us back up to current status by which time, also hopefully, we would have the personnel situation in the DXCC Branch on its way to being straightened out so that

the processing could *stay* current.

Alas, just as we started planning the card parties, another misfortune befell. Dave Newkirk decided that his long-term future did not lie in amateur radio after all, and so announced his departure from the scene as of April 1 (and he wasn't fooling). Thus, the prospect loomed of a DXCC Branch consisting of two comparatively new people, neither of them equipped with enough experience and know-how to run it. Someone new would have to be brought in to bring the Branch up to full quota.

The question was, Who? And in what status? There were plenty of mighty knowledgeable DXers around. Could one of them be obtained and "plugged in" as Branch supervisor? That's what we are working on right now. We don't expect another Bob White, but we feel we need someone with a lot of DX know-how, someone high up in DXCC, someone with the ability to lead, supervise, write, talk, travel, innovate, get along with fellow workers, be diplomatic by correspondence and over the telephone, someone with patience and dedication and vigor. Quite an order, eh? Then supposing we get such a marvel, he (or she) will still have to be trained in our present procedures (not an overnight proposition) before he will be in a position to make changes or even effectively take over supervision of the Branch.

So that's the story of our problems with DXCC. You will note that no mention has been made of the possibility of reducing processing time by paying less attention to the tradition-established integrity and high standards of the award. We don't think the members want this, although studies aimed at streamlining and increasing the efficiency of the various processing procedures are being conducted. If you do want the standard downgraded to increase production, let us know; it will lessen our problems by about 50 percent.

Otherwise, help us out by observing all procedural rules and by being patient. The difficulties will be surmounted as soon as possible. — W1NJM

SCM ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Southern Texas, Colorado, San Francisco, British Columbia, Sacramento Valley, Los Angeles, Georgia, West Virginia and Washington sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Communications Manager. A petition, to be valid, must contain the signatures of five or more full ARRL members residing in the section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures on that petition. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition. No member may sign more than one petition.

*Communications Manager, ARRL

Petition forms (CD-129) are available on request from ARRL headquarters but are not required. The following form is suggested.
Communications Manager, ARRL

(Place and date)

225 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned full members of the ARRL section of the Division, hereby nominate as candidate for Section Communications Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office. (Signature Call City Zip)

SCM candidates must have been a member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years and a licensed amateur of General class or higher (Canadian Advanced Amateur Certificate) immediately prior to

receipt of petition at Headquarters.

Petitions must have been received at Headquarters on or before 5:30 P.M. Eastern Local Time, June 10, 1977.

Wherever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on July 1, returns counted August 23, and SCMs elected as a result of the above procedures will take office October 1, 1977.

If only one valid petition is received for a section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition, for a two-year term beginning October 1, 1977.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in October 1977, and an SCM elected through the resolicitation process will serve a term of 18 months.

W1AW Operating Schedule (April 24-October 30, 1977)

PDST	CDST	EDST	UTC	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 A.M.	8 A.M.	9 A.M.	1300	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹		
7 A.M.	9 A.M.	10 A.M.	1400			Cw Bulletins ³				
8 A.M.	10 A.M.	11 A.M.	1500			RTTY Bulletins ⁴				
1 P.M.	3 P.M.	4 P.M.	2000	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Slow ¹
2 P.M.	4 P.M.	5 P.M.	2100			Cw Bulletins ³				
3 P.M.	5 P.M.	6 P.M.	2200			RTTY Bulletins ⁴				
4 P.M.	6 P.M.	7 P.M.	2300	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Fast ²
5 P.M.	7 P.M.	8 P.M.	0000			Cw Bulletins ³				
6 P.M.	8 P.M.	9 P.M.	0100			RTTY Bulletins ⁴				
6:30 P.M.	8:30 P.M.	9:30 P.M.	0130			Phone Bulletins ⁵				
7 P.M.	9 P.M.	10 P.M.	0200	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Slow ¹
8 P.M.	10 P.M.	11 P.M.	0300			Cw Bulletins ³				
9 P.M.	11 P.M.	12 P.M.	0400			RTTY Bulletins ⁴				
9:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.	12:30 P.M.	0430			Phone Bulletins ⁵				

¹ Slow code practice on cw bulletin frequencies, 8 minutes each session; 5, 5, 7-1/2, 7-1/2, 10, 13, 15 wpm.

² Fast code practice on cw bulletin frequencies, 8 minutes each session; 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13, 10 wpm.

³ Cw bulletins, 18 wpm, on: 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 145.588 MHz.

⁴ RTTY bulletins 60 wpm/170-Hz shift on 3.625 7.095 14.095 21.095 28.095 MHz.

⁵ Phone bulletins on 1.835 3.99 7.29 14.29 21.39 28.59 50.19 145.588 MHz.

Operating-visiting hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 A.M. to 1 A.M. and Saturday and Sunday 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.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 detail are available upon request. Please note that all footnoted frequencies are approximate. If you wish to operate when visiting, you must have your original operator's license with you. (Schedules can also be arranged to work W1AW). The station will be closed May 30, July 4 and Sept. 5. Staff: Chief operator/Asst. Communications Mgr. C.R. Bender, W1WPR; Chris Schenck, W1EH; Stan Gibilisco, WA0OKV.

In a communications emergency monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows (times in UTC): *phone* on the hour, *RTTY* at 15 minutes past the hour, *cw* on the half hour.

To improve your fist by sending in step with W1AW (but not over the air!) and to allow checking the accuracy on certain tapes, note the UTC dates and *QST* text to be sent in the 0200 practice from the issue of *QST* two calendar months past: June 2, It Seems to Us; June 5, Correspondence; June 11, League Lines; June 24, Public Service; June 27, World Above; July 1, YL News.

Vacancies in any SCM office between elections are filled by appointment by the communications manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately. George Hart, W1NJM
Communications Manager

SBWAS AWARD

(Updating the master list in December 1976 *QST*, starting with number 270): WB8LBM K7NEQ WA4DRU W1ND WB4NXR WB2FVX W9LT WBSNVH K5EWJ WB4DJO W3JPT.

NEW A-1 OPERATORS

W1FTX W2BXA W2RS K2BK WA2ICU WA3VBM WA4FTJ W5LGY WB4CPO W6RTT WB6KJ1 W8EWF WB9QYS W9PKD W9CY W9HS W9OP DM2AUJ DM2CYE F2RK G3IOR JR3COZ.

Operating Events

MAY

- 4/30-5/2: Connecticut QSO Party**
- 4: West Coast Qualifying Run**
- 7-8: Russian Contest**
- 7-9: Georgia QSO Party*
- Vermont QSO Party*
- 14: Frequency Measuring Test*
- 14-15: Kansas QSO Party*
- Massachusetts QSO Party*
- 14-16: Michigan QSO Party*
- 15: World Telecommunications Day Contest phone*
- 17: W1AW Qualifying Run**
- 21-22: New York State QSO Party*
- Armed Forces Day**
- 22: World Telecommunications Day Contest cw*

JUNE

- 2: West Coast Qualifying Run
- 4-5: Minnesota State QSO Party**
- 11-12: VHF QSO Party*
- 15: W1AW Qualifying Run (+40 wpm!)
- 18-19: All-Asian Contest phone**
- West Virginia QSO Party**
- 25-26: Field Day**

JULY

- 4: Straight Key Night***

*Detailed last month
**Details this issue
***Details next month

- 6: West Coast Qualifying Run
- 9-10: IARU Radiosport Championship***
- 14: W1AW Qualifying Run
- 16-17: HK, Apollo, 10-10 Contests***

SEPTEMBER

- 10-11: VHF QSO Party

NOVEMBER

- 5-6: SS cw
- 19-20: SS phone

MAY

4/30-5/2: Connecticut QSO Party, full rules p. 91 March. Please note that the call shown as W1QU should read W1QI and that logs go to W1VH in New Milford (not Milford).

4: West Coast Qualifying Run (W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0400Z (Universal Coordinated Time, abbreviated UTC with the Z shown as a time designator). The run will take place on approximately 3590/7090 kHz. Note that this is 2100 PDST, 9 P.M., the night of May 3. Dates are always shown several months in advance and times are always the same local Pacific time of 9 P.M. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please include your full name, call (if any), and complete mailing address. A large stamped addressed envelope will help to expedite your award/endorsements.

7-8: The Russian Contest, CQ-M (CQ-Peace), 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 one point; contacts between stations on different continents count three 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-100-9, 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!

17: W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0130 UTC, transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 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 16. Underline one minute of the highest speed copied, certify that the copy was made without aid and send it to ARRL per instructions above.

JUNE

4-5: Minnesota QSO Party from 1800Z June 4 to 2359Z June 5, sponsored by the Heartland Amateur Radio Club. No restrictions as to mode or operating time. Only one transmitter allowed in operation at any one time, no crossband. Novices compete with Novices, Technicians with other Techs. Exchange: MN stations send RS(T) and county. Others send ARRL section and RS(T), DX stations use DXCC country. Score one point per phone QSO, 2 points per cw QSO, Novices/Techs. count 5 points. (Novices/Technicians must identify their license class when sending their call as /N or /T.) MN stations multiply total of points by the number of sections + DX countries (W/VE excluded). Others multiply QSO points by the number of MN counties worked (maximum of 87). Phone and cw are considered the same contest, please score as such. If you make 50 or more contacts your entry must include a check sheet for each band and mode used. Logs must include date/time (Z), bands, modes, exchanges. Note: contacts with WBØTTZ, the HARC station, count 10 QSO points for each QSO on separate bands. Net QSOs are not valid. Certificates for state winners as well as high Novice and Technician scorers as well as to DX stations. MN stations must have 10 QSOs from that county to be eligible for county awards. S.a.s.e. required for return of awards and summary. Usual disqualification criteria. This should be an excellent PD warm-up affording ample time to test emergency equip-

ment and make necessary adjustments prior to June 25-26. Logs must be postmarked by July 2. Send to: HARC, c/o Steven J. Gardner, WBØMAO, Box 261, Staples, MN 56479.

18-19: All-Asian DX Contest phone, sponsored by the Japan Amateur Radio League, the 30-hour period from 1000Z June 18 to 1600Z June 19 (cw will take place August 27-28). All bands below 30 MHz may be used. Entry classifications: Single-op, single band, single-op multiband and multi-multi. Note cw only on 160 meters. W/VEs call CQ AA. Exchange RST plus two figures denoting the age of the operator, YL operators use OO. No crossband contacts permitted. Only one signal per band regardless of category. Scoring: Non-Asians count one point for each complete contact with an Asian station. The multiplier is the number of different Asian prefixes worked on each band. Note: Only JD1 stations on Ogasawara (Bonin & Volcano) count for Asia. Contacts with KA stations do not count (they're considered military rather than amateur). Scoring: Multiply the sum of contact points on each band by the sum of multipliers on each band. Log separately for each band and use a complete summary, note the first time a new prefix is worked on each band. Awards. Usual disqualification procedures. The JARL Asian countries list: A4 A51 A6 A7 A9 AP BV BY CR9 EP HL/HM HS HZ/7Z JA/JE/JF/JG/JH/JI/JJ/JR JD1(Ogasawara) JD1 (Okino Tori-

shima) JT JY OD5 S21 TA UA/UK/UV/UW 9-9 UD6/UK6C-D-K UF6/JK6F-O-Q-V UG6/UK6G UH8/UK8H UI8/UK8A-G-I-L-O T-Z UJ8/UK8J-R UL7/UK7 UM8/UK8M-N VS6 VS9M/8Q6 VU VU(Andamans) VU (Laccadives) XU XV XWB XZ YA YI YK ZC4/5B4 IS(Spratly) 457 4W 4X/4Z 7C (Yemen) 70(Kamaran) 824 9K2 9M2 9N1 9V1 and Abu Ail. Contest results may be obtained by enclosing one IRC and an addressed envelope with your entry, which must arrive no later than Sept. 30 (for phone) or Nov. 30 (cw). Send to: JARL, Box 377, Tokyo Central, Japan. West Virginia QSO Party, sponsored by the West Virginia State Radio Amateur Council, from 2300Z June 18 to 2300Z June 19; no time limits. Rules: The same station may be worked on different bands for additional points. Only one contact of each station per band may be counted for scoring. Exchange QSO no., report, and county (if in WV), state or country. WV stations may work each other. Out-of-state stations multiply no. of WV QSOs by the number of different WV counties worked. Then use a power multiplier of 1.5 if dc input of 200 watts or less. Awards only to single ops. Suggested operating frequencies are 35 kHz inside each cw band and 10 kHz inside the General class portion of each phone band. Logs must show date/time, QSO no., calls exchanges, county/state/country, mode/band. To be eligible for an award logs must be received no later than July 16. Send to: West Virginia QSO Party, Box 299, Dunbar, WV 25064. **QST**

Strays



Those of you who are thinking of laying in a large supply of QSL cards to last a couple of years might keep in mind that as of April 15, 1978, the post office will not be accepting postcards that measure less than 3-1/2 x 5-1/2 inches.

And did you know that a QSL card mailed at the nine-cent rate will be forwarded without any extra postal charge? However, if the sender wants the card returned if not delivered, the card must state that return postage will be paid by the sender.



February 17 was an anniversary to remember, and over 400 listeners did! That night, W1AW transmitted a special bulletin carrying a message from ARRL President Dannals to all radio amateurs, marking W1AW's 40th birthday. Conditions were good that evening with reports received from 41 states and 4 provinces. A commemorative card was sent to all who responded. Particularly heavy usage was noted of both the cw and teletype bulletins. Thanks to all who participated in the celebration. — W1YL



Getting QSL bureau people together to take a picture apparently isn't an easy thing to do. We were fortunate, however, in getting this picture of 10 of the 15 people who are doing the job of "manning" the W4-K4-N4 section of the 4th call-area QSL bureau. Shown in this gathering are (l-r) W3BWZ, WA3NGS, K4WV, W3AZD, WB3ANE, W4WSF, W4UMF, K4GKD, W4WWG and K4CFB. Those five bureau workers not in the photo are W3NL, K4DXO, K4EBY, W4IDG and W4OAM.

Under the auspices of the National Capital DX Association and managed by W4WSF, the W4-K4-N4 section of the 4th call-area QSL bureau is one of the biggest bureaus in terms of number of cards handled per year — approximately 156,000 during 1976. W4WSF estimates the bureau is currently serving some 2,500 DXers in the W4-K4-N4 group.

As with all the QSL bureau personnel, these folks are dedicated to serving you. Help them to help you by keeping an envelope on file at your QSL bureau for those incoming DX QSLs. The address for the U.S. and Canadian QSL bureaus are shown every other month in QST.

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CANADIAN DIVISION

ALBERTA: SCM, Sydney J. Jones, VE6MJ — SEC: VE6XC, PAM (Phone): VE6GA. The Klondike Trail Radio Club held its annual banquet and dance on Feb. 19. The affair this year was a tribute to VE6PP who was the founder of the Club, and who joined Silent Keys last Oct. VE6GJ and VE6BAF have joined the ranks of Official Operators. VE6HO is now OBS and EC in Fort MacLeod. VE6AMM now ORS and handles a lot of traffic. VE6YW was presented with her section net certificate at the Mearns affair. VE6GV has been recommended for the GSL Manager's Post. Traffic: VE6HO 37, VE6AMM 31, VE6AVV 13, VE6XC 10, VE6AFG 7, VE6VM 6, VE6PZ 5, VE6AKY 4, VE6WN 4, VE6AT 3, VE6YV 3, VE6AFW 2, VE6BBU 2, VE6MJ 2, VE6AMN 1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: SCM, H. E. Savage, VE7FB — RM VE7CDF and Net Mgr. VE7GV. Have proven that if you slow down the CW net to 12-15 wpm you will gain in new members, and we have. But like our highway laws max. speed 55 and not all obey we have the same, on net. Asst. Director, VE7LL still down in the deep south, reports Mexico is pretty nice. VE7CB was at KHz. in the BC. VE7YL and VE7YL. VE7ZK ORS for most of Pacific Area traffic is moving the station back into Vancouver, less traveling nightly. VE7DAR and Edna just talk to deep Southern CA. Would appreciate hearing from more VE7s and clubs. VE7DFY two year continuous skeed on week ends with friends in Ont. Traffic: VE7FB 139, VE7ZK 131, VE7DFY 25, VE7BLO 45, VE7DFY 23, VE7MW 22, VE7AFY 2.

MANITOBA: SCM, Steve Fink, VE4FQ — Asst. SCM: Peter Guenther, VE4PG. RM: VE4UL. PAM: VE4JP. Several VE4s participated in the Smile-A-Thon for the Manitoba Dental Assn. in Feb. VE4UL is now set up on RTTY, while VE4GV and VE4VJ had an eyeball QSO with VE5DX and 5RG during a Regina visit. VE4YV is new at Jenep. Manitoba's Full ARRL membership rose 14% last year over 1975. VE4IM now heading the ARRL Intruder Watch in this region. Any assistance is welcomed. Don't forget the ARRL National Convention this year in Scarborough, Ont. June 3-4-5. Traffic: VE4IM 1169 QNL, 27 QTC. Traffic: VE4UL 168, VE4NM 165, VE4NE 146, VE4RO 134, VE4PG 95, VE4QD 59, VE4UO 39, VE4XN 39, VE4ID 36, VE4QZ 26, VE4LB 24, VE4KM 20, VE4JP 14, VE4OE 12, VE4VU 12, VE4JK 10, VE4YE 10, VE4LU 9, VE4LN 6, VE4HR 4, VE4OD 4, VE4PA 4.

MARITIME & Nfld.: SCM, Aaron D. Solomon, VE1OC — Asst. SCM: Maurice Gladden, VO1FG. SEC: VE1DI. PAM: VO1IN. RM and APN Mgr.: VE1AMR. NTN Mgr.: VO1GW. OBS: VE1GL. Hosp. incl. VE1AMR, ARB, BBU, Speedy recovery to VE1AGC, VE1ACU, mg. APR. While VE1AMR in hospital. New appointments incl. SEC VE1DI, ECs VE1KL, VE1M0, VE1NU, OVS VE1DI. Welcome aboard. White Cane Contest & LOLA were popular activities. Congrats to VE1YE and VE1GA winners W. C. Contest. Salutes to Bulletin Eds. VE1S SH AKT FG IG AUF UT. VE1ASF now VE1GB, also awarded plaque by G. V. G. VE1AGC, VE1DQ, VE1EJ, VE1EJ, VE1BO now VE1GK. Proud owners new equip. incl. VE1S AME, AUT, BB, DD. Brass Pounder's Net (Slow CW) Sun. 1830Z, 3705 kHz. Silent Key VO1MO. VO1BL appt. Asst. Dir. Mewf. & Labrador, ARRL. APN Sessions 25, QNI 117, QTC 131; NTN Sessions 34, QNI 126, QTC 34. Traffic: (Feb.) VE1AAO 397, VE1IAR 110, VE1ACU 92, VE1ST 75, VE1GW 48, VE1HG 31, VE1LMB 16, VE1BOT 15, VE1OC 5, VE1KL 3, VE1AIF 2. (Jan.) VE1AVL 3. (Dec.) VE1AVL 6. (Nov.) VE1AVL 37.

ONTARIO: SCM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — At a recent meeting of the Ottawa Valley Mobile RC VE3DV received the ARRL Certificate of Merit in recognition of his long time service as Ont. SCM. In addition, shep became the newest member of the A1 operator club. Both awards were presented by VE1SI, Canadian Division Dir., who then addressed the club. Congratulations, VE3HGN keeping the Quinte ARC up to date on 75-meter DX. Best wishes to CARF, CLARA and the CARTG, all celebrating their 10th anniversary. Welcome to new CRL Life Members VE3S, EKS, FCC and VE3FR. Will now be operating from the UK as G3DFT on 2-meter ssb for VE1DQ with a new IC202, commencing mid May. VA3RRL will be the official call sign of the 77th National. VE3VE active nightly on 3815 kHz at 8 PM with National Convention info. Guelph amateurs will be using prefix VB in lieu of VE during 1977 in commemoration of the city's 150th anniversary and Brantford ARC station using VG3BA honouring that city's centennial year. Members of the Guelph ARC assisted with VE3SJH — nice work terras. OSN has shifted to 3667 kHz. Northorn ARC code contest winners were: Advanced Class, VE3FXA, tied for second with VE3S Eves and FGJ. Amateur class, VE3JCS with VE3R. VE3DPO has joined the ranks of the Old Timers Club. Competition between Westside and Skywide ARCs on their two for one point countdown race on VE3MHZ. Our deepest sympathies to the families of VE3S JP YG BON and DIX who have become Silent Keys. CARTG 16th annual RTTY DX Sweepstakes a success and many looking forward to Oct. for the 17th annual event. Burlington ARC station using VE3BA in order to purchase a wheel-chair for Senior Citizens at the Burlington Mall. Your tapes to BARC, Box 836 L7L 3Y7 would be appreciated. Windsor ARC treated to a tour of Bell facilities courtesy of VE3DIF. Hamilton ARC bursting at the seams with their many projects including an intro to ICs. See you all in Toronto on June 3, 4 and 5 at the National. Traffic: (Feb.) VE3SB 594, VE3GOL 338, VE3DV 268, VE3DPO 219, VE3CDK 151, VE3HHT 134, VE3EVD 117, VE3DZK 114, VE3GNW 112, VE3GT 100, VE3HGJ

97, VE3GNW 75, VE3ATR 62, VE3DVE 58, VE3GJG 31, VE3DH 22, VE3FGV 16, VE3IDL 16, VE3ZR 15, VE3GCC 10, VE3BDM 9. (Jan.) VE3DZK 111, VE3DVE 70, VE3EBC 47, VE3FHQ 8, VE3BDM 4.

QUEBEC: SCM, Larry Dobby, VE2YU — It is with deep regret that we record the passing of VE2DK and VE2KB and VE2APF. Their loss will be felt by all Quebec amateurs. Radio amateurs from Que. and Ont. joined together to participate in the annual Ski Marathon Repeat VE2RM and other direct frequencies were used for both voice and RTTY communication. Among those heard were VE2APT, VE2BFH, VE2ARP. MARC continues to perform well with large numbers in attendance at their popular code and theory classes. The VE2TD newsletter has appeared recently and subscriptions are being solicited from amateurs in the Montreal area. VE2 stations are again encouraged to take a more active part in contests sponsored by the many radio societies. Time and time again comments are received stating that very few VE2s are being heard on the bands, all bands, where we are valuable multipliers for U.S. and DX stations. Some stations heard recently during contests were VE2s BPT, FLU, GA, WA, DH, OQ. Hope to hear more of you in the next test. Traffic: VE2APT 89, VE2BP 38.

SASKATCHEWAN: SCM, Percy A. Crosthwaite, VE5RP — Asst. SCM: Ron Nagel, VE5RN. This report written by VE5RN. We are very pleased to see the SSB Traffic Net going so well. The PNR, Sask. Training a healthy portion of traffic. We are saddened by the passing of our fellow ham and friend VE5SM. Plan to attend the Hamfest at Swift Current this year. Remember fellows be kind to our new hams — should be a lot of them this year. Regina Club held a display of ham operations on Mar. 12 at the Public Library. Congrats to all who made the PNR, Sask. Training Net will close due to lack of interest, will revive again in the fall. Congrats to the Melfort fellows on getting their repeater on the air. Remember, Ron Hessler is our Director; feel free to let him know your views on anything. Traffic: VE5LO 108, VE5XC 65, VE5VO 42, VE5VM 40, VE5RN 39, VE5HP 37, VE5JK 24, VE5BO 20, VE5Q5 18, VE5SA 7, VE5AE 7, VE5AO 4, VE5LQ 3, VE5AN 2, VE5KZ 2, VE5NG 2, VE5UX 2.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SCM, Roger E. Cole, W3DKX — SEC: K3KAJ. PAM: WA3DUM. RM: W3EEB. PSHR: K3YHR 49, K3KAJ 44. Del. HB no. 116 which would have made Ham Auto Tags "Vanity Plates" at a \$25 annual charge was sent back to committee as a result of efforts of WA3JK, K3NYC, W3DKX, W3VJA, WA3WL, WB3DDS and WA3FY. In Dover on Mar. 8th. Ex-WA3YRR, formerly of Dover, checked in the DTN as WB1BRR from Maine. DARC has 30 licensed amateurs from their classes with 50 more now "in school." Sympathy is extended to W3TRC on the death of his wife, and to W3WD at the loss of his mother-in-law. K3CEW was promoted to Industrial Hygiene Engineers Group, Specialty Div. ICI. New appointment WA3WY as OPS. DTN: QNI 300, QTC 69. DEPN QNI 70, QTC 7. Traffic: K3KAJ 156, K3YHR 55, WA3WY 42, W3EEB 29, W3DKX 27, W3WD 22, WA3DUM 15, W3VJA 13, WB3AN 5.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, George S. Van Dyke, Jr., W3HK — SEC: W3BFB. RMs: WA3OGM, WA3XU, WA3YJG. PAMs: W3AVJ, WA3PZO. Net reports: EPA QNI 334, QTC 202, PTTN QNI 175, QTC 111, PFN QNI 454, QTC 611, EPAEP&FN QNI 233, QTC 79. OVS reports: WA3JX, WA3BZ, W3ZRE, W3CL, W3GQA, WA3BJQ, WA3NDQ, W3EK reports: W3CL, W3AVJ. OO reports: W3CL, W3KEK, W3NC, BPL, W3CUL, W3VR, K3NSN, WA3ATQ, WA3YJG, WA3THT, W3CUL & W3VR seem to be traffic magnets. It keeps coming! WA3YJG finally got an antenna up in the air. WA3ATQ keeping snow so we can have an early spring. WA3NDQ using school vacation to rebuild. WA3NRU active VHF. RACES station. New officers: R F Hill ARC, WA3ZS, pres.; W3ANF, vice-pres.; WA3RKB, secy.; K3DZB, treas. RF Hill, Man of the Year Award went to W3ANF for his work in conducting Novice classes at N Penn HS. Antenna Repeater Assn. started their 4th novice class; now have 6 graduates. WA3BSV using scholary work at CB club meetings! K3JX setting up new rept. WR3AKL. W3WRE still needs an ant. WA3CKA remodeling. WB3AHV now Extra, WB3BHC big A. WB3DFN and WB3CSW General. WA3VUE sent in a nice resume of the recent SET but also sent in his resignation. Sorry to see the good and hard working a good man to replace him. If you are interested contact the SEC W3BFB. Warm weather is here so get those outside repairs done before vacation comes along. Reports came in better this month so keep up the good work. Traffic: (Feb.) W3CUL 4909, W3VR 104, K3NSN 1840, WA3YJG 501, WA3THT 499, WA3ATQ 15, W3RKB 150, K3KW 140, WA3PZO 67, WA3WQP 55, WA3ZXI 42, W3ATJ 40, WA3UKZ 35, W3AVJ 30, K3AIZ 28, W3ADE 20, WA3NDQ 20, WA3QFD 17, K3RVC 16, WA3NRU 15, WA3WAC 14, W3BNR 13, W3CL 9, WA3 NO 9, W3BUR 8, W3BAZE 7, WA3BSV 6, WA3TMP 6, W3VA 4, WA3YH, K3JX, WA3BJQ 2, W3HK 2, K3HX5 2, WA3VUE 2, W3CKA 2, W3WRE 1. (Jan.) K3HXS 4, W3QQA 1, W3KEK 1, W3WRE 1. (Jan.) K3HXS 4, W3KEK 1.

MARYLAND — DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — SEC: N3II (W3FCS) needs your EC reports. Congrats to K3ORW Feb. PSHR. How about you others? WA3RSK is closing in on 5BWAS, but congrats to W3JPT who made it, and is now concentrating on 432 MHz. W3GW reports a great many activities from fare Calvert County! W3BHE has been talking up ham radio to the Kiwanis and Lions.



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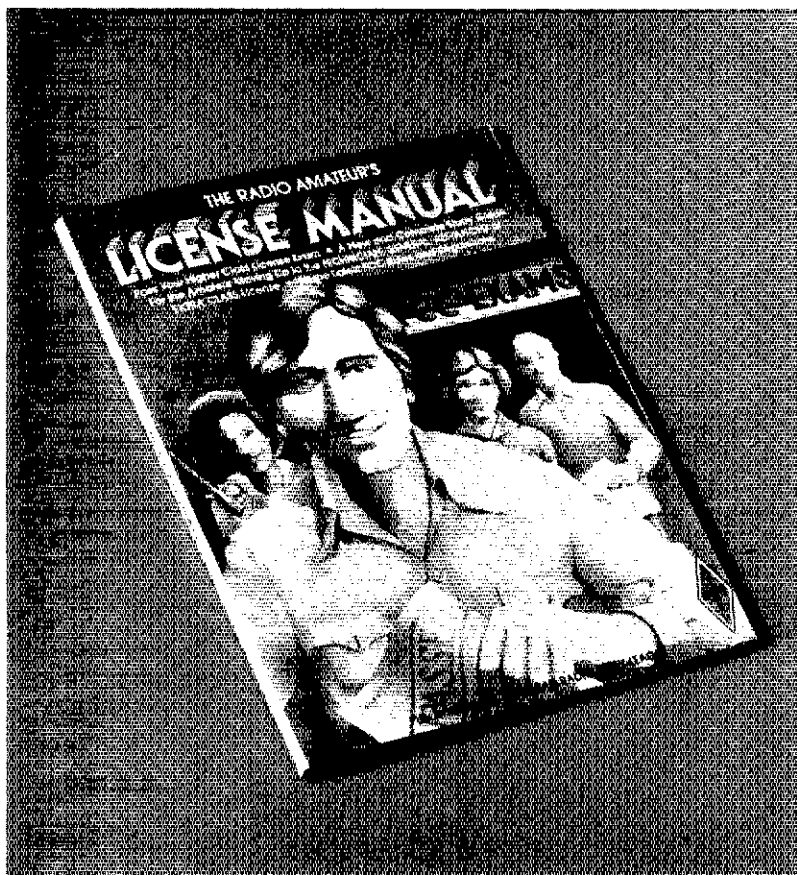
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Good PR. Welcome to the So. Md ARC with K3BPW proxy. The Anne Arundel ARC has a nice meeting place in Davidsonville. QO reports from WA3RGA WA3UJH W3WBY WA3KCY and WA3JGZ who found a CBer on 2 yet! The BARC Modulator shows a lot of work for the 386 members on the mailing list. W3CDQ does the QOTC and QCWA contests. WB2TJR/WB3EPN graduates in May, then a west coast trip back to grad school. W3ZNV has a new tree for temporary antenna support. W5WT/3 says the following for the MDC QSO party: W3FC (N3J) wins it with WA3RSK W3BHE AA3YMA W3FA ACBBZY/3 and W5WT/3 following. Visitors: W0PRY AG6JES/6 W3GN/8 AD4BAI ACITEE W2NCI and JA2HLX in that order. Next one Sep. 17, 18, 1977. Nets: Mar/Sessions/TFC/GNI avg. 1. ME PN. WA3PRW/2/2/11/24.3 MDC TN. K3ORW/16/73/18/01. MD D. W3FZV/61/219/7.5. WR PON. W3DFW/16/48/19.1. MDC PON. W3OYY/4/17/22.8. W VA PON. W8QOW/4/8/13.7. Top Brass K3KAJ W8BZY/3 and W3FA. ME PN Toppers W3ADQ WB3AJK WB3BUA and W3APRW. Others: W3CQ W3HWZ W3LDD K3ORW and K3RIJ. WA3YKK is active in MARS and Oscar telemetry. WA3UYE says he has the whole load with that new radio club in Balto. K3OAE can be heard as W4BVY in the big Contests. WB3AOB is using the school's rig. W3WBY reports the Auto-Patch fine, but members tone pads need alignment. W3CDG WA3ZTW send reports. WA3PRW and K3ORW are busy PAMS. W3FJ is thinking of retiring as RM. MDD needs a bulletin editor. W4EOP WA3UYB WA3JS and W3IHM keep plugging away. W3IKA QRS. W8CQT OPS are new ones congrats. Traffic: W8BZY/3 137, W3FA 113, WA3UYB 98, WB3CQT 61, WA3UYE 56, W3IKA 53, WA3PRW 44, WA3YKK 37, K3OAE 30, WB3BUA 28, WB3AOB 27, WA3ZTW 24, W3IHM 16, K3ORW 19, WA2SUS 15, WA3EOP 10, W3CDG 4, W3WBY 4, W3BHE 3.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM Raymond E. Clancy. WB2GTE - SEC: W2HOB. PAM: WB2LCC. Burlington County ARC W2ZLN, pres. K2BG. vice-pres: W2CSV, treat: WB2YOF, secy. New ORS OPS are W2ZQ K3CPF/2. WB2YB has HWIZ. Congrats to Shore Points ARC ARRL Affiliation. WB2HZR sez Princeton YMCA ARC is active and meets Fri. eve, has code and theory classes. Congrats new ham WA2Z JGR JDG J. WB2J. WB2JBY. WB2ZHC2R a Silent Key. K3MDG now W2JMA. WB2AYA new GO. WB2AEJ is President's Award Recipient of SJRA. 32 SJRA members had 164,500 pts in VHF Contest. Their Novice class of 30 look forward to tickets soon. W2ZQ active in 10 nets. Active ATVERS WA2EWO WA2GIW WB2JMA K2MGG W2FST W3LEH W2WLN W2QME want more video QSOs. Eastern Area VHF Soc. sez 6M QSO to 8-9 Land easy past 10 weeks. Atlantic Div. Repeater Soc. will build 420 MHz repeater sez W2FPY. Tri-City ARC WB2CQJ reports W2HWD appointed asst. Dir. Atlantic Division for 5J. W2KBJ conducts Novice Class at Vineland HS. Club has 30 members. WA2AWP is new General. WA2HBF now W2BN. WA Jersey BSA starts General course. WA3LMY/2 trying to get W2PU active. Du Valley RA had microcomputer with disks. JMSA 8080, demonstrated at recent meeting. Club to hold annual Flea Market auction with prizes on door ticket. Traffic: W2ZQ 395, WB2LCC 60, WA2AWJ 24, WA3LMY/2 22, K2BG 18, WA2YI 8, W2LPU 4.

WESTERN NEW YORK: SCM Joseph M. Hood, K2YA - Asst. SCM: William W. Thompson, W2MTA, SEC: WB2ETI. Asst. SCM W2MTA has prepared the following list of nets of interest to WNY operators:

Net	Freq.	Time/Day
NYSTN	3728	5 PM M-F
NYSCN	3676	10 AM Su
WNYEN	3915	12:30 PM Su
WNYEN	3179.1	12:45 PM Su
CHN	3925	11 AM Dy
NYSPTEN	3925	6 PM Dy
ESS	3590	6 PM Dy
NYS	3676	7:10 PM Dy
NYPON	3913	5 PM Dy
2RN	3930	1:4-3:06:30 PM Dy
3RN	3690	7:45/9:30 PM Dy
NYSEATN	3728	5 PM M-F

More two letter calls: WB2NSD now K2RL; W2GUY is W2UY, and yours truly K2YAH is now K2YA. RaRa has been working on providing amateur to amateur contact between Rochester and two of her sister cities. K2OJU and K2JFY have established skeeds with Rensselaer, France and WA2ZFY have skeed with Wurdurg, Germany. Local officials are very pleased with the results and I urge other WNY cities active in Sister Cities to do the same. It's fun and it's good PR. The Walton Radio Assn. (W2LZ) recently elected K2EZK, pres.; WB2JOW, vice-pres.; WA2RMI, secy.; W2FMU, treas.; W2TFL, activities chair. Field Day can't be held this year. RAGS has WA2AEW planning their FD. RAGS is also running a club QSL Card contest. W2RUF has been awarded a Life Membership in RAWNY for her years of unselfish service. WR2AEI now has user controlled squelch level. Traffic: W2MTA 488, W2FE 239, W2RUF 320, W2PZL 146, WA2HSB 127, WA2TPC 127, WA2ZJP 71, W2UYE 53, WB2QJ-X 52, W2LZK 28, WA2ALV 25, WA2LUF 24, WA2ZRI 22, K2OFV 16, W2RGF 17, WA2GXV 16.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, Donald J. Myslewski, K3CHD - SEC: WA3VUP. Asst. SEC: K3SMB WA3LJW, PAM: K3SMB. RMs: W2KAT/3 W3NEM W3LOS W3KUN.

Net	kHz	Time/Days
WPA CW Traffic	3585.0	7:00 PM Dy
WPA Phone Traffic	3983.0	6:30 PM Dy
WPA RACES	3990.5	9:00 PM Su

W2ZUH has resigned as SEC for WPA and will be taking on a new job in 60. Over the past three years WPA has been instrumental in organizing the present WPA ARES into a highly effective emergency communications network. Thanks for a job well done and good luck. The SEC for WPA Section will be WA3VUP, past EC for Blair Co. All county ECs should send their monthly reports to Gerald R. Patton, WA3VUP, 1504 Third Ave., Duncansville, PA 16839. Welcome to the Bedford County ARC, a newly formed club. Get well wishes to W3LYC K3MIY W3LGD. WA3VBM has upgraded to Extra Class and also elected to the A-1 Operators Club. K3ZFP has been appointed to the Personal Communications Foundation. K3ZET is being graduate work at the Ionospheric Research Center at Arecibo, Puerto Rico. The Steel City ARC is busy conducting Novice classes. The Indiana ARC graduated 14 new Novices. Special thanks to all of the clubs and instructors for spending the time in helping all of the newcomers to Amateur Radio. Although the severe floods expected this Spring did not happen, the many amateurs were prepared to assist with communications. Much

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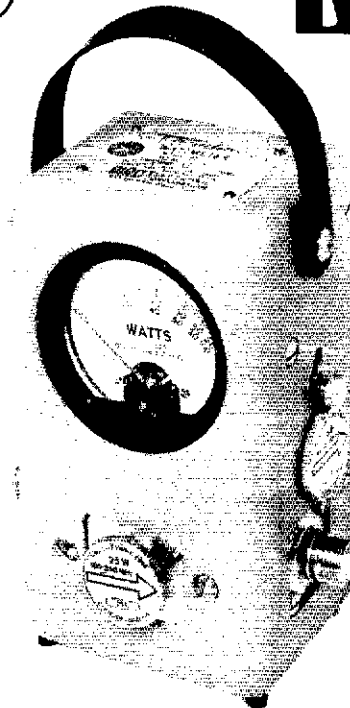
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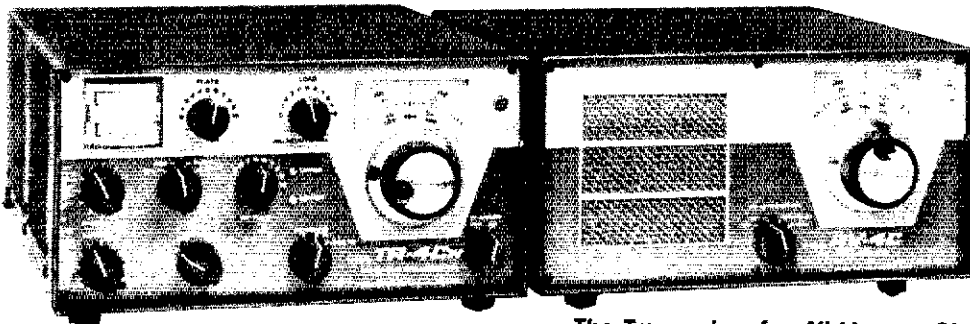
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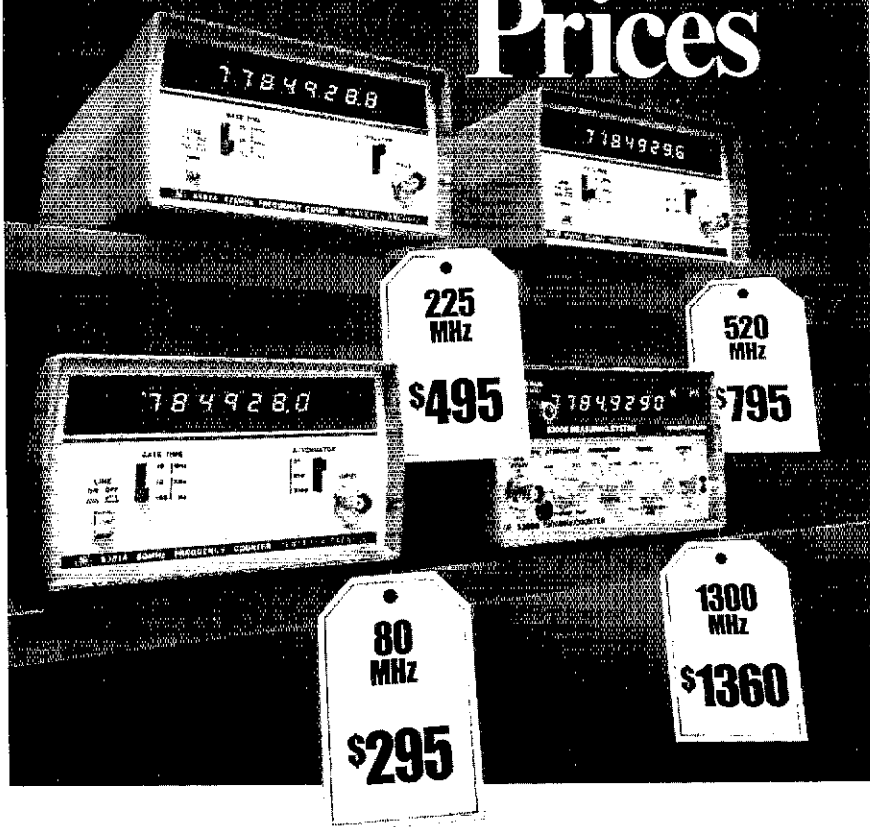


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experience was gained during 1977 SET. I hope to eyeball personally with many of the WPA members at the Northwest PA Hamfest on May 7 and the Breeze Shooters Hamfest on May 22. WB3AAD WB3JDF WB3ZCA and WA3YYA upgraded to General Class. WB3AKK and WB3AJB upgraded to Advanced Class. The WPA Phone & Traffic Net had 25 sessions in Feb., handled 15 messages with 150 check-ins. The WPA CW Traffic Net had 28 sessions in Feb., 445 check-ins and handled 208 messages. BPL credits K3CR. Traffic: K3CR 501, WA3VBM 417, W3KAL 209, WA3JFP 128, WB3AYZ 116, W3EGJ 101, K3RXX 89, K3CHD 94, WA3JH 54, W3KUN 44, W3LOS 43, K3SMB 32, W3SN 26, WA3AO 24, K3HCT 23, W3AIQ 17, W3TTN 15, WB3AIQ 9, K8MYU/3 8, W3YD 8, W3UT 6, WB3AGB 5, WA3UD 3, W3IDO 2, WA3QNT 2.

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IEN	3940	1400 Su	14	4
Ill Sn Speed	3712	0100 Dy	9	16

W9NJP is the newly appointed RM for the ILN Section. Jim is an active CW operator on the ILN net. Interested enthusiasts can contact him. W9EWH and K3PKZ have joined the ranks of Silent Keys. This column's sympathy to their families and many friends. The Galesburg repeater, W9AKL, is on 146.01 in and 146.61 out with The Galesburg repeater, W9AKL is on 146.01 in and 146.61 out with Univ. ARC of Peoria began handling message service for the students and faculty in Feb. W9MOK and W9PHM are the officers of the club. W9WNN is now a General. W9AFA WD9AFB WD9AFD WD9AFG WD9AFH WD9AFI WD9AEY WD9WNN is now a General. W9AFA WD9AFB WD9AFD WD9AFG WD9AFH WD9AEY the Danville Junior College Novice classes. The Egyptian Radio Club of Granite City will hold their annual Hamfest on June 12 at local grounds. The Circle Amateur Radio Club (U of I, Chicago) elected WA9YZR WA9UDL KP4DHD WB9MMT and Dan Jacobsen, officers for the coming year. WA9GBW is Trustee and Faculty advisor. The Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest is June 5th. W9BEX is a new Novice in Granite City. Brother is WA9GAL. W9BEX is WA9BEX and uncle is W9EWA. K9MWA reports that the Independent Single Sideband Net traffic for Feb. was 658 for 23 sessions and for Jan. the traffic count was 659 during 25 sessions. The Lamoine Emergency Amateur Radio Club at Macomb repeater now in operation with a frequency of 147.06 and 147.66 with a call of W9ZAL. W9ZAL, W9JAW, W9JAL, W9JAL, W9JAL, W9JAL, W9JAL are the new officers of LAMARS (Libertyville and Mundelein Amateur Radio Society). WA9OYL has a new set of Drake Twins, and has received his WAC certificate. The Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs Hamfest was a great success. Reports from officers were that it had the largest attendance of all previous years. Frank O'Halloran reports at the Mar. 1st meeting of the Metro Amateur Radio Club. WA9GBW is the only BPL recipient for Feb. Traffic: WA9GBW 308, W9NJP 284, W9NKG 279, W9HOT 218, K9ZTV 163, W9OK 147, WA9KFK 141, W9KR 132, WB9NOZ 116, WA9GW 110, WA9EBT 101, WB9RSW 84, WB9SNC 63, WA9AGN 58, W9OYL 45, W9JL 44, WB9NCT 33, WB9JP 30, W9PRN 30, WA9GBX 28, W9PE 25, WB9ELP 22, W9DED 12, W9HPG 9, K9LIV 8, WB9PHM 7, W9LNQ 5, WB9RGZ 4, WB9NIO 4. (Jan. W9LNQ 22.

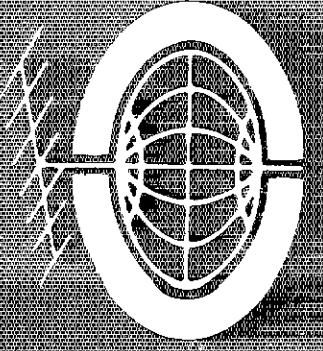
INDIANA: SCM, M. P. Hunter, WA9EED - Congrats to W9LTU on his appointment as RM. W9AHE is implementing auto-patch facilities. Richmond ARC started new code 4 theory classes on Feb. 14. W9HCH reports an improved 7 SET by Lake County ARCC/AREC. W9ADN reports in one month he has 29 states and 2 countries to his credit and still find time for tlc. nets. FCC seems to want upgrading to be difficult, some tests are showing problems that cannot be answered at all. Congrats to W9DJP who overcame the upgraded obstacles. Lake Co. ARC is now laying plans for FD. FWRC started new code 4 theory classes on Mar. 8. FWRC Hamsplatter also has some interesting facts on insurance for your mobile gear. Some very good scores have begun to surface after the first weekend of the ARRL DX test. W9EFT reports DXing is much better after you retire - you don't have to worry about getting your work after hard night. W9AEV reports he was active in NN (rather the true blue contest type). W9BHC reports new 84/24 repeater is being planned in Lake Co. No. Tlc.: ITN 584, INTN 81, QIN 368, Hook, VHF 15, QIN (Jan.) 260. Traffic: (Feb.) WB9KTR 37, W9QLW 339, W9YB 328, W9CGW 289, W9IOH 227, W9LTL 196, K9DCK 144, W9HUF 32, WB9PIL 132, WB9ZLV 22, W9SFT 96, WB9IHR 81, WB9NAQ 81, W9EL 71, W9STJ 44, W9RVS 3, K9YBM 31, WB9DIX 27, WA9CHX 27, K9RPZ 2, K9JY 25, WB9QEZ 25, WA9QCF 24, K9EQ 2, WA3HKR/9 20, WB9ORM 19, K9F 18, WB9EN 18, W9DLF 8, W9PMT 8, W9GGS 10, K9TKE 2, K9RUB 9, W9JEF 9, WB9HCH 6, K9WJL 3, W9BC 2. (Jan.) W9QLW 214, K9TKE 174, WB9HC 9, WB9THY 48, WB9SOY 23, W9RTH 6.

WISCONSIN: SCM, Roy A. Pedersen, K9FHI - SEC: K9PKQ. PAMS: W9AYK, W9IEM, K9UTQ. RM: WB9ICH, K9KSA, W9OT, K9LGU. Nets, freq. tim: QNI, GTC. Mgr.: BWN, 3985 kHz, 1245Z, M-Sa, 50:428, W9AYK; BEN, 3985 kHz, 1800Z Dy, 580, 13: W9IEM; W5BN, 3985 kHz, 2300Z Dy, 1229, 23: K9UTQ; WIN, 2342 Dy, 238: W9BIC; WIN-E, 3662 kHz, 0100Z Dy, 225, 15: W9OT; WIN-L, 3662 kHz, 0400Z Dy, 137, 4: K9LGU; WI-EXPO, 3925 kHz, 1801Z M-F, 602, 3: WA9NIX. OO class 4 to WB9NRK. Don't forget YARC State convention at Lake Delton May 2. K9JMP has 21 students studying Novice class. Pyrotec Aerial National Convention June 4-5 Toronto. WB9BPS has gone back to Alaska. Support your WI nets. Hope all your homebrew projects work. New hams from (Kettle Drums) WB9ZHP (N) WB9ZEG (N) WB9ZEF (T) WB9YZ (N). What your club doing for a project? Do you belong to a radio club. You would benefit and so would your club. Are you ready for ED? Help your club out. W9LNM now W9ZM. WA9ZZZ now W9GC (fro

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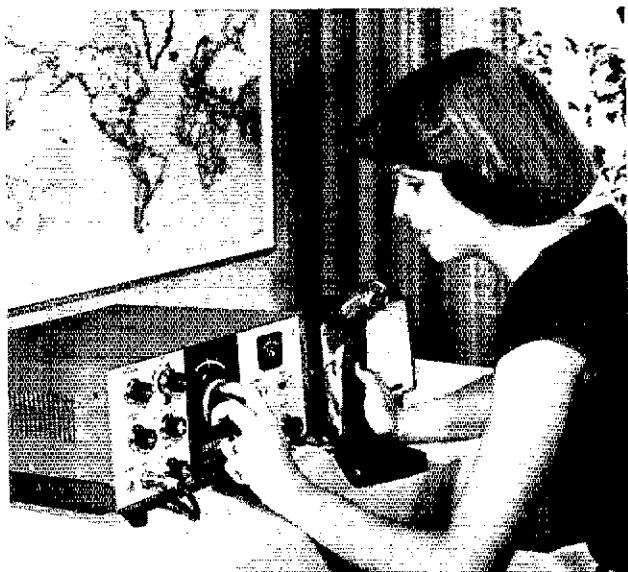
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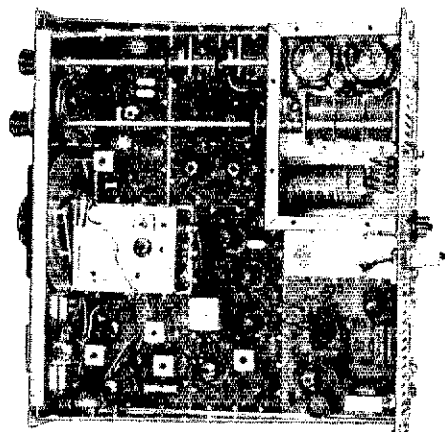
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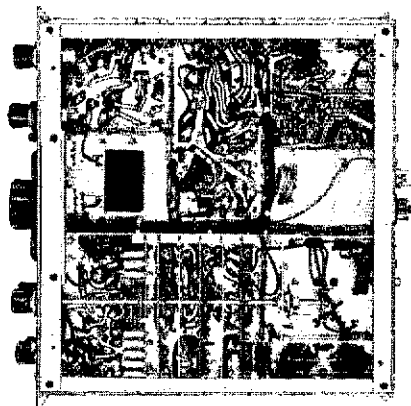
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YTARC) WA9JUU is editor of Intercom. W9SZR is now K3ZO is this right Fred? Oshkosh RC held a banquet at Nino's in Oshkosh Feb. 15, a very fine turnout too, their radio classes are going good. YTARC reports good turnout in their classes. K9JMF has Novice classes going in Poyntney. New Novices in Winnebago area. W9AQB, W9AQT, W9BYG, W9BYW, W9BYWM and W9BYWO. New officers for MARA, W9H5Y, pres.; W9AQC, vice-pres.; W9FTH, treas.; W9AJDR, secy. (from FLARAC). K9CPM made BPL Traffic. (Feb.) K9CPM 622. W9DND 369, W9CKY 231, W9SFL 176, K9MZO 163, W9STI 116, W9GIM 149, W9MFL 176, W9B1CH 97, W91EM 9, K9JGU 61, K9JUT 48, W9AYK 37, W9EOE 42, W9MFG 38, K9SAQ 34, W9JUS 42, W9HLS 29, W9GKH 29, W9YFW 29, K9JPS 28, W9SSH 20, W9NDV 18, K9ANV 9, W9QVT 9, W9RRU 8, W9LKC 4, W9QXU 4, K9ASC 2, W9PYG 2.

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MINNESOTA: SCM, Frank Leppa, KØZXE - Active MN traffic nets are: 1205 PM daily, 3945 MSPN, 9 AM-5 PM M-F AM-noon Sat, Piconet AR 3925, 5:30 PM daily M5N 3710, 5:45 PM daily MSPN 3925, 6:15 PM MAWX daily 3925, 8:30 PM MSN 3685, 10:15 PM MSN2 3685. You are all invited to represent your city on these nets. W9OFG, RM M5N, is providing relay stations between M5N and M5N to improve traffic coverage. K9RNX has received OPS W9MMP helping with the Intruder Watch program. FCC field exams will be given in Fargo, ND, June 7. File FCC form 610 with St. Paul now. State MARS director, W9KUI, is recuperating after a stay in the hospital. W9PGZ has formed the 3950 Club which meets Sun. at 1 PM on (you guessed it) 3950 kHz. All are welcome to check in, especially the teen group. Austin ARC elected W9LTH pres., W9ARKV, secy. Good luck. An impressive demonstration of 2M emergency communication was presented to the Blandin Co. and the DNR by the Northern Lakes ARC Grand Rapids. NLARC picnic will be July 17. See you there. The Mankato ARC has produced new Novices W9YVU, W9ZQN and W9ZCH. Good going follows. The new officers are: W9FMR, pres.; W9BHYE, vice-pres.; W9GCT, secy-treas. The St. Paul RC has four instructors: W9FCO, W9QKJ, K9MCG and W9ODW; who teach all levels of licensees. That's quite a service. Traffic: W9HGX 586, W9MMP 165, 518, W9QNY 242, W9LDW 222, K9CYD 145, KØZXE 159, W9LKC 98, W9YVU 78, W9QCT 70, W9JUH 70, W9UCU 69, W9BPKG 67, W9DUW 64, K9RMX 62, W9PET 59, W9HKE 58, K9CSE 48, K9ZBI 50, W9BZQ 49, W9OFG 49, W9GLJ 43, K9PI 42, W9VNC 40, W9TFC 38, W9QJ3 36, W9RIQ 35, W9HZU 26, W9ORB 19, W9ARKV 15, W9BNC 14, W9OPK 13, W9BDD 12, W9BJR 12, W9BWR 11, W9WOW 12, W9BMA 11, W9BLS 11, W9BJT 9, W9PGZ 9, K9FLT 8, K9GNI 6, W9AIW 2, K9SKQ 1, W9BPN 1.

NORTH DAKOTA: SCM, Mark J. Worcester, W9WLP - Minot has code classes going with about 23 attending. W9JWL can be found on CW looking for DX for WAC. W9QVT giving code classes with about 10 attending. Dakota Feedback ARC at Grafton planning Novice Classes in about 2 weeks. W9SFD a Hettinger went from Novice to Advanced and received instant upgrade. Add comments to date: SEC W9PDP, ORS, W9DM W9AQA; UPS, W9DM W9SUF; OB, W9DM; OO W9QVW; Ecs W9RIB, W9BZC, K7QJW, W9HNV, W9BHM, W9BHT, K9PV, W9CRH, W9SRH, W9BOAJ, W9QBN, W9LRE, and W9AUA. There will be an EC Net at 1600Z of 3945 on the first Sun. of each month. All ECs are requested to participate. The VL Weather Net and DATA weather gathering portion will discontinue Apr 15 until Nov. 1.
 Nets - kHz CDT/Days Sess. QNI QTC
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 W9BRW
 Traffic: W9BRW 1139, W9SUF 170, W9CRH 151, W9BEM 95, W9CDO 89, W9FNZ 84, W9D 48, W9PDP 20.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCM, Ed Gray, W9CPX - TR SD Hamfest will be held June 17, 18 and 19 at Chamberlain, SD armory. The main activities kick off at 3:00 PM on Sat. The sponsor is the Medicine Butte ARC. W9DB of Milbartrey. W9ZY, Kennebec is a new Novice. Two meter sbsw activity in the state has been growing rapidly at 145.100 MHz with 10:00 PM being a good time to check for activity. Net election was held with W9VRE, chosen as NJG mgr., (K9TV), summer session Evening net mgr., and W9YAK, Winter Session Evening Net mgr. A special thanks to the past net managers and net control stations. The appointment for SEC is open. Anyone interested is asked to contact your SCM as soon as possible. Net report totals: QNI 2067, an QTC 93. Traffic: W9M21 656, W9VRE 238, W9HO 110, W9IG 47, W9EVL 26.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5JAU - SE W5VNV, Pams: W5POH, W5ZWZ, RM: W5MY, Nets, kHz, Times/Day, QNI, QTC, Mgr.: ARN, 399 0030/Dy, 804, 49, K5MEA; OZK, 3760, 0100/D 193, 46, W5MYZ, APN, 3937, 1200/M-S, 805, 3 W5POH; M-Bird, 3928, 2230/M-F, 559, 18, W5ZW, New EC for Cleburne Co. W5VU, and Washington Club, W5EPD, OBS for K5MEA, Endorsed EC W5SH, OPS W5GGH, PAM, W5ZWZ. New hams in A W85s XRC XRD XRO XQU XSE XSL XSN XT XRV XTW XTX YAS ZCW YZD ZBC ZII ZHC ZG ZBI YYM ZHJ ZHY ZCS YVY YVW ZPH ZP W5JAU visited the AR River Valley AR Foundation in Russellville. AR K5CCH now K5DVB. PSHR: W5POH 39, W5VNV 11, Traffic: WASHN 198, W5VNV 54, K5MEA 32, W5SHY 24, W5G 21, W5POH 20, W5H 17, K5KL 12, K5DW W5RIT 3.

LOUISIANA: SCM, Robert P. Schmidt, W5GHP - 1st. SCM, John Soltesz, W5GCV, SEC, W5BCL, RM, W5AZA, VHF PAM, W5VBX. Regard to announce the resignation of W5KFY as PAM and L Net Mgr. Congratulations to the Lafayette ARC on excellent Hamfest. The C-A Award went to W5YV

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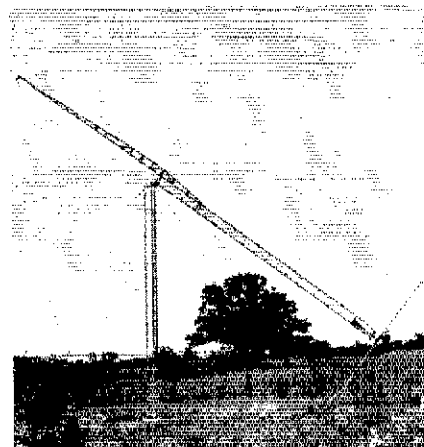
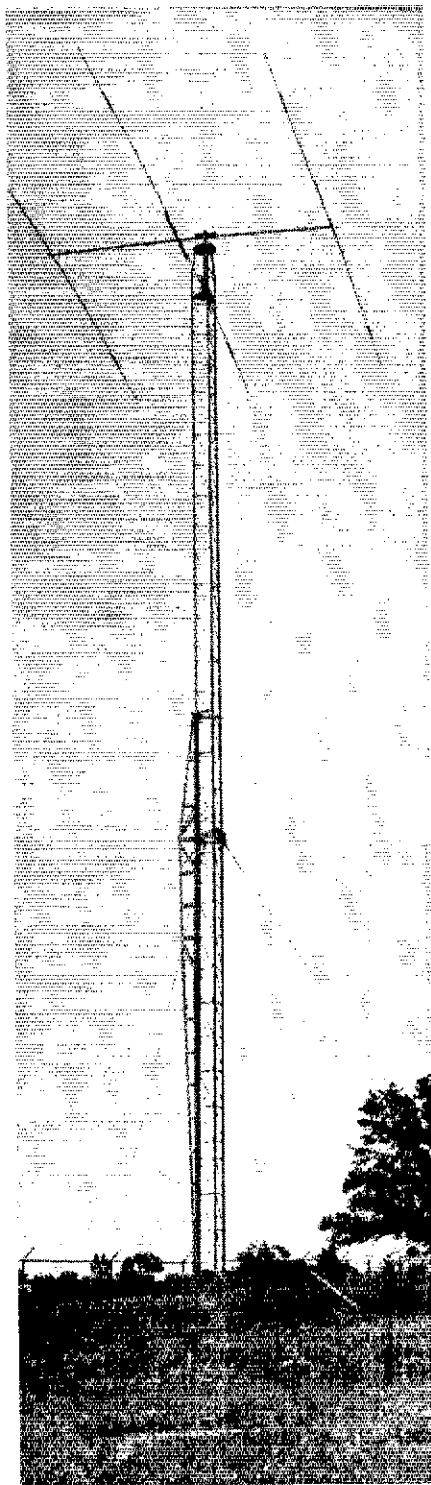
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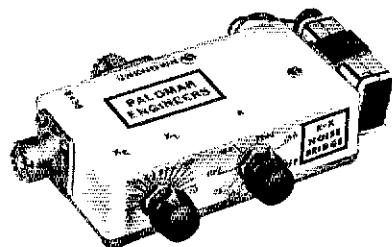
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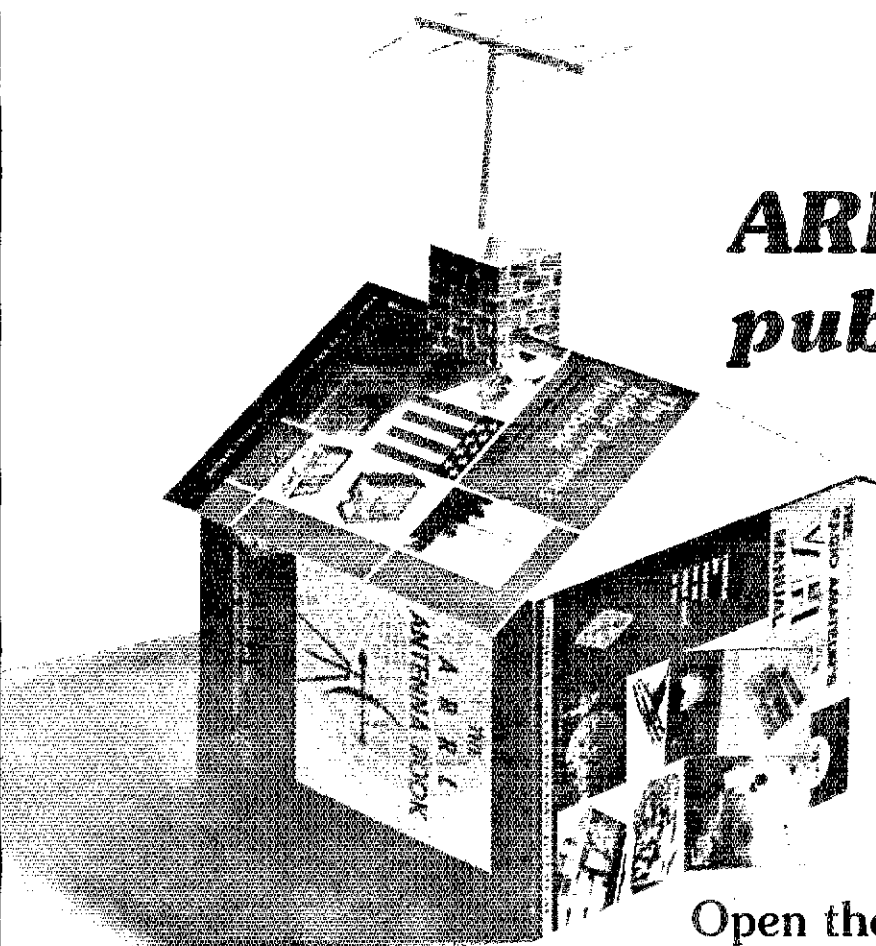
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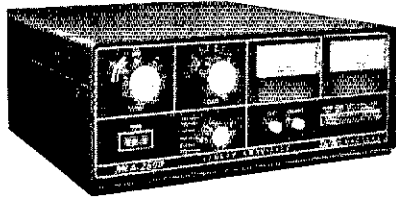
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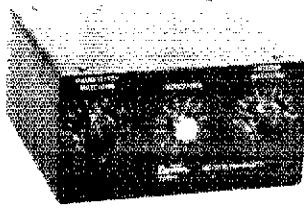


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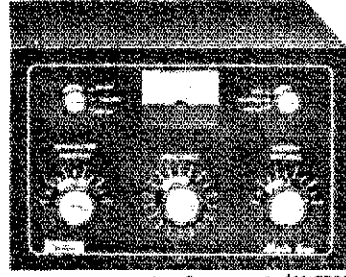
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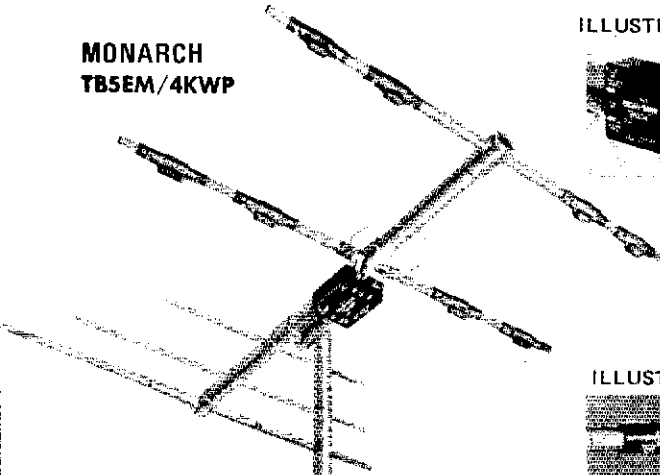


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Louisiana state RO. New officers of LARC are: K5EGW, pres.; K5NFG, vice-pres.; K5DPG, secy. K5ARH, treas. W55UTJ has his new 2-mtr amp working. W5BME active on the Hammond repeater. Officers of the MTA ARC are W5WQW, pres.; W55BJL, vice-pres.; W51QE, secy.; W5OCY, treas. The MTA club graduated 14 Techs, 3 Generals and one Advanced from their last class that finished in Feb. Regret to report the passing of K5TJZ of New Iberia formerly of Houma. WA5ZZA reports activity in LAN increasing. WA5AV 15N net msg has been off the air due to rig and antenna troubles. In the meantime WA5ZZA is helping with the net.

Net - Freq.	Time/Days	QNI	QTC	Mo
LAN - 3615	7:00 & 10:00 Dy	439	211	WA5ZZA
LTN - 3910	6:15 Dy	355	82	W5SKF
LRN - 3703	8:30 PM M-F	79	27	WA5AV
LRN - 3587	5:00 PM Su	18	12	W5FFH

Traffic: WA51QU 247, W5GHP 206, W55PTH 160
WA5ZZA 139, W5MI 108, W55CDX 95, WA5VQ 89, W55NVB 67, W55LR 47, W5AVGY 37, W55FHU 35, W55NEZ 19, W55RTW 7. (Jan. W55NVB 54.

MISSISSIPPI: SCM, E. Ed Robinson, W5YTN - SEC. W55FXA. Enjoyed FB visit with the ECHO Repeater Assn. and their club doing good job with 28/81 repeater. K51KB EC for District E reports all his counties now have local ECs. New 2-meter repeater in Meridian now on the air 10/70. Congrats to K5RRR on 30 wpm code proficiency certificate. Welcome new MS amateurs: W55ZGI ZCZ ZFI ZEO ZES ZGI ZIJ ZEM ZEJ ZET ZDX ZFI ZGN ZER ZLU ZCI YCR YZI X5K XUP XU5 YBK YAE YAW AGW YIR YAL YVL YCN YCW YZQ YYG ZAG ZLH ZNC ZSR ZHT ZKR ZKH ZHU ZHN ZIN ZIH ZHX ZHS ZHT W55BEV BET BEX BDM BFC BFC BCO BCU AGB BFZ BDZ BEJ BER AGN AFH AHG DRNS sessions 28, QTC 379, MS rep. 92.9%. CGCHI QNI 3011, QTC 110, M5BN QNI 1183, QTC 85, N5 MS FM Net QNI 414, QTC 4, MTN QNI 220, QTC 60 Miss Lou Weather Net QNI 105, QTC 4, Traffic W55DY 144, W55LX 143, W55EJ 36, W55DY 130, K5OAF 21, N5XA 25, W55NB 25, W55SG 25, W5YTN 17, W5RUB 15, W5VKR 14, W55QCA 12, W5BW 8, W55HY 7, W50XA 5, K5XV 5, W55HAS 2, W55NGF 2.

TENNESSEE: SCM, O. D. Keaton, WA4GLS - SEC. WB4DYJ. PAM: WB4PRF, RM: WB4DJU.

Net - Freq.	Time(Z)/Day	Sess.	QNI	QTC
TPN - 3.980	1140 M-F	83	4637	37
WA4EUV				
W4PEP	1245 M-F			
WB4VPO	0130 M-Su			
	1400 SuH			
TCN - 3.980	0130 M			
WB4WHE				
TN - 3.635	0130 Dy	30	276	10
K4YFC				
TNN - 3.710	2300 MTh	9	73	2
WA4CNY				
ETVHFN - 50.4	0200 MWF	13	141	
WA4WZJ				
ETVHFN - 145.2	0200 TTh	8	44	
WB4DZG				
MTIMN - 28.8	0200 TF	9	75	
W4EAY				
WTVHFN - 146.37	2330 Dy	40	1080	
WA4VVX - 146.97				

TCDARC - 146.16 0200 W 4 94
W5CVL - 146.76
Everyone remember to attend the Humboldt Hamfest on the 24th and the Knoxville Hamfest on the 28th & 29th, both are always very interesting. The MARR enrolled 250 students in their Spring, '77 radio training class. Current OPs are as follows: WB4YPC, WA4LW, WB4MPJ, WA4M, W54ANX, WB4DY, W4TY, WA4TW, WA4VW, WA4JW, W4SGI, W4PF, K4UMW, W4PSN, WA4BCS, W4OGG, K4QKV, WA4CGK, WA4JNW, WB4ZSZ. Current ORs are: K45XD, N4ZZ, K4YFC, WB4DJU, K4AMC, W4OGG, W4QD, K4VM, WB4CRT, WB4ZSZ, WB4NIR, WA4UA, WB4FGT, WA4IDN, and ORS II are WA4Y5, WA4CNY, Traffic: K4CNY 365, WA4CNY 183, WA4WHQ 128, WA4OGG 108, K4VM 101, WB4ZSZ 101, K4JSE 99, W4QD 97, WB4DJU 81, WA4DK 56, K4YFC 56, K4FSK 42, WB4PRF 42, W4VS 38, WB4BKF 29, WA4GLS 28, W4RUW 27, WA4VVX 27, WB4MPJ 21, W4TYV 17, WB4YPO 17, WA4VYL 16, WB4GBI 12, N4ZZ 12, WB4WHE 11, WA4OSH 8, W4SGI 7, W4VJW 6, K4UMW 6, WA4VW 6, W4PSN 5, WA4ATI 4, WA4TYN 4, K4MZE 2.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY: SCM, Ted Huddle, W4CID. SEC. WB4ZML.

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
KRN	308	47	KYN	117	94
KTN	1054	97	KSN	207	81
KPON	84	8	SEKEN	38	1

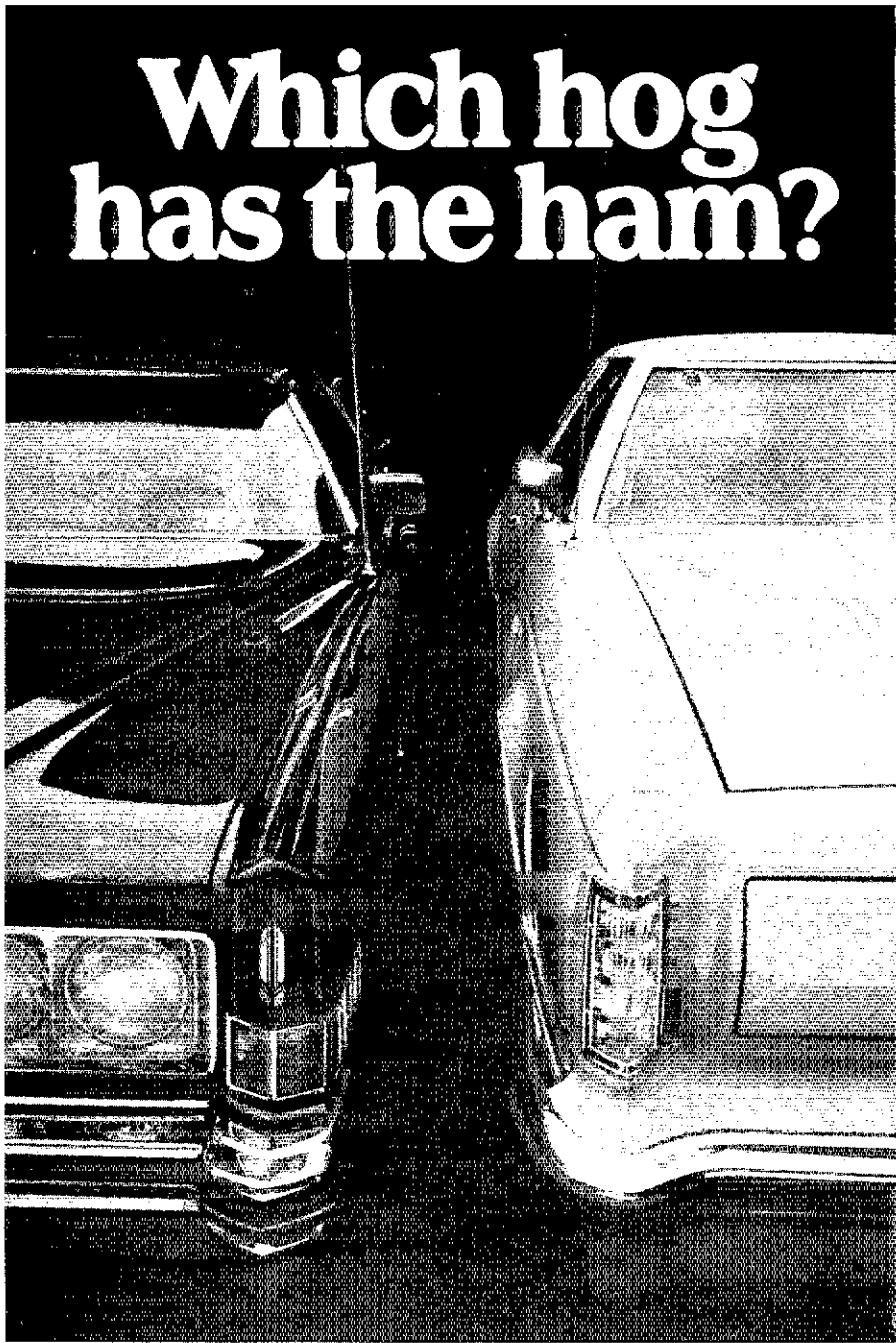
Many thanks to WB4KLC who now has his General and has been helping your SCM out by taking incoming traffic. Our CW nets are in dire need of QNI. The winter band condx took their toll on the late session. K4FUM, RM, needs your support. WB4BDF and WB4KLC both have new rigs. Traffic: K4TX 257, K4HF 136, W4S2 128, WB4KLC 71, WB4QV5 58, WA4IGS 52, WA4FOB 38, W4CDA 34, WB4EOR 29, WB4AUN 27, K4HOE 27, WA4AVV 26, K4FUM 18, W4CID 18, K4AVX 17, WA4NAR 11, K4LDL 7, WA4FAF 7, WA4UBE 5, WB4AFH 2, WA4WNH 1.

MICHIGAN: SCM, A. L. Baker, W8TZZ - SEC. W8MPO. RMs: W8JYA, W8NCD. PAMs: K8LN, W8JIX, VHF PAM: W8WVV.

Net - Freq.	Time/Day	QNI	QTC	Ses
MACS - 3953	1600 Dy	940	594	3
GMN - 3663	2300/0200 Dy	961	365	9
W55BN - 3935	0001 Dy	899	299	3
MARES - 3932	2300 Su	109	86	1
BRMEN - 3930	2230 Dy	624	81	2
UPEN - 3922	2230 Dy	782	80	3
GL ETN - 2932	0230 Dy	360	36	2
MNN - 3720	2330 Dy	227	34	2
MIGM - 50.7	0001 Dy	227	28	2
VHF PAM		416	8	1

Election results: Central Mich Repeater Assn. W8BRCR, pres.; W8BSDJ, vice-pres.; W8BUOC, secy. W8JGW, treas. Monroe County, W8GWB, pres. W8BKBZ, vice-pres.; W8TTF, secy-treas. Shawnee County, W8BECZ, pres.; W8ABBM, vice-pres.; W8BVE secy.; W8AAMP, treas. MACS Amateur of the year

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WBPD. KH6LJ now back in Owosso as WB8GHU. New licenses: Novice, WD8s DNU (BC IBB DZP DNU). Technicians, WD8DDV & WB8UJQ. Generals, WD8ANC WB8SEZ WB8ULT WB8ZY. Advancees, WB8MEG WB8TMP. Congratulations. New appointments: WB8CFV WB8VCO WB8LSS WB8UPV are ECs. WRRC is ORS & WB8SDI. OBS. Club papers report increasing numbers of Technicians operating hf cw. New year: WB8TQZ reports completion of HW 2036. WD8DQR has a TS 520. WA8WWM TS 820 & IC 225. WB8KQS HW 101. K8MUJ SR 150. WB8VCM TR4. Traffic: (Feb.) WB8YDZ 245, WB8VPL 234, WB8WRJ 232, WB8MO 195, W7KQU/8 176, W8CUP 159, WA8OIE 158, WB8POL 153, WB8JX 134, K8DYI 102, W8GLC 100, W8NOH 100, W8YIG 98, W8DHB 96, K8LNE 95, WB8OW 91, WB8NCD 89, W8TZZ 77, WD8CJG 63, K8ZJU 52, WB8ITT 50, W8WZF 49, W8WWS 48, W8EJL 47, W8GJS 41, WB8DKG 41, W8ASVI 39, W8IHX 38, W8JUP 38, WB8JNJ 34, W8BCSA 32, W8UFS 27, K8DTG 31, W8DCN 30, K8BZL 28, W8CSO 27, K8GXV 27, W8LDS 24, WB8SNI 24, W8EU 22, W8IUC 20, W8VIZ 17, W8SDB 16, W8WVY 16, W8FEYM 14, K8JED 13, WB8APN 12, W8HKL 12, W8RNG 12, K8JHA 11, W8JLD 11, K8PYN 11, W8EJL 11, K8CIP 10, WD8CJU 7, W8BZF 5, WB8TQZ 5, W8WVY 5, W8JAX 4, W8WVY 4, W8BAA 3, W8QBE 3. (Jan.) WB8RVG 91, WB8YDZ 60, WB8MTD 34, W8WWM 33, W8GKB 19, WB8KBZ 15, W8DC 1, WB8TQZ 1.

OHIO: SCM, H. Rudolph Greeb, WBCHT/N8XX/WR8A/O/WR8AJP, Ohio Section Nets Picnic, July 31, High Bank Metro Park, north of Worthington on Highway 23. Short Business meeting starts about 1:30 P.M. For details and map contact WB8JGW. Net Reports (Feb.)

Net - Freq.	Time(Z)	Sess.	QNI	QTC
QSSBN - 3.9725	1430/2000/2245	85	2744	1118
QNN - 3.710	2234	20	89	47
Q6MN - 50.16	0100	28	189	32
BRTN - 146.46	0130	28	93	28
BN - 3.577	2245/0200	48	330	181
QSN - 3.577	2210	28	190	88
BNR - 3.605	2200	28	102	514

Currently the entire section appointees structure is being reviewed, W8LTA, RM without portfolio, has been appointed to assist the other RMs in reviewing ORS criteria and appointment procedures. I'm currently looking for people to assist in parallel capacity for the other appointments. W8SVX reports successful completion of Novice code and theory class, with 36 new licenses either in hand or expected shortly. W8BILA & W8BIB are new hams in University Heights. Queen City Emergency Net and Hamilton County ARES cooperated in special SET with American National Red Cross, Ottawa County, Central OH, and other ARES groups re-scheduled their SET activities during Feb. since the real snow and weather emergency cancelled many exercises. Hams in all counties along the Ohio River and major tributaries participated in standby alert during the extreme freeze and subsequent thawing. While no major flooding or other disaster occurred, had conditions been only slightly different a major emergency could have existed. Traffic: WB8KWD 793, WB8MCP 535, W8ALS 250, W8LTA 248, WB8VLR 222, K8JED 91, 188, K8BYR 177, WB8KKI 170, WB8YVI 170, K8MLO 149, W8TH 146, WB8JGW 130, W8KPN 130, W8JXP 105, WB8CJU 101, W8LZE 94, N8XX 90, W8VWH 80, WB8OMQ 78, W8CXM 73, WB8OFR 72, W8JD 60, K8LXA 59, WB8MRL 52, W8CE 49, W8RRQ 48, W8BACM 46, W8TRK 41, W8SED 40, W8ZK 39, W8JL 37, W8JL 32, W8JCS/JN 26, WB8PIY 25, W8SSI 25, W8OUU 23, W8HHH 19, W8WEG 19, W8DCX 16, W8AYC 12, W8DHL 12, WB8WEK 12, K8QYR 11, WB8GGR 10, W8GRG 10, W8IMI 10, W8AMAZ 10, K8IOW 7, W8PNP 7, WB8UIN 7, K8ONA 7, N8AA 5, W8TZ 2.

HUDSON DIVISION

EASTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Gary J. Ferdinand, W2CS - SEC: WB2VUK, Asst. SEC: K2AYG, PAMS: W8ZCFI WB2EMU. RMs: K2QYG, WB2IXW, WB2VUK and K2AYG have swapped jobs so that K2AYG can have more time to devote to his local ARES group. New SEC is WB2VUK, asst. SEC is K2AYG. Thanks Wayne for all your hard work. Columbia-Greene has a new EC, WB2DUW. He will find W2KHQ a hard act to follow. Good luck, OO reports received from W2DW. OBS report from W2PAU. The Communications Club of New Rochelle has 71 students enrolled in the Novice class. Training chairman WB2GMN is going to have his hands full! Albany ARA celebrates passing the 200 mark in membership by graduating four new Novices: W2KHI W2KNO W2KNN W2KGC. W2PAU spent a week in FL operating from W2L. W2YJR reports working England on 5 watts cw. W2CJY says his oatmeal box antenna tuner really does work. WB2FVX has been busy lately. In addition to completing 5 band WAS (No. 275) and getting his own Extra Class license, he recently graduated the following new Novices: W2KTT W2CMT W2EDQ W2AKJ WB2DWQ WB2JHS WB2ZRE. In case you've been wondering who belongs to those new call signs, W2HNC is now N2SF, W2KUL is W2JU, W2EAH is K2VU, W2FMK is W2NC and W2PJL is now W2CS. New graduates of Poughkeepsie Club Novice Course: W2KRN W2KZM W2KMY WB2LRF WB2KMF. PSHR this month to WB2LZ WB2JL W2CS. Traffic: (Feb.) W2YJR 338, W2CS 196, W2RIW 166, WB2EMU 154, WB2TGL 125, WB2RUZ 88, W2UYL 72, W2IT 55, W2YYM 44, WB2EKM 40, K2OUA 27, K2HNW 23, W2CJY 18, WB2JD 17, W2EHV 10, W2PAU 9, W2DW 4, WB2GJ 4, W2ACNE 3. (Jan.) W2IT 104, WB2QOH 57.

NEW YORK CITY - LONG ISLAND: SCM, John H. Smale, WB2CHY - Asst. SCM: Art Malatzky, W8WFFJ. SEC: K2HTX. RM: WB2LNZ. PAM: W2AECO. The following are major AREC/RACES Nets. Join one, please.

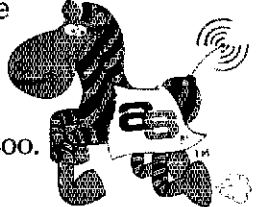
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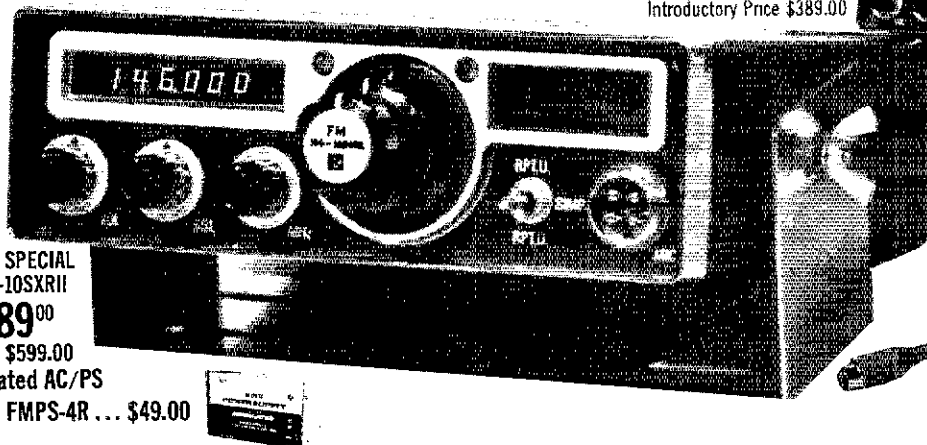
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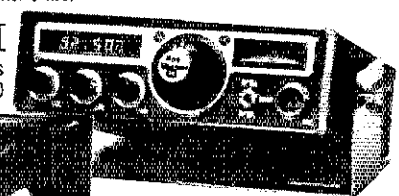


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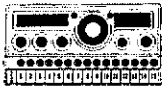
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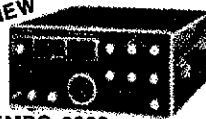


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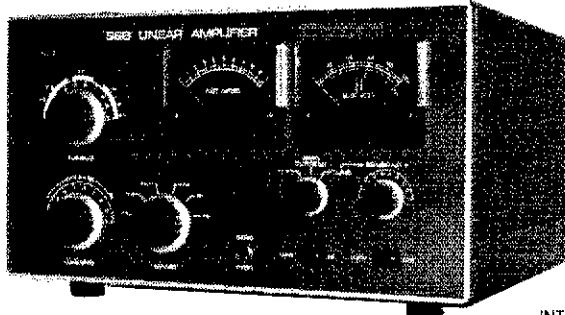


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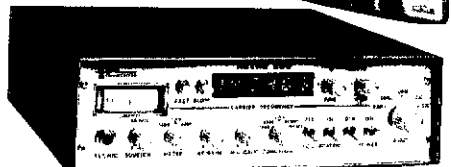
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are WB2FEB, pres.; WB2ADF, vice-pres.; WA2TRH
treas.; K2KD, secy.; WA2KKJ, act. mgr. WA2ECO is
now with a TS520. W2EC made BPL with ar
outstanding traffic total. WA2YEI now has ar
HA800B revr and HW7 for his shack. W2GKZ finishes
his W2000 with good results. Congratulations to
WA2EMJ who passed the Advanced. We came to new
clubs in the area, Quisqueya RC and St. Johns Univ
RC, for info on Quisqueya RC, contact Julio R. Brea
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Wantagh RC had FB turnout for their Novice classes
Officers for the Kings County RC are: WB2CQG, pres.
WA2BJJ, vice-pres.; W2NDA, treas.; WB2CQG, secy.
Hall of Science ARC is getting up construction of
equipt., classes again. WB2FHN reports that several
clubs in Eastern Suffolk are offering Novice Courses
he also reports The Shelter Is. ARC now boasts 3
members, Bob also needs AK for WAS. New ham in
the College Point Area is WA2VWV, officers for
Citibank ARC are WA2ROD, pres.; WB2PHH, vice-
pres.; WA2GXQ, secy-treas. W1ICP addressed the L.L.
Chapter of QCWA at its Dec. meeting, also present wa
W2HD. Chapt. officers are W2JGR, chmn.; W2UAL
vice-chmn.; W2NKC, secy.; W2HVLJ, treas. The L.L.
QCWA Net meets every Sun. at 11:00 AM on 39.1
kHz. TU-BOR officers are W2YGM, pres.; WA2MKB
vice-pres.; WB2UDD, secy.; W2VZQ, treas. Traffic
(Feb.) W2EC 998, WB2LZN 315, WA2ECO 274
W2HXT 222, W2GLE 137, WA2BMI 134, W2LYH
106, W2MLC 97, W2GKZ 40, W2DBQ 36, WB2SJC
28, K2GCE 24, WA2YEI 21, K2JFE 6. (Jan.)
WA2WKH 543, WA2BRP 209, WB2SJC 37.

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Net -- Freq. Time(PM)/Days Sess. QNI QSP
Manager
NJN -- 3695 7:00 Dy 28 386 202
WB2CST
NJN -- 3695 10:00 Dy 28 155 37
WB2CST
NJN -- 3730 8:15 Dy 25 103 63
WA2WIV
NJPN -- 3950 6:00 Dy 28 484 261
WA2SLF
NJPN -- 3950 8:00 A Su 4 18 20
WA2SLF
PVTN -- 145.7 8:00 Dy
WA2OPY

SEC: WB2PBO, PAMS: WA2SLF and WA2OPY
VHF: RMS: WA2WIV and WB2CST. New ham in
our sections include WA2KJP of Little Falls, WB2KEH
Prospect Park and WB2KQE Tunafly. Welcome to all
and hope to hear from you soon. WA2DIW reported
his fall class resulted in 8 new licensed hams. The
Sussex County Novice class recently graduated 10
students. WB2VTI reports that they have 4 student
and two teachers at the Shore School Novice clas
in New Brunswick. Congratulations to the above
groups for the fine work they are doing. WA2KFE is
running a net that meets daily on 21.4 MHz at 0000Z
WA2RYD is again back in NJ. We regret to note the
passing of two Tri-County Radio Assn. members
W2FNK and W2CDA. They will be missed by their
many friends. WB2LJ has a new 70-ft. crankup
tower. WA2ZQH won his Tower Court Case in Gile
Rock. Oscar DXCC totals are Nr. 62 for W2RS and Nr.
76 for W2LV. WA2GMO new Advanced. WA2UOC
continues to build his antenna farm with a bobcat
curtain on 40 and a shunt fed tower on 80. K2CYO
has a new invertor for 75 watts for traffic
work. WB2VJQ back on the air with a TS-820. Our
Director K2SJC, Vice-Director W2IHA and your SCM
all spoke at a recent meeting of the Old Barney Radi
Club. This group is available to all clubs in the NN
section. See page 8 for the list of QTHs. The Mayor of
Englewood has proclaimed the week of June 19
June 25 as Englewood Amateur Rad. Assn. Week
Traffic: (Feb.) WB2ASD 372, WA2BAW 330
WB2CST 93, W2SWE 93, W2CU 91, WA2AYY 61
WB2RMK 62, W2ZEP 59, WA2NPP 58, W2CC 52
WB2DFO 48, WB2VTT 44, WA2DIW 40, WA2KFI
40, WA2RYD 40, WA2CAK 37, WA2HB 31
WA2SLF 37, WA2WXM 29, K2CYO 28, WB2HSG 22
K2VLI 22, W2Z 21, WB2Z 10, WB2PBO 10
W2VJQ 10, W2CVW 8, K2AM 6. (Jan.) W2ODV 45
WA2FUI 16, K2AM 9, WB2RJJ 9.

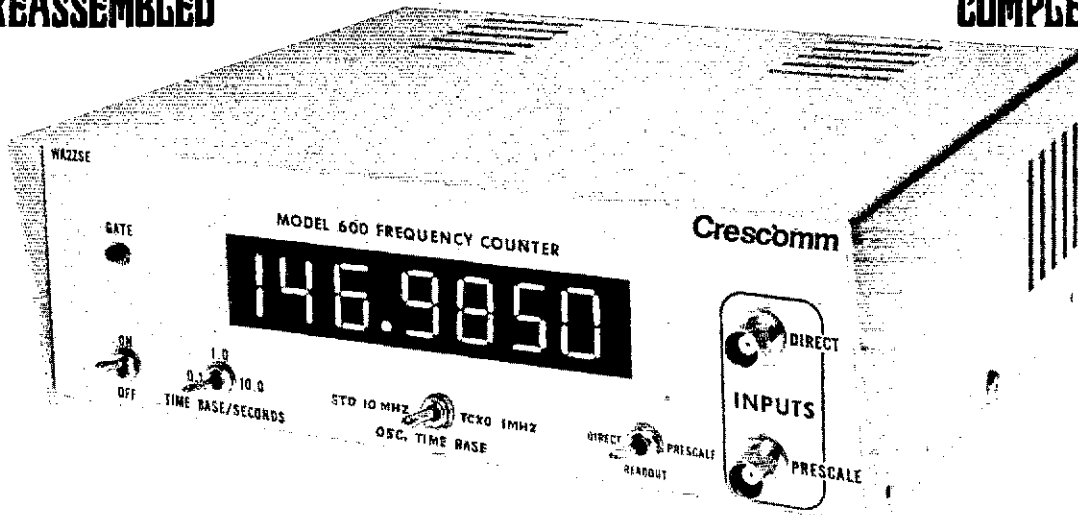
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IOWA: SCM, Max R. Otto, W0LFF -- Iowa's youngest
known Novices are WB2ZRS age 7, and WB2ZRL age
10. They are brothers, and their proud Pop is K0PN.
K0GFLJ scheduled four showings of "Moving Up" fil
plus a TV spot. W0PEX is veep of KTVI-TV
W0PDAG and W0GN enrolled at I.S.U. K0EGA ass
EC for Linn County and will have ST-6 assemble
soon. WB0LJE and W0MOQ moving to W6-Lanc
Cedar Valley. New officers: W0 officer, pres.; W0NAL
veep; W0NM, treas. WB0GO, secy. K0GV
WB0ZK W0FYG K0CKX K0YHO W0CQC K0EG
WB0HBP and WB0BPH active Army MARS in F
Central IA. Prairie Dog ARC new officers: WB0EVC
pres.; WA0ARZ, veep.; WB0MVX, secy-treas. Slou
City welcomes WB0WJF, WB0WPC, WB0WV
WB0YHC, WB0YNY, WB0YNY, WB0YNY
WB0YGA. New in Mapleton is WB0YNY and
WB0YNZ. WB0WZN is new in Vermillion, WB0YC
in Blencoe, WB0YRQ in Hawarden, WB0ZFC in
Akron, and WB0URW in West Liberty. WA0VBX has
new antenna farm for storm watch. K0UJJ is no
K0CF, K0GKR is K0MM and has 23 prospect
Novices in Clinton. Mt. Airy welcomes WB0ZRR
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QNI 1565, QTC 128, WA0VZH Mgr. 2300Z QN
1156, QTC 75, WA0QNB Mgr. Tall Corn 3560 kHz
2330/0300Z Dy QNI 337, QTC 127, sess. 55, K0EY
mgr. Traffic: WA0LX 58, K0EY 58, K0EY 58
W0YLS 154, W0SS 96, W0LUP 56, W0OMV 3
W0LPI 28, WB0AV 27, WB0PYD 23, W0LFF 17
W0LJW 18, WB0QJ 12, W0BX 4, WB0ENL 4, W0LX
4. (Jan.) WB0PYD 36.

KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BFX -- SE
W0KLL, RM: K0MRI. PAMS: WA0SEV WB0BCL. N
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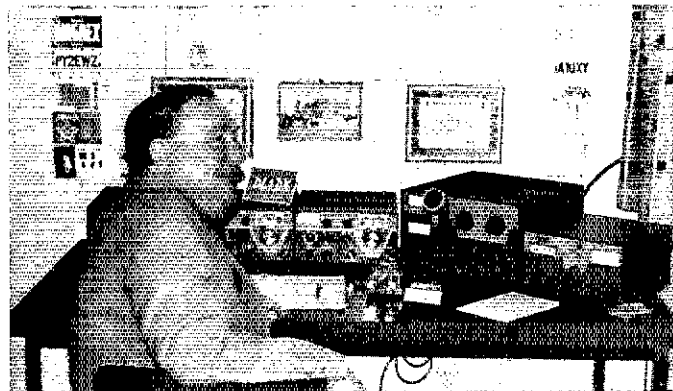


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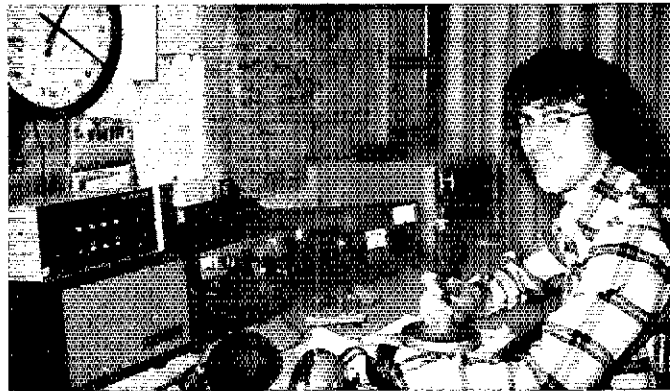
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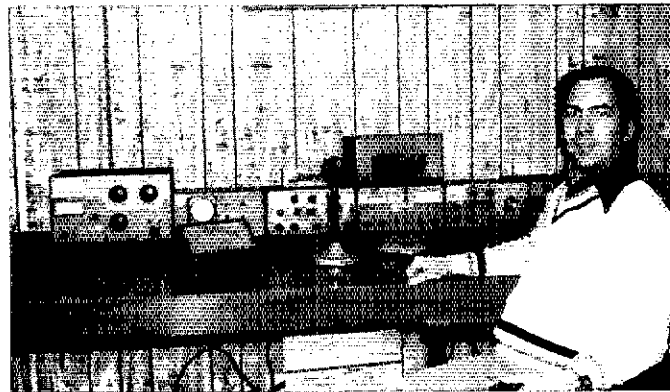
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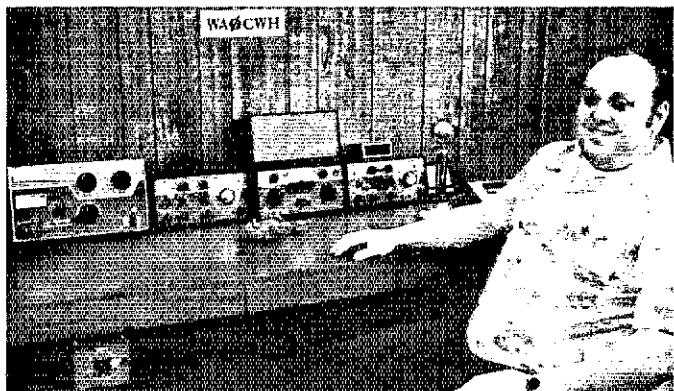
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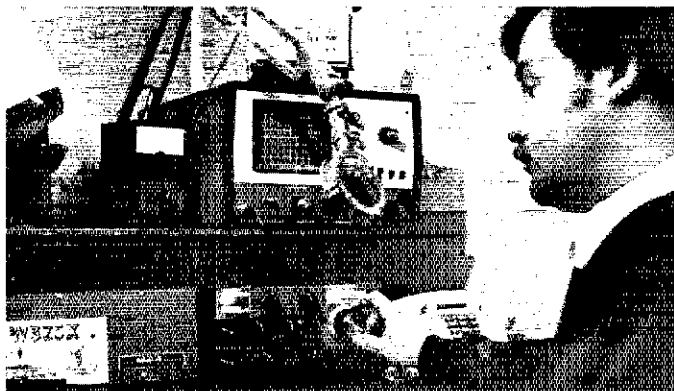
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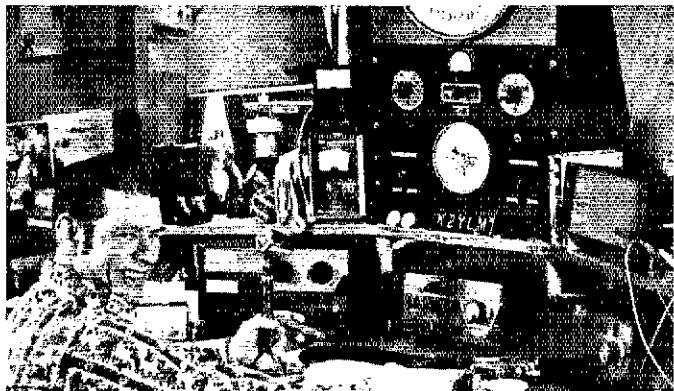
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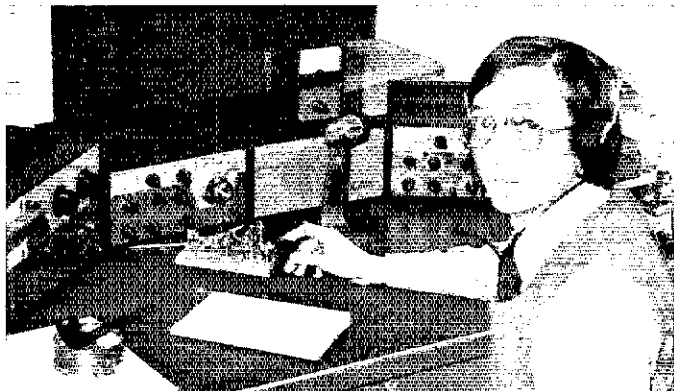
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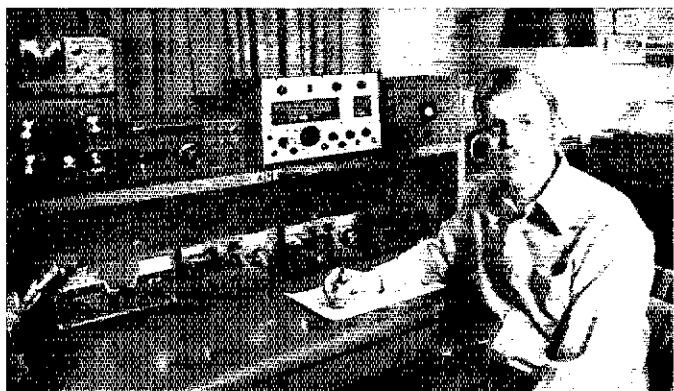
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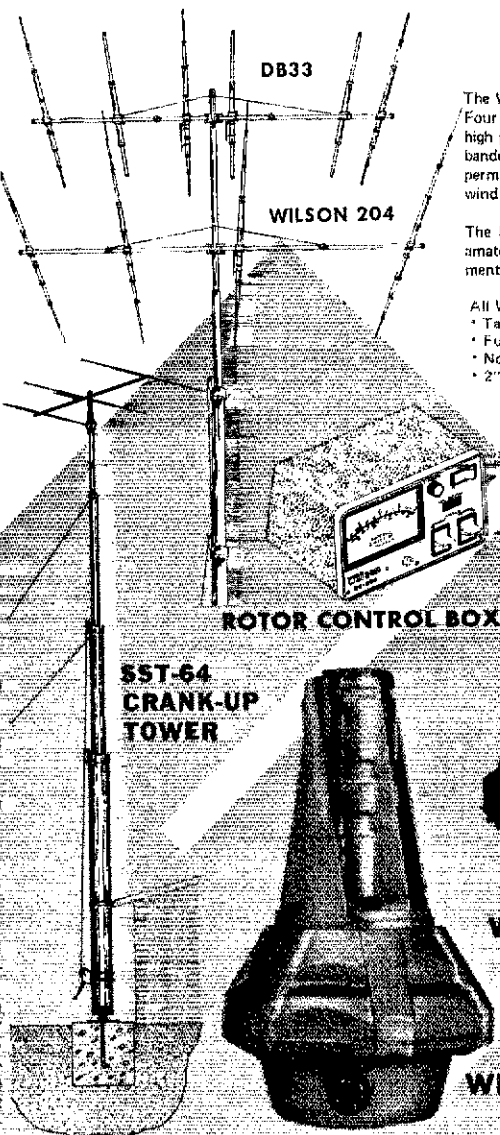
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Model No.	Frequency	Boom Length (ft.)	Number Elements	Element Length (ft.)	Turning Radius (ft.)	Surface Area (sq. ft.)	Wind Loading @ 80 MPH (lbs.)	Assembled Weight (lbs.)	Shipping Weight (lbs.)	Price
M340	40	40	2	20'0"	39'0"	15	700	180	220	\$748.00
M820	20	36	2	26'0"	37'0"	10.5	210	99	125	420.00
M820	20	40	2	26'0"	37'0"	8.75	175	74	98	295.00
M204	20	26	4	26'4"	26'8"	6.8	125	42	48	185.00
M703	20	16	4	16'0"	20'0"	6.25	105	25	40	129.00
M156	15	28	2	28'3"	18'0"	8.0	100	41	44	159.00
M154	15	18	2	25'2"	15'0"	4.0	60	30	32	108.00
M153	15	17	2	24'8"	14'0"	3.0	60	21	24	88.00
M108	10	40	2	18'0"	22'0"	9.5	110	49	77	218.00
M106	10	31	2	18'0"	18'1"	4.0	80	34	38	118.00
M105	10	26	2	18'0"	15'0"	3.0	60	28	32	109.00
M103	10	11.5	2	18'0"	10'0"	2.0	40	10	12	38.00
DB54	20	46	2	26'4"	27'0"	12.75	255	94	119	348.00
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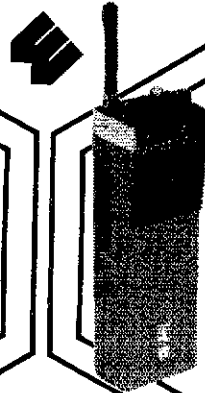
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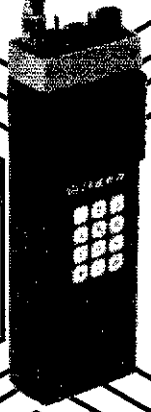


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- Current Drain RX 25 MA TX 500 MA
- Microswitch Speaker Mic
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 - All Crystals Plug In
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 - .3 Microvolt Sensitivity for 20 dB Quieting
 - Weight: 1 lb. 4 oz. less Battery
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 - Size: 8 7/8 x 1 3/4 x 2 7/8
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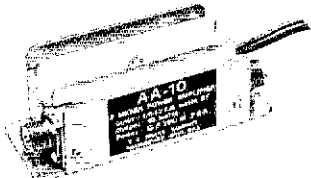
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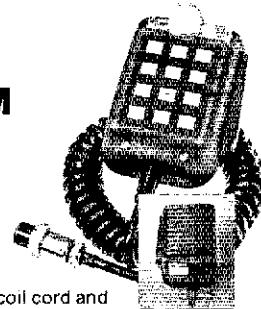


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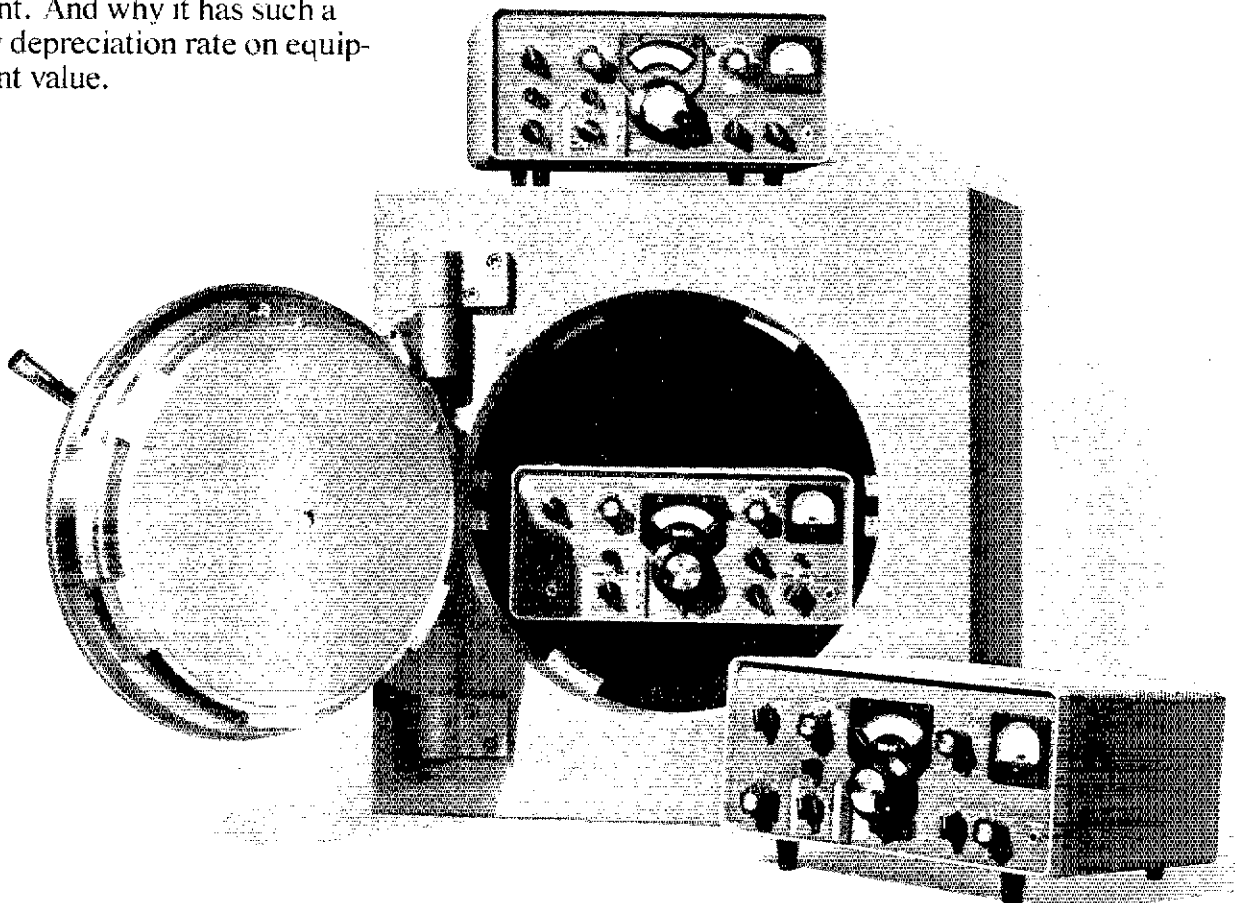
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to drop by the 3735 kHz freq. at 6:30 PM daily and give a helping hand by trying to learn the net back to QKS is most important so that the proper channel of traffic is adhered to as far as the NTS is concerned. KS does send a Rep. each night to the Tenth Region Net. SET 1977 is over and should be all discussed by the time you read this. If you did not participate due to an unknown factor of some sort — like who is my QTC? Then perhaps now is the time to start finding out before a real emergency does arise and the situation demanding proficient operating is upon us. Perhaps you can be the key person to spur the activity needed in your AREC Zone. Net reports for Feb. KSBN 28 sessions, QNI 1002, QTC 198, KPN 8 sessions, QNI 213, QTC 14, KWIN Net 28 sessions, QNI 754, QTC 256, QKS-5 22 sessions, QNI 75, QTC 31, QKS 56 sessions, QNI 565, QTC 222. W0XK still needs to hear from ECs each month. WA0HRG moving to OR. Lots of new 2 letter calls appearing. As soon as, and if you get one, be sure and do drop a line to the SCM so we can put an update on who is who one month real soon. Any one interested in co-ordinating of the VHF activity especially as it pertains to traffic handling? Traffic: (Feb.) WA2VEN/0 272, W0FIR 246, W0OYH 100, W0AM 98, W0HI 92, W0RF 92, W0DLKA 82, W0CHJ 81, W0LBB 66, K0MRI 65, K0BXF 59, N0IN 58, K0BWI 43, W0LUN 38, W0SEV 34, W0PWF 29, W0VEZ 24, W04HRG/0 17, W0BEY 15, W0FCL 15, W0BDE 13, W0LTP 12, W0KLI 11, W0RBO 11, W0GOWH 7, W0ATRO 7, W0PB 6, K0FPC 4, W0QOX 2. (Jan.) K0FPC 64. (Dec.) K0FPC 16.

MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — Asst. SCM, Joe Flowers, W0DTF. SEC: W0DBW. Congratulations to W0ZLL through W0ZLQ, W0ZNV through W0ZNY and W0ZOA on passing Novice and to W0TIL and W0ZJ on passing General. Congratulations to W0NEO on obtaining a 25-watt sticker and congratulations to W0NXX and W0QCY on passing Extra. Finally, congratulations to W0TIL who earned his 76 WAS award as a Novice. Currently there are 55 attending Novice class at the PHD Club. The new Lebanon ARC officers are W0RHC, pres.; K0DZD, vice-pres.; W0KEI, secy-treas.

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
MSN	198	247	MON 2	72	28
HBN	286	36	MON	153	114
SCEN	81	5	MOSSBN	985	188
PHD	39				

I am happy to report that W0SIV and W0FCR are both home from the hospital and doing fine and hope that W0BV, who has been under the weather will soon be feeling fit. W0MSY and W0NIE have moved from Springfield to their new home in Jefferson City, while W0PM has been promoted from Jefferson City to Springfield as District Engineer with the M0SHF. Traffic: K0ONK 854, W0BSND 257, W0BLEY 129, W0DTF 100, W0MEO 88, W0NXX 86, W0FND 73, W0FKL 56, W0UD 59, K0CW 47, K0RWL 47, W0FMD 39, W0CICU 35, W0BVL 34, W0BFY 27, W0LMW 22, W0QD 18, W0EPI 15, W0LVCV 10, K0AHL 8, W0NPC 7, W0MCF 6, W0EMX 3, W0AU 2.

NEBRASKA: SCM, Claire Richard Dvas, W0JCP — Asst. SCMs: W0GWR & W0GHZ. SEC: W0ASM. Plans are in progress for the July Victoria Springs HAMFEST, plan to attend. W0DMY is a Silent Key. Net — Friday 0030Z Dy 993 32 W0MAY NSN — 3982 0030Z Dy 993 26 W0GWR NMN — 3982 1330Z Dy 1069 26 W0GWR WNN Wx — 3950 1400Z M-S 499 55 W0NIK AREC — 3980 1430Z Su 166 1 W0IRZ CHN — 3980 1830Z Dy 1275 203 W0GHZ Sandhills WX — 3950 1930Z M-S 386 14 W0JWQ PX — 3978 2100Z M-F 286 33 W0GAUX QCWA — 3980 1500Z S 63 W0FQB 160 M — 1995 0130Z Dy 293 155 W0CBI E. Neb. 2 Mtr — 1676 0300Z M-F 480 15 K0GND

Traffic: W0VEA 112, W0CBI 58, W0VCG 39, K0BR 36, W0VYX 34, W0BVS 26, W0VQ 24, W0HOP 21, W0JWQ 19, W0YFR 17, W0CSW 16, W0GMD 16, W0MW 14, W0QEX 14, W0JCP 12, W0FQB 10, W0LOY 9, W0ZNI 6, W0GHZ 5, W0PCC 4, W0RJA 4, W0ATU 3, W0EEI 3, W0HNT 2, W0NIK 2, W0XB 1.

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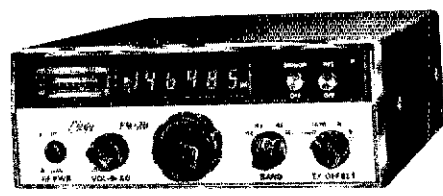
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Net — Freq.	Time/Days	Sess.	QNI	QTC
CN — 3640	1900/2200 Dy			
CPN — 3965	1800 M-S	28	433	210
	1000 Su			

VHF-2 — 28/88 2130 Dy 28 332 148 High QNI: CN — W1LQ and K1DFS. VHF-2 High QTC: W1EFM & W1LUR. SEC: W1DGL expects communications from all ECs, be sure reports on your area have been sent in. Director W1HRH sends thanks for Club Bulletins. Club Rosters are helpful also. Feb. QO Bulletin from ARRL should be re-read by all QOs. Your efforts are needed and appreciated. Manchester RC Bulletin "Short Skip" has excellent format and content. Tri-City ARC "Feedback" includes W1QY suggestion of member station pictures for use in Club History Scrapbook. Other Clubs may be interested. Stamford ARA "Squelch Burst" outlines problems encountered in replacing their Repeater Antenna. Shoreline ARC Bulletin indicates SARC Repeater will be operational if all help continues. Southington ARA enjoyed program on Oscar and Satellite Communications presented by K1HTV who is an authority on VHF QSOs. Meriden ARC "Key Klix" notes Club Program on Traffic Handling via W1VGP & W1UHN. New officers Manchester RC: W1DOI, pres.; W1CDD, vice-pres.; K1AAF, secy.; W1YVG, treas. Congratulations to: W1VGP, Feb. BPL: W1NGL, Class 2, W1CSD, W1BCD, W1BCD, W1BCD Novice Class! Final Field Day plans underway in most clubs — be sure to take part and provide plenty of support for all our wonderful new Novice Class Amateurs! Traffic: W1EFM 355, W1VGP 326, W1GPH 210, W1URA 116, W1WEM 115, W1KVI 85, W1GVT 63, K1DFS 59, W1BDM 35, W1UOU 34, W1UOT 24, W1KV 23, K1AQE 18, W1BQ 12, W1QV 9, W1CUH 5.

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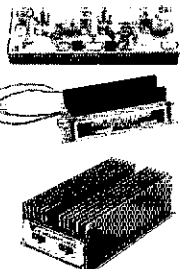
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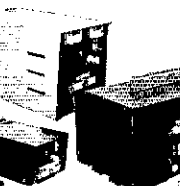


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PA140/10 W/T	10w in—140w out—2 mtr amp	179.95	
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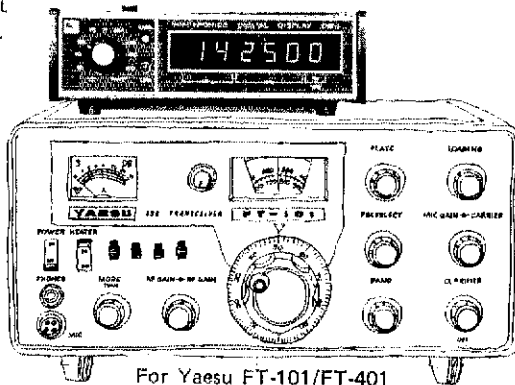
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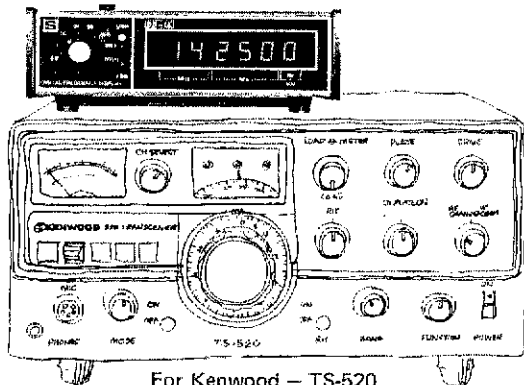
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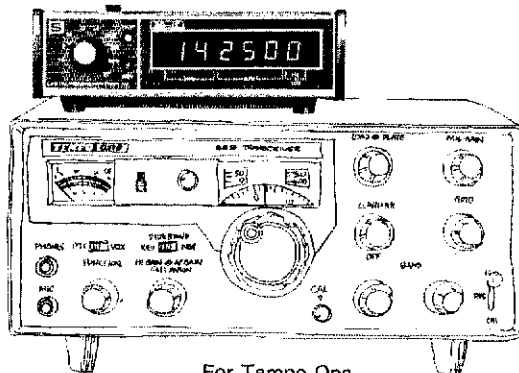
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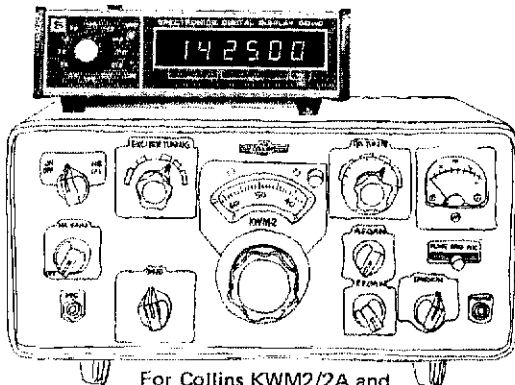
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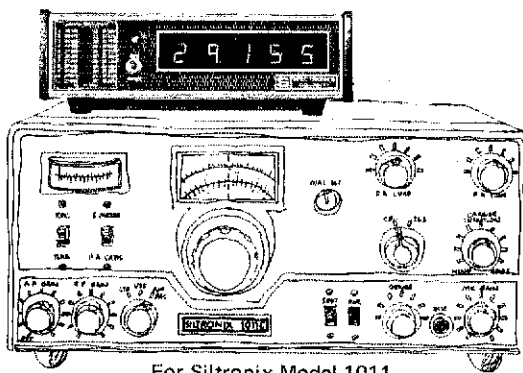
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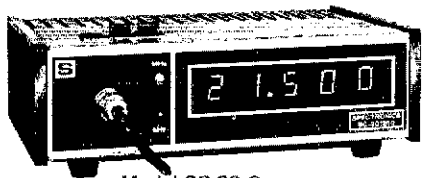
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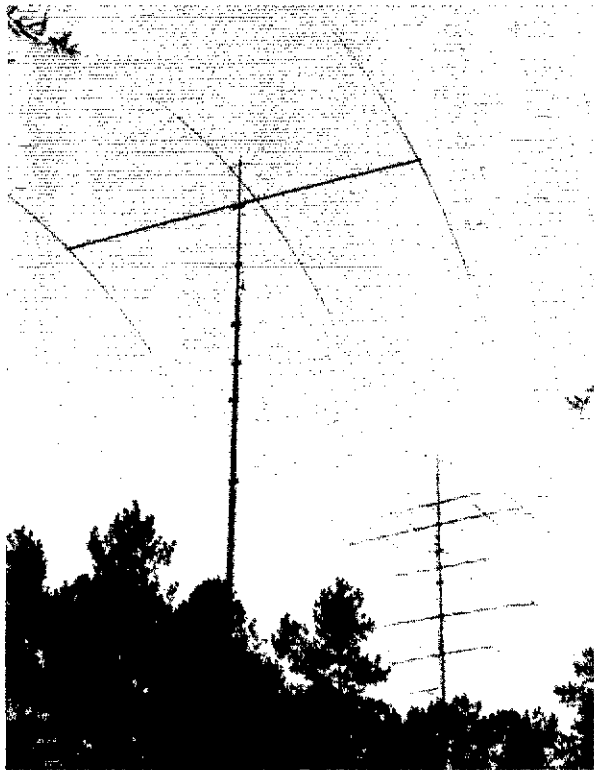
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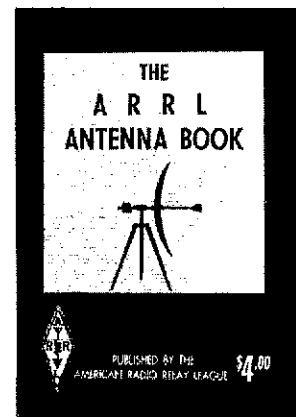
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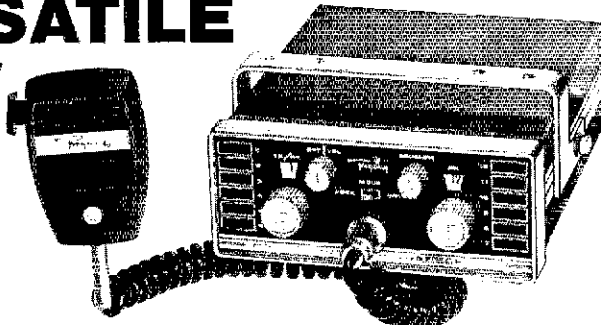
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MAINE: SCM, Ed Bristow, WAIMUX — W8SWN reports Portland-Gorham ARC active with HW-20 constructed by the students W1YRR and W1A1. New hams W1ALQ WB1BWN and WB1BWO. Novice class commenced Feb. 14. Fourth annual Moss-Trade Net Swapfest will be held at Foxfields, Dearfield, NH May 7. Contact K1RQG or W1A1V for info. Special session of Moss-Traders now on Sugarloaf Mt. rpt. Mon. at 8 P.M. MSSN certs. to K1JCK W1A1V. W1AFCM, Pine Tree Net real active. Join the fun on 3596 kHz 7 P.M. daily. K1RQG and W1A1V considering 75 mtr. repeater (1). Sea Gull Net (Feb.) average participation checks at 42. 6.2 time 64 mtr. Barnyard Net (Feb.) sess. 24, ck-in 810, tlc. 28. L. FWD YJZ and others lost antennas during recent storm. Pine Tree Net (Feb.) sess. 28, tlc. 261, ck. 265. W1MUX will do report next month. Traffic (Feb.) W1AFCM 465, W1RWG 175, W1A1UJ 1. WAZERT1 150, W1ERW 119, W1AJHT 63, K1T 47. K1JCY 3, K1GUP 32, W1ISO 15. (Jan.) W1RW 144, K1GUP 85.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: SCM, Robert C. Mitchel WINH/W1SWX — SEC: K1RSC. RM: W1AGC. PAM: Open. The NH QSO Party from all reports was great success. Welcome to W1B1AF, W1A1C, W1A1EA, W1A1E, W1A1F, W1A1G, W1A1H, W1A1I, W1A1J, W1A1K, W1A1L, W1A1M, W1A1N, W1A1O, W1A1P, W1A1Q, W1A1R, W1A1S, W1A1T, W1A1U, W1A1V, W1A1W, W1A1X, W1A1Y, W1A1Z, W1A1AA, W1A1AB, W1A1AC, W1A1AD, W1A1AE, W1A1AF, W1A1AG, W1A1AH, W1A1AI, W1A1AJ, W1A1AK, W1A1AL, W1A1AM, W1A1AN, W1A1AO, W1A1AP, W1A1AQ, W1A1AR, W1A1AS, W1A1AT, W1A1AU, W1A1AV, W1A1AW, W1A1AX, W1A1AY, W1A1AZ, W1A1AA, W1A1AB, W1A1AC, W1A1AD, W1A1AE, W1A1AF, W1A1AG, W1A1AH, W1A1AI, W1A1AJ, W1A1AK, W1A1AL, W1A1AM, W1A1AN, W1A1AO, W1A1AP, W1A1AQ, W1A1AR, W1A1AS, W1A1AT, W1A1AU, W1A1AV, W1A1AW, W1A1AX, W1A1AY, W1A1AZ. The first NH station to make 160-meter work all states is W1FZ. Jim received KL7GKY QSL. Last holdout. W1MK was the only active QO in recent FM. The GSPN had 335 check-ins & traffic. Another Silent Key is WINK of Manchester K1MFG building a 222 W. Traffic: K1BES 22. K1NH 119, W1BYS 14, W1NH 12.

VERMONT: SCM, R. L. Scott, W1RNA — Static qualifying for appointments to ORS, ORS 11, OVS, OO, contact W1RNA. See "Operating an Amateur Radio Station" booklet for appointment requirements. Welcome to new amateurs W1BAUM(N), W1BAV(N), VT RFD 4/79/12; VT Fone 4/11/1; GMN 24/596/76; W1SSA 24/592/94; Carr 24/562/57. Traffic: K1QB 102, W1RNA 18.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: Percy C. Noh W1JVF. Club classes going very well. W1A1S reports a class being held at the YMCA in Westfield started with 77 students! K1IQA new EC for Harnden Co. W1AFBE now W1BN. WMN welcomed W1AMI back into the fold. W1DVW has a new DRA T-4XC transmitter. W1OPN, with all her physical disabilities, doing an outstanding job on WMN. Traffic: W1A1E, W1A1F, W1A1G, W1A1H, W1A1I, W1A1J, W1A1K, W1A1L, W1A1M, W1A1N, W1A1O, W1A1P, W1A1Q, W1A1R, W1A1S, W1A1T, W1A1U, W1A1V, W1A1W, W1A1X, W1A1Y, W1A1Z, W1A1AA, W1A1AB, W1A1AC, W1A1AD, W1A1AE, W1A1AF, W1A1AG, W1A1AH, W1A1AI, W1A1AJ, W1A1AK, W1A1AL, W1A1AM, W1A1AN, W1A1AO, W1A1AP, W1A1AQ, W1A1AR, W1A1AS, W1A1AT, W1A1AU, W1A1AV, W1A1AW, W1A1AX, W1A1AY, W1A1AZ.



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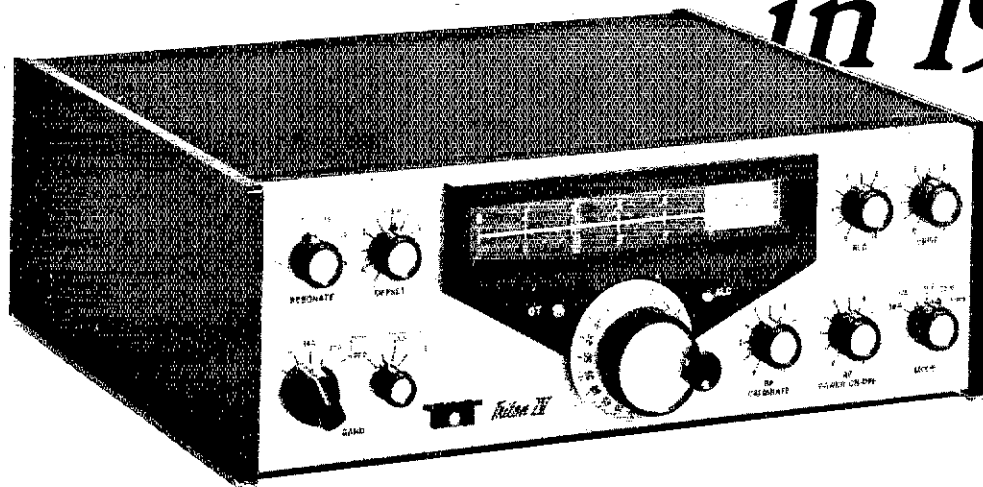
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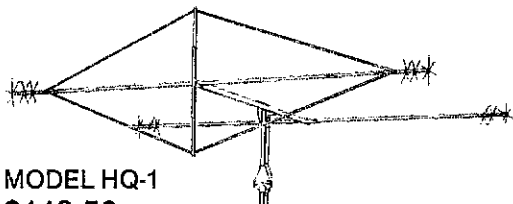


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ALASKA: SCM, Roy Davle, KL7CUC — We regret to report that KL7FMR and his wife were killed in an aircraft accident. Eddie was very active on the various nets. He and his wife will be missed very much. KL7FLU now out of the hospital and residing in the Pioneers Home in Fairbanks. Suggest we all send her a card. Fay was a very active station on the traffic nets. The Anchorage Club reports they will have 20 new Novices receiving licenses within a few weeks. The Anchorage Flea market will be held again this year the first part of May. ARRL will again have a booth with many publications etc. Many stations participated in the annual Fur Rendezvous providing communications for the dog sled race. KL7HOV reports that the ASNA had 760 cks in this month. KL7HX reports Kodak meter rigs, K7MIV and Harmonic, WB7PHB, are proud owners of an Atlas 215. W7IWI and W7JE instructing a Novice class in Boise. W7CJC vacationing in CA. W7FOF just returned from there. W7QC of Bonner Ferry received a Golden Anniversary Award (licensee 50 years ago) and a Fifty Years Continuously Licensed Award by the ARRL. W7JG of Portland, Ore. is a graduate WA7QQD, radio instructor northwest Nazareth College, bought a new Kenwood TS-520 and promptly scored better than 100,000 in the Jan. CW CD Party. W7LDG has received his old call back; he is now W7LH. He also completed WAS on 160 Mtrs. WB7QUD a Novice of two months, now an Advance license, FB! Traffic: W7GHT 453, W7GBO 84.

IDAHO: SCM, Dale A. Brock, WA7EWV — SEC W7JMH, PAM: WA7HOS, RM: WA0KKR/7.
Net — Freq. Time QNI QTC Manager
FARM — 3.935 0200 Dy 1072 39 W7TGL
IMN — 3.635 0230 M-F 196 95 W7GHF
RACES — 3.99 1415 M-F 572 10 W7KDS
W7EYR WA7A and W7IYG all sporting new two-way mobile rigs. K7MIV and Harmonic, WB7PHB, are proud owners of an Atlas 215. W7IWI and W7JE instructing a Novice class in Boise. W7CJC vacationing in CA. W7FOF just returned from there. W7QC of Bonner Ferry received a Golden Anniversary Award (licensee 50 years ago) and a Fifty Years Continuously Licensed Award by the ARRL. W7JG of Portland, Ore. is a graduate WA7QQD, radio instructor northwest Nazareth College, bought a new Kenwood TS-520 and promptly scored better than 100,000 in the Jan. CW CD Party. W7LDG has received his old call back; he is now W7LH. He also completed WAS on 160 Mtrs. WB7QUD a Novice of two months, now an Advance license, FB! Traffic: W7GHT 453, W7GBO 84.

MONTANA: SCM, Robert Lao, W7LR — Bridger Club helped Carbon Co. Sheriff search for two, lost in the Pryor Mtns. Two meters provided contact where other radios failed. New appts: SEC W7TYN; EC K7LDZ. OBS K7SIK ECs apptd. several asst. ECs. WA7PZO W7IXD W7LR mailed 460 traffic handling memos to MT ARRL, RACES, MTN & IMN members. W7TYN & K7CTI, pres. of Jan. CD test. New Airconda ARRL K7SIK, pres.; W7TUO, vice-pres.; K7YNZ, treas. K7CTI & K7CPC in NR. K7CPC DXCC with DX60. W7FG K7CTI W7LR in DX test. 25 Novices from K7CTI class. K7CTI DXCC total 156. WA7JHC new 2-meter gear. K7CHY has new SB400. W7DB put ARRL bulletins on MTN. Sorry to report W7OHT. Silent Key, W7CJ visited Bridger & Anaconda clubs. K7SIK checks into DRN7. Traffic: W7TGU 56. K7CHY 38, K7CTI 24, K7SIK 24, W7NEG 23. WA7PZO 22, WA7KMP 14, W7LR 11, W7TYN 10. W7DB 9, WA7PDC 2.

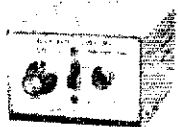
OREGON: SCM, Dwight J. Albright, W7HLF — Asst. SCM: Leland McIntosh, WA7UJL. SEC: W7LBF. PAM: K7RQZ. RM: K7OUF.

Net — Freq. Time QNI QTC Sess. Manager
OSN — 3585 165 212 35 K7IWI
AREC(st) — 3993.5 298 8 28 WA7NE
BSN — 3908 685/ 33 35 W7WSS
AREC/ — 146.64/ 685/ 33 35 W7WSS
(PDX) — 146.33 (Jan.)
WGN — 3702 363 110 26 WA7UJ
AREC JC — 147.06 66 6 8 WA7UJ
Activity on 223.50 MHz coming alive in PDX area. K7TJR WB7DSK W7VOK W7VVF W7ALG K7WVF W7KJZ K7DVK, two repeaters are planned. Coos Bay RC: K7WPC, pres.; W7TZO, vice-pres. Band conditions getting better also traffic. Sports car buffs had field day in PDX area. WB7ADU WB7DES WB7ERU WA7NTU WA7ZJN K7VDN WA7ZAJ took part in the "Rally." The Goat Mt rpt on 37-97 used for all communications. Mr Murphy present! W7KIC helping to start Novice class in his area. EAR5 Club WA7SZR, pres. WA7SDI, vice-pres. WA7YZT, secy. Register your picnics, campouts, etc. right away. K7RQ reports Novice class to start in Bend, OR. WA7SSU getting new equipment. EC W7TZO has a new fourteen-element KLM up. W7WHY working on 20-meter beam. WA7KIU again in the move. BSN picnic July 12. See WA7GF E. WA7MHP introduced resolution declaring Ham Week (OR House of Representatives) to be a permanent thing. Traffic: (Feb.) W7VSE 421, K7VDN 208, K7QFG 140, K7IWD 134, K7OUF 130, WA7UJO 89, WA7TXV 73, W7DAN 63, WB7ADU 52, W7HLF 23, WB7DES 21, WB7ERY 17, WA7ZJN 12, W7LT 11, WB7DSK 10, WB7NTU 9, WB7CBA 3. (Jan.) W7DAN 98, WA7UJO 55, K7WVV 42.

WASHINGTON: SCM, Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP — Net — Freq. Time QNI QTC Sess. Manager
NTN — 3970 11:30 2062 134 2
W7PFD
WARTS — 3970 18:00 2168 42 2
W7GGB
W7SSB 3945 18:30 564 58 2
WA7RCR
WSN — 3590 10:30 193 355 2
K7OZA
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AREC — 3920 Su 0900 41
K7VAS
Old Timer's Night was very well attended at Radi Amateurs of Skagit County club meeting held at the Skagit Community College and the officers at W7IXR, pres.; WA7WZQ, vice-pres.; WA7GMX, secy. treas. Lower Columbia ARC's new club house has things up and things are looking up. Clark County AR Hamfest is May 21 & 22 a good time for everyone plus excellent program is planned. Yakima Hamfest is May 15 contact any club member for tickets. WA7DK received an IC 225 for his birthday. WA7KGT reports AREC net every Tue. 19:30 local on 146.01-6. K7CGD moving from Apt. to condo. WB7QD busy with personal and agent work on 2 M. It nice to know someone will take the time to make land line call to help you when you have a flat tire. run out of gas. K7DCG reports he is radioman-in-charge of comms on Icebreaker Glacier and from Jup to Sept. will be R2 from Arctic circle and Nov. App. K7GSC on USCGC. W7GSC on USCGC. W7GSC on Antarctica on 20 Meters. Traffic: (Feb.) K7GSX 16

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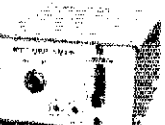


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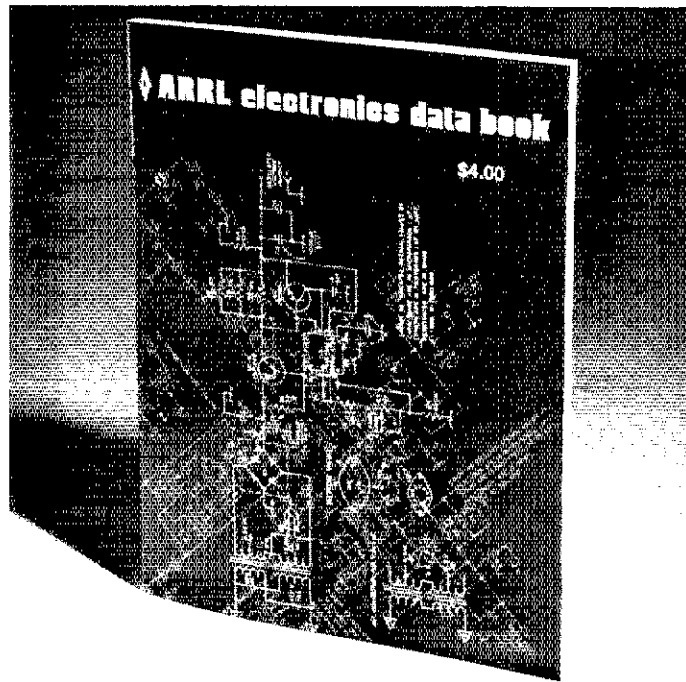
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PACIFIC DIVISION

EAST BAY: SCM, Charles R. Breeding, K6UWR — WA6AHF is now within 2 states of SBWAS. WB6DXA is net control for the Napa Valley Emergency Net. W6EPR, now on from earlier reports. NBARS took part in the Vallejo Walkathon. W6DNY now home and doing well after a time in the hospital. WB6CSD teaching code and theory for the SRARS. W6PBU and XYL are home after a fine trip to KH6-Land. K6VXM back in Vallejo after several years in Mexico. Those of you on 2 meters can now get traffic to NCN on W6EAD 147.84/24 at 7:30 PM daily. WB6WBG is active on Mission Trail Net. Poor band conditions gave W6CBF problems on the last Freq. Measuring Test. K6UWR and KH6GQW are running skeds on Sun. at 5:30 PM local on 14240. All are welcome to join in. Thanks to W6ZF for a fine report on the North Bay activity. CCRC reports the following new calls in the section: W6OAT, W6NXY, W6NIZ, W6NWN, W6NXX, W6NOC, W6OCC, W6OIR, W6OCB, W6OFG, WA6OBK, W6OJN, WA6ODX, W6OEF, W6OFH, W6OCZ, W6OHY, W6OFI, W6OER, W6OCC, W6OCX, W6MYV, W6MUO, W6MYG, and W6MAC. W6WAH has moved to Auburn. W6RGG has a second call, N6KIB. The following stations made NCN Monday: W6BFL, W6BJK, W6JXK, K6PMG, W6UZX, W6GVEW and W6OA. Traffic: (Feb.) K6HW 385, K6OE 362, W6OA 255, W6JXK 217, W6BJK 210, W6UZX 61, WA6BFL 44, W6VEF 23, W6WBG 15. (Jan.) W6BJK 237.

NEVADA: SCM, Leonard M. Norman, W7PBV — SEC: K7ZAU. W7QO instructor for Tahoe ARA has graduated twelve Novices plus one General and two Technicians. Special events station, N7PZ was activated by W7WRS, W7PBV, K7BDX and K7ZOK with high honors going to K7BDX. Las Vegas RAC has club emblem patches. W7JUD, W7MWF and W7OK each working a lot of DX. W7ZT and WA7BEL have been heard mobiling in the Southwest. The National Consumer Electronics Show is scheduled for Jan. 1978. The following stations made NCN Monday: W6BFL, W6BJK, W6JXK, K6PMG, W6UZX, W6GVEW and W6OA. Traffic: (Feb.) K6HW 385, K6OE 362, W6OA 255, W6JXK 217, W6BJK 210, W6UZX 61, WA6BFL 44, W6VEF 23, W6WBG 15. (Jan.) W6BJK 237.

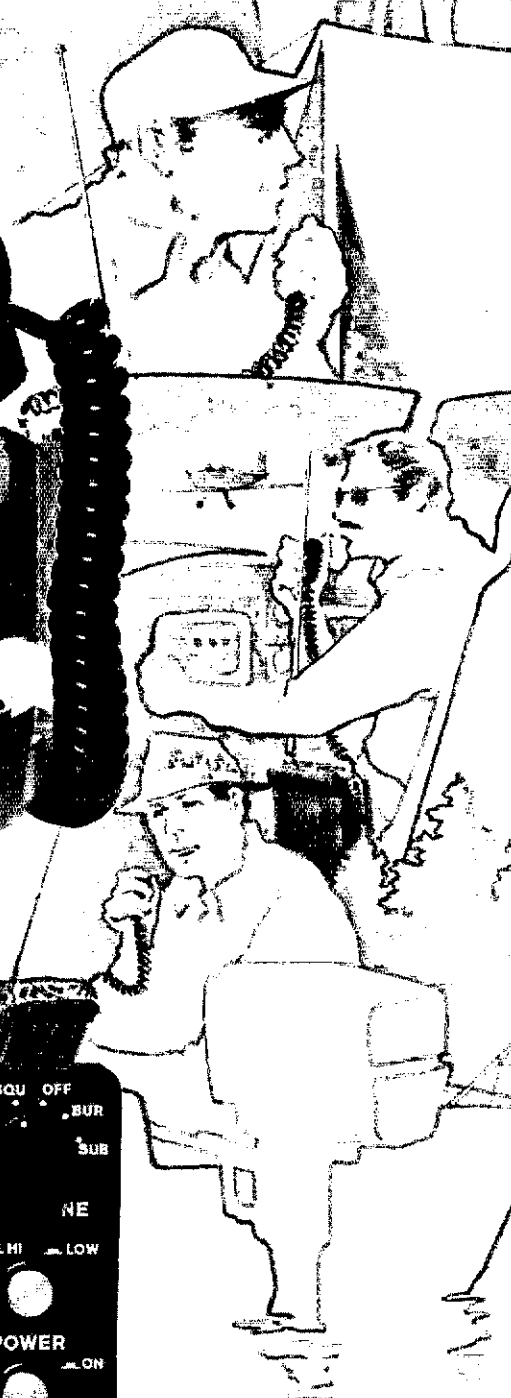
PACIFIC: SCM, Pat Corrigan, KH6GQW — New call of "The Gecko" is KH6AV (7/71). KH6GKJ had a gecko problem in his rig and had a month's repair job. KH6JFN left for NY. BIARC and EARC sent lengthy comments to FCC on Docket 120271 regarding WARC freq. allocation proposals. West Pac Tfc Net still on 14110 at 0700. Name will change soon to Pac. Tfc Net. I suggest many KH6s and others in Pac. will want to comment on FCC Docket 21135 in which they propose to eliminate secondary (additional) station licenses. Comment due date is June 2. VE2ACP visited in Mar. Your SCM presented the Kaul ARC with its charter of affiliation with ARRL. New officers are: KH6ZT, pres.; KH6AJ, vice-pres.; KH6GFN, secy.; KH6JSH, treas.; KH6EBQ, act. chmn. KH6s CKJ & K6B spearheaded a drive to replace the Kaul Mall. KH6CKJ had trip to ZL. Be alert to help if bad weather strikes anywhere. Remember, it was just a year ago for Super typhoon Pamela. Traffic: KH6CKJ 22.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SCM, Norman Wilson, WA6JVD — SEC: W6SMU. The recently completed radio class of the Tahoe Amateur Radio Assn produced 12 Novices, 2 Technicians and one General. Their last meeting featured the ARRL film "Moving Up to Ham Radio." ARRL films are available through the Division Director. In Roseville, K6SRH joined Silent Keys. W6GGFJ reports that the Leagues RF packet proved useful in the TVI ridden Marysville, Yuba City area. W6FAA is trying to figure out how to get his Classic 23 tribrander on top of his tower. His calls are W6FAA, W6FAA, W6FAA and W6FAA. W6RQE is now an OO Class 1. WA6JVD is digging holes for guy points for a new 100 foot Rohn 25 tower. W6PU didn't like the smell of that call so he is now W6PB. K6SG has added a 30S1 amp to his contest station. Traffic: W6RSP 179, K6RPN 85, W6DEF 30.

SAN FRANCISCO: SCM, Rusty Epps, W6OAT. Kudos to W6BYs whose handling of emergency traffic between the USNS Sealtiff Caribbean and the Marine hospital may have saved the life of an injured seaman. Alan Abrams of LLH's Adult Education Amateur Radio Class passed both the General and Advanced exams before he even received his Novice call sign. With "instant upgrade" licensing now in effect, the SF FCC office issued him the interim call sign "ALAN ABRAMS." Prefix hunters alert! W6NL achieved BPL again in February. Congratulations to W6MMH who gained his Advanced, to W6HTKD and W6WBJ who received their Novice licenses, to K6TP upon appointment as SF section RM, to K6PB upon appointment as GRS, and to W6BYs upon appointment as SFRC's emergency coordinator. My term as SCM expires Oct 1. Anyone interested in taking on this job should submit a written petition. Now, K6SRH operated the DX test running 55 watts to indoor dipoles — masochist! WA6HJL uses an interesting biographical card to supplement his regular QSL. Traffic: W6NL 246, W6RNL 212, K6TP 196, W6PL 143, K6PB 10, W6JEO 2.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SCM, Charles P. McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: WA6HNO, W6BUJD EC to Stanislaus Co. Give him your support. Renewals: EC W6RZL and W6MGG. W6HKT now N6AM and has ordered an Atlas 350XL. W6RTZ and WA6ZLN are Silent Keys. W6BKL has a 700X. W6LFL and WA6NGF have TS700A. W6ZNX and W6CXX have IC211. WA6JH, K6LJK and W6DPD have TR7400A. WA6CPP on RTTY, W6PCT and WA6RXI made NCN Honor Roll for Feb. WA6JRZ now W6XK. W6GOSH is W6XC. WA6WXP is W6XP. W6WFF active on the Teen Net on 3925 MHz at 1700 PST. W6GTM has a four-element 20m beam, a 28ASR, and is building TUs. W6GOWI has a TS520. W6UZ has his 3-500Z amplifier working. The Kern Co. RC now meets at First Federal savings at 4401 Ming Ave. in Bakersfield on the first Fri. at 7:30 PM. W6KLL secy. WA6JDB active on NCN. K6PSJ and K6MGX are Life Members. W6KLL now home and has an Atlas 215X and HW202. Amateurs from Fresno, Merced

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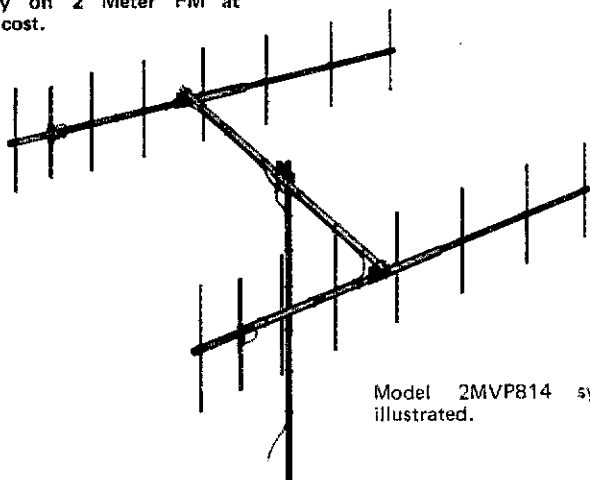
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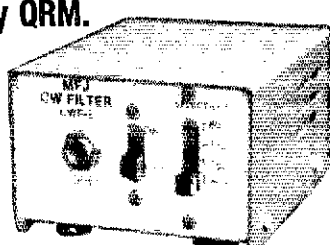
SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SCM, Jim Maxwell, W6CF - NCN Mgr. W6RFF reports the new VHF session of NCN is thriving. It meets daily at 1930 local on WR6ADC (84/24). Bay Area clubs take note: the Central California Radio Council (CCRC) meets at 8 PM local on the first Wed. of each month at W6GIE's QTH in South SFO. Club reps are cordially invited. W6AUC offered a welcome helping hand to two local CBers. Result: two cases of TVI cured! Congrats to W6ZM and K6TKR for being first and second, respectively, in winning the SCCARA Bicentennial Award. The annual SCCARA flea market has been scheduled for June 12, again in the parking lot of Guement Electronics. Orchids to the WR6ADE group, who helped Santa Claus talk to a group of Children at Alexian Bros. and Good Samaritan Hospitals during Dec. ADE provided the link to the North Pole, while the happy kids provided the smiles. The PAARA folks are running their weekly nets, which indicates their zingy ho attitude. 145-24 AM at 8:15 PM and 147.45 FM at 8:30 PM local Mon. are their 2-Mtr freqs., while they run 55B on 21.393 or 14.245 at 9 AM to pick up their out of state members. The Santa Cruz County ARC is still running their popular license classes. Contact K6QJZ or W6KHS for more info. Traffic: W6YB 143, W6RF 89, W6AUC 51, W6KZJ 23, WB6HBT 15, WA6HAD 6.

ROANOKE DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA: SCM, Chuck Brydges, W4WXZ - SEC: W4EHF. PAM: W4OFO. VHF PAM: W4GHR RM: K4MC. EC of the Month is W4VOX presiding over Jackson County so get in touch. Initial SET reports indicate 19 exercises in watch QST for details of our performance. What used to be known as the Roanoke Div. League Officials for an annual occurrence is now the League Forum Meeting and will be at Burlington May 14-15 and each club is urged to send a rep and individual attendance is welcome. Contact Alamance ARC re Forum. WB4OXT says new QSL Bureau is great. WA4PSL is handling much traffic. Has WA5, CP-25 and 61 toward DXCC. Congrats. W4IWP has worked over 1200 different 2-mtr stations since early 1971, can anyone top that? Speaking of records, W4AIT seems first 2-Mtr WAS via satellite, any other claims? WB4UBA passed Ad. vanced. The Tar Heel Emergency Net (THEN) elected WB4MXG as Net Mgr. and WB4MMK, WA4RIP as new Net Directors and W4OFO was re-elected Net Secy. Congrats to all. Central NC Trf. Net (CNCTN-13/77, Salisbury) had 28 sessions, 1078 QNT and 16 QTC, to WB4VIM. The '76 NC QSO Party results were: K4GHR/M first place, NC county winners were WA4PSL, WB4PWW, W4EAI, K4YFH, AA4MWW, WA4LWO, WA4QJL, K4UJH & W4BCCK and WB2VWW as out-of-state winner. Congrats to all. Traffic: (Feb.) W4EAI 245, WA4PSL 169, W4OFO 96, K4MC 70, WB4MXG 68, W4PCN 60, K4FTB 58, K4EZH 54, WA4TCR 40, W4WXZ 36, WB4OXT 30, WA4QJL 30, WA4KSO 20, WB4WOR 20, WA4SRD 15, W4WWR 14, W4EHF 10, WB4CLS 4, K4AIH 2 (Jan.) WB4EZR 172, WA4KFY 60, WB4UBA 18, K4AIH 10.

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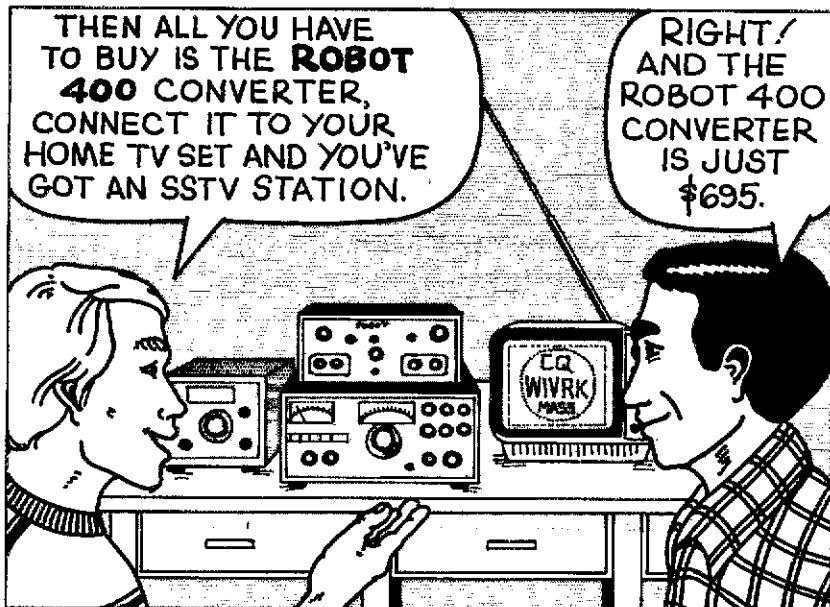
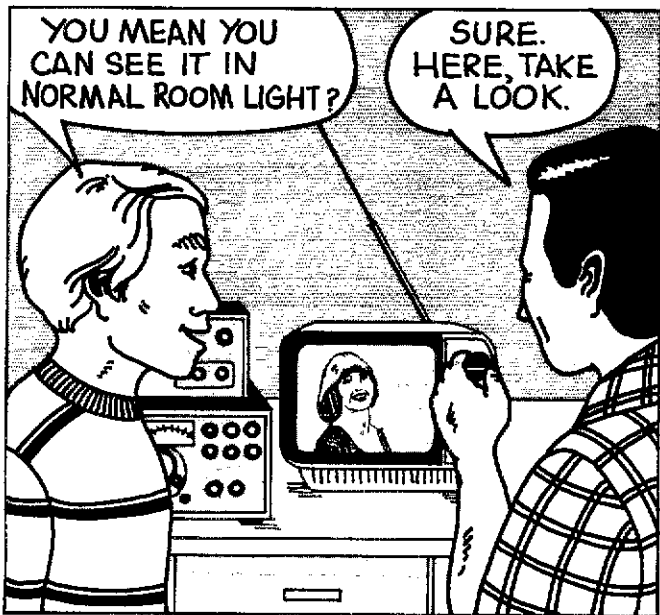
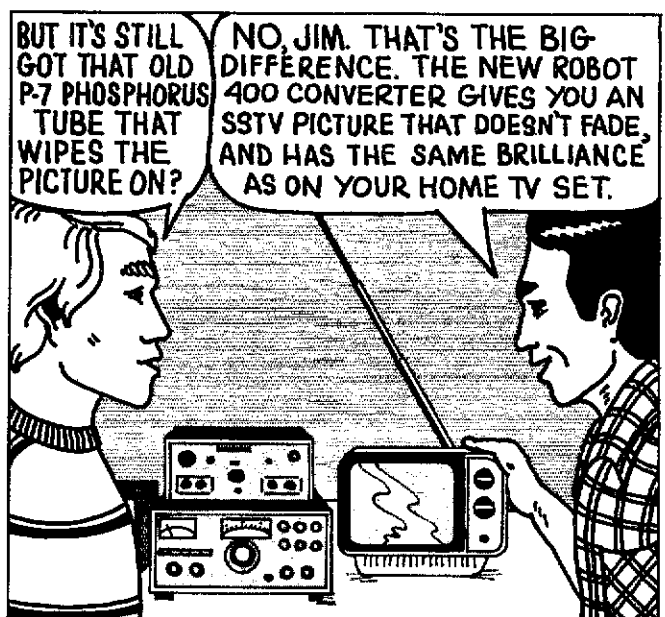
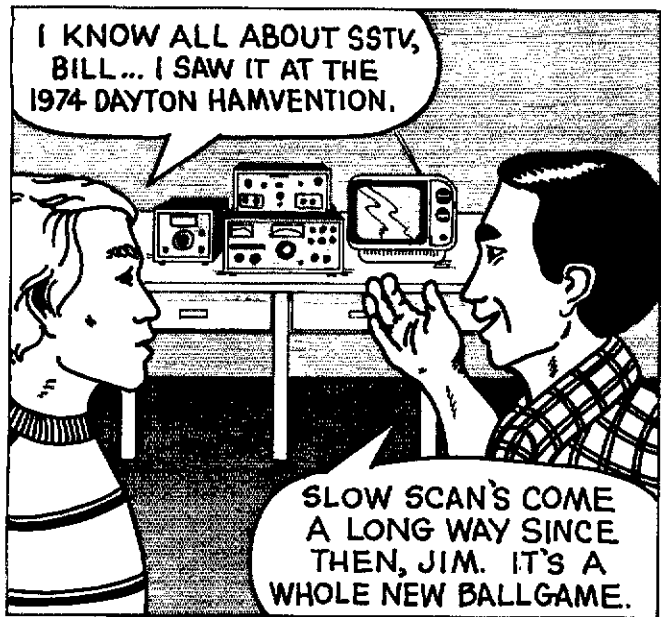
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VIRGINIA: SCM, Robert L. Follmar, N4RF - SEC: WB4DTG. PAM: K4VWK. Asst. PAM: WA4YU. RM: VN K4BKX; VSN WA4EPJ; 4RN W4SHJ. Must again ask that all stations report their monthly activity no later than the 5th of each month so that I may get reports in time. Latest reports have been received reports up to the 15th of the month! Our new V. Mgr. is now K4BKX and we all wish Rich well. Many thanks to outgoing Mgr. K4AIF as he has done a fine job. K4GR expects his workload to drop since WB4DKB is back on the air. Bob also reports microcompr is finally making sense, ni. W4LXB re: W4S75 & W4B7C. W4ZK has home at E. Story. WB4FJK & WB4MMW rpt antennas down. MMW's ant was mounted on a metal storage shed which blew over! WA4RDI new QRS rpt snt month with t/c. of 62. V5BN mgr. K4VWK had gud SET with 1,844 points. WB4DBK & WA4ZAJ sporting net Y5-5205. W4K4BK & W4N held attending S. D. Div. Conv. in Orlando. Williamsburg ARC formed with W4TMN as pres.; VP W4NTG; secy/treas, W5CLL. Activities Mgr. WB4WL - welcome! W4YZC says V. State Conv. plans qng FB rpt Sept. 16, 17. E WB4DQZ is encouraged by replies to AREC solicitation letter. W4QOL says local ARC still turning out new hams. W4NHH has new ham, congrats to W4M4K enjoyed the VA. Sect news fir. tax on WB4EKY solved his TVI problems and handling fir. W4KX & XYL had a nice trip to Rio. WB4DX among those planning attending Dayton Hamfest. F also installed 1/8 wave 160 vertical. WB4WLJ wrkr for General. O/WA4SDC having fun with Qcc satellites on Morse & E. The SCM has recd many congrats on N4RF call. Tnx to all. K4DHB gave Novice tests & all passed! W4TZC says the cold W helps his activity. WA4WJG delivered msg (SEI) to the Gov. of Louisiana to Gov. Godwin of Virginia. O rpts recd fr W4HU WA45BC WA4PEP & WB4OXI. Club papers fr NCVARC, AMRAD, LARE. W4K4BK & W4MWW also report. FB net rpt fr VSN, VSN, VN and VFN. Traffic: (Feb.) K4BKX 449, K4KPN 339, WA4EPJ 253, K4GR 243, W4LX 206, K4MLC 161, W4UQ 161, N4RF 143, WB4ZK 110, K4JM 103, WB4ZNB 90, WB4FJK 86, WB4KX 84, WA4RDI 62, WA4YU 60, WB4DBK 58, K4VW



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WEST VIRGINIA: SCM, Donald B. Morris, W8JM - W8BDGX, WVN Phone Net Mgr. is now Phone Activity Mgr - (PAM). Officers East River ARC, Bluefield, W84BBF, pres.; W8KBU, vice-pres.; W8DYA, secy.; K8ZDV, treas. Ham classes for Preston Co. conducted by W8IXG and W8YCG, Ham classes Greenbrier Co. by W8DMS and W8FC. All classes getting good newspaper coverage. New Ec3 K8AXW W88TD4.

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Huntington Hamfest, Camden Park on June 5th. West Va State Radio Convention, Jackson's Mill July 2nd and 3rd with LEW McCoy and Chod Harris. New stations W8Bs DRE DLX TZY WOY WZJ TKY BDA, W8Bs IGH Harris. New stations W8Bs DRE CLX TZY WOY WZJ TKY BDA; W8Bs IGH BDP ICY IGS. Traffic: W8BZX 321, W8BZX 30, W8BZA 39, W8BII 31, W8JM 30, W8BTJN 30, W8CYL 26, W8BTD4 26, W8CKX 22, W8BYMJ 22, K8MZM 12, W8BNDY 11, W8BPOS 11, W8BET 8, W8BZP 8, W8BTE 8, W8BVAZ 8, W8BIB 7, W8BZX 7, K8BCF 6, W8BYEX 6, W8BYX 6, W8BLFW 6, W8BIJW 6, W8EUE 6, W8CENN 6.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO: SCM, Clyde G. Penney, W0AHLQ - SEC: K9JLQ. RM: W8WHC. PAMs: K9CNU. W4WYGC, Major Traffic Net in the CO Section are as follows: CRRG, 146.07/67, Sun., 1900 local; CEPN, 3945, Sun., 0800 local; Hi-Noon, 3940/7240, Daily, 1200 local; PON, 3965, Sun., 0815 local; Weather Net, 3945, Daily, 0700 local; Columbine, 3989, Mon - Sat., 2000 local; Denver AREC, 146.34/94, Sun., 0900 local; No. Metro AREC, 146.07/67, Sun., 0930 local; RMI, 146.34/94, Sun., 1930 local; Metro AREC, 146.04/64, Sun., 2045 local; TWN, 3570 Daily, 1930 & 2230 local; CWN, 3715, Daily, 0130 UTC; PHC, 146.34/94, 0100 UTC; Net Tfc. for Feb. Hi-Noon QNI 1249, QTC 69, Informals 257, QNF 1380, 28 sessions. (Jan.) Columbine QNI 1230, QTC 82, Informals 235, QNF 1495 Traffic: (Feb.) W8WYX 174, K9ZSC 760, W8BQOT 170, W8HXB 161, W8QYNP 151, W8KLE 132, W8BPVT 128, W8LQ 120, W8NBAL 114, W8RE 110, W8IW 105, K8PV 51, W8NHA 48, W8LAE 31, W8QGP 12, W8WY 6, W8W 4, W8NFW 2, W8WGX 1. (Jan.) K8YFK 738, W8QIBS 324, W8NZZ 144, W8LQ 128, K8FLQ 112, W8ACNA 107, K8RTO 70, W8YB 60, K8WZ 60, W8NCH 50, K8YI 37, W8UQU 52, K8YTL 48, W8QRE 39, W8MCL 34, W8PGX 34, W8YCD 32, K8UYF 30, W8QGP 28, W8QNF 24, W8QLS 19, W8WLD 10, K8CNU 9, W8NFW 8, W8SIN 6. (Dec.) K8YFK 838, W8QIBS 248, W8ACNA 80, W8RE 76, K8RTD 75, K8WZ 67, W8NCH 60, W8WLD 49, W8UQU 48, K8MDT 46, W8PGX 38, K8UYF 33, W8YCD 31, W8QRE 26, W8QOT 25, K8ND 18, K8CNU 14, W8MYB 14, W8WLD 9, W8WGT 7, K8FLQ 4, W8QDG 2, W8OII 2, W8QKH 2.

NEW MEXICO: SCM, Edward Hart, Jr., W5RE - Asst. SCM: Joe T. Knight, W5PDU. SEC: W5ALR. PAMs: K5IKL, W5PNY. RM: K5KPS. New Mexico Road Runner Net, meets daily on 3940 local time. Has new K5IKL, who reports for the month a total of 1035 QNI, 46 QTC. K5IKL, also new PAM. Southwest net (SWN) had 279 QNI and 245 QTC, meets daily on 3585 at 1915 local time. The Breakfast Club net meets daily on 3940 at 0700 local time, had 522 QNI and handled 26 msgs. W5ABY and W5ABYB, also new PAMs. W5BSSS now has RTTY. W5VDH reports the N.M. novice net is kaput, lack of activity. W5VTL surprised that ms reporting has been changed since 20 years ago. K8KDT lost a tower and W5RGA lost a cinder block wall in the last windstorm. W5LTP out of the hospital and doing well. Pecos Valley ARS is having success qualifying for 3710 kHz daily at 0215 UTC.

UTAH: SCM, Ervin Greene, W7EU - SEC: W47ZBC. RM: W7OXC. BUN Mgr.: W7OXC. UCN Mgr.: W47MEL. BUN meets at 1930 UTC on 7372 kHz daily. UCN meets at 1930 UTC on 0215 UTC. VHF officers for 1977: W7KCC, pres; W7BJV, vice-pres.; K7POB, secy.; K7CQM, treas; W7GPN, freq. coord. W47ARK repeater tech. to W7RADU. W7OXC received a Public Service award for Teton Dam Disaster Communications. W7RQT about to re-activate on EMS from new location. K75AR reports excellent new location especially for W7RAA communications. W47ZBC on 432 through Oscar mode with new Echo 70 CM. W47HCQ has new car K7UT. W7BE enjoying a new facet of radio after 4 years since joining the 2-meter gang with his KDK F 144X rig. Utah Amateur Teletype Society has new solid state repeater on 15.70 and new location for reports excellent with good ch defense and intermod. Traffic: W47MEL 60, W47EH 48, W47JR 33, W7OXC 33, W47KHE 27, W7EU 18, W7DKB 1, W7BE 9.

WYOMING: SCM, Chester C. Stanwala, W7SDA. SEC: W47NHP. RM: K8KSA. Welcome new Novice in the Cheyenne area W7BJA W88PJB W87PJC and W87PJE. W47TCG working in Cody for a while. The Sheridan amateurs will soon have a 2-meter repeater operating on 146.22/146.82 MHz. At least two more amateurs have joined the 2-meter fm gang, W7GM and W47USI. As promised last month I have more of the location of the 1977 WY Hamfest, Dates July 3 and 17, at the Casper Community College. W47NH

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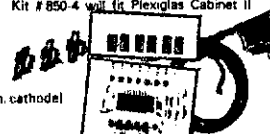
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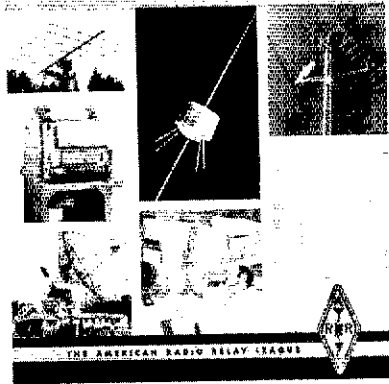
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just returned from a trip to Hawaii. W7VB planning trip to AZ. K7SLM reports WY Cowboy net held 20 sessions with 637 QNI, 17 QTC. Traffic: W7SQT 454, K7VWA 432, W7TZK 315, WA7WXQ 17, K7SLM 6.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA: SCM, Jim Brashear, WB4EKJ — Birmingham, Mobile, Twin Base and Huntsville ARCs have code/theory classes going again. Birmingham ARC had another "training room only" crowd show up for their initial class; don't forget the B'hamfest May 7 & 8. The Twin Base club paper reports a YL Net has been started on 3i/9i, 1000 hours each Wed; all check-ins welcome and WA4JAW is NCS. The Huntsville Area Young Ladies ARC (HAYLARC) has been organized with about 42 licensed lady Ham members. Officers of the Muscle Shoals ARC are: WA4EEC, pres.; WA4HUJ, vice-pres.; WA4ZDW, secy-treas.; WB4FIR, repeater trustee; K4ODU, EC; K4LGF Director. K4IKR was MC for the Old Timers night at the Huntsville ARC. Speakers were K4YUJ, K4RSB, WB4YFN, K4DAB and K4PRF. Squad to have WB4PRF visit us; he is the PAM; TN Section. WA4HUJ was presented a certificate in recognition of his NT5 activities. K4IKR and WA4GGD were elected Honorary members of the club. New NM of SEN5 is K4VZN, replacing WB4BFQ who had served since Sept. 1975. K4HJM and W4MHO report ARNW alerted 3 times for WX watch in Feb. 50 the Golden Gabbler celebrated their first anniversary on Feb. 18. WB43AP now W4X1. Appointed WB4KSL as ORS. Endorsed K4HJM, K4LYY and K4WSS as ECs. Traffic: (Feb.) WA4JDH 974, W4RQS 381, WB4EKJ 354, WA4RND 76, K4AOZ 73, K4LYY 46, WB4RCP 26, WB4AYO 23, WA4RMP 17, WB4TV 14, K4AMD 10, W4MHO 6, K4HJM 2, Jan. WA4TMG 87, WB4AYO 21, WB4IYW 21, WA4FHY 2.

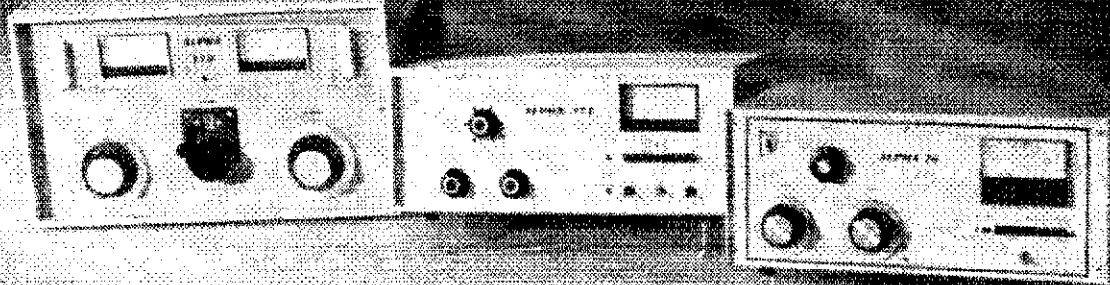
GEORGIA: SCM, A. H. Stakely, K4WC — SEC: K4YRL, RM: K4FLR, PAM: K4JNL. Congrats to W4FOE on making BPL and to K4EV, WA4PZD and WB4TEK on making P5HR. GA is well represented in traffic activities and has excellent nets. If you are not a part of them please get active and send in your report to the SCM not later than the 5th. WB4ACV made DXCC. WB4LOK active in tone and cw contests. WB4AJE handled at least 11 emergency calls. Central GA VHF net QNI 142, QTC 6, GARES QNI 123, QTC 14, CVEN No. 1 QNI 40, QTC 8, CVEN No. 2 QNI 644, QTC 38. Congrats to W4RS on his 78th birthday. WA4PZD now liaison with National Weather Service, Atlanta, for emergency planning and work. With sadness we note that W4FJ and WA4JPP helped K4PIK get his six-element triband up on a 50-foot tower. W4SFL participated in Feb. FMT. WA4OKJ now General and WB4IGS is an Advanced. WR4AKF now in Savannah on 37/97. ND4JC report shows WA4BDE, WA4DCL, WA4KCI, WA4KCI, WA4SS, WA4BD, K4CZ, K4GBU, K4ZQ, WA4LH, WA4RDO, WA4UD, K4ZHT and WA4RWS were responsible for making over 1700 contacts with 50 states and 23 DX locations. A great job well done. G5BN reports 4021 points for the 5ET with W4DOC, K4JSR, WB4BEO, WA4ZYV, WB4IUK, WA4EPK, K4CRO, W4V7A, WB4HIG, K4FRM, W4HCN, WA4OZT, WA4JTC, WA4SS, WA4BD, K4JNL, WA4AKU, WA4JTC, WA4BK, WB4MZO, WA4AJY as NCS, and W4FOE, W4GH, WA4EPK, WA4OZT, K4EV, WA4HHW, K4BAI, WA4AJY, WB4TEK, WA4OQO and WA4BZE as liaison. Traffic: (Feb.) W4FOE 549, WB4WQL 136, W4PIM 77, W4CZN 72, K4NM 52, K4YRL 34, WB4DH 31, K4EV 29, W4HCN 22, K4NWB 28, WB4TEK 27, W4SFL 14, K4WC 14, WA4PZD 14, WA4IGS 14, WA4RWS 4. (Jan.) WA4AKU 87, WB4WQL 72, W4FVT 64, WB4ACV 6, WB4LOK 2.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH — SEC: WA4ABM, RM: WA4FB1, PAM: W4WNY/75, WB4BSZ/VHF. New/renewed appts.: WB4NAY as EC of Leon Co. WB4NMO and WA4TXM OPS; W4IA ORS; WB4UQH OVS. SNCs earned by W4DTS, K4EJW, WB4EXN, WA4EYU, WB4FHT, WB4FJY, W4GUJ, WA4HHC, WA4IWW, WA4LHX and WB4NMO on FPTN; WB4ADL, K4ELH, WB4FHT, W4MVG, WB4NMU, WB4VQ and WB4TZR on NFPN; WA4CEM on TPTN; WB4QBB/N on QFNS. New NM of NFPN is WA4TNC. WR4OMG elected pres. of FL Repeater Council; W4SME vice-pres.; W4FZX, treas. New Pensacola Club officers: P4MRA, WB4MUS, WA4MYF and WB4PKR; F4ARA, K4GZO, K4HYV and WA4ROH, New calls: K4BS5, now N4S5; WA4LBM now K4XK; WB4TVB now N4NS; WA4KII now W4KXZ. GST cartoonist K4PP now living in Pensacola. WB4SKI earned BPL. On recent 2m band opening, W4CSS worked 4 states; W4RH worked NM and CO. WA4LGI is new Editor of Tallahassee ARC newsletter. WB4LNO, WA4RJR, WA4WCC and K4SN pres. New Orange Park ARC officers: WA4UBN, treas. WA4WPP is chmn. of NOFARS Emerg. Power Committee. Gateway Chapter QCWA holds net at 1600Z Sat. on 3930 kHz. WA4EYU won an IC-225 at Miami Hambooree. kHz. WA4EYU prepared report on his 5ET drill. WA4JNL on VP of Orlando ARC as EC for Seminole Co. W4MGO appts. ARRL Asst. Dir. W4MB and WA4CRI sporting new 2m rigs. WB4NGJ teaching DBARA Novice class. NPR 07/67 repeater now on the air. Traffic: (Feb.) WA4TXM 349, WA4FB1 337, WB4SKI 261, WB4NMO 226, W4ILE 183, W4WNY 152, WA4EYU 120, W4KIX 89, WB4FHT 36, WA4V 31, WB4TZR 80, WA4TS 80, WA4GQQ 78, N4SS 75, WB4NJ 71, W4LDM 66, WB4QBB/N 63, WB4VAP 63, WA4OEM 54, WA4EYU 48, WB4HRG 48, W4RH 36, WA4CRI 35, W4FJY 28, WB4TV 26, W4MGO 25, K4DDY 24, WA4FKE 23, WB4YKV 20, WB4ADL 19, K4CER 19, WB4VLD 16, WA4IWW 12, WA4TNC 12, K4FLY 10, K4RNS 10, WB4DXN 6, WA4OZ 6, WA4WPP 6, W4KX 5, WB4JR 2, W4IA 1. (Jan.) WB4TVQ 15, W4IA 6.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — SEC: WB4LH. Asst. SEC: W4WYR, RM: W4MEE, PAMs: WB4AID, WA4NEB. New appointments this month: W4NOC OVS; W4ACM/N. Congrats to W4MEE who received his BPL Medalion. Nets carried issued: Gator Net WB45NX; F4PTN, W4DDN, K4DC, WA4EC, WA4HHW, W4IAD, K4KIC, W4KMN, WA4NBE, WB4RVW, K4SJA, W4SWW, K4TF, WB4WYG; NFPN W4VZ, W4YOG; QFN, WA4JVP, W4MEE; SPARC, WA4GGV. W4BK recovering net from recent operation. Running for national QCWA offices are K4NE for dir. and W4B for treas. — two Petersburg amateurs under leadership of WA4FCN provided communications for Ladies Professional Golf

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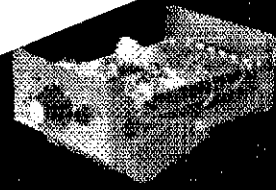
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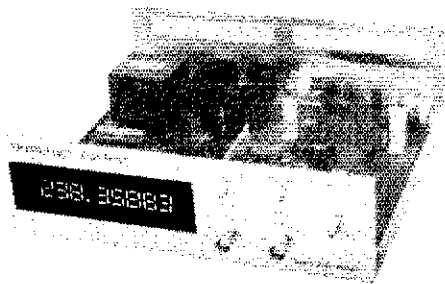
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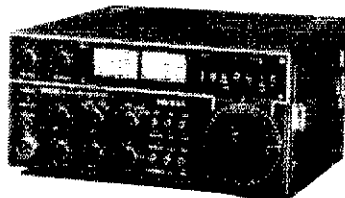
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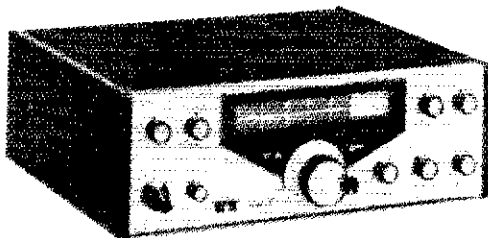
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Tournament, proceeds going to charity. We understand about 8 hand-held 2-meter units were used with excellent results. On Feb. 5 and 6, Pinellas County amateurs headed by K4CNP and K4CND provided safety communications for the Southland Rogatta (hydroplane races) on Lake Maggiore in St. Petersburg. The 18 operators involved received compliments for their "professionalism" and discipline. Osceola ARES handled radio for Celestial Palsy telethon, displaying excellent emergency capability. Tampa ARC had excellent results with Florida State Fair, telling the Amateur Radio story to the public and handling 4651 messages. 220 MHz operations in Pinellas County is really blossoming, with another group purchase order for 17 Midland 13-509 units. There are at least 34 different stations active on 220, one station having 4 of the Midland units. W4APV has ordered new antennas and hardware to place his 220 MHz repeater in service in St. Petersburg. Traffic: (Feb.) W4DUG 4651, W4MEE 864, K4TH 503, W4SJK 476, W4SCK 434, K4SCL 429, W4DVO 358, W4WYG 303, W4JVP 190, W4NBE 169, W4QM 157, W4AID 140, W4EH 137, W4ZHU 111, W4AEC 103, W4GSR 90, W4WYR 89, W4NTE 82, W4ALP 71, W4CPL 65, W4LFR 65, W4AGV 60, K4BLM 48, N4ET 48, W4GDK 48, W4WDM 40, W4AQQ 34, W4KSI 29, W4KRV 29, K4LUK 21, K4CFV 21, W4IZS 21, W4APK 20, W4HHD 16, K8PXM 10, W4SMK 7, W4GNI 6, W4IKX 6, W2PF/4 6, W4BK 5, W4FLW 5, W4KGI 4, W4MML 2, K4FAU 1. (Jan.) W4ALH 223, W4DVO 135, W4ASC 87, W4CTM 58, W4FLW 6, W4ZR 1. (Dec.) W4ACTM 32, W4FLW 29.

WEST INDIES: SCM, David Novoa, KP4BDL - KP4ZC very active as OO. KP4EOT passed his General. KP4DOP made Bicentennial WAS on 75 meters. He's also active on 15 m. KP4IS now retired and working DX on 20 ssb. W8DSX/KP4 doing FB job as Eng. in Charge of the San Juan office of the FCC. We heard a lot of activity from the KP4s and KVs in the DX Competition. W4CIV passes ARRL bulletins daily in the Antilles Emergency & Weather Net. KP4s EMP BL and DJ recovering. KP4BJM has a new QTH. KP4EHF very active as NCS for La Santa repeater net. KP4AYA does same thing for El Gallito. KG4-Land members should remember that this is their section and send activities reports to your SCM.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SCM, Marshall Lincoln, W7DQS - RM K7NHL, PAMS: W4KQE & W7UQQ, Scottsdale ARC is conducting a series of technical presentations at club meetings on servicing ham gear and using test equipment. The club now has a shack at 2009 N. Scottsdale Road. W7JKD now N7AR, and W7TZO now N7US. Officers of the new Metropolitan ARC at Tucson are: W7KMY, pres.; W8KRI, vice-pres.; K7CC, secy., and chief; W4ART, W7DQD, board members. Members of the AZ Repeater Assn. provided public service communications for the Wickenburg Gold Rush Days parade, with W4GSP and W7DJK assisting on two ambulance emergencies. K6QPV/7 is sponsoring an ARC at Marcos Diniza HS in Tempe. W7QWW is the newly-issued call for the Flagstaff JPL HS ARC. W7CND, W7CCT, W7CEN, W7CEN SWN 245. (Jan.) Cactus 610, Cactus slow speed 8. Traffic: (Feb.) K7NHL 305, W6WQH/7 260, W4KQE 42, W7UQQ 42, K7JUY 42, W7CAG 38, W7FH 27, W7HF 27, W7DQS 25, W4WBE 21, K7MTZ 6, W7RQ 5, K7NMQ 4, K7GH 3, K7GLA 2. (Jan.) W6WQH/7 229.

LOS ANGELES: SCM, Eugene H. Violino, W6INH - RM: W6PKA, lets the top of the Lockheed RC 12th annual Los Angeles Radio Convention. The happy event will be May 21 and 22 at the Lockheed recreation center on Empire Street in Burbank. The Los Angeles Mayor has proclaimed May 22 and 23 Amateur Radio Weekend. The Proclamation is on display at the Lockheed WY 52 pass. ARRL is this year's co-chairman of the W6LS Ham Convention. The JPL RC is selling its Slow Scan TV MAR picture cassettes, those interested send \$3.75 each to Dick Piety, Mail Stop 158-205. The TRW RC is still desperately looking for a new editor for the Club Bulletin. They would appreciate hearing from some of the members. The Gabriel Valley RC will present Ham Radio to the public at the annual Arcadia Park in Jun display. All users are invited to display their club projects, whatever they may be. For more info contact W4ACB. This is to inform you that yours truly W6INH has joined the world famous club of retired and professional engineers to enjoy and keep looking for my replacement. Must have at least general class license and preferably a CW operator to make the thing work properly. W6PKA has been experimenting with phased verticals on 3.5 MHz, has been having good luck chasing those rare one there. I the recent San Fernando RC bulletin I noticed that they are already organized for Field Day. Among those getting ready are W6GYD and W6EFS, with the help of many others. The JPL RC now has their two-meter repeater operations. W6PEA just finished getting the rig on the air and sent a few squelch tails and had two answers, that really getting on in a hurry. Traffic: W6INH 242, W6CJ 137, W6CJD 129, W6SGZ 102, W6HUJ 94, W6QAE 60, W6PKA 36, W6BRO 22, K6EA 20, W6USY 16, W6EWW 10, K6CL 7, W6NKE 7.

ORANGE: SCM, Wm. Heitritter, W6AKR - Assn SCM: Dick Birbeck, K6CID. SEC: W6AQB, PAM W6RPB. RMS: W6TVA W6AKR. ECs: W6ARR, K6GG5 W6LKN W6NSU W6VMI W6YWS. Anaheim Amateur Radio Assn. P. O. Box 2242, Anaheim CA 92804 sponsoring Worked Orange County Award. Contact Award Manager for requirements of this award. The Morongo Basic ARC and Palm Springs ARC provided communications for the USO 100 Mile Palm Springs Marathon Run which was conducted to raise funds and stimulate interest and goodwill of the Armed Services. W6AUW has a new TS-520. K7BH1 a new TS-820. W6HUB has 34 students in amateur radio class. W6AYV on W7TVA. W6HJC busy teaching Video Display Terminal. St. Jude Hospital ARC needs help in building an operating position for wheelchair operators. Contact K6CRX for details. W6AA is off the air awaiting FCC application for change in trustee to be processed and approved. The Orange County Council of Radio Clubs has been reactivated with W6HJK, chmn., and W6HJC, secy-treas. W6MPL Novice class has over 30 students. RM and Mgr. of Southern Calif. Net 13.598 daily at 6:30 P.M. W6TVA seeking participation interest for additional sessions of Novice Emergency Net on 3.730 at 5:30 P.M. This effort is coordinated with EC and Mgr. of

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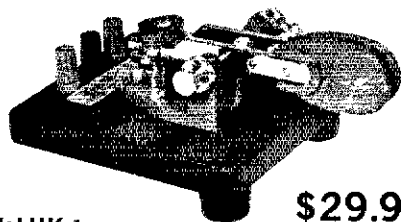
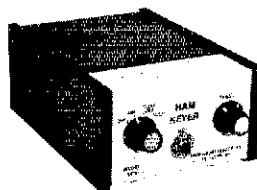
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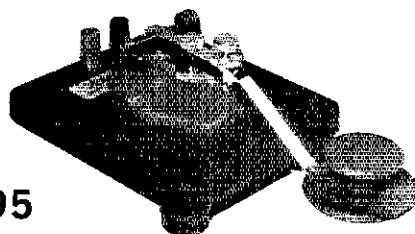


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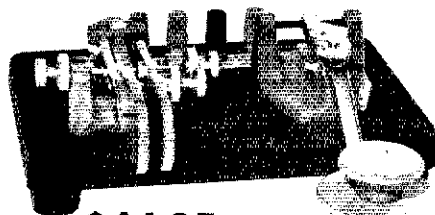
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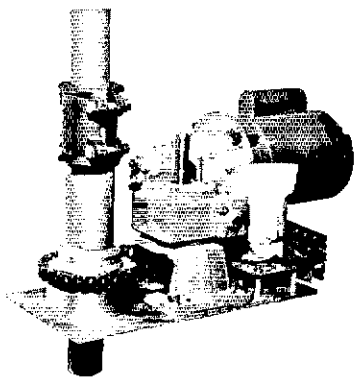
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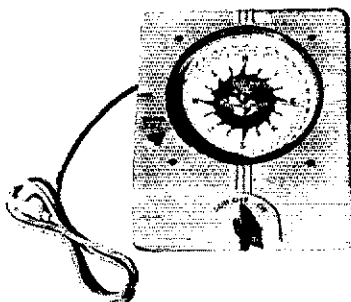
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NEN WA6YWS, WA6PTX and WA8WDZ/6 are now active on SCN. WB6AKR has assumed the responsibility of preparation and issuance of SCN award certificates and endorsements. In order to devote more time to SCN and duties of SCM; WB6AKR has resigned as NCS and Asst. Mgr. of the Pacific Area Net. New equipment at WB6AKR include Icom IC-225 mobile, Icom IC-7000A with KLN, WB6EOW now a Silent Key. Traffic: (Feb.) WB6EIG 656, WA6TVA 94, W6RE 51, WA8WDZ/6 48, W6CPE 40, W6QBU 14, WA6YWS 9, WB6SKL 4. (Jan.) WB6NEX 32.

SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — Only 16 months until the ARRL National Convention in San Diego, Sept. 22-24, 1978. Attention clubs: If you have special events planned, notify SCM W6INI (three months in advance) so that it can be carried in this column. San Diego Repeater Assn. is well over the 500-member mark. What are you doing for public service? Try handling traffic with the National Traffic System (NTS). Evening nets are CW while daytime ones are phone. For details or check in on Southern Calif. Net (SCN), any day, at 1830 PT. 3595 kHz. Daytime Region Six Net is daily at 1400 PT or 7267 kHz. Try it, you'll like it! W6INI and WB6GYE demonstrated the merits of amateur radio to students at the Oakcrest Junior High School in Encinitas. Thanks to WA6RDN for the use of his A115 210. Upgraded: WA6EJL to AdvACODE, AdvACODE to General. New ARES members: WB6FTW, K6GF, WA6KJT, WA6MMH, WA6PKX, WB5QIQ, WB6RJE, WA6RVB, WA7YHX. North Shores ARC club members and XYLs visited Escondido, B.C., Radio Club North Shores pres. WA6LZA/K6ZQB made the arrangements. Traffic: (Feb.) WB5VH 342, W6BPF 212, K6JES 106, W5PZU 42, W6DEY 28, W6SIF 20, K6LKD 2, WA6UFY 2. (Jan.) W6EJL 14.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, D. Paul Gagnon, WA6DE — The Santa Barbara Club has 91 students in their license classes. Contact WB6HOZ and WA6RLS to info. K6JPH and K6WI were active in the ARRL DX contest. WB5KPL 1551 regular NCS on RN6. W6PNK transmits bulletin on W660X in Ventura. WB6R handled 73 patches and 10 msgs on MARS. The Section ARES Net has moved to 1930 Wed. and the VHF net to 1900 on WR6AFI. SBARC had presentation on microprocessors and the Pointsettia Club in Ventura has W6HIG reminiscence on WW II radi days. WA6KYW has a new beam up above Ventura thanks to W660X. WA6HIG has won two Pointsettia Club awards. The appointee review has been completed. If you didn't get a letter and you think you should have, contact WA6DEI, PSHR: WA6VBZ 35, WB5KPL 34, K6WI 31, WA6DEI 30. W6RIC I doing a great job as EC in Ventura county. He needs help from the Simi area. WLUUQ is now WA6TUQ and also the new Disaster Communications Chairman for the Santa Barbara Red Cross. Traffic: WA6VBZ 184, WB5KPL 111, K6WI 111, WA6MBZ 100, WA6DEI 33, W6PNM 4.

WEST GULF DIVISION

NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Ted Heithecker, W5EJ — Asst. SCM: Ruth Chance, WA5VJW. SEC: W5DWL. RM: W5LA. Much activity in classes by all clubs in the North Texas region with hundreds of Novices and much upgrading. KC club of Ft. Worth using the new ARRL Novice package. Hear much good comment on "instant" upgrading. Underclass SW11 growing. 583 wa left to quietly die by its sponsor following a briefing on its possible impact by Dallas Amateurs. Congrats to WASZNZ, finally topped out on that 13 wpm and now headed for Advanced. W5LUB with new W5NT call. Heard from WA5KZR, on activities in Red River Valley ARC in connection with repeaters for Sulphur Springs and Paris ARC. W5SALX working together. Garland ARC new prez W5TGA who bemoans the fact that he can never raise W5SPRD on 88. Dallas County RACES SKYWARN program kicked off Feb. 31-19 on tornado awareness with Allen Moller conducting classes. W5SKSM is conducting slow-speed code practice on Wed. nights at 9 PM. SW11 growing leaps, membership up to over 400. Contact W5ITA for info on this first rate VHF DX and what have you membership in ARRL. Slow speed traffic net still very much needed, if interested write W5LA who will get things going. W5DWL arranged terrific SET program for North TX region. Responsibility and activity was good on all counts. Heard rumors proposed ARRL meeting scheduled for Austin in July has been changed to Oct. Amarillo Repeater Society readying new 07-67 repeater. It's not too late to send a few bucks to help out. Send to W5G11. West TX boys reported 2-meter opening beginning, with 1200 mile contacts reported on 52 simplex. The Dallas 06-66 repeater working out fine from Duncanville area, and Denton 31-91 really socking into the Metro area. K5LZA reports Dallas County RACES stands at 341 members with net alert by tone over WR5ABY on 28-88. W5T putting up antenna for a whack at 160 meters. W5SHN's traffic total is sumpin' to look at. We need Exc. or Int. in Ellis County, contact W5DWL. Already we're hearing planning for Field Day. Look like a big one this year. Keep reports coming in, we want to hear from you and what's happening at you QTH. Traffic totals reported are getting higher each month, how about yours? Traffic: W5SHN 633, W5T 303, K5GKM 57, K5SOP 57, W5LWB 22, K5LZA 20, W5YK 16, W5EJ 14, W5DWL 4.

OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA5FSN — Asst. SCM: Raymond L. Miller, W5REC. PAMS: W5SAZS, W5SKGP and WA5OUV. RMs: W5RB and W5SNKD. Feb. traffic totals above a year ago but below Jan. Still a fine report. More than 300 attended the OK City Auto-Radio Club's 66-66 Repeater Meeting. Fine program and a well-organized Storm Watch Net. am pleased to hear of the Local Nets being operated via the repeaters. Ardmore, Elk City, Muskogee and Woodward are the ones that I have heard from. The League Bulletins are being read on several of these and we can use more of these local Nets, can and do help in many ways. Operator training. Traffic outlet to and from NTS, Exchange of Information and Weather Watch when needed. With the coverage we have now, nearly 2/3 of OK can be reached via 2-meter FM. Ponca City should have a new receiver up on a taller tower by now. The OK Panhandle Machine should be operational and I do not have space to list all the new calls that have been reported. I wish to welcome each of you and encourage your participa-

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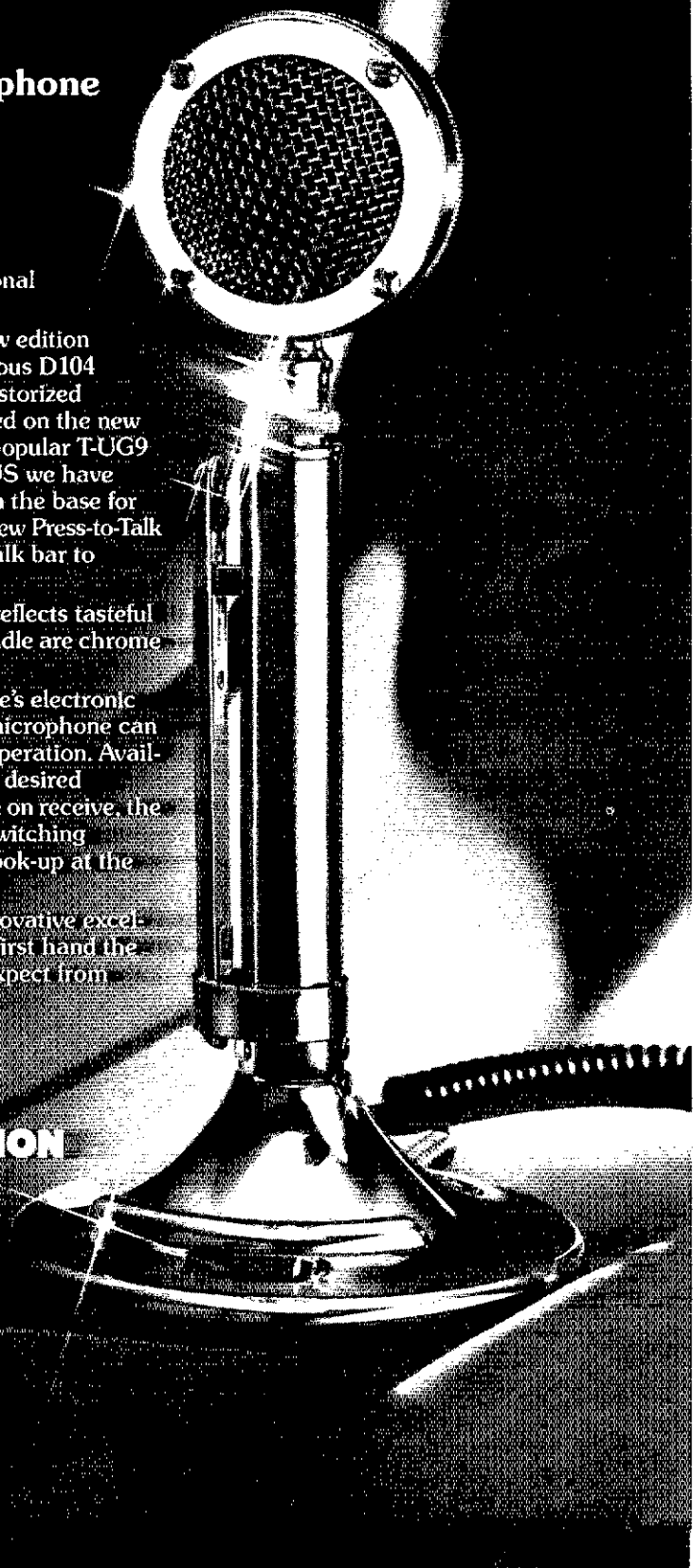
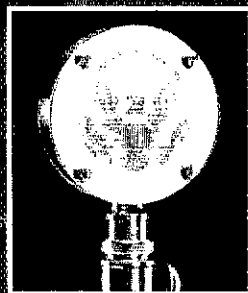
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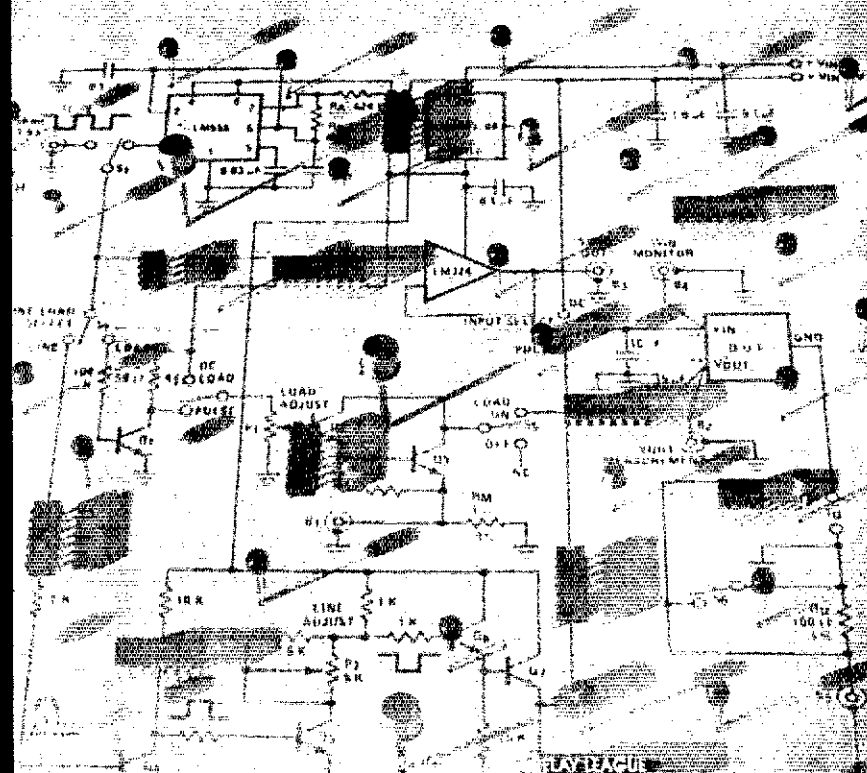
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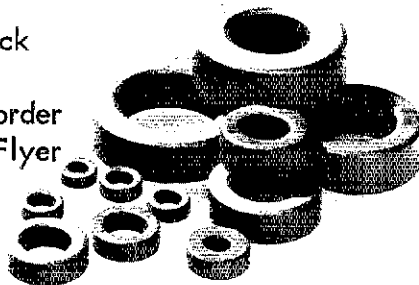
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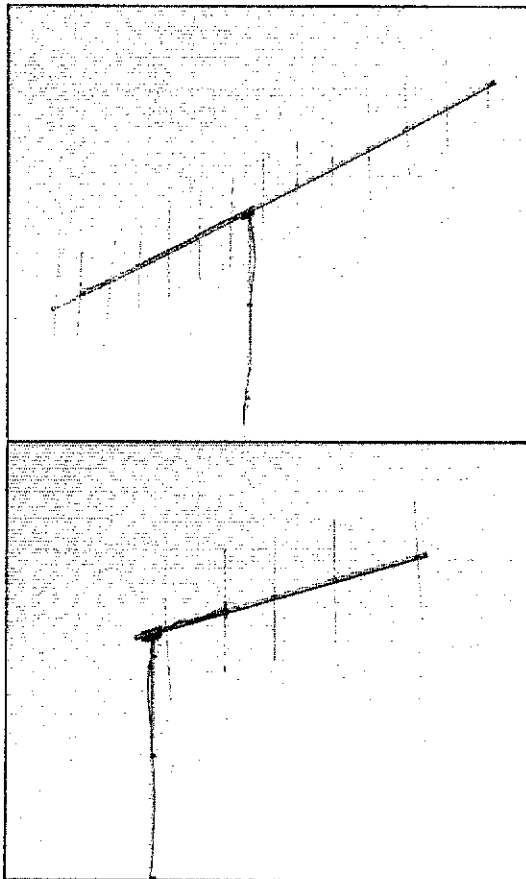
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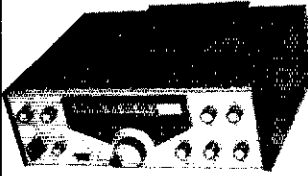
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SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Arthur B. Ross, W5KR SEC; W5TQP, RM; W5UJE, PAM; W5BNUM, O reporting this month; W5SSME N5ZZ (former W5LTD); W5VAF, OVS reporting this month. K5LZJ, Strange, too, just after a month of fabulous band openings. W5KPL/6, late of Houston, st active on nets in CA; he does NCS job for RING, pl other assignments. Former PAM W5AMN back o the nets from Cajun-Land. W5AQE ramrodding effort to put a 2-meter repeater in Conro W5FTG/W5BFTH of San Antonio and W5BTE W5BTEK are husband/wife teams active on the traf nets. OPS W5BGE joined the ranks of seven-d weekenders; he is just now learning the real meani of "busy." New ORS/OPS W54KG/5 is heard o nearly all of the traffic nets in TX every da. Immediate past West Gulf Director W5EYB has a ne call: N5RA. OPS W5VBM has all of her antenn back in good repair after a hard winter. ORS/ W5UJJ handled 146 messages during SEI, just 114 f rest of Jan. N5AB and N5ZZ both in El Paso — almo Alpha and Omega. W5KLV and W5VBM made B this month. One letter from W5SRKU wrote 75% this effort. It was almost a very short month. Traff (Feb.) W5KLV 545, K5HR 375, W5SRKU 37, W5VBM 345, W54KG/5 333, W5BNUM 30, W5EYB 296, W5UJJ 231, K5ZSI 168, W5UGE 13, W5GVO 63, W5BGE 51, W5KR 39, W5QAL 2, W5BHO 20, W5JYH 13, W5LTV 10, K5RVF (Jan.) W5UJJ 260.



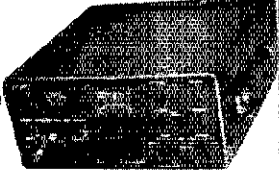
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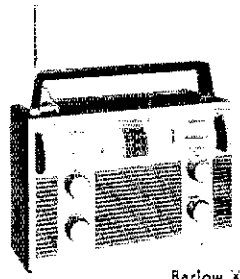
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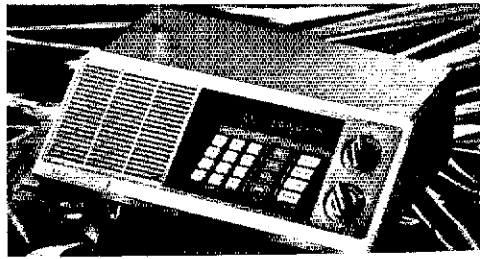
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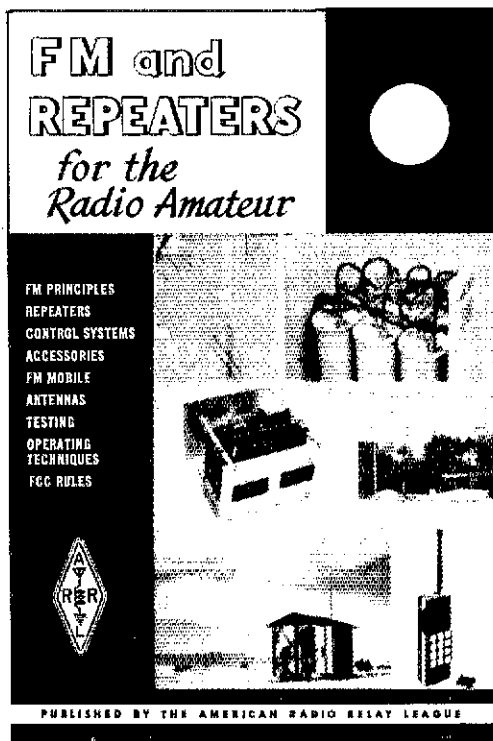
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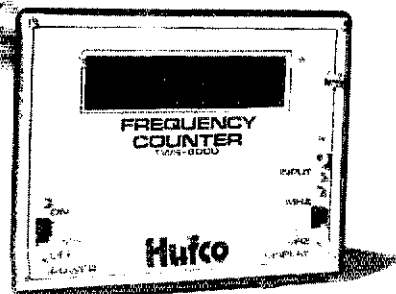
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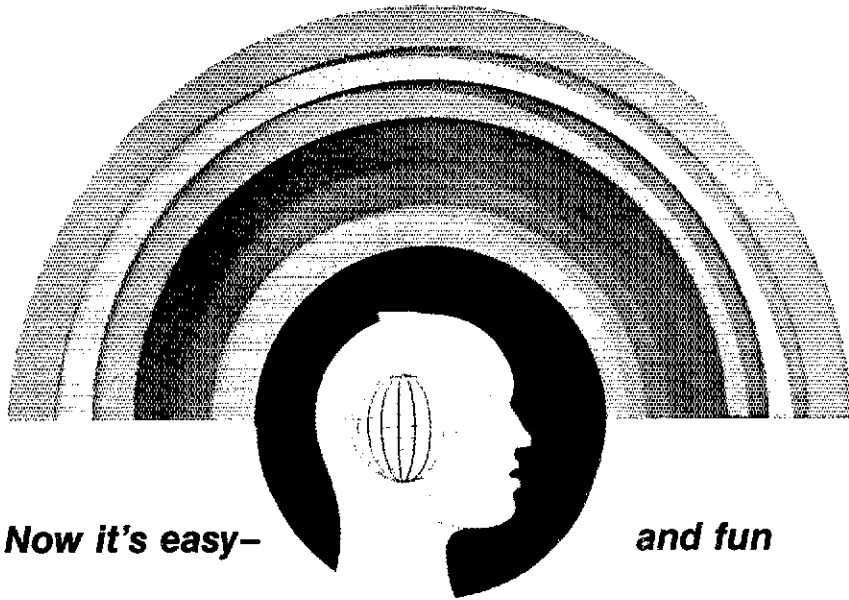
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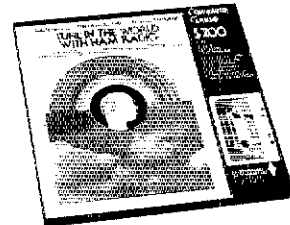
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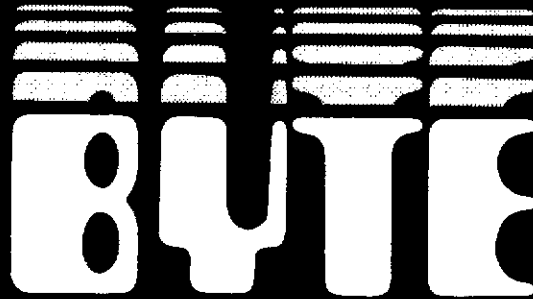
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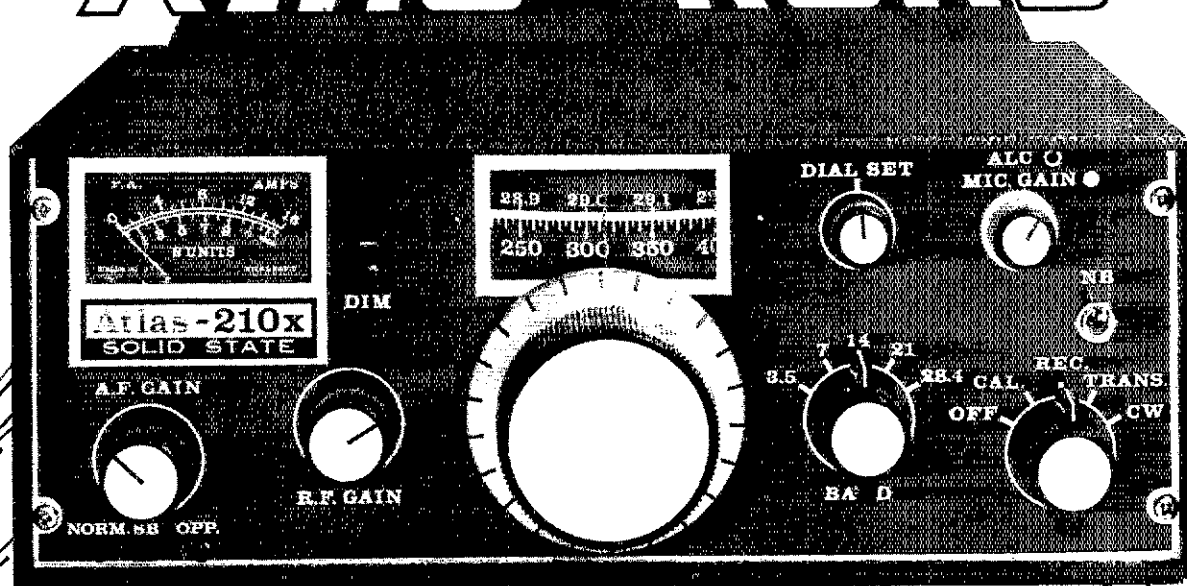
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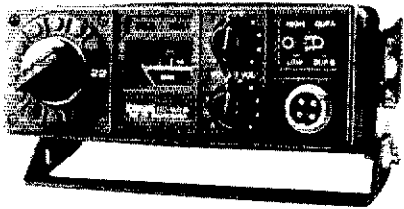
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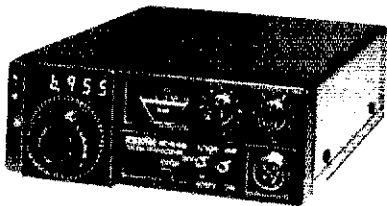
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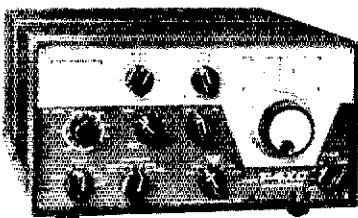


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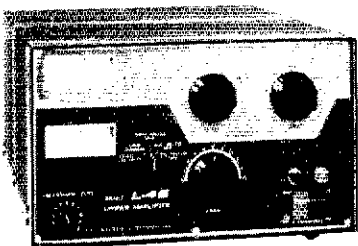


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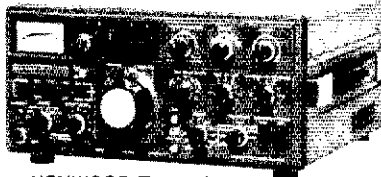


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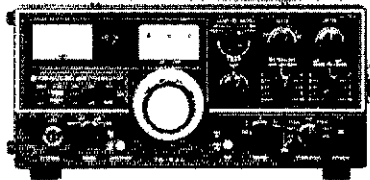


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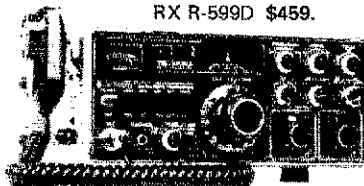
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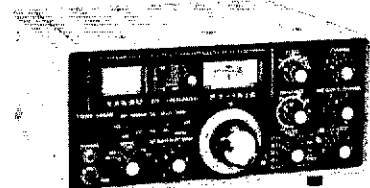
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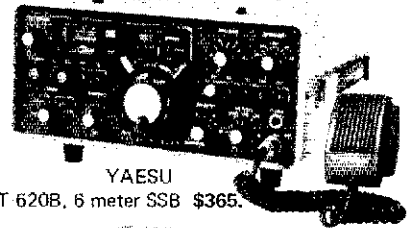
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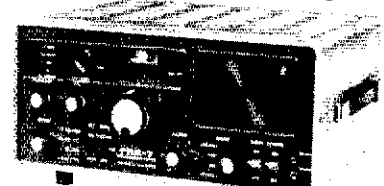
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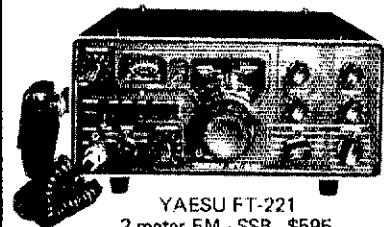
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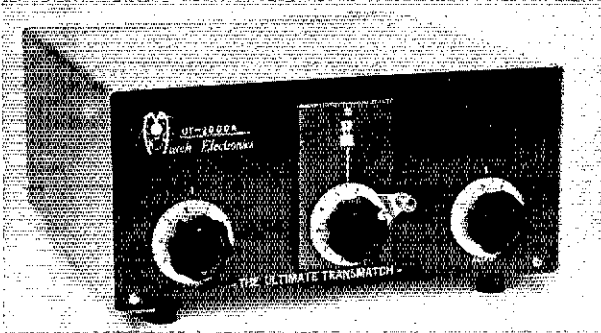
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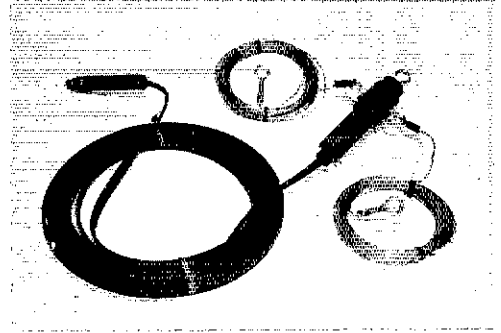
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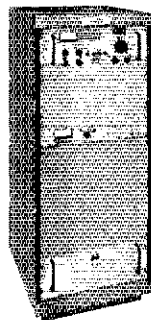
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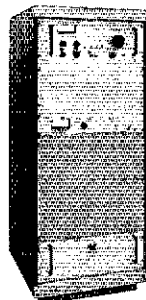
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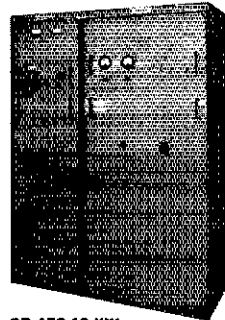
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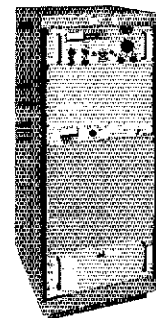


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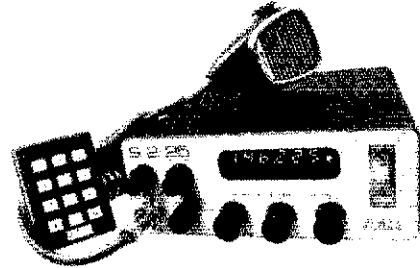
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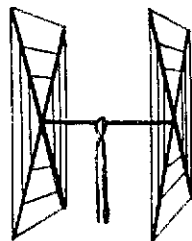
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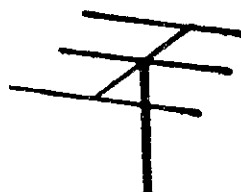
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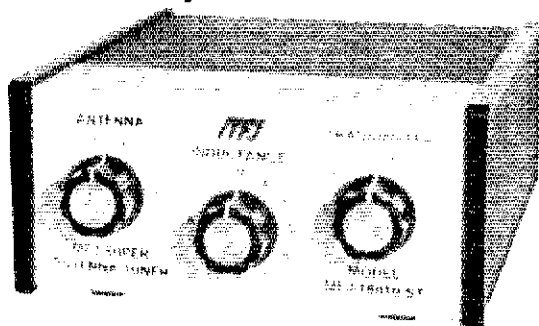
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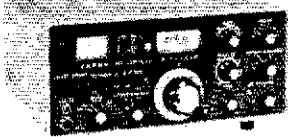
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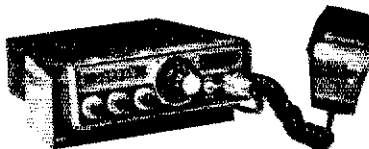


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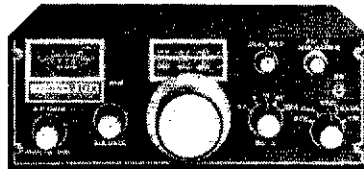
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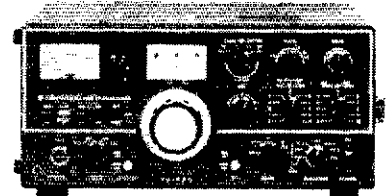


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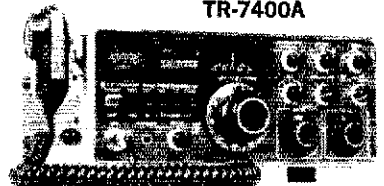
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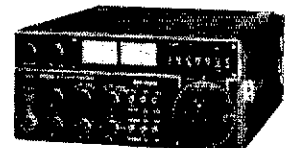
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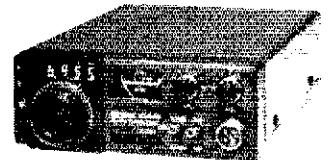
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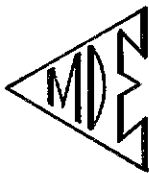
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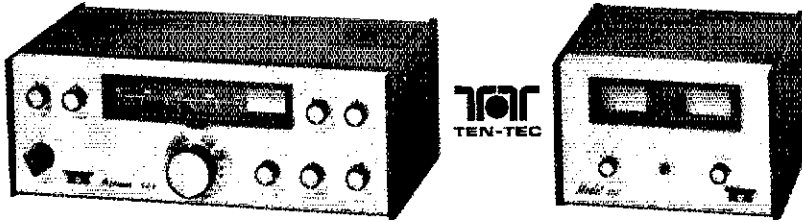
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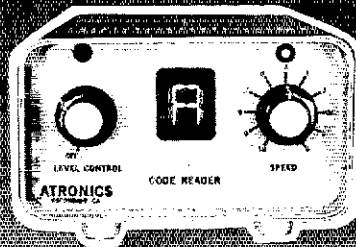
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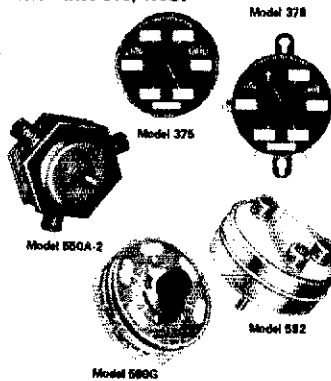
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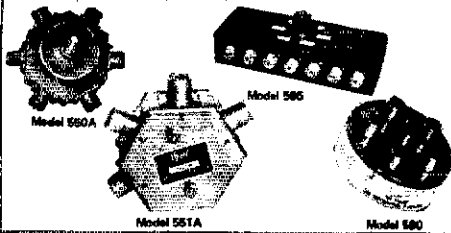
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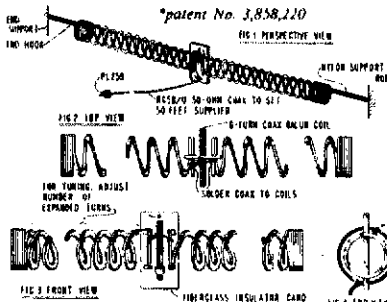
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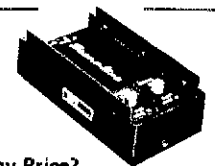
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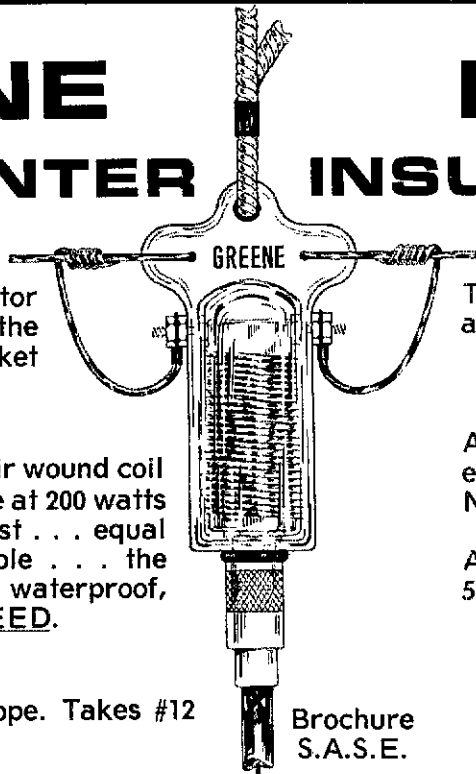
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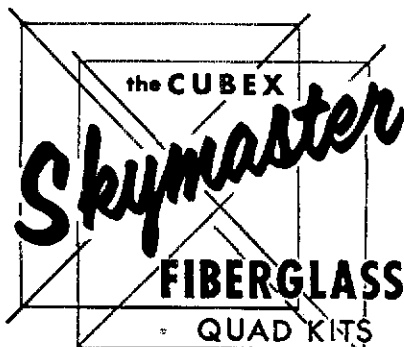
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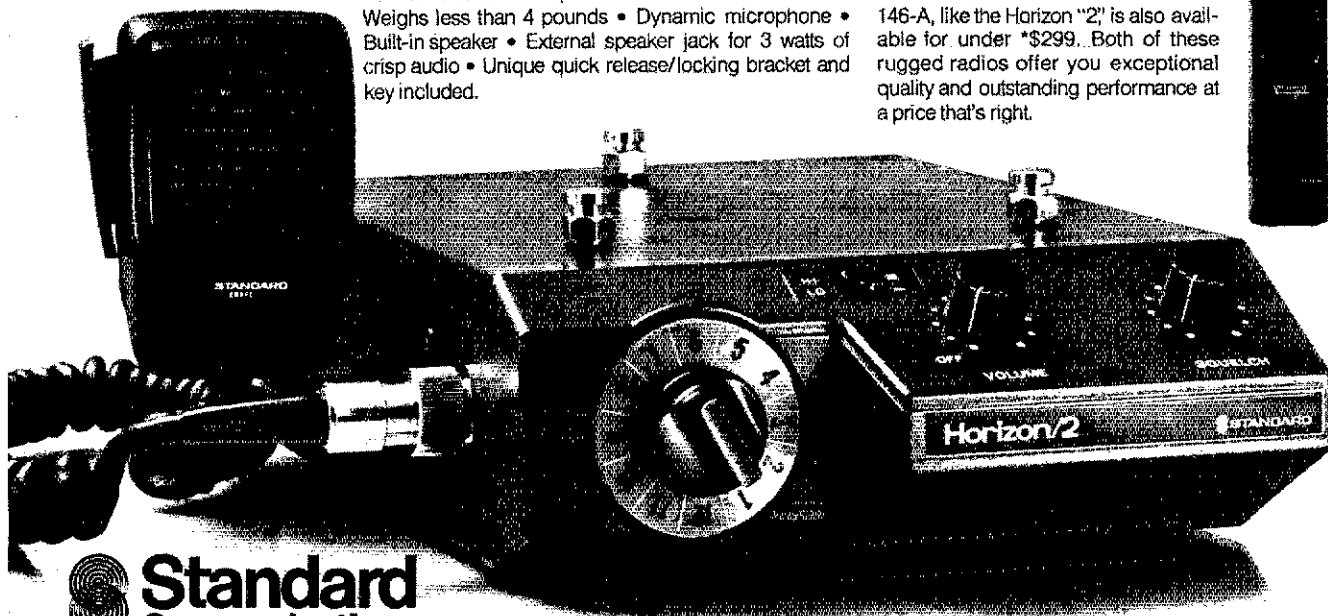
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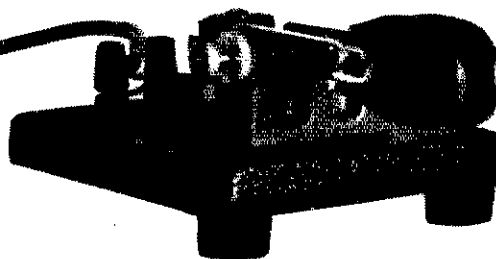
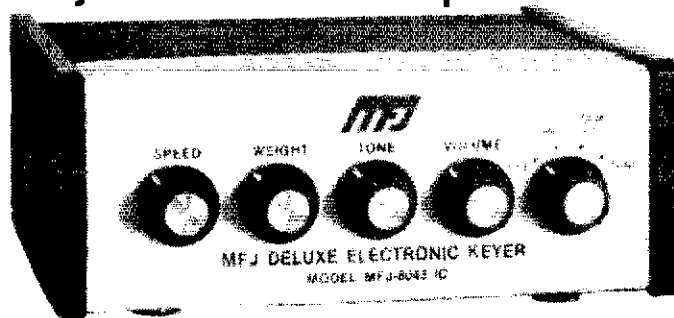


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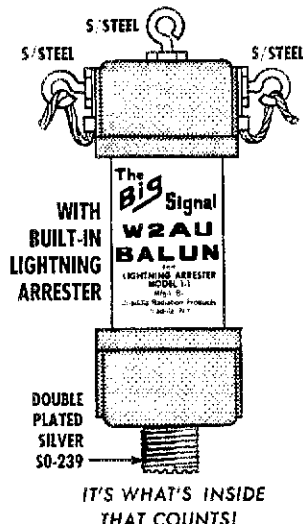
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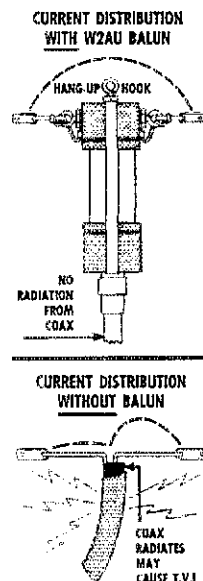
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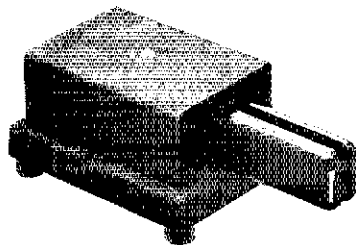


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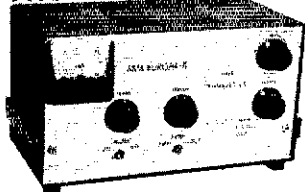
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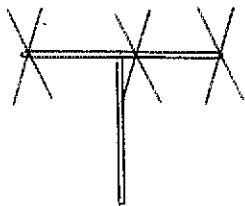
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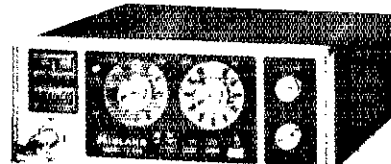
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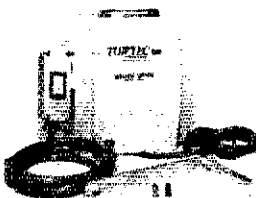
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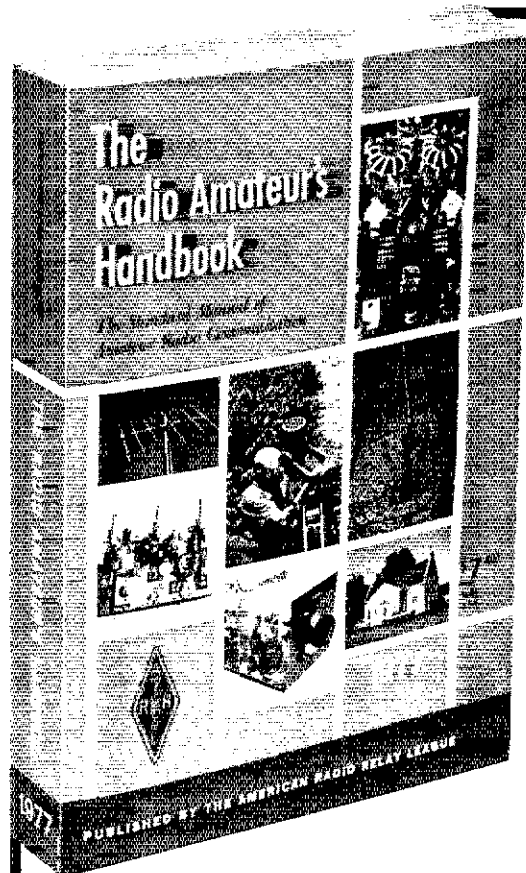
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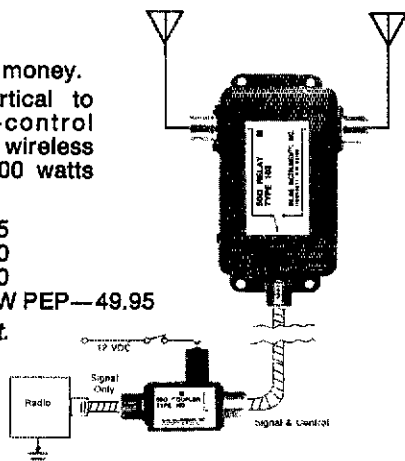
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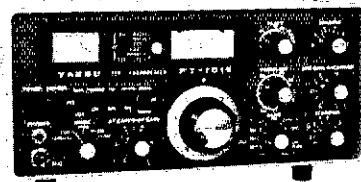
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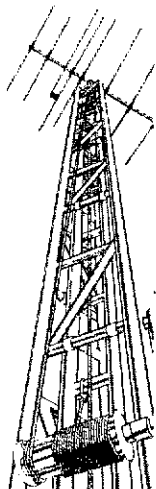
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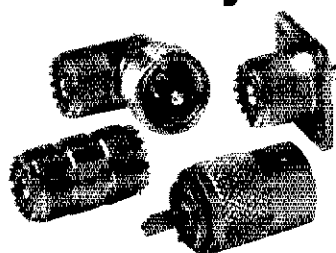


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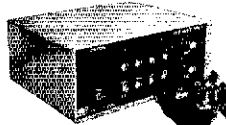
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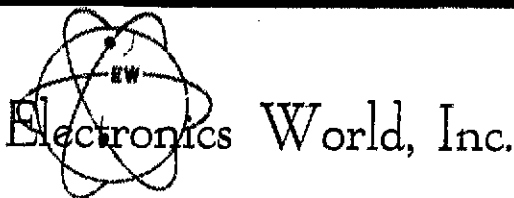
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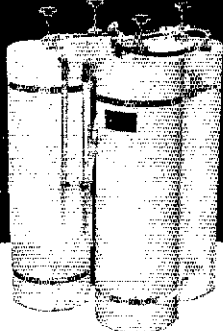
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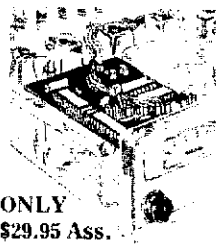
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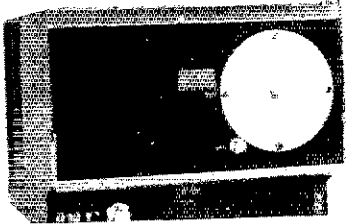
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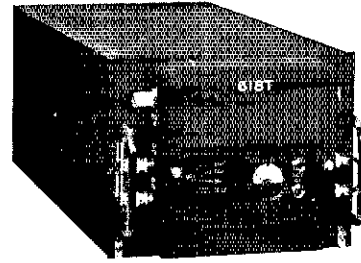


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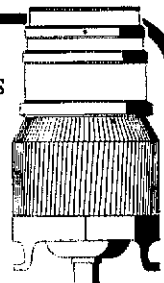
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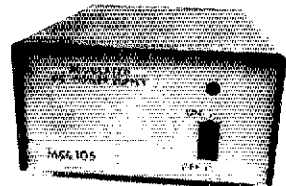
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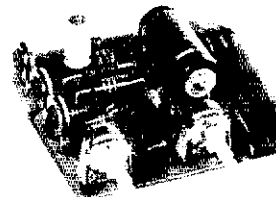
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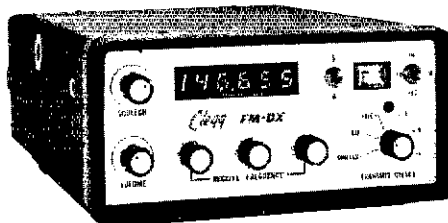
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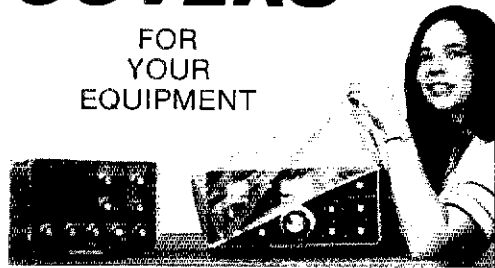
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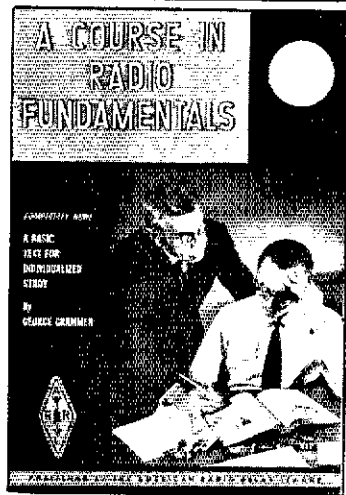
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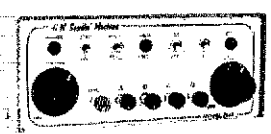
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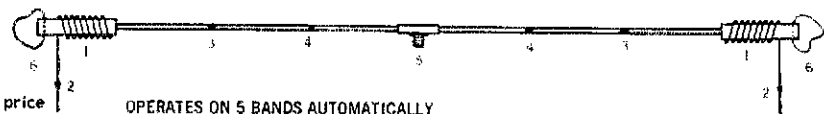
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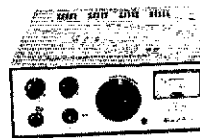
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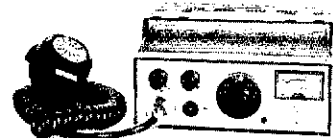
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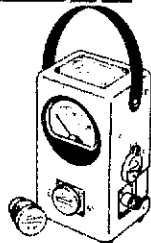


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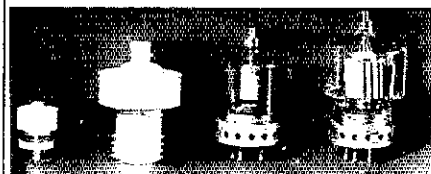
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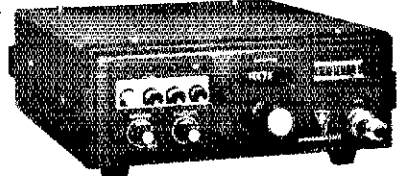
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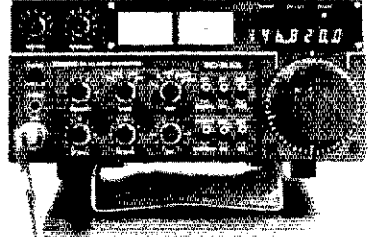
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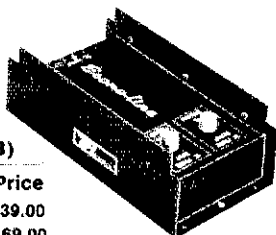
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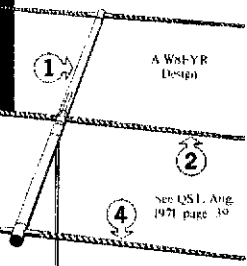
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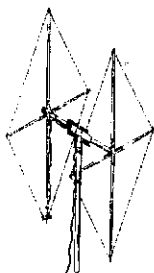
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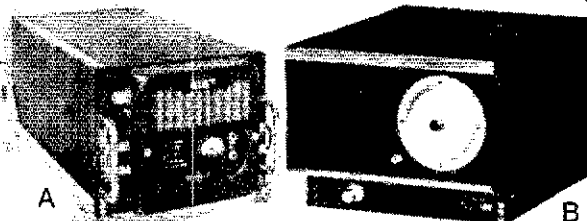
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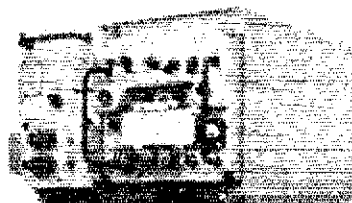
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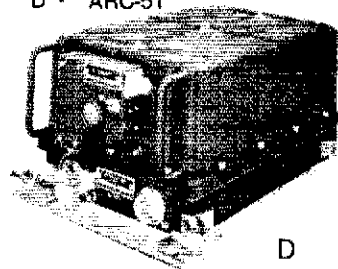
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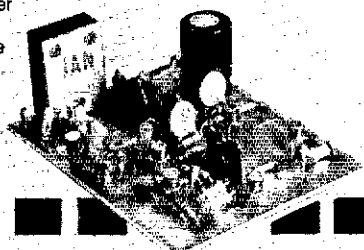
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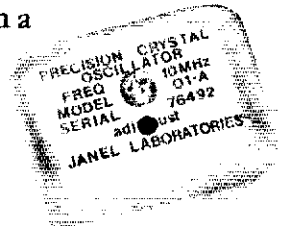
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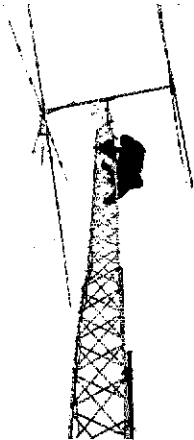
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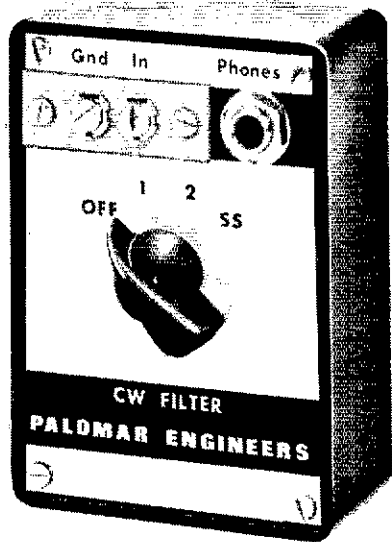
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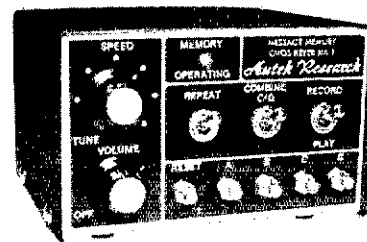
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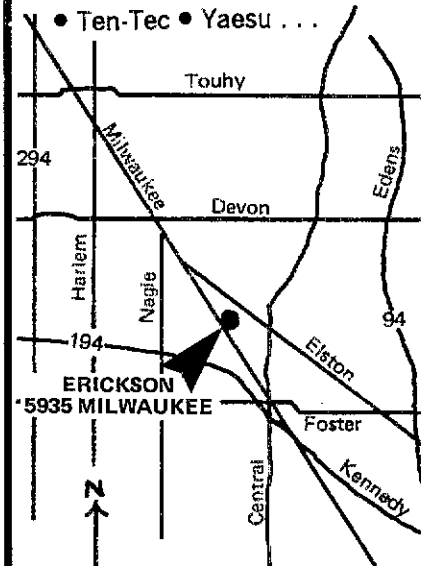
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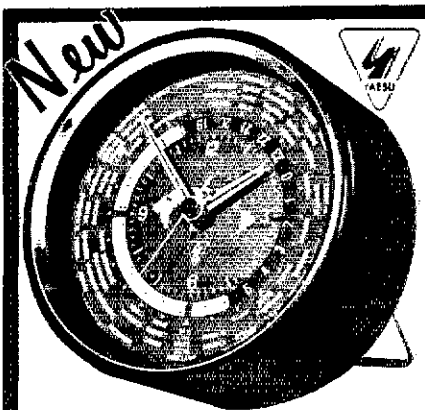
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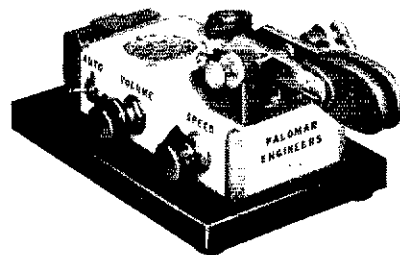
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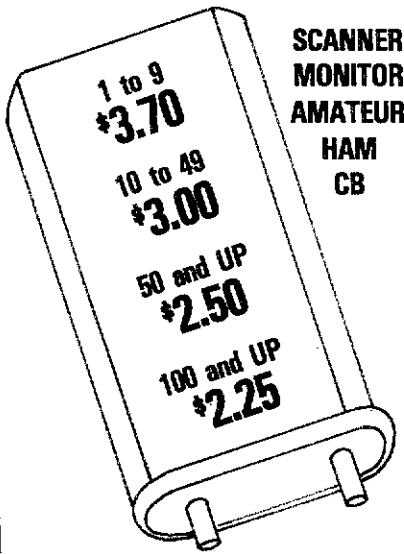
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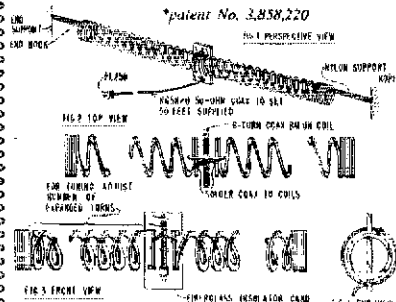
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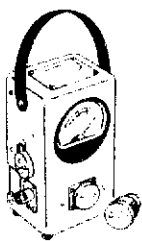
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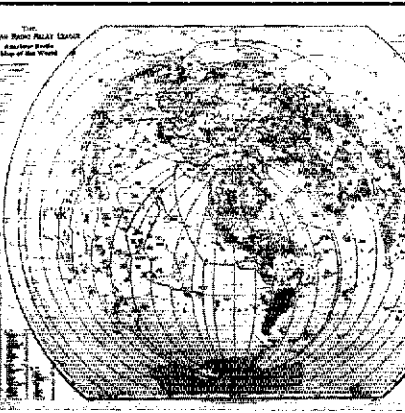
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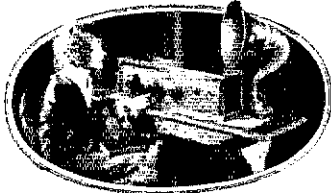
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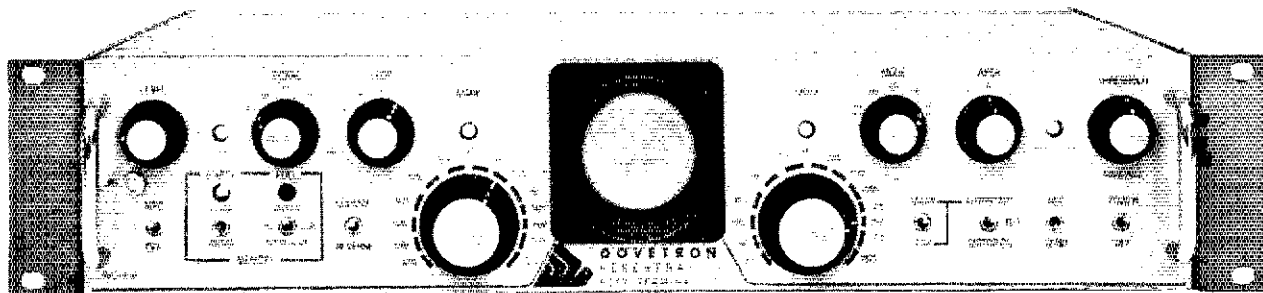
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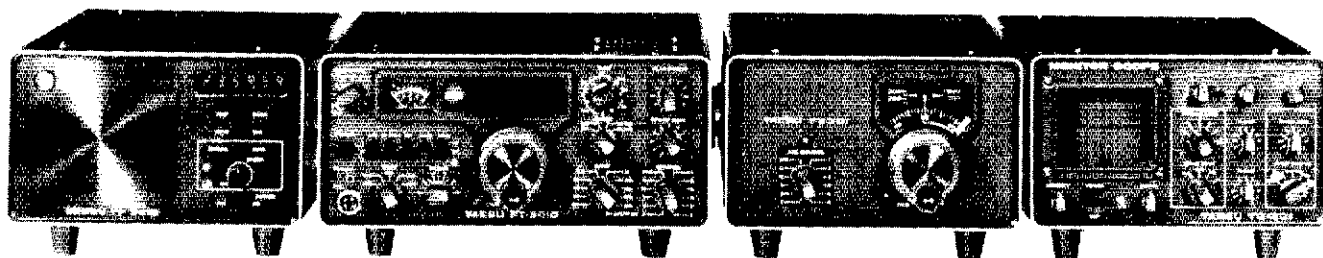
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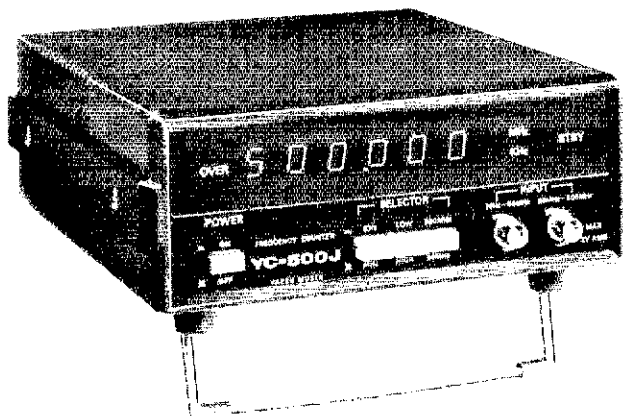


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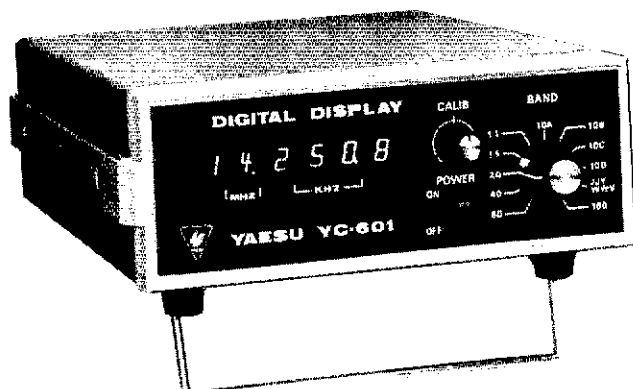
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