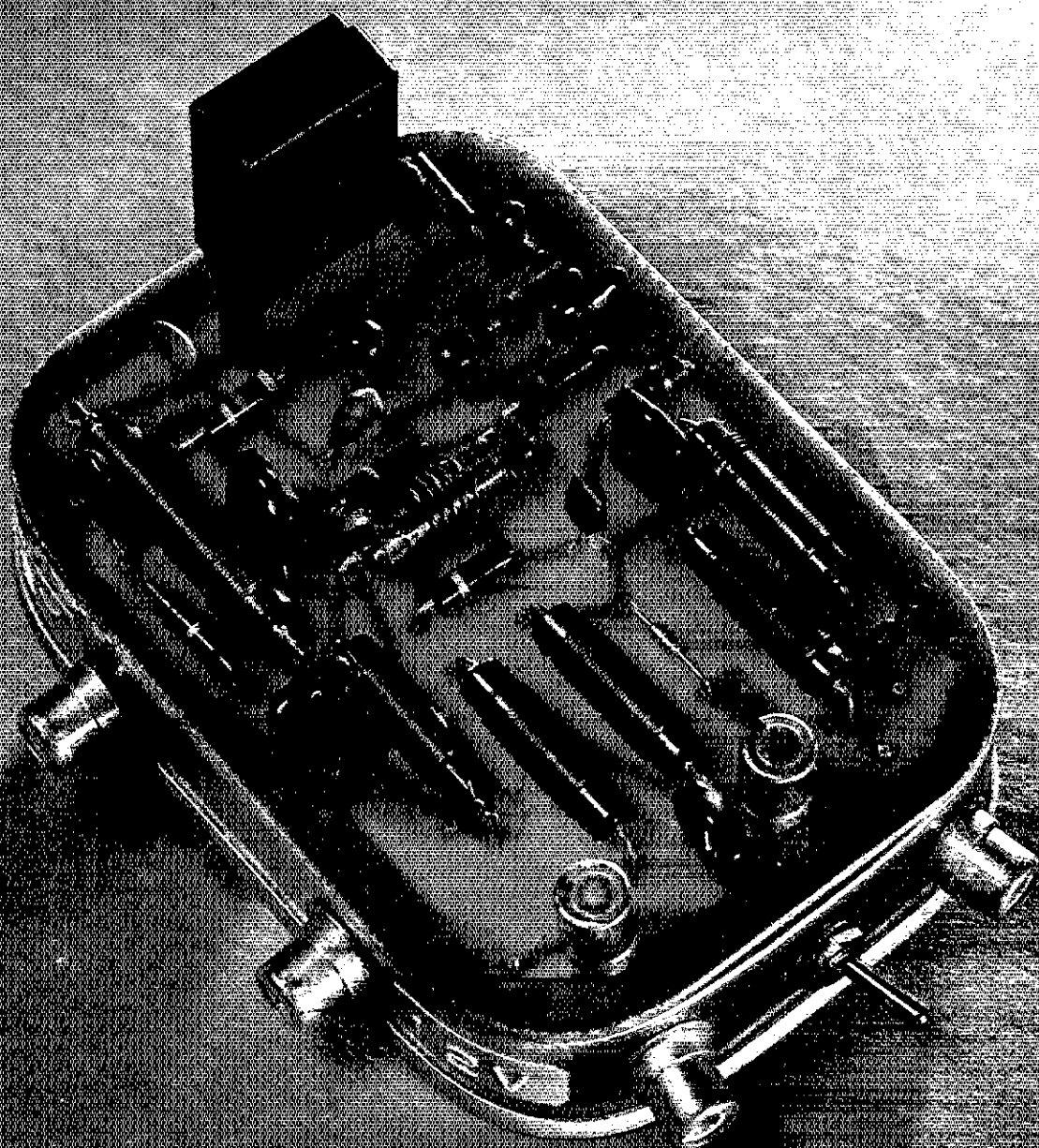


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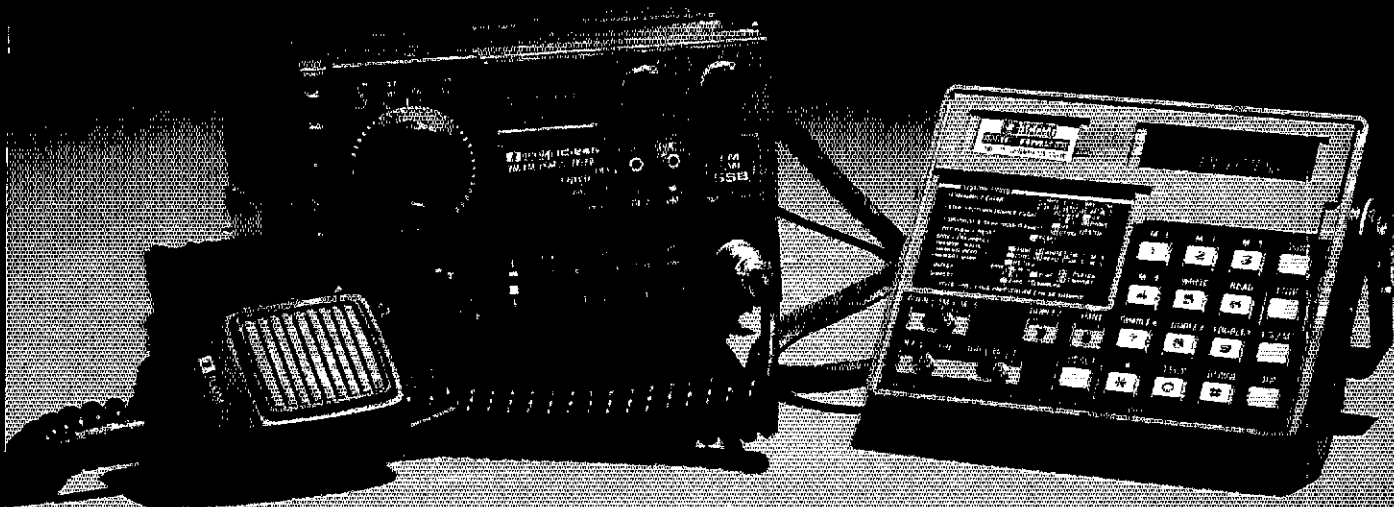
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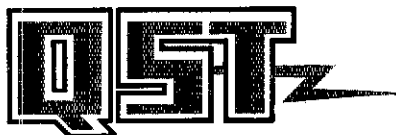


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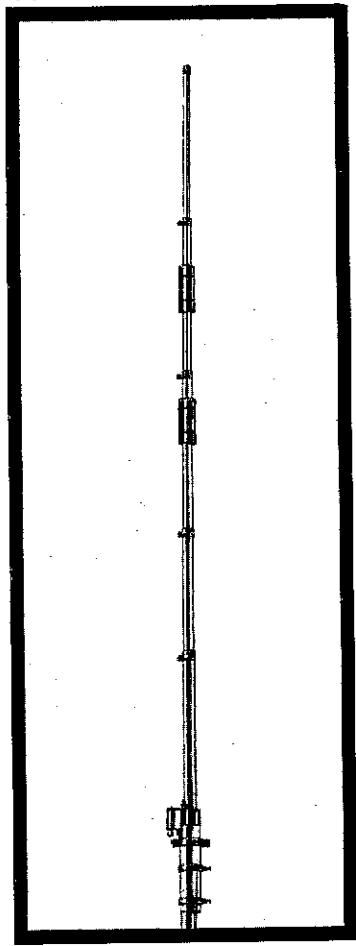
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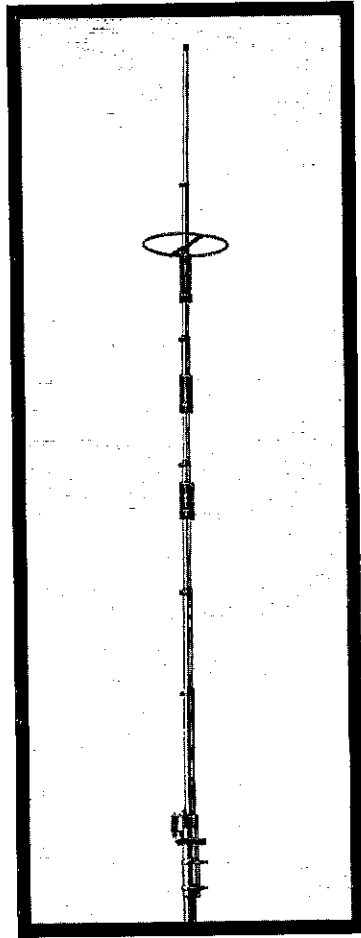
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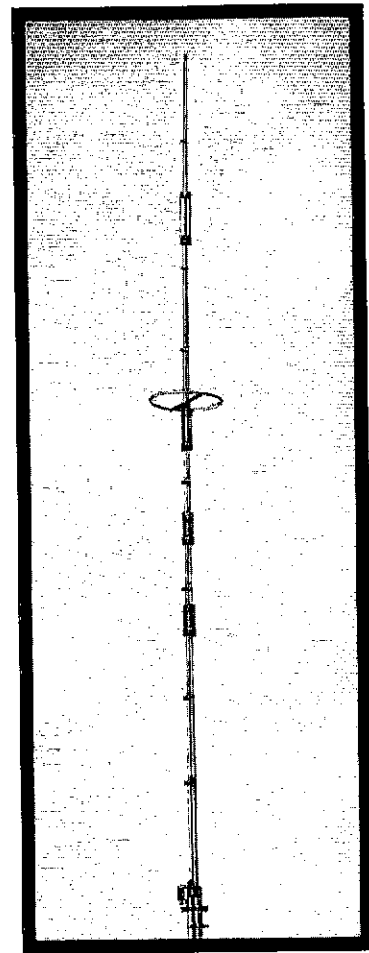
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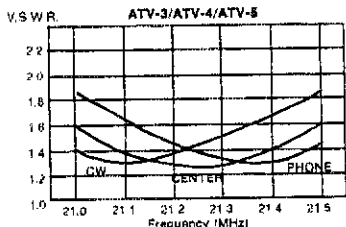


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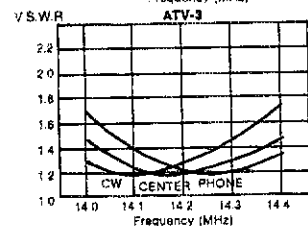
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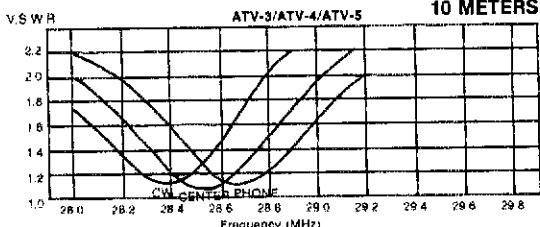
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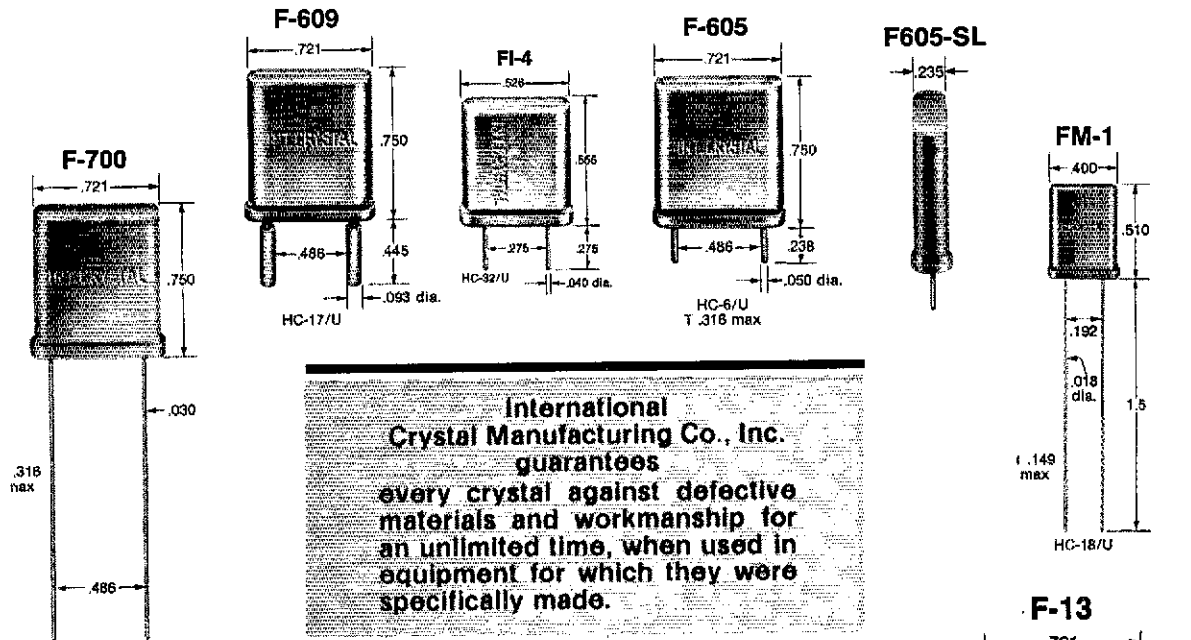
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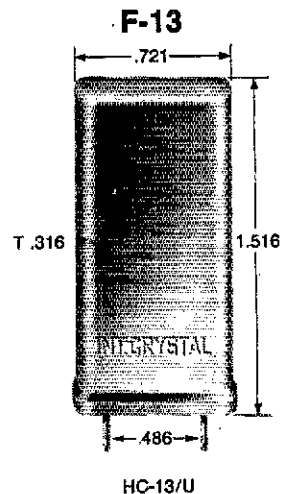
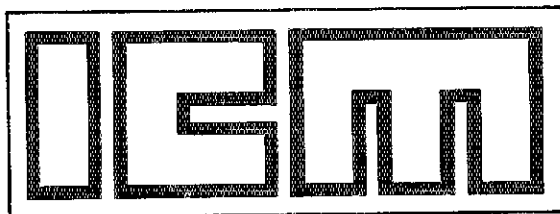
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Double-Digit Damage

Is there anyone out there untouched by the double-digit inflation that continues to plague us? If so, please let us know how you escape unscathed.

The rising cost of paper and printing labor, increases in postal and trucking rates, higher interest rates on borrowed money, the decrease in the value of the dollar, higher hotel and air transportation rates, the higher cost of gasoline, increased pension costs forced on us by ERISA — all of these increased costs and others are causing ARRL considerable difficulty.

On top of all of this relentless inflation, we are faced with higher-than-usual expenses in 1979 because of the three-month World Administrative Radio Conference which will begin in September of next year and at which we will be responsible for the expenses of more than six delegates.

There are some ironies in the situation. For example, League membership is at an all-time high, and still growing — nearly 170,000 members. Yet, because of the wide range of membership services that we provide, and because of the effects of inflation on the cost of providing those services, League membership at \$12 is underpriced. Thus, the increasing membership only compounds our problems.

Like many other membership societies, the League relies on two additional sources of income to make it possible to provide a myriad of membership services. One of those sources of income is advertising, primarily from *QST*. We're glad to report that advertising income from *QST* is at an all-time high, and those who support *QST* with their advertising dollars are helping to support the work of the League. To be completely realistic, we have to point out that *QST* has the largest circulation of any of the Amateur Radio magazines, and the advertisers themselves reap no small benefit from appearing in the pages of *QST*.

A second source of League income is from the sale of *Handbooks*, *License Manuals*, *Tune in the Worlds*, *Antenna Books* and other publications. This income is mighty important to us, and to you, as can be seen from the little pie chart which appeared on page 51 of the September issue of *QST*. However, sad to relate, our *Handbook* and other publication sales are down. Why? We're not entirely sure. We pushed hard and may have

oversold in 1977. We may need more extensive revision of our titles. The preponderance of commercially built equipment may work against the sale of technical books. The decline in the number of new CB licensees may have adversely affected the market for literature.

The result of all of these pressures is that the League is having a difficult time breaking even, of having income match outgo.

What to do?

Economize. We've trimmed nearly 20 people from the staff since the beginning of the year. We are monitoring expenditures as carefully as we know how. We are cutting every possible corner with as little harmful effect as possible on membership services. But we may have to take another look at the cost of some of the services we provide. (And, we also have to take a look at how many of these services we can continue to provide to nonmembers.) Did you know, for instance, that it costs us some \$45,000 per year to operate W1AW? And that's only one of a number of similar programs. Even the outgoing QSL Bureau is not entirely self-supporting, despite the \$1 fee for the use of the bureau.

Get more income from, for example, the sale of League publications. You'll notice a heavy promotional campaign in *QST* this fall, and that'll continue. If that campaign doesn't spur you into buying at least one other ARRL publication, it has failed! Another source of income is the advertising in *QST*, and effective with the January issue the page rate is being raised by 15 percent.

In the final analysis, however, it comes down to the fact that the League is providing membership services at a cost per member which exceeds the \$12 membership dues. The cost of WARC preparation, the Technical Information Service, the public service program, travel to clubs and conventions, representation in Washington, response to thousands of membership requests about all sorts of Amateur Radio matters, support of the radio amateur satellite program — these and many other membership services cost somewhat more than \$12 per member per year, and it is a subject which the Board of Directors may have to address in January 1979. — W1RU

League Lines...

Good news for WARC-79 preparation! Don Schliesser, K6RV, president of the Northern California DX Foundation, has just advised us that the NCDXF Board of Trustees has okayed a proposal made by Board member Jack Troster, W6ISQ, to provide matching funds for the IARU transmitter/receiver kits (see the editorial on page 9 of the April 1978 issue of QST, and "International News" on page 57 of this issue). For the first \$10,000 contributed by amateurs to finance the purchase and distribution of these kits, the Northern California DX Foundation will match 35¢ for each dollar contributed. For the second \$10,000 contributed, the Northern California DX Foundation will match 50¢ for each dollar contributed. For your contribution to be matched by NCDXF, send your check to ARRL, Newington CT 06111, and mark it for the "IARU transmitter/receiver kits." There is a December 31, 1978 deadline. Our thanks to NCDXF!

Thanks to the hundreds of members and affiliated clubs who filed comments responding to FCC's Eighth Notice of Inquiry in Docket 20271, the WARC proceeding, and especially to those who sent us copies. From the reaction we've seen in Washington, the effort was well worth it. See page 46 for a summary of the League's response.

The United States has signed a reciprocal Amateur Radio operating agreement with Haiti; however, the effective date of this agreement has been delayed for an indefinite period of time. WIAW will carry news of the effective date when available. Watch for details in the "International News" columns of QST.

Election time! Members in the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, Roanoke, Rocky Mountain, Southwestern and West Gulf Divisions may soon receive ballots in the mail, on which to choose between candidates for director and vice director of ARRL. (No ballots will be sent if only a single candidate has been nominated by the members, of course.) The ballots have to be back at Hq by November 20 to count. If members around you have ballots and you do not, by November 1, please notify Perry Williams, W1UED, or Marge Tenney, WB1FSN, at hq.

Legally blind applicants, as well as those unable to travel, can now be tested by volunteer examiners for all classes of amateur licenses. The applicant must submit a completed form 610 along with a physician's certification of protracted disability or legal blindness, and a letter requesting a volunteer examiner, to the FCC engineer-in-charge of the nearest field office (see "Washington Mailbox," September 1978 QST for addresses). The field office will locate the closest available volunteer examiner. Applicants who live in rural areas may experience a delay in processing of the application.

If you would like to be a volunteer examiner to assist the handicapped in getting an Amateur Radio license, write to the FCC field office nearest you. Remember that you must be at least 18 years of age and hold a General Class license or higher.

Look at your Form 610 before you fill it out -- if it is dated earlier than 1977, don't use it! Use of obsolete forms increases the error rate -- in some cases amateurs wanting to stick with their present call signs have lost them for this reason!

ARRL insurance questions? Please make note of the new address and phone numbers for the G&H Insurance Administrators. The new toll-free number is 800-527-3304. Members in Texas, Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada must call direct 214-388-4455. The new address is 8330 Moberly Lane, Dallas, TX 75227.

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A Newly Discovered Mode of VHF Propagation

Shattering the 2-meter DX record has become commonplace lately. Equatorial FAI is one theory on what's behind these super band openings.

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On October 29, 1977, at 0200 UTC, LU1DAU, La Plata, Argentina, worked YV5ZZ/6, Bocha de Uchire, Venezuela, on 145.9-MHz cw! By 0310 UTC, the signals had improved greatly, and a two-way ssb contact was made. Both stations were running less than 100 watts and used 10- to 12-dB gain antennas. When the signals faded at 0400 UTC, a new terrestrial-only 2-meter record of 3135 miles (5045 km) had been set.

For many years, vhf operators have known of transequatorial (TE) radio propagation on 6 through 15 meters.¹⁻⁴ While it was speculated that this mode could support the propagation of 2-meter signals under the right circumstances, such conditions had never been reported. It now appeared that TE had made it to 2 meters. Again and again, YV5ZZ worked into Argentina. By the end of November, such contacts became almost commonplace. With reports of bigger and better openings coming each day, we began trying to correlate contemporary solar-terrestrial conditions with those present during prior TE-mode QSOs. We noticed many discrepancies, leading us to conclude that this fantastic propagation was not TE, but possibly a result of magnetic-field-aligned irregularities (FAI) in the equatorial ionosphere.

Some Background Information

The push for a new 2-meter record had been spurred on by the observations of YV5ZZ. On November 8, 1976, Edgar heard OSCAR 7 Mode A uplink (145.9-MHz) signals from LU7DJZ. He was not listening to the downlink signal on 10 meters — what he heard was really on 2 meters! This prompted weekend schedules at first, eventually leading to nightly attempts at a QSO. Contact was

made on either 21.4 or 50.1 MHz. If conditions looked good, attempts were made on 145.9 MHz. To prevent OSCAR QRM, the frequency was later changed to 145.1 MHz.

After nearly a year of trying, they made it. Since the first contact, there have been over 40 days when known openings have occurred, and they have been observed on all continents. The more noteworthy events are listed in Table 1. Also shown are the times during which the openings were observed. Fig. 1 is a map showing the location of stations active in these openings. The bulk of the favorable conditions seem to occur within the period from sunset to midnight. Signal strength was not the same for each opening and varied considerably during the course of a contact. Stations sometimes reported that received signals "sounded like moon-bounce," but more often they were well above the noise. Even low-power (100 watts effective radiated power) ssb and fm stations participated. Stations over 500 miles (800 km) apart often participated in an opening.

TE-Mode Propagation

By reviewing some prior work and findings in the field of TE propagation, we hope to point out comparisons that in-

dicating another mode is responsible for the more recent contacts.

A TE path is generally considered to be between stations located 1500-2500 miles (2400-4000 km) either side of the magnetic equator.⁵ No east-west paths have been reported. Backscatter sounding studies have identified the paths as being the result of two or more successive reflections in the F-layer region of the ionosphere. The ray path for such a signal is shown in Fig. 2. Because no intermediate ground reflections are involved, signal strength is greater than might be expected. TE depends on a phenomenon called "ionospheric tilt." Instead of an ionosphere which is concentric with Earth, a tilt may occur, especially after sunset or sunrise at the ionosphere. An ionosphere having opposite tilts over a large area is required to support successive reflections. In the equatorial region, tilts occur daily near sunset, when the height of the ionosphere begins to increase, rising higher than that to the north and south. Later in the evening the ionized layer settles and the tilts disappear. Waves striking this tilted layer have a lower angle of incidence than would normally be the case. This allows higher frequencies to be propagated, typically 1.5 times the daytime maximum usable frequency

Table 1
Propagation "Firsts" via FAI

Date	UTC	From/To	Comments
November 8, 1976	0037	YV5ZZ/LU7DJZ	LU7DJZ OSCAR Mode A uplink signal heard.
July 1, 1977	unknown	PY2OD/TU2EF	TU2EF OSCAR Mode A uplink signal heard
October 29, 1977	0200-0400	YV5ZZ/LU1DAU	First reported QSO via this mode
February 12, 1978	0005-0020	LU/KP4-YV	No 6-meter path but good 2-meter signals
February 13, 1978	0004-0110	LU/KP4-YV	YV5ZZ heard LU3AAT on 432 MHz but no QSO
February 20, 1978	0400-0405	YV6ASU/LU3AAT	LU3AAT only station heard in north. Note relatively late time
February 24, 1978	1200	VK8GB/JH6TEW	First VK-JA QSO on 2 meters
April 10, 1978	1800	ZE2JV/5B4WR	First Asia-Africa QSO via this mode
April 12, 1978	1800	SV1AB/ZE2JV	First Africa-Europe QSO via this mode

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¹Footnotes appear on page 14.

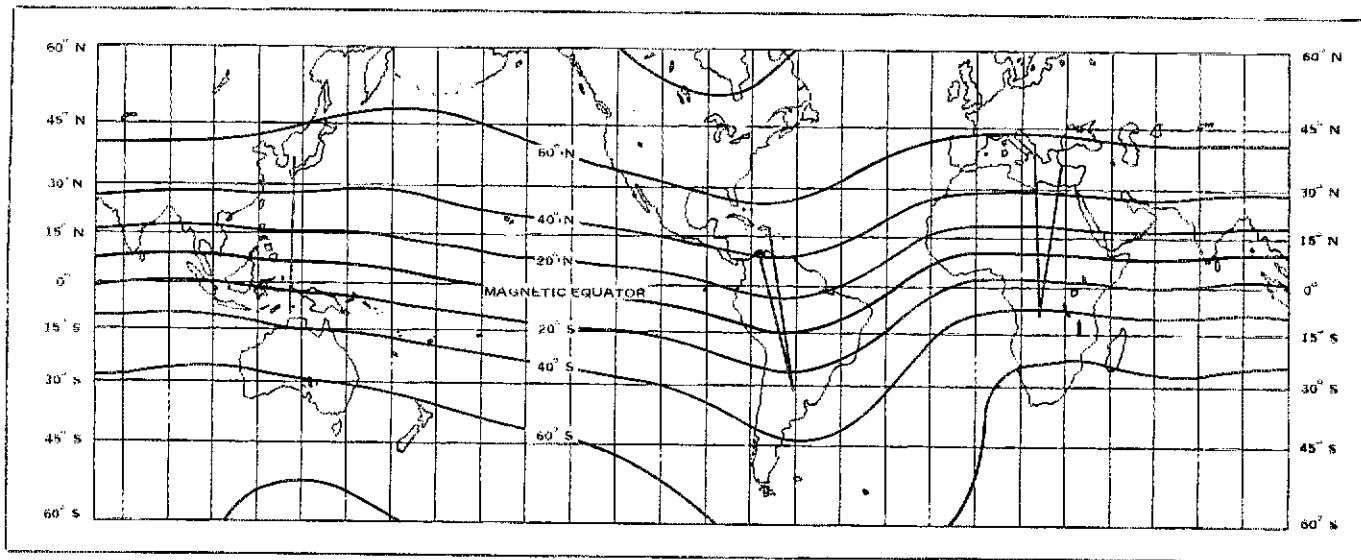


Fig. 1 — Approximate location of stations which successfully made use of FAI can be seen on this map. The contour lines indicate geomagnetic latitudes.

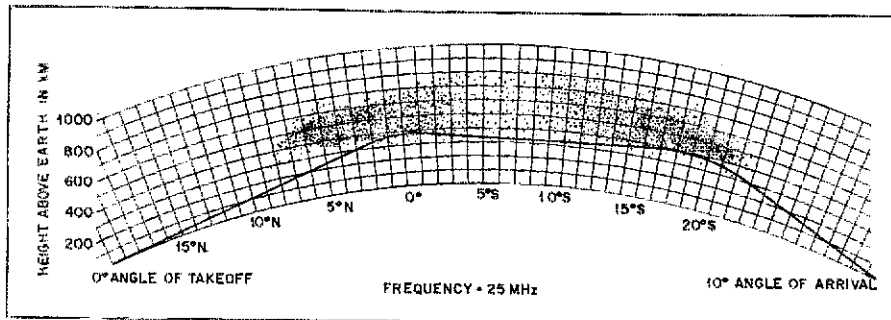


Fig. 2 — Cross section of a transequatorial ray path, showing the effect of ionospheric tilt on a 25-MHz signal. This drawing shows a typical example of TE propagation. (From Davies, "Ionospheric Radio Propagation," U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, 1965.)

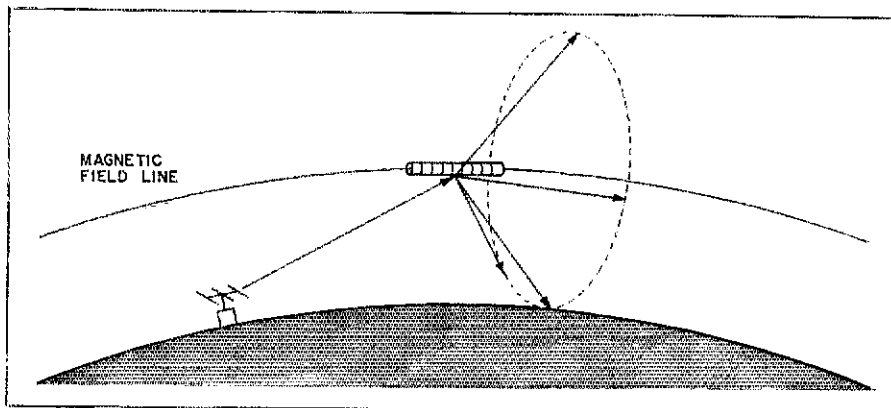


Fig. 3 — This diagram gives an example of ray scattering. Irregularities aligned with Earth's magnetic field are illuminated by a radio wave. Energy is scattered back to Earth in a cone-shaped pattern. Stations within the area intersected by the cone can receive the signal.

(muf). Attenuation of frequencies above 80-100 MHz is severe.* Six-meter openings are usually coincident with enhanced 10- and 15-meter propagation, and signals are usually distorted with a characteristic flutter fading. TE propagation is most often noted between 1700 and 2100 local time at the path midpoint, moving from east to west as the earth rotates, but some afternoon openings have been observed as

well.^{1,2} TE occurs most often during the equinoctial periods (around March 21 and September 23). It is least common during solstitial periods (around June 22 and December 22).^{1,2} The best TE conditions seem to occur at or near a sunspot-cycle peak.

Comparison with Recent Openings

The 2-meter contacts between Australia

and Japan and in South America have been between stations located approximately 1500-2000 miles (2400-3200 km) from the geomagnetic equator. One exception was the reception of OSCAR 7 Mode A uplink signals (145.9 MHz) from TU2EF, Ivory Coast, by PY2OD, Santos, Brazil. This path lies along the geomagnetic equator and represents the only known east-to-west propagation of this type. Because this observation was made prior to the first confirmed 2-meter contact, it was met with no small amount of skepticism! Classical notions of TE do not account for this path. Since the effect was noticed, on July 1, 1977, TU2EF has moved to Brazil. It is hoped that other African stations will be found who are willing to experiment with South American amateurs on this path.

The 2-meter openings to date have shown little correlation with equinoctial periods. In fact, 10 openings have occurred within 30 days of a solstice. It remains to be seen whether the frequency of openings increases as an equinox approaches. Two meters is 2 to 3 times higher in frequency than the greatest muf's observed during the 1957-58 peak of sunspot cycle 19. This period was an all-time high for solar activity. In fact, 2 meters is not the highest frequency at which this phenomenon has been observed. On February 13, 1978, YV5ZZ heard weak but identifiable signals from LU3AAT, on 432.1 MHz. Two-meter and 432-MHz propagation far exceeds the capability of the TE mode. YV5ZZ was using his satellite antenna system, which is steerable in azimuth and elevation. In the direction of LU3AAT, his horizon is obstructed by a range of mountains. The lowest elevation angle which allows for clearance of the mountain range is 8 degrees. On February 16, 1978, YV6ASU heard LU3AAT on 432 MHz, with his

antenna at about the same angle of elevation. On yet another occasion, KV4FZ heard LU3AAT on 145.1 MHz. He reported that a peak in signal strength occurred when the antenna elevation angle was 8-10 degrees. This geometry suggests that single-hop F-layer reflection isn't involved. The angle also seems high for the tilt associated with TE.

At first, 2-meter tests were conducted only when strong 50-MHz TE signals were noted. However, on February 12, 1978, KP4EOR contacted two Argentine stations at a time when no 50-MHz path existed. This effect, which was also noted by YV5ZZ on occasion, would not normally be expected for TE.

When the occasions of openings were compared with solar flux and geomagnetic indices for the dates involved, no correlation was seen. The first contact did take place on a day when auroras were reported in the Northern Hemisphere. This appears to have been coincidental as the condition did not repeat. TE is most prominent at a solar cycle peak. We are presently ascending from a solar minimum.

Because these observations indicated the recent contacts did not result from fantastic TE propagation, we began to look for another propagation mode to account for them. Our attention was immediately drawn to the possibility that they were somehow related to irregularities in the equatorial ionosphere.

Scattering Mode

One phenomenon related to the ionosphere is called *scintillation*.⁸ This is seen as amplitude and phase variations of signals which transit a nonuniform ionized region. Scintillation causes the signal to fade by breaking it up into several ray paths which may or may not arrive in phase at the receiver. The ionospheric irregularities which cause the scattering may be thought of as bubbles of electron density different from that of the surrounding medium. These bubbles can become directional reflectors of radio signals. They behave roughly as thin elongated rods aligned with Earth's magnetic field.⁹ A representation of one rod is shown in Fig. 3. The angle of reflection of a wave is equal to the angle of incidence, but both paths need not lie in the same plane. A wave incident on a cylinder excites conically shaped reflections. If the transmitter properly illuminates irregularities aligned with the magnetic field, the cone will intersect Earth. Signals may then be received within the area covered by the cone. Scattering tends to add still more paths, allowing reception throughout a belt-shaped area, rather than a circular or elliptical one.

Vhf signal-scattering irregularities can occur daily in the equatorial region. In fact, the occurrence of scattering irregularities is greatest near the magnetic

equator and in the polar regions. The phenomenon is least seen in the middle latitudes. Polar-region aberrations are associated with the auroras. In the equatorial region they commence abruptly about 1900 local time, become more patchy and sporadic through the night. Disruption in the equatorial F region has been linked with an increase in the height of this layer, the same phenomenon responsible for TE. The optimum time for scatter propagation via these field alignment irregularities (FAI) is about one hour later. FAI show seasonal variations. The precise pattern also depends on the longitude and period of the solar cycle. FAI tend to be more common during equinoctial periods, the winter months and years of high solar activity.¹⁰ In the Americas, FAI seem to be concentrated in the period from October through March,

all but disappearing during June, July and August. In the Africa-Mediterranean region, occurrences also are frequent from October to May. There are many openings in the period June through August. For the Asia-Australia region, present data indicate the maximum may even be in June and July.

FAI tend to occur within 10 degrees of the geomagnetic equator. Satellite studies have indicated that irregularities large enough to scatter 144-MHz signals exist at heights of up to 620 miles (1000 km) just at and shortly after sunset. Recently, studies have been made with the 50-MHz scatter radar in Jicamarca, Peru. They indicate that the irregularities may last as late as midnight, local time. It was found that plumes of electrons in the otherwise depleted regions form ducts which can trap vhf signals. They are then scattered

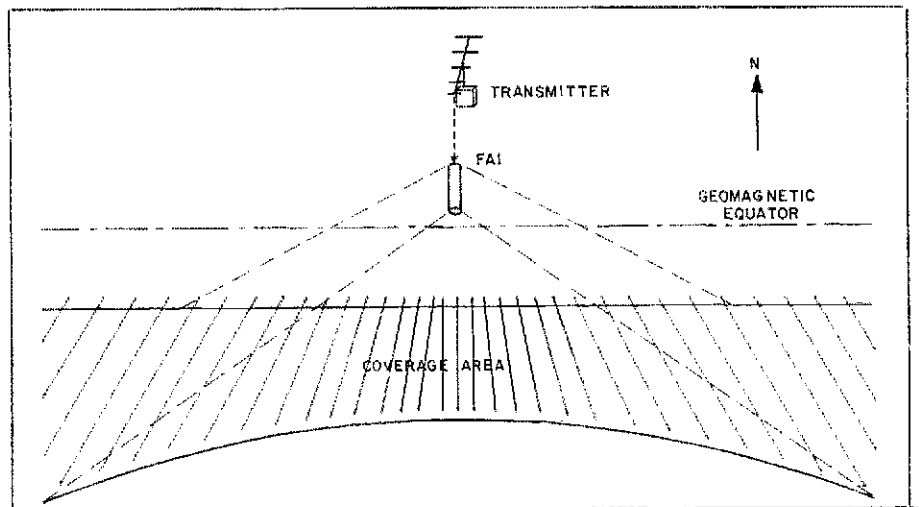


Fig. 4 — When a station north of the equator is transmitting in a southerly direction, the southern coverage area will be similar to that shown in this drawing, shown as if looking down from a great height. Size of this area is dependent upon the length and horizontal extent of the scattering medium, and its position relative to the transmitter and receiver. The coverage pattern for a southern station beaming north would be a mirror image of that shown here.

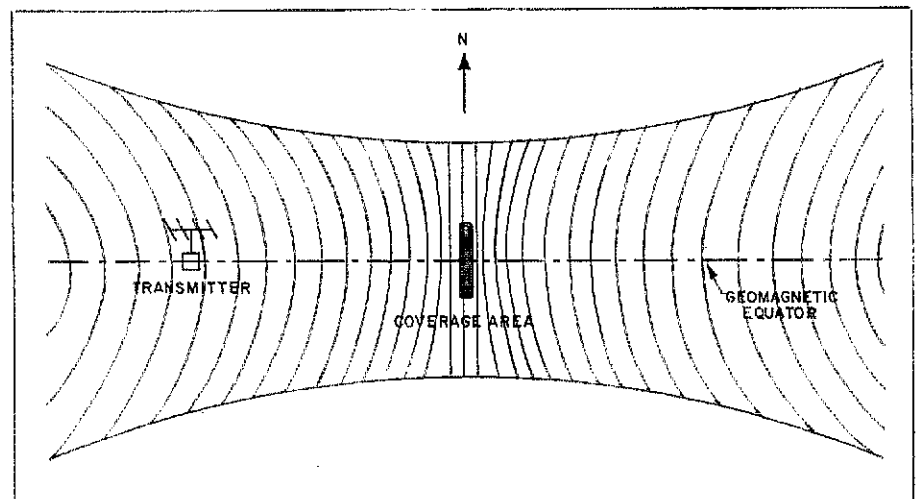


Fig. 5 — Scatter-mode coverage in an east-west direction along the magnetic equator. As in the case shown in Fig. 4, coverage area is dependent upon the horizontal extent of the scattering medium. A relatively wide coverage area may be possible if north-south alignment of the irregularities is not an important aspect of the phenomenon.

back to Earth at the point they exit the duct. Strong scintillations noted on satellite signals received near the geomagnetic equator have been tied to these features. FAI ranging in height from 375 to 500 miles (600 to 800 km) could account for propagation on even the longest of the observed paths.¹¹

In the early 1970s, several government agencies participated in an experiment to study the effects of artificial irregularities in the ionosphere.¹² Since naturally occurring auroras were known to scatter vhf signals, man-made irregularities were tested for the same properties. Reflection of frequencies up to 430 MHz was found at times when normal transmission was possible only through 10 MHz. So strong were the reflections that cw and ssb communication at frequencies of 20-50 MHz was possible using 100-watt-output transmitters and 10-dB-gain antennas. Above 50 MHz the reflection coefficient fell off steadily, so that 430-MHz receiver-noise figures on the order of 1 dB were needed to produce usable signals over long paths. Fading rates increased with frequency. Naturally occurring irregularities in the nighttime equatorial ionosphere can produce similar effects and the geometry is correct for long-distance north-south propagation. If there is a coherence (adding effect), from the banded structures which occur naturally in the equatorial FAI, the observed signal strengths could be supported with modest amateur equipment.

It is interesting to note that, since the geomagnetic field lines in the ionosphere above the magnetic equator are nearly parallel to the Earth's surface, communications in both north-south and east-west directions should be possible, given adequate power levels.¹¹ In the case of north-south propagation across the geomagnetic equator, the propagation mode is as depicted in Fig. 4. East-west propagation via FAI is theoretically possible near the geomagnetic equator. Possible coverage is diagrammed in Fig. 5. This

could account for the reception of OSCAR uplink signals from TU2EF in Brazil, an east-west path along the geomagnetic equator.

Another interesting property of propagation via FAI is that long-range transmission from within or above the ionosphere to the ground is possible. The cone of signals generated by satellite transmissions incident on equatorial FAI can intersect the ground when the geometry is correct. Such a mode could explain the reception of OSCAR downlink signals when the satellite is well below the listener's horizon.

Scatter propagation causes the signal to flutter. Either or both increased frequency and fewer reflections will enhance the severity of flutter. KP4EOR noted that received signals sounded like a buzz saw! Tests conducted after midnight, local time, have uncovered no recurring openings. Radar data from Jicamarca indicate that such openings, if possible at all, should be rare, because of the absence of suitably sized scattering surfaces after local midnight. Prediction of FAI presence may be possible with the aid of amateur satellites. Ionospheric scattering results in an observed Doppler frequency shift which differs from the expected value. An accurate Doppler plot may reveal shifts in a patchy ionosphere. Amplitude flutter on the beacon and downlink signals might also reveal the existence of an opening via FAI.

Conclusions

The recent record-breaking 2-meter openings exhibited many characteristics which were previously unobserved and unexplained. In an effort to explain to ourselves what was happening, we noted many characteristics directly related to the occurrence of irregularities in the alignment of Earth's magnetic field. It seems likely that these contacts resulted from propagation by the fine-scale structure of the equatorial ionosphere, rather than broad tilts related to normal ionospheric

conditions. Confirmation awaits further testing by amateurs. If we are correct, the implications are exciting for vhf operators worldwide. Contacts between South America and Africa, and Africa and Asia on frequencies up to 432 MHz may be possible. We congratulate the avid vhf operators who have participated in this work so far, and urge them to continue trying for new DX records.

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Feedback

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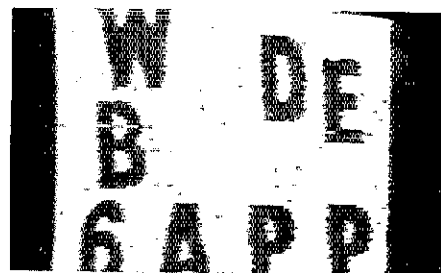
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□ On page 57 of "How's DX?" (August 1978 *QST*), the photo on the left is A9XBJ. A9XBC is the operator on the right.

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Earl Mathison, WB6APP, sent this SSVT picture to Jed Jenson, WA6WTN. Their shacks are eight miles apart in Antelope Valley. However, their SSVT pictures travel about 1100 miles via OSCAR.

Build This "Sardine Sender"

Basic Amateur Radio: Weekend projects are fun! This 80-meter cw QRP rig will provide entertainment in the home workshop and on the air. A good antenna and 3/4 watt of power will net a lot of solid QSOs.

By Doug DeMaw,** W1FB

Did you have fun and excitement with the Tuna-Tin 2 from May 1976 *QST*? Chances are that you did if you're a QRP-rig operator. Many requests followed publication of the little 40-meter rig, asking for an 80-meter version of the circuit. Well, here it is, and all of the parts except for the chassis are stocked by Radio Shack. Of course you'll need your own crystals, power supply and key, but those are pretty standard items in most ham shacks today.

There's no mandate that says you need to use a sardine can. Any metal foundation will be suitable, so take your pick from what's available to you. The important thing is that you follow the circuit given and keep the leads neat and short.'

A Simple Circuit

Three bipolar transistors are specified in the circuit of Fig. 1. Transistors with characteristics similar to those listed

should work satisfactorily. The important matters to consider when making substitutions are the maximum collector-emitter voltage (24 or greater), maximum dissipation (2 watts or more) and the f_T rating (20 MHz or higher). For example, 2N2222A transistors can be used at Q1 and Q2, and a 2N2102 will work at Q3. There's no harm in experimenting; it helps you learn more about semiconductors.

Q1 performs as a Pierce oscillator. The crystal is placed in the feedback path from collector to base. An untuned collector circuit is used. Q2 functions as a Class A

*Pc negatives, pc boards and parts kits for this project are available from Circuit Board Specialists, Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002.

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Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the Sardine Sender. Capacitors are disk ceramic unless otherwise noted. Resistors are 1/2-watt composition. Numbered components not appearing in the parts list are identified numerically for parts-placement information only. Polarized capacitors are electrolytic.

D1 — 36-V, 1-W Zener diode.

J1-J4, incl. — Single-hole mount phono jack.

L1 — 100- μ H choke (Radio Shack 273-102).

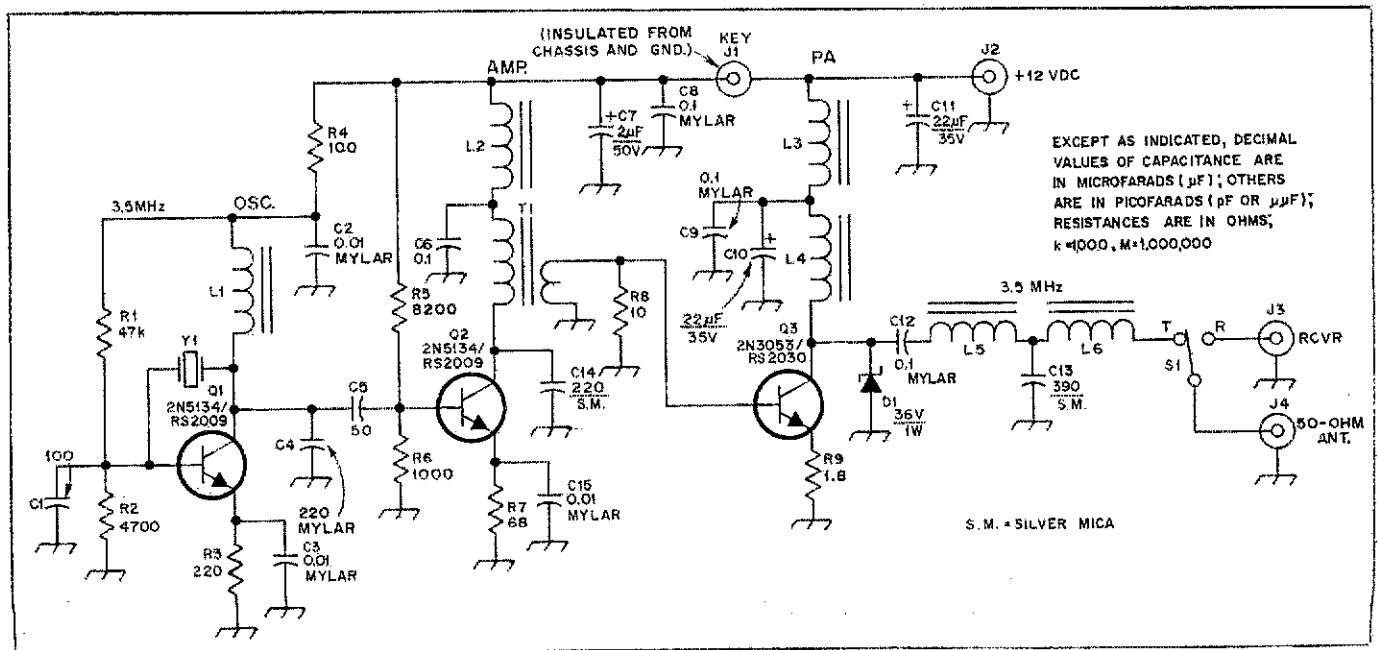
L2-L4, incl. — 10- μ H choke (Radio Shack 273-101).

L5 — 12- μ H inductor (Radio Shack 273-101 with 4 turns no. 26 enam. wire added).

L6 — 8.9- μ H inductor (Radio Shack 273-101 with 3 turns removed).

S1 — Miniature spdt toggle or slide switch.

T1 — Broadband transformer (Radio Shack 273-101 for primary, with 5-turn secondary of no. 26 enam. wire over C6 end of primary).
Y1 — 80-meter fundamental type of crystal (crystal socket optional).



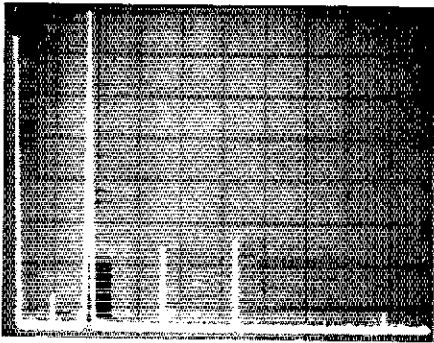


Fig. 2 — Spectrum-analyzer display of the transmitter output. The full-scale vertical line near the left is the carrier. The vertical scale is 10 dB per division, and the horizontal scale is 2 MHz per division. All spurious responses are at least 54 dB below peak carrier value, more than conforming to the FCC requirement of 40 dB or greater reduction.

broadband driver which has a broadband solenoidal transformer in the collector (T1). Q3 operates Class C and is supplied with operating voltage all of the time. It conducts when the 12-volt line to Q1 and Q2 is keyed at J1. Conduction is brought about by the application of driving power from Q2. R9 is used in the emitter of Q3 to prevent burnout and to improve stability through the introduction of degenerative feedback.

Additional protection is offered to Q3 by the inclusion of a Zener diode, D1. This diode clamps on rf voltage peaks in excess of 36 volts. The collector level could exceed that amount if Q3 broke into self-oscillation, or if no load was attached at J4 during key-down conditions.

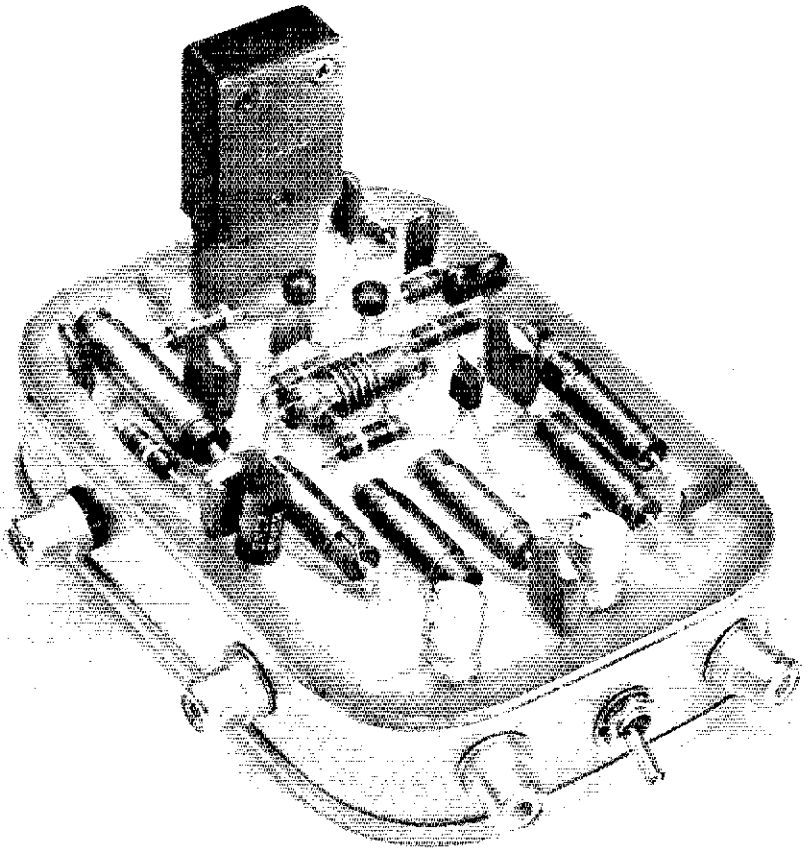
L2 and L3 are decoupling rf chokes which help prevent rf energy from one stage reaching another — a condition which could cause transmitter instability and spurious output. The associated bypass capacitors are part of the decoupling networks.

R8 is bridged across the secondary of T1 to help prevent self-oscillation of Q3, by lowering the Q in that part of the circuit. S1 is used as a simple T-R switch to change from transmit to receive.

A fixed-tuned low-pass T network is used as the Q3 output tank. It requires no tuning. Operation will be satisfactory from 3.5 to 3.75 MHz with this circuit. An oscillograph is given in Fig. 2 to show the spectral purity of the transmitter. Harmonics are 54 dB or greater below the peak carrier value indicated.

Testing and Operation

After the components are mounted as shown in the layout of Fig. 3, a 47- or 56-ohm 2-watt resistor can be connected across J4 to serve as a dummy load. Plug in a key at J1 (note that both contacts of J1 are above ground, thereby placing the key in series with the 12-volt line to Q1 and Q2).



The Sardine Sender, sequel to the Tuna-Tin 2 40-meter transmitter from May 1976 QST. The sardine-can chassis is optional. Note that the key jack is insulated from the chassis by a piece of phenolic or plastic on each side of the metal chassis.

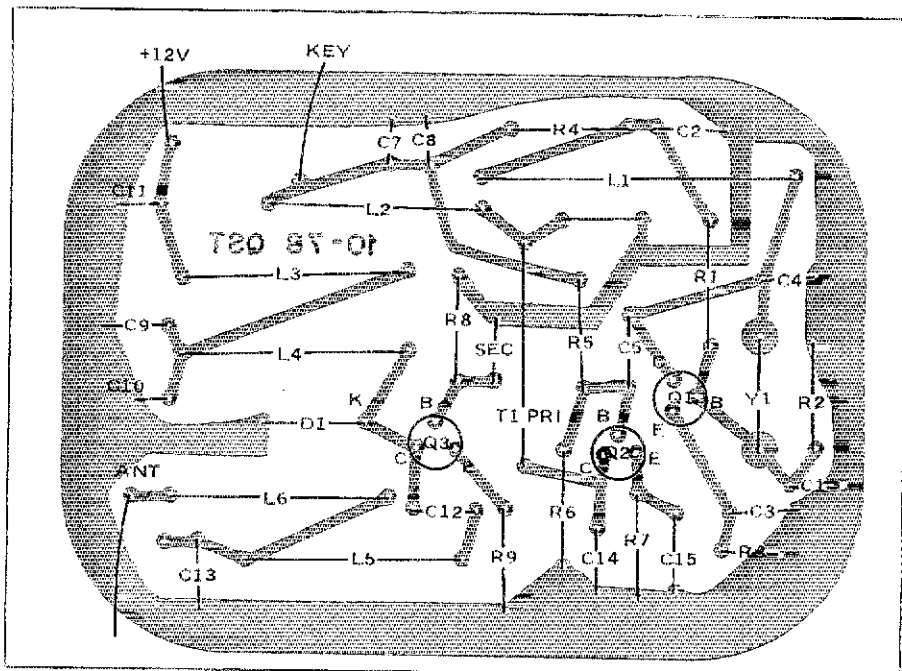


Fig. 3 — Parts placement diagram for the Sardine Sender. Parts are placed on the nonfoil side of the board; the shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern. (The etching pattern appears in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.) The K indicates the cathode of D1.

Next, a dc power supply which furnishes 11 to 14 volts (not critical) is connected to J2. If an rf probe and VTVM are available, connect the probe from J4 to ground and key the transmitter. A power output of 3/4 watt should provide an rms voltage of 6.5 across a 56-ohm dummy-load resistor.

Monitor the signal in a receiver and make sure that there is no chirp. The principal cause of chirp with this circuit would be a sluggish crystal at Y1. Should a chirpy note result when a good crystal is used, experiment with the value of capacitance at C4, the feedback capacitor. Try values between 100 and 680 pF, selecting a value that provides a good cw note.

Table 1
Voltages at Key Points in the Circuit

	DCV (key up)	DCV (key down)	RMS Volts (key down)
Q1-E	0	+ 3.2	0
Q1-B	0	+ 1.1	2.2
Q1-C	0	+10.6	0.8
Q2-E	0	+ 2.0	0
Q2-B	0	+ 1.3	1.3
Q2-C	0	+12.0	7.7
Q3-E	- 0.05	+ 1.8	0
Q3-B	- 0.05	- 0.04	0.9
Q3-C	+12.0	+12.0	8.2

Dc and rms voltage readings at the terminals of Q1, Q2 and Q3 as measured with a Heath VTVM and diode rf probe. Departures of 10 percent from the above readings are not indicative of problems.

Table 1 provides dc and rms voltage readings at check points in the circuit. This table will be helpful if difficulties with performance are encountered. Measurements should be made with a VTVM and rf probe.

When this transmitter is used with an effective 80-meter antenna it will be possible to have QSOs with stations 1000 or more miles distant. The important thing to remember is to pick a clear frequency on which to call CQ. When answering CQs, respond to the loud signals for best results. If you hold a General or higher license class, look for other QRP denizens around 3540 kHz — on the spot on 80 meters where your brethren congregate.

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HAMS' EARS HELP COAST GUARD SIEZE SMUGGLERS

□ One night in St. Thomas, VI, an Amateur Radio operator tuning across the band heard some unusual traffic on 7218 kHz. Three vessels were discussing a rendezvous for that night off French Cay in the Turks and Caicos Islands. He immediately reported this to the U.S. Coast Guard.

Earlier, the U.S. Customs Service had reported that a vessel laden with marijuana had been seized east of Puerto Rico. It had been in communication with two other vessels on 7268 kHz. Coast Guard

personnel noted that the call signs and names used were identical.

The El Paso Intelligence Center was contacted for additional information. A vessel of the same name and description had been suspected of smuggling in the fall of 1975 and the summer of 1976. Thanks to the alert ears of an Amateur Radio operator another link was forged in the chain that will eventually remove this vessel from the narcotics trade.

This case, and a similar case on the West Coast, leads the Coast Guard to believe that some narcotics smugglers are taking advantage of the amateur bands for long-range communications on frequencies that are not usually monitored by law-enforcement agencies.

Fortunately, over the years, the Coast Guard and Amateur Radio have de-

veloped a good working relationship. There are many examples of search and rescue such as the sailing vessel *Kluanne*, a 31-foot sloop that was rescued thanks to the alert ears of the ARRL. This same public-spirited assistance can also aid the Coast Guard in law enforcement.

If an Amateur Radio operator overhears a vessel or vessels using the ham bands to carry out criminal activities, this information should be conveyed to the Coast Guard for the purpose of enforcement of applicable federal laws (Table). The Coast Guard welcomes any information amateurs may provide to help them protect those who use the sea for pleasure and trade, and prevent the use of oceans by smugglers, hijackers, thieves and other criminals. — *Ensign Paul Breckenridge, USCG*

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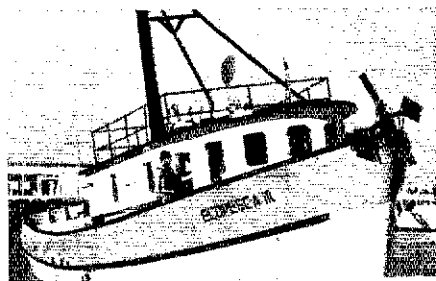
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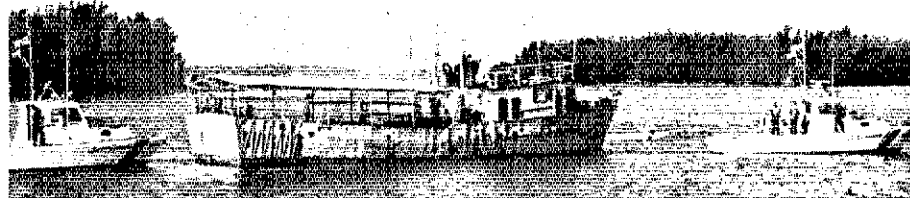
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Smuggler *Ecopesca III* is boarded by Coast Guard. Another potential ham-band intruder is captured. (U.S. Coast Guard photo)



A ship's contraband is unloaded under Coast Guard supervision. Hams provide valuable clues to illegal operations. (U.S. Coast Guard photo)



The *Yosuru* in tow. Amateur Radio operators help Coast Guard by monitoring ham bands. (U.S. Coast Guard photo)

The Canadian Wonder

Some tall trees, wire and a bit of Canadian ingenuity provide a 20-meter wire beam that's just the ticket for working into your favorite part of the world.

By R. J. Barrett,* VE7AUZ

As a former holder of a G call recently emigrated to British Columbia, I was anxious to keep in touch with my ham friends back in the United Kingdom. Being blessed with several tall trees to be used as supports, I made my first antenna a dipole. It ran east-west, providing a good shot over the North Pole into Europe. Soon I discovered a rather sad fact of life; big beams and high power are popular in North America and contacts on 14-MHz phone for a QRPer with a dipole are marginal at best.

My first attempts to improve the situation found me reading antenna books for information on wire arrays. These books showed that a simple two-element beam for 14 MHz could be made using wire elements and wooden spreaders about 11 feet long. The radiation pattern of this antenna is bidirectional. The W8JK array is a good example of this type of beam. The 11-foot spreaders were made from wood, and the whole thing hung from the trees. On the ground, 11-foot spreaders look a lot smaller than they are.

Problems arose when it was finally erected. First, the antenna snaked about and became tangled in the tree branches. Worst of all, there was no rejection to signals coming from the U.S. A unidirectional antenna was a must, preferably one without 11-foot wooden spreaders. It was back to the books for a few evenings.

And then I saw it. In Fig. 1 is a graph reproduced from *The ARRL Antenna Book*. It shows that the theoretical gain of a two-element parasitic array with 0.05-wavelength spacing is approximately 3 dB. The front-to-back ratio for this spacing is approximately 20 dB. The radiation resistance is 12 ohms. This graph also implies that both driven element and director are self-resonant.

However, at 0.05-wavelength spacing the director must be tuned to a lower frequency than the driven element. To realize maximum performance, trimming may have to be carried out and SWR checked at the height at which the antenna will be used. By careful tuning, both the gain and front-to-back ratio can be improved.

The main difficulty with narrow spacing occurs if the beam is constructed of aluminum tubing using the plumber's delight technique of construction. The input impedance will change as the elements wave about in the wind. By constructing the antenna from wire and using spreaders at the ends and center, this effect can be minimized.

Armed with all this information, I decided to build a scale-model beam for the 2-meter band using no. 26 wire, and 3-1/2-inch wood spreaders. The antenna could then be scaled for 20-meter operation after the 2-meter design was optimized (Fig. 2). This approach worked very well indeed!

The feed-point impedance was converted from approximately 12 ohms to 50

ohms by using a folded dipole for the driven element. A folded dipole looks like a thick dipole and broadens the frequency response and this type of driven element is recommended for all frequencies. Also 50-ohm coax can be used as feed line.

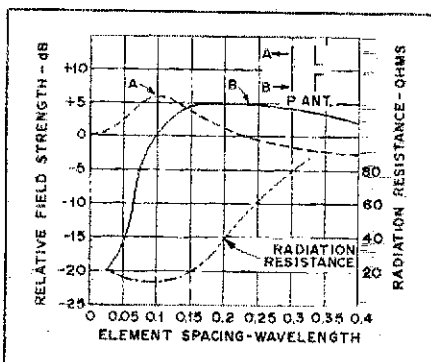
The 2-meter model was adjusted by carefully changing the spacing between the elements, while observing an SWR indicator for a minimum reflected reading. The parasitic director was pruned by snipping off 1/8-inch pieces and checking the signal strength of a known signal on a 2-meter receiver. Antenna adjustments are tedious, but careful and repeated measurements soon indicated a forward gain just a little over 4 dB and a front-to-back ratio of 18 dB. The final dimensions of the 2-meter model are shown in Fig. 2. You may want to make one to gain experience with close-spaced beams. The finished product is not suitable for normal amateur use as it is rather fragile and a bit too small to be practical.

Construction and Adjustment

On 14 MHz, the spacing of 0.05 wavelength comes out to only 3.5 feet. The antenna is light and easy to handle. The antenna may be cut to the dimensions given in Fig. 2 and used as is, but time spent pruning and improving the front-to-back ratio by slightly adjusting the spacing between the elements and director length will be repaid by optimum performance. You may use a balun in the center of the driven element to convert the balanced antenna to unbalanced coaxial feed line. I did not, and results were still excellent.

The feed-point impedance, and therefore the SWR, is affected by the height of the antenna above ground and by the element spacing. If your rig is SWR-protected, you may adjust the SWR by slightly altering the element spacing. Adjustments should be made for the

Fig. 1 — Theoretical gain of a two-element parasitic array over a half-wave dipole as a function of element spacing when the parasitic element is self-resonant.



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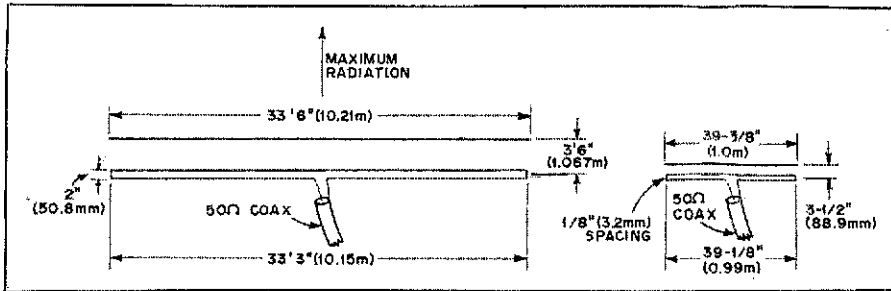


Fig. 2 — Dimensions for the Canadian Wonder close-spaced beam for both 2- and 20-meter versions. The 2-meter version is used only as an experimental model.

operating height of the antenna. Lower the antenna, make an adjustment, and haul it up again to check the SWR. This is a long procedure, but may be necessary if the SWR is initially high.¹

Here are a few things to bear in mind

when pruning antennas for the hf bands. Antennas will show high front-to-back ratios and expected gain only on *low angle* signals. Practically all vhf signals are received at low angles, but a great many hf signals arrive at rather high angles. Very

few beams display optimum performance on such signals. Don't expect that S9+ 40-dB signal coming in from 500 miles away to just disappear off the back. You will get much better results on a signal emanating from a local station about five miles down the road.

Twenty meters has been providing good propagation so perhaps results on DX worked means little. However, the Canadian Wonder at 70 feet seems to hold its own very well. Many more European stations are worked now than previously.

I would recommend this antenna to any amateur, stuck with a simple dipole, who would like to try something better with a minimal outlay of cash.

[Editor's Note: As Fig. 1 shows, the front-to-back ratio changes more quickly with spacing than does the radiation resistance, so it may be necessary to adjust both the director length and element spacing for a compromise between low SWR and high front-to-back ratio.]

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PENNSYLVANIA HAMS PROVIDE MARATHON ASSISTANCE

With only one week's notice, Judy Manola, WB3GRT, enlisted 13 fellow hams to provide communications check-points for the Carlisle, PA, 10,000-meter marathon. She set up a portable station at work and asked for assistance through the local repeater, WR3ABR, 146.28/88 MHz.

Volunteers came from three clubs in the 35-mile area: The South Mountain Repeater Association, the Cumberland Amateur Radio Club and the Central Pennsylvania Repeater Association. Pete Cooper, WB3BTU, acted as net control.

Fortunately, the only injury sustained during the race was a runner who broke some blood vessels in his knees. Joe Keller, WB3IDC, got him to the police, who in turn took him to the hospital for treatment.



Patients accompanied by Amateur Radio operators with handhelds are loaded into waiting ambulances at the old St. Mary's Hospital.

HOW FAST ARE YOU SENDING?

Bill Fisher, W2OC, suggests this formula for determining code sending speed. First count the number of seconds it takes to send the word PARIS. Then divide that number into 51.6. The result is words per minute. For example, if it takes you four seconds to send PARIS, the speed is approximately 13 wpm.

HAMS FOLLOW THE BEDS AS HOSPITAL MOVES PATIENTS

How do you move 69 patients, some in critical condition, across town to a newly

constructed hospital? The answer is — very carefully! Communications provided by Racine and Kenosha (WI) hams helped make such a move come off without a hitch.

It was necessary for St. Mary's Hospital to coordinate this move to the point of following each patient from his hospital room in the old hospital to his room in the new hospital. Three of the patients were rolled, while still in their beds, into a very large truck and transported. Aside from the movement of the patients, other critical hospital equipment and supplies had to be moved simultaneously. — W9HAG



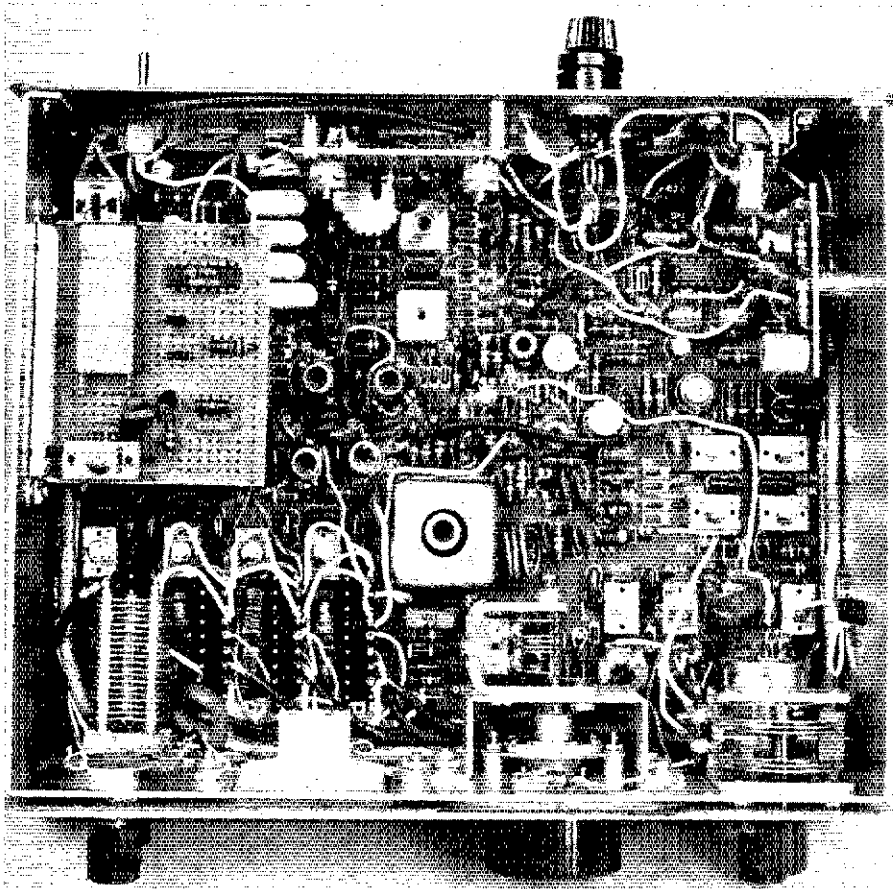
Patient on stretcher completes trip to the new St. Mary's Hospital. Ham in foreground with 2-meter handheld rig keeps in constant contact with the net control center.

A 25-kHz Calibrator for the HW-8

Ever get a pink slip or OO report for out-of-band operation? Now even the operator of low-cost QRP equipment can have the luxury of a 25-kHz calibrator. The added circuitry won't cost you more than your whole station either.

By Dave Karpiej,* K1THP

The calibrator is mounted on the upper left wall of the HW-8 and is controlled by the subminiature toggle switch on the rear apron. The small board mounted vertically on the rear apron is an added-on SWR indicator.



In just a few short years the Heathkit HW-8 has become one of the most popular QRP rigs on the air. For a modest price it covers several bands and offers many operating conveniences. One drawback, however, is in the dial calibration. The dial is calibrated in 5-kHz increments, adequate for most operations but a little hard to read if you are one of those operators who must stay in a specific subband. Most of these subbands are in increments of 25 kHz from the bottom of a band. More than one Novice, General or Advanced class amateur has probably felt a little shaky while operating within 5 kHz of a subband edge.

The solution is quite simple and can be found at your local Radio Shack store. Of course it may be used with receivers other than the HW-8, too. A 100-kHz calibrator kit (Radio Shack 28-140) is available for less than \$10. All that is needed to turn it into a 25-kHz calibrator is one 7473 dual J-K flip-flop integrated circuit. The output from the 100-kHz calibrator is fed into one half of the 7473 and is divided by two. This 50-kHz signal is fed to the other half of the 7473 where it undergoes a further division by two. The output is a 25-kHz square wave, five-volts peak-to-peak, that is rich in harmonic content. The calibrator is powered from the HW-8 12-volt bus. A five-volt Zener diode

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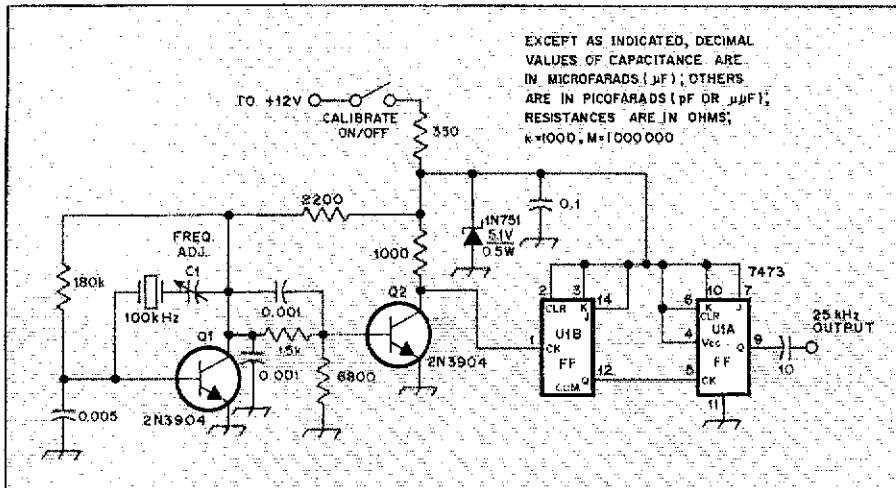


Fig. 1 — The complete schematic of the 25-kHz calibrator. Application is not limited to the HW-8. For use with older vacuum-tube types of receivers the circuit board can be installed in a small box and powered by a 9-volt battery. Most parts shown are available in kit form from Radio Shack (see text). The integrated circuit and Zener diode must be purchased separately.

U1 — TTL dual J-K flip-flop, type 7473.

supplies regulated voltage for the oscillator and the divider chip. The schematic is shown in Fig. 1.

Construction

The calibrator, as it comes from Radio Shack, is meant to be built on a plastic "P-Box." I rejected this method of con-

struction because the end result does not readily fit into the HW-8 cabinet. The preferred method is to mount the components on a small printed-circuit board that can be attached to the upper left-hand portion of the inner cabinet with no. 6-32 spade bolts. Other acceptable methods are Vectorbord and flea clips, or

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Great Lakes Division Director Richard A. Egbert, W8ETU (left), awards a certificate of appreciation to Maurice E. Hope, W8EMD, at the Great Lakes Division Convention. Maurice has been an ARRL official observer, ARRL emergency coordinator and Michigan RACES radio officer. Looking on is Michigan SCM Stanley J. Briggs, W8MPPD.

A TIP FOR HAMS TRAVELING ABROAD

□ A large number of amateurs are planning trips abroad, and many will take their rigs with them. My recent experience in Holland shows there is one universal

thing you can do to help pass a technical examination — be friendly! Remember, you are a guest and are being granted a privilege.

The Dutch equivalent of the FCC, Radio Controle Dienst, informed me by letter that my station was to be inspected in two weeks. However, the time was inconvenient, so I immediately called to ask for a later hour. By establishing this early contact, I helped set up a friendly atmosphere. I also let the inspector know the extent of my language capabilities, with an eye to avoiding any possible misunderstanding.


On the "big day" the inspector arrived with his arms full of sophisticated test equipment. He took measurements of drift, bandwidth and the field strength of my signal. He also checked my logbook and antenna. All in all, it was a very thorough examination.

If you are faced with a similar test, here are a few helpful hints. (1) If the time of the test is inconvenient, try to set a new time at their convenience. (2) If you do not speak the language, try to have someone there who does, preferably another ham who knows the technical terms. (3) If your QTH is difficult to find, send them a simple map.

Above all, remember you are a guest. Remain friendly and help make it easier for your fellow amateurs to be granted the same privileges you are enjoying. — *Maury A. Swartz, WA4LYL*

a piece of "kluge card" that has DIP patterns on it and point-to-point wiring with small-gauge hookup wire. A subminiature toggle switch is mounted on the back panel of the HW-8, just above the antenna connector. This is used to turn the calibrator on and off. The output from the calibrator is coupled to the receive side of the antenna relay through a 10-pF capacitor. Power for the calibrator can be picked up from the power switch on the HW-8.

Operation

After the circuit is wired and installed in the HW-8, the only step left is calibration. The easiest way to do this is to enlist the aid of a receiver capable of tuning WWV. Tune in WWV and connect a piece of hookup wire from the output of the calibrator to the antenna terminal of the receiver. Apply power to the HW-8 and turn on the calibrator switch. Adjust C1 on the calibrator board until the calibrator is zero beat with WWV. Remove the piece of hookup wire and the calibration job is complete. It should now be possible to hear the calibrator output at the lower edge of an amateur band on the HW-8 and every 25 kHz up the band. This little calibrator should find much use in keeping your HW-8 receiver tuned up and those pink slips out of your mailbox. 

ANTIQUE WIRELESS CLUB FORMS

□ An antique wireless club has formed in Schenectady, NY, named the Antique Radio Collectors of Schenectady. So far, it has 68 members. Anyone wishing to join should contact Jack Nelson, W2FW, 915 Sherman St., Rotterdam, NY 12303.

Hello there! My name is O. Q. Buro. That's short for Overseas QSL Bureau. I'm the star of the new audio-visual production, "The Official ARRL Overseas QSL Bureau" (SC-18). The premiere netted rave reviews, and I'm now available to local slide projectors around the country for your viewing pleasure. In a style all my own, I take you step by step through your outgoing QSL Bureau and show you how to get the most out of it. To arrange for a showing in your local ham community write to the Club and Training Department for a CT-20 order form. I'll be happy to ham it up for your club meeting.



Build This High-Performance Top-Band Converter

You need a good converter if you're contemplating regular operation on 160 meters. A strong front end is essential if bc stations are operating nearby. This converter will let you live next door to commercial a-m stations without overloading problems.

By Max Arnold,* W4WHN and Doug DeMaw,** W1FB

What's that you said? You've been an amateur for many years and have never closed a key or push-to-talk switch on the "top band"? If your curiosity has finally driven you to investigate this fascinating band, you're probably wishing you had some good receiving capabilities — a setup that has a "crunch-proof" receiver and plenty of bandwidth to stretch out the 1800- to 2000-kHz slice of spectrum on 160.

This smooth-performing converter is designed for use with an existing receiver which covers 20 meters. In other words, the *up-converting* technique is used to get from 1.8 to 14 MHz, the latter being the tunable i-f. The converter front end con-

tains a Butterworth band-pass filter (fixed tuned) which will cover 1800 to 1900 kHz. Those wishing to operate in the upper part of 160 meters can peak the filter for 1900 to 2000 kHz.

Circuit Highlights

A schematic diagram of the solid-state converter is provided in Fig. 1. FL1 is a two-pole Butterworth filter with a 3-dB bandwidth of 100 kHz. The design was developed by means of a computer during some work done by W7ZO1. Specific design information for this type of filter is given in *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur* (ARRL) and in the *ARRL electronics data book*.

Q1 serves as an rf amplifier to compensate for the conversion loss of the diode-

ring mixer, U1. The mixer is followed by a diplexer (L4, L5 and the related capacitors). This provides a proper 50-ohm termination for the mixer to enhance the IMD characteristics. The L5 pi network also functions as a low-pass i-f output filter. L4 and the two 82-pF capacitors form a high-pass network at three times the i-f (42 MHz). Conversion loss for U1 is approximately 8 dB. The LO injection level is +7 dBm.

The local-oscillator section operates at 12.2 MHz to establish a converter i-f of 14.0 to 14.2 MHz. C4 is used for netting the crystal to 12.2 MHz. This causes 1800 kHz to fall at 14.0 MHz and 2000 kHz to coincide with 14.2 MHz. Q3 functions as an amplifier/buffer to boost the oscillator output to the required +7-dBm LO injection level. A pi network matches the collector impedance of Q3 to the 50-ohm LO port of U1. It serves also as a low-pass filter.

Assembly

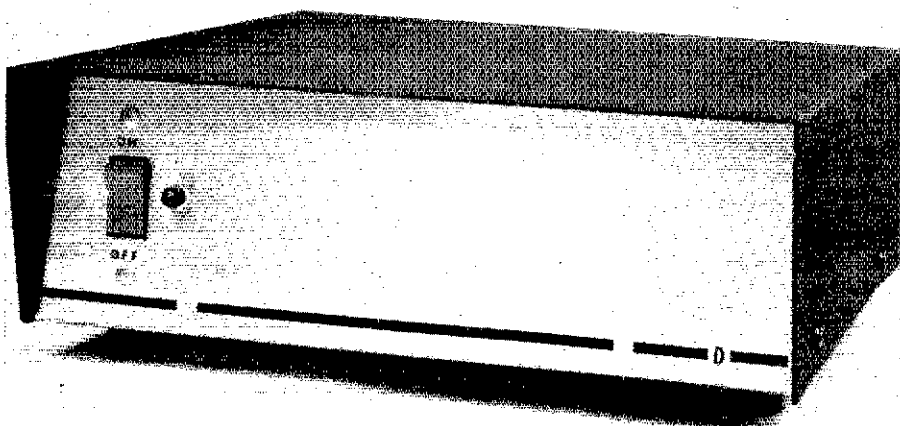
Double-sided, copper-clad pc board is used. The copper on the component side of the board functions as a groundplane. The ground foils on each side of the board should be joined at several points. This aids electrical stability by reducing unwanted rf ground loops on the board. Circuit boards, negatives and complete parts kits for this project are available from WA0UZO.¹

Fig. 2 shows an interior view of the first model that was built by W4WHN. An Apollo utility cabinet contains the converter and a 12-volt, regulated dc power supply. Ample room remains for one or

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The front-panel controls required for the converter are conspicuous by their absence. A power switch and an LED indicator — that's it. Input and output jacks are located on the rear panel.



¹Circuit Board Specialists, P. O. Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002.

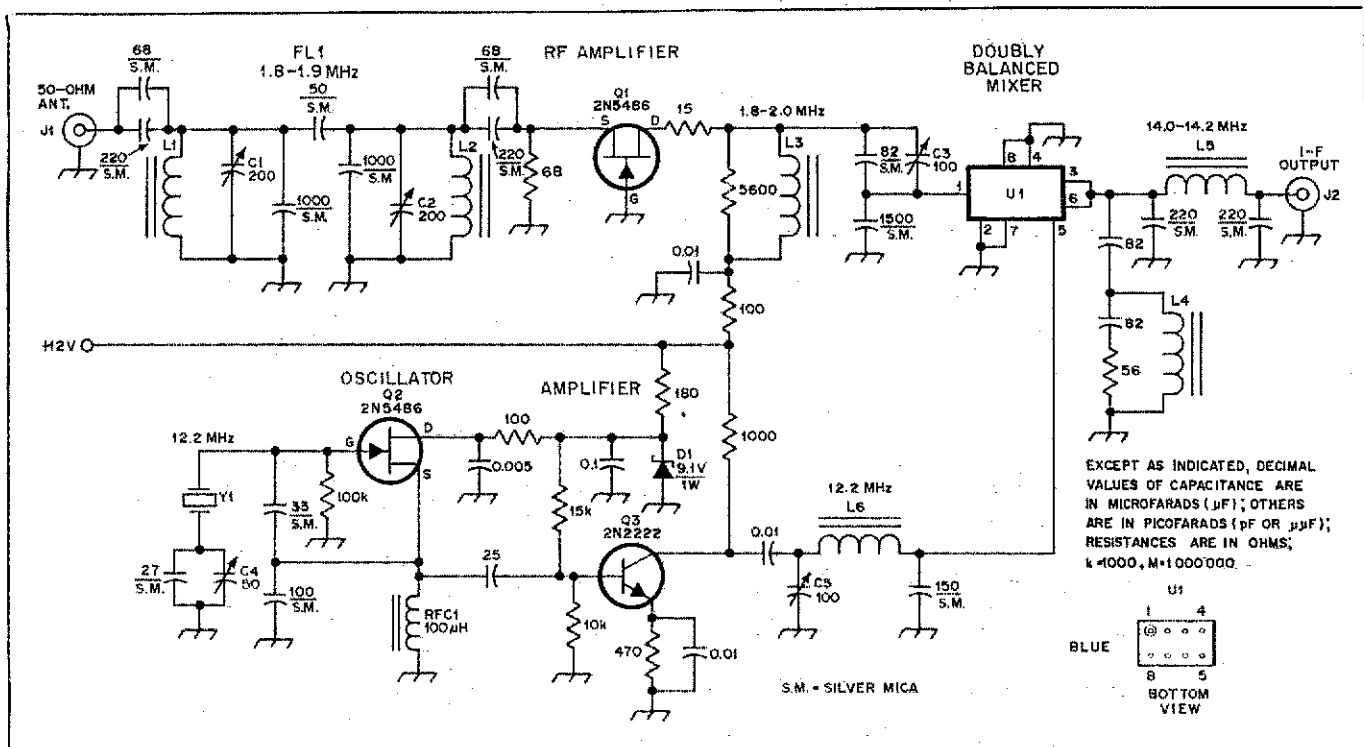


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the high-performance converter. Fixed-value capacitors are disk ceramic unless otherwise noted. Fixed-value resistors are 1/2-watt composition.

- C1, C2, C3, C5 — Mica compression trimmer.
- C4 — Miniature ceramic trimmer.
- D1 — 9.1-volt, 400-mW, or 1-W Zener diode.
- J1, J2 — 50-239 style coaxial connector.
- L1, L2 — 31 turns no. 22 enam. wire on T68-6 toroid core (5.1 µH).
- L3 — 66 turns no. 28 enam. wire on T68-1 toroid core (50 µH)

- L4 — 7 turns no. 24 enam. wire on T50-6 toroid core (0.2 µH).
- L5 — 11 turns no. 24 enam. wire on T50-6 toroid core (0.55 µH).
- L6 — 26 turns no. 28 enam. wire on T50-6 toroid core (2.8 µH).
- RFC1 — Small 100-µH choke.
- U1 — Diode-quad, doubly balanced mixer

module ML-1; SRA-1 or CM-1 suitable. Base connections are the same for each brand, (ML-1 from Mini-Circuits Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY 11203. CM-1 from Cimarron, Denver, CO 80207).

Y1 — 12.2-MHz fundamental crystal, 32-pF load capacitance, type GP, (International Crystal Mfg. Co., Oklahoma City, OK).

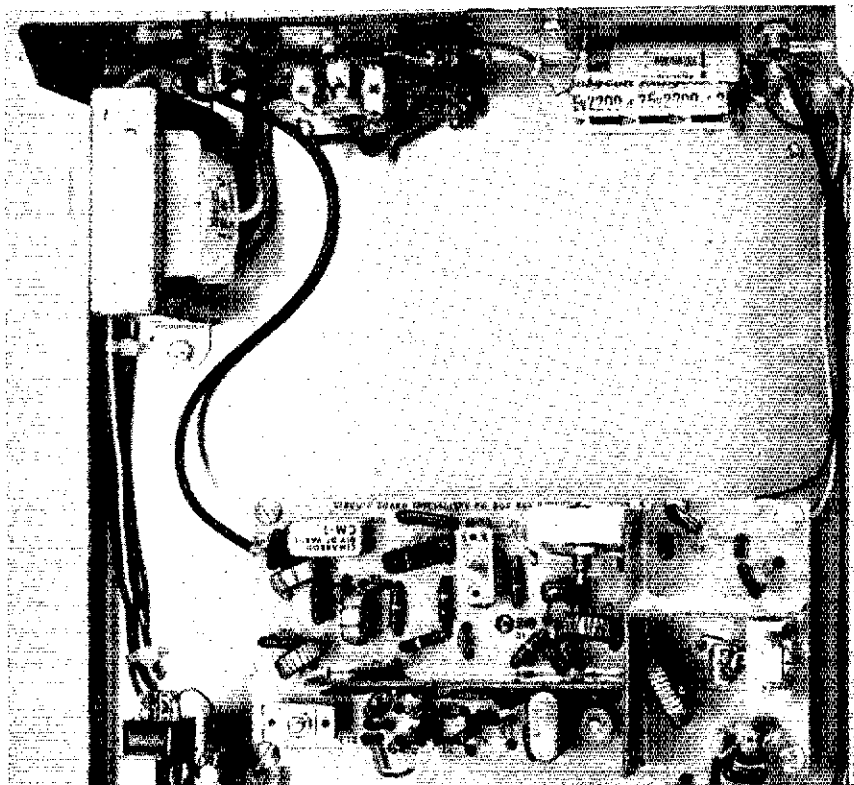


Fig. 2 — Interior view of the W4WHN prototype version of the converter. Some modifications were made after this photograph was made. The diagram of Fig. 1 and the board layouts in this article reflect the final design.

two small converters for other bands. The components seen on the pc board in Fig. 2 do not correspond entirely with the circuit of Fig. 1 and the layout given in Fig. 3. This is so because some circuit changes were made after the prototype model was completed. The pc-board shield dividers shown in the photograph are optional. There is room on the pc board to include them, if desired.

The turns of wire on all of the toroidal inductors should be spaced uniformly. Also, they should occupy all of the core area rather than being bunched together over one section of the core. A coating or two of Q dope can be applied to the toroids after they have been wound. That will keep the turns firmly in place.

Alignment

Connect the converter to a 14-MHz receiver by means of 50-ohm coaxial cable. Supply a weak signal at J1, setting the signal source at 1850 kHz (or 1950 kHz for high-end operation). Observe the receiver S meter and adjust C1 and C2 for maximum signal response. Repeat this adjustment again. Next, tweak C3 for maximum signal output from the converter. C5 is adjusted in a like manner. If a VTVM and rf probe are available, set C5 for approximately 1.6 volts rms. Finally, adjust

C4 so that Y1 is exactly on 12.2 MHz.

Using the Converter

Depending upon the area in which the converter is used, LORAN signals (loud buzz of considerable bandwidth) may be heard even during the daylight hours. Chances are that not much phone or cw activity will be found during the day, but once the sun sets there should be a lot of activity between 1800 and 1850 kHz. Likewise from 1950 to 2000 kHz for the West Coast area. The cw operators are found most often in the 1800 to 1810 part of the band, with ssb and limited a-m operation

taking place between 1810 and 1850 kHz. The "DX window" is between 1825 and 1830 kHz. Courteous U.S. and Canadian amateurs stay out of the window to permit foreign amateurs to call CQ and work U.S. and Canadian stations as they transmit elsewhere in the band — usually between 1800 and 1805 kHz.

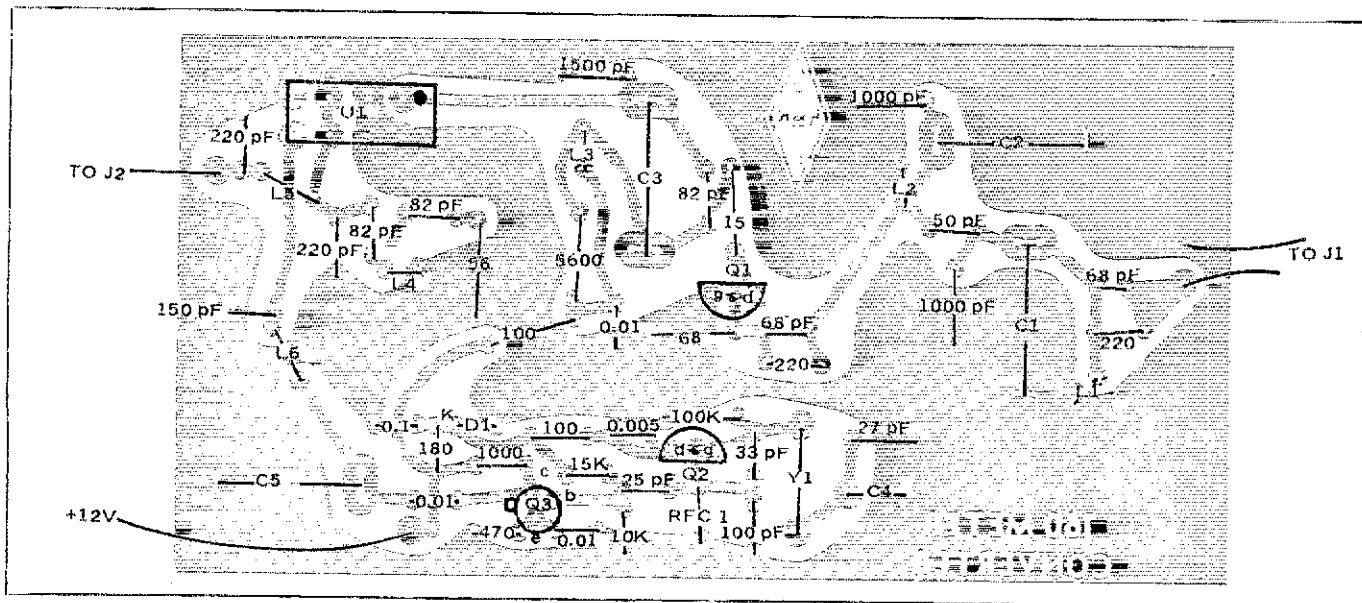
The greatest period of activity on 160 meters is from September through April when QRN is at its lowest level. The band is quite noisy during the warm months of the year, and propagation is generally inferior during that period.

The Butterworth filter used at the input

of this converter is designed for a 50-ohm impedance. It will not perform properly if the antenna is not matched for 50 ohms. If random lengths of wire or dipoles for other bands must be used, a Transmatch should be placed in the line to establish a 50-ohm termination for the filter.

The overall gain of the converter has been purposely set near unity. This will help prevent front-end "bashing" of the tunable i-f receiver when strong signals are present: Too much converter gain will severely degrade the dynamic range of the i-f receiver, leading to cross modulation, desensing and IMD responses.

Fig. 3 — Parts placement guide for the converter. The circuit board has foil on both sides. The etching pattern for the non-groundplane side appears in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue, and is shown in X-ray view here as the shaded area. Whole-number values with no units represent resistances in ohms; k = 1000. Decimal-value numbers alone represent capacitance in microfarads. K indicates the cathode of a diode.



Strays



ANTENNAS, NOT TOWERS

□ The new rule said, "no towers," and the Oakland County, MI. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) was put off the air for five years until a bit of detective work unraveled the mystery. We discovered the phrase originated with the architect who designed the new sheriff's building. He had asked the radio man in charge, "What do you require for all the present and future needs of the County Radio Services?" After much study and figuring, the architect proposed a tower 200 to 300 feet high. Then in good faith, he ruled, "No towers on the building." At great expense, the antennas were located some two miles away and phone lines were leased to take care of the radio needs.

In our letter to the county, we pointed

out we did not need towers, only antennas. The antennas were described in simple fashion: "They look like fish poles." We even suggested an antenna that was not too long and did not require radials. Our letter was simple and to the point: We could not provide emergency backup for the county if we had to use phone lines and complex rigs. We wanted things simple, low cost and mobile to serve the needs of the county residents.

We were pleased when we received word to "go." We immediately put up the antenna, ran the cable, and put the rig on the air. K8NKB was the first to reactivate from the County Building Complex.

Could the simple phrase, "no towers," affect your civil defense, ARES or Skywarn program? Is there a vacuum somewhere in the system that keeps you from taking part in some public service program? Could an innocent phrase such as "no towers" cause your well-running emergency program to come to a grinding halt? Yes, there is a lot of public relations

work needed to keep an Amateur Radio Emergency Service fully utilized. — W8HS

These distinguished visitors dropped by ARRL headquarters recently. Meredith and Pete Hoover, W6ZH, were in the Newington area while attending the 1978 National Red Cross Convention in Hartford where Pete was elected to the National Red Cross Board of Governors. Congratulations, Pete!



SSTV Pictures from Your Microcomputer

Everyone asks, "How can microprocessors be used in Amateur Radio?" If slow-scan TV is your thing, here is a startling answer.

By Barry Sanderson*

Many amateurs have had a desire to get into slow-scan TV reception and transmission. More are interested in microprocessors and their role in Amateur Radio. This article puts the two together. Using the technique described here, you can generate simple graphic and alphanumeric characters without a camera! First, let's review the slow-scan signal, its makeup, and characteristics.

Slow-scan TV signals consist of two parts, the picture information and the synchronization information. The picture

information is represented by a signal in the frequency range of 1500 Hz to 2300 Hz (1500 Hz corresponds to black and 2300 Hz corresponds to white). The frequencies in between correspond to shades of gray between black and white.

The synchronization information is represented by a frequency of 1200 Hz. The duration of the 1200-Hz signal distinguishes horizontal and vertical synchronization signals. The horizontal sync signal lasts for five ms and the vertical sync signal for 30 ms. The horizontal sync signal marks the boundary between the end of the picture information for one line

and the start of the picture information for the next line. The vertical sync signal marks the boundary between the last or bottom line of one picture and the first or top line of the next picture.

At 15 lines per second, the time required by one line is 66.7 ms. Of this, five ms are required for the horizontal sync signal. The remaining 61.7 ms are filled with the picture information for that line. One entire picture is composed of 30 ms of sync signal (the vertical sync signal takes approximately one-half a line time) followed by 128 lines containing picture information and horizontal sync.¹

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Picture Format

I made some changes in the picture format to simplify the signal-generation process. Rather than allowing 128 different lines in each picture, I allowed only 64 different lines in each picture. In order to make 128 total lines I repeated each line once so that the vertical dimension of each of my picture elements (pixels) is two of the 128 total lines or 1/64 of the total picture.

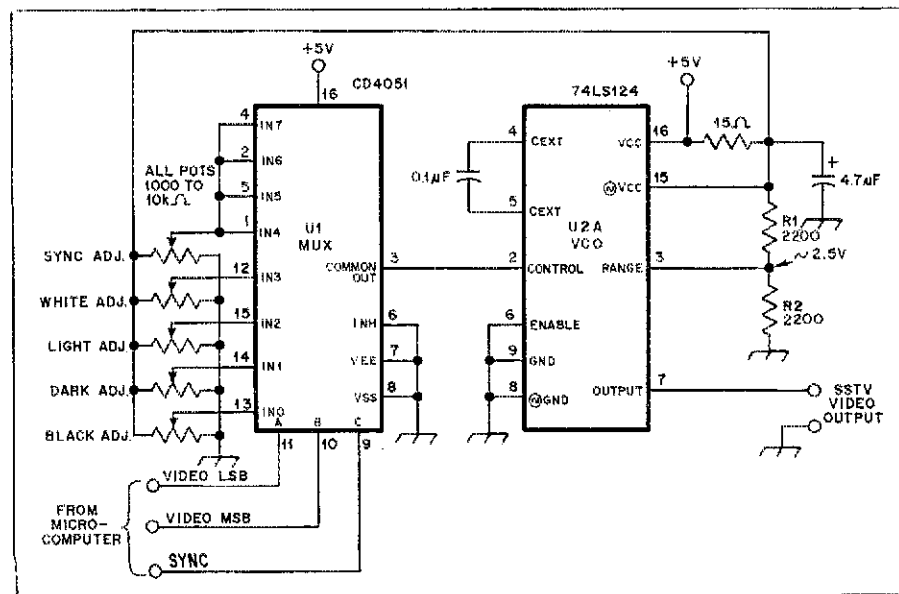
Also, I decided to make only 64 different pixels possible horizontally. Thus my pictures are an array of 64 by 64 squares or pixels. Each of these pixels is one of four shades of gray. In order of increasing brightness, these shades of gray are named: black, dark, light and white.

Fig. 1 — A digital-to-analog-to-frequency converter for slow-scan television. No connections are made to IC pins not shown.

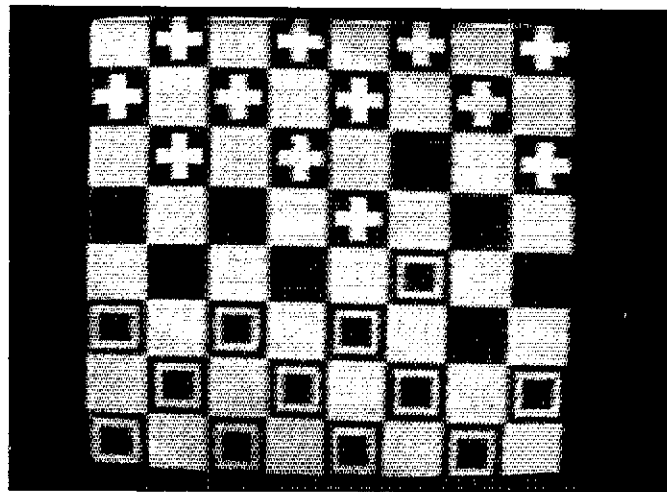
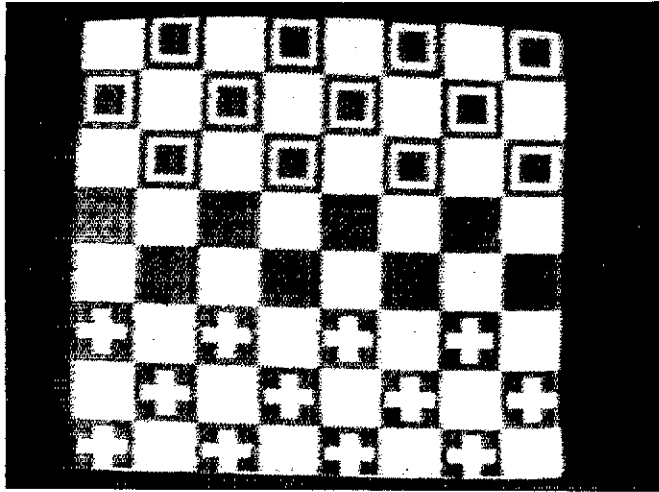
U1 — CMOS analog multiplexer, type CD4051.

type 74LS124; one section unused.

U2 — TTL dual voltage-controlled oscillator,



[Editor's Note: The amateur standard, adopted by gentlemen's agreement in 1968 when SSTV was first authorized for general use in the U.S. and Canada, calls for 120 lines per frame, requiring eight seconds to transmit a complete picture. In recent years the trend has been toward 128 lines per frame, especially when digital-logic circuitry is used to develop the sync signals, requiring 8.53 seconds to send a picture. With proper adjustment of the vertical sweep circuitry in a receiving monitor, either rate may be received satisfactorily.]



In the photo on the left is shown the screen at the starting point for a game of checkers. The white crosses and the light squares represent opposing sides in a game. At right, the board is shown as it might look after a couple of moves have been made.

I lumped the pixels together in groups of eight both vertically and horizontally. Each of these groups is called a character. Each character is a square of 64 pixels (eight pixels on a side). Thus the entire picture consists of a square of 64 characters. There are eight rows of characters with eight characters in each row.

There are no further limitations on what the characters look like. Besides the letters, numbers and punctuation marks that the word "character" connotes, characters can be made to symbolize anything you want. Some examples of things that characters could symbolize are chessmen, battleships, submarines, torpedoes, mines, tanks, artillery, shells, missiles, space ships, planets, stars, photon torpedoes and so on.

The hardware added to make the conversion from microcomputer logic output to the audio signal required for slow-scan is shown in Fig. 1. The conversion is done in two steps. First the logic levels are converted to an analog voltage by a multiplexer. Next, this analog voltage is converted to an audio frequency by a voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO).

The three microcomputer output bits (two bits representing one of four shades of gray, and one sync bit) are applied to the address inputs of an eight-channel CD4051 analog multiplexer. A separate pot is provided to set each of the five different levels (sync, black, dark, light and white). The selected signal is applied to the control input of half of a 74LS124 VCO. The slow-scan video signal is taken from the output of the 74LS124.

For this circuit to yield desirable results each pot must be adjusted so that the proper frequency is output by the VCO when that pot is selected to provide the control voltage to the VCO. The adjustment procedure consists of selecting each

pot in turn and adjusting that pot until the VCO oscillates at the proper frequency for that pot. The proper frequencies are Sync — 1200 Hz; Black — 1500 Hz; Dark — 1767 Hz; Light — 2033 Hz and White — 2300 Hz.

The Program

My program is based on two things. First, a hardware timer that generates an interrupt at a regular interval, and second, a routine that is executed in response to the interrupt that is under program control and changes as the program executes.

The hardware timer is set to generate interrupts at the pixel-output rate. The interval is calculated from the slow-scan specification by dividing the time allotted for the picture portion of a line (approximately 61.7 ms) by the number of pixels per line (64). The result is 963.5 microseconds.

One of three interrupt service routines is executed in response to each interrupt from the interval timer. The three routines are named VSYNC, PICT and HSYNC. VSYNC is executed during vertical sync time. It inserts the vertical sync signal and changes the interrupt response to PICT at the end of the vertical sync signal. This means that the next interrupt will result in PICT being executed instead of VSYNC.

PICT fetches the picture information stored in a portion of memory and outputs it to the proper port. After 64 pixels have been output, it changes the interrupt response to HSYNC. Thus HSYNC will be executed in response to the next interrupt.

HSYNC activates the sync signal for five pixel times and then changes the interrupt response to either PICT or VSYNC. If 128 lines have been output, VSYNC is executed in response to the next interrupt; otherwise PICT is executed in response to the next interrupt.

Since the generation of a slow-scan TV signal corresponding to the stored picture is done by interrupt service routines, the leftover time is available to the main-line program to perform other functions.

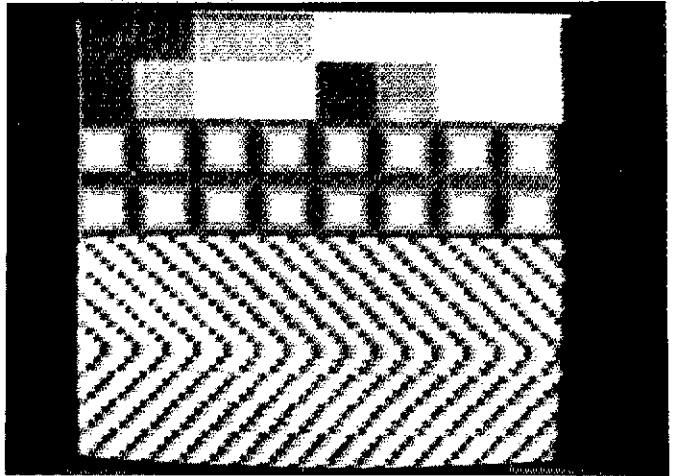
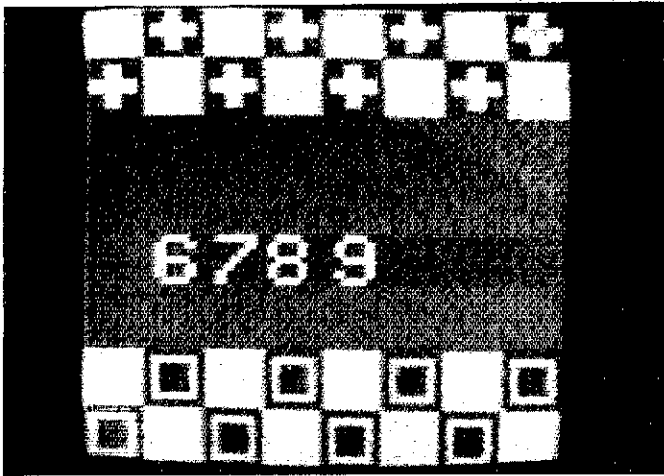
Picture Updating

One thing that should be included in the main-line program is a way to change the contents of the memory locations that hold the picture. One approach is to allow a new character to be written into any of the 64 character positions on command from an input device (typically a keyboard). Both the new character and its position in the picture are required each time this command is executed. This type of picture updating is useful in game-playing situations, such as checkers or chess.

Another way to update the picture is to have the position in the picture of the new character incorporated into the program. Thus the input device just supplies a string of new characters and the program places them in the picture. This type of picture updating is useful for alphanumeric pictures or fixed pictures (CQ, QSL, etc.).

Still another way to update the picture is to have both the new characters and their positions in the picture incorporated into the program. This allows a predetermined sequence of pictures to be output.

Since the method of picture updating depends on the situation and the hardware available, I have not included a discussion of my main-line program. However, the three interrupt service routines and a fourth subroutine will actually do all of the work, generating the slow-scan TV signals from stored picture information. With a thorough understanding of the functions performed by these subroutines, you should be able to incorporate them into a program of your own that generates a slow-scan TV signal of pictures of your



At left is an example of 5×7 dot matrix numbers fit into characters and displayed on the screen. In the right photo, the top two rows of characters are gray scales. The next two rows consist of a square character that is black around the perimeter, white in the center, and light and dark in between. The bottom half of the picture consists of a sequence of gray scales where the shade of gray changes with every pixel. Each line of pixels is jogged one space to the right for the first 16 lines, then the direction of sliding of gray scales is reversed.

own choosing. This article will provide you with that necessary understanding.

The rest of the article discusses some counters which are used to control program execution, the way the picture is stored in memory, the GET C subroutine which fetches the next pixels to be output, and the three interrupt service routines.

Three eight-bit counters are used to control program execution. These are the X counter, the Y counter, and the PIXEL counter. The X counter is incremented each time a new pixel is output, and is reset to zero at the end of each horizontal sync period. The Y counter is incremented each time the X counter is reset to zero. The Y counter counts the number of picture lines that have been output. It is reset to zero during each vertical sync period. When taken together, the X and Y counters define the position of the pixel on the TV screen at any given moment. The PIXEL counter is used differently by the three interrupt service routines. These uses will be explained separately as the three routines are discussed.

Character Storage

Each pixel requires two bits to specify one of the four shades of gray. An 8-bit word can hold four consecutive pixels. Two consecutive 8-bit words hold eight consecutive pixels, or one line of a character. Thus for each character, 16 consecutive 8-bit memory locations are required to store the two-bit codes specifying the shade of gray for each of the 64 pixels.

In my model, the two video bits required by my interface circuit are connected to the highest order bits of an output port (bit 7 to the video most significant bit, MSB, and bit 6 to the video least significant bit, LSB). Therefore, bits 7 and 6 of the first word of memory for a particular character indicate the shade of

gray for the first pixel (upper left corner) of that character. Bits 5 and 4 of that same word correspond to the second pixel of that character. The next two bits correspond to the next pixel, and so on.

Bits 1 and 0 of the second word correspond to the upper right-hand pixel. Bits 7 and 6 of the third word of memory for a particular character correspond to the first (left-most) pixel in the second line of the character. Bits 7 and 6 of the 15th word correspond to the first pixel in the eighth line of the character, and so on. Finally, the lower right-corner pixel is stored in bits 1 and 0 of the 16th word for that particular character.

As a specific example, consider the character diagrammed in Fig. 2A. The cross-hair lines indicate pixel boundaries. This character is a white cross on a black background. Fig. 2B lists the 2-bit codes required for this character according to the following convention: 00 = black, 01 = dark, 10 = light, 11 = white. The solid lines represent microcomputer word boundaries. The table in Fig. 2C shows a hex listing of the contents of the 16 consecutive memory locations required to store this character. A starting address of N is assumed.

Picture Storage

Since a picture is composed of 64 characters, I decided to store a 7-bit value in the first 64 locations on page one of memory to represent each character of the picture. (A page is 256 8-bit words.)

I made these the upper 7 bits of the 8-bit word and forced the LSB to be a zero. The resulting 8-bit word is used to fetch the low order half of a 16-bit address from page two of memory. The high-order half of the address is fetched from the location just above the one containing the low order half of the address. The upper seven bits of the location on page two where the

low and high order halves of the address are stored are the same. The LSB is a zero for the low-order half and the LSB is a one for the high-order half. This 16-bit address specifies where the word containing the first four pixels of the character is stored. The remaining pixels are stored in the 15 words following the word in which the first four pixels are stored.

Bits in the X and Y counters specify which of the 16 memory locations associated with each character contains the pixels to be output next. These bits are used to calculate the offset from the word containing the first four pixels to the word containing the pixels to be output next.

The GET C Subroutine

In order to understand the GET C routine, you should first realize what each bit in the X and Y counters corresponds to with respect to the TV picture. The individual bits are referred to by a letter and a number, the letter being X for the X counter and Y for the Y counter. X7 is the MSB of the X counter, X0 is the LSB of the X counter, Y6 is the next to the MSB of the Y counter, and so on.

X2, X1 and X0 specify which of the eight pixels on a given line of a given character is to be output next. The next three bits (X5, X4 and X3) specify which of the eight characters on a given line is to be output next. X6 goes from a 0 to a 1 when all 64 pixels on a line have been output.

Y3, Y2 and Y1 specify which of the eight lines of a character are currently being output. Y6, Y5 and Y4 specify which of the eight rows of characters is currently being output. Y7 goes from a 0 to a 1 after all 64 lines have been output twice (each line is repeated to make 128 lines). Y0 indicates whether a particular line is being output for the first or second time.

As you can see in Fig. 3, the GET C

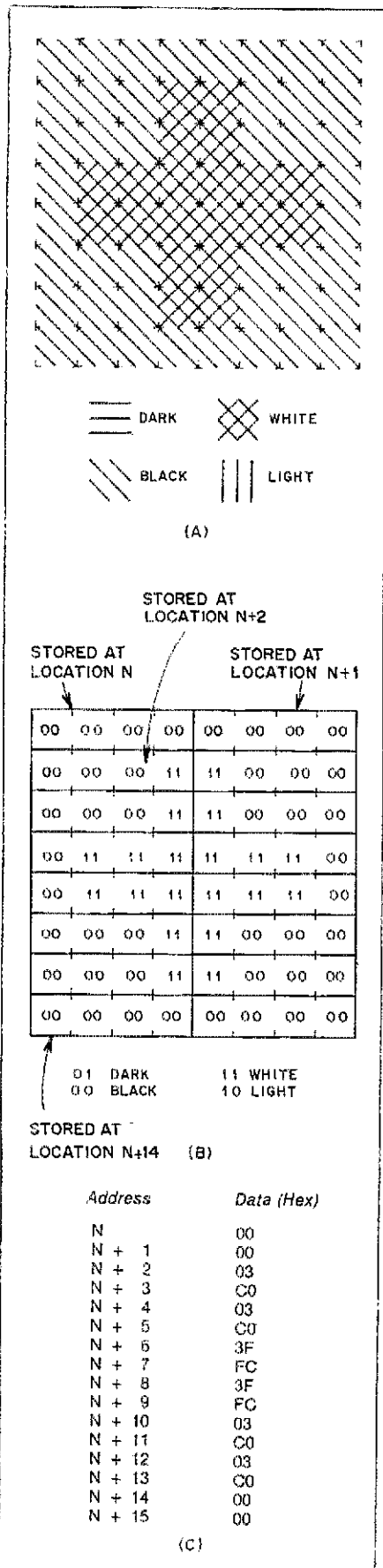


Fig. 2 — Example of data to represent a character. The cross-hair lines at A indicate pixel boundaries; a complete SSTV frame is 64 x 64 pixels. The 8 x 8-pixel character is stored in 16 bytes of computer memory.

subroutine first assembles the bits from the X and Y counters, specifying one of the 64 character positions, into an 8-bit number. This number is in the range of 0-63 inclusive. Next is the number of the character currently in that position is fetched from that memory location in page one. This character number is multiplied by two and the result used to fetch a 16-bit address from two consecutive memory locations on page two.

This 16-bit address gives the location of the word containing the first four pixels of the character. An offset of 0000Y3Y2Y1X2 is added to this 16-bit address. The result is an address of the memory location containing the next four pixels to be output. These four pixels are placed in the temporary video storage location. The GET C subroutine then returns control to the routine that called it.

Subroutines

The PICT subroutine (Fig. 4) uses the pixel counter to determine which of the four pixels in an 8-bit word have not been output yet. Each time this subroutine is executed a pixel is transferred from the temporary video storage location to the proper output port. The data in the temporary video storage location are rotated two bits to the left so that the next pixel is in the two highest order bit positions.

After every four pixels have been output, the GET C subroutine is called to update the temporary video storage location with the next four pixels to be output. After 64 pixels have been output, the interrupt response is changed to HSYNC and the pixel counter is loaded with 5. Therefore, the HSYNC subroutine will be executed in response to the next interrupt instead of the PICT subroutine.

The HSYNC subroutine (Fig. 5) uses the pixel counter to make the horizontal sync signal five pixel times long. This results in a horizontal sync signal about four percent shorter than the SSTV specification requires; however, it is close enough. After the pixel counter has been decremented to zero, the X counter is reset to zero and the Y counter is incremented. If all 128 lines have not yet been output, GET C is called (to update the contents of the temporary video storage location). The pixel counter is then set to 4 and the interrupt response is changed to PICT. If, however, all 128 lines have been output, the pixel counter is set to 31 and the interrupt response is changed to VSYNC.

The VSYNC subroutine (Fig. 5) uses the pixel counter to make the vertical sync signal 31 pixel times long. After the pixel counter has been decremented to zero, the Y counter is reset to zero. Then GET C is called (to update the contents of the temporary video storage location), the pixel counter is set to four and the interrupt response is changed to PICT.

Since a slow-scan TV signal is an audio

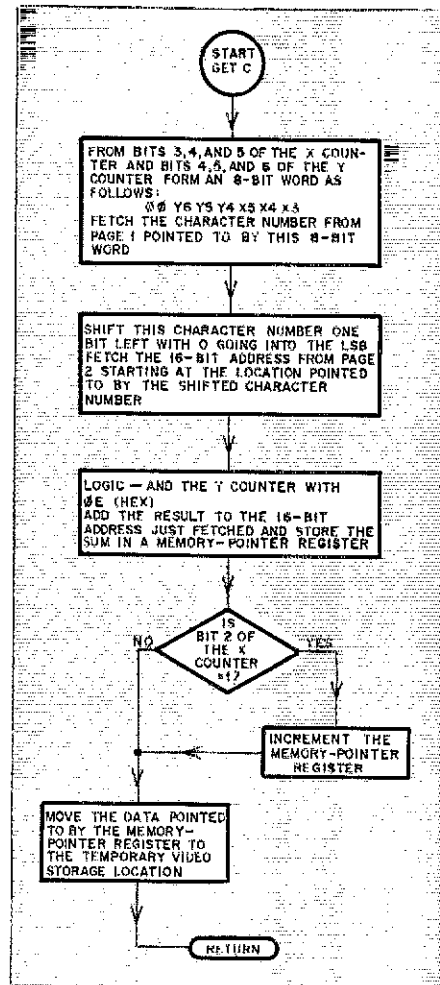


Fig. 3 — Flow diagram of the GET C subroutine.

waveform, it can be transcribed on any tape recorder with low noise, flutter and distortion characteristics. I made up some characters, and then some pictures from those characters. I used my program to generate the slow-scan TV signal corresponding to those pictures and recorded it. I then took this tape to someone who has a commercially available scan converter. This scan converter accepts a slow-scan video signal as an input and outputs a "normal" or fast-scan video signal which can be displayed on a TV monitor. The pictures in this article are ones I took of the TV monitor while it was hooked to the output of a scan converter receiving my taped slow-scan signals.

This particular scan converter did something to pictures with sharp high-contrast edges, causing a decrease in picture quality. The converter superimposed a checkerboard pattern of black dots on the picture. Instead of each pixel being the proper width, each pixel is only half as wide as it should be with the other half being a black dot. The black dot appears either to the left or right of the half-size

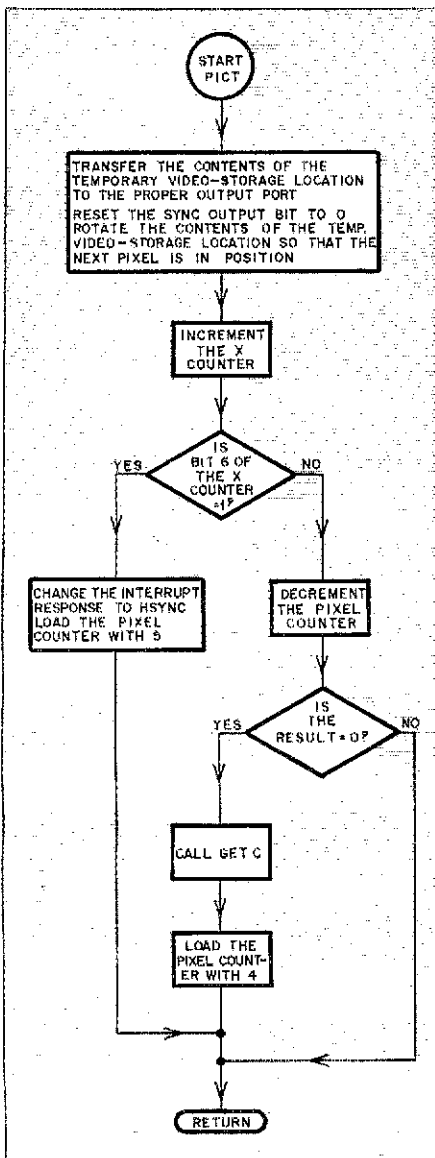


Fig. 4 — Flow diagram of the PICT subroutine.

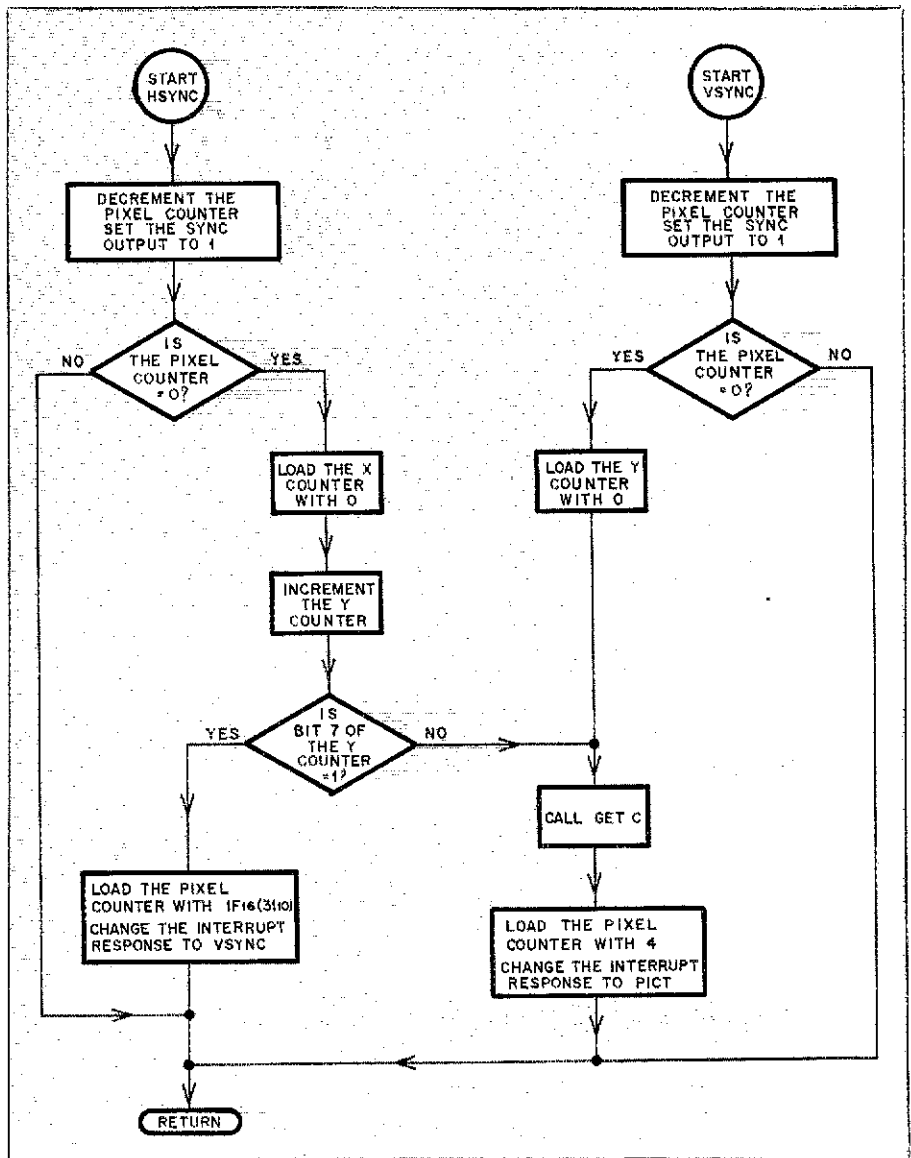


Fig. 5 — Flow diagram of the HSYNC, VSYNC subroutine.

pixel alternating from one line to the next. This accounts for the fuzzy vertical edges in these pictures.

I have purposely not included a listing of my program, because it is written in assembly level language and I attempted

to use as many special Z-80 instructions (which are not a part of the 8080 instruction set) as practical. I also freely used special hardware features which I designed into my microcomputer. Thus, a significant number of the instructions in

my program involve some special feature of my microcomputer. Rather than "side-track" to explain these, I have discussed the algorithm I used and hope you can adapt this algorithm to your microcomputer and application.

Strays

"ROADEO" HAMS

□ Backing through obstacles, steering around tennis balls and negotiating a serpentine course that would raise the hair of a Grand Prix driver were just some of the difficulties that 279 school bus drivers faced during the recent fifth annual Wisconsin School Bus Safety "Roadeo" in Madison, WI. Devoted to safety for the school-age rider, the event was made possible by the 21 hams who assisted. It was surely a communication and

organizational challenge not seen since Field Day!

The Madison Area Repeater Association, Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club and Yellow Thunder Amateur Radio Club undertook the task of providing mobile, portable and fixed 2-meter equipment and personnel to keep track of the drivers, their scores and equipment.

Headquarters for the event was the Madison-Sheraton Hotel, where K9VAL

acted as net control. Twenty other hams sporting an assortment of gear and antennas were scattered throughout the road course and elsewhere at the Dane County Exposition Center. K9BIL acted as field coordinator for these locations.

A bus equipped with 2-meter gear was used to shuttle entrants and spectators to and from various events. WR9ABT, the MARA repeater, provided clear, concise communications. — K9ZZ

Medium-Scan Television — A New Amateur Frontier

Just what is MSTV? It's about to happen, on 10 meters!

By Dr. Don C. Miller,* W9NTP

As the radio spectrum becomes more and more crowded, what better way is there to promote Amateur Radio worldwide than to be the first to transmit moving television pictures to Europe, *without* the aid of a repeater satellite? This very task has been undertaken recently by an energetic group of experimental SSTV hams who, with the help of the ARRL, have received a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) from the Federal Communications Commission.

This STA was granted on June 16 to W9NTP, W3EFG, WB9LVI, W6MXV and W0LMD. It permits the testing of a 36-kHz-bandwidth television system on the 10-meter band on a frequency segment of 29.0-29.3 MHz. The task of transmitting moving television pictures in such a bandwidth will not be easy. It rivals much of the work being done in commercial and military fields where systems are being developed for low bandwidth and long-distance transmission.

Why should this group succeed when many other investigators have not had success? Let us look back in history. Twenty years ago SSTV was an infant and there was very little interest in low-bandwidth, still-picture transmission. While SSTV started out with a few technically oriented hams, it has resulted in pictures from Mars and become one of the main tools in commercial and military systems today. This would probably not have happened if amateurs hadn't persisted in promoting SSTV through magazines, STAs and the Military Affiliated Radio System (MARS).

The hams listed on the MSTV STA will need the help of hundreds of others. This is where the reader can help. Cooperation is needed in Europe, too.

Squeezing the Bandwidth

The only possibility of transmitting moving television images over international distances is to reduce the rf bandwidth to near 36 kHz. The problem therefore becomes one of reducing a standard TV video image of 3-MHz bandwidth to one of 15-20 kHz. No magic

Table 1
Suggested Interim MSTV Standards

Field rate: 5 fields/second
Fields: Interlaced
Frame rate: 2.5 frames/second
Lines per field: 64
Lines per frame: 128

breakthrough is going to occur in video processing. The designer will be forced to leave "something" out of the regular TV image in order to bring the bandwidth down to the acceptable width. The choices are (1) reduce the number of pixels (resolution cells), (2) reduce the number of lines in the image, (3) reduce the number of fields in the frame, or (4) intermix some of the above deletions of data in some acceptable manner.

Many years ago television was standardized to a field rate of 50/60 Hz in order to reduce viewer flicker. This transmission rate is not necessary today because data-storage systems (digital scan converters with semiconductor memories or possibly P7 phosphor screens) can reduce the necessary data rate and bandwidth to present acceptable moving pictures which have no flicker. Experimenters have demonstrated that field rates as slow as 7.5 fields per second are adequate for many applications of television.

The STA experimenters are suggesting the specifications given in Table 1 in order to get as many hams involved as possible. The final system will be much more exotic, but these standards will permit modification of all existing analog SSTV gear. Later the progress will require the use of a digital scan converter (such as a converted Robot 400) or a microprocessor system such as that produced by one of the STA investigators (Digital Group, W0LMD), to take full advantage of the more complicated system with greater degrees of motion.

The video bandwidth can be calculated from the following formula: Base video bandwidth = (number of field/s) = (number of lines/field) × (number of pixels/line)/2. The video bandwidth based on the above specifications of Table 1 therefore is (5 fields/s) × (64 lines/field)

× (128 pixels/line)/2 = 20,480 Hz. These standards can be made synchronous with both 50- and 60-Hz power countries. This video bandwidth will possibly fit the 36-kHz STA segment.

Let's list the work that needs to be done by those who want to help. We would like to enlist each interested amateur in participating in this two-year experiment. The immediate plans are given in the following paragraphs.

1) Develop an fm transmitter (36-kHz bandwidth) on 29.150 MHz. This transmitter will transmit a gray-scale television image when accessed. This will be the test beacon to catch band openings.

2) Develop a 36-kHz fm receiver for MSTV. Perhaps some of the rf modules produced today can be used.

3) Convert the driven-sweep P7 SSTV monitors such as the W6MXV and W0LMD circuits to the new MSTV standards.

4) Convert digital fast-scan converters (like W6MXV's circuit) to the new standards.

5) Convert analog Robot gear to the new MSTV standards.

I would like to hear from any readers who desire to take the responsibility for any of the above conversions. All of the above suggestions should be completed during the first year of the STA (June 1978 to June 1979). During the second year, concentration will be on the development of a digital scan converter or microprocessor software for the finalized standards. The STA investigators would like to send out progress reports individually, even though we hope to publish reports in the amateur magazines. If you would like to be a part of this electronic adventure into experimental ham radio, send a self-addressed envelope to W9NTP. If you are seriously interested in having your name added to the list of the STA investigators (this would permit transmission of MSTV) it will be necessary to show that you have developed receiving equipment before you can apply to the FCC. Recently, personnel on the FCC were heard to say, "Hams should be building their own equipment." I certainly agree.

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Product Review

KDK FM-2015R Two-Meter Transceiver

In today's auto market you can find just about anything you want, from a stripped-down subcompact to the most luxuriously appointed limousine. For radio amateurs, the 2-meter fm market presents a similarly wide choice. The KDK FM-2015R fits somewhere in the luxury class of 2-meter fm rigs.

For the past year I have owned and operated a KDK FM-144, the predecessor of the FM-2015R. Since I have been very pleased with the performance of the FM-144, I thought I knew what to expect from the FM-2015R. As the FM-144, the FM-2015R covers more than the 2-meter amateur band (144-148,995) in 5-kHz steps. The extended frequency range and the 5-kHz-step provisions make the FM-2015R attractive in view of the new repeater subband with proposed inputs and outputs that will not necessarily fall every 15 kHz.

That much was expected. I had seen some ads for the FM-2015R indicating that its appearance was not much different from the FM-144, except that it had more knobs and switches. The FM-144 fits what I call the generic description of a 2-meter fm rig, "a small rectangular black box having three knobs and two switches; the overall effect suggesting that it came from the cockpit of a DC-9 or from an army jeep." The FM-2015R does not begin to fit that description, nor do the pictures in the ads do it justice. That was pleasant surprise number one. It is a singularly attractive piece of equipment.

That is all well and good, but not of as much significance as what's *inside* the rig. The transmitter produces true fm by using a Varicap as a reactance modulator. Several

operators have commented on the fine audio quality of the transmitted signal. A three-position toggle switch on the front panel selects either high power (15 watts) or low (1 watt), with the center position being off.

The receiver uses double-tuned rf circuits (Varicap) peaked automatically at the operating frequency and dual-gate MOSFETS to achieve very low levels of cross modulation and intermodulation while at the same time providing good sensitivity over the entire 5-MHz range. My personal use indicates that Kyokuto Denshi has achieved excellent results by designing the receiver this way. I have used the FM-144 in downtown Hartford and midtown Manhattan with no evidence of intermodulation distortion. I have used the FM-2015R in downtown Hartford and Boston with no sign of "intermods." Suffice it to say that these areas are "polluted" with rf. Sensitivity of the FM-2015R is as good as that of any other rig I have used, being better than 0.25 μ V for 20 dB of quieting.

A five-position rotary switch is used to choose the MHz portion of the operating frequency. The hundreds-of-kHz and tens-of-kHz portions of the operating frequency are selected by two concentric knobs. The operator can add 5 kHz to the operating frequency by throwing a toggle switch. The receive frequency is read on four *large LEDs* (the first two digits, "14," do not change and are painted on the dial). The hundreds-of-kHz switch and the tens-of-kHz switch both have built-in stops so they will rotate only from zero to nine; thus, the frequency can be set totally "by feel," which is important to blind operators or to

is otherwise busy watching something else, e.g., the road!

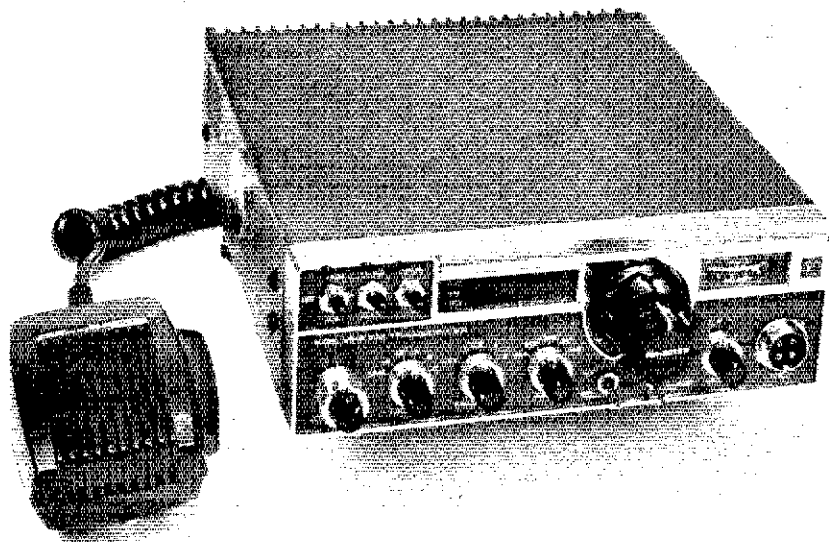
A six-position rotary switch is used to select the mode of the transmitter. For simplex operation the transmitter is operated on the receive frequency. The standard plus- and minus-600-kHz offsets are also built in. Three additional positions are available for nonstandard offsets. The operator merely plugs in the proper crystal to get a particular nonstandard offset — the owner's manual gives explicit directions for determining the frequency of the crystal. So far, this is pretty much similar to the FM-144, so there were no surprises.

Do You Remember Me?

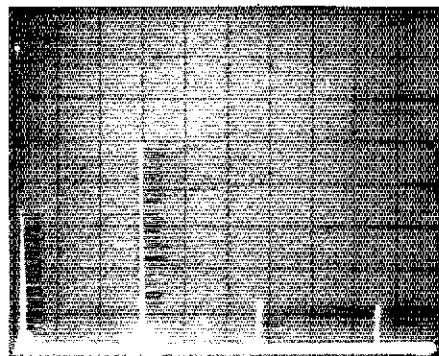
Suppose you have two favorite repeaters with outputs on frequencies such as 147.06 and 146.91 MHz. With a synthesized rig you could be at a slight disadvantage over someone using a "rock-bound" rig. To go from one to the other you have three switches to throw, while your friend has only to twist one knob. The FM-144 gets around this problem partially by including an extra position on the MEGAHERTZ switch that gives you a "priority" frequency regardless of how the other knobs are set. To change the frequency of the priority channel, the operator must remove the case and "reprogram" a diode matrix board. Although this certainly beats buying more crystals, it could be easier.

And it is, with the FM-2015R. The concept of priority or favorite frequencies has been carried much further. The diode matrix board has been replaced by high-speed CMOS RAMs which provide not one but *four* memorized

The KDK FM-2015R cabinet is finished in dark gray, providing a very modern appearance. The density of knobs and switches gives some indication of the number of features and "luxury options" that have been incorporated into the basic design.



Transmitter output of the FM-2015R as displayed on a spectrum analyzer. Vertical divisions are 10 dB per division; horizontal divisions are 50 MHz each. This shot was taken with the '2015R running at rated output on 146.52 MHz. The top reticle line represents the full amplitude of the fundamental, which was partially notched out here to prevent overload distortion in the analyzer. The second harmonic at 293 MHz and the third at 439 MHz are both more than 67 dB below the fundamental. All other spurs are at least 73 dB down. These measurements were taken in the ARRL lab.



frequencies. Furthermore, the operator can reprogram them at will without taking the rig apart. A five-position rotary switch selects among OFF and the four frequencies — in the OFF position the normal switches control the operating frequency. To program a particular frequency, the operator simply sets the regular frequency controls for that frequency, turns the memory switch to the chosen "channel" and throws the toggle switch. To program a different frequency, the operator repeats the steps with the new frequency. It may sound complicated, but it isn't. The first time this reviewer tried it, it took two minutes, 12 seconds (including one mistake) to program all four memories.

When the memory channels are programmed, and the memory switch is moved from OFF to one of the other positions, the normal frequency controls are overridden. Whatever frequency is programmed into the memory becomes the operating frequency (and is read out on the display). A built-in NiCad battery keeps the memory from being erased when power is turned off. Thus, for the mobile operator (or anyone else in a hurry) the FM-2015R provides easy and speedy operation comparable to a crystal-controlled rig.

Hide and Seek

The memory channels also have a versatile scanner built in. As with most scanners, the operator simply throws a switch and the scanner starts looking for a "busy" channel. The unique function here is that, instead, the scanner can hunt for a "quiet" channel and will lock on that frequency when it is found. In an area such as Connecticut, where the repeaters are in almost constant use during certain portions of the day, this feature can save lots of dial twisting. The scanner overrides all other frequency controls. If the scanner is activated, it immediately begins to scan the four memory frequencies regardless of the setting of the other switches. Since the scan-lockup functions are controlled by the presence of a squelch signal, the scanner can't be used for transmitting.

A New Era for Discrimination

When I read the manual and found out that the S meter also doubles as a discriminator meter, I was indifferent. In this day and age of frequency counters could there possibly be a repeater that was not "exactly" on frequency? Oh well, it would be a nice toy and it might help in tuning up one of my crystal rigs when I change crystals — or so I thought at the time. To my surprise I have found about 30 percent of the repeaters I have worked to be significantly off frequency! The FM-2015R also has a receiver incremental-tuning (RIT) feature built in. With the use of the discriminator meter and the RIT, I suddenly discovered that the repeaters I had previously accused of having "lousy audio" were, in fact, off frequency. The RIT certainly makes copy much more pleasant under such circumstances.

Other Features and Options

The FM-2015R also has a built-in tone-access system which can be turned on from the front panel. The operator can choose between a continuous subaudible tone (67 to 207 Hz) and a tone burst (1750 Hz). An *internal* switch selects one of these two modes. The frequency of the tone can be adjusted by changing the value of capacitors. Provisions are also made for connecting a Touch-Tone pad to the unit.

KDK FM-2015R 2-Meter Transceiver

Dimensions (HWD) and weight: 2-1/2 x 7 x 7-1/2 inches (65 x 180 x 190 mm), 5 lbs (2.3 kg).
Power requirements: 12-15 V dc at 3 A (high power transmit).
Frequency range: 144.0 — 148.995 MHz in 5-kHz steps.
Power output: 15 watts (high) or 1 watt (low).
Receiver I-f bandwidth: 6 kHz at -6 dB, 12 kHz at -70 dB.
Transmitter deviation: 5 kHz.
Price class: \$420.
Supplier: Amateur Wholesale Electronics, 8817 S.W. 129 Terrace, Miami, FL 33156.

Options available for the FM-2015R include a MARS/CAP kit which permits operation below the regular amateur band. This modification requires the "dedication" of two of the memory channels. It *does* provide the operator with direct readout of both transmit and receive frequencies. At a recent hamfest an amateur who had made the modification said that it took him about an hour.

Amateur Wholesale Electronics also has a "super scanner" option available which will enable the operator to scan any frequency between 144 and 148.995 MHz, any segment of this band, or the entire band.

The FM-2015R has one disadvantage: The knobs on the mode switch, memory switch and MEGAHERTZ switch are a bit small for someone as "ham-fisted" as this writer. But given the number of functions that have been built into this small package, this inconvenience is small.

A Word About Service

During the course of this review the ARRL lab crew routinely subjected the KDK FM-2015R to a spectrum analysis. Although spurious output suppression on the simplex and plus-600-kHz offsets exceeded FCC requirements by a comfortable margin, it was found that on the minus-600-kHz offset, the review unit did not quite meet FCC specifications. Amateur Wholesale Electronics was contacted and informed of the problem. It was their opinion that the unit was slightly out of alignment.

The review unit was returned to Amateur Wholesale Electronics where they verified the findings of our spectrum analysis. The unit was realigned and returned to ARRL. The unit was then resubjected to spectrum analysis, and this time easily surpassed all government requirements on all frequencies in all offsets.

A lesson to be learned from this is elementary: "Things *ain't* as simple as they used to be!" The FM-2015R (or any other synthesized rig) is a complicated piece of equipment. Proper servicing requires some pretty sophisticated test equipment, including a spectrum analyzer. Although saying this may go against the grain of tradition, lacking the expertise or the test equipment, the average amateur is advised to return a defective synthesized rig to the factory for service.

Price class of the KDK FM-2015R is \$420. Detailed information can be obtained from Amateur Wholesale Electronics. — *Pete O'Dell, N1UM*

HY-GAIN MODEL 214 TWO-METER YAGI

This is a review that almost wasn't written. For almost it looked as if Hy-Gain Electronics was

going out of business, a bankruptcy victim of the deflated CB market. It was good news indeed when Telex Communications, Inc., a name familiar to hams from their audio products, announced that it was buying Hy-Gain's non-CB business and that Hy-Gain's well-known line of amateur antennas would return to production. In fact, there's a certain poetic justice to it. The CB business and the old management, which pushed Class-E CB, are gone, but the ham business lives on, with many of the same fine people who have staffed it for years.

The Hy-Gain model 214 is a 14-element Yagi for 2 meters. Hy-Gain Yagis have long been in use by serious 2-meter operators, especially the wide-spaced 8- and 15-element versions. The 214 is a significant departure from the old designs; the feed system is the same (a split dipole, insulated from the boom, with beta match), but the elements are close-spaced (boom length is 15-1/2 feet or 4.72 m) and the parasitic elements are made of solid rod mounted *through* the boom. Hy-Gain uses a clever method of mounting these elements, the details being shown in Fig. 1. The antenna is very light in weight (about 5-1/2 pounds or 2.5 kg) and is relatively inexpensive. Therefore it is realistic, both physically and economically, to think in terms of stacking two or more Yagis for improved gain and directivity. The array we tested was a set of four 214s, horizontally polarized and cut for the lower half of the band (144-146 MHz).

Construction of the individual Yagis is an easy two-hour job with the aid of the illustrated instructions supplied by Hy-Gain. The only problem encountered, and a very minor one at that, was that the driven element did not line up exactly in the same plane as the parasitic elements. The mounting hole for the driven-element insulator was not exactly perpendicular to the holes for the parasitic elements. This was easily remedied by bending the tubing used in the driven element slightly, and may not be characteristic of all production runs of the antenna.

Ample warnings against letting the antenna come into contact with power lines are supplied, in recognition of the number of accidental electrocutions of inexperienced antenna installers which have occurred recently.

The model 204 stacking kit provides for a stacking distance of approximately 12 feet (3.7 m) between antennas. In our case, the entire array was assembled on the ground and then hoisted into place atop a 70-foot (21-m) tower. This was a bit tricky, though only two people were needed to do the job. Some of the elements were bent in the process, but it was no problem to straighten them with a long pole once the array was safely bolted to the mast. Light weight does not equate with flimsy construction, and there is no reason to believe the antennas would not survive a New England winter. The serious operator probably would want to replace the RG-59/U coax phasing lines supplied by Hy-Gain with RG-11/U to reduce losses. Also, the RG-58/U used for the balun could be replaced with RG-8/U or similar coax. Taking these steps would raise the power-handling capability of the antenna above its rating of 250 watts, continuous duty.

Performance of an antenna is difficult to evaluate objectively without an antenna test range, and the League does not have one available. However, Hy-Gain does, and its engineers supplied us with a radiation pattern for the array which seems to agree closely with

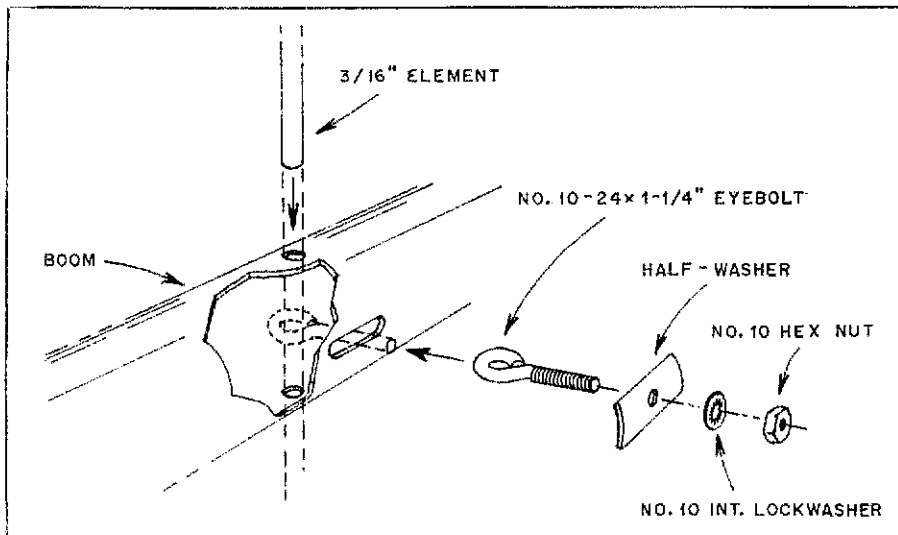
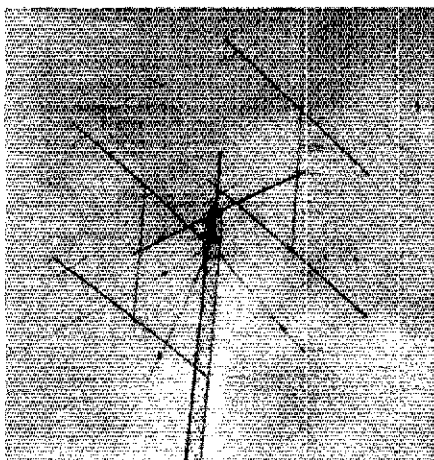


Fig. 1 — Details of the method used to mount and secure the elements through the boom.



The array of four 14-element Hy-Gain Yagis as installed at K1ZZ.

findings from our on-the-air tests. The magnitude of the side lobes may surprise you if you have not used stacked antennas before. However, they are typical of an array of this type, and can be reduced by changing the spacing (at some expense in gain). Some comparisons were made with a single Yagi of different design atop the other tower at K1ZZ, about 115 feet (35 m) above the ground. While the single Yagi gave comparable performance over some relatively short paths, in no case was it better than the 56-element array, and on longer paths the array had a definite edge in spite of its lower height. As one might expect, fading is less of a problem on the large array.

What can you expect to work with this sort of antenna? K1ZZ, in the middle of the Connecticut River valley, is not exactly in a classic vhf location. Shortly after the antenna went up, we caught a minor aurora and traded S7 signal reports on cw with K8IH near Cleveland, almost 500 miles (800 km) away. Paul suggested we try working on the direct path, and sure enough, signals were about S6 without any assistance from the auroral curtain! Since then, we've confirmed that we can work reliably. It's not unusual to work 10-watters out to 250 miles (400 km) or so, and in the June contest seven hours of operation yielded 166 QSOs in 23 sec-

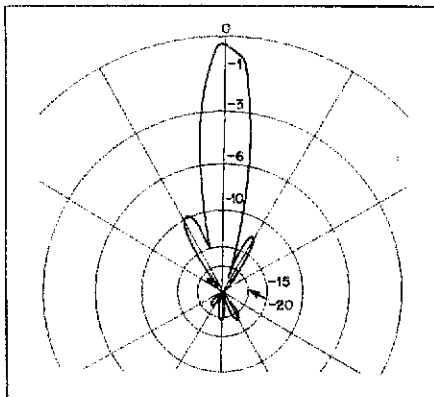


Fig. 2 — Horizontal-plane radiation pattern of the pictured 56-element array at 145 MHz, as measured on the Hy-Gain antenna test range and verified in operation at K1ZZ. The plotted points show the radius calibration in decibels.

tions. The station transmitter supplies about 300 watts to the antenna, which certainly helps.

In summary, the Hy-Gain 214 is worth considering if you're looking for a lightweight, reasonably priced antenna for 2 meters. (We haven't spoken about performance at the high end of the band, but dimensions are given for cutting the elements for operation there, and mounting the antenna for vertical polarization is no problem.) It lends itself well to stacking; an array of 214s should be practical in many cases where an array of heavier, longer boom Yagis would not. And, if you think it would be fun to tell your contacts, "The antenna here is 56 elements," you're absolutely right!

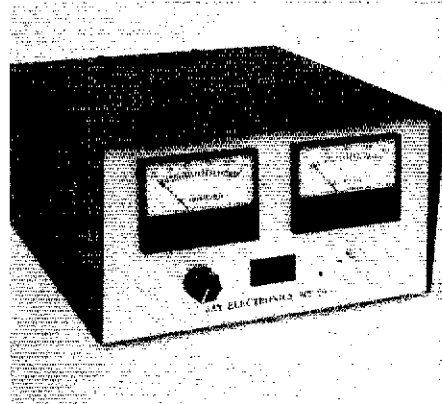
The individual Yagis retail in the \$27 class. The model 204 stacking kit, as reviewed, is in the \$115 class; model 202, for stacking two Yagis vertically polarized, is \$40. — *Dave Sumner, K1ZZ*

SAY SPS-20M POWER SUPPLY

Vhf fm power amplifiers and the new wave of 12-volt-powered hf transceivers have generated an unprecedented demand for high-quality, low-voltage power supplies. Manufacturers have been responding by producing new power supplies every week. But how can you tell a

SPS-20M Specifications

Power input: 105-125 V ac at 60 Hz.
Output voltage: Adjustable from 3 to 14 V dc.
Ripple voltage: 0.2 mV RMS.
Current limit: 25 A.
Overvoltage: +17 V dc nominal.
Continuous current: 20 A.
Meters: Individual volt and current meters.
Dimensions (HWD): 5-1/4 x 9-1/4 x 12-1/4 inches (135 x 235 x 310 mm).
Weight: 18 lbs (8 kg).
Price class: \$180.



The brushed-aluminum front panel on the SPS-20M contains meters, power switch, voltage-control potentiometer, and circuit-breaker reset button.

good power supply from one which might be inadequate, or even damage your equipment? You look for good regulation (voltage remains constant with and without load), no ripple (no hum in the signal), equipment protection (overvoltage and overcurrent protection for both rig and power supply), and quality construction for long life. The Say Electronics Inc. SPS series sports these features and more.

QST tested the top-of-the-line SPS-20M model, which features a rating of 20 amperes continuous, 25 peak, fully adjustable output between 3 and 14 V dc, and both voltage and current meters. Most of the hefty 18-lb (8-kg) box is concentrated in the transformer, 50,000- μ F capacitor and large heat sinks. The circuit diagram reveals additional protection in the form of a fuse in the transformer primary (protecting the single most expensive component) in addition to automatic current limiting, overvoltage and short-circuit protection. A Darlington regulator with four 2N3771 transistors in parallel is controlled by the 723 IC, with near-perfect regulation. Rapid switching between no load and a 5-A load varied the voltage less than 0.5 percent! Ripple was nearly undetectable, thanks to a full-wave bridge rectifier and extensive filtering ahead of the regulator. The output is fully bypassed, and no af or rf feedback was observed.

The handsome, brushed-aluminum front panel contains the illuminated power switch, 20-A circuit breaker, meters and voltage control. The output terminals are under the large heat sink on the back of the unit.

Say Electronics (750 N.W. 57th Court, Fort Lauderdale, FL) makes a complete line of power supplies, the SPS-2, -4, -8 and -20. The last three are also available in adjustable, metered versions, such as the SPS-20M. — *Chod Harris, WB2CHO*

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ON SOLID-STATE PA MATCHING NETWORKS

I would like to pass along some observations I've made which are of interest to builders of solid-state Class C hf transmitters.¹ I have found that the use of such matching networks as the commonly recommended L and T,² as well as any other network with an inductor or series LC as the input element,³ will inevitably result in improper circuit operation. The circuit will exhibit poor collector efficiency, spurious output, or a high transistor failure rate, unless one of these conditions is met: (1) the output transistor is very rugged (in which case it won't fail, but the other conditions will remain); (2) the transistor output capacitance is 100 pF or higher; (3) a Zener diode is connected across the transistor (more about this later); or (4) the network is modified in a manner I will describe.

Let's see what causes the problem. Although there is an optimum resistive impedance for a transistor to "see" (approximately $V_{CC}^2/2P_o$),⁴ the transistor does not present this or any other impedance. Rather, it acts much as a simple on-off switch. At the instant the transistor is turned off, current flowing through the rf choke is dumped into the circuit elements. The dominant circuit presented to this current is parallel resonant, with L being the network input inductor and C the transistor output capacitance. C_o , C_{tr} is in parallel with stray circuit capacitance. This circuit "rings" at its resonant frequency, which is not necessarily related to the operating frequency.

Fig. 1 shows the schematic of a typical 40-meter, 2-watt-output amplifier. Fig. 2A is a photo of the oscilloscope waveform at the collector of Q1. The presence of 70-volt, 50-MHz ringing at the collector may be readily seen. I was able to obtain this picture only because the

particular transistor was exceptionally rugged — several devices were destroyed in the attempt. Although this condition could be detected with a wavemeter coupled loosely to the collector circuit, it can only be observed with the aid of a wide-bandwidth scope. The instrument used to obtain these photos has a 250-MHz bandwidth.

A photo of the waveform at the load is shown in Fig. 2B. Distortion may be reduced by filtering, but — assuming the transistor is not destroyed — collector efficiency will be less than optimum. Typical efficiency will be on the order of 40 to 60 percent, rather than the 70 to 80 percent obtained from a well-designed amplifier stage.

An advanced circuit-analysis computer program was used to investigate the circuit of Fig. 1, assuming perfect inductors, capacitors, source, load and a good model of the 2N3866 transistor. The graphical results of this analysis are shown in Fig. 3. Because of the use of perfect components, frequency and amplitude of the simulated waveform vary slightly from the real waveforms shown in Fig. 2. The striking similarity to Fig. 2 and the presence of ringing in the simulation verify that the phenomenon is *not* a spurious oscillation in the

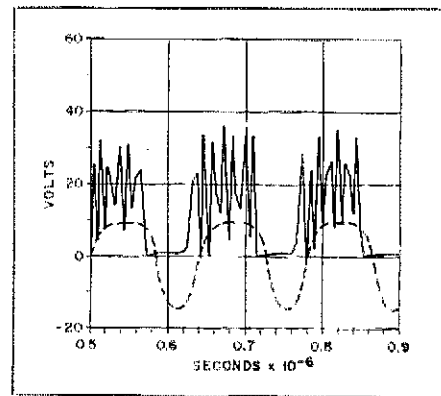


Fig. 3 — When the circuit of Fig. 1 was analyzed on a computer, the waveforms shown were predicted. The solid line indicates how the computer expected the waveform at the collector to look. Expected output waveform is shown by the dotted line.

Fig. 2 — Photos of the actual waveforms obtained with the amplifier. Operation was observed with a high-speed oscilloscope. At A, collector waveform; at B, waveform at the output.

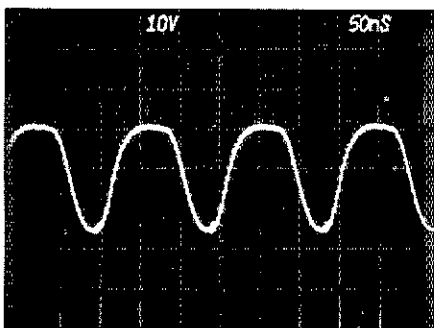
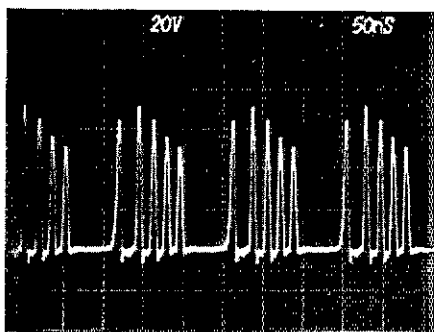
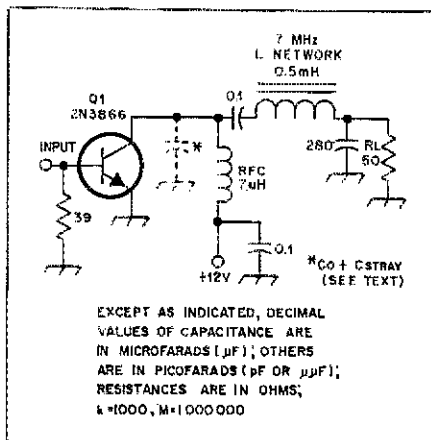


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the 7-MHz Class C amplifier used to examine the oscillation problem.



usual sense, nor is it due to stray capacitance or inductance or poor circuit layout. *It is inherent in the use of this type of network!*

A capacitor connected from the collector to ground or, preferably, from collector to emitter, will solve the problem if it approximately resonates with the input inductor at the operating frequency. The capacitor will reduce collector-voltage swing to less than 30 volts with a 12-volt supply. The effect on the Q of common networks will be negligible and only slight readjustment of the variable capacitor(s) will restore the correct match.

A Zener diode connected across the collector will sometimes solve the problem, but not because of Zener action! A typical 33-volt, 1-watt Zener diode has a capacitance of 200 to 800 pF, depending on the amount of reverse bias. This is generally sufficient to prevent the ring in the first place.

This letter has been necessarily brief but I hope it will enable the reader to take advantage of these matching networks without wondering — as I did for a long time — why sometimes they work and sometimes they don't. — Roy W. Lewallen, W7EL, 5470 S.W. 152 Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005

Footnotes

- ¹Strictly speaking, the Class C amplifiers used by amateurs may be better described as Class D, as they are typically driven to saturation. In fact, this is the reason for the problem described here. However, such operation does allow high collector efficiency. For a more detailed discussion of this topic, see Sokal and Sokal, "Class E — A New Class of High-Efficiency Tuned Single-Ended Switching Power Amplifiers," *IEEE Journal of Solid-State Circuits*, Vol. SC-10, No. 3, June, 1975.
- ²Hayward and DeMaw, *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur*, ARRL, 1977, pp. 52-53.
- ³The Radio Amateur's Handbook, 54th Edition, 1977, ARRL, p. 161.
- ⁴Hayward and DeMaw, p. 24.

CORRECTION TO "SIMPLIFIED ANALYSIS OF RF CIRCUITS"

□ Regarding my remarks in "Technical Correspondence," February 1978 *QST*, the equation should be

$$(10 + j\omega L) \text{ in parallel with } \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon} = 50 \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

This translates to

$$\frac{(10 + j\omega L) \times \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon}}{(10 + j\omega L) + \frac{1}{j\omega\epsilon}} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

$$\text{i.e., } R1 \text{ in parallel with } R2 = \frac{R1 \times R2}{R1 + R2} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

— Louis C. Graue, K8TT, 624 Campbell Hill Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402

SOLAR WIND A CAUSE OF LDES?

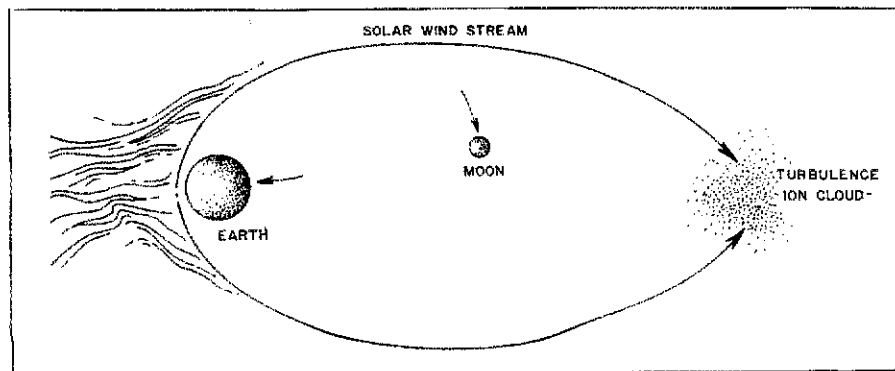
□ Earth's magnetic field is greatly distorted, being highly compressed on the side of the planet which faces the sun, and stretched out on the opposite face. Ions comprising the solar wind might follow a path roughly as shown in Fig. 4, forming a turbulent area at some distance from Earth. Signals reflected from this area would have little Doppler shift, and may account for the long-delayed echoes reported by Rasmussen. — Henry C. Wolkling, W4BNF, 1723 Wavecrest Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32952

ON "BUILD THIS NOVICE FOUR-BAND VERTICAL"

□ Regarding Anderson's article in June 1978 *QST*, good signal reports from stateside stations should not necessarily be taken to mean that an antenna is an exceptional performer. In the case of this antenna, I suspect the reports merely illustrate the fact that with reasonable propagation conditions and 250 watts transmitter input, almost any antenna will get out. While I applaud Anderson's efforts to produce an effective low-cost antenna, only slightly more work will result in a vertical that works really well.

I question operating the antenna in the 3/4-wavelength mode on 10 and 15 meters. To Rasmussen, "Ghost Echoes on 1296 MHz," June 1976 *QST*, page 36.

Fig. 4 — As radiation from the sun known as the "solar wind" approaches Earth, it deforms the geomagnetic field, as shown here. A turbulent cloud of ions may be responsible for one form of long-delayed echoes.



realize the full DX potential of these bands, radiation at a low angle is needed. The lowest angle of radiation from a single vertical element occurs when the element is 5/8 wavelength long. Anderson states that unity VSWR on 80 and 40 meters could be obtained by adjusting the taps on the loading coil. Theoretically, a 1/4-wavelength antenna has a radiation resistance of about 35 ohms. A shortened version such as the one described should present a lower resistive impedance when the capacitive reactance is tuned out by the loading inductor. This makes the claimed 1:1 match to 50-ohm transmission line suspect. If this figure is accurate, then a loss resistance is probably in series with the antenna element. The band-switching arrangement may be the cause of this loss. Notice that in Fig. 1 of the article, the loading inductance is varied by shorting part of the coil. The shorted section is tightly coupled to the "working" section. The loading coil is acting as an autotransformer, with the low impedance of the shorted section transformed to a load across the portion of the coil used to resonate the antenna. The effect is similar to that of a brass slug in a coil — the inductance is reduced to less than that of the same coil with an air core. We now need more turns (higher rf resistance) to obtain a desired inductance, thereby lowering Q and increasing losses. In the antenna described, this loss presents a good impedance match, but dissipates considerable rf power.

I suggest the following modifications to the system:

- 1) Shorten the radiator to 20 feet, 9.75 inches (6.34 m), 5/8 wavelength at 28.1 MHz.
- 2) Use a two-pole band switch and separate resonating circuits for each band (Fig. 5).
- 3) A radiator of this length will function as a shortened half wavelength on 15 meters. Two matching circuits are shown (Fig. 6 and 7). The inductively tapped system is simpler, but the capacitive divider provides better harmonic rejection. Operation on 15 meters is practically independent of the ground system.
- 4) This type of antenna is entirely suitable for use by General class licensees; therefore 20-meter capability should be included. The vertical element functions as a lengthened quarter wavelength. Its inductive reactance may be resonated with a series capacitor. The radiation resistance of a lengthened quarter wavelength element is greater than the nominal 35 ohms of the resonant length, so a VSWR approaching unity would not be unreasonable here. One setting of the tuning capacitor should allow coverage of the entire band.

5) Use individual loading coils for 80 and 40 meters. Tune the system to resonance and accept whatever VSWR exists (within reason). If the transmitter doesn't like the load, change the length of the feed line.

6) Bring the connection to the antenna out the top of the box and make it short and fat. — George H. Woodward, W1RN, 17 E. Cedar St., Newington, CT 06111

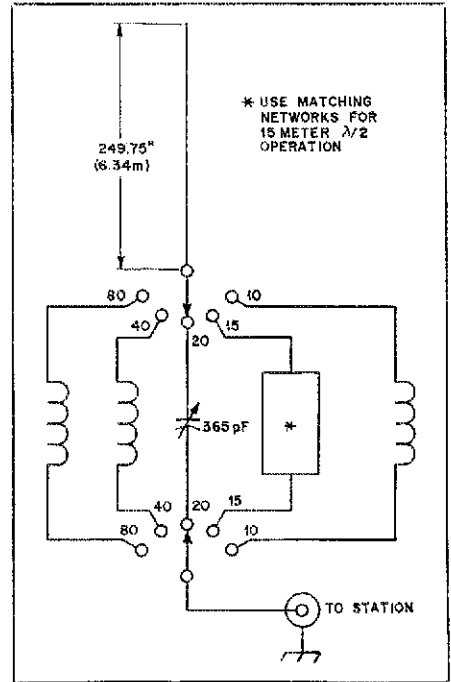


Fig. 5 — A two-pole bandswitch may be used to select the optimum matching network for each band. Coils should be cut to the correct inductance. Shorting turns results in losses, as explained in the text.

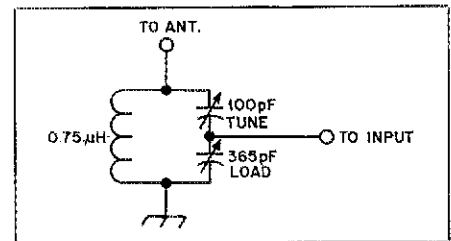


Fig. 6 — A matching network which may be used for half-wavelength operation on 15 meters. This tapped-capacitor arrangement provides better harmonic rejection than a tapped coil but is more complicated.

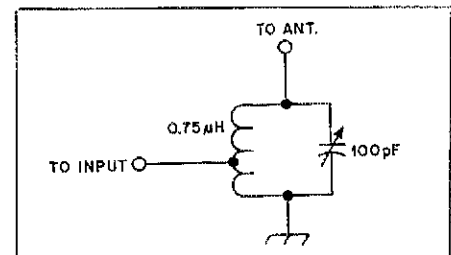


Fig. 7 — Tapped-coil method of resonating the antenna on 15 meters. While not as effective at reducing harmonic radiation as that shown in Fig. 6, this arrangement is easier to construct and adjust.

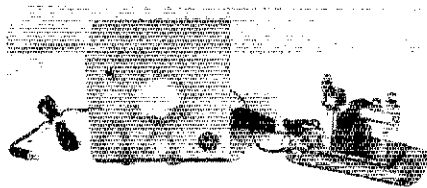
Hints and Kinks

THE MUSIC BOX CW-TO-TELEGRAPH CONVERTER

Fifty years ago, when barely tall enough to reach the ticket window at the railroad depot, I was permanently impressed by the mysterious clicking of the telegraph sounder. Today, similar music may be heard at my radio shack. The instrument, however, is not activated from a telegraph circuit to a distant operator. It responds instead to a modern transceiver tuned to the amateur cw bands. This article is written for the benefit of others who may wish to enjoy the pleasure of hearing a sounder faultlessly reproducing cw transmissions.

At the heart of the Music Box is a sensitive relay driven by the rectified audio from a transceiver and capable of handling 35 wpm. The relay controls a 12-V dc circuit to my 400-ohm sounder. Adjustment of the dc voltage to the sounder from 5 to 18 volts permits the use of a variety of sounders.

This cw-to-telegraph converter may be built on an open chassis or even in breadboard form. Normal workmanship should be applied to wiring. A template supplied with the relay provides drilling information for mounting the relay on a thin piece of Formica that may be placed over a hole cut in the chassis. The converter, pictured in the photograph, has the



The nostalgic sound of the railroad telegraph set is brought to the ham shack by this converter. It is activated by cw signals from a receiver.

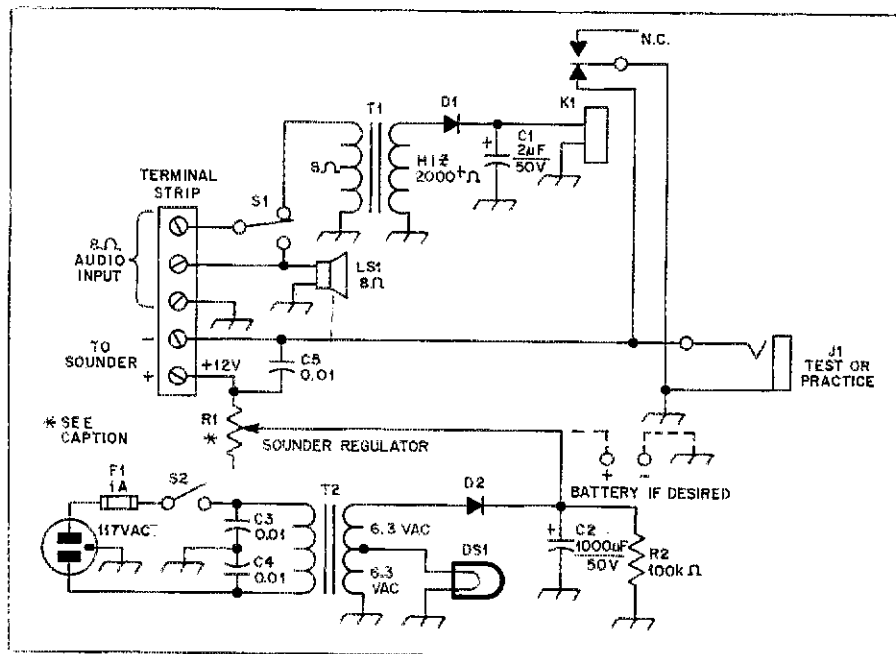
speaker and components mounted in the 4-1/4 × 4-1/2 × 5-3/4-inch (108 × 114 × 146-mm) cabinet. The ring trimming the speaker opening was cut from the frame of an old 2-inch speaker and the grill came from an old transistor radio.

There are no particular restrictions on the lengths of the connecting leads between the 8-ohm output of the receiver or transceiver and the input to the Music Box. After these connections are made, the receiver is tuned to a chosen cw signal and adjusted for best readability while listening to the monitor speaker. The sounder should then clatter away to one's heart's content.

Schematic diagram of the Music Box cw-to-telegraph converter.

- C1 — 2 μ F, 50 V.
- C2 — 1000 μ F, 50 V.
- C3, C4 — 0.01 μ F, 400 V.
- C5 — 0.01- μ F disk ceramic.
- D1, D2 — Diode, type 1N4000, 1 A, 50 V, Radio Shack no. 276-1101 or equiv.
- DS1 — 6.3-V pilot lamp.
- F1 — Fuse, 1 A, 250 V.
- J1 — Phone jack.
- LS1 — 2-inch speaker, 8 ohm.

- R1 — 1000 or 1500-ohm, 2-W potentiometer.
- R2 — 100,000 ohm, 1 W.
- S1 — Spdt rotary switch.
- S2 — Spst rotary or toggle switch.
- T1 — 8-ohm audio output transformer (installed in reverse).
- T2 — Heavy-duty filament transformer, 117 V ac primary, 12.6 V ac secondary, 3 A, Radio Shack no. 273-1511 or equiv.



By adjusting the potentiometer for the proper dc voltage, the unit may be used to power and key a code-practice oscillator. The converter acts as a scrubber which eliminates any interference, leaving just the copy that's tuned in. A prerecorded message from a tape recorder will actuate a sounder by means of this device. That could interest amateurs at a museum or an exhibit.

The signal-to-noise ratio must be good enough to prevent tripping the relay by noise. The cw filter of a modern receiver usually compensates for much of the noise. — D. S. Getchell, W9KSR, ex-W1GKA

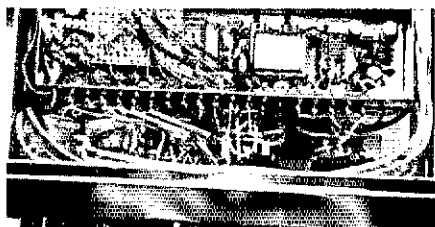
A SCANNER FOR THE KDK

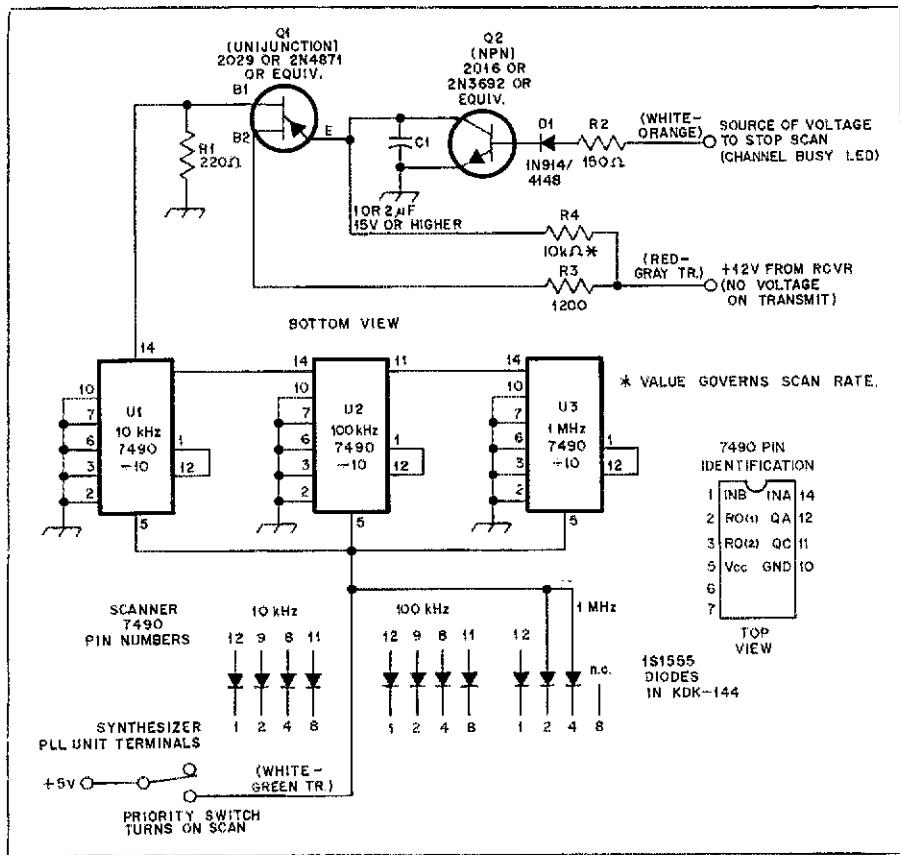
Phil Deem, K9PD, designed an excellent scanner for use with the KDK-144 2-meter transceiver. The circuit, strikingly simple, may be assembled on Micro-Vectorbord. I placed one within the PLL unit of my FM-144-10SXR-II without the need for external switches. Only two leads must extend from the PLL chamber. One is connected to the +12-V supply at the receiver side of the T-R relay. The other is wired to the Channel Busy LED which provides the voltage to stop the scan on frequency. Scanning range is from 146 to 147.99 MHz.

Placing the MHz switch of the transceiver in the priority position activates the scanner supplying +5 V dc to the three 7490 decade counters. The scanner clock (unijunction oscillator) receives power from the receive B+, insuring that the unit will stop scanning if the microphone button is pressed. Driving the Channel Busy LED is the squelch circuit which also controls the clock. Scanning will stop when a signal strong enough to open the squelch turns on the Darlington-connected transistors Q1 and Q2, shorting out the unijunction timing capacitor. A light squelch-control setting works best.

In my opinion, the use of the Channel Busy LED to provide a source voltage to stop the scan is not as precise as using a discriminator voltage. I find, however, that it rarely stops other than on the correct frequency. If it should stop 10 kHz too soon, correction is made by momentarily depressing the PTT

The small circuit board mounted in the PLL chamber of the KDK-144 contains the K9PD-designed 2-meter scanner. Installation requires only two leads and no external switches.





The K9PD scanner circuit designed for use with the KDK-144 transceiver. It scans from 146 to 147.990 MHz. Outputs of the 7490s are connected to the loop programmable counters in the KDK by way of the diodes formerly used to program the priority channel. IC connections not shown are not used.

- C1 — 1 to 2 μ F, 150 V or higher.
- D1 — 1N914 or 1N4148.
- Q1 — Unijunction transistor, type 2029 or 2N4871.
- Q2 — Npn transistor, type 2016 or 2N3692.

- R1 — 220 ohm, 1/4 watt.
- R2 — 150 ohm, 1/4 watt. (May be needed.)
- R3 — 1200 ohm, 1/4 watt.
- R4 — 10,000 ohm, 1/4 watt. (Resistance value determines scanning rate.)

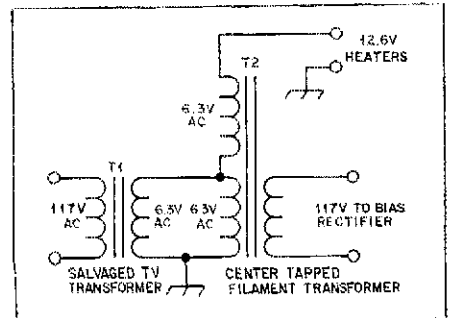
switch. Whenever a signal drops out, scanning is resumed. In that case, and if so desired, scanning may be halted by opening the squelch.

I'm excited about Phil's idea. Surely, other amateurs should give it a try. The cost, by the way, is just under \$5. — Robert W. Shoemaker, Jr., W9MTU

PINCH HITTING WITH TV TRANSFORMERS

Stuck for a source of bias and filament voltages? I was recently, when a project re-

quired 12.6 V ac for the heaters in addition to -100 V for bias. Lacking the appropriate transformers, I rigged up two, salvaged from old TV sets. One may see from the accompanying diagram that T1 is wired in the normal manner, but T2 is installed in reverse and is used partially as an autotransformer. The customary primary winding of T2 furnishes 115-V ac for the bias circuit, while the secondary handles both the input and filament voltages. This transformer should have a small current rating margin over operating current requirements. — Peter Gilson, WA2TSF



A USEFUL CLAMPING TOOL

For that third hand, obtain a surgical hemostat. It resembles a pair of scissors but is designed for clamping. Because this device has a snap lock, it is ideal for holding parts to be soldered or for retrieving nuts, bolts and washers. — Carl Nebelsky, WB1BPZ

IMPROVING THE HEATH HD-1250 CARRYING CASE

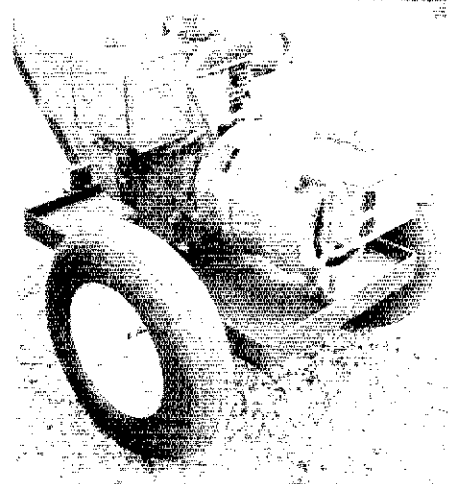
To prevent the foam in the Heath HD-1250 dip-meter carrying case from activating the on-off button, cut a one-inch-square piece from the pad in two places. This will protect the but-

ton regardless of the position of the meter. — Tom Lauderdale, WA6QQY

READY POWER WHEN YOU NEED IT

I've had a 3-kW generator for several years. It was always parked in an awkward spot in the garage. Putting the generator to use or moving it to another location was short of being an impossibility. With help from a welding shop, the generator is now mounted on a frame with 8-inch heavy-duty pneumatic tires on ball-bearing wheels as shown in the accompanying photograph. With an added tote handle this emergency power source may be moved around easily or put on our utility trailer for use anywhere. — Bud Norwood, WA4QGV

This 3-kW generator is moved about easily at WA4QGV now that it is mounted on a professional-appearing moveable frame.



NOISE REDUCTION FOR THE MOBILE YAESU FT-227R

The Yaesu FT-227R, when powered from the cigarette lighter circuit, may or may not be well endowed with noise, depending upon the make of car it is used in. My solution for the car with the noise problem is to install a physically small axial-lead 1000- μ F, 25-V capacitor from the 12-V input to the flange of the rf coaxial connector (PL-259) inside the Yaesu. This capacitor will flatten out most transients and transistorized ignition noise on both transmission and reception. Some of our good old American cars have a load of ignition noise appearing on the lighter circuit. — Jacques Beauchemin, VE2YC

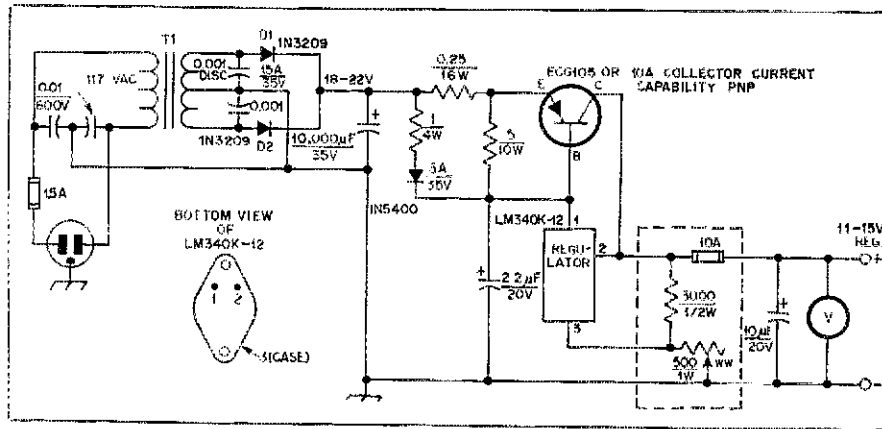
MODIFICATION OF THE UGLY DUCKLING

When I built the Ugly Duckling power supply described in QST for November, 1976, the regulated output delivered only 11.4 volts dc. That was lower than the 13.6 volts I had wanted to operate my fm transceiver. With the few changes I have described here, I was able to get from 11 to 15 volts output at 10 amperes with no heating.

Circuit modifications included increasing the filter capacitor to 10,000 μF and placing the no. 3 terminal of the regulator above ground potential by means of a 500-ohm, wire-wound, 1-watt potentiometer. A 3000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor was connected from the no. 3 to the no. 2 terminal of the regulator in order to place a positive voltage on the no. 3 (case) terminal. In order to eliminate all hum in the supply output, I used a common one-point ground.

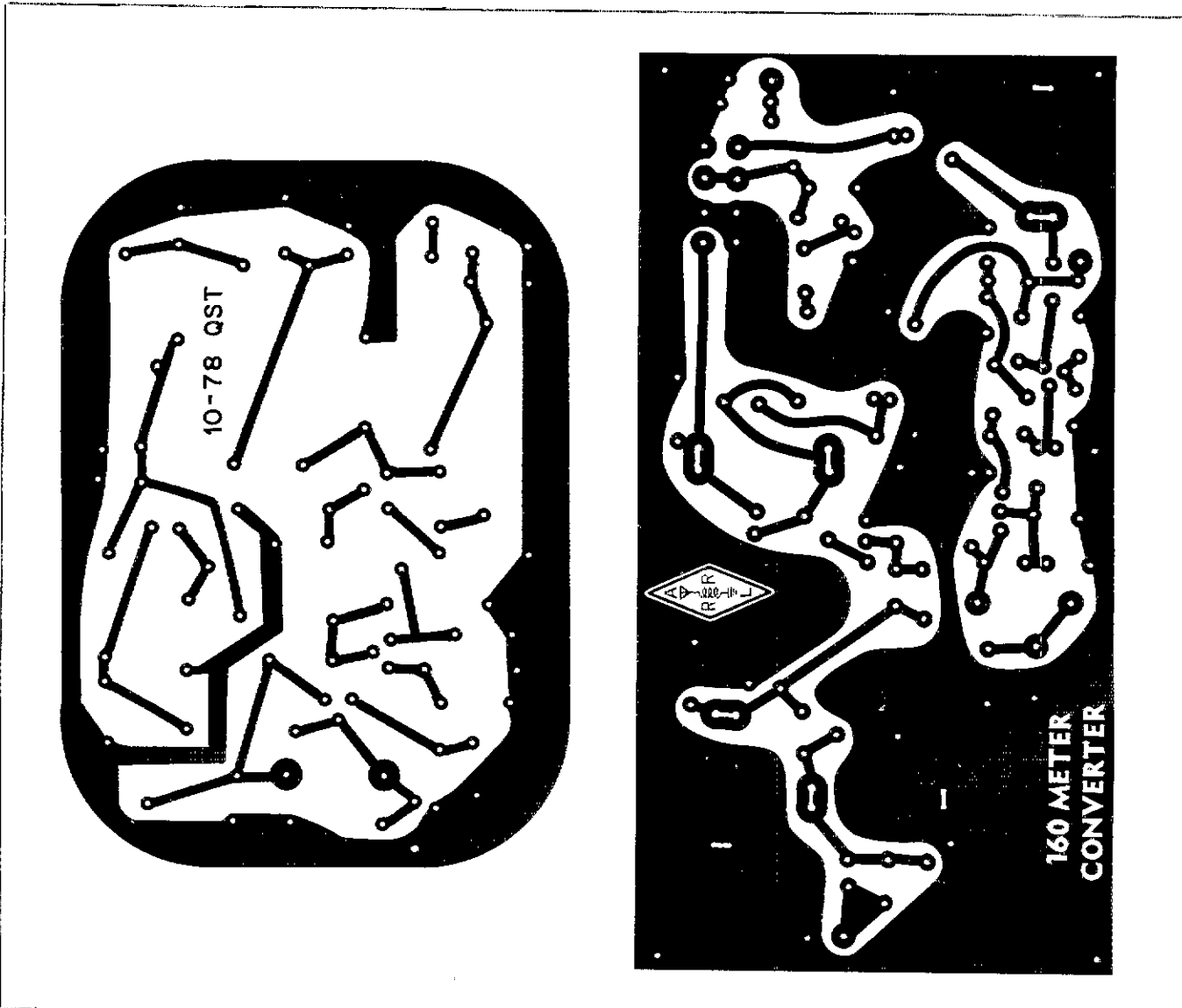
The pass transistor may be any pnp with a collector-current capability of 10 amperes or more. Regulators may be obtained from James Electronics, 1021 Howard Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070.

My 50-watt fm marine-radio transceiver has been working well with the modified Duckling. With the regulated supply providing 13.3 volts, the transceiver can draw 9.2 amperes with the key down and at less than 1/10-volt fluctuation. — H. R. "Pappy" Conley, W5UY



This modification by W5UY improves the voltage output of the Ugly Duckling power supply that was described in November 1976 QST. Details of rewinding an old TV transformer to furnish 18 volts across the secondary were presented in that article.

Circuit-board etching pattern for the Sardine Sender, left (see the parts layout in Fig. 3, page 16 of this issue). Black represents copper. The pattern is shown at actual size from the foil side of the circuit board. Right, pattern for the 160-meter converter (see Fig. 3, page 24 of this issue). The board is double sided, with one side etched to the pattern shown here (shown at actual size, black representing copper). The opposite side of the board may be unetched, with clearance holes drilled in the foil for component leads.



How Safe Is Your Ham Shack?

Part 3: Lightning, running amok, can ruin a whole day. Here's how to protect your shack, your gear and yourself by directing strokes into the ground.

By Bill Wilson,* VE3NR and James M. Morris,** K1UJ

Lightning is a problem faced by nearly every amateur operator. From time to time, QST publishes material describing how to protect your station, home and family from a disastrous lightning stroke. There is no absolute protective procedure which will prevent lightning damage, however. The amateur is encouraged to take every possible measure to assure proper grounding of antennas, masts and radio equipment.

Disconnecting antenna feed lines and rotor cables from equipment before a storm develops is a safety requirement. In fact, during the storm season, it is best to connect antennas only when the station is in actual operation. Probably one of the best ways to afford some lightning protection to equipment from a direct or secondary stroke is to disconnect the coaxial and control cables coming into the radio room and place them outside of the building. — W1XT

Nature's strike force, awesome as it is, normally doesn't worry most amateurs as they put up antennas. The reality hits when thunder rumbles and the sky darkens, only to be pierced by blazing flashes of lightning. Their power is immense. A typical discharge can be anywhere from 10 to 100 million volts at 1000 to 300,000 amperes, peaking in two microseconds and decaying to a 50-percent value in 40 μ s. Amateur antennas present a tempting target for lightning strokes, as they often soar above the highest trees and rooftops in an area.

Station Protection¹

Equipment is often connected to anten-

nas by coaxial cable which, unfortunately, represents a good solid conductor. Any protection, in effect, is a *filtering* process. Every ampere taken to earth through a *shunt* path is one less reaching the vulnerable equipment. The policy should be "shunt, then isolate." Virtually all antenna elements can be grounded by plumber's delight techniques or stubs. Remember that high broadcast antennas and professional communications stations are designed to survive direct strokes. Solidly bond the grounded portion of the antenna to the grounded support structure. Optimize the tower-to-ground link

until you run out of ideas or money. The rods should be copper-clad, at least 1/2-inch (13-mm) diameter and 10 feet (3 m) long. Bond the coaxial cable shield to the tower at the takeoff point.

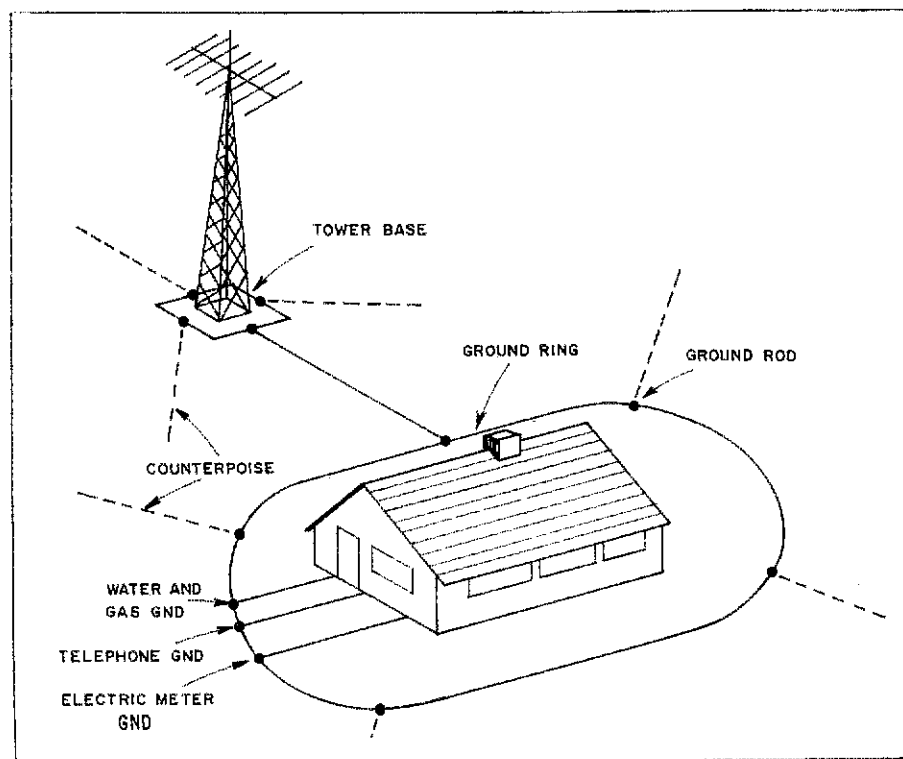
To *isolate* currents coming off the coax, bring it off the tower with the minimum permissible bending radius, introduce as many right-angle bends as possible, and wind it into a coil of several turns near the equipment cabinet entry. To deal with the surge that does reach the equipment, the cabinets should be effectively grounded with heavy-gauge leads such as no. 6 AWG. For a good path these earth leads should be short, fat and as straight as possible, in the clear, and not in conduits. Bring the coax alongside this earth lead, and bind them together.

Lightning Rods and Primary Conductors

Unfortunately, a grounded antenna system by itself will not sufficiently protect nearby structures. Rather it may become a lightning attractor that can induce *sideflashes* and *step voltages* into unprotected structures and persons.

In any lightning-protection system there are three unique features which distinguish it from the usual radio aerial configuration. Taking them from the top, literally, they are (1) the lightning rods (called "air terminals") and the primary conductors, (2) the grounds, and (3) the common linking by secondary conductors of all metallic objects in, on and around the dwelling.

Fig. 1 — A typical grounding arrangement for a ham shack and a free-standing metal tower. The dotted-line counterpoise conductors should be used where the driving of rods is impractical or for supplemental grounding where conditions indicate the need. The buried peripheral ground rings are uninsulated no. 2 AWG tinned, solid copper conductors.



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¹This section is based on A. K. Guthrie, "Lessening Lightning's Effects," *IEEE Newsletter of the Vehicular Technology Group*, July, 1975.

At least two paths should go to ground from all lightning rods, except those atop narrow structures such as the antenna support. For hams the most essential item to check is the primary or "down" conductor, which interlinks the lightning rods and feeds those circuits to ground. It should be braided out of no. 17 or larger wire, with a total cross-section area of about 59,500 circular mils (c.m.), equivalent to a cable between no. 2 and no. 3 AWG. If aluminum wire is used the strands should be no. 14 or larger and the cable should have 98,000 c.m. (no. 0 AWG). Other main-conductor material includes one-inch wide aluminum or copper tape, no. 12 or no. 14 AWG, respectively. Form gradual bends in at least an eight-inch (203-mm) radius, being careful not to make any "U" or "V" pockets. Remember that these are for hefty currents.

Suitable Grounds

All efforts should be undertaken to supply generous contact between earth and the antenna system. Rather than just have a low-resistance ground junction, one must first have a sufficient metal distribution in the earth (or on the surface if you are dealing with rock). Should the soil under the house be moist and a good conductor to a considerable depth, then simply extend each primary down conductor to one or two ground rods. They should be located about two to eight feet (0.6 to 2.4 m) from the building corner and driven to a 10-foot (3-m) depth.

Should the top soil be shallow, terminate each conductor into a tree-trunklike ground system. For clay, the system trunk should extend at least 12 feet (3.7 m), with several branches at least 10

feet long, all buried one or two feet down. If the shallow soil is sandy or gravelly, four or more of those branches should run out to at least 24 feet (7.3 m). Where possible use ground rods, though this may not be feasible in shallow soils.

On rock or very shallow soil (less than a foot) it is advised that the building be surrounded by a counterpoise ring of a main-size conductor laid in crevices or a shallow trench. Connect the down conductors to the ring. From that, extend radial conductors out at least 12 feet and connect them to copper plates of at least nine square feet (0.83 square meters) or to corrosion metal such as a car radiator, an old copper wash boiler, or similar materials buried in hollows or landfill. Very good ground connections can be made from metallic water supply pipes and well casings.

Do not solder connections. Clamps for at least 1-1/2 inches axially along the conductors, pipes, lightning rods, ground rods, and other metal objects are mandatory. See that all of the ground system is well buried, with the soil carefully tamped in place around the conductors and ground rods. Where the installation is on rock it is particularly important to have the crevices, hollows, ground plates and scrap metal carefully buried to protect and maximize contact with the rock.

Secondary Conductors for Other Metal Objects

Metallic objects which might be found in and around the building can be classified into two groups: bodies of inductance and bodies of conductance. No definite rule exists for determining which is which.

If the metallic object is likely to be charged at times with a potential opposite

that of the grounded system, it is considered to be a body of inductance. Generally, they can be found in the first story above ground, both inside and outside. Should a body of inductance be located within six feet (1.8 m) of the lightning conductor it may induce a flash across the gap. Therefore, connect each body of inductance to a main conductor with a secondary conductor not less than 20,000 c.m. (no. 7 AWG) in size.

Bodies of conductance are also inside and outside of structures, though usually higher up. Since they may conduct some of the current direct from a lightning stroke they must be grounded by main-size conductors.

A short article of this type cannot cover all aspects of lightning-protection systems. The references listed below include extensive information on installation requirements. But if this presentation has sharpened your interest in reducing the potential hazards in your ham shack, then it has served its purpose. □

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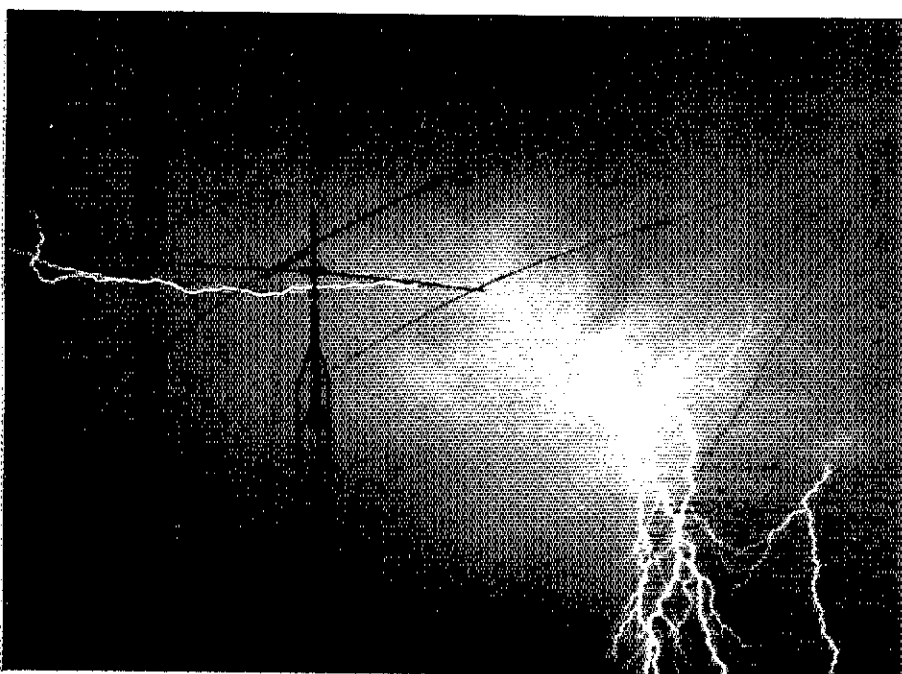
Heed the ARRL Safety Code

While there's no reason for you to be involved in a ham-related accident, that possibility always exists if you are not thinking safety. Following the ARRL Safety Code will make your ham experience more enjoyable. Read it, understand it, and practice it.

ARRL Safety Code

- 1) Kill all power circuits completely before touching anything behind the panel or inside the chassis or the enclosure.
- 2) Never allow anyone else to switch the power on and off for you while you're working on equipment.
- 3) Don't troubleshoot in a transmitter when you're tired or sleepy.
- 4) Never adjust internal components by hand. Use special care when checking energized circuits.
- 5) Avoid bodily contact with grounded metal (racks, radiators) or damp floors when working on the transmitter.
- 6) Never wear headphones while working on gear.
- 7) Follow the rule of keeping one hand in your pocket.
- 8) Instruct members of your household HOW to turn to power off, and HOW to apply artificial respiration. Instruction sheets on the latest approved method of resuscitation can be obtained from your local Red Cross office.
- 9) If you must climb a tower to adjust an antenna, use a safety harness. Never work alone.
- 10) If you must climb into a tree, or work on a roof, remember that you're not standing on the ground. That first step down can be a very long and painful one. Never work alone.
- 11) Develop your own safety technique. *Take time to be careful. Death is permanent.*

150,000 megawatts heading in the wrong direction. (WA6YVA photo)



A Different Kind of Courage

Amateurs with handicaps haven't allowed their lack of sight or mobility to prevent them from serving their neighbors and making friends around the world.

By Mark S. Starin,* WA1TZK

One of the ironies of Amateur Radio is never really knowing who you are talking to on the first contact. Unless you are using SSTV or ATV it is virtually impossible to determine personal characteristics other than perhaps a name and a station location. Perhaps the supreme irony is working someone who appears to be just "another ham down the street" until you invite the OM or YL to visit your shack.

When they politely refuse, you are surprised and a bit hurt, until you discover there is no way to transport that person's wheelchair to your QTH.

It might seem to most of us an impossible feat for a blind, deaf or paralyzed person to become a radio amateur. Yet there are hundreds of handicapped people active in our hobby. They demonstrate that, with determination and proper training, almost any physical disability can be overcome. *QST* visited nine handicapped hams who have surmounted their physical limitations. We invite you to share in their achievements.

Two Remarkable Women

Betsey and Barbara Lombardi (yes, they are twins) are remarkable women. Betsey, K1E1C, is an assistant professor of mathematics at Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, CT. Barb, K1E1R, is employed as a rehabilitation counselor in nearby New Haven. Both are Advanced class amateurs, recognized for their traffic handling abilities and their dedication to Amateur Radio. Both are also blind.

Their blindness does not prevent them from enjoying activities which many sighted people enjoy. At the Oak Hill School in Hartford, Betsey and Barb ran ham radio classes for 19 of their fellow students. Barb later became trustee of K1QCK, the club station at Oak Hill. Their enthusiasm has not waned in the years since first getting on the air.

Betsey is NM (Net Manager) for the Connecticut Phone Net, while her sister, the cw specialist of the pair, has been RM (Route Manager) and NM for the Connecticut Net since 1970. Betsey enjoys 75 and 20 meters; Barb hangs out on 80 meters. They check in regularly to the Nutmeg VHF Traffic Net looking for through messages or serving as NCS (net control station). Both are also members of the ARRL's A-1 Operator Club and have received many public service awards from ARRL for their efforts in disaster communications.

She Tries Harder

Gayle Sabonaitis, WA1OPN, lives with her mother in Worcester, MA, on the first floor of a three-family house. She is an Advanced class ham who is active on several 80-meter traffic nets. WA1OPN is a special person, not only because she is blind and deaf but because she is one of a

handful of radio amateurs in the world having both handicaps.

Although a nerve disorder prevents her from maintaining equilibrium, she still manages to negotiate the cellar stairs to her ham shack to operate. "Walking" for Gayle means going down those stairs on her hands and knees and then crossing the floor on her knees until she pulls herself into a chair in front of the table where her gear sits. The next challenge is communicating. Gayle uses only cw, which she copies by placing her left wrist on a transducer, a device that vibrates with each code character. With her right hand she operates a bug. Cw ops take note: Gayle does 20 wpm!

Communicating with Gayle "conversationally" is an experience in itself. A person speaking to her in person has two choices: allow Gayle to place her fingers on your lips and the side of your throat where she "feels" the vibrations from

Gayle Sabonaitis, WA1OPN, operating her station with her left hand resting on a transducer. (WB1ADL photo)



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Answering the Phone Is Not Always Easy

Amateur Radio operators have a long history of being at the right place at the right time. In Miami, local hams and electronics buffs solved a blind radio amateur's tricky problem.

"I met Jeff Wallis, WB4LGI, via amateur radio," said Ian Serdler, W4MRR, "and over a period of time became aware of his lack of sight." Jeff soon related a problem to his ham friend. It seems Jeff's job at the U.S. Customs Office in Miami calls for him to answer a conventional five-line telephone with flashing lights. How does a blind person accomplish such a task? Ian and some co-workers had a solution. "Due to phone company regulations," Ian explained, "we were unable to wire

anything directly to the phone. A group of us designed a cover for Jeff's phone that optically reads the lights and correspondingly raises a separate button to indicate the light activity. The system is set up so that when a line is ringing, the button in front of the light on the phone raises and lowers slowly. When a line is on hold, the button raises and lowers rapidly. If a line is in use, the button stays up, and when it is not in use the button remains down."

Ian acted as project engineer but others contributed as well. Len Klein, WB4YJG, designed the circuitry while Earl Dammann supplied components. Bob Erickson provided a phone cover. The actual fabrication of the phone and circuit wiring was performed by Cliff Bloom, WD4PLU, a technician at ETC Radio in Lauderhill, FL. He also scrounged the power



supply and interface cabinet. Total time spent on the project was six weeks from drawing board to working model. (photo courtesy of Florida Skip)

your vocal chords, or tap Morse code on her wrist. Despite these limitations, she understands most of what is said to her. Because she has the ability to speak, and her facilities for communication are adaptable to the outside world, Gayle has led an active life. She had sight until 18 months of age and did not lose her hearing until she was 15. As a result, she was able to sing in a choir, join Girl Scouts, and take piano lessons. Her interest in Amateur Radio began in 1968 when she wrote a term paper on radio communications while at the Perkins School for the Blind at Watertown, MA. First licensed as a Novice in 1971, Gayle upgraded to Advanced after special testing arrangements were coordinated with the FCC.

"Blindness Is No Detriment . . ."

Born without any handicap, Dick Eichhorn, WB0CPC is in a different category than most of the others. An active person with a family and a successful career, Dick apparently had everything going his way. His only problem was a

diabetes condition discovered during an Army physical in World War II.

Then, in 1975, Eichhorn's diabetes led to retinal hemorrhaging and total blindness within one year. Dick was determined not to let this disability limit his activities, however. He received mobility training and Braille instruction from the Minneapolis Society for the Blind. And he continued to work for the Northwestern Bank, transferring to the Multigraph Department as a machine operator.

During a session at Camp Courage in Golden Valley, MN, Eichhorn became hooked on ham radio. He first qualified for the Novice ticket and now holds a General class license. Today, he is very much involved with Handy-Hams and makes his main activity in Amateur Radio the PICONET (Public Interest, Convenience or Necessity Net), which meets from 0900 to 1700 local, daily on 3925 kHz. According to Dick, some 70 percent of the net's members are handicapped, and 20 to 25 percent of these have visual disabilities.

WB0CPC says, "Blindness is no detriment to being an Amateur Radio operator. If anyone is interested they should get in touch with Handy-Hams* and we will be glad to help them get started."

The Wizard of Wadena, MN

Leroy Ljungren, WB0WWW, is one of those hams you meet any day of the week over the airwaves. Except for limited travel in a wheelchair and a portable respirator, he has been confined to an iron lung since he was struck down by polio 25 years ago.

Ljungren uses a mouth stick to operate his Atlas 210X and rotate his beam. With the aid of VOX, he concentrates on phone, principally on 75 and 20 meters.

In 1975 Bruce Humphrys, K0HR, Courage Handy-Hams director, visited Leroy to talk to him about Amateur Radio for shut-ins. By early 1977, Leroy was licensed as WB0WWW, going from unlicensed to General class in one jump.

*3915 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley, MN 55422

Dick Eichhorn, WB0CPC, has spent much of his free time on the amateur bands since losing his eyesight several years ago.



Leroy Ljungren (right), WB0WWW, at the 1977 Camp Courage Radio Camp taking — and passing — his FCC Advanced test.

Presently holding an Advanced license, he will try for Extra on his next visit to Camp Courage, a summer camp for the handicapped in the Minneapolis area.

Copies the Blinking Code

Don Conover, WA6MJZ, is one of those handicapped amateurs who when faced with a difficult physical problem, plus a need to upgrade his code speed, attacked it in true amateur style. He simply designed an eyeglass-mounted blinker which enables him to use what little vision he has to copy the code. It works nicely at speeds approaching 17 wpm. In fact, it worked nicely enough to be featured in February 1978 *QST*. He credits his "Elmer," Chuck, W6MNO, with the idea of using an LED, but it was Don who engineered the project. Quite an effort for some one who is paralyzed, blind and deaf!

Conover was not always in such circumstances. Like Dick Eichhorn, WB0CPC, he lead a more or less normal life until April, 1974, when he suffered a stroke and became both blind and deaf. His physical problems date to 1943, when he was injured in a bomb explosion while stationed on New Guinea. Following treatment back in the States, Don had to use crutches in order to get around. Finally, in 1970, he could no longer walk, even with crutches, and was confined to a wheelchair.

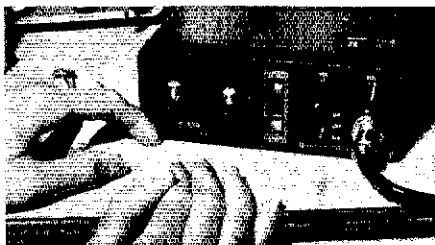
Licensed as a Technician class operator, Don is active on vhf, RTTY and the Novice bands. He is working hard to build up his code speed for the General class test. Back in the 1930s when Don first became interested in radio communications, he built a homebrew receiver and operated W9CEV as a third party, but other activities kept him from trying Amateur Radio seriously. His handicaps now give him plenty of time to experiment. "To my way of thinking, ham radio is the greatest hobby in the world," he says.

Canadians Win a Big One

Kay Clark, VE3KAY, of Caledonia, ON, was the 13th known deaf-blind radio amateur in the world to be licensed. Her licensing was the culmination of more than two years of joint efforts by the CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) and a group of Ontario hams.

In 1975, Mrs. Margaret Huston, VE3AIZ, long interested in deaf-blind people, discovered that several Americans with those handicaps were licensed hams. She contacted the CNIB about bringing the satisfaction of Amateur Radio to a Canadian with those handicaps. Mrs. Joan Mactavish of the CNIB suggested Kay, and work began to get her on the air.

Jim Swail, VE3KF, technical consultant at the CNIB (who is also blind) constructed a transducer for Kay to copy cw with. It also converted the sidetone from



Blind amateurs operate 2-meter fm as well as the low bands. Here is K1PQE's IC-230 with modified dials to help her locate various repeaters. (WB1ADL photo)

her code-practice oscillator to vibrations which Kay "read" whenever she practiced sending. In addition, he rigged a tape recorder to play back through the transducer, enabling Kay to use tapes for code practice. Theory instruction tapes were produced by Ralph Turner, VE3UY, with a different twist — the text was in Morse code. Bob LaRose, VE3EEK, a blind ham in Ottawa, made code-practice tapes for Kay. Soon Kay was copying the 15 wpm she needed to qualify for the Advanced Amateur license. In June, 1977, she passed her exams and received VE3KAY shortly afterward.

On November 20, 1977, Kay made her first contact. John Musselle, VE3FWC, transmitted in cw and Kay responded on voice. Ralph, VE3UY, was at her shack guiding her along.

The Handiest Ham Around

No article about the blind and handicapped is complete unless Bob Gunderson's story is included. No other ham deserves the title of "the patron saint of blind radio amateurs" more than W2JIO.

Gunderson is an old-timer in Amateur Radio circles. Blind from birth, he was first licensed as W2JIO in December, 1935. While he was still in high school, Bob began teaching Amateur Radio classes at the Institute for the Education of the Blind in New York City. The job became permanent in 1937 when he graduated from school; Bob continued to teach there until 1974. During WW II, Gunderson taught radio to U.S. Army Signal Corps students. He received General Electric's Edison Award in 1956 for his singular contributions to Amateur Radio.

Bob is an Amateur Extra Class licensee and works on his own equipment, paints his house, and replaces its electrical wiring as well. He has designed an adaptor for his Ham-M rotor control box along with audio tune-up meters for the blind. (K1EIR and K1EIC are still using their W2JIO tune-up meters built by Bob some 20 years ago.) Bob's wife Linda, K2LY, is also a very active ham.

Some Elmers are Handicapped, Too

Nearly all amateurs rely on the "Elmer" system to get them started. In

ARRL Services to the Handicapped

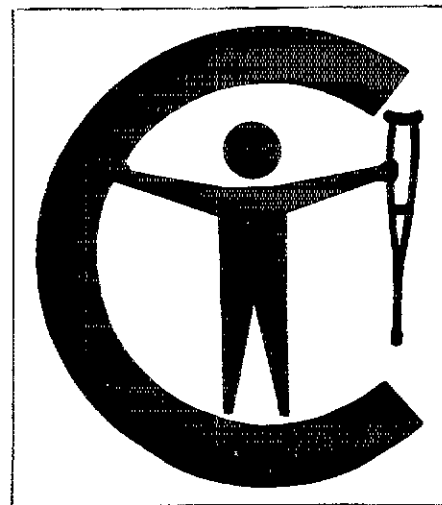
The ARRL will provide, upon request, a Blind and Handicapped Information Kit. This includes a list of regional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, a listing of Braille and taped study guides for Amateur Radio, sources of special equipment, and other radio-related information of interest to handicapped people. A brochure for the Courage Handi-Ham system, a nationwide organization for hams with handicaps, is also included in the kit. A no. 10 self-addressed, stamped (28 cents) envelope will facilitate handling of each request. — WB1FAU

the case of Suzy Oswell, K1PQE, two of her "Elmers" are featured in this article! She also had assistance from Dr. Andrew Peterson, W1ZJJ, now a Silent Key. With that kind of high-powered help, small wonder blindness was no stumbling block to her advancement in Amateur Radio.

Suzy is a native of Newington, CT, who graduated from the Oak Hill School for the Blind and came under the tutelage of Betsey and Barbara Lombardi, K1EIC and K1EIR. She was first licensed as KN1PQE in 1960 at the age of 15. In 1963, she received her Conditional and in 1970 the General class license. Special arrangements with the FCC in Boston allowed her to take — and pass — the Advanced in 1975. Suzy is very active on 75-meter phone, principally the Texas Tower Net, where she acts as NCS every Friday at 1230 local time. She finds time for 2-meter fm and 80-meter cw as well.

Her other interests include reading, sports (baseball and hockey are Suzy's favorites) and knitting. She lives at home with her mother, with whom she travels a great deal on vacations. □

The Chinese saying, "One picture is worth a thousand words," is the spirit embodied in the Courage Center symbol. It is the letter "C," inside of which a figure is represented. The figure's outstretched arms hold a crutch in the left hand and nothing in the right. There can be no better way to convey the message of Handi-Hams: "Handi-Ham Radio knows no barriers."

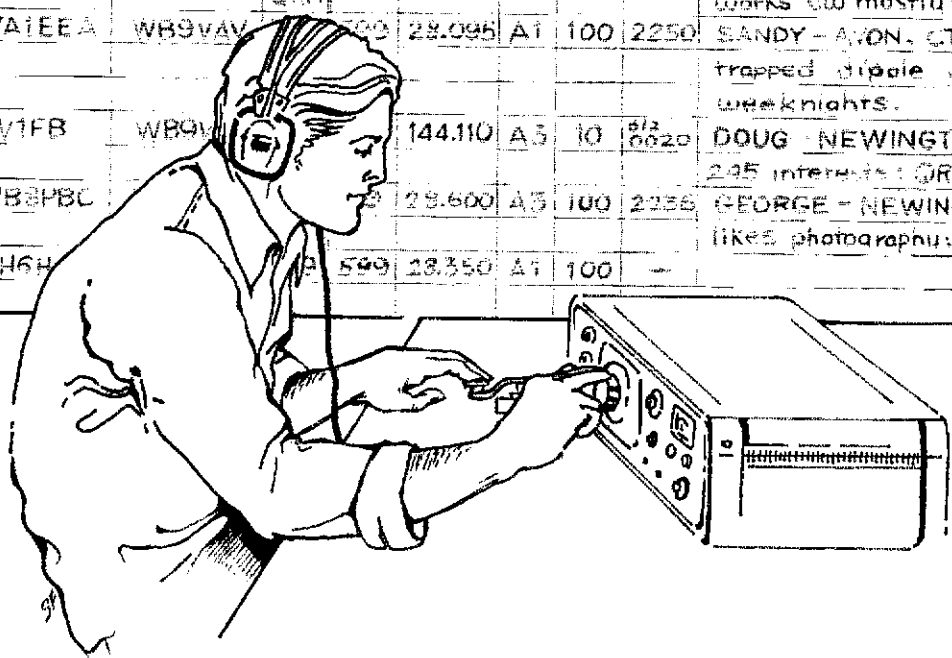


You and Your Log

Basic Amateur Radio: It can be the most valuable piece of equipment in your ham shack. It can defend you, protect you, amuse you, remind you, and keep you out of trouble.

By Jim Bartlett,* K1TX

TIME	STATION	CALLER	MY SIGNAL	BY SIGNAL	FREQ.	MODE	POWER	TIME OF	OTHER DATA	NAME	QSL	QRP
10/1 2215	WB4V ILJ	W8SVAV	579	580	14.060	A1	100	2230	JOHN - KOKOMO, IN TC-520		X	X
			QRM						works SW mostly; nice fist.			
2035	W4EEA	W89VAV			28.095	A1	100	2250	SANDY - AVON, CT using		X	X
									trapped dipole on FTTY 3600			
									weeknights.			
2255	W1FB	W89VAV			144.110	A3	10	012 0020	DOUG - NEWINGTON CT 100m			
									245 interests: QRP, SW, 160 meters			
10/2 2210	W89PBC				28.600	A3	100	2235	GEORGE - NEWINGTON HW-101			
									likes photographs; old cars, YL's			
10/21/78	KH6H			599	28.350	A1	100					



The value of your log as a record of station activities is undeniable, but have you ever considered how it can defend you against unwarranted TVI complaints? How it can help you keep track of your gear as you purchase or build it? How it can protect you from bootleggers? How it can serve as a record of your milestones: first contact, first DX, that 50th state, DXCC? How it can help you duplicate the antenna you used to work through OSCAR 6? Your amateur station log can be a valuable record of performance.

Recently, as part of its deregulatory program, the FCC reduced the amount of information to be kept in the station log. What was previously a comprehensive account of station activities has now been boiled down to essentials. This effort by the Commission to simplify the amateur's bookkeeping, as well as its own, is to be admired. However, you will not be

penalized for entering more than the legal logging requirements. Fig. 1 is an example of a well-planned log layout containing several entries.

FCC Logging Requirements

Basically, the current FCC regulations require logging only the operator's signature, call sign, station location and dates upon which operation at that location was initiated and terminated. Station logs are required to be preserved for one year. If another person operates your station, the time and date of that operation must be in the log along with the operator's signature. You also have to keep a record of all third-party messages sent through your station.

Writing It Down

Keeping an accurate log has many ad-

vantages. It gives you a record of all stations contacted: the frequencies, dates, times and types of equipment. It also gives you information about the other stations' operators: their names, addresses, hobbies, favorite modes of operation and more. All of this can come in handy if a second contact is made with the same station. The log also tells you if you received or sent a QSL card after each QSO.

Other information that can be kept in the log includes an up-to-date record of circuit diagrams, service dates, serial numbers and modifications made on station equipment. You know how irritating it is to run into trouble with your rig and not be able to find the schematic diagram. This can be avoided if diagrams of homemade equipment are kept as part of the log. They can be drawn on the back of the log pages or on separate sheets of paper stapled into the log. More equipment-related data could be entered such as purchase date, price, and the

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seller's name and address or the buyer's name and address when you sell equipment.

Antenna Notes Are Helpful

Many amateurs constantly experiment with antenna designs, especially if they are stuck with relatively inefficient apartment-type antennas. These arrays and the data regarding their effectiveness can all be recorded in the log book. When a new antenna is erected at your QTH, your log can show such information as the design parameters, feed line used, height above ground, polarization and any difficulties encountered in getting the system to perform. Other antenna notes might include field patterns, matching problems, and standing-wave-ratio information.

Good Logs Help Win Awards

Many new hams set their sights on an ARRL Worked-All-States award. The log can be indispensable when it comes time to check for accumulated states. In fact, some amateurs make it a habit to specifically mark a QSO when it represents a new state for the band, or mode of operation. Each state can be marked with an "X" and even color-coded by band so that they can be easily identified later on. Phone contacts can be marked differently than cw QSOs, and special modes such as RTTY or slow-scan TV might be indexed separately.

Keeping Track of Date and Time

There are a number of ways to enter the time of a contact in the log: local time with standard A.M. and P.M. designations, the 2400 (military) system in local time, or Universal Coordinated Time (UTC). UTC is the modern term for Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) using the 2400 format. Most hams prefer the UTC system, as it is recognized around the world.

One thing must be noted when using

UTC: the change of date prior to midnight local time. This can be confusing when comparing times and dates on QSL cards with those entered in the log. Midnight UTC is from four to 10 hours earlier than local midnight in the U.S., depending on daylight savings time and the geographical location of the station. This means that if you are operating at 10 P.M. local time on August 20, you are actually somewhere between 0200 and 0800 UTC *the next day*. Thus the log would read August 21 if the time were being logged in UTC.

Visitors Please Sign In

When visitors come to your station, their names and calls can be entered in the log. This is not required unless they serve as control operators, but it is nice to have a record of all visitors. Even nonhams can be logged as visitors. In fact, they are required to be listed if they send with your key or talk in the mic. This third-party traffic notation is required by the FCC, even when you operate mobile.

A Problem Solver

Your log can also help when you are faced with TVI or RFI complaints from your neighbors. Unfortunately, TVI can be like an obsession for some people, almost to the point where it can be induced by the sight of a new antenna in the neighborhood.

One ham recently installed a new set of dipoles on the roof of his apartment building. Within a few days, his wife received numerous complaints from neighbors stating that her husband was really "tearing up the TVs." Fortunately, he had the foresight to leave the antennas disconnected for a while after the installation to check for this type of "TVI." After he demonstrated to his neighbors that the antennas had not been hooked up yet and that there were no recent entries in his log, they forgot their interference

problems.

This is not to say that genuine interference does not occur in many cases. Here again the log can be of assistance. If your neighbors experienced TVI every night you operated your low-band rig, a simple check of the log would show whether you had been on the air, and on what band when the interference was occurring. But remember, you must enter the information in your log regularly for it to be helpful in interference problem solving.

"Bootleggers" Look Out

An increasing amount of illegal activity on the hf bands by nonhams is another problem we face. A well-kept log can help here, also. If someone "bootlegs" your call and you receive a notice of violation, or QSL cards start rolling in from QSOs you never had, log entries can be a lifesaver! Unless you sit on one frequency all the time, it would be practically impossible to recall what band, frequency, time and emission type pertained to each QSO. Again, consistent use of the log is necessary if you expect it to be a meaningful reference. Murphy's Law states that the one QSO you forget to log will be the one you'll need to check back on.

There are probably many other things you will want to log as you progress in Amateur Radio, but the most important thing is to start keeping your record of progress and performance. Once you form the habit of keeping your records and notes in the log book, you'll be preserving all the information that is important to you (especially important if you get a "QSL" from the FCC). Just think of your ham log as a diary of all your activities in Amateur Radio. As the years go by, you'll get a lot of satisfaction from reviewing your old notes. Who knows? Maybe someday you'll be famous and your signed log might be worth the price of a new rig!

Fig. 1 — A typical log format. Note that several entries have been made, but that extra lines have been used for additional information. Don't hold yourself to only one line per QSO — use extra lines when necessary.

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Hams "Five by Nine" with WARC Comments

Hundreds of amateur filings with FCC leave no doubt where we stand on 3950-4000 kHz, other issues.

By David Sumner,* K1ZZ

If anyone thought that amateurs would quietly and meekly accept a proposed narrowing of the 75-meter band to accommodate International Broadcasting, that notion was dispelled by the massive reaction to the Commission's Eighth Notice of Inquiry in Docket 20271.¹ Approximately 300 sets of comments filed by individual amateurs, clubs and nonamateur organizations supporting our position, arrived at the Commission's offices before the July 14 deadline.² Amateur comments far outnumbered those submitted by all others in this proceeding, whose purpose is to permit public participation in the development of the U.S. position for the 1979 ITU World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC). Many of the amateur filings represented clubs rather than individuals, and quite a few bore multiple signatures; thus, the level of amateur participation was much higher than the number of filings might indicate. Not only were the comments numerous, but generally they were of high quality as well, providing persuasive documentation of the vital public services being performed by amateurs in the 3950- to 4000-kHz band and elsewhere in the spectrum.

Why all the fuss? Quite simply, because the 1979 WARC will be the first time in two decades that the all-important international Table of Frequency Allocations will be subjected to top-to-bottom scrutiny and possible revision. Late next year, the nations of the world will decide in Geneva how the radio spectrum will be apportioned for the remainder of this century. In telecommunications matters, the U.S. still has an influence which greatly surpasses its single vote out of 154; therefore, the position the U.S. carries to Geneva is crucial to the continued well-being of the Amateur Radio Service.

During the past two years, the FCC has released three versions of a draft Table of Frequency Allocations to show how the

present Table might be modified to better serve U.S. telecommunications interests. Each succeeding version reflected a greater degree of coordination between government and nongovernment interests. How each version affected the Amateur Radio Service was reported in *QST* as soon as it was released, and in time for responses to be submitted to the Commission. Arguments presented by the League, by the Commission's own Advisory Committee for Amateur Radio (ACAR), and by individual amateurs and clubs helped convince the Commission to make each succeeding version of the draft Table somewhat more favorable to the Amateur Radio Service, though none has fully met the requirements for new high-frequency allocations which were documented in a 1976 ACAR report.³ The third version, summarized in June *QST*, represented an important breakthrough for Amateur Radio: For the first time, the FCC was proposing new amateur bands at 10 and 18 MHz to accommodate present and future growth and to bridge the gaps between the present 7, 14 and 21-MHz bands. Unfortunately, at the same time the Commission proposed cuts at 1.8 and 3.5 MHz in favor of Broadcasting.

The League's Response

From the earliest domestic preparations for WARC, it was apparent that there would be pressure to expand the allocations to the Broadcasting Service at the expense of others. If new outlets for local broadcasting are needed, the League's comments noted, they can be provided in several ways within the present allocations and without reducing the 160-meter amateur band. Changing the decades-old channel spacing from 10 kHz to 9 kHz would provide 12 more channels; to 8 kHz, possibly in conjunction with compatible single-sideband emission, 27 more. In the FM Broadcasting Band, the present specifications for channel spacing and deviation date to the era of vacuum-tube receivers with poor selectivity and stability; today, spacing could be reduced

substantially by reducing the occupied bandwidth of an FM Broadcasting station to something less than its present 180 kHz.

Finally, the League's filing argues, the public would be poorly served by an expansion of the A-M Broadcast Band. We said:

Hundreds of millions of broadcast receivers are already in existence which tune only from 535 to 1605 kHz, with some slight overlap at each end of the dial. Any new station on another frequency would be at a severe competitive disadvantage for decades, and its listeners would have to bear the economic burden of purchasing new receivers or modifying existing ones. In addition, the frequencies in question have poor groundwave coverage as compared with the frequencies at the lower end of the A-M Broadcast Band, and are subject to severe skywave interference in the late afternoon, night and early morning hours. Co-channel interference and severe phase distortion are common occurrences at the high end of the A-M Broadcast Band, and would be even more severe in the extended band.

The League also disagreed strongly with the contention that the Commission's proposal, of 40 kHz for amateurs on an exclusive basis and 100 kHz on a shared basis, was an improvement over the present situation at 1.8 MHz.

With respect to 3950-4000 kHz, the League argued that the requirements of International Broadcasting were minimal, and that continued availability of the band was vital to the public-service capability of the Amateur Service. In this, we were supported by comments submitted by civil preparedness and Red Cross officials. We said:

It has already been demonstrated, above, that the Commission's proposals in the Eighth Notice do not constitute an improvement with respect to 1.8 MHz, and it is unrealistic to expect that any amateur communications now conducted at 3.5 MHz could be shifted to that band. . . . Similarly, while the Commission is hopeful that its proposals at 7 MHz will result in an improvement for the Amateur Service in that band, which is today much abused by the International Broadcasting Service, there is no guarantee whatsoever that this improvement will in fact come to pass. . . . As the represen-

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¹Notes appear on page 47.

tative of the Amateur Radio Service in this country, the League cannot accept the argument that amateurs should be expected to "trade" a portion of the heavily occupied 3500- to 4000-kHz band for a hypothetical improvement of status in another portion of the spectrum. Even if a guarantee of improved status at 7 MHz could be made, the two bands serve entirely different communications purposes for U.S. amateurs.

The League's comments then detailed the high level of amateur activity in the 75-meter phone band, concluding that the occupancy exceeded 40 stations per 3-kHz channel during the hours of peak activity. We continued:

The importance of the communications conducted by amateurs in this band should not be underestimated. The band supports the vast majority of public-service amateur communication of other than a strictly local nature. The message-handling networks which meet here regularly are designed to develop and improve skills which are invaluable under emergency conditions. In addition, because of the interference level encountered at 7 MHz, the band must also support much of the long-distance (DX) communication which takes place during the hours of darkness.

With the expected growth of the Amateur Service during the remainder of this century, it is clear that the Service cannot afford to lose 50 kHz of its heavily utilized 3500- to 4000-kHz allocation. It is respectfully submitted that the public interest would best be served by maintaining this allocation in its entirety.

Who Listens to Shortwave Broadcasting?

One of the least efficient users of the hf spectrum is International Broadcasting. This service still uses double-sideband a-m emission; transmits the same program on several frequencies in the same band, often to the same target area; and operates with seemingly unlimited power. Yet, a very basic question is seldom answered, or even asked, by broadcasters: Who is listening? Think of the people you know. How many of them use shortwave broadcasting as a source of news or entertainment? Unless you know an SWL hobbyist who collects QSL cards and who probably cares very little about the program content of the stations he is listening to, chances are that you know very, very few people who pay any attention at all to these high-powered broadcasts. In their travels to dozens of countries on all continents, the members of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) headquarters team have asked the question time and again, and generally have received the same answer: Even in the remote corners of the world, the regular audience for shortwave broadcasting is vanishingly small. Yet, the greatest demands for more spectrum between 3 and 30 MHz are coming from the broadcasters.

Broadcasters often speak in terms of "hundreds of millions" of listeners, and use questionable statistical techniques to bolster this claim. Last year, the League

commissioned SRI International (formerly the Stanford Research Institute) to study the available reports on the size and composition of the shortwave broadcasting audience and prospects for future growth. The 40-page SRI report, which was included as an appendix to the League's filing concluded: "Reduced to a single comprehensive statement, this study clearly shows that any demands made by hf broadcasters for increased spectrum *due to increased audience demand* simply cannot be supported by the information now available."

New Bands

Referring to the proposals for new and expanded hf amateur bands, the League noted that amateurs in Region 2 may operate in 1100 kHz between 4 and 27.5 MHz, or 4.68 percent of the available spectrum. The proposed expansions would bring this to 6.17 percent, if the Executive Branch will agree to two 50-kHz segments at 6.95-7.00 and 20.95-21.00 MHz, and to only 5.74 percent otherwise. Yet, the worldwide amateur population today is 30 times the size it was in 1927, and the hf allocations have remained essentially the same. The League's filing reviewed in detail the allocations in the vicinity of 10 and 18 MHz, concluding that the Fixed Service retains extremely generous allocations here which could be further reduced without harmful effect. Another 200 kHz could be made available to the Amateur Radio Service at 18 MHz on an exclusive basis; another 200 kHz at 10 MHz on at least a shared basis; and the 100-kHz expansion of the 14-MHz band, as originally proposed, could be restored.

Other Issues

The League's filing dealt with a number of other issues which were raised in the Eighth Notice of Inquiry. Several amateurs submitted extensive documentation of the desirability of a low-frequency amateur allocation with a relatively low power limit in order to provide for amateur experimentation in this part of the spectrum. The League supported these submissions, pointing out in reply comments that the interference potential of such amateur signals was being greatly exaggerated by the electric utilities who use this part of the spectrum for unlicensed Power Line Carrier Systems. Two filings insisted that possible interference was just as serious a problem from amateurs as from 50-kW broadcast stations. However, the difference in radiated power between the two services would be about 60 dB, which would place the amateur signal at about the same signal level as a *spurious* emission from a broadcast station!

At uhf, two issues needed to be addressed: continued access to 1215-1240 MHz, which is to be occupied by a military Radionavigation-Satellite system, and additional bands for the Amateur-

Satellite Service. Information available to the League suggests that the system in question would not be susceptible to interference from amateur signals; indeed, it could not be susceptible and still accomplish its mission in the face of possible enemy jamming. In defining the future frequency requirements for amateur satellites, the League pointed out that congestion already exists in the present allocations, and that, in view of the projected growth of the Amateur Radio Service, much of the long-distance communications requirements of the service would have to be transferred to satellite circuits in the future.

The Commission proposed that narrow segments of each band be designated for use only for communications to and from a disaster area, in the event of a natural disaster. After studying the proposal, the League concluded that it would be difficult to implement in practice, would not enhance amateurs' ability to provide disaster communication, and was unnecessary.

What's Next?

The Commission's WARC preparations have come a long way since they began in earnest more than three years ago, but there is still some distance to go, and time is running out: The U.S. proposals must be submitted to the ITU for distribution by January. There has been some suggestion that the Commission might release another Notice of Inquiry of the same general type, soliciting one final round of public comment on another revision of the draft Table of Frequency Allocations. Whether it is physically possible for the Commission's beleaguered staff to accomplish this, and whether there is information to be presented which is not already contained in the 17 volumes of comments filed to date, is another matter. The next three months are likely to see frantic attempts to resolve the differences which remain between the dozens of competing interests, with little opportunity for formal public comment. Whether or not another round of comments needs to be made, the nation's amateurs can take great pride and satisfaction from the public record of their participation in this vital WARC proceeding. □

Notes

¹Sunner, "Last Call for Comments on FCC WARC Proposals," June 1978 QST, page 52.

²The original deadline of June 30 was extended by two weeks.

³For background on how we got to where we are today, see the articles listed in the QST Index (December issue) for 1976 and 1977 under "World Administrative Radio Conference." Or send an s.a.s.e. with 41 cents in stamps attached (first class) to ARRL Hq., Newington, CT 06111. We'll send you a "WARC Kit" which consists of reprints of these articles.

Sweepstakes for the Little Guy

Have fun in the big November bash with a barefoot transceiver and a dipole.

By Jim Price,* K6ZH, ex-WB6DPV

Do you know what your station can do? How sharp are your operating skills? Need some rare states for WAS? How far can you go on 5 watts?

The Sweepstakes is an excellent time to get the answers to those questions and more. The big guys will be going all out, blowing their minds to run up killer scores. But this article is written for the little guys. What's in it for them?

First off, Sweepstakes is a tremendous resource toward getting several awards. For people pursuing the Worked All States award, especially 5BWAS, what more could you ask? Any significant participation in SS will net at least 45 states. Also, SS includes the friendly neighbor Canadians, and many credits toward Worked All VE (WAVE) and Worked All Canada (WACAN) can be gleaned from a vigorous participation in SS.

Another really neat benefit from SS is county hunting. It often seems that everybody is in Los Angeles or Dallas, but a trip through the *callbook* after an SS will surprise you — lots of people live in little towns in little counties, too! And finally in the award department is the ever-present opportunity to walk off with a section award in SS itself. Now that separate awards exist for low and high power in each section, the little guy has a better shot at it. And besides, the big guys don't show up *every* year. So, SS can help all participants, including the little guy, gather in some wall decorations.

Goodies on Trial

Sweepstakes is an excellent trial for any goodies you may have added to your station in the past year. For example, I built a little switch box for my TR-3 which enables me to use stereo headphones and get sound into both ears. The really neat feature is that I can hear both my receiver and my keyer in the phones, and I can switch it to hear my keyer in one ear the the receiver in the other. I like it for contest use. SS is an excellent test of audio

filters, too — any QRM stoppers are indeed welcome! If you've got some new antennas up, you'll know if they're working when you dive into SS. So, if you've made improvements to your station, SS will help you decide if they're doing the job.

Many station performance measures will show up in SS. Can your gear operate for many hours at a stretch? Are you getting out well? Is high SWR in the phone band on 75 hurting your score? Do you have trouble working to the north while easily working to the west?

Contest Clubs

SS is one of several contests that offers the fun of club competition. If you live in an area covered by one of the active contest clubs, it's really exciting to operate SS side-by-side with a lot of your local buddies instead of operating in competition with someone else in your section that you don't even know. Every 1000 points helps your club. A few years ago, when I was living in Virginia, my single entry in the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) total was enough to beat Murphy's Marauders (sorry about that). It was as close as 80k out of 8 million! Now that's satisfaction!

You say you'd like to try a little DX-pedition for SS? Well, there are pros and cons. SS is seemingly a good opportunity for a Field Day type operation to Vermont, Wyoming or some such. But, the ultimate test of SS success is your signal, not your location. If you happen to have both, then you're in fat city (e.g., K7NHV or W0SD). But even if you're in a rare section, if they can't hear you, they can't work you.

Be a Guest

Now guest operating is another thing. If your station just can't quite cut it in contests, or if you know someone in Rhode Island who isn't much of a contester, but does have a very nice setup, use someone else's station in SS! It's good to practice for a few evenings at an unfamiliar station prior to contest operation, but once



WA2HLP takes advantage of Sweepstakes to see what his new rig can do. (WA2EUP photo)

you've done that, you're set — you really can test your true operating skills once most of the hardware limitations are out of the way. By the way, you can still qualify for SS awards as a guest operator.

Operating skills, in conjunction with your station performance, are really the ultimate test of the Sweepstakes. You've just got to dive in there and work them. One of the nicest benefits that SS offers is a year-by-year check of your station and operating abilities. Operating skills don't just happen — you work at it. If you're just starting into SS, make it a point to keep track of your scores and rates for the next few years (see Fig. 1).

Some Preparatory Hints

Order your log sheets, dupe sheets, and summary sheets from ARRL well in advance of SS, and make sure you understand how to use them. Be sure your gear is operating well. The last thing you want is to be bothered with a shorted headphone cable, a bad mic cable, and the like. You may have some, as the utilities say, unscheduled outages of your own anyway. Make sure you know how to zero beat the station you're calling on cw, especially if you're using a transceiver. With all the 500-Hz (or less) receiving filters around these days, many people simply won't hear you if you call too far off frequency. Finally, look over previous years' SS results in those same old *QSTs*. You can see what the competition has been in your section, and you can get a feel for what a good score is. Be sure to note both the high- and low-power scores.

Now you're ready — it's 2100Z on Saturday, the first day of the big contest, and the horses are at the gate. Final tune-ups and "hhheeeellllllloooooos" can be heard all over the band. You've got your mic or key ready. Log sheets and sharpened pencils are at hand, and dupe sheets are nearby. 3-2-1, and the band comes alive! Not to panic — here's where strategy comes to the fore!

What band should you be on? In the East, 40 is *the* band in SS. You just never

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Guest operator WD5EEF gets ready to take over as WD5GXO logs another SS contact.



WA4IAR makes his SS contribution to the Southeastern DX Club score.



WA3TBW fires up rig and wood stove to work the Sweepstakes under Field Day conditions.

seem to run out of 1s, 2s, 3s and 4s on Saturday afternoon, and you can work everyone else on 40 all night! Then move to 20 or 15 Sunday morning (unless you're still doing well on 40). Out West, 40 is of little use until Saturday night — there just aren't many people in 6 and 7 land percentage wise! So, 15, if it's open or 20, unfortunately, are the best starting points. I say unfortunately since 20 is like playing the Vikings — it's never easy! Twenty gets better as Saturday wears on, and by the time it's thinning out, 40 is going well. Be sure to get down to 40 early enough to work the sections close to you. When the long skip sets in about sunset on both 40 and 80, you may not even be able to work your own section unless you call up a neighbor! Stay on 40, or go to 75 or 80 meters until early Sunday morning. Then stay on 20 or 15 for the duration.

Plan for Working SS

Believe it or not, there is a plan for working stations in SS. Start at the low end of the frequency bands you can operate, and gradually move up the band. Work the easy (loud) ones, and as soon as you've worked someone, move up just a smidge to a clear spot and call CQ SS. If you get no answer in a couple of tries, keep moving up the band, working the easy ones, calling CQ. Now if you start getting consistent answers to your CQs, then stay there and "run" QSOs for as long as you can. Running stations is obviously how high rates happen.

Running stations is nice, but it doesn't last forever, especially for the little guy. So, keep moving up the band until you reach the top of the activity. Then — start over at the bottom. If you're adept at it, you can still make 30 or 40 QSOs an hour for the whole contest just by calling.

If your cw speed is a bit on the low side, or if SS just sounds a bit forbidding, go up to the top of the activity (e.g., 14,070-14,100, 7075-7100) or to the Novice bands. There are still lots of folks to contact, and things are a bit less hectic.

Which should you go after — sections

or QSOs? There's no formula exactly, but sections are important. How important? Consider that your rate is 30 QSOs per hour, you have 400 QSOs and 65 sections, and then, there he is — Wyoming. He's working a fair-sized pileup, and he's not very strong. Right now you've got 52k points. You can afford to wait as long as 20 minutes to work this guy and still do better scorewise than working regular stations at your established rate. The higher your rate, or the less contacts or sections you have, the less time you can afford to wait to work another multiplier. In general, don't go out searching for sections. But don't pass up opportunities either!

Keep Track of Your Sections

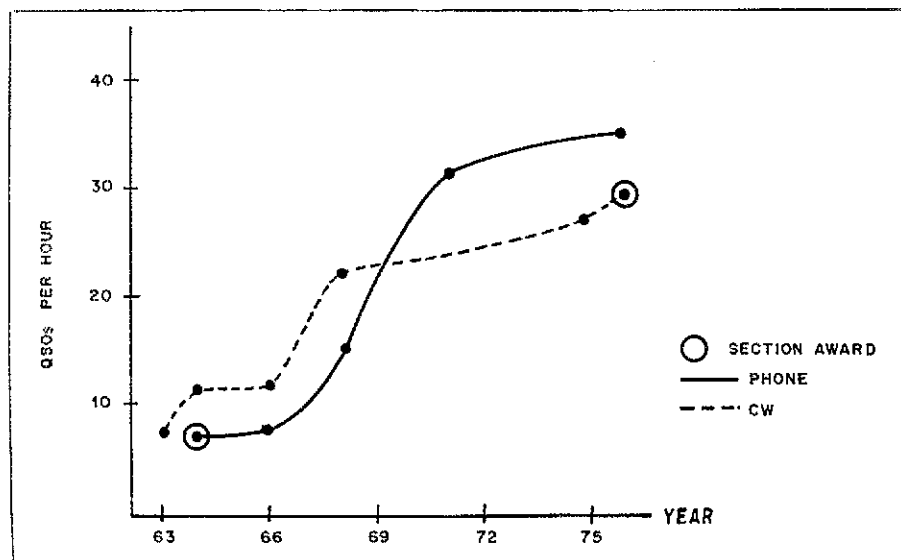
Speaking of sections, keep track of the ones you've worked on the SS summary sheet (or elsewhere). A few hours into SS you won't remember all the sections you've worked, and it can lead to some embarrassment. One year, I almost didn't work Western Pennsylvania because I had

it crossed off "in my mind" and didn't seek it out. Also, for the same reason, keep your dupe sheet up to date. Duping a log when SS is over is a terrible job anyway, and lots of dupes make it that much worse. It also avoids the "gee, I don't think we've worked before. . ." type of SS QSO.

SS really has a "bug" all its own — every QSO is a little victory in itself, and you never know when a VE8 will call you (it does happen — honest!). SS is an excellent way to work toward several awards, to test your station performance and any new gadgets you've added, and mostly to test your ability as an operator. When the chips are down in an emergency, it's your ability to use your gear that's going to pay off. You need to know just what you and your station can do!

So jump in there this year when you hear CQ SS. There are lots of big guys and little guys who'd love to work you — every QSO counts. By the way, if you hear me on, give me a shout — I'm a little guy and I need all the help I can get!

Fig. 1 — The Sweepstakes offers an excellent check of your station and operating abilities. Make it a point to keep track of your year-by-year scores and rates.



Try a Hamfest Code Contest

Witness the past. At your next ham gathering, you can intrigue and capture spectators and hams alike with the rhythmic beat of Morse code as it has always been known.

By Joe Rice,* W4RHZ

Don't let anyone kid you by saying that cw is old-fashioned and dying out. This is simply not so! Just check out the many people who gather around code contests at hamfests and let everything else go. They know the inseparable romance between radio and the code, the definite fascination for listening to it.

It's one thing to look through glass at a Morse sounder, but quite another to see and hear one in operation.

Witness the demonstration at the Northern Kentucky Ham O'Rama. On display was a real-life working model of Samuel F. B. Morse's code machine, semaphore, wig-wag and blinking lights. It's one thing to look through glass at a Morse sounder, but quite another to see and hear one in operation. The two veteran operators at the display, Al Phelps and Harry Moorman, had worked all their adult lives at either sending or copying press, brokerage reports, stock-market quotations, sports or weather reports. A brief history of the Morse code and its variances accompanied the demonstration.

Get in the Game

For a dozen or so years I've engaged in code contests at various hamfests around the greater Cincinnati area. The following observations are based on that experience. You will discover that the majority of copy will be submitted at speeds under 20 wpm. Higher speeds are for the QRQ

boys. When you approach 35 wpm, you only have one or two copying. At higher speeds the test will be for the benefit of one person, with all the rest looking on.

I have decided that it is best to arrange tests in a simple fashion. For instance, send on a hand key at 10, 13 and 15 wpm for all those Novices and Technicians who desire to see what they can do. It is well to point out, also, that there is a vast difference in copying, if the code is sent as a machine would send it or by another method when it is sent with exaggerated spacing. You will find a sharp division in copying ability around 13 wpm. This is caused by the machine-sent code running

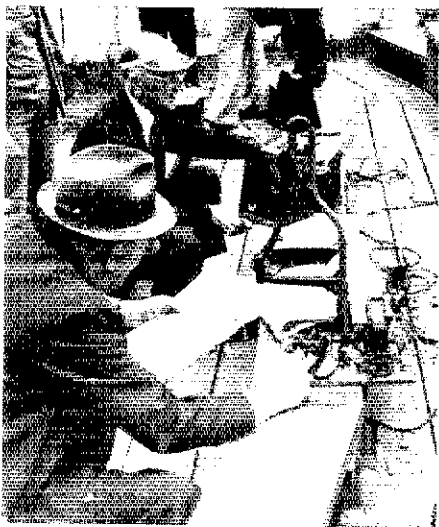
together in a person's mind as he copies. If each letter is sent at a faster rate and the spaces sent wider, it is easier to read. Do whatever you think is expedient after you have explained what you are doing.

Real QRQ

At the Northern Kentucky Ham O'Rama, I decided that high-speed code is indicative of nothing but the ability to guess at what is being sent. Admittedly, it does sharpen up your wits so that on slower speeds you don't miss the first one or two words sent in a message and you hear better for small deviations from the normal word messages if a numeral or other mark is inserted in the text.

Arranging for the means to hear the code and get it down at the correct speed is an exacting business. Recording it takes many days, if this is the method you're to use. In round figures you first decide what speeds you are going to use. In my own case I thought five-word-per-minute increments, from 15 through 55 wpm, would do.

At higher speeds the test will be for the benefit of one person, with all the rest looking on.



A working model of Morse's original code sounder attracts spectators at the Northern Kentucky Ham O'Rama. Veteran operators Al Phelps and Harry Moorman demonstrate their skills at the code-copying art. The exhibit was accompanied by a brief history of Morse code and how it differs from the International code used today.

At each speed, the text must be selected and the letters counted out to make five minutes of that particular copy. For instance, in the 15-wpm text, you must have five minutes of the required number of words. This means you laboriously count the letters and figures one by one. Counting five letters to the word with punctuation marks counting as two each, you make a mark at the end of 75-counted

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characters. Do this for the two-, three-, four- and five-minute intervals. These marks act as a guidepost when you send the text. By watching the sweep-second hand on a clock or watch, you time yourself as you send. You may vary several seconds on any one particular interval, and if you are slow or fast, you vary your subsequent sending accordingly.

Use the type of telegraph key that seems to fit your own operating habits. I prefer the straight key for speeds to 20 wpm; then I use the electronic keyer for the higher speeds.

... it does sharpen up your wits so that on slower speeds you don't miss the first one or two words sent in a message.

At 20 wpm the one-minute intervals now become a text count of 100 letters (or characters) per minute. Most reasonably good senders can use a key at this speed and send with zilch errors. It isn't as easy as you may at first think. People who copy code are used to the perfectly sent code of W1AW. If you make a mistake, you must start over on your recording. This is a heartbreaker if you have already completed four-and-one-half minutes of solid copy and then goof on a simple word like "and." A word of caution: Don't let those little human foibles set in, such as running the letters A and N together to form the letter P instead of what you intended.

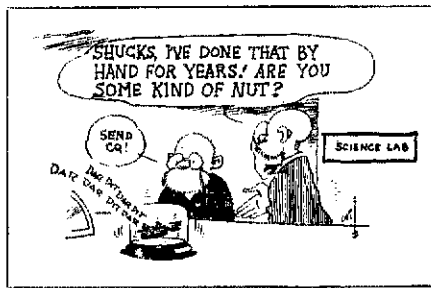
Hearing It

I assume you will use the sidetone oscillator in a keyer or other suitable sound source. Watch out for a chirpy note or key clicks just as you would with on-the-air transmissions. Since this tone has to be reproduced over an amplifier for all to hear, it is best to select a tone near 500 hertz as it pierces the din of most hamfests held outdoors.

Strays

QRP, MONGOLIAN-STYLE

□ Hunt Turner, KØHT, garnered 101 QSOs with stations in 30 states and five provinces during a one-month period this past winter. Doesn't sound out of the ordinary until you learn that he used an



At 25 wpm you may have to change your technique of recording as it is most difficult to hold a steady speed for five minutes and make no errors. This is a changeover speed for most of us who do this sort of thing. Assuming you are okay at this speed, then we proceed to the next speed.

At 30 wpm I am certain it's best to record at one-half the desired playback speed and double this for your final recording. This means now that you must send for a 10-minute period without error. You count the one-minute intervals as if you were sending at 15 wpm, which you really are. Do this for a 10-minute period.

It is best to select a tone near 500 hertz as it pierces the din of most hamfests held outdoors.

Remember, however, the tone will also change pitch when you double the speed. If the end result you wish is the same 500-Hz note, then you must record at half that tone, or 250 Hz.

With access to some type of device which will operate a relay when a tone is fed into it, you can recreate the code without worrying about the change in tone as all tones will now be the same. Simple RTTY terminals, when properly arranged, will do this for you. Using this device, you can tune in W1AW, wash out the QRM and QRN, and recreate the code if you wish. I don't do this, for the simple

HW-7 to put less than 5 watts into a badly located inverted V. And that operation was from a wooden Mongolian yurt, nestled in the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina.

Where did he get such an idea? From QST? From one of the other ham magazines? No, from *Kon-Tiki*, which he read by oil lamp in the yurt one winter. He came across the account of LI2B's 6-watt 20-meter QSO with Norway from the other side of the globe, and his romantic interest in QRP developed from there.

reason that I've found that many people who copy code also hear W1AW. When they hear your code contest copied from W1AW, they already know what to expect in their copy.


What Experience Has Taught

I am now of the opinion that the best test is to send at a speed of 18 wpm using an unusual text material such as an OSCAR bulletin. You can obtain this from W1AW. It includes UTC times, equatorial crossings, degrees longitude and so on. Usually such bulletins end with plain text informing you of future happenings. My own sending is relentless at 18 to 20 wpm, and I speed up for the plain-language text at the end.

The general idea is to see who can copy the most, both accurately and legibly. It is rare to find a person who copies solid.

The general idea is to see who can copy the most, both accurately and legibly. It is rare to find a person who copies solid. If the final decision is close, you can add another qualification of having the most-artistic copy. It is best to have all copy done with a stick (pencil) rather than a mill (typewriter). It is difficult to obtain enough typewriters for one thing and we must face the fact that regardless of what a particular amateur operator thinks, he is probably not good enough to copy at a mill.

Selecting the 18-wpm speed was done deliberately as it is known that hand-printing techniques seem to run out at speeds over 15 wpm. A review of the *ARRL Code Kit* would be helpful to all.

So surprise all your friends by staging a code contest at your next hamfest. You'll not only enjoy it yourself, but you will bring much enjoyment to others. 



The KØHT operating position inside the yurt at Sandy Mush, NC. Neighbor Jonathan Hearne, WA4NQE, watches while KØHT takes a break and warms his feet on soapstone.

They Made It — W5OPC/Double Eagle II

It was no simple accomplishment. Moving majestically over the cloud-covered coast of France, three adventurers in their helium-filled balloon had overcome many technical problems, discomfort, exhaustion and danger since leaving Presque Isle, ME, less than six days earlier. All of this was traded off for exhilaration and fame when they finished their transatlantic trip by landing in a wheat field some 50 miles west of Paris.

When the *Double Eagle* was launched in September 1977, Massachusetts-area hams tracked the balloon until it was forced down near Iceland.¹ Hams also had a big part in this second attempt. "Doc" Wiley, W5OPC, flight director; Sydney Parks, WA5KGQ, communications director; and Dr. Richard Schwoebel, WB5OJO, technical director, all played key roles in planning the project. This wasn't the first time W5OPC had been connected with something transoceanic: Back in 1949, Doc was at one end of the first two-way Amateur Radio transoceanic radioteletype QSO.²

Amateur Radio on board *Double Eagle II* was planned to be used only as a backup for the commercial frequencies and equipment on the craft, to be employed only when absolutely necessary . . . in cases of emergency or where the safety of the mission was in jeopardy. As in the ham tradition of the past, Amateur Radio came through when all else failed. Crystal-controlled sideband gear on commercial frequencies malfunctioned (it turned out to be a bum piece of coax and a connector problem) so that important position, navigational and safety information couldn't be passed while the craft was in international territory over the open sea. So what does one do at 25,000 feet when regular communications fail?



The *Double Eagle II* gently but triumphantly floats over the French coast. (photo courtesy of Newsweek/Elaine Sciolino)

Up came W5OPC on 20 meters with important traffic. As is usual with ham operations in this kind of emergency situation, cooperation and circuit discipline on the frequency (around 14.301 MHz) was voluntarily maintained with several W8s, 4s, 3s, 2s and a 1 being worked to pass the necessary traffic, air traffic-control clearances and transponder codes.

The accompanying photos show the *Double Eagle II*'s communications center which was mounted in the craft's gondola. At the far left inside the wooden enclosure is the vlf navigation receiver and

on its right are two homing beacons at 1677 kHz. The black object outside the enclosure on the right is the ship's compass. The large enclosure on the right contains, at the top left, an Atlas ssb transceiver with its output meter showing to its right. Below it is the antenna switching patch-panel and under it is a marine vhf transceiver. Moving right, the two identical, stacked boxes are two 10-watt ssb transceivers operating in the 5- to 8-MHz commercial bands. At the far right from top to bottom are two 360-channel vhf aircraft transceivers for air-to-air and air-to-ground communications. Below them is a radar transponder to interact with air traffic-control radar stations. Below this is a speaker mounted behind a perforated grill. Not visible but mounted below decks in a sealed container are two transmitters to provide periodic position reports and a coded emergency reporting capability via the Nimbus 6 satellite. Vhf aircraft, vhf marine and satellite antennas were mounted on the gondola itself. Trailing wire antenna reels were located at the rear corners of the gondola to be used for hf communications and the homing beacon. A 20-meter vertical dipole was rigged to halyards high up on the side of the balloon. Power for the ham rig was supplied by automobile storage batteries. The other commercial gear power came from alkaline batteries. The gondola is actually a fairly seaworthy catamaran which could have been rigged for sailing should a water landing have become necessary.

Those lucky enough to contact the airship will receive a special QSL.

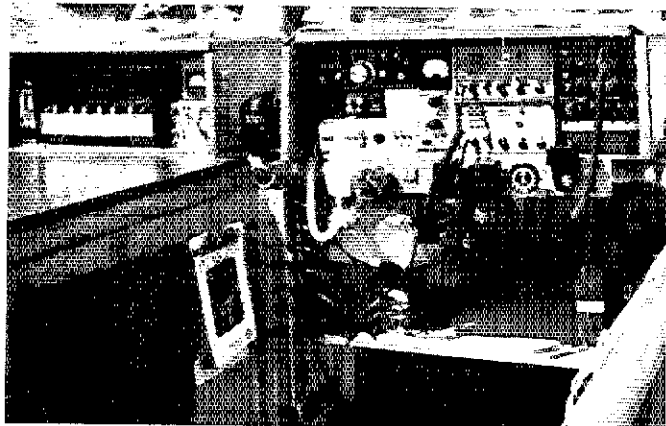
Congratulations, *Double Eagle II*, for what you have done. — WICUT

Footnotes

¹Stray, *QST*, January 1978, p. 32.

²*QST*, May 1949, p. 40; July 1949, p. 40.

Excitement builds as preparations for the launch continue. Flight Director "Doc" Wiley, W5OPC (left), and Communications Director Sydney Parks, WA5KGQ, pose here with the communications equipment in the gondola. At right is another view of the gear (see text).



Moved and Seconded...

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING No. 370 July 19, 1978

Pursuant to due notice, the Executive Committee of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met at 2:02 P.M. on July 19, 1978, at the Headquarters offices in Newington, CT. Present: President Harry J. Dannals, W2HD, in the Chair; First Vice President Victor C. Clark, W4KFC; Directors Max Arnold, W4WHN, Richard A. Egbert, W8ETU, and Robert B. Thurston, W7PGY; and General Manager Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU. Also present were General Counsel Robert M. Booth, Jr., W3PS; Directors Gar Anderson, K0GA, Paul Grauer, W0FIR, Jay Holladay, W6EJJ, Larry Price, W4RA, John Sullivan, W1HHR, and Phil Wicker, W4ACY; Vice Directors Maurice Carpenter, K0HRZ, George Diehl, W2IHA, and Peter Matthews, WB6UIA.

On motion of Mr. Thurston, the Committee recognized the names of 247 newly elected Life Members, and directed the General Manager to list their names separately in QST. (It was noted that there are currently 14,561 elected and quarterly-payment Life Members.)

On motion of Mr. Egbert, voted unanimously to confirm its mail approval of the following ARRL convention: Southwestern Division, September 3-5, 1982, San Diego, CA.

On motion of Mr. Clark, voted unanimously to approve affiliation of the following Amateur Radio societies: Alaska DX Association, Kodiak, AK; Amherst Amateur Radio Club, Amherst, NH; Bicentennial Amateur Radio Club, Oklahoma City, OK; Cedar Mountain Amateur Radio Club, Cody, WY; Central Georgia Amateur Radio Club, Warner Robins, GA; Colorado County Amateur Radio Club, Columbus, TX; Dixie Amateur Radio Club, St. George, UT; Eastern Michigan ARC, Marysville, MI; Fayette Amateur Radio Association, Washington C.H., OH; Green Mountain Repeater Association, Inc., Riverdale, MD; High Plains Amateur Radio Club, Torrington, WY; Humboldt Amateur Radio Club, Humboldt, IA; Iredell County Amateur Radio Society, Statesville, NC; Kings Radio Club Inc., Hanford, CA; Lake County ARC, Graham, TX; Lake County ARA, Inc., Painesville, OH; Metro Amateur Radio Club, Downsview, Ontario, Canada; Michigan Eastern Thumb Amateur League, Harbor Beach, MI; Mid Range Amateur Radio Club, Hibbing, MN; North Texas High Frequency Assoc., Krum, TX; Prepared Radio in Mighty Orange-Co., Fullerton, CA; Radio Club De Cuba Exilio Inc., Miami, FL; Radio Society of Okinawa, APO San Francisco, CA; Red Rose Repeater Association, Lancaster, PA; Schlumberger Amateur Radio Club, Houston, TX; Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio, Independence, MO; Socorro Amateur Radio Association, Socorro, NM; South East Okla Amateur Radio Association, Hugo, OK; South Georgia Amateur Radio Club, Valdosta, GA; Tidelands Amateur Radio Society, Texas City, TX; Valley Amateur Radio Club, Apple Valley, MN; Wide Area Data Group, Sparks, NV; Wireless Operators of Winsted, Winsted, CT; Woodland Baptist ARC, Louisville, KY.

The General Manager, in response to a directive adopted at the January Board meeting, reviewed in detail the current status of action being taken in response to motions adopted by the Board at its January meeting. He reported that action had been completed on the directives in Minutes 13, 14, 25, 26, 31, 34, 35, 41, 43, 45, 50, 52, 53, 57, 62, 74, 85 and 88. The action directed in Minute 32 will be accomplished in the January 1979 issue of QST, and in January issues thereafter. In response to Minute 40, a report by the President and General Manager has been presented to the Executive Committee, which had referred action on the matter of a Washington Representative back to the July Board meeting. The action directed at Minutes 30 and 38 are on-going items which will be accomplished on a regular basis.

In connection with Minute 38, which directs the publishing of an annual report of officers and directors, the General Manager is to add an insert to the 1977 reports which includes the reports of the three vice presidents.

After discussion, the General Counsel was directed to prepare a response to Sam McCluney, relative to his expulsion from membership in the American Radio Relay League.

On motion of Mr. Thurston, the Executive Committee confirmed its earlier mail action authorizing Michael R. Zeigler, Controller, to sign ARRL documents on behalf of the Treasurer.

The next meeting of the ARRL Executive Committee will be held at 0900 in Newington, CT, on September 16, 1978.

During the course of the meeting, the Executive Committee discussed, without formal action, certain master-of-ceremony DX operations, the co-sponsorship by commercial groups of ARRL conventions, a schedule for the counting of ballots on November 20th, and the possible effect on ARRL election procedures of threatened mail strikes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU
Secretary

LIFE MEMBER APPLICANTS July 19, 1978

George E. Anderson, W7ON; Jerome E. Arnold, WB8KQ; Wilfred B. Bahr, W9CW; George W. Baltz, N3GB; George T. Barker, WB8PBC; Clifford G. Barringer, WA6OCY; David H. Bartley, K5EI; Donald F. Bauer, WB7TPH; Leonard C. Bauer, WB8LUA; Dennis W. Beach, WD8DR; Harvey A. Bell, VE7YH; George E. Benko, K8BRW; Edward L. Berkowitz, N3US; Robert H. Bonds, WD4MVU; Michael J. Bottema, K8EX; Donald E. Briggs, WB0DFX; Ronald K. Brown, AA4KT; Ted Bryan, K5IDG; Henry A. Budde III, WB4NQF; Philip C. Burnham, Jr., W3GNG; William W. Carrigan, K3DC; Denis E. Catalano, WD4KXB; Robert W. Chanter III, WB4HAG; W. Bruce Charles, WB5RUT; James M. Chatfield, WD4HJT; Jean Christoffersen, K7MFO; Robert C. Clark, WA6KCV; Wiley Clarkson, WA5OTR; Thomas D. Claycomb, WB6KJN; John S. Cole, WA8ZPF; Bill Coleman, Jr.; James R. Collins, WA7TWU; Thomas F. Cook, Jr., K1OCD; Willis R. Cooke, K5EWJ; Henry J. Cramer, W2DOD; Robert L. Cross, K6EPH; William P. Crowley, WA4UON; Herbert A. Dady Jr., WB9RXI; William H. Davidson, VE3CQU; Adrian D. Davis Jr., N4SX; Sperry D. Davis Jr., N4SD; Miguel A. Delgado O., YV5AIP; Albert V. DiFrancesco, W2EJH; John A. DiMario, WA2HCA; Frank M. Dick II, WA9JWL; Thomas W. Dickson, WA0UFR; John J. Dietrich Jr., WA9AHZ; Robert Dowd, WB7VQV; Edward E. Duck, WB4JVI; Kenneth Dul, K8ZK; Edward Durston, VE3ISM; Alfred J. Dzialakiewicz, W9HUO; Thomas C. Eagle, K0JPR; James A. Eberwine, W4APV; David R. Ellis, WD4BCW; Jack S. Emerson, WB9VGI; Clifford L. Engle, K4VAH; Marc R. Erickson, WB9SXM; Ronald D. Eveland, W6HFZ; Ralph E. Fedor, K0IR; Lonnie Fekula, WA3ZEP; Leslie H. Fenical, W9CPG; Ronald B. Fisher, K4LEF; Donald D. Fleckenstein, K0RXT; Kenneth Ford, WB9VGT; Willis C. Freested, WB6WLL; Neil D. Friedman, N3DF; Jeff B. Fulmer, WA5QCP; William Francis Gariano, WB3HOZ; Anthony C. Garland, N7DX; Frank J. Garza, WB5ZPX; Harold M. Gay, Jr., K5AQH; Ralph A. Gonzalez, WA2KIP; Ben Gorsky, K8BG; Arthur W. Goulet, Jr., W3IAT; Donald E. Graham, WA5TAW; Fred Gulden, WB0TIY; George W. Gustafson, W2IOV; Michael H. Haag, WB2DKL; Richard Gene Haley, WA0ZDE; Harry L. Hall, WB5LBO; Jerome M. Hall, WB4NNA; William J. Hall, W1JP; Gerhard J. Hanneman, WA1PCP; Robert A. Harmston, WB6JOP; Carleane H. Harris, WN4VAS; George H. Harris, W7AL; Klaus Heintzenberg, DJ6RX; Howard H. Helbert, WA0DUN; Edgar H. Heller, WB9PXL; Jack W. Hess, K8QLL; James H. Higby, WB9JMT; Terry M. Holmes, WA6ZHI; Elza C. Hoover, WB7NBU; Jack A. Hovden, WA0FSQ; Jean W. Howell, WB5POK; William K. Hulse, W5NI; Terry L. Huston, WA8RYC; Donald J. Hutt, WB7BLQ; Mary C. Jacobs, WB5TWK; Bernard W. Joseph, K8LIX;

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ASCII at Last?

At the very start of the Amateur Radio regulations there is a statement of the basis and purpose of the Amateur Radio Service. One section deals with the amateurs' ability "... to contribute to the advancement of the radio art." With regard to automatic transmission of words and data — teleprinters and computers — however, another part of the rules, Section 97.69, actually *prevents* amateurs from making contributions to the advancement of the art, by permitting only the Baudot (five-unit start-stop) code. Most Baudot equipment is mechanical as opposed to electronic, is relatively slow (FCC permits amateurs to use it at 100 wpm), and is limited to 64 characters (32 in lower case, 32 in upper).

In comparison, there is the American National Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII), pronounced "As-key." It is computer compatible, electronic and extremely versatile, with 128 symbols readily available. ASCII has been authorized by FCC waiver for use on the OSCAR satellites, and some amateurs have sought permission for its general use in the amateur bands, at least since discussions on Docket 19110 began in December 1970.

As a result of RM-2429, filed by W8VRZ in August 1974 and RM-2550, filed by ARRL in April 1975, FCC proposed deletion of Section 97.69 in its modes and bandwidths Docket 20777 in 1976, and thus intended automatically to permit ASCII in the hf bands under its proposed bandwidth limitations. The docket met a good deal of opposition from the Amateur Radio fraternity, mostly on practical grounds: It seemed to place wideband teleprinter in the phone bands, it banned a-m below 28 MHz and television below 1215 MHz, and seemed to re-

quire rather expensive test equipment if amateurs were to meet the letter of the proposed law.

Recognizing amateur feelings in these respects, FCC on August 8 voted to terminate (by Second Report and Order) most of the proposals in Docket 20777, keeping modes as the principal classifying feature for the portions of the spectrum where various activities can be carried out.

However, FCC also found that amateurs commenting in the docket seemed to be overwhelmingly in favor of permitting ASCII in the amateur bands. Accordingly, the Commission has issued a Notice of Inquiry and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket 20777. If FCC is to permit ASCII in the ham bands, it feels that standards are necessary. In the current notice, FCC first defines ASCII:

ASCII is a code for the exchange of information. It stands for the American National Standard Code for Information Interchange. Each character in the code is comprised of seven binary data bits, each bit being either "0" or "1." For example, 0100101 represents the character "R" in the ASCII code.

It then poses a number of questions:

a) Should technical limitations be placed on the use of ASCII in the Amateur Radio Service?

b) If yes, should limitations be placed by reference to occupied bandwidth? Data transmission rate? Emission type?

c) If limitations are placed on the bandwidth that a transmission using ASCII occupies, what should the maximum bandwidth be for each amateur frequency band?

d) If limitations are placed on the data transmission rates, should there be standard

operating speeds similar to those established by the American National Standards Institute, or maximum speeds (such as "a speed no greater than 3000 baud")?

e) If standard operating speeds are required, what should be the standard speeds for each amateur frequency band? What should the permissible tolerance from the standard operating speeds be?

f) If maximum speeds are used, what should be the maximum speed for each amateur frequency band?

g) Should any limitations be placed on the emission types used in transmitting ASCII?

h) If yes, what should the permissible deviation from the mark signal to the space signal be for frequency-shift keying? Should the permissible deviation be related to data transmission rates?

i) What should the highest permissible fundamental modulating audio frequency be for A2 or F2 emissions? Should this standard be related to data transmission rate?

The Commission continues with questions on the use of the parity bit; synchronous or asynchronous mode; and the order of transmission beginning with least significant bit or most significant bit. Copies of the complete text are available from ARRL's Membership Services Department; ask for NOI 20777 and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Deadline for original comments is November 15, 1978, with "reply" comments due by December 15. An original and five copies of comments should be filed for official participation; however, even one copy will be acceptable as "informal" participation, provided the docket number appears on the paper. — *Perry F. Williams, WIUED*

FCC ASKS ABOUT EXAMS FOR HANDICAPPED

The Commission has issued a Notice of Inquiry (General Docket 78-250) aimed at improving the administration of Amateur Radio telegraphy exams to handicapped applicants. Although the handicapped are given special considerations in physical conditions for the code test — at a residence, at bedside, use of a typewriter, dictation, use of a Braille writer, and so on — they are held to the same standard of competence as the nonhandicapped. The Commission said it was prevented by the Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunication Union from waiving or eliminating the telegraphy requirement in its entirety. It wants opinions from the amateur fraternity as to partial steps it could take on behalf of the handicapped, and posed these questions:

1) What was the proper Commission approach to the administration of Amateur Radio telegraphy examinations to the handicapped?

2) How should the FCC respond to requests

for relaxation of the telegraphy speed requirement submitted by handicapped applicants?

3) Should the handicapped be held to less rigorous standards than the nonhandicapped, and if so should they receive the same operating privileges as the nonhandicapped?

4) Is the Commission doing enough to help the handicapped demonstrate their telegraphy qualifications?

FCC noted that several alternatives existed. It could maintain the status quo, amend the rules to reduce the telegraphy speed requirements for the handicapped, amend the rules to create a new class of amateur operator license without a telegraphy requirement and restrict eligibility to the handicapped, or waive the rules to permit handicapped applicants to demonstrate their telegraphy qualifications at slower speeds than nonhandicapped.

Comments (original and five copies preferred, but even one copy will qualify as "informal comments") are due at FCC, Washington, DC 20554, by November 30. Reply comments are due by December 29. (See "Regulations Revisited," March 1977 *QST*, for hints on preparing FCC filings.) — *Perry F. Williams, WIUED*

ALASKA FREQUENCY PERMANENT: "CALLING" DENIED

Back in December 1974, FCC established 4383.8 kHz as a common emergency frequency for most nonairborne licensees (including amateurs) and government agencies operating communications facilities in or within 50 nautical miles of the state of Alaska. Since then this frequency has provided hunters, trappers and residents of remote areas with a means of summoning medical aid or reporting other kinds of emergencies.

Docket 19909 was kept open to allow for adjustments to the plan after the state of Alaska and other groups had accumulated some practical experience. Generally speaking, the scheme has worked well and there is no need for additional frequencies or for changes in eligibility. The State in a recent report did ask for expansion of the operation to allow for general calling on the frequency as is done in the Maritime Service. In the Commission's view, however, the lack of "common working frequencies" to which communications could be transferred precludes the "calling" concept here. The special frequency can now be

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considered permanent for emergency work, calling privileges have been denied, and the docket is terminated effective August 4, 1978.

HAMS WIN ANTENNA BATTLES

Guy Smiley, WB2MED, attorney for John De Lorenzo, WB2DWQ, reports a victory in the Supreme Court of New York, county of Westchester. The town of Mount Pleasant denied repeatedly John's request for a variance to the zoning law to allow him to install an antenna and tower with an overall height of 56 feet. In the opinion of the court, sufficient reasons were given to the zoning board to show why the 56-foot height was necessary and anything less inadequate. Therefore, the court held that the actions of the zoning board were arbitrary and capricious and ordered that John be allowed to install the 56-foot structure.

Bob Entwistle, N1XX, won a decision in the Fairfield (CT) Court of Common Pleas after a nearly three-year battle with the city of Norwalk. The city argued that sections of the city's building code prohibited any antenna/tower from being erected nearer to the lot line than the total height of the antenna structure. Bob argued that this provision was present only in the section of the code that dealt with antenna structures 12 feet or less in height. Bob also raised the issue that the city "demonstrated a lack of forthrightness" when the building inspector refused to even accept Bob's application! In a surprise decision, the judge issued a memorandum that the building code sections applied to roof mounted antenna structures and not to any other antenna structures such as the one maintained by Bob.

INADVERTENT BAN OVERCOME

The new rule said, "No towers on our new sheriffs' building," and the Oakland County (MI) Amateur Radio Emergency Service was off the air for five years — until a bit of detective work unraveled the mystery. We discovered the phrase originated with the architect who designed the building. He had asked the radio man in charge, "What do you require for all the present and future needs for the county radio services?" The answer came out as a separate tower a couple hundred feet tall, located two miles from the main building and connected by leased phone lines. And the notation went on the building plans, "No towers."

We simply worked around it — a letter to the county pointed out that ARES didn't need towers, but just antennas: "... They look like fishpoles." We went on, to the point: "We cannot provide emergency backup for the county if we have to use phone lines and complex rigs." Things must be simple, low cost and mobile to serve the needs of county residents.

That did it — the word came back, "Go ahead." ARES was back on the air! — Robert L. Kurl, W8HS

BOOTLEGGED BOOTED

Don't lose heart! On June 20, some San Francisco Bay area amateurs intercepted a suspicious signal from "Tim," W6GSM/MM on 20 meters, asking for a patch to his business in Santa Clara. The Honolulu district office of the FCC was notified and asked to investigate. The engineer-in-charge contacted the owner of the vessel *Summer Breeze* at the Honolulu Yacht Club. He verified that a crew member



Both the city of Honolulu and the state of Hawaii observed Amateur Radio Week June 18-24, 1978. Governor George R. Ariyoshi mentioned the alleviation of catastrophes via Amateur Radio as a prime reason for the observation. Here Mayor Frank Fasi, holds his proclamation while KH6ION, KH6DD, KH6IPQ, N7HR and KH6IEC look on. (photo courtesy of N7HR)

named Tim had brought a transmitter on board before departing San Francisco, and furnished information on Tim's identity. On July 20 FCC officials visited the office of Timothy Joseph Wenger of Santa Clara and advised him of the consequences of operating Amateur Radio transmitting equipment without a license. He said he had read about the use of Amateur Radio transmitters in a yachting magazine, and was unaware of the criminal penalties involved. The FCC made no recommendation toward prosecution, as Wenger was very cooperative. Information courtesy of *West Coast DX Bulletin*. — Michele Bartlett, WB1FAU

FCC DISTRICT 24 MOVES

The FCC field office in Washington, DC, district office 24, expects to relocate to the Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Suite 830, Hyattsville, MD, off East-West Highway (Rte. 410), by late September. Office hours will be from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Amateur exams will be given on Wednesdays; code tests are scheduled for 9 A.M. and written exams not requiring code from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. — Michele Bartlett, WB1FAU

REQUESTS FOR RULEMAKING

Richard L. Swain, K8AIT, has asked FCC to change its rules so that present holders of Technician, General and Advanced class licenses can request call signs from the 1 × 3 and 2 × 2 blocks in order of seniority over a period of time; RM-3175 has been assigned to this petition.

A request for 2-kilowatt power input in the 144.0-144.5 and 431-433 MHz subbands, to facilitate "moonbounce" communications has been filed by Daniel L. Schwartz, WB2UBQ. It bears the designation RM-3137.

Technically, comments on requests for rulemaking are to be filed within 30 days. In practice, however, the Commission welcomes

comments any time before it takes formal action of any kind. Accordingly, readers wishing to register feelings on these two matters may do so now by letter addressed to the Personal Radio Division, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Be sure to indicate the RM number. A summary of pending rulemakings is available from the Membership Services Department of ARRL; an s.a.s.c. will help.

REQUESTS FOR RULEMAKING DENIED

FCC has denied four requests for rulemaking which had sought expansion of Extra Class and/or radiotelephony subbands in the high frequency part of the spectrum. RM-2150, by Walter A. Schroeder; RM-2828, by North Jersey DX Association; RM-2870, by Theodore Pauck, Jr., and RM-2999 by Paul H. Lee, were dismissed on grounds that decisions reached in Docket 19162, September 27, 1972, covered some of the requests in these petitions, and the subject matter was "duplicative." FCC cited objections of the Radio Society of Great Britain in the earlier docket to expansions in the U.S. phone allocations, as indicative of general opposition overseas. The order continued: "Further, the upcoming World Administrative Radio Conference to be held in Geneva next year, is a factor which must also be taken into consideration. It is not unreasonable to expect that minor, or possibly major, frequency reallocations may occur which will affect the Amateur Radio Service bands. The Commission therefore believes that a more appropriate and useful time to consider subband changes would be after the conclusion of the Conference."

AND 40 YEARS LATER . . .

This summer, George Hart, WINJM, celebrated his 40th anniversary of dedicated service to the League.



Connecticut Governor Ella Grasso, flanked by Perry Williams, W1UED, ARRL membership services manager (left), and Joe Stofko, WB1AIU, chief radio announcer, WQQW (right), at the signing of the official statement declaring Amateur Radio Week, June 18-24, 1978 (WB1ADL photo)

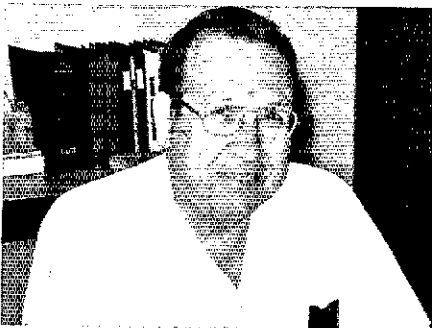
George was first licensed in 1930, but his reputation as a traffic handler really blossomed when he started operating W8YA, which was the station at Penn State. He got his B.A. degree there, and then traveled east in 1938 to join the staff of the new ARRL hq. station, W1AW. The following year, George earned his M.A. from Penn State.

Over the years, he continued to move up through the ranks of the Communications Department at ARRL hq. In 1949, he developed the National Traffic System, which has become the backbone of today's public service communications by hams. His many accomplishments led him to his present position as the manager of the Communications Department and trustee of the most famous amateur station in the world, W1AW.

After 40 years of service, George is looking forward to a well-earned retirement beginning in November. He and his wife, Louise, plan to do some traveling in a newly purchased travel trailer. George also plans to devote more time to writing.

There is little truth to the rumor that the man most responsible for developing effective traffic-handling procedure is a stickler for proper form on the air. Just the other day I

George Hart, W1NJM



asked George what he thought about those guys identifying themselves using funny phonetics. "Would you consider using phonetics for W1NJM other than those approved by the ITU or ARRL?" I asked. With just a slight trace of a smile, George said, "[I] have you know that my call is No Joking Matter." — W. Dale Clift, WA3NLO

WATCHFUL WAITING

Two matters which have been reported in other portions of the communications press have caused some concern to our members: revision of the Communications Act of 1934, as proposed by Rep. Lionel Van Deerlin (D-CA), and the study report which lists the 220-MHz band as one possible place, even now, for a "Class E" Citizens Band.

ARRL appeared before the Subcommittee on Communications (headed by Rep. Van Deerlin) more than a year ago, in support of changes which could be made in the Communications Act that would be beneficial to Amateur Radio. One of these appears now in HR 13015: authorization for the new Commission to use volunteer assistance and to accept donations toward its work. Otherwise, the document says very little about amateurs. There is nothing to worry about at this stage. This bill is a trial balloon, mainly testing the air for a possible philosophy of regulation: the spectrum use fee. The bill faces all kinds of obstacles, and really is only offered for discussion at this point. It will have to be reintroduced next year, at which time dozens of substantive suggestions for amendments will be tendered, from all corners of the communications world.

There is no current proposed rulemaking for a new form of CB on the amateur 220-MHz band. All the talk recently stems from the release of a study commissioned while Docket 19759 was still pending. It lists the 220-MHz band as *one* place where a Class E type service

could go, with advantages and drawbacks. The 900-MHz band is also mentioned, with its strong and weak points. The big differences between this and the earlier go-round are the fact that this is only a study rather than a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and that this time there is no clamor from the CB manufacturers, who are still trying to recover from the market changes which arrived about the same time as 40-channel radios.

On both issues your League is alert and watchful — and nothing more is required right now. — Perry F. Williams, W1UED

CHARLES M. COTTERELL, W0SIN

With great sadness we report the death, on August 2, 1978, of Charles M. Cotterell, W0SIN, ARRL director from the Rocky Mountain Division since 1971. He suffered a heart attack only days after he had visited Headquarters, actively participating in the summer meeting of the ARRL Board. Legend has it that when God made the United States, He left Colorado until the last when He found He had much land left over. So He crumpled it all up to make it fit, and that's why the mountains are there! Those mountains were important to Chic; he was active in providing Amateur Radio support for the Search and Rescue teams operating among them. Indeed, Chic was interested in most phases of amateur involvement in preparing for communications emergencies, and authored the *QST* article on the Big Thompson Canyon disaster (March 1977, page 60).

Home was in Lakewood, CO, and his occupation lay in the heavy-construction field, as operator, master mechanic and supervisor with derricks, the big graders, dozers and the like. A past president and past director of the Denver Radio Club, Chic also edited its paper, *The Round Table*, and did a regular column on Amateur Radio for the *Denver Post*. His ARRL credits include Life Membership, OPS, section emergency coordinator, section communications manager and assistant director. W0SIN also served in MARS and RACES. Our condolences to Chic's wife, Helen and his children, Ann, Sandra, Gary, Tom and Don. — Michele Bartlett, WB1FAU

[Editor's Note: In accordance with the Articles of Association, Maurice O. Carpenter, K0HRZ, who has been the vice director, succeeds to the office of director for the remainder of the term, until January 1, 1979.]



DOC WARC Second Draft Supplement Proposals

In early August, the Department released their WARC Second Draft supplement. There were no changes to amateur frequencies from that as previously proposed; however, there were a few items contained, concerning Amateur Radio, which are worthy of comment.

In the first instance, we were exceedingly pleased to note that Canada has decided to drop its proposal to alter ITU Article 41 which, among other considerations, requires cw qualification for amateur licensing internationally. When DOC first proposed this change, it greatly alarmed the worldwide amateur community and, through IARU, all member-societies appeared determined to strongly recommend to their respective governments that they not give the Canadian proposal support at the World Conference. CRRL, in addition to strongly voicing its opposition to DOC, had prepared to introduce a resolution at the Region 2 IARU September conference, calling for all member-societies to support the policy of no changes to this important Article. This action, we are pleased to report, was not

necessary due to the recent Canadian decision to withdraw the Article 41 changes.

Amateur Radio was requested to comment on what was alleged to be an international proposal to set aside 10 kHz in each of the amateur bands for emergency purposes. While it is correct that such a proposal had indeed been fostered in Region 1 some time ago and that it had been supported by the Red Cross, these earlier proposals, we understand, had died. It was therefore quite surprising to see the matter surface, once again, in this DOC document. The League did not consider then, *nor does it consider now*, that such a proposal has any real justification. Apart from other considerations, Amateur Radio traditionally has been always able to set aside and adequately police specific frequencies during any emergency and we therefore do not agree to any permanent segments of our bands being specifically reserved for emergency operation. We simply are not that frequency rich! CRRL has responded accordingly.

The last item contained in the DOC docu-

ment was the comment: "As a result of bilateral meetings with other countries we have been made aware that amateur satellite allocations are unacceptable to many unless the allocation is made on a worldwide basis. It is therefore anticipated that Canada will have difficulty in negotiating the proposed amateur satellite allocation in the 222- to 223-MHz band." We quite appreciate that this situation exists, especially in Region 1, and have advised the Department that we will appreciate their continued effort directed toward endeavoring to achieve the worldwide agreement.

Once again, we have also voiced our opposition over the proposal of the loss of 420-430 MHz, in addition to that of 3800-4000 kHz. As this brief report is being written, the Region 2 IARU Panama Conference is only several weeks away and Canadian Radio Amateurs will be represented by Director Hesler as the official delegate of the Canadian IARU member-society. A full report on this important conference will be forthcoming in a future *QST* article.

THE 1978 NATIONAL (?) AMATEUR SYMPOSIUM

In November of last year, CARF convened a National Amateur Radio Symposium. In good faith, the CRRL sent seven accredited delegates, representative of our membership from coast-to-coast, to this Symposium. Unfortunately there were many factors in the organization and conduct of this conference which left severe doubts in the minds of all of our delegates as to the nonpartisan aspect of the meetings. The delegates felt that it might not be considered truly representative of Canadian Amateur Radio in general (See "Canadian NewsFronts," March 1978).

Earlier this year, we therefore addressed a communication to CARF, supporting the policy of a National Symposium, but suggesting that in order for it to be truly representative, it be co-sponsored by CARF/CRRL in 1978. Not having received a reply to our proposal (other than an acknowledgement), we therefore were disappointed and surprised to see a CARF announcement that they would be convening the 1978 Symposium in Calgary, later this month. All we eventually received was an invitation to send four delegates!

In view of the circumstances and the fact therefore that the 1978 Symposium cannot be considered anything more than a distinctly CARF-oriented conference, we have felt it necessary to decline their invitation. Other than one designated CRRL "observer," the League shall not be represented at the CARF 1978 National Amateur Radio Symposium. We regret the necessity of having to write this explanation; however, we feel that it is our responsibility to advise all of our membership as to the reason for our nonattendance.

*Director, Canadian Division

RSO CONVENTION — OCTOBER 13-15

All aboard . . . for the Holiday Inn, London, ON, and the largest and most important Amateur Radio event in Canada this year. In addition to an outstanding program, we have been informed that *all* exhibit space has been completely sold out. The ARRL will be represented by Vice President Carl Smith, W0BWJ and the CRRL by its director, assistant directors, SCMs, etc. Come also to learn, firsthand at the CRRL Forum, what transpired at the Panama meetings, just three weeks previous. The London Amateur Radio Club, this year's sponsor, promises to make this an event which will long be remembered. They anticipate more than 1000 persons to be in attendance. See you in London.

NEW DOC EXAM FORMAT PROPOSAL

We have been reliably informed that the Department is working on a entirely new Amateur Radio examination syllabus, which shall probably go into effect later this year. Examinations shall only be held approximately four times per year. It is understood that the new format will improve the standards of the certificate by replacing the multiple-choice questions *on theory* with straight problem-type questions. Further details will appear in this column, as soon as officially released by the Department.

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□ CRRL membership as of June 30: full 5428, associate 1270, subscriptions 213 for a total of 6911.

□ Len Morgan, VOICM, is the new CRRL assistant director for Newfoundland and Labrador.


□ VE5YK is interested in starting a high school net on 20 meters across Canada. All interested please write to him: Syl Kulyk, E. D. Feehan High School, 411 Avenue M. North, Saskatoon, SK S7L 2S7.

□ On September 18 the London Amateur Radio Club began operating a slow-speed cw *fun* net on 3675 kHz at 7:30 P.M., Monday to Friday at 10 wpm. Further information from Dick Reiber, VE3IBV.

□ We welcome the Selkirk Amateur Radio Club, Fraser Valley DX Club and the Metro Amateur Radio Club, as new ARRL/CRRL affiliates.

□ The new ARRL *Repeater Directory* and the *Net Directory* are now available from CRRL Headquarters, P. O. Box 418, Sackville, NB E0A 3C0.

□ After a considerable period of time and repeated representation to DOC, we have now been advised that a third-party arrangement between Jamaica and Canada is now in the final process and should be concluded shortly. We have also been advised by the Jamaica Amateur Radio Association that they have been informed by their government that there is no objection to the temporary importation of Amateur Radio equipment by visiting amateurs, providing the necessary permit is obtained in advance from their Postmaster General.

□ The CNIB Amateur Radio Club has just issued an up-to-date four-page list of all of their membership across Canada. A copy of this list may be had by writing Bill Choat, VE3CO, CNIB Headquarters, 1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto, ON M4G 3E8. 

Hamfest Calendar

Florida: The Pan American Ham Exposition Jamboree is October 28 and 29 at the National Guard Armory, Rte. 84, Ft. Lauderdale. Outside flea-market space available. Admission, under eight and 54 inches free, to 12 and 60 inches \$1, all others \$3 at the door or \$2.50 advance from Broward ARC. Attn.: Ian Seidler, W4MRR, 10221 N.W. 36th St., Coral Springs, FL 33065.

Florida: The Ft. Meyers ARC Hamarama is November 5 from 9 to 4 in an air-conditioned building at the new Lee County Fairgrounds. Dealers \$10, setup at 7. Prizes. Info from Robert W. Sloat, K4VGN, Hamarama Chairman, P. O. Box 0537, Tice, FL 33905.

Indiana: The Marshall County ARC conducts its Swap and Shop hamfest at the Armory, 11th and W. Madison Sts., Plymouth, on October 29. Food and prizes. Donation \$2 at the door. No charge for tables and reservations. Talk-in on 52 and 07/67. Contact Melvin Mahler, P. O. Box 151, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Massachusetts: The Quannapowitt Radio Association auction is October 21 at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, near the railroad station, in Wakefield. Doors open at 10, start at 10:30. Write to William G. Watt, W1WPO, 29 Robert St., Wakefield, MA 01880.

Minnesota: The Viking ARS holds its eighth annual Swapfest on October 14 from 9 to 4 at Waseca High School. Info from VARS, Box 3, Waseca, MN 56093.

Michigan: The Repeater Association of Downriver Amateur Radio holds its Swap and Shop on October 22 from 9 to 3 at Kennedy High School, Northline Rd. east of U.S. 24, Taylor. Food and prizes. Admission \$2. Talk-in on 52, 94 and 93/33. Write to RADAR, P. O. Box 1023, Southgate, MI 48195.

Mississippi: The Gulf Coast Ham/Swap Fest is October 22 at the International Plaza, Rte. 90, Biloxi. Donation \$1, tables \$2. Talk-in on 52 and 13/73. Free parking, including RVs, from 9 A.M. Saturday. Contact Irvin L. Kelly, K5YIN, 116 Wiltshire Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531. On the 20th and 21st the Jackson County ARC and area clubs will operate from the Explorer Scout Air Show at the Pascagoula/Jackson County Airport. In conjunction with the worldwide Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air, the station will operate 10 through 80 cw and ssh, plus OSCAR. Certificates...

New Jersey: The Livingston ARC flea market is October 14 from 10 to 4 at the Fairfield United Methodist Church, Plymouth and Horseneck Rd., Fairfield. Take 1-80 to Rte. 46. Refreshments. Buyers and lookers free, \$4 per car space. Info from IARC, 116 Orton Rd., W. Caldwell, NJ 07006, tel. 201-226-7943.

New Jersey: The Knight Raiders VHF Club auction and flea market is October 14 at St. Joseph's Church, Hackensack St. and Hoboken Rd. west of Rte. 17, East Rutherford. Free admission and parking. Advance tables \$5 full, \$3 half; at the door \$6 and \$3.50. Refreshments. Talk-in on 52 and 144.65/145.25. Write to Knight Raiders VHF Club, P. O. Box 1054, Passaic, NJ 07055, or call evenings Bob Kovalski 201-473-7113 or Bob Czynzewski 201-791-5651.

New York: The Long Island Mobile ARC Hamfest Happening is October 15 at the Islip Speedway. Go on the Southern State Parkway to exit 43 (Rte. 111), commercial vehicles via I-19 to exit 56. General admission \$1.50, ladies and under 12 free, exhibitors \$3. Bring your 2-meter fm rig and power cord for the tune-up clinic. Theory contest at 1 P.M. Talk-in on 52 and 25/85. Write to Hank Wener, WB2ALW, 53 Sherrard St., East Hills, NY 11577, tel. nights 516-484-4322 or Ken Denston, WB2RYC, nights at 516-379-6463.

North Carolina: The first Eastern North Carolina hamfest of the Brightleaf ARC, New Bern ARC and Onslow ARC is October 15 from 9 to 4 at the New Bern Fairgrounds. Registration \$3. Prizes, club members not eligible. Additional info from Eastern North Carolina Hamfest, P. O. Box 3033, Greenville, NC 27834.

Ohio: The Defiance County ARC hamfest is November 5 from 8 to 4 at the county fairgrounds, Hicksville. Large, heated building. Free overnight camping (no hookups). Tickets \$1.50 advance, \$2 at gate. Full tables \$1, half 50 cents, trunk space 50 cents. Inquiries to Ed Ballard, Jr., WD8JVU, Rte. 1, Roland Rd., Sherwood, OH 43556.

*ARRL Hamfest

Ontario: The 10th annual Radio Society of Ontario convention will be hosted by the London ARC on October 13, 14 and 15 at the Holiday Inn, City Center Tower, London. Registration \$8 RSO members, \$9 others. Free Oktoberfest for registrants at 8 P.M. Friday. On Saturday, full range of technical topics, plus forums by RSO, CARF, CRRL and DOC on WARC-79. Banquet and dance at 7 P.M., \$15 single or \$25 per couple. Sunday, flea market. Exhibitors contact Bill McHugh, VE3CSK, tel. 519-232-4477. VE3RSO talk-in on 3755, 52 and 46/06. Contact LARC, Attn.: Convention Tickets, P. O. Box 82, Station B, London, ON N6A 4V3.

Pennsylvania: The Foothills RC of Greensburg Swap and Shop is November 4 from noon to 5 at St. Bruno's Church, U.S. 119 and state 819 off turnpike exit 8, South Greensburg. Indoor flea market. Talk-in on 52 and 07/67. Contact Mel Ruble, WA3RVD, Mark Dr., Delmont, PA 15626.

South Carolina: The 24th annual Rock Hill hamfest is October 14 at Joslin Park, Lake Wylie, near Rock Hill. Flea market and dealers. Advance registration \$2.50, at the gate \$3. Chicken and barbecue lunch \$3.25. Write York County ARS, P. O. Box 4141 CRS, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

Tennessee: The annual Greater Memphis hamfest, sponsored by the Mid-South ARA, is October 14 and 15 in the Youth Center Building, Mid-South Fairgrounds, Memphis. Indoor flea market, exhibits, seminars, ladies activities and hospitality party. About 50 trailer hookups available. Registration \$3 or \$2.50 advance from Memphis Hamfest, P. O. Box 3845, Memphis, TN 38103, or call Clayton Elam, K4FZJ, nights 901-743-6714 or days at 901-274-4418.

Texas: The Houston chapter of 10-X, S.H.O.T., holds its Houston Hambash on November 4 and 5 at Spring Creek Park. Barbecue, refreshments, prizes and activities for all. Full camping facilities and hookups. Contact Bob Libbers, WB5FII, 4034 Jackwood, Houston, TX 77096.

Coming Conventions

- October 13-15
Midwest Division, Kansas City, MO
- October 14-15
New England Division, Boxborough, MA
- November 11-12
Hudson Division, McAfee, NJ
- November 25-26*
South Florida Section, Clearwater, FL
- *Date Change

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- July 20-22, 1979
Baton Rouge, LA
- July 25-27, 1980
Seattle, WA
- March 13-15, 1981
Orlando, FL

MIDWEST DIVISION CONVENTION

October 13-15, 1978, Kansas City, MO

The Missouri-Kansas Council of Amateur Radio Clubs will host the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, with all activities at the Hilton Airport Plaza Inn Convention Center, 1-29 and 112th St. Northwest, adjacent to Kansas City International Airport.

Friday noon the exhibitors area will open; a dinner theater is the evening social event.

Saturday begins with a QCWA breakfast followed by FCC exams. Seminars include "Ham Radio and the Computer" with Ted Holdahl, W0PMY, of Digital Group; "Clip-perton '78" with Charles Signer, WA9INK; AMSAT, uhf, MARS, ARRL and FCC

forums. An outdoor flea market is included. Luncheon, free tours to the TWA Overhaul Base, nonham programs and a guided tour of Kansas City are provided. An evening cocktail hour and banquet feature special guests ARRL President Harry Dannels, W2HD; Director Paul Grauer, W0FIR; and Lew McCoy, W1ICP. The Wouff Hong ceremony is at midnight.

Sunday begins with a DX Clubs breakfast, more seminars and nonham programs, closing with a large prize distribution. Registration is \$3, after September 18 \$4. The dinner theater is \$12.50 and the banquet \$12. Reservations with the Hilton are to be made direct. You must mention the ARRL convention for lower rates.

For more information, write to Mo-Kan Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, P. O. Box 704, Kansas City, MO 64141.

HUDSON DIVISION CONVENTION

November 11-12, 1978, McAfee, NJ

The 1978 ARRL-Hudson Division biennial convention will be held November 11-12 at the Playboy Resort and Country Club at Great Gorge, McAfee, N.J. Sponsored by the Hudson Amateur Radio Council, over 5000 amateurs and other radio enthusiasts are expected to attend. The hotel contains one of the most extensive exhibit areas in the state and many major manufacturers, distributors and publishers have taken space. In addition to the exhibit hall, the convention will use the entire domed sports arena to present one of the largest indoor ham flea markets ever held in the East.

The two-day program is broad-ranging with sessions on DX, traffic, fm, vhf, uhf, ATV, YLRL, nets, AMSAT-OSCAR, MARS, FCC and ARRL forums, PR, RTTY, etc. New this year are sessions on microprocessors, Basic Computer BASIC, Radio Club Info, special Novice program, WARC-79 (both American and international views), "The Law and You," and also new, "Things the FCC Never Taught You." There is a new parking arrangement at the hotel to promptly and adequately handle your parking requirements.

License upgrade exams will be given on Saturday at the convention. To take an exam, send your form 610, with a photocopy of your current amateur license, to Paul Mazer, N2PM, 70-29 Kissena Blvd., Flushing, NY 11365, by November 3.

Main speaker at the Saturday evening banquet will be Ron Swoboda, WA2HVM, World Series star outfielder for the 1969 "Miracle" New York Mets. Jean Shepherd, K2ORS, the humorist and star of radio and TV, will be master of ceremonies. Dancing is scheduled after dinner.

Preregistration admission is \$3.50, banquet \$15 (at the door \$5 and \$17). Registration also covers all exhibits, forums and flea market. Tickets are available from Nancy Iscaro, WA2GKC, P. O. Box 274, Bronx, NY 10463. Checks should be payable to HARC, and include an s.a.s.e. for prompt return of tickets. Special hotel rates are \$38 double, \$34 single. Reservations from the hotel, by mail only, to McAfee, NJ 07928. For those arriving Friday, November 10, there will be a special program, including music, complete with cash-bar cocktail party at 8 P.M. All are invited. To obtain flea-market tables and space call (evenings) K2VOB, 201-887-4492 or WB2GFU, 201-779-4590. Tables are \$10 for one day, \$15 for two days — or bring your own table for a reduced rate. — WB2FHN

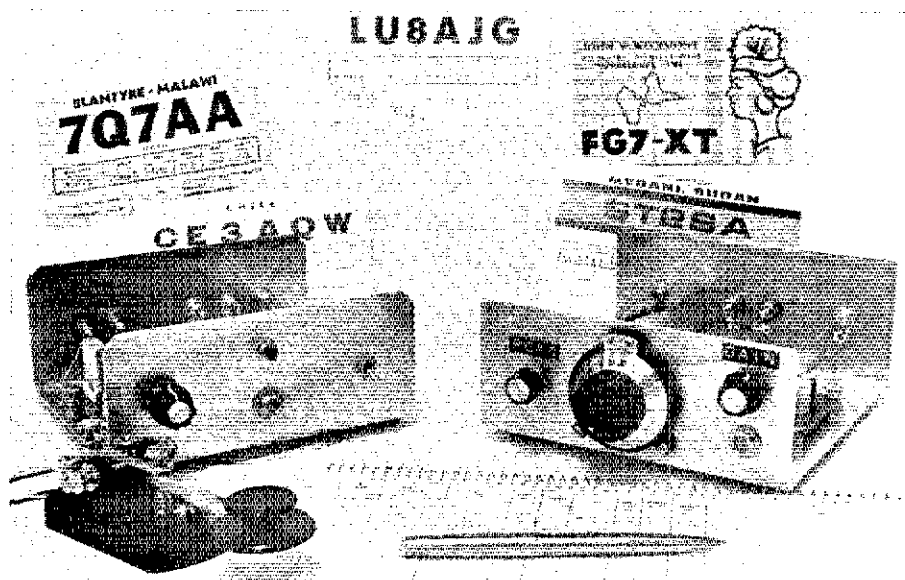
Now — There's Something You Can Do!

Pictured elsewhere on this page is a complete 20-meter amateur cw station, developed recently at ARRL/IARU headquarters expressly for promoting the growth of Amateur Radio in the Lesser Developed Countries of Africa and Asia. Complete details on the direct-conversion receiver appeared in April 1978 *QST*, pages 11-13, and the transmitter will be presented in an upcoming issue.

Virtually millions of people in these developing countries earn less than \$500 U.S. per year. The state of the art in telecommunications is, understandably, equivalent to that enjoyed by the U.S. and Canada in the 1950s and early 1960s. Simplicity and economy, then, must shape the design of amateur gear destined for the people of these underdeveloped nations. The IARU station you see here has been carefully designed to meet these modest requirements. In addition, it was designed as a relatively easy-to-assemble kit, for three important reasons: (1) to facilitate easy and inexpensive passage through customs channels (indeed, in many countries small parts are admitted duty free); (2) to enable the new amateurs of these countries to stress to their national governments that they have *with their own hands* constructed their amateur stations (thereby helping to counter the widely held misconception that radio amateurs are merely "appliance operators"); and (3) to minimize the chances of any of the arriving gear from falling into the hands of local profiteers and black market dealers. This last goal is accomplished simply by sending the rigs as *kits*, which in this form are almost valueless on the black markets.

More sophisticated amateur equipment is not only unavailable in the developing nations, by and large — the parts and necessary technical knowledge for servicing them are equally lacking. So rigs such as these IARU sets are ideal for use in aiding new amateurs in poorer countries to get on the air and to stay with Amateur Radio.

Here's how you can help. Clubs and individual amateurs can send a contribution to the League's WARC fund, which will set off the following chain of events: (1) After we receive your contribution (\$25 covers the cost of a receiver, \$50 a complete station), we'll send a receiver or complete station either to a trusted, active IARU member-society in a developing country (for delivery to one of their new members), or we'll ship to an individual we know to be genuinely interested in and devoted to Amateur Radio; (2) we'll let the recipient know who donated the gear; and (3) we'll let *you* know who received it. Then comes the part all baseball fans know to be the most important of a batter's swing: the follow-through. All we ask is that you or your club follow up your generosity by sending a few letters of encouragement to the new amateur. This person-to-person contact is a vital part of

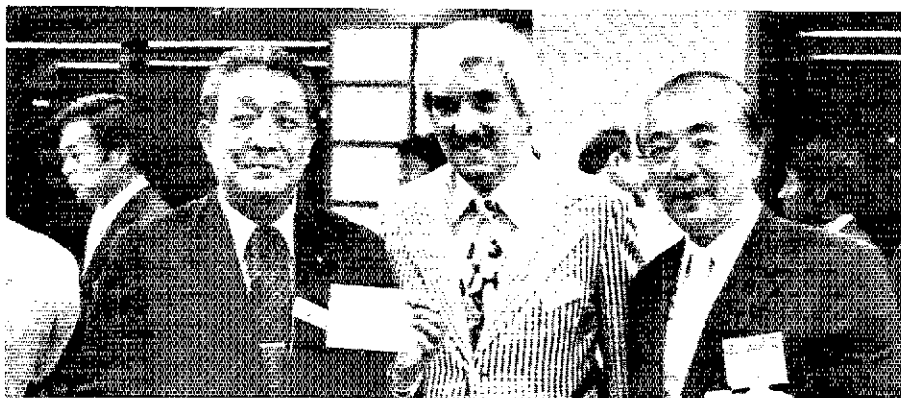


Amateur Radio's success story in and of itself. And it's absolutely essential in this program. You'll enjoy the opportunity to help put new amateurs on the air, while at the same time you render direct assistance in the ongoing effort to prepare for next year's World Administrative Radio Conference. As pointed out before in this column, as well as other pages of *QST*, the Amateur Radio Service must continue to grow in order for us to justify our requests for more frequencies at WARC-79.

We hope you'll consider this opportunity to help. Contributions can be sent payable to ARRL WARC Fund, c/o International Services Officer, ARRL Hq., Newington, CT 06111. And thanks!

NORWAY'S AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY CORPS OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED

The Norsk Radio Relae Liga is justly proud that the Norwegian government has officially recognized, through the Department of Justice, the Liga's AREC. Norway's 54 police districts, which oversee the same number of rescue centers, have been directed to use the NRRL's Emergency Corps as a communications resource in official rescue operations. This is a great honor both for NRRL and for Amateur Radio itself, for very few nongovernment organizations have achieved such recognition in Norway. — LA4ND



The International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) is an important permanent committee of the ITU, which will conduct next year's World Administrative Radio Conference. More than 400 persons from 70 countries showed up in Kyoto, Japan, in June, 1978, as the CCIR held its XIVth Plenary Assembly. Keeping Amateur Radio in the limelight was the Japan Amateur Radio League with its special station 8J3ITU, operating from 1.9 to 432 MHz. Shown here during JARL's reception for delegates are (l-r) Dr. Fumio Minozuma, JF1WKG, a director of Japan's Radio Regulatory Bureau; Richard C. Kirby, WØLCB/HB9BOA, director of the CCIR; Shozo Hara, JA1AN, president, JARL. (JARL photo)

*International Services Officer, ARRL

Silent Keys

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

*W1BM, Homer E. Nichols, Fairfield, CT
 K1BRF, Robert E. Chase, Haverhill, MA
 W1KKE, Robert C. Bellisle, Cranston, RI
 K1MLV, Robert E. Freeland, Southbridge, MA
 W1PTB/WB2DEJ, Harry E. Noyes, Colonie, NY
 W2EBK, F. Eugene Young, Saranac Lake, NY
 W2HMA, Frank T. Cyrsky, Jr., Warren, NJ
 *W2MCO, Paul E. Jones, Vandalia, OH
 W2MI, Fred Hartley, Vineland, NJ
 W2QOS, Aubrey J. Haines, Delran, NJ
 WA2RMO, Thomas Bromley, Hawthorne, NJ
 W2SKX, Harold W. Spangenberg, Lakewood, NJ
 W2UVT, William C. Springsteen, Binghamton, NY
 W2XX, Harold J. Mabes, Syracuse, NY
 WA3BIR, John J. Murray, Lansdale, PA
 WB3FNX, Robert C. Boyd, Rockville, MD
 WA3GKF, Walter R. Kohl, West Wyomissing, PA
 W3HDE, Maurice V. Donahue, Kylesertown, PA
 W3QQG, Donald C. Wagner, Keisterstown, MD
 *K4BPY, Bernie J. Nickles, Huntsville, AL
 W4DS, J. Wesley Davis, York, AL
 WA4LUZ, Wendell C. Beall, Dunedin, FL
 WA4QFS, Gains W. Lawson, Jellico, TN
 WB4SYF, Salvatore I. Perrotti, N. Lavalley, NJ
 WB4UDV, Daniel R. Simmons, Old Hickory, TN
 W4VPO, Roy S. Hager, Orange, VA
 WB4YSC, Ernesto J. Maristany, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 K4ZZH, James E. Tingen, Columbia, SC
 W4ZZA, Paul A. Smith, Arlington, VA
 W5AMZ, Ralph E. Whitaker, Tupelo, MS
 W5BKW, William L. Harvard, Friendswood, TX
 Ex-W5EMH, Royden Freeland, Oklahoma City, OK
 W5FKR, Howell Dickson, Spring Branch, TX
 W5KHX, Robert E. Neumann, New Orleans, LA

K5OO, Jack P. Clark, Kingsville, TX
 W5THP, Jim F. Horak, Center Ridge, AR
 W5WEJ, Wayne S. Scott, Santa Fe, NM
 WA5YEA, James D. Dunn, Georgetown, TX
 N6BU, Kempster W. Pyle, Carlsbad, CA
 W6DA, Russell W. Hillen, Claremont, CA
 WA6DLN, I. Lloyd Ebinger, Reseda, CA
 K6EMT, Robert M. Bixler, El Segundo, CA
 WA6FML, Clarence W. Beck, Squaw Valley, CA
 W6GFM, Eugene Alexander, Perris, CA
 *K6HW, Gene M. Dotson, Pleasant Hill, CA
 WA6SZA, Reed Kelley, Lafayette, CA
 K6TRL, Cyrus M. Titus, Indio, CA
 WB6YCH, Edith A. Barnes, Morro Bay, CA
 W7BQS, John Weaver, Glendale, AZ
 W7DE, Grant S. Feikert, Corvallis, OR
 W7EXO, Bruce L. Stokes, Portland, OR
 WB7OQR, George S. Stevens, Richland, WA
 WB7SYS, Frank L. "Jim" Kelly, Sun City, AZ
 WA7TGD, William H. Nibouar, Phoenix, AZ
 W7UM, Lester C. Palmer, Verona, NJ
 K8CXE, Charles S. Willard, Akron, OH
 W8FYR, Aaron C. Self, Dayton, OH
 K8GLP, Van W. Callahan, Cleveland, OH
 W8GOV, Harold A. Tripp, Kalamazoo, MI
 W8IBE, E. Paul Hawkins, Packersburg, WV
 W8JDT, Merton D. Crandall, Indran River, MI
 W8JU, Reino J. Laakko, St. Ignace, MI
 WB8LLI, Jack W. Finnerman, Sturgis, MI
 WA8NCU, Lester H. Stabner, Cincinnati, OH
 W8RDT, Albert J. Eckhart, Jr., Litchfield, OH
 W8UPK, David C. Hutchcroft, Thompson, OH
 K8VKX, George J. Croze, Lansing, MI
 W9DII, George J. Wood, W. Allis, WI

W9DVD, George A. Ruger, Milwaukee, WI
 W9FLK, Joseph A. Sima, Waukegan, IL
 K9FWS, Charles R. Campbell, Lodi, WI
 W9JEV, Gabriel Gantchett, Granite City, IL
 W9JFB, Kenneth W. Pippen, Napanee, IN
 W9KP, Nick D. Westerveld, Palos Heights, IL
 W9LCO, Lester T. Christensen, Kenosha, WI
 W9LG, Darl F. Wood, South Bend, IN
 W9OW, Charles H. Johnson, Madison, WI
 WB9PQG, Robert H. Dreisbach, Fort Wayne, IN
 W9SH, Clarke W. Peterson, Chicago, IL
 Ex-K9ZQQ, William F. Fiedler, Batchtown, IL
 W0FSJ, George A. Hofmann, Sterling, CO
 WA0GZO, Almond D. Shaw, Wichita, KS
 WA0IKS, Alvin S. Heskin, Norwich, ND
 W0JJD, Francis B. Johnson, Lincoln, NE
 W0JHT, Paul Hollaway, Nebraska City, NE
 W0KHB, Gerald R. Butler, Fort Dodge, IA
 K0ZJY, Roy F. Walin, Wayzata, MN
 VE1AA, H. Earl Thompson, Liverpool, NS
 VE1AEI, Arthur J. Melanson, Bathurst, NB
 VE1AUG, William Dick, Georgetown, PE
 Ex-VE1SJ, The Rev. George L. Landry, Pomquet, NS
 VE1XF, Harold B. Hart, Dartmouth, NS
 VE7DK, Alan J. Deacon, Vancouver, BC
 DUICE, Eliodoro Claro, Manila, Philippines
 DUICH, Ciriaco Hocson, Rizal, Philippines
 DUJFH, Luis A. Fernandez, Manila, Philippines
 DU9WX, Salvador Laya, Lligan City, Philippines
 VK5GP, Sesom Gabb, Nairn, S. Australia

*Life Member

50 Years Ago

October, 1928

- Frequency measurement will be a major factor to ensure our operation inside the new, smaller bands the first of the year, and Ross Hull provides the necessary design info and construction data for a monitor/freqmeter to do the job, plus several options.
- 4AGE is located in a room next to WBT's kilowatt broadcast transmitter, and the operators share with us the receiver design which keeps dance music out of their 80-meter band reception.
- Lumber king Crossett has made the ICCZ installation on his Cape Cod estate available to avid experimenters; this month the main interest is an experimental 10-meter beam — a huge cage affair with wire elements.
- The 1929 regulations include a complete new listing of Q signals. QST, which formerly meant "call to all stations," is now abandoned and replaced by CQ (without the K at the end of the call). The old RI-R9 readability system disappears in favor of a new QSA 1-5 rating.
- 160 meters is a good place for the beginner to start, and Harold Westman has a simple, inexpensive receiver for that band to help the newcomer.
- Knowing how your receiver is really performing becomes even more important with the new, smaller (and likely crowded) bands, and V. Landon of Westinghouse lists suitable parameters for selectivity, sensitivity, and even fidelity (!) based on a study by the Institute of Radio Engineers.
- Central Division Director Angus, 9CYQ, has incorporated crystal control in his design of a portable transmitter.

25 Years Ago

October, 1953

- The League is commencing a campaign to get more activity on 220 Mc., and the opening gun in this issue is a nifty receiver design, especially with the Technician in mind, by WIHQ and W1VLH.
- A speaker in the shack can louse up automatic

voice control (VOX) unless you use a cancellation system such as W6IBR describes.

- The League's TVI demonstration has completed its first tour, and WIICP plus a trusty Ford station wagon filled with gear have educated some hundreds of servicemen on how to solve television interference problems. "Mac" rounds out the issue with a special article for the Novice plagued with the problem.
- W1DX is a stickler for good keying characteristics, and shares with us his views on various methods — along with a practical circuit.
- You don't have to use plug-in coils or even throw a switch to cover 80 through 6 meters if you build W1CLS' amplifier design — an easy half-kilowatt, too.
- Impressed with the extent of frequency shift from a metal object placed in the field of a mobile whip loading coil, W0DQW rigged up a movable rod operated by a flexible shaft from the driving position.
- W2DSU solves the multiband antenna problem by a groundplane with switchable sections for appropriate lengths.
- W6UYG once again goes over the principles of tuning a sideband signal on an ordinary receiver — especially, we have to learn to turn down the r.f. and up the audio, opposite to our a.m. custom.
- W4KFC somehow ran only third (behind W2SAL, W3CTJ) in this year's DX fracas. — *WIRW*

Club Notes

Your class — off and running; the summer county and state fair booths — successes and over until next year. The club members settle back, relaxing for a few weeks. It is time for officers to start thinking of new PR ideas to try. We've accumulated a ton of tricks that affiliated clubs across the United States and Canada have used successfully. Want to see them? A conglomeration of these ideas from past issues of *Radio Club News* has been put together for you to request. Send an s.a.s.e. please.

And you say your membership drive is over? Now you need ways to keep those members. "Escalating Membership," a regular column in the quarterly *Radio Club News*, tells all about these ways. Again, we brought together the ideas tried by clubs and published in past issues of *RCN*, and they are available for an s.a.s.e. What other things can we do to help you? Write us.

What? Never seen *Radio Club News*? Then your club isn't actively affiliated. Affiliation is a fairly sim-

ple paperwork process. Requirements are few; privileges are many. Clubs are approved at least four times a year. Keeping actively affiliated is easy. Sound good? Let us know you're interested. Affiliated once before but don't know how to reactivate? Or not sure if the club ever was? Tell us. — *Rosalie White, WA1STO*

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INTERNATIONAL MARCO MEETING

□ The Medical Amateur Radio Council, MARCO, will hold its 12th International Meeting at the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, TX, October 12-14, 1978. The meeting will focus on the use of satellites in the exchange of biomedical information. Live demonstrations will be given using OSCAR, KERA, Dallas' national educational television station, will carry the demonstrations live. Information may be obtained from Dr. Mervin Grossman, K5CY, P. O. Box 18114, Dallas, TX 75218. MARCO membership is not required.

LA SCALA AWARD

□ The Milano Radio Club announces the La Scala Award to commemorate the Bicentenary of the famous La Scala Opera House. QSOs with stations of the Milano Radio Club between September 1 and December 31, 1978, will count one point. The same station can be contacted on more than one band.

QSOs with vocal and musical performers in La Scala, (I2CUK, I2DMH, I2UCE) will count three points. To obtain the award Italian stations must earn 30 points, European stations 25 points, DX stations 20 points and Pacific area stations 10 points.

Send the list of QSOs, a QSL card and \$3 or 10 IRCs (lire 3000) to Mario Ambrosi, I2MQP, Via Stradella 13, 20129 Milano, Italy. Stations from Milano Radio Club will be on 3570, 7035, 14070, 21070, 28070 for cw; and on 3670, 7070, 14270, 21320, 28570 for ssb (listening on 3815 and 7207).

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ on-the-air chess players. Keven Nomura, WD9DMV, 1937 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60614.



The Northern California DX Foundation

Have you ever wondered who pays for a DXpedition to a rare and remote location? In many cases, of course, all the expenses are covered by the DXers who make the trip. But sometimes the cost of the undertaking is too much for those hams who are otherwise willing to endure the hazards of DXing under primitive conditions. In such situations, the Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) may possibly ride to the rescue, checkbook in hand!

In October 1972, Vince Chinn, K6KQN, decided DXing could use more support than it was receiving. The result was the NCDXF, incorporated as a nonprofit scientific and educational foundation. Membership is open to anyone, but more on that later.

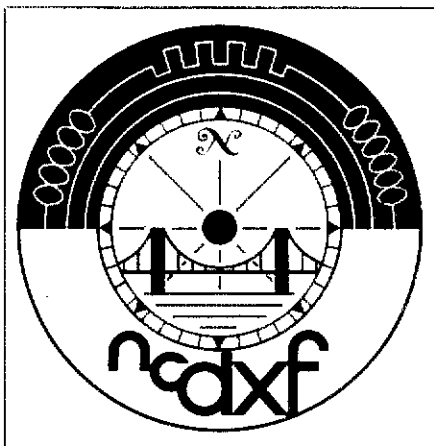
Purposes and Goals

Basically the Foundation tries to encourage activity and growth in all phases of Amateur Radio. To date, however, it is best known for sponsoring and assisting various DX activities including "DXpeditions to rare countries, counties, vhf locations or wherever two-way communications may be out-of-the-ordinary or of unusual interest."

While DXpeditions excite interest and gain publicity, the Foundation is willing to support research activities that are less spectacular but nevertheless vital to the development of radio science. Thus it will "act as a sponsor for those who can make significant contributions in their own specialized fields or areas of interest. Particular consideration will be given to projects which stress the public interest aspects of Amateur Radio . . . or advance the state of the art." The Foundation is also willing to give scholarships "to worthy individuals in the pursuit of courses of learning that can benefit Amateur Radio." Finally, it helps disseminate DX information to foreign hams.

What Has It Done Lately?

For openers, the Foundation gave \$7000 to help keep the Clipperton effort afloat this year. The Cocos-Keeling trip was supported, as was the trip to St. Peter and Paul Rocks. San Hutson, K5YY, is receiving aid for his East African and Indian Ocean trip this year. The Puerto



Rican amateurs poised for Desecheo are also receiving aid. Here are some of the others who, in one way or another, have benefited from NCDXF support in recent years: VR3AG, KP6PA, KP6KR, W6WX/KJ6, HK0AA (Serrana Bank and Bajo Nuevo), A35NN, ZK2AO, 9N1MM/7, TA7ABK, ST2SA, YM0AA (Geyser), ST2SA/ST0, XU1AA, CR9AK, KC4NI, VP8ON (Falkland Is.), Moonbounce HK1TL/KL7/USA, VK9XX, 3B8DT, OH0AM and OH0DX (Aland Is.), JY8BH, SVIGA/A (Mt. Athos), CT9AT (Madeira Is.), HB0AZD, CSAZ, KP6AL, KP6BD and 4U1UN.

Assistance is not limited to cash. Equipment has been given to CR9AK, OH0MA, 3B8DA, 4U1UN, Y11BGD, CE0AE and others.

Selecting Recipients of Aid

The Foundation is NOT interested in paying for someone's vacation trip to a tropical paradise or a European resort! Recipients of aid are expected to pay their own transportation — if a DXpedition is involved — to the point beyond which conventional scheduled transportation is not available. In addition, they must be dedicated amateurs whose objectives satisfy the basic purposes of the NCDXF.

you said you didn't need a QSL from this end.' Under the wrong circumstances, a QSL card can be the cause of someone being imprisoned.

"Never, but never, mail a QSL card to a DX station except in a plain envelope with absolutely no mention of Amateur Radio, such as calls, etc., on the outside of the envelope. If the DX station requests that you use the Bureau then please use it.

"In their enthusiasm, American hams in particular do not seem to realize that in most parts of the world, Amateur Radio — on a scale of 'Things We Like Most' — has been placed just below leprosy. In this country it is neither permitted or prohibited. A few 'selected' persons are allowed to use the ham bands

If you want support from the Foundation, write to it, saying exactly what you plan to do. The Foundation is most interested in those proposals that show study, planning and a possibility of bringing the rare and semi-rare on the air. Vague or incomplete plans are given only passing attention. In any case, financing is seldom 100 percent of the expenses.

How Does the NCDXF Function?

A dedicated, hard-working group of trustees and advisors keeps things running. Present trustees are Don Schliesser, K6RV (president); Jack Troster, N6IQ (vice president); Vince Chinn, K6KQN (treasurer); Merle Parten, K6DC (secretary); Hugh Cassidy, WA6AUD; Jim Maxwell, W6CF; Ed Peck, K6AN; C. F. "Bud" Bane, W6WB and Bob Ferrero, W6RJ. Present advisors are Lee Shaklee, W6BH; N. C. "Clint" Luhmann, K6NH; O. G. "Mike" Villard, W6QYT and Wayne Overbeck, N6NB.

Each of the above pays any personal expenses he incurs in helping the Foundation. The NCDXF does not pay for their meetings or telephone expenses, and there are no administrative salaries. As a result, almost all Foundation funds go directly to supporting DXpeditions and other vital activities. Finally, it must be mentioned that in the early stages of the Foundation, a very sizable contribution by Lee Shaklee helped put the operation on a firm financial foundation.

You Can Help

The NCDXF is obviously a great help to DXing, but can do much more with your assistance. At present it has approximately 500 members. You can join this dedicated group by sending at least \$5 — but hopefully more — to the Northern California DX Foundation, P. O. Box 717, Oakland, CA 94604.

You can also help by donating Amateur Radio equipment. You will receive a receipt for its fair market value, so you can claim credit for a tax-deductible contribution. If you want to give equipment, write first for shipping instructions.

Remember, the NCDXF gives essential support to DXing. A donation to it is in your own best interests!

QSLING CAN BE DANGEROUS TO FOREIGN HAMS

The following is quoted from a letter received from a U.S. ham working overseas in a politically sensitive country. As requested, his name is withheld.

"Please listen to the DX station when he gives QSL info and then follow it exactly as given. I have particularly asked every W/VE worked NOT to send me a QSL. Yet, I have before me several which say, 'I know

but the average man in the street has no idea that such a thing as Amateur Radio even exists. Here, mere possession of such a sophisticated item as an ssb receiver means imprisonment for a . . . national. For me, it would mean a month or more in prison and deportation."

And in addition to making life uncertain for the DX operator, identifying him as a ham may insure that he never receives your letter. In some countries, postal clerks know that IRCs and currency are sent to hams, and pilfer such letters. While Amateur Radio is not hazardous — and QSLs are not subject to theft — in many countries of the world, QSLing instructions should be religiously followed.

THE DX SCENE

Ahu Ail, F6BB1 and the Colvins, who may be active by the time you read this, are aiming to operate in late September or early October. (LIDXA)

Carolinas DX Club. Gene Tyree, 5222 N. Sumac Circle, Fayetteville, NC 28304, wants to start one in the Carolinas. If interested, write to him.

FB8XS is frequently heard long path at about 1030Z on 20 cw. Bruno's cards are handled by F5VU.

FB8YG. Claude likes the low edge of 14-MHz cw at around 1100Z. QSL to F6BCN.

FB8ZM is often found with his QSL manager W4LZZ handing out cw contacts around 14,040 MHz from 1600 to 1200Z, before moving to 14.225 MHz. (LIDXA)

FR7BE, Reunion. Jean is very active on or about 14.205 MHz, often around 0330Z. W4LZZ handles the QSL situation.

GD5CAA will be operated by K3RV during the WAE and/or CQ WW contests in 1978. QSL to WA3ZAS. (WA3ZAS)

H4, Solomons. Many of the gang are heard sporting their new prefix. H44DN (Dave) is on 14.225 MHz from 0800-1000Z daily. H44KM (Ken) is often on 21-MHz cw after 0200Z. QSL to WA6AHF. H44s DG SI and ZZ are also active on ssb.

HB0 should be heard just as you read this. HB9s AIC BNP and NL plan an all-band effort from September 30 to October 15, using the HB0 prefix before their regular suffixes. (HB9NL)

IR9USV, Slidly, favors 15-meter cw on weekends from 1700Z. (K6RXX)

JW9WT will again be activated, this time for four months beginning in mid-November. Jan (LA9WT) indicates that he prefers 14.220 MHz, although some cw is also probable.

KAINC, Marcus Island, will be active for 11 months on DX nets, especially the YL Net on 14.332 MHz at 1330Z. QSL via K4JEX. (LIDXA)

KB6. Advanced class licensees in California are finding pileups wherever they go from anxious DXers

hunting for a Baker, Howland and Phoenix contact! **KC6GG, Western Carolines.** John operates most days from 1030Z in the vicinity of 14.330 MHz from Yap Island. QSLs c/o USCG Loran Station on the island. (LIDXA)

KPI, Navassa. Updated information shows that finalized boat arrangements adjust the operating dates slightly. Plans are to operate four simultaneous stations using ssb, cw and OSCAR Mode B from November 25 'til December 2. Eight ops are scheduled to make the trip, hoping to satisfy as many stations as possible. QSL to N0TG. (N0TG)

KS4, Serrana Bank. An expedition is being planned for January 18-21, 1979, by W9UCW, HK0BKK, WA9EYY, KIPBW and K9RA. Plans are to operate 160-10 meters with two complete stations at all times. (WA9EYY)

KV4AA continues to plug away. Bob, WB3GAV/2, was Dick's 25,000th QSO in 1978, made on July 28. Dick has now averaged 120 QSOs per day this year. (KV4AA)

PY0, Fernando. QSLs from the PY7APS/0 operation of 1967 and of PY0APS in 1968 may be obtained from PY7APS. Gerson also has his logs from the WPX contests of 1969 (PU7APS), 1970 (ZV7APS), and 1971 (PV7APS). (PY7APS)

VK9ZM will be on Willis Island through December, on 14.263 MHz daily, 0600-1300Z. QSL to VK4ABW. (LIDXA)

VK9ZR, Mellish Reef. VK2BJL's revised plans are to operate from September 29 to October 9. (LIDXA)

VQ9, Chagos. Lemuel, WA4YVG/VQ9, will be on until March 1979. QSL to W4XQ. Note that QSLs for S79 should not be sent to the Diego Garcia bureau, as they will be returned to the senders. Jake, WD9FCC/VQ9, continues to be heard on ssb. (WA4YVG)

VR7CR. ZL3TR, who was erroneously given as the QSL manager, reports that he knows nothing of this July LARU contest operation.

Whidbey Island (WA) amateurs offer a challenging award known as the "Island DX Award" (IDX), the

basic idea being to confirm QSOs with various islands of the world. Write to WB7BFK.

ZF, Caymans, will be activated by W4YKH, K4VYN and WD4AXM, aiming for the period October 25-November 9. ZF2BC will be the contest call and ZF2BP should be heard at all other times. (W4YKH)

ZKIDR. Alan is often found near 14.250 MHz at 0800Z to provide South Cook QSOs. QSL to WA0WCR.

ZL3HI/C, Chatham. ZLIs ADI AJL AMO BKL, ZL4NF and WA6YOW are targeting October 27 through November 6 for an all-band operation, with a big multi-station setup for CQ WW ssb. QSL via N2CW. (LIDXA)

3V8BZ is often heard near 21.350 MHz at 1300Z. QSL via DL1HH. (LIDXA)

4X30CJ. Bob may be found at 0330Z daily on 14.003 MHz. He has 299 confirmed countries on 7 MHz! QSL to K4YSF.

6O1FG, Somalia. I2FGP showed in mid-July on 14.205 MHz, hoping for an extended period of operation. Reports are that licensing is becoming less difficult, with several amateurs worldwide extending inquiries. QSL 6O1FG to I2MQP. (I2MQP)

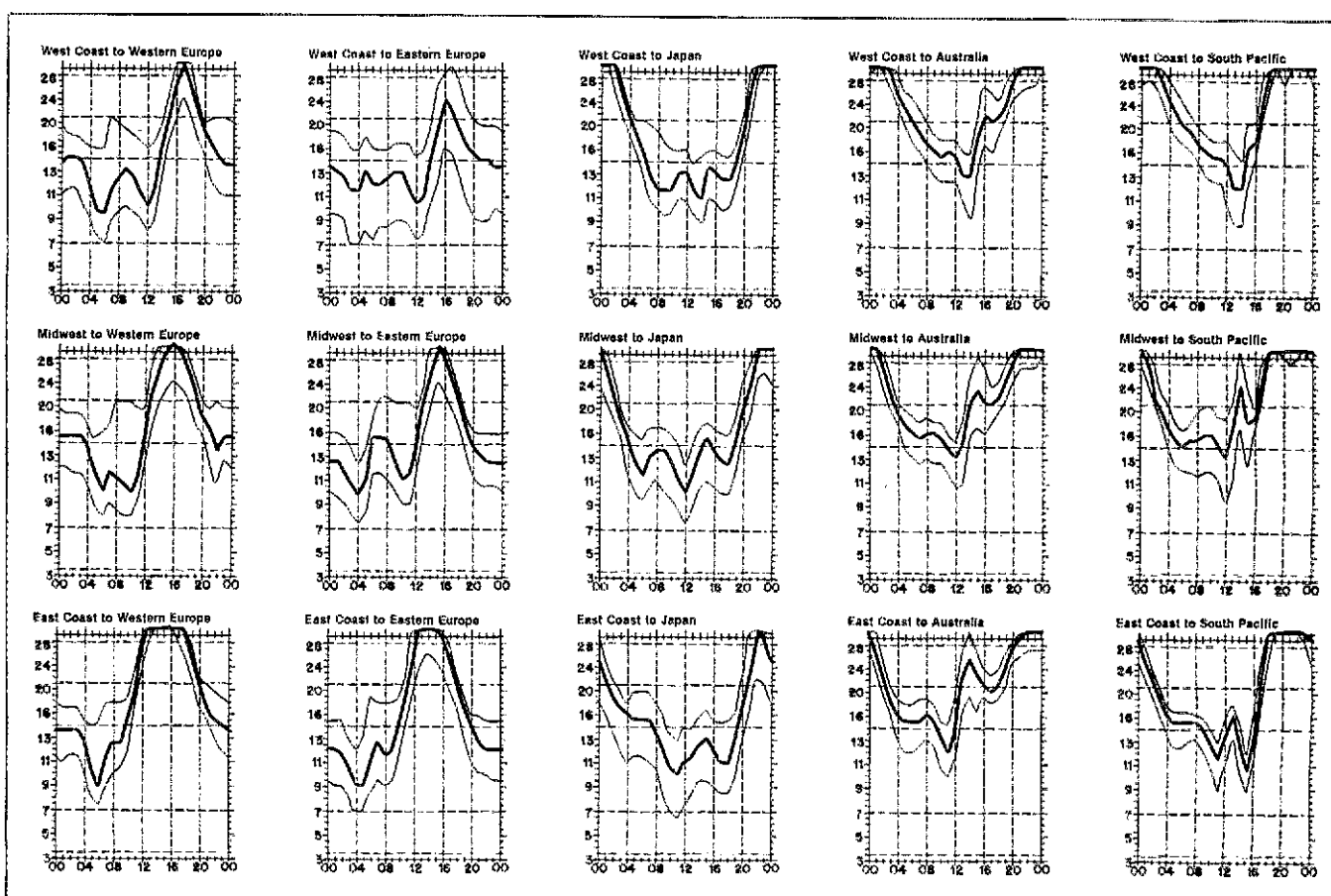
9V1TE. Jim can be found frequenting the long path at 1100Z on or around 14.240 MHz. QSL to WA0TRJ.

QSL MANAGER VOLUNTEERS

These folks offer their assistance to any DX station desiring help with QSLing and should be contacted directly: I2MQP, LU6EF, PY17APS, WA1GXE, WB1HLD, WA1GFJ, WB4AEJ, WD5DPP, WD5FWX, WD9DZY, WD9GGY.

THANKS TO OUR NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTORS

Their help is invaluable in assembling this column.



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. One chart for East Coast to West Coast is also included. On 10 percent of the days of the month, the highest frequency propagated will be at least as high as the uppermost curve (highest possible frequency, or hpf). On 50 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the middle curve (maximum usable frequency, or muf). On 90 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the

QSL Corner

Administered By R. L. White, W1CW

In talking to several of the call area QSL bureau managers, I find that a couple of the same points seem to crop up in the conversations with all of them. This is no great surprise since what I talk to the bureau managers about is QSL bureaus and, aside from some difference in quantity, one domestic QSL bureau and its "problems" is very much the same as the next one. Right now the current "bump in the road" is caused by so many people changing their call sign and not putting in envelopes for the new call. If you have changed calls, be sure to see that your bureau has envelopes on file for the new call as well as your old one. Also, if you haven't sent in some postage to take care of the change from 13¢ to 15¢, on your old envelopes, why not do that?

In the August issue I made the statement: "DX QSLs sent 'via the bureau' will go to the bureau in which the individual resides." That statement is correct as long as you are not one of the people who decide to hold on to their call when they move from one call area to another. If, for example, a person licensed in the third call area moves to the sixth call area but retains the third call area call sign and operates with the third area call, the cards coming from DX stations for that person will go to the third call area QSL bureau and not to the sixth call area bureau. Even if the person signed /6, the cards would still go to the third call area QSL bureau.

The following QTH and manager listings cannot be guaranteed but are printed as received.

- DU3BS, Box 22, Clearfield, UT 84015
- SV1HW, Box 3751, Athens, Greece
- VP2MZZ, Box 448, Fonthill, ONT L0S 1E0
- W7FFO/KH2, P. O. Box 8305, NAVCAMS WEST-PAC, FPO S.F., CA 96630

- YN1Z, 2611 Locksley Rd., Melbourne, FL 32935
- 4S7NE, N.6. Rantasinghe, P4 Bungalow, O.T.S. Poththode, Sri Lanka
- 7P8BH, Box 333, Maseru, Lesotho
- 9N1MM, 12802 Sun Valley Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351
- A4XGY (K2RU)
- A6XF (G4CHP)
- A6XR (G4CHP)
- A6XT (G4CHP)
- AP2AD (K1KNQ)
- C21AA (WA6AHF)
- CN8CC (F6CVE)
- EP2FN (K2RW)
- EP2IJ (W7LEE)
- FB8XG (F5VU)
- FG7TD (W5RU)
- FK0BB (SM2EZE)
- F08BB (SM2EZE)
- G15CNT (DF9FM)
- HH2A (WA6RPF)
- HK1AMW (W3KT)
- JW4FG (LA5NM)
- JW4QV (LA5NM)
- JW4RV (LA5NM)
- JW5LJ (LA5NM)
- JW5NM (LA5NM)
- JW5ZJ (LA5NM)
- JW7FD (LA5NM)
- JW8KT (LA5NM)
- JW8LU (LA5NM)
- JW9UV (LA5NM)
- JW9WT (LA5NM)
- JX3P (LA5NM)
- JX8LU (LA5NM)
- JX9WT (LA5NM)
- KA1NC (K4JEX)
- KA2DC (K5RW)
- KG4MM (K1MM)
- KG6JLL (KH6ITD)
- MP4TEE (G4CHP)
- OD5MX (WA6YOU)
- OE2VEL/HB0 (OE2DYL)
- P29LS (G4CHP)
- P29MF (G4CHP)
- P29MM (K4MQJ)
- P19JR (N4MM)
- P19KK (N4MM)
- PY7CC (W4TAJ)
- PY8OD (WA4MDS)
- TF3CW (K1RH)
- T18BP (WA9UNR)
- VK2BTC (K1SC)
- VK3BJ (SM2EZE)
- VK9YS (F6CYL)
- VK9ZR (VK2BJL)
- VO1LX/SU (VE3JWD)
- VP1DD (W0AWA)
- VP2AZB (G3RBB)
- VP2VDS (W1WPP)
- VR3AK (KH6AHZ)
- VS6HK-Sept. 10-24, '78 (W6FL)
- VU2CC/7 (VU2PE)
- VU2LQA (DK6TU)
- VU2TS (SM0GMZ)
- W1GNC/PJ2 (WA1AHQ)
- WA6YOU/DU2 (WA6YOU)
- Y18BB (SM2EZE)
- YS1SC (W3RKP)
- ZF2AU (W4MLA)
- ZB2CS (W9JVF)
- ZP5XBC (JA1QXY)
- 3A0GY (WB2E2G)
- 3V8BZ (DL1HH)
- 4W1ED (G4CHP)
- 4Z30GH (K5JBC)
- 5H3FW (DF4TA)
- 5J4RCA (HK4DBX)
- 5U7AG (K1VSK)
- 5W1BN (KH6JEB)
- 5Z4NH (W2PPG)

- 5Z4QP (G3TRR)
- 6O1FG (I2MQP)
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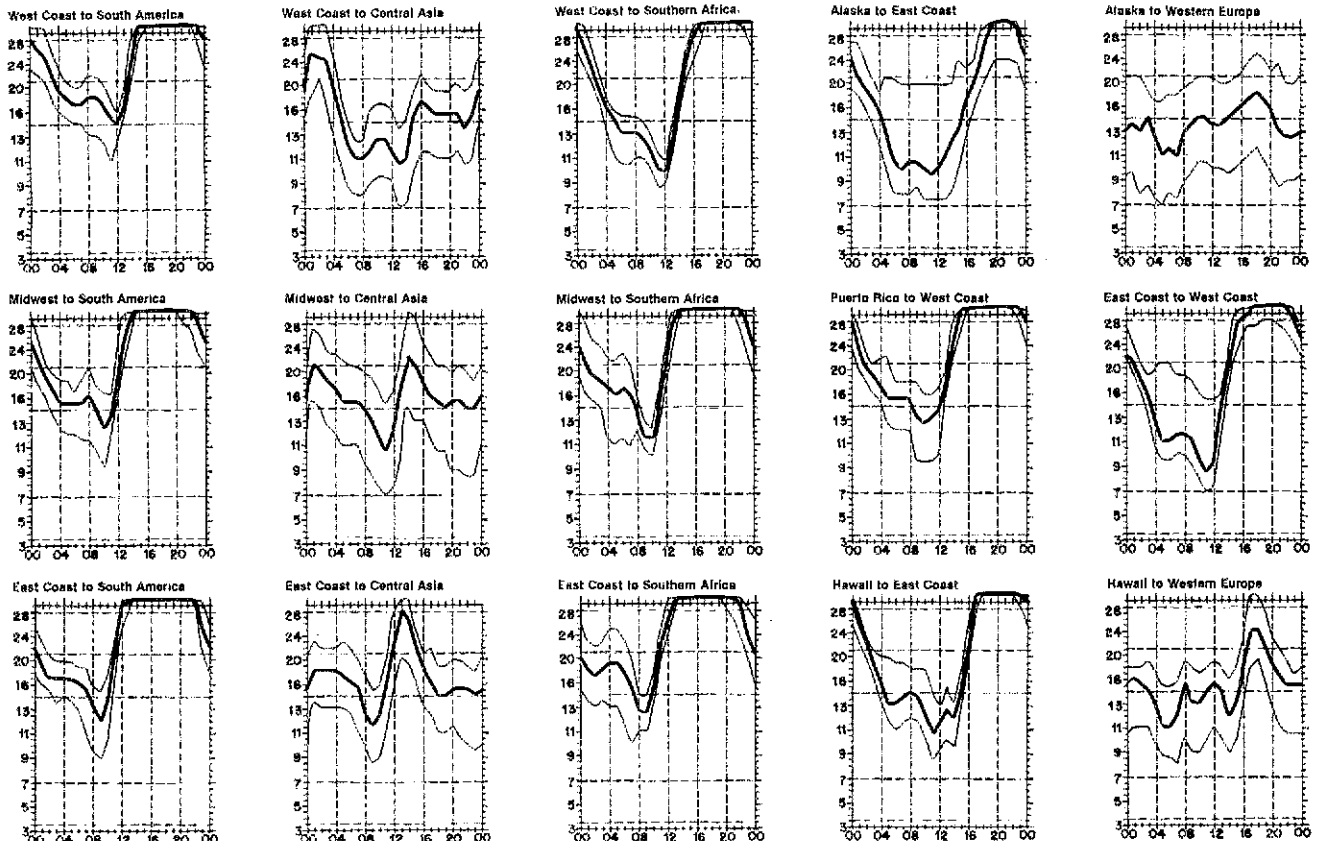
- 8P6JV (W1ZT)
- 8Q7MX (SM3CX5)
- 9G1JW (DF1FU)
- 9L1CA (WA3NCP)

To the following thoughtful ones, a great big THANK YOU and may your tribe increase: DF9FM, G4CHP, HK1AMW, LA5NM, OH2BN, SM2EZE, SV1HW, VE3BXY, 7P8BH, K1XA, W1s MV, RF, K2s TV, BK, WB2ENW, K4WSB, N4MM, WA4ZXC, K5MK, KH6GGZ, WA6s RPF, YOU, WB6JPZ, N7EB, W7LEE, WA7PMZ, WA8MOA, W9JVF, N0RF.

ARRL DX QSL BUREAU SYSTEM

The ARRL DX QSL bureau system distributes cards free of charge from DX stations to amateurs within the League membership area (see page 8). Every active DXer should keep several 5 x 7-1/2-inch envelopes on file with the bureau of his home district. Place your call sign in large block letters in the upper left corner, and attach a single first-class stamp, unless you normally receive more cards. Unclaimed cards are discarded after one year. For more details on the bureau system, write ARRL HQ.

- First Call Area: all calls* — Hampden County Radio Association, Box 216, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01108.
- Second Call Area: all calls* — North Jersey DX Assn., P. O. Box 8160, Haledon, NJ 07508.
- Third Call Area: all calls* — Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, RD 1, Box 66, Valley Hill Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.
- Fourth Call Area: K4, N4, W4 — National Capitol DX Assn., Box DX, Boyce, VA 22620.
- Fourth Call Area: AA, AB, AC4, WA4, WB4, WD4, WN4 — Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 599, Sterling Park, VA 22170.
- Fifth Call Area: all calls* — ARRL W5 QSL Bureau, Box 1690, Sherman, TX 75090.



lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or foot). See January 1977 QST, page 58, and September 1977 QST, page 35, 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, CO. These predictions for October 15 to November 15, 1978, assume a sunspot number of 111, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 156.

DX Century Club Awards

Administered By Don Search, W3AZD

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmation for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC List. You may also submit cards to endorse your award in 20-country increments through 240, 100-country increments through 300, and in 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from July 1 through July 31, 1978. An s.a.s.e. will bring you the full rules for participation in the DXCC, the DXCC list and application forms.

New Members

Mixed

SM3CXS/327 VE3EDC/301 K9AJ/291 YU1BP/263 OH1LA/240 SM5AQD/222 N1ACQ/219 WA4QOM/212 K5VRX/199 ON6BC/189 YU3BO/169 YU2CB/168 JA1VN/165 JH6RIM/161	K5KT7/161 JH1BZJ/159 KH6JEB/139 WB3BMX/137 W8MFJ/134 N5TV/133 JA1PMS/130 K3NS/125 K9KT/122 WA4EJX/122 N2JO/121 VE3DUS/121 WD5CBA/121 6Y5DA/120	DF2ED/118 VE3IUE/118 K8DJC/117 N6HZ/117 AA4KA/113 K1RB/113 JE1VTZ/110 K3VDU/110 K4OAH/110 K2AVX/109 WA1SSX/109 WB2FCJ/109 N3NN/4/108 WB5TAP/108	AA4MI/107 N3EB/107 WB8EYL/107 GM4CHX/106 WB5SSD/106 JH7LMZ/105 WA6FTS/105 WB0OTA/105 JR1VAY/104 W3APR/104 WA8RXL/104 VP2MAQ/103 WB7ASH/103	W9DS/103 K9KK/102 N4DX/102 PA0JJB/102 WB3DDS/102 WA4UBM/102 WB4BAI/102 WB4FTU/102 WB4MZO/102 WB5SNF/102 K4WNC/101 K9BK/101 N8BS/101	WB5LDU/101 WB0SNG/101 VE6AJF/100 G14DQO/100 K3NB/100 WA2OVG/100 WA2JVD/100 WB3DWH/100 WA4ITA/5/100 WB4PUE/100 W4LCO/100 WB6GJA/3/100 ZL1ADI/100
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Radiotelephone

W7FKI/224 VE1RY/222 WA4OQM/207 OH1LA/205 WB9RT/203 SM5AQD/200 PY5EX/154 I8KOS/151 K5KT/151	G3BSA/146 W4KFB/143 N8AC/142 DL7JK/139 JH6RIM/139 WB8FM/133 DA1MB/130 K9EHA/130 N5TV/128	WB4FOT/127 WB2QLG/126 SM3GS/121 WD4EYD/120 JH6RIM/118 W6TGI/116 JA1XGI/114 K1RB/113 O8GMMK/113	DJ3ND/112 WA4EJX/111 K6RLY/110 JH9BQU/109 JH6RIM/109 H18FE/108 W3SPG/108 WD4FFP/107 N4ANV/106	PA0SPD/106 WB5SSD/105 WB5PBA/104 WD6AV/104 WB4MZO/102 WA4OQL/103 W8TIV/103 WB2SPQ/102 SM5BMD/102	JR1VAY/101 K5LAC/101 WB6AE/101 XE1GBM/101 K9KK/101 JH4MVH/100 N2DH/100 WA6KTZ/100 WB6DFX/100
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CW

K9AJ/215 JA2ETQ/151 OK3JW/151 SM5AQD/138 W0NB/112 W1OPJ/109	K3NS/107 WB7ASF/107 K8IP/105 JH7LMZ/105 K5HK/104	N4PY/103 DK5AD/W3/103 K3EQ/102 N8VR/102 OH1LA/102	OK1MP/102 K2TV/101 N3NN/4/101 N0HY/101 W3OGY/101	WA3GJZ/101 DL9TJ/100 I5IRM/100 K3QIA/100 N7MC/100	PY2DFR/100 VE6AJF/100 WB2FY/100 WA4DAN/100 WA4QMC/100
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160 Meters

W9NFC

5BDXCC

JA2HNP W4BV	K4RDU N4CQ	W7YBX	YU2CBK	UK6LAZ	ON6BC
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Endorsements

Mixed

VK4QM/358 ZL1HY/358 W1GKK/356 G3FBX/353 W2QM/352 K2LWJR/349 W1FZ/349 WB6GI/348 W3AFM/347 W3GRS/347 W98M/343 XE1AE/343 W3TKD/341 W6UQQ/340 HB9PL/336 ON4QJ/336 W1QJR/334 W4QQN/334 DJ0KQ/332 W6QL/330 W9BT/330 W4YN/329 G3JEC/328 W4NL/328 SM6CWK/327 HB9AHA/325 I0JX/325 K1DRN/325 K5RC/325 JA2AAQ/324 K3RS/320 K4BVQ/318	W3KA/318 W1HGA/317 W3GG/316 WB2CK/316 NG6MI/315 W1GME/314 N4SA/311 W4NO/311 WA4FFW/310 W1BFA/308 K45M/305 W2Z/303 W4KNW/303 W1DA/302 W1RL/301 Z54MG/301 A4AC/300 DJ5JH/300 K4GLA/300 K5OA/300 N4RA/300 W1EW/300 W4LB/300 Y15CW/300 PA0TAU/299 W6SN/297 DL1KS/291 WA6GFY/290 WB6WHM/290 W5NJ/286 JF1PJ/284	W1QV/282 K4UTE/280 K4X/280 W1AW/280 WA2CBB/280 OF1CP/279 YU4HA/276 HB9AO/272 WA3LJ/270 W2TA/272 N4CQ/271 YU1NEO/271 HB9AQW/270 N5OK/270 K4SV/269 WA4TJ/269 K4LR/265 WA4ENJ/264 N8JW/263 W2BNJ/263 W6PQZ/263 JA2ETQ/262 KH6GJ/261 K9IUF/260 W2BT/222 W2BTG/220 WB9BGJ/260 DL9TJ/259 W3KJ/259 WA3SXH/257 W7QON/257 N4HH/256 GM3AVW/255	K6UD/253 G4BUE/252 W4DZ/252 JA1XGI/251 O25V/251 K40BJ/250 N4NW/250 WA3LJ/250 K3RB/248 W1YZL/248 I2VDX/244 WB4EQ/242 AA4DR/240 K4AM/240 W5CPJ/240 WA0TKJ/240 K3AU/239 K5PP/239 JA5PUJ/233 K4YOE/231 K6RSY/226 WA4VDE/223 N4JF/222 W2BTG/220 K4KFB/211 G3ZQW/210 W22XJ/209 W0BADI/209 W6PMT/203 G4BUE/202 W1DYH/202	N3US/201 W1BL/201 WA6AGN/201 DK3NU/200 K1SA/200 K4KPH/200 K6BUU/200 WA4HDD/200 WA4WYN/200 WD8EO/200 K1MEM/199 YU2ACF/193 W3GTL/186 W3NF/184 K0KES/183 W1VH/183 W8YMH/182 EP2OD/181 WA2FUE/181 K5QE/180 W2SEG/180 WB4WSB/180 W1SG/180 K4BLY/175 W8TIV/175 DL3TN/170 W6CRE/167 WA1YAX/165 WB3HAZ/164 W6MUS/163 WB9EIW/163	N4OH/162 P59YH/161 K8EH/160 K9ARZ/160 N5UX/160 WB4SXW/160 WA7URW/160 K4NV/159 N4SX/159 N4ZS/159 W9ECF/159 K2TJ/158 6Y5MP/153 WASTOS/151 K4NFE/150 WA4QHV/150 WB9XY/148 W0TT/148 WA6DVE/144 WB9TIG/142 VE4IU/140 K6GR/139 N8RA/139 W3YQ/139 WA1TXI/131 Y63EIM/122 WB9EE/122 K5PR/120 K6SMH/120 W2CHV/120 W2YC/120
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Radiotelephone

W1JFG/352 W1HX/344 ZL1KG/344 XE1AE/343 W3GRS/334 VK4QM/332 K3JQC/328 I0JX/325 K1DRN/325 W4QQN/324 W8SFJ/324 JA2AAQ/323 W1FZ/323 K9LKA/321 W1GKK/318 HB9AHA/317 W1HGA/317 OH3SR/316 W1JWX/315	K4BVQ/306 WB4KZG/305 F5JA/302 W2MPK/300 K5OA/296 W1BFA/285 WB6WHM/285 I7RNH/280 N4RA/280 WA7DRP/279 K4QPH/276 XE1J/275 VE3FJ/274 ZL1AMN/270 WB6SE/269 JF1PJ/266 N4CQ/265 PY6CN/262 WB2BNJ/261	A44CJ/260 KH6GJ/260 VE4JK/260 WB9BGJ/260 F5CYL/259 W3KJ/259 W6KQ/259 K3RPY/252 O25V/251 W4NYN/250 W7JWE/250 W5LQN/249 K6UD/248 K4POV/247 WA4HSE/243 DL6Q/242 EA3AE/240 G4BUE/240 KP4AM/240	N4NW/240 W4JTI/239 WB4VNG/238 K3RB/234 K9ES/230 JA5PUJ/224 W6ZUM/223 WA4VDE/222 W0EVE/221 K9HDZ/220 W6MFC/220 W7RCJ/220 W0WQ/220 K665W/213 N8JW/211 K6RSY/208 JA1LFR/207 W3KA/204	W7BG/203 DF4FX/201 DK3NU/200 W3YVW/200 WA4HDD/200 W6PMT/200 WB4NVH/199 ZP5PX/199 K3MWW/198 W5NJ/194 W0BADI/191 DL7SP/188 K3AO/188 W7FR/187 W0RWC/187 W7GON/184 WA4QMC/180 EA3OD/173	W7ISG/167 EP2TY/165 SM6DSS/165 WB6RMN/9/165 K5H/160 N5UX/160 W5CPJ/160 W6MUS/160 WA0TAM/160 6Y5MP/153 K9ARZ/150 N1AC/149 K8EH/143 N2BJ/142 Y2PVBK/137 K4NFE/135 K4SE/133 WA6I/132
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CW

W3KT/260 JF1PJ/226 DL8AN/223 JH1VRQ/220	W0BW/203 DL1D/200 DL1PM/197 N1AC/182	K0KES/170 W3GRS/169 K1SA/162	AA4M/160 K4NV/169 WB4KZG/159	G4BUE/157 K8WW/155 K3KFO/141	N4SX/127 K9CT/120 W4WXX/119
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□ Sixth Call Area: all calls* — ARRL Sixth (6th) District DX QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 1460, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

□ Seventh Call Area: all calls — Willamette Valley DX Club, Inc., P. O. Box 555, Portland, OR 97207.

□ Eighth Call Area: all calls — Columbus Amateur Radio Assn., Radio Room, 280 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.

□ Ninth Call Area: all calls — Northern Illinois DX Assn., Box 519, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

□ Zero Call Area: all calls* — W0 QSL Bureau, Ak-Sar-Ben Radio Club, P. O. Box 291, Omaha, NE 68101.

□ Puerto Rico: all calls* — Radio Club de Puerto Rico, P. O. Box 1061, San Juan, PR 00902.

□ U.S. Virgin Islands: all calls — Graciano Berlarjo, KV4CF, P. O. Box 572, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820.

□ Panama Canal Zone: all calls* — KZ5 QSL Bureau, Box 407, Balboa, CZ.

□ Hawaiian Islands: all calls* — John H. Oka, KH6DQ, P. O. Box 101, Aiea, Oahu, HI 96701.

□ Alaska: all calls — Alaska QSL Bureau, 4304 Garfield St., Anchorage, AK 99503.

□ SWL — Leroy Waite, 39 Hannum St., Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

□ QSL Cards for Canada (VE and VO) may be sent to: CRRL Central QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 663, Halifax, NS B3J 2T3. Or, QSL cards may be sent to the individual bureaus.

□ VE1* — L. J. Fader, VE1FQ, P. O. Box 663, Halifax, NS B3J 2T3.

□ VE2 — A. G. Daemen, VE2LJ, 2960 Douglas Ave., Montreal, Quebec H3R 2E3.

□ VE3 — The Ontario Trilliums, P. O. Box 157, Downsview, Ont. M3M 3A3.

□ VE4* — W. A. Stundt, VE4BJ, 578 Oxford St., Winnipeg, Man. R3M 3J9.

□ VE5* — A. Lloyd Jones, VE5J1, 2328 Grant Rd., Regina, Sask. S4S 5E3.

□ VE6* — G. D. Holton, VE6AGV, 4003 1st St., N.W. Calgary, Alta. T2K 0X2.

□ VE7* — Howard Martin, VE7AFY, No. 45-9960 Wilson Road, Ruskin, BC V0M 1R0.

□ VE8* — Al Sturko, VE8NS, P. O. Box 72, Fort Smith, NWT X0E 0P0.

□ VO1, VO2 — CRRL VO QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 6, St. John's, Nfld. A1C 5H5.

*These bureaus sell envelopes or postage credits. Send an s.a.s.e. to the bureau for further information. QSL bureaus for other areas can be found in December 1975 QST, page 64.

DXAC NOTES

In accordance with a recent DXAC recommendation, the ARRL Board of Directors accepted a report of the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) which recognizes the United Nations Headquarters in New York, 4U1UN, as a new addition to the DXCC list. Contacts made on or after February 4, 1978, will count. No credits will be made to your country total fill after November 1, however. Even though Board Minute 28 ("Moved and Seconded," September QST) notes October 1 as an effective implementation date, we anticipate a heavy DXCC workload resulting from preparation of the annual list. Thus, credits will be deferred till after November 1.

The following recommendation from the DX Advisory Committee was submitted to Headquarters by the DXAC: Southern Sudan (ST0) should be added to the ARRL DXCC list. The recommendation was accepted by the communications manager. For more information on the DXAC, see December 1974 QST, page 90.

DXCC NOTES

Two new countries to be added to the ARRL Countries List, 4U1UN, United Nations Headquarters, New York. QSOs made on or after February 4, 1978, count for this country. ST0, Southern Sudan, QSOs made on or after May 7, 1972, count for this country. These countries will be accepted for DXCC credits starting November 1, 1978.

These actions bring the grand total on the ARRL Countries List to 365 — 319 current and 46 deleted.

Regulations Update

Revisions to the rules and regulations coming out of the FCC have been so numerous this year that it is a good idea to review the status of recent rule changes. We last had such a review in this column in March of this year. Now we recap what's been happening on the regulatory scene during the last six months.

Q. Tell me about all those new-fangled call signs I've been hearing on the bands, such as KA1AD and AB1P.

A. On March 24, 1978, the Commission converted its call-sign assignment system to one which is completely systematic. This new system does not allow for requests for specific call signs, yet does provide for changing one's call (should the individual desire) upon upgrading. (97.51)

Novice class licensees are eligible for 2 × 3 calls, such as KA3XYZ. Technician and General class licensees, upon upgrading or obtaining a license for the first time, are eligible for 1 × 3 calls, such as N4ABC. Licensees upgrading to the Advanced class license may request 2 × 2 calls — KA1AD, for example. Amateur Extra Class licensees are eligible for 2 × 1s, such as AB1P. No one has to relinquish a present primary call under the new system.

Some intricacies of the new system are too detailed to explain here. Refer to a recent *QST* article on the subject (May 1978, pages 49-50), for details on the call-sign assignment system.

Q. What is the latest information on the availability of 10-meter linear amplifiers?

A. The commercial manufacturing and marketing of linear amplifiers capable of operation between 24 and 35 MHz have been banned. This action was taken to prevent these amplifiers from being purchased by those who would use them illegally to boost power in the citizens band. The ban was upheld by the FCC on June 28, 1978, when it denied petitions for reconsideration of the ban. (97.77c)

You may still find some amateur amplifiers that cover 10 meters for sale, and this is OK. The FCC has granted waivers to some manufacturers in order to allow them to clear their inventories. For example, the Dentron MLA-1200 and MLA-2500, Heath SB-200, SB-220, SB-230, Drake L-4B, Trio-Kenwood TL-922 and Yaesu FL-2100-B may be sold until supplies are exhausted. Once the shelves have been cleared, no more of these amplifiers may be sold if they include provisions for operation on 10 meters.

Amateurs are still allowed to build their own amplifiers for individual use on 10 meters, if they wish. Also, individual amateurs may modify their own equipment for operation on 10 meters. Ten-meter amplifiers simply will not be available commercially. (97.75a)

Q. Have there been any recent changes concerning frequency bands authorized to various classes of licensees?

A. Yes. Technician and General class licensees have received expanded privileges. They now are authorized to operate on all amateur frequencies from 50 MHz and up. Formerly, Technician and General class licensees were denied operation on the bottom 100 kHz of the 6-meter band, and Technician class licensees were denied use of the bottom 1 MHz of the 2-meter band.

It should be noted that even though the frequency allocations for Technician and General class licensees have been expanded, only telegraphy operation is authorized on the bottom 100 kHz of 6 and 2 meters.

Q. What about Technicians on 10 meters?

A. There has been no action from the Commission concerning this. Of course, since Technicians have Novice class privileges, they may operate on the 10-meter Novice subband.

Q. Is it true that the Novice class license is now renewable?

A. Yes. In addition, the term of the Novice license is now five years. This means that all classes of Amateur Radio licenses are now valid for five years and are renewable upon application.

Q. How does this affect a person who currently holds a Novice class license of the type that is valid for only two years?

A. His Novice license is now renewable. Its term does not automatically increase from two to five years, however. In other words, he must apply for renewal of his license, prior to the expiration date that appears on the license. He will receive a new license good for five years.

Q. How about an ex-Novice who is still within his "year of grace"?

A. Any amateur whose license expires must cease operating, but he has up to one year after expiration of his license to apply for renewal without having to be retested. If a person holds an expired Novice license, he may apply for renewal of that license within one year of the expiration date. He will receive a new license valid for five years.

Q. I understand that applicants for amateur licenses now receive credit for the telegraphy test if it was administered by an FCC examiner. What exactly does this mean?

A. Under the old procedure for conducting amateur exams, if an applicant passed the telegraphy test but failed the written test, the applicant received no credit for the telegraphy test. Upon returning to the FCC office to try again, he would have to retake the telegraphy test, even though he had already proven he could pass it previously. This seemed unfair, and created extra work for the examiner.

Now, upon passing an FCC-administered telegraphy test, the applicant receives a certificate which gives him credit for that telegraphy test for up to one year. This credit is honored only by the same FCC office which gave the telegraphy test. (97.25b)

Q. Does this credit for the telegraphy test apply to Novice candidates?

A. No. It applies only to examinations administered by FCC personnel.

Q. Can you bring me up-to-date on the latest repeater rules?

A. As of this writing, these rules apply:

All amateurs holding a Technician class or higher license may operate their stations under the repeater, auxiliary-link, or control-station rules without separate licensing or prior FCC approval.

Repeater operation is permitted on 29.5-29.7 (except by Technician class licensees), 52.0-54.0, 144.5-145.5, and 146.0-148.0 MHz: In addition, repeater operation is permitted on all amateur frequencies above 220 MHz with the exception of 220.0-220.5, 431-433, and 435-438 MHz. (97.61c)

An amateur using his primary station for repeater operation must use his primary station call sign followed by "R" or "RPT" if identifying by telegraphy, or "repeater" if identifying by telephony. (97.84d)

Q. What happens to WR repeater call signs?

A. No new WR call signs are being issued. An amateur presently holding a WR call sign has the option of using this call sign to identify while in repeater operation. Once the WR license expires, however, it will not be renewed.

Q. I understand the Commission is no longer issuing secondary station licenses. Is this true?

A. Yes. Secondary station licenses were issued for stations at locations other than the primary station (such as an office or vacation home). Under present FCC rules, however, the primary call can be used at any portable location, with or without any portable designator (at the operator's discretion).

Q. What happens to present secondary licenses?

A. You may use a present secondary station license until expiration; however, you cannot renew or modify it.

Q. I hold both a primary and secondary station license, but I like my secondary call sign better. Do I have to lose it when it expires?

A. No. When it comes time to renew your license, apply as usual, and request that the call presently assigned to your secondary station be reassigned to your primary station. A note should be attached to the 610 form to explain your wishes.

This is the *only* situation in which a request for a specific call sign will be honored.

Q. What is the latest concerning club calls?

A. At this writing (see "Happenings" or "League Lines" for late-breaking news, if any) there has been no action concerning the future of club station call signs. No new club station licenses are being issued; however, present club station licenses *are* being modified or renewed.

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YL News and Views

Conducted By Louise Moreau,* W3WRE



The YL Book Shelf

One request that "YL News and Views" frequently receives concerns reference material about the history and activities of women Amateur Radio operators. Fortunately, the most popular ones are readily available.

CQ-YL by Louisa Sando, W5RZJ, has long been considered a "must" for the YL library. First published in 1958, then updated after each YLRL International Convention, it is not only a history of YLRL, but covers many of our fascinating activities: women who were active in military service during World War II, YL marine operators, clubs, outstanding public service activities, handicapped YLs, and a full coverage of all the YLRL International Conventions. The booklet is available from Louisa.

For those gals who love DX and are eager to know more about operators worldwide, Darleen Magen's *Globetrotting via Amateur Radio* is an exciting experience. Here it is possible to share Darleen's visits to Amateur Radio operators in 39 countries. She was often the only YL to work from many of these with a specially assigned call, while in others it is possible to meet, through her, the only woman who holds a license in her country. Darleen includes many interesting sidelights, which add

much to the DX YL picture.

Each year *YL Harmonics*, the official publication of YLRL, publishes a directory issue complete with the addresses of the international membership of the club. The 1975 *YLRL Directory Issue No. 4*, is of particular value to the YL library, as it lists all the club-sponsored certificates, basic contest rules, and a history of YLRL compiled year by year by Vada Letcher, W6CEE, and Marcia Rast, K6DLL. The Directory Issue of 1975 is invaluable to those who are interested in the development and growth of activities of women Amateur Radio operators since 1939.

One other Directory Issue of *YL Harmonics* that might be of special note in a YL library was published in May 1949 on the 10th anniversary of the club. For those gals who want to know more about each of the women who were very active 30 years ago, this book includes biographical paragraphs of each of the members. It has become a real collector's item in some of our libraries, as has the 1969 issue celebrating YLRL's 30th year.

Voice, the annual journal of YLISSB, published a special historical edition of two separate issues in 1974. Here too, a YL will find the activities and accomplishments of

women in radio who are a part of the huge global membership of the System, as it is known, that extends into about every country that has Amateur Radio privileges. Also, she will learn of the great personal service as well as public service that YLISSB has given.

"YL News and Views" in *QST* has covered the history of the YL story, tracing women in Amateur Radio back to 1909. It has described the YL picture on each continent, as well as presenting the origins of our traditions in a series of articles that have appeared in the column periodically since 1968.

Other references concerning YLs may be found in RSGB's publication of the late John Clarricoats' *The World at Their Fingertips*, which recounts the evolution of YLs in England. The Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club's story of Amateur Radio in Canada, *From Spark to Space*, tells about Canada's first YL organization, the Ontario Trilliums. Of additional interest is the fact that Martha Pankratz, VE5YY, was very active on the editorial staff of this publication.

These are the more available references that will tell the newly licensed YL, or those of us who are members of OOTC, what we have done and are doing in our clubs and on the air.

DX-NA YL CONTEST RESULTS

NA winners: cw trophy, WD5FOX; phone trophy, WD5FOX; combined plaque, WD5FOX; 2nd place cw, WA2DMK; 3rd place cw, K6DLL; 2nd place phone, K6DLL; 3rd place phone, WB4PRN. DX winners: cw trophy, VK3KS; phone trophy, LX1TL; combined plaque, DJ0NT; 2nd place cw, DJ0NT; 3rd place cw (tie), DF2SL, JH1GMZ; 2nd place phone, DJ0NT; 3rd place phone, LX1SM. *Cw scores:* DF2SL 5; DJ0NT 9; VK3KS 43.75; JH1GMZ 5; WA2DMK 7.5; W3CDO 1; WD5FOX 18.75; K6DLL 3. *Phone scores:* SA1HO 1.012; DJ1TE 760; DJ6IN 206.25; DK9ZL 385; DJ0NT 1.012; EA1ARI 855; F6RC 637.5; G6LY 25; HB9ARC 209; KL7IQR 21; KL7JDI 153; LX1TL 1,523.75; LX1SM 997.5; VE2JZ 78.75; VK3KS 471.25; YS1BW 108; ZL1OC 60; W1DNR 240; WA1UVJ 308; WA1WQM 45; W1WS 90; WA2MDK 120.25; W2EEO 91; WA2NEY 90; WB2OHD 55; N3JC 252; WB4PRN 325; WD5FOX 902; K6DLL 350; WD6AIV 168; WA8EBS 75; WD0BAF 140; WD0AKS 103; WB0IFF 96; K0SFB 54.

*Indicates low-power multiplier.

TRILLIUM WEEKEND

The Ontario Trilliums have announced that the 1978 dates for the annual Trillium Weekend will be November 4 and 5, 1978, beginning 0030 UTC November 4, and ending 0030 November 5 UTC. This year the club will include simplex frequencies on 2 meters to facilitate those YLs as well as encourage operation on that band. Club members will be active on all bands to give needed contacts toward the Trillium awards.

YL FALL CALENDAR

The YL activities calendar shifted into gear with the Howdy Days contest in September. The annual YLAP will celebrate the YLRL 39th anniversary with the cw

portion beginning October 11, 1978, at 1800 UTC, and ending October 12 at 1800 UTC. The phone portion will be November 2 at 1800 UTC, ending November 3 at 1800 UTC. As with Howdy Days, the logs should be sent to the Contest Custodian W2GI B. Full details for YLAP are listed in *QST* "Operating Events."

F6CYL, AVID DXER

Although she enjoys casually chatting with friends on the air, Ann Koboloff, F6CYL, has been, to use her own words, an "avid DXer" in fact as well as in her amateur activities.

Of British origin, Ann was brought up in Bermuda and attended school in the United States for several years before going to France. Both she and the OM, Mike, F6DOX, received their licenses just four years ago, and since that time Ann has been busy logging DX on the air and acquiring new calls as they travel.

In January this year she operated as P29AC from

Papua, New Guinea, for five weeks. While there Ann worked from the station of P29JS and logged over 2000 contacts from 130 countries. In February Ann spent five days in the Solomon Islands with the call VR4YL from Honiara, Guadalcanal, where she became the second YL to hold a call in the Solomons. She has also held SZHQH in Kenya. Ann is proud of the fact that in her travels she is representing 30 years of YLs in her.

THOSE CONTEST LOGS

A very special request has been received from YLRL. Please will all the participants in the Howdy Days, YLAP, OM-YL, and DX-NA YL mail their logs to the contest custodian who is also YLRL vice president, and *not* to ARRL or this column. Forwarding the logs to ARRL has quite often caused a delay and the deadline for receipt was not met, thereby disqualifying the contestant. The custodian is always listed in the rules in "Operating Events."



Norma Samuels, 6Y5YL, is secretary of the Jamaica Amateur Radio Association. When not on the air she is personnel manager of her husband's (Ron, 6Y5RS) television plant. (photo courtesy of W4KFC)



Sherry Taylor, WD6ERX, spends much of her time on 10-meter phone when she isn't working for WAS and DXCC. Licensed just a year ago she is working toward upgrading to Extra Class this year.

Correspondence

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INCENTIVES REMOVED ONE BY ONE

□ Although I've been interested in electronics since the age of awareness, it was just less than two years ago that I decided to become a ham. Being in a demanding profession, my time was at a premium. But I learned the code with much sacrifice to myself and family. I'm sure this is typical, but my point is made only to emphasize my objection to the trend toward deregulation by the FCC. This is not arrogance nor is it an expression of egotism. Rather it is a concern for the makeup and future of Amateur Radio. Within the period of my interest we have seen among other things: dropping the two-year experience requirement for Extras, expansion of the Technician privileges, credit for code even when failing the written exam, elimination of the incentive preferred 1 × 2 for Extras, and making the Novice license permanent. The latter, in months to come, will turn the Novice bands into 20-wpm frequencies for those interested only in cw. All the incentives are being removed one by one. I welcome and will attempt to assist anyone who *earns* the privilege of being an amateur. But if this trend continues, one day you will tune around on 20 meters and hear someone in the U.S. acknowledging a call from Japan with "10-4, Good Buddy. You are well to wall and treetop tall in the good ole U.S. of A." — *John Black, WD4CVR, Spartanburg, SC*

□ Please register our total disgust with the FCC call-letter change. My OM and I have been in ham radio for 25 years. Our daughter is almost old enough to get her ticket but as we understand it, she cannot get either call that my OM and I will have to discard. We have great attachment for these calls. The FCC has no regard for the meaning of the call letters or people's attachment to them. Surely there are enough other call combinations to go around. This change shows bureaucracy at its worst. — *Carole Allen, W5NQQ/K9AMD, Houston, TX*

□ I would like to yell discrimination. Nobody in their right mind would want one of those so-called 2 × 1 or 2 × 2 calls. I overheard a 2 × 2 trying to get into a QSO with another station. He gave his call for 15 minutes and the other station never did understand it. The next thing we know we will hear 4 × 4s. I really get upset when I hear a new Tech give a 1 × 3 and I know he's been a ham for less than a year. The only way I can get a shorter call is to move or upgrade. I won't move and I won't upgrade only to receive a 2 × 1. If the new call-sign deal is supposed to make it faster to get a ticket, why does it take some people four months to get a call back? If they would charge \$5 for a five-year ticket to all hams and CBers, the FCC could hire people to get their work done. — *Herb McAdams, WB9LCN, Richmond, IN*

□ It seems to me that 100,000 General class Amateur Radio ops use 75-100 kc of the phone bands 100 percent of the time, 85 percent of the Extra and Advanced class use less than 30 percent of the rest of the band. I'm wondering just what good incentive licensing did. — *Carl Redman, W9EJC, Peru, IN*

REPEATER MICROWAVE LINK

□ Canada's 111th birthday received special attention from amateur groups in two major cities. On July 1 the Winnipeg Repeater Society, VE4WPG and the Montreal Repeater Group, VE2MRC, linked their machines through a broadband microwave circuit. Hams in Winnipeg and Montreal were able to work each other and exchange Canada Day greetings. Seventy-five amateurs took part in the three-hour event which included a message to amateurs from Winnipeg Mayor Robert Steen. Prizes were awarded for unusual or special efforts during the link. One

went to VE4AP who worked Winnipeg direct over 109 miles, using 600-watts erp and superior elevation. Others went to VE4VE (aeronautical mobile), VE4TO who checked in from a rural wheat field while running 400 milliwatts, and VE4ADT who had the most unusual setup with a just-completed transmitter strip, an eight-ohm speaker for a mic and an a-m/fm vhf receiver. The receiver groups received assistance from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and would like to thank all those who assisted with the organization and net control. This group is looking into a similar link to the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. — *John Gowron, VE4ADS, Winnipeg, MB*

CAN'T SCAN THERE

□ Regarding K1THP's review of the Bearcat 210 scanner (page 30, July QST): It should be stressed that some states or localities have ordinances against such use. New York generally forbids equipping vehicles with receivers capable of police reception. New Jersey's legislature has been considering amending that state's similar law to exempt amateurs, but one still might have to explain this to a not-so-well-informed cop. Check the statute first. If still in doubt, leave it home. — *Charles Sudranski, W2XY, Brooklyn, NY*

[Editor's Note: New York and Indiana law have exempted amateur use of these and New Jersey is still working on it.]

PLATE REPEAT

□ The letter from Anthony Parise, WA3HRL ("Correspondence," July), missed the point. The 12-month fight for corrective license plate legislation cannot be reduced to Mr. Parise's conclusion: "The fact that all amateurs may now get plates offsets the disadvantage of the \$1 per year increase and the exclusion of the word amateur." For over a year now I have been working with Bob Myers, K3HWL, to accomplish two things. We have been trying to have Amateur Radio registration restored to Pennsylvania's Motor Vehicle Code, where it had been from 1955 until last July. Secondly, we are trying to get the plates at a reduced rate. We have been accused of overreacting and yet our pursuit of recognition and a lower fee has the support of the League, many hams, and numerous legislators. Mr. Parise is correct in his figures. But the intent of the original motor vehicle code was to give hams license plates at a \$3 flat fee not a \$3 annual fee. The quote from the vanity plate application is out of context. What form MV-902 really says is "Radio and television stations will be issued personal plates containing the station call letters assigned by the FCC." What is missing is the word "commercial" not the word "amateur." Most amateurs who have a car registered in their name are using the old form MV-733 to apply for a call-letter plate. This requires proof that they are licensed amateurs. It is a simple matter of proposing amendments to existing legislation to erase the exclusions which Mr. Parise mentioned in his letter. If you are a Pennsylvania resident and want to help you should write to your Senator and urge him to support the Dwyer Amateur Radio Amendments to HB 1171. — *Rick Barrow, K3WPI, Tannersville, PA*

POPULATE OR PERISH

□ We now have a practical example (CB) of what happens when we reduce the examination standards — CB Zero. Over the years there have been numerous suggestions, reasons, letters, etc., for lowering the standards of Amateur Radio license examinations

together with the never-ending reasons for eliminating the Morse test. There is little doubt that for most purposes, Morse has been superseded. To many people this is a good reason to drop it from the RAE. The people who make all the noise do not say what the replacement test subject will be if any. Any certificate of proficiency must have sufficient subjects on which to test the candidate's ability and interest, otherwise the certificate becomes a meaningless piece of paper. Amateur Radio is an international hobby which operates within or in close contact with international commercial bands. Commercial stations have access to large finance. Amateurs have nothing except their reputation. This reputation can easily be ruined for all time if we allow our examination standards to fall so low as to allow large numbers of undisciplined, unscrupulous operators on our bands; inviting governments and large commercial interests to infer that radio amateurs are just a rabble and their hands could be used to better advantage by commercial interests. In simple psychology: A child who is given everything for nothing appreciates nothing. Morse, together with a full technical examination and good instruction in operating procedures, is the amateur's way of showing the world and commercial interests that we are responsible people. It has been proven over the years that, in the main, a person who has studied hard and passed not only the full technical examination but also the full Morse examination is unlikely to do foolish things that would lay him and his personal call sign open to criticism by fellow amateurs and authorities. Having worked hard to obtain a license, most people are not prepared to just throw it away. We are told to "Populate or Perish." With education and communication we can populate the amateur bands with responsible operators thereby showing the governments and big commercial interests that we are responsible people. — *Tony Tregale, VK3QQ, Watsonia, Australia*

ARRL DAY

□ I wish to express my appreciation to the ARRL for its support of my students, William Locke, WA1ZUR; Mark Allen, WB1PBH; and Christopher Cabigioli, WB1FBZ; who organized, participated in, and ran our first "ARRL Day" in the electronics lab. During the school day about 130 students (grades 9 — 12) were exposed to an excellent movie production, *Moving Up to Amateur Radio*, pamphlets and actual demonstrations of an operating ham station. The day was as much as we could have hoped for and the contacts made were most interesting. These students provided a fine example of what I'm sure ARRL is all about. — *Lee Goodspeed, David Prouty High School, Spencer, MA*

VE2 — VZ2 MIXUP

□ The April issue of *The Canadian Amateur* states that VE2 stations may use the special prefix VZ2 until October 12, 1978, to mark the 25th anniversary of Radio Canada TV. The May issue advises that the VZ2 prefix was, in fact, not authorized and occurred as a result of a DOC mixup. I made in the area of 100 contacts using the VZ prefix and sent probably 75 or 80 QSLs to DX and USA stations. No doubt some of these QSLs will eventually be submitted for various awards. I know other VE2 stations experienced the same embarrassment and I hope you will understand that the error was the result of misinformation. — *John Mann, VE2ADZ, Two Mountains, PQ*

[Editor's Note: We ran the same error in QST (February 1978 "League Lines"), but we did not catch the subsequent correction by DOC.]

The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted By
William A. Tynan,* W3XO



Are We Ready for the Fireworks on Six?

The next few months may bring the best F2 conditions on 50 MHz since 1959! Sunspot counts are rising at a rate exceeding most average solar cycles. One propagation advisory service, Mail-a Prop, predicts a smoothed sunspot number of over 110 by the end of October, rising to above 130 by next March. (The highest count reached during the last cycle was a little over 100.)

Are we ready to take full advantage of the conditions which higher solar activity is almost certain to produce? Are our stations in good working order? In some parts of the country there isn't too much more time left for antenna work before the snow starts flying. How about crystals for working above 52 MHz? Remember the ZLs and VKs are limited to that part of the band. The Europeans and many Africans are even less fortunate with no 50-MHz assignment at all. Possibly some of them can obtain special permission to operate on 6. It is understood that a few are already on from Gibraltar. Of course, the ZB2VHF beacon was heard on this side of the Pond last summer. See the 6-meter section for more beacon information. For those who cannot obtain permission to transmit on 50 MHz, crossband is the answer. The 6/10 route served during earlier sunspot cycles. It's not the same as making two-way contacts, but it beats not working them at all! What frequency on 10 should we use for crossband operation? I have given the matter some thought and consulted as many knowledgeable 6-meter operators as time would allow. The best compromise seems to be 28.7. It is high enough in the band to be somewhat clear of QRM, but not so high that antennas should lose too much of their effectiveness. A 100-kHz multiple permits the use of crystal calibrators for spotting. Talk up 6 meters in your contacts with DX stations. Let's try to get as many on as possible. For those who can't get permission to operate on 50 MHz, tell them to equip themselves with receiving gear and if they hear anything transmit back on 28.7 or thereabouts. Of course, we on this side of the Atlantic should be sure we are prepared to receive on 28.7 while the rest of the station is on 6. Don't forget that some European countries, including the Gs have a band at 70 MHz, 70.025 to 70.7 to be exact. While it seems unlikely that F2 propagation will ever get that high, it wouldn't hurt for us to be ready just in case. Making the first 70/50-MHz contact between North America and Europe would be the thrill of a lifetime for those who accomplish it.

Another element of preparation for the big events to come is for all of us to become as familiar as possible with the subject of ionospheric propagation including the signs to look for in predicting the specific days and times likely to produce the best conditions. No mat-

ter how good 6 meters becomes, it still won't be like 10, so don't expect openings any time you happen to get on the air. The 6-meter DXers who get the best results will be those who plan their operating to coincide with the highest maximum usable frequency, or muf. In addition to providing contacts over far greater distances, F2 has the advantage over Es of being much more predictable. Space does not permit a detailed treatment of the subject of ionospheric prediction. The best advice I can give is to go back and read all you can find on the subject. One good barometer is the propagation information transmitted by WWV and WWVH at 18 minutes after each hour. If the solar flux is above 180 and magnetic activity is low, start watching 50 MHz. Don't forget that, because of the rotation of the sun, ionospheric conditions tend to repeat on a 27- or 28-day cycle. So, be particularly alert for a return of good DX conditions about four weeks after the previous appearance.

No matter how good our stations are and how F2 wise we become, we won't be able to take full advantage of the opportunities which lie ahead if we are all piled up on a single frequency. One operating habit which we have all fallen into over the years is the "50.110 syndrome." Why everyone has decided to crowd onto or as near this one frequency as possible is difficult to comprehend. But the practice has become a fact of life for ssb and even cw operating on 6. Things were not that way 20 years ago in the heyday of Cycle 19. Then, almost everyone was on a-m and many were crystal controlled. As a result, activity was much more spread out and QRM was not the factor during band openings that it is today. It seems apparent that with our present operating habits, many interesting QSOs will be missed. Particularly hurt will be the stations running low to moderate power. But even those with kW's will suffer.

The letter from WA6JRA, reproduced below, contains a proposal for putting a little more order into our 6-meter operating. While some may feel that Sam's approach is a little too structured, most should agree that it is basically sound.

"The following proposed 50-MHz band plan for USA is coupled with the recent FCC action on Docket 20282 effective 15 May 1978, allowing Technicians all vhf privileges above 50,000 MHz, increased solar activities of Cycle 21, and increased interest in the 50-MHz band.

CW Operation

50.000-50.010 EME cw only.
50.010-50.020 Experimental cw work, future plan.
50.020-50.100 Cw DX, weak signal work, and general.
50.070-50.080 Cw beacons, DX.
50.090 International and U.S. DX cw calling frequency, QSY down.
50.100-50.200 Cw used where ssb becomes marginal.
50.200-50.300 Cw QSO, local cw practice where ssb comments can be made.

Voice Operation

50.100-50.125 Ssb weak signal work, DX ssb, International DX ssb.
50.110 International DX ssb calling frequency. (DO NOT USE FOR LOCAL QSOs.)

50.125 U.S. DX and local ssb calling frequency, QSY up.

50.125-50.300 Ssb DX and general ssb use. Above 50.300 A-m and wide emission modes.

"Note that present FCC regulations on emission modes are still effective, i.e., cw 50,000-54,000, and phone 50,100-54,000. Please refer to the *ARRL License Manual*. With Docket 20282, Technician and General class licensees are now allowed to operate cw below 50,100. The cw and ssb calling frequencies as well as major DX frequencies are placed close enough so that an operator may tune from one portion to another quickly. Also, there is enough separation to minimize QRM when clean transmitters, good receivers, and good operating practice are used. The first 25 kHz from 50,100-50,125 is reserved for ssb weak signal work, U.S. DX, and international DX by various propagation modes. Cw is recommended below 50,100; however, be prepared to use cw in the first 25 kHz for a straight cw QSO or when conditions become marginal for ssb. Please try not to engage your friends in local QSOs in this first 25-kHz ssb portion, especially 50,110.

"The new U.S. DX and local ssb calling frequency shall be 50,125. After establishing a local ssb contact, please QSY up. Many foreign DX stations can operate ssb/a-m below 50,100 so be prepared to receive these phone modes as well as cw. When working a foreign DX station near our phone band edge, please watch your calibration and all phone sideband components.

"Since cw operation will be less, 50,090 MHz will be the combined international and U.S. DX calling frequency. Again, do not use 50,090 for cw tagchew QSO. It is recommended that all cw beacons be moved below 50,080. The WIAW cw bulletin and code practice on 50,080 are good indicators of an opening to that area. During a full Es or F2 opening, please try not to use cw between 50,100-50,200 unless conditions become marginal for ssb. Frequencies from 50,020-50,100 are recommended for cw DX, cw weak signal work, and general cw. The 10-kHz portion from 50,010-50,020 is recommended for experimental cw work, future plan, and establishes a 10-kHz guard band for EME work.

"The proposed 50-MHz band plan is so designed to minimize QRM during full band openings and local work. The plan also establishes three separate calling frequencies for U.S. DX, international DX, and local QSOing. It is recommended that 50-MHz enthusiasts carefully study the band plan and operate accordingly. It is recognized that any 50-MHz band plan is not perfect, therefore, plus and minus comments should be submitted to Sam Gada, WA6JRA, 1815 N. Woodside St., Orange, CA 92665 USA."

As would WA6JRA, I would like to hear what you think about Sam's suggestions. Best of DX to all.

DXPEDITION TO PJ2

This conductor is making plans for a jaunt to the island of Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles in early November. The hope is to work South American stations on both 6 and 2 via E propagation. There may be some chance for F2 on 6 as well and you can be sure that I will be on the lookout for it. In addition, it should be possible to contact various Caribbean islands and maybe even the southern part of FL on 2 meters. I plan to take along transceivers and solid-state amplifiers for both bands. The power limit on vhf in PJ2 is 150 watts input, so that's all I will be running. Reasonable antennas for both bands atop an existing tower will round out the station. I hope to be able to pass along the call I'll be using next month.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — The 1978 summer Es season will hardly go down in history as one of the finest. If there is a correlation between relatively poor Es seasons and good F2, and some think there is, we should be on the verge of great F2 propagation. For many, however, the very long skip and variety of stations available made up for the lesser frequency and shorter duration of openings.

*Send reports to Bill Tynan, W3XO, P. O. Box 117, Burtonsville, MD, or call 301-384-6736 and record your message.

One of these is K6RNQ. Bob writes a long letter summarizing the season beginning with a double-hop opening to Fairbanks and Anchorage on May 24 in which he worked KL7s DU (ex-KL7HMU), AG, 1FD (now AL7D) and EUU. At the same time he was hearing single hop to KL7IFP, Ketchikan. On June 13 it was W7KFS/VE7 300 miles north of Prince George, BC, as well as KL7s IFP and IBQ. Heard was a 10-watt beacon, VE6ARC, 200 miles north of Edmonton. Bob says that this opening lasted for over 12 hours. Of course, there were the JA openings between June 10 and 16. June 24 brought contacts with KP4AHQ, W4UWH/KP2, VP2MX and H8WPC, the last two being countries numbers 23 and 24 for Bob. Signals from W4UWH/KP2 were peaking over S-9 which, as he indicates, is exceptional for triple hop. Not had for a "poor" season! Incidentally, K6RNQ believes that the JA openings this year may have been via a different propagation mode than in 1977. Last year the openings came at about 5 P.M. local time whereas this year they occurred around 11:30 P.M.

Another not crying about the '78 Es season is K8WKZ. Dave is one of those fortunate Easterners who pulled off contacts with KL7AG and AZJ, Fairbanks, for state no. 49 in the wee hours of July 5. K8XF thought the season quite good also. Of course it was his first year on. Mike is happy that his TV-506 and 5-element beam at 16 feet produce no TVI. Speaking of new stations, VP9GQ roared into the East Coast the evening of July 30. When WB2RLK/VE1, who worked him just ahead of this conductor, asked him how long he had been on 6, the answer shot back "five minutes." That, apparently, was about the last of the good Es openings for the year, although VP9WB did a brisk business with East Coast stations the evening of August 16-17. Let's hope that VP9GQ and VP9WB stick around for the coming F2 and next year's Es. KH6HI reports a development which will facilitate F2 contacts with the Pacific. Bert says that the P29s are now permitted to operate on 50 MHz rather than being confined to above 52 as are the VKs and ZLs.

The 6-meter beacon list was compiled from various sources including the AZ Cactus Patch and the Australian magazine *Amateur Radio*.

2 Meters — The major news for the 144-MHz band this month has been the Perseids meteor shower. Since it is still in progress as this is being written, I have only verbal reports and my own observations to go on. But from these indications, it was a super shower. It's hard to beat six schedules for six QSOs, all in less than 20 minutes into each schedule, for six new states. That was the W3XO experience. Contacted within a 2-1/2-hour period Saturday morning, August 12, were WA4FBH GA, WB0WYF MO, W0TG KS, WA4COG AL, WB0UT NE and WA0ZJJ ND, all on ssb. W3TMZ had similar results and both WB4EYP and WD4MUO, VA, also did well. The N9SS DX-

pedition to ID was knocking off QSOs at a good clip, piling up a total of 60 QSOs in 17 states.

The week before, Sunday, August 6, EME was the star for KIWH5 when Dave completed a contact with N9SS/7, WY, for state number 50. After he submits his cards, Dave should be the fifth to receive a 2-meter WAS award. And many said it could never be done. Working all states on 144 MHz is indeed a notable accomplishment and KIWH5 along with K0MQS, N0JA, K9HMB and K5CMM can be justifiably proud of their feat. Credit must also go to those who went to the effort to assemble stations so that they would have somebody to work, in particular, those who mounted complex EME DXpeditions to places where no activity existed. The N9SS team is one such example. The various jaunts of N6NB/K6YNB is another, and, of course, the W5MB trip to HI which put KH6HI on 2-meter moonbounce must also be included.

Tropo is, for many, the most enjoyable mode that vhf has to offer. Signals are relatively strong and steady, affording even low-power stations a chance to hold real QSOs over good distances. The evening of July 20 produced such conditions along the Eastern Seaboard. K4PKV, Mocksville, NC, reports working some 20 stations in NY, NJ, PA, MD and VA, many running 15 watts. In addition, Dick hooked up with several New England stations including WA4MMP/1 and WA1CSO, RI, for his 40th state on 2 meters. A monumental tropo opening on August 21-22 brought KH1TV a bevy of contacts: several in OH, IL and NC, then WA4YJX KY, the father-son team of W0RWG and W0RWH MO, N0DC MO, WB0UHQ MO, WB0ZXU IA, WD4JIS GA, and, at 06:40 UTC on the 22nd, K5ETU AR. All this was done from Rich's new location with a temporary antenna, 10 feet off the roof!

Following their success, reported in last month's column, in bridging the gap between PR and FL, KP4EOR and K4GFG have been holding daily schedules each morning at 1030 UTC on 144.180. On July 8 this sked produced an m.s. QSO for the two of them. Then in the evening of July 10 (11th UTC time), they worked again. This, like the first time, was via a somewhat strange residual signal mode. They repeated the feat on the 21st (22nd UTC time). K4GFG has the following comments on these contacts:

"The path is 1075 statute miles, mostly over water, with a bearing 118° from Ft. Lauderdale. In each of the three openings, the beams on this end peaked about 15° north of the great circle bearing. KP4EOR noted similar offset to north on his end. Signals were extremely stable, within a few dB, and only 5 dB out of the noise. They have had a characteristic flutter each time, like very rapid aircraft flutter, although it does not disrupt ssb like TE or aurora does. Signals start out 5 dB out of the noise and gradually decay over 1/2-hour down to the noise level. No deep fades like tropo or Es are noted. This path is definitely not on the same parallel of longitude, nor is it across the equator! Signals are not very strong. I have two KLM

14-element Yagis, and so far, only those stations with multiple antennas have made contact."

KP4EOR also notes an Es opening to FY7AS at 2220 UTC July 11. Both he and KP4AAN made 2-meter contacts with the French Guiana station about 1400 miles distant. Six meters was wide open at the time so there is little doubt that Es was responsible. This was the same day as the massive X-15 + solar flare. The connection is also not clear but both bands were open in the eastern U.S. that same evening. The aurora that everyone was waiting for a few days later never materialized, however, apparently because the solar eruption was so located on the sun's surface that the particles missed the Earth altogether.

The longest tropo path so far negotiated by amateurs is that between the CA coast and HI. The duct responsible for supporting vhf communication across more than 2500 miles of water forms quite frequently in late summer. It happened again during the evening of August 5. W6UZL, near San Diego, reports working 21 stations through the 22/82 HI repeater as well as making a marginal contact with KH6IAA on fm simplex. Wait also heard W6EFL/M at Palos Verdes, using 150 watts and a 5/8 wave whip on his car, work KH6IAA on 146.52 simplex. As of the deadline for this column, no reports have been received from the ssb/cw gang.

70 Cm — The idea of making Wednesday evenings "activity night" on 432 seems to be catching on in several areas of the country. This has been the custom in the Northeast for several years, with Monday nights devoted to 2 meters, Tuesday to 1-1/4 and Thursday to 23 cm. Wednesday has caught on as 70-cm night in TX, AR, LA also. Activity nights seem to be an idea whose time has come on a nationwide basis. There is a danger however. Some may conclude that it is worthwhile getting on the air only on the activity night for the band in question. If this becomes the general custom activity will actually diminish and the activity night concept will have been counterproductive. So use activity nights as guides when deciding which band to concentrate on for a particular evening but not as an excuse not to get on the air at all. To illustrate how productive activity nights can be, note the roster of 70-cm regulars compiled by W1JR, Joe lists W3OZ, W3TMZ, K3OQC, VE2LL, K1LPS (VT), K1LOG, WA1OVT, K2UYH, WA1TZV, VE2SH, VE2YU, W1UHE, K1FO, K1PXE, K2RIW, K1SRZ, WA3ZHW and WA2FUZ.

For his moonbounce activities, W1JR cites recent contacts with KH6IHP, WA0CSL (the K2UYH DXpedition to ND), and N4KT/7, ID. His state total now stands at 27. The new eight 19FT Yagi array seems to be working well. WA1TZV has a similar antenna system and should put NH on the 70-cm EME map soon. In other moonbounce news, KH6IHP worked YV5ZZ in June giving Ed WAC on 70 cm. In addition to QSOing W1JR, as noted above, Steve completed with W1XP and K3PGP. I learn via the K2UYH 432-EME Newsletter that 18CVS hit the jackpot in late June making EME contacts with W4WD, 15MSH (on a CO), JA6CZD, SM3AKW and ZESJJ.

WD8POK notes that interest in ATV is picking up in the central MI area. Several are getting on 439.25, including John. Two ATV repeaters are planned, one a 70-cm in-band machine while the other will receive on 70 cm and output on 23 cm. It will feature color capability.

23 Cm and Down — N6CA writes that 23-cm activity is on the increase in southern CA. Chip says that there are about 10 stations on or building in the area between Santa Barbara and San Diego. In the June contest he operated from Mount Potosy, NV, near Las Vegas. Despite low power and a small antenna, 70 milliwatts and 18 dB, N6CA/7 was able to work several stations including K6/MW, 218 miles away. On his end, K6ZMW pleads for higher power and better equipment in general on the part of 23-cm stations. Joe decries that fact that so many contesters consider the band as an afterthought. He points out that the new contest rules make 23-cm operation much more worthwhile. Joe also thinks that more and better hf and vhf liaison would pay off. With the antenna system shown in last month's column and 500 watts, K6ZMW hooked up with 11 stations in six sections in the contest. From the East Coast, *Northeast VHF News* reports that the Pack Rats' club station W3CCX had 17 contacts in 9 sections on 23 cm as well as 2 on 12 cm and 1 on 9 cm. The same publication states that WA4PGI, Norfolk, VA, is now operating an attended beacon on 1296.045 with an output power of 300 mW.

WA2RIU, West Caldwell, NJ, reports that he and three others are working with 3-cm Gunnplexers. Their original plan was to augment contest scores but they are having so much fun that they have decided to run some experiments with the units. Bill says that they will be glad to assist any interested hams in the area wishing to get on the band.

6-Meter Beacons Believed to Be Active Throughout the World

Call	Freq.	Mode	Location	Notes	Call	Freq.	Mode	Location
W1AW	50.08		Newington, CT		VK4RTL	52.440	fsk	Tounsville, Aus.
WA1EXN	50.018		ME	1,2	VK5VF	53.00		Mt. Lofty, Aus.
WA6MHZ	50.101		San Diego, CA	1,2	VK8RTT	52.900		Carnoran, Aus.
K7IHZ	50.100		Apache Jct., AZ	1	VK6RTU	52.350		Kalagoolie, Aus.
W7KMA	50.095		Phoenix, AZ	1	VK6RTV	52.300		Perth, Aus.
WA9FEF	50.055		South Elgin, IL	1	VK6RTW	52.950		Albany, Aus.
KG6JDX	50.110		Guam	1,2	VK6VF	52.006		Perth, Aus.
KH6EOI	50.104	A1	Pearl Harbor, HI	1	VK7RNT	52.400		Launceston, Aus.
CH0TS	50.100		Easter Island	2	VK8VF	52.200	A1	Darwin, Aus.
FX3VHF	50.104		France	2	VK9GA	52.001		Goroka, N. Guinea
FO8DR	50.101		Tahiti		VK0GR	53.200		Casey, Ant.
JA2IGY	52.500	A1	Nagoyo		VK0MA	53.100		Mawson, Ant.
JD1YAA	50.110	A1	Minami Torishima		VK0WI	52.160		Macquarie Islands
T12NA	50.08	A1	San Jose, Costa Rica		ZB2VHF	50.035	A1	Gibraltar
VE1SIX	50.088	A1	New Brunswick		ZK1AA	50.1		Cook Islands
VE6ARC			Alberta		ZL2VHF	52.500		Palmerstan N., NZ
VE6NAB	50.050		Alberta		ZS6PW	50.029		Pretoria, S. Africa
VK2WI	52.450		Sydney, Aus.		2D3AA	50.100		Fiji Islands
					5B4CY	50.500		Cyprus
					5W1AR	50.100		Western Samoa
					6Y5RC	50.025	fsk	Kingston, Jamaica

Notes: 1 — Attended. 2 — Present operational status unknown.

TV Sound Signals Within Band

VK2	51.740	Wagga, Aus.
VK3	51.760	Melbourne, Aus.
VK4	51.750	Brisbane, Aus.
ZL1	50.740	Auckland, NZ
ZL2	50.750	Kaukapunake, NZ
ZL2	50.760	Waukapunake, NZ

Quite a REACTion

Dateline Buffalo, NY. Why Buffalo? Good question. Everyone has to be somewhere, right? And at times, you can't get here from there, "there" being Cleveland, with a stopover at Buffalo to change planes for Hartford. But the flight leaving Buffalo is delayed; the TV screen says "info by 9:45 pm," whatever that means. So while I'm waiting, might as well do something constructive, since already having devoured all the magazines and checked out the "interesting" passengers.

On August 10-13, 1978, REACT, Inc. held its third annual leadership conference at the beautiful campus of Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, OH, just a flip-flop from Cleveland. A full agenda of activities and speakers was scheduled, ranging from FCC and National Weather Service, to Red Cross and ARRL. The REACT groups, teams, councils, etc., send delegates to this conference, which was masterfully conducted by REACT hq.'s managing director, Jerry Reesc, and coordinated by the host group, Suburban REACT.

The League was there ostensibly to foster more local cooperation between the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the Radio Emergency Associated Citizens Teams, which is the cream of the crop of all those in the Citizens Radio Service. Though emergency coordinators and radio clubs in some places already work with REACT, there is room for more expansion. I was also there to learn about

REACT; to see what they're all about. And let me tell you, as a result of attending this event, I'm a believer. If there is another volunteer communications organization as sincerely devoted to emergency operations as they are, I sure would like to meet 'em.

Actually, cooperation between hams and REACT is a great untapped resource. Amateurs should at least *consider* an arrangement with their REACT counterparts. And there are many hams who are REACTers, including some on their Board of Directors.

What was news to me was the fact that the Class A Citizens Radio Service permits repeaters on 460 MHz. There were so many of these delegates walking around with Handie-Talkies that for a moment I thought I was at a ham convention. But no, the rigs were for Class A CB. With so much amateur emergency work being handled on 2-meter repeaters, the availability of the GMRS repeaters conjures up some interesting possibilities. Another thought; hams don't have a monopoly on non-commercial repeaters.

Following my usual less than awe-inspiring talk, I distributed our latest list of section emergency coordinators to the enthusiastic audience. Presumably, by now SECs and (through the chain of command) ECs have been contacted by REACT people in their locality who are interested in combining forces. Don't sell them short. They aren't the

stereotypical, hairy, obese truck drivers with saliva dripping down their chins. They are friendly people, communicators like you and I who want to serve their community. And besides, with so many new hams joining us from the Citizens Service, this is a good way to get more recruits.

The REACTers have the numbers, enthusiasm and direct access to the public. The hams have more sophisticated techniques, operating skills and a tradition of discipline. The union of the two groups could be great. Why not give it a chance? If it doesn't work, get a divorce.

In certain areas, REACT is assisted by ham radio for communications between REACT groups in different counties or states in emergency situations. In other areas, ARRL emergency coordinators work with REACT during the Simulated Emergency Test, Field Day, public safety events and in real crises.

All we're suggesting is that you give it a try; not with the lawless segment of the 27-MHz crowd, but with the responsible Citizens Radio operators. Ah, the flight has finally been called, so have to go QRT. For information on what a successful arrangement between the two services is like, contact Margaret Williams, WA4FTJ, 965 Redwood Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23642, or Maida Thompson, 283 S.W. Seminole Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901.

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

U Pacific Ocean — June 26. A young girl aboard a vessel near Tahiti was in critical condition due to a bee sting. FO0PJM was also aboard and contacted WIBFA who relayed instructions from a local doctor on how to administer and conserve medications until the girl could be transported to a Tahitian hospital. (K5RP, W6NAZ and W9EWW)

U Fuerteventura, Canary Islands — July 1. In QSO with EA8QU (an official of Fuerteventura), WB2SHB, of the New York State Department of Conservation, learned that the island had a special pollution control problem: Solid wastes could no longer be dumped into the sea as it posed a threat to the economically important shellfish beds. "It would be best to recycle these wastes," EA8QU remarked, "but no systems are available for an island community of 10,000." Since SHB was involved with designing similar systems, he was granted permission as a public service to develop a suitable recycling system for the island. (WB2OGN)

U Grand Turk Island — July 7. Several stations on the Intercontinental Amateur Traffic Net reported hearing a distress call from the trawler *Crown Jewel*. The vessel was leaking badly and the Air Force and Coast Guard were called and pumps were transported to the scene. (WB5JMC, Mgr. UN)

U Fort Collins, CO — July 14. While a patient in a hospital, WB0YSE monitored 2 meters and heard a request for assistance from a camp located on Commanche Peak. The camp counselors had taken 52 children

on an ice field and some children had been injured and required rescue via helicopter. YSE was in continual contact and relayed information to the hospital staff in order that everything would be ready for the incoming patients. (J. R. Peterson, Administrator, Poudre Valley Memorial Hospital)

U Willard, OH — July 19. WD8AFD requested help in locating the parents of a three-year-old girl who had been attacked by a dog. Parents' permission was needed before medical treatment could be administered. After an extensive search the parents were found and the permission relayed via 2 meters. (WB3VZX)

U Santiago, Chile — July 30. An urgent call for life-

saving medicine was made on the Inter-America Traffic Net by CE1BG/CE3. The medicine was needed for a woman who had suffered a severe heart attack. LU9DP, assisted by LU1EKM, located the medicine and shipped it to Santiago. (K4GOS)

U Repeater Log. According to reports received to date, repeaters and fm simplex frequencies were used in conjunction with 154 vehicular emergencies, 11 fires, seven searches and rescues, six medical emergencies, six tornado watches, five crime reports, two weather emergencies and 11 miscellaneous incidents. Repeaters involved were WR1s AHU ADP AEL AHG AHO, WR4s ACI ACY AFO AGA AMN APE ARI,

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Our Public Information Office's 24-hour Newslines should be used to report items of interest to the general public, so that this information can be passed on to the news media. News dies a quick death, usually within hours, so please call before, during or immediately after the newsworthy event.

We suggest that you write down the essential details of the event before calling and when you do call, please follow the directions on the recorded message. Don't forget to supply your name, call, address and telephone number(s) where you can be reached. Names

and phone numbers of other contacts in your area would also be appreciated. Remember, your story is for the public at large, which for the most part, is unfamiliar with Amateur Radio. So, for publicity purposes, names are more important than call signs.

Please note: In order to have *emergency communications reports* duly covered in the Public Service Diary or elsewhere in QST, follow up your phone call with a *complete written report*, directed to the Communications Department. — K1XA

*Asst. Communications Mgr., ARRL

WR5s ABA ABF ABY AEV AIB AMD APN, WR6s ABD ACF ACY ADM ADW AJL AWMAZO, WR7s AEL AKO, WR8s ABA ABC AGR, WR9s ABP ABQ ADU AGS, WR0s ACD AEV ARG, VE3WIN.

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Gainesville, FL — May 4. In the early morning a tornado devastated the area and hams came to the aid of local officials by assessing damage, providing backup communications and relaying priority messages. (K4PPQ, EC Levy Co.)

□ St. Catharines, ON — June 7. Twelve amateurs worked with the Niagara Regional Police and the local REACT CB group during the search for a lost boy in this area. (VE3DVE, EC St. Catharines)

□ Holden Village, WA — June 14. Via the Northwest Amateur Monitoring Service, WB7CVM sought aid for a woman who had suffered a heart attack. W7FS arranged for a helicopter to transport the victim from this remote area while doctor's instructions were relayed by W7ETO. (W7IEU, SCM WA and W7UU)

□ Winnipeg, MB — June 19. A tornado swept through this area causing extensive damage. Local ECs were alerted and mobile operators were sent to the hard-hit areas to relay emergency information to the authorities. (VE4PG, SCM MB)

□ Sheppard AFB, TX — June 26. Two small boys strayed from home and local hams volunteered to assist in the search. K5ZHP spotted the boys one hour after the search had commenced. (WA5UTA, EC Wichita Co.)

□ Conyers, GA — July 10-11. Two hundred people were evacuated when a train transporting acetylene, alcohol and chlorine derailed. At the request of the Red Cross, local hams linked the scene of the accident with the evacuation center. (K4SWJ, SEC GA)

□ Androscoggin River, ME — July 7. A seven-year-old girl was missing and presumed drowned and the Central Maine Emergency Net provided communications on land and aboard boats during the search in the Lewiston and Auburn areas. (WA1SMY, Mgr. CMEN)

□ Jefferson County, PA — July 9. After a tornado struck and wiped out communications, local hams stepped in to assist authorities and relay health and welfare traffic. (WA3UFN, EC Clearfield Co.)

□ Plattsburgh, NY — July 16. Following the capsizing of a sailboat carrying 11 persons on Lake Champlain, local amateurs were called to provide communications between the Clinton County Sheriff's Department marine units and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary during the search and rescue operations. (WA2HSB, EC Clinton Co.)

□ SEC Reports. For July 33 SEC reports were received denoting a total ARES membership of 16,815. This represents a 3 percent decrease in reports received one year ago (34), but a whopping 32 percent increase in ARES membership (12,763). Sections reporting were Alta, Ark, Colo, Conn, Del, EBay, EMass, Ga, Ind, Iowa, Kans, Mar/Nfld, Mich, NLI, NC, NFla, NH, NTex, Ohio, Okla, Org, Oreg, SDgo, SFla, SJV, SCV, Sask, SNJ, Va, Wash, WVa, WMass.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

W7VSE sent thank-you radiograms to each SCM in the seventh region because of an overall section attendance record of 99.7 percent on RN7-E. FB1 WA7IHS is acting manager of RN7-D, following the resignation of VE7DKY. W2JJ postulates that 1KN-E forgot that NTS operates on weekends; 1RN was a no-show eight times on EAN in July. 2RN-D has its best month since W2RQ took over while 2RN-E had its worst under W2MTA.

July Reports

Area Nets

(evening sessions)
(daytime sessions)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EAN	31	1376	44.3	1037	94.1	
EAN	60	682	11.4	580	90.6	
CAN	31	899	29.0	752	98.4	
CAN	52	410	6.6	266	94.6	
PAN						
PAN	28	407	14.5	296	86.0	

Region Nets

1RN*	61	498	8.6	498	97.7	86.0
2RN	122	755	6.2	398	87.4	94.6

3RN	93	436	4.7	461	98.9	95.7
4RN	124	902	7.3	298	70.2	97.8
5RN	93	989	10.6	345	88.2	98.9
6RN	93	783	8.4	333	98.9	
7RN	123	593	4.8	370	99.1	
8RN*	57	295	5.0	288	88.2	94.6
9RN	124	549	4.4	301	89.0	95.7
TEN	88	426	4.8	234	59.7	92.5
ECN	59	184	3.1	320	73.1	100.0
TWN	89	482	5.4	330	79.4	

TCC

TCC Eastern	175'	709
TCC Central	194'	699
TCC Pacific	110'	639

Sections	4651	17412	3.7
Summary	5989	30115	5.0
Record	5810	30696	15.2

*Incomplete report

TCC functions not counted as net sessions.

Section and local nets reporting (141): MEPN MSTN (MB), APN (Mar/Nfld), CMN GBN GBSSN ODN QPN QSN (ON), WQV/UHF (PO), SATN (SK), AENB AEND AENM AENS (AL), ASN (AK), ATEN SWN (AZ), ARN QZK (AR), HARC NCN (CA), CN CWN (CO/WY), GN CPN NVTN WESCON (CT), DEPNT DTN (DE), FAST FMNT FPON FFLN GN NFPPN BTNT PEN QFNS SPARC TPTN (FT), CGVHFN CVEN GARES GSN GSSBN GTN NGSN WGN (GA), IMN (ID/MT), ILN ICN ITN QIN (IN), ICN I75MN TCGN (IA), KPN KSNB (KS), KNTN (KY), LAN LTN (LA), CMEN PTN SGN (ME), MDCTN MDD (MD/DC), EMRIPN EMRIS HHTN NCNN RIEMTN (MA/RH), MACS MITN (MI), MNN QMN MSN MSPN MSSN PAW (MN), MN MSBN MSN MTN (MS), NEMOE (MO), WNN (NE), MCN NJN NJPN (NJ), NMRRN (NM), NLI NLIPLN NLIHVF NYS WND (NY), NCCSSBN SCSSBN THEN (NC/SC), ONN OSN (OH), OAN OLZ OPEN OTWQ (OK), APSTN JCARES OARES 16/76 OSN PAARFN WGN (OR), EPA EPAEPTN PFN PTTN WPA WPAFTN (PA), SDEN SDMN SDN (SD), HCN TEX TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), SVSN VFN VN VNTN VSBN VSN (VA), NWSSBN WSN (VA), WVN WVNN WVPN (WV), BEN BWN WIN WNN WBSN (WI).

1 — NET	5 — RATE
2 — SESSIONS	6 — % REP.
3 — TRAFFIC	7 — % REP. TO AREA NET
4 — AVG.	

Transcontinental Corps

WB9JJ did a terrific job holding things together while TCC-(ID) Director W9NXG was out of town. TCC-(E) certificates to K1BA (third annual) and K4KNP (ninth annual).

1	2	3	4	5
Eastern	188	93.1	1803	709
Central	217	89.4	1307	699
Pacific	124	88.7	1302	639
Summary	529	90.4	4412	2047

1 — AREA	4 — TRAFFIC
2 — FUNCTIONS	5 — OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC
3 — % SUCCESSFUL	

TCC Roster

The TCC Roster (July): Eastern Area (VE3SB/N2YL, Directors) — W1s KX NJM OD, WA1s UNC UWF VE1 ZAZ, WB1AIU, K1s BA EIR GN PAD SSH XA, W2s CS FR GKZ MTA RQ, WA2s ERT1 ICB SPL, K2NY, N2YL, W3s FAF PQ YQ, K3s KW NGN, N3HR, W4s MEE SQQ UQ, WA4CCK, WB4PNY, K4s BKX KNP, N4KB, WBPMJ, K4KMQ, VE3s GOL SB, Central Area (W5GHP/W9NXG, Directors) — AA4KB, W4ZJY, W5s GHP KLV RB, W6s BHF INJ IQU RRU SDD, W6s FDP NKC, WD5GMR, K5s GM MC, N5s TC TS YL YX0P, W9s CXY DND FC JJJ NXG, W0s AM HI, WA9TNM WB0ZAL, Pacific Area (K5MAT, Director) — N5s MR NG, W5s JDV KH, K5MAT, N6s GW PZ WP, W6s EOT OA VZT, K6OE, N7AM, W7s DZX EP GHJ VSE, K7s HLR IWD, W0s KON LQ, K0s BN CI DU, WB0TAQ, VE7ZK.

Independent Nets (July)

1	2	3	4
Amateur Radio Telegraph Society	31	443	105
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	31	225	1939
Clearing House	31	350	612
Empire Slow Speed	31	84	332
Hit & Bounce Traffic	62	848	1151
IMRA	26	443	851
North American SSB Traffic	26	273	189
North American Traffic and Awards	31	97	576
Southwest Traffic	31	106	1163
Washington Region PON	17	22	277
20 Meter ISSB	26	496	541
75 Meter ISSB	31	514	977
7290 Traffic	40	490	2370

1 — NET	3 — TRAFFIC
2 — SESSIONS	4 — CHECK-INS

Public Service Honor Roll July 1978

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

76	W5GHP	47	VE3GOL
WA2JKG	WB5NKD	W2SQ	43
72	NSYL	WB3PAV/3	W1TM
W5KLV	W6OA	WD5AHH	W4PMN
69	K0PIZ	N6GW	W4JK
W7VSE	VE3GT	WB9KPX	WA4QMO
63	55	K0DJ	WB4QXT
WA1ZXB	K5OWK	46	K4SWJ
AA2H	WD4MBV	W2XD	N7AM
WA5RKU	54	K3JL	42
61	N4SS	WD4LU	WA1TB
K1BA	WB1CPF	WB9IQ	WB5LBY
W2MTA	W1RWG	WB6FTY	WD8DIB
WA4CNY	WD4COL	K0PVI	41
N5ES	W4MEE	45	N2CR
WA6UAZ	N5TC	WBVPW	WB2JAY/4
W7GHT	52	44	N2SU
WB8MTD	WB8WTS	WA1QFX	W4LXB
WB9SP	W0OTF	WA1VAB	WA4VLT
WB9YDZ	51	W3PO	N6GW
WB0ZAL	N8ABA	W4ANK	WB9HOT
59	50	WA4CCK	WB0ONK
WA4JDH	K3HI	WB4DHC	40
K5TL	49	K4JGW	W1BJ
WB8DL	WA3NAZ/4	WA4PFK	WA1MJE
57	W4SUS	N4PO	WB3DKT
WB4PNY	WB4ZQJ	WB4TEK	N3EE
WB5NKC	W5JQV	K4VHC	W4HON
WB5SDD	WB6PVH	WA4YD	W6JJK
WA7YCM	K7GXZ	W4ZJY	27
56	WA7MEL	WD5AAT	W4MHOT
W1KX	WA8WPW	WBSLAT	22
W1TN	WA9TNM	W5VMP	WA1SMYT
W3YQ	VE1WF	KB8BZ	WD4BAJT
K4BKX	VE3DPO	WB8NKA	WA4MJT/7
N4NK	W55AAE	WB8NYN	WA4QGW/T
WB4QBB	48	WB9NXG	WA4VKD/N
N4WA	WA9QCF	VE1RO	
		VE1ST	

Brass Pounders League July 1978

BPL Medallions (see December 1973 QST, page 59) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: WA2SPL, K4KA, WBKWD, WB9SP. The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and U.S. possessions who report to their SCM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in standard ARRL form.

1	2	3	4	5	6
W3CUL	634	1333	1509	66	3542
W0WYX	54	1103	532	571	2260
WA4JDH	5	638	640	5	1288
W3VR	369	210	427	9	1015
WB5SDD	19	334	351	47	751
K3NSN	510	185	180	5	880
W9ZGQ		589		243	812
W4MEE	3	351	339	6	699
WA3WOP	102	236	336	4	678
WB4PNY	4	329	293	8	634
WA3ZRY	43	259	283	10	595
K5OWK	232	81	245	22	580
W9JJI	52	251	241	10	554
WA0HJZ	23	298	3	226	950
W7DZX	21	254	265	3	543
W7VSE	6	260	259	15	540
WA0AUX	25	189	304	3	521
W9JJI	40	263	213	4	520
W5KLV	2	283	214	17	516
W4JK	7	243	261	2	513
WN4KKN	10	257	218	17	502
WA0HJZ (June)	27	296	2	233	558

BPL for 100 or more originations-plus-deliveries

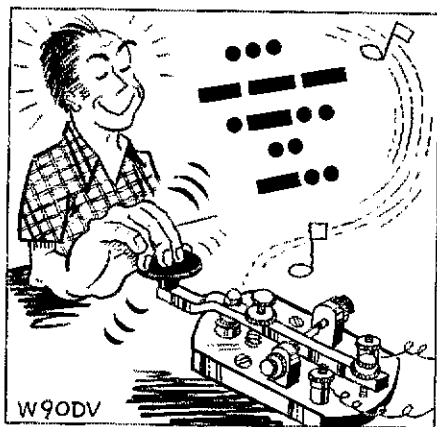
WA6BMH	305	WB0HOX	140
WA3ATQ	290	W7SQT	113
WB0QEU	201	W8CUP	113
W7TZK	191	WB4DBK	108
K7TNS	174	WD4COL	106
WD0AIT	170	K0ZBK	100
W0FQB	170	W1TN (June)	104

1 — CALL	4 — SENT
2 — ORIG.	5 — DEL.
3 — RCVD.	6 — TOTAL

Straight-Key Night

SKN, where we ask that age-old question: Is brass pounding considered a contact sport?

By Bill Jennings,* K1WJ



"Besides solid copy, SKN was solid fun and satisfaction." Tnx to W9ODV. You'll remember Joe as W8LWD for his FB SKN cartoons.

"The reports of Straight-Key Night's demise are greatly exaggerated." The words (only slightly changed) are those used by Mark Twain in answer to an erroneous wire-service story that had Twain pushing up daisies well before his time had come. Like old Mark Twain at the time of his famous remark, Straight-Key Night is, indeed, alive and well and again scheduled for January 1.

Sagging participation had threatened to put an end to SKN, and although the 141 reports for this the latest running of SKN, held July 4, 1978, aren't an overwhelming number, they do represent a 26 percent increase over the January total of 112 reports received, and look like a landslide next to the 66 reports received for the July 4, 1977, SKN. Good show.

Stations from all the U.S. call areas all Canadian provinces, and 10 DXCC countries (including all continents except Africa) are among the 703 different stations reported worked during the latest SKN period. The second U.S. call area had the greatest number of different stations reported worked at 101, followed by the W4s with 93 and the W8s with 83 stations reportedly active during SKN.

W8GMH received four votes to lead the pack in the "best fist" competition. Right

behind with 3 "best fist" votes each were W2LYH, W3ARK and W9TG. WB1GFK, WB2JAX, WA4IBI, W6IO, W7ITJ, WA7NXL, W8AQ and WD9ECT all wound up in a third-place tie with two votes each.

K3ORW and K6WL share "most interesting QSO" honors with three votes apiece, while W2AET, WB2JAX, WD6CKR, AB6D, W6HOZ and VE3KK all tallied two votes each in this category.

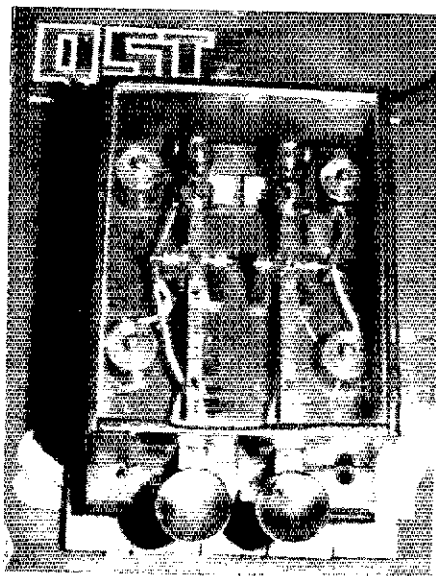
It is interesting to note that WB2JAX was the only station to get multiple votes in both categories.

Next SKN? January 1. See December 1978 QST, "Operating Events" column, for details.

Sideswipes

I used the venerable ole J-38, which I bought new back in '57 when I first got on as a Novice. Somehow, I remember my fist as being much better back then than it was this past SKN . . . I've only been back on the air since last fall . . . reading about a previous SKN helped inspire me to get a ticket again . . . (WD9GXW) How about

VE3KK uses his old Western Union Cable Key for SKN. M. S. has been using the key since 1927 when his call was CT2AA. This particular key saw service on the Horta-Hammel L.I.N.Y. 1HO permalloy cable — one of the original undersea cables.



a straight-key net? (WB4ERM) Felt the urge to QSO Soupy, W5NW, whom I first QSO'd in 1926 . . . got him on the landline and he obligingly came on the air (he usually goes via ssb, but made an exception in this instance) and we had our second QSO with 52 years intervening . . . helped me to connect the ends together since I was only 18 years old in 1926. Hi! (K6WL) Luv is . . . beatin' brass on SKN. (W8GMH) SKN served as a celebration for me as I had been on the air as a ham for one year as of July 4. (WD9EKA) Heard one good-natured sorehead calling "CQ BBN." I asked him what that meant and was informed "Bad Bug Night." P.S. He'd have gotten that prize (Bad Bug) too! (WB8MTD) Interest in SKN must be growing, as two of the five stations that I worked in SKN purchased straight keys just for the event. (WB3IXF) Straight key is nothing new to me, have been using one since I was first licensed in 1920 and two years before that. (W2HWF) The most interesting QSO that I had was with W9YZE, who has been poundin' brass for 62 years. (K5XO) Many reports of dusty keys but the fists were certainly well oiled. (W2EFU) Heard a great deal of SKN activity on both 40 and 20. The article in QST about sagging SKN participation apparently did much to encourage participation. I, for one, would sure hate to see SKN become Silent-Key Night. (WB6DMM) . . . at five and a half hours into SKN, I worked WA2RXB, who said that I was his first contact. Said it took him that long to read the instructions and figure out how to operate the straight key . . . Hi! (AB6D) I decided that we amateurs who have never touched an electronic keyer should show our brass . . . here's a contest where everyone wins. (W8TM) What a joy to do more than pass reports, wx and rig info. (W6CYM) I am a 12-year-old YL and this was my first SKN . . . it was terrific! (WD4KFH)

"I saw her just this past July. The glint came back into my eye From memories of days gone by — Oh Glory! How the time does fly. She hadn't seemed to change a bit, But my caress just wouldn't fit. A keyer was my thing you see, While she was still an old straight key." — W5JOV

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45th ARRL November Sweepstakes Announcement

Cw, November 4-6 . . . phone, November 18-20.

An expanded affiliated-club-competition awards structure highlights the 1979 version of the November Sweepstakes. Be sure that your club and/or the appropriate club officers are aware of the conditions and requirements that must be met for entry into one of the three different levels of club competition. Complete requirements are listed in August 1978 *QST*, page 66.

Note: Logs *must* be postmarked by December 11, 1978, to be a valid entry.

Be sure to allow plenty of time to request the forms you will need to participate: One log sheet per 100 contacts and one each dupe sheet (Operating Aid 6) and summary sheet per mode operated (weekend). Send your request with an s.a.s.e. and affix one unit of first-class postage for each five sheets requested.

In order to minimize interference to noncontest stations, suggested frequency ranges are shown in Table 1.

Table 1

CW	Phone
3550-3650	3850-3950
7050-7100	7200-7250
14050-14100	14250-14300
21050-21100	21300-21400
28050-28100	28550-28650

Look for Novices and Technicians around 3710, 7110, 21110 and 28110.

After the SS, be sure to postmark your entry by December 11, 1978; send it first-class mail! If you want to make sure it arrived at Headquarters, enclose a self-addressed postcard which we will mail back to you. For a list of high claimed scores, enclose an s.a.s.e. with your entry. Club secretaries are requested to send a list of *call signs only* of all club members

who were eligible to participate for the club in the SS. Good luck!

Rules

1) *Eligibility:* This contest is open to all radio amateurs in (or officially attached to) sections listed on page 8 of this issue of *QST*. U.S. possessions in the Pacific are part of the Pacific section. KP4, KV4/KP2 and KG4 are all part of the West Indies section.

2) *Object:* To exchange QSO information (as explained in section 5) with as many amateurs in (or officially attached to) ARRL sections.

3) *Conditions of Entry:* Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions as well as the intent of this announcement, the regulations of his licensing authority

Contest Periods

Starts	Ends
<i>CW</i> Saturday, Nov. 4 2100 UTC	Monday, Nov. 6 0300 UTC
<i>Phone</i> Saturday, Nov. 18 2100 UTC	Monday, Nov. 20 0300 UTC

and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

4) *Contest Period and Time:* All contacts must be made during the contest period indicated elsewhere in this announcement. Time spent listening counts as operating time. No more than 24 hours of operation are permitted during the

"What, me operate in Sweepstakes? You've got a case." Stan, K8MJZ, on the left, and Barry, WA8QEF, renewed their SS rivalry in the Michigan section in 1977 (See May 1978 *QST*, page 66). Barry nosed out Stan on cw, but Stan came out on top in the phone portion. Wonder which way that case of brew will be going this year?



Explanation of Exchange

Exchanges	NR Consecutive serial number	Precedence Power input less than 200 watts dc	Call Send your station call	Ck Ck (Last two digits of year first licensed)	Place Your ARRL section CT
Sample	NR1	A	WA1QNF	72	CT

30-hour period. "Off" periods may not be less than 15 minutes at a time. Times on and off and QSO times must be entered in your log.

5) **Valid QSOs:** Contacts must include certain information sent in the form of a standard message preamble, as shown in the example. Cw stations work only cw stations and phone stations only other phones. Valid points can be earned by contacting stations not working in the contest upon acceptance of your preamble and receipt of a preamble.

6) **Scoring:** Each station from which a preamble is received and to whom a preamble is sent and acknowledged, results in two points. Partial QSOs do not count for scoring purposes. No additional points can be earned by recontacting the same station, regardless of the frequency band (i.e., repeat QSOs, even if on different bands, are not allowed). The total number of ARRL sections (plus VE8/VY1) worked during the contest is the section multiplier — maximum possible total of 75.

The final score equals the total points times the section multiplier.

7) **Entry Classification:** Entries will be classified as single- or multiple-operator stations. Single-operator stations are those in which one person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions. Multiple-operator stations are those obtaining any form of assistance, such as from spotting or relief operators, or keeping the station log or records. The use of any type of "spotting" or "multiplier" net places the entry in the multiple-operator class.

8) **Reporting:** Contest forms (log sheets, summary sheets, Operating Aid 6) are available free from ARRL hq. or you

may use forms of your own design provided they follow the indicated format. Every competing entry claiming 200 or more QSOs must have cross-checking sheets (Operating Aid 6 or similar) attached. *Any log omitting times on and off, or omitting QSO times, or omitting cross-check sheets (when required), or omitting a summary sheet or any information requested therein (see sample) will not be considered for competitive QST listings or awards.* Such logs will be classified as "check-logs" and will be processed accordingly. All entries become the property of ARRL and none can be returned. Although FCC rules no longer require most log-keeping, each competitive entry submitted must include date, QSO times, times on/off, exchange sent, exchange received, band and mode.

9) **Miscellaneous Rules:** A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be subsequently used 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).

Yukon-N.W.T. (VE8/VY1) counts as a separate multiplier, for a possible total of 75 multipliers.

If your power is 200-watts dc or less, send "A" as your precedence; otherwise send "B."

The operation of two or more transmitters simultaneously is not allowed.

10) **Awards:** Certificates will be awarded in both the cw and phone contests to the highest scoring class "A" entrant and the highest scoring class "B" entrant in each section, provided that either (1) there are at least three single-operator competing entrants from that section in that power class, or (2) the top single-operator

score from that section in that power class has 10,000 points or more.

Multiple-operator entries, regardless of license class of operators, are not eligible for certificate awards and will be listed separately in the final results in QST.

11) **Club Competition and Disqualifications:** See February 1978 QST, page 83 and August 1978, page 66.

ARRL November Sweepstakes
 NAME: K6KXY ARRL SECTION: SCV
 PHONE: 714-366-1750
 POWER: 75W MODE: CW
 MULTIPLIER: 75 SECTIONS: 101.6
 TOTAL SCORE: 7587



The Oklahoma section is the home of K5VRX. In the 1977 SS, Roger placed number five nationwide in the low-power phone category.



K6KX, number 10 nationally in the high-power cw category in the 1977 Sweepstakes.

ARRL Sweepstakes

CALL USED: K6KXY ARRL SECTION: SCV

C.W. PHONE

SEPARATE LOGS AND SUMMARY SHEETS REQUIRED FOR EACH MODE.

HAND	DATE	ON/OFF	TIME	NR	ND	PREC	STATION WORKED	CK	SECTION	POINTS
3.8	Nov		0244	751	419	Z	K1TO	72	CT-#72	2
			45	26	354	B	W7LEG	61	WABH	1
			46	26	10	B	N6SF	58	SCV	1
				24	14	A	W4BZMM	63	CT	2
			51	26	209	A	W4BZRM	70	SE	2
			53	26	453	Z	K1ZE	62	CT	1
			54	26	1338	B	W4DAEB	63	ARRL-#73	1
			55	26	301	B	W4TAM	54	SV	1
			OFF 0300	57	752	A	W4K6PJ	60	S.S.R.	1

Results, 1978 ARRL International DX Competition

Record participation, record scores, and records perhaps never to be broken.

By Tom Frenaye,* K1KI

The smoke has finally settled after the finish of the last two-weekend-per-mode ARRL DX Competitions. A record 3445 logs representing an overall increase of 13.5 percent contributed to the many new record scores.

The increase in sunspot numbers over last year's contest, especially on the phone weekends brought the multiplier and QSO totals way up. The change was most evident on 160 and 10 meters. On 10 meters this year W2PV squeezed out 117 countries on phone compared with the 48 the W5TMN group worked last year. On 10 cw the gang at W4BVV found 86 countries compared to the 40 found by W3TV in '77. On 160 meters the opposite was true with 14 multipliers on phone and 19 on cw this year compared with 22 and 29 last year.

Things were so good, in fact, that many people never did make it to the low bands since they could work 20 meters all night long and 15 long after sunset. The low bands weren't that much worse this year but seemed to be because so many did stay on the high bands. Top honors for W/VE high banders this year go to N2LT on phone and N2OO on cw with both averaging close to 50 QSOs per hour for the 96-hour period. On the low bands W1FC nosed out K3ZO on phone, but on cw K3ZO (now HS1ABD) edged out N4UM. Turns out Fred only decided to enter under the low-band category at the last minute after winter storms eliminated all-band possibilities.

From the DX end of the contest, high-band honors on phone went to HC1BU with an astounding 7400 QSOs and a score big enough to place third in the world for single-operator stations. On cw, KSPM, operating KP4USN, turned in the best high-band score. On low-band phone KP4WI took advantage of his proximity

to the U.S. to best G4AMT. Low-band cw saw an absence of the usual Caribbean/South American activity and 10JX edged 12XXG for honors.

Single-operator scores were dominated by the giants on the East Coast. Only one score from west of the Mississippi made the top ten — WA1KKM operating N7XX on phone made up for the lack of European multipliers by an incredible number of JAs and placed number two. First place on phone was turned in by K1ZM operating W1ZM. Jeff's 11 multipliers on 160 were topped by only one station — W2PV. The third spot went to W9ZRX, back on the air after a few years of planning and construction.

On cw, W3LPL pulled it out over some heavy-duty competition, while W3RJ's effort netted him second place. Claimed scores made the final winner a toss-up, but in the end PVRC's premier cw single operator bested the one from the Frankford RC. It was about the only victory PVRC could claim this year, though. Four of the seven top-ten cw scores were from New England, with the YCCC taking advantage of the good conditions to increase their score. W3BGN was the only operator at his own station to place in the top ten on both modes, though K1ZM

managed it from W1ZM. Doing it on both modes may be the toughest challenge the contest offered.

From the DX point of view, KH6IJ on phone and KP4EAJ on cw walked away with the honors, as they have done many times in the past. EL2T was number two on phone and the lone African entry in the top ten, either mode. Outstanding performances were also turned in by three Europeans who broke the top ten on phone this year. G3ZQW did an especially fine job with 2.5 million on the high bands only! On cw, N6CJ operating from XE1FX nosed out PJ2VD for the second position. ZLIADI was the only station from the Southern Hemisphere to break through with a number seven finish and DK3GI rounded out the ten spots with the top European score. Both KH6IJ and PJ9JT (W1BIH) placed in the top ten on both modes, with PJ9JT's operation being only one weekend. Watch out next year!

Stations west of the Mississippi finally broke into the big time with some fine multi-single efforts. The top finishers were from the East (W1ZA, on phone and K4VX on cw) but six of the ten top multi-single scores on phone came from the West with K5JA leading the pack, followed closely by WA7NIN. On cw K4VX

Top Ten DX Single Operator

Phone	CW
KH6IJ 5,702,052	KP4EAJ 6,110,235
EL2T 4,402,125	XE1FX 5,489,454
HC1BU 3,760,926*	PJ2VD 5,423,898
KH6WF 3,364,296	KH6IJ 4,266,585
OZ5KF 3,316,776	KH6NO 3,035,520
I3MAU 2,963,448	PJ9JT 2,628,417
FP8DX 2,860,260	ZL1ADI 2,591,820
PJ9JT 2,583,774	HC2SL 2,551,500
H18CDS 2,517,000	JA1PIG/PZ 2,548,200
G3ZQW 2,516,976*	DK3GI 2,536,578

*High band only

Top Ten W/VE Single Operator

Phone	CW
W1ZM 3,973,704	W3LPL 3,394,341
N7XX 3,392,280	W3RJ 3,362,820
W9ZRX 2,902,698	W1ZA 2,835,540
N4RV 2,874,690	N2LT 2,651,184
W3BGN 2,859,948	W1ZM 2,615,955
K9HMB 2,831,888	K1OX 2,405,325
N1GL 2,788,989	K1NA 2,349,468
K1BW 2,592,636	N9MM 2,319,678
W3LPL 2,546,412	W3BGN 2,240,835
W9RE 2,226,159	K9DX 2,211,978

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was closely challenged by N3RD, K1TO and W4NL/3, with three California stations breaking into the first ten. N3AD placed number five on cw with the assistance of the FRC spotting net, showing that a one-man show can be competitive in the multi-single category.

Multi-single overseas entries on phone stacked up to show KH6DL as the big one, nosing out several one-weekend efforts from the Caribbean. European multi-singles were led by IØRDJ, followed by EI9CB. The folks at JA3YKC led all Asian entries for the second year in a row. On cw, all of the big scores came from Europe, with DKØTU edging out OK1ALW and YU2ACD for the number one slot.

This year's contest provided two rather incredible multi-multi scores — those of W2PV on phone and W4BVV on cw. The table entitled "Multi-Multi Madness" will give you an idea of the magnitude of their top scores and a comparison of the two stations. The totals at the end of the first weekend are also very impressive — more on that later.

Multi-Multi entries from DX stations showed JA9YBA (phone) and JA7YAA (cw) to be the best, with JA7YAA a repeater from last year.

The club competition in 1978 was very spirited. The Frankford Radio Club, after being edged out last year, stormed back with 133 entries this year (averaging one million points each!) to pull far ahead of the second-place Potomac Valley Radio Club and third-place Yankee Clipper Contest Club. Club competition next year will be a bit different (as detailed in August *QST*) with three levels of competition. The Colorado Contest Conspiracy with a big effort at KØRF and the Indy DXers with the return of W9ZRX made

Division Leaders — Phone

All	Low	High	Division	Multi-Single	Multi-Multi
W3BGN	K3ZO	K3KG	Atlantic	N3RD	W3AU
W9ZRX	K9PPY	W9LF	Central	K9KA	—
WØUC	—	NØAT	Dakota	KØKX	—
K5UR	WA4MFS	W5AQ	Delta	W5RU	N5TV
WA4QMQ	W8TWA	W8FF	Great Lakes	N8JW	K8LX
W2RQ	WB2RTF	N2LT	Hudson	W2YV	W2PV
WØEJ	NØRF	KØLUZ	Midwest	WBØRET	—
W1ZM	W1FC	WA1UZH	New England	W1ZA	—
N7XX	W7LJ	W7WA	Northwestern	N7RO	—
WA6PGB	WA6DNM	WA6TKT	Pacific	WA7NIN	W6YX
N4RV	AA4VK	N4MM	Roanoke	K4VX	W4BVV
W5YZ	—	W5JW	Rocky Mountain	WBØLLR	KØRF
W4WKQ	N4WW	N4NX	Southeastern	N4KG	—
K6NA	WA6WZO	WA6EKL	Southwestern	N7DD	N6SV
K5DX	K5JZY	K5BZU	West Gulf	K5JA	K5TM
VE5RA	VE3BBN	WB2RLK/VE1	Canadian	VE6WQ	—

Division Leaders — CW

All	Low	High	Division	Multi-Single	Multi-Multi
W3LPL	K3ZO	N2OO	Atlantic	N3RD	W3AU
N9MM	K9JF	W9LT	Central	WB9CEJ	—
WØHP	KØKX	WØUO	Dakota	—	—
K4XU	N5DX	K5KLA	Delta	W4EAL	N5TV
N8ET	W8TWA	N8JW	Great Lakes	K8NZ	K8LX
N2LT	WB2RTF	W2IB	Hudson	WB2SJJG	W2PV
WBØKWI	NØRF	KØMM	Midwest	KØAT	—
W1ZA	W1PL	K1DG	New England	K1TO	—
N7XX	K7UR	W7WA	Northwestern	K7TU	—
N6RO	N6BT	K7OX	Pacific	N6OP	W6YX
N4RV	W4UQ	W4HBK	Roanoke	K4VX	W4BVV
N7NG	WA5YTX	W5TVX	Rocky Mountain	KØFX	KØRF
N4WW	N4UM	N4NX	Southeastern	N4OL	—
N6AR	N6WO	N6CW	Southwestern	K6RR	—
N5TP	K5JZY	W5MYA	West Gulf	W5AC	K5RC
VE5DX	VE1AXT	VE6KW	Canadian	VE4OY	—

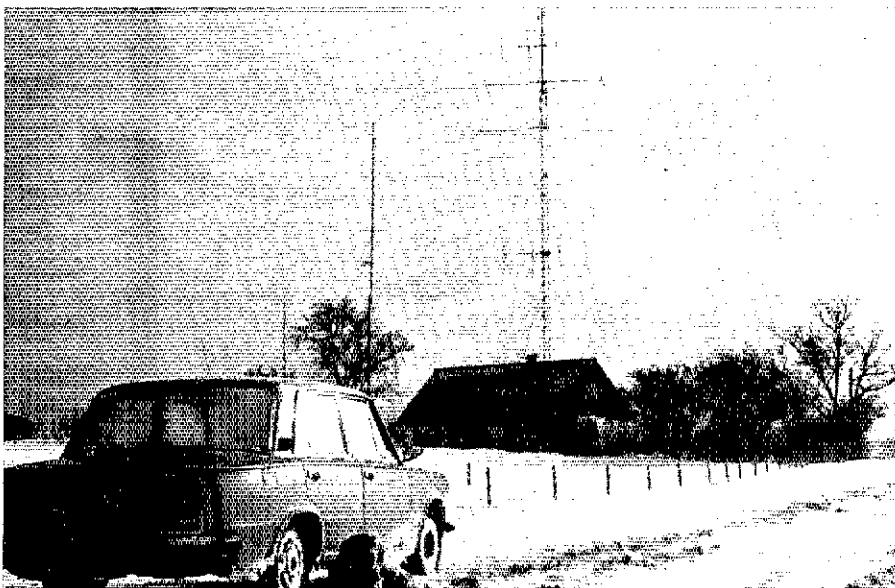
big jumps in score this year to join the top ten.

One weekend DXpeditions went to all continents this year, with the Caribbean being the favorite spot. A very close race was produced on phone with PJ8CO, VP2MT and WØUO/6Y5, along with

non-DXpeditioners KP4ENV all breaking the five-million-point mark in 48 hours. The PJ8CO group came out on top with 5.4 million points.

Now for some of the complaints. Looks like the 10-minute rule instituted this year helped to cut down on the abuses in the

OZ5KF, his harmonics, his station and his antenna farm. Antennas are 4 over 4 element quads for 10, 15 and 20 meters at 145 and 70 feet, 3-element Yagi for 40 meters at 125 feet and a 2-element wire beam for 80 meters. The tower is 170 feet in height. OZ5KF is the single-operator phone European continental champ and number five single-operator phone, worldwide.



multioperator, single-transmitter category. A number of people were unhappy with it but on the whole it seems to be a welcome change. Duplicate contacts in the logs continue to be a major problem, but the number of dupes found in W/VE logs was down from last year. However, the number found in DX logs was considerable. Remember to take the time to prepare your entry before you send it in — duplicate QSOs, if left in the log, will get you a three-for-one penalty. If the total number of dupes is more than two percent, it means disqualification beginning in 1979.

The usual problem of stations not signing their call signs for every QSO and late logs are still with us. Please watch those deadlines!

Now for next year. The Contest Advisory Committee recommended to the ARRL Board of Directors in July that the DX Competition be reduced from two weekends per mode to one per mode. For 1979, this means that the phone weekend will be March 3 and 4 and the cw weekend will be March 17 and 18.

Instead of waiting until the last minute, how about sending away for entry forms today for the 1979 DX Competition? It never hurts to be early.

The scores were typed in a slightly different format this year, as we are trying to cut down on the space used, and make them more readable and useful for comparisons. The multi-multi scores are listed in order by score rather than by section or country because the competition in that category is not on the local level.

Now that you've seen it all, how would you do it? Are there any comparisons you'd like to see made? What could be added or deleted from the writeup? Remember that there is only so much space for contest writeups. On the other hand, the most important thing may have been left out. Want to change the rules? Make sure to write your CAC representative and let him know how you feel (WING, K2SX, W3HQT, K4PJ, W5MYA, N6NB, K7GM, K8IA, K9UIY, K0MM, VE7TT). Send the letter to Hq. and it'll be forwarded to all CAC members.

Soapbox

Happiness is working two stations on the same side of the checksheet! (W4BAA) This soapbox is correct and true. (N6DE/K5FC) [OK, Mojo, we get the picture. But you were only the second of two people to spot the spelling error on the DX Competition summary sheet. We promise to correct the error on the next printing. — BJ] I had four stations in I-land take time in the contest to tell me that DIO means God in Italian. (WA1DIO) Remembered to send the logs in because it is due the same day that income tax is due. Hi! (WB5TDO) Could have had about 20 percent more contacts,

ARRL Affiliated Club Scores

Club Name	Score	Entries	CW Winner	Phone Winner
Frankford RC	133,888,530	133	W3RJ	W3BGN
Potomac Valley RC	102,332,480	101	W3LPL	N4RV
Yankee Clipper CC	81,061,450	81	W1ZA	W1ZM
Northern Cal. CC	24,044,093	38	N6RO	N6BV
Western Washington DXC	18,030,816	47	N7XX	N7XX
Northern California DXC	17,201,650	48	W6NKR	N6QR
Wireless Inst. of NE	15,839,853	36	N2NT	W2RQ
Murphy's Marauders	14,616,516	24	W1NG	K1BW
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	14,039,117	7	---	W0CP
Indy DXers	11,444,571	12	N9MM	W9ZRX
Texas DX Society	9,083,238	12	K5DX	K5DX
Southern California DXC	9,008,442	23	N6AR	K6RR
San Diego DXC	8,833,598	14	N6CW	K6NA
Mad River RC	8,436,910	16	N8ET	W9LT
Willamette Valley DXC	8,088,630	16	W7NI	W7EJ
North Texas CC	7,144,927	15	W5MYA	WD5EWP
Northern Illinois DX Assn.	6,982,730	16	K9DX	W9ZA
Gloucester County ARC	5,559,685	20	N2CQ	N2CQ
Twin City DX Assn.	5,379,834	5	W0HP	---
Ill-Wind Contesters	4,778,793	10	WA9PBK	K9HMB
Flyweight DX Group	4,637,945	20	N4DW	N4TN
Michigan DX Assn.	4,258,716	8	N8JW	W8LU
Eastern Iowa DX Assn.	4,174,488	21	W0VU	K0LUZ
Order of Boiled Owls of NY	4,162,772	8	K2LE/1	K2LE/1
Central Virginia CC	3,586,238	7	WB4BVY	W4XR
Central Arizona DX Assn.	3,446,574	3	---	---
Kansas City DXC	3,292,863	17	WB0KWI	WA0AGN
Richardson Wireless Klub	3,172,713	10	N5TP	K5NW
Southeastern DXC	3,057,741	19	N4NX	N4NX
Delta DX Assn.	2,896,044	7	---	W5OB
South Jersey RA	2,574,749	17	WA2YVA	WA2YVA
Alamo DX Amigos	2,438,592	22	W5JC	WB5HGS
Central Florida DX Assn.	2,375,988	4	---	---
Buffalo Area DXC	1,941,564	19	WB2ABD	WA2AOG
Southern California CC	1,912,857	3	---	---
Western Carolina ARS	1,734,489	5	---	N4AA
Toronto DX Assn.	1,577,922	4	---	VE3EUP
Old Barney ARC	1,533,657	9	K2TJ	N2CW
Southern Peninsula AR Klub	1,260,198	3	---	---
Amateur Radio Transmitting Soc.	1,232,127	4	N4XM	---
Ohio Valley ARA	1,164,729	9	W8RSW	W8HQQ
Neenah-Menasha ARC	1,097,556	4	---	---
North Florida DX Assn.	1,042,152	4	---	W4ZTW
Brightleaf ARC	975,717	11	WA4DAN	WA4NHP
Winnipeg DXC	970,542	7	---	VE4EW
Memphis DX Assn.	950,745	5	---	WA4EAV
Greater Lansing DX Group	902,918	13	W8TJQ	W8BLTX
Blue Grass ARC	893,997	7	---	WA4PAR
Memphis DX Soc.	763,485	4	K5FC	---
Mississippi Valley DX & CC	741,787	11	K0CD	K0CD
Columbus ARA	678,594	6	W8ZCQ	W8ZCQ
Virginia Century Club	664,363	5	---	W4IVU
Meriden ARC	503,412	9	W1KKF	W1KKF
Libertyville & Mundelien ARS	491,253	3	---	---
Charlotte ARC	434,484	5	---	---
Arinc RC	403,686	8	N3OS	W3PWO
Poughkeepsie ARC	395,736	3	---	---
Greater Milwaukee DX Assn.	277,743	3	---	---
Lake Success RC	254,544	6	---	W2SGK
Four Lakes ARC	217,131	8	K9QXY	K9QXY
Greater South Bay ARC	193,920	8	K2TV	K2TV
Motor City RC	129,999	6	---	K8SIA
Overlook Mountain ARC	121,356	3	---	---
Central Illinois DX & CC	75,570	3	---	---
Saline County ARC	75,330	3	---	---
Chicago Radio Traffic Assn.	33,261	4	---	---
Saginaw Valley ARA	20,370	6	WA8ECH	WB8VBC
Larkfield ARC	10,980	3	---	W2GLE

but U.S./VE stations tend to beam JA instead of VK when the bands are open. Heard *all* states/provinces on 20-15-10, but could not break through the JA pileups to get them. It might be a good idea for the U.S./VE stations to pause to listen for Pacific stations. You never know when a new multiplier will show up from this area. (VK4LX) How about each operator nominating a station that he con-

siders to be "best op"? Might influence all operators to improve their techniques. (ZL1ADI) I think that several stations liked my call sign, because they worked me more than twice on one band. Hi! (DL7OK) I was very happy to help my friends out with a Portugal QSO. (CT1QZ) The timely arrival of the replacement 28-MHz oscillator coil sent by WD4BRE, made possible my 10-meter

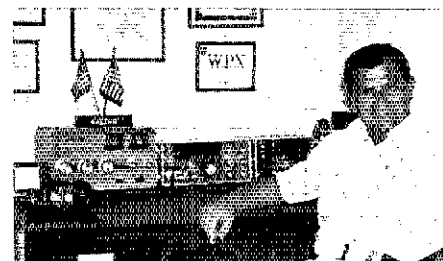
Phone Multiplier Leaders

Band	160	80	40	20	15	10	Band	160	80	40	20	15	10	Band	160	80	40	20	15	10		
Minimum	5	50	50	80	75	70	Minimum	5	50	50	80	75	70	Minimum	5	50	50	80	75	70		
<i>Single Operator</i>																						
W1ZM	11	62	50	112	103	100	WA2AOG	—	7	15	75	71	74	W4DM	—	11	21	65	73	74		
N1GL	6	72	55	101	99	82	W3BGN	—	55	47	92	84	86	W4DR	6	26	50	—	11	73		
K1WB	—	8	33	90	75	78	N3BB	—	32	38	111	90	78	K5UR	—	46	44	88	86	89		
W1NG	—	38	40	67	76	67	N3DA	—	34	28	103	89	84	K5KLA	4	32	26	86	74	83		
W1YN	—	32	36	73	101	75	W3FV	—	27	36	75	84	85	K5NW	—	22	46	71	71	71		
W1OO	4	35	32	84	80	86	W3AP	3	17	41	76	81	72	K5DX	7	30	31	81	76	85		
K1RX	—	44	54	92	84	48	K3NZ	—	25	28	86	83	57	WA6PGB	4	23	36	79	76	81		
W1UR	—	16	54	81	70	80	K3ZA	—	53	39	72	60	68	K6NA	2	35	53	80	67	66		
K2LE/1	—	39	36	102	80	70	K3WOK	—	5	3	81	54	65	N6BV	—	16	36	87	72	60		
K1BW	—	43	43	102	87	83	W3LPL	6	55	53	88	98	82	W7EJ	—	24	30	77	85	69		
K2SD	—	21	24	81	63	64	N3UN	—	38	38	101	89	83	W8LU	—	—	3	12	67	70		
WA2AUB	—	16	18	53	65	73	W3UJ	—	21	21	74	67	70	W8AH	—	—	20	99	—	—		
WB2SJJ	—	18	39	81	81	70	LU1BAR/W3	7	20	42	48	59	43	K9HMB	3	31	54	108	110	95		
W2RQ	—	39	34	72	75	69	N3EC	—	16	26	85	50	47	W9ZRX	—	31	65	105	100	92		
N2SS	—	26	25	100	87	95	WA4QMQ	—	5	7	66	68	73	W9RE	4	33	49	103	89	81		
K2DY	—	46	28	88	56	50	WA4TLI	—	7	4	70	75	82	W9LT	—	31	45	101	69	89		
N2MR	3	24	33	80	69	74	K4XU	—	25	34	74	73	74	KØSVX	—	3	13	63	52	76		
W3HKK/2	—	3	—	89	58	64	N4RV	—	34	48	109	91	98	WØIUB	—	3	26	37	53	74		
							N4RA	2	28	34	79	74	84	VE4XJ	—	7	9	100	32	—		
<i>High Band</i>																						
K1TO				76	56	74	K3KG					59	114	81	WA7GVM					90		
K1WJ				47	54	74	K3KA					75	74	80	W8FF					94	74	72
WA1UZH				71	65	77	W3EWL					70	79	70	W8TA					80	71	68
WA1TAI				81	73	70	N3KK					72	84	54	WB8JBM					68	75	63
N2LT				102	91	85	W3YY/4					78	75	64	W9ZA					60	78	85
N2RM				53	82	74	N4NX					92	73	78	WA9IXF					67	78	60
N2OO				74	68	74	WA4DWN					80	53		WB9TIY					41	78	49
N2CW				54	63	90	W4PAK					75	78	50	W9OA					94	1	
WA2PCF				65	66	71	WA4NHP					77	65	74	W9LF					95	86	77
K5VNJ/2				83	69	62	N4MM					60	76	79	W9OBF					96	74	78
W2SUA				86	34	24	W4RW					86	57	37	K9CLO					83	50	39
WA2BYJ				45	73	80	W5JW					86	74	69	NØAT					44	77	52
K3ND				90	86	89	K5GL					51		74	WB2RLK/VE1					88	94	86
W3JO				64	71	71	K5BZU					98	71	67	VE3EUP					100	75	72
W3GRS				84	82	78	W7FP					92										
<i>Low Band</i>																						
WA1UAD	6	51	60				K5RR		32	58				K9PPY		37	56					
W1FC		84	53				K5JZY		34	53				NØRF		19	64					
W1BB/1	8						K6SE	11						VE3BBN	6	45						
WB2VFT		20	52				K8TR		22	54												
K3ZO	6	65	70				K8WW			56												
<i>Multi-Single</i>																						
K1XM		42	45	87	80	78	W4NL/3	5	61	57	126	105	91	W6QL	3	21	27	70	50	70		
WA1SQB		4		71	66	83	K3RA	4	50	44	95	76	75	N6TU	2	33	48	79	78	71		
W1ZA		59	57	110	97	92	N3RL		41	50	86	80	89	N7DD		35	40	94	80	82		
W1RR		32	31	96	76	75	N4KG		34	51	106	92	91	WA7NIN	1	40	49	89	82	72		
K1MM		36	1	85	75	64	N4BP		6	5	41	40	76	N8JW		28	51	107	89	82		
WA1SSX		26	38	82	74	76	W4EAL		5		64	105	73	K9KA		30	33	98	72	75		
K1IK	2	49	48	81	81	75	K4VX	10	54	64	115	112	94	K9XA		3	28	61	91	47		
W2YV	8	72	56	111	96	91	N4HB	5	37	44	82	87	83	WBØLLR	4	32	43	89	92	73		
K2UA		46		73	80	66	W4PRO	8	39	40	70	78	56	WBØRET		17	34	76	82	58		
K2BU		35	36	80	70	66	N5DX	6	41	64	94	82	81	KØKX		22	60	107	88	71		
N3RD		44	53	103	101	100	W5RU		48	56	99	78	94	VE5RG	2	13	43	87	76	82		
N3ED		49	48	94	101	86	K5JA	7	53	61	109	99	96	VE6WQ		20	11	79	87	59		
N3RG		30	45	92	81	82	WA6JUD	1	22	28	76	77	65									
<i>Multi-Multi</i>																						
W2PV	13	89	80	159	140	117	KØRF	11	53	64	110	111	93	K5TM		38	58	88	85	79		
W3AU	9	71	78	142	130	108	K3WW	11	69	73	145	118	113	N3AD		42	49	107	98	96		
W3MM		77	67	161	123	114	K8LX	2	44	62	118	121	85	W2GD		44	42	84	88	95		
W4BVV	14	87	80	131	132	116	W3GM	7	66	69	129	117	101	N3LR		30	21	98	79	57		
W3WJD		74	68	132	132	116	N6SV	1	36	55	112	80	82	W3DHM			46	96	99	94		
W3FA	10	70	77	134	126	109	W7YX	1	20	36	84	73	67	W3KT			14	84	75	66		



At left, N4KG, Tom was half of the N4KG/WN4KKN multiop effort on phone, and the single-operator section winner on cw in Georgia.

Northern New Jersey's WA2ZWH, right, bids a fond farewell to the power transformer in his 8B-220 amplifier. 'ZWH went at it in the low-power category and came out of it with a third place finish in the high-band phone classification.



CW Multiplier Leaders

Band	160	80	40	20	15	10	Band	160	80	40	20	15	10	Band	180	80	40	20	15	10
Minimum	10	45	55	80	70	45	Minimum	10	45	55	80	70	45	Minimum	10	45	55	80	70	45
<i>Single Operator</i>																				
W1ZM	19	55	74	77	74	66	W3BGN	4	41	61	80	66	53	W4YE		39	51	78	64	57
W1NG		45	58	82	71	51	W3AP	8	34	62	84	71	47	N4DW		28	35	77	75	49
K1ZZ	13	40	43	67	52	52	K3II		42	61	74	64	41	W4KFC		33	36	67	57	45
W1ZA		57	63	89	75	70	W3FV		31	66	74	63	39	WB4BVY		23	43	74	63	56
K1NA	11	48	66	87	80	57	N3NA		38	49	80	55	39	KØCMF/4		20	30	61	60	48
W1DA		48	52	75	80	59	W3OV		31	37	69	49	48	W4DR	12	26			45	43
W1YN		36	59	76	82	33	N3BB		17	40	74	70	35	K5UR		39	49	79	71	63
W1LK		35	55	73	74	53	W3NZ	5	39	59	68	55	42	N5TP	3	25	57	78	72	66
W1KM		27	77	67	59	29	W3GK		19	32	61	63	45	K5NW		20	59	66	60	56
W1HZU		22	56	71	63	6	W3GRS		12	26	66	65	51	K5LP		11	19	50	43	47
W1OO	11	42	54	77	76	58	K3RA	5	46	55	79	63	53	K5ABV	1	31	53	57	45	48
K1OX	3	45	63	78	72	64	W3LPL	13	53	77	94	82	74	N6RO	3	28	73	71	72	45
K1RX		47	71	71	67	31	N3CW		48	75	73	67	50	N7XX	6	21	56	71	51	24
K2LE/1		44	61	83	68	52	K3NA	7	34	56	80	66	50	N7NG		21	59	71	58	34
K1BW		47	61	86	60	33	K3SA		15	54	82	71	65	K8GL		32	44	73	58	46
W2YV	14	42	50	75	61	53	W3AZ		9	42	64	68	47	N8ET		18	47	74	70	53
N2NT	1	45	57	82	73	58	N3RL		27	44	62	67	45	W8RSW		11	56	70	72	47
W2AEE		47	62	76	68	46	N4KG		50	62	81	79	71	W8AH			57	88		
K2PE		39	61	76	65	14	N4HI		21	39	61	70	48	K9DX	6	50	74	93	77	46
N2LT	6	50	75	81	71	59	N4XM		31	50	70	61	52	K9BGL	5	23	50	64	69	53
WB2FIT		43	65	91	77	51	N4AA		32	44	62	55	50	K9KM		29	52	82	67	40
N2WT		30	52	84	69	41	N4WX		27	54	77	61	54	N9MM		49	68	79	72	65
W2REH	12	53	60	91	85	55	N4WW	11	61	73	76	70	70	N9NS		31	49	70	68	46
K2FL		36	52	77	75	54	K4II	2	24	34	56	38	47	NØGA		21	39	56	52	48
N2MR	4	20	43	75	70	50	K4CL		29	31	68	50	49	WØUJ		17	27	47	39	45
W2PAU		32	35	50	42	50	K4XU		34	58	87	74	69	WØIUB		9	45	44	54	51
K2YV		40	60	72	67	42	W4XJ	2	40	58	72	65	63	WØHP	1	31	66	80	76	55
N2AU		31	56	74	71	44	N4TN		13	42	63	64	50	VE4XJ		10	14	83	43	6
W3RJ		63	75	113	93	69	N4RV		40	51	72	75	63							

High Band

K1RM				48	65	51	N4NX				81	59	63	W5AQ					52	59	46
K1DG				94	79	50	N4SV				50	56	47	W5MYA					71	76	68
W1PH				82	75	45	N4YM				69	27	49	W5FO					55	54	51
K1FWE				77	64	53	WB4TDH				72	66	57	W5JC					88	62	35
N1GL				58	76	47	W4BAA				62	52	47	W5GO					51	63	52
K2OB				81			W4NQI				53	49	45	N6CW					83	73	50
W2WD				69	64	57	WA4OML				30	88		N8JW					77	76	50
N2OO				107	79	48	N4UW				39	57	48	WA9PBK					85	67	29
W3JO				68	63	55	W4HBK				78	72	48	W9LT					79	70	50
K3ND				87	73	44	N4MM				73	70	50	K9DAF					63	65	50
W3GRF				77	72	63	K5KLA				71	64	64	KØMM					65	63	47
W3EWL				67	61	48	WA5NUK				70	53	46	WØUO					74	65	52
N3KK				81	65	38															

Low Band

WA1UAC		31	55				K3ZO	3	67	83				W8LRL	17	1				
W1PL	9	49	67				N4UM	13	63	75				WA9JCO		32	72			
K1VR		34	59				WA4MFS		29	58				N9TI		28	56			
W1BB/1	17						W4UQ		50	46				W9SFR		13	70			
W1UN		40	55				N5DX	5	41	67				K9JF		49	68			
K1TZQ		34	58				W5KLB			66				KØKX	1	13	67			
W2FVS		46	43				N6BT	3	22	76				NØRF		34	69			
WA2MBM		2	60				K7UR		26	72										

Multi-Single

K1TO		50	62	89	70	56	N3ED		59	62	90	79	54	W5AC			29	61	82	71	59
K1IU		40	62	89	79	58	N3RG		35	55	93	77	44	N6OP	4	26	64	73	70	37	
WB2SJG		38	59	80	83	59	WA4NL/3	12	52	70	91	81	59	N6IG	2	20	56	65	62	35	
N2MM		44	54	79	71	36	N4OL				62	60	48	K6RR	1	23	49	65	70	36	
K2UA		51		69	62	34	K4VX	4	54	78	91	83	68	K6DC		18	59	72	55	31	
W3NX		17	41	77	73	43	N4RA	8	38	51	72	68	63	K8NZ		47	60	76	67	41	
N3RD		58	83	88	86	66	K5JA			48	68	63	48	WB8JBM		31	56	65	57	51	
N3AD		48	73	82	76	46															

Multi-Multi

W4BVV	17	80	95	119	105	86	W3MM		70	74	113	93	74	W2GD	12	40	64	76	76	58
W3AU	14	67	91	123	96	78	KØRF	9	49	75	101	90	59	K4CG		17	39	100	76	51
K5RC	8	61	89	113	99	82	N3RS		59	85	104	91	59	N3LR		33	57	76	70	40
K3WW	18	78	92	118	89	76	K8LX	6	57	85	111	88	58	N5TV		19	27	57	56	47
W2PV	16	72	93	115	99	80	W3GM		68	83	100	94	73	W3KT		15	29	90	69	35
W3FA	13	64	78	117	94	81	W6YX		14	57	82	69	34							

**One-Weekend DXpeditions
(All Are Certificate Winners)**

Phone	CW
GE3ZM (K1MM)	GD5CAA (K3RV)
FG0AYO (W2KN)	EP2EC (K5MM)
FG0GEX (K7GEX)	EP2LA
G5CFJ (K6PU)	KG6SW (K7JA)
GU3HFN (K5MM)	K7SS/KH6
K4II/KH6	WA2CMX/KP4
K7SS/KH6	JA7YOE (K7SS)
PJ8CO (K1CO, W1UA, K2WR)	PJ9AD (K1VR)
PJ9JT (W1BIH)	PJ9JT (W1BIH)
VP2LEU (K6SVL)	ZD8HR (N6HR)
VP2MT (N8BB, W8UVZ, WB8LDH, WB8OFG, WD8BYW)	ZF2AI (W0CW)
VP2SZ (WB8JEY)	ZF2AM (W8LU1)
ZB2G (K2FJ)	W6NV/3D6
ZB2DZ (K4YT)	W9WQG/6Y5
ZF2AI (W0CW)	
ZF2AR (W9ABA)	
VE3EEW/ZK1	
W0UO/6Y5 (+ WA9FXJ, N0BG, N0NO, WA0RBW)	
9K2DR (K1VR)	

Low-Power Champs

Phone	CW		
WB2S/JG	929,424	N4HI	713,132
WB7BNP	703,824*	K5ABV	533,685
K0LUZ	540,765*	K2MFY	520,059
N3KK	467,460	N3KK	506,736*
W0WP	342,000*	W0UC	473,499
W5YZ	326,652	K3KO	413,457
W0UC	313,560	WB2ABD	347,931
K2GXT	291,564	W2NJ	337,824
N2GC	259,875*	N2GC	280,245*
WA4RIJ/8	246,888*	W3ARK	271,188

*High band only

Logs Received

	WVE	DX	Check	Total
1976	1368	872	165	2405
1977	1631	1123	280	3034
1978	1842	1340	260	3445



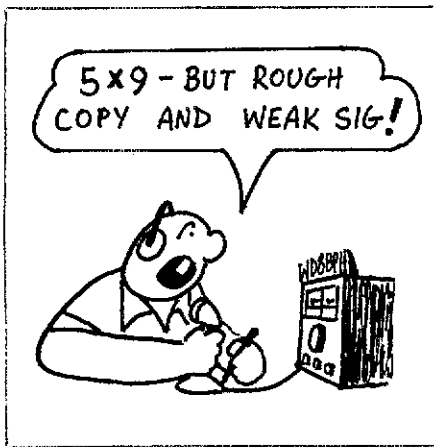
WB0KWI, one of the ops at WB0RET, the top multi-single operation on phone in Kansas.



N0BG, N0NO and WA0RBW of the W0UO/6Y5 multi-single operation, that turned in a five million-plus point score in the hotly contested North America multi-single phone competition.

appearance. (EL3A) Why did K1VR, operating 9K2DR, torture us with 59-222? (N1EE/K1MM) The ARRL "Test was the culmination of a three-week stay in the Cook Islands on a DX-vacation. It boggles the mind to find oneself on the receiving end of a pileup and I hope that we satisfied everyone's need for ZK1 in the contest. Now to get through the mass of QSLs that have been flowing in ever since. It's rather difficult to sit in the shack, when the outside temp is 85 degrees and the water temp is 75 degrees, so we did as much as *ham-only* possible. (VE3EEW/ZK1 and VE3HFS/ZK1) One of the main stimulants over here is the competition with G3MXJ. Every year he says that I am getting too old and every year I try to prove him wrong. Based on our claimed scores for this year's contest, he is getting too close for comfort. (G3FXB) Why not consider single-band categories, 160-10 meters? (N0RF) Line noise hindered our operation during a great European opening on 20 meters. S9 noise left us in a cloud of smoke behind N6OP and K6XV . . . Perhaps we can go to solar power and bomb the power pole! (N6IG) My new AA6 prefix created some confusion as to whether I was DX or stateside (AA6EE) I did find that there was an increase in the number of U.S. stations sending "CQ Test" that generally tended to clutter up the bands with what seemed to accomplish little in the way of QSOs. . . . I guess that's the only thing to do after you have worked everybody that you can hear. (W0LP) Ten meters was hopping. The biggest surprise was working JAs and a UA0 on that band. Great conditions! (K4HWG/WB4NFS) Stations that don't frequently sign their call drive me up the wall. (VE4XJ) I was receiving stations on the East Coast on both Sunday mornings, but they all had their antennas pointed toward Europe . . . so you guys that need-

ed Alaska and did not listen this way just missed out. (KL7IXZ) Stop using high band/low band. Single band is more feasible. Some overseas QTHs just aren't situated to work 160-80 or 15-10 except for a very few minutes/hours and it's a waste of their time as they have no way to compete with the rest of the world. Give them an opportunity too. (N7DC/YV5) I burned out the xformer and the 6146s in my rig. Motto: Never use too big a fuse in the primary! (N7CT) I still hate the boys with the *big* kilowatts, who haven't really heard you, but listen to those who are calling, sit on top of you and call, blotting out all else. Unfortunately, the best way to get rid of them is to work them, otherwise, they will not let you alone. Might is, unfortunately, right. (ZL1AFW) Operating both cw and phone, I dished out some 3800 QSOs so no one can complain anymore of a lack of activity from Vermont. I am simply *swamped* by QSL requests for VT by DX stations and still answering cards from the '77 DX Contest. The last load of cards received from the bureau weighed seven lbs. Be patient. . . . (K2LE/1) I've been in every one since 1939. In 1921, DX with my Ford spark coil was 76 miles. (W5RUH) Best thrill was hearing a UL7 call us on 10 m at 3 A.M. local time. (VE6WQ) Unfortunately, too many people have the latest toy, a speech processor, which they don't know how to use. (Some of them) have about as much need for one as a centipede has for another leg. (PJ9KW) Best ops: K0AX/DU2, HG5A, LU8DQ, all UAs and JAs. (K8GL) Missed the second weekend while in Taiwan — wish I could operate from there. (WA7YHP) Next year, I will mount a DXpedition to VOland as that part of the country seems not to be inhabited. (W1DKB/OA4BZ) More weight should be given to multipliers — to make it more of a DX test again. I refuse



Multi-Multi Madness

	Band	Primary Operator	Total QSOs/Multipliers	First Weekend QSOs/Multipliers
W2PV Phone M-M	160	WB2GXW	15/13	11/10
	80	K1XX	338/89	165/69
	40	W3AZD	252/80	152/59
	20	K1AR	2212/159	1267/122
	15	K1DG	2671/140	1394/111
	10	K2XA	1360/117 (12.3M points)	532/85 (4.8M points)
W4BVV CW M-M	160	WA3AMH	33/17	7/5
	80	W3ZZ/K1JX	432/80	301/61
	40	K3NPV	1173/95	779/87
	20	K3KU	1401/119	863/93
	15	W3IUU	1438/105	841/87
	10	W3ZZ/K1JX	495/86 (7.5M points)	308/68 (3.7M points)

to sit there and run JAs — that's moron's work! (W6PM) Only took three hours and 40 minutes for WAS on 10 meters! (VP2LEU/K6SVL) Last year operating from home. (WB2SJK) Our school was locked, so we parked a car close to the shack and operated in the car. The result is not so good. (JA7YAF)

Feedback

In addition to the adjusted scores and club competition results listed on page 36 of June 1978 QST, the following mistakes crept into the listings: CW — W7JFG (now N7NG) was the Rocky Mountain Division leader. K7VPF was the operator of W7RM. HG5A was the top multi-single station in Europe. I3GNQ was the high-band winner, IK2FGP the all-band winner. SM3GSK's corrected score is 201,708-862-78-B, making SM3EVR the high-band winner. Central Virginia CC winners were W4XR on cw and W4QCW (WA8ZDT, op) on phone.

Phone — W2GXD's score should have been listed as 1,836,987-1817-337-C-87.

DX Continental Champs

Phone	Single Operator	Multioperator	Continent	CW	Single Operator	Multioperator
EL2T	—	—	Africa	EL2T	—	—
JA1KSO	JA9YBA (M-M)	JA3YKC (M-S)	Asia	JR1JFO	JA7YAA (M-M)	JA3YKC (M-S)
OZ5KF	ØRDJ (M-S)	SK6JA (M-M)	Europe	DK3GI	DKØTU (M-S)	—
FP8DX	PJBCO (M-S)	—	North America	KP4EAJ	KG4OO (M-S)	—
KH6J	KH6DL (M-S)	—	Oceania	KH6J	—	—
KH1BU*	—	—	South America	PJ2VD	OP1AT (M-S)	—

Calls in italics are repeaters from 1976.

*High band only

WA2PCF was the Old Barney ARC club winner. W3BWZ's unlisted numbers were 2,081,583-1739-399-C-96. Add 100 QSOs to N5DX's score for 977,815-1105-301-C-96. W9CL was the Central Division leader with 2,233,032-2242-332-C-96. W4SME was in Northern Florida. VE7BGK should have been listed at 233,730-735-106-C. KP4EPN (K4WVT, op) was a one-weekend DXpedition. IK4BFY (+ I4s

USC VEQ) (M-S) had 186,960-820-76-B-18. UK5IAZ (M-S) should have been at 154,326-578-89-B. And lastly, K9KDI/6Y5 was a one-weekend DXpedition with a score of 660,552-1619-136-A-10. Apologies for the errors.

Disqualifications

Phone: W1CF (K1OME, op), W7ISX (multiop), KH6DD. CW: None.

PHONE DX

Single Operator

Africa	
5YABC	50,274-266-63-A-7
EL2T	4,402,125-5375-273-C-62
7X4MD	785,565-1587-165-B-8
Asia	
JA1KSO	2,067,048-1022-228-B
JE1SSE	1,548,420-2620-197-B-80
JATDME	432,450-930-155-C
JAIPLK	337,823-787-143-B-24
JA7MHZ	180,720-1004-60-A-30
JA7KCD	155,134-488-106-A-46
JABSW	130,900-403-100-C
IABGNL	88,476-404-73-B
JR1BKV	82,308-361-78-B-20
JR1G5F	61,224-225-76-B-18
JA8K1	44,880-187-80-B-19
JH6DC	35,280-210-56-C-24
JA7FMB	20,400-136-50-A
JA7JNF/L	18,408-118-52-A
JA7FNV/I	16,128-36-56-A-12
KABDX(N1DX,opr)	12,075-115-35-C-7
JA9JKA	6000-80-23-B-10
JA1JCA	2415-35-23-B
9K2DR(K1VR,opr)	33,376-224-58-B-12
Europe	
CT1TM	137,940-418-110-C-16

DI4RWL	3240-40-27-B
EA1PT	1,782,177-2617-227-B-43
EA3ADW	1,534,680-2436-210-C-55
F59B	627-19-11-A
G2RT	1,019,456-1817-186-A-50
G4BWP	810,078-1543-175-C-63
G5CFJ(K6PU,opr)	4650-62-25-A
HB9BAM	1,529,610-2865-178-C-75
I4LX	1,135,530-2442-155-B-96
I3MAU	2,263,448-4168-237-C-70
I4LX	2,307,015-3715-207-B-48
LA6HL	2,165,436-3966-182-B-62
OE5CWL	846,600-1660-170-B
OKIAGN	1,138,686-2194-173-B
ON4XG	224,910-630-119-B-24
ON6AH	29,964-227-44-B
OZ5KF	3,816,776-4892-226-B
OZ5EV	879,264-1704-172-B-48
OZ5VT	1320-36-13-A
PA0VY	8448-88-32-B
SM2DMU	1,514,976-2936-172-B-57
SP7BUR	1638-26-21-B
SP4UOI	101,637-491-69-B
YU1GMN(YU1QEF,opr)	681,681-1589-143-C-30
ZB2DZ(K4YT,opr)	625,860-1220-171-B
North America	
FG0AYO(W2KN,opr)	198,606-838-79-B-11
FP8DX	2,860,260-3860-247-B-62
H18CDS	2,517,000-3356-250-C-22

H18MOG	719,460-1713-140-C-10
KL7AF	1,460,238-2509-194-C-41
KP4DSD	1,061,928-2107-168-C-16
VP2SZ(WB8JEY,opr)	454,850-1233-150-C-7
VP5DF	36,636-172-71-B-5
ZF2AI(W9CW)	1,122,912-1671-224-A-17
ZF2AR(W9ABA,opr)	90,900-300-101-A-8
Oceania	
KG6JH	1,523,280-2308-220-C-28
KH6J	5,702,052-6764-281-C-74
KH6WF	3,384,236-4264-263-B-65
VK4VU	714,714-1309-182-B-34
VK3AKK	193,494-542-119-B-70
VK3QI	336,960-160-77-B-10
ZL1AFW	563,905-1119-165-A-34
ZL1AGO	350,424-744-157-B-8
South America	
CE3ZM(K1MM,opr)	1,460,532-2898-168-B-20
CP1AT	353,040-840-152-B-12
LU2A	2,450,880-3404-240-C
OABV	1,027,424-1571-218-A-35
PJ9TW(W1BH,opr)	2,583,774-3634-237-C-26
PJ9KW(K7OY,opr)	1,151,945-1909-198-C
PY3CB	1,077,600-1796-200-C-25
JA1PIG/PZ	2,217,510-2865-258-B-40
N7DC/YV5	1,408,008-2023-232-B-33

High Band

Africa	
CSAAF	64,656-449-48-A-7
EA8LD	530,943-1351-131-B-15
EL3A	2,120,370-4390-161-C-50
Z56FN	85,250-1905-150-B
Z56RM	746,544-1648-151-B-32
Z56RO	729,622-2358-103-B-39
Z56WV	113,490-390-97-A-12
3B8CV	737,793-1673-147-B-36
SZ4AA	24,012-348-69-B
Asia	
CR9AJ	5698-92-23-A
HM2JN	4662-74-21-C
JA1CG	1,054,204-2156-163-B-52
JA1PCY	564,303-1373-137-B-50
JA7AMK	534,798-1221-146-C-37
JA7GAX	525,864-1234-142-C-30
JATDAH	497,898-1194-139-C
JH1ACQ	479,415-1031-155-C
JA7PL	427,992-1049-136-B-34
JA7BSK	318,050-930-114-B
JA1HVS	268,556-772-116-C-29
JA2AYH	268,847-679-131-B-23
JA7RJS	202,820-614-110-C-38
JH6NAC	161,290-625-86-B-18
JR1JPK	150,450-1003-50-C-15
JR3JK	133,353-449-99-C-30
JF1SEK	102,584-338-82-B-15
JA2NPF	81,426-225-77-B-24
JA1IRQ	77,142-299-86-B-19
JF1HOH	58,374-537-54-B
JJ1PL	52,206-226-77-B-24
JH1FVZ	51,299-251-69-B-26
JA9SV	51,516-212-81-B
JA6JRI	49,707-253-63-C-21
JA3XRC	46,980-348-45-B-12
JA4UQY	44,460-228-85-B-15
JA4GXS	39,000-200-65-B

JASBLF	37,056-193-64-B
JA3BJQ	35,904-176-68-B-28
JA6WW	35,423-213-57-C-8
JA3AVG	33,096-197-56-A-15
JF3KNQ	30,240-188-60-B-13
JH8KAN	30,240-240-42-B-15
JF1XRB	29,766-242-41-A-28
JH1UT	27,260-233-40-A-25
IH4QRH	26,040-222-40-A-24
JA9VBJ	26,040-217-40-C-10
JH4EOX	20,148-146-46-B-20
JR3CVQ	19,722-173-34-A
JA1AAT	17,872-112-82-B
JA2ITH	16,074-154-38-A
JA7CUK	14,688-153-32-A
JF1TBK	13,260-130-34-A-21
JR1KX	11,772-109-36-B-15
JF3JMO	11,136-116-32-A-18
JE1RWX	8424-108-26-A-11
JH3RZ	7383-107-23-A-9
JH8JV	6237-77-37-A
JAVDN	6174-98-21-A-8
JA7JGO	5616-78-24-A
JH3PHR	5616-72-26-A-7
JH1MR	4731-83-19-B-6
JK1ACX	3618-67-18-A-7
JH3ARL	2820-47-20-C-3
JA1FO	2692-19-C
JA1ABV	2580-50-17-B-5
JG1RJB	2208-32-23-A-5
JF3LON	1722-41-14-A-5
JA1UZ	1696-36-14-A-9
JA7KXD	1170-30-19-B-2
JF2AFJ	1122-34-11-A-9
JASWA	648-24-9-A-4
JH1JKU	549-17-9-A-3
JA7HNH	459-17-9-A-3
JG1RDV	459-17-9-B-5
JH4UDG	352-17-7-A-2
JA3JFE	352-17-7-A-2
JE2JML	264-22-4-A
JJ1GMA	232-12-7-A-2
JA7BVO	224-20-6-A-4
JA3JFE	224-20-6-A-4
JA6PL	36-4-3-A-1
JK1LRH	30-5-2-B-1
JH1OEL	12-2-2-B-1

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43,665-205-71-A DM3UVH 24,253-177-49-B DT3BE 18,612-141-42-A DT3RMD 18,612-141-42-A DM4ORA 16,992-118-48-B DM2ARA 14,355-145-33-B DM2BRB 11,440-105-35-B DM5VVL 6534-66-25-B DM4VCO 4425-59-25-B DM5XIG 3600-60-20-A DM4VZA 3456-59-25-B DM3TNA 3174-49-23-A DM5ULV 2760-40-23-A DM40LG 1428-40-23-A DM3WYJ 792-24-12-A DM5FBN(DM3HN,opr) 621-23-9-B DT2JH 180-10-6-A DM2FLN 180-10-6-A </p> <p> E44QB 1,018,248-2204-154-B-30 E45AX 496,010-759-130-B E43SA 184,680-540-114-C-10 E42IA 15,846-139-38-B-1 E4ABE 999,628-812-123-B-49 E12BB 1,198,449-2611-153-A-32 F2RO 144,348-524-92-A F2GL 110,664-422-87-B F6KFN 59,629-253-75-A-14 F6BVB 48,993-267-67-B-27 F6CMB 49,239-189-64-A-24 F6LKP 33,700-90-11-B F6ZP 5960-145-16-B-3 F6WFE 4158-63-22-A F6WPI 48-26-A-11-B F6JMV 2508-44-19-A-1 F6DML 2280-40-19-A-2 F6RC 648-18-12-A-3 F6CMB 429-149-64-A F6BRK 210-10-7-A </p> <p> G3ZVQ 2,515,976-4994-168-B G4CLX 462,090-1058-146-A-56 G4VZ 412,125-1099-125-B-65 G4VZD 312,332-857-112-B-34 G3CAZ 329,123-667-134-B-9 G3YBH 172,322-436-88-B-9 G3CFE 144,500-500-47-B-24 G3CFE(K1FN,opr) 93,900-300-71-A G3NT 33,075-176-64-B-20 G4FFY 28,710-165-84-B-14 G43BV 214,380-794-90-A-18 G4HFN(NK5MM,opr) 79,682-194-51-A-10 G4WBNJ 146,500-650-70-B-12 HA1ZD 79,704-324-82-A-37 HA9KLU(HA9MM,opr) 44-44-B-20 HA3GO 18,772-96-44-B-19 HA7KPL(HA7PL,opr) 14,116-70-28-B-11 HA7HP 8748-81-36-A-4 HA6KNP(HA6NP,opr) 51-19-B-6 HA6NP 2550-50-17-B 1512 42-12-H-4 HB9T 426,195-1158-123-B-25 HB9DX 376,540-1141-110-B HB9LQ 70,304-144-47-B HB9LQ2 454-27-B-3 IBMPO 1,807,107-3607-167-B IB6NA 1,415,700-2849-188-B-80 ICRO 1,186,196-2476-167-B-64 IS5DG 676,490-1670-135-B IS4XZ 523,056-1282-136-B-30 IS4MU 412,028-1331-140-B-34 IS7LV 372,344-962-129-B-19 IS2QP 133,227-339-113-B IS2LVN 3108-37-24-B-4 IS9MVE 50,853-253-67-B-8 LA1NG 282,762-683-138-B-18 LA4HH 163,716-261-72-B LA5V 151,044-232-74-B LA5V 140,640-232-74-B LA7ED 18,126-114-53-A LA4PQ 6750-75-30-A LA5Q 1800-40-19-B-3 LASKK 1800-40-19-B-3 LA4EU 672-78-8-B L21WJ 9216-128-24-A OH6VH 1,067,904-2472-144-C OH6IG 880,893-2207-133-C OH1LV 79,794-341-78-C OH6LD 16,293-139-39-C OH6RA 119,611-191-41-B OH7NW 10,080-64-40-B OH5T7 7200-91-44-C OH6BO/3 4949-57-28-A OH6WQ 4100-57-28-B OH2JQ 1674-31-18-A-9 OH5OL 1381-31-17-B OH2KP 840-20-14-B </p> <p> OH7TO 612-17-12-B OH1WJ 330-11-10-B OK1TA 805,482-1839-146-B-28 OK2QX 250,470-846-89-C OK1AWZ/P 234,927-693-113-B-8 OK1DWA/P 218,766-722-101-B OK3EA 136,770-470-97-B-6 OK3KE 59,915-304-79-B OK3RTE 89,615-455-51-B OK3VZ 48,729-258-24-A OK3TAB 46,968-260-75-A OK1AHV 39,568-234-44-B OK1AMH 27,219-211-43-B OK3RQ 26,200-168-52-A OK3KFO 9471-77-41-A OK2KWO 9006-79-39-A OK2ZSA 7826-82-31-A OK2RQ 4900-60-25-A OK1VT 2499-49-17-B OK2ABU 2442-37-22-A OK2YBN 2052-36-19-A OK2BK 806-28-13-A-3 OK1CJ 432-12-12-A-1 UN5RV 619,605-1405-147-B-23 ON5PK 445,656-1222-124-B ON8HF 61,488-244-84-B OZ6RT 511,428-1332-143-B OZ198A 139,995-468-99-B OZ1BAN 17,250-119-50-B OZ1ZO 10,500-140-25-A OZ1AP 7254-32-26-A OZ1RQ 6727-37-27-A OZ7HW 1887-85-28-A-14 OZ9OI 561-17-11-B-1 OZ2NK 75-5-5-A-1 PA2TMS 261,964-891-98-B PA3ATY 82,290-622-65-A-15 PA4LOS 62,400-508-41-A-4 PA5MS 37,785-119-50-B-23 PA6FIN 26,100-145-60-A PA7TUK 11,253-121-31-A PA8KDM 7326-43-33-B PA9VY 482-14-11-B-8 SM3EVH 1,247,195-2803-148-B SM4DQ 672,520-1468-10-B SM5CA 383,040-1140-112-B SM5CM 323,760-915-120-B SM5CZ 248,535-799-105-B SM7DMN 119,859-474-86-A SM6AW 116,029-425-91-B-10 SM9BDS 107,828-418-82-B-11 SM8GJ 87,733-353-81-B SK4DMS(MA4L,opr) 55,265-265-67-B SM2HZQ 30,267-171-59-B-8 SM5XV 11,808-123-31-A SM5CSC 51-26-B-1 SM5DYD 7047-87-27-A SM7BYV 4896-51-27-B SM7YB 4271-47-31-B SM6HPL 3480-47-31-B SM7HSP 3360-70-16-A SM5EMR 2070-45-22-B SM6HJ 1821-38-21-A SM6HIO 1581-31-17-A SM6ID 1388-35-14-B SM7GSK 1365-35-14-B SM8GJ 714-17-14-A SP9AE 90-6-5-B-1 SP9PT 149,142-489-106-B-19 SP5BT 53,580-219-33-B SP9PEZ 25,412-137-43-B SP9CTW 24,440-163-50-B SP9BQ 24,440-163-50-B SP1GHW 3798-58-22-A SP9FLX 27-3-3-A-1 TF3CW 21,168-126-56-A-8 UV3CE 598,944-1468-136-B UV3PAZ 188,277-647-37-B UJ1ML 106,590-418-35-B UJ1RQ 76,650-350-33-B UA6JAD 54,212-316-81-B UA6JWV 50,127-341-380-B UA3TN 46,200-200-77-A UA3RZ 16,560-316-69-B UA3DZ 12,300-105-40-B UW1AE 4446-57-30-B UA6ADC 4224-44-32-A UA6HDE 2028-45-15-A RA4HD 1014-26-13-A DA3XP 105-7-5-A UA3TV 54-6-3-A UA2EC 46,029-236-69-A UR2WJ 14,157-143-33-B UC2AFA 79,278-362-73-B UC2WLE 37,084-244-37-A UT5OV 6131-73-28-B UR5SHD 495-7-22-B UR5BYV 231-11-7-A UR5VK 120-8-5-A UR5ABJ 48-4-4-A UP2PAQ 144,918-488-97-B UP2NV 44,472-218-68-B-8 UP2PAQ 4422-49-26-B UP2PAD 922-28-14-B UP2BAS 450-15-10-B UP2BCD 360-20-9-A UO2GDQ 481,950-1275-126-B UR2DU 1050-42-16-A YO6KEI(YO6AWR,opr) 299,025-1329-75-B YU1INP 1,248,150-2650-157-C-60 YU1OFT 923,400-2052-150-C-60 YU1OJ 2998-46-21-B-4 </p> <p> North America FG9GEX(K1ZGEX,opr) 558,200-1418-130-A-30 H18RH 571,428-1443-132-C KL7JR 997,407-2173-153-B-30 KL7IT 738,728-1593-154-B-46 KL7ITG 429,723-1074-134-B-60 KP4BKV 936-26-12-B-2 KQ3ZM 347,720-960-119-A-35 VP2LEUK(V6V,opr) 1,605,744-3186-168-C-29 VE3PE/VP9 6000-100-B-9 6FR1(XE) 1,794,273-3539-169-B-47-F </p> <p> Oceania FK8AH 2700-45-20-A-2 KH6UA 743,736-1631-152-B-19 KH6JHS 19,458-14-13-B-1 K755, KH6 312-13-8-A KH41KH6 74-5-5-C-1 </p>	<p> VK8OB 355,416-1004-118-C-28 VK4AK 171,789-1041-55-A VK3OT 144,144-654-96-B VK2ZT 3363-59-19-B VK3NHL 2652-52-17-A YB9ACT 496,448-1208-137-B-22 YB9ACH 975-25-13-A ZL3BK 353,506-1078-109-B-9 ZL4JU 5220-60-29-A South America NA4VVC/3 129,624-491-88-B-4 WA2WYR/CX 12,636-117-36-C HC1RU 3,760,926-7418-169-B-50 WA4UAZ/HC1 815,990-1874-145-C-14 LU1HE 600,642-1362-147-B-82 OA482 1,814,988-3689-164-C-79 PY2BZD 867,582-1953-157-C-39 PT7DPC 370,305-1058-117-B-20 PV1ZDK 348,831-1029-113-B-12 PY2BGO 14,910-615-78-1-1 PY2GWF 90,783-393-77-B-20 PT2TF 70,713-291-81-C-23 PY2BJB 8004-32-28-B PV1BK 9176-69-25-B PV5VJ 3672-51-24-B-4 PV1VT 3-1-1-B-1 VY5EED 719,796-1558-154-A-4 VY5FOI 309,372-812-127-B-8 VY5DDY 108,540-402-90-C </p> <p> Low Band LL2ET 4968-69-24-C-2 ZS6DW 83,520-348-80-B-12 Asia JA2BAY 67,230-498-45-C-29 JA9UX 13,806-177-26-B JE1PFO 864-32-9-A-18 JA1SVF 630-30-7-B-1 JA1ZSX 36-4-3-B-1 </p> <p> Europe DK3FB 75,152-388-68-C-23 DLBPC 46,980-261-60-B-23 DM4XUJ 252-12-7-A EA3VM 69,174-366-63-B-35 G4AMT 92,322-446-69-B-14 G13VJ 42,408-248-57-B-10 GMSAXY 162-9-6-B-1 OH1J 4830-70-23-B OK1XN 4350-56-25-B UV3FD 2997-11-9-B UB5WE 3382-127-22-B YO3JW 9216-98-32-B ZB2G(K2FJ,opr) 62,610-230-23-B-2 </p> <p> North America H18JAG 72,285-305-79-C KP4WI 154,560-560-92-C-7 Oceania VK2WC 6162-158-39-C-23 </p> <p> Multi-Single EP2RL(Multiop) 421,410-1277-110- JA3YK(UA3S DDC UR UPK, JH3S HBR IRG PK5 PR R3K,EG, JEMXJQJASTDU,opr) 390,720-1720-192-C-96 JA1YAC(UA8RZV + JA815,opr) 626,684-1328-26-C-88 JA8YAU(UA8AS FPK ULX,opr) 462,452-1078-143-C-90 JY3YKA(JA3YHK, JH2QX,opr) 310,845-901-115-B JA7YQ(UA7Y GUL JABNT,opr) 310,845-901-115-B JA7YF(UA7Y ARW KHG KIE KW,opr) 101,242-367-92-A-10 JA7YAF(UA7YH JH75 CSU S9H,opr) 55,020-267-70-B-15 UK9AAB(RA9S AAN AH, UA9AFA,opr) 9910-110-27-A UK9LBA(Multiop) 9910-110-27-A </p> <p> Europe DA2AY 1,133,290-2361-160-B DE3JNZ 849,490-1618-175-C JE7SRK(JR7BRL JASFTW J9D,opr) 1,152,606-7111-182-C-69 348,552-824-141-B-29 E19CB(E1A,DA) 3,70,640-5237-240-B-83 F5KAR(F5 DEX ESS,opr) 2691-39-23-A G4ANT(G3S JOC LDI MPN VZT XKL,opr) 2,411,808-3589-224-A-80 G3UUR(G3S WDG YGF G45 BU,opr) 2,411,808-3589-224-A-80 GF4, G9B5Y, G9B5Z, G9B5C, G9B5D, G9B5E, G9B5F, G9B5G, G9B5H, G9B5I, G9B5J, G9B5K, G9B5L, G9B5M, G9B5N, G9B5O, G9B5P, G9B5Q, G9B5R, G9B5S, G9B5T, G9B5U, G9B5V, G9B5W, G9B5X, G9B5Y, G9B5Z, G9B5AA, G9B5AB, G9B5AC, G9B5AD, G9B5AE, G9B5AF, G9B5AG, G9B5AH, G9B5AI, G9B5AJ, G9B5AK, G9B5AL, G9B5AM, G9B5AN, G9B5AO, G9B5AP, G9B5AQ, G9B5AR, G9B5AS, G9B5AT, G9B5AU, G9B5AV, G9B5AW, G9B5AX, G9B5AY, G9B5AZ, G9B5BA, G9B5BB, G9B5BC, G9B5BD, G9B5BE, G9B5BF, G9B5BG, G9B5BH, G9B5BI, G9B5BJ, G9B5BK, G9B5BL, G9B5BM, G9B5BN, G9B5BO, G9B5BP, G9B5BQ, G9B5BR, G9B5BS, G9B5BT, G9B5BU, G9B5BV, G9B5BW, G9B5BX, G9B5BY, G9B5BZ, G9B5CA, G9B5CB, G9B5CC, G9B5CD, G9B5CE, G9B5CF, G9B5CG, G9B5CH, G9B5CI, G9B5CJ, G9B5CK, G9B5CL, G9B5CM, G9B5CN, G9B5CO, G9B5CP, G9B5CQ, G9B5CR, G9B5CS, G9B5CT, G9B5CU, G9B5CV, G9B5CW, G9B5CX, G9B5CY, G9B5CZ, G9B5DA, G9B5DB, G9B5DC, G9B5DD, G9B5DE, G9B5DF, G9B5DG, G9B5DH, G9B5DI, G9B5DJ, G9B5DK, G9B5DL, G9B5DM, G9B5DN, G9B5DO, G9B5DP, G9B5DQ, G9B5DR, G9B5DS, G9B5DT, G9B5DU, G9B5DV, G9B5DW, G9B5DX, G9B5DY, G9B5DZ, G9B5EA, G9B5EB, G9B5EC, G9B5ED, G9B5EE, G9B5EF, G9B5EG, G9B5EH, G9B5EI, G9B5EJ, G9B5EK, G9B5EL, G9B5EM, G9B5EN, G9B5EO, G9B5EP, G9B5EQ, G9B5ER, G9B5ES, G9B5ET, G9B5EU, G9B5EV, G9B5EW, G9B5EX, G9B5EY, G9B5EZ, G9B5FA, G9B5FB, G9B5FC, G9B5FD, G9B5FE, G9B5FF, G9B5FG, G9B5FH, G9B5FI, G9B5FJ, G9B5FK, G9B5FL, G9B5FM, G9B5FN, G9B5FO, G9B5FP, G9B5FQ, G9B5FR, G9B5FS, G9B5FT, G9B5FU, G9B5FV, G9B5FW, G9B5FX, G9B5FY, G9B5FZ, G9B5GA, G9B5GB, G9B5GC, G9B5GD, G9B5GE, G9B5GF, G9B5GG, G9B5GH, G9B5GI, G9B5GJ, G9B5GK, G9B5GL, G9B5GM, G9B5GN, G9B5GO, G9B5GP, G9B5GQ, G9B5GR, G9B5GS, G9B5GT, G9B5GU, G9B5GV, G9B5GW, G9B5GX, G9B5GY, G9B5GZ, G9B5HA, 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G9B5QV, G9B5QW, G9B5QX, G9B5QY, G9B5QZ, G9B5RA, G9B5RB, G9B5RC, G9B5RD, G9B5RE, G9B5RF, G9B5RG, G9B5RH, G9B5RI, G</p>
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Table listing radio frequencies and call signs across various states including California, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, and others. Columns include call sign, frequency, and power level.

East Bay
K6ATV 104,178-368-97-B-20
K6UGS 2475-33-25-C-7

Los Angeles
WA6KQ 1,244,184-2206-188-C-38
WA6QA 458,055-1053-145-C-45

Orange
K6TXA 260,967-731-119-C-24
WA6LFF 193,752-598-108-B-37

Santa Barbara
N6MB 494,748-1018-167-C-8
WA6KRTZ 311,190-943-110-C-58

Santa Clara Valley
WA6TKT 305,283-841-121-C-72
W6OKK 176,517-529-111-C-27

San Diego
K6PO 427,584-1088-131-C-48
W6BZE 85,800-250-110-C-60

San Francisco
W6ZHD 18,666-102-61-C-10
W6WVZ 3243-47-23-B-14

San Joaquin Valley
N6LKC 298,890-810-123-C-34
W6DPD 36,504-189-72-C-17

Sacramento Valley
WA6ZDZ 4680-78-20-B-12

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Arizona
W7AVY 278,283-719-129-B-40
WA7WPM 34,404-188-11-B-17

Idaho
W7FTJ 206,346-578-119-C-51
W7IY 2904-44-22-A-1

Montana
K7ABV 154,611-419-123-C-30

Nevada
W7HJD 42,075-168-85-C-31
W7JKA 8181-101-27-B-25

Oregon
K7VIC 835,083-1773-157-C-56
W5XZ7 569,943-1111-171-C-32

Utah
W7SVQ 3168-44-24-B-14

Washington
W7WA 1,88,957-3027-197-C-74
WA7UWE 911,436-2012-151-C-37

Wyoming
W7EUT 345,546-711-162-B-18
W7RSC 69,652-253-91-C-26

8

Michigan
W8FF 1,40,640-1862-240-C-64
W8TA(11M) 538,699-1307-219-C-50

Missouri
N8NW 626,454-626-193-C-65
W8BPH 278,882-936-166-C-47

WA2LOI/B 23,718-118-67-C-12
W8LJU 8820-60-49-A-13
W8LJA 6498-57-38-C-6

Ohio
K8DJC 763,830-1242-205-C-51
K8FO 298,879-511-163-C-54

West Virginia
W8VZQ 17,094-154-37-B-19
W8TGS 12,900-86-50-A-14

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Illinois
W9ZA 770,014-1151-293-C-61
WA9IXF 567,030-922-209-C-43

Indiana
W9DF 503,868-796-271-C-44
K9AB 302,220-588-179-C-40

Wisconsin
W9MM 120,060-290-138-C-20
W9EYD 89,322-184-91-C-30

California
W9PEL 121,518-314-129-C-38
W9TAM 93,000-250-124-C-50

Iowa
K9LUZ 540,765-918-197-A-61
W9DPT 342,000-600-190-A-53

Georgia
W4LVM 9781-47-41-C-9
K4P 3393-39-29-C-9

North Carolina
A44VK 16,254-86-63-B-18
N3RB4 10,320-80-43-C-11

Northern Florida
N4WW 65,832-211-104-C-21

Tennessee
WA4MFS 29,082-131-74-C-65

Virginia
W4NH 7350-70-35-C-15

Northern Texas
W4R 44,280-164-90-C-29

Missouri
K9FD 245,940-429-192-C-33
W9DQK 193,904-454-142-C-48

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K9FD 245,940-429-192-C-33
W9DQK 193,904-454-142-C-48

Nebraska
K9CQB 51,264-192-89-B-37
W9GOB 46,125-205-75-A-34

North Dakota
W9JWL 113,904-336-113-B-50
W9VHC 4176-48-29-B-6

South Dakota
W9WLU 28,251-129-73-C-8
W9GSTR 3860-44-30-B-4

VE

Maritime - Newfoundland
W2RLK/VE1 1,840,356-2289-268-C-52
VQ1AW 87,957-337-87-C-12

Ontario
VE3EU 1,033,938-1401-246-C-38
VE3KZ 421,308-747-189-C-25

Manitoba
VE4E 239,850-615-130-C-48
VE4SK 2961-47-21-A-6

Saskatchewan
VE5YA 357,696-828-144-C-50
VE5FK 1492-26-18-B-9

Alberta
VE6JA 781,011-1771-147-C-68
VE6GV 1653-29-19-B-8

British Columbia
W7ARQ 119,070-405-98-B-21
VE7AV 58,164-262-74-B-20

Yukon - N.W.T.
W8ECM 114,390-465-82-C-2

Low Band
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Connecticut
W4UAD 90,909-259-117-C-36

Eastern Massachusetts
W1FC 193,892-474-136-C-32
W1BB/I 192-8-8-A-3

Missouri
N9RF 44,820-180-83-C-41

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New York City - L.I.
W82AMU 882-21-14-B-8

Northern New Jersey
W82RTF 31,872-128-83-B-28
W82FS 7872-64-41-A-23

Southern New Jersey
W82VFT 30,456-141-72-A-24

Western New York
K2VV 663-17-13-C-1

3

Connecticut
K1XM(+K1PR,N1MM,W1MAC) 2,206,140-2215-332-C-90

Eastern Pennsylvania
W3PC 1392-19-16-B-10

Maryland - D.C.
K3JZ 1386-22-21-C-3

Western Pennsylvania
K3UA 37,584-144-87-C-10

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Georgia
W4LVM 9781-47-41-C-9
K4P 3393-39-29-C-9

North Carolina
A44VK 16,254-86-63-B-18
N3RB4 10,320-80-43-C-11

Northern Florida
N4WW 65,832-211-104-C-21

Tennessee
WA4MFS 29,082-131-74-C-65

Virginia
W4NH 7350-70-35-C-15

Northern Texas
W4R 44,280-164-90-C-29

Oklahoma
W85MSU 75-5-8-B-23

Southern Texas
K5JZY 59,670-234-85-C-35

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Los Angeles
K6SE 495-15-11-B-8

Orange
WA6WZO 13,818-94-49-C-4

San Francisco
WA6DNM 8160-68-40-C-9

7

Oregon
W7LJ 2112-32-27-C-8

8

Michigan
W8TWA 33,710-155-94-C-54
K8TR 32,604-143-76-C-20

Ohio
K8WW 19,152-114-56-B-20

Wisconsin
W9RN 18,492-92-67-C-28
K9RR 2850-38-28-C-10

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Illinois
K9PPY 46,872-168-94-C-28
W9RW 7200-60-40-C-10

Wisconsin
W9RN 18,492-92-67-C-28
K9RR 2850-38-28-C-10

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Iowa
W9SR 3254-74-32-C-7

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Missouri
N9RF 44,820-180-83-C-41

VE

Quebec
VE3BBN 13,770-30-51-B-2

Manitoba
VE4S 8004-58-46-C-16

Multi-Single
1

Connecticut
K1XM(+K1PR,N1MM,W1MAC) 2,206,140-2215-332-C-90

Eastern Massachusetts
W1FC 193,892-474-136-C-32
W1BB/I 192-8-8-A-3

Missouri
N9RF 44,820-180-83-C-41

Quebec
VE3BBN 13,770-30-51-B-2

Manitoba
VE4S 8004-58-46-C-16

Multi-Single
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Connecticut
K1XM(+K1PR,N1MM,W1MAC) 2,206,140-2215-332-C-90

Eastern Massachusetts
W1FC 193,892-474-136-C-32
W1BB/I 192-8-8-A-3

Missouri
N9RF 44,820-180-83-C-41

Quebec
VE3BBN 13,770-30-51-B-2

Manitoba
VE4S 8004-58-46-C-16

W2AEE(WA2ZY,WB4UTZ,
WDR6V,opr) 445,260-905-164-C-8

W2BEEE(+WB2ELW)
W9D1-69-43-B-8

Northern New Jersey
K2OP(+WA2EPK,WB2DMB)
17,490-108-55-B-20

Southern New Jersey
K2UA(Multiop) 1,140,525-1435-285-C-80

K2BU(+N3AU) 1,077,972-1252-267-C-48

N2MM(Multiop) 1,000,692-1254-266-C-68

Western New York
K2JPM(+K2QKN,WB2JAB) 204,633-477-143-C-45

W2PE(WA2s,OJZ,ORJ,WB2s,OJV,
OXG,opr) 3567-41-29-B-20

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Delaware
W3HB(+W3NY) 3,967,552-1143-288-C-96

W3SL/S(Multiop) 54,285-235-77-C-16

Eastern Pennsylvania
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W3KFK(+Net) 57,437-343-153-C-30

Maryland - D.C.
W4NL/S(+K3AC,K4FJ,N4TX) 2,388,315-789-445-C-96

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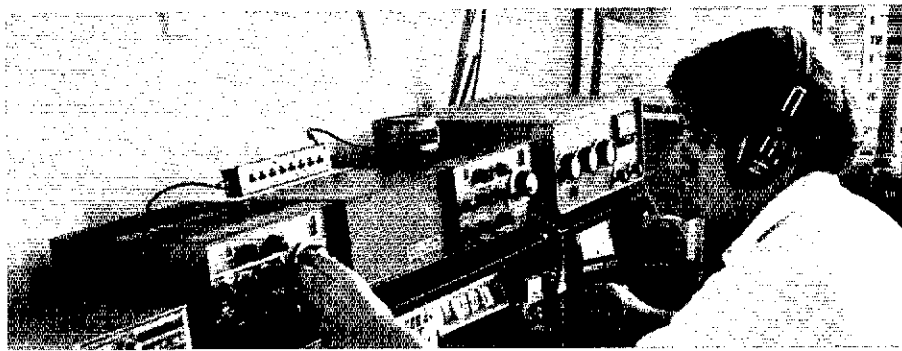
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Tennessee
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W4EAL(N4V,W44ZU,W44UXX,
opr) 83,743-747-113-C-0



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East Bay
 WA6JUD(+K6XQ,WA6s DGX DIL) 2,121,603-2629-269-C-94
 K6XV(+K6XV,N6s F4 VV) 1,791,736-2448-244-C-81
 W6QL(+W6KQ) 1,184,274-1638-241-C-92
 Los Angeles
 K4YRA(+WA9BT) 305,118-737-138-C-35
 K6ELX(MultiTop) 96,960-404-80-C-26
 Santa Clara Valley
 N6TU(+K6RM,N6s KT LC,WIARR WA6VEF,WB6SDH) 7,480,547-2659-311-C-96
 W6VL(WA6HC,WB6YJC,WB6s CHF DBM,oprs) 360,640-1760-163-C-70
 K6SMH(+Net) 107,256-328-109-B-35
 N6RZ(+WA6OCV,WB6CJE) 27,939-139-67-C
 N6GG(+Net) 5217-47-37-C-7
 San Francisco
 W6BP(MultiTop) 299,070-710-139-C-35
 San Joaquin Valley
 K6AYA(+W6OEC) 595,894-1041-178-C-55

W6DRL(+WA9TKJ) 398,412-714-186-C-53
 Minnesota
 K9KX(+K9VWVX) 2,629,836-2519-348-C-92
 Missouri
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 Nebraska
 WA9PYP(+K9GND,W9MYT,WA9ASM,W9JIM,W9FGV) 206,847-489-141-C-65
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Maritime - Newfoundland
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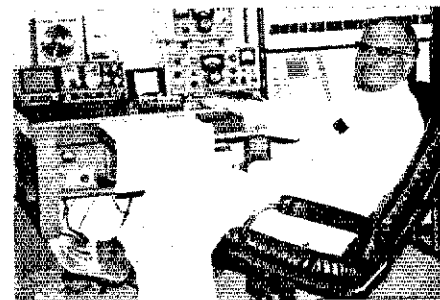
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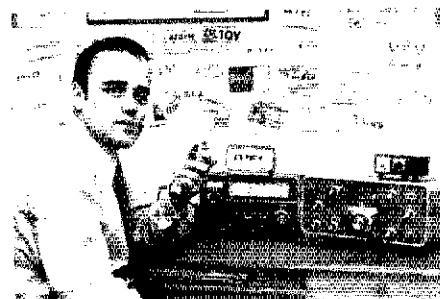
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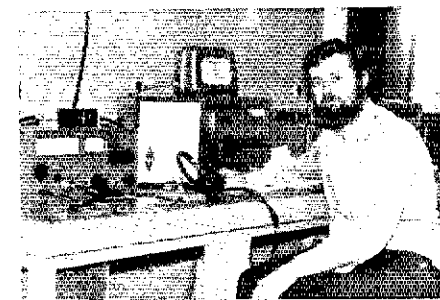
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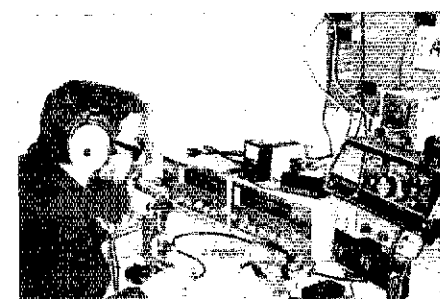
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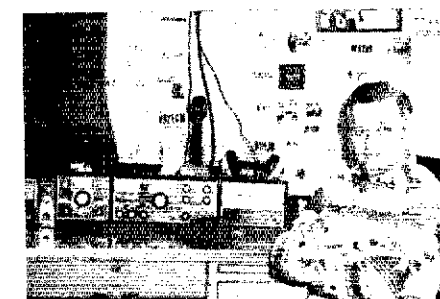
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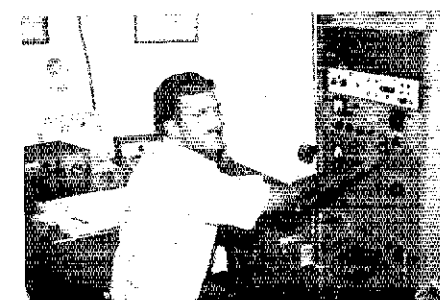
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W2TY 75,570-229-110-A-50
W2LOU 67,077-257-87-C-39

Mississippi
W5AQ 281,658-598-157-B-60
W5RRR(W5LSZ,opr) 61,182-206-99-C-30

West Virginia
W8CDV 14,850-110-45-C-18
W8JWX 2304-32-24-A
Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38

Eastern New York
W2CSD 2052-36-19-A-6
N.Y.C. - L.I.
W2FVS 53,133-199-89-C

Illinois
W8JCO 104,832-336-104-C-30
N9TI 59,472-236-84-C-24
Indiana
W9SFR 74,700-300-83-C-37

Delaware
WA3WPY 1125-25-15-C-3
Eastern Pennsylvania
W3JO 559,674-1003-186-C-41

New Mexico
W5TVX 26,334-231-38-B-48
K5OGX 19,488-232-28-B-18

West Virginia
W8CDV 14,850-110-45-C-18
W8JWX 2304-32-24-A
Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38

Northern New Jersey
W8PRT 67,500-250-90-C-23
Southern New Jersey
W2VST 42,180-185-76-A-30

Wisconsin
K9JF 116,883-333-117-C-34
W9HE 12-116-111-52-C-18

Maryland - D.C.
W3GRF 938,736-1476-212-C-50
W3EWL 523,776-982-116-C-72

Northern Texas
W5MYA(N5CR,opr) 1,120,365-1737-215-C-74
W5FO 394,560-822-160-C-32

Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38
K9BG 271,890-530-171-C-40

Western New York
W2MBM 31,758-203-62-C-31
K2VAV 3000-40-25-C-13

Iowa
W5SR 16,284-92-59-C
Minnesota
K9KX 58,080-242-80-C

Western Pennsylvania
K3OV 22,446-129-58-C-16
W3DKT 528-16-11-A-8
W3HLG 528-16-11-A-8

Southern Texas
W5JC 342,435-617-185-C-58
W5GO 326,190-655-166-C-63

Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38
K9BG 271,890-530-171-C-40

Georgia
K4PI 15,180-111-46-C-11
W4LVM 7938-63-42-C

Missouri
N9RF 99,189-321-103-C-40
VE
Maritime - Newfoundland
VEJAXT 5712-56-34-B-8

Alabama
W4AKN 136,740-430-106-C-27
W4RAL 60,180-236-85-A-21

East Bay
K6ATV 181,800-506-100-A-33
K6JB 38,874-209-62-C-16

Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38
K9BG 271,890-530-171-C-40

Georgia
K4PI 15,180-111-46-C-11
W4LVM 7938-63-42-C

Multi-Single
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Connecticut
K10I(+K1L,PR,RT,XA,XM) 2,416,203-2463-327-C-96

Georgia
N4NX 515,823-847-203-C-53
N4SV 386,019-841-193-B-65

Los Angeles
N6ZZ 283,200-800-118-C-38
K6ELX 115,368-506-76-B-49

Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38
K9BG 271,890-530-171-C-40

Georgia
K4PI 15,180-111-46-C-11
W4LVM 7938-63-42-C

Multi-Single
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Connecticut
K10I(+K1L,PR,RT,XA,XM) 2,416,203-2463-327-C-96

Northern Florida
W4NVM 250,560-576-145-C-27
W4ADN 227,504-508-146-C-20

Orange
W6HJ 60,160-271-74-C-36
N6UC 24,108-164-49-C-8

Illinois
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K9BG 271,890-530-171-C-40

Georgia
K4PI 15,180-111-46-C-11
W4LVM 7938-63-42-C

Multi-Single
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Connecticut
K10I(+K1L,PR,RT,XA,XM) 2,416,203-2463-327-C-96

Southern Florida
W4BAA 312,018-646-161-C-46
W4NGI 204,624-464-147-C-38

San Francisco
W1ARR/6 694,110-1361-170-C-65
San Joaquin Valley
K6AO 114,840-435-88-C-18

Illinois
W9PBK 704,614-1298-181-C-38
K9BG 271,890-530-171-C-40

Georgia
K4PI 15,180-111-46-C-11
W4LVM 7938-63-42-C

Multi-Single
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Connecticut
K10I(+K1L,PR,RT,XA,XM) 2,416,203-2463-327-C-96

W2UI(+N3KR) 531.828- 869-204-C-47
 N2UT(+WA2HXG) 349.662- 577-202-B-70
 K2AA(K2s FT TN,W2NEA,oprs) 324,480- 640-169-C-31

Western New York
 WB2LOF(+WA2VUR) 2420- 35- 22-C- 2
 W2PE(K2ZR,WA2s QJV ORS, WB2QJ,oprs) 864- 18- 16-B-10
 K2K5J(Multi) 108- 6- 6-A- 6

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Delaware
 W3NX(+W3HB) 906,871-1207-251-C-85

Eastern Pennsylvania
 N3RD(Multi) 2,931,033-2565-381-C-90
 N3AD(+Net) 2,144,025-2199-325-C- N3ED(+Net) 1,669,776-1618-344-C-75
 N3RG(+K3s KNH SME,WA3FZ) 1,475,516-1618-304-C-96
 W3GU(+Net) 685,719- 981-233-C-24
 W3EVW(+Net) 362,850- 590-205-C-40
 K3RL(+Net) 100,572- 289-116-C-18
 K3IK(+Net) 8608- 51- 36-B- 8

Maryland - D.C. ...
 W4NL/3(+K3AO,K4FJ,N4TX) 2,151,675-1965-365-C-96
 W3YX(K3WE,N3RR,WB3AU,oprs) 593,061- 911-217-C-68
 W3UO(+W3IKA) 527,460- 745-236-C-81
 K3KA(+Net) 303,810- 533-190-C-40
 W3GNQ(+Net) 239,112- 486-164-C-35

Western Pennsylvania
 W3YQ(+N3EE,K3s TP VCH VX) 745,840- 956-280-C-96
 W3YI(+WA3VJL) 128,311- 327-131-C-39

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Alabama
 N4AU(+K4IZN) 190,095- 437-145-B-61

Georgia
 N4OL(+Net) 450,330- 883-170-C-49

North Carolina
 W4CQ(G8NF,WB4ETF,oprs) 13,336- 96- 47-C- 9

Northern Florida
 N4UF(+WB4EY) 94,860- 310-102-C- 94

Southern Florida
 N2CR/4(+WA2TKQ,W9HAX) 3- 1- 1-A- 1

Tennessee
 W4EAL(WB4MYZ,N4V1,oprs) 110,040- 280-131-B-32

Virginia
 K4VX(+K4s PGL VEPI) 3,043,656-2684-378-C-96
 N4RA(+K4AW) 1,129,500-1255-300-C-85
 WA4FFK(+W3DJ) 90,386- 324- 93-A-24
 WA4AXT(+WA4WKY) 45,507- 197- 77-B-38
 N4XG(+WA4OHX) 17,172- 106- 54-A- 7

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Northern Texas
 K5JA(+N5AU,K5MR,WB5PI) 1,003,794-1474-227-C-56
 WB5PIL(+WB5MTN) 91,001- 303-101-B-76

Southern Texas
 W5AC(K5GN,N5TC,WB5YOT,oprs) 1,501,242-1657-303-C-96
 K5NA(+K5MA,Net) 271,362- 497-182-C-22
 K5MA(+Net) 166,014- 401-138-A-14

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East Bay
 N6OP(Multi) 1,926,768-2344-274-C-96
 K6XV(+N6s FJ VV K6PJY) 1,223,185-2235-257-C-95
 N6IG(+AA6UO,N6s DA NE, WB5QFQ,Net) 1,593,360-2213-240-C-92
 W6QL(+W6KG) 1,030,824-1668-206-C-94

Los Angeles
 W6VIO(N6s BF MF NO WJ, W6ABW,WA6NYJ,W6BWP,oprs) 107,100- 357-100-B-38

Orange
 K6RR(+AA6RX,K6OZL,N6IN,

WA6OTU) 1,748,748-2389-244-C-96
 W6BA(+N6AV) 725,748-1228-197-C-76

Santa Clara Valley
 K6RU(+K6XQ) 1,505,916-2127-236-C-96
 K6DC(+W6BJH) 1,209,780-1716-235-C-83
 K6SMH(+Net) 25,608- 194- 44-B-16
 N6GG(+Net) 12,243- 77- 53-C- 7

San Francisco
 W6BIP(+WA6DJ) 89,133- 407- 73-C-34

San Joaquin Valley
 K6YA(+W6OKK,WA6OEC) 78,306-1267-206-C-71
 K6YK(Multi) 21,777- 119- 61-C- 8

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Oregon
 W7IV(+K7WPC,W7WHY,WB7s OGD OZN PQU) 524,718- 407-158-C-90

Washington
 K7TU(+K7S5,WA7FLC) 702,960-1160-202-C-58

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Michigan
 W8QL(+VE3s DFH JFD, WA8TOF) 238,320- 420-182-C-75
 W8DPB(+W8AHR) 152,549- 454-112-C-57
 K8AQ(+W8ARS) 89,658- 293-102-C-72

Ohio
 K8NZ(+K3LR,K8s AZ MR) 1,452,672-1664-291-C-92
 W8JBM(WB8s DQP LSN,W8s LEN LRV,oprs) 1,186,380-1521-260-C-86

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Illinois
 W9CEJ(+WB9RCR) 67,374- 197-114-A-60

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Colorado
 K9FX(WA9YFU,WB9NY,oprs) 589,698-1086-181-C-86

Iowa
 K8AT(+W8s UZ WP) 697,818-1067-218-C-86

Nebraska
 K9DI(+K9NB) 20,988- 132- 53-C-25

VE

Manitoba
 VE4OY(+VE4s UO VV) 281,180- 586-160-B-84

Multi-Multi
 W4BVV(+K1IX,K3s KU NPV,W3s IUU ZZ,WA3AMH,NAZR) 7,487,832-4972-502-C-96
 W2PV(+K1s AR GO OME XX,K2s AV TR UF ZA,N2FB,W2UP, WA25PL,oprs) 7,090,800-4976-475-C-96
 W3AU(+CXIEK,DK5AD,K3s EST TA TW,N3TR,N4RP) 6,862,145-4735-469-C-96
 K5RC(+K5s GA KG LZQ NU TM WA ZD,N5s AM DU JJ WW,W5s VAH VQ WMLU) 6,447,780-4755-452-C-96
 K3WW(+K3s VA VV WJVI) 6,169,158-4366-471-C-96
 W3FA(+N3GB,W3s ABC XY,WA3s KGY ZAS,W45GV,N81I) 6,153,463-3843-447-C-96
 W3MM(Multi) 4,758,924-3142-424-C-96
 K9RF(+K9s GU SA,N9RR,W9s UA UN YK ZV,W9DSUJ) 4,342,071-3779-383-C-96
 N3RS(+K3FD,WA3s L RO NNA) 4,225,178-3378-378-C-78
 K8LX(+N8EA,K8GM,W8s KPL WA WA8ZDT) 3,864,915-3181-405-C-96
 W3GM(+K3s GJ JI L Z OA RL) 3,615,282-2883-418-C-90
 W6YX(W2JU,WA6ITV,N7MH, WA7USX,oprs) 1,864,704-2428-256-C-96
 W2GD(+Net) 1,765,725-1811-325-C-62
 K4CG(K3WW,WA32AS,N4MO, W4ZMQ,WB4BQX,oprs) 1,742,997-2053-283-C-85
 N3LR(WB1,WB3HEQ,oprs) 1,347,156-1627-276-C-96
 N5TV(+W5MH,W5s VAN V17) 787,332-1274-206-C-96
 W3TV(+K3GL,W3s ADH VV) 586,932- 829-236-C-25
 W3KT(Multi) 584,766- 819-238-C- W3IW(+K3ES,W3N3KE) 492,360- 746-270-C-49
 WB3KW(K3SEW,WA3s ZKL ZTV,oprs) 295,812- 544-166-C-96
 WA3LRO(+W3WJD) 76,896- 288- 89-C- W3SL(Multi) 21,390- 155- 46-C-14

Check Logs
 CT1EU, DJ3CO, DK3OI, DK5OS, D9SH, DL8CS, DL2AB, DM2AGM, DM2BF, DM2BJD, DM2BT, LM2CEE, DM2CJ, DM2CWJ, DM2DWH, DM2EQN, DM2FL, DM3VUH, DM3NO, DM3VIG, DM3UF, DM3ZE, DM4FE, DM4VZA, DM4WPF, DM4ZFM, DM5UG, DM5VVL, DM6GA, DM9LMM, DT2AD, DT2V, DM4LHO, DT2BPF, DT4FA, EA5AD, F6DMV, G4DV, HA3MB, HI3XCA, H2LAB, I0MC, JA2RGR, KJ1BUR, K6FM, K8CFV, K9ZQ, KH6F, X, LA7ZN, LA8LA, A1, H1GL, LU7ACK, LZ1AD, LZ1CI, LZ1CW, LZ1KCM, LZ1KDF, LZ2BR, LZ2KBA, N2RT, N6PF, OESKE, OH1MO, OH1X, OH2AA, OH2BAQ, OH2BSS, OH5, OH6JV, OH6MO, OH1DM, OK1I, OK1KT, OK2BBJ, OK2XC, OK3CAW, OK3E, OK3JK, OK3K, OK3YCV, O74VK, PA0LEG, PA9NRD, PA9PLM, PA9RW, PA9TV, PA9VJ, PY1DHN, PY1S, PY2YP, SK1AQ, SM2DMU, SM3CA, SM3GIC, SM4AZD, SM4CL, SM5AP, SM5AGD, SM5AV, SM5G, SM5I, SM5K, SM5L, SM5M, SM5OK, SM5HIO, SM7ONG, SM7BP, SM7H, SM7SV, SM7RS, SM7TV, SM9GM, SH1DPA, ZP1FT, SP3BD, SP3AH, SP3GM, SP4PE, SP5ALV, SP6RF, SP7AS, SP8AA, SP8BA, SP8C, SP8D, SP8E, SP8F, SP8G, SP8H, SP8I, SP8J, SP8K, SP8L, SP8M, SP8N, SP8O, SP8P, SP8Q, SP8R, SP8S, SP8T, SP8U, SP8V, SP8W, SP8X, SP8Y, SP8Z, SP9A, SP9B, SP9C, SP9D, SP9E, SP9F, SP9G, SP9H, SP9I, SP9J, SP9K, SP9L, SP9M, SP9N, SP9O, SP9P, SP9Q, SP9R, SP9S, SP9T, SP9U, SP9V, SP9W, SP9X, SP9Y, SP9Z, UA2FCB, UA31F, UA3DFV, UA31N, UA3EA, UA3PAZ, UA31AG, UA3TD, UA3VCP, UA6AV, UA6BI, UA6CAR, UA6AQ, UA6AKT, UA6APP, UA6AVD, UA6AVI, UA6AWE, UA6AYR, UA6LW, UA6LKC, UA6PAA, UA6RC, UA6RHX, UA6WK, UA9NN, UA9NW, UA9UB, UA9UOZ, UA9WD, UA9WB, UA9JDD, UB5EES, UB5GD, UB5H, UB5ID, UB5L, UB5ML, UB5TAR, UB5UJ, UB5UJ, UB5UQ, UB5ZDF, UC2ACA, UK27BA, UK2DX, UK28AS, UK28BK, UK28CC, UK2PC, UK3AAU, UK3ABE, UK3DBG, UK3DFA, UK3DDD, UK4PA, UK4WAB, UK5EDX, UK5HF, UK5JAC, UK5WAG, UK5WBG, UK5ZAC, UK5ZBG, UK9OAW, UK9AAC, UK9ZAF, UL2TAK, UL7YF, UO5AP, UO5B, UP2BF, UP2CY, UP2GCN, UQ2PJ, UR2RCJ, UTSBN, UTSJK, UV3DN, UV3GZ, UJW3H, UJW5C, UJW6C, UJWPT, UJWVH, UJW5NY, UY5HG, UY5V, UY5FH, UY5JHU, VE3JK, VE4AAU, VE4KD, VE7AS, VE8AM, W1PWK, W5W1, W6HPD, W6KPP, W6BYB, W6EY, W6R, W6ICR, W6V, W6YB, W6W, W6DRP, W6ZCSD, WA2TJF, WA2WJ, WA2CSD, W6ZGF, W6BKDQ, W6BSYL, Y4BZ, Y08MH, Y09HP, YU3A, DL-23772237

Tower Power

W2PV

160 Inverted V @ 160' Beverages

80 2-el Delta loop @ 160' (top) Dipole @ 150' Sloper Beverages

40 3/3 @ 170' (top) 85' (bottom) 3-el @ 85'

20 7/5/5 @ 150' (top) 100' (middle) 50' (bottom) 6/6 @ 105' (top) 42' (bottom) 8/8 @ 91' (top) 46' (bottom) 4-el fixed arrays

10 10/10 @ 92' (top) 53' (bottom) 4/4 fixed arrays

W4BVV

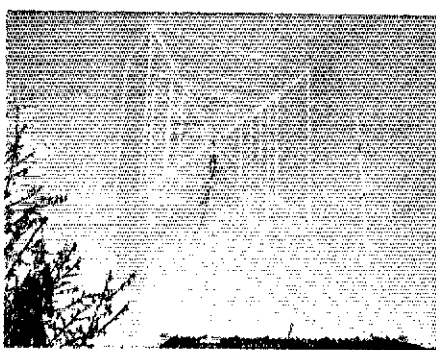
160 Groundplane @ 65' (base) Sloper Beverages

80 Phased groundplanes @ 35' (bases) Dipole @ 180' Beverages

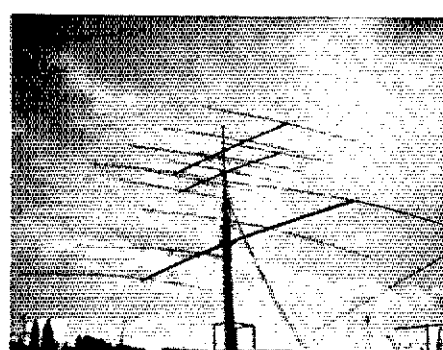
40 3/3 @ 190' (top) 90' (bottom)

20 5-el @ 140' 4/4 @ 100' (top) 50' (bottom) 4-el @ 120' 7-el @ 120' 4/4 @ 90' (top) 45' (bottom)

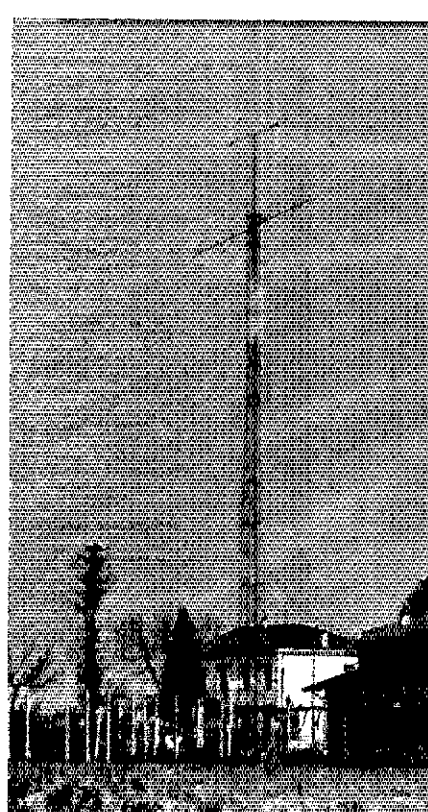
10 6-el @ 70' 4-el @ 40'



The quad at HB9KC (built by HB9MB) stands out with a coating of frost.



15VXG's 4 elements on 20 and 15, and 5-el on 10.



13MAU's big signal comes from a 2-el quad on 40-10 M plus a 4-el 80-M loop.

Operating News

Conducted By George Hart,* W1NJM

Bad Talk

In November 1977 *QST*, the title of this column was "Observer Topics," but the subject was the use of language and the selection of topics on the air which would make a bad impression on the general public.

Apparently not many read this column, because since that time we have continued to receive letters and telephone calls on the same subject, with very strong implications that we at Headquarters should be doing something about it. Apparently directors have been receiving such letters and complaints, too, because the Board at its July meeting saw fit to put its consideration on record, in the following terms:

"... unanimously VOTED that the Board expresses its continuing concern over harmful operating tactics and procedures and improper language being heard with disturbing frequency on the amateur bands . . . and directs the General Manager to undertake suitable educational programs through channels available to the League so that the international image of Amateur Radio is not tarnished and so that our stature at international radio conferences will be enhanced."

Let's not try to explore the intent or scope of the motion right now (this will be done in depth by whomever the GM selects to conduct the indicated educational programs), but let's look into the subject briefly in keynote aspect so that we will have some idea what we are up

*Communications Manager, ARRL

against and the options available to us.

To begin with, we assume that about 99 percent of all amateurs are interested in maintaining a favorable image of Amateur Radio. It is that other one percent that is troublesome. It can make a lot of noise and create a bad impression far above its proportion. What can we do about it?

Although not quite the same problem, back in the twenties and earlier The Old Man had a solution. He recruited a gang of "plug uglies" who called on "Junior" and took him for a ride. They made him call CQ for hours on the Uggerumf, then Rettysnitched him, Wouff Honged him and finally boiled him in transformer oil. There are those who favor the same type of approach to our present problem, with certain modernizations. But this is certainly not the answer, except in a figurative sense.

There are several reasons why people use foul language, whether on the air or otherwise in public. One is that they know no other way to express themselves in emphatic overtones. For these, an educational program may indeed be beneficial. The vocabulary of obscenities is very limited, whereas the English language is full of words that will lend emphasis or strong emotion so much more effectively.

But perhaps the largest segment of users of filthy language is merely trying to attract attention to itself. Defiance and flouting of commonly accepted mores is one way to do this; a juvenile way, to be sure, but then this type is

obviously lacking in mental maturity. A few of these attention-seekers may be deterred by tongue lashings from their "elders," but most of them would simply be realizing their objective in having this much attention paid to them. In short, it would make them worse.

So instead of applying the Rettysnitch and Wouff Hong in traditional fashion, perhaps after all the most effective instrument to use is the "ostracizer." That's right, the "silent treatment." This can be applied following the first obscene word uttered by your contact. No expression of abhorrence, no lecture, no reply in kind. Just silence, complete, absolute, significant. The amateur with an established reputation for using bad language on the air can be ostracized by avoiding contact with him altogether, by not answering his calls, by ignoring him. Others who let loose with this sort of thing can be given the ostracizer in the middle of a contact.

It should be quite effective, if we can pull it off. We want our amateur bands to be fraternal and jovial; we *don't* want them populated by "stuffed shirts" talking exclusively in words of three and four syllables, or on subjects over the heads of the majority. But we do want to be proud of what we do, what we are, what we say, and not have to make apologies for it to casual listeners. We want to enjoy ourselves, but without polluting the air waves with language and obscene references considered objectionable by the majority.

W1AW Operating Schedule (April 30, 1978-October 29, 1978)

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	9	10	1400 *	←	←	Cw Bulletins ³	←	←		
8	10	11	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	4	5	2100	←	←	Cw Bulletins ³	←	←		
3	5	6	2200	←	←	RTTY Bulletins ⁴	←	←		
4	6	7	2300	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Fast ²
5	7	8	0000	←	←	Cw Bulletins ³	←	←		
6	8	9	0100	←	←	RTTY Bulletins ⁴	←	←		
6:30	8:30	9:30	0130	←	←	Phone Bulletins ⁵	←	←		
7	9	10	0200	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Fast ²	Slow ¹	Slow ¹
8	10	11	0300	←	←	Cw Bulletins ³	←	←		
9	11	12	0400	←	←	RTTY Bulletins ⁴	←	←		
9:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.	12:30 A.M.	0430	←	←	Phone Bulletins ⁵	←	←		

¹Slow code practice on cw bulletin frequencies, 8 minutes each session; 5, 5, 7-1/2, 7-1/2, 10, 13, 15 wpm.

²Fast code practice on cw bulletin frequencies, 8 minutes each session; 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13, 10 wpm.

³Cw bulletins, 18 wpm, on: 1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08, 147.555 MHz.

⁴RTTY bulletins 60 wpm/170-Hz shift on 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555 MHz.

⁵Phone bulletins on 1.835, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 21.39, 28.59, 50.19, 147.555 MHz.

Please note that all footnoted frequencies are approximate.

Normal W1AW visiting hours are 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. seven days a week (local Eastern Time). The station address is 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 (about seven miles south of Hartford). Note: ARRL office-visiting hours are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday. Maps with local street detail are available upon request. If you wish to operate when visiting, you must have your original operator's license with you. The best time for visitors to operate is on weekdays between 1 and 4 P.M. local time. (Schedules can also be arranged to work W1AW.) Staff: Chief Operator/Asst. Communications Mgr. C. R. Bender, W1WPR; Chris Schenck, W1EH.

In a communications emergency monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: *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: October 2, It Seems to Us; October 10, World Above; October 13, League Lines; October 19, Public Service; October 25, Happenings; October 30, Operating News.

MARS

As this is being written, your column conductor is about to undertake a trip, the underlying purpose of which is to make contact with officials of the Military Affiliate Radio System, commonly known as MARS. Actually, we have never *lost* contact with MARS, but personnel changeover in the MARS chiefdoms has been so rapid that at present all three are less than a year on their prospective jobs.

ARRL and the military have been friends for a great many years, starting back in the '20s when the Army Amateur Radio System was started by the Signal Corps and the Volunteer Communications Reserve by the Navy. The friendship has paid off, in many mutual ways. Following World War II, with the establishment of MARS to replace the prewar and largely unofficial AARS, ARRL and Headquarters were very much involved and have continued to be.

MARS is not strictly an amateur service, but it consists largely of hams (of which probably a great majority are ARRL members) and has a lot of ham spirit. Through the years, its chiefs have mostly been amateurs. Personal contact with the three MARS chiefs requires a lot of traveling. We started out with AF MARS at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, the headquarters of the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS), thence to Fort Huachuca, AZ, to spend a day with the Army MARS chief and inspection of the Army's Communications Command; and finally (but not least), to Washington, DC, for a visit with the Navy-Marine Corps MARS chief at the U.S. Naval Communications Center.

This represents a renewed effort on the part of your Headquarters to maintain cordial relations with our military cousins. More in future issues of *QST*.

SCM ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Montana, Mississippi, Iowa, Arizona, Ontario, Orange, Northern Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky and Wyoming 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. No member may sign more than one petition. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition.

Petition forms (CD-129) are available on request from ARRL headquarters but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)

Communications Manager, ARRL
225 Main Street, 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 be received at Headquarters on or before 5:30 P.M. Eastern Local Time, December 11, 1978.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on January 2, 1979, returns counted February 20, 1979, and SCMs elected as a result of the above procedures will take office April 1, 1979.

If only one valid petition is received for a section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition, for a two-year term beginning April 1, 1979.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in April 1979 *QST*, and an SCM elected through the resolicitation process will serve a term of 18 months.

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, WINJM
Communications Manager

REPEAT SCM NOMINATING SOLICITATION

Since no petitions were received for the North Dakota section as a result of notices in April and May 1978 *QST*, nominating petitions for this section are herewith resolicited. See the above notice for details on how to nominate.

OSCAR 7

Ref. Orbit	Date (UTC)	Time (UTC)	Long. W.
17731B	1 Oct.	0031	67.2
17744B	2 Oct.	0125	80.8
17756A	3 Oct.	0025	65.6
17769B	4 Oct.	0119	79.2
17781B	5 Oct.	0018	64.1
17794A	6 Oct.	0113	77.7
17806B	7 Oct.	0012	62.5
17819B	8 Oct.	0106	76.1
17831A	9 Oct.	0006	61.0
17844B	10 Oct.	0100	74.5
17857B	11 Oct.	0154	88.1
17869A	12 Oct.	0054	73.0
17882B	13 Oct.	0148	86.6
17894B	14 Oct.	0047	71.4
17907A	15 Oct.	0141	85.0
17919B	16 Oct.	0041	69.9
17932B	17 Oct.	0135	83.5
17944A	18 Oct.	0034	68.3
17957B	19 Oct.	0129	81.9
17969B	20 Oct.	0028	66.7
17982A	21 Oct.	0122	80.3
17994B	22 Oct.	0022	65.2
18007B	23 Oct.	0116	78.8
18019A	24 Oct.	0015	63.6
18032B	25 Oct.	0110	77.2
18044B	26 Oct.	0009	62.1
18057A	27 Oct.	0103	75.7
18069B	28 Oct.	0003	60.5
18082B	29 Oct.	0057	74.1
18095A	30 Oct.	0151	87.7
18107B	31 Oct.	0050	72.5
18120B	1 Nov.	0145	86.1
18132A	2 Nov.	0044	71.0
18145B	3 Nov.	0138	84.6
18157B	4 Nov.	0038	69.4
18170A	5 Nov.	0132	83.0
18182B	6 Nov.	0031	67.9
18195B	7 Nov.	0126	81.4

OSCAR 8

Ref. Orbit	Date (UTC)	Time (UTC)	Long. W.
2920J	1 Oct.	0110	58.5
2934A	2 Oct.	0116	59.8
2948A	3 Oct.	0120	61.1
2962X	4 Oct.	0125	62.5
2976A	5 Oct.	0131	63.8
2990A	6 Oct.	0137	65.1
3004J	7 Oct.	0142	66.4
3017J	8 Oct.	0004	42.0
3031A	9 Oct.	0008	43.2
3045A	10 Oct.	0013	44.6
3059X	11 Oct.	0019	45.9
3073A	12 Oct.	0025	47.2
3087A	13 Oct.	0029	48.5
3101J	14 Oct.	0034	49.9
3115J	15 Oct.	0040	51.2
3129A	16 Oct.	0046	52.5
3143A	17 Oct.	0051	53.8
3157X	18 Oct.	0055	55.1
3171A	19 Oct.	0100	56.5
3185A	20 Oct.	0106	57.8
3199J	21 Oct.	0112	59.1
3213J	22 Oct.	0116	60.4
3227A	23 Oct.	0121	61.7
3241A	24 Oct.	0126	63.1
3255X	25 Oct.	0133	64.4
3269A	26 Oct.	0138	65.7
3283A	27 Oct.	0143	67.0
3296J	28 Oct.	0004	42.5
3310J	29 Oct.	0009	43.9
3324A	30 Oct.	0015	45.2
3338A	31 Oct.	0021	46.5
3352X	1 Nov.	0025	47.8
3366A	2 Nov.	0030	49.1
3380A	3 Nov.	0035	50.5
3394J	4 Nov.	0042	51.8
3408J	5 Nov.	0047	53.1
3422A	6 Nov.	0051	54.4
3436A	7 Nov.	0056	55.7

Have you listened to OSCAR 8 yet? This newest of amateur satellites is available to anyone with a good-quality, 10-meter or 70-cm receiver. To track it, you'll need an OSCARLOCATOR and the above reference-orbit information (also available on W1AW bulletins). It orbits the earth every 103 minutes; the morning and evening passes occur at approximately the same times each day. Decoding the telemetry from the beacon is a simple matter using the ARRL OSCAR telemetry forms, available from Hq. for an s.a.s.e. When you return it, we'll send you a colorful OSCAR 8 QSL card.

To keep abreast of the latest developments, tune in to the regular phone and cw bulletins over W1AW, AMSAT bulletins transmitted around 29.440 MHz on Mode A, 145.960 MHz on Mode B, during O 7 reference orbits, and AMSAT nets (East Coast at 0100 UTC Wednesdays; Mid States at 0200 UTC; West Coast at 0300 UTC, all on 3850 kHz lsb); (international net at 1800 UTC Sundays on 14,280 kHz usb).

Notes

- 1) All time and date references are in UTC.
- 2) The times and longitudes are for OSCAR's first equator crossing each day, which is called the reference orbit.
- 3) O 7 will operate Mode A only on days of the year fully divisible by three (October 3 is day number 276, for example), and the other two days in between will be Mode B.
- 4) All Monday orbits are reserved for QRP use only. Use a maximum of 10 watts *erp*. Wednesdays are reserved for special experiments. Schedule O 7 experiments through AMSAT, O 8 experiments through ARRL.
- 5) The OSCAR 7 Mode B and OSCAR 8 Mode J transponders invert signals. Upper sideband into the uplink becomes lower sideband on the downlink.
- 6) O 7 progresses an average of 28.737586 degrees west per orbit in a period of 114.945238 minutes. O 8 progresses 25.807979 west in a period of 103.228194 minutes.
- 7) O 8 modes of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday — Mode A. Saturday and Sunday — Mode J. Wednesdays are for experimental use on Mode A or J or recharge Mode D.

Spacecraft Frequencies

Spacecraft	Uplink	Downlink	Beacon
O 7			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400-29.500 MHz	29.502 MHz
Mode B	432.125-432.175 MHz	145.975-145.925 MHz	145.972 MHz
O 8			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400-29.500 MHz	29.402 MHz
Mode J	145.900-146.000 MHz	435.100-435.200 MHz	435.095 MHz

This schedule of orbits for OSCAR 7 and OSCAR 8 is a regular feature of *QST*. Tune in W1AW bulletins for updated reference orbit data. Further information on the radio amateur satellite program can be obtained free of charge from ARRL Hq. Also, the popular and informative series of *QST* articles for the beginner has been reprinted in book form. *Getting to Know OSCAR — from the Ground Up* covers OSCAR 6, OSCAR 7, the newest satellite, OSCAR 8, launched in early March, and the exciting Phase III program scheduled for late 1979. It includes the OSCARLOCATOR, a tracking device that lets you know which passes you can access and where the satellite is in the Northern Hemisphere at any given moment. The book is available for \$3 postpaid (\$3.50 outside the U.S.), from the ARRL.

Operating Events

OCTOBER

5: West Coast Qualifying Run (W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0400Z (Universal Coordinated Time, abbreviated UTC with Z shown as a time designator). The run will take place at 9 P.M. PDST local clock time the night of October 4. Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090 kHz. 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, self-addressed envelope will help to expedite your award/endorsements.

7-8: VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest phone and RTTY, **QRP QSO Party, California QSO Party**; September, page 75.

11-12: YL Anniversary Party, September, page 75.

14-15: CD Party cw, **RSGB 21/28-MHz Telephony Contest, VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest, cw, Manitoba QSO Party, 9-Land QSO Party**; September, page 75.

18: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0200Z. This is 2200 EDST (10 P.M. local Eastern time) on the 17th. Transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 and 147.555 MHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid, and send to ARRL per the instructions under the October 5 listing.

21-22: CD Party phone, **RSGB 7-MHz DX Contest** phone, **WADM Contest**; September, page 75. **Canadian Amateur Radio Teletype Group (CARTG, VE3RTT) 18th annual RTTY DX Sweepstakes**, 0200Z Oct. 21 to 0200Z Oct. 23. No more than 30 hours of operation is permitted. Nonoperating periods can be taken at any time during the contest (indicate "off times" in the log). All amateur bands authorized for F1 emission. Countries per ARRL Countries List with K1.7/KH6/VO to be considered as separate countries. Classifications are single operator (single transmitter), multioperator (one transmitter), SWL printer. Messages to include message no., time in UTC and zone (see chart, September 1974 QST, page 52). All complete contacts with one's own zone count 2 points, all others will receive points listed in the zone chart. Additional contacts permitted on different bands. Each country contacted (including your own) on each band counts as a multiplier. Each U.S. and VE district counts as a separate multiplier. Final score: Total exchange points (times number of multipliers times number of continents (maximum of six)). Add 100 bonus points for each VE/VO contact on all bands. Separate logs for each band. (Note, logs and zone charts available from the CARTG for an s.a.s.e.) Logs must be received before December 31. Plaques, medallions, certificates. Mail entries to Canadian Amateur Radio Teletype Group, 85 Piffshire Road, Willowdale, ON M2L 2G9, Canada. **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)** from 0001 local time for 48 hours starting on October 21. Amateurs invite local Boy Scouts and leaders to see demonstration of Amateur Radio; amateurs who are scouts/scouts contact other scouts. Suggested frequencies: 3940 7290 14290 21360 28990 on phone and 3590 7030 14070 21140 28190 on cw. Amateurs who participate please send reports for consolidation with pictures if possible to Harry Harehar, W2GND, SUM-0101, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Special QSL cards sent by BSA to scouts who participate.

22: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 2300Z. This is 1900 EDST (7 P.M. local Eastern time) on the 22nd. All other details per the September 12 listing.

28-29: CQ-WE Contest; Bell Lab's Weakeary RC is host. Western Electric, Bell Labs, AT&T, AT&T Long Lines and Teletype Corp. employees/retirees. For rules send s.a.s.e. to W2JIV. Session 1 on October 28 1700-2200Z hf/vhf phone; session 2, October 28, 2300Z through October 29 0400Z hf/vhf/RTTY; session 3, October 29 1700-2200Z hf/vhf cw/RTTY; session 4, October 29 2300Z through October 30 0400Z hf/vhf phone. Info submitted by John Markunas, W2JIV, Coordinator, WE, 100 Central Ave., Kearny, NJ 07032. **CQWW Contest**, phone, full period UTC, 160 through 10 meters. Single op both single band and multiband, multiop (all-band operation only) with single transmitter and multitransmitter. Exchange report plus CQ zone. A station in a call area different than that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. A multiplier of one for each different zone on each band and a multiplier of one

for each different country contacted on each band. You may work your own country and zone for multiplier credit. CQ Zone Map, ARRL Countries List. WAE country list and IARU WAC boundaries are standards. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth 3 points, between stations on the same continent but in different countries one point. Note: For North Americans only contacts between stations within the N.A. boundaries count two points. Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for zone or country multiplier credit but have zero point value. Final score is the result of multiplying total QSO points by the sum of your zone and country multiplier. Single ops must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation to qualify for an award, multiops a minimum of 24 hours. A single-band log is eligible for a single-band award only. Awards. Usual log format and summary with all info and signed declaration. All entrants are required to submit cross-check sheets for each band on which 200 or more QSOs are made. All entrants are encouraged to do likewise. Each dupe found by the committee will result in a penalty of three additional contacts being removed. Logs, summary and zone maps available from CQ, send a large s.a.s.e. with sufficient postage. Postmark entries no later than December 1 for the phone section and January 15, 1979, for the cw section (cw event scheduled for November 25-26). Logs go to CQWW Contest Committee, 14 Vanderventer Ave., Port Washington, LI, NY 11050.

NOVEMBER

1-2: YL Anniversary Party, phone September, page 75 (11-12 listing).

3-4: Trilliums QSO Party, 0030Z November 4 through 0030Z November 5, open to all, sponsored by the Ontario Trilliums Ladies Amateur Radio Club. Each Trillium station may be contacted twice (once on each mode or once each on two different bands, mode same). Trilliums will call CQ TW, all others will call CQ TOT. Exchange RS(T), name, QTH. Trilliums will also transmit their club numbers. Log date, time (Z), RS(T), band, mode, TOT number, as well as name, address and claimed score. All logs must be signed by the operator. Cw and phone contacts will each earn 5 points, with a low-power multiplier of 1.25 for all transmitters running 150 watts dc input or less. A bonus of 100 points will be added for working 10 members of the Ontario Trilliums, and an additional 100 points for working 20 members, and so on. Logs must be postmarked not later than December 31, 1978 and received by January 15, 1979. Send to Eva Colbeck, VE3EVA, 155 Midland Ave., Scarborough, ON M1N 3Z8, Canada. Awards. Suggested frequencies: 3770 3855 7103 7240 14035 14140 14280 kHz.

4: Frequency Measuring Test, open to all, begins with a callup at 0300Z and 0600Z, November 4. Remember, this is the evening before, November 3, by local time. The first periods of measurement start at 0307 (20 meters), 0315 (40 meters), and 0323 (80 meters); for the late run, 0607, 0615 and 0623, respectively. Each measuring period lasts five minutes. Submit your averages for each five-minute period, which will be compared with the umpire's averages during the same period. (The umpire is a professional measuring laboratory.) Tell how many readings you took to form your averages. Approximate frequencies for the early run are 14,135 7082 and 3545 kHz; late-run frequencies at 14,078, 7074 and 3550 kHz. Your report must be received by November 16 to qualify for listing in the QST report of the competition. WIAW will begin transmitting the official results in a special bulletin November 15.

4-5: Sweepstakes, cw, this issue. **RSGB 7-MHz** cw, September, page 75 (14-15 listing).

8: West Coast Qualifying Run (W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0500Z. The run will take place at 9 P.M. PST local clock time the night of November 7. Other details under the October 5 listing.

11-12: IPA Contest, The International Police Association Radio Club, German Section (IPARC) sponsors this event, which leads toward the Sherlock Holmes Award. Open to all amateurs and SWLs. From 0800-1000Z, 1400-1700Z, and 1800-2000Z on November 11 and 12. Stations call CQ IPA, members contact members and nonmembers on cw and ssb, crossmode/crossband not permitted. Exchange nonmembers send RS(T) and serial number, members prefix same exchange with IPA. QSOs on 80/40 are


worth 2 points and 20/15/10 4 points. Scoring: QSO points times IPA countries per band. Suggested frequencies: 3575 7025 14075 21075 28075 on cw and 3650 7075 14295 21295 and 28650 kHz on ssb. Logs show UTC date, time, band, call sign, number sent and received, countries. Mail to Adolf Vogel, DL3SZ, Ritter-von-Eyb-Str. 2, D-8800 Ansbach, Federal Republic of Germany, postmarked not later than December 31. W/VEs can receive membership lists and other operating aids for this event from Vincent Gambino, WB4QJO, 7606 Kingsbury Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310, for a stamped addressed envelope. **WAE RTTY** (European RTTY DX Contest) sponsored by the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC), the full 48-hour period. See July 1977 QST, page 98, for details. **Delaware QSO Party** from 1600-0600Z both dates. Sponsored by the Delaware Amateur Radio Club (DARC), open to all. Delaware stations send QSO number RS(T) and county. Non-Delaware stations send QSO number, RS(T) and QTH (ARRL Section or Country) DE stations score 1 point phone, 2 points for cw, multiply total by sum of ARRL sections and countries. Non-DE stations work only DE stations, score 5 points per contact, multiplied by the total sum of counties (New Castle, Kent and Sussex) worked on all bands and each mode. Suggested frequencies: 3560 7060 14060 21060 and 28160 cw; 3710 7120 and 21120 Novice; 3900 7275 14325 21425 and 28650 phone. Awards. Mail by December 15 to Sandy Cuccia, WB3ENF, 7 Sorrel Dr., Wilmington, DE 19803. If you work all three DE counties and wish to receive the W-DEL award please include a stamped addressed envelope. **Missouri QSO Party**, from 1800Z November 11 through 2300Z November 12. MO stations contact all others, others contact MO stations. The same station may be worked once each band/mode from each different MO county. MO mobiles count separate from counties. Exchange QSO number, RS(T) and QTH (county for MO, state, province or country for others). Scoring one point per QSO, multiply by number of counties (115 maximum) worked for non-MO and MO stations use states, provinces and countries. Suggested frequencies: 3540 7090 14040 21110 28110 cw; 3910 7240 14270 21360 28600 and 50.0 to 50.5 MHz phone. Awards. Mail deadline December 15 to the St. Louis ARC, KÖLIR, 842 Tuxedo Blvd., Webster Groves, MO 63119. Self-addressed, stamped envelope for results.

12: OK DX Contest, from 0000 to 2359Z sponsored by the Central Radio Club of Czechoslovakia. Open to all. 1.8-28 MHz cw and ssb (crossband/mode not permitted). Exchange RS(T) plus the ITU Zone number (see May QST, page 75). Scoring contacts with non-OK stations count 1 point, QSO with an OK counts 3 points. Multiply times the sum of the ITU zones from all bands. Categories of single operator-all band, single operator-single band, and multioperator-all bands. Awards. Logs must be mailed by December 31 to the Central Radio Club, P. O. Box 69, 11327 Praha 1, Czechoslovakia.

16: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0300Z. This is 10 P.M. EST (local Eastern time) on the 15th. All other details per the October 18 listing.

18-19: Sweepstakes, phone, elsewhere this issue. **WARS QSO Party**, sponsored by the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society for the 27th anniversary of the event. Special events station WITKZ will operate on the following frequencies: 3720 7120 21120 28120 on cw; 3950 7250 14310 21400 28600 kHz and 146.52 MHz phone. Award for contacting station. Submit QSL and large, long, stamped, addressed envelope prior to December 31 to WARS, 324 Washington St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02181.

20: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 2100Z. This is 4 P.M. EST on November 20. All other details per the October 18 listing.

25-26: CQ WW cw, see October 28-29 listing. 

DECEMBER

- 2-3: 160 Meter Contest, EA Contest, phone, Telephone Pioneers QSO Party
- 7: West Coast Qualifying Run (0500Z)
- 9-10: 10 Meter Contest, EA Contest, cw, HA-DX
- 15: WIAW Qualifying Run (0300)
- 16-17: SOWP Contest, cw
- 24: HA5-WW
- 27: WIAW Qualifying Run (1400)

JANUARY

- 1: SKN
- 6-7: CD Party phone
- 13-14: CD Party cw, VHF SS
- 27-28: Simulated Emergency Test (SET)

QST Abbreviations

Are you elated or disappointed at AOS? Is a PRA an LO? How advantageous is your repeater's HAAT? All the answers, and more, are in this list of abbreviations and symbols found in QST and all League publications.

- A — ampere
ac — alternating current
A/D — analog-to-digital
af — audio frequency
afc — automatic frequency control
afsk — audio frequency-shift keying
agc — automatic gain control
alc — automatic load (or level) control
a-m — amplitude modulation
A.M. — morning
AMSAT — Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation
anl — automatic noise limiter
AOS — acquisition of signal
ARC — amateur radio club
ARES — Amateur Radio Emergency Service
ARPSC — Amateur Radio Public Service Corps
a.s.a.p. — as soon as possible
ANSII — American National Standard Code for Information Interchange (sometimes appears as ASCII)
ASSC — Amateur Satellite Service Council
ATV — amateur television
ave — automatic volume control
AWG — American wire gauge
az-el — azimuth-elevation
- b — byte; a group of bits or binary digits, usually eight
bc — broadcast
BCD — binary-coded decimal
bcf — broadcast interference
bel — broadcast listener
BFO — beat-frequency oscillator
BPL — Brass Pounders League
- CAC — Contest Advisory Committee
CB — citizens band
CCIR — International Radio Consultative Committee
ccw — counterclockwise
c.d. — civil defense
- CD — Communications Department (ARRL)
CMOS or COSMOS — complimentary-symmetry metal-oxide semiconductor
coax — coaxial cable or connector
COR — carrier-operated relay
CP — code proficiency (award)
CRT — cathode-ray tube
ct — center tap
cw — continuous wave (code); clockwise
- D/A — digital-to-analog
dB — decibel
dBd — antenna gain referenced to a dipole
dBi — antenna gain referenced to isotropic; a dipole has a gain of 2.14 dBi
dBm — decibel referred to 1 milliwatt
dc — direct current
DF — direction finder
DIP — dual in-line package, 14 or 16 pins
DOC — Department of Communications (Canadian)
dpdt — double-pole double-throw
dpst — double-pole single-throw
dsb — double sideband
DVM — digital voltmeter
DX — long distance
DXAC — DX Advisory Committee
DXCC — DX Century Club
- EC — emergency coordinator
ECAC — Emergency Communications Advisory Committee
ECL — emitter-coupled logic
ECO — electron-coupled oscillator
EME — earth-moon-earth (moon-bounce)
emf — electromotive force (voltage)
EMP — electromagnetic pulse
EQX — equator crossing
erp — effective radiated power
- f — frequency
F — farad
FAX — facsimile
FCC — Federal Communications Commission
FD — Field Day
FET — field-effect transistor
FF — flip-flop
fm — frequency modulation
FMT — frequency measuring test
fot — optimum working frequency
fsk — frequency-shift keying
- GDO — grip-dip or gate-dip oscillator
GHz — gigahertz
gnd — ground
- H — henry
HAAT — height above average terrain
hf — high frequency
HFO — heterodyne frequency oscillator
hpf — highest possible frequency
Hz — hertz
- IARU — International Amateur Radio Union
IC — integrated circuit
i-d — identification, identifier
ID — inside diameter
i-f — intermediate frequency
in./s — inches per second
IRC — international reply coupon
ITU — International Telecommunication Union
IW — Intruder Watch
- j — indicator for reactive component of an impedance (+j inductive; -j capacitive)
JFET — junction field-effect transistor
- k — kilo, 1000; sometimes used alone in place of kb (kilobyte)
kHz — kilohertz
km/h — kilometers per hour

kW — kilowatt

LCD — liquid crystal display
LED — light-emitting diode
lf — low frequency
LMO — linear master oscillator
LO — local oscillator
LO — League Official
loran — long-range navigation
LOS — loss of signal
lp — log periodic
lsb — lower sideband
LSB — least significant bit
LSI — large-scale integration
luf — lowest usable frequency

m — meter (distance or band)
mA — milliamper
MARS — Military Affiliate Radio System
mf — medium frequency
mH — millihenry
MHz — megahertz
mic — microphone
mini-DIP — dual in-line package, 8 pins
mi/h — miles per hour
mi/s — miles per second
mix — mixer
mm — millimeter
MO — master oscillator
MOSFET — metal-oxide semiconductor field-effect transistor
ms — millisecond
m.s. — meteor scatter
m/s — meters per second
MSB — most significant bit
MSI — medium-scale integration
MSTV — medium-scan TV
muf — maximum usable frequency
MUX — multiplex; multiplexer
mV — millivolt
mW — milliwatt

nbfm — narrow-band frequency modulation
nbvm — narrow-band voice modulation
n.c. — no connection
NC — normally closed
NCS — net control station
NF — noise figure
NM — net manager
NO — normally open
NOI — Notice of Inquiry
npn — negative-positive-negative
NPRM — Notice of Proposed Rule Making
ns — nanosecond
NTS — National Traffic System (ARRL)

O 7 — OSCAR 7
O 8 — OSCAR 8
OBS — official bulletin station
OD — outside diameter
OES — official emergency station
OO — official observer
op amp — operational amplifier
osc — oscillator
OSCAR — Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio
OTS — official traffic station

OVS — official vhf station
oz — ounce

PA — power amplifier
pc — printed or etched circuit
PEP — peak-envelope power
PEV — peak-envelope voltage
pF — picofarad
PIV — peak-inverse voltage
pk — peak
pk-pk — peak-to-peak
PL — private line
PLL — phase-locked loop
pm — phase modulation
P.M. — afternoon/night
pnp — positive-negative-positive
pot — potentiometer
ppd. — postpaid
PRA — public relations assistant
PRV — peak-reverse-voltage
PSHR — Public Service Honor Roll
PTO — permeability-tuned oscillator
PTT — push-to-talk

QRP — low power

RACES — Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
R/C — radio control
RCC — Rag Chewers Club
rcvr — receiver
rf — radio frequency
rfc — radio-frequency choke
RFI — radio-frequency interference
RM — route manager
RM-(number) — FCC rulemaking
rms — root-mean-square
RO — radio officer (c.d.)
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RTL — resistor-transistor logic
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SCM — section communications manager
SCR — silicon-controlled rectifier
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SET — simulated emergency test
S.M. — silver mica (capacitor)
SNR — signal-to-noise ratio
spdt — single-pole double-throw
spst — single-pole single-throw
SS — Sweepstakes (contest)
ssb — single sideband
SSTV — slow-scan TV
STM — section traffic manager
SWL — shortwave listener
SWR — standing-wave ratio
sync — synchronous, synchronizing
SYNCART — synchronous amateur radio transponder

TA — technical advisor
TCA — time of closest approach
TCC — Transcontinental Corps
TD — transmitting distributor
TE — transequatorial (propagation)
tfc — traffic
tpi — turns per inch

T-R — transmit-receive
T-T — Touch-Tone, trademark of Bell Telephone Co.
TTL or T²L — transistor-transistor logic
TTY — teletypewriter (from Teletype, trade name of Teletype Corp.)
TV — television
TVI — television interference

uhf — ultra-high frequency
UJT — unijunction transistor
usb — upper sideband
UTC — universal coordinated time

V — volt; voltage
VCO — voltage-controlled oscillator
VCXO — voltage-controlled crystal oscillator
VFO — variable frequency oscillator
vhf — very high frequency
vlf — very low frequency
VOM — volt-ohm-milliammeter
VOX — voice-operated break-in
VR — voltage regulator
VRAC — VHF Repeater Advisory Committee
VTVM — vacuum-tube voltmeter
VUAC — VHF-UHF Advisory Committee
VXO — variable crystal oscillator

W — watt
WAC — worked all continents
WARC — World Administrative Radio Conference
WAS — worked all states
wbfm — wide-band fm
wpm — words per minute
ww — wire wound

xcvr — transceiver
xmtr — transmitter
xtal — crystal

Z — see UTC
°C — degrees Celsius
°F — degrees Fahrenheit
°K — degrees Kelvin
 α — alpha; angles; common-base forward current-transfer ratio of a bipolar transistor
 β — beta; angles; current gain of common-emitter transistor amplifiers
 γ — gamma; angles
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 δ — delta; angles
 ϵ — epsilon; base of natural logarithms
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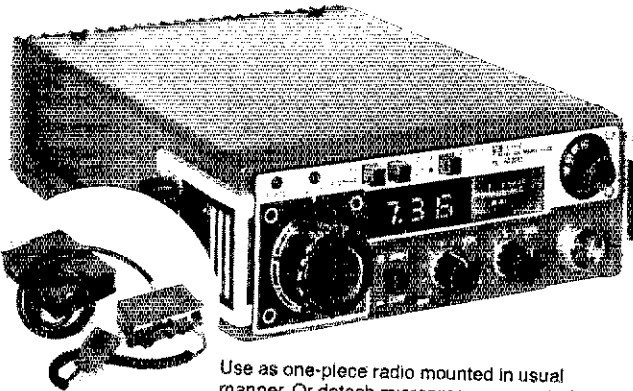
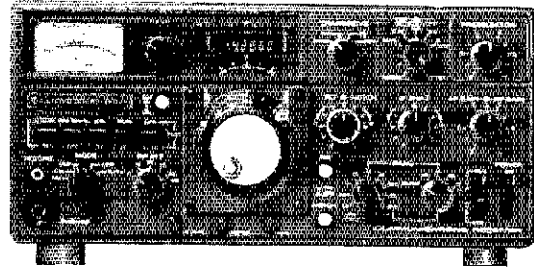
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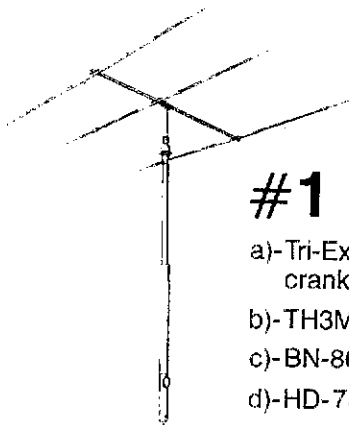
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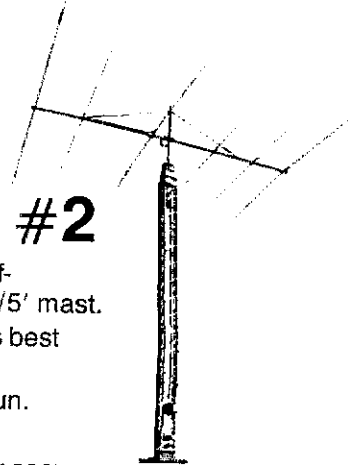


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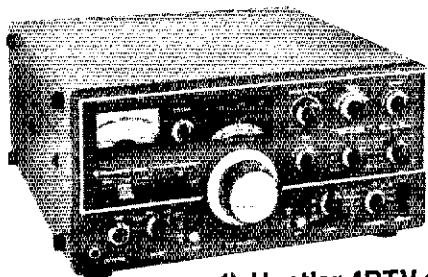
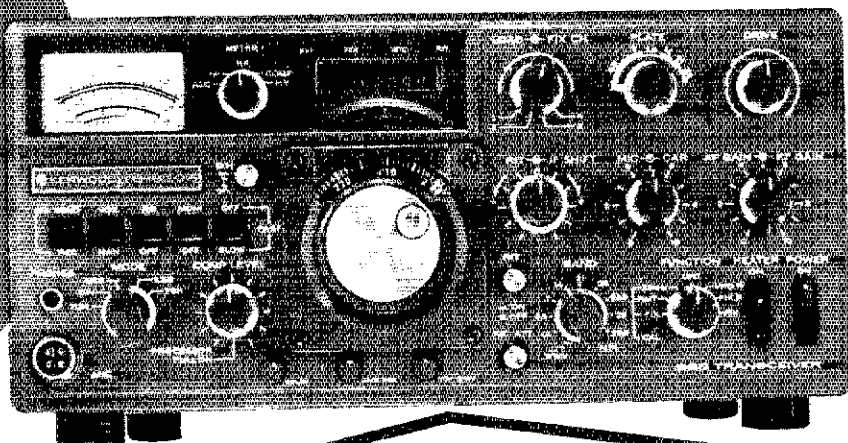
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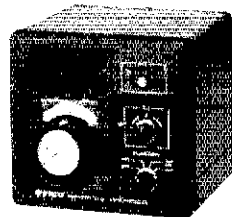


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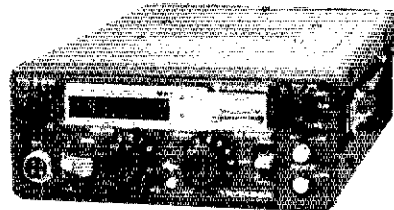


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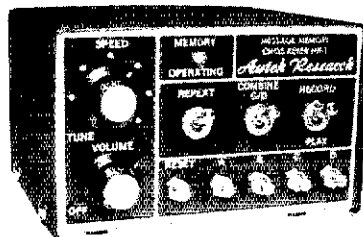
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CANADIAN DIVISION

ALBERTA: SCM, Sydney T. Jones, VE6MJ — SEC: VE6XG, C. Neil Mgr.: VE6AFO. The Border Amateur Radio Club provided communications for the Foremost Mardi Gras recently. Our EC in Wanton recently reports what could have been a very dangerous situation when he discovered a high voltage line across a road near Claresholm. With the assistance of VE6CHM VE6CLG they manned a road block until the power company was able to rectify the problem. The Northern Alberta Radio Club station CG6A is active during the Commonweath Games in Edmonton. Traffic: VE6BBL 17, VE6AFJ 6, VE6ABC 4, VE6CJT 4, VE6MJ 2.

MANITOBA: SCM, Peter Guenther, VE4PG — SEC: VE4TR. NMs: VE4JP VE4TE VE4GJ VE4VJ VE4ADS. All nets still operating despite poor band conditions, as well as other summer activity. The Winnipeg repeater VE4WPG is now on autopatch with a number of stations utilizing this new mode. VE4AP is the latest EC to be added to the growing roster. MEPN QNI 807, QTC 24, 31 sess. MMN QNI 388, QTC 11, 31 sess. WRIN QNI 70, QTC nil, 5 sess. MTN QNI 88, QTC 32, 17 sess. MSTN QNI 35, QTC 10, 12 sess. Traffic: VE4PG 74, VE4IZ 37, VE4JA 14, VE4CR 8, VE4L 5, VE4QJ 5, VE4QU 4, VE4ED 3, VE4IM 3, VE4DS 2, VE4FK 2, VE4GB 2, VE4NM 2, VE4JP 1.

MARITIME-NEWFOUNDLAND: SCM, Aaron D. Solomon, VE1OC — Asst. SCM: VO1FG. SEC: VE1DI, PAM: VO1JN. APN Mgr. VE1WF. Numerous visiting amateurs operating P/Mobile. VE1DD awarded Cert. of Merit for public relations. WB1DLEVE1 & VE1YO hospitalized injured tourist. VE1AMC reports HARC FD score as 5810. Congrats. VE1AJZ & 18 amateurs provided comm. Highlands Rally. VE1SUF Adv. paraplegic operator sponsored by KARC. FBG ex. K1HHC, pres.: VE1WB, WA1JQW, vice-pres.: VE1DQ, treat. E1LW, secy. Large group of NB amateurs attended Rochester Conv. VO1CM new Asst. Director for Nfld.-Labrador. VO1KM awarded Cert. of Merit FB job QSL Mgr. VO1OA and VO1OF new ECs Corner Brook, Nfld. APN sess. 31. QNI 79, QTC 75/64. Traffic: VE1ASW 94, VE1WF 70, VE1ST 42, VE1ROLCH 41, VE1AMR 25, VE1HJ 11, VE1ABG 6.

ONTARIO: SCM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — Asst. SCM: VE3GOL. In consultation with Section Net Managers at a meeting in Thornhill, the following course of action was adopted for Ontario's Section Nets. In order to provide formal training to up-grade and prepare more operators for Region and Area level net operation and, at the same time, create and promote an interest for new comers to traffic handling, training sessions will be conducted on Section nets, after closure, several evenings a week. These sessions will commence in mid-Oct. A specially prepared traffic instruction manual will be available from your SCM, A/SCM and MNS to assist those who are keenly interested in participating and learning basic traffic handling procedures and net "savvy" used by experienced operators. Please contact these officials via the NTS, on the air, or through the mail for a copy. It is hoped that this avenue will increase the number of qualified traffic handlers in our Section. The following are the traffic nets in our Section:

Net	Freq	Day	Mgr.
ODN	3.645	2000 Dy	VE3GGJ
GBSSN	3.645	2215 Dy	VE3DPO
GBN*	3.645	2230(2000) Dy	VE3DPO
OLN	4.61.06	2230 Dy	VE3GFN
LN*	3.755	2245 Dy	VE3FGT
CMN	4.61.06	2250 Dy	VE3AJN
OPN*	3.770	2300 Dy	VE3EWD
OSN*	3.667	2300 Dy	VE3ISW

*Denotes Section net, all times in UTC and subject to change in the fall with standard time. Your participation in these nets will be both welcome and encouraged. Traffic: (July) VE3GK 128, VE3JH 159, VE3SB 158, VE3HJG 128, VE3KK 126, VE3ISW 125, VE3GT 84, VE3DPO 80, VE3IMR 80, VE3GJG 72, VE3GNM 57, VE3EWD 52, VE3DVE 46, VE3AWE 41, VE3GYD 29, VE3ATR 27, VE3FZG 27, VE3FHZ 26, VE3JRT/74 23, VE3IFP 16, VE3EHL 12, VE3HCS 11. (June) VE3IMR 16, VE3FFHO 6.

SASKATCHEWAN: SCM, P. A. Crosthwaite, VE5RP — VE5BO has moved to Creighton where he is now using his former skills in Electronics, all the best Barry. Since the Sask Power Corp have unloaded most of their old 32 MHz gear to the ham clubs we shall probably see some six meter units which has been unheard of in these parts. Anyone wishing one of the rigs give me a call. Traffic: VE5AE 98, VE5WV 98, VE5HG 31, VE5OL 18, VE5ABN 16, VE5QY 16, VE5ABK 11, VE5NJ 6, VE5RP 6, VE5BO 2.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SCM, Roger E. Cole, W3DKX — SEC: W3PQ. STMs: W3GQ W3WD. July PSHR K3JL 46, W3PQ 44. Delaware Amateurs upgrading include W3KDN to Extra; W3HDS WA3TNP and WA3UHV to Advanced. New appointment N3ND to OTS. ND also just received his 35 wpm CW ARRL Proficiency Award and a 100 ft. longwire in his apartment has him on 8075 meters. New Castle Co. Amateurs are going to miss the leadership and help of K3JL as he moves to Georgetown, but Sussex Co. will gain from our loss. Del. Nets came through 59 while I was mobile in Western and Central PA. DTN QNI 301, QTC 63. DEPN QNI 30, QTC 4. Traffic: W3PQ 212, W3KXP 63, N3ND 44, W3CO 39, W3DKX 31, K3JL 24, W3BDUG 18, W3WD 17, WA3WY 15, W3FUP 9.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, Geo. S. Van Dyke, Jr., W3HK — SEC: WA3PQ. NMs: K3KW K3NGN W3VA W3IAZ. Net refs.: PFN QNI 342, QTC 669; EPA QNI 609, QTC 269; PTTN QNI 318, QTC 124; EPAE&PTN QNI 377, QTC 136; AREC (2) QNI 16. OO reports: W3NCC WA3RPG K3NSN W3KEK OBS reports: W3VA W3JD W3CL WA3YJZ WA3CZP K3NSN WA3RPG K3EBZ. OVS reports: W3GOA WA3JQ W3CL WB3CTU. BPL W3CJL W3VRC K3NSN WA3WOP WA3RPG WA3CTU. PSHR: K3NGN W3BI W3JGP W3DP WA3YJZ WA3RPG. W3CJL says

band condx been punk! W3VR adding house remodeling to his chores. WA3WOP thankful band condx are improving. WA3ATO reports its new fall in Pocomo! NCSs are reminded to get their reports in to NMs on time. New keyer is training W3VA! W3GGRV has to wait two years for his drivers license before he can go mobile! North Schuykill HS is KA3ANJ. WA3RPG ham op at summer camp introduced many boys to ham radio. Anyone going to Alaska make a sked with WA3YJZ he needs it for WA3I. Would you believe the Pack Hats are already planning for next fall. NCSs report W3WRE getting out better on audio than FL! W3GKMK tuned in on 2 meters for first time and almost fainted at the activity! W3WRC found 4 new rare keys to add to her collection. K3CQ made WAS QRP 3 watts! PTTN welcomes W3GZV. Don't forget you ORSS are now OTSs and the RMs are NMs. Pretty soon the club papers will be as good as QST! W3EO reports the ant rope broke (again?). The other day I asked a new ham if he wanted to swap QSLs. He said what's that? Have things changed that much? Traffic: (July) W3CJL 3542, W3VR 1015, K3NSN 880, WA3WOP 676, WA3ZRY 595, WA3ATO 412, K3KW 410, K3NGN 279, WA3I 211, 240, W3FAI 134, W3GI 133, W3IPX 124, W3JGJ 99, W3YI 85, W3VA 79, W3DP 72, W3BKV 44, W3CZP 29, W3GSRV 29, AA3B 26, WA3RPG 22, N3GP 18, WA3YJZ 18, W3JD 18, WA3YD 14, N3CD 13, K3NB 10, W3CL 9, WA3YQ 8, W3EY 7, W3BHPV 6, W3HK 4, W3KEK 4, WA3BJC 3, K3PBZ 2, N3AI 1, W3EU 1, W3GKM 1, W3GOA 1, WA3VDQ 1, W3WRE 1. (June) K3YL 17, W3WRE 1.

MARYLAND-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: SCM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — Welcome to new club affiliates, the Carroll County ARC, and the Green Mountain Repeater Assn. Thanks to you clubs and individuals for taking care of prospective hams referred to you. The Mt. ARC manned a station at the Cumberland Fair. WA3EOP and K3TMM showed real activity a new daughter and son respectively. Moms and kids okay. OO reports from W3MR and WA3RSC. N3HJL opines it goes out from St. Marys but not in WB3IXR. Is tiling the woods around Annapolis. W3ZNV is looking for 2 mtr PTT activity. W3MNS covers 1.8 through 450 MHz. N3IT sez not much this hot July. N3RL had a ball in ME completing WAS for many others. W3SCG among the 100 at the MARC picnic. K3IS may become a gymnast. W3WBY finds a new opening on 2 and 5 and lots on 15 mtrs. W3EVO ordered a new transceiver. W3CDO helped compile the FD logs for Rock Creek. Congrats to WA3HEK a new General, and to K3ON's XYL KA3AZ5 a new ham. Rumor W3BAO is about to become N3ST. WA3EHK says vacations do not make big traffic totals. WB3ECS makes deliveries on 2 meters. K3CZW missed PSHR by 1 CW point. W3FZV was impressed by ARRL HQ and W1AW. AA3S used to be WA3FRW. W3BHE W3DFW and W3QYV report from the Cumberland area. N3QA is stymied by summer chores. With the nets. Mgr/Net Sessions/Tel. QNI avg. W3OY/MDCS PON 4/12/21.5. AA3SMEPN 21/75/20.9. On the other list W3ADQ W3HWZ and K3RIJ. W3DFW/WVR FON 17/22/16.3. K3ORW/MDCNTN 18/48/15.4. Top honors to WA3ZRY K3ORW, W3FA and W3CES. Tnx to early reports permits W3FA to visit W6-Land. Traffic: W3FA 110, K3IS 50, N3QA 45, AA3S 26, K3ORW 24, W3EVO 22, W3EVO 20, W3FZV 13, N3IT 10, W3BCEA 4, WA3BK 8, W3CGG 7, N3RL 6, W3HJ 4, W3WBY 4, W3ZNV 2.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Raymond F. Clancy, WB2GT — Red Cross sponsored a concert and raising 60 cents Bike-A-Thon between Philadelphia and Atlantic City. 300 bikes entered the race aided by 2mtr mobile hams WA2U USI IZB LUB; WB2S VVJ VEG GEK JMK OGR RRU TDI SOJ LNR FJE; K2JF, Old W2GCG plans to be relicensed. W2FWX nw K2TV. W2JL enjoyed the NJN picnic. K2RXB nw Advanced. K2BR ready for Miss America Contest. WB2PQG sponsors 450 MHz rig. N2UJ moves to Mexico W3ZL/PK has 30 wpm certificate. WJRA's WB2LCC sez 4 TX, 1128 contacts on FD WA2TRJ sez WA2R TRJ DOK VJ, N2ME, WB2KKS WB2JMU, invaded CB Jamboree at Williamsport and gave Ham Radio Demo. New ticket KA2BBW New York. Fair and sign up many for their fall licensing classes. K2RII coordinating. W2RUF was selected to receive the WB2VEJ memorial award. Congratulations! W2AET has his Oscar station going. K2DUR is putting a new Oswego County repeater on 147.75/147.15. It's primary purpose will be Civil Defense work but it will be an open repeater for general use. WB2ELB wonders if he is the youngest OVS at age 17? WA2ZJP has a new QTH on a hilltop in Harpersville. The Antique Wireless Assn. will hold its National Conference at the Sheraton Inn in Canandaigua on Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Details from D. Dealey, 8 Briar Circle, Rochester, NY 14618. This is my last column as SCM. Would again like to thank all for their interest and support and wish new SCM WA2AOG luck and success. Traffic: (July) W2OE 275, WA2ELD 242, WA2HSB 240, W2MTA 162, W2RUF 93, K2GWN 68, W2PZL 62, W2ZF 52, WA2MFW 33, W2ZT 27, W2BWC 26, W2AZJ 26, WA2AIV 11, W2AET 4, WB2ELB 4, WA2UAR 4, WA2DRD 1, (June) WA2HSB 215, K2GWN 106, W2MTA 85, W2RUF 78, W2ZF 48, W2PZL 47, W2AFXG 40, W2RQF 37, W2BWC 26, KN2MDO 24, WA2ZJP 22, WA2ELD 20, W2ZJD 18, WA2UAR 17, K2VR 14, WB2KGS 12, WB2FPI 6, WA2AIV 4.

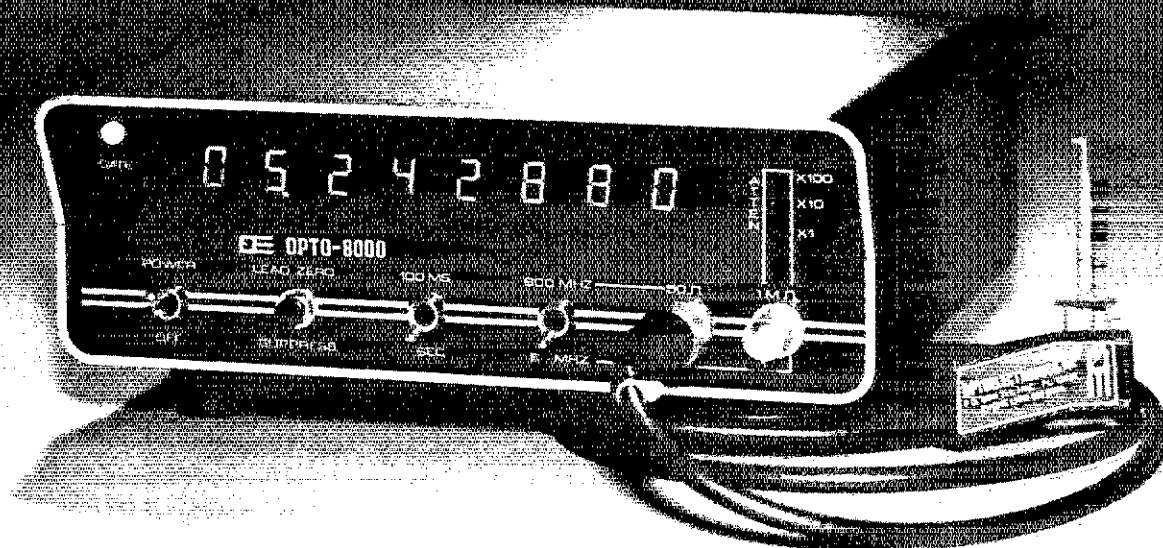
WESTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Joseph M. Hood, K2YA — Fair had nice Amateur Radio demonstration at the Monroe County Fair and sign up many for their fall licensing classes. K2RII coordinating. W2RUF was selected to receive the WB2VEJ memorial award. Congratulations! W2AET has his Oscar station going. K2DUR is putting a new Oswego County repeater on 147.75/147.15. It's primary purpose will be Civil Defense work but it will be an open repeater for general use. WB2ELB wonders if he is the youngest OVS at age 17? WA2ZJP has a new QTH on a hilltop in Harpersville. The Antique Wireless Assn. will hold its National Conference at the Sheraton Inn in Canandaigua on Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1. Details from D. Dealey, 8 Briar Circle, Rochester, NY 14618. This is my last column as SCM. Would again like to thank all for their interest and support and wish new SCM WA2AOG luck and success. Traffic: (July) W2OE 275, WA2ELD 242, WA2HSB 240, W2MTA 162, W2RUF 93, K2GWN 68, W2PZL 62, W2ZF 52, WA2MFW 33, W2ZT 27, W2BWC 26, W2AZJ 26, WA2AIV 11, W2AET 4, WB2ELB 4, WA2UAR 4, WA2DRD 1, (June) WA2HSB 215, K2GWN 106, W2MTA 85, W2RUF 78, W2ZF 48, W2PZL 47, W2AFXG 40, W2RQF 37, W2BWC 26, KN2MDO 24, WA2ZJP 22, WA2ELD 20, W2ZJD 18, WA2UAR 17, K2VR 14, WB2KGS 12, WB2FPI 6, WA2AIV 4.

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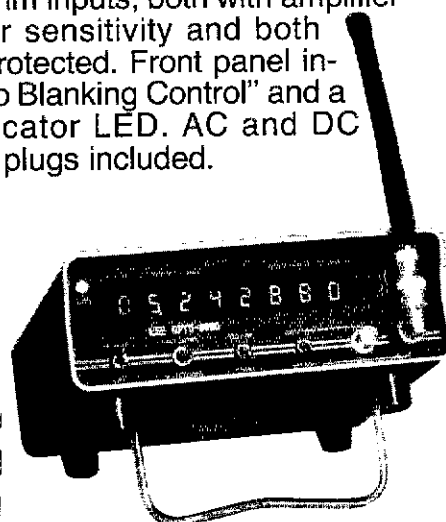
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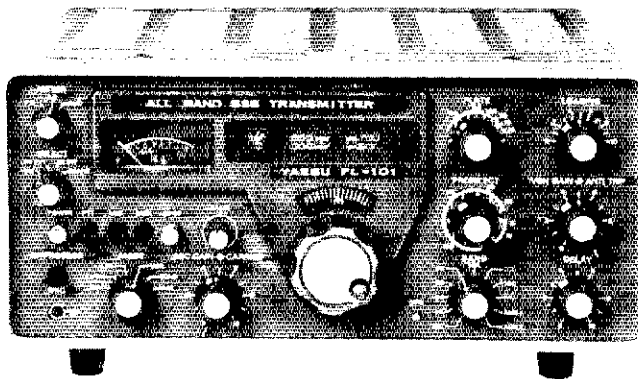
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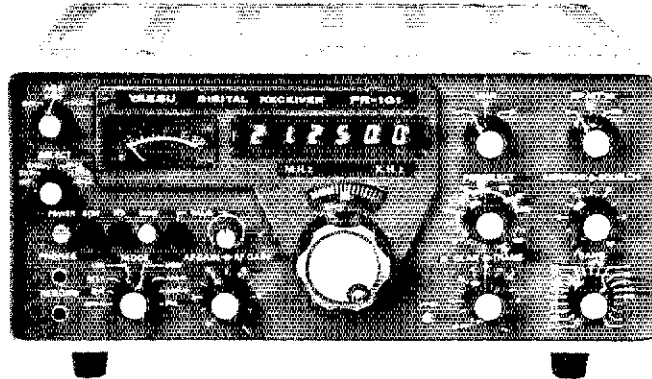
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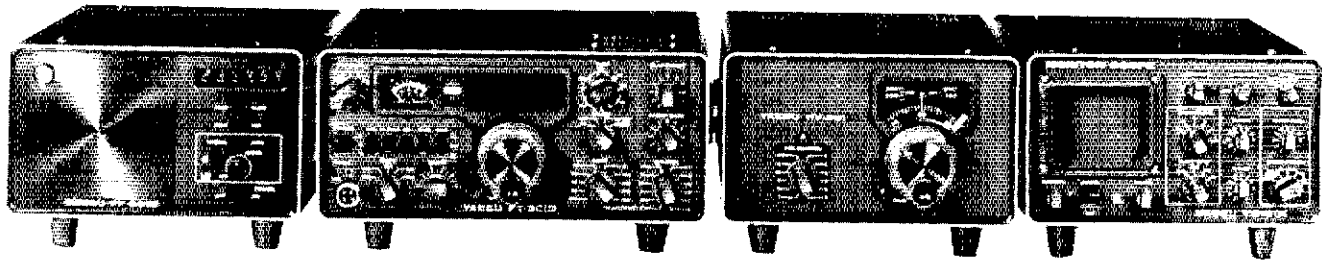


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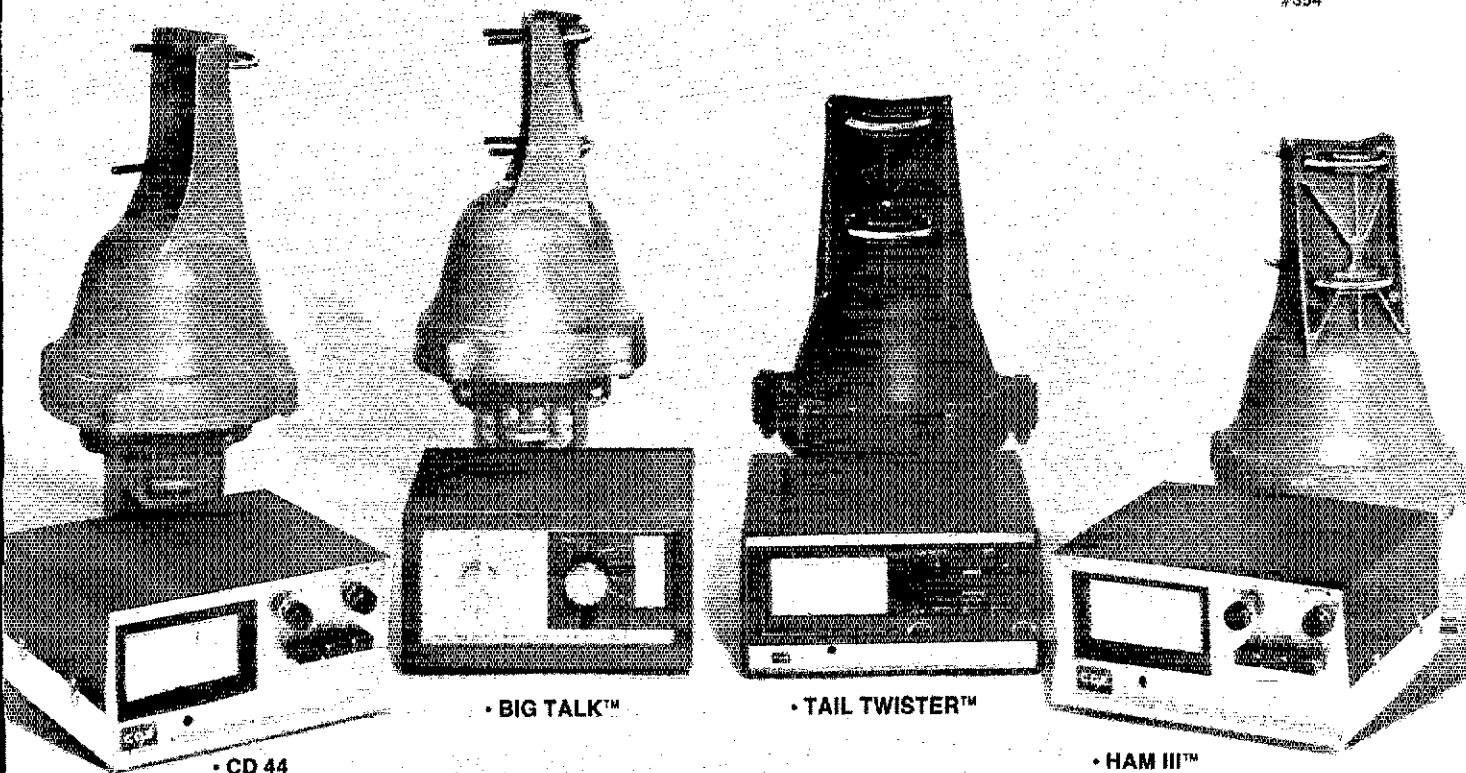
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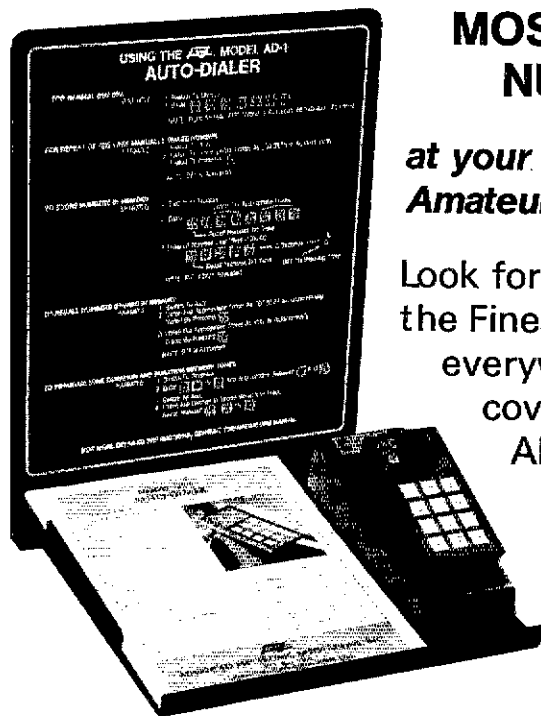
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wishes to WA3MWH and WB3FXP. W3LFO is critically ill
at this time and all of our thoughts are with him. K3AN is
a Silent Key, our condolences to his family. WA3ENU
and XYL WA3ZXP have moved to New Hampshire to new
positions there. W3IBW and XYL WB3ATC have moved to
Albuquerque, NM, to a new work location. The
Brewerhoofters new officers for 1978-79 term are:
WA3LUM, pres.; N3MB, checker; W3ZCO, Treas.;
WA3PHY, K3GP, WA3EOU, WB3JGU and W3VJL dir. I
would like to have monthly reports from all section ap-
pointees in order to know who is active and who is not.
The WPA CW Net had 31 sess., QNI 390, QTC 168.
WPAPTN 31 sess., QNI 351, QTC 84. The WPA Two Mtr
net had 31 sess., QNI 557, QTC 79. PSHR: W3YQ 56,
K3HI 50, WB3PAV/3 47, N3EE 40, WB3DKT 40, WB3EML
32, WB3HGL 21, W3SMV 10, WA3YEQ (June) 53. Traffic:
(July) W3EGJ 123, N3FM 121, K3HI 102, WB3HGL 80,
W3YQ 72, W3JUN 54, WB3DKT 48, WB3PAV/3 44,
WB3EML 38, W3JUN 39, K3MIB 34, N3EE 26, K3LL 22,
N3WS 24, WA3QNT 22, W3HT 18, W3SN 17, W3KUN 17,
K3HCT 17, W3RUL 16, AC3N 14, W3LFO 13, N4DR/3 8,
AB3X 4, K3UA 2. (June) AG3N/WA3YEQ 49.

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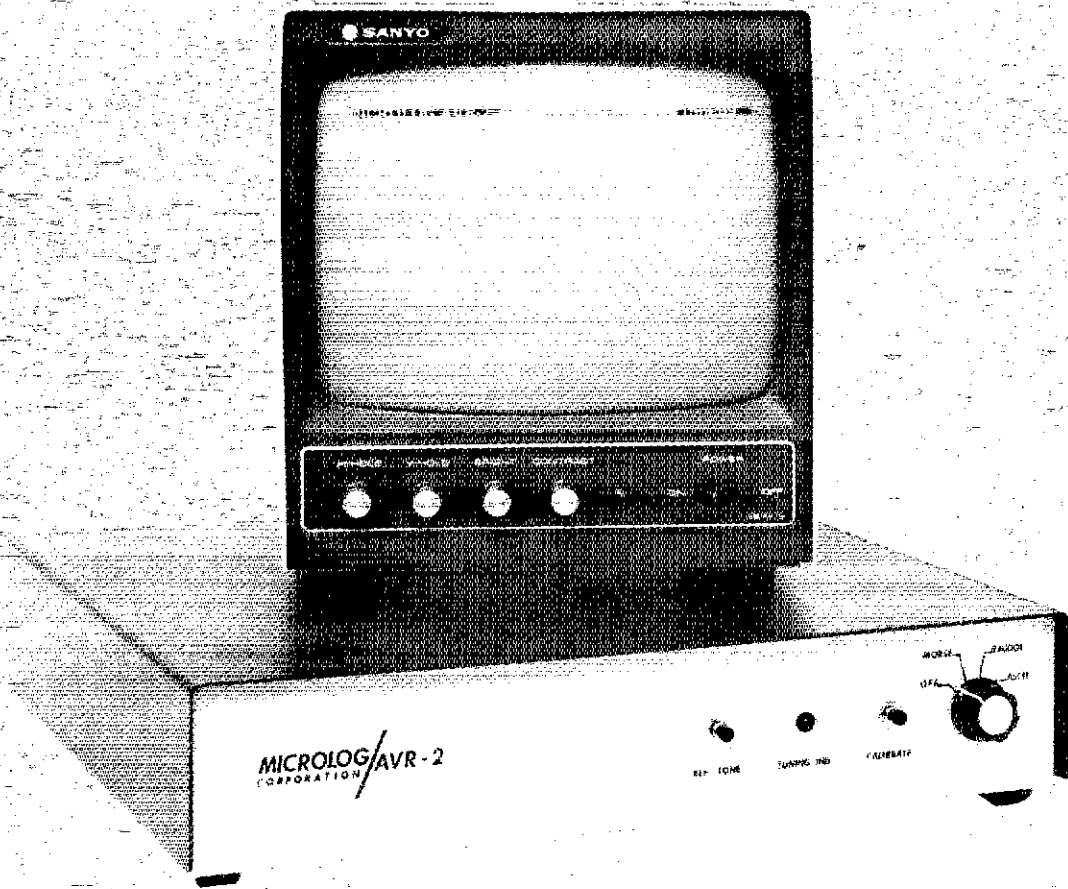
Net	Freq.	Times/2Days	Tfc	Sess.
ILN	3690	2330/0300 Dy	250	62
Ill Phone	3915	2245 Dy	no	report
NCPN	3915	1200/1700 M-S	176	52
LEN	3940	1400 Su	No	report

The W9VEY memorial station had a traffic count of 8 for
the month. W9GGY upgraded to General with the help
of his father, W9BAK. N9TN's XYL WB9QK DX passed
her General. WB9NEH's new call is AB9M. W9RAK now
W9GDFR. New call in the Galesburg area is KA9BER.
WD9DAZ and WD9HQV have recently upgraded. W9FL
recovering from heart surgery. The Rockford Amateur
Radio Assn. provided communications for the July 4th
Marathon and got good press coverage. WA9VLK has
been promoted to Senior Pilot at Aviation Training Enter-
prises at Midway Airport, Chicago. Other ATE pilot hams
there are WA9WMP, WA9EKY, W9HOT reports the Ninth
region Daytime Net had 122 message count during 62
sessions. Ill participation was 94 percent with Ill. sta-
tions W9JL, W9NXX and W9HOT all checked in. The
Wheaton Community Amateurs helped with the W9FL
(Ill.) 4th of July parade. WA4WME will present a slide
presentation of the Clipperton Island DXpedition at the
Sangamon Valley Radio Club Hamfest. WB9WUR and
his XYL WB9WUO were recently reassigned to
Washington, DC. New Novice heard was KA9BPP. Now
is the time to make preparations for your club's Fall and
Winter code and theory classes. Please drop a line to
League hqtrs and inform them of the time and place of
the classes. WA9YF and XYL W9HBY's code class
graduates were KA9BDM, OM1 KA9BQ, K4YL and
KA9BDN (10 year old YL). K9EUL spent several days in
Maine and his gang back home kept in touch with him.
Many contacts. The annual ILN meeting will be held at
the Peoria Hamfest. WA9GOB & XYL have a new baby
daughter, Ashlee. Plans are under way for a new
Amateur Radio organization for McHenry Co. Please
contact K9XI for more information. Many an eyeball
QSO was held at the annual Breakfast Club weekend at
Terry park on July 15 and 16. Weather was perfect
reports K9IFB. Former director Phil Haller, W9HPG
is now an Extra Class. WB9JUM a Tech. WB9TZE passed
his General. WB9WDN has a new antenna array tri-
bander, 6-meter vlog and a two-meter FM vlog, 108 ft in
height. WB9WDN WB9YXL and WA9VIR helped in the in-
stallation of the self-supporting tower. Ex-
N9ACW/N9ACW/CQ now K99BY. The Sterling-Rock
Falls ARC are sporting new jackets. W5KLV reports that
the CAND for July had 410 messages in 62 sess. and the
9RND representation was 95.2 percent. W9JLJ the only
BPL recipient for this month. Traffic: W9JLJ 554, W9NXX
290, WA9KFK 153, K9PNE 133, W9OK 121, W9K 119,
W9BDMV 114, N9TN 106, WB9JSR 75, WB9ZED 69,
K9BVE 66, W9HOT 61, K9E 43, N9DR 42, WA9CA 41,
W9OBS 33, W9HT 28, W9P9N 28, W9LNC 26, W9OYL
20, K9SW 16, WA9VLK 8.

Net	Freq.	Time/Day	QNI	DTC	Sess.
ITN	3910	1330/2130/2300 Dy	3182	514	91
IPON	3910	1300 Su	120	2	5
QIN	3656	0000/0300 Dy	715	339	62
ICN	3737	2315 Dy	124	22	30

K9CGS has been appointed new net mgr. for ITN. Please
support him in this endeavor. W9VP has been appointed
EC for Carroll Co. W9JUM has been appointed EC for
Marion Co. WB9YXN has taken over as mgr. of ICN. Pur-
due ARC officers: W9GRI, pres.; W9PUM, vice-
pres.; WB9VXY, sec.; WB9JUM, Treas. RCO meeting is
Oct. 1 at the Red Cross building in Indianapolis. Spring
Mill/Bedford Hamfest is Sun. Oct. 8. The state RACES
net now meets on 3910 kHz each Wed. at 7:10 PM. In-
diana State Police have a new program called INCERT
which is designed to coordinate the services of all the
various volunteer groups during emergencies. This pro-
gram developed as a result of the work done by
Amateurs, CBers, 4 Wheel drive clubs and others in the
Blizzard of '78. INCERT or Indiana Council of Emergency
Response Teams is designed to work with existing
clubs and organizations to coordinate efforts between
them and help expand their work into new areas.
Amateur contact will be through the EC or existing local
clubs. I feel it is a good program and encourage your
participation. W9YJG became a Silent Key on July 21,
1978. Hoosier VHF Net report for June QNI 395, QTC 1.
Traffic: (July) W9JLJ 520, W9FC 341, W9FI 107, W9ZV
58, WD9GXW 57, WA9QCF 57, K9FZX 51, W9IOH 50,
W9OLW 50, W9SLYU 40, W9DZC 36, W9DLE 35, K9FG
27, K9TKE 26, W9DKP 20, W9RTH 20, W9HF 16,
WD9EWM 14, K9CGS 12, K9HI 10, W9UEM 10, W9XD 10,
WA9JJS 7, W9BDP 5. (June) W9TG 81, WD9ELU 26.

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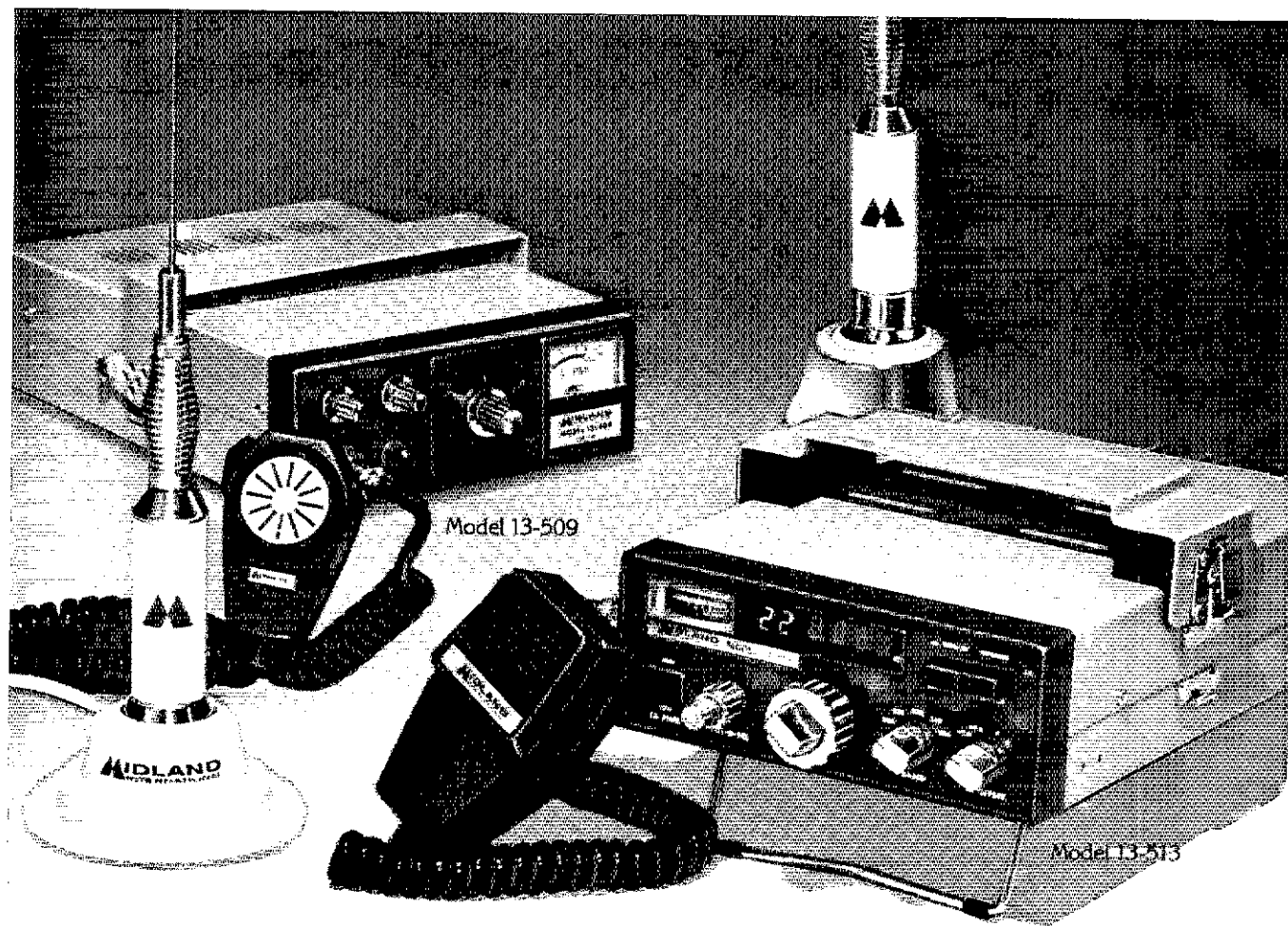
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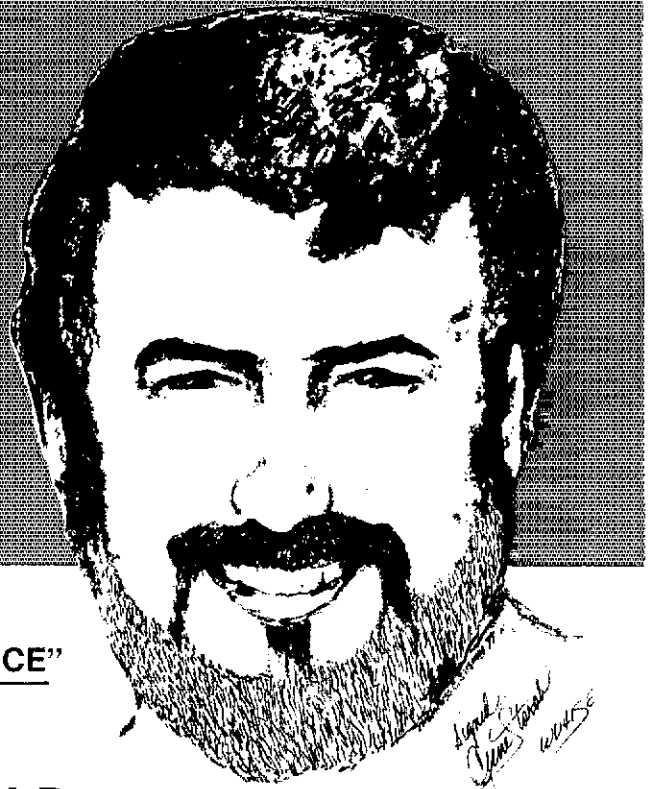
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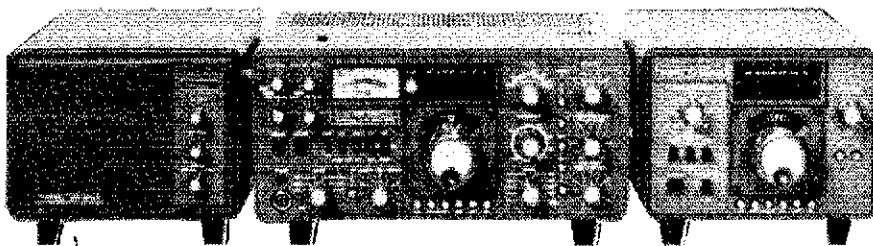
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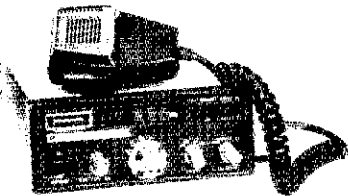
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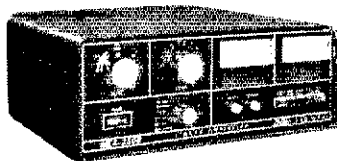
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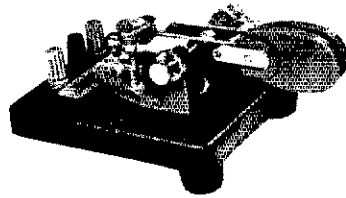
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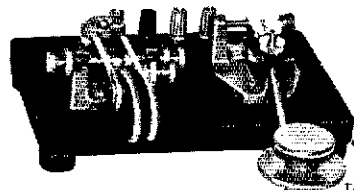
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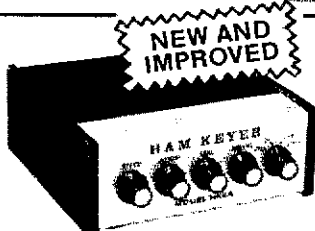
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DAKOTA DIVISION

MINNESOTA: SCM, Helen Haynes, W9HOX — SEC: W9SA, Minn. Nets.

Net	Freq.	Time/Day	QNI	QTC	Manager
MSN 1	3685	6:30 P	259	112	N9HY
MSN 2	3885	10:00 P	92	34	K9PZ
MSPN N	3945	12:05 P			W9DJYT
MSPN E	3929	5:45 P	609	189	W9DUW
PAW	3925	9:12P-5	2948	298	WA9YVT
MSSN	3710	5:15 P	240	50	W99ZAL

Congratulations and best wishes to the new calls and upgrades: Novices KA9AJD, KA9AJE, KA9AJF, General to Advanced: W99ABD, W99YNW, W99ROJ, W99OYV. Advanced to Extra: W99QOB and Tech to General: W99CBI. New calls: W99ABD is now K99BI, W99ROL is now AC9BP and W99QOB is now K9EL. Thanks to all who have applied for EC appointments. We still have some counties that are in need of an EC. We need you help. Would appreciate hearing from all Emergency Net. mgs with any and all information that they may have. On behalf of the MN SCM and SEC we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways during the numerous storms and floods which hit MN in July. Traffic: W99HOX 450, W99ZAL 340, W99QUE 243, K99ZBK 200, WA9TFG 165, WA9YVT 150, W99ONK 96, W99CIT 87, K99PZ 80, K99B 64, N99JW 50, W99RQ 49, W99RQJ 42, W99FGA 37, N99Z 35, W99ZJ 31, W99SYT 30, W99NZE 30, K99ZB 27, K99EAO 23, K99JW 19, W99FSL 16, W99OPX 15, N99J 8, W99UKI 6, W99UMX 3, W99ZBJ 2.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lydia S. Johnson, W9KJZ — Asst. SCM: W9DVB, SEC/IRM: WA9TNM. Net Mgrs are W9HOJ, W9MZI, K9TVJ, WA9VRE, WA9UEN. Congrats to: WA9DEM Extra Cl: K9AS and WA9TNM on CW Speed, accurate copy at the S. D. annual contest; Novice KA9BBU; W99ZEB who placed 1st in CD party; K9UV received DXCC mixed and Phone certificates. TNM made PSRR with 49 pts. Hot Springs ARC will start classes in newly constructed Clubhouse. Contact W9HOJ. Partial list of QCCV wa W99G are W99CLS, Q9E, G9S, MUU, RW, Z9Y, and K9MOA. If you qualify contact W99EL. All SD ARC officers: How about publicity for your club? Nets: SDN 26 sess.; QTC 36; QNS 58; N9J 31 sess.; QTC 48; QNS 639; EVE 31 sess.; QTC 62; QNS 962; MNG 26 sess.; QTC 38; QNS 288. Traffic: (July) WA9VRE 184, WA9TNM 131, W9HOJ 99, W99DVB 73, K99RE 58, WA9ARZ 48, W99KJZ 11, W999VQ 12, W99G 6, N99BE 4. (June) WA9VRE 126.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5UAA — SEC: WA5VNV. NMs: K5MEA, W5MYZ, W5POH, W5AZWZ. Nets. K7, Time/Dy, QNI, QTC. Mgr.: K7ZK, 3760, 0000Dy, 143, 1B, W5MYZ, APN, 3937, 1100M-Sa, 802, 42, W5POH, M-Bird, 3928, 2130M-F, 472, 17, W5AZWZ, ARN, 3995, 2330Dy, 718, 76, K5MEA, W5PSD now Extra with AC5W, W5KL has new TS520S & 7400A. W5OYH new self supporting tower. W5DZO new YL with TS88. W5DZJL reports ICWN on 21.120 MHz at 0100 GMT. All RM & PAM have been cancelled and new NM cert issued to K5MEA, W5MYZ, W5POH, W5AZWZ. All QRS & OPS have been cancelled and new QTS cert issued to W5RFD, W5BLF, W5DRW, W5EJL, W5BQG, W5GZR, W5HNN, W5KL, W5MYZ, K5RO, W5UAA, W5AVDH. New QTS to K5MEA, W5MYZ, W5POH, W5AZWZ. If you haven't received a new QTS cert or would like appl. as QTS make your request known thru your NM and we will send it to you. PSRR: W5POH 39, W5HNN 25. Traffic: K5MEA 92, W5UAA 26, W5POH 22, W5KL 4, W5BQG 1.

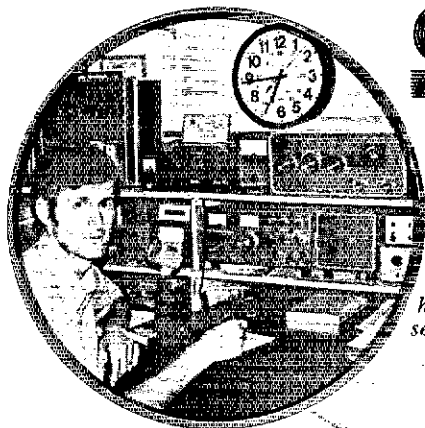
LOUISIANA: SCM, S. T. "Tom" Losey, Jr., K5TL — Asst. SCM: K5DPG, SEC: W5SIYH. Net Mgrs: N5TS, N5ES, N5RB, N5IB. W5IOE advises that the MTA ARC of New Orleans is active in emergency communications with Civil Defense. W5TRZ active on GAND. K5BLV, W5SCDX, WA5TQA, W5LBR and K5TL all active on DRN5. W5VIL became a Silent Key on July 10th. Our deepest sympathy to his family. Congrats to W5DKBA on public service activity. W5DUD now full member of the DDXA. W5LBR winner of Traffic Award for 1977. FBI Kenner ARC conducted FID out of a van visiting other clubs in the area. Those wishing to help with the National ARRL Convention in Baton Rouge next year should contact Bill Mixon, K5VD, at P. O. Box 891, Baton Rouge LA 70821. W5VYP and W5ZNC now Extra Class. W5EUI, W5SFZT, N5AFN and W5FQG General Class. W5SIKI still recovering from knee operation. K5SL working on drilling rig during summer. K5DB and W5KEY won outstanding Amateur Awards at Shreveport ARC Hamfest. K5DPG appointed General Hamfest Chmn. for Lafayette ARC for 1979.

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LAN	3615	7K 10 Dy	400	205	N5TS
LIN	3810	6:30 Dy	544	91	N5ES
LSN	3703	7:30 M-F	59	10	N5RB
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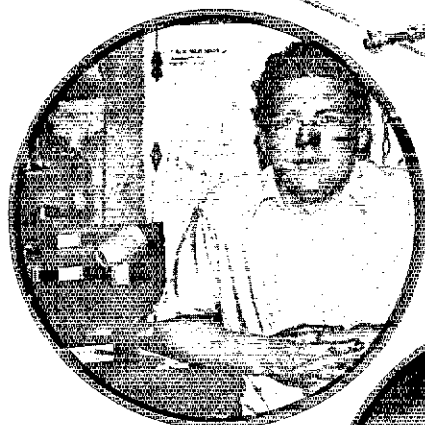
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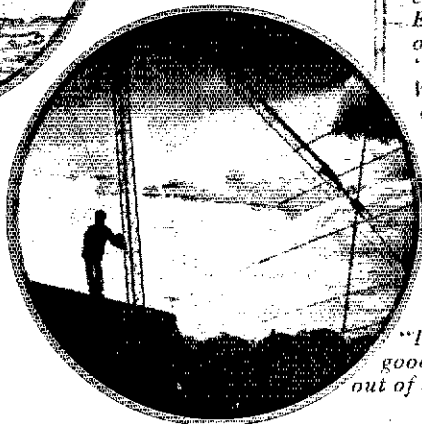
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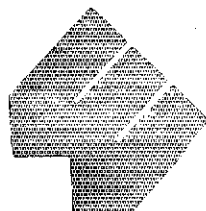
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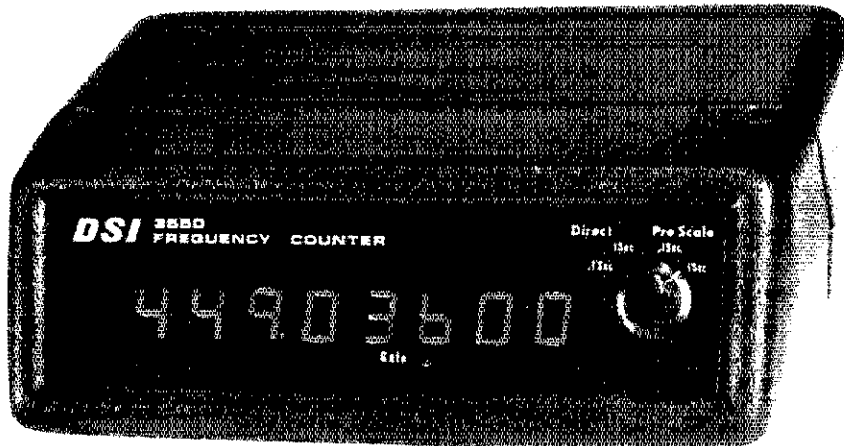
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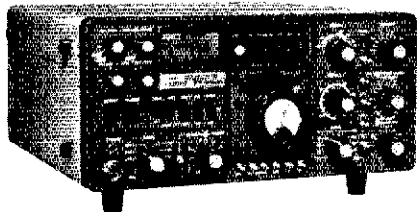
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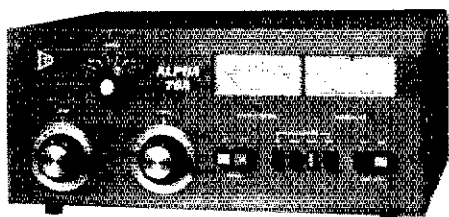


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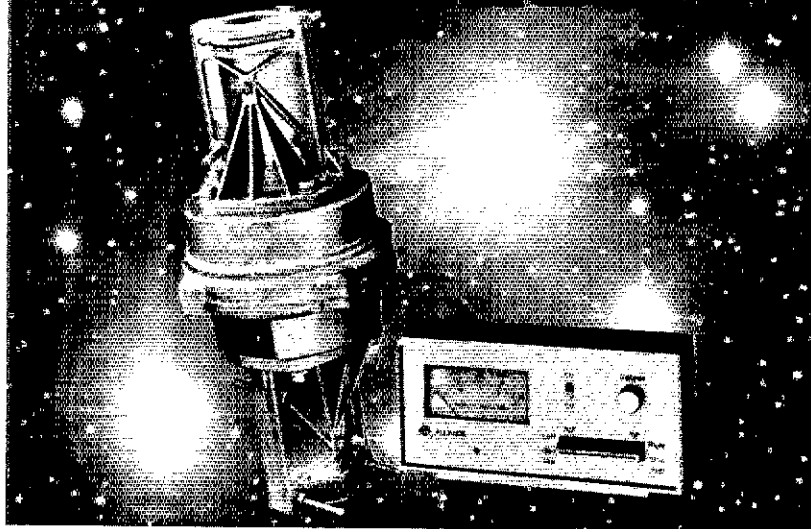
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101, K5BLV 65, W85EMU 46, K5TL 32, W85LBR 30, W85USS 16, W5YN 8, N5DP 2, W5D5JB 2. (June) WA51GU 268.

MISSISSIPPI: SCM, E. Ed Robinson, III, W5XT — SEC: W5DFXA. A quick review of our state (section) reveals good activity in most areas of Ham activity. S&T and FD brought out the OT's as well as new faces and calls and improved activity. Ms. SEC W5DFXA has increasing EC activity with especially good activity in the Jackson area pushed by K5QNE. New calls appearing on the bands. Congrats to K55BQ (ex-W5ROC) KA5BJR (ex-W80NLX) also W5DOT and W5CYJ upgrading to Tech. MSN calls to W5DCCW, CA5DWEK, sess. 12, QTC 410, DRNS Rep. 100 percent by W5D5GNR, DRNS-W85CDD, sess. 31 Ms. Rep. 82 percent by W5EDT W5D5GNR W85KZX W85YGK, CGCHN W5D5DC, sess. 31, QNI 1939, QTC 225, MSBN-K5QNE sess. 31, QNI 1912, QTC 49, MTN-K5OAF, sess. 31, QNI 131, QTC 61, MSN-WA5IDF, sess. 12, QNI 45, QTC 4, MN-WD5GSU, sess. 28, QNI 253, QTC 15, Capital Area E. N. K5QNE, sess. 6 (with 1 emerg. sess. QNI 93, Traffic: W5EDT 130, K5OAF 73, K5AKM 38, W85SNB 33, W5WZ 24, W5XT 22, W85YGO 14, WA5OKI 11, W5AX 3, W5D5GSU 2, K5MK 1.

TENNESSEE: SCM, O. D. Keaton, WA4GLS — Asst. SCM: WB4PRF, SEC: WB4DYJ. The White's, Bob & Ellen, presence added much toward the success of the Crossville Hamfest. It was a success as usual. Congratulations to WA4CYL for being chosen the Tenn. Amateur-of-the-Year and who also won the Tenn. SCM Traffic Award for 1978; she is the first YL to win either award. The Tenn. Council of Radio Clubs elected the following officers for 1979: W4CYL, chmn., W4QD, vice-chmn.; W4HPG, secy-treas. The Council Net meets at 0300Z Mon. on 3980 kHz. The radio clubs need to join or renew their membership in the Council, both need each other. Remember Memfest '78 on the 14th & 15th. The following actions for appointees have been taken: EC: WA4MIU WB4CQC K4PB K4RUC WB4HCH WA4TPA have been canceled; WA4QBE, WA4DFS, K4TKQ, K4QZE have been appointed. OBS: K4YFC, WA4JN, WB4JN, N4RG, WB4FT, WA4CRT, canceled. OPS: WA4YS, WA4BGS, WA4IWL, WA4WXT, WA4JNW, canceled. OBS: N4WF, canceled. QVS: N4WF, canceled. QO: W4IYU, WB4MNV & K4VM, canceled. AA4KB, appointed. The following appointments have been made: AF4T, NM of TN; WA4BOC, NM of TCDARCN; WA4VYX, NM of W1WN; WB4DZG, NM of 2-M ETVHFN; OTS are: K4VM, WA4CGK, N4ZZ, WA4WVW, W4TYU, K4UMW, W4PSN, W4QCG, WB4ZSZ, W4VJW, WB4DYJ, W4ZJY, WB4DJU, K4JSP, W4QD, K4AMC & K4QKW. These stations have been given the Certificate of Merit for their work with the Coordinated Hospital Services of East Tenn.: K4TKQ, WA4WQW, WB4MTF, K4RHA, WA4USU, WA4TUR, WA4YKN, W4SGI, WB4UUG, W4KMH, WA4KJU, WB4RZP, WA4IRG, WB4WOT & WA4AHB. Traffic: WA4CNY 258, K4CNY 149, WB4PRF 108, WA4NIF 87, W4ZJY 86, AF4T 78, K4JGW 76, WB4BKF 61, WA4GLS 42, WB4ZSZ 42, N4UC 41, WB4GWA 38, K4XE 23, WB4YPO 22, W4TYU 21, K4WOP 19, W4PPP 19, W4TZG 17, WB4DJU 12, K4QG 8, WA4WVW 7, W4VJW 7, K4FSK 5, W4EWR 4, W4PSN 4, WA4CGK 3, W4QD 1.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY: SCM, Ted H. Huddle, W4CID — SEC: WB4ZML. New appointments: W4UJN as OBS, July

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
KRN	345	26	KPON	57	2
MKPN	872	66	6DARES	41	1
KTN	1059	133	6DARES	81	7

KA4BBP is a new 60-yr old Novice in Island, KY! 6th District has organized a weather watch on their 2m net. Activation occurs when NOAA wx radio alerts. Owensboro group again took top honors with their handling of the big hydroplane boat races. Ashland hams got their feet wet in boat racing with 14 amateurs assisting in the Volvo Cup Speedboat Races. Both groups are to be commended for splendid public service work. Traffic: WA4AVV 105, WB4NP 86, KAHOE 40, WD4ITJ 39, W4CID 36, W4DQF 35, WB4RT 30, K4UMN 18, WB4AUN 15, WA4FAF 14, WA4GAL 8, WA4AGH 8, W4YOK 7, WA4YPO 4.

MICHIGAN: SCM, Stanley J. Briggs, W8MPD/K8SB — Asst. SCMs: W8BDHB W8SOP, SEC: W8BEFK, STM: W8BMTD, NMs: K8BAI, K8KMQ, K8LNE, K8RV, W8WVV, W8BYDZ, W8BZNS.

Net	Freq	Time/Days*	QNI	QTC	Sess.
MACS	3953	1500 Dy	998	372	31
MITN	3953	2230 Dy	677	363	31
OMN	3663	2300/200 Dy	705	211	62
GLFN	3932	0130 Dy	686	147	31
MNN	3922	2130 Dy	284	72	31
UPNET	3922	2100 Dy	730	65	38
WSSBN	3935	2300 Dy	771	55	31
BR NET	3930	2130 M-S	556	43	26
SEMTN	146 69	0215 Dy	142	39	34
MEN	3930	1300 Su	180	3	5
MI6M	50.7	2300 Dy	36	0	5

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 *UTC Summer Schedule. W8CUP earned a BPL award by operating his station for two weeks aboard the YP587 — The Sea Cadet on its training cruise from Mt. Clemens to Mackinaw Island and back with 15 Cadets. He passed a large number of messages for the Cadets to their parents back home. Field Comments: Asst. SCM: W8SOP, NET M8Grs.: K8BAI for MITN, W8BZNS for Mich. Novice Net, STM: W8BMTD, OTS: W8CAM, W8ACXF, W8FSZ, W8GZF, K8M, K8I, W8BNYN, W8ROYU, W88UR, W88UJZM, W8VIZ, W88VOM, W88VPM, W88VVF, W88YIG, OO: K8RGT, W3GQJ,8. OVS: W8L, RM, I am sorry to report the following Silent Keys: W8EFF, W8IFF, W8N, QNT, W9ODG (ex-W8ZKT), W88POB. OO reports from K8AT, W88IKJ, K8JH. OBS reports: N8AG, W88DIB, W88DJS, K8NKB, W88POK, W88SOP, W88VPM. OVS reports: W88POK, W88RNY. Outstanding 2-meter band opening reported on July 25 by K8AT and W88HR. Stations worked as far as Colorado. New Affiliated Clubs: Eastern Mich. ARC of Marvsville and Mich. Eastern Thumb Amateur League at Harbor Beach. K8CZO married W8AT; Congratulations! Upgrades. Extra: WD8IBW to K8XE, W88JX to AC8F, W88TMP to K8PD. Adv: W88FXQ, W88MDM, W88N8V, W88N3J. Traffic: (July) K8LNE 275, W8CUP 232, W8BYDZ 218, W8BMTD 179, W8MPD 134, N8ABA 117, W88YN 110, W88DHB 108, K8KMO 108, K8BAI 98, W88POL 81, W88NKA 78, W88REW 73, W88PW 72, W88OAF 71, W88DIB 65, K8KC 65, W88ZNS 65, K8DTG 62, W88OP 61, W88LSV 57, K8BBZ 55, W88CSA 54, K8DD 54, W88OYL 53, K8RV 50, W88IT 46, W88KX 45, W88YK 42, W88YGO 42, W88YTA 41, W88WZ 37, K8JED 34, W88ND 30, W88BT 28, K8DYI 25, W88MCN 22, K8UPE 22, W88BSE 19, K8ZJU



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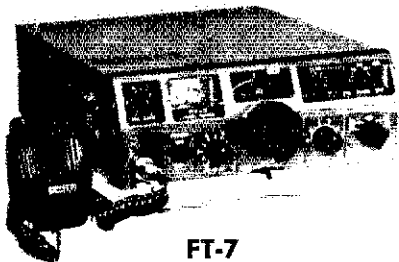
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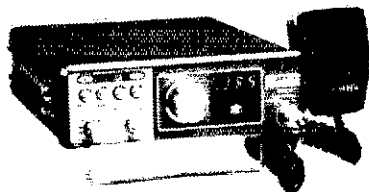
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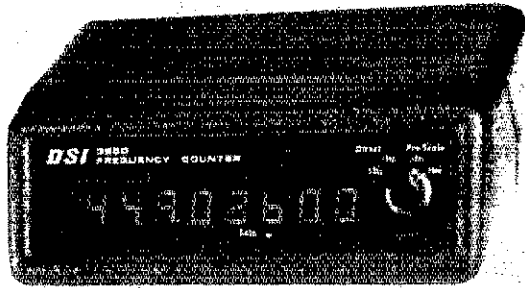
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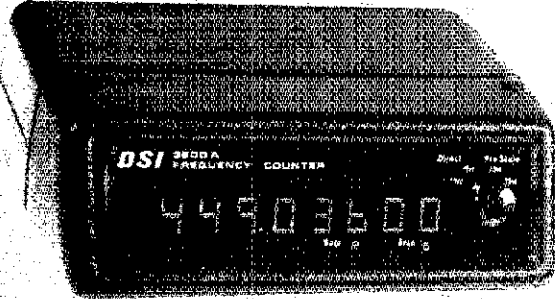
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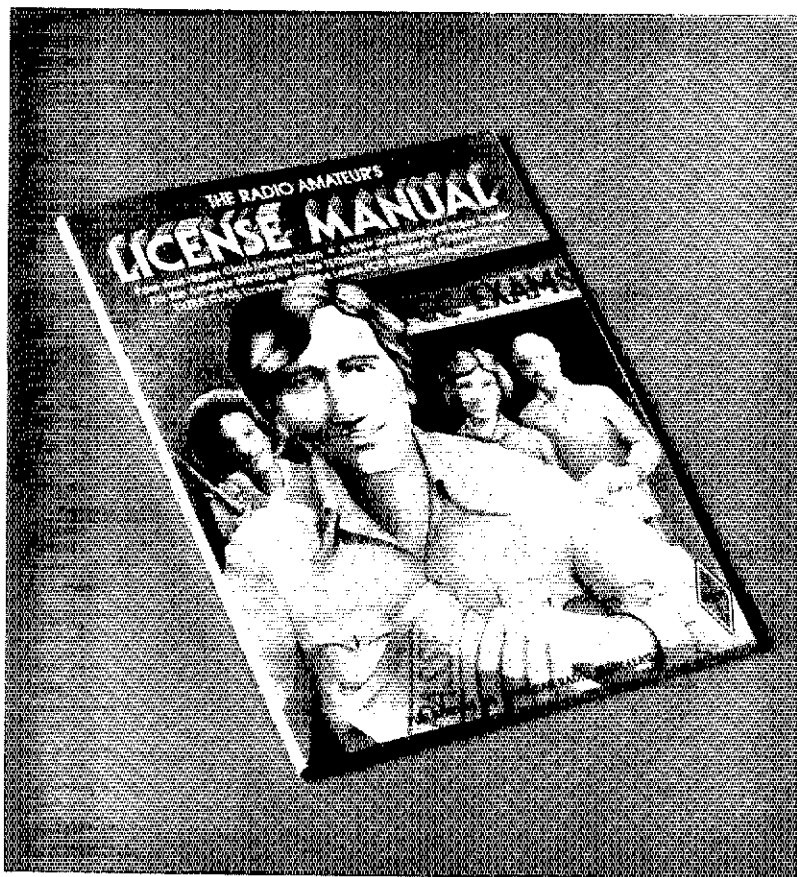
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OHIO: SCM: Hank Greeb, W8CHT/N8XX — 4 ext. SCMs: W8FU W8MCR W8TP N4VY. SEC: KBAN STM: W88JGW. NM: N8CW W8DIL W8BKWD K8OZ WA8SSI W88WTS. Net reports (July)

Net	UNI	QTC	Sess.	Time(Z)	Freq.
OSN	169	75	31	2210	3.577
OSSBN	2432	663	43	1430/2000/2245	3.9725
BNR	101	73	31	2200	3.605
BN	519	235	50	0200/2245	3.577
OmN	288	28	29	0100	50.160
OmN	189	68	31	2230	3.708

Four years ago, when W8CHT was elected SCM, big tornadoes had just hit in spots from Cincinnati thru Xenia. Most recently, some 2500 plus have aided in relief of the "Blizzard of 1978." These, plus countless other disaster relief efforts, stress the importance of Public Service and emergency preparedness on the part of Amateurs. Your Section Emergency Coordinator KBAN continues to seek the best qualified candidate for each county for EC. The job of EC is to work with the amateur community to maintain viable emergency response capabilities and to promote public service activities. He/she works with governmental and private public service groups to determine how amateurs can best aid their community, and coordinates and reports the efforts of individuals and groups so that Amateur Radio receives the maximum benefit. ARISS builds on individual and group efforts, and does not detract from any such effort. Does YOUR community have an active public service effort? Do YOU support this effort with your organizational and operating abilities? Join up NOW, and help amateur radio fulfill its public service mission. If you don't know your EC, drop a radiogram or note to KBAN or W88JGW. Let's keep public service No. 1 in OH! Traffic: W8DCQH 301, W88WTS 241, WA8HGH 190, W8BKWD 183, K8BYR 151, W8DIL 146, W8ENI 139, K8AAZ 137, W8KKI 129, W8PML 119, W8QZK 95, W88SCR 80, N8TRF 80, W8TP #7, W8RIG 66, N8CW 56, W88VVM 56, W88OMO 53, W88SIQ 50, W88VLF 49, W88VWH 47, W88SI 41, W88DDJ 40, W88MLN 40, W88QHV 38, W88TRK 38, W8GRT 37, W88XM 34, W8RC 33, W88UBR 32, WA8GMT 31, W88CJU 29, W88UFB 28, K8AN 27, K8KWO 27, K8OZ 26, N4VY 26, K8DL 25, A8RP 25, W88MRL 24, W88DIP 23, W8UQY 20, W88DTG 19, W8FU 19, W88PIY 18, W8WEG 18, W88LIU 17, W88WNH 17, N8XX 16, W88VZX 15, K8IKD 13, K8IOW 12, W88JTT 12, W88DCA 11, W88SEB 11, W88CMK 10, W88NJO 10, W88BBN 9, K8RC 8, W88TCZ 8, W88SX 8, K8CKY 7, N8JH 6, W8ZM 6, K8ONA 5, W8LZE 4, W8MGA 4.

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EASTERN NEW YORK: SCM: Guy L. Olinger, K2AV -- SECI/ASCM: W8ZVUK. ASEC: K2AYQ. SCM: WA2SPL. NMs: W2CS W2WSS. Nets: NYPN 5PM 3913, ESS (slow) 6PM 3590, NYSPTEN 6PM 3925, NYS 7:10 PM 3677. Congrats to N2IC, on his marriage. WA2EQW was best man & guest list sounds like field day roster. WA2EQW finally put up the TH6DX. It started to sprout roots & Armand got worried. Nice public service article in Albany Times-Union by columnist John Maguire. Plaudits to PRA W2OOJ for getting the facts to Mr. Maguire. W2OOJ used to be a reporter on the Times-Union. WA2OTC has a new Century 21 & Qsk. Thanks and a tip of the hat to W2IT on his abundant assistance in shaping up the Preparedness Dual. Jay spent many hours on the paperwork. Yours truly finally on 2M FM with a Heath 2035A. Being longwinded as I am, don't cotton to only talking two minutes. Getting a reputation for kerchunk & timing out. Note that certain folks in Westchester have a Golden Bazel Award for that sorta thing. Enjoyed meeting all the crew at the annual NYS dig at W2MTA. Ask W82PJU or N2EF how we got the flies out the bus on the way home. July PSRR: W82DDC WA2KIC WA2SP. W2CS W82PJU Traffic: WA2SPL 846, W2CS 140, W82KDC 125, W82PJU 118, W2YJR 114, W2BIW 80, WA2OTC 76, W2EQW 46, W82EAG 51, K2AV 48, N2EF 27, WA2MKG 26, W82TGL 16, WA2CJY 16, K2RRR 11, W82ZCM 9, W2FF 7.

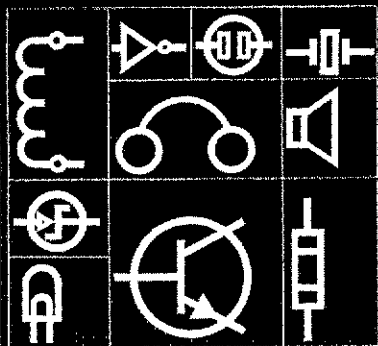
NEW YORK CITY — LONG ISLAND: SCM: John Smale, K2IZ — SEC: K2HTX. RM: W82EUF, PAM: WA2UWA. The following are traffic nets in and around the section:

Net	kHz	Time/Day	Mgr.
NLI*	3630	1900/2200 Dy	W82EUF
NLI Phone*	3928	1730 Dy	WA2YEI
NLS*	3725	1745 Dy	W82JAY
ESS	3590	1800 Dy	W2WSS
NYSPTEN	3925	1800 Dy	WA2RSP

*Denotes Section Net, all times are local, please try to help out by checking in, all parts of the section need check-ins. Here it is, Oct, arriving the Hudson Div. Convention is next month. If you have made your plans and reservations you'd better hurry before it's too late. The dates to remember are Nov. 10-12, at the Playboy Resort and Country Club at Great Gorge, NJ. Welcome to new Novice in Central Islip KB2BPR WA2YEI reports activity increasing on 6 and 2 in the NYC area. W2AJR has a new twenty-element 2M beam up and many newly licensed ops waiting to get on the air. Shelter Island ARC going skyward with four new towers and tribanders W82FHI WA2LQS WA2LBJ and WA2EJP. Congrats to W82JWR upgrading to General and W82JBO to Tech. The Citibank ARC has purchased a TR33C. Congrats to W82LJH on getting his Extra. He also has a new tower and beam. The Great South Bay ARC has topped the one hundred membership mark. The Suffolk County ARC held its annual clam bake for its Aug. meeting. Congratulations to new Novice KA2BYT, the 11 year old son of WA2BLO, both are members of the Kings County Radio Club of Brooklyn. Lots of clubs in the Section are starting Novice classes this fall, why not try to help out as an instructor, or in any other way. Wantagh ARC reports the Nassau County RACES Ten Meter Net has a new home in Westbury, which is located in the geographical center of the county giving better coverage. Anyone having IUI trouble when using six meters might want to see the article on "TVI Complaint Cured" by W2EIF. Please try to check in to the traffic nets, stations from all parts of the section are needed to handle traffic and help with the skeds. Traffic (July) WA2JKG 119, K2GCE 78, W2MLC 37, W82EUF 27, WA2YEI 18, W2DBQ 15, K2COT 10, K2IZ 4.

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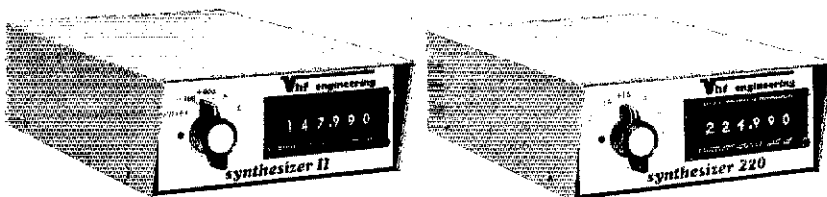
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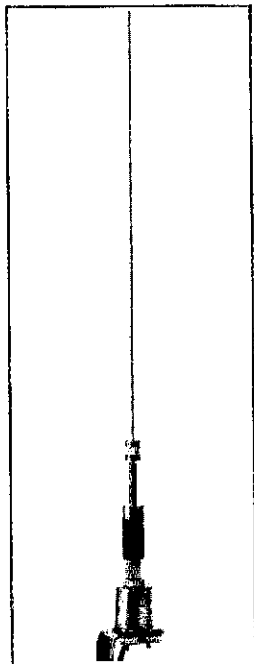
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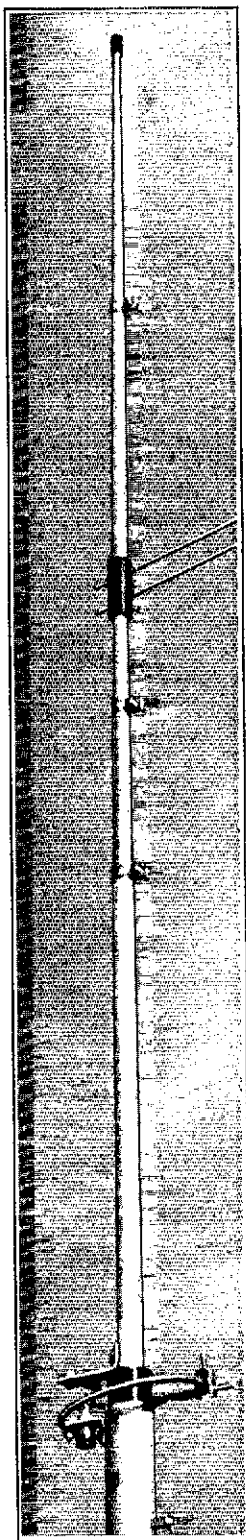
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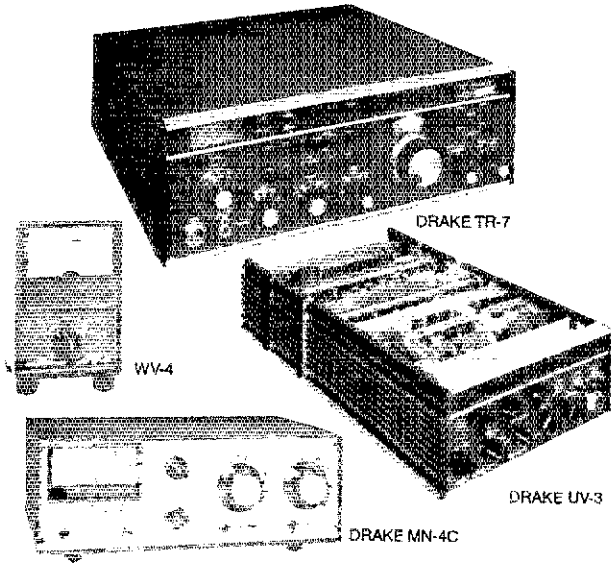
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RTTY	W2PSU	147.51	7:00 P Dy			
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W2CQB now mobile on 40 & 75 SSB. WA2KLF has WAS all on CW. The Sussex County repeater (147.90/30) group raised a 73 foot tower on July 30th. The Sussex County meets every 3rd Thur. at 8:00 PM at the GD Center. All hams in region are welcome. W2LTP and WB2MSO from the NJPN are now Extra Class. Warren County CD reports activity on 3.950 and 2 meters linked via 146.265. UGETN via WB2AIX (146.085/605) is operational throughout the summer. N2NS & W2AEL are working out formal agreements between ARE and eastern Union County/Cranford Chapters of American National Red Cross. WA2MVO vacationing in Germany and Switzerland in Aug. and worked from 4U11TU. N2NS will be portable VE2 for six months from Magdalen Island, Quebec. During the next few months the NJJ gang should monitor the "RAVEN" net at 146.55 Mon. at 9 PM to get the "hang" of RAVEN's operations during flooding conditions in the area. K2GVC reports that the Bloomfield Civil Defense group helped out during the 5-1/2 mile "Runathon" held the 4th of July. WB2RTG reports that the first Oakland CD drill will be Aug. 21 at 8 PM on 145.62. I regret to advise WB2NIH is now a Silent Key. Frank was very active on Navy MARS. He also was very active in the late 60's as N0FDV. WA2OVE has a new SB200. N2MW has been accepted to M.I.T. Don't forget to get your registrations in for the Hudson Division Meeting at Great Gorge, New Jersey for the Nov. meeting — see previous issues for details. Novices and Technicians check into the "slow nets" and get your speed up so that you can easily upgrade! Traffic: (July) WB2MSO 175, K2VX 137, K2OP/3 127, WA2RM 121, WA2OS 119, WA2MVO 105, WA2LHV 85, WA2PIP 71, W2XD 70, WB2DMB/3 57, N2CF 55, W2SG 50, K2BHL 44, W2ZEP 42, K2SE 32, WB2HSG 30, W2LT 29, WA2JT 26, N2SU 25, W2SWE 25, W2QNL 24, WA2KLS 23, WA2WXN 18, WA2OVE 15, W2UH 14, WA2COJ 12, N2GJ 11, W2CC 10, WB2KAK 10, WB2KLF 8, WA2EPK 7, N2MT 7, N2NS 6, WA2DLZ 5, WB2CNF 3. (June) K2SE 23.

MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SCM, Max R. Otto, W0LFF — The new Frequency Coordinator for Iowa Repeater Council is WA0FYG. Bi-State VHF Teleprinter Soc. has 46 active members. Ft. Dodge ARC officers: WB0OJT, pres.; WB0CAD VP; WB0KJ, secy.; WD0GEM, treas.; WB0NMW, rpt chmn.; WB0GKY, net secy.; K0QFI, rpt. treas. New equipment: WB0RMT has TS-70DSF, WB2U has Yaesu 901DM, WB0CJ has Yaesu 227R. Congrats on upgrades to: WB0EDD WD0EDC WD0GAC WD0FLO WD0BRA WD0DCF and WD0GJ. WB0YU has 169 countries confirmed since 9/77. Ft. Dodge, Humbolt and Lowden getting new repeaters. WA0EFN now AA0J and WB0SSV is AD0M. W0RCWV moved to Duncombe. RAGBRAI X-State Bike Ride received assist from 10 amateurs at Storm lake, 25 at Humbolt and 2 at mt. Vernon. WD0EIF on 2M SSB and W0FU can be heard on 2M. W0SWY wants a contact with a hotair mob. K0GI won the fox hunt at Cedar Rapids, and WD0EKP bagged the fox in Iowa City. W0ERT building 2M monitor with time delayed tone decoder. IA has made 97 percent on NTS-TEN past two months via W0SS NSYX/W0YLS N0SM WD0FCI K0FLY WB0RWN WB0YRH K0GP and WD0GDL. WA0AUX all alone gave IA 88 percent on DTRN. Nets: Iowa 75M, 3970 M-S, 1730Z, WA0VZH Mgr., QNI 1304, QTC 68, sess. 26, 2300Z, W0YLS Mgr., QNI 810, QTC 93, sess. 25, Tall Corn (TLCN), 3560, 2330/0300 Dy, W0YLS Mgr., QNI 352, QTC 118, sess. 62, Iowa Code (ICN), 3713, 0000 1-1-S, WB0YRH Mgr., June QNI 33, QTC 2, sess. 10, July QNI 14, QTC 2, Sess. 6, Traffic: (July) WA0AUX 521, W0SS 224, K0GP 170, WB0KHO 128, W0YLS 115, WB0AVW 90, W0LFF 84, NSYX/IB 81, WD0FCI 48, WB0NSS 36, K0EVC 30, WA0WNT 28, WD0GDL 18, K0QFI 11, WB0PYD 10, WB0CJ 6, WA0IOA 4. (June) WB0PYD 7.

KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BKF — SEC: W0KJ. Net Mgrs.: W0FT W0YH WB0SZS. Many thanks to the list of calls that head this listing. Without them I am sure we would have a big void hard to fill. I miss the routine of QNI the nets, as I am sure some of you do when you have problems that keep you away for a while. It has now been close to 4 months now that my rig has been down and in the hands of several trying for repairs. I hope to be on the air again (voice) by the end of Aug. at least. Guess that's what I get for keeping antique gear too long. Looks like the month of July has been very busy, not too many comments in the comment columns. Net reports for July QKS QNI 427, QTC 128, Mid States IFC 4 serving 11 mobiles and having 143 QNI. Got a free minute or two in the eve?? Check into the MMM 3920 kHz after 7 each evening and lend a hand. Some of the net controls on our nets need additional support during the bad band condition sessions, be ALERT! help when you can. Central States IFC Net QNI 1005, QTC 79. KPN QNI 266, QTC 16. KSBN QNI 946, QTC 138. KWN QNI 644, QTC 316. The Raymond E. Baker, Kansas Amateur Award of the Year was presented to W0CY at the recent hamfest in Concordia. Start now, each club in the state should have someone in the comment next year. Traffic: WB0QBH 219, W0FIR 177, W0CYH 158, W0CHL 119, W0AM 72, W0HI 72, WA0LBB 70, K0EZ 50, W0IX 48, W0FT 45, K0BKF 24, W0FDJ 24, K0FPC 23, N0IN 21, WA0OWH 21, W0PB 19, N0SN 19, WD0FBP 17, W0PCW 17, W0ZUX 17, W0ERO 11, WB0SZS 11, WB0KDE 10, W0RT 8, W0KL 5, W0NYG 2, WA0WJX 2.

MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — Asst. SCM, W0OTF, SEC: W0BKY. Welcome home to WA0HHE who just returned from a year in Turkey. At least two of the Kansas City areas larger clubs received television coverage during the recent FD. A big thank you goes out to WB0CJJ for his efforts in providing emergency communications for the rescue teams during the recent boating disaster at Lake Pomona. Congrats to K0CNK on her recent appointment to Asst. Director, U.S. Short Wave Radio Handicapped Aid Program to W0HBI on winning the certificate for 1st Place in MO in the 1977 Sweepstakes and to W0QIZ on his recent victory in the city primary election. WA0FKD has a new address: 305 Taven Apts, Caruthersville, MO 63830.

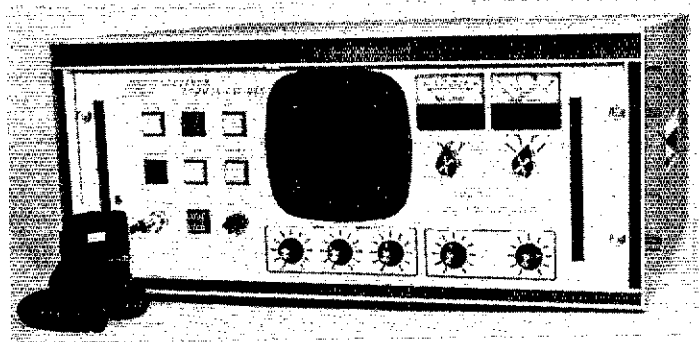
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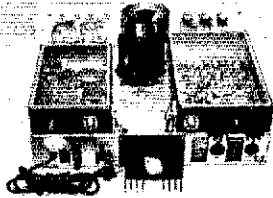
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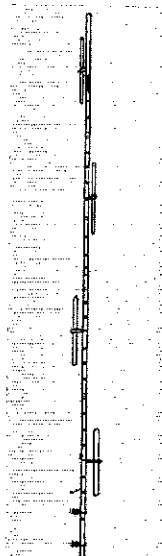
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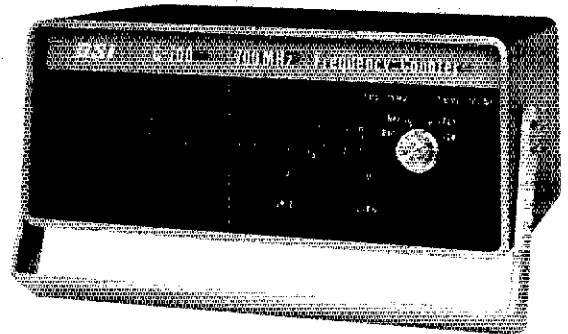
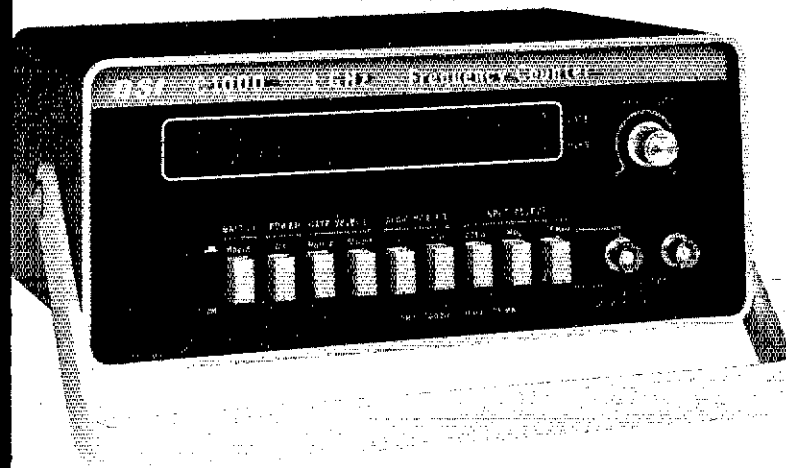
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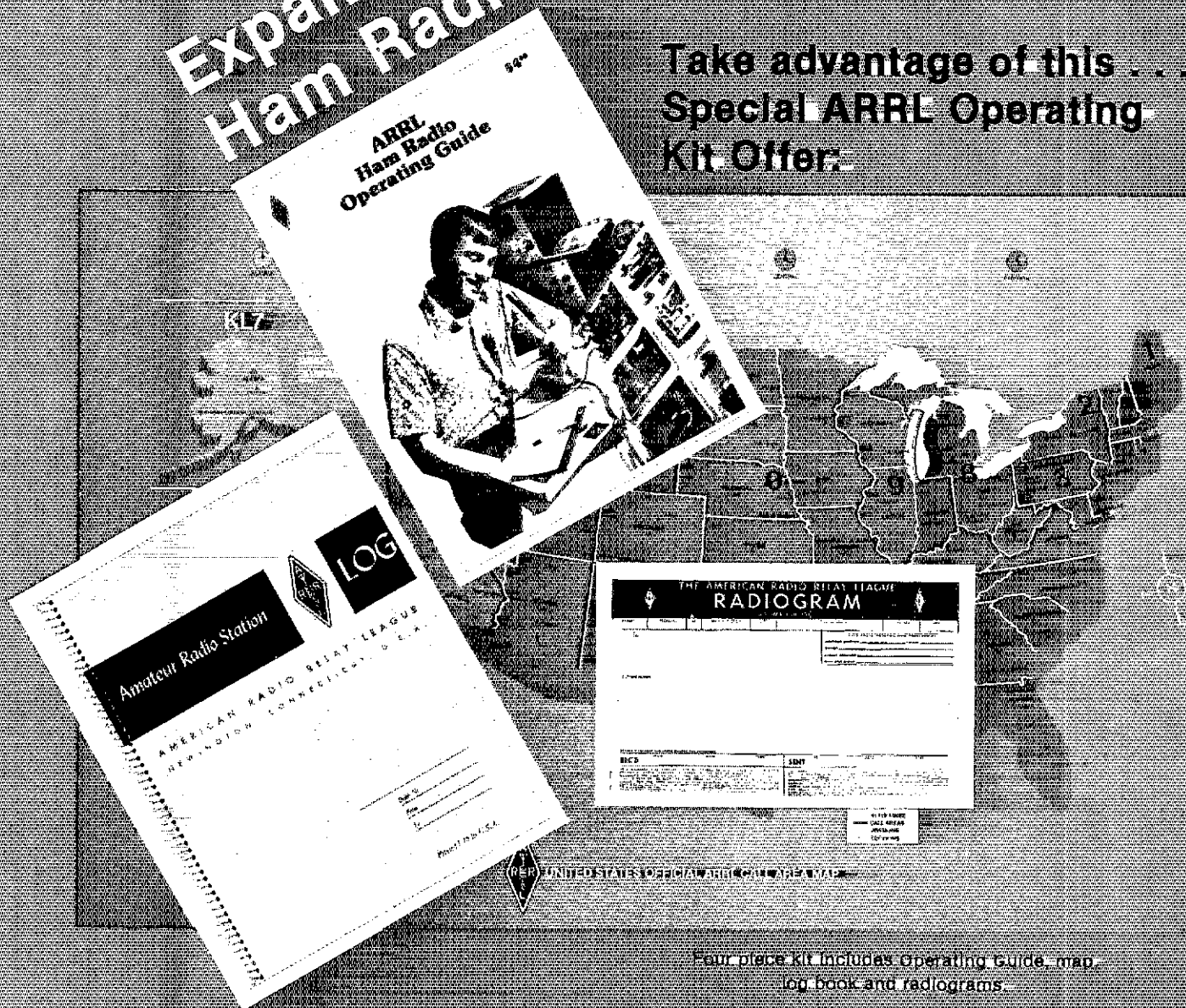
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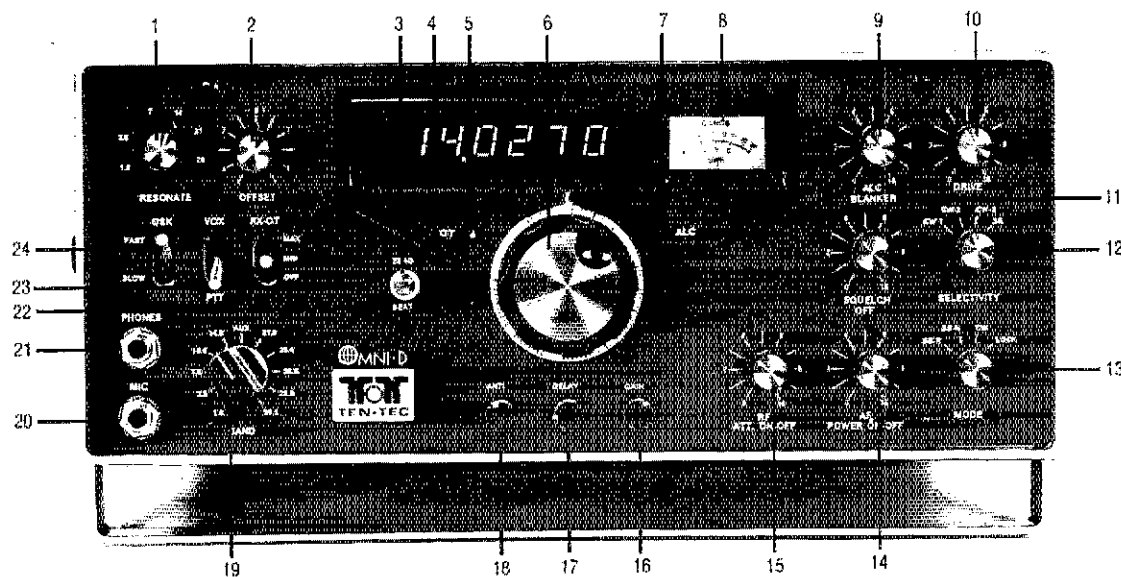
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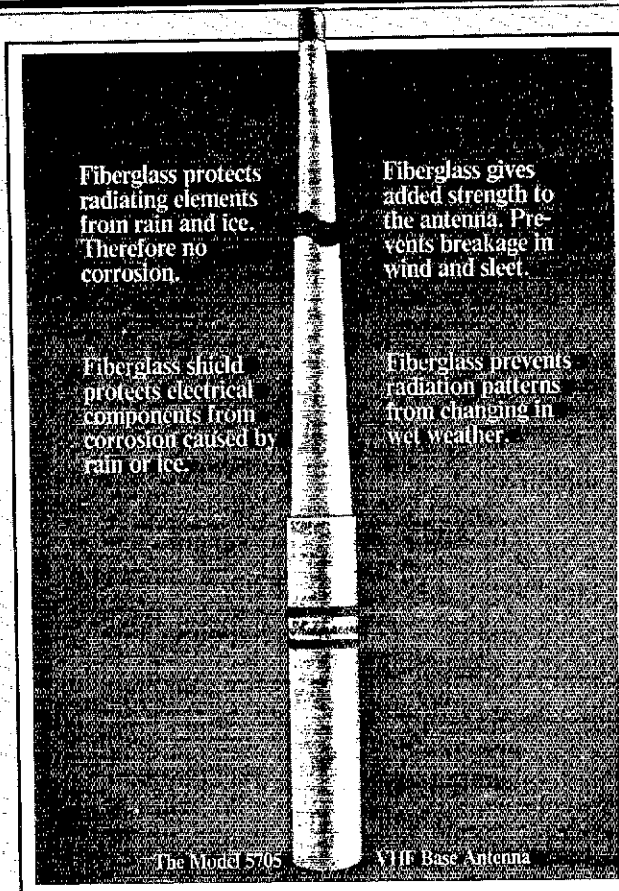
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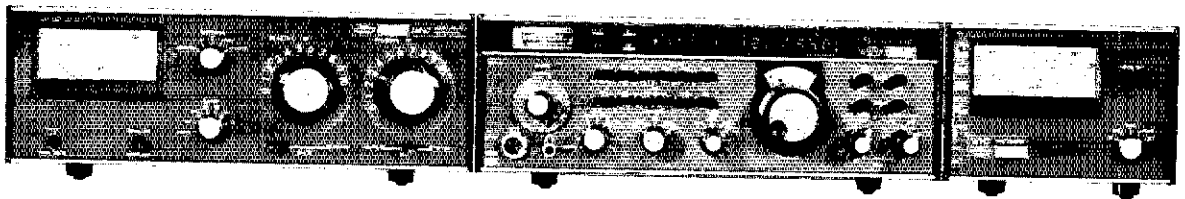
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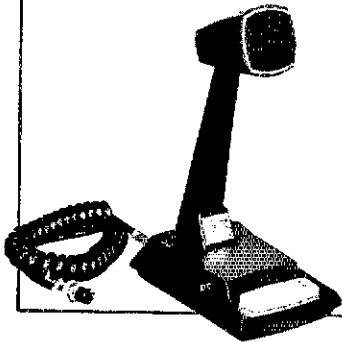
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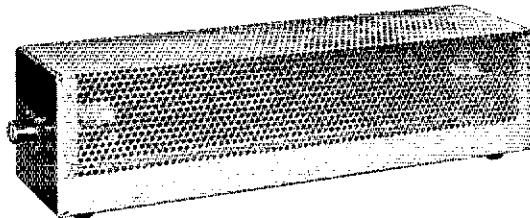
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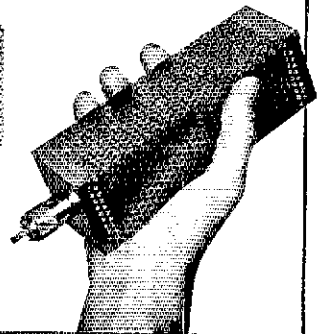
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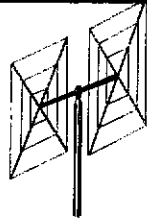
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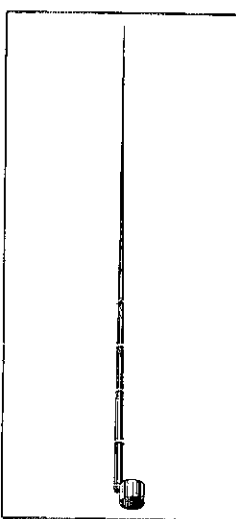
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MAINE: SCM, Bill Mann, W1KX — SEC: WA1YUW, New Net Mgr. (MSN) and OTS: WB1AOD, Bangor, July 15 — for 3rd year, Pine State ARC furnished combs. for Paul Bunyon Marathon, July 22, Augusta — about a dozen hams made quick work of winterizing W1VXU's wood pile, Friendship, July 27-28-29 — 14 Yankee RCers and friends participated in Sloop Races again this year, Aug. 5, Auburn — SKY WARM session for hams put on by Nat. Wx Service, Pine State ARC officers: W1YQT, pres.; K1TQR, vice pres.; W1OLQ, secy-treas.; N1SW N1DE WB1GRN, dir. FCC in Portland Nov. 29 & 30, CW nets great for improving code speed, Main Slow Net, 3595 KHz, MWV 1830 local; Pine Tree Net, 3595 KHz, Dy 1900 July mtg: Sess/QTC/ONI, PTH, 31/35/235, SGN 26/42/1071, BYN 31/37/949, Traffic: (July) W1KX 190, W1RWG 83, N1RP 80, WB1AOD 60, W1HDC 50, W1BZ 47, WA1FCM 28, K1TVT 23, W1AHM 20, WA1SMY 17, K1TJH 10, W1JTH 8, N1PL 5, AA1H 2, WA1JCN 2, (June) K1TEV 2.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: SCM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1SWXW1NH — SEC: K1RSC, NMS: N1NH & W1TN. Time now to get antennas ready for winter. Hope to see many of you at Central New England Net outing, W1UQB moved to NH, W1GUX all set on phone & cw but prefers the latter, N1NH rig problems solved and back on the air, W1ACMH moved to Claremont, WA1WGR visited St. Louis, K1H visited Montreal, K1MFG visited Milwaukee and W1SWX visited Hampton, W1D was flea marketing, OL2I & OH2IJ from Finland were recent visitors, WA1SOO gave rock climbing instructions at a rescue, AMC outing, WA1YTW moved to Fitzwilliam, WA1RQT now in Epsom, W1SWX & XYL visited K1NBN & XYL in York, ME, WA3ENU & WA3XP moving to Franklin, The GSPN had 344 check-ins & 199 traffic, Ambassador at large, N1CB, assists visitors to our state on the 2-meter repeaters, W1TN made BPL, W1DXB operated from York, ME during vacation, W1CPI has a new Yaesu, W1HZH first OSCAR contact was with 10 watts & two-element Quad on a broomstick, TWA pilot W1GUX is ex-EMHK, Q1BZSK & K2AQI, Traffic: (July) K1BCS 459, W1TN 366, WB1ELP 69, W1GUX 69, W1HZH 19, W1HZH 16, WA1PEL 12, W1SWX 6, W1BYS 4, (June) W1TN 480, K1BCS 352, W1GUX 90, WA1VKM 43, W1XTR 13.

RHODE ISLAND: SCM, J. Titterton, W1EOP — WB1EWO now an Extra with the call AB1D, Congratulatory W1CFT is Advanced and going after extra, The Newport County RC furnished communications for "Battle of Rhode Island" re-creation, Ditto for N1NA & Co. on "Save The Bay" swim, The RI QSO Party was a true success, The first one in many years! Let's do it even better next year, gang! We would have liked to have heard more Novices and Technicians, N1RI has new Kenwood TS-820S and reports slow month on the WA1CSO, Mr. reports totals for RIEM 2-mtr, Tfc Net, QNI 118, Tfc 54, The 2-Mtr Net deserves a lot more support and especially more net control, Keep those reports coming in, Traffic: N1RI 15, W1EOP 14, VERMONT: SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — SEC: W1VSA, The news this month is quite brief — no input! Guess all are enjoying the fine wx being given here, WB1BZR reports working 13 states, 7 call areas, on 2-meter SSB, and is a member of SWO (Sidewinders on two), He did not report power used! Anyone interested in this, please contact WB1BZR, Carrier 25/443/48; GMN 26/373/65; VT SSB 31/458/84; RFD 5/8/4/15; VFN 5/6/8/8, VT SSB is looking for traffic handlers, especially within VT, Late info — WB1BZR starting North East SWO? Net, 144,220, Mon. 2000 local time, Traffic: K1BQB 117, AA1E 48, WB1BZR

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Bill Lowe, W1TM — SEC: WA1DNB, W1KK new Section Traffic Manager, Responsible for all Traffic Nets, CW and Phone, including appointment of Net Managers, K1JIV at summer QTH on Cape Cod maintaining W1MN NCS and 1RN Liaison skeds, WA1EDS and WA1TAL from CMARA assisting WA1OPN unravel rig problems, Well known K1VPS of NOBARC now Silent Net, NOBARC Hamfest in Cummington great success, WA1NOF W1SPG and K1BNT QSO SCM on 148.52 enroute W2-land, W1KZS and WA1RA report good DX on 6m, Ex-W1EOB and XYL visiting W1BV sends 73 to all, K1RGG up from WA-land at summer QTH in Heath, frequent NCS on W1MFM, W1DOY spark plugging ARES in Worcester county, W1KK endeavoring WAC (W/M) via OSCAR, Traffic: (July) W1TM 176, WA1MJE 124, W1KX 111, K1SSH 82, W1ZPB 67, W1BYR 33, W1DOY 27, WA1OPN 8, W1KZS 2, (June) WA1MJE 240, WB1CWH 13.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

ALASKA: SCM, Roy Davie, KL7CUK — The Alaska Snipers Net has completed five years of activity without missing a single session, KL7HOV has been the PAM now RM since the net started, We are all looking forward to the ARRL State convention next month, KL7HDS has a new antenna complex, sure looks and performs well, KL7UC on Adak reports 9 members of ARES on the island, KL7DC EC Anchorage reports 55 members of ARES now, They meet every Thur. on 14.54 at 8:00 PM, The Alaska DX Assn. are now an ARRL affiliated club with 100 percent ARRL membership, Propagation this month as been very bad, hopefully it will improve next month, KL7KX the Alaska SEC is in the interior keeping the fire camp crews radios functioning, Doug reports very few fires this year, Traffic: KL7JDF 34, KL7JFJ 32, KL7JDH 18, KL7AF 8.

IDAHO: SCM, Ed Hamlin, W7KDB — This report prepared by SCM-elect Lem Allen, W7JMH, Pocatello ARC had a very successful picnic July 8, Welcome to new Novices KA7AS, KA7ASY, KA7BLE, all YLs, WB7AV now Advanced, WB7SPJ upgraded to General at age 14 — congratulations! The Pocatello repeater WB7AMN had a face lifting recently, having 2 more cavities in the receiver input to bring it up to snuff! Now working FB, Northwest Amateur Monitoring Service is on the air all day on 3970 KHz for emergency services, W7ARM visited W7GGV's hamshack, W7KAU working on a new 2-meter repeater for the McCall Idaho area, W7JMH vacationed in OR and CA using many 2 meter repeaters, W7FOF has new KDK on 2 meters and Kenwood SM220.

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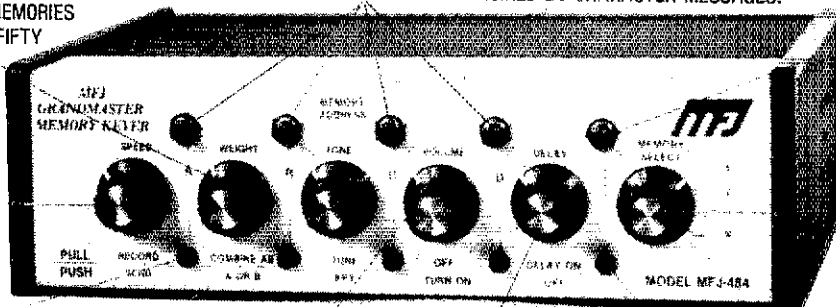
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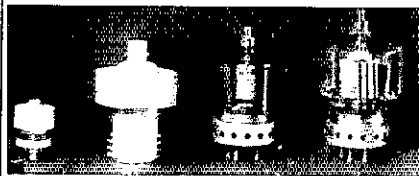
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WA7PZO. SEC: W7TYN. RM: K7CHY. PAM: W7TGU. ECs
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W7GWW W7IDK K7IMZ W7IXD WA7IZR WA7KMF
W7LKB W7LYR WA7MTH WA7OBH WA7ONS K7OZL
WA7PDC. Other appts listed next month. About 500
hams at WIMU — FB hamfest. WIMU next year last July
weekend. MTN QNI 580, QTC 64. W7DB sends ARRL
bulletins. IMN QNI 203, QTC 48. OO reports from
WA7JN WA7OBH K7ABV. Some W7LI DX PW9PP
9X5NH, CE9AT, OJ9MA. W7LR won WIMU cw contest.
Please send more news for this column. Traffic: W7IXL
24, WA7OBH 14, W7LKB 3, W7LR 3, W7NEG 3, W7DB 2,
W7HAH 2.

OREGON: SCM, Dale T. Justice, K7WW — Section net.
Net Time Freq. Mgr. QTC
OEN 6/7 PM 3980 W7VIF
OARES 7 PM 3993.5 WA7NEQ 3
PDX ARES 7:30 PM 147.32 K7WW 32
OSN 8:45 PM 3585 N7NO
WGN 7 PM 3702 WA7YPJ
1678 7 PM 146.76 K7KVV 38
BSN 5:45 PM 3908 WA7GFE
JCARES 7:15 PM 147.06 W7VSE 10

New Ec for Columbia County is WA7OQB. Many local
stations were for the new UHF contest. Some stations
put on many miles providing latitude/longitude
multipliers. WB7OIJ in Bay City is active on ARES and
local repeaters. N7DB is working lots of summer E skip
on six meters. The Eugene Hamfest was well attended
with many league officials present. Several two meter
bunny hunts were held and this seems to be popular
sport. Traffic: (July) W7VSE 540, K7NTS 418, WA7HS
182, K7IWD 63, W7HLF 48, K7WW 37, WA4HRG 32,
WA7ZAP 28, W7LT 10, WB7OIJ 10. (June) WA7ZAP 17.

WASHINGTON: SCM, Bob Klepper, W7UE — NTN QNI
1354, QTC 45; ESN QNI 359, QTC 21; NWSSBN QNI 701,
QTC 58; WSN QNI 313, QTC 67. W7LG glad to be back on
nets and getting hamshack in shape. WA7TWB's
Emergency Plan officially accepted by San Juan County
officials. QRN from power lines both in K7VSS's new
antennas. WB7QWC setting up for mobile emergency
operating from mobile on 10-80 plus 2mtrs. HAMS OC,
Pancake feed Sun. Oct. 1. WB7FGC very active in local
ARES and ACES. N7AM making progress on vertical ar-
ray hopes to have complete by winter. W7BCS prefers
old call to N7CT, now using W7BCS for activities. N7RV
moved into new hamshack and getting ready for winter
activities. WB7BOZ is now a Silent Key. Tlc dropped as
well as QNI on WSN due to the hot WX. W7AIB still hav-
ing problems but QNI's CW nets occasionally. 23
I.A.M.S. and ARES members combined to provide com-
munications for International Airfair. ECs WA7KGT
WB7PUI, WA7PRG W7ETK and others handled much
traffic on the Dosewallips River washout. K7MF added
450 MHz to mobile. K7ABH toured first call area in July.
WR7AFJ now on 32/92 with new Micor and greatly ex-
tended coverage. N7AGG (K4JLB) is new State Emergen-
cy Services HO. WB7TYZ upgraded. RASC members pro-
vided 2 mtr coverage for Algier Horse Club. WB7FDE has
info for Vancouver area on cw and other net listings.
W7PGY has cured his 820s now back on cw full bore
when not QRL at hamfests and club meetings. North
Seattle ARC is another club who didn't get their club call
(W7DA) back from FCC when sent in for renewal. CBN
W7ADX WR7AEF ex WR7AFJ and by K7OBL K7USE
W7IEU and others to notify families of campers stranded
in flash floods in Eastern Wash. 30 BEARS and their
families enjoyed FD. K7LAY is now retiring as trustee
for BEARS station K7NWS, N7IL is the new trustee.
W7AUK of West Seattle ARC has info on gtg your call on
auto license plates. When renewing your amateur
license send a copy to Olympia, save them from remind-
ing us. Lower Columbia ARC had lots of fun and food
for FD. N7CY, pres. of West Seattle ARC has an inter-
esting thought on the word "Amateur." K7SSC look-
ing for help for road rally Oct. 28 ex 29, needs about 50
people. Northwest Novice Net (NINN) now meeting on
3720 at 1930 local time in hopes of increased activity.
WB7WOX new Novice in Osk Harbor. Traffic: (July)
W7DXZ 543, K7GXZ 84, WA7KGT 83, N7AM 72, WA7BDD
50, WA7YCM 45, W7LG 43, W7IEU 40, WA7LOV 40, N7IT
36, W7EBU 33, W7APS 24, WA7OJI 23, W7ZEV 14,
W7BCS 12, W7BUN 11, WA7TWB 6, K7VSS 3. (June)
W7PLF 34, WA7RCR 13, WA7LQQ 2.

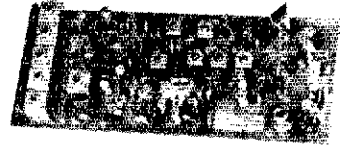
PACIFIC DIVISION

EAST BAY: SCM, Bob Vallo, W6RGG — SEC: K6UWR.
PSHR for July: W6OA & W6JXC. K6XO operated IARU
Radioport at W6YX and has his tower up with the quad
on the way. N6NE was active in the North American
Sprint & IARU in addition to vacationing in Ore. LCARS
met at Great Western Savings in Lakeport; contact
W6BIY for info. A very slick new publication, "Radio
Amateur News," edited by WA8WTT, combines news of
the Redwood Empire Radio Amateurs (RERA), Redwood
Coast Amateur Radio Club (RCARC), and Lake County
Amateur Radio Society (LCARS). Announcement of the
establishment of a Pacific Division award, "The William
W. Eitel Award," to be presented to a Pacific Division
Amateur for his/her contribution to Amateur Radio, was
made by NSWR of W7RQ at the banquet at the Pacific
Division convention in Reno. Mr. Eitel, W6UF,
received a standing ovation from the attendance.
Also at the convention was soon-to-retire Communi-
cations Manager, W1NJM. After a particularly rousing
speech he gave at a meeting of LOs George was given a
round of applause and sincere thanks for his years of
dedicated and outstanding work as a member of the HQ
staff. Traffic: K6OE, 229. W6OA 169, W6JXC 112, N5MR
39, W6V6EW 15, N6NE 15, WA6DOO 7, W6DBMX 3.

NEVADA: SCM, Leonard M. Norman, W7PBV — SEC:
K7ZAU. WB7UPF, age 13 is the youngest staff member
on the Hoover Dam Boy Scout Council and may be in the
world. W7RM and WA7RPZ vacationing at Flat Head
Lake, Idaho. Your SCM had a nice visit with K7UDJ who
started the public service net for Nevada. The net is
known as WCARS. WA7ESM WB7EB WB7BRM WA7FJN
K7GHS K7ICW K7LVR W9OEO/7 (K7RBM), WA7VHF and
K7YVH, at the Ft. Tuthill hamfest. K7YVH's motorcycle
with 2 meters, 40 meters and a CB rig was wired for
sound in case it was molested without the owners per-
mission. Reno ARCC net at 1930 hours on 01/81 repeater
Biweekly dinner at the 78 truck stop for Radio Amateurs
and YLs attendance is growing. Traffic: W7LX 188.

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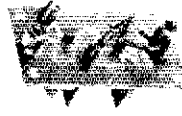
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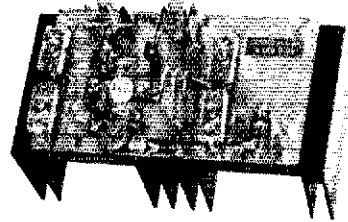
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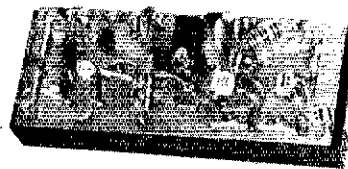
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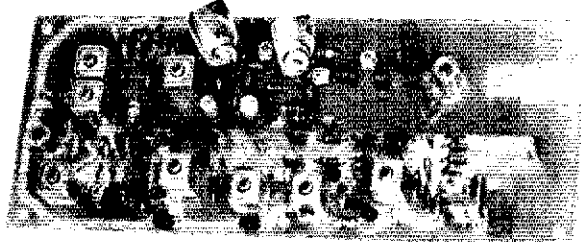
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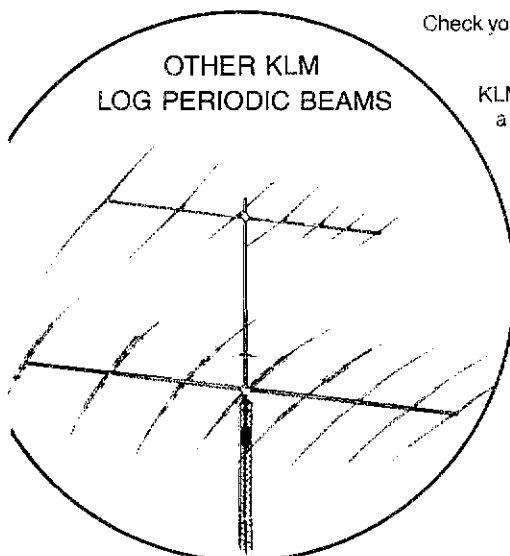
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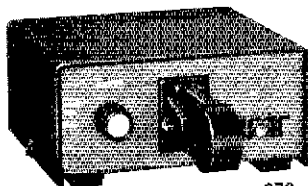
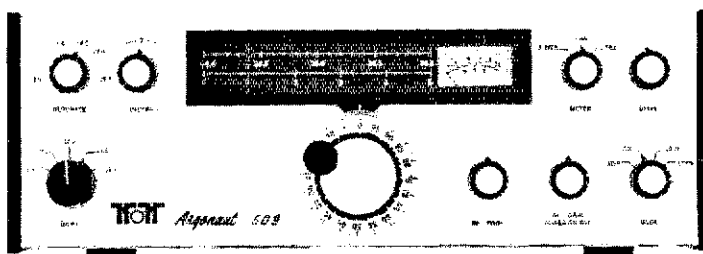
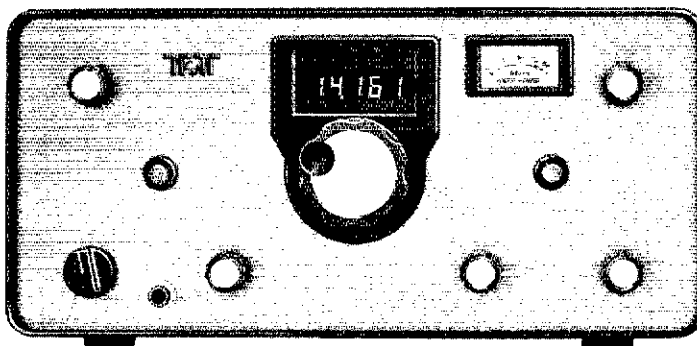
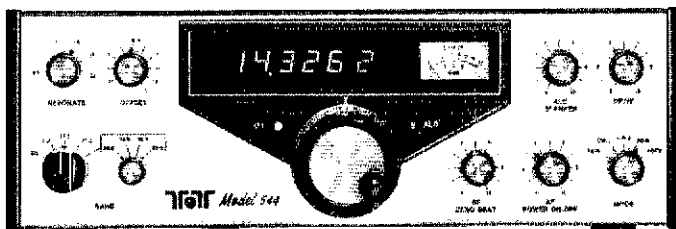
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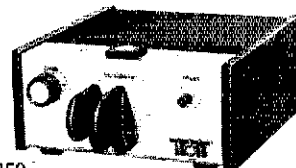
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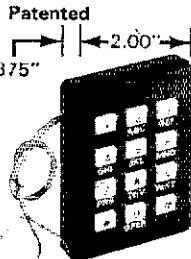
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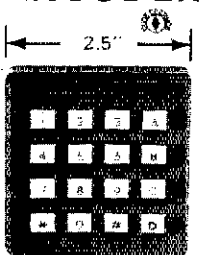
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SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV - Asst. SCM: W6NJU. New officers for the Mt. Vacca R are: WB6PHQ, pres.; WB6GIF, vice-pres.; WA6CNH secy.; K6FO, treas.; WA6ESA, p. pres.; WB6DQP trustee. WA6S ACF APX and BAR, dirs. The River City AHCs had their hottest rate during Field Day while putting out near-by grass fire. The River City net meets on Sun. nit at 8 PM on 28.00. The South Hill ARC holds their Mon. nit net on 146.52 at 7 PM. They are holding a General class course and will start a Novice class in the fall. W6DQG has an eleven-element 2-meter beam and WB6HBL has new two-element triband quad. W6DQGU now uses the alias N6AIV. WA6APE passed his Extra and WB6CQJ has with W6BJXS/6 now are General Class. W6WAH an family provided communications and med. assistance after an accident on I-80 with the assistance of WB6LS and the WR6ADC rep. Traffic: W6RSP 164, W6DEF 14.

SAN FRANCISCO: SCM, Mark Nelson, AA6DX - Lat report for June. NCN members wishing new CD appoinments are urgd to use the tic nets to request apps. W6PL doing a job in "Relay." New editor for NCDX "DXer" is WB6RIL. W6RNL reports new Alias 350 work ing great in tic nets. FGCG has one for Radiospot. WB6OPG WA6TOE WA6GSR WB6SYO and old man AA6DX. WR6ACS not has two-meter touch-tone control. W6NL can be found on NCN or RN6. FWRA participate in simulated plane crash at Arcata Airport and ended u doing a major portion of the communicating! W6UQU was operations mgr. for the Pony Express Days Parade in McKinleyville - Kudos to the FWRA again! Field Day '78 a real success throughout the section. Murphy's app is showing! W6GGR joins the micro computer rank with a KIM I. Traffic: (June) W6PL 181, W6RNL 154, K6PB 17, W6NL 157, K6TP 89, AA6DX 8, W6GGR 7, WA6ICB 2, (May) W6NL 157.

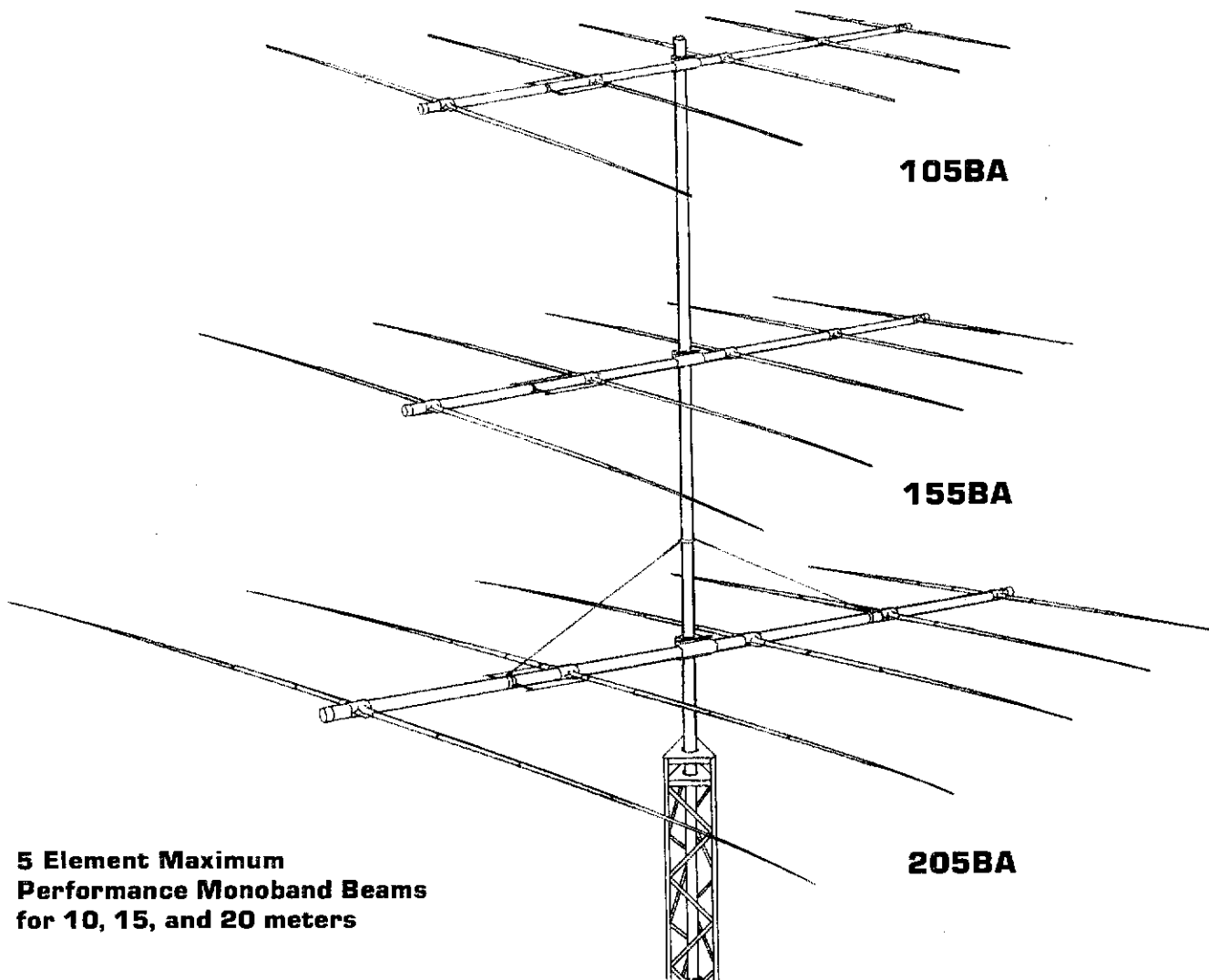
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SCM, Charles McConnel W6DPD - SEC: WA6YAB. WB6TTP is a Public Relations Asst. W6MRT new EC for Mariposa Co. ECs are still needed for San Joaquin and Amador Co. New officers of the Turlock ARC are WB6ZGY, pres.; K6MM, vice-pres. WA6KJL, secy.; W6SM, treas. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Tue. in Turlock. The Central Valley RC now has 200 members and growing. Indian Wells Valley Emergency Net now planning for SET. Kings County ARC now an ARRL affiliated Club. N6OZ plans a Novice class for the fall in Stockton. The keys of WA6HAA and WB6KSV are silent. The following have changed call signs: W6ZD, W6JIN, W6A8H to N6AGK, W6DSCFG to K6BDH; WB6DYC to W6GDF; W6GCRF to K6BCC. W6VIJ made NCN Honor Roll for June. More stations for NCN check-ins are needed from the SJV. WB6ETR made Extra. WB6VIN made Advanced. T12VAC active from Bakersfield. K6PKO has a TS520S. WB6HWH an IC22A. WB6KUO a TR7400A. WB6VOG a FT227R. W6D6CNC an HR220. WA6TJW an Alda 103. All Clubs in the section are asked to notify the SCM of any changes in officers and of any activities of club. Traffic (July) W6DPD 22, WA6YAB 6, WA6JDB 4, WA6IQZ 4 (June) WB6VJW 52, WB6TTP 7, WA6YAB 2.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SCM, Jettie Hill, W6RFF - SEC: WB6IZF. NM: W6RFF. W6KZJ reports he is home from the hospital and back on the air. WB6SHD busy with a summer job as an electronic repairman awaiting arrival of a new rig. W6OII busy with SJN, MTN and Navy MARS nets. Oil heard two KH6 stations on 2 meters but unable to QSO. W6AUC is another busy net op. QCWA (OOF, SKETO and Tuolumne Co. nets. CCRC is looking for an editor and publisher for CCRC Circle. SCCARA is again running Novice and General classes in S.J. PAARA Auction and Flea Market Oct. 7 at Ampex. RCN activity Honor Roll included W6ICU WA6JWY W6KZJ WA6NMQ W6RFF W6ROY WB6SHD N6YB W6YBV and K6YKG. ORS and OPS appointees can receive new Official Traffic Station certificate upon receipt of a fee. The W6Bor family, W6MWC WA6NDN and WB6HBL reports MMG busy on ARRL net NDN on trip to W7 and VE7 with 40-mtr rig, HBI chasing DX. MMG reports W6AOC and family sailing from W6 to KH6 on catamaran. SEC WB6IZF active on WCARS, WX, SCV ARES, WR6ADX and WR6AZD between organizing and emergency planning for SCV. IZFR reports EC VHF net is nearly complete for section wide coverage. All questions or info on emergency communications in SCV should be addressed to our SEC. There are EC openings in many communities throughout SCV, become involved! W1ARR/6 now working in Palo Alto and active on NCN. W6YBV continues to lead the section in traffic handled month after month, and has been active on NCN as NCS and RN6 for more than 20 years. Traffic: (July) W6YBV 148, W6RFF 51, W6AUC 44, W6OII 29, WB6SHD 13, W6KZJ 6, (June) W6KZJ 22.

ROANOKE DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA: SCM, Bill Parris, AA4R - SEC: W4EHF. STM: N4UE. Two Hamfests planned for Oct. include Eastern NC Hamfest on 15th in New Bern and the Asheville Autumnfest on the 7th - see you there. Congrats to the Iredell Co. ARS now affiliated with ARRL. W4WXZ now in a new renovated shack; WB4OXT working on a new 160 mtr ant; WA4OQS had slow summer recovering from broken collar bone; N4AA is installing a new 100 ft tower. W4GTE reports 40 mtrs very erratic due to solar activity. W4GAG now supplying bulletins in the Durham area. Upgrades include W4GAL to General & WA4PLP to Advanced. New calls include K4LEY now AB4X, W4CQJ is AA4L, WB4SII is AE4N, WB4OWK is AB4T, K4GHR is AA4R, WB4BQC is N4AFY. CTN meets at 3737 kHz at 2230Z and invites your participation. New appointees this month include W4JIE EC Lincoln Co. & N4AGP OTS. Net OTG/ONI include NCSSBN 35/1279. THEN 205/1118; CNCTN 117/1674; RARS 34/287; Piedmont 220 Net 2/65. Handled any traffic lately? Join one of the many nets active in NC. N4UE, becomes the first Section Traffic Manager (STM) effective Oct. 1 and will be soliciting ideas and opinions on Nets and traffic handling activities in our Section. Give us your support in this new assignment. "The Carolina Messenger" is a monthly publication devoted to covering traffic ac

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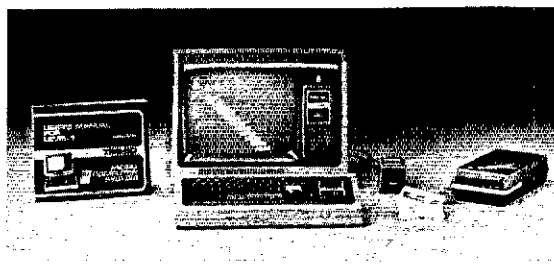
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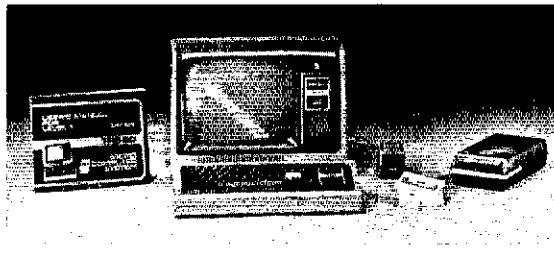
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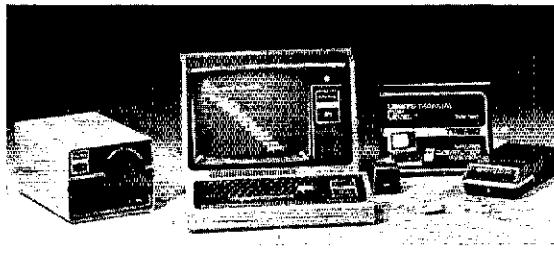
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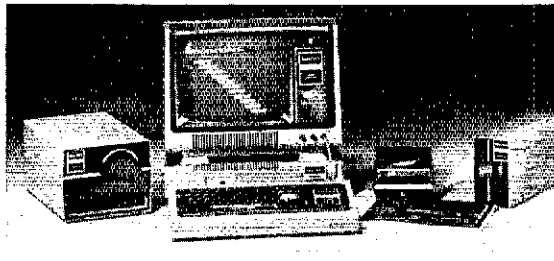
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SOUTH CAROLINA: SCM, Tom Lufkin W44DAX — A SCM: W44MDP, CNM W4MTK, NMs W44DZG, W4B4CAF. There have been many questions concerning restructuring of appointments. As of July 1st ORS & OPS became OTS; RM & PAM became NM. This is automatic, you need do nothing. If you would like a new certificate from me now, please let me know. You will receive one from the new SCM. Charlestowne Hamfest was a huge success, hope to see you at Rockhill. It is with deep regret report K4JVV of Greenwood as a Silent Key. The side-band net & ham radio have lost a supporter & friend. K4GL & W44VMV were on Sumter TV talking & answering questions on ham radio. SCM race is shaping up. It is gratifying to see the net active during the League again. Net reports: SCSSBN: 1255 QNI, 159 QTC, Blue Ridge 2 mtr: 898 QNI, 9 QTC, Anderson 2 mtr: 691 QNI, 33 QTC (June) SCSSBN 1186 QNI, 155 QTC. Pk: 131 QNI, 30 QTC. Ander 2mtr: 733 QNI, 25 QTC. Traffic: (June/July) N4PO 317, K4ZN 154/175, W4NTO 83/43, W4FVV 43/51, W4B4UDK 42, K4FRX 34/35, W4MTK 22/28, W4ANK 18, W4OCX 11, N4EE 5, W4B4MOT 4, W4B8TCT 6, W4B4MOT 4, W4B4NBK 2, W44KXE 188, W44KZX 12.

VIRGINIA: SCM, Rick Genter, K4BKX — Asst. SCM: W4YE. SEC: W4B4ZNB, NMs: W4SUS VNTN, W4B4DQZ VSN, W44YIU VSN, W4B4FLT VN, W4B4PNY 4RN-D, W4SHJ 4RN-E. Prompted by participation in 4RN-D, W44NYZ put up a new 40 meter vee. W4N35I will host K9EF4, Woody, as a guest on during Sep. W44TC is looking for prospective hams for Notice class. W4B4ODZ and his fine crew are busy, as usual, providing communications for the city of Hampton. W4OOL is repairing winter damage to his all-band vertical. EC N4UY is working with the Richmond Red Cross. W4YE visited his dad, W5KL, who is ex-W4YE. New England hosted vacationers W44ER, W44FTJ and W4NWM this summer. EC, W44RXY has a new 2-meter portable rig and a new HT should be in the hands of W44LTU any day. W4KFC is busy with the region 4 affairs, but still found time to attend the WVA convention. The NRRL Board Meeting and the NTS picnic. W44UJ has worked all of the U.S. counties but 9! W44LJ is back on the air now that his rig has been returned from the factory. W4DR, (ex-W4OCW) now has his antenna farm rebuilt from last winter's damage. Bob recently worked SV1J/P for NR. 294 on 40 and PW0PP for NR. 254 on 80, but what else would you expect from the holder of 5BDXC serial nr. 1? The Williamsburg AARC, under chmn. W44UHC, worked their first Field Day. N4LE has a new TS-820 on order and should be heard on ssb any day now. The Lynchburg ARC is working on a proposed HF operators committee. W44OUF says that Dr. San Hutson, K5YY, will soon begin another Expedition and will operate as S19 among others. W44OUF is expecting a new Triton 4 Per. K4KB, Crete, SV1FT is on 14,284 at 1500Z weekdays. PLEASE get your reports in to me by the 4th of each month. My deadline is the 7th. OO reports received from: W4HU W4B4KCL W44SBC. BPL: W4B4PNY W4JK W4B4DBK. Traffic: (July) W4B4PNY 634, W4JK 513, N4NK 367, W44OCK 359, W4B4DBK 331, K4BKX 288, WD4IOF 177, W4B4FLT 174, W44SQ 163, K4KNP 150, K4KDJ 133, K4GR 123, W44UYD 115, W44YIU 101, K4JM 85, N4RF 82, W4B4DQZ 80, W4SUS 80, W44NYZ 77, AA4CK 70, K9EF4 57, W44QWC 49, W44STO 48, K4EJ 44, W44RDI 42, W44ZNB 42, W44OZ 36, N4M 33, K4MVK 30, W44FDV 27, W4OOL 26, W4B4FNW 25, W4OKN 25, W44ZWT 24, W4NWM 21, W4B4JAY 20, W44QOI 20, WD4OVR 19, N4FI 18, K4ISW 17, W44PBG 17, N4LE 15, N4UY 15, W44RXY 12, W4YE 12, W44KIT 11, WD4CYX 9, W44LTO 9, W44XB 9, W4PRO 8, W44WTZ 8, N4AOP 7, W4KFC 7, N4OT 5, W4ZM 5, W44FTJ 4, W4KAO 4, W44TZ 4, K4ITV 3, W44YJF 3, W44DM 2, W44UJ 2, W4KXE 2, (June) W44XB 83, N4FM 37, N4UY 22, W4ZM 12, WD4IFP 5, W44WQG 4, N4DM 2, (May) N4FM 46, WD4IFP 6, (Apr.) WD4IFP 7.

WEST VIRGINIA: SCM, Donald B. Morris, W8JM — Asst. SCM: K8KT. SEC: W8BNDY. Net Mgrs.: W8YP W8BWPW, W8BYM. Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of K8QYG on his passing. State Radio Council sponsored a week of code and theory classes at Boy State, Jackson Mill with W8IXG as instructor. Pete O'Dell, ex N1UM of Headquarters, now lives in Parkersburg, his call W88NAS, wife's call W88NOK, both Extra Class. W88EKG resigned as EC for Berkely Co. and K8KXE appointed EC for Pleasant Co. New repeaters at Cameron and Buckhannon. Stonewall Jackson ARC officers, W8BPS, pres.; W88CYK vice-pres.; K8YL, secy.; W88NWK, treas.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO: SCM, Clyde O. Penney, W8HLO — SEC: K8FLO. RM: K8TER. NM: K8CNV. W8BZCG. It is with deep regret that we add to the list of Silent Keys, the call of W8SIN, Chic Cotterell, Director, Rocky Mountain Division. Chic will be sorely missed, not only by Amateurs in the Rocky Mountain Division, but also by his many friends throughout the country. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family. 73 Chic. W8DDNM who is quite active on Columbine Net as well as the 12th Region Net, is enjoying his new Swan 1210-A. Grand County ARC will soon have their new 146.22/82 repeater operational. W8DKR reports the loss of his 6-meter antenna as well as his 80 & 40 meter "Vee" to recent high winds at his QTH. W8DFV is the new net mgr. for the Colorado-Wyoming Net. Net Tfc. for July: SSN QNI 45, QTC 23, informals 22, QNF 331, Columbine Net QNI 821, QTC 122, informals 156, 31 sessions, QNF 1162. Late net Tfc. for June: SSN QNI 35, QTC 19, informals 8, QNF 331. Traffic: (July) W8WYX 280, W8HJZ 550, W8DAIT 94, K8DJ 226, W8HRS@ 143, W8@ZCG 106, W8Y9NP 38, W8RE 87.

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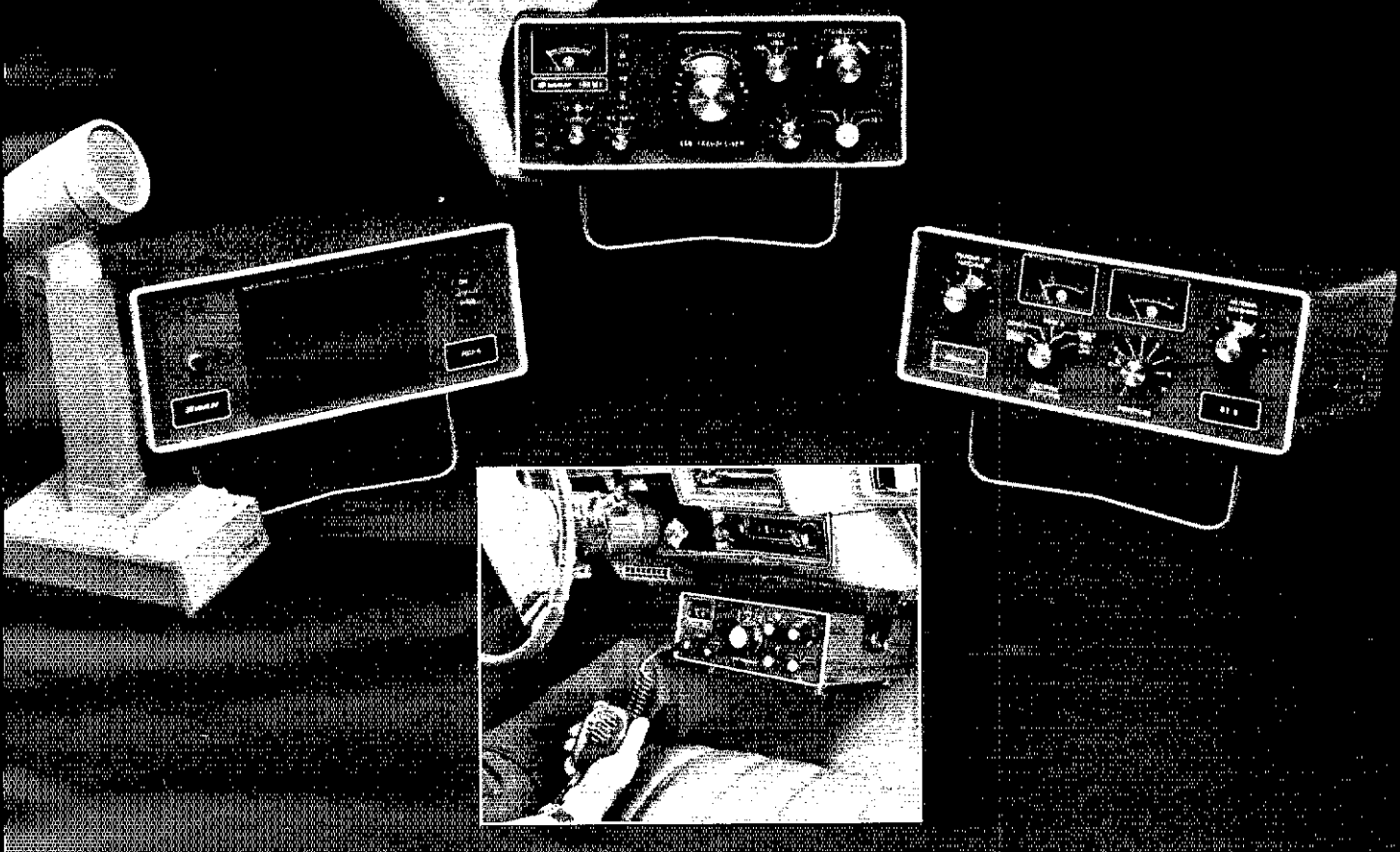
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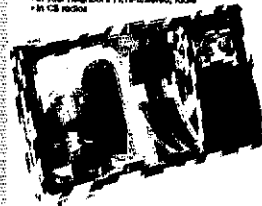
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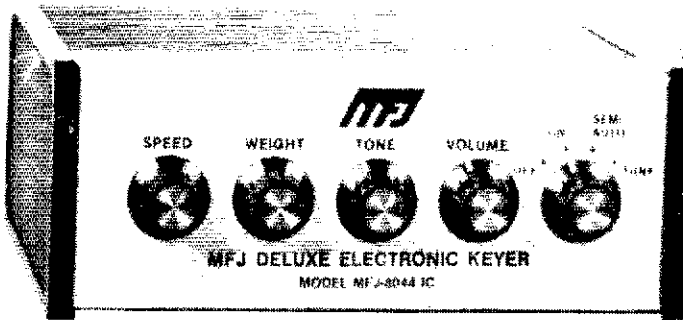


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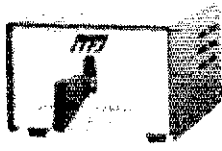
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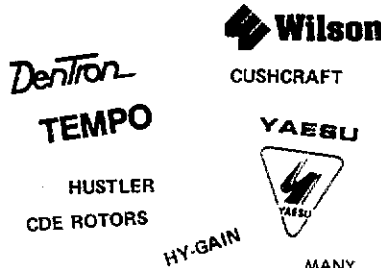
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NEW MEXICO: SCM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY — SEC: W5ALB, PAM: W5JOV, RM: K5KPS, Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 3585 kHz, at 20:00 local time and handled 187 msgs with 176 stations reporting in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net (NMRRN) meets daily on 3940 kHz at 1800 local and handled 88 msgs with 903 stations reporting in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3940 kHz at 0700 local, handled 98 msgs with 813 check-ins. With deep sorrow we mourn the passing of Chic Cotterell, W0SIN, or Div. Dir. His devotion to Ham Radio and to League affairs will be greatly missed. Also regret passing of K5ODN a devoted member of Los Alamos Club. Lots of NM hams enjoyed Flagstaff, Pecos Valley ARC Pres. W5ORIG, VP W5OTM & SIT W5UWO. Lou McCoy's visit much appreciated and most enlightening. Traffic: N5NG 295, W5DAD 232, W5JOV 231, W5UH 230, K5KPS 138, W5KH 136, W5AHH 112, K5MAT 35, W5MIY 22, W5IGO 15.

UTAH: SCM, Carl R. Ruthstrom, W7GPN — SEC: WAZZBO, ECs: W7BEG, W7BWF, W7GTL, W7MUG, W7TWZ and K7JJP. NMs: W7MEL and W7OCC. OTSs: W7FYR, K7HLR, N7IE, W7MEL, K7OA (ex-W7OAU), W7OCC and W7UTM. OBS: K7HLR and K7WAO. OVS: W7HCK. OO: K7JL and K7TLX. W7LLH Silent Key as of July 8. He was an old timer who did much for amateur radio. The Moab and Dixie ARCs are new affiliates of ARRL. CARG is planning request for affiliation when eligible. W7MEL reports working with CB ops aimed at qualification. CARG sends W7ADK, had aurora contacts on 2 mtrs with WA and MT. The Pioneer Days Parade went a bit smoother due to 2 mtr communication by K7DJ, W7GPN, W84NVOI and W7TEH. W84NVO new in Ogden from Memphis. UARC had their annual steak try July 7. K7POB new job in SLC, and has moved to Bountiful. Traffic: K7HLR 79, W7MEL 54, W7JRC 39, W7RO 16, W7OCC 14, W7UTM 9, W7BE 8, W7RQP 3.

WYOMING: SCM, Chester C. Stanwalley, W7SDA — Attendance at the 1978 Wyo. hamfest was good with over a hundred registered. Entertainment included swap tables, SSTV display and transmitter hunts. Activities were provided for the ladies. All Wyo. nets should have a representative monitor 3725 kHz for Novices with traffic. All two meter nets please report QNI and traffic to K7YPT of Torrington. Thanks to W7K for handling June report. It will be deep regret that I report that Charles Cotterell W0SIN Rocky Mtn. Div. Dir. is a Silent Key as of Aug. 2, 1978. W7NHR reports the Wyo. Cowboy Net held 20 sess., 553 QNIs, 9 QTCs. Traffic: W7TZK 426, W7SQT 341, K7VWA 145, W75GG 34, K7SLM 14.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA: SCM, Frank S. Brown, W4LNN — SEC: K4WYT, NMs: N4MD, W4ARN, New appointment: EC: W4HOK. Net reports: AENB QNI 253, QTC 149, AEND QNI 230, QTC 102, AENR (6 mtrs) QNI 37, QTC 2, QFL Net QNI 337, QTC 127, DRN5 covered 100 percent in June by W4AJDH. N4MD using new Accu Keyer with memory of the CW nets. W4AKK makes BPL with a count of 502. W4AJDH also makes BPL for the 19th time with a count of 1288. W81ASY visiting AL from NH. W4EJK was heard hunting DX on 20 mtrs. N4AJJ finds traffic work lots of fun. W4AVEK ready to smoke test his new SB-220. W4NLYL upgraded to General during vacation trip. Now urging his friends to join the fun of amateur radio. FD reports indicate a big success over AL. W4IWW, W4ZRN working lots of DX with their Yaesu FT-7 QRP mobile rigs. Huntsville ARC receives letter of thanks for communication preparedness during Disabled American Veterans convention. The Mobile Local Training Net (Novice) now meeting on 28,190 MHz Thur. 9PM. W44YQT, W44TCH explain Ham Radio to Enterprise Optimist Club. K4HJM reports asst. ECs get the job done when asked to do so. H4YLRAC planning now for big summer for '79. W44KVM presented W2BF1 with a send-off gift statue of the Boll Weevil monument. Traffic: (July) W4AJDH 1288, W4AKK 502, N4MD 176, W44VKD 101, K4AOZ 59, K4ZM 46, W44FYO 32, W4LNN 32, W4ZRN 22, W44RCF 16, W4IBU 12, K4UMD 11, N4AJJ 11, W44ND 9, W44HCH 8, W4EJK 2, (June) N4MD 179, W44RN 58, W44ZPZ 27, K4ZM 24, K4HJM 5.

CANAL ZONE: SCM, Alvin Sholk, KZ5AS — KZ5AS has been appointed SCM to serve out the term. The Atlantic side has instituted code classes and generally seem very enthusiastic about their newly formed chapter of the CZARA. The Canal Zone Call Book has been updated and will be distributed to all KZ5s this month. Much thanks to KZ5PM et al. DF1KM and his XYL DJ0JF visited several KZ5s as guest of KZ5EK, KZ5KF (recent Extra Class) and his XYL KZ2CS (passed cw but waiting to retake Extra Class theory exam) visited KZ5AS and operated as KZ5ST and KZ5YLT during July. KZ5VV announces new Novice classes to begin in Sept. at the Panama Canal Training Center.

GEORGIA: SCM, A. H. Stakely, K4WC — SEC: K4SWJ, PAM: K4JAZ, W4NAZ, W4BZO, W4B4HC, W44TEK, K4VHC, W44OMQ, K4SWJ and W44ON making PSHR. Sadly we report that W44AKL, K4ETH and W44AJB are Silent Keys. Using W44AED, W44ACB, W44DEB, W44DUE, W44HXE, W44MIZ, W44OMQ, W44BPU, K45WJ and K4UON helped Red Cross at train wreck at Conyers. Congrats to W44ICC making Advanced an K44ARK, K44CNS and K44CVP making Novice. New Columbus ARC officers: W4GKI, pres.; K4JNL, veep; K3MTY, secy.; W44CCE, treas.; W44AMR act. mgr. W44Z0J now net mgr. for GTN. Pse steer yourself and others to this net on 3.718 each evening. GSSBN QNI 1819, QTC 190 for June and QNI 1988, QTC 210 for July. GSN QNI 484, QTC 189 with QN liaison period. Great job! CRR GA VHF net QNI 83, QTC 8. WGA ARES net fm QNI 79, QTC 11, cw QNI 13, QTC 3. CVEN No. 1 QNI 65, QTC 0. CVEN No. 2 June QNI 1003, QTC 95 with July QNI 1053, QTC 101. NGSN QNI 47, W44OMQ going to Navy. W44TEK lost 2-mtr rig to lightning. K4VHC net mgr GARES net. GSSBN picnic at Little Ocmulgee was great. W43NAZ4 (looking for RTTY ops for GA net. W44HXE crosslinking HF and VHF. N4UJZ can't get past 40 confirmed on 80 cw. W4S, W4GKI got Clipperton and Syria cards. K4YRL due big thanks for bringing GA from 18th to 7th in EC/SEC rank and 1st in our class from 8th. Traffic: (July) W4GH 163, W4FC 122, W4NAZ 16, W4AZO 174, W44DHC 55, N4UZ 40, W44HON 34, W44SPB 33, W44BIA 29, K4SWJ 25, K4NM 24, W44OMQ 5, W44VHC 14, W4JM 5, K4WC 6, W44FAS 5, W4GKI 5, W44HXE 4, W44TEK 4, (June) K4YRL 24.

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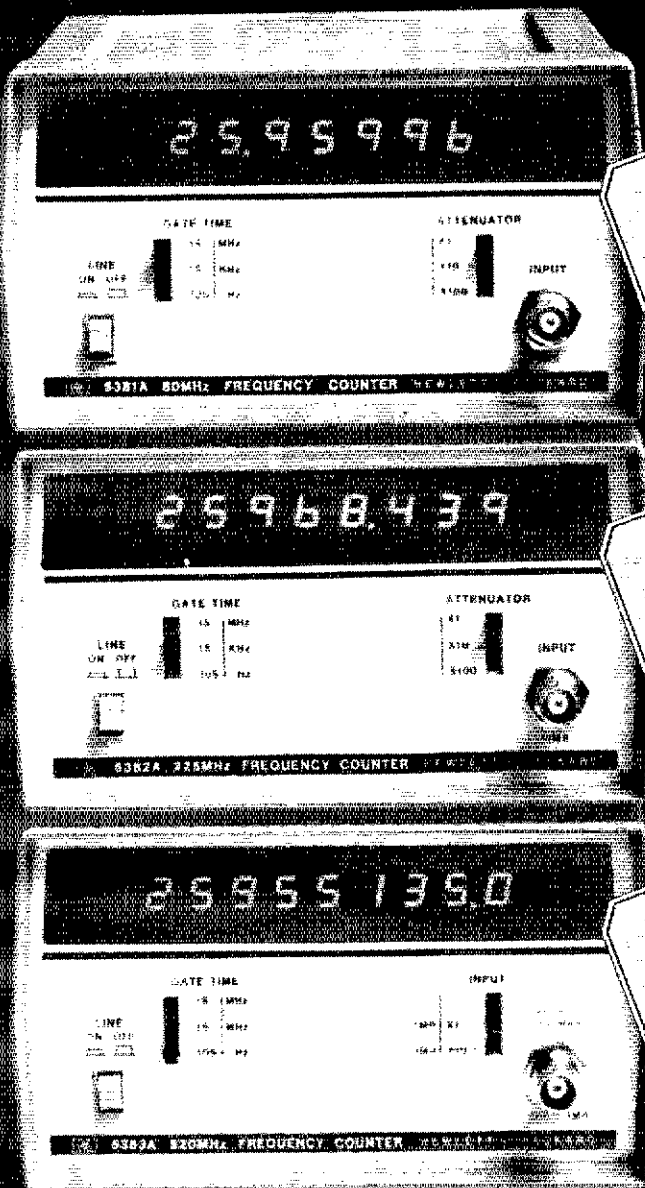
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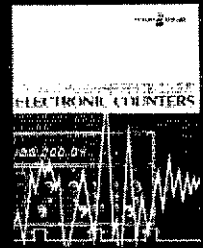
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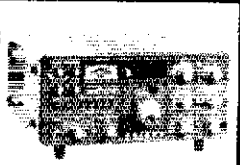
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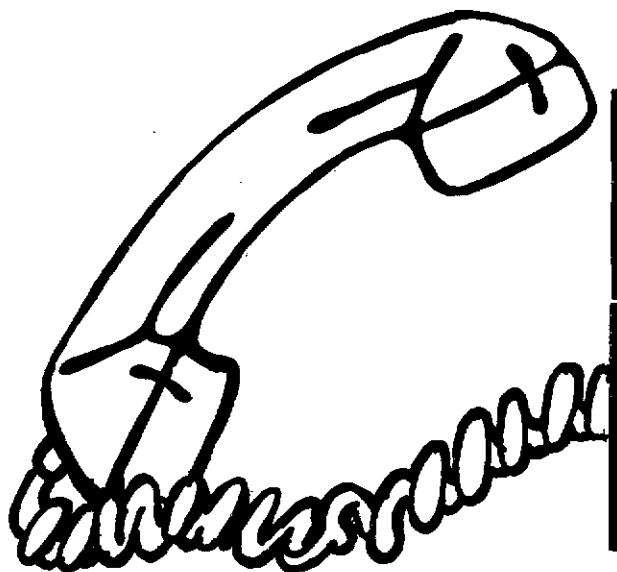
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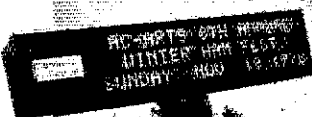
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NORTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH — SEC: AA4FG. NMs: WB4PGB, WB4GHU, WA4FKE. Former PAs and RMs have been converted to Net Managers (NM). Since some nets cover both FL Sections, each Section may have an NM appointee for the same net. There will be only one active mgr. of net operations however, as in the past. New appts: WA4LJO as EC of Hernando Co. WD4HA as OVA. SNCS earned by WD4BRT, WD4HGB, WD4HMS, WD4HYE and WD4LUG on NFPN; by W4BKC on TPTN, and by KALUT and WA4OEM on FMTN. Five Flags ARA held transmitter hunt; with WB4PKW the bunny. Winners were WA4RQH/WA4RAG. Playground ARC members provided comm. for another Hobbie Cat sailing race. Panama City ARC members enjoyed a steak dinner organized by WB4GKV. New officers of the Tallahassee ARC are N4AME, pres.; WD4HWC, vice-pres.; WB4GTY, secy.; AA4US, treas. WA4DCN elected trustee of the 3191 repeater. New calls: WB4NAY now A4S; WB4ACM now N4AMI; K8GAJ now KA4BRW. W4TK devotes considerable time to OO work on 20m phone. NOFARS held its annual auction, with K4OC auctioneer. Nice 2-part article on how to rate your station in "Balanced Modulator" by N4UF. 146.49 MHz is the official NOFARS calling frequency. HH2MC, pres. of Haitian ARC, named full member of N. FL DX Assn. WR4AAF 1676 repeater now signs K4YLXR. W4SZ moved to Tampa Bay area. Daytona Beach ARA donated \$50 to ARRL fund to send radio kits to less developed countries. WB4HKK upgraded to Extra Class. Gulf Coast ARC has 18 enrolled in General Class course. WA4MOJ earned W4S traffic: (July) WD4LLG 414, N4PL 307, WB4CBB 169, N4WA 152, WD4HIF 137, W4MGO 115, WA4FKE 108, WB4HKK 79, W4KIX 62, WD4NYY 59, WA4CRI 58, WD4JIO 54, WA4VLT 49, W4JL 45, N4SS 36, WA4EYJ 34, WB4DTS 30, W4RH 30, WB4TZR 23, W4MVG 20, WB4VAP 20, K4RNS 12, W4FZX 4, K4IEX 4. (June) W4LDM 73, W4JL 70, WA4OEM 54.

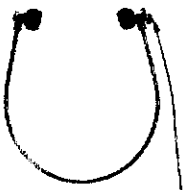
SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — Asst. SCMs: WB4AID, W4KJG, SEC: AA4WJ. The ECs are WA4AAY, W4BFC, AA4BN, WA4BPE, W4BX, WB4CQG, K4CQG, W4ESH, WB4IKX, W4IYT, W4KMN, WB4KYE, W4LEP, WB4NOZ, W4QO, K4RCP, WA4RLU, K4SCL, K4SJA, K4URX, AA4WJ, WA4YQ, W44YQW. We have vacancies in De Soto and Gadsden counties. Interested applicants contact AA4WJ. Our OBS appointees are WA4BMC, W4CTM, W4DL, W4IYT, W4KJG, WD4MIB, W4NOK, W4OGX, W4ROA, K4TH, W4ZJ, and WA4ZLW. WD4L continues as our most outstanding OBS, reporting 37 bulletin transmissions this month. WD4KPG has been appointed Mgr. of the new Southern FL Emergency Net (SFEN), 3940 kHz at 7:30 PM Wed. This net under ARRL/SCM sponsorship, replaces the FL Side-Banders Emergency Net (FSBEN). Our Asst. SCM (Training), WB4AID, conducts a brief training session as a part of SFEN. Y'all come! Net certificates issued this month are (netstations): FM1N/W4YCL, PEN/W4BNM, WB4DVG, W4ESG, K4VQ, QNS/W4AJY, IPTN/W4BQD, WB4NJJ, FFTN/W4DCOL, WD4NDC, WD4IUD, PBTN/W4CWW, W4BGC, WD4HYJ, WD4CK. Total 72 issued since Feb. 5th. Congrats to W4MEE and WD4COL, the only 2 BPLs this month, and to PSHRs WD4COL, W4MEE, WA4PFK, WD4BAJ, WA4MJT, and WA4QGV. Probably lots more could qualify, but you have to report and claim your PSHR score. W4GPL and K4RKY both had equipment damaged by lightning. WD4NOZ upgraded to Tech. and got new call N4APZ. K4CUX is new Novice. XYL of K4WYN, KA4CYA is new Novice. XYL of W4MIU, KA4BBB is XYL of WD4NSG. AF4L is ex-4B. An "Atta Boy" goes to WD4DNC for helping WD4AVL with antenna problem, who she could check in on QFNs. She is mother of N4WA. Thanks to WA4PFK for reporting, W4ESH getting fantastic results with new Quad and FT-901-DM. K1BCS in New Hampshire reports K4HYI up there for conference. WD4COL returned from vacation trip visiting hams and relatives "up east." We hear WD4COL got a fine promotion with big increase in pay so he is buying a new house with "custom built" ham shack! Watch out traffic nets! WB4AID back from "30 day wonderful vacation" up in mid-west. Now walking 6 miles per day for health. W4BK getting ready for motor-home trip to San Diego for ARRL/QCWA convention. Sarasota Radio Club and Sebring Radio Club both had Fred Crosby of National Weather Center, Ruskin, as guest speaker talking on tornado spotting. We are having a big increase in number of tornadoes reported in Southern FL. Mr. Crosby believes it is due to increased population density and better communication rather than more storms. A workshop session is planned to consider if and how better cooperation may be achieved between hams and weather bureau. Traffic: (July) W4MEE 699, WD4COL 300, K4SCL 295, WB4WYG 290, WB4NJJ 236, WA4PFK 185, WA4JUP 169, WA4NBE 152, W4GPL 144, WB4FV 103, WA4EIC 101, WA4RLU 83, W4KRF 71, K4SBL 71, W4KMT 65, W4NTE 55, WB4AID 52, W4YCL 51, W4BK 47, W4APB 45, WD4NSG 39, W4WYR 39, W4IRA 36, W4IY 36, WB4AOC 31, WD4BAJ 25, W4MVP 26, W4QM 26, WA4HXU 24, WB4GSV 22, WA4JQQ 22, WA4MJT 19, WA4MNX 14, W4KJG 12, WB4SNX 12, WA4QGV 8, WB4KY 6, W4TJM 6, W4SMK 5, WA4BYT 3. (June) W4QM 28.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION
ARIZONA: SCM, Marshall Lincoln, W7DQS — PAMS: W7JQC, W4KQE, RM: W7EP, Tucson Rptr Assn. members helped the Jaycees with communications at the 4th fireworks. OPR received a National merit award from the ARRL for Field Day publicity. K7BDH finished SBWAS by working Maine on 75. W7UV won the Ham of the Year award at Ft. Luthill. Tucson hams are trying to organize a city-wide radio council of representatives of clubs. The Ariz. ARC is running an Extra Class license class. The Club has been advised it will no longer be able to meet in the Red Cross bldg. With regret, W7BK and W7JAJ are reported as Silent Keys. W7WGW proudly reports his repeater on Mingus Mtn., W7AFC, now is all solid state. Vacations, long days to enjoy outside the shack, and summer thunderstorms caused an expected drop in activity in July. Clubs are reminded to send the news of activities and achievements to the SCM. Remember, they can't appear in QST until nearly two months after receipt by the SCM due to magazine publication deadlines. W7FR now is AC7D. Cactus Net 195, A7EN 73, SWN 187. Traffic: (July) W7EP 223, K7NTG 142, K7UXB 82, W47KQE 22, K7JKM 18, W47WEB 17, W7DQS 10, N7EH 5. (June) K7NMQ 16, K7RDH 16.

LOS ANGELES: SCM, Perry Masterson, W6RHS — This must be the month for vacations, judging from the number of reports received this month. I can report only the news that is provided to me. W6INH reports good DX

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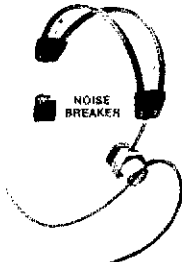
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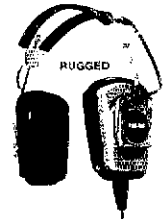
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on 20 meters. He worked 6 new ones for a new total of 240 confirmed. WB6YTU reported in for the first time. Glad to hear from him. I hope to receive more reports in the future. If you think this is a short report, it is all the news received. Traffic: WB1NH 216, W6OEO 211, N6PZ 113, W6BWG 23, WB6YTU 6.

SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, WB1NI — To encourage club support of ARES, clubs which sign an agreement to support ARES are designated an ARES Affiliated Club. Thus far, the following have signed: SD Teleprinter Soc, 220 Club, North Shores ARC, SD Repeater Assn. Others are in the process. New OCWA officers: K6NC, pres.; WB7YV, VP; K6QM, secy; K6AM, treas. ARES members K6AM, W6JGG, WB6TQF and WB1NI provided communications from a fire camp to headquarters for California Dept. of Forestry until phones could be installed. WB1NI assisted in communications programs for the Red Cross Disaster Institute in Claremont, CA. Imperial valley's repeater operates on 147.72/12. With the National Convention a huge success, ARRL has approved a Southwestern Div Convention for San Diego, Sept. 3-5, 1982. W6PDA has assumed the presidency of SANDRA due to resignation of W6SND. Thanks for a good job, Bob. Upgraded: W6VON Extra, W6BRY W6GGU to General, W6YSF to Advanced, K6BSSU to Tech. Novices: K6BRP, K6BBSV, K6BSSW, K6BBSX. Call sign changes: W6AWM to AB6H, W6A02S to AD6Z, W6CWT to W6BA, W6LVC to KB6AL, W6A02Z to KB6CJ. Traffic: July: W6BPH 309, W6UAZ 19, W6GAW 19, W6GAW 115, N6AT 85, W6HUJ 64, N6RD 54, W6DEY 19, W6AHH 12, W6UJFY 11. (June) W6ZKC 140, N6RD 27.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, D. Paul Gagnon, N6MA — WB6JKM K6S2S, W6BNN and W6ZPR sent over 200 bulletins in July. W6BCBV now AD6J, W6BMMQ now N6ADL. New Novices: KA6AKA, KA6BOT. Generals: W6ZLW, W6LQV, W6LPE. Techs: W6F6V and W6DLS. Congrats to all New Equipment: W6BPT, W6A1LP, W6QMV new FT227, W6ZVZ HW2036, W64NQH FT101, W6ZDP TR33, N6UE tower and TH3, W6YCF and W6BCH are Silent Keys. N6AG recovering from surgery. W6DPL and W6BKM have new harmonic. Simi Setters have issued over 40 Novices in Moorpark and plans Novice and General classes in Sept. for CVARC. W6AB has a new TenTec 544. New officers for the Satellite ARC are N6UE, VP; W6SMJ, secy; W6D6SK, treas. W6BDC is new VP for Sulphur Mountain. K6YD has been net control on SCN. N6YH now on RN6. W6MTK and W6AGE are on RTTY. The Section net had 69 QNI in June and 43 in July. SCN/VHF sess. meets on WR6AKV (147.045-645) nightly. Ventura County ARES provided comms at 4th of July celebration in Ventura. WB6LMA, N6JQ, W6GLQ, W6RVA, W6T5V, W6RWY and W6RIG are those participating. PSHP: N6WV 35. Traffic: July: W6AB 388, N6ATA 39, W6BMM 305, W6KON 278, N6WP 229, W6BKM 85, N6YH 48, K6S2S 20. (June) N6WP 228, K6YD 18.

WEST GULF DIVISION

NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Ted Heithecker, W5EJ — Asst. SCM/SEC: K5PC, RM: W5GN, PAM: AE5I. From the Public Service Dept; Amateur Radio played its most important roll in modern history here in North Texas during the first week in Aug. in the worst flood disasters ever recorded in the Albany-Graham areas. The heroics, dedication, and perseverance of the many stations who went all-out in this devastating chain of events not only upholds the fine reputation of Amateur Radio, but writes a new chapter on the capabilities of well-organized, well-trained, and well-equipped operators. Entire cities were run, mountains of emergency and priority traffic was handled, untold amounts of life and property was saved; all via Amateur Radio! See next month's QST for more details of the Albany and Graham operations. New calls dept: W5BGBR now AE5C; W5G5N now AE5I; W5BTDG now K5GCM; W5BFBQ now AA5J; W5QY7 now AD5I. W5B5DD receives BPL medalion for making it for third time this year! Congrats! New Sulphur Springs rpt. on 146.1373 F1. W5B0C, new country ARC at Graham now ARRL affiliated; W5GXU, pres.; W5SLAT, vice-pres.; K5STX, secy-treas. EC W5W5OE finishing up new Emer. Plan for Harrison Co. New QTH and new bride for N5BF: Welcome to Dallas! New ECs N5A/E Lipscomb Co. AE5C/Dallas Co. PSHP for July: W5B5DD, W5AAT, W5VMP, W5SLAT. Traffic: W5B5DD 751, W5AAT 120, W5VMP 119, AA5J 91, W5SLAT 87, K5MC 45, WA5INJ 42, W5CTZ 38, AE5I/W5G5N 23, W5JLFL 21, K5PC 21, K5HBU 3, K5HT 2.

OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA5FSN — Asst. SCM: W5REC, SEC: WA5MLT, K5CKQ upgraded to Extra. W5UJH enjoyed the Rocky Mountain repeaters while on vacation. W5SJ enjoyed a long visit with his son in VA. You're SCW was ill and had to miss Ham Holiday, from all reports it was FB. Will El Paso and then there is Texoma Hamarama. Cleaned out the files and started fresh with the new Appointment Structure. Issued all new certificates to a fine group of operators. Oklahoma Repeater Society officers for '78-'79: K5FVL, pres.; W5ATO, v-pres.; W5UOE, secy; K5CAY, treas. This group needs our help to grow and become the organization it is capable of being. Oklahoma County ARES operators have worked out an agreement with National Weather Service to help at Will Rogers Airport Weather Station. We urge all amateurs to work with the NWS in their area. Operation SkyWarn is a good program. 6 new reports in July: W5FAP, W5D5JD and WA5BYP reported interested in becoming ECs. Traffic: K5OWK 580, W5B5NK 370, W5RB 236, W5B5NKD 202, W5REC 172, K5TEY 149, W5BYC 68, W5SUG 42, WA5OUV 36, WA5FSN 32, K5CAY 23, W5BELG 21, W5B5OCZ 20, W5D5ET 18, W5VOR 14, W5FKL 8, W5LJYH 7, W5BOYU 6, W5BEAY 5.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Arthur R. Ross, W5KR — Asst. SCM: N5TC, SEC: W5SLHK. RMs at large: N5TC, W5RRKU, OO's reporting this month: K5DL, W5VAH, W5B5CIT. OVSs reporting this month: W5QCP, W5B5CIT, W5D5HJB, W5D5CZ. EC W5A5RVT gave talk on ARES and traffic handling to Alvin Community College ARC; says he had good reason for it and HF while on vacation in Kansas; reports N5FN has new tower and beam up and operating. W5UJER also has new tower. OVS W5B5CIT used TIR5 link between San Antonio and Austin to pass routine traffic. W5AC made first 432 MHz contact during VHF contest in June; also operated mobile during Field Day in six sections and five states (Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee). ORS W5B5HOD passed 2nd class Commercial radiotelegraph exam, ran a new random wire antenna, installed new ground system, and has resumed checking into TEX CW Net.

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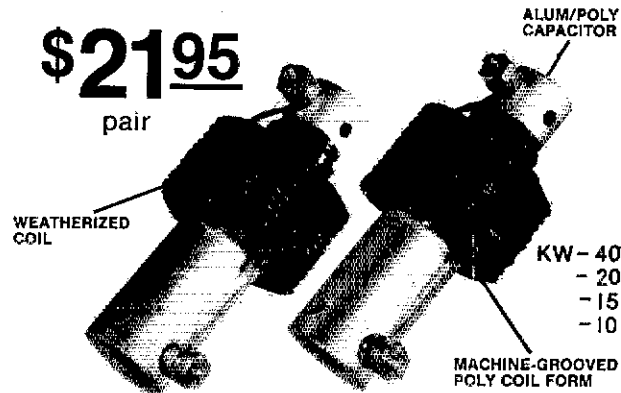
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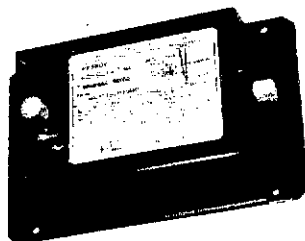
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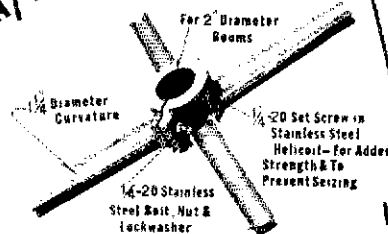
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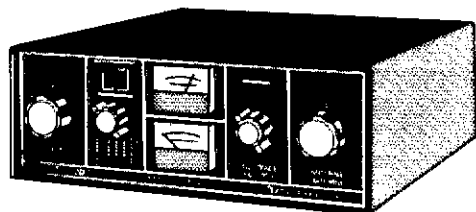
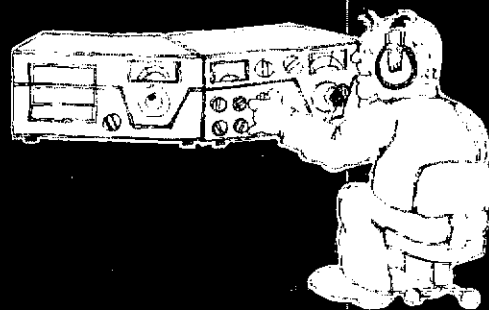
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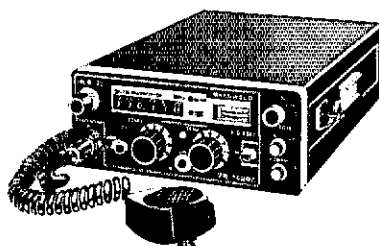
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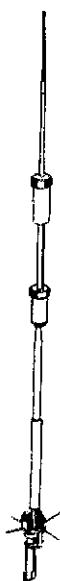
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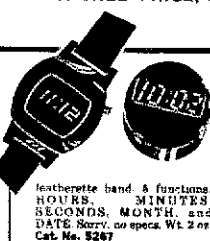
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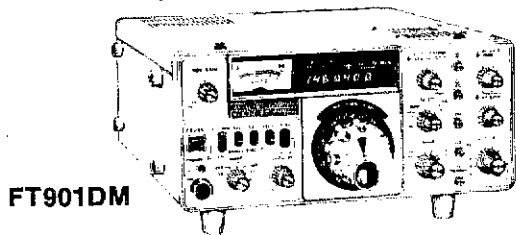
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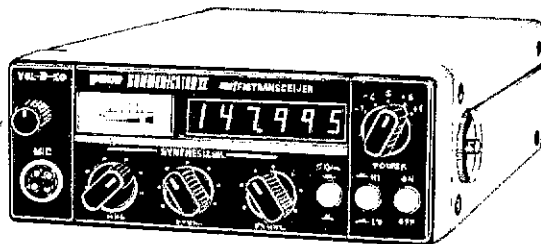


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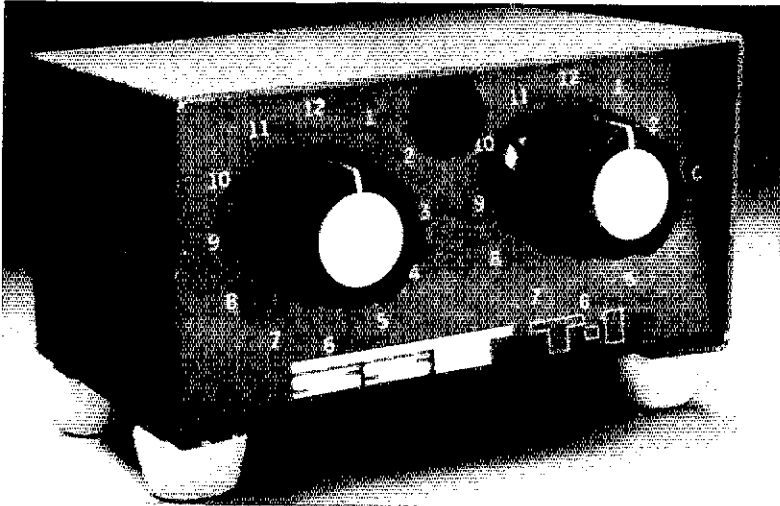
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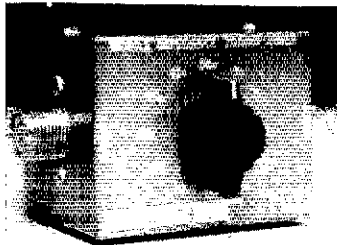
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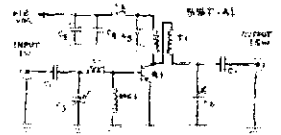
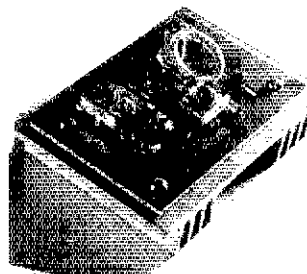
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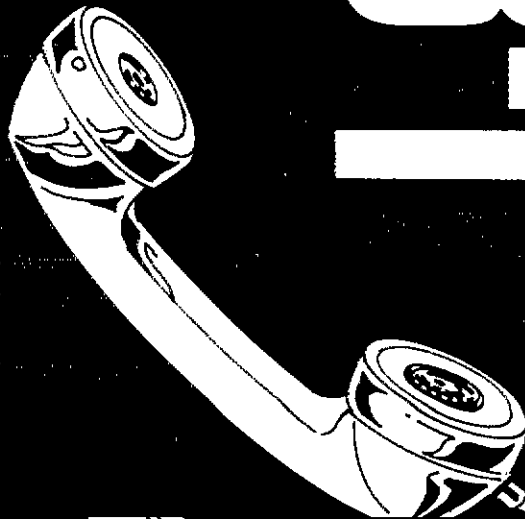
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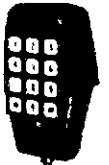
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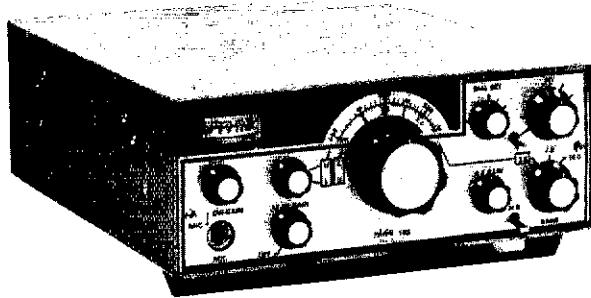
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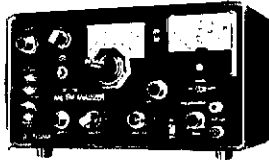
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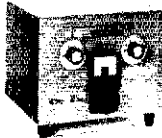
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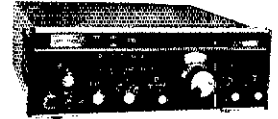
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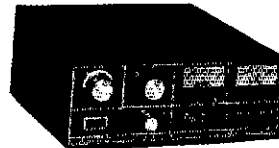
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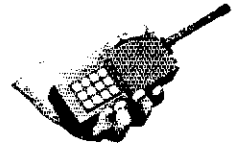
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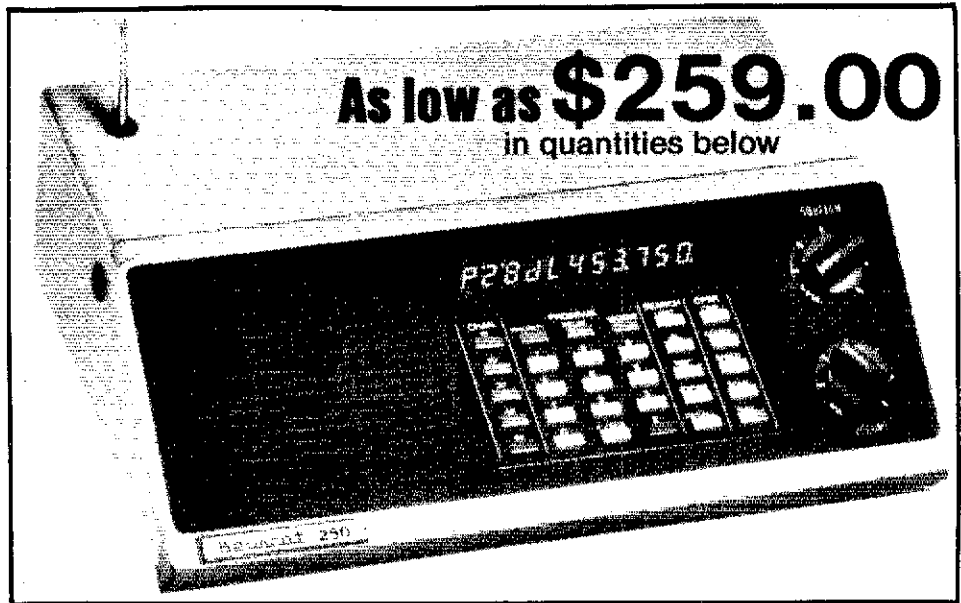
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Frequency Reception Range	
Low Band	3500 MHz
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Extended frequency range	
With special programming techniques the Bearcat 250 will also cover the following frequencies with a slight reduction in sensitivity:	
VHF Band	125-146 MHz
UHF Band	399-420 MHz

Scanner Dimensions	
Case Width	7.6 cm (3.0 in.)
Case Height	19.4 cm (7.6 in.)
Case Depth	11.9 cm (4.7 in.)

Scanner Weight	
Scanner	2.27 kilograms (5 pounds)

Shipping Weight	
Scanner	3.18 kilograms (7 pounds)

Power Requirements	
Note: 250 Volt AC Export model must be available January 1979.	
Voltage	110-140 V ac, 60 Hz, 15 Watts
Current	12-15 V dc, 8 Watts

Audio Output	
Power	At least 2.0 Watts rms

Antenna	
Type	Telescoping (supplied)

Scan Rate	
Channels per second	15 or 5 channels per second

Sensitivity	
Minimum	0.4 microvolts for (20dB SINAD) on VHF bands, UHF band slightly less.

Selectivity	
Filter	Better than -60dB @ ±25 KHz

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Distortion	The BC-250's audio is more noise-free and suffers less distortion than the Bearcat 210 by a margin of 10:1 dB or more.

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Rejection	The Bearcat 250 rejects image frequencies by at least 8 dB better in all bands than the Bearcat 210.

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Vehicle mounting bracket and hardware	AC & DC power cords

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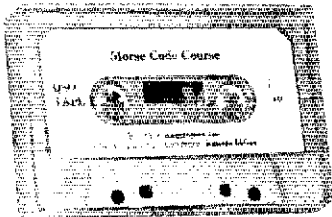
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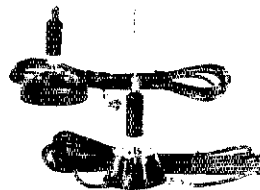
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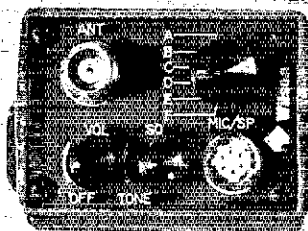
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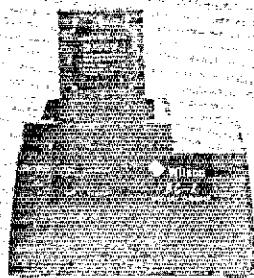
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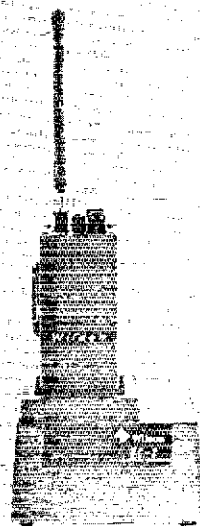
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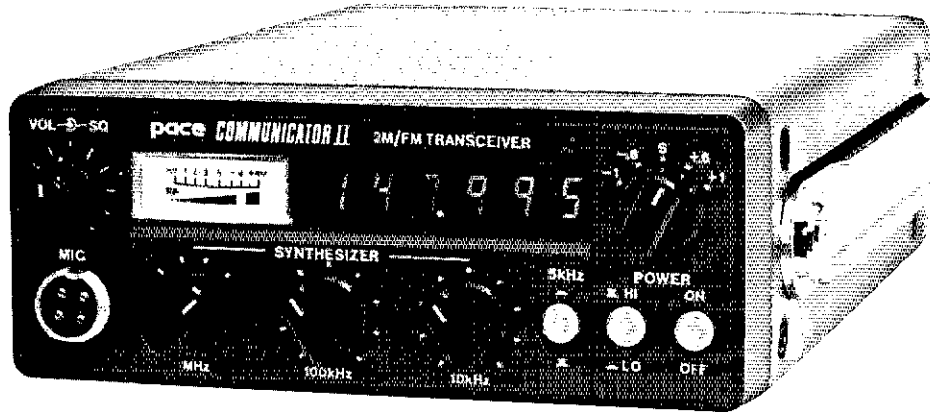
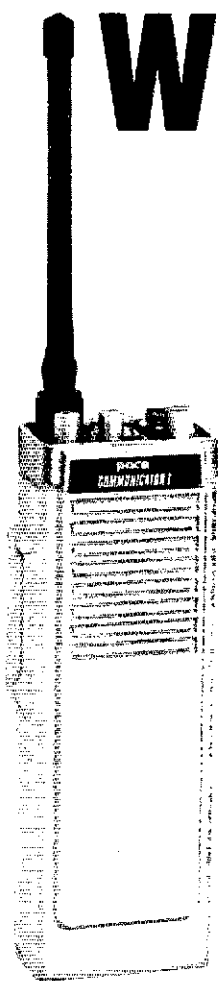
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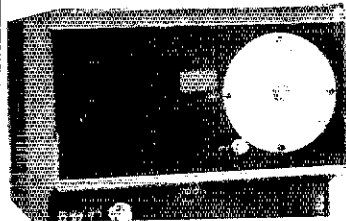


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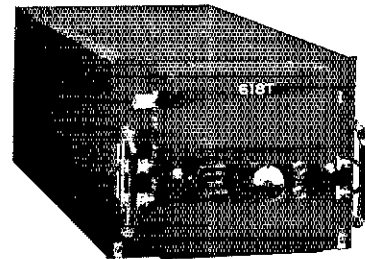
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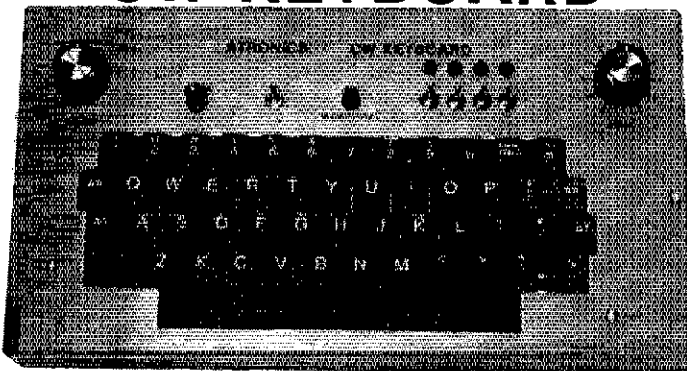
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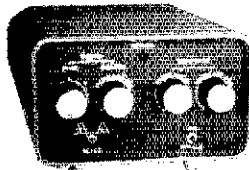
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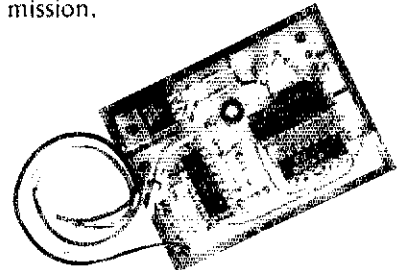
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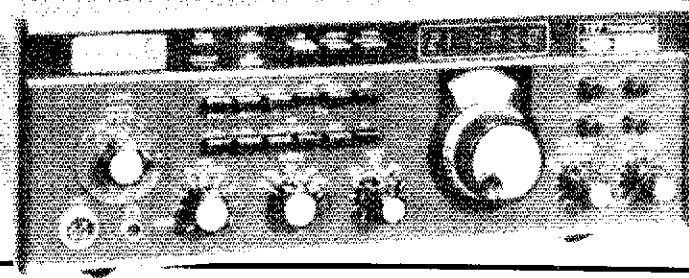
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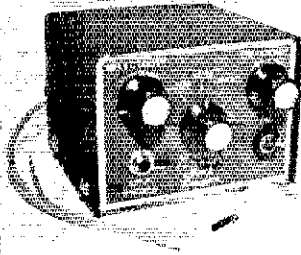
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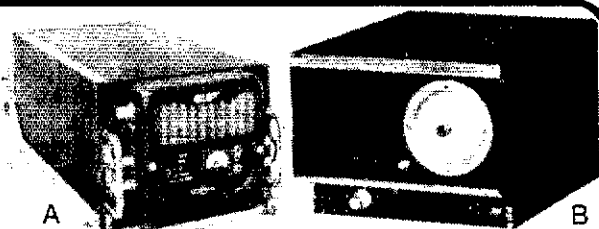
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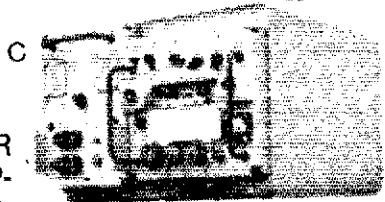
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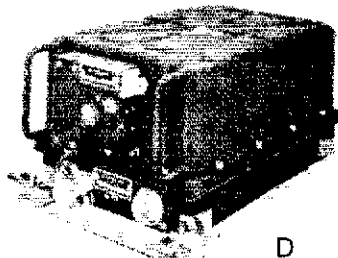
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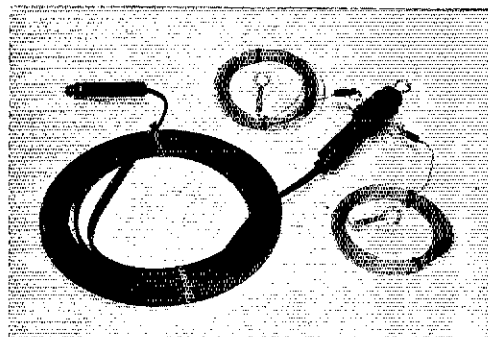
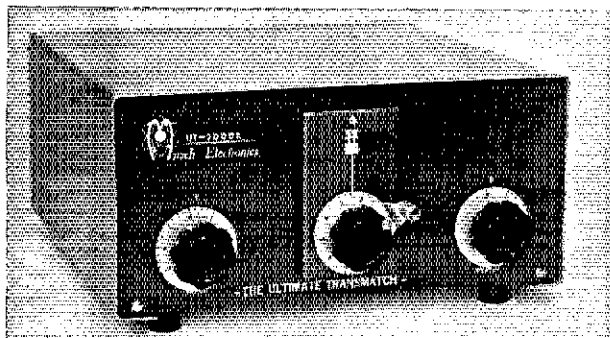
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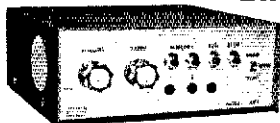
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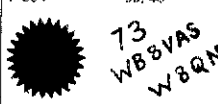
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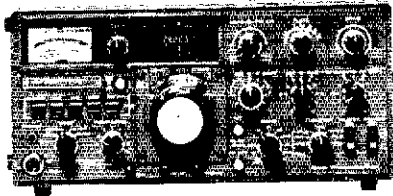
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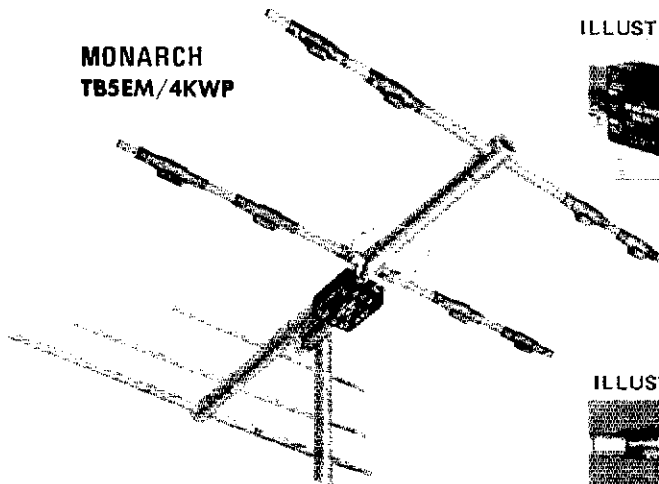


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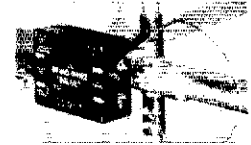


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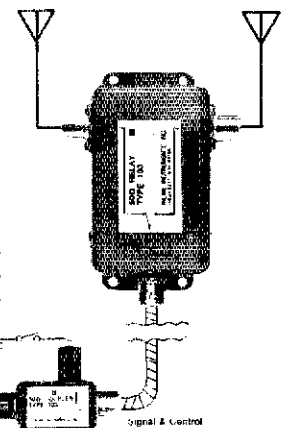
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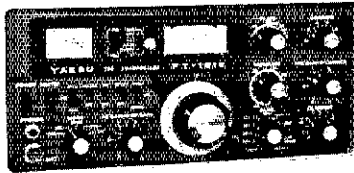
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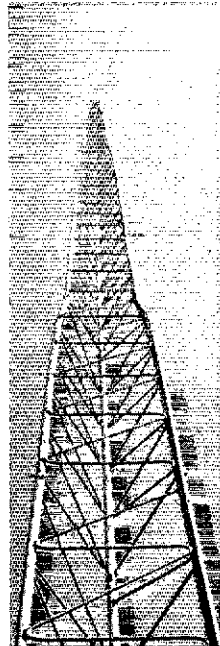


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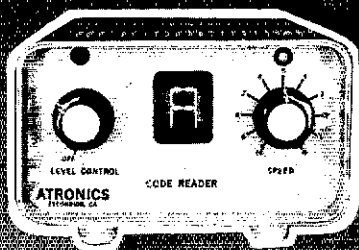
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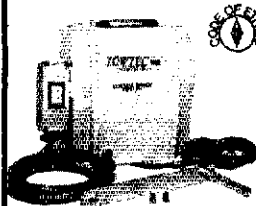
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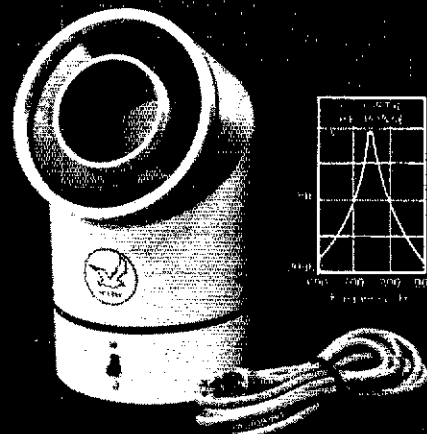
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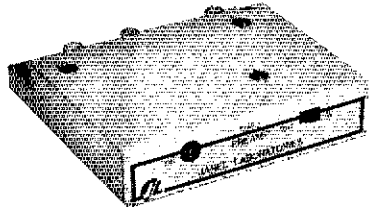
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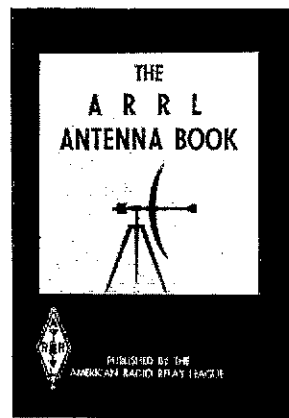
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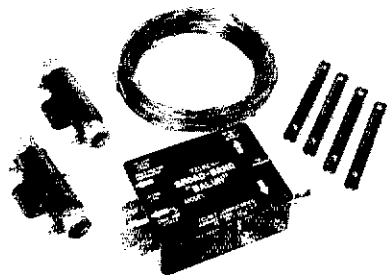
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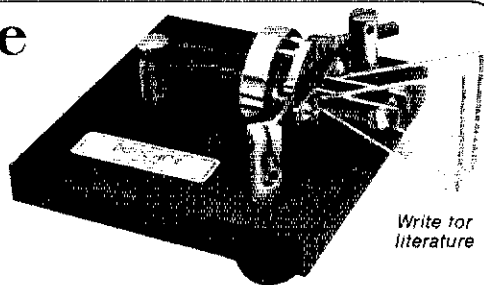
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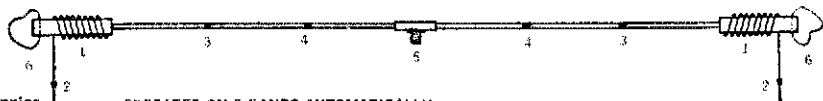
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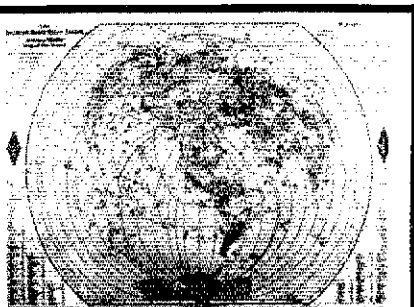
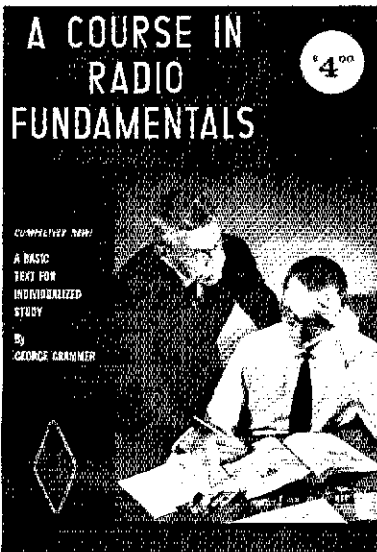
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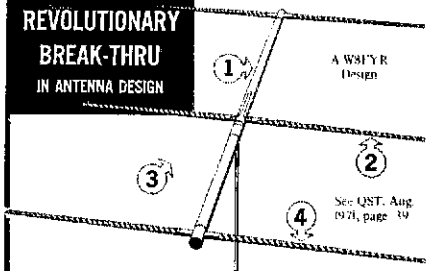
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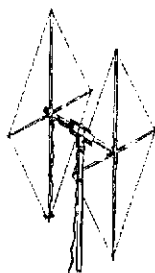
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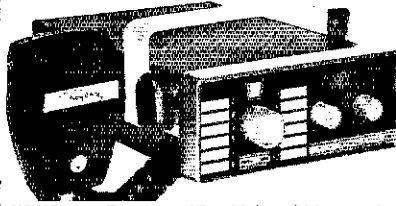
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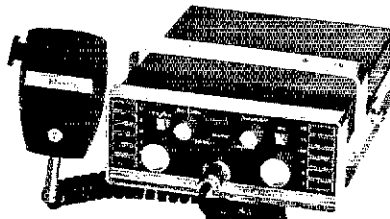
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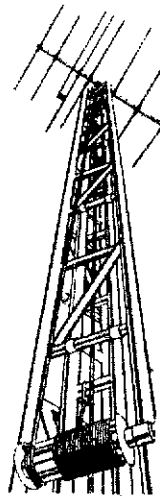
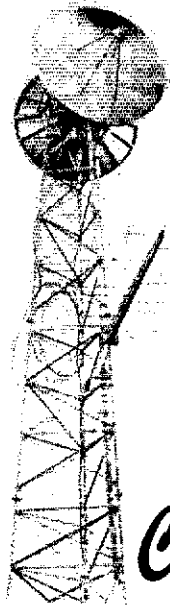
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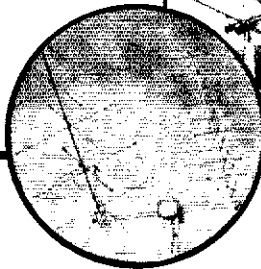
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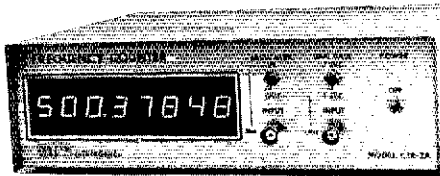
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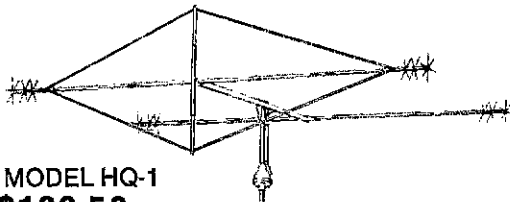
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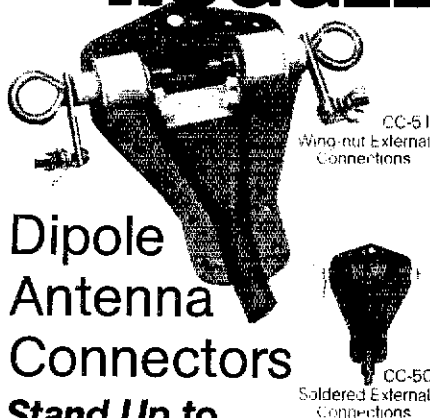
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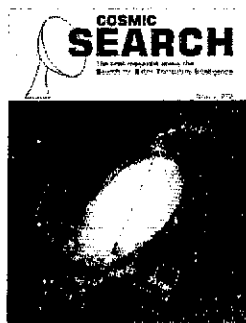
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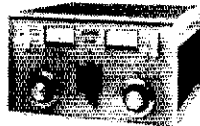
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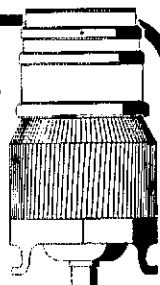
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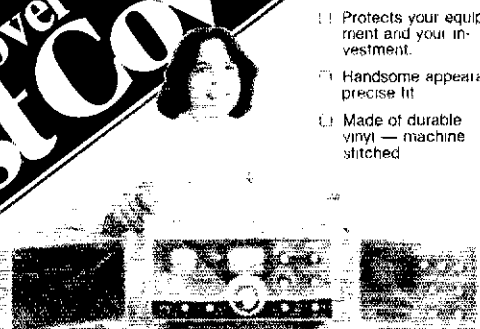
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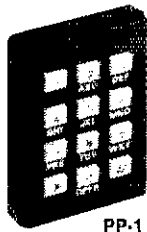
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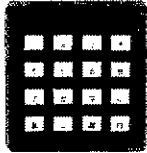
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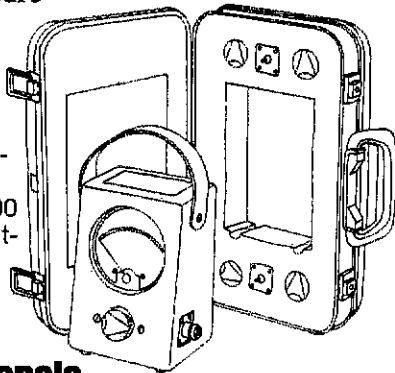
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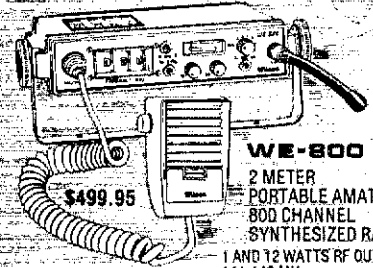


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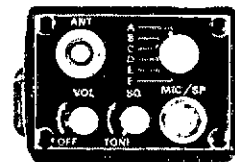
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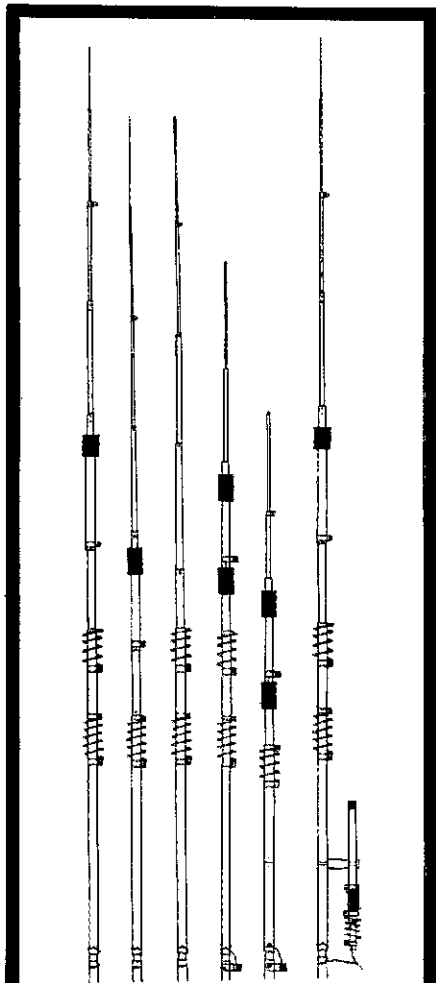
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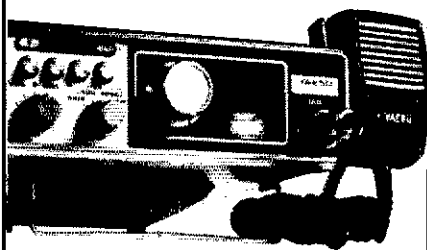
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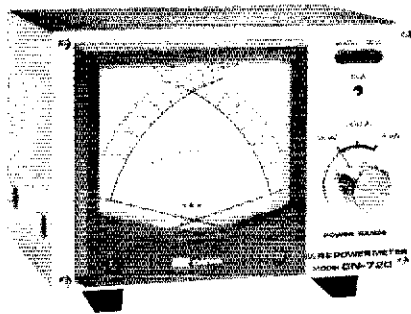
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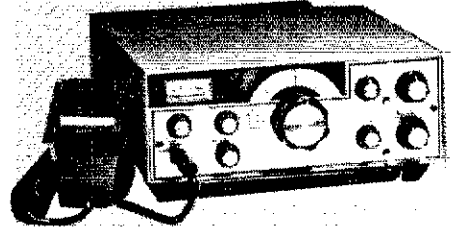
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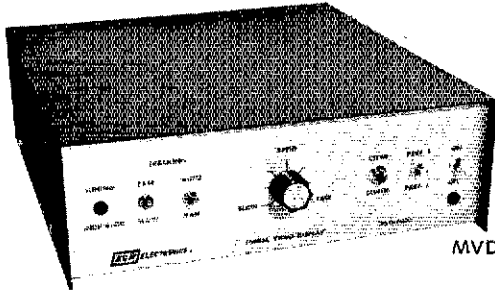


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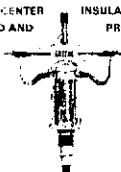
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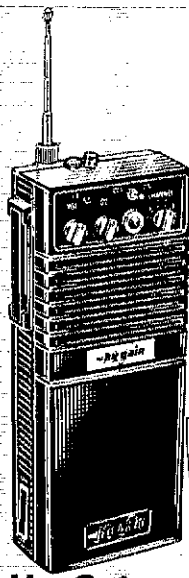


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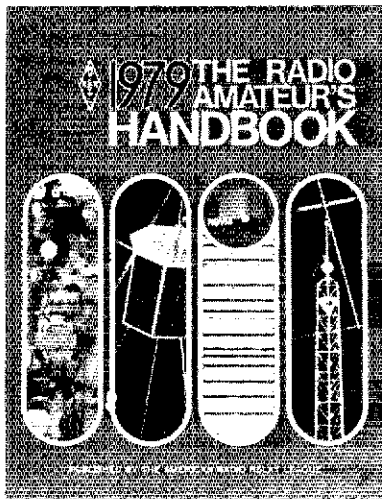
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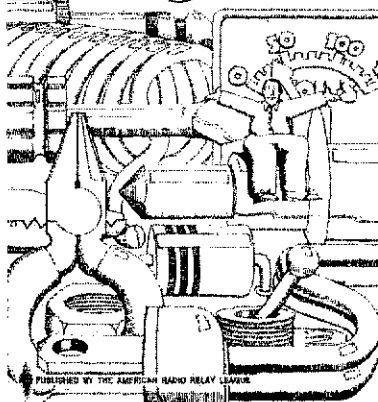
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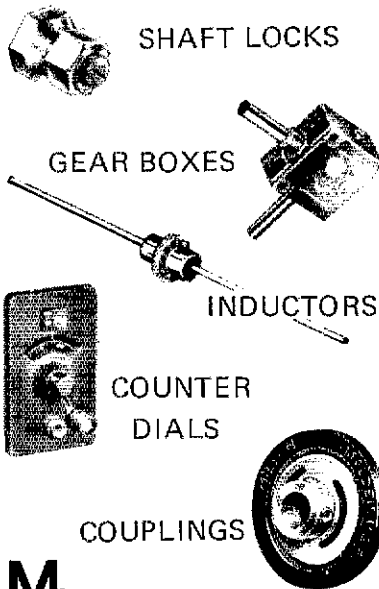
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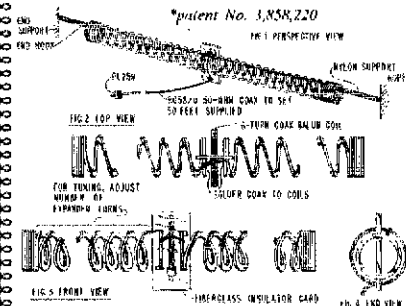


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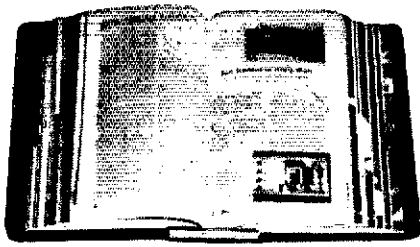
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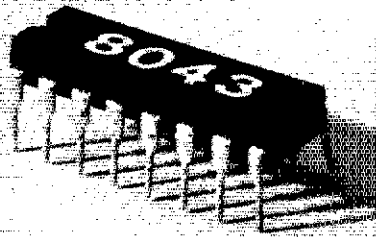
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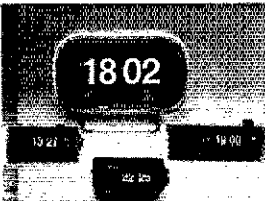
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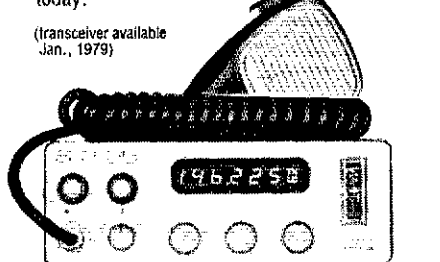
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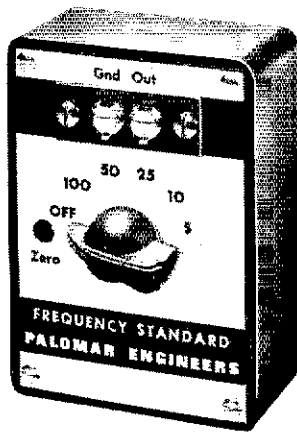
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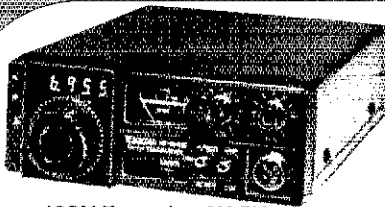
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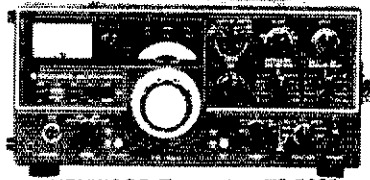
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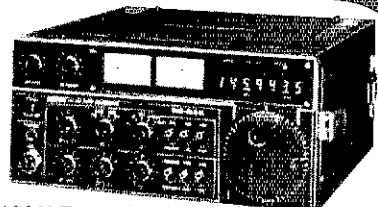
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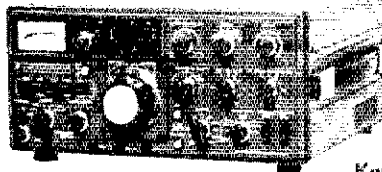
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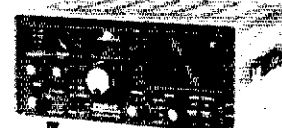
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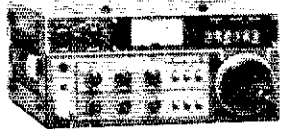
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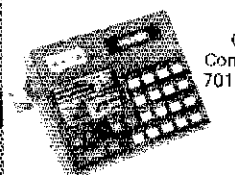


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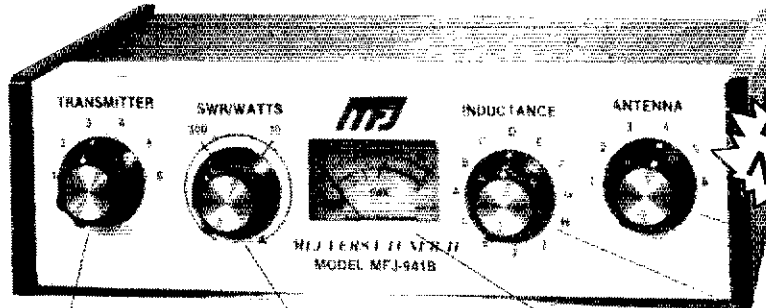
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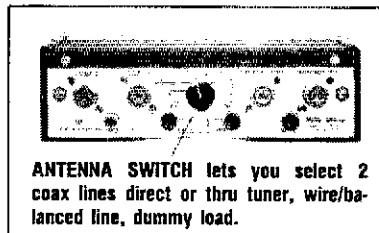
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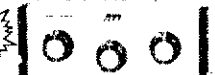


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