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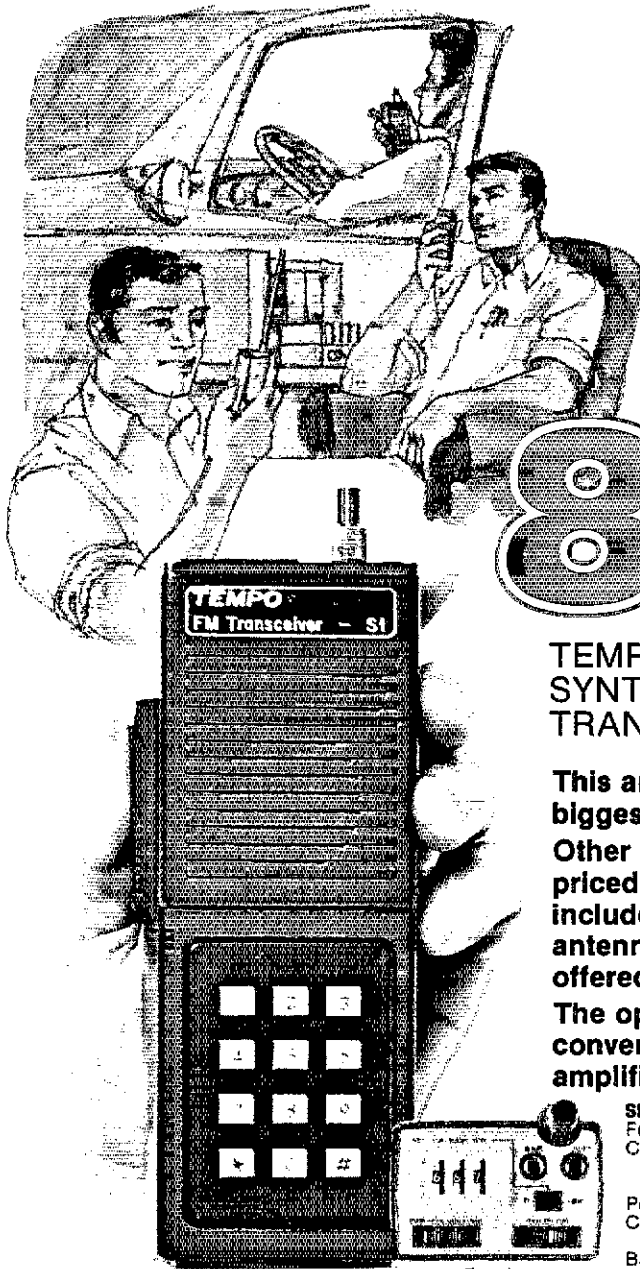
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SPECIFICATIONS

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Channel Spacing: Receive every 5 kHz, transmit Simplex or +600 kHz

Power Requirements: 9.6 VDC

Current Drain: 17 ma-standby
500 ma-transmit

Batteries: 8 pieces ni-cad battery included

Antenna Impedance: 50 ohms

Dimensions: 40 mm x 62 mm x 165 mm (1.6" x 2.5" x 6.5")

RF Output: Better than 1.5 watts

Sensitivity: Better than .5 microvolts

Price... \$349.00 With touch tone pad... \$399.00

SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES

Telescoping whip antenna, ni-cad battery pack, charger.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

Touch tone pad: \$55 • Tone burst generator: \$29.95 • CTCSS sub-audible tone control: \$29.95 • Rubber antenna: \$8 • Leather holster: \$16 • Cigarette lighter plug mobile charging unit: \$6 • Matching 30 watt output 13.8 VDC power amplifier (S30): \$89 • Matching 80 watt output power amplifier (S80): \$169.

*Shown with accessory touch tone pad

Top view showing controls

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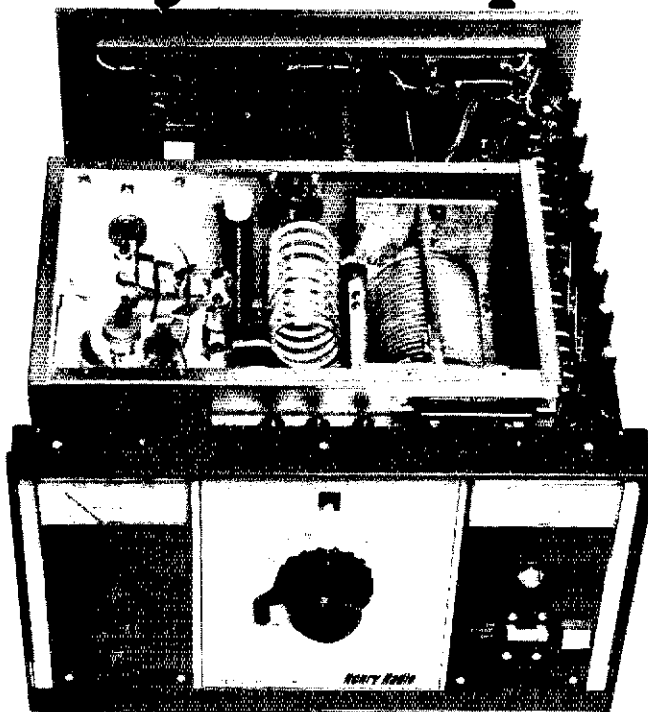
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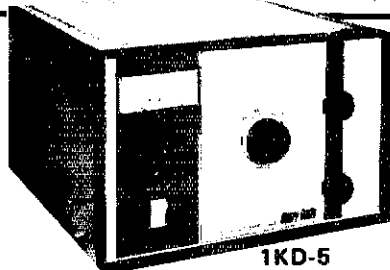
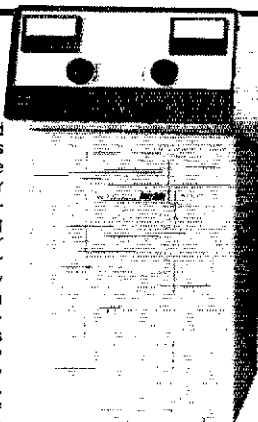
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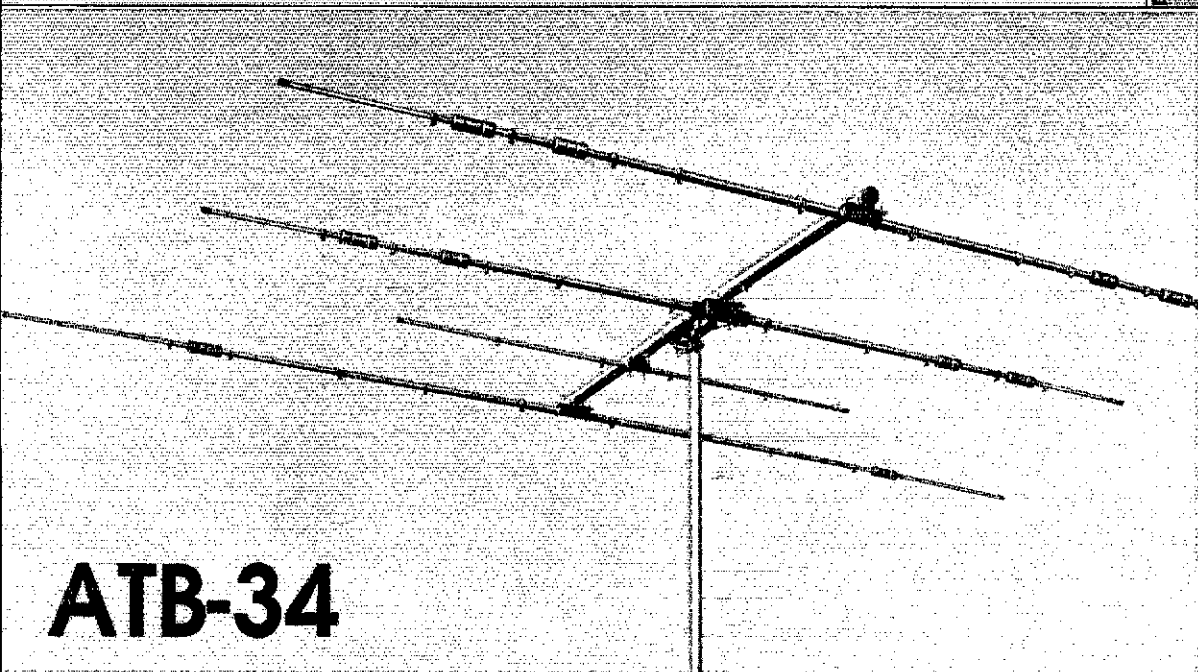
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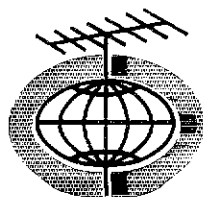
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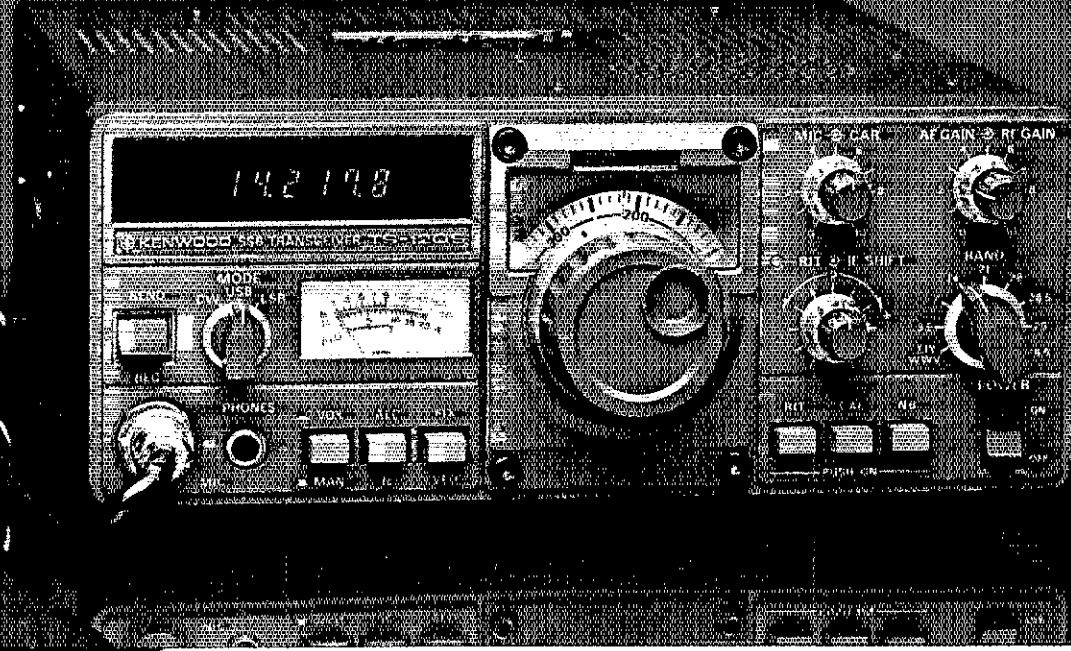
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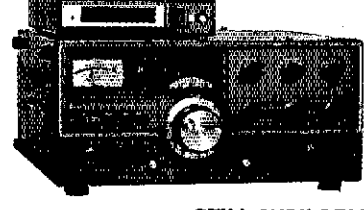
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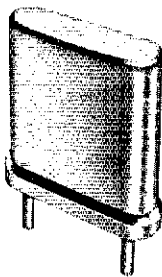
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This month we'd like to share with you some thoughts about the future. At its January meeting, the League's Board unanimously adopted the following:

" . . . that the President is directed to appoint a long-range planning committee for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations to the Board concerning the programs which the League is and should be providing to its members and to the Amateur Radio Service. This committee shall be composed of designated members of the Board, staff and knowledgeable individuals from among the League's membership. The committee shall present its proposed plan of action and proposed budget for approval at the July 1979 Board meeting and shall make its final report and recommendations no later than the July 1980 Board meeting."

Many of us have been concerned for some time that the League has been inclined to react, rather than proact. That is, we tend to spend our time responding to the pressures of others, whether those others be members, FCC, industry or the general public. One example is the fact that our membership services have become rather a patchwork quilt, constructed over a long period of time in response to individual requests by the membership, without any overall plan which coordinates them and eliminates those which may overlap or may not be cost-efficient. Similarly, we have tended for years to react to rulemaking proposals emanating from the Commission, rather than ourselves setting the course for the future regulatory development for the Amateur Radio Service and guiding the Commission into fulfillment of it.

Although this has been a more or less satisfactory arrangement for the 65 years of the League's existence so far, there are some pressures on us that make it expedient to stand back and take a look at ourselves, at the Amateur Radio Service, and at the future economic and political environment. Our membership has grown by some 50,000 in the past four years, with a comparable growth in the total number of licensed amateurs in the United States and Canada. Our costs of doing business have tripled in the past 10 years, making it difficult for us to maintain sufficient income to provide membership services at their traditionally high level. We have, in the past several years, been faced with a veritable barrage of regulations and proposals from the Federal Communications Commission. And finally, on this year's horizon is a World Administrative

Radio Conference which may well have a significant impact on the future course of Amateur Radio worldwide.

It was a keen awareness of those pressures which led the Board to the passing of the motion which we quoted above. It was a keen awareness of those pressures and of the importance of the task which led ARRL President Dannals to promptly name the following members of the ARRL Long-Range Planning Committee: Victor C. Clark, W4KFC, Vice President, ARRL, Chairman; Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ, Director, Southwestern Division, ARRL; Larry E. Price, W4RA, Director, Southeastern Division, ARRL; Charles Dorian, W3IPT, Life Member, ARRL; Herbert Hoover III, W6ZH, Life Member, ARRL; Hazard E. Reeves, K2GL, Member, ARRL; Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, General Manager, ARRL. And, of course, President Dannals will participate ex officio.

Very quickly, a few words are in order to introduce to you the above LRPC members. Mr. Clark as an officer and Messrs. Holladay and Price as directors represent the League's Board on the Long-Range Planning Committee. Mr. Hoover is an outstanding example of a knowledgeable individual from the membership. Mr. Dorian is not only a knowledgeable individual from the membership but also has a valuable perspective from his Washington involvement. Mr. Reeves, again a knowledgeable member, brings to the LRPC his experience in the world of business and finance. Mr. Baldwin will coordinate the input from the ARRL staff.

Most importantly, these members of the LRPC are all intensely devoted to Amateur Radio and to ARRL.

By the time you read this, the LRPC will have begun to develop its proposed plan of action. Although you will be hearing much more about this committee in the months ahead, we urge you now to begin contributing any general thoughts you may have about long-range planning. Later on, of course, we'll surely have some very specific questions on which input from the general membership is desired, but for now let's deal in general concepts. Your comments can be addressed to LRPC, c/o ARRL hq., where they will be duplicated and distributed to members of the committee.

It is an important task which LRPC Chairman Clark and his committee have — please plan to participate and support their efforts. — R. L. Baldwin, W1RU

League Lines...

Did you help provide communications during the Iranian crisis? If so, here is a letter of appreciation addressed to you: "It's a pleasure to convey the appreciation of the Joint Staff for the excellent support provided by ARRL and its members during the recent Iran crisis. Initiating and maintaining Iran connectivity was due in significant measure to the professional efforts of the dedicated and enthusiastic ARRL people working on the problem. On behalf of the Joint Staff, please pass on to those who participated my thanks for a job well done. Van C. Doubleday, Major General, USAF, Dep Dir for OPS (C3 Systems), J-3 OJCS, signed JCS Washington, DC //J3"

ATTENTION ALL APRIL OPEN CD PARTY PARTICIPANTS. The dates given on page 85 of March QST for the April CD Party are incorrect. The CD Party begins at 2300 UTC April 7 and ends at 0500 UTC April 9 for cw. The phone portion of the CD Party starts at 2300 UTC April 21, and ends at 0500 UTC April 23. Parting has been such sweet sorrow, but we have finally disposed of all our old calendars. The dates appearing elsewhere for the CD Party have all been correct.

Hq. has received word of a new 2-meter terrestrial DX record via the transequatorial, or FAI mode. On February 16, 1979, SVIAB in Athens, Greece reported a 4419-mile (7127-km) contact with ZS6DN in Pretoria, RSA. Three days earlier, the South African station is understood to have also worked SVIDH, just six miles (10 km) closer. More details next month in "The World Above 50 MHz."

Deadline for registering your public-service net for the upcoming Net Directory is June 1, 1979. Registration cards may be obtained from Hq. for an s.a.s.e. Request CD-85.

During the February solar eclipse did you observe unusual propagation phenomena? To have your observations correlated with those of the solar eclipse nets organized by the Oregon State University Amateur Radio Club, send a copy of your reports to Allen Lefohn, KA7CBV, P. O. Box 196, Clancy, MT 59634.

The ARRL-organized IEEE ELECTRO/79 (NYC) technical session no. 23 will be held at 2 P.M. on April 25. It is entitled "Modern Design and Concepts for RF Communications --MF through Microwaves."

Instructors! Save your FCC form 610 instructions. Although Club and Training Department will still supply Form 610 in class-size quantities, for budget reasons instructions will no longer be provided for the instructor after the end of April 1979.

A Headquarters organization chart is yours for the asking. Please include with your request a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope.

We were pleasantly surprised by the number of entries in the ARRL flag contest, there having been a veritable deluge of entries. Although we promised a decision by March 15th, that'll have to be postponed for a few weeks. All entries are being examined by our volunteer committee of vexillologists, who will render an opinion as promptly as possible.

The League's annual reports for 1978 are now available, \$1 postpaid. They include individual reports from each officer and director, from the general manager and treasurer, and the complete audited financial statements of the League as prepared by our outside auditors. If you have heard that it's difficult to find out what the League has been doing, don't believe it! The whole story is in these annual reports, awaiting your request for your copy. If you don't want the whole volume, but just the statement of income and expense, send along only a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope.

A Low-Cost PC-Board Duplexer

Interested in an inexpensive duplexer for the new club repeater? This design requires only basic tools to assemble, and provides 81-dB RX/TX isolation!

By Robert D. Shriner,* WA0UZO

I arrived at the design of this duplexer by studying several different tuned-cavity construction methods, and utilizing what I felt was the best of each of them. After deciding upon the basic design, I was faced with the problem of determining the necessary dimensions. Not having the knowledge needed to *calculate* the dimensions, I followed the advice of an old friend, W0YB — “Pick up any material you can find, measure it with a micrometer, mark it with chalk and cut it with an axe!”

Well, that is almost how I arrived at all of the dimensions, so don't ask me if others will work. All I can say is that considering the size, cost and ease of construction, I believe this is as good a duplexer as you can get. It certainly does the job, and you can't ask for more.¹

The 2-meter duplexer described in this article is actually a combination of six individual tuned cavities.² However, a *single* section can be constructed and tuned so as to place the notch anywhere. For instance, let's say that your repeater has some bad interference from a public service transmitter on 155 MHz. To eliminate the interference, you could simply build a single low-pass cavity (inductor type) and wind about two turns of no. 14 wire 1/2 inch in diameter for the inductor.

Similarly, if the interference is coming from a transmitter operating at 130 MHz, the addition of capacitance to C1 of the high-pass type cavity should produce a notch at a lower frequency. Fig. 1 shows a completed 2-meter duplexer containing six cavities in all, three of the capacitive and three of the inductive type. Fig. 2A gives the electrical and mechanical details.

The use of capacitors and inductors across the coupling loops is nothing new. It was borrowed from the duplexer described in *FM and Repeaters for the Radio Amateur*, 2nd edition, page 87. A full description of the duplexer operation

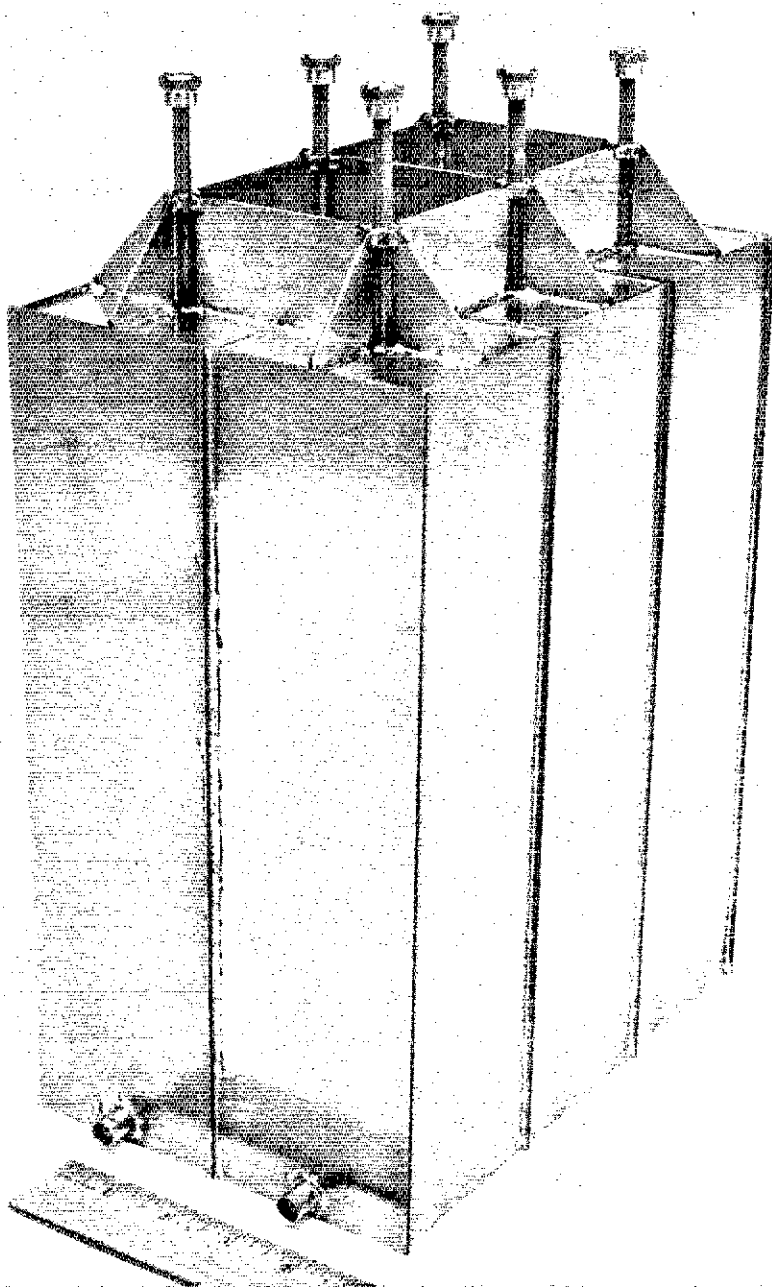


Fig. 1 — One completed pc-board duplexer, built in the ARRL Lab by the author and ARRL Technical Dept. staffers.

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¹Footnotes appear on page 14.

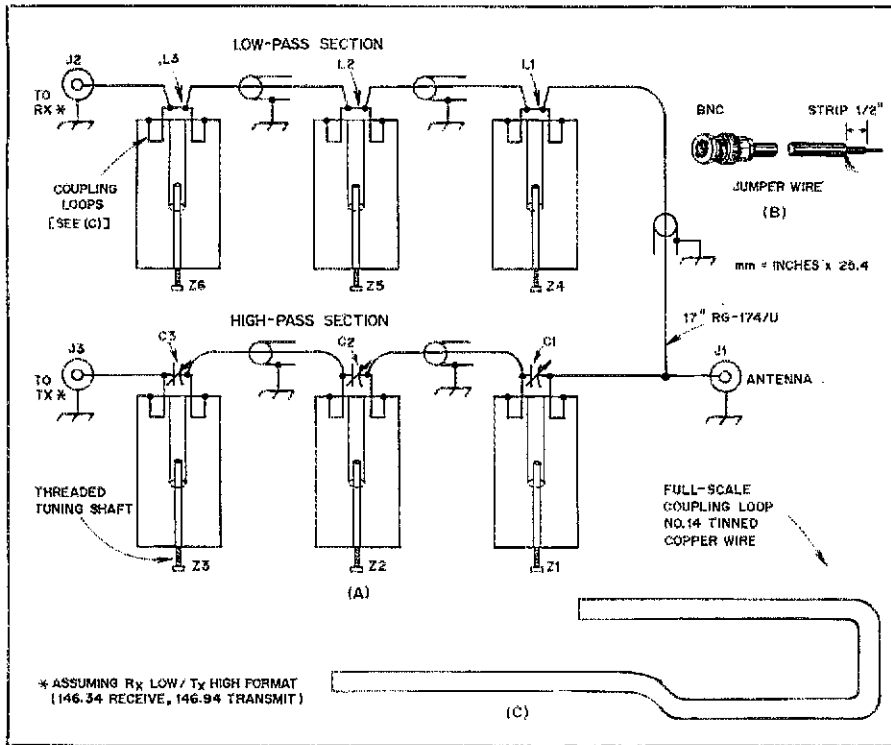


Fig. 2 — Drawing of the electrical and mechanical details of the duplexer. At A, two three-cavity sections are combined to yield 81-dB isolation between transmitter and receiver. A 34/94 machine is used in the example, with the repeater transmitter being on 146.94 MHz. Thus, the high-pass section is connected to the transmitter, and the low-pass section to the 146.34-MHz receiver. Shown at B is one of the two cables used to test individual cavities. Coupling loops should be made using the outline at C as a guide.

J1, J2, J3 — BNC connectors (UG-1094/U).
L1, L2, L3 — See text.

is provided there and need not be repeated, except to say that a capacitor will produce a reject notch *below* the pass frequency, and an inductor will produce a notch *above* the pass frequency. The frequency where the notch occurs is inversely proportional to the amount of inductance or capacitance used.

The inductors at L1, L2 and L3 are straight pieces of no. 14 wire 1 inch long. I don't know the inductance in microhenrys, but believe me, it's not very much. Fig. 2B shows the makeup of cables for testing individual cavities. In use these cables replace interconnecting cables, being temporarily soldered to the input and output points of the cavity. Fig. 2C is an outline of the coupling loop used in two places in each cavity. The drawing is full scale, so just use it as a guide and bend your loops so that they fit inside the lines. In the low-pass cavities, the coupling-loop ends that stick through the board are bent inward over a 1/8-inch radius and soldered together forming the 1-inch wire inductor. Then the feed line, RG-174/U, is tapped along this line for the correct inductance. The capacitors are soldered to pc foils etched into the pipe-support plate.

Construction

Figs. 3 and 4 show the necessary tools and parts for building a single cavity.

Study the photographs in Figs. 5 through 12 carefully so that you understand the assembly process. Figs. 11 and 12 show the details for a six-cavity duplexer. The construction techniques are the same for any number of cavities used together, except for the use of common walls in adjacent cavities.

When you have finished soldering the nuts inside the tubes, as explained in the caption of Fig. 7, place a small amount of epoxy glue in the threads of nut A and on one end of the threaded rod. Next screw the rod about 1/4 inch into nut A so that nearly the full length of the rod sticks out of the left-hand end of the small tube. Then reverse the assembly, slide it down into the larger tube and screw the rod a few turns into nut B. This will hold the rod and nut in proper alignment while the glue dries.

If the two brass tubes don't fit snugly when nested together, cut several slits in the end of the larger (7/16-inch) diameter tube. Clean off the burrs and bend the "fingers" in slightly so that a good contact is achieved. The brass tubes must be polished very smooth. I recommend steel wool for this purpose. The insides of the tubes can be polished with your electric drill and a small piece of steel wool wrapped around a wooden dowel rod. The two tubes should nest together and slip back and forth easily. Do not proceed until this

fit has been obtained.

Circuit-board material was chosen for the enclosure, as it is the least expensive material available, and is temperature stable as well.³ Silver plating is recommended for all interior surfaces, including the tubes.

All parts should be carefully cut to size and dressed for a nice fit before final assembly. For those of you who feel adventurous, I suggest trying other dimensions, as you might improve the performance of the unit. I know these dimensions work very nicely, and frankly, I'm scared to try changing them! Be my guest.

Take your time on the assembly, and make sure all parts are in proper alignment before final soldering. You will be amazed at how difficult it is to *unsolder* any of the joints once you've completed them. Therefore, any extra time spent double-checking alignment prior to soldering will be well worth the trouble. That's much easier than trying to square things up later on.

By using a small solder tack here and there to begin with, you can shift things by merely heating up individual points and applying a little pressure in the right direction. After you've finished the initial "tack" job, place a few more solder tacks along each joint and check alignment again. When you are sure all is well, solder the seam full length.

It is important that all joints be clean and as smooth as possible. Use only very high-grade 60/40 rosin-core solder. Polish all parts immediately before soldering, and try not to get any fingerprints on them. I recommend that you use *brass* nuts on the adjusting screw. These should be polished also.

Adjustment

The duplexer should be adjusted one cavity at a time. For test equipment you will need a good, variable-frequency rf generator and a good method of receiving and displaying the output amplitude of the duplexer or single-cavity filter. A high-frequency oscilloscope or sensitive dB meter is best, but a 2-meter receiver can be used in a pinch. A frequency counter should also be used to check the output frequency of the rf generator.

Make two jumper cables similar to the one shown in Fig. 2B. Start alignment with a cavity in the high-pass section of the duplexer. Solder the two jumper cables to the two coupling loops of one cavity. The center conductors should be attached at the input and output pads, and the shields soldered to the ground foil. Set the capacitor for approximately three-quarters of full capacitance. Attach the rf generator to one jumper-wire connector, and set the generator to your *low* frequency (146.34 MHz if the repeater is a 34/94 machine).⁴ From this point on, we will refer to transmit and receive frequencies as "high" and "low," respectively.

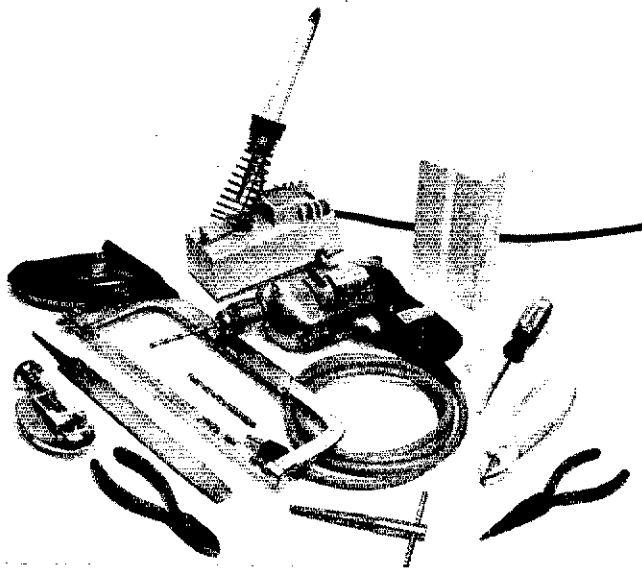


Fig. 3 — Tools required for assembly of the pc-board duplexer. Most of these are common items in the amateur workshop.

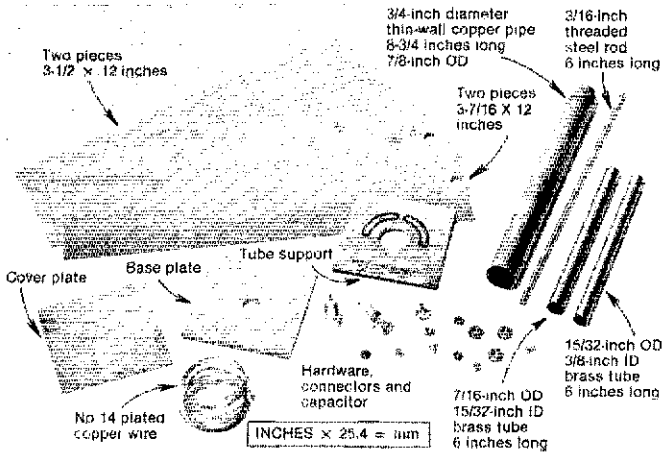


Fig. 4 — All parts needed to build a single cavity are shown in this photo. Six cavities were combined to make the duplexer shown in Fig. 1. The tube support, cover plate and base plate are all 3-7/16 inches square. The base plate center hole is 7/16 inch in diameter and the tube support hole is 7/8 inch. The top plate is cut from 1/16-inch thick, double-clad stock, while 1/8-inch stock was used for the tube support and base plate.

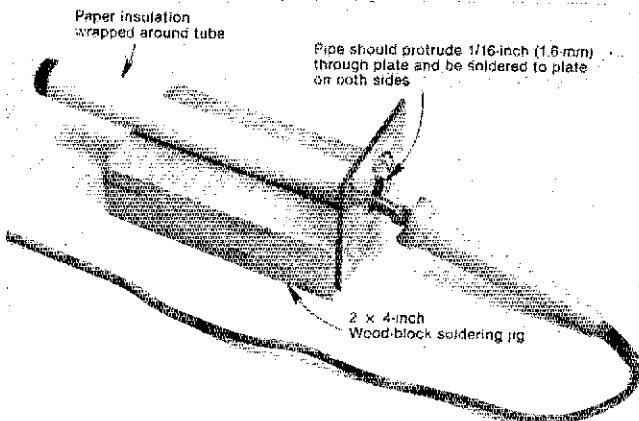


Fig. 5 — The tube-support plate and tube are soldered together using a 2 x 4-inch block of wood as a jig. The block is checked for squareness, and a groove is cut down the middle. (See Fig. 3.) Paper is wrapped around the tube to reduce heat loss during the preheating process.

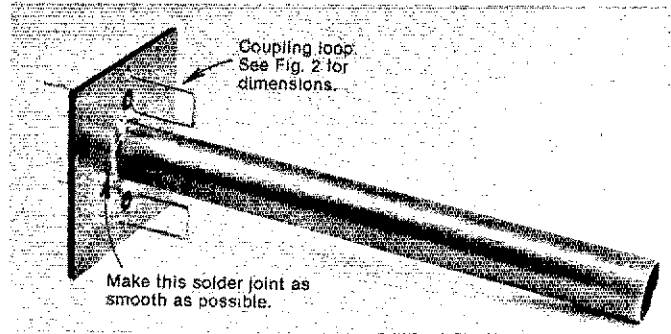


Fig. 6 — This photo shows the finished tube support assembly with both coupling loops in place. Make sure the solder joint at the base of the tube is as smooth as possible.

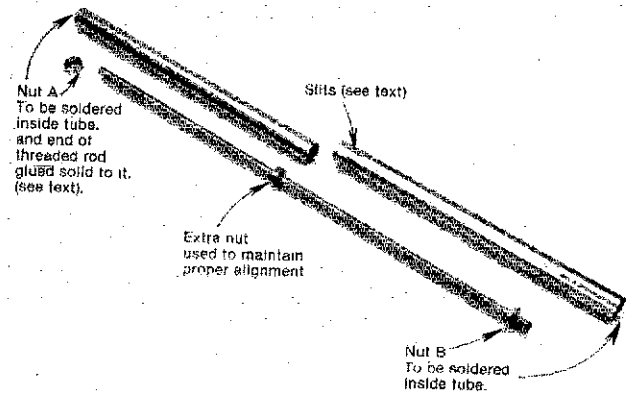


Fig. 7 — Grind off the corners of the three nuts used in this assembly. Use the threaded rod to align and hold the nuts in place for soldering. After the two end nuts are soldered, remove rod and discard center nut. Glue and assemble as described in the text.

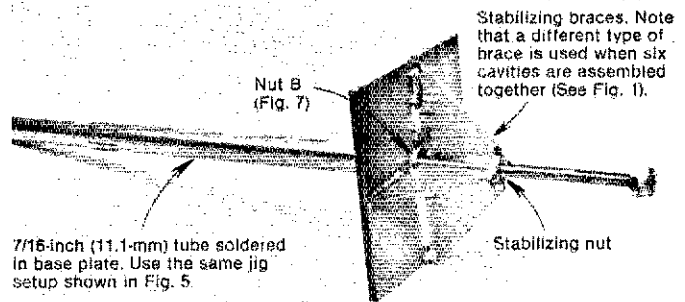


Fig. 8 — The completed frequency-adjustment assembly for a single cavity. Note the two nuts used at the end of the threaded rod. These were tightened together to form a "handle" for easy frequency adjustment.

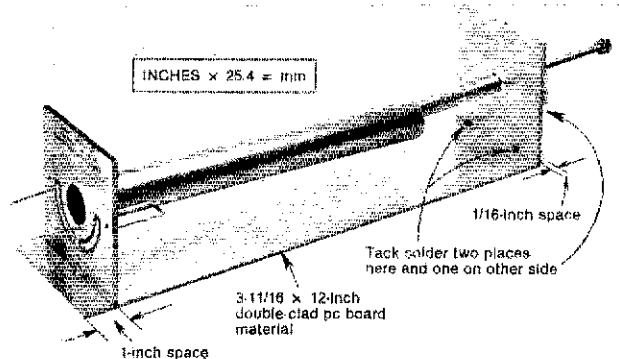


Fig. 9 — The beginning stages of cavity-case assembly. The two ends are tack-soldered to the side section and the two tubes are centered one inside the other before the soldering is completed.

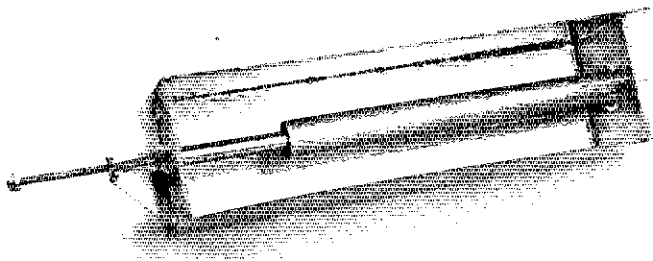


Fig. 10 — Final assembly of a single cavity. Tack-solder the side plates to the end plates and carefully check alignment of the tubes prior to soldering the seams full length. After all seams are fully sealed, lay the final side in place and solder all seams.

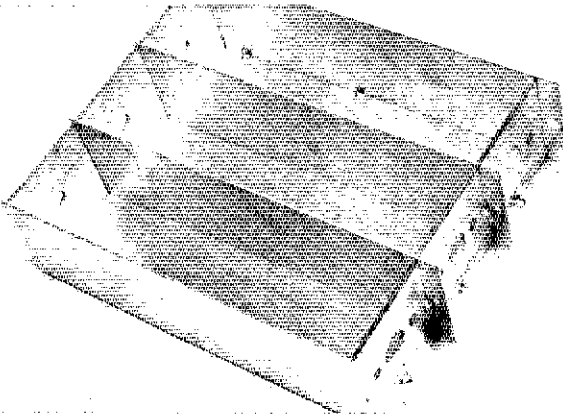


Fig. 11 — Interior view of duplexer. This half of the duplexer was mocked up without the tube assemblies to show how single cavities are combined to form the duplexer. The other three-cavity section is built in an identical manner on the other side of the large plate (bottom plate in this photo).

Connect your receiving device to the jumper cable attached to the other side of the cavity. Adjust the threaded rod until a sharp notch (decrease in signal strength) is noticed. Then tune the generator to the high frequency and move it around until you find the pass frequency. This is easily determined with a scope or dB meter, but may be quite difficult with a receiver, because the pass frequency could be anywhere within 1 MHz or so of that desired. Make a note of the exact frequency of greatest signal amplitude. If the pass frequency occurs above that desired, increase the capacitance of C; if the pass appears below the desired frequency, decrease capacitance at C. Important: *Do not* attempt to set the pass frequency simply by adjusting the capacitor at C. This doesn't work.

Return the generator to the low frequency and readjust the tuning rod for the greatest notch (reject). Repeat this procedure as many times as is necessary to get the notch and pass frequencies separated by the correct amount. There will be some interaction between the two adjustments, so take your time and make small changes until the spacing is correct.

After the pass and notch frequencies are both set, it shouldn't be necessary to change the capacitor setting as long as the

transmitter/receiver spacing isn't changed. If the repeater operating frequency is changed (say, from 34/94 to 15/75), simply retune the notch frequency in each cavity by adjusting the threaded rod. This will set *both the notch and pass* to the new frequencies. Set up all three capacitor cavities in this manner.

Adjust the inductor cavities in a similar manner by changing the position of the feed line on the connection between the two coupling loops. This changes the inductance. The proper spacing should be between 1 and 1-1/2 inches.

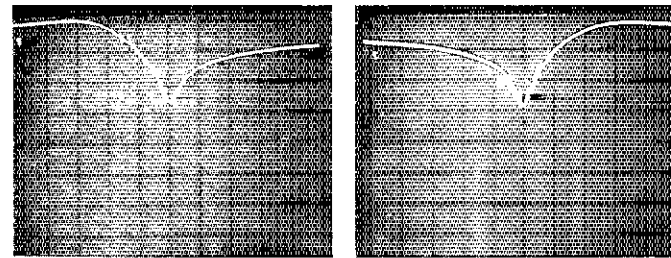
After all sections are adjusted individually, connect the high- and low-pass sections together as shown in Fig. 2A. Use RG-174/U coaxial cable between cavities. Connect the rf signal generator to J3 and the signal detector to J2. Terminate J1 with a 50- Ω resistive load. Readjust the threaded rods of all sections very carefully for the best notch at the high frequency. A very sensitive receiving device is required here, as the rejection is considerable.

Conclusion

With careful adjustment and a good transmitter and receiver, you should be able to construct a high-quality repeater system using this duplexer and a common transmit/receive antenna. (See page 11 of



Fig. 12 — This photograph shows the interconnecting wires used between the six cavities in the duplexer. All shielded cables are RG-174/U. At the far right is the 17-inch length of cable used to connect the low-pass section to the antenna connector.



These spectrum-analyzer photographs display the characteristics of two single 2-meter cavities. Vertical divisions are 10 dB, and horizontal divisions are each 200 kHz. The photo on the left shows the response of an inductor cavity, which obtained a 27-dB notch relative to the pass frequency. At right, a capacitor cavity displayed a 28-dB notch.

QST for May 1978 for interface methods and thoughts.) Careful attention should be paid to your antenna and feed line. Standing waves on the line will make it more difficult for the duplexer to do its job. Don't accept an SWR measured at the input end of a long feed line. Send someone up the tower and have him make the measurements *at the antenna*. If the SWR measured here is excessive, correct it *at the antenna*.

Careful engineering of the complete system is the key to top-notch performance, and the reward will be a well-balanced, long-life repeater system. □

Notes

¹A complete kit of parts cut to size is available from Circuit Board Specialists, P. O. Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002.

²Cavities designed for 220-MHz operation have also been built and tested. The insertion loss at 220 MHz for a single cavity was measured in the ARRL lab at 0.4 dB, and the notch at 1.6-MHz spacing was measured as 38.5 dB. Dimensions are the same as for the 2-meter cavities, except that all lengths are shortened by 1/3 (33.3 percent).

³The temperature stability of the finished duplexer is quite good. It was subjected to a heat-lamp treatment in the ARRL lab and was placed outside overnight last winter (temperature -5° F), both without any detectable change in operation.

⁴A 146-MHz, low-frequency-in, high-out repeater is assumed in this discussion, for simplicity. If your repeater format is different, be sure to make the necessary changes in the tune-up and alignment procedures.

A Simple CW Audio Filter

Basic Amateur Radio: Skirt unwanted signals with this LC audio filter. With two FETs, a pot core and a handful of other parts, you can build this variable-bandwidth "Crudcutter."

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The cw bands are crowded, to say the least — especially the Novice segments. If your receiver lacks selectivity, as do some direct-conversion and other simple rigs, you hear an unnecessarily large number of signals when attempting to copy the one desired. One solution is to increase receiver *audio* selectivity by adding a filter that has a narrow bandwidth and low insertion loss. This is helpful during ssb reception as well. Both of these desirable properties are directly proportional to the quality factor or Q of the tuned circuit used in the filter. An audio filter will also reduce the receiver wide-band noise (hiss) — another benefit. This improves the signal-to-noise ratio.

Circuit Description

Fig. 1 shows the circuit used for the Crudcutter filter. The basic design was suggested by W1FB. The tuned circuit consists of the combination of L1 and C4, and is designed to resonate at 700 Hz. Audio from the receiver headphone jack is connected to J1 where it is either filtered or passed directly to the output jack, depending upon the position of S1. C1 is an audio coupling capacitor. Its job is to pass the audio signal, but block any dc voltage that might also be present at the input. Q1 is an MPF102 or similar FET operating in the common-gate configuration. The value of R1 is selected for 2 to 3 mA of drain current in Q1, thereby ensuring a high drain impedance.

C2 and R3 form a decoupling network that keeps audio off the common dc line, preventing unwanted self-oscillation caused by feedback between Q1 and Q2 ("motorboating" or howl). A small value is used for the coupling capacitor, C3, so as not to load down the tuned circuit and lower the Q. This light coupling helps keep a narrow loaded bandwidth (BW_L)



The lab prototype of the Crudcutter filter, installed in an aluminum enclosure. All controls and J2 are mounted on the front panel, J1 on the rear panel. Four rubber stick-on feet are attached to the bottom.

for the circuit. L1 is a 110-mH inductor wound on a pot core. Pot cores, a special branch of the magnetic-core family — as toroids are — look sort of like doughnut molds. They consist of two cups that fit together around a plastic bobbin. The winding is placed on the bobbin, and the two core cups are slipped over the bobbin, enclosing the winding.

The main advantage in using a pot core is the ease with which a large amount of inductance can be acquired. Pot cores are a good choice of coil form where a large inductance value is needed in a small amount of space. They are also easy to wind, compared to toroids, because of their bobbin/core format.

Pot cores are self-shielding, as are toroids. They are usually abundant at flea markets and swap meets; however, they are usually prewound and unmarked, so beware: Not any random core can be used in this circuit. Effective permeability (μ_e) of the Amidon core used in the Crudcutter is 1800, and the A_L value is 47 mH per 100 turns.^{1,2}

L1 and C4 make up a parallel-tuned cir-

cuit. The sharpness or quality factor of this circuit is variable by means of R4, a "Q-killer" potentiometer. Adjustment of R4 allows a variable amount of resistance to be placed in series with L1, effectively changing the Q of the coil, and thus of the tuned circuit ($Q = X/R$).³ If a 100-ohm pot cannot be readily obtained, or if a 500- or 1000-ohm unit is sitting idle in your junkbox, you may wish to modify the bandwidth control as shown in Fig. 1B.

After the signal is narrowed (peaked) by the LC filter, it is amplified by Q2, an n-channel FET operating in the common-source configuration. The source resistor is bypassed at audio frequencies by means of C5 to prevent degeneration and thereby ensure maximum stage gain. After being amplified, the filtered audio signal passes through C7 to the headphone jack. C7 is a coupling capacitor used to block the supply voltage from the headphones and their ground return.

The circuit of Fig. 1A is designed for use with high-impedance (2000-ohm) headphones. If you wish to use low-Z phones, such as 4- or 8-ohm hi-fi types, simply break the connection between points X and Y in Fig. 1A, and insert the transformer shown in Fig. 1C. Note that the center tap on the 1000-ohm primary is not connected.

Construction

The laboratory prototype for the Crudcutter filter is built in a homemade aluminum enclosure, as shown in the photos. A 1/4-inch (6.3-mm) phone jack is used at J2, and an RCA-type phono jack at J1. Although a circuit board was used in the prototype, it may be easier for individual builders to fabricate the circuit on a small piece of perf board or other breadboard material. If printed-circuit construction is desired, parts placement information can be found in Fig. 2, and

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¹References appear on page 17.

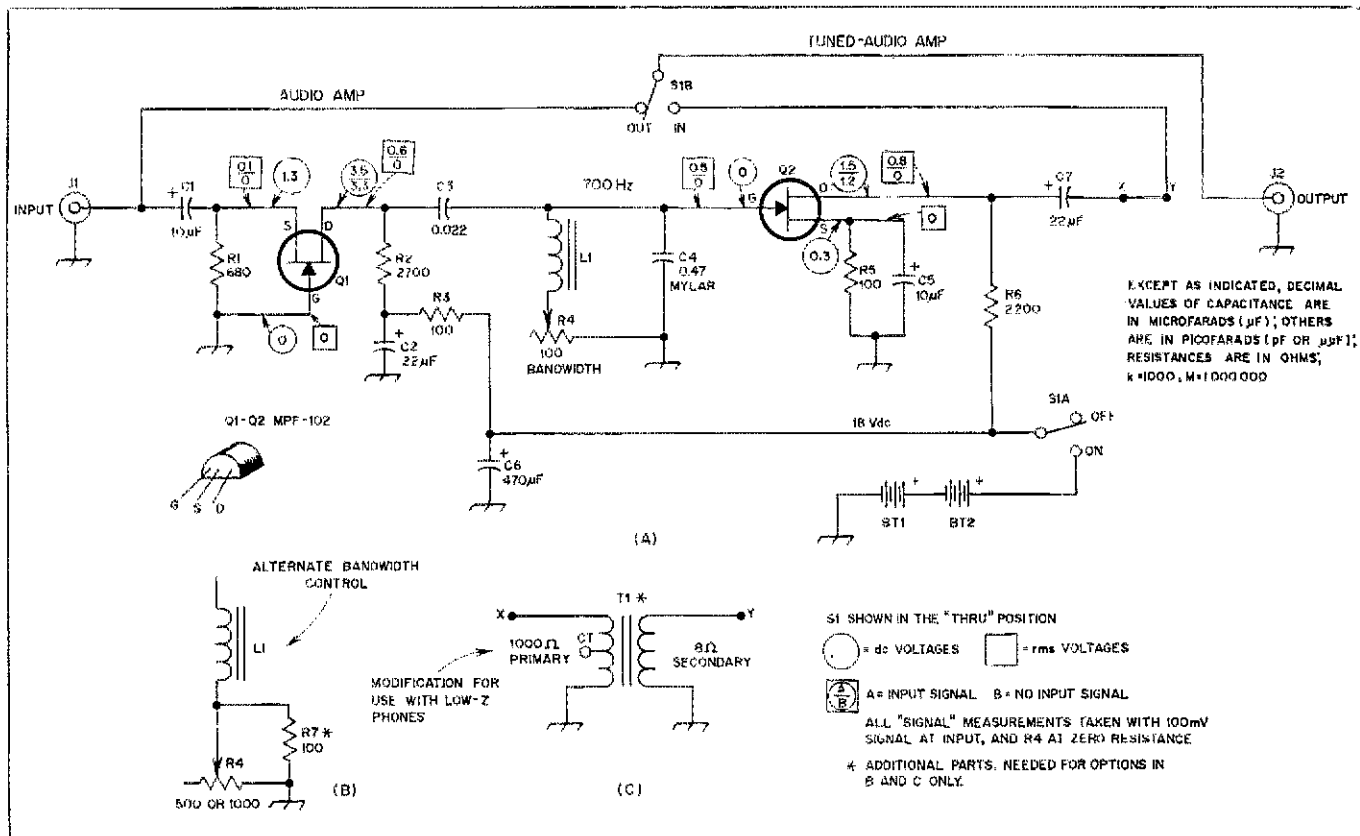


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the Crudecutter audio filter. At A, the circuit is shown as built for the lab prototype shown in the photos. At B is an alternative bandwidth control that can be used if a 100-Ω potentiometer cannot be obtained. Shown at C is an audio transformer that can be added to improve performance if the circuit is to be used with 8-Ω headphones. Except for L1 and R4, part numbers below are Radio Shack.

- J1, J2 — Builder's choice of audio connectors.
- BT1, BT2 — 9-volt transistor radio type (23-464).
- C1, C5 — 10-μF electrolytic or tantalum (272-1411).
- C2, C7 — 22-μF electrolytic, 35 V (272-1026).
- C3 — 0.022-μF disk ceramic or mylar (272-1066).
- C4 — 0.47-μF mylar (272-1071).
- C6 — 470-μF electrolytic, 35 V (272-1030).

- R1 — 680-Ω composition (271-000 series for all composition resistors).
- R2 — 2.7-kΩ composition.
- R3, R5, R7 — 100-Ω composition.
- R4 — 100-Ω potentiometer (Allied #54-7301).
- R6 — 2.2-kΩ composition (Allied #54-7301).
- S1 — Dpdt toggle switch (275-663).
- T1 — Audio output transformer: 1-kΩ primary, 8-Ω secondary (273-1380).

- Misc. — Wire, perf board or pc board, enclosure, solder, battery clips, knob, hardware, paint.

an etching pattern is provided in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.

Regardless of the construction method used, care should be exercised to see that the "+" ends of all polarized capacitors are oriented properly, and that the two FETs are installed correctly. Battery polarity should be double-checked before the circuit is first turned on. Solder joints should all be clean, and excess component leads should be clipped off. If the circuit is built on a breadboard, component leads should be kept as short as possible, especially if a nonmetallic enclosure is to be used. This measure will prevent excess hum pickup by the circuit.

Operation

Addition of the Crudecutter filter to any receiver that lacks crystal or mechanical i-f filters should result in greatly improved selectivity. With R4 in the minimum-resistance position, the loaded bandwidth at the -3-dB points should be 35 Hz. Bandwidth is variable, with a maximum

BW_L of 143 Hz occurring at the other extreme of R4.

The center frequency of the filter is 700 Hz with the values shown in Fig. 1; however, if you wish to change this, just add or remove turns on L1 to decrease or increase the resonant frequency respectively. To calculate the number of turns needed to arrive at a different inductance for L1, use this formula

$$\text{Turns} = 100 \sqrt{\frac{\text{desired } L \text{ (mH)}}{A_L \text{ (mH/100 t)}}$$

For example, for 110 mH with an A_L value of 47 mH per 100 turns,

$$100 \sqrt{\frac{110}{47}} = 100 \sqrt{2.34} \\ = 100 \times 1.53 = 153 \text{ turns}$$

To determine the necessary inductance for resonance of the tuned circuit at a specified frequency, plug the desired

operating frequency and value of C into the following equation

$$L = \frac{10^9 \left(\frac{1}{f \cdot 2\pi} \right)^2}{C}$$

where L is inductance in mH, C is capacitance in μF and f is frequency in Hz. Thus, for a desired filter "peak" at 900 Hz instead of 700, we would have

$$L = \frac{10^9 \left(\frac{1}{900(6.28)} \right)^2}{0.47} = \frac{31.3}{0.47} \\ = 66.6 \text{ mH for } L1$$

This figure could then be used in the turns formula above to determine the windings needed to obtain the inductance.

Using high-Z phones with the filter, you will notice that when the filter is turned on (inserted in the audio line), the audio level increases slightly. Since the selectivity of

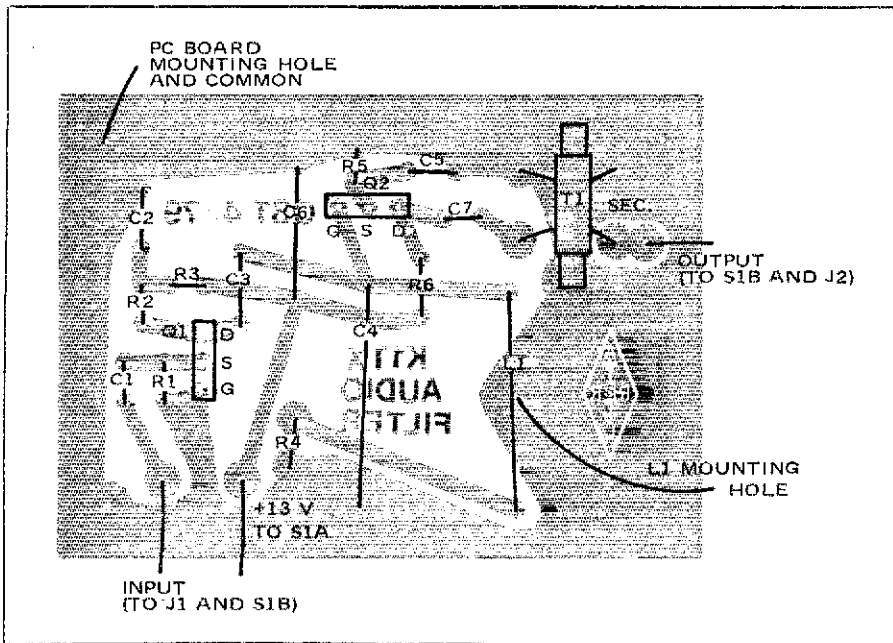
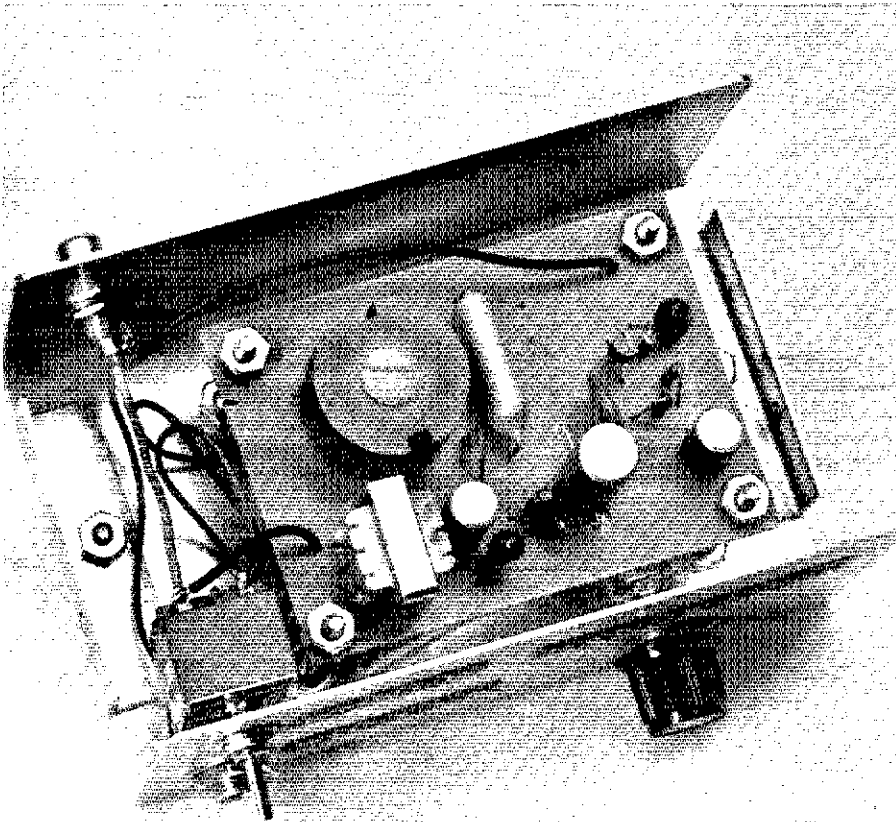


Fig. 2 — Parts placement diagram for the Crudcutter audio filter. All part values are indicated in Fig. 1 caption. Some resistors are mounted vertically on the pc board to conserve space. This view is an "X-ray" of the pc board, with shaded areas representing copper foil. The etching pattern is shown in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue. The drawing shows components as they should appear on the component side (nonfoil side) of the board. The pot core of L1 should be mounted at the point indicated, with the plastic screw and nut provided with the core. Be sure to tighten the plastic hardware only until snug. The core cups should come into firm contact to provide the proper inductance for the coil. Overtightening of the hardware may strip the plastic threads or crack the brittle core.



With the cover removed, the interior of the LC audio filter is easily visible. The two 9-volt batteries are located underneath the pc board, which is suspended by means of 6-32 hardware.

the filter is rather high, at first you may have difficulty tuning in a cw signal with the filter out and then trying to insert it. Unless the signal is initially tuned so that the resulting audio note is very close to 700 Hz, there's a good chance that when the filter is inserted the signal will be sufficiently far outside the passband that you won't be able to hear it at all! To ensure that you don't "lose" a signal this way, turn on the filter with the bandwidth control set at *minimum* (maximum resistance for R4). Thus, if you are not tuned to the center frequency of the filter, you can make the necessary receiver-tuning adjustments as you gradually reduce the filter bandwidth. After a little practice, you may "get an ear" for tuning all cw signals automatically to the center design frequency of the filter (700 Hz), and the above procedure will not be necessary. This filter can be used during the reception of ssb signals also. Set R4 for the narrowest response that will provide good audio readability.

The filter may tend to "ring" slightly at the highest selectivity (narrow-bandwidth) settings of R4. If this becomes objectionable, simply increase the bandwidth setting slightly and the ringing should cease.

The Crudcutter won't make a \$10 direct-conversion receiver into a Collins 75S-3, but it should make the simple receiver more fun to use on the cw bands. This doesn't preclude the use of the filter with more sophisticated gear. In fact, it can be used in conjunction with a good cw i-f filter to achieve even better results! If you decide to build the Crudcutter, remember: safety first — and have fun.

References

- *For more information on pot cores and other ferromagnetic core materials, write Amidon Assoc., 12033 Otsego St., North Hollywood, CA 91607.
- *Pot cores are covered in more detail in the "Transformers" section of Chap. 2 in *The 1979 Radio Amateur's Handbook*, ARRL.
- *Quality factor and L/C/F calculations are discussed in the "Radio Frequency Circuits" section of Chap. 2 in *The 1979 Radio Amateur's Handbook*, ARRL.
- *At the time of this writing, parts and pc boards are available from Circuit Board Specialists, P. O. Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002. A kit of components including transformer, controls, pc board, knob, etc. (excluding cabinet and batteries) is \$17.50; pc board only is \$4.
- *See reference 3.
- *For best results, the receiver i-f filter should yield a center audio note at the same frequency as that of the audio filter.

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Putting the Boots to Your HW-8 QRP Transceiver

Basic Amateur Radio: A signal increase of 9 dB for your QRP rig can turn marginal QSOs into solid ones! This amplifier provides 80- through 15-meter signal increases with only 1 watt of drive. Add these "boots" to your HW-8 and improve your QRP DX score.

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An article describing a single-ended plug-in amplifier for the HW-7 series QRP transceiver left much to be desired for some *QST* readers.¹ ARRL hq. was hit with a rash of letters requesting a band-switching style of amplifier which included the 80-meter band along with the 40-, 20- and 15-meter bands. Coverage on 80 meters was inspired by the appearance of Heath's newer QRP box, the HW-8. The additional cost of single-band amplifiers over a band-switching unit was objectionable to some, and rightly so. Moreover, some builders reported problems with amplifier instability when they assembled the "Slippers" unit. The amplifier described here is aimed at HW-8 owners in particular. However, it can be used with any QRP transmitter if the latter has the output attenuated so that a maximum of 1 watt reaches the power amplifier input. It is a simple matter to install an appropriate T or pi type of resistive attenuator at the amplifier input when more driving power than is necessary appears at the output of the QRP transmitter.

This amplifier operates from a 12- to 14-volt dc supply. Maximum current drain is less than 2 amperes. A spectral analysis of the amplifier output indicated that it complies with the FCC requirement that all spurious energy be 40 dB or greater below peak carrier value. The spurious components are -45 dB or better on each of the bands covered by this circuit. A host of in-band spurs were observed at

levels well below -40 dB. They are products generated within the HW-8 and do not originate in the amplifier described here.

Circuit Description

A pair of RCA 40977 stud-mount power transistors are shown in the circuit of Fig. 1. These are actually vhf devices and are used primarily because they were on hand at the time this circuit was developed. Later, RCA dropped this part from its line. Transistors with similar characteristics for hf-band operation may be used in place of the 40977, notably the Motorola 2N5642 which is an exact replacement. The specifications for the 40977 are 11 dB gain (approximate) at 118 MHz; Look for a substitute which has similar gain at 21 or 30 MHz. Maximum power dissipation is 25 watts. Power input is 0.5 watt (approximate) for 6 watts minimum output. Collector supply voltage is 12.5 nominal. Continuous collector current rating (maximum) is 5 A. Collector efficiency is 55 percent. The builder should not be afraid to experiment with other types of power transistors, especially if they can be obtained inexpensively as surplus from a reliable dealer.

This circuit operates broadband in the Class C mode. This technique simplifies band switching and lowers the cost. To ensure unconditional amplifier stability it is necessary to use shunt feedback from collector to base (R1, R2, C1, C2, L1 and L2). Broadbanding and stabilization of this type always results in a power trade-off. In a similar circuit which used no feedback, the amplifier output could be as

great as 15 watts, safely, even though the 40977s are rated at a nominal output of 6 watts each at 118 MHz. With the feedback networks shown, the output is approximately 12 watts on 80, 40 and 20 meters. Somewhat less output is available on 15 meters, owing to the lower output from the HW-8 on that band.

A pair of 10-ohm resistors and two miniature ferrite beads are connected from the transistor bases to ground. These components are used to discourage low-frequency oscillations. The 4-dB attenuator at the amplifier input reduces the HW-8 drive to a safe level. It is suggested that a switch be added to remove the pad during operation on 21 MHz. This will provide an amplifier output of roughly 8 watts on that band. The power output is on the order of 4 watts with the pad in the line.

Two 220-pF silver-mica capacitors are used in the collector circuit to prevent vhf self-oscillations and to lower the harmonic energy in the vhf range. The reactance of the capacitors is high enough in the hf bands to have minor effect on the amplifier power.

T1 of Fig. 1 is a broadband transformer with a 3:1 turns ratio. The transformer used in this design is homemade and is of the *conventional* variety (not a transmission-line transformer). Detailed information of the construction of this transformer is presented in the *ARRL Electronics Data Book* and in *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur*. T1 consists of two rows of four Amidon FT-50-43 ferrite toroid cores ($\mu = 950$) through which thin-wall brass tubing is

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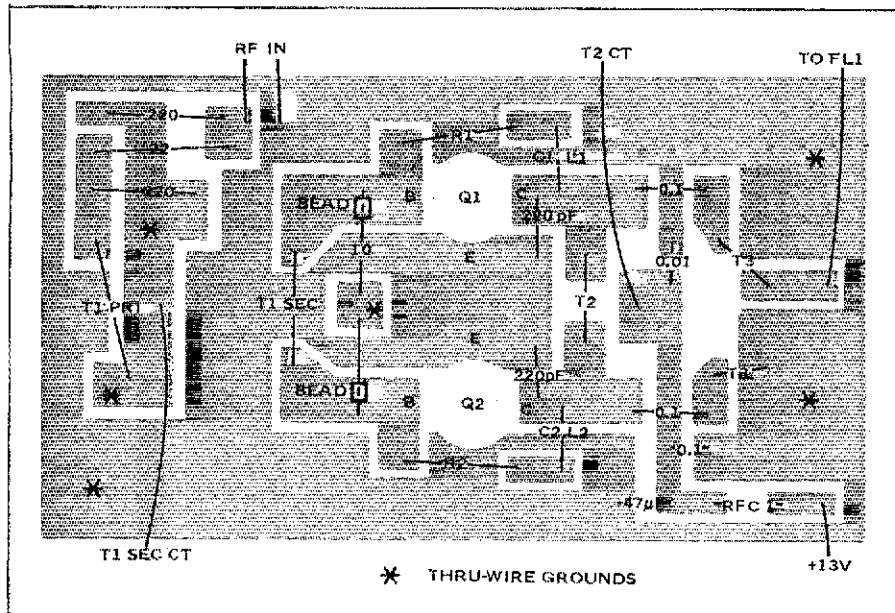


Fig. 2 — Parts placement guide for the amplifier board. Parts are mounted on the etched side of the double-sided pc board; the shaded area in this view represents the copper pattern. The other side of the board is unetched. (The etching pattern appears in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.) Decimal-value numbers alone represent capacitance in microfarads. Whole-number values without units represent resistance in ohms. Note that ferrite beads are slipped over one end of each of the two 10-ohm resistors.

thermore, when the leads are bent up or down to mate with the pc board it is possible for undue stress to be exerted on the transistor body during heat cycling. This can cause physical damage to the transistors. The correct mounting procedure calls for the strip leads to come out from the transistor body at 90 degrees. They lie flat on the pc board pads to which they are soldered.²

The amplifier board is mounted against

the rear wall of the U-shaped homemade chassis. The case serves as a heat sink. Heat transfer is enhanced by the addition of transistor silicone grease. It is applied to the mating surfaces of the transistors and cabinet. The stud nuts should be tightened only slightly beyond a finger-tight tension level. This will prevent damage to the transistors. Through-wires are added at several points on the amplifier board to join the ground foils

on both sides of the board. Each through-wire is soldered to the pc board at both ends.

The Filter Module

Table I contains L, C and frequency data for the four filters. For the most part, standard-value silver-mica capacitors are not specified. This requires combining standard values in order to arrive at values which are close to those specified. Mica compression trimmers can be used at the center of each filter (see photograph) if desired. The author's model has the trimmers for final tweaking to obtain maximum output power and waveform purity.

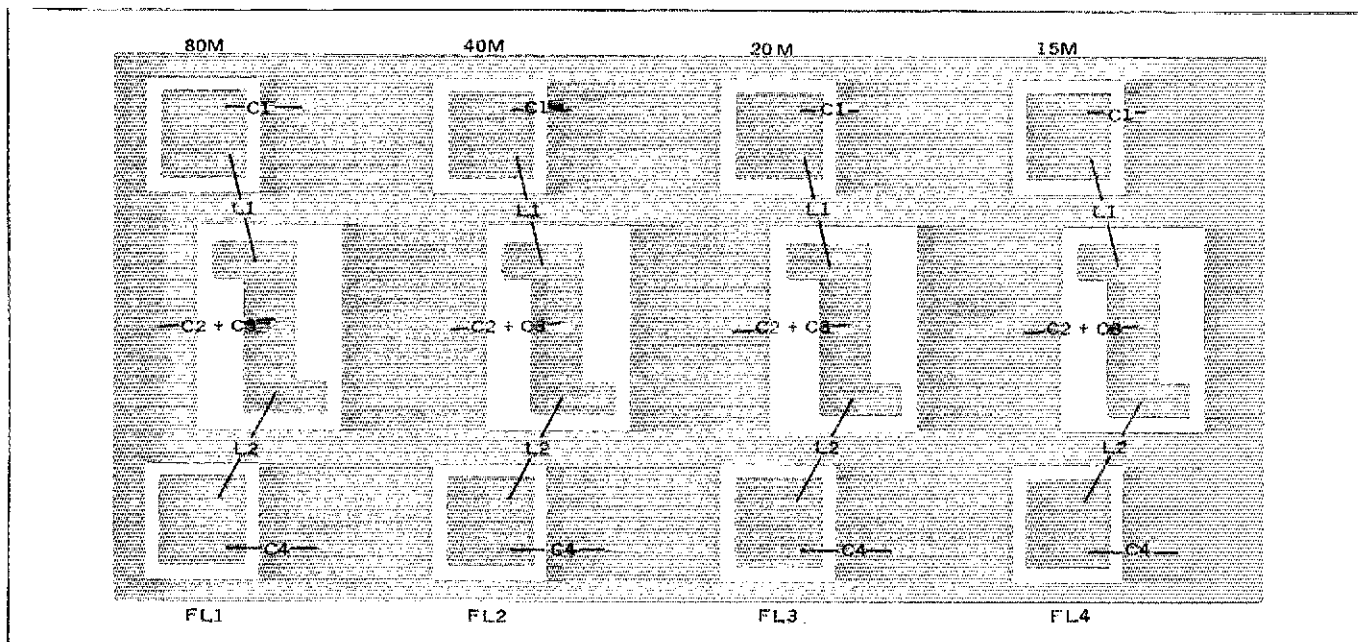
RG-174/U miniature coaxial cable is used for the rf leads. It is important to ground the shield braids at both ends of the cables which connect to the amplifier output, antenna jack (J2) and the two poles of S1. The remainder of the coaxial cables need to have the shields grounded only at the filter-board end. In the model shown, heat-shrink tubing is used at the ungrounded ends of the connecting cables. S1 should be a two-wafer type with at least one inch (25.4 mm) of distance between the wafers. This will ensure proper isolation between the filter inputs and outputs. For ideal conditions, a metal shield could even be installed between the wafer sections and bolted to chassis ground.

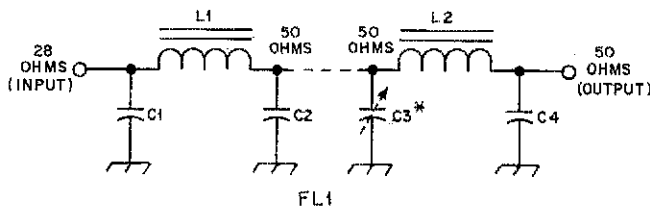
Operation

The power supply which Heath provides for the HW-8 will not be suitable for this amplifier. A regulated power supply of 2 amperes or greater is required.

The 40977 transistors are "SWR

Fig. 3 — Parts placement guide for the single-sided filter board showing details for one filter. Parts are mounted on the foil side of the board; the shaded area in this view represents copper. The etching pattern appears in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.





XL1 = 38 Xc2 = 33
 XL2 = 50 Xc3, C4 = 50
 XC1 = 30 QL1 = 1
 * SEE CAPTION

Table 1

Band	f _{CO} (MHz)	L1 (μH)	L2 (μH)	C1 (pF)	C2 (pF)	C3, C4 (pF)	Toroid Core	Turns	Wire Size
15	23	0.26	0.35	230	210	138	T68-6	L1-7 TS L2-10 TS	no. 22
20	16	0.38	0.5	330	300	200	T68-6	L1-10 TS L2-10 TS	no. 22
40	8	0.76	1.0	663	600	400	T68-2	L1-11 TS L2-13 TS	no. 22
80	5	1.2	1.6	1000	965	636	T68-2	L1-14 TS L2-17 TS	no. 22

Coil and capacitor information for the half-wave harmonic filters shown in Fig. 1. All capacitors are silver-mica units. Parallel or series combinations can be used as needed to provide the approximate values listed above. An accuracy of ± 10 percent is recommended. *A mica compression trimmer can be used at C3 to provide final adjustment of the filters.

protected," to use the RCA vernacular. This means that anything from a dead short to a full open circuit can be tolerated at the amplifier output for short periods of time without causing device damage. A maximum mismatch period of 30 seconds is recommended.

The harmonic filters are designed for a 50-ohm termination. Therefore the antenna should not present an SWR of greater than 1.5:1, or filter performance will be impaired. Also, there will be a loss in out-

put power when the SWR is high. A Transmatch and SWR indicator are recommended for use with any solid-state amplifier, including this one, particularly when the antenna does not present a 50-ohm load.

This amplifier will reach its saturated output-power level at slightly under 1 watt of drive at the bases of Q1 and Q2. Observe the increase in forward power to the antenna, then add no further drive once the point is reached where power

output from the amplifier levels off.

Now that you've "put the boots to your HW-8," have fun and go after that DX you were reluctant to call with only 2 watts!

Footnotes

- ¹DeMaw, "Slippers for the HW-7," *QST*, Dec. 1975, p. 45.
- ²Artigo and Johnson, "Fundamentals of Solid-State Power-Amplifier Design," *QST*, Sept. and Nov. 1972, and *QST*, April 1973 (in three parts).

Strays

CHECKSHEET REVISED

□ Our League Lines item in August 1978 *QST* brought more than 100 ideas on how to revise the standard duplicate checking sheet used for ARRL-sponsored contests to accommodate the many new prefixes being issued by the FCC. Now that the dust has settled, the updated version is available to anyone requesting contest forms. The best idea came from a log submitted by WA4NTP. He may not be the originator of the idea, but he showed he knew a winner. A new 1979 ARRL *Handbook* is on its way to him. Other excellent ideas came from WA2MEQ/1, W2FTY, K3FR, K7QD and WB8TJS.

AWARD OFFERED

□ Three two-way contacts, on any band or mode, with three stations located in the Grande Ronde Valley, Union County, OR, will earn amateurs the Grande Ronde Radio Amateurs certificate. Letter applications should include calls, dates and

times of contacts claimed. Send to June Campbell, WB7FDB, Rte. 2, Box 2486, La Grande, OR 97850. The fee is \$1 or 2 IRCs. — W7KVV

HAMS PITCH IN

□ Dick Lynch, N4ATT, reports that when fire destroyed the home of Ralph Messer, KA4DKJ, of Richlands, VA, in December 1978, local hams collected money for Ralph and his wife, and helped them find a new home and furnishings.

NOVICES NEED ADVICE

□ What is your club doing to help newly licensed hams get on the air? Most new Novices could use some advice on purchasing equipment, setting up their shacks, and making their first QSOs. But instructors, often inundated with preparations for a new Novice course, don't always have time to follow up on their last batch of students. It is important that new licensees aren't left to flounder on their own and possibly drop the hobby out of frustration because they don't know other hams, or from being too embarrassed to ask for help.

Many clubs have solved this problem by assigning an "Elmer" to each new Novice

or by establishing a committee to help new licensees. This also is a good opportunity to invite the Novices to attend the next club meeting with you, which will help them overcome any initial shyness.

There are as many solutions to this growing problem as there are hams! What are you doing for the kid next door, the retiree around the block, or the business executive in the next town who just got licensed? — Jeanie Zaines, AB1P

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What's so special about a QSL card from Lithuania? Everyone knows you can exchange QSLs with UP2-land via Post Box 88, Moscow, U.S.S.R., as indicated by this one received by CK1KE and sent us through the courtesy of VO1KE. Guess it must be that time again in the recycling sports year that makes this call so appropriate. Our correspondent also has a QSL from OH2BAD, but he says OK2SIR has yet to reply.

The SHARC Audible Current Meter

When Raymond Andrews, KØLZR, president of the Sand Hills ARC, suggested that club members design a special radio aid for blind amateurs, he got results.

By Leroy J. Stockemer,* KØWOL

The audible current meter described in this article originally was designed for a fellow radio amateur who is blind, but it may also be of special use to those blessed with sight. My friend needed a device to enable him to tune his transmitter to resonance. He also wanted very much to have a means of knowing the relative power input to the final rf stage. We reasoned that the latter could be accomplished by monitoring different current levels.

Other devices used previously by my fellow amateur proved undesirable because they tended to give false indications of resonance. Furthermore, they lacked a method of showing the power input or output of the rf stage. False indications, needless to say, can cause detrimental effects to the rf power tubes in the final amplifier. That misfortune befell my friend several times, a result of misadjustment.

As I thought over his situation, these criteria came to mind. There existed a need for a device that would track and indicate the movement of the existing current meter. Such a unit should have a means of indicating different current levels for adjusting the bias level and relative power input to the rf power amplifier. I rationalized also that the device must combine practicality, effectiveness and low cost. The practical aspect seemed to dictate that the unit would be of small physical size, have a minimum of operating controls and require only simple

calibration techniques.

Initial efforts to produce a satisfactory device were rather disappointing. Several circuits were tried. They all involved too many components, along with a lack of simplicity. Determination, however, led to a design that seemed well suited for meeting the criteria.

Block Diagram Explanation

The block diagram (Fig. 1) illustrates the basic configuration of the audible current meter (ACM). It consists of a high-gain dc amplifier (40 dB) which feeds a voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) and combination voltage-controlled comparator/pulse generator. A switch-selectable voltage reference is used in conjunction with the voltage-controlled comparator. The output of the VCO feeds a

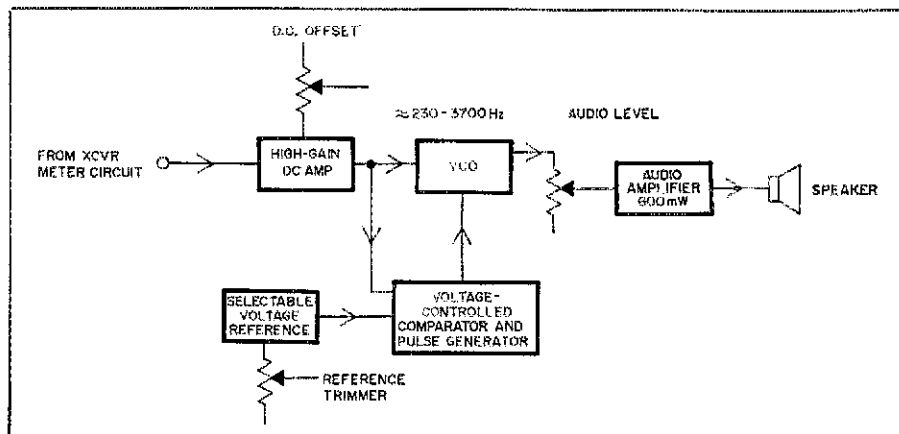
600-mW audio amplifier which drives a small 8-ohm speaker.

The input terminals of the high-gain dc amplifier are connected to the meter terminals of the transceiver. The input voltage range is 0 to 50 mV, representing a meter deflection of 0 to 1 mA for the meter in a Swan 350 ssb transceiver. The meter current (0 to 1 A) is indicative of the input current to the final rf amplifier of the transmitter.

The ACM dc amplifier output voltage ranges from 1 to 5 volts. This variable-voltage output causes the VCO to vary in frequency from approximately 230 to 2100 Hz, representing a change in transmitter input current from 0 to 1 ampere.

When the transmitter is tuned through resonance (indicated by a dip in meter

Fig. 1 — Block diagram of the audible current meter.



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current) the audible pitch generated by the VCO goes from high to low to high. At the point where a dip is reached (the lowest pitch sound indicating resonance), the selectable-voltage reference may be set to a level representing a specific transmitter-input current. This enables the operator to load the power amplifier for the desired power input.

During operation, as the transmitter is adjusted for more input power, the voltage at the output of the dc amplifier increases; the tone goes higher in pitch until the selected current level is reached. (Of course, this current level must coincide with a dip in meter current, as mentioned above.) When it reaches a value equal to that selected by the voltage reference, the comparator becomes a pulse generator which gates the VCO off and on at a variable rate. Then the tone gates off and on at approximately a 2-Hz rate. If the current is increased further, the rate will rise to about 13 Hz, indicating the desired current level has been surpassed by an appreciable amount. The proper level is attained when the tone just begins to gate off and on.

The selectable voltage reference is

designed to compare transmitter current levels representing 50 mA (to enable setting the idling current for the rf power amplifier) and 100, 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 mA (for setting the desired power input). This arrangement seems to serve the purpose well.

We originally tried the circuit on a Swan 350 transceiver. Later it was modified to function with a Swan 700-CX. Results with both transceivers were remarkably good. The audible current meter can be used with nearly any type of meter that indicates current as long as the negative side of the meter is near ground potential. Other uses for the audible method, apart from those explained in this article, might be for an rf power-output indicator, an SWR monitor, or a remote monitoring device.

The Circuit

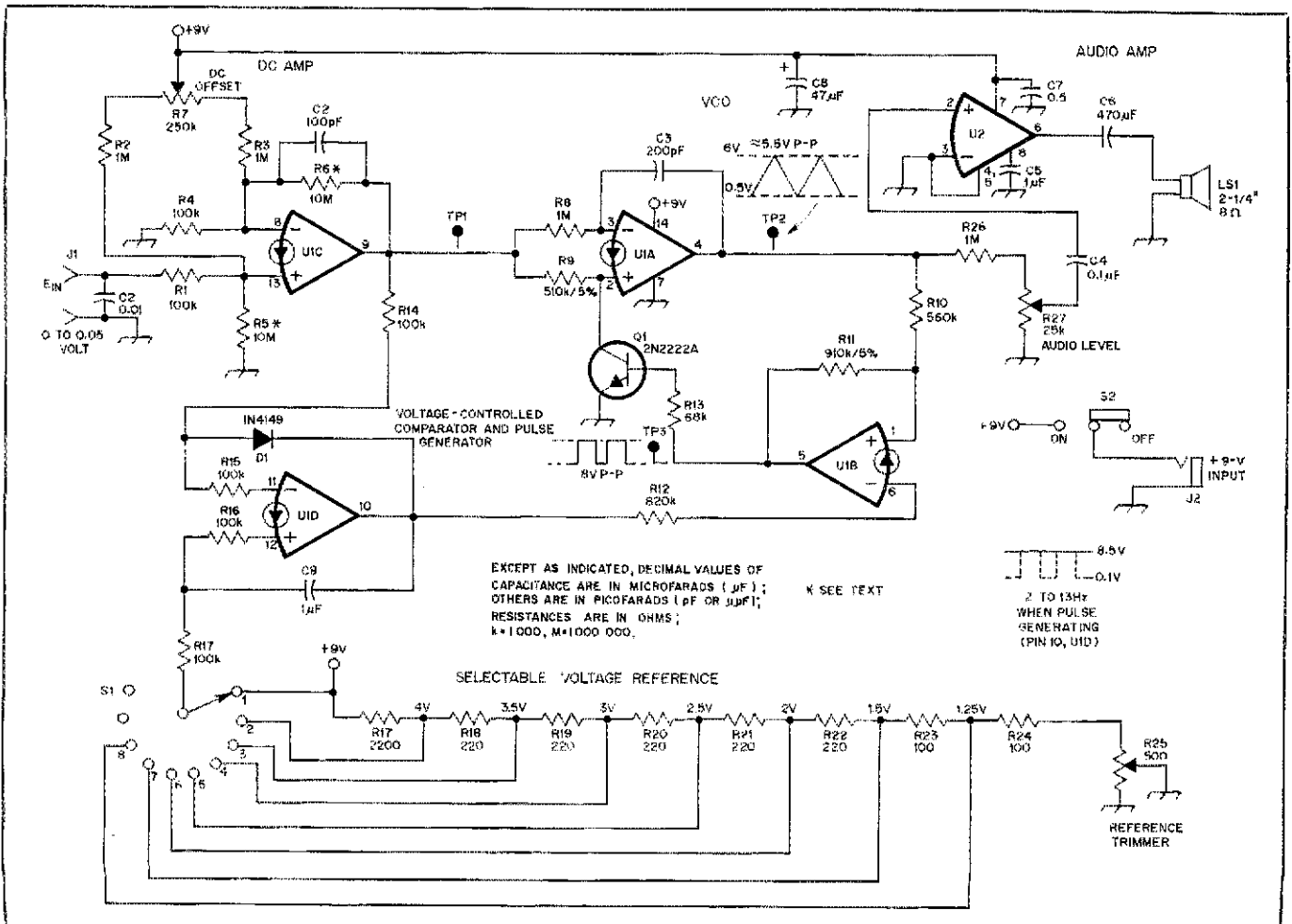
Our ultimate design incorporated the use of a low-cost LM3900 quad-amplifier IC using four Norton operational amplifiers. This amplifier seems rather unusual. Most op amps make use of differential input voltages, whereas the Norton amplifier differentiates between input

currents. This allows the use of high-value resistors to convert input voltages to input currents. Another feature is that the Norton amplifier uses a current mirror to mirror the noninverting input current about ground. This allows the use of a single power supply voltage. Most of the circuitry consists of variations of the basic configurations given in applications manuals.¹

The audible current meter utilizes two integrated circuits and one transistor, as shown in the schematic diagram of Fig. 2. To some people the diagram may seem rather complicated at first glance. It really isn't, however. U1A and U1B are the main components of the VCO, whereas U1C functions as the dc amplifier and U1D serves as a combination voltage-controlled comparator/pulse generator. U1 is an LM3900 14-pin DIP quad amplifier. U2 is an LM380-8 (8-pin DIP) 600-mW audio amplifier. U1C, the dc amplifier, has a gain of approximately 100. Offset-control R7 is adjusted to pro-

¹Linear Applications Manual (AN72), National Semiconductor Corp., February 1973.

Fig. 2 — Schematic diagram of the SHARC audible current meter. U1 is a type LM3900 quad-operational amplifier. U2 is a type LM380-8 600-mW audio amplifier. S1 provides a choice of voltage ranges furnished through the selectable voltage reference divider circuit. C9 is nonpolarized.



vide 1 volt at the test point (TP1) with the input at J1 shorted to ground. This 1 volt applied to the input of integrator U1A causes this voltage to be changed to an input current charging C3, effecting a ramp-up voltage at TP2. When this ramp reaches approximately 6 volts, it causes the Schmitt trigger U1B to trip. The output of U1B goes positive, turning on Q1 and causing pin 2 of integrator U1A to be grounded. By grounding pin 2, the integrator ramps down to approximately 0.5 volt. U1B then reverts back to the initial state (pin 5 low), turning off Q1. The cycle then repeats itself, thus generating an output waveform which is triangular. U1A and U1B, along with Q1, form the VCO. The frequency change of the VCO may be understood from the following relationship:

$$f_o = \frac{V_{in} - V_{bc}}{2RC(\Delta V_o)} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where

- f_o = frequency
- V_{in} = input voltage to integrator
- V_{bc} = base-to-emitter voltage (≈ 0.5 V) of the integrator
- R = R8 in the diagram = $1 \text{ M}\Omega$
- C = C3 = 200 pF
- ΔV_o = ramp voltage = $6 \text{ V} - 0.5 \text{ V} = 5.5 \text{ V}$.

Since R , C , ΔV_o and V_{bc} are essentially constant, Eq. 1 indicates that the frequency is directly proportional to V_{in} . Increasing the input voltage causes the frequency to increase.

U1D acts as a combination voltage comparator and pulse generator. With S1 in position no. 1, a 9-volt input is applied, holding the output of U1D (pin 10) high (8.5 V). This voltage is applied as an input to the inverting side of U1B, enabling the VCO. If S1 is set to position 3, a 3.5-volt input is applied to the noninverting input of U1D, still enabling the VCO. Now suppose that at the same time a 25-mV level is present at the input of J1. This would produce a 3.525-V output from the dc amplifier. Because this input to the inverting side of U1D is slightly greater than the 3.5 volts to the noninverting side, the output of U1D drops to approximately 0.1 volt. When the output of U1D goes low, the enable voltage to the VCO is removed. U1B ramps down to a low level and holds. At the same time, C9 is discharging, holding the output of U1D to a low level. D1 is also conducting, effectively removing the inverting input voltage to U1D. U1D remains low until C9 is discharged to a lower level. After C9 reaches a pre-determined lower level, the U1D output again goes positive. This enables the VCO to operate again, generating an output tone. The positive transition at the output of U1D also reverse biases D1, allowing the comparison voltage to be sensed at the inverting input. C9 also couples this positive input to the noninverting input,

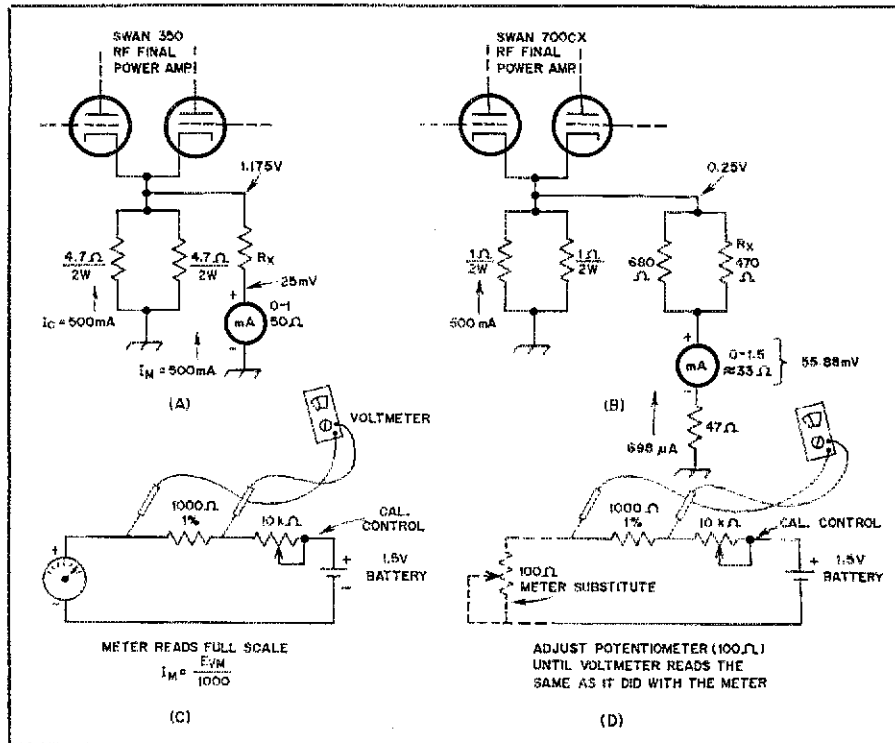


Fig. 3 — These drawings suggest how you would proceed to apply an audible meter circuit to a Swan 350 or Swan 700-CX. A simplified Swan 350 meter circuit is shown at A. The diagram at B is for the Swan 700-CX meter circuit. In both cases the cathode current is measured. Drawing C is for determining the full scale current of a milliammeter. Drawing D is for a circuit to determine the internal resistance of a milliammeter after the full scale current is ascertained.

holding the output of U1D high. After a period of time, C9 becomes charged and the voltage at the inverting input again drives the output low and the cycle repeats. From the above explanation, you can see how different settings of S1 can be used to compare the input voltage taken from a milliammeter to provide a means of determining representative current levels.

Metering

Because there are various methods of metering current in different brands of equipment, use of a different gain figure for dc amplifier U1C may be necessary in some cases. As stated previously, the circuit shown was applied to a Swan-350 transceiver and later modified to accommodate a Swan 700-CX transceiver. Amateurs who may be considering the construction of an audible current meter are advised to study the metering circuit of the transmitter with which the audible meter is to be used. The two units must be electronically compatible. In many instances one will find that the manufacturer has installed a 500- μ A current meter associated with various combinations of shunt and series resistors.

Fig. 3 provides some examples of metering arrangements. Circuit A is for the Swan 350 transceiver. The meter internal resistance is nominally 50 ohms. With 500 mA flowing in the final amplifier cathode

circuit, a 0-1 milliammeter should have 500 μ A flowing through it to register the 500-mA cathode current. Although the meter current is only 500 μ A, the scale is calibrated in milliamperes. This 500- μ A current causes a voltage drop of 25 mV across the internal resistance of the meter. By applying Ohm's Law and using the values just given, we can arrive at these results: $E = IR = 500 \mu\text{A} \times 50 \text{ ohms} = 0.025 \text{ V} = 25 \text{ mV}$. In this case the value of R_x would have to be 2300 Ω , but don't look for a 2300- Ω resistor in the meter voltage-divider circuit. There may be two or more resistors in parallel to make R_x the value needed to have the milliammeter register properly. One must compensate for circuit tolerances, meter error and all that good stuff put there seemingly to confuse the uninitiated. This arrangement yields a value of 50 mV across the meter for full-scale deflection.

Fig. 3B shows the meter circuit for the Swan 700-CX transmitter. In this case the voltage across the meter and 47-ohm series resistance is approximately equal to 56 mV. Here a current through the meter and voltage divider circuit of 698 μ A represents 500 mA of transmitter current. Of course, the meter scale is marked to represent 500 mA. The important part of all this is being able to determine (1) the voltage across the meter circuit for a certain amount of representative transmitter current and (2) how to change the gain of

the dc amplifier in the audible current meter in order to obtain the desired results. If you know the resistance of the meter and the full-scale current reading, then calculating the maximum expected voltage across the meter for any current through it is simple. If you should be fortunate enough to have a good millivoltmeter then the voltage across the meter should be read and if the range of the meter is known, then the current may be read on the meter. A good millivoltmeter, however, is not likely to be found in most amateur stations.

Checking a Meter for Full-Scale Current

A simple method of checking a meter for full-scale current value and internal resistance is shown in Fig. 3C. All that is needed are a voltmeter, a 1000-Ω resistor (1-percent tolerance), a 100-Ω and a 10-kΩ potentiometer, plus a 1.5-volt battery. Connect the meter as shown in Fig. 3C with the potentiometer set for full resistance. Then decrease the resistance of the potentiometer until the meter just reads full scale. Measure the voltage across the 1000-Ω resistor and calculate the current through the meter by means of Ohm's Law.

$$I = \frac{E}{R} = \frac{\text{voltage across } 1000\text{-}\Omega \text{ res.}}{1000 \Omega}$$

Leave the potentiometer set for full-scale indication on the meter. Next remove the meter from the circuit, replacing it with a 100-Ω potentiometer as shown in Fig. 3D. Adjust the 100-Ω potentiometer until the voltmeter reads exactly the same as when the meter was in place. Remove the 100-Ω potentiometer from the circuit and measure the adjusted resistance of the potentiometer. This resistance is the same as the internal resistance of the meter. Now calculate the full-scale voltage of the meter. The following steps illustrate how to perform the calculation. As an example:

- 1) Current calculated through the 1000-Ω resistor = 1 mA = 0.001 A = I_m .
- 2) Resistance of the potentiometer across the circuit measured 50 ohms = R_m .
- 3) Then $E_m = I_m R_m = 0.001 \times 50 = 0.05 = 50 \text{ mV}$.

This example is well suited for the audible current meter shown schematically in Fig. 2.

If the transmitter to be used with the audible meter has a circuit such as illustrated by Fig. 3B, the full-scale reading will provide a voltage across the meter circuit of 168 mV. In a case such as this, the gain of the dc amplifier would need to be changed. If the circuit were left as it appears in Fig. 2, the amplifier would be driven into saturation before a full-scale meter reading occurred. Also, the current-comparison scale would not agree with the current readings of the meter. In order to

Table 1

I_x, A	E_x, V	$\Delta E, V$	R_x, Ω
$I_1 = 1.2$	$E_1 = 6.376$	$V_{cc} - E_1 = 2.624$	$R17 = 1200$
$I_2 = 1.0$	$E_2 = 5.48$	$E_1 - E_2 = 0.896$	$R18 = 410$
$I_3 = 0.8$	$E_3 = 4.584$	$E_2 - E_3 = 0.896$	$R19 = 410$
$I_4 = 0.6$	$E_4 = 3.688$	$E_3 - E_4 = 0.896$	$R20 = 410$
$I_5 = 0.4$	$E_5 = 2.792$	$E_4 - E_5 = 0.896$	$R21 = 410$
$I_6 = 0.2$	$E_6 = 1.896$	$E_5 - E_6 = 0.896$	$R22 = 410$
$I_7 = 0.1$	$E_7 = 1.448$	$E_6 - E_7 = 0.448$	$R23 = 205$
		$E_7 - 0 = 1.448$	$R24 = 412$

avoid saturation, the gain to the amplifier is changed as follows.

Step 1: Since the maximum (full-scale current) meter-circuit voltage is 168 mV and the maximum positive voltage available from the amplifier is 8 volts and the offset voltage at TP1 is 1 volt, the maximum allowable swing is 7 volts, or the output should not swing more than 7 volts for an input of 168 mV. The required gain for the amplifier is therefore

$$A_v = \frac{E_{out}}{E_{in}} = \frac{7 \text{ volts}}{168 \text{ mV}} = 41.67$$

We can then calculate the value of R5 and R6, using these values to change the gain of the dc amplifier and balance the input currents.

$$R5 \text{ and } R6 = (A_v - 1)R4 = (41.67 - 1)100 \text{ k}\Omega = 4.067 \text{ M}\Omega$$

Since this is not a standard value, we select the nearest standard value (3.9 MΩ). This value provides a gain of

$$A_v = 1 + \frac{R6}{R4} = 1 + \frac{3.9 \text{ M}\Omega}{100 \text{ k}\Omega} = 40$$

$$\text{Step 2: Calculate } E_{out} \cdot E_o = E_{in} \times A_v = 168 \text{ mV} \times 40 = 6.72 \text{ V}$$

Step 3: Determine the maximum comparison current for the particular transmitter. (We'll use 1.2 A here to illustrate.) Since 1.5 A is full scale, the ratio of maximum desired comparison (1.2 A) to maximum full scale meter current (1.5 A) times the maximum input voltage of 168 mV provides:

$$E_{in} = \frac{I_m E_m}{I_{max}} = \frac{1.2 \times 168 \text{ mV}}{1.5} = 134.4 \text{ mV}$$

134.4 mV will represent the maximum voltage into the dc amplifier to be used for current comparison.

Step 4: Calculate the output voltage of the dc amplifier with 134.4 mV input.

$$E_o = E_{in} A_v + 1 = (134.4 \text{ mV} \times 40) + 1 = 6.376 \text{ volts}$$

Step 5: Determine the resistance of R17 for the selectable voltage reference. (See

Fig. 2.) Let the current through the voltage divider equal 1.5 to 2.5 mA. Therefore

$$R17 = \frac{V_{cc} - E_o}{I_{ref}} = \frac{9 \text{ V} - 6.376 \text{ V}}{2 \text{ mA}} = 1312 \Omega$$

where

V_{cc} = power supply voltage

$E_o = 6.376$ volts (calculated in step 3)

$I = 2 \text{ mA}$ (voltage-divider current)

Since 1312 Ω is not a standard value, we'll use the nearest standard value and re-establish the voltage divider current. Using 1.2 kΩ,

$$I_{ref} = \frac{E_{R17}}{R17} = \frac{2.624}{1.2 \text{ k}\Omega} = 2.187 \text{ mA}$$

Step 6: Now determine the rest of the resistances in the selectable voltage reference. First, determine the desired comparison currents. Then start a table, similar to Table 1, listing these current values and compute E_x , ΔE and R_x . Fill in the rest of the table. The computation procedure is

$$1) E_x = \frac{(E_1 - 1)I_x}{I_1} + 1$$

For example,

$$E_2 = \frac{(6.376 - 1)1.0}{1.2 \text{ A}} + 1 = 5.48$$

where

$I_x = I_1, I_2, I_3, \dots$

$E_x = E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots$

$$2) \Delta E = E_1 - E_2, E_2 - E_3, \dots$$

$$3) R_x = \frac{\Delta E}{I_{ref}}$$

For example,

$$R18 = \frac{E_1 - E_2}{I_{ref}} = \frac{0.896}{2.187 \text{ mA}} = 409.69 \Omega$$

where I_{ref} was determined in step 5.

$$4) R_{24} = \frac{E_7}{I_{ref}} - 250$$

$$\text{where } 250 = \frac{R25}{2}$$

As can be seen from the table, if the

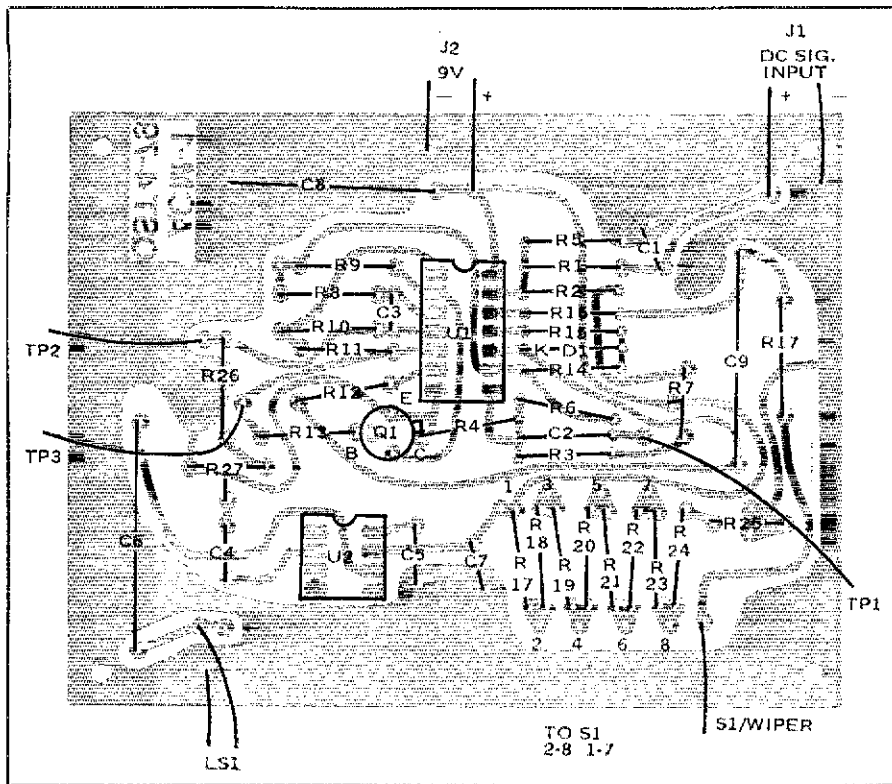


Fig. 4 — Parts placement guide for the audible current meter. Parts are placed on the nonfoil side of the board; the shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern. (The etching pattern appears in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.)

values of transmitter current selected for comparison have a constant difference, the resistors R18 through R22 will be the same value. The formulas included allow for any desired current variable.

Whereas the resistors R18 through R24 are not standard values, I recommend that standard values be used instead. For ex-

ample, for R18 through R22 use 430 ohms, for R23 use 220 ohms, and for R24 use 430 ohms. Although the accuracy will be somewhat affected by the substitution, an accuracy of 1.5 percent should be obtainable by adjusting R25. Of course one could make up the proper resistance values by paralleling combinations of

resistors or by purchasing precision resistors. However, I do not suggest the use of precision resistors because they are more expensive and rather difficult to obtain.

Other Considerations

Other transmitter metering circuits may exist for which the foregoing information may not be applicable. However, the required input voltage and selectable voltage reference calculations should still apply. In some situations it may be advantageous to utilize a separate voltage divider in the transmitter in order to obtain the drive to be used with the audible current meter.

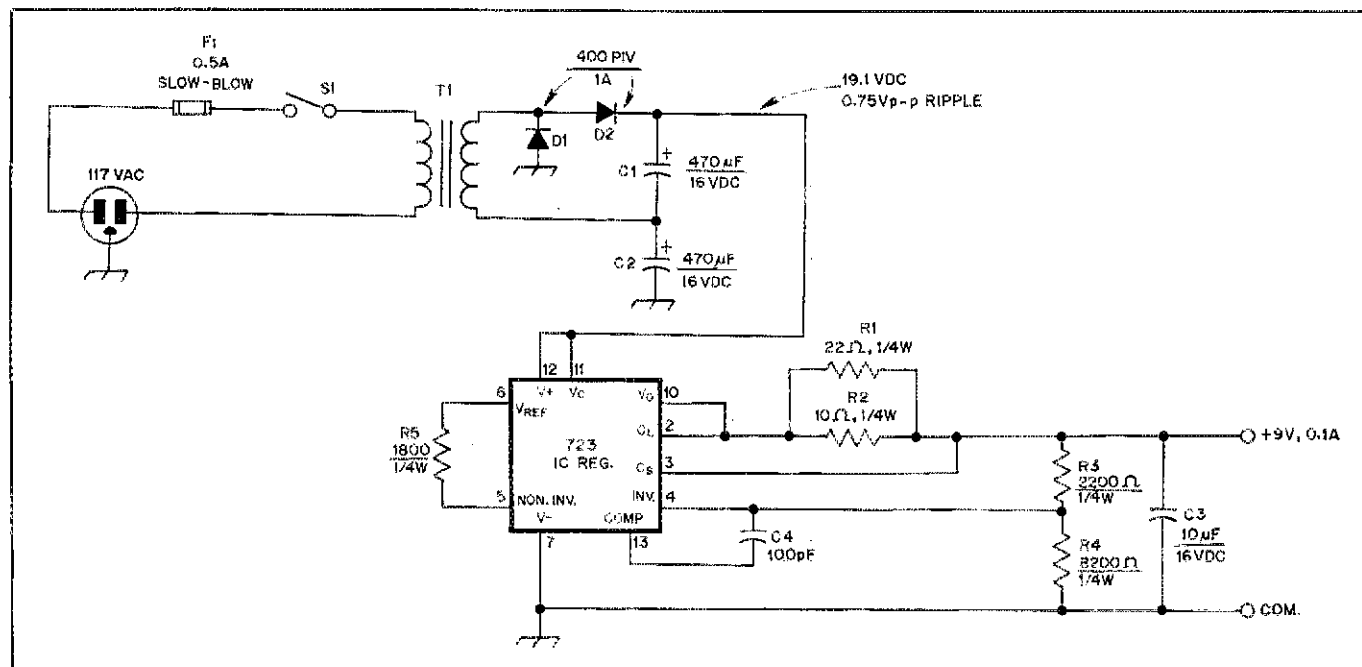
Although the device described in this article is used to monitor the current through the final amplifier of a transmitter, it could just as well be used to measure the SWR or rf power output. If the SWR were to be monitored, the selectable voltage reference resistors could be proportioned so that the no. 2 switch position could be used to calibrate the full-scale meter reading (maximum forward power) while the other positions would represent various levels of reflected power.

Construction

Construction of the audible current meter is facilitated by use of the circuit board pattern and the component placement guide, Fig. 4. Use of 1/4-watt 5-percent resistors is suggested. C3, the 200-pF capacitor in the integrator circuit, should be a silver-mica or other good-quality capacitor. C9, a 1- μ F capacitor, is nonpolarized.

In choosing other components for the

Fig. 5 — Power supply diagram for the SHARC audible current meter.



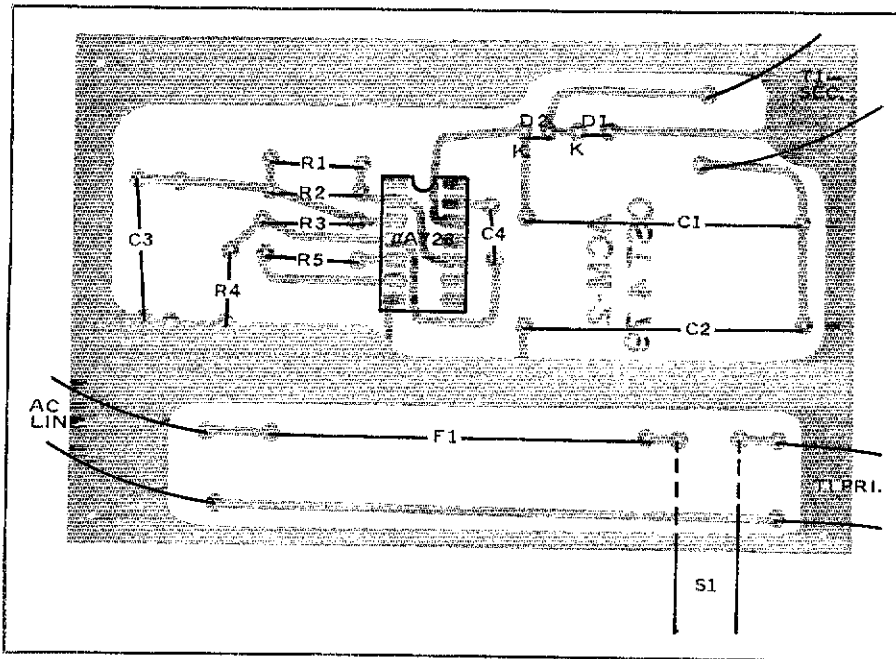


Fig. 6 — Parts placement guide for the audible current meter, shown from the component side of the board. The shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern (see "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue).

audible meter I selected a 10-position single-pole phenolic rotary switch for S1. OFF-ON switch S2 is a miniature single-pole slide switch. J1 is a 2-terminal phenolic pan-head screw-type terminal board. J2 is a miniature phone jack and R7 and R27 are (CRL) cermet vertical-mount printed-circuit potentiometers.

A 3-1/2 x 5 x 3-1/2-in. (89 x 127 x 89-mm) Minibox provides a suitable housing for the circuit-board assembly and the speaker, in addition to S1 and S2. A small square Minibox may be used to enclose the external power supply. A diagram and the printed circuit-board layout for a 9-V power unit to be used with the audible current meter are shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

Calibrating and Using the ACM

To calibrate the audible current meter, set the audio level control, R27, to approximately midposition. Connect a voltmeter to TPI and short the J1 input to ground. Adjust the dc offset with R7 so that the voltage at TPI measures 1 volt. This should produce a relatively low-pitched sound from the speaker. Remove the short from J1 and the sound from the speaker should become very high-pitched. Next, the voltmeter is connected to the common terminal of S1. R25 (the reference trimmer) is adjusted for the proper voltage at different positions of S1 with the adjustments set as near as possible to the voltage values calculated as E_x in Table 1.

The next step is to connect the audible meter to the metering circuit with which it is to be used. Switch S1 to the no. 1 (9-volt) position. Note that the pitch of the tone generated increases as the meter

current increases. Set S1 to the desired position. Note that the tone begins to pulsate when the current through the meter equals the current level selected by S1. When the current is less than this value, the tone will be steady and lowers in pitch as the current through the meter decreases. If the current selected does not agree with the meter reading, it may be necessary to make a slight adjustment to the offset control, R7, to make the audible meter start pulsating at the selected current value and that of the meter. This completes the calibration.

When using the device while tuning a transmitter, a good suggestion is that the range switch, S1, be placed in the no. 1 (9-volt) position with the transmitter being tuned for the lowest pitch sound indicating resonance. Set S1 to the desired current position and increase the loading until the tone starts pulsating. The tone will be steady, or will increase and decrease in pitch as long as the meter current does not equal the value selected. This facilitates resonating the final amplifier (dipping the plate current) as the transmitter is loaded.

If the rf output power is being monitored, then one tunes the transmitter to obtain the highest pitched sound. A value one seeks to monitor is selected and the transmitter output is increased until the tone begins to pulsate.

The audible current meter is indeed a simple yet effective device. The ACM concept may be applied to measuring rf output, the SWR, or just the current in a circuit. I believe it is fair to say that the application of the audible current meter is limited only by the user's imagination.

Feedback

□ An error exists in "A Noise Blanker for the Collins S/Line," by Doc Lask, K6CUF (February 1979 QST). On page 30 under the subhead, "Modifying the Noise Blanker," the second paragraph states that two coils are padded. The sentence should read as follows: "By padding L2 and L3 on the blanker with 36-pF capacitance . . ." L4 is not used.

□ In "Upgrading the SB-220 Linear Amplifier," February 1979 QST, R1 shown in Fig. 1 has an effective resistance of 50 ohms, not 100 ohms as is indicated in the text. The 50-ohm value works satisfactorily when the amplifier is being operated on 117-V house current, but on 234 V ac a value of 200 ohms at R1 provides better in-rush current control. It is also necessary to use contacts K1B for both 117 V and 234 V ac.

□ The helium-neon laser pictured in February QST, page 42, operates on 474.0834 THz, not 474.0834 GHz. One THz equals 1,000,000 MHz or 1000 GHz.

□ In "El Hombre Y La Mar Expedition" (November 1978 QST) the net control station in Spain was Manuel Vega Torregrosa, EA1TI, not Manolo Estavez.

□ The "Roadeo Hams" (October 1978 QST, page 29) was written by K9BIL not K9ZZ.

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WIAW WORKS THE WORLD

□ If you were on the air during the weekend of December 2-3, you may have worked WIAW; nearly 2000 hams did. Members of the Western Connecticut Traffic and Emergency Net (WESCON) spent the daylight hours of that weekend at the Maxim Memorial Station contacting hams throughout the world on 10 through 80 meters. And they plan to do it again.

On May 12 and 13, the group will be providing everyone with another opportunity to work the ARRL headquarters station. The operation will begin at approximately 1400Z and end at 2100Z each day. (There may also be activity in between the regular Saturday evening WIAW transmissions.) All QSL cards will be answered. The WESCON crew hopes to be able to work you all. — Stan Horzepa, WAILOU

The Whys and Hows of Bifilar Filament Chokes

Your next cathode-driven amplifier will need a bifilar filament choke. Here are the basic rules for designing your own ferrite-core unit.

By Doug DeMaw,* W1FB

Have you wondered how an rf choke is designed to fill a specific need? The fundamentals are really quite basic and easy to apply. This article provides simple rules of thumb which you can follow when selecting the right choke for a particular point in a circuit. You will also learn how to fabricate your own chokes for use in the filament/cathode circuit of grounded-grid amplifiers.

Fundamental Requirements

All rf chokes must satisfy a specific criterion: They need to exhibit at least a minimum amount of X_L (inductive reactance) at the lowest operating frequency of the circuit. The choke winding must be capable of passing the circuit current without excessive heating or voltage drop. The inductor must not have any "holes" across the chosen operating frequency range. Holes are series resonances which can be detected by tying the choke leads together and checking for resonances with a dip meter. An RX meter, if available, can be used to check the parallel resistance of the choke across the operating range of the inductor to ensure that it is well above the circuit impedance where the choke will be connected. In other words, if a circuit has a characteristic impedance of 50 ohms, the parallel-equivalent resistance of the choke should be at least 10 times higher than 50 ohms at all frequencies accommodated by the circuit.

A good rule of thumb for the reactance of an rf choke, X_L , is that it should be at least four times the impedance of the circuit where it is used. This will prevent un-

wanted power loss and mismatch resulting from using the wrong choke value in shunt with a specified impedance. By way of simple illustration, one would not want to shunt an rf choke across a 50- Ω driving source if the choke had an X_L of only 10 ohms. However, if the "four-times" rule is followed, the 50- Ω driving source would be in parallel with a reactance of 200 ohms, thereby having a minor effect on the circuit impedance. Once the required reactance is known, the amount of inductance needed for the lowest operating frequency can be found from

$$L_{\mu H} = \frac{X_L}{2\pi f}$$

where f is in MHz and π equals 3.14. Therefore, if we wanted to select an rf choke for use in a circuit which had a

characteristic impedance of 100 Ω , and the lowest operating frequency was 1.8 MHz, we would find the inductance by

$$L_{\mu H} = \frac{400}{6.28 \times 1.8} = 35.4$$

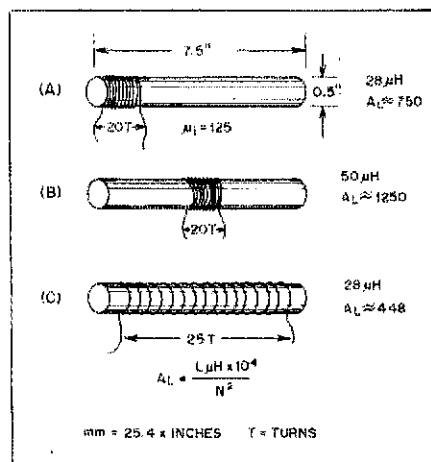
where 400 is four times the 100- Ω level in our circuit. Remember, 35.4 μH is the *minimum* acceptable value of inductance. The higher the value above that amount the better. This same procedure is recommended when designing a broadband transformer: The windings should be based not only on turns ratio, but need to be sufficient in number to present a reactance which is at least four times the circuit impedance where the transformer is used.

Magnetic-Core Chokes

In the interest of miniaturization, a great number of rf chokes are wound on ferrite-core material. The advantage is twofold: The choke can be made much smaller than an air-core or dielectric-core equivalent. Fewer turns of wire are needed for a specified inductance, hence the winding resistance is lower. This leads to higher Q and reduced voltage drop, as $Q = \frac{1}{R} = \frac{1}{2\pi f L} = \frac{1}{R}$ and $E_{drop} = I \times R$, respectively. More simply stated, $Q = X_L/R$ where R is the equivalent series resistance in ohms, f is in Hz and L is in henrys.

Determining the core size in terms of maximum flux density (B_{max}) is somewhat beyond the scope of this article. Each type of core material is rated by the manufacturer for B_{max} in gauss. The magnetic flux density (B) of the chosen core with its winding in place, and with ac excitation applied, must be less than the rated B_{max} .

Fig. 1 — Three winding formats and A_L values for a specified Amidon ferrite rod (see text).



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of the core used. If not, the core will saturate and spoil the performance. In essence, we're talking about the *power-handling ability* of the core in use. The basic equation is

$$B_{\max(\text{ac})} = \frac{E_{\text{rms}} \times 10^8}{4.44 f N_p A_e}$$

where

A_e = the equivalent area of the magnetic path in cm^2

E_{rms} = the applied ac voltage

N_p = the number of core turns

f = the frequency in Hz, and

B_{\max} = the flux density of the operating circuit in gauss.

The term A_e is usually defined for the various cores in the manufacturer's literature, as is B_{\max} for the core at saturation.

When ac and dc currents are present in the winding of an inductor or transformer which has a magnetic core material, the equation becomes

$$B_{\max(\text{total})} = \frac{E_{\text{rms}} \times 10^8}{4.44 f N_p A_e} + \frac{N_p I_{\text{dc}} A_L}{10 A_e}$$

where

I_{dc} = the dc current in the winding and

A_L = the manufacturer's published inductance index for the core being used.

A Design Example

One of the drawbacks to using cylindrical cores (rods) is that there are no published A_L factors from which one can calculate the turns needed for a given inductance. This is because the permeability of a rod, unlike that of closed-core devices (toroids and pot cores), is related to the length versus the diameter (l/d), referenced to the initial permeability (μ_i) of the core material. A ferrite rod will have a μ_e (effective permeability) somewhat less than μ_i . This was demonstrated by the writer in "Technical Correspondence" for January 1979 *QST*, where curves were presented for the μ_i values of rods made from standard core mixes.

The A_L determination is confused further by the placement of the coil on a ferrite rod. It evolves differently when the coil is close wound on one end of the core, close wound at the core center, or space wound across all of the core. Fig. 1 contains pictorial examples of this condition, based on a particular Amidon core with a μ_i of 125 (part no. R61-500X7). Some empirically derived A_L factors were developed by the author. They are given in Fig. 1. These numbers are based on

$$A_L = \frac{L_{\mu\text{H}} \times 10^4}{N^2}$$

where

N = the number of turns used during the test to determine the resultant inductance for a particular number of coil turns.

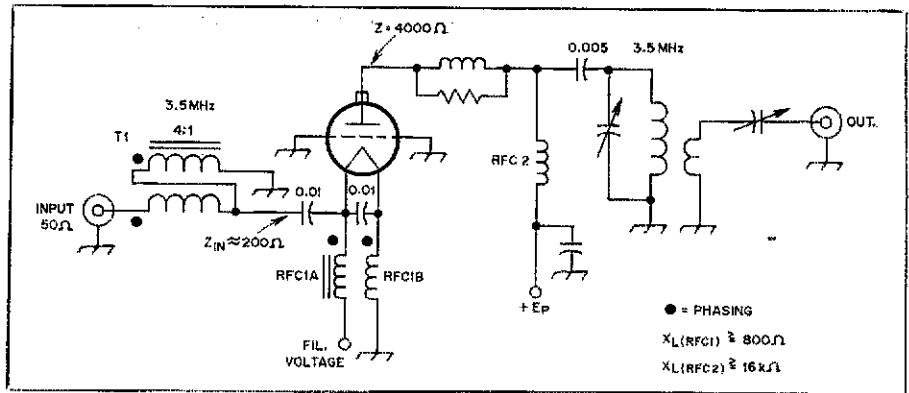


Fig. 2 — Typical circuit for a grounded-grid rf power amplifier in which a bifilar filament choke is employed (see text). T1 is a toroidal broadband input matching transformer.

Once A_L is found, the number of coil turns can be obtained from

$$N = 100 \sqrt{L_{\mu\text{H}} \div A_L}$$

where

N = the unknown turns and

$L_{\mu\text{H}}$ = the desired inductance.

The A_L values of Fig. 1 are applicable to only the rod core specified.

Fig. 2 features a typical PA power stage which is cathode driven. Assume that Z_{in} is 200 Ω (typical) or nearly so. This means that X_L of RFC1 should be four times 200, or 800 Ω , minimum. If we use the rod material specified for Fig. 1 and spread the bifilar coil turns over all of the core, we can compute $L_{\mu\text{H}}$ while using an A_L factor of 448. To find the necessary inductance for an X_L of 800 Ω at 3.5 MHz,

$$L_{\mu\text{H}} = \frac{800}{6.28 \times 3.5} = 36.4$$

This information enables us to learn how many turns are needed on the ferrite rod: $N = 100 \sqrt{36.4 \div 448} = 28.5$ turns. No. 14 wire will be used to ensure ample current capability through the winding. Because the choke winding is bifilar (two equal lengths of wire laid on the core, side by side), the effective number of turns is twice 28.5, or 57. The wire table tells us that 15 turns of no. 14 enameled wire will occupy one linear inch. Hence, the bifilar winding will fit in a 3.8-inch (97 mm) area of the core. Since the rod is 7.5 inches (190 mm) long, ample space exists. Actually, the winding can be made much longer if desired, thereby providing a reactance well beyond the four-times Z_{in} rule. If we were to use 6.5 inches (165 mm) of the rod for our winding, there would be room for 97 turns. This would net us approximately 110 μH , since the effective number of turns would be half of 97, or 48.5.

There is an ample reserve of flux density in the specified ferrite rod to satisfy the B_{\max} requirements for most amateur 1-kW amplifiers. The core should not run warm or saturate with tubes such as 3-500Zs, 4-1000As and the like.

Final Comments

The net inductance of a single-wire

winding versus a bifilar type of winding, if both occupy the same core area, is essentially the same. The Q also remains unchanged, according to lab tests by the author. Q_{μ} for RFC1 of Fig. 2 was measured as 150 at 8 MHz, although Q_{μ} in this application is not a significant design factor. In a narrow-band circuit it would become an important parameter.

Formvar-insulated wire is recommended for high-power filament chokes. The coating is tough and resistant to oil and acid. This will help to prevent shorted turns. The completed choke can be protected by encasing it in heat-shrink tubing or a generous coating of glyptol varnish.

Ferrite or powdered-iron choke cores are not recommended in the circuits which have high levels of rf or dc voltage. They are best suited to broadband applications at impedance levels less than approximately 500 Ω . Excessive voltages will cause corona between the core and the winding, leading to possible permanent damage. 1987-1

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A HAPPY ENDING

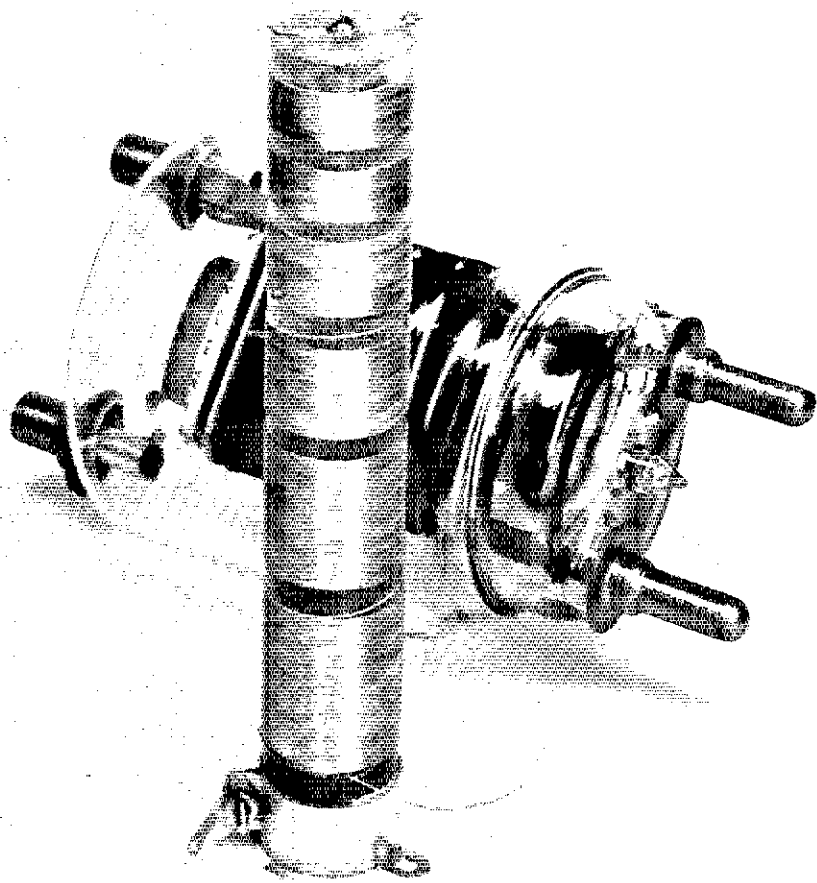
Just a few weeks before high-school graduation in 1971, Scott Porter of Fitzwilliam, NH, was involved in a motor-cycle accident that left him paralyzed below the waist. After his rehabilitation, he held various jobs, but never really found his niche. Then, with the help of Dave MacLanahan, WA1FHB, Scott and his mother became licensed as WA1YTW and WA1YRW. MacLanahan wrote a story for a local paper, which was seen by officials for the state's vocational rehabilitation service. They called Scott, offered to send him back to school, and got him a wheelchair lift for his van. He's now studying for his bachelor's degree in math/physics, and hopes some day to get his commercial class ticket in addition to his Advanced class amateur license. — Michele Bartlett, NIAGD

Save Money — Build Your Own RF Choke!

Transmitter plate chokes are expensive and sometimes hard to acquire. Why not twirl your own? Here's how to tackle the job.

If your spare-parts bin resembles Mother Hubbard's cupboard, keep your eyes glued to these pages! If it's an rf choke of high-power rating that's keeping you from completing the amplifier which broods hopelessly in the corner of your workshop, take heart. You can build your own choke from some pretty ordinary materials. The model described here costs approximately \$1.50 to assemble, and it will handle 2 kW PEP with ease from 1.8 to 30 MHz.

In order for an inductor to serve properly as an rf choke it must satisfy some important needs. First, it has to be capable of passing the circuit current without excessive heating. Secondly, it must have a high parallel resistance at the operating frequency — typically five to 10 times the characteristic impedance of the circuit element to which it is attached. The third commandment is that it have no series resonances at the frequencies of operation. Concerning the latter, you may have experienced a puzzling catastrophic event — a pi-wound rf choke that literally exploded when power was applied to your amplifier at some particular frequency. No doubt the choke pi windings slammed together with a loud bang, then tendrils of smoke curled up from the component. Well, chances are that the choke was self-series-resonant, caused by the distributed capacitance across the unit, plus the inductance traits. At the series-resonant frequency most of the amplifier rf power flows through the inductor to ac ground. This sets up a tremendous momentary



The completed choke and the 833A amplifier tube used for in-circuit checks.

field which causes the windings to collapse and burn. We'll look at this matter in greater depth later in the article.

Choke Description

When is a choke a choke? In the writer's case it had to be free of series resonances in the amateur bands from 3.5 to 30 MHz, be capable of handling 600 mA and look like a high impedance to the 5000-ohm, plate-load impedance of the amplifier tube. If it could meet all of these requirements, it would indeed be an rf choke.

An earlier trip to a plastics supplier resulted in the purchase of a scrap piece of Plexiglas rod which was two feet long and 1-1/4 inches in diameter (600 × 32 mm). The cost was \$2.50 . . . inexpensive because of blemishes. An eight-inch (200-mm) piece remained from the original length, so it was used in its entirety as the form for the rf choke. The ends were made smooth and flat by means of a file, and the main body of the rod was rubbed with steel wool to remove the nicks and scratches.

An old filter-capacitor bracket seemed about right as a mounting foot. One was located in the junk box, and it worked fine after the bottom of the rod was built up with a few layers of masking tape to provide a snug fit. Next, two no. 30 holes were drilled off center through the sides of the rod (one at the top and another near the mounting bracket) to accommodate the ends of the winding.

A no. 8 tap hole was drilled one inch (25 mm) deep at the top center of the rod. It was tapped for an 8-32 screw thread to permit two no. 8 solder lugs to be affixed. The screw threads were dipped in epoxy cement before the hardware was tightened in place. This would help prevent loosening of the screw in the presence of heat.

No. 26 Formvar-coated copper wire was used for the choke winding. It was wound in a solenoidal manner (close spaced, single layer). The winding was broken up every so often with a group of quarter-inch (six-mm) gaps. This would help reduce the capacitance across the overall winding, thereby reducing the probability of unwanted series

resonances. The numbers of turns per section are listed in Fig. 1. The upper end of the winding was attached to one of the solder lugs. A three-inch (76-mm) lead was left dangling at the lower end of the choke for subsequent connection to the high-voltage feedthrough bushing and plate bypass capacitor. Finally, two coatings of polystyrene Q dope were applied to the winding and allowed to dry. TV type high-voltage corona dope or glyptol would probably serve okay as substitutes for the Q dope.

Electrical Characteristics

The assembled choke was checked first for series resonances. The ends of the winding were shorted together by means of an eight-inch (200-mm) length of hookup wire. Then, a dip meter was coupled to one end of the winding. The range from 1.6 to 45 MHz was investigated to see if any dips occurred. Series resonances were found at 9.5, 12, 16, 18.5 and 26 MHz. Luckily, no dips were found in the amateur bands!

Finally, a laboratory RX meter was

used to learn how high the choke parallel resistance was at 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz. At all frequencies the reading was 100 kΩ or higher. The choke would be more than adequate for the 5000-ohm plate load of the amplifier. As a matter of curiosity the choke was checked at 1.8 MHz; it showed a 100-kΩ characteristic there also.

The in-circuit performance with an 833A tube was excellent from 80 through 10 meters. The only complaint the writer might voice is that the Q dope formed little bubbles here and there after a few weeks of amplifier use, making the choke look as though it was suffering from dermatitis.

The choke has an inductance of 600 μH. A value of 110 was obtained during a check of the unloaded Q. Neither of these facts are especially significant to those who may choose to duplicate this design. But, if the reader departs from the layout shown in Fig. 1 these numbers may be helpful in developing an independent design.

Tag Ends

Other types of body material should be entirely suitable for winding homemade rf chokes. A high-quality type of glass-epoxy tubing might be okay as a coil form. If you have access to a ceramic kiln, try making your own forms. A glass Alka-Seltzer bottle might even be worth trying. The main considerations are the relative immunity of the material to heat, and the dielectric properties. PVC tubing, for example, is totally unsuitable, as is nylon. Such insulators will overheat and melt in the presence of high rf fields, and they will be lossy.

Admittedly, the choke described here is very large. Smaller chokes with fewer turns can be built for use in power amplifiers. The main point to this presentation is that you can make your own rf chokes inexpensively. Perhaps the greatest reward from such an effort comes when the component is ready to use only an hour after the construction starts. No need to wait days or weeks for a commercial choke to be delivered by mail! —
Doug DeMaw, W1FB

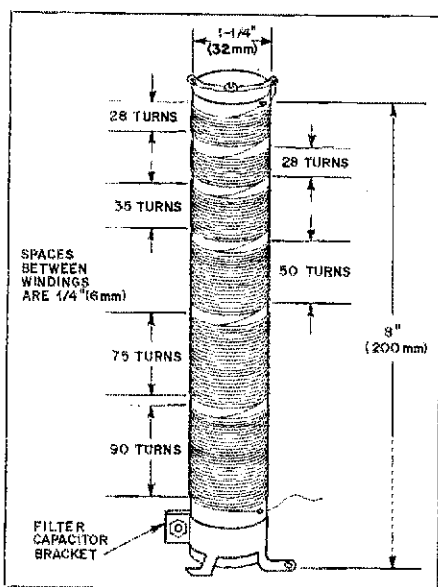


Fig. 1 — Pictorial drawing of the rf choke. No. 26 wire is used for the turns. A quarter-inch gap is used between the choke sections (see text).

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UNIQUE WAS TROPHY OFFERED

Undoubtedly one of the most sagacious moves by any government agency was the recent FCC decision to issue lifetime ham calls. To mark this progression from simple order to eventual chaos, the SLBC&PS is offering the LER Displaced WAS Trophy to the first duly licensed amateur who submits QSLs confirming 50 QSOs with nonportable or

nonmobile stations in states outside the indicated prefix area. The cards can be all from the same state (known as "making it the hard way") or from 50 different states ("the old-fashioned way"). Any authorized bands or modes may be used. Send your application and cards to L. E. Rapp Enterprises, File 13, Kippering-on-the-Charles, MA.

LEARNING VIA THE AIRWAVES

Amateur Radio has been found to be an effective teaching aid thanks to the suc-

cess of courses in conversational German at the University of Louisville and Georgia Tech. During the 11-week course, students used on-campus ham radio stations to speak to each other in German. The students discussed hobbies, sports and other topics as they mastered the foreign language. The class practiced their German once a week on the 40-meter band, at a frequency of 7235 kHz. Instructors and students agree the course was successful, as the novelty of using the airwaves made learning more enjoyable. — *W4MGN and W0WF/4*

A Big Signal from a Small Lot

Good things often come in small packages. Consider N7RK's 60-foot vertical, a proven top-notch DX contest antenna.

By David S. Hollander,* N7RK, ex-WB6NRK/7

Regardless of what others throughout the rest of the country may think, not every radio amateur in Arizona has 10 acres of land or more on which to farm exotic antennas for DXing. On the contrary, indeed, many of us in the Grand Canyon state reside in apartments or homes with little or no space for outdoor antennas. Where there *is* space, most likely it is insufficient for installing an aerial designed for use on 75 or 80 meters, much less 160.

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Among these city dwellers living in the shadow of such limitations are many amateurs, like myself, who prefer operating on the low-frequency bands. Some, perhaps, have resigned themselves to the facts of their individual lives and settled for operation on 10, 15 or 20 meters or the uhf bands. Although I was faced with similar restrictions, dismay was not about to rule me out of my favorite bands. In the end I erected an antenna that rewarded me with a gratifying amount of DX and helped me earn a position in the top brackets of the 1976 DX contest on 160!

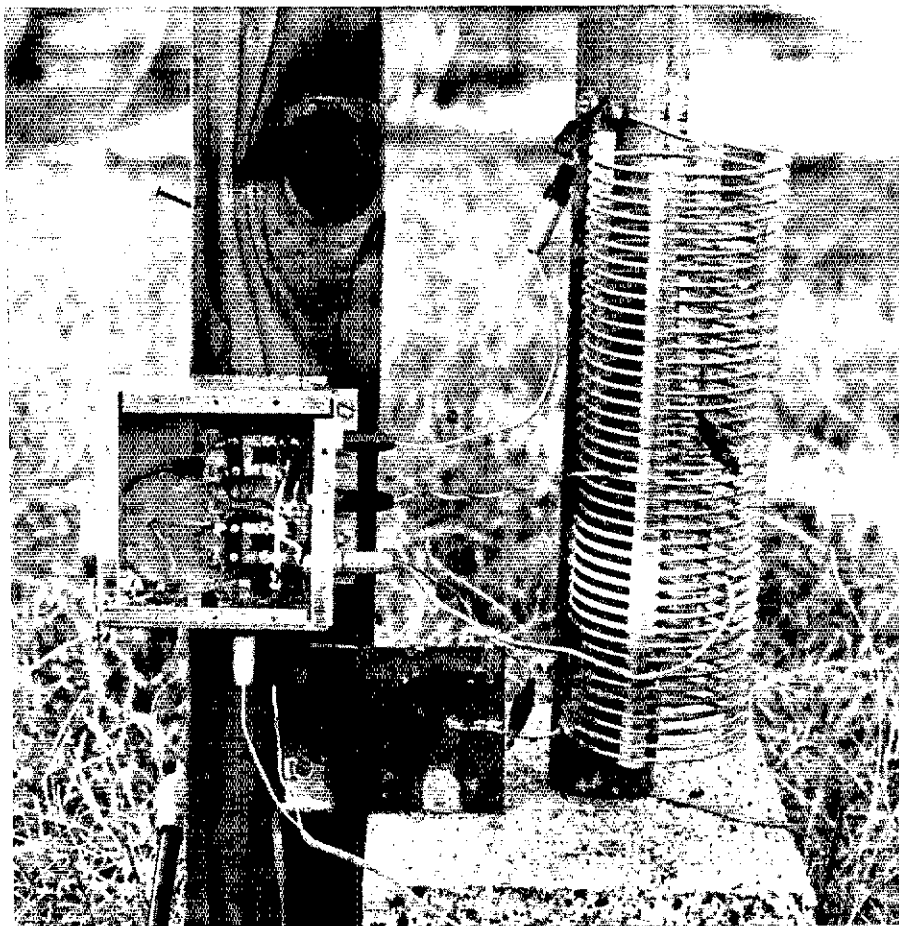
The long winter nights of 1975, during which I was living in an apartment in Tempe, AZ, gave me the opportunity to observe that DX-minded amateurs on 75, 80 and even 160 were communicating across the oceans with modest amounts of power and, seemingly, with little difficulty. As I scanned these frequencies night after night, my desire to be a part of this DX action became more fervent. I realize that some *QST* readers may reason that if DX happens to be my goal, I should simply switch to 10, 15 or 20 meters. My ready-made rebuttal, of course, is that DXing on these bands lacks the challenge to be found on 75, 80 and especially 160 meters.

From Horizontal to Vertical

Conditions at the apartment where I lived that winter were such that I could install a 150-foot horizontal antenna. This end-fed wire, however, left much to be desired as far as DX is concerned. After all it was only 20 feet above ground. As a result the angle of radiation was very high. The best compliment I can give this antenna is that it did more to keep my interests aglow than anything else.

An observation I made that winter coincided with antenna theory dating back to the early days of radio. The best DX on 75, 80 and 160 meters came from stations having vertical antennas. This seemed particularly true on 160. Of course, an exception might occur if an amateur station had a horizontal antenna suspended 120 feet above ground. In a practical sense, however, such a situation is quite unlikely for the amateur whose residence is on a small city lot.

In time, I moved from the apartment to a house. While this transition gave me more personal freedom to work with antennas, the lot size, just 60 × 25 feet (18.3 × 7.6 m), offered no advantage for stringing up a suitable wire antenna for my favorite bands. No longer could I have a 150-foot antenna. In fact the smallness of the yard precluded the erection of even a half-wave antenna for 40 meters. Nevertheless, I was not dismayed by the prospects of being unable to string out a skywire.



The N7RK antenna loading coil and relay box. Transmitting-type air-wound coils such as used in this photograph may be found in surplus military gear, dismantled broadcast transmitters or may be obtained from G. R. Whitehouse & Co., 11 Newbury Dr., Amherst, NH 03031.

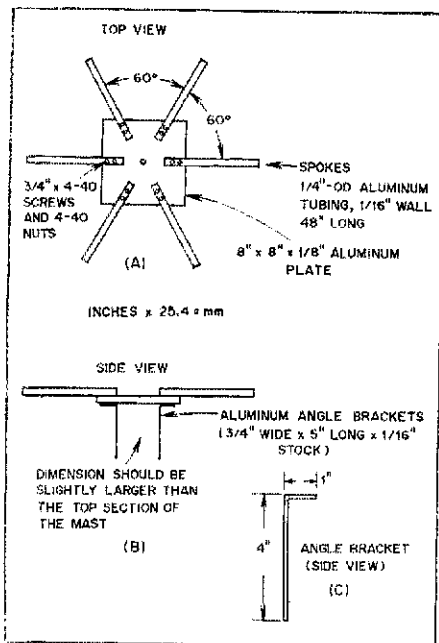


Fig. 1 — Construction of the N7RK vertical antenna capacitance hat. Each spoke is fastened to the aluminum plate by means of 3/4 x 4-40 machine screws and 4-40 nuts. The capacitance hat is fastened to the mast by means of plumbing or automotive hose clamps. To obtain good continuity between the hat and the mast, a length of wire mesh braid should be brazed to the mast and secured to the aluminum plate with the use of a solder lug and machine screw.

Long before leaving the apartment, I had firmly decided that my next antenna would be vertical. For that reason, the dimensions of the lot were of minor concern. Anxious to be ready for the next DX season, I experienced no difficulty in being motivated to erect a 60-foot radiator. Preparations began soon after getting settled at the new location.

That I decided upon a height of 60 feet was largely a matter of the material on hand. For some time I had saved some tubular TV masts, thinking that the day would come when they would be useful for my Amateur Radio activities.

Obviously there was little choice in where to locate the antenna. It could be erected in the middle of the yard or close to the house. My decision was to forgo any technical advantage of having the mast in the middle of the yard in order to leave that area free of any encumbrances. Instead it now stands against the carport. Placing the mast at this location enabled me to secure it to one of the 4 x 4 supports for the carport roof. Clamps placed at the 3- and 8-foot levels hold the mast firmly against the wooden upright.

About Construction

The material on hand consisted mainly of a 50-foot (15.2-m) telescoping TV mast. This turned out to provide a length of 44 feet when assembled. Consequently an additional 16-foot section was needed.

A capacitance hat, illustrated in Fig. 1,

furnishes additional electrical length. The hat has six 4-foot tubular aluminum spokes equally spaced atop an aluminum plate. Each spoke is fastened to the plate with machine screws.

The mast is guyed at the 35-foot level and a point 2 feet below the top. I used ordinary TV guy wire, such as one may obtain at most electronics stores. To prevent any unwanted resonances occurring along the guys, each wire is broken at random points with insulators installed between the segments. Turnbuckles provide means for tightening the wires. Anchor points are each 25 feet from the base (two on the house and one on a fence post).

Purists might cast a jaundiced eye at my method of supporting the bottom of the mast above ground. Lacking a suitable insulator, I simply placed it atop a cinder block. No appreciable loss seems to have resulted, however.

The Ground System

A ground rod alone is usually not considered to be an effective means of providing a ground for a vertical antenna. Explanations to this effect are found in *The ARRL Antenna Book* and other texts. The ideal ground system would have been 120 radials, at least 1/2-wavelength long, spaced equally around the base of the antenna every 3 degrees. Inasmuch as the distance from the base of the antenna to the end of the yard was only 60 feet, such an installation was slightly out of the question. Instead, I used far less than that amount. Indeed, amateurs often obtain good results with far fewer radials. My situation is a case in point.

Because of the space limitations at my new home, my ground system had to be

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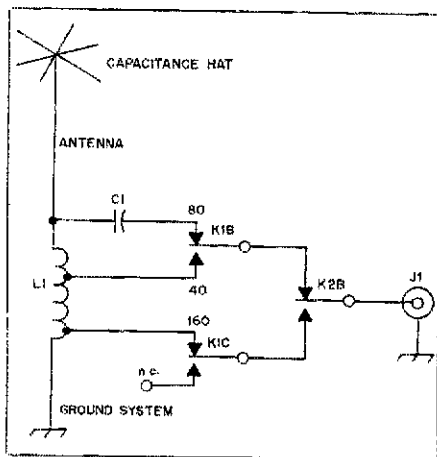


Fig. 2 — Antenna matching system for the N7RK vertical. The ground system consists of 20 radials of no. 12 copper wire, each 60 ft long (see text). L1 is a B & W no. 3035 coil tapped at 7 turns from the top and 4 turns from the bottom. Four 1200-pF fixed capacitors in series are used for C1. K1 and K2 are Potter and Brumfield KRP11DG dpdt 12-V dc relays with 10-A contacts. Only one set of contacts is used for K2. J1 is an SO-239 uhf connector.

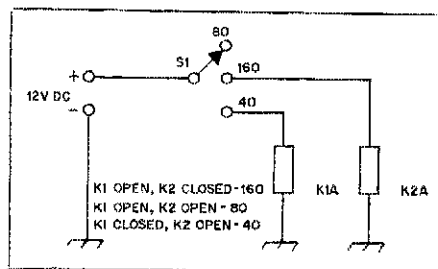


Fig. 3 — Band changing of the N7RK vertical antenna system is simplified by this relay control system. A two-conductor control cable to the remote outdoor tuning system is required. The ground return is by way of the coaxial feed-line braid. S1 is a single-pole, three-position rotary switch located on a control box in the station.

far short of the ideal. I compromised by laying out 20 radials of no. 12 copper wire, 60 feet in length and buried 3 inches in the ground.

After reading further on the subject of ground systems,^{2,3} I learned that if only a small number of radials are used, there is little point in extending them out 1/4 or 1/2 wavelength. I reasoned that 1/8 wavelength would have been adequate for my installation. According to the literature I read, a large number of radials, even though short, are preferable to a few long radials. Most of the ground losses seem to occur near the base of a vertical antenna. Therefore, within reason, the more metallic surface area a radial system has near the base, the lower will be the ground losses.

Antenna Matching

In order to obtain a good antenna match for each of the bands, I relied mainly on a dip oscillator, an SWR indicator and a bit of cut and try. Arbitrarily, I decided to adjust the antenna first for operation on 75 meters. With the oscillator coupled to the base of the mast, I noted a dip that occurred at 3 MHz. This also indicated that the antenna was approximately 1/4 wavelength long at that frequency. However, at 3.8 MHz it would appear to be longer than 1/4 wavelength, with inductive reactance being evident at the feed point. To cancel this reactance, I inserted a capacitance of 300 pF in series with the antenna, as shown in Fig. 2. I arrived at that value purely by experimentation. Four 1200-pF, 500-V dipped-mica capacitors wired in series provide the 300-pF capacitance.

A 60-foot vertical antenna will display capacitive reactance at the feed point when operated on 160 meters, because it is electrically shorter than 1/4 wavelength. To cancel this capacitive reactance, inductance must be introduced into the antenna circuit. Fig. 2 shows this inductance, L1, in series between the antenna and the ground. Taps on the coil enable it to be used for both 160 and 40 meters. Although the tap points I use for L1 are indicated in the caption for Fig. 1, they

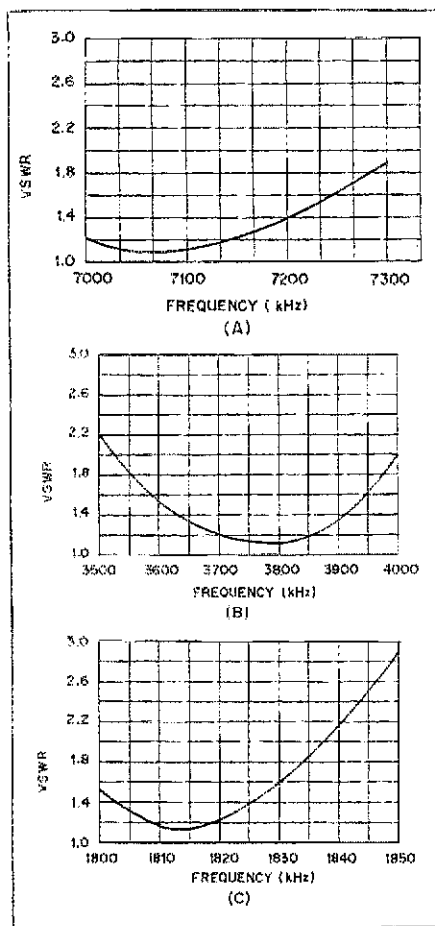


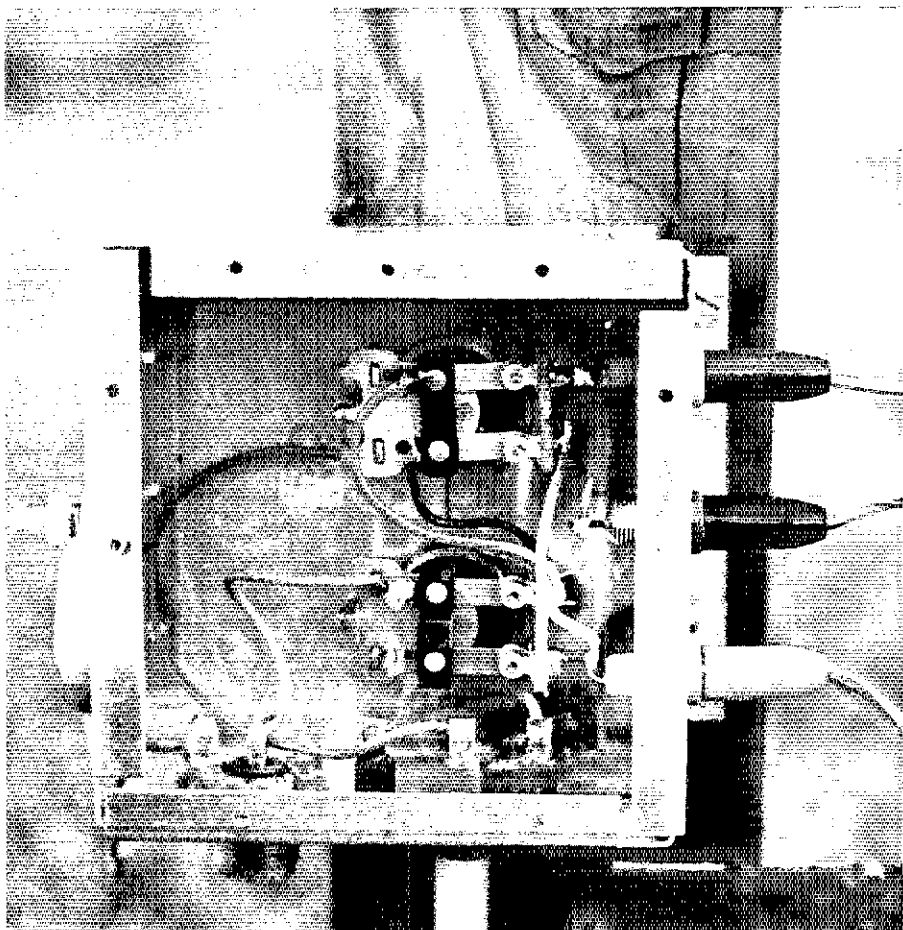
Fig. 4 — The three graphs compare the VSWR versus frequency for the N7RK vertical antenna for the 40- through 160-meter amateur bands.

may not be the same at other installations. Proper tap adjustment and minimum SWR are obtained rather easily by experimentation. Fig. 4 shows the results of SWR measurements at N7RK.

Control System

The simple control system illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3 eliminates trips to the antenna each time a switch from one band to another is made. L1 is a Barker and Williamson no. 3035 inductor. If one is not available, a suitable substitute would be an air-wound coil 2 inches in diameter (51 mm) having 40 turns. Such inductors are often found at flea markets or are offered for sale by surplus dealers. These same sources may also have a relay that is equivalent to the Potter and Brumfield 12-V unit no. KRP11DG that I use. A good idea is to check the coil voltage rating. For example, Potter and Brumfield makes this model with coils for 6, 12, 24, 48 and 110 V dc.

The relays should be protected from the weather by a suitable housing. I chose not to enclose the inductor perhaps because of the generally favorable weather conditions in my area. For regions subject to much moisture, enclosing both the coil and the



This close-up photograph shows how the antenna changeover relays are housed at the base of the N7RK vertical antenna. The relays, remotely controlled from the shack, provide quick band changing.

relays seems desirable. Plastic freezer boxes are relatively inexpensive yet quite satisfactory for this purpose.

Only a two-wire cable from the shack to the changeover relays is required for the control circuit. The coaxial-cable braid may be used for the ground return. My relays are operated by a homemade 12-volt unregulated supply. Relays of other voltage ratings may be used, of course, but in such cases the supply voltage and current must be compatible with the particular relay to be used.

Antenna Performance

As evidence of success with this vertical antenna, let me offer these results. In the 1976 ARRL 160-meter contest I logged 345 QSOs and had 73 multipliers and 48 states. That earned me the second-highest score in the West and made me the winner for the state of Arizona. Furthermore, I established ocean-hopping contacts with Japan and New Zealand. I've worked ZL2BT several times on phone and cw. I should also point out that all of these contacts were made with just 200 watts input.

The success I've experienced with this antenna didn't end there. Over a six-month period I worked 97 countries on

the 75-meter band. Many European stations were worked, even though that part of the world is generally difficult to contact from this section of the United States. An advantage I had on 75 meters, I will admit, is that I used a full kilowatt input.

Because the antenna also performs well on 40 meters, I've had rewarding experiences on that band, too. Not only do my 40-meter contacts include European stations but also stations deep in Asia. I have log entries for call signs such as VU2, 4S7, UJ8 and VQ9, all worked on the long path according to my friends with rotary antennas. They told me which direction the signals were from since I couldn't rotate my vertical!

If you have little room to install a typical wire antenna for the lower frequency amateur bands, consider the results I've obtained with this antenna. The world could be at your fingertips with the help of a simple 60-foot stick.

Notes

"Grounding Systems," *The ARRL Antenna Book*, 13th edition, 1974, p. 61.

²See note 1.

³Stanley, "Optimum Ground Systems for Vertical Antennas," *QST*, December 1976.

Some Commonly Asked Technical Questions (and Their Answers)

We receive many inquiries on technical matters at Headquarters. Maybe your question is answered here.

By Stan Gibilisco,* W1GV

Most of us, at one time or another in our amateur activities, have faced a knotty technical problem. In 99 percent of the cases, we're able to come up with the answer — either from our own experience, reference to *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, or maybe help from another amateur. But there are times when the answer evades us, completely.

Where can one turn? Among the many functions of your League headquarters is a Technical Information Service. Many members take advantage of this valuable service, with inquiries ranging from requests on how to fix an ailing rig to questions on circuit theory, etc.

Some questions asked of the TIS are answered by referring inquiries to specific articles in *QST* or to specific pages in the

Handbook, particularly when the subject is complex. For example, someone might write us saying that he wants to build a 4-element quad. What should he use for dimensions, and what sort of results could he expect? The reply of our TIS crew would probably refer him directly to such an article as the classic by Lee Bergren, W0A1W (now W0AR), in the May 1963 issue of *QST*.

Now, sometimes such a response upsets our correspondent; an article *that* old? But our philosophy is that the *QST* article was written only after extensive experimentation, is still quite sound, and goes into the theory and mechanics and practice of building a quad antenna in far more detail than we can ever hope to achieve in an individual response to one of our members. In other words, it is an authoritative, comprehensive discussion

of the problem raised by the member, and is likely the best advice he can obtain anywhere.

But a 1963 *QST*?! You don't have that issue? No problem, since back copies of many issues are available from ARRL Headquarters. And if the particular issue doesn't happen to be available, we can provide photocopies of the article. *QST* is also available on microfilm, all the way back to 1915. (Write University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, for prices and details.) In any case, you'd be able to get the information you're looking for more promptly than possible if the Hq. staffer had to rewrite it into his letter to you.

Another type of letter quite often received indicates that the writer has, let's say, a couple of spare 6146s and a 6C4 and a few other parts that he has picked up somewhere — and would we please design an amateur transmitter using these components? It should be sideband, of course, and cover 160 through 10. Wow! We would like to help. But to tackle this sort of project could involve a good many weeks' work on somebody's part, designing, constructing, and debugging. Since we must serve all members more or less impartially, and since we receive literally thousands of requests for technical assistance each year — hundreds of requests each month — the only fair response is reference to a similar design in past issues of *QST* or the *Handbook*.

Another point, having to do with speed of service: We try to stay current and answer each question in a few days or a week at the most. Please remember, however, that with another week or more involved in the mails going and coming, two weeks from your writing to your receipt of our answer should be about the norm. If it takes a bit longer . . . well, Hq. types also occasionally get sick or go on vacation or go traveling on League

*Assistant Technical Editor, *QST*

The ARRL Technical Information Service

The ARRL Technical Information Service is offered free to members. Although we are eager to help budding new amateurs with technical problems, in fairness to members we cannot respond to continuing requests for assistance from those who choose not to join the League.

In order for us to respond promptly to your inquiries we must have your name, your amateur call and license class (tell us if you're not licensed), your membership expiration date, and a stamped business-size envelope bearing your mailing address for our reply (IRCs acceptable from outside the U.S.).

In writing, we ask that you observe the following guidelines so we may provide the best possible service to the greatest number.

1) Before writing for technical assistance, search your files of *QST* and other ARRL publications. The answer you need may be there, available immediately. Consult the annual index of articles in each December issue.

2) Please —

Do not ask for comparisons between commercial products. Choice of equipment is largely a matter of personal preference. Consult Product Review information in *QST*, compare manufacturers' specifications in their brochures.

Do not ask for information on articles published in other magazines. Write to the editor or author of that article.

Do not request custom designs for amateur gear.

Do not ask advice on nonamateur matters. We cannot respond to questions about CB, marine radio, hi-fi, etc. (unless they concern interference caused by amateur gear).

3) Use a typewriter when possible; otherwise, write or print clearly. Please be reasonable in the number of questions you ask; try to limit your questions to three per letter.

4) When writing, please come right to the point, and be sure to share with us whatever experience you have had with the problem in question. This will avoid our reply covering ground you've already been over.

5) Address all technical questions to Technical Information Service, American Radio Relay League, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111.

business, so sometimes there will be delays.

In short, any member of the League is welcome to appropriate help from the Hq. TIS staff in connection with equipment problems he may encounter. Your questions will help us to choose the types of technical articles and projects that our members would like to see in *QST* and the various handbooks.

A sampling of questions (and answers) follows. These are the kinds of questions received with the greatest frequency, and we hope to be able to save you some time as well as postage.

I am building one of your construction projects, which calls for an XYZ-1234 integrated circuit. I have not been able to locate this chip anywhere. Can you tell me where I might find it?

It does seem as though the present state of things does not favor the ham who likes to experiment and build. But there are many ways to scrounge up parts. The parts supplier list on page 17-11 of the 1979 *Handbook* can be of great help. We recommend that you write to every supplier in the appropriate category! This will maximize your chances of locating the part you need. If you know the name of the manufacturer and his address, drop him a line. (He may send you the address of a distributor in your area.) For discrete components, don't forget hamfests and flea markets.

What's the address for the So-and-So Corporation? I'm interested in more information about some of their products.

Quite often, the company will advertise in *QST*. A quick check of the Index of Advertisers will reveal whether or not this is the case. If so, just turn to one of the pages listed and it's pretty certain their address will be there! Failing this, try the *Thomas Register* at your local library.

I have an old receiver and know absolutely nothing about the circuit. Is there any source of an instruction manual for it?

There is an outfit called Hi, Inc., located at P. O. Box 864, 1601 Avenue "D," Council Bluffs, IA 51501. They sell instruction manuals for many kinds of old gear. Try writing to them. Be specific about the make and model number of the equipment. Chances are good they can help you out. For war-surplus manuals, try writing to Sam Consalvo, W3IHD, 7218 Roanne Dr. S.E., Washington, DC 20021.

How do various antenna types such as the dipole, vertical, Yagi, and long wire compare in terms of efficiency? Which do you recommend?

The first part of this question may sound complicated, but the answer is quite simple: Efficiency has nothing whatsoever to do with the kind of antenna used! If good construction practice is followed, the efficiency will be pretty near 100 percent. "Efficiency" refers to the

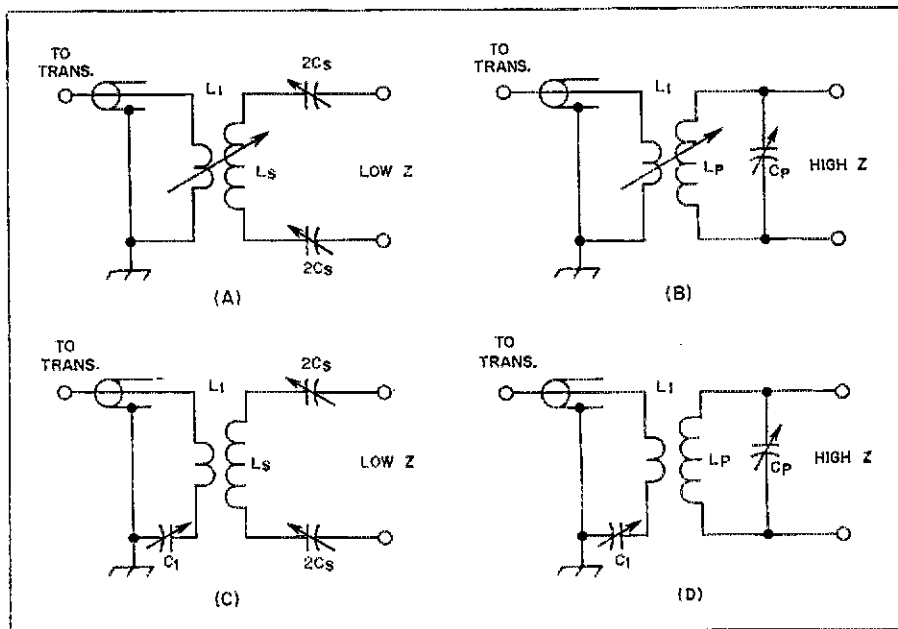


Fig. 1 — Simple circuits for coupling a transmitter to a balanced line that presents a load different from the transmitter output impedance. A and B are respectively series- and parallel-tuned circuits using variable inductive coupling between coils. C and D are similar but use fixed inductive coupling and a variable series capacitor, C1. A series-tuned circuit works well with a low-impedance load; the parallel circuit is better with high-impedance loads (several hundred ohms or more). The subscripts P and S stand for parallel and series.

ratio of radiated power to applied power, and that is all.

Choosing an antenna for your station can be an involved decision, nevertheless. Antennas differ greatly in the particular manner in which they radiate, and whereas a long wire might be good for one application, a dipole might be better for another purpose on the same band. *The ARRL Antenna Book* provides enough information on antenna properties to keep you off the air for a long time while reading to decide on an antenna for your station. And it's your decision! We don't want to deprive you of all the fun, anticipation, experience and challenge (not to mention the frustration!) of doing it yourself. And anyway we can't tell you which antenna will work best for you. There are just too many variables. We're all at the same level here — often (if not usually) it's a trial-and-error business.

I put up a random dipole and am feeding it with 300-ohm "ladder line." Since 300 ohms is much higher than 50 ohms, I figured that the circuits in Fig. 20-19B or D on page 582 of the 1978 Handbook would work as a Transmatch. But neither circuit works. How come?

For the benefit of those who don't have a 1978 *Handbook*, Fig. 20-19 is reproduced here in *QST* style as Fig. 1. Before we answer this question specifically, we should point out one thing which (for lack of a better name) we'll call the "Kluge Axiom" (pronounced kloodge ack-see-um). This principle applies to many aspects of Ham Radio — especially rf matching circuits! In effect, it goes like this: Suppose

Jim and Joe set out to solve a problem. Jim consults the reference manuals and works out all the formulas and builds the circuit according to the calculations, and if it doesn't work, he goes back to the drawing board and starts all over again; he continues this process until the circuit functions. Joe, on the other hand, goofs around in the lab until he stumbles by accident on a circuit that works. There's an excellent chance that Joe will find a solution before Jim.

The Kluge Axiom applies as follows to the above situation: Within specified constraints (in this case maintaining output balance), try anything and everything! Of course, the first thing to do is to try the circuits at A and C.

It so happens that with a random dipole, the impedance at the transmitter end of the feed line may vary over an enormous range. Although 300-ohm line is being used, the actual impedance at the input end could be as low as 20 or 30 ohms. (The exact value depends on many things, particularly the line length and antenna length.) Just because the transmission line has a characteristic impedance higher than 50 ohms, it is wrong to just straightaway conclude that you have to use the circuits at B or D.

The lesson to be learned here is that you're often better off trying circuit variations at random instead of sitting down and figuring out which circuit should be used on a theoretical basis (unless you're an engineer). The theory can be fascinating — but theory by itself won't make a single contact for you.

Technical Correspondence

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MORE ON "COLOR TVI"

□ In reply to W8PHZ's letter in "Technical Correspondence" for September 1978, I can offer a possible solution to such problems. Any imperfectly conducting metal-to-metal bonds in the vicinity of the amateur transmitter and TV set can act as a diode, and hence as a generator of harmonics. Using both a low-pass filter at the transmitter and a high-pass filter at the TV receiver will be ineffective against such harmonics.

In my case, the following measures got rid of the problem: (1) replacing the guy wires on the TV antenna with new wires and egg insulators; (2) replacing the TV feed line, making sure the connections were clean and tight; (3) disassembling the trap vertical and cleaning all the joints, using anticorrosion grease after reassembly; and (4) installing small self-tapping screws on all the joints on the cubical quad spreaders.

A grid-dip meter is of no use in detecting the harmonic since its single tuned circuit cannot provide enough rejection of the fundamental. W6BD described his experiences with rectification in August 1978 *Ham Radio*. G3FXB described his in June 1978 *QST* ("Technical Correspondence").

If you're lucky, you might find the cause by trial and error. Start with the transmitting antenna and then proceed to other metal objects. See if shaking or wiggling a suspected joint has any effect. If in doubt, either improve or eliminate the joint, and if results are not obtained, proceed to another! — *Paul Zander, AA6PZ, 86 Pine Lane, Los Altos, CA 94022*

IMPROVED CW RECEPTION WITH DRAKE R-4, R-4A AND R-4B RECEIVERS

□ After using a recently manufactured transceiver last Field Day, I noticed that my R-4A sounded awfully broad. The deficiency lies with the skirt selectivity. According to the manual, the 6:60-dB shape factor in the narrowest bandwidth is 1 to 6.5!

I have tried several audio filters, both of commercial manufacture and of my own design. The effectiveness of audio selectivity is limited because a strong signal can reduce the i-f gain when it is outside the audio passband but within the i-f passband. Turning off the agc helps somewhat, but when listening to the weak signals, I still notice the problem. The Drake receivers have excellent notch filters, and it occurred to me that if there were some way to change the notch to a peak, the i-f selectivity could be improved.

In the R-4A, the T-notch filter is between the second converter, V3, and the first 50-kHz i-f amplifier, V4. Suppose some of the signal from the plate of V4 is fed out of phase onto the plate of V3. Further suppose that this feedback signal is attenuated so as to have the same amplitude as the output of V3, reducing the gain of the i-f amplifier to zero. Now what will happen if the notch filter is switched in? The balance will be upset at the notch frequency; the signal will reach the plate of V4 through the

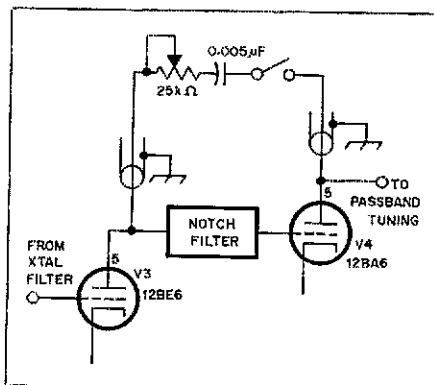


Fig. 1 — Notch-filter modification to the Drake R-4A receiver. When the 25-kΩ potentiometer is adjusted so that the signals cancel at the notch-filter input, tuning the notch to a particular frequency will upset the balance. The result will be a "peak" at that frequency.

negative feedback circuitry. All other frequencies will still be balanced out, and the result will be selectivity! This reasoning led me to try out the idea.

The circuit modification is shown in Fig. 1. A 25-kΩ potentiometer, a 0.005-μF capacitor and a miniature spst toggle switch (to select either normal or "inverted" notch function) were installed between the plates of V3 and V4.

The results were most gratifying. Tuning through a crowded cw band with the "notch inverter" operative, and then quickly opening the switch and turning off the notch filter, revealed that the modification was well worth the effort! I made the installation permanent by mounting the toggle switch on the front panel in place of the headphone jack. (This jack was rerouted to an extra hole on the rear apron.) The capacitor and potentiometer were installed point-to-point fashion right behind the switch. Coaxial cable was used for the wiring to reduce the possibility of interaction between stages and to minimize hum pickup.

Here is the initial adjustment procedure: Tune in a calibrator signal using the 4.8-kHz passband and close the switch. There should be a marked reduction in the signal. Adjust the potentiometer for minimum signal. Once this is done, the pot can be left alone.

To use the "notch inverter," adjust the receiver for cw reception using the 0.4-kHz passband. Tune in a calibrator signal for maximum S-meter reading. Close the switch and turn on the notch filter. A point should be found where the signal peaks. Set the notch exactly at this peak. (Note that this adjustment is critical!) The receiver is now ready for cw reception with improved selectivity.

The shape factor is probably still unimpressive, but there is no doubt that the selectivity is sharper. No oscillation occurs, although it comes pretty close when using the lsb portion of the passband with low background noise. There is no detectable ringing, even on the fastest cw signals. There is a slight reduction in i-f gain, as one would expect, but this is more

than offset by the improvement in signal readability under crowded band conditions. — *Stan Gibilisco, W1GV*

RADIATION RESISTANCE OF VERTICAL ANTENNAS

□ The response to my article in September 1978 *QST*, "Designing a Vertical Antenna," has been excellent. I have received many letters about it.

Recently, Mr. Robert Dome, W2WAM, brought the graph appearing in his July 1972 *QST* article, "A Study of the DDRR Antenna," to my attention. I agree with his view that his chart will yield more accurate values of radiation resistance than the graph shown in my article. The chart is shown at Fig. 2.

It is my hope that this information will make short-vertical design easier. — *Walter J. Schulz, Jr., K3OQF, 3617 Nanton Terr., Philadelphia, PA 19154*

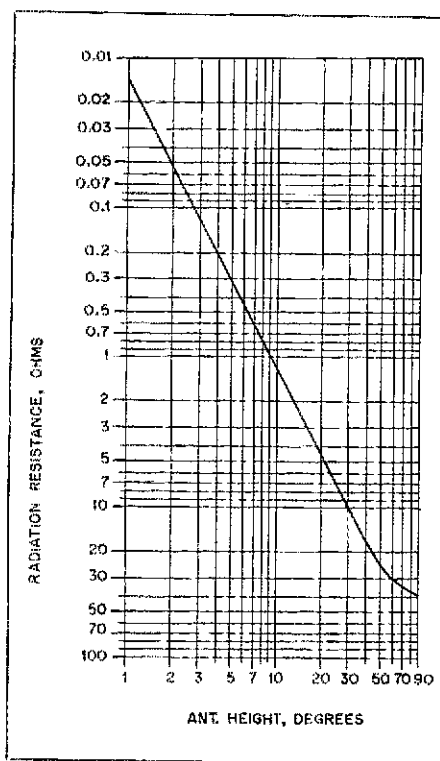


Fig. 2 — Graph for determining the radiation resistance of short vertical antennas. This is taken from Robert Dome, W2WAM, "A Study of the DDRR Antenna," July 1972 *QST*.

USING CHOPPER MODULATORS WITH WHEATSTONE BRIDGES

□ In November 1976 *QST*, an article entitled "For Accuracy, Go Wheatstone" appeared concerning the use of the Wheatstone Bridge to make accurate resistance measurements. Sidney D. Gilstrap described a way to modify a

meter movement to give a zero-center indication, moving to the right or left depending on the polarity of the voltage.

There is another way to detect a voltage at the bridge output. It is simple, cheap and nonmechanical: the use of a chopper modulator.

A chopper is a special switch that chops or rhythmically interrupts the flow of current in a circuit. Direct current can thus be changed to pulsating dc or ac. The oldest choppers were simply relays which were made to chatter by providing them with a normally closed contact in series with the coil. When the armature was pulled toward the coil, the contact would break and the armature would fly back to its starting place. This is how the dc buzzer, car horn, and vibrator power supplies in old cars work.

The IC which takes the place of the mechanical hardware is called the CD4016 bilateral switch. Each chip contains four separate switches. Electrically, they act just like four relays. To make a simple interrupting-contact type chopper, only one of the switches is used. It must be driven by an external oscillator. The output can be amplified by an audio amplifier. When dc is fed to the input of the switch, a buzz will be heard in a speaker. When no dc is present at the input, nothing will be heard even though the control terminal is still receiving the oscillator output.

The Wheatstone Bridge can be connected to the chopper and amplifier to give an audio indication of when voltage is present. It should be possible to determine very closely when the bridge balances, since a null will occur. This method has been used for years in making special test equipment for the blind. A refinement of this principle is to put a clipper at the amplifier output to lessen the volume when the bridge is severely unbalanced. By so doing, more amplifier gain can be employed and a sharper null obtained.

I have been blind all my life and have been a ham for almost nine years. I have used a commercially available volt-ohmmeter which works on this principle. It is a very accurate and easy method for taking voltage and resistance measurements. — *Martin McCormick, WB5AGZ, 3401 Baird Dr., Edmond, OK 73034*

CALCULATING SOURCE IMPEDANCE OF FETS

Frequently there is a need to use an FET in the common-gate or common-drain configurations (source-driven amplifier or source-follower amplifier). These circuits equate approximately to the triode-tube counterparts — cathode-driven or cathode-follower arrangements. In applications where impedance matching is required for optimum power transfer and gain, attention to the source impedance is vital. The two circuits under discussion are shown in Fig. 3.

The basic equation for Z_o (source impedance) is $1/g_m$. The transconductance of the FET at a given operating point is essentially the same as g_m (transconductance), the value of which can be found in the manufacturers' literature. In an actual circuit during operation, the I_{DSS} (drain-source current) may vary from, say, 2 to several mA. If this variation is known, the source resistor, R_s , should be calculated for the average I_{DSS} . For example, if the current shifts over a range of 2 to 6 mA,

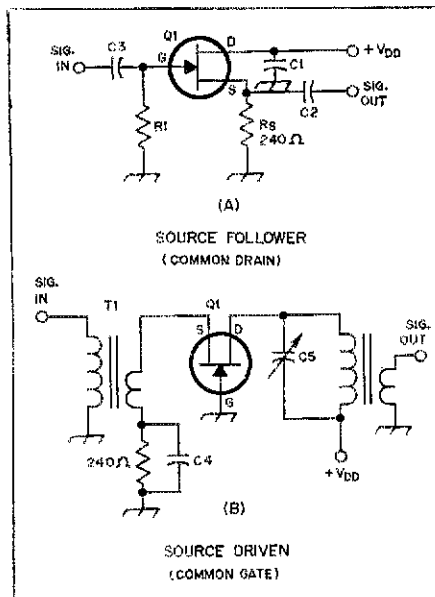


Fig. 3 — Common-drain and common-gate FET amplifiers. The 240-ohm resistor is for source-impedance matching, approximated by the formulas. C1 and C4 are bypass capacitors, C2 and C3 are blocking capacitors, and C5 is an output tank tuning capacitor. R1 is for gate bias.

R_s should be selected for a 4-mA condition. Therefore, if the gate is to be biased at -1 volt the value of R_s could be found from

$$R_s = \frac{1 \text{ volt}}{0.004 \text{ A}} = 250 \Omega$$

The value of R_s in Fig. 3 is the nearest standard value obtainable, 240 Ω . R_s must be included in the Z_o equation when the circuit of Fig. 3A is used.

Once R_s is known, the midrange g_m can be included in the equation to obtain Z_o or Z_{in} for the FET source. In this example we shall assume that the g_m spread of the FET is 2000 to 6000 μhos . Hence, a g_m value of 4000 will be plugged into the sample equation. Therefore

$$Z = \frac{R_s}{1 + |g_m| 10^6 (R_s)}$$

where Z is the input or output impedance of the FET. g_m is approximately equal to the midrange g_{fs} value of the transistor, and Z and R_s are in ohms. Hence, for the circuit of Fig. 3A

$$\begin{aligned} Z_o &= \frac{240}{1 + [4000 \times 10^6 (240)]} \\ &= \frac{240}{1 + (0.004 \times 240)} \\ &= \frac{240}{1.96} = 122.4 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

This value is the parallel resistance of the characteristic source impedance and R_s .

In the example at B of Fig. 3, R_s need not be included in the equation, since it is below the secondary of T1 and is bypassed for ft. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} Z_o &= \frac{10^6}{g_m} \\ &= \frac{1,000,000}{4000} = 250 \Omega \end{aligned}$$

It should be stressed that these equations give approximate Z_o or Z_{in} values, but they are suitable for most amateur work. — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*

BANDWIDTH CONSERVATION

The narrow-band voice-modulation technique that has recently appeared in QST should stir a lot of interest in a long-neglected facet of our operating practices. For those who would like to read about some other work in bandwidth compression, I recommend the following two additional sources: "Ease Radio Spectrum Congestion by Bandwidth Compression/Expansion," James J. Savidge, *EDN* (Electronic Design News) Magazine, May 20, 1973, and "Bandwidth Compression and Expansion by Frequency Division and Multiplication," Harvey L. Morgan, U.S. Patent 3,349,184, October 24, 1967.

The technique is not dependent on the characteristics of speech, but is applicable to any form of signal whose normal bandwidth exceeds its information rate; TV video is another example. The technique is applied at baseband (as is the case with nbvm) but the authors claim 10:1 frequency compression for speech and suggest that 30:1 might be feasible, based on the information rate of speech.

Another area of interest in modulation lore is that of dsb/sc (double sideband/suppressed carrier). Current IC technology now makes it possible to take full advantage of the coherent reception attributes of dsb/sc. Using phase-lock techniques, the presence of both sidebands can be used to synthetically reconstruct the missing carrier and track it. This results in a lock-in range substantially reduced from the total spectrum width of the signal. The result is quasi-bandwidth reduction, since the signals can overlap and yet not interfere with each other because of the lock-in criteria for their individual reception. — *H. W. Kupala, AF4L, 11241 — 111th Pl., Largo, FL 33540*

Strays

EASTERN VHF/UHF CONFERENCE MAY 5 AND 6

The Fifth Annual Eastern VHF/UHF Conference will be held May 5 and 6 at the New England Center at the University of New Hampshire, Durham. A full series of technical talks on vhf and uhf topics is scheduled, beginning at 9 A.M. Saturday. Noise-figure measurements will be made on converters and amplifiers for 50 MHz and above on Sunday morning. Registration is \$10 before April 30 and \$15 after. For further information, send an a.s.c. to Rick Commo, K1LOG, 3 Pryor Rd., Nauck, MA 01760.

QST congratulates . . .

Frank Moore, WAIURA, former vice president and general manager of radio station WELI in New Haven, who has been named senior vice president of stations WVCG and WYOR, Coral Gables, FL.

Dr. Sidney King, W2UKO, who has been appointed supervising veterinarian at Yonkers Raceway in New York.

Alton Simpson, WASTJB, who has been named executive director of the Arkansas Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education Commission.

Product Review

ICOM IC-701 HF Transceiver

It seems as though everyone and his brother is introducing a new hf transceiver to the amateur market these days. Each is purportedly bigger and better than the competition's, performing all sorts of marvelous deeds with the exception of tying your shoelaces. With 128 transistors, 23 FETs, 56 ICs and 265 diodes, the INOUE Communications IC-701 is proof that good things can come in small packages.

The transceiver measures a mere 4-3/8 inches high \times 9-1/2 inches wide \times 12-1/4 inches deep (111 \times 241 \times 311 mm). When placed next to the competition's equipment, the IC-701 occupies considerably less space. With the matching IC-701PS ac-operated power supply, which measures 4-3/8 \times 7 \times 10-1/4 inches (111 \times 178 \times 260 mm), beside the transceiver they take up approximately the same amount of room as other transceivers alone. The power supply is connected to the back of the transceiver through a heavy-duty, yet flexible, six-foot umbilical cord so it's possible to stow the power supply away from the operating position. However, the power supply is styled to match the transceiver and contains an external 3- \times 5-inch (76 \times 127 mm) speaker, so if there's room at the operating position it might as well stay. For the record, the transceiver also has a built-in speaker, should it be used without the '701PS power supply.

The '701 is what you would expect from a transceiver employing space-age technology. With the optional RM-2 computer hookup, one can program the transceiver to scan an entire band, a portion of a band and even automatically switch bands and tune to specific frequencies! To incorporate remote band switching, the ICOM engineers have used a multisection, motorized rotary switch. Changing the position of the band switch results in a series of clicks as the rotary switch sets its way to the selected band.

The only option available for the '701 is the RM-2 computer. Items normally found as options on other radios are standard equipment on the '701. For example, standard equipment includes digital readout, wide and narrow cw bandwidths, a cooling fan, rf speech processor, band-pass tuning, noise blanker, dual-speed tuning dial, narrow and wide shift RFTY, VSWR indicator and a built-in second VFO. A single tuning knob controls each VFO independently with a front-panel switch selecting one of the following modes: transceive on VFO A; transceive on VFO B; receive on A, transmit on B; and receive on B, transmit on A. The package also includes a neatly styled Electret condenser microphone with built-in preamplifier. Dc voltage is fed to the preamplifier through the four-conductor microphone cable. There are *no* batteries to replace.

Technical Specifics

A block diagram of the IC-701 appears elsewhere in this review. The '701 employs a digital phase-locked-loop (PLL) circuit as the local oscillator for both transmit and receive. Output from the PLL is 9.0115 MHz higher

than the frequency of operation (the i-f is 9.0115 MHz). The PLL frequency is determined as follows. A pulse generated by the optical chopper circuit, located at the tuning knob, is digitalized by the up/down counter in the large-scale integrated circuit (LSI) and used to control a programmable divider, also located inside the LSI chip. The programmable divider controls the PLL circuit which determines the frequency of the voltage controlled oscillator (VCO). A front-panel switch is used to select the synthesizer tuning rate at either 100-Hz or 10-kHz steps.

Receiver

Signals arriving at the antenna connector pass through the transmitter low-pass filter and an attenuator (0 or 10 dB) and are then diode-switched to one of the six individually optimized MOSFET rf amplifiers. From there, the signals are applied to a Schottky-diode, doubly balanced mixer where they are mixed with the local-oscillator signal from the VCO. The resultant i-f is at 9.0115 MHz and the signals are passed through a 10-kHz wide monolithic filter. The output from the filter is then passed through the noise-blanker gate to a second 9.0115-MHz filter with a bandwidth of 2.4 kHz. From there, the signal is amplified and routed to the band-pass tuning circuitry.

Basically, the band-pass tuning system consists of two SN76514 mixers with an additional filter located between them. The center frequency of this filter is 10.75 MHz and is 2.4 kHz wide. A variable-crystal oscillator (VXO) circuit provides identical injection information for both mixers at about 19.7615 MHz. This injection up-converts the existing i-f at 9.0115 MHz to the new 10.75-MHz i-f where the signal passes through the 10.75-MHz filter. Output from the filter is immediately down-converted to the previous i-f of 9.0115 MHz. Since the down-conversion is equal to the up-conversion (the oscillator being used for both), changing the VXO frequency does not change the frequency of the received signal. The output fre-

quency is always equal to the input frequency; the VXO only changes the position of the signal in the 10.75-MHz filter passband.

Output from the band-pass tuning circuit is amplified in the i-f stages and applied to the product detector. For narrow cw operation, the signal is routed through an active audio filter, through a low-level af amplifier, low-pass filter and finally to the audio output stage. For wide cw operation, the active audio filter is bypassed.

A combination of i-f and audio-derived age systems is used in the '701. Age characteristics are switchable with a front-panel control, with FAST for cw operation and SLOW for phone work. The SLOW system features a hang-age characteristic.

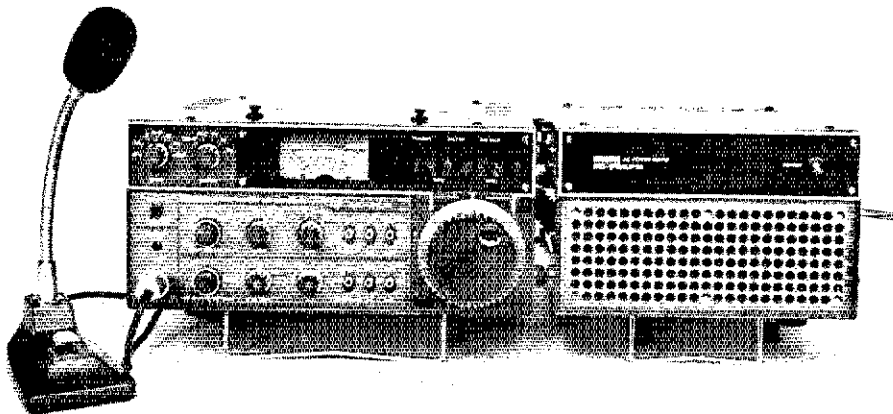
Receiver-performance tests as outlined by Hayward¹ were performed on the '701 and yielded the following numbers: noise floor, -133 dBm; blocking dynamic range, in excess of 120 dB (beyond limit of measuring equipment); and IMD dynamic range, 87 dB. These tests were performed at 14 MHz. An additional set of tests was run at 3.5 MHz where the numbers turned out to be identical except for the IMD dynamic range which increased to 89 dB.

Transmitter

The IC-701 transmitter circuitry is quite straightforward, as outlined in the block diagram. A detailed circuit analysis will not be given here. Simply, a double-sideband signal is generated at the 9.0115-MHz i-f and passes through the 9.0115-MHz filter where it becomes a single-sideband signal. From there it passes through a buffer stage to the transmit mixer. Here the signal is combined with the VCO to produce an output signal at the desired frequency of operation. Finally, the signal is applied to an amplifier and buffer, and then to

¹Hayward, "Defining and Measuring Receiver Dynamic Range," July 1975 QST.

The ICOM IC-701, shown here with matching power supply/speaker unit. The '701 itself is the same size as the IC-211, and in fact looks practically identical to the 2-meter rig.



IC-701 BLOCK DIAGRAM

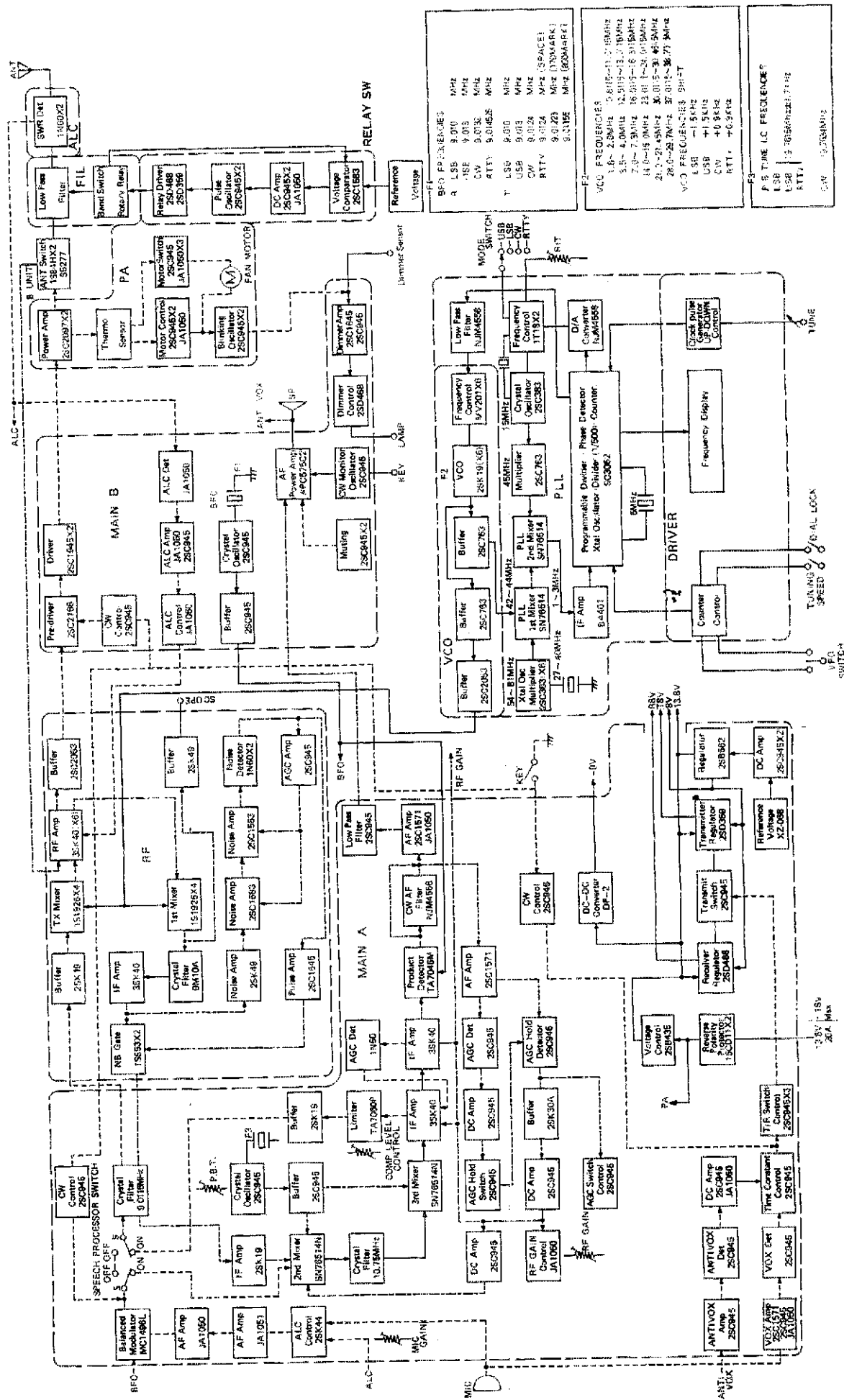


Fig. 1 — Block diagram of the IC-701, as shown in the owner's manual.

noted, the first being that the received audio on extremely loud signals could sound mildly distorted when using the fast agc. Use of the slow agc completely cured the problem. The second sore point was that of keying the transmitter. In order to properly operate the transmitter, the keyer must bring the key terminal to within 0.4 volt of ground. At least two keyers we tried would not key the transmitter. A simple cure for those keyers would be to use a relay between the keyer and the transmitter or, as we did, connect a 1-1/2-volt battery in series with the keyer output in reverse-bias fashion. This brings the key-down voltage to the negative side of zero volts. — Jay Rusgrove, W1VD

INFO-TECH MODEL 300 KEYBOARD

Recently joining the solid-state cw/RTTY keyboards now available, the Info-Tech model 300 offers all commonly used RTTY speeds (60, 66, 75 and 100 wpm), cw speed variable in 1-wpm increments from four to 125 wpm, a 700-character running buffer, 11 separate storage memories, an RTTY loop output, and a built-in afsk generator. The model 300 also has 110- and 300-baud ASCII. At the time of this writing, amateur use of ASCII is limited to OSCAR.

At first glance, the model 300 looks very simple — there isn't a single knob on the front panel! But commands are given by pressing the keys in various sequences. For example, after the three-wire line cord is plugged in and the power switch turned on, the "Morse" (cw) mode is selected by pressing the CONTROL and M keys simultaneously, entering the speed desired (as a numeral corresponding to the number of words per minute), and finally hitting the RETURN key. The cw weight ratio is variable in nine steps. The setting of the weight does affect the speed somewhat; the entered speed is correct only when the dit-to-space ratio is 1:1. All nine settings of the weight ratio are reasonable, in contrast to some keying devices with which a sizable portion of the control range results in ridiculous extremes.

A CQ key and a DE key are provided. For some reason, no word space is programmed into these functions following the characters, so if you hastily press the CQ and DE keys fol-

lowed by WQ1XYZ, you'll hear it come out as "CQDEWQ1XYZ." The word-space bar must be used to insert the necessary spaces with these functions. For ragchewing, words can be "burst" typed one at a time, pausing for word spaces, or you can get way ahead of the output by using the buffer and separating words by means of the word-space bar.

The cw prosigns AR, AS, BT and SK are sent by shifting certain characters. All standard punctuation is also provided. There's a cw sidetone with adjustable volume built into the keyboard. A monitor output and auxiliary input are provided. The transmitter may be keyed through a remote PTT line.

One rather strange problem was encountered with the unit we tested. Although the cw keying output is handled by a relay rated at 200 V dc or 500 mA with a power limitation of 10 W, we couldn't get the model 300 to key either the Kenwood TS-820S or the Collins 32S-3. No matter what we tried to send, the keyboard produced only an erratic series of dits when connected to a transmitter. We tried only these two rigs, but neither of them offer a challenge to the keying-relay ratings. We informed Info-Tech of this difficulty and returned the keyboard to them. The problem was corrected by means of a three-conductor jack installed at the cw output instead of the original two-conductor jack. The two inner contacts are used for the keying circuit, isolating the relay contacts from the keyboard chassis. No further keying anomalies took place.

RTTY operating conveniences include a RETURN key which actuates the signals for carriage return, line feed, and the case of the character sent just before the RETURN key is pressed (either FIGS or LTRS), in that order. At the end of a 71-character line, the RETURN function is automatically triggered. There are no keys labeled FIGS or LTRS; case shifting is done automatically. However, FIGS and LTRS signals can be generated by shifting the period and comma. An RY test signal and a "quick brown fox" test key are provided. There's also an automatic cw identifier. An "RA monitor" output is provided for monitoring RTTY or ASCII transmissions with the receiving terminal unit.

The afsk feature makes RTTY transmission possible with any ssb transmitter or transceiver; the tones are simply fed to the microphone input in the (sb) mode and the result is (theoretically) F1 emission. The afsk generator in the model 300 uses standard "high tones" (2125 and 2295 Hz for narrow shift and 2125 and 2975 Hz for wide shift). The audio output is 2.5 volts peak-to-peak, and if the tones are fed into the microphone jack, attenuation is usually necessary to prevent overloading the transmitter audio stages. The single-tone distortion of the afsk output was measured as 2 percent by means of an audio distortion analyzer.

The reason we say "theoretically" in the previous paragraph when referring to F1 emission is that the slightest stray noise will show up out the air along with the RTTY signal when F1 emission is sought in this way. The model 300 was tested with a popular hf ssb transceiver in the ARRL lab to see how clean the "F1" emission really would be. The result is shown in the spectral photograph of Fig. 1.

The memory capability of the model 300 is considerable. Errors can be corrected in the running buffer or storage memories anytime prior to their actual transmission. There are 11 storage memories, each 120 characters in

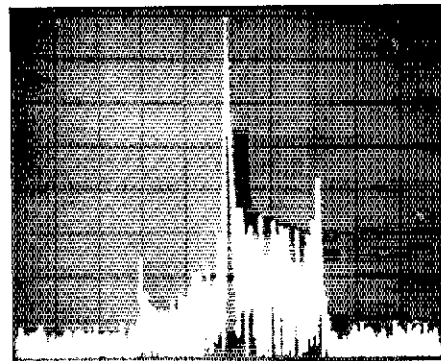


Fig. 1 — Spectral photo of TS-820S output on 3595 kHz (sb), with 2125-Hz single-tone input from the model 300. Each horizontal division represents 1 kHz and each vertical division represents 10 dB. The pip farthest to the right is the transmitter suppressed-carrier frequency. The center (tallest) pip is the signal resulting from the 2125-Hz tone. The pip at the left is the signal resulting from the second harmonic of the 2125-Hz tone. The transmitter power input was approximately 90 watts.

length. If a message runs out of room while being programmed into a given memory, the overflow will be taken up by the next memory. Messages can be "nested," meaning that one message can end by calling another message from any of the storage memories. A separate identification memory is supplied. These memory features are identical for "Morse," RTTY and ASCII.

The instructions give installation and operation procedures, alignment information for the afsk generator and RTTY identifier, and details for changing the cw sidetone pitch. There is a brief circuit description with a schematic diagram. An errata sheet (including

Info-Tech Model 300 Keyboard

Dimensions (HWD): 3-7/8 × 12-3/4 × 13 inches (98 × 324 × 330 mm).

Weight: 7.1 pounds (3.2 kg).

Power requirements: 110-120 V ac, 50-60 Hz, 12 W maximum.

Cw speed range: 4-125 wpm in 1-wpm increments.

Cw keying output: +200 V dc or 500 mA, 10-W maximum contact rating.

Cw monitor output: +20 V dc maximum off state, 50 mA maximum on state.

Cw auxiliary input: +5 V dc off state, 0.5 mA on state.

Sidetone audio: Approximately 1/2 W to internal speaker.

RTTY speeds: 60, 66, 75 and 100 wpm (Baudot code).

ASCII speeds: 110 and 300 baud.

Loop (fsk) output: nonisolated, open-collector; 200 V dc maximum off state, 100 mA maximum on state.

RA monitor output: at least +4 V dc marking, less than +0.3 V dc spacing, high impedance.

RTTY/ASCII afsk output: 2.5 V pk-pk, 1000 ohms impedance; 2125 Hz mark, 2295 Hz (space for narrow shift), 2975 Hz (space for wide shift).

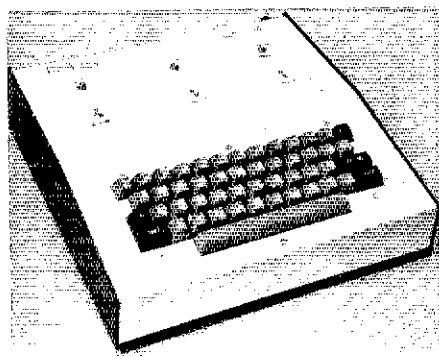
Remote PTT output: +200 V dc and 100 mA maximum.

Buffer memory: 700 characters.

Storage memory: 11 addressable memories, 120 characters each; 1320 characters total.

Supplier: Info-Tech, Inc., 2349 Weldon Parkway, St. Louis, MO 63141.

Price class: \$450.



The Info-Tech model 300 RTTY/ASCII/cw keyboard. The control functions are all executed by pressing the keys in specific sequences. The small black protuberance at the extreme upper right (rear panel) is part of the fuse holder. The only rotatable adjustment control is the cw sidetone volume pot. located on the rear apron.

the cw keying-connection modification) is supplied.

The model 300 should definitely interest the RTTY enthusiast and the high-speed cw operator. And of course, the OSCAR ASCII experimenter ought to give this unit careful consideration. — Stan Gibilisco, W1GV

DAIWA RF-440 RF SPEECH PROCESSOR

This reviewer has had an opportunity to operate the RF-440 for a period of several months. Mindful of the abuse which can be caused by improper operation of similar devices, my objective was to determine the degree of improvement in "talk power" that could be obtained without abusing my adjacent-channel neighbors on the hf bands.

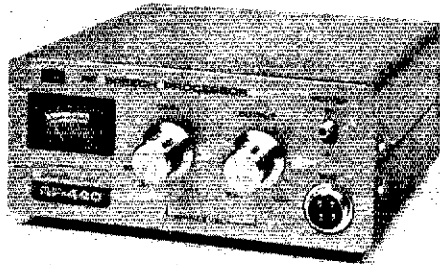
Upon unpacking the unit and examining the instruction manual, I found that a less-than-adequate job had been done in the translation into English. There are many typographical errors in the text, as well as a few in the schematic diagram (pins 3 and 4 are reversed on both the input and output, and two devices are labeled Q6). It took considerable time to study this problem and figure it out. This reviewer strongly suggests that the importer replace the current instruction manual with one which corrects the errors and "speaks" better English. The manual does not do justice to a fine piece of equipment.

The operating instructions are not much clearer. The assumption is made that the transmitter with which the processor will be used has an alc meter indication. The user is told that a plate-current meter or output power meter may be substituted, but then the manual fails to explain *how*. However, this reviewer's transceiver has an alc scale, and perhaps yours does too.

The RF-440 is connected, by means of suitable cables, between the microphone and the audio-input jack of the transmitter or transceiver. A plug is provided at the end of the output cable. This plug did not mate with the one on my rig, so it was removed and used at the input to connect the microphone to the processor. Where the plug had been, I installed another plug that matched the transceiver audio-input jack. It was at this point that the errors in the schematic diagram were discovered. Pins 3 and 4 are reversed at both the input and output, as shown on the schematic. Pin 4 is ground. The other is pin 3. Pin 3 at the input runs to pin 3 at the output. Similarly, pin 2 at the input runs to pin 2 at the output. Obviously, the remaining pin at each end is pin 1. It would have helped greatly if the color of the wires had been given in the schematic diagram.

Fundamentally, the RF-440 is an rf speech processor. Audio from the microphone is amplified, split, passed through two 90-degree phase shifts, and then into a balanced modulator where it is combined with an oscillator signal that has also been split and phase shifted. From there, the signal, now at rf, proceeds through an i-f amplifier and limiter, a filter, and then to a detector where it is mixed down to audio by an injected oscillator signal. Then it is passed through a buffer stage to the output.

The operation of the processor is quite simple. The gain control is set fully clockwise, and the output control is set fully counterclockwise. Adjust the output control until maximum



The Daiwa RF-440 rf speech processor. The level meter on the left has a built-in light to improve readability.

allowable swing is observed on your transmitter alc meter while you talk into the microphone. Now adjust the gain control, while talking about four inches from the microphone, until the level meter on the processor indicates "0." This explanation is garbled in the instructions, no doubt something has been lost in the translation. However, the procedure described above is the way to set it up, as determined by this reviewer, following many attempts at trying to understand what was really happening.

A noticeable improvement in average-power output was observed on a power meter but, of course, no accurate measurement of the enhancement under voice-frequency conditions could be made. The manufacturer claims a "four-times" increase in talk-power (6 dB, or about one S unit), and on-the-air contacts with hundreds of DX and domestic stations appear to support this claim.

The manufacturer cautions that splatter can result from improper adjustment of the output control, and suggests that this adjustment be checked frequently to assure that it is set at the proper level. The manufacturer also suggests that adequate cooling (airflow) of the final transmitter stage be provided as the average power to that stage increases three to four times with the use of the processor.

The RF-440 is superbly built, and provides a significant increase in talk-power from a transmitter. The '440 solid-state design should provide users with improved performance and reliable operation for a long time.

The RF-440 has a built-in ac power supply, and may be operated from 13.5 volts dc for mobile operation. The processor may be bypassed, effectively removing it from the microphone line by turning the gain control to the OFF position. — Lee Aurick, W1SE

DAIWA RF-440 Speech Processor

Clipping threshold: Less than 2 mV at 1 kHz.
Bandwidth: 2200 Hz at 6 dB down.
Freq. response: Approx. 300-3000 Hz at 12 dB down.
Distortion: Less than 3 percent at 1 kHz, 20 dB clipping.
Output level: More than 50 mV at 1 kHz.
Dimensions (HWD): 2-3/4 x 6 x 6 inches (70 x 152 x 152 mm).
Weight: 4-1/2 lbs (2 kg).
Power requirements: 115 V ac, 60 Hz at 12 mA.
13.5 V dc, 55 mA.
Price class: \$135.

Supplier: J. W. Miller Division, Bell Industries, 19070 Reyes Avenue, Compton, CA 90224.

New Books

Antennas, by John Kraus, W8JK, published by McGraw-Hill, New York, NY. Cloth-bound edition, 6 x 9 inches, 561 pages. Price: \$28.95.

This is a review of a book that isn't new. In fact, it was first published in 1950, and has been used by thousands of amateurs (and professionals) for the last 28 years. It was first obtained for use in the ARRL headquarters Technical library in 1950 (first-printing copies went for \$8 then) and has been used as a reference for many staff-written antenna articles during the ensuing years. For those amateurs who are not familiar with this volume, here is a description of its contents.

Designed actually as a textbook for use in college-level engineering courses, *Antennas* contains theory of operation and design information for almost any antenna you might want to construct. The only popular array that comes to mind which is not included is the quad, a relatively new design at the time this book was published.

The first two chapters introduce definitions of "antenna" and "transmission line," and discuss gain, field patterns and directivity. Chapter 2 also introduces the point or isotropic source. The third chapter explains the antenna as an aperture and discusses the effective aperture of various antennas, and chapter 4 covers arrays of point sources.

The next 10 chapters deal with specific designs including the dipole, loop, helical, biconical, cylindrical, linear, reflector, slot, horn, longwire and other types of antennas. With each type of antenna, Kraus provides excellent diagrams to accompany his text explaining the theory behind the antenna operation, general properties, construction considerations and so on. Calculated field-strength intensity patterns, gain charts, and radiation resistance graphs are also included for most antennas.

The final chapter deals with antenna measurements including phase, gain, directivity, impedance, radiation resistance, current distribution, and polarization-measurement techniques.

Those amateurs who haven't already purchased a copy of *Antennas* should consider giving this book a prominent spot on their bookshelves. — Jim Bartlett, K1TX

Strays

QST congratulates . . .

□ Ian Cook, WB2SZV, winner of a 1978 National Merit Scholarship. Ian attended Bronxville (NY) High, where he founded the school's Radio Club, WB2SJJ, and graduated first in his class. During the summer of 1978, Ian was the radio operator for the Bolivian project of *Amigos de las Americas*, a rural health/inoculation program for American youths in Latin America. He is a freshman at Princeton University.

□ Phil Bettan, K2LIG, who has been promoted to president of Bettan Sales, Inc., Flushing, NY.

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ anyone stationed at Farfan Radio Station (NBA) during mid-60s, or aboard U.S.S. *Stickell* during 1966-67. Vic Behan, WB1CEG, 6 Alan Dr., Ansonia, CT 06401.

Hints and Kinks

AUTOMATIC OUTPUT POLARITY FOR THE ACCU-KEYER

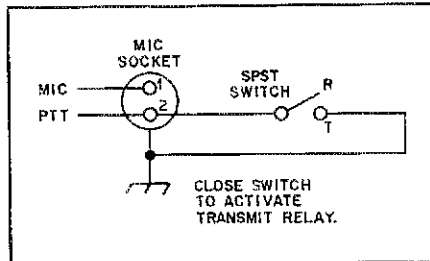
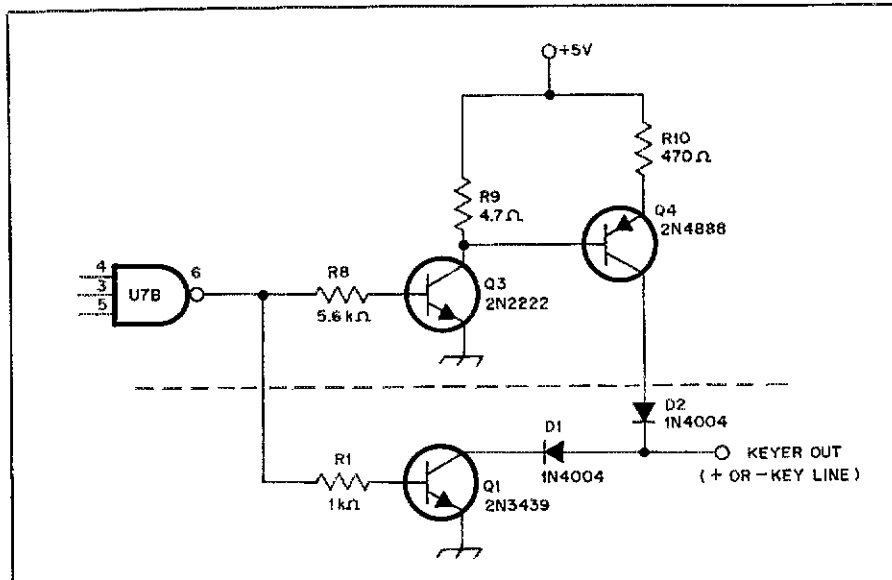
May I offer yet another modification for the ubiquitous Accu-Keyer (*QST* for August 1973, August 1975 and July 1976). The simple circuit change shown in the accompanying diagram solves a problem for the amateur who uses rigs with both grid-block and cathode keying. The selection of proper polarity becomes automatic by means of diodes. With this arrangement the Accu-Keyer may be used with a variety of transmitters or transceivers without worrying about the polarity of the voltage.

This modification is built on the WB4VVF board with just a few parts added between the output of Q4 and the terminal for the grid-block keying. The cathode keying circuit may be built on a 1 × 1-1/2-inch (25 × 38-mm) perforated or printed circuit board. My Accu-Keyer/Memory is now in use with my solid-state 2-meter transceiver which has positive-to-ground keying. It is a welcome "third hand" when operating through OSCAR 7 and 8. — *Bruce Balla, VE2QO*

HOLDING HEATH RELAY

An easier way to hold the HW-100 or the HW-101 relay in the transmit position than that suggested by WA1STQ ("Hints and Kinks," March 1978 *QST*) is to install a switch as shown in the accompanying diagram. This method requires only a spare microphone plug and the switch. There is no modification of the transceiver. — *David Shaffer, K3NXO/8*

Modification of the Accu-Keyer/Memory for keying both positive and negative lines. Additions to the original circuit are shown below the dashed line. A junk-box variety transistor may be used.



This circuit permits the HW-100 or HW-101 transmit relay to be held in the ON position while using cw.

NEW BATTERY IMPROVES MICODER QUALITY

A common problem arising with the Heath HW-2036 2-meter transceiver when used with the older HW-1982 Micoder is poor audio quality after several weeks or months of operation. The symptoms are reports of failing audio quality and fuzziness of audio levels, both of which may disappear after turning off the receiver for a length of time. In my particular case I thought that the problem was one of those mysterious intermittents that might never be found.

Conferring by phone with the "hams at Heath" I was advised that the fault was simply an aging battery in the Micoder microphone. Unlike ceramic microphones, a battery is necessary to charge the capacitive element in the microphone of the Micoder. This element

drives the first IC in the audio chain. A cure, until a battery failure again occurs, is to install a good-quality alkaline battery. — *John F. Marthens, WA6TKN*

NEW HIGH-PERMEABILITY FERRITE ROD

Previous ferrite rods on the market have had permeability that is too low and length that is too short for use as a satisfactory filament choke for grounded-grid amplifiers to be operated on the 160-meter band. As a result rf gets into the filament circuit and consequently into the 117-V ac line.

Amidon Associates, 12033 Otsego St., North Hollywood, CA, 91607, has released a ferrite rod with a permeability of 800. It has a diameter of 1/2 inch and a length of 6 inches.

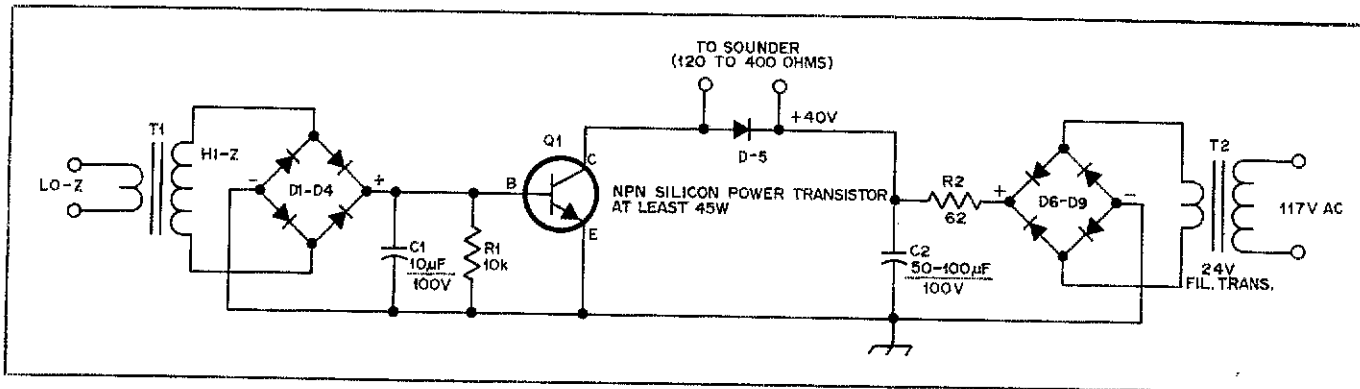
Those amateurs who wish to use this new rod will do well to wind the coil on a wooden dowel and then slip the coil onto the rod, a procedure which will prevent breaking the ferrite. A suitable wire size should be employed to carry the filament current. For my 811s I use no. 14 enameled wire. Further information about the Amidon rod no. 30-33-7 may be obtained by writing to Mr. Jim Cox at Amidon. — *Ed Mariner, W6XM*

[Editor's Note: To ensure effectiveness of the bifilar-wound filament/cathode choke, the X_L should be approximately 4 or 5 times the input impedance of the grounded-grid amplifier. An acceptable rule-of-thumb value for most rf power amplifiers is to assume a maximum Z_{in} of 200 Ω at peak drive periods. Therefore, X_L for the choke winding equals 800 Ω minimum, which at 1.8 MHz requires an inductance of 70 μH . This can be checked by placing a 110-pF capacitor in parallel with the choke winding and checking for resonance by means of a dip meter. The 7-1/2 × 0.5-inch (191 × 13 mm) Amidon rod ($\mu_r = 125$) is satisfactory, but the 4-inch (102-mm) rod is not. Since Q is not an important factor in the choke, the Amidon 6-inch (152-mm) rod ($\mu_r = 800$) specified by W6XM will provide considerably higher X_L than the minimum requirement of $4 \times Z_{in}$, which is excellent.]

A MORSE TELEGRAPH CODE CONVERTER

This circuit for a Morse telegraph converter should interest many amateurs who are ex-telegraph operators. I built it and find that it works very well. I pipe the WIAW transmissions from my receiver through the converter which provides the activating signal for my telegraph sounder. (I'd be interested in hearing tapes at WIAW sending between 60 and 70 wpm.)

While the circuit diagram calls for a 150- to 400-ohm sounder, my converter works very well feeding a 20-ohm sounder. The self-contained bridge-rectifier power supply provides 35 to 40 volts dc. All diodes are silicon rectifier types. The diode across the sounder prevents magnetic kickback of the sounder coils from damaging the single npn silicon power transistor. The power transistor may be



This converter will operate a telegraph sounder from a receiver or tape recorder. Details in text.

of the builder's choice but should be capable of handling 45 watts as well as the power-supply voltage.

T1 may be an old output transformer connected backward. One may also use a 6.3-V filament transformer, low impedance side connected to the headphone jack of the receiver. Although 10 µF is a nominal value for C1, the builder should experiment with other values. A value too small allows the cw tone to be heard in the sounder coils, while a value too large would make the sounder perform sluggishly. The value of C2 is not critical and may range from 50 to 100 µF. R2 is a 62-ohm surge resistor installed to prevent the diodes from failing when C2 charges. The present switching relay transistor is a Radio Shack RS-2020, silicon npn, solid-state device. — *Harry A. Turner, W9YZE*

CHECK THAT CIGARETTE LIGHTER CIRCUIT — THE POLARITY MAY BE REVERSED

Before connecting your new rig to that cigarette lighter of your newly purchased automobile, check out the polarity. Older cars generally had the casing of the lighter socket grounded to the chassis but some newer cars constructed with plastic dash panels may have the casing wired to the positive supply line. In cars where this may be so, unless a correction is made in the circuit, damage could occur to equipment attached to this voltage source. — *Burt Lang, VE2BMQ, in the bulletin of VE2RM, Inc., Montreal, PQ*

LONGER CALCULATOR BATTERY LIFE

Inexpensive pocket calculators such as the Texas Instrument TI-1000, using push-button ON and OFF switches, place a steady load of several microamperes on the internal battery when not in use. I inserted an unsoldered mini plug into the ac adaptor jack to keep the battery circuit open when not being used. Doing so increased battery shelf life considerably. — *Dr. J. H. Grant, K4HHR*

CURING OSCILLATION PROBLEMS IN THE CLUB FILTER

Some builders of "The Club Filter" (December 1978 *QST*) have run into the problem of an annoying oscillation in the first stage of the filter.

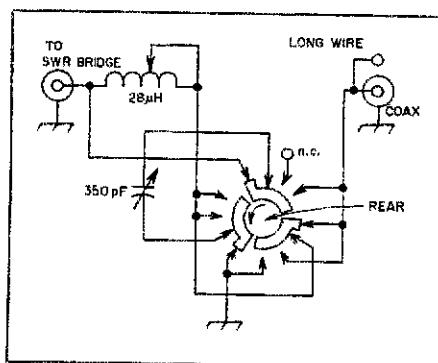
Spencer Schubbe, N8AP, has furnished some suggestions for eliminating this problem.

It is possible for the type 741 operational amplifier to vary in gain as a result of differences in manufacturing, causing instability in the filter stage. In this case the value of R6 should be decreased until the oscillation stops and a crisp cw tone is heard. In some extreme cases it may also be necessary to increase the value of R7 to around 330 ohms. — *Garry Bartels, WBICPM*

A TRANSMATCH SWITCH

By installing a 3-circuit 3-position switch in the Transmatch described in the 1975 edition of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, changing configurations is facilitated. A Mallory low-loss nonshorting switch (no. 4M2315C) is well suited for this purpose. If a 4-pole 3-position switch is available, it may be used by leaving one of the positions blank. My drawing shows the switch in position 1 which places the capacitor ahead of the inductor. Position 2 has the capacitor following the inductor and position 3 connects the capacitor between the inductor and the antenna. — *George L. Hunsaker, W5JOV*

W5JOV uses this switch arrangement instead of banana jacks to simplify operation of his Transmatch which employs the circuit shown on page 607 of the 1975 *Handbook*.



EASY DIPOLE CENTER INSULATOR

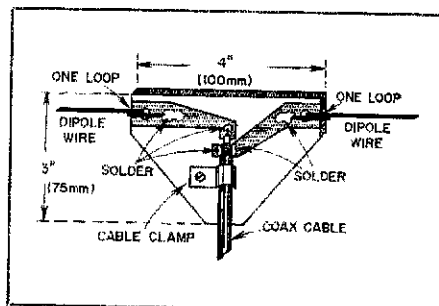
Single-clad pc board is handy for use as the center insulator of a dipole antenna. Fig. 1 shows the details of one made by the writer.

The pc-board material is trimmed as shown

to a size which is compatible with the coax cable used. The copper is etched away except for the shaded areas indicated. A single loop of wire through the holes at each end of the center block will hold the antenna fast once the ends of the two wires are soldered in place as shown. The feed line is soldered to the appropriate copper foils, then clamped in place in the manner indicated.

The solder joints can be sealed by means of epoxy cement, as can the open end of the coax cable. This will prevent corrosion at the solder points. It will also prevent moisture from collecting between the shield braid and the polyethylene which insulates the inner conductor.

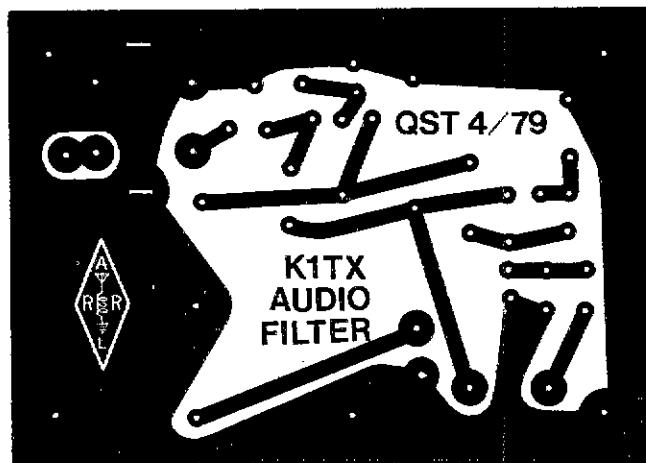
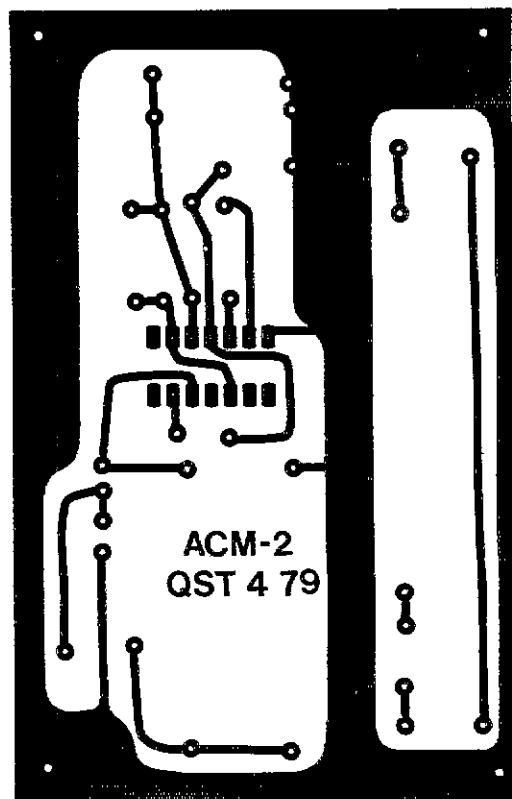
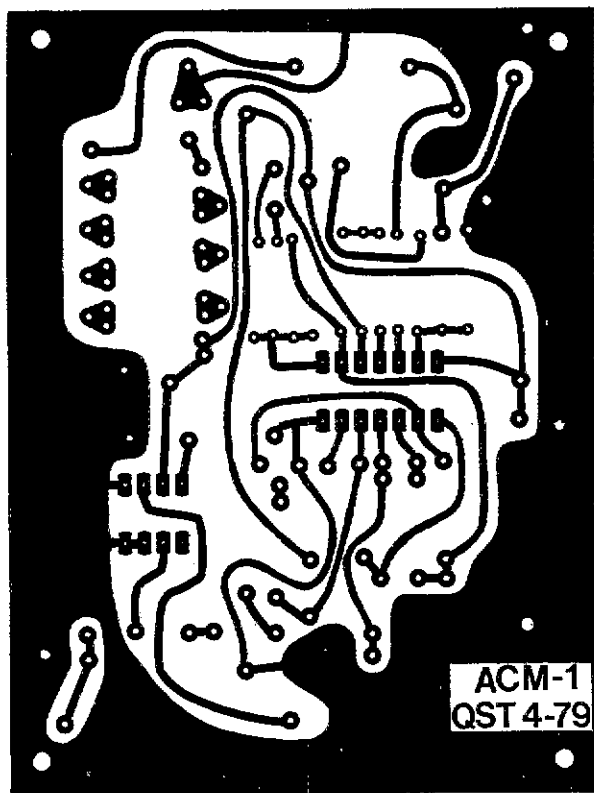
The version shown here was built when a lightweight 20-meter dipole was needed for a Caribbean QRP trip. The dipole conductors were made from no. 22 insulated hook-up wire. RG-58/U served as the feed line. — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*



A handy dipole center insulator made with single-clad pc board designed by W1FB. It can be useful to Field Day operators and amateurs who take radio equipment on vacation safaris.

CURING IGNITION NOISE

Sources of static interference that can disrupt radio reception in an automobile, truck or boat can be difficult to trace and eliminate. Ignition noise is one of the most annoying problems found in many mobile installations. Radio amateurs who experience such interference will benefit from the sound advice given in the booklet, *Giving Two-Way Radio Its Voice*, published by the Champion Spark Plug Company. This well prepared publication covers noise-suppression fundamentals, preliminary procedures, methods of locating the sources of interference and techniques of solving noise



Circuit-board etching patterns for construction projects in this issue. Black represents copper, the patterns being shown here at actual size. Circuit boards represented on this page are single sided (copper on one side only). The upper pair of patterns is for the SHARC Audible Current Meter, at left for the meter itself and at right for the power supply (see Figs. 4 and 6, pages 26 and 27 of this issue). The lower pattern is for the Simple CW Audio Filter (see Fig. 2, p. 17).

problems. There are even tips for obtaining good marine reception. A copy of this booklet may be obtained by writing to the Champion Spark Plug Co., Box 910, Toledo, OH 43661. The cost is \$1. This publication may also be obtained through some automotive parts distributors where Champion products are sold. — *Sandy Gerli, AC1Y*

REPLACING KENWOOD POWER PLUGS — A WARNING

Recently I had to install a new power plug on my Kenwood TS-520S. I purchased the plug at a local ham-radio store and wired it according

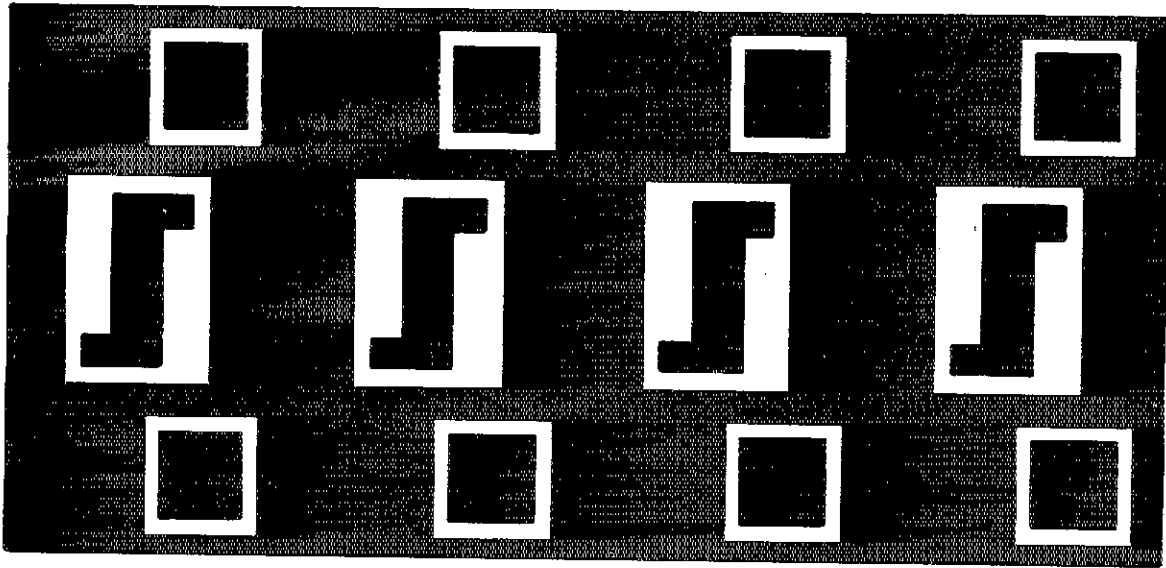
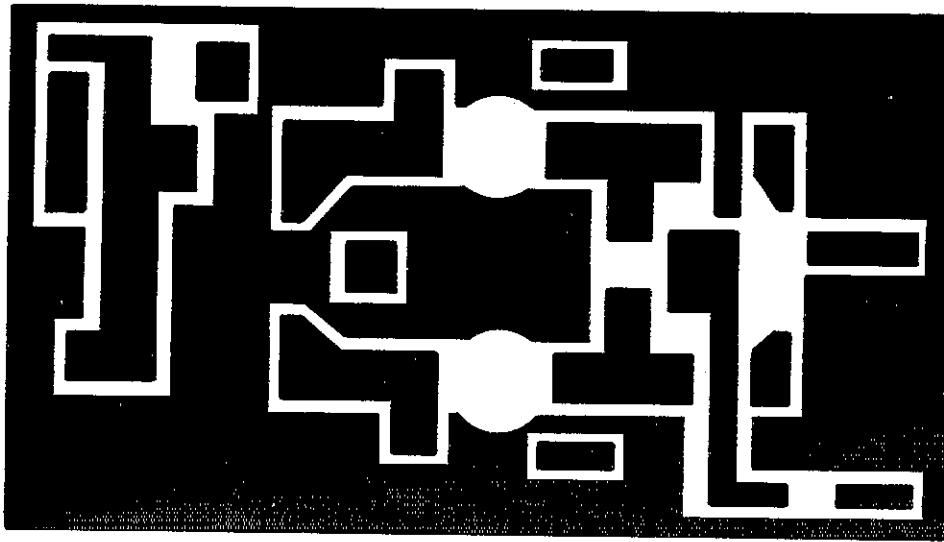
to the illustrations contained in the Kenwood owner's manual, but *following the numbers printed on the replacement plug*. After inserting the new connector into the transceiver I reached for the coaxial cable, a move that gave me a startling electrical jolt! *The rig was alive with 117 volts ac.*

I returned to the store and asked to see a factory-wired cord. The numbering was *in reverse order*, right to left! Investigation has disclosed that Japanese plugs of the Jones type are numbered opposite to the numbering on American connectors. I was lucky not to get hurt or have the rig damaged. I wonder, however, if I might have been less than lucky had I wired the plug for a 220-volt line.

May I suggest, therefore, that anyone replacing such a plug obtain a Kenwood connector which may be ordered from the manufacturer. I'd also like to urge Kenwood to print a warning to this effect in future Kenwood manuals. — *Adalberto Sainz, KA4BBS*

TS-520 POWER INCREASE MODIFICATION

Amateurs in the United States who acquired Kenwood TS-520s built for use in Japan may wish to eliminate a provision which reduces the power output on the 10-meter band. The PA screen voltage-dropping resistor attached to the



Circuit-board etching patterns (continued). Boards represented on this page are double sided (copper-clad on both sides), with unetched copper on the "back" side forming a ground plane. The front sides of the boards are shown here at actual size, with black representing copper. The upper pattern is for the amplifier section of the "Boots for the HW-8," and the lower pattern is for the filter board (see Figs. 2 and 3, page 20 of this issue).

band switch can be jumpered to restore full power. The manufacturer was good enough to furnish me with this information which enabled me to modify my Kenwood, one of those built for use by Japanese amateurs. — *Dr. Richard Brown, YB0ABV, W4VN*

MORE ABOUT ADAPTING THE HEATH NOISE BLANKER

While adapting the Heathkit SBA-104-1 noise blanker to my SB-101, following the ideas suggested in "Still More on the SBA-104-1" (August 1977 *QST*), I made the following changes which seem to correct the circuit

presented in the article. L1 should be connected between C2 and C5, not between terminal 6 and R4. The IN/OUT switching arrangement should be so wired that the input is connected to terminal 5 of the blanker and the output to terminal 1. — *John E. Plapp, WA5WPJ*

ON UPDATING THE SWAN 350

Swan 350 owners who are interested in the modification described in the article, "Updating the Swan 350," November 1976 *QST*, may find this information useful. (The modification information also appears in the 1978 edition of *Hints and Kinks*.) While I find

that most of those who have made the change are pleased with the results, some others did encounter a slight problem of insufficient drive on 15 meters. This can be eliminated by replacing the 68-pF driver-coil capacitor with one rated at 47 pF. The problem, when it does occur, seems to stem from the higher tube capacitance of the larger 8950 tubes.

Amateurs who seek to obtain 8950 tube specification sheets should be able to obtain a copy from a nearby distributor of RCA or GE tubes. Alternatively they may write to the manufacturer. Incidentally, the 8950 is still listed in the 1978/79 *Buyer's Guide* published by Cramer Electronics. — *Carl Coleman, K4WJ*

Club Awards-Program Winners Show Ingenuity

Creative ideas can inject enthusiasm into your group's activities.

By Rosalie White,* WA1STO

Belt Buckle Billboard, Hallowed Spirits Hunt, the Ready Team — these are some of the many phrases coined by Amateur Radio clubs to describe their point-winning activities for the ARRL Affiliated Club Awards Program. The awards program, developed by WIUED, is intended to stimulate activity, promote an exchange of ideas, and bestow publicity to deserving clubs. Participating groups compete on national, divisional and sectional levels; point awards are based on club activities. Tally sheets received by affiliated clubs in September 1977 listed many activities a group might sponsor during the year.

The categories of competition and examples of the listings are *PR* — club logo, bumper sticker, permanent display. *Classes* — licensing classes, Big Brother/Sister Program, graduation party. *Operating* — club-owned repeater, club-sponsored operating award, club net. *Conventions/Hamfests/Auctions* — Members participating in forums and speaking at hamfests, displays at hamfests, members speaking at conventions. *Club Bulletin* — artwork, Novice column, exchange bulletins. *Related Participation* — members who also are League officials or ARES members, 100 Percent Club. The point check sheet also included an "Other" category for nonclassifiable events.

This article will examine club activities not recorded as points in the competition. We know how difficult it is to keep accurate records for a whole year, and how easy it is to lose or forget about the tally sheet.

What's Been Done

One intriguing idea in the PR category is the Belt Buckle Billboard, developed by the Lockheed Employees' Recreation Club ARC (CA). Members of this club

wear belt buckles engraved with the club call sign as a form of advertising. Another PR device, developed by the Rochester (NY) ARA, is to list the club telephone number in both the white and yellow pages of the phone book. Callers hear a taped message detailing how and where to get information on Amateur Radio and the club. The Mecklenburg (NC) ARS is considering placing *ARRL Repeater Directories* in North Carolina interstate highway welcome stations and information booths to increase the visibility of Amateur Radio.

In the Classes category, the Jersey Shore (NJ) ARS has devised a system to help Novices select their first rig. The club maintains a list of equipment owned by its members, and Novices are referred to whoever has the type of equipment they are interested in. Novices can then inspect and test the equipment to see if it meets their needs. Members of the Kilocycle Club (TX) who volunteer to operate the club station during the evening listen especially for Novice graduates of their club class. Novices also are invited to tour and operate the station with the aid of the volunteers. WA2MYG, a member of the Rochester (NY) ARA, has taped onto a cassette the ARRL's "blind and handicapped package" to help disabled persons interested in Amateur Radio. Another member of the club, WA2SYR, translated the package into Braille. The local library and the club circulate both copies of the ARRL package.

In the Operating category, the Ready Team, which is composed of Bluegrass ARC (KY) members, can travel on two hours' notice to any stricken area in the state to handle emergency communications. On Labor Day weekend and other holidays, Hualapai (AZ) ARC members monitor the club repeater for emergency traffic and motorist-assistance calls. Hallowed Spirits Hunt is the phrase coined by club members who patrol

potential trouble spots on Halloween night.

In the fourth category, Conventions/Hamfests/Auctions, red knit caps worn at hamfests make members of the Boulder (CO) ARC more visible to visitors who have questions about Amateur Radio. The 220 Club (CA) records details of local conventions or hamfests onto tape for the club repeater. Members of the Tutlock (CA) ARC increase their visibility at hamfests by wearing heavy cardboard silk-screened badges which they designed.

In the Related Participation category, many clubs have donated money to send IARU receiver/transmitter kits to less-developed countries. (See November 1978 *QST* for kudos information.)

If you're thinking, "My club manages an activity which is just as ingenious as nine-tenths of these winning clubs' ideas," write us about it and keep your eyes on "Club Notes" for honorable mentions.

The Winners

National Level: Rochester (NY) ARA; Atlantic Division and Western Pennsylvania Section: Indiana County ARC; Maryland Section: Aeronautical Radio Inc. ARC; Central Division and Illinois Section: Okaw Valley ARC; Great Lakes Division and Ohio Section: Triple States RAC; Hudson Division and Western New York Section: Rochester ARA; New York-Long Island Section: Long Island Mobile ARC; Northern New Jersey Section: 550 Club; Midwest Division and Missouri Section: PHD ARA; Iowa Section: Northeast Iowa RAA; New England Division and Western Massachusetts Section: Hampden County RA; Pacific Division and Pacific Section: Pacific Radio Amateur Transmitting Society; Roanoke Division and Virginia Section: Virginia ARA.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

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Amateur Radio at the Bottom of the Earth

To those of all nationalities who inhabit Antarctica, the world's most desolate area, Amateur Radio is a taste of the warm sunshine they left behind.

By Tom Frenaye,* K1KI



Fifty years ago, the modern era of exploration in Antarctica was inaugurated, with Amateur Radio providing the vital communications link between Commander Richard E. Byrd at Little America and the rest of the world. Byrd first learned of the value of Amateur Radio during his expeditions to the Arctic, beginning in 1926. Upon his arrival in Antarctica in 1929, Little America was heard around the world,¹ as radio communications were maintained regularly during the two-year expedition. Not surprisingly, Amateur Radio proved to be more reliable than existing commercial routes. Byrd returned to Antarctica a number of times, and Amateur Radio was a key factor in his success.

Antarctica was first sighted in 1820 by separate expeditions from the United States, England and Russia. Intermittent exploration by many countries continued for the next century. In 1954, the United States committed itself to exploring the Antarctic by launching Operation Deep Freeze. Through this project, permanent

bases were established (including one at the geographical South Pole) in preparation for the International Geophysical Year (1957 to 1958). In 1959, 12 nations signed a treaty unlike any other in the past and perhaps in the future — The Antarctica Treaty. It stipulated that Antarctica was to be free from military bases, maneuvers and weapons testing, and guaranteed freedom of scientific investigation and exchange of ideas on the continent. The agreement applied to all land, including ice shelves, below 60° south latitude.

Miles of Ice, Penguins — and Amateur Radio

When you think of Antarctica, what images come to mind? Do you see only miles and miles of ice, penguins and a few scattered outposts? Antarctica is much different than you probably imagine. Forty percent of the world's fresh water is locked in its glaciers. The average ice thickness is 6000 feet; mountainous peaks tower more than 10,000 feet above the surface. The continent covers 5-1/2 million square miles, roughly the size of the United States and Mexico combined.

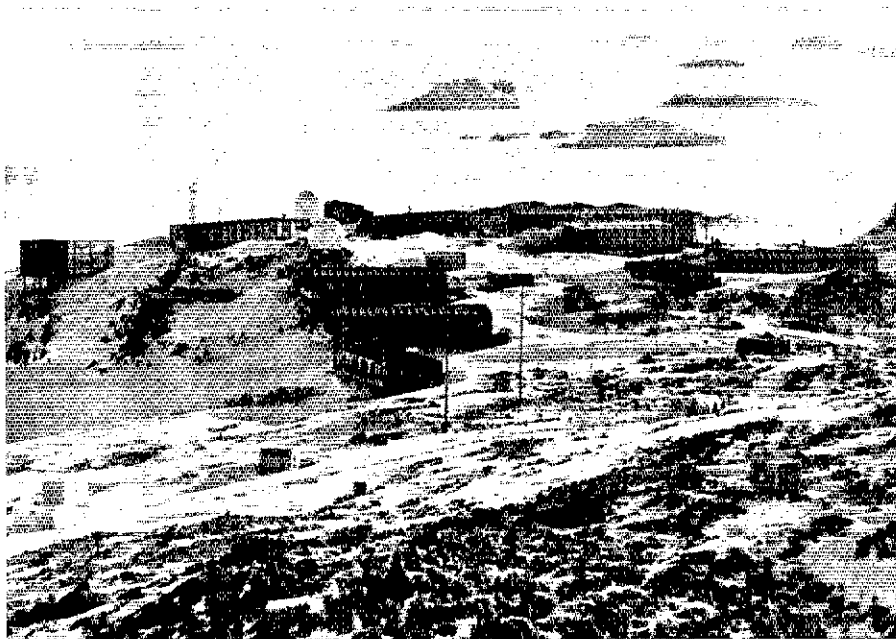
Temperatures range from -127°F (-88°C) inland to +45°F (+7°C) along the Antarctic Peninsula. Its waters contain the world's richest fishing grounds. Large colonies of seals, penguins and sea lions dot the coastline.

Thirty-five year-round bases have been established on the continent by 11 nations (see Fig. 1). Argentina dominates the Antarctic Peninsula, where all eight of its bases are located. The U.S., which has four outposts, studies the continent's interior at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole base using ski-equipped C-130 aircraft. The U.S.S.R. circles Antarctica with five of its seven bases. Complex research is being performed at the outposts in biology, glaciology, geology, meteorology and physics (including radio propagation).

Many, but not all, Antarctic bases have active Amateur Radio stations. When permitted by their country's regulations, the ham stations are used primarily for phone patches to relatives and friends. You probably have heard one of the U.S. bases (KC4 prefix) running phone patches very late at night on 40 or 20 meters. By contrast, British Antarctic Survey bases

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¹DeSoto, *Two Hundred Meters and Down*, ARRL, 1936, page 152.



The French Antarctic outpost at Dumont d'Urville overlooks the iceberg-laden ocean. (FB8YE photo)

(VP8) are not allowed to use Amateur Radio for phone patches (and those who man them sign up for a two-year hitch!).

Phone patches, one of the few diversions available in Antarctica, are the only way to communicate with relatives for much of the year — mail delivery is possible only during Antarctica's very short summer. If you hear Antarctic stations running phone patch traffic, let them finish without interference. Most operators will stand by afterward to work the many hams who want to get their first Antarctic QSO.

Buried Rhombics, 8000 Feet of Insulation

Operating a ham station in Antarctica presents a challenge in itself. Hurricane-force winds and frigid temperatures make erecting and keeping up antennas dif-

ficult. In many locations, snow accumulations force operators to add an extra section to their antenna towers to keep them out of the snow. At the South African base (ZS1ANT), located on an ice shelf, operators report excellent success with V beams and rhombics buried several feet in the snow.

In many cases, it is very difficult to ground equipment properly. Amateur Radio stations, scientific instruments, computers and other research equipment have to be grounded carefully so data collection isn't interfered with. The U.S. South Pole station sits atop 8000 feet of solid ice, which makes an excellent insulator.

Storms on the sun affect communications at the high latitudes (North and South polar regions) more than the low latitudes. Magnetic storms can produce

auroral activity that distorts signals or makes communications impossible for days at a time.

The quality of communication from Antarctica can vary widely. During the last low point of the sunspot cycle (1975 to 1976), November through February provided excellent worldwide communications from Antarctica on 20 meters, fair to good propagation on 15 meters, and occasional openings on 10 meters. From March to October, 40 meters was the preferred band, while 80 meters generated some surprisingly good results. The peak sunspot cycle of 1979 to 1980 should permit 20 meters to be used almost all year; 15 meters should be excellent during the southern summer (November to February).

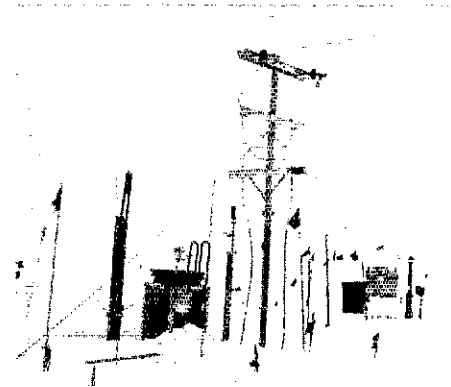
All Amateur Radio operations from U.S. Antarctic bases are regulated by the National Science Foundation in conjunction with the Commander of the Naval Support Force in Antarctica (NSFA), not by FCC. Primary communications between U.S. Antarctic bases are established by ssb and RTTY on various hf frequencies between 4 MHz and 17 MHz. Most communications to the U.S. are handled through the Navy's Teletype link via New Zealand. The increased use of satellite communications may alter this situation in the near future.

QSLs Require Patience

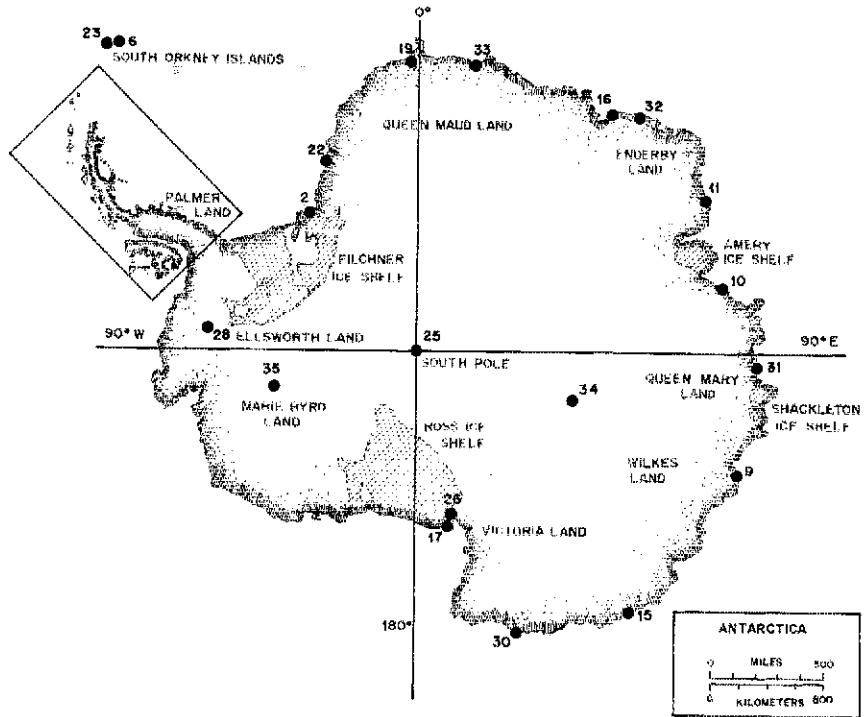
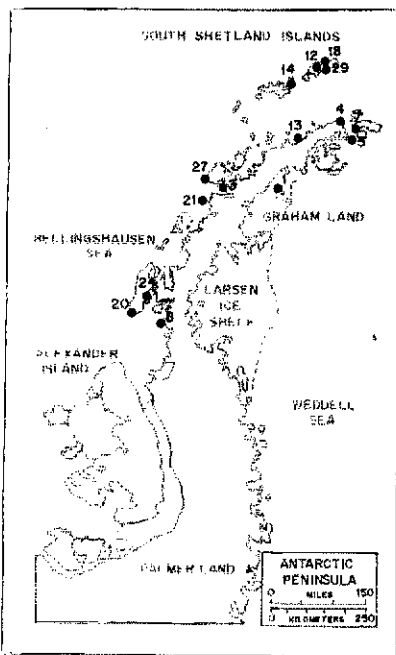
If you try to contact Antarctica, remember that radio operators there are not usually after contest-style QSOs because they are interested in finding out what is happening in the "real" world. Keep your ears tuned for the four bases in the South Shetland Islands and the two in the South Orkneys because both count separately toward DXCC. As with all QSL cards from DX stations, you must have patience because very infrequent service can delay Antarctic mail for months at a time. Many bases have managers or special QSLing information that you can get on the air or from the latest *Callbook*.



A variety of antennas punctuate the landscape at Vostok Station (4K1C/KC4AAE), the Soviet Union's outpost in central Antarctica.



The antenna terminal tower at the United States' Siple Station, site of KC4AAD. What looks like the end of a power line is actually the incoming terminal of a 13-mile dipole, used in several vhf experiments.



Amateur Radio in Antarctica

Map Ref/Base

Argentina (LU-Z)

Map Ref/Base	Lat/Long
1 Matienzo	64°58'S, 60°04'W
2 General Belgrano	77°54'S, 35°20'W
3 Almirante Brown	64°53'S, 62°53'W
4 Esperanza	63°24'S, 56°59'W
5 Marambio	64°14'S, 56°43'W
6 Orcadas	60°45'S, 44°43'W
7 Petrel	63°28'S, 56°17'W
8 San Martin	68°07'S, 67°08'W

Australia (VKØ)

9 Casey	66°17'S, 110°32'E
10 Davis	68°35'S, 77°58'E
11 Mawson	67°36'S, 62°52'E

Chile (CE9)

12 Presidente Frei	62°12'S, 58°55'W
13 General Bernardo O'Higgins	63°19'S, 57°54'W

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France (FB8Y)

14 Capitan Arturo Prat	62°30'S, 59°41'W
15 Dumont d'Urville	66°40'S, 140°01'E

Japan (8J1RL)

16 Syowa	69°00'S, 39°35'E
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New Zealand (ZL5)

17 Scott Base	77°51'S, 166°46'E
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Poland (HFØPOL)

18 Arctowski	62°10'S, 58°28'W
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South Africa (ZS1ANT)

19 Sanae	70°19'S, 02°22'W
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United Kingdom (VPØ)

20 Adelaide Island	67°46'S, 68°55'W
21 Faraday	65°15'S, 64°16'W
22 Halley Bay	75°31'S, 26°43'W

Map Ref/Base

23 Signy Island	60°43'S, 45°36'W
24 Rothera	67°34'S, 68°08'W

United States

25 Amundsen-Scott South Pole (KC4AAA)	89°59'43"S, 144°27'53"E
26 McMurdo (KC4USV/KC4USX)	77°51'S, 166°40'E
27 Palmer (KC4AAC)	64°46'S, 64°03'W
28 Siple (KC4AAD)	75°56'S, 84°15'W

Soviet Union

29 Bellingshausen (4K1F)	62°12'S, 58°58'W
30 Leningradskaya (4K1G)	69°30'S, 159°23'E
31 Mirnyy (4K1B)	66°33'S, 93°01'E
32 Molodezhnaya (4K1A)	67°40'S, 45°51'E
33 Novolazarevskaya (4K1D)	70°46'S, 11°50'E
34 Vostok (4K1C/KC4AAE*)	78°28'S, 106°48'E
35 Russkaya (4K1H)	80°S, 105°W

*Used by U.S. exchange scientists

If you've worked more than a dozen of these, you're probably addicted to DXing!

The variety of possible contacts makes communicating with Antarctica interesting. A number of ships operate in Antarctic waters from December through March. Temporary field camps, usually complete with a ham station, often are set up in very isolated places. Even aeronautical mobiles can sometimes be heard as they journey across the continent on a supply mission.

What does the future hold for this icy continent? The Antarctic Treaty is in effect until 1989, but ever-increasing pressures to exploit the continent's vast resources threaten the treaty's viability. Antarctica's waters are fished for whales

and krill (a small, shrimplike animal rich in protein). Exploitation earlier in this century nearly wiped out the continent's vast seal population. Thanks to strict conservation statutes enacted in 1959, seals are returning slowly to the Antarctic coast. Gold, copper and coal deposits already have been located; the discovery of oil reserves is predicted. Even the water is subject to exploitation: Several schemes have been proposed to mine fresh water by towing icebergs north.

The future of Antarctica presents complex scientific and political problems that will require very careful planning. To solve this dilemma, the cooperation which

has existed among nations exploring Antarctica during the past 150 years must continue in the future. Amateur Radio, which has already played a significant role in the frozen continent, will undoubtedly continue to serve as a link with the rest of the world.

[Editor's Note: The author spent 1975-1976 at Palmer Station, serving as the communications coordinator and Amateur Radio operator (KC4AAC). The station population varied from 30 during the summer to only six during the long winter. Palmer Station enjoys a moderate Antarctic climate, with temperatures ranging from -30°F (-22°C) to +42°F (+6°C), frequent precipitation and persistent winds. Scientific research concentrates on the large seal and penguin rookeries on nearby islands, various coastal birds, geology and meteorology.]

Public Service Before Disaster Strikes

With their eyes and ears kept vigilantly on developing storms, hams are ensuring that tornadoes and other violent forms of weather don't take a toll of lives.

By Brian E. Peters,* WD4EPR

1530 (CST) — "WB5AAA, this is WB5BBB. I'm in southern Arlington, and I've spotted a low-hanging cloud that I think is rotating. It looks like a wall cloud, and a small funnel is coming from the bottom of it."

"Roger, WB5BBB. Can you determine a direction of movement on it?"

"It seems to be moving north-eastward."

1550 (CST) — "This is WB5AAA at the National Weather Service. Are there any other stations on frequency in the Arlington/Irving area to confirm the funnel cloud?"

"WA5AAA . . . WA5CCC. I'm in Ir-

ving and I'm getting golf-ball-size hail."

1555 (CST) — "This is WB5AAA at the National Weather Service. The forecaster has issued a tornado warning for Tarrant and Dallas counties based on these reports. Keep us advised about any severe weather in your area."

1559 (CST) — "WA5AAA . . . WA5DDD. I'm in Irving, and I can see the wall cloud above the treetops. There are two funnels!"

1620 (CST) — "WA4AAA . . . W5EE. I'm on Highway 183 near Irving Mall. I can see the wall cloud, but there's only one funnel now. It looks like it's above Cowboy Stadium and get-

ting longer."

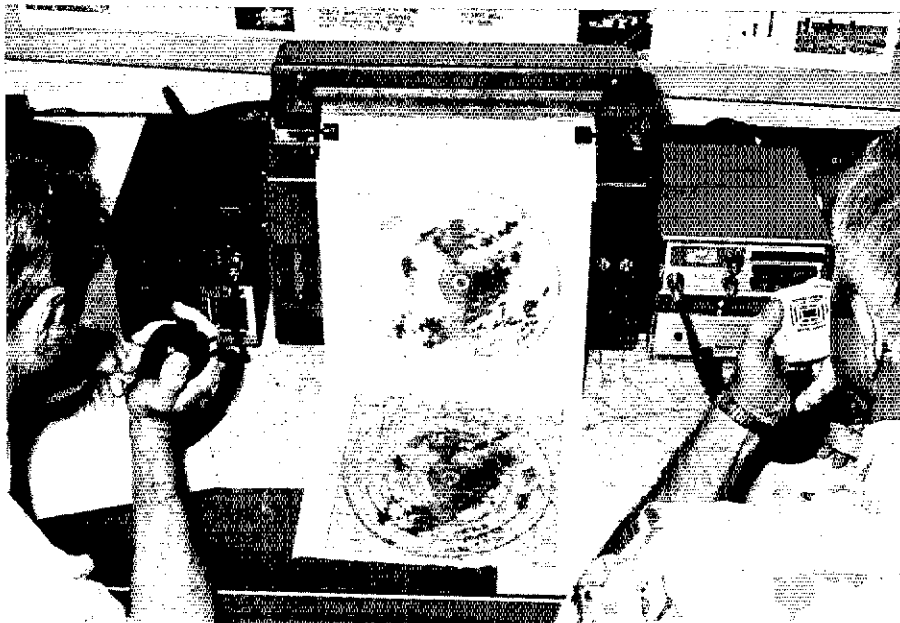
1624 (CST) — "This is WA5FFF. I've got the Dallas storm post manned in the Love Field Tower."

"Roger WA5FFF . . . WB5AAA. Last report was a funnel above Cowboy Stadium moving northeast. What can you see that way?"

1625 (CST) — "Yes, I see it — a definite funnel cloud. It's past the stadium now and the funnel is getting longer. It's kicking up debris — it's on the ground! Looks like it touched down around the intersection of Marsh and Walnut Hill. There's more debris — it's really tearing things up . . ."

A tornado swept through the Dallas/Fort Worth area on May 26, 1976, causing \$1.3 million in damage. The 146.94-MHz transmission paraphrased above could have been an actual transcript. Hundreds of volunteer amateurs in the 38-county area of north-central and northeast Texas are organized under the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) system sponsored by the Civil Defense. The RACES network is responsible for assisting the National Weather Service (NWS) in spotting and tracking severe storms and tornadoes. All severe-weather-related traffic is on 2-meters through a repeater which is released for exclusive use by spotters during emergencies.

RACES members are required to complete a formal class in severe-storm identification, communications procedures, and NWS operation. This training is sponsored by Civil Defense with



Claude Whitley, WB5FLQ (left) and Ben Myers, WB5HFH, man the radio post at the National Weather Service Forecast Office at Fort Worth, TX. Using a radar facsimile recorder, these hams direct spotters to areas of heaviest thunderstorm activity. (photo by Brian Peters, WD4EPR)

*National Weather Service, 5749 Montpelier Dr., Memphis, TN 38134

assistance from NWS. The instruction increases the reliability of storm reports by preparing amateurs to distinguish between tornadoes and "look-alikes."

The decision to activate or deactivate the RACES storm spotter network generally is made by civil defense. For unexpected or rapidly developing weather emergencies, however, several amateur stations have the authority to activate the net and serve as net control.

Network in Action

The RACES network is activated if a thunderstorm warning or a tornado warning or watch has been issued for the area. If the net is activated, the Weather Service notifies preselected amateurs that their services are needed at the Weather Service radio post. These amateurs have been chosen because of their knowledge of NWS operations and proven ability in net communications.

The radio post becomes a direct link between spotters in the field and the Weather Service. It sends forecaster requests for spotter reports in suspicious areas, confirmation requests, and status information to net control. During a tornado or severe thunderstorm, the radio post transmits the storm's location, time and movement as an aid to spotters. The Weather Service has permanent antennas


and transmission lines for the radio post, but amateurs furnish their own transmitting and receiving equipment.

Once the net is activated, participants respond only to requests made through net control, and channel observations to net control. Net control directs traffic to the radio post; continuous monitoring by the radio post speeds critical spotter information to the forecaster.

It is often difficult to pinpoint a severe storm so other spotters know its exact location. To solve this problem, RACES members use a spotter grid map. The map covers Dallas and Tarrant counties with a 3-mile by 3-mile grid overlay. The spotters refer to the map's grid-square identification when transmitting reports.

The effectiveness of the RACES system was demonstrated during the May 1976 tornado. Although damage was excessive, remarkably only one person was injured. Alerted to the dangerous thunderstorm situation, spotters had transmitted detailed reports of the tornado's birth and turbulent history to the Weather Service.

The NWS seeks the aid of volunteer spotter groups throughout the country. The Amateur Radio Service offers an excellent source of volunteers to fill this demand. Amateurs are cooperative, willing to help, and, most importantly, have the skill and communications equipment

needed to establish a storm spotting net. As the RACES system shows, the potential is large, and the need is great. Amateurs have provided valuable public service after disaster strikes. Organizing a weather net gives hams a chance to help *before* the emergency arises. 

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Organizing a Weather Net

For amateur groups interested in organizing a storm spotter net, here are a few guidelines. The first step is arranging a meeting between the National Weather Service and the amateurs. The meteorologist-in-charge of the local NWS office should be contacted to arrange the meeting. In most instances, Weather Service officials will be as unfamiliar with Amateur Radio as hams are with the NWS. The first meeting, then, should involve mutual education. NWS officials should be made aware of the capabilities and limitations of Amateur Radio, while the hams must gain an awareness of the NWS operation. Storm spotting and communication needs should be defined.

After the initial meeting, the amateur organizations involved in the net should designate one person or a small committee to represent them in devising an operating plan with the NWS official. The official can deal most effectively only with persons he knows represent all the amateurs. By necessity, he must avoid getting involved in factionalism. To be truly worthwhile, the weather net must transcend any factionalism in the amateur community.

The next step is to plan a method of operation and assign responsibilities within the net. Imagination in organizing the details will be limited only by the resources available. Attention should be devoted to several general areas:

Training — The Weather Service will help in conducting training sessions. How much is needed? What about refresher courses? Will training be required for net membership?

Communications — What frequencies are to be used? Where will spotters be needed?

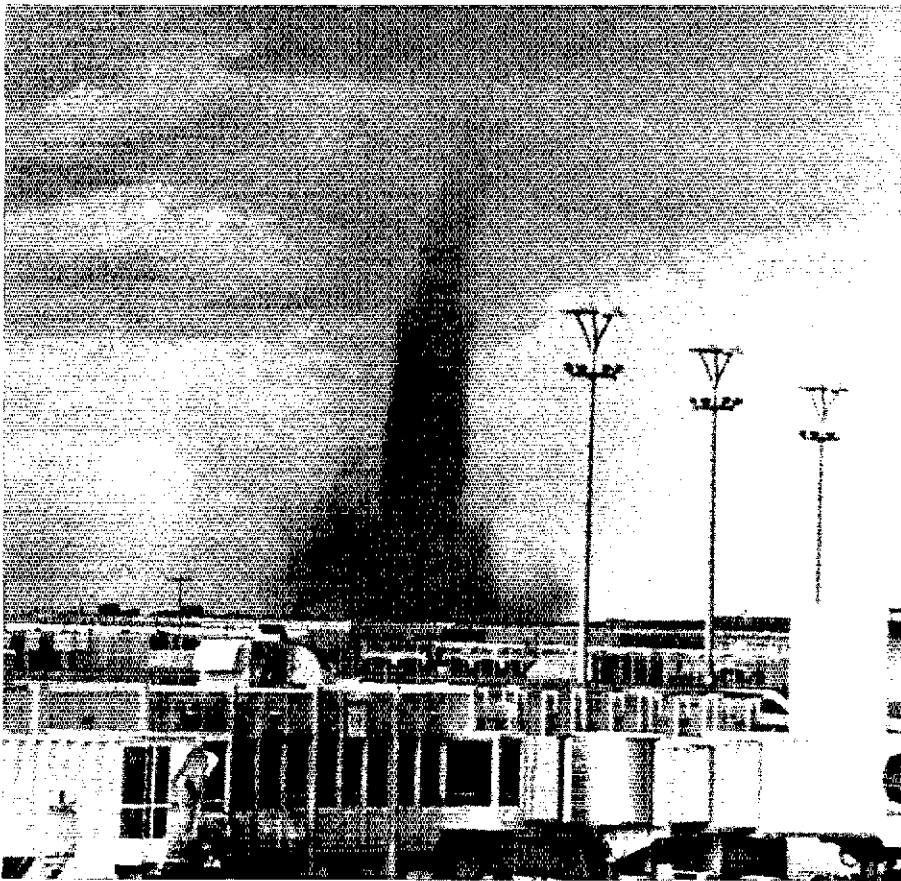
Activation — How will the net be activated? Who will have this responsibility?

Reporting to the NWS — How will reports reach the NWS — by telephone from a central point to screen incoming reports, via a radio at the NWS office, or should both methods be used?

Spotter Plan Integration — How does the plan correspond to other spotter networks in operation or planned, such as civil defense? Can they be combined?

Weather Service Participation — How much and what type of involvement will be required or desired of Weather Service personnel?

There are many ways to answer these questions and tackle the planning stage. To a large extent, needs, resources and specific weather patterns will dictate the details of the spotter nets in each area. Most importantly, if a weather net is to succeed, the key word is cooperation — between the amateur organizations involved and between the hams and the National Weather Service.



Their time on Earth is short, and their paths are narrow. But tornadoes cause terrible destruction when they strike. This one, which battered Denver in May 1975, transformed a thriving airport into a picture of desolation in a matter of seconds. (photo courtesy National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration)

Leaving a Mark on Tomorrow

There's malpractice, collision, fire and theft protection, but how do you insure the future of Amateur Radio? Leave it to the Foundation!

By Michele Bartlett,* N1AGD

Sailplanes, satellites and scholarships were on the minds of the Directors of the ARRL Foundation Board, which met in Miami on January 26, 1979. The big event that day was the transfer of all funds — approximately \$48,000 — from the Foundation's Satellite Matching Fund and the Phase III Satellite Fund to the Amateur Radio Satellite Corporation (AMSAT). The Board also granted \$300 to the ARRL Museum Fund to help the newly formed Museum Committee fulfill some of its goals, including the orderly display and protection of museum items and the restoration of the Hull-Bourne radio-controlled sailplane.

Amateurs are \$481 closer to winning at the World Administrative Radio Conference, thanks to the donations of hams throughout the year to the Foundation's WARC Preparation Fund.

Two young amateurs will each receive \$250 scholarships administered by the Foundation on behalf of a group of defunct Long Island radio clubs. The money entrusted to the Foundation by the clubs is to be used to help with the education of two Long Island amateurs each year. The recipients will be announced in April.

For more details on the Foundation Board meeting, read on!

MINUTES OF THE 1979 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ARRL FOUNDATION, INC. January 26, 1979

1) Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the ARRL Foundation, Inc., met in annual session at the Ramada Airport Inn, Miami, Florida. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with President Robert York Chapman, W1QV, in the Chair, and the following additional Directors present: Max Arnold, W4WHN; George duPont, WA1SVY; Richard A. Egbert, W8ETD; John Sanders, WB4ANX; John C. Sullivan, W1HHR; Stan Zak, K2SJO.

Director L. Phil Wicker, W4ACY, was absent because of a death in his family. The President expressed the regrets of the Board to Mr. Wicker.

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Board, was the President of the ARRL, Harry J. Dannels,

*Assistant Secretary, ARRL Foundation

W2HD, and several Directors and Vice Directors. Many of the non-participating observers left and re-entered the conference room during the course of the meeting.

2) The minutes of the 1978 Board meeting were approved with the following corrections.

The first sentence in paragraph one was corrected to read, "Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the ARRL Foundation, Inc., met in 1977/1978 annual session at the Headquarters building of the American Radio Relay League in Newington, Connecticut."

Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, VOTED to accept the correction to the minute.

Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Egbert, VOTED to accept the minutes of the 1977/1978 Board meeting.

3) President Chapman gave a brief report on the Foundation. He indicated he was indebted to Mr. duPont for his untiring effort in the work he has done and is doing in the Treasurer's position for the Foundation. Correspondence was received by the President from Dr. Perry Klein, relative to AMSAT funds and Mr. Jay Holladay, relative to transferring funds to the satellite program. The President discussed the letters and his reply.

4) The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. duPont. He reported on the orderly transfer of the Treasurer's functions to him by former President and Treasurer Larry Shima. He lauded the excellent bookkeeping of Mr. Shima.

Mr. duPont reported on the ARRL Funds up to the period of December 31, 1978. The Ernst and Ernst audited report up to that period of June 30, 1978 was distributed to the Board. He further reported that the tax return form has been properly filed and was pleased to report that no taxes are due.

A letter from the Ernst and Ernst auditors was read by Mr. duPont. He reported that action was being taken relative to their recommendations in the report.

5) The Secretary's report was given by Mr. Zak. He reported that a letter was received by him relative to a

motion passed by the ARRL Board of Directors stating that a motion was passed indicating that *Roberts Rules of Order* shall prevail.

6) Mr. Arnold, as Chairman, gave a report of the Board Audit Committee. He reported no discrepancies were found.

7) Mr. duPont, as Chairman of the Investment Committee, reported on the Foundation investments. He discussed the various investments of the Board.

8) Mr. Zak, as Project Manager, OSCAR Education Program, reported that the National Science Foundation had turned down our request for funds. Mr. Dunkerley, from ARRL headquarters, had received notification from the NSF prior to leaving the employ of the League.

9) Mr. Egbert reported that he was unsuccessful in his endeavor to solicit funds from the Rockwell Company.

10) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, VOTED that the meeting agenda be accepted.

11) Mr. Egbert, as Chairman, gave a report on the Availability Committee.

12) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that Mr. Robert York Chapman be nominated to the Office of President. Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Egbert, VOTED that the nomination be closed. The Chair instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for Mr. Chapman. (Applause)

13) Moved by Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Sanders, that Mr. John C. Sullivan be nominated to the office of Vice President. Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Sanders, VOTED that the nominations be closed. The Chair instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for Mr. Sullivan. (Applause)

14) Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Chapman, that Mr. Stan Zak be nominated to the office of Secretary. Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, VOTED that the nominations be closed. The Chair instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for Mr. Zak. (Applause)

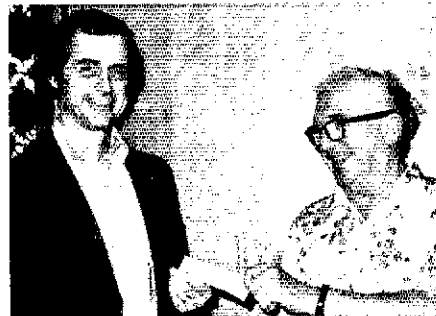
15) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Arnold, that Mr. George duPont be nominated to the office of Treasurer. Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr. Sanders, VOTED that nominations be closed. The Chair instructed the Secretary to cast one ballot for Mr. duPont. (Applause)

16) The Board was in recess from 9:59 A.M. to 10:20 A.M.

17) Mr. Chapman recognized the observers at the meeting and requested Mr. Harry Dannels, W2HD, President of the ARRL, to provide some remarks to the ARRL Foundation Board. Mr. Dannels provided an inspiring message to the Board, indicating his support for their goals and requested the Foundation investigate the availability of funds from other Foundations.

18) After discussion on possible fund raising methods and policies, Mr. Chapman appointed Mr. duPont, as Chairman, to the Fund Raising Committee.

19) Mr. duPont, as Chairman of the Committee to Study Goals and Implementation of Goals, gave a report to the Committee. After extended discussion, and as a result of the discussion, the consensus of the Committee and the Directors was that the goals should be concentrated in the area of satellite funding efforts and the Scholarship Program.



Passing the bucks: ARRL Foundation President Robert York Chapman, W1QV, right, presents a check from the Foundation to Jay Holladay, W6EJJ, chairman of the Amateur Satellite Service Council. The funds will go to AMSAT. (WB4ANX photo)

20) Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED unanimously that pursuant to the letter dated January 18, 1979, from Jay A. Holladay, Chairman, Amateur Satellite Service Council, to Robert York Chapman, President, ARRL Foundation, the Treasurer is ordered to transfer to the Amateur Radio Satellite Corporation funds identified as Satellite Matching fund and Phase III Satellite fund, including interest and dividends, as available on December 31, 1978 in the amount available after liquidation as designated by the grantors.

21) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Zak, VOTED unanimously that pursuant to minute 21 of the 1978 ARRL Foundation Board meeting, the Treasurer is authorized to pay \$300 to the ARRL for Museum and Building funds as designated by the grantors.

22) Moved by Mr. duPont, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED unanimously that the ARRL controller be designated to act as agent for the ARRL Foundation Treasurer and that he be authorized to co-sign withdrawals from checking and savings accounts presently active.

23) Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED unanimously that the ARRL Foundation Treasurer pay to the ARRL WARC Preparation Fund \$481.99 as designated by the grantors.

24) Moved by Mr. Arnold, seconded by Mr.

Egbert, VOTED unanimously that receipt of the Ernst and Ernst Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979 is acknowledged and that it become part of the ARRLF Treasurer's records.

25) Moved by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED unanimously that the General Manager of the ARRL be requested to ask Headquarters staff personnel to promote contributions to the ARRL Foundation when attending hamfests and other meetings.

26) Moved by Mr. Egbert, seconded by Mr. Chapman, VOTED unanimously that the following addition be made to the Bylaws, Article II, Section 11, "On questions of order and procedure not otherwise determined by these Bylaws, the provisions of the current edition of *Roberts Rules of Order* shall prevail.

27) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Chapman, VOTED unanimously that Director Egbert serve as liaison to the ARRL Board.

28) Mr. Chapman reported that he was reappointing all Chairmen and Committee members to the existing Committees.

29) Mr. Egbert reported to the President that the ARRL Board of Directors had, in the past two days, passed a motion reaffirming their support of the ARRL Foundation.

30) After extended discussion on providing a wider image for the ARRL Foundation, Mr. Chapman ap-

pointed Mr. Egbert as Chairman of the Communications Committee.

The Board was in recess from 11:41 A.M. to 11:47 A.M.

31) Mr. Chapman requested Mr. Holladay, Chairman of the ASSC Committee to address the Board. Mr. Holladay, in his address, requested an AMSAT liaison be appointed.

Mr. Chapman appointed Mr. Arnold as liaison for AMSAT-ARRL Foundation.

32) Mr. Zak, as Scholarship Chairman, presented a report of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship forms to be used by the Committee were distributed to the members of the Board. He reported that 10 scholarship applications were received for the Long Island Scholarships. The approved application forms will be sent to the applicants with a return date of March 1, 1979. Copies will be sent to Committee members and a decision made by April 1, 1979 announcing the recipients of the awards.

33) There being no further business, moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Sanders, VOTED to adjourn at 12:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Bartlett for
Stan Zak, K2SJO
Secretary

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Strays



AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM FEATURES AMATEUR RADIO

Next time you're in Melbourne, be sure to visit the two amateur stations in that city's Science Museum. One, VK3BWI, is owned and maintained by the Wireless Institute of Australia. It carries news from various radio clubs, the WIA, and the P and T Department (Australia's equivalent to the FCC and FCC). ATV on 432 MHz is also used. The other station, YK3AOM, is a demonstration station designed to educate the public about radio communication and, particularly, Amateur Radio. The station is manned by WIA volunteers. School children who tour the station learn to send their initials in Morse code, and it really fascinates them. The children and public generally make the job of the volunteer a very rewarding one, particularly when physically handicapped visitors come in. They can see that Amateur Radio has something for them and they show great interest.

The number of hams from around the world who migrate to the shack while looking through the museum is amazing. A large number of Ws and VEs have made their presence known and been welcomed.
— Ken Gillespie, VK3GK

ZL CONFERENCE

The 1979 Annual Conference of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters will be held at Upper Hutt on June 1-4. Overseas visitors are welcome to attend. Write the Secretary, 1979 Conference Committee, P. O. Box 40-212, Upper Hutt, New Zealand.
— ZL2BHK

AN ERIE CERTIFICATE

The Radio Association of Erie (PA) awards the Worked Ten Erie Hams Award for two-way contacts (any band; any mode) with 10 residents of Erie. Photocopies of QSLs or log entries acceptable. Send information (a business-sized s.a.s.e. will speed delivery) to Radio Association of Erie, Box 844, Erie, PA 16512.

QST congratulates . . .

Brian E. Peters, WD4EPR, recently appointed Warnings and Preparedness Meteorologist with the National Weather Service, Memphis, TN. He has been active with Amateur Radio Storm Spotters in Dallas-Fort Worth and Memphis.

Tony Heinz, WB6KYB, winner of a "special mention of excellence" in the national Apker Award. The

American Institute of Physics sponsors it in recognition of outstanding undergraduate work in the field.

Lois Jorgenson, WA0RWM, who received the National Public Service Award from the National Weather Service. Lois has recently been named SCM of North Dakota.

Dick Kaufmann, K2DMR, who received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Industry Applications Group of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Now retired, Dick was manager of power engineering in General Electric's Industrial Power Systems Unit.

Art Zygicbaum, WA6SAL, who, along with former hams Pete Hubbard and Dr. Richard M. Goldstein, and two others, received a patent on a digital demodulator-correlator. (from W6VIO Calling)

I would like to get in touch with . . .

teenage hams in call areas 1, 2 and 3 who are interested in participating in a teen roundtable. Jeff Bier, KA2CRF, 16 Junard, Roslyn, NY 11576. State time and frequency preferences.

other hams who are also amateur linguists. Gabe Gargiulo, 160 Elm, North Haven, CT 06473.

former weather bureau employees who would like to form a 40-meter net. Robert Richard, Rte. 5, Box 243-14, Washington, NC 27889.

a ham in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, for a sked between 21.1 and 21.2 MHz or 28.1 and 28.2 MHz. Nick Kasoff, WD8PRT, 470 Polecat Rd., Yellow Springs, OH 45387 USA. I am 12 years old.

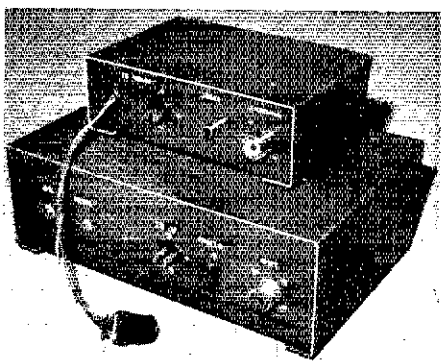
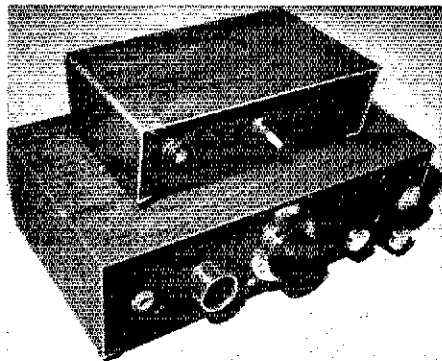
others who participate or spectate drag racing or custom car shows. George W. Deas, WD9GIT, 39 Country Club Dr., Northlake, IL 60164.

hams who are members of a QRP net. Samuel LeBow, WB6FJZ, P. O. Box 3852, Long Beach, CA 90803.

anyone who could lend me a schematic or manual of the Central Electronics Multiphase Exciter Model 20-A. I will copy and return promptly. A. McGinnis, WA2DTQ, 55 Patton St., Iselin, NJ 08830.

teenage hams interested in starting an informal 75-meter net for ragchewing and technical help. Ray Parsons, WB2LUB, 150 Mosher Rd., Delmar, NY 12054.

Boy Scouts who are hams. John Smith, KB4HE, Rte. 5, Box 23, Tooca, GA 30577.



Within a month after the "Sardine Sender" appeared in QST (November 1978), W3IAG, Erie, PA, had a unit together and on the air. The 3/4-W, 80-meter rig (top) was mated with a receiver built from the "Learning to Work with Transistors" series of a few years back, and the first contact was with Chicago.

MEETING AIDS AWARD-SEEKERS

A special on-the-air meeting between the Vienna (VA) Wireless Society and the Italian-American Roundtable was held recently to afford VWS members the chance to earn as many points as possible to achieve the La Scala of Milan award (October 1978 QST, page 60). Club members achieved 10 of the 20 points needed for the award; another meeting is planned. — WB4GKN

Grandeur sur la Mississippi

Baton Rouge = Red Stick? Funny name for a city; fine place for the 1979 National Convention!

By Don Allan,* W5FVK and Jane Allan,* W5MZI

Vacation in an enchanted land, a period in time thought to have passed into books and legends, and existing no more . . . the Deep South. Gracious plantation homes with broad lawns and formal gardens relive a period from antebellum history. Dark foreboding swamps with unlikely names — Atchafalaya, Litcher, Devil's Swamp — stand as they did in the days when they were first seen by Bienville and Iberville, who discovered a settlement of Indians living on this bend in the great Mississippi River. They named it Baton Rouge, now the capital of Louisiana. The alligator and deer, 'coon and 'possum still abound in the wilderness area which surrounds us. The bayous that inspired Longfellow's "Evangeline" still are the highway and the lifeline of the "Cajun" community. Giant oak trees, festooned with living Spanish moss, provide graceful protection from near-tropical sun. Lush growth of flowers and foliage abounds.

When and Why

The 1979 ARRL National Convention will be held at the Centroplex in Baton Rouge, July 20 through 22. There will be excellent technical sessions, while booths for manufacturers' displays are almost all reserved and already in the design stage. The well-organized program features activities appealing to many different interests.

Since harmonics, large and small, must be safe and happy before OMs and YLs can enjoy their activities, children have been given first priority. There will be organized, supervised fun, with transpor-

tation included. There will also be free periods scheduled, with suggestions of things to see and do on an individual or family basis.

The Centroplex is a new facility in the municipal-government complex. It is located downtown where the concentration of points of interest is greatest. All accommodations are conveniently located, with facilities for RVs only three miles from the Centroplex. Early reservations are strongly recommended and a special gift will be provided for those who make them in advance.

Interstate 10, Interstate 12 and other major highways come into the city; Delta Air Lines will schedule VIP special accommodations beginning July 16. Dandrich Tour Company is arranging bus tours. If you're coming by raft or "tubing," we'll arrange to have the river wash you ashore right here!

We're planning some very special activities, parties and tours, as well as hamming, swapping, ARRL business and general renewing of friendships. Don't be concerned about the weather. Of course it's warm — so we have air conditioning (and sun tans). Yes, it rains (sometimes a shower every day), but when it does we go inside and do something else 'til the sun comes out again, so you may find yourself more comfortable than in many more temperate climates. The language should be no problem; after a couple of days y'all will be tawkin suthin too!

The best is saved 'til last! Each of the five nations that has captured and ruled this area has left a legacy of good cooking that cannot be surpassed. We're going to dazzle you with fresh Gulf shrimp and oysters, plump and full, served plain or in

dishes that have been enjoyed for centuries by royalty and plain folks, alike. Real jambalaya, crawfish pie, candied yams, Southern fried chicken and fried Louisiana catfish.

While in this area, you may wish to extend your visit and see other things. Across the river from the Centroplex is the Port of Baton Rouge, the largest inland deep water port on the Gulf. Ocean-going tankers and freighters are a regular sight, with relatively tiny river tugs and barges, ferry boats and other river traffic a common sight. False River, less than 25 miles away, offers superb fishing and water sports in a lake created when a bend in the river was cut off from the main stream by natural erosion. The local industrial complex consists of a "golden strip" 75 miles long — petroleum and chemical plants which are, no doubt, responsible in some way for all of our conveniences. The State Capitol, the tallest in the nation, with its history of triumphs and tragedies, provides an overview of the whole area from its 34th-floor observation deck. Of course, New Orleans is little more than an hour away via Interstate 10. Avery Island, with its miles of gardens and aviary, has much to recommend it, as do the salt mines and Tabasco plant. These are located about 50 miles from Baton Rouge, and are also accessible by interstate. The Greater Baton Rouge Zoo, Louisiana State University, and the campus of Southern University are just a few of the places that might be of interest to you. Many others have been omitted because we hope to show them to you ourselves. Write '79 ARRL National Convention, P. O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

*222 Oak Hills Pkwy., Baton Rouge, LA 70810

FCC Organizational Shake-up

The Federal Communications Commission has announced its intent to reorganize its Safety and Special Radio Services Bureau. Under the plan, the Commission will change the name of the bureau to the "Private Radio Bureau" and abolish the present six divisions, replacing them with four new divisions. Scheduled to be abolished are Personal Radio Division (the division having jurisdiction over the Amateur and CB Radio Services); Aviation and Marine Division; Industrial and Public Safety Facilities Division; Industrial and Public Safety Rules Division; Land Mobile Spectrum Management Division; and the Legal, Advisory, and Enforcement Division. The new divisions would be called the Compliance, Licensing, Policy Development, and Rules Divisions.

The Commission's announcement also named most of the managers of the new "branches" of the four divisions. Of particular interest to amateurs: John Johnston, former chief of the Personal Radio Division, will head the Personal Radio Branch of the Rules Division.

However, the reorganization has run into at least one snag. The president of Local 209 of the National Treasury Employees Union, Edward DeVaughn, says the union will be filing unfair-labor charges based on the failure of the Commission to provide information "necessary to meaningfully negotiate as to the effect of this reorganization on the employees in the bargaining units." DeVaughn says the FCC management position is that the union does not "need" the information it is requesting.

GOLDWATER HOLDS RFI MEETING

On January 26, 1979, Senator Goldwater, who introduced his RFI bill, S.864, in the last session of Congress, held a meeting with those people who had presented testimony to the Senate Communications Subcommittee in June 1978. The purpose of the meeting was to examine progress that has been made in radio frequency interference suppression over the past several months. Most of those attending the meeting were representatives of manufacturing concerns. Charles D. Ferris, FCC chairman, was also there. Representing the ARRL was Hal Steinman, Washington area coordinator.

The manufacturers' viewpoint was that they were very aware of their responsibility to the public to make their equipment RFI-proof, but that they would prefer to do it voluntarily rather than through government regulation. They said government regulation would raise the costs of production of home-entertainment devices and therefore raise prices to consumers. Chairman Ferris, when asked by Senator Goldwater about the RFI complaint history of the past six months, said that the level of complaints had decreased, but that this possibly

could be attributed to the fact that the FCC had changed its procedure for accepting complaints and no longer accepted complaints by phone. He also spoke briefly on the Commission's RFI Inquiry, General Docket 78-369, which explores all aspects of the interference problem (see March 1978 *QST*, pages 9, 48-50). Hal Steinman pointed out that the attendees of the meeting seemed to be overlooking the viewpoint of the licensee of a legally operating transmitter who is forced to curtail operation because of the presence of susceptible equipment in the vicinity. He also said that better designed receivers would allow for more efficient spectrum utilization.

Senator Goldwater asked that the manufacturers send his staff copies of updated circuit diagrams, instruction manuals, etc., as they are updated to incorporate RFI protection and consumer information about RFI. In view of the fact that the FCC is currently conducting an RFI Inquiry, and in order to allow the manufacturers more time to voluntarily make improvements in RFI susceptibility, Senator Goldwater said that he would not at this time reintroduce his RFI bill in the current session of Congress. He said he would decide later this year whether it would be worthwhile to meet again with the manufacturers and whether he should reintroduce his bill at that time. — *Hal Steinman, K1FHN*

ELIMINATION OF TELEGRAPHY CREDIT FOR AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS LICENSES PROPOSED (SS DOCKET NO. 79-22)

The Commission has proposed amending its rules to eliminate the granting of credit for the telegraphy portion of the Amateur Extra Class license examination to former holders of an Amateur Extra First Class license.

Amateur Extra First Class licenses were issued by the Federal Radio Commission from 1923 to 1933. Since then, equivalent licenses, designated Class A and then Advanced, have been issued by the FCC.

In 1952, the Commission created the Amateur Extra Class license, having more stringent written examination requirements than those associated with the Extra First Class license. However, the telegraphy proficiency requirement was the same for both.

Recognizing this identical requirement, the Commission in 1972 amended Section 97.25(d) of the rules to provide telegraphy credit for applicants who have continuously held the Amateur Extra First Class license and its successor licenses. The Commission noted, however, that since that time, the number of persons seeking credit had declined to the point where such an application was now rare, making the rule provision obsolete. Therefore, it proposed deleting Section 97.25(d), adding that the effective date of such an action would be delayed for six months to give any remain-

ing eligibles a final opportunity to receive telegraphy credit toward the Amateur Extra Class exam.

Comments are due by April 30 and replies by May 30.

Action by the Commission February 13, 1979, by Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FCC 79-95). Commissioners Ferris (Chairman), Lee, Washburn, Fogarty, White and Brown. — *FCC News Release*

FCC AMENDS PART 83 REGARDING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SHIP RADIOTELEGRAPH STATIONS AND AMATEUR STATIONS

In 1939, the FCC adopted Sections 83.50 and 83.70 that allow certain ships operating in scientific research or exploration projects to communicate by telegraphy with amateur stations. Authorization is usually given when "... unusual circumstances make direct communications with amateur stations extremely beneficial to persons on board or to persons responsible for the scientific expedition ... messages will not relate to commercial communications and ... no harmful interference will result to stations in the maritime mobile service nor to stations in the radiolocation service." There is no ship currently operating with this authorization. Moreover, if communications between a vessel and amateur stations are desired, an amateur mobile station, which is a radio installation separate from the ship station, can be operated aboard the vessel, provided the operator is a licensed amateur and the requirements of Sections 97.101 and 97.114 of the Amateur Rules are observed.

The FCC has ordered that Sections 83.50 and 83.70 be deleted effective February 23, 1979. For further information on this proceeding, contact John Hays at FCC, 202-632-7197, Washington, DC.

PETITIONS FILED

The following petitions for rulemaking have been filed with the FCC:

RM-3281 requests the abolition of the FCC requirement of identifying the other station with which an amateur station is in communication if the conversation lasts less than one minute. This petition was filed by A. Kaeding, K8TMK.

RM-3302 requests that the rules be changed to delete the requirement that an Amateur station transmit the call sign of the station with which he is in contact. This petition is similar to *RM-3281* and was filed by S. Mann, WB9PRU.

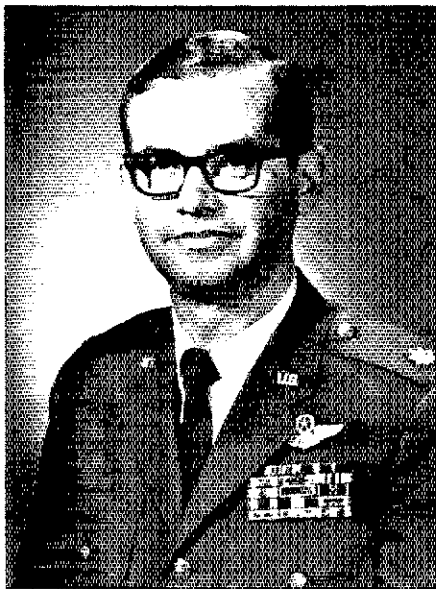
RM-3313 requests modification of the Amateur Rules to allow 16F3 emissions from 52.0-52.5 MHz. It was filed by ARRL.

RM-3314, also filed by ARRL, requests privileges for Novice licensees on the 220-MHz

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band. (See March 1979 *QST*, page 58.)

RM-3317 requests the formation of a new radio service with frequency privileges between 27.41 and 28.0 MHz, said service to be administered by the Amateur Radio Service. It was filed by the Washington State CB Radio Association.



Lt. Col. Peter M. Hurd, N1SS/K4NSS, has announced his retirement from the Air Force, effective August 1, 1979. Hurd has served as the executive secretary of FCC's WARC Advisory Committee on Amateur Radio (ACAR), and holds an FCC appointment to the National Industry Advisory Committee, serving as chairman of the Amateur Radio Services Subcommittee. The holder of an Amateur Extra Class license, Hurd received an M.S. in public administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC, writing his thesis on national telecommunications management. Among other achievements, Hurd was the founder and first-elected president of the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club, and was the guest speaker on WARC-79 at the 1977 Dayton Hamvention. He also presently serves as the regional vice president at large for Amateur Radio of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association.

LEAGUE VICE DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Pressing business commitments have compelled another ARRL vice director to resign. Robert H. Dilworth, W4LQE, submitted his resignation as vice director of the Delta Division, effective January 9, 1979. President Dannels appointed a former vice director from that division, John Sanders, WB4ANX, to complete the term of office. John served Delta Division members in that capacity during the 1974-75 term. — Michele Bartlett, NIAGD

SPENCE RETIRES

FCC Chief Engineer Ray Spence, W4QAW, will retire from the Commission at the end of this month. He became chief engineer eight years ago after having been deputy chief engineer for two years. His reputation for keeping political considerations out of the decisions of the Office of Chief Engineer is widespread.

Ray was graduated from Ohio State University in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in physics. After serving on active duty with the Army Signal Corps in 1952-1954, he was a field engineer with Philco from 1954-1958. Then he became chief of the U.S. Air Force's Navigational Systems Branch at Oklahoma City. From 1960 to 1968, Ray was chief of the Voice Communications Systems Branch, R and D Service, at the Federal Aviation Agency.

Ray's Amateur Radio activity goes back to childhood. His original call was W8NVT, and he holds various awards, including the DXCC phone from both DL4BY and KZ5DX.



Ray Spence, W4QAW

LUKASIK NAMED CHIEF SCIENTIST

Stephen J. Lukasik will become the FCC's chief scientist upon the retirement of Chief Engineer Raymond E. Spence. At that time, FCC's Office of the Chief Engineer will become the Office of Science and Technology. The name change is designed to reflect the expanding role of the bureau in planning and conducting the FCC's technical, engineering and scientific studies and programs aimed at improving telecommunications.

Dr. Lukasik received his Ph.D. in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is presently the chief scientist of the Rand Corporation. He is a former director of the Advanced Research Project Agency of the Defense Department. Prior to his service with ARPA, Dr. Lukasik was vice president of the Systems Development Division of the Xerox Corporation.

NEW FCC OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The FCC has established a new office to oversee the Commission's Public Information, Consumer Assistance, and Industry Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Enterprise programs. The Office of Public Affairs will be responsible for keeping the public, including the press and FCC's regulatees, informed of FCC decisions and regulatory requirements, for encouraging public participation in the FCC's decision-making process, and for keeping the public informed of Commission policies promoting equal employment opportunity and minority participation in all aspects of the communications industry. Robert L. Mann, presently deputy assistant

director for Public Education of the Council on Wage and Price Stability of the Executive Office of the President, will head the new office.

FEE REFUND UPDATE

In a First Report and Order adopted on January 31, 1979, the FCC announced that it will begin refunding fees collected from applicants in the various radio services, including amateur. See January 1979 *QST*, page 65. In Phase I, only fees of over \$20 will be refunded. Smaller fees will be handled in Phase II, which has not yet been announced. At this time, the FCC has not finished printing the necessary application forms for refunds; that is expected to be completed in mid to late spring 1979 at which time the program will be underway. If you paid a fee for an amateur license of over twenty (\$20) dollars between 1970 and 1976, you should be eligible for a refund. Watch "Happenings" for further details as they unfold. — Alexander N. Gerli, AC1Y

LICENSE APPLICATION FACES POSSIBLE REJECTION

The application for an Advanced class license by a former Amateur Radio operator is being held under consideration by the FCC's Legal, Advisory and Enforcement Division, pending the outcome of a Designation Order released December 21, 1978.

According to the Order, released by Division Chief Gerald M. Zuckerman, Gary T. Gorniak, a former General class licensee who held station call sign WB4REN, was convicted on October 25, 1977, of a violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, which states that a person shall not operate a radio station without an FCC license. The Order also says that Gorniak's station license has been suspended and revoked, and his operator's license has been suspended.

In a hearing held on January 27, 1977, it was concluded that in July 1975, Gorniak appeared at the FCC office in Atlanta and took a General class exam to fraudulently obtain a license for another individual. At that time, Gorniak's own operator's license was already suspended on an unrelated charge, according to the Initial Decision of the hearing released April 8, 1977. This decision concluded that Gorniak had continued to operate his transmitter in willful violation of the Order of Suspension. As a result of that decision involving both the fraudulent license and his continued operation, Gorniak's station license was revoked on May 31, 1977, and his operator license suspended for the remainder of the term.

The designation Order states that subsequent to the revocation and suspension of his licenses in May, Gorniak again operated transmitting equipment, and was convicted in U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky. He was fined \$2000 and placed on one year's probation.

The Designation Order said that, "In view of Gorniak's operation of radio equipment in disregard of his suspensions and revocation, his past conduct in obtaining an Amateur license by fraud, and his violations of Commission rules, it cannot be determined that a grant of his application (for Advanced class license) would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity."

At presstime, a hearing was scheduled to be held in the Louisville vicinity, with the burden of proof on Gorniak to convince the Commission that he should be allowed to receive an Advanced class license. — *Michele Bartlett, NIAGD*

HONOR YOUR EDITOR WINNERS

The Amateur Radio News Service announced the winners of their "Reward Your Newsletter Editor" contest (September 1978 *QST*, page 59). Winners were chosen on the basis of general format, member contributions, editorials, club activity coverage, recruiting activity and training, as well as size of readership audience. First prize winners in each class were as follows: 100 or fewer distributed copies — "Salami Merchant" (Silver Creek ARA, Doylestown, OH, W8WKY, editor); 100-200 copies — "QCC News" (Chicago Chapter of the QCWA, W9MOL, editor); 200-300 class — "QUA" (Warrington Area Repeater Association, Warrington, PA, WB3CFE, editor); 300-400 copies — "Carrier" (Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club, Pleasant Hill, CA, W6CU, editor); 400-500 level — "AMSAT Newsletter" (Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation, Washington, DC, G3CZC, editor).

In the multi-club papers, 1000 or less distribution level, "Mobile News" (Amateur Radio Mobile Society of Purley, England, G3FPK, editor) shared first prize with "220 Notes" (Skokie, IL, W91WI, editor). In the 1000 or more classification, first place was held by "Repeater Journal" (Carolinas-Virginia Repeater Association, Durham, NC, K4MOB, editor). We regret that space does not allow us to list the second and third place winners, but, with The Amateur Radio News Service, we say hearty congratulations to one and all. — *Bobbie Chamalian, WBIADL*

LICENSE FIGURES

The FCC has issued the following license figures for the end of 1978: Novice 62,856; Technician 68,738; General 118,808; Advanced 83,436; and Amateur Extra 22,498. The total of all U.S. licensed radio amateurs comes to 356,336, representing an 8 percent increase over 1977 year-end figures.

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

The United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation has announced the members of the Subcommittee on Communications: Chairman, Ernest F. Hollings (Dem.-SC); Ranking Minority Member, Barry Goldwater (Rep.-AZ); Howard W. Cannon (Dem.-NV); John C. Danforth (Rep.-MO); James Exon (Dem.-NE); Wendell H. Ford (Dem.-KY); Daniel K. Inouye (Dem.-HI); Warren G. Magnuson (Dem.-WA); Larry Pressler (Rep.-SD); Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (Dem.-MI); Harrison Schmitt (Rep.-NM); and John Warner (Rep.-VA). It should be noted that Senator Cannon is chairman of the full committee.

PHOTOCOPIES OKAY

In a Report and Order on Docket 20672 released January 18, 1979, the FCC terminated a proceeding, which, if adopted, would have re-

quired that amateurs submit their original license when applying for a renewal or modification. By this action, the FCC has affirmed the right of amateurs to retain their original license and attach a photocopy of it to their form 610.

At one time the Commission found that some amateurs were altering their licenses to obtain operating privileges or examination credit for which they did not qualify. The majority of these forgeries were by Technician class operators who were examined by volunteers and who then altered their licenses to resemble those issued to Commission-examined Technicians.

Since the Commission granted examination credit to all Technicians in Docket 20282, however, and in response to protests from amateurs who want to keep all their licenses permanently, the FCC decided not to penalize the bulk of amateur licensees for the infractions of a few. The licenses are now printed on paper stock which readily shows any alteration, even in a photocopy. Therefore, the FCC has terminated proceedings in Docket 20672, effective immediately. — *Michele Bartlett, NIAGD*

BEHIND THE DIAMOND

When this Hq. staffer decided to pull up roots, he didn't let grass grow under his feet. Bernie Glassmeyer, W9KDR, made the leap from tractors to trajectories in January 1978 when he left his farm in Illinois to become the ARRL OSCAR 8 operations manager in the Club and Training Department. Bernie had barely two months to get stabilized here before he was rocketed to California to attend the launch preparations for OSCAR 8. (He shot the *QST* cover photo for July 1978.)

Among Bernie's responsibilities as OSCAR 8 operations manager is to operate the backup command station. When the computer-controlled primary command station at VE3HCR is not available, Bernie catches OSCAR 8 on its second orbit, switching the mode to conform to the schedule published in *QST*. He uses a full complement of antennas to

do the job — three on 10 meters (one, a loop, is his own design) and four on 2 meters. In addition, he uses a "4 × 3 × 2 MHz Filter," which several hundred amateurs are now using to effectively cure a Mode J desense problem. Bernie designed the filter as well. Any current projects? "Oh, sure," he says. "W1VD and I are working on a new Mode J antenna with switchable polarization. And we're experimenting with loops, quagis, omnidirectional antennas — we're always in a state of experimentation."

Actually, Bernie had already spent a lot of time with his head in the clouds before joining the Hq. staff. He served for 10 years in the U.S. Air Force as an airborne electronic warfare officer with a top secret clearance, and was stationed in California from 1950 to 1960. He was first licensed in 1952 as W6TMX.

Upon rejoining the private sector, Bernie embarked on an electronics career in California that included systems engineering, design, repair, technical writing, drafting and product development. He returned to his native Illinois in the mid-'60s with his wife Nancy and their two young daughters. When he wasn't out plowing the amber waves of grain, he was designing and building their home, fishing, golfing or hamming on 160 meters through 70 cm.

Bernie enjoys cw (he *should* — he copies 30 words per minute) and likes to build radio equipment. He holds the DXCC and WAC awards, a Public Service Award, and needs only Alaska for the WAS award — on 6 meters. His pride and joy is an Illinois Section VHF Contest award. Bernie was one of the first amateurs to work through the Soviet Radio Sports satellites, and was only a minute shy of making the first transatlantic contact via RS-1. With such on-the-air activity, it is no wonder that Bernie was appointed the Hq. liaison for the VHF-UHF Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the ARRL Awards Committee.

Around the Club and Training Department, Bernie is known as "a real astro-nut." One thing is certain: For this ambitious amateur, the sky is the limit! — *Michele Bartlett, NIAGD*



Bernie Glassmeyer, W9KDR, is OSCAR 8 operations manager — and the most youthful grandfather on the Hq. staff!

Moved and Seconded...

This list is a continuation of the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of January 23, 1979, as reported in March QST, page 67. The remainder of the list of 1551 newly elected Life Members will be published in an upcoming issue.

LIFE MEMBER APPLICANTS

January 23, 1979

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N9AFU proves that even blindfolded, he is not All Fouled Up.

WHERE THE (BEEP) IS THAT BEEP BALL?

Who would have thought, on that warm fall day, that a group of blind folks would beat a bunch of hams at a game played with a bat and a ball? Certainly not the Lake County (IN) Amateur Radio Club, who challenged the Matteson "Heards" to a game of Beep Ball. The game is played with an oversized mushball that beeps, and the players must be either blind or blindfolded. The object is for the batter to get to base before the outfielders find the beeping ball. The only sighted people are the pitcher, the catcher and the umpires (the latter being a matter of dispute). LCARA was soundly thrashed, 11 to 3. The hams provided the refreshments, and are looking forward to a rematch. The Heards went on to win the Midwestern Beep Ball Championships. As Mai Lunsford, WB9YOW, put it, "At least we were beat by the best!" — NIAGD

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Les Dwyer, KA4B, who was selected to present a paper about installing solar hot-water systems at the Miami Beach Solar and Conservation Technologies Symposium.

seventh-grader Bill Wrbican, of Creighton, PA, whose interest in Amateur Radio led him to devise an outstanding presentation, "Brass Pounding and Modulating," aimed at his classmates. Several months later, Bill received the call sign KA3BMU.

F. A. Furfari, K3IEH, who was elected to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

The San Antonio Repeater Organization, which has received the National Weather Association's 1978 award for "outstanding contribution to operational meteorology by a volunteer group." The award was presented to the San Antonio amateurs for their service in obtaining and transmitting weather reports during the August 1978 Texas hill country floods when all telephone communications were lost. In announcing the selection, Charles H. Pierce of the National Weather Service said, "It is a pleasure to recognize people who unselfishly give their time and energy to serve their fellowman."

Raymond Barnes, W1OIT, who received the Suggestion of the Year Award from a Connecticut state agency that promotes contributions from state employees. Barnes designed a device to determine why traffic lights malfunction, thereby saving the Department of Transportation the expense of returning the units to the manufacturer.



Canadian WARC Delegation to Include Amateurs

At most, if not all, previous World Administrative Radio Conferences the Canadian delegation has included a radio amateur. In the days prior to our present two national society setup, this representative was usually the Canadian Division Director. Notwithstanding our repeated submissions to DOC over the past two years, the government has always taken the position that there would be no representatives from the "private sector" on the delegation this time.

We were therefore most gratified to learn, early in February, that the position of the government had changed and that it had been decided to include an amateur on the official delegation as a full member thereof (not an observer) in the capacity of "a technical expert on Amateur Radio."

Following consultation with both CARF and CRRL, Bud Punchard, VE3UD, has been

nominated to the delegation by DOC. In this respect, it is perhaps of interest to note that this is not the first time that Bud has represented the Canadian amateur community on an important international committee or telecommunication body. Several years ago, upon the recommendation of then Canadian Director Noel Eaton, followed at a later date by CARF, Bud was named to represent Canadian amateurs on the ITU CCIR Study Group.

In making the announcement, Mr. E. D. Ducharme, the DOC director of WARC arrangements stated, "Mr. Punchard's nomination to the Canadian delegation is as a technical expert on Amateur Radio and should not be construed as that of representing any organization or organizations." As such, the CRRL was more than pleased to support the nomination in view of Bud's personal qualifications and full availability for the 10-week assignment

in Geneva. Due to some rumors persisting at the time of this writing, it is important to point out that the expenses of Mr. Punchard will be fully borne by the government.

Bud shall therefore represent Canadian Amateur Radio on the delegation and as Mr. Ducharme further stated, "I shall be very disappointed should anyone construe or attempt to construe this nomination as in any way being related to any specific organization affiliation."

In addition to having previously served as the CARF-CRRL designated representative on the CCIR referred-to Study Group, Bud has long been active, in many capacities, on the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board and is exceedingly well-qualified to represent Amateur Radio on our WARC delegation. He shall have our every support and best wishes for this new assignment.

CRRL AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

That time is here again . . . nomination time for the 1978 CRRL Amateur of the Year Award. If you know of anyone you believe is worthy of nomination for this distinctive award, please submit your nomination, together with full particulars, to CRRL headquarters. Your nomination shall receive every consideration by the CRRL Executive Committee. Those deemed worthy of recognition shall then be placed on a ballot, together with all recipients of the Division Certificate of Merit Award, to be voted upon by all our assistant directors. The presentation of this award will be made in October at the Radio Society of Ontario Convention in Ottawa.

The closing date for nominations is the end of May. It is not necessary that the person nominated be an ARRL/CRRL member. The 1976 recipient was Brit Fader, VE1FQ, while Noreen Nimmons, VE3GOL, walked off with the 1977 honors.

ARRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the end of December, President Dannals announced that the following VEs were appointed or reappointed to the following standing ARRL Advisory Committees: DX Advisory, Hal Parson, VE3QA; Contest Advisory, R. W. Guy, VE7IT; Emergency Advisory, Bill Parker, VE5CU; VHF Repeater Advisory, Ron MacKay, VE1AIC and VHF/UHF Advisory, Les Weir, VE3AIB.

Ron MacKay, VE1AIC would appreciate being placed on the mailing list of vhf repeater organizations or councils. His address: c/o Cornwall Post Office, Cornwall, PE.

CRRL ORGANIZATION PROCEEDS

As previously informed, we are presently in the

process of a reorganization proceeding to the formal federal incorporation of the CRRL. Although we expected to make the formal presentation to the January ARRL Board meeting, this unfortunately has had to be postponed until the July meeting, inasmuch as illness and other valid considerations prevented the attendance of either your director or vice director at the January meeting. Counsel Benson was also indisposed so therefore the responsibility for *informally* representing Canada fell upon former Canadian Director and present League V.P. Eaton, VE3CJ.

In the meantime, President Dannals has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee, consisting of Vice Presidents Clark and Eaton, Director Hesler and Vice Director Loucks, together with requested assistance from ARRL Counsel Booth and CRRL Counsel Benson, to come up with specific recommendations for the July meeting. Therefore, in the very unlikely possibility that the Canadian Division representation should be again indisposed, for any reason whatsoever, the Board will be able to act on the Committee recommendations.

Not anticipating any Board problems with the reorganization and incorporation proceedings, we have now made our new organization operational with the following charter officers and directors: President, Ron Hesler, VE1SH; 1st Vice President, Bill Loucks, VE3AR; Vice President, Harry Dannals, W2HD; Secretary, Gordon Steane, VE3BMG and Directors George Spencer, VE4IM; Tom Atkins, VE3CDM and Albert Daemen, VE2IJ. The Executive Committee will consist of the president, first vice president and the secretary. Election procedure for the 1980-1981 term shall be fully detailed on this page and elsewhere in July QST.

REVISED DOC REGULATIONS

☐ *Banned Countries List:* Iraq, Khmer Republic, Libya, Somalia, Turkey, Vietnam, Yemen (People's Democratic Republic). Re Khmer Republic (formerly Cambodia);

Amateur Station XU1AA has been authorized to exchange communications with other countries. In Yemen (formally Aden) call-sign allocations are 70A-70Z.

☐ *Third-Party Traffic Agreements:* Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Israel, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela. Negotiations for the establishment of agreement with Australia, Haiti, Jamaica and Liberia are now in progress.

☐ *Reciprocal Licensing Agreements:* Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany (Federal Republic), Honduras, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Israel, Iceland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay, United States and Venezuela. Negotiations for the establishment of agreements with Haiti, Italy, Liberia and Spain are now in progress. Additionally, recognizing that Commonwealth citizens are eligible for Canadian certificates and licenses, it has been decided to consider licensed amateurs who are citizens of any Commonwealth country as being eligible for reciprocal operating privileges in Canada, unless there is evidence that such a country does not grant reciprocal operating privileges to Canadians.

ONTARIO HAMFEST

The fifth annual Ontario Hamfest sponsored by the Burlington ARC will be held in Milton, ON, July 6, 7 and 8, 1979. Provisions for indoor displays, camping facilities, major prizes, flea market and auction have been made. This hamfest is the second largest gathering of Ontario hams. Talk-in frequencies will be 146.16/76, 147.81/21 and 146.52 simplex. Further details are available on the ONTARS net, 3755 kHz, daily, 7 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Washington Mailbox

Conducted By Michele Bartlett,* N1AGD

Prohibited Practices — Or, “George, What’s This Pink Slip?”

There are 13 “Thou Shalt Nots” in Part 97, Subpart E, “Prohibited Practices and Administrative Sanctions.” Ignoring this subpart could prove unlucky.

Q. During a recent local disaster, I passed health and welfare traffic for the people in my town. Now the Chamber of Commerce wants to buy me a new tower and I don’t know how to decline gracefully.

A. 97.112a states: “An amateur station shall not be used to transmit or receive messages for hire, nor for communication for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised.” This includes accepting gifts, even though you had no thought of any reward at the time you passed the traffic. You can truthfully say that, much as you appreciate their generosity, accepting the gift could give Amateur Radio a black eye. If the Chamber of Commerce or some other group still wants to demonstrate its appreciation, you might mention that there are many clubs and foundations that would gratefully receive a contribution to further the various aspects of Amateur Radio, such as scholarships for hams, OSCAR, Project Goodwill, etc.

Q. Doesn’t 97.112 prohibit W1AW operators from being paid to operate the station?

A. No. 97.112b allows W1AW or any club station to compensate its operators, provided the station meets the following qualification: “The station must be operated primarily for the purpose of conducting amateur radiocommunication to provide telegraphy practice transmissions intended for persons learning or improving proficiency in the international Morse code, or to disseminate information bulletins consisting solely of subject matter having direct interest to the Amateur Radio Service . . .” The station must also conduct bulletins and code practice at least 40 hours per week, schedule operations on all allocated medium- and high-frequency amateur bands using reasonable measures to maximize coverage, and publish the schedule of normal operating times and frequencies at least 30 days in advance of the actual transmissions (97.112b 1-3).

Q. Our club wants to tape the National Weather Service bulletins and make them available on demand by a tone-encoded access through a repeater station. What do the rules say about this?

A. 97.113 says, “Subject to the provisions of 97.91 [pertaining to one-way communication] an amateur station shall not be used to engage in any form of broadcasting . . .” which is defined as “the dissemination of radio communications intended to be received by the public.” It further states that an amateur station shall not be used for the “retransmission by automatic means of programs or signals

emanating from any class of station other than amateur.”

This means that you may not couple your repeater to a receiver that is tuned to broadcasts from other radio services, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or WWV.

However, there are at least two ways you can legally make this information available. If the weather service has a recorded telephone message, you can have one of the autopatch functions encoded to dial that telephone number. Thus it would not be a retransmission by automatic means, since it would only play on demand. Nor would it be the retransmission of a signal from a nonamateur station, since it’s not a station at all, but a telephone recording.

The other way is to have someone record the weather, road conditions, etc. from a script onto a tape, updating the information every so often, and making the recording available to repeater station users. Some repeater groups do this, and it certainly is legal.

Q. The other day I was talking to a fellow who had his tape deck blasting music while he was transmitting. I told him this was illegal — he says it wasn’t.

A. The rule is very clear on this point. The transmission of music by an amateur station is forbidden (97.115). So you were right.

Q. My friend and I are new hams. We’d like to make our contacts more private, so we have devised a code so that only we can understand what we’re saying. Is this legal?

A. No. The transmission by radio of messages in codes or ciphers, in domestic and international communication is prohibited. All communications, regardless of type of emission employed, shall be in plain language, except that generally recognized abbreviations established by regulation or custom and usage are permissible (for example Q-signals or chess moves), as are any others where the intent is not to obscure the meaning but only to facilitate communications (97.117).

Q. There’s a new ham on our repeater who insists on identifying during each transmission, like “WA6XYZ from KA6ABC, okay, Harold, thanks for the information. Will you be at the club meeting tonight? WA6XYZ from KA6ABC.” I’ve told him this isn’t necessary but he doesn’t want to be cited for an unidentified transmission. What can I tell him?

A. While 97.123 does prohibit the transmission of unidentified radiocommunication or signals, there is another rule that applies in this instance. 97.84a says, “An amateur station shall be identified by the transmission of its call sign at the beginning and end of each single transmission or exchange of transmissions, and at intervals not to exceed 10 minutes . . .” Unidentified signals referred to in 97.123 include “kerchunking” a repeater, jumping into a QSO without identifying, or even saying

“break-break.” The latter should, in accordance with good amateur practice, be used only during an emergency. At other times when you wish to join a QSO, you should do so only at a break in the conversation, and then by transmitting your call and waiting for an acknowledgement.

Q. There’s a ham who gets on our net occasionally who turns the air blue. We’ve tried to tell him to clean up his language, but with no effect. Finally, one net station started jamming him, reading paragraphs from Part 97 in an attempt to drown him out. That’s not legal, is it?

A. No, the rules say that no licensed radio operator shall willfully or maliciously interfere with or cause interference to any radiocommunication or signal (97.125).

Q. But what about the other fellow? Wasn’t he illegal as well?

A. Yes. Amateurs must not transmit communications containing obscene, indecent or profane words, language or meaning (97.119). This always provokes a flood of letters asking what is profane, indecent or obscene. There are probably as many answers as there are amateurs.

It’s easy to forget that your intimate chat with a friend can be overheard by anyone with an amateur receiver — both at home and overseas. Most amateurs have, at one time or another, brought nonhams into the shack to share our hobby. Wouldn’t it be a shame if we had to sit with our fingers poised on the tuning dial in case someone launches into a racy anecdote while we’re demonstrating ham radio to a cub scout pack?

Q. Are there any other prohibited practices?

A. Yes, but they involve mostly common sense. For instance: 97.116 — Amateur radiocommunication for any purpose which is contrary to federal, state or local law is prohibited. No licensed amateur shall willfully damage any radio apparatus or installation in any licensed radio station (97.127). Bootlegging, and other false and deceptive signals are prohibited in 97.121. No one shall obtain or attempt to obtain, or assist another to obtain an operator license by fraudulent means (97.129).

The rules for the retransmission of radio signals by automatic means (prohibited unless the station is in repeater operation or auxiliary operation in accordance with 97.85-88) are contained in 97.126. And the prohibition of third-party traffic, with its accompanying provisions, appears in 97.114.

[Note: Questions appearing in this column are typical of those frequently asked of the FCC and other agencies. Answers, prepared at ARRL, have been approved by FCC staff. Numbers in parentheses refer to specific sections of the FCC rules.]

Safari Through Africa: Part 2

Greetings again from Africa, where the writer is still on assignment for the International Amateur Radio Union. Our mission is to provide encouragement and assistance to IARU member-societies in Africa, do whatever we can to promote the growth (or, in some cases, the birth) of the Amateur Radio Service here, and to continue the IARU's preparatory work for the WARC-79 commencing in September.

Included in the itinerary (which covers virtually north to south) is attendance at the ITU Africa Seminar in Nairobi, where delegates from every African and Middle Eastern country have gathered to further their own understanding of the complexities and challenges of WARC. The Africans are well aware that the peaceful allocation of one of the world's scarcest resources is hardly to be considered an easy task!

Here are highlights from *some* of the stops along the safari in Africa:

Yaoundé, Cameroon — Although there are presently only three licensed radio amateurs in this little-known country, well-directed efforts are underway to launch the Amateur Service for use by its local citizens. In conversations with government officials, it was again made abundantly clear that Cameroon faces the same problem as almost every African country in making Amateur Radio an enterprise available to its people: low per-capita income. The "Project Goodwill" program was adopted eagerly as the key to much of the problem, but there are others — such as contending with the diversity offered by 200 tribes speaking 24 major and distinct languages! (French and English are official tongues, but are not spoken or read by all Cameroonians.)

In its two decades of independence, the United Republic of Cameroon has built an admirable record of political stability and economic growth rare on this continent. Though its 7.6 million people come from the 200 tribes mentioned above, Cameroon has kept to a minimum the intertribal violence that has rent so many African nations, while producing steady, modest improvements in its standard of living.

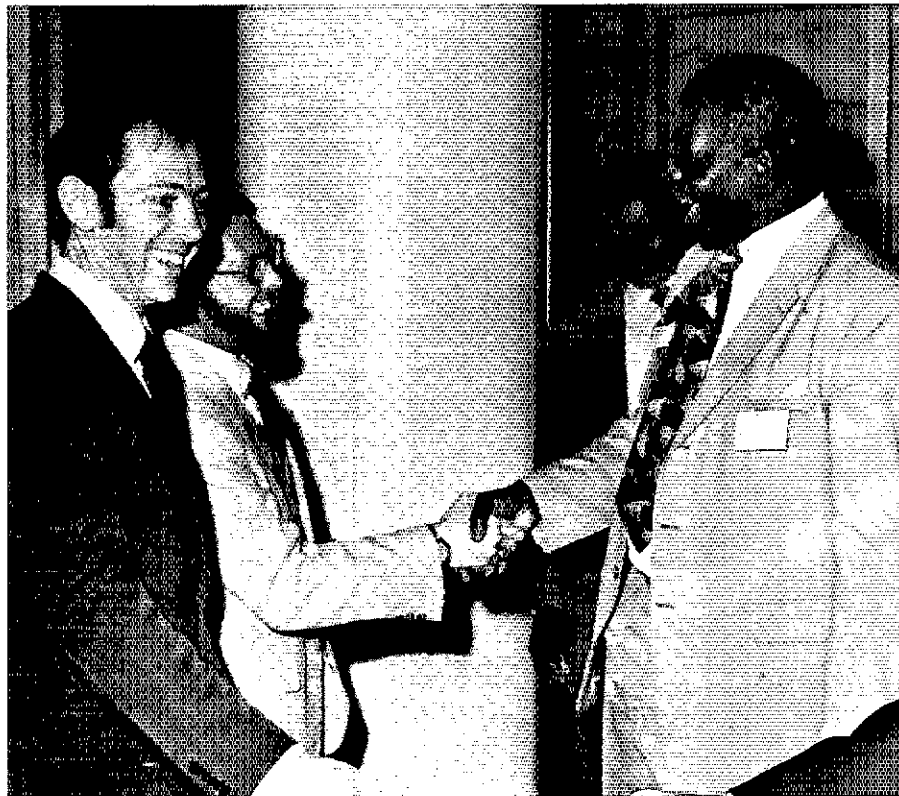
Mr. William Tallah of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications is the man who is promoting the idea of full-scale adoption of Amateur Radio in Cameroon. In a recent meeting, he emphasized that there are still several government officials in key positions who do not yet appreciate what Amateur Radio can offer the country in its strides towards technological development. As of this writing, Mr. Tallah should have received (at his request) one of the simple "Project Goodwill" stations, which he plans to set up and demonstrate at the ministry itself. It's no different in Cameroon than anywhere else in Africa: It takes time — precious time — for new ideas to be assimilated into their way of life.

Freetown, Sierra Leone — In February, we focused in this column on the tremendous

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During the IARU/RSK reception on 14 February, African and Middle Eastern delegates showed intense interest in the Project Goodwill rigs, as an effective means of making Amateur Radio affordable to their people. (Foto-Unique Kenya, Ltd.)



John A. Deans, 5Z4NT, Chairman of the Radio Society of Kenya and WA6IDN/5Z4ARU of IARU hq. greet Kofi Jackson, 9G1AJ, Secretary of the Ghana Frequency Registration and Control Board. (Foto-Unique Kenya, Ltd.)



Ennuen Tucker (l) and Senesie Kallon (r) are two enthusiastic Sierra Leonean students of Amateur Radio who are shown here building the Project Goodwill receivers. They had never before touched a soldering iron. (WA6IDN/CS5ARU photo)

efforts of the Sierra Leone Amateur Radio Society to overcome the many obstacles an African radio amateur faces. One of the first points to be discussed in Freetown when I arrived was that of how to attract youth into Amateur Radio — for it is here that developing countries will reap the most benefits from investing in the Amateur Radio Service. The obvious answer is to offer some sort of Novice license which would grant restricted privileges (perhaps restricted, for example, to 10 watts on the 14-MHz band, which would dovetail with the Project Goodwill stations).

So, Sierra Leone is planning to adopt a Novice license, with a code speed requirement of 7-1/2 words per minute and a simple exam on basic regulations, radio theory and communications technique.

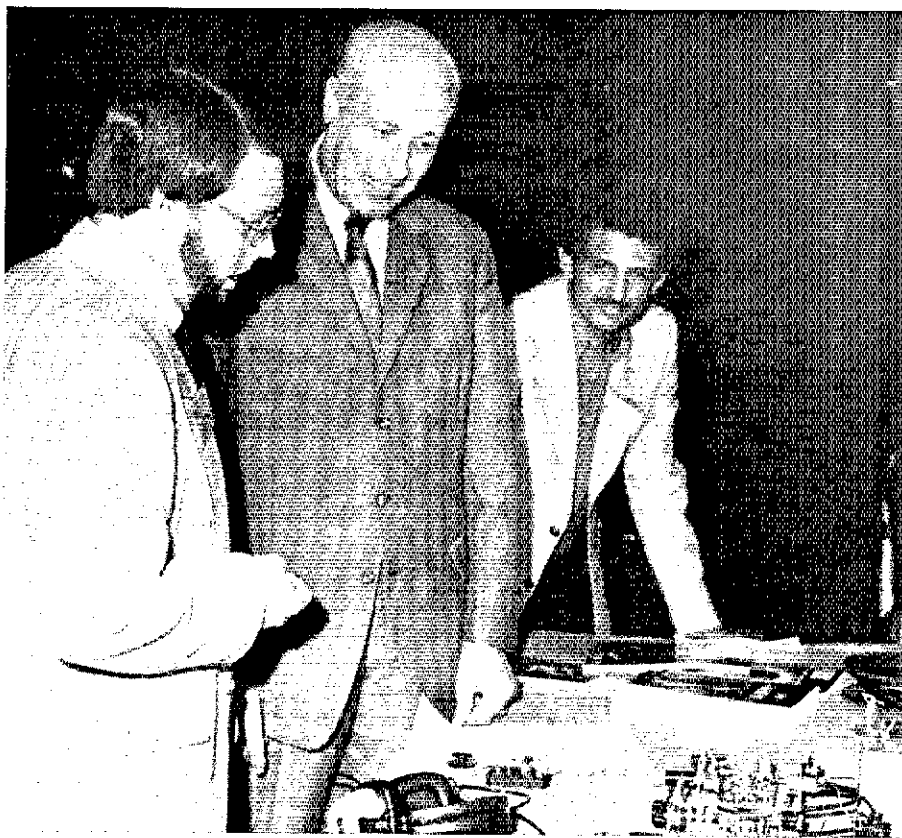
The highlight of my week in Sierra Leone was the privilege of watching two of the Project Goodwill receiver kits being built at Fourah Bay College by African students who are also members of the SLARS. They proudly pointed out (see photo) that they had studied code and theory, but this was the first time they had ever held a soldering iron or gotten to wind a toroid transformer. Their enjoyment of the work was evident, and so was their delight that so many amateurs outside Africa had gone to the trouble to sponsor them as they enter the ham's wide world.

There's a great deal of dedication among the Sierra Leoneans who are members of SLARS: meetings are frequent, relations with their national administration excellent. You're going to hear more and more 9LIs on the air, we're sure.

Banjul, The Gambia — Known as Africa's smallest country (it's an average of 12 miles wide, but 250 miles long), this beautiful nation lies sandwiched into the middle of Senegal on the hump of West Africa. On 4 February, the Radio Society of The Gambia was born, with the Gambian Director of Telecommunications present at a dinner hosted by Keith Bone, CSABK.

More kits are needed by the new RSTG, for a training program has been launched for Gambians who desire to become amateurs. A transceiver will soon be operational in the society's headquarters, which bears the call sign CSAAA.

During a discussion on CSABK's pleasant veranda one warm evening, two local amateurs made the point that they enjoyed describing The Gambia on the air — clearing up misunderstandings about African life, to be sure,



WA6IDN/5Z4ARU of IARU hq., the Honorable Mohamed Mili, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, and Hassan Mohamed Ahmed, J28AA, Chief of Radio-electric Services for the new Republic of Djibouti, discuss the Project Goodwill display at the IARU/RSK reception in Nairobi on 14 February. (Foto-Unique Kenya, Ltd.)

but also painting pictures in words about the animal life, the flora, and the colorful, friendly Gambian people. "I feel barriers falling," one of them said. "I know it's not easy to understand a continent which has for so many years been enshrouded in mystery and myth. Somehow, talking on a person-to-person basis across oceans seems to go further than the printed word. Radio amateurs seem so interested in Africa!"

Nairobi, Kenya — Many thousands of miles to the east, more than 200 delegates gather in Kenya's modern capital city for the first seminar for the preparation of WARC-79. The International Telecommunication Union (based in Geneva, Switzerland) has organized a two-week session in which the developing countries of Africa and the Middle East will study the problems confronting the ITU's 154 member-countries come September 24.

At an outdoor reception hosted jointly by the IARU and the Radio Society of Kenya, nearly all of these delegates spent several pleasant hours in an atmosphere of Amateur Radio. The general atmosphere? One of great interest in what the Amateur Service has to offer their countries in terms of technical training and the creation of a unique national self-image on the air.

The Project Goodwill rigs were displayed, with English and French cards beside the rigs explaining their operation, capabilities, and the Project Goodwill. Plenty of Amateur Radio literature in English and French was also made available to delegates. As you can see, the delegates were intrigued, because many of them had earlier voiced their concern that Amateur Radio was simply beyond the

reach of their peoples.

As a result of contacts made at the reception and during the seminar itself, the IARU is assisting the administrations of Tanzania, Sudan, Botswana, Seychelles, Lesotho and the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen in setting up economical training programs in Amateur Radio.

The mechanics of the 10-week WARC were the focus of the seminar, rather than the specific frequency-allocation needs of the attending nations. Nevertheless, the Republic of Nigeria said in a paper submitted to the delegates, "... The Amateur Radio Service deserves encouragement, for the direct benefits of radio science it offers, and we would like to make bold to suggest that wherever the Amateur bands are shared, they should be vacated for the exclusive use of amateur operators."

Next stops on the safari: Botswana and Egypt. See you on 20!

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Strays

I would like to get in touch with . . .

ham pilots or ground personnel who were involved with the F-104 Starfighter Program at either George or Luke Air Force Bases. Gary Pradu, WD6CKT, 601 Tulane St., Salinas, CA 93906.

ham in the Lakeland, FL, area to make skeds for future phone patches. John Kelley, K2SHY, 1 Ely Court, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

Correspondence

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REQUIRE, NOT RECOMMEND, CODE

□ I am against the FCC's WARC proposal of having code proficiency "recommended" instead of "required" ("It Seems to Us," February QST) because this action would eventually lead to a no-code license. Before I became an amateur I wanted the code requirement abolished. I knew I could pass the theory but I would have to put in a lot of time and hard work to pass the code test. I am now a Technician class licensee and have changed my mind. One does feel a sense of pride and achievement after passing the code. This achievement is what sets us apart from the rest. What would happen to ham radio without it? — *Chuck Ogburn, KA4CVL, Kenbridge, VA*

□ I support the code tests and present standards of license exams. — *Kenneth Jensen, W8DLZ, Bay Village, OH*

□ I think deregulation has gone far enough. I am not a licensed ham yet but I'm a converted CBER. I have watched the decline and corruption of the 11-meter band for the past 14 years. I was urged to get an ssb CB rig and did. Locally, I found the ssb people to be just as courteous as the hams but after a while I was tired of "playing like a ham operator." My friend N4ZV made some code practice tapes and in a month I passed my cw test. I say "yes" to increasing the number of hams but it's going to take people like N4ZV to recruit them. It won't come from more deregulation. — *K. L. Sturgill, Marion, VA*

□ After making another 30-mile pilgrimage to Hartford, CT, to take my General test and not passing it, I was disappointed. But what upset me more was seeing the bitter disappointment of a 70-year-old man who has taken the test several times and failed. What possible harm could come to Amateur Radio if the FCC were to allow this person to enjoy the use of voice on the hf bands in the few years he has left? It seems to me that more and more older people are turning to ham radio as a retirement hobby. This will have an effect on Amateur Radio as it has in other parts of our society. I am not advocating the removal of the code requirement. It is a very necessary skill, but somehow it should not be made a barrier to a fuller enjoyment of the hobby for retirees who can add their experience and discipline to the voice bands. True we have voice privileges on 2 and 6 meters as Technicians but the hf voice bands are more varied. — *Jack Monaco, WA1YYK, Agawam, MA*

□ I am sure there are very good and endless arguments for and against dropping the code requirement. However, I feel strongly that the word operator should not appear on any license without at least minimal demonstration of cw ability. — *Roy S. Williams, W6VON, La Mesa, CA*

KNOW YOUR HAZARD

□ In your article, "I Wish Someone Would Come Along" ("Public Service," January QST), both parts were excellent. Points I would like to stress are first, know your location and second, know about hazardous materials. When I have asked travelers what their locations were I have often heard, "Just a minute, I'll find a mile marker." I'm sorry to say that emergencies don't wait for mile posts. Sgt. Wright wasn't kidding when he mentioned hazardous materials, so in the glove box of my car I carry a pamphlet called "Hazardous Materials — Emergency Action Guide." I got my copy from the local civil defense department but I hear it is also available through the U.S. Department of Transportation. It lists most of the dangerous materials carried by motor transport, their dangers and appropriate actions one should take when dealing with these chemicals. My suggestion is when such hazardous materials are involved in an accident, find

out what they are, radio this news to the appropriate authority (fire or police) and tell everyone else to stay clear of the area. — *Lloyd Colston, WB5AXH, Ketchum, OK*

RIGHT-FOOT POSTSCRIPT

□ Jim Griffin's (W9NJP) article "Starting a Message on the Right Foot" (January QST 1979, page 60) was a welcome instructive comment for those of us who are not regular traffic handlers. Traffic handling may seem complicated, rigid and formal but the rules are all simply based on common sense and courtesy to the operators down the line who will be servicing your messages. As a postscript I would offer two further comments. First, when originating a message, consider the element of timing. No amateur wants to deliver a Mother's Day greeting three days late. If you regularly originate traffic to a particular person, the chances are that there is a developed circuit. But if not, be sure to originate well in advance of the anticipated delivery date and use an appropriate handling instruction (HX) in the preamble to designate delivery time. Second, to minimize time and expense to the delivering station, use the handling instruction authorizing cancellation or collect charges applicable if delivery will require a toll. Simple inclusion of the telephone number may be enough to speed the message to its destination. Traffic is fun to handle and the process is terrific training for emergency communication. It's a thrill to deliver a message to someone who then becomes inquisitive about our hobby. The hams I've found who handle traffic are good people, friendly and helpful. Besides, you will find the fellowship among them rewarding. — *John Swartz, WA9AQN, Springfield, IL*

BREAKING THE CHAIN

□ Sending and receiving QSL cards is one of the enjoyable aspects of Amateur Radio, especially after you have worked some new country and are looking forward to the day when you have confirmed your 100th for the DXCC award. I recently received a QSL card which was accompanied by a typical chain letter. It stated that I should send a dollar to the specified person at the top of the list and enter my name at the bottom, etc. I understand that these kinds of letters, usually called "chain letters" are illegal. Sending one, especially this way, puts a fellow amateur in a position of breaking the chain. What is one to do? What do fellow amateurs think of this sort of practice? — *Walter Miller, W8AUO, Dayton, OH*

[Editor's Note: Chain letters are illegal. See "League Lines," November 1978 QST for details.]

A FAIR SUM

□ This is to express my appreciation for the ARRL-sponsored insurance program. On December 2, 1978, I suffered the loss of my handie-talkie from a leased car I was using on business. A very courteous young lady at the insurance office guided me in making the claim and after filling out the necessary forms, I received payment by the end of December. They paid me the replacement cost which I thought was a fair sum. — *Matthew DeGumbia, AFIA, South Meriden, CT*

MESSAGES OF GREETINGS OK

□ I belong to the Women Marines Association which has members all over the country, and I serve on the Public Relations Committee. I have been sending birthday greetings, signed by the president of our organization, to our members via Amateur Radio. Recently another amateur called me after the net and practically told me my messages were illegal. He said to read the "Washington Mailbox" column in February QST. If these messages are illegal I will stop

sending them, but our members are so happy to get them. We receive letters all the time praising the value of the birthday greetings program. — *Harriet Creighton, WA3ATQ, Gouldsboro, PA*

[Editor's Note: Birthday greetings, congratulations on a promotion, and other messages of this sort can hardly be construed as "facilitating anyone's business." To our mind, WA3ATQ's traffic is not only OK, but is excellent public relations for Amateur Radio. The point that the "Washington Mailbox" column was trying to make was that business traffic cannot be handled via Amateur Radio. It doesn't matter whether the business traffic is on behalf of a nonprofit organization, or a profit-making one. The only exception is in a genuine emergency, like using the radio to call an ambulance to the scene of an accident.]

WHY ON THE NOVICE PORTION?

□ Could someone please explain to me why certain U.S. and Canadian hams insist on having phone QSOs on the small patch that we Novices have allotted to us on the 80-meter band? Some people insist on splashing over 5-50 kHz. — *Bob Baker, WB1EAR, S. Yarmouth, MA*

OSCAR POWER

□ Back when the OSCAR 6 satellite was still working, I made many contacts using a homebrew 10-watt cw transmitter on Mode A feeding a 7-dB-gain beam. Now I am attempting to get back on Mode A with OSCARs 7 and 8 but find that my 10-watt ssb signal to a 9-dB-gain beam can be only weakly heard if heard at all. Many signals abound that are much stronger than the 250-mW beacon. This would seem to indicate excessive power usage which knocks weaker signals off the satellites. On the last QRP day (10 watts erp maximum) I fed 10 watts into 80 feet of RG-58, got about 2.5 watts out, fed this to a simple quarter-wave ground plane up 35 feet and received excellent, well-above-the-noise, downlink ssb signals for most of the pass on OSCAR 8 Mode A. The OSCARs are meant for everyone. If we all use minimum power, then everyone can use them. — *Brian Ripley, K8BR, Jackson, MI*

TAPE TREPIDATIONS

□ An innovative attempt to teach ham radio through cable television has failed dismally because of the carelessness and/or selfishness of a New Jersey club. In August I received confirmation from Training Aids Assistant Jeanette Zaines, AB1P, that the "CQ Ham Radio" video tape series would be shipped to our community college on January 1, 1979. With that assurance, I proceeded with all the mechanics of establishing a noncredit evening course in ham radio to be aired over a local cable company. I arranged for 94 1/2 hours of air time, I spent money on advertisements, spoke at the local ham club, and spent much time constructing a TV set for the live call-in portion of the course. Articles commending the course appeared on the front page of *Florida Skip, Ham Radio Reports* and in the local newspaper. All of this was wasted effort. The course had to be cancelled thanks to the one club that didn't return the tapes on time as promised. The ARRL is not at fault. It's the people who borrow club training materials and don't return them on time who are. This kind of occurrence damages the credibility of Amateur Radio as well as the personal reputation of volunteer instructors. This kind of thoughtlessness cannot be allowed to destroy the whole program. — *Bob Lightner, WA4PWF, Gainesville, FL*

[Editor's Note: At this time, the ARRL Club and Training Department is not mailing out new film requests. However, those requests previously booked are being honored. Cooperation of the amateur community involved in circulating ARRL materials is still needed.]



How Much Is That Frequency in the Window?

Almost every amateur who operates on the hf bands has encountered the chaos associated with large pileups on DX stations. The casual operator most often avoids confrontations with pileups and finds a peaceful frequency on which to carry out his operations. The DXer usually finds himself right in the midst of the cacophony, or may be indeed the very cause.

Over the years several schemes have been presented to alleviate pileup congestion. These suggested solutions would attempt to reduce the mayhem by improving the efficiency or rate at which a DX station works his "clients." The faster these stations can be worked, the better the order on frequency can be maintained, or so the reasoning goes. The practice of working by call area and the use of lists are both well-established members of this philosophical school. Both require cooperation and discipline among the participants.

Deep down inside, most DXers are pretty considerate. Not only do they realize that their fellow DX-seekers' enjoyment of the hobby is enhanced by orderly pursuit of a rare DX station, but they also recognize that this is to everyone's benefit to minimize interference to the other channels on the band. Unfortunately, the thrill of the chase (some call it greed) sometimes turns friendly coexistence into all-out war. The aforementioned solutions are all attempts toward an on-the-air truce. Some attempts are more successful than others.

The Russian magazine *Radio* recently offered another solution to the problem, in an article entitled "The Amateur Transmitter and the Problem of Interference." Here are the thoughts of A. Grechikhin, UA3TZ.

"In recent years, in connection with the

growth in the quantity of Amateur Radio stations (it is expected that by 1980 there will be about a million of them), radio amateurs have made proposals concerning the allocation for their use of additional frequency segments. However, there are many claimants to new frequency bands and only time will tell whether the radio amateurs' requests will be listened to. Therefore, hoping and waiting, let us think whether everything has been done in those bands that we have today.

"There exists the extremely well-founded opinion that not one of the radiocommunication services uses its frequencies 100 percent. Wouldn't it be possible to increase the effectiveness of the frequency use in the amateur bands? We think so. For example, by going over from telephony to telegraphy it is possible to increase the number of simultaneously operating radio stations on account of narrowing bandwidth. . . .

"Maybe it would be desirable to provide in the band plans of the IARU for the allotment within each band of a frequency segment for each Region in which amateurs of that (and only that) Region could transmit. It is of course more convenient to carry out a communication on one frequency, but it seems to us that soon, distant communications will become impossible unless special measures are taken.

"And what if we went further and by analogy to the band plans drew up special time plans for each Region, continent or group of zones, indicating at what times stations of a given region were only to receive? It is known that in some services, for example the maritime, such "silent minutes" are established. Here is the simplest kind of example of an amateur time plan: Region 1 would be silent the first 20 seconds, Region 2 the second 20 seconds, and Region 3 the final 20 seconds of

each minute. Communication would be short but dependable. By the way, amateurs operate in accordance with a similar sort of system when engaging in meteor-scatter communication."

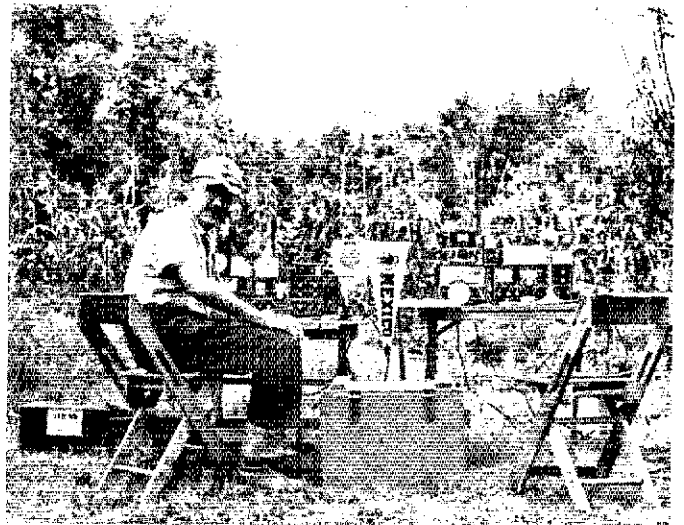
(Translation from Russian was generously provided by Dex Anderson, HB9BRQ/K3KWJ.)

Does that sound a little familiar? The DXers in the audience who've been around for years recall that a DX station of two decades ago was never called on his own frequency. The practice of listening "10 up" or "five down" was universally used. The transceiver brought an end to this technique. Yet last year's Cliperton expedition clearly showed the value of split-frequency operation as a means toward improved communications effectiveness.

A well-known problem to DXers on 80/75 and 40 meters is hearing the DX through local QRM. The problem is especially in Japan and Europe. K1ZZ reports that while operating 4U11TU during the 1978 CQWW Phone Contest, it was impossible for him to hear any North Americans below 3800 kHz. The only way Dave could work anyone was to transmit below and listen above 3800. He further says that a similar problem exists on 80 and 40 cw there. The activity level in Europe is much higher on those two bands than we in the U.S. are accustomed to.

Perhaps the solution proposed by UA3TZ is as close to a universal panacea for these problems as can be found. Instead of reducing interference by improving order on a channel, order is attained by reducing channel interference. For years a concept like this has been voluntarily used by the 160-meter DX fraternity. Their "DX window" is internationally accepted, and very successful. Has the time come to consider this approach for other hf bands?

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Mexican amateurs have an annual Field day, just like U.S. and Canadian hams do. XE1EPA (left) operates from his station at the Popocatepetl volcano. XE1CRM (right) operates 40 ssb from the same location. XE1CRM and XE1EPA are two of the most popular ham stations in Mexico. They can be found most every day on 10 and 40 meters.

DX PORTFOLIO

Many DX stations handle their confirmations through *QSL managers*. One large group of amateurs does not, however. In the U.S.S.R., all cards go through the bureau at Box 88 in Moscow. Somehow, W3HNK has been suggested as being a QSL manager for some Soviet stations. Joe points out rather strongly that he is definitely *not* the QSL manager for *any* U.S.S.R. stations. A few Russian stations have been put in an uncomfortable position by these rumors, so by all means remember: Any and all QSLs destined for amateurs in the Soviet Union *must* be sent to Box 88, Moscow, U.S.S.R.

The job of being a QSL manager is a voluntary action, the job is without pay, yet requires considerable effort on the part of the manager. It isn't just a matter of courtesy to send a *self-addressed envelope* (s.a.e.) complete with return postage along with your QSL request — it is a necessity. Bill, W4YKH, writes that he has over 300 QSL requests from U.S. stations for his ZF2AP operation — all without s.a.e.s (self-addressed stamped envelopes). If any of these stations want a card for the October-November 1977 operation of ZF2AP, they should forward Bill an s.a.e. He also requests s.a.e.s from U.S. stations who wish cards for the October 1978 operation. His present call is ZF2BP.

Because of the lead time involved with publication of this column in *QST*, up-to-the-minute news really can't be reported here. Activity planned well in advance can and will be chronicled in "How's DX?" but by the time late-breaking bulletins appear in print, the DX is long gone.

There are several viable solutions to the problem. The first is to subscribe to one (or several) of the excellent *bulletins* covering the world of DX. Many of these are published weekly or semi-weekly, so their information is right up-to-date. Some of the more popular ones are listed in the table. There are other excellent newsletters, but they are either fully subscribed or are club membership bulletins.

Another prime source of DX news is your *local DX club*. Who would know more about activity than the

Table 1

DX Bulletins

DX News Sheet

Published by Geoff Watts
62 Belmont Rd.
Norwich, England NR7 0PU

DXPress

Published by Central Bureau VERON
Postbox 1166
6801 BD Arnhem, Netherlands
Annual fee: \$17

Long Island DX Bulletin

Published by Long Island DX Association (LIDXA)
P. O. Box 173
Huntington, NY 11743
Annual fee: \$10

Long Skip

Published by The Canadian DX Association
P. O. Box 717, Station "Q"
Toronto, ON Canada M4T 2N7
Annual fee: \$10

active hams in your neighborhood? Many clubs sponsor a 2-meter spotting net either on an fm simplex frequency or through their own repeater. Membership in a local DX club has a lot to offer. If your area has no club, why not start an informal group?

UPCOMING EXPEDITIONS

Albania — SM3VE and SM4CNN report that they have licenses and permission to operate. They are preparing to operate ZA5A during the last week of June and the first week of July. Look for them on all bands including OSCAR.

Aves Island — YV0AA hopes to be active in mid-April. A group including YV5ANA, YV5DFI, Y5IKRD and K1MM plan an all-out cw and ssh effort for about 10 days.

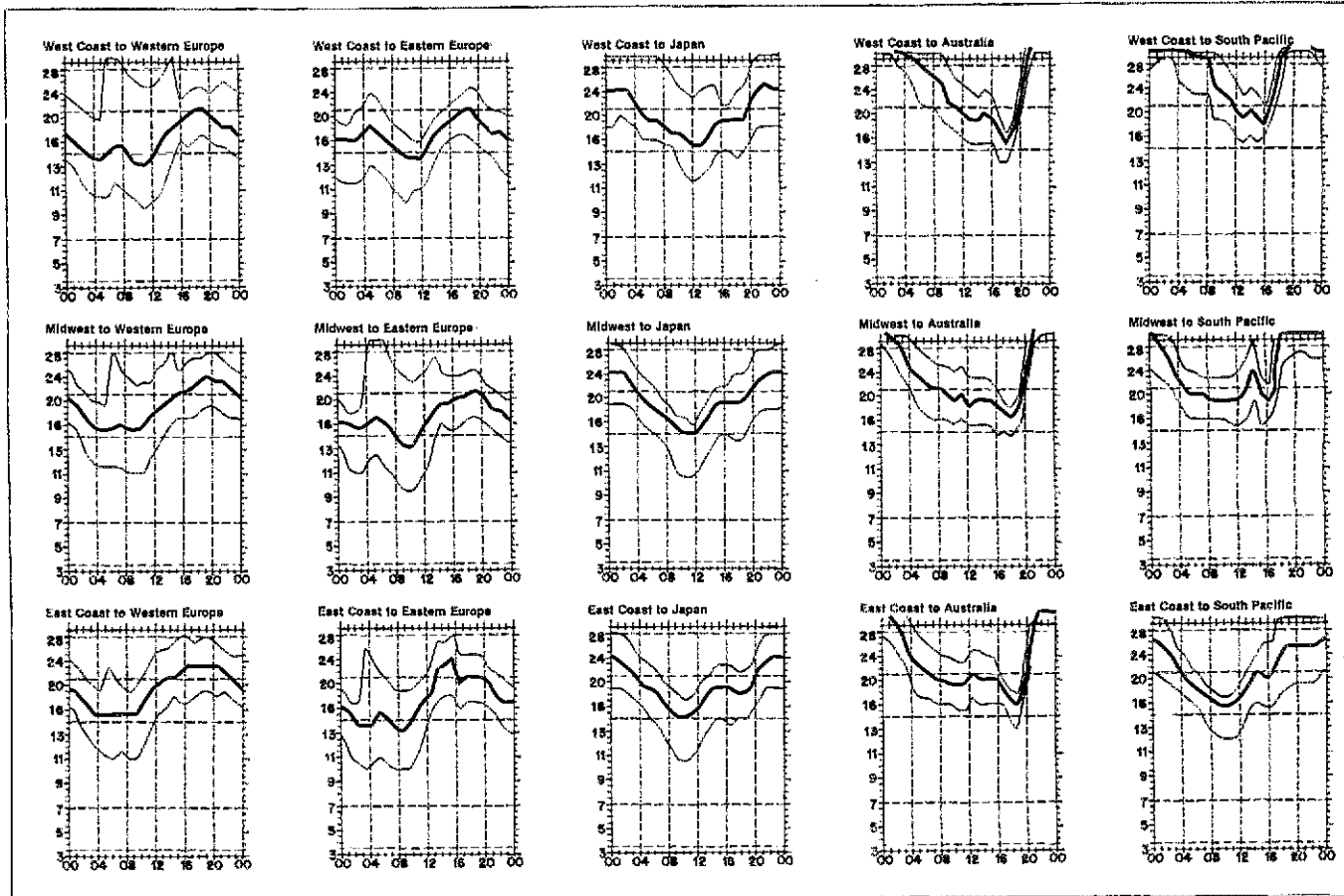
Burma — In his DX column *Radio*, UW3AX reports that SP5AUC will be active as XZ2P in the near future.

Sao Thome — D4CBS will be in Sao Thome for an extended visit beginning the last week in March.

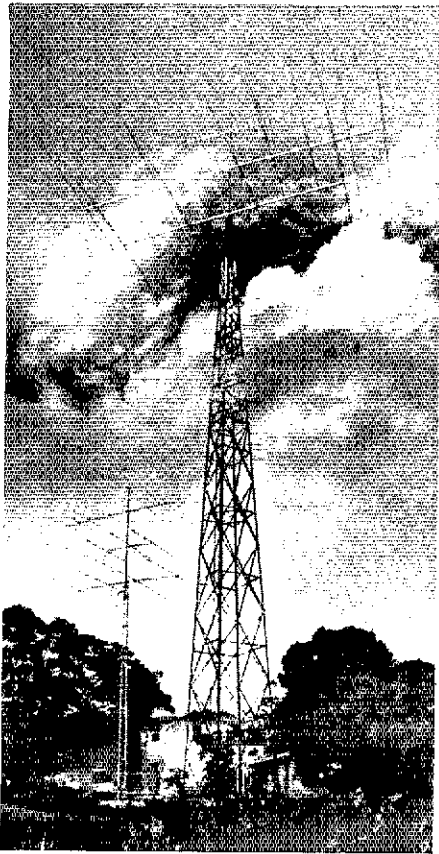
Although Angelo has a license and intends to take a rig, informal inquiries on the status of Amateur Radio in Sao Thome have gone unanswered.

Spratley Island — VK2BJL and ZL1ADI are coordinating a group which plans to depart from Brunel (VSS) on March 27 of this year. They hope to arrive on the 29th or 30th and operate for about seven days.

To prove that antennas can grow large anywhere in the world, 6Y5RS has installed his first-class installation near Kingston. Ruel's large tower is 105 feet tall, with four elements for 40 meters and six elements for 20 meters on top. The smaller tower supports four elements on 20 meters, a three-element 15- and 10-meter duobander and an 11-element 6-meter beam. And 6Y5RS plans yet another tower in the near future. (photo courtesy 6Y5RS and W4KFC)



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 Dave DeMaw, KA1BUQ

It is apparent that many amateurs are taking advantage of the savings provided by the ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service on a regular basis. Utilization of this "outgoing" bureau has grown dramatically since its inception in 1976. Approximately five tons of QSLs were distributed in 1978. This translates to 1,500,000 cards, an increase of 85 percent over 1977. It is expected that 1979 will reflect an even larger increase. Statistics for the first two months of 1979 show that almost 1-1/2 tons of QSLs were forwarded: 500,000 cards. Last month's column included an updated list of countries for which QSLs may be forwarded. Refer to it when submitting QSLs for overseas distribution.

Any ARRL member can use this service by adhering to these steps: (1) Pre-sort QSLs alphabetically by prefix (A4, AP, CE, F, HA, HI, JA, 3A2, etc.). (2) Enclose the address label from the brown wrapper of your current copy of QST. (3) Enclose \$1. (4) Enclose an s.a.s.c. with 15 cents postage for confirmation that your QSLs were received for distribution. The s.a.s.c. may be omitted only if you include a note stating that no confirmation is necessary.

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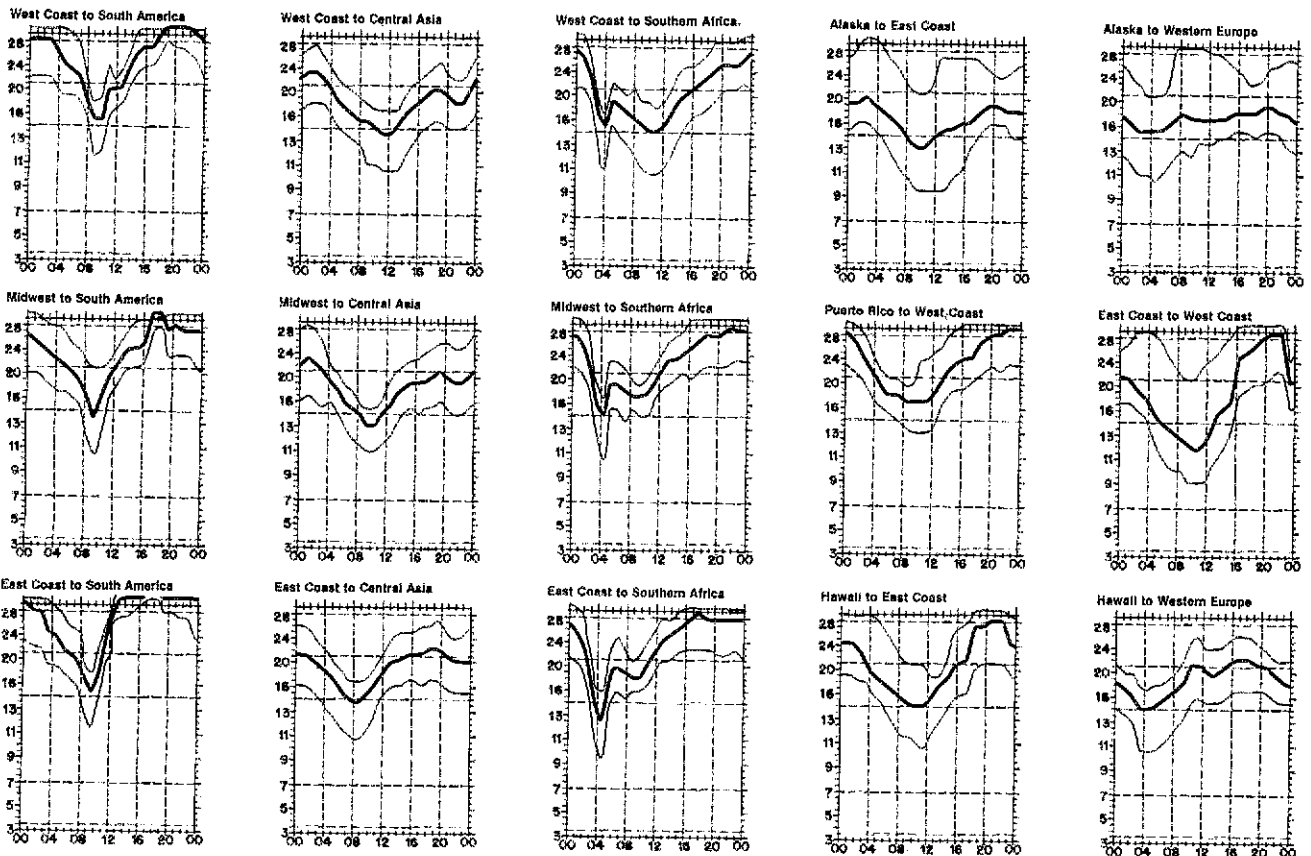
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 (D17QG)
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 EA6EU (W5BIF)
 EL2AV (N6FL)
 FR7BJ (WB9MFC)
 GJ5CIA (N6MA)
 HL9TB (W5TCX)

HL9TJ (K6VA)
 JY3ZH (DJ9ZB)
 KM6BI (W5RU)
 KP4KK (WA3HUP)
 P29JS (F6CY1)
 S8FXT (VE3DPB)
 TF3CW (K1RH)
 TR8AC (W5RU)
 TR8GDC (W5RU)
 VP2DAY (WA4DWN)
 VP2LGR (W5RU)
 VP2SE (WA1SQB)
 VP2SZ (WB8OBA)
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 4Z4RV 10/29/78-on
 (WA4WTG)
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 9I1CA (WA3NCP)
 9VITE (WA0TKJ)

DA2QE, Robert T. Chilcote, USAFBS Box 15, APO NY 09742
 OX3WS, P. O. Box 264, 3900 Godthaab, Greenland
 3D2BH, P. O. Box 735, Suva, Fiji
 9N1MM, c/o N7EB, 12802 Sun Valley Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351

Our thanks for the preceding QSL information go out to DL7QG, GU3MBS, JA3KWJ, K2IJL, K2TV, E5OA, N7EB, VE2QO, WA4DWN, WA4FLR, WB4RKN, WA4WTG and W9NIN.

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lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or fof). See January 1977 QST, page 58, September 1977 QST, page 35 and January 1979 QST, page 11, for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal 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 April 15 to May 15, 1979, assume a sunspot number of 135, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 178.

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, 10-country increments through 300, and in 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from November 1 through November 30, 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

W4FDA/300 N5AN/265 YU1DZ/227 P1J2R/221 H1TLA/214 NDZT/211 JF15Z/H/204 WB9NKH/201 W2SUE/173 W6RK/169 YU1KMN/160 K5AS/153	PJ2AA/153 W0JRN/153 K7BHM/150 N8QY/149 N2GCI/142 N6SA/137 WA6RPF/136 WA1UWX/126 DL4WD/125 OH2FO/125 W8CEF/125	K3LHD/124 WB9ZPU/124 WB4VJA/120 PY6AJG/118 WA3CED/115 A85PH/114 K2AJO/114 WA1CCG/114 WB9UKK/113 WB5WQG/112 4Z4OZ/112	DK6BU/111 WA3VJ/111 DK6JV/110 JA10AJ/110 JF1CCH/110 JF3RMY/110 W2WZ/110 WD4AWR/110 DM2AUJ/109 LZ2SC/109 W4WSZ/109	W6UR/109 WB6TJ/109 WB4ZGS/109 AO6V/108 JA8MHG/108 K6ODK/108 N2CM/108 W3FAF/108 WD4IKM/108 DK6US/107 W5SOD/107	FM7AV/106 LA4AT/106 PY2ZGF/106 W3BBU/106 W5VBX/106 J1DCW/105 N5NO/105 W1BWS/105 DF4QW/104 G4BYB/104 KH6RM/104	VE3BTG/104 WB4LPP/104 AA4EE/103 K5FNO/103 W3RO/103 W4VF/103 WB3FAF/103 WBBWSS/103 WD4GS/103 K6DQ/102 OH1PR/102	W2APD/102 WA2JDU/102 W2PGG/102 WB3FJZ/102 WB4RJQ/102 GM4EQY/101 Y2DKU/101 WA1DER/101 WA9SLU/101 WD0FDE/101 KB4BU/100	KD4M/100 N4EZ/100 P12LS/100 W1VW/100 W6SGU/100 WB1ANT/100 W8S0N/100 WB9MI/100 WD6ATC/100 WD9CUP/100 YU2HU/100
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Radiotelephone

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Endorsements

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N4RJ/280 K2TC/277 JA1JRK/259 K6JG/246	OZ3BW/224 OZ3Y/222 I3OBO/221	W4KN/216 JA2BP/204 K5UR/202	N8JW/184 N5JR/177 W6UY/175	K8WW/174 K6RL/166 VE3BX/166	WB6RSE/163 DL1EV/161 KH6HC/159	W2OB/156 DF4GV/151 W2MIG/145	OJ2AA/140 W4WXZ/140 WA5YMW/140	DL1BS/135 WA5YTX/128 W7FF/1121
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Corrections

January Listing. Accidentally left out. Mixed: W5EJT/338, W0BN/337, W3PVZ/325, K5OR/276, JRB6WC/240. Listing corrections. Should be mixed: W7MD/361, W4LBT/207. Phone: W1SEB/321 W0PGT should be W0PGI/351. K8KI should be W8KI/225. K8CFU/335 should be phone not mixed. K1RN should be K1RH, mixed 140, cw 136. WA2GCB should be WA2CBU/125 mixed.

YL News and Views

Conducted By Louise Moreau,* W3WRE



YLS and CW

A lot of women in Amateur Radio enjoy cw. Mae Burke, W3CUL, spends several hours a day at the key with traffic. Those BPLs in her shack mean more than just letters, for her major work load is pounding brass. She tells of times when all signals are so weak that a voice would be impossible to copy but even a whispering S-3 signal can be copied on cw.

Canada's Noreen Nimmons, VE3GOL, is another dedicated traffic YL found regularly in the National Traffic System. She has a fist that we all would love to have.

The gal who originated our "33," Clara Reger, W2RUF, made that distinctive signature ripple with a key before it was ever heard on voice nets. If we hunt her she can be found working high-speed code on 80 meters, or at a very slow speed helping newcomers to

gain confidence and build up their code toward a higher-level license. And Clara isn't the only YL doing this sort of work. Lillian Abbott, K8CKI, leaves the Buckeye Belle Net to work with the students in her Amateur Radio classes, then goes on the air to help them get that baptism of fire of the first contact.

For many of us it is fun to meet the challenge of learning another language and then pursuing it until we become fluent in it. And fluency is exactly the way we can describe Evelyn Headings' ability to enter code contests and win easily. For Evelyn, W7LLD, code just flows in her ear and comes out as words because it is just another language.

For the handicapped, code is often the only way it is possible to operate. For Kay Clark, VE3KAY and Mary Lou Stocksill, WB6SSZ, it is the only key to open the door to Amateur

Radio. Both these women are unable to see or hear. For Kay, the vibrations of cw through her fingers bring the world into her shack, while Mary Lou's ability to detect just one single note in the audio spectrum opened the way for her to be able to reach out and meet all of us.

For those of us who want DX contacts, often the only way to catch a rare country for YL-club-sponsored certificates is by cw: Not every DX gal is fluent in English, nor are we able to handle the many languages of the world. But through Q-symbols, the code and that identifying "33" we can pick out and most times log other women anywhere.

One of these days an aspiring Novice will find herself tuning across the band and she will say, "Oh, that's Jane, or Hulda, or Ursula. I'd know her fist anywhere."

THE BRYLA AWARD

The YLs of Brazil have offered a special new certificate for contacts with women from their country and DX stations. For those outside of Brazil, certified standard log information must be submitted for contacts with YLs from 12 countries on three continents, plus eight YLs from Brazil. All information must be sent to the custodian, Therezinha Cardoso, PT2TF, SON 102, Bloco E, Apto 604, Brasilia DF CEP 70.000 Brazil. The YLs in Brazil are making special times on their net to welcome checkins from other countries.

YLRL TAPE TOPICS

YLRL makes a special effort to insure that all blind Amateur Radio operators keep abreast with YLRL membership activities, by relaying information from "YL News and Views" and other parts of QST, as

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well as other news items concerning women in Amateur Radio through the Tape Topics activity of the club. These tapes are available for all sightless YL operators, whether they are members of the club or not. Information on this activity may be secured from the club tape librarians, either the Floridora YL club in the East or Raj Welch, K7NZO, in the West.

A similar activity is being carried out for the blind YLs in Canada by the Ontario Triliums.

ABOUT THE YL CONTESTS

The most frequent requests that "YL News and Views" receives concern all the YL contests. The gals all plead that those who are working make very certain of the calls, or check them in either a YL Directory or the *Callbook* before refusing to acknowledge. A great many women have been told "Sorry, OM, this is a YL contest only," all because the YL who is trying to call them is a gal with a deep voice. So please make sure that the call is feminine on the phone portions of the contests.

Also there is a tendency not to tune the receiver beyond the calling frequency; many good contacts are lost because of this.

Novices who are trying to enter many of these activities are sometimes not being considered. There is a special YLRL award for the top score in the Novice bands and the Novices who are tied there have asked that we check those bands and call. It would be a few more log points for us and a chance for the eager-to-join-us Novices to earn that award.

YL CONTEST CUSTODIAN REMINDER

The mailing dates for both the YL-OM, and for the DX YL to NA YL Contests in 1979 will be the new YLRL Vice President Margaret Williams, WA4FTJ. Please send all logs directly to her, not to ARRL or "YL News and Views." The forwarding of these logs, due to delay in mailing, may cancel the eligibility of the contestant. [QST-1]

50 Years Ago

April 1929

□ Ross Hull now turns attention to voice transmitters, and describes an elaborate setup to meet 1929 standards, complete with the desired 100% modulation. A UX250 modulates a 210, with a pair of 852s as a linear.

□ The Federal Radio Commission was created on a one-year basis, but Congress is now considering extending its life again, largely because there is still much work to be done in straightening out the regulatory climate.

□ In response to many member queries, Jim Lamb has built a powerful "hi-fi" complete with two turntables. J. R. Nelson of E. T. Cunningham adds considerable data on a.f. distortion in amplifiers.

□ President J. E. Smith of National Radio Institute details the hows and whys of "beats" — heterodynes, that is.

□ W4LD saved the price of an expensive antenna current meter by building his own version, the pointer

measuring the expansion of a wire heated by the current — a "hot wire" meter.

□ We've all noticed that some receiving antennas have an annoying resonance (usually at the wrong frequency) and W7ABN shows us some of the remedies.

□ With the new regulations there's a lot of interest in converting power to direct current, and R. J. Kryter tells us the good and bad points of various rectifiers.

□ Fellow named Shalkhauser from Peoria thinks the League is already old enough to start collecting historical items and records for future generations.

25 Years Ago

April 1954

□ Summer is inviting us to portable opportunities, and W1VLH has built a nifty 2-meter unit which sits on the folded roof of his convertible, parked on a Connecticut mountain (hill?), working real DX.

□ Lots of Novices have built the "35-watter" in an earlier QST, so W1CP shows them how a v.f.o. can

be added when they graduate to General Class.

□ Mentioning Class AB₁ amplification at a hamfest will bring a heated discussion; W1DF calmly outlines the good and bad points and describes a unit taking advantage of the good.

□ Chicago-area hams are enthusiastic about hidden transmitter hunts, and W9PYG shows us some of the techniques in use for direction-finding.

□ "W1OU" staggers the imagination with his proposal that receiver selectivity can best be obtained by a limiter circuit, thus separating phone signals by their strength rather than their frequency!

□ Any mainland contester has heard the powerful signal of KH6I; Katashi shares some of his 3-element beam secrets with QST readers.

□ The 1953 Simulated Emergency Test was tops in demonstrating the amateur's ability to serve when disaster strikes.

□ The popular S-40 receiver can be made much more effective on sideband if the modifications suggested by W3SGF are applied.

□ FCC has indicated agreement with the League's proposal to expand the 10- and 20-meter voice segments.

□ League membership has reached an all-time high — 60,000! — WTRW [QST-1]

The New Frontier

The World Above 1 Gig

Conducted By Bob Cooper Jr.,* W5KHT

Tapping a Tremendous Resource

An understanding of wave propagation or at least the DX possibilities offered by wavefront propagation is essential to proper utilization of our amateur assignments. Because we have been taught, for decades, that amateur (and commercial) microwave assignments are only suitable for "line of sight" communications, understandably amateur interest in the shf (super high frequency) bands has never materialized.

We are today in about the same state of development with amateur microwaves as we were with amateur vhf (5- and 2-1/2 meter) communications circa 1938; or amateur hf communications back in the mid-20s. Only unlike those two eras, when amateur equipment was the equal of so-called professional equipment, today commercial equipment is at or near its own "state of the art" in the gigahertz region. True, simplified amateur microwave equipment is yet to come for most of the bands above 1 GHz, but there is enough equipment around to make it possible for the avid amateur to create a station on virtually any of the bands between 1 and 20 GHz.

If anything is missing, it is simply the incentive to "try." In that regard let's talk about some of the telltale signs which dot the surface of the earth, suggesting to us that our amateur high-uhf and shf bands are a tremendous resource just waiting to be tapped.

The March column discussed the efforts of Australian amateurs to cross that large body of water along the South Australian seacoast known as "The Great Australian Bight," an area not unlike our own Gulf of Mexico in North America. Back in January 1978, a 1170-mile path at 2304.1 MHz was covered between VK6WG and VK5QR. This particular body of water is often overrun during the Australian summer by immense high (barometric) pressure areas which form out to the southwest of Australia in the southern regions of the Indian Ocean. Because of the regularity of such summer openings, a pair of 144-MHz beacons has been established at opposite ends of the Bight: VK6RPW (144.05) near Albany in western Australia and VK5VF (144.080) near Adelaide. Stations on both ends of the 1000-mile-plus circuit have learned to recognize the characteristics of the stable high-pressure areas which when combined with a long, straight (north by south) trough along the western Australia coast invariably provide ducting conditions.

This year's "summer season" began early — in November. VK6KZ, located in Perth and too far west and north to get into the "Bight tropo," has for three years running arranged his schedule to allow him to make one or two "field trips" across the 250 miles (400 km) to the vicinity of Albany. Many of these openings last 48 hours or more, providing sufficient time for VK6KZ to pack up a portable station and head into the ducting region.

This year it paid off handsomely. An open-

ing that began in the afternoon of December 28 was really into high gear by the 29th. Setting up at a location some 30 miles inland from the coast, near Walpole, VK6KZ first established 1100-mile-plus 144-MHz contacts with various VK5 stations around 1600 local time. At 1924 local time he switched to 432 ssb and made it two-way with VK5MC; a station located at Mt. Gambier. The two agreed to switch on up to 1296.3 MHz and at 1938 local time (1138 UTC) they exchanged 559 reports over a new 1296 terrestrial record path of 1308.1 miles. When VK6KZ switched to 1296.3, he heard not one but two separate signals: VK5KK (1180.7 miles) was also on frequency and Wal reports that just for an instant he thought he'd mis-switched to 80 meters!

VK6KZ went on to work VK5KK and also VK5RP; three 1180-mile-plus QSOs on 1296 in one evening is not a bad evening's work. The portable station at VK6KZ consists of between 1 and 2 watts of transmitter power from a 432 tripler, a 1-meter (3-foot) parabolic and a converter from Microwave Modules that has several stages of BFR-91 rf amplification in front of it. The VK5MC station utilizes the old 20-foot parabolic that used to be in service at VK3AKC for EME work, 40 watts of transmitter power, and a 1.5-dB noise figure front end using NEC1336 transistors. Antennas and power at VK5KK and VK5RP were similar to the VK6KZ portable configuration.

While the annual use of the "Bight" for extended amateur vhf, uhf and shf communications has become a regular feature of South Australia hamming, the first clue for it actually came from a professional study begun more than 11 years ago by a group known as the "Weapons Research Establishment." Setting up parallel 135-MHz and 1769-MHz "beacons" at Albany and Salisbury (a suburb of Adelaide), they monitored the 1000-mile-plus paths for six years. Their full report reads like a planning exercise for an amateur assault on world records: (1) 205 occurrences of 1-hour-or-less path openings at 135 MHz; (2) 49 occurrences of 1-hour-or-less path openings at 1769 MHz; (3) 70 occurrences of 15-hour (plus) path openings at 135 MHz; (4) 15 occurrences of 15-hour (plus) path openings at 1769 MHz.

These tests, conducted from September to May for six years, formed the basis for the current VK work across the "Bight." In other portions of the world, similar tests have been conducted indicating that long-haul surface ducting is not all that uncommon. In the absence of such professional testing, however, what is the basis for amateur attempts?

With the proliferation of vhf (and uhf) television broadcasting, observation of unusual propagation phenomena is available to virtually any amateur in the world. For example, along the northern coast of Australia television reception from Indonesian transmitters is so common that the Australian authorities are considering reassigning allocations in that region to escape the interference. To VK6s and

8s this suggests an opportunity to communicate on vhf, uhf and shf with YB/YC stations. In the Persian Gulf, along the Gulf of Aden and across the Arabian Gulf, there are similar situations involving "severe co-channel interference" between TV transmitters up to 1000 miles apart. This type of unusual propagation, manifesting itself as interference to commercial services operating in the vhf and uhf ranges (such as television), should be a "signal" to amateurs that the opportunity exists to communicate in the best of amateur tradition. Where else in the world do such conditions exist? You tell me and I'll pass it along through this column. Knowledge of where such conditions are found is the first step to encouraging amateur activity on the bands above 1 gig.

Mountaintopping — A Disadvantage?

For as long as amateurs have inhabited the world above 50 MHz we have accepted as gospel the thesis that the taller our vhf-uhf-shf antenna is above average terrain, the better our coverage will be. On the surface this bears out in practice. Certainly stations equipped with taller antennas or located on hills and mountains talk further under *normal* band conditions than those located at less elevated sites.

Westerners with access to mountain peaks for many years held most of the uhf and shf records for distance in Amateur Radio. They did it by hauling home stations to multi-thousand-foot peaks and coordinating uhf and shf contacts through 144 MHz or some other "lower" band.

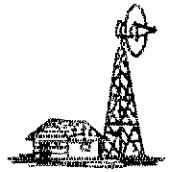
More recent experience in Europe, Australia and between Hawaii and California suggests that having one or both stations at an elevated site during "ducting" may be a mistake. While the most experience to date has been with overwater paths, there is some evidence suggesting that similar conditions may also exist for overland paths. The evidence suggests that if the path is overwater the strongest signals are apt to be just a few feet above the surface of the water; literally "right on the deck."

These super-refractive "surface ducts" are very fragile freaks of nature; the result of a stable high-pressure area and some measure of humidity stratification over a stable sea produces the uhf/shf signal "trapping" or "waveguide-duct" effect. Any turbulence in the lower atmosphere breaks off the duct abruptly. When such ducts approach land masses they run into shoreline wind patterns. In the daytime the airflow is from the sea toward land and it reverses as the sun goes down. Apparently if land mass convection currents are gentle enough the duct can be "lifted" gently and slowly above the land mass area and not break apart in the process. The presence of California signals only at levels of 7-8000 feet msl in Hawaii illustrates this phenomenon. On the California end, the jumbled landscape creates wind currents and cross currents which totally disrupt or break off the duct very close to the shoreline. □

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The World Above 50 MHz

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New Standings Boxes Policy and Format

The February column leads off with a call for ideas regarding the standings boxes. They contain some calls that have just always been there, even though the stations have not been heard from in the four years that I have been the conductor of "The World Above 50 MHz." With the greatly increased activity, particularly on 2 meters, a lot of valuable column space is consumed whenever that box appears. Many responses were received to that editorial; almost all strongly urged retention of the standings boxes. This certainly supported this conductor's conclusions as to their usefulness and popularity. Many, however, argued for changes — especially dropping those who do not submit information at some regular interval. Others agreed that some changes in content are needed.

While there is no underlying unanimity of opinion other than "keep the boxes," I have done the best I can to establish some new guidelines for the box custodian and those submitting information. These are as follows:

□ The standings boxes for 2 meters, 1-1/4 meter, 70 cm and 23 cm, as well as the EME Annals, will be continued; an attempt will be made to run each twice per year.

□ For all standings boxes, except that for 23 cm, the distance column will be dispensed with.

□ The state in which each U.S. station is located will be listed and EME capability indicated.

□ The call-area column will include: (1) the 10 continental U.S. call areas plus KL7 and KH6, (2) each VE and XE call area, and (3) all DXCC countries except the U.S., Canada, Mexico, KH6, KL7 and the U.N. building.

□ For the 23-cm standing, in which the

distance will be retained, it will be the terrestrial distance. DX achieved via EME will not be listed; however, the state, country, etc. will count.

□ In order to prevent the standings boxes from taking over the entire column as more stations pile up notable records, the number of stations listed in each call area will be limited to 25. Stations not heard from every two years will be dropped to make room for those who are currently active and desire to be listed. This does not mean that one must improve his total in order to remain listed. Just a simple statement that you are still active and desire to remain listed will be sufficient if you are still in the top 25 in your call area. In this connection, after the next appearance of each box, stations that have not been heard from in the four years that I have been the conductor of the column will be dropped unless they indicate that they wish to remain listed.

□ The minimum number of states needed to be included in the listing is not a hard and fast rule but can be deduced by examining the lowest ranking stations in each particular call area. Occasionally, I may decide to include a station with a lower total if its specific location appears to make it more difficult to work other states than is the case for other parts of the call area. This rationale has been used in the 5th call area to include stations from far west and south TX as well as NM.

For the appearance of the 2-meter standing this month, only the 25 per call area rule has been imposed. Please provide within the next few months the necessary information on VE and XE call areas and countries, EME capability, etc. Otherwise, the current number of call

areas will be assumed to be correct. Although it is not necessary, I would appreciate if updates be made on my special forms; an s.a.s.c. will bring three of them. In any case, please put box information on a separate sheet of paper rather than buried in a letter containing other information. Failure to do this is the most common cause of my neglecting to catch updates.

The Record Box

Appearing this month for the first time since January 1977 is the listing of terrestrial DX records. One factor holding up publication until now was a need to determine whether LU8DIN or LU5DJZ, both located in Mar del Plata, Argentina, had the southern end of the 2-meter record. It has been learned through YV5ZZ that LU5DJZ is a few miles to the south of LU8DIN and therefore it is he who shares the honors with KP4EOR. This should not detract from the fine accomplishment of LU8DIN.

There was also some consultation required with Australia and New Zealand, including confirmation of the recent VK capture of the 23-cm record.

It is with much regret that I am forced to delete 6 meters from the records. In recent months there have been so many contacts from northern Japan to Argentina that obviously surpass the old mark set by JA6FR and LU3EX in March 1956 that it is impossible to establish who the new record holders are. Doing so would be like trying to determine who has the DX record on 10 meters! If anyone can produce documentation demonstrating a new 6-meter record, I will be only too happy to include it the next time the record box appears.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — It's fair to say that February marked the "real" beginning of F2 DX for Cycle 21. True, there were a number of contacts made before that time, especially around last November 1, but they were extremely spotty and not shared in by many stations. Except for a very few exceptions, most work during that time was of the north-to-south type. This seems to be correlated better with earth's disturbed magnetic field rather than heightened 10.3-cm solar flux. For east-west paths, the reverse appears to be true. This is not exactly a new discovery but probably bears repeating. After a one-hour opening Saturday morning, January 27, to K4ERO/HCI, in which this conductor, and many others, finally caught up with the Ecuador station, February began with more and more reports of European TV reception. The French and British sound just above 41 MHz was in for hours at a time with very loud signals. In addition, the British video at 45 MHz was widely reported. Both sound and video from stations using two different European standards were heard by many at 48.25 MHz. Even the Russian Channel I video at 49.25 MHz was received by some,

including W6XJ. Incidentally, there apparently is a Channel I station in Vladivostok as the Australians note a very loud buzz on 49.75 when the band is open in the direction of Japan. This should make an excellent beacon when we in this country are looking for JA openings. During the week of February 6, many Eastern stations experienced reception of the Gibraltar beacon ZB2VHF on 50.035. When he heard it over S9 on the 6th, WB2RLK/VE1 called its proprietor ZB2BL on the phone only to learn from his XYL that Jimmy was at work. Life on vhf does have its frustrations! A few days later G3COJ and GM8FFX, vhf editor for the RSCIB publication *Radio Communications*, both called this conductor's answering machine to report reception at 1338 UTC February 8 by G3COJ of the 50-MHz signals from WB2RLK/VE1. The next day at about the same time, it happened — the first transatlantic 6 to 10 crossband contact of Cycle 21, when WB2RLK/VE1 hooked up with G3COJ. The following day, Saturday, February 11, W2IDZ also worked G3COJ while WB8IWI/4, SC, completed a 6 to 10 exchange with G3FXB. It was also reported that SM6PU heard WB8IWI/4 as well as WB4OSN in south FL and G3OHH is understood to have heard GW3NJV/W9. That same morning produced some excellent backscatter to the east with WB8IWI/4 hitting S9 here at W3XO. Other stations that were worked or heard at this time included WA4GPM, VA; WB4JGG, TN; WB4NXY/2, NJ; WB3ANT, PA and VE2DFO. The noon hours brought WB2RLK/VE1 a

contact with WA7RTA, OR, as well as several 6s. Then at 2130 this conductor heard the faint signals of AL7C in Anchorage, AK, the first KL7 that this conductor has heard on 6 in 20 years. W3ILG and XYL, WB3FUR, were even more fortunate. At 2121 UTC, they both worked AL7C and his XYL, KL7HMH, from their QTH of Williamsport, PA, just 150 miles north of here. Signals for them were S9. A little later, at 2145 UTC, WB4OSN, W4WD and WD4IYS, all of south FL, worked KL7DJ, Fairbanks, with signals about 5 x 5.

The following day, Sunday, February 11, brought a raft of West Coast contacts for Northeast stations but nothing for us here in the Mid-Atlantic states. Later, at about 0240 UTC on the 12th, AL7C called K5ZMS on the phone to report a massive opening to JA in progress. At said that the band was literally loaded with hundreds of JAs. WA8TTS informs me that the next morning the Eastern part of the country was treated to an opening to Panama, enabling many stations to work KZ5NW. From upstate NY, WA2TPU, newly on 6 meters, ran into some beginner's luck to work not only KZ5NW, as many others did, but also HP2VK and YS2CS. For the Midwest it was Puerto Rico, with K0WM and W0PUF, Rapid City, SD, both completing contacts with KP4AAN about 1540 UTC. Prior to that, at 1500 UTC, K0WM heard the 6Y3RC beacon on 50.025. During the same period, K5SW, OK, reports no luck on forward F2 but Sam was able to work several KP4s on backscatter with all beams

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cast. Perhaps the best way to summarize conditions that time is to cite the results of WB2RLK/VE1. For the first 13 days in February Bob had worked: 44 6s, 25 7s, one VE7 plus two 5s, HK4KL (fm), XE1GE and KZ3NW.

Several crossband contacts were made on the 14th but on the 15th things erupted with a 2-hour opening to Europe. G3AYC worked WB2RLK/VE1 for the second day in a row; then G3FXB took over the action as Bryan had to go back to work. Al proceeded to contact WB2RLK/VE1, K1IKN, W3XO, K3HIV, K2EGH, WA3DMF, W2EIF, N2ASC (15 watts) and WB2HC to name just the few that I heard him come back to. Also overheard was DJ2RE working W2AXU, W2EIF and VE1AM, and G3BA completing exchanges with WB2RLK/VE1 and W3HIV. Also in on the fun was G4CBW. Tony worked this conductor and several other stations. Most of the Europeans are now transmitting around 28.450 MHz in order to avoid the QRM above 28.500. This represents a change from the frequency of 28.700 recommended in this column several months ago. In the afternoon of that day WA8OGS, OH, worked KH6NS, EQ1 and IAA between 1940 and 2050 UTC. Joe said that the KH6s hooked up with a number of stations in the 4, 8, 9 and 0 call areas on that occasion. The opening was preceded by strong backscatter from MN stations.

From the West come numerous reports of other KH6 openings. W7KPS, Seattle, tells of such sessions January 24 and 28 as well as February 4. The latter also included K6G and JA. The February 4 opening was also reported by N0LL, KS. Larry and several others, including W7JF, M1, who completed 50-MHz WAS as a result, worked KH6IAA on that occasion.

As if the foregoing E2 fireworks were not enough, some very good Es sessions took place during late January. K7ICW, NV, reports openings of both the single- and double-hop variety. This is echoed by K3LTV, Pittsburgh, who notes working four Phoenix area stations including W7KMA, Tom's son and WB7TOV, his daughter-in-law. On Saturday evening (February 12 UTC) KASCB, NM, reports an Es opening to the south. Ed worked XE1HIS who had never before heard a signal on 6 meters.

The January SMIRK Newsletter, which is chock-full of 6-meter information, includes the news that this worthy 6-meter promotional organization now numbers more than 3000 members. Incidentally, anyone who is a SMIRK member and does not have one (or more) s.a.s.c. on file with K5ZMS is missing a lot in not receiving the Newsletter. A current SMIRK project is the raising of funds to purchase a used 6-meter transceiver for Joan Christian, YR6TC, Pitcairn Island. That's a hot part of the world for radio propagation, and Tom is bound to be able to work a lot, including many U.S. stations. A rig has been located that can be made available if SMIRK can raise sufficient funds.

2 Meters — This past winter produced more than the usual amount of Es on the 2-meter band. One normally associates the winter Es season only with 6 meters, but this year a number of contacts were made on 2. January 28 seems to have been the most productive day. K7ICW, Lost Wages, reports a QSO with K5BMG, IA, during a very strong 6-meter opening. Apparently on the same opening, W5FF and K5EFW, Albuquerque, worked W5JTL, MS, and WA4COG, AL, all with good signals. W5UWB, Kingsville, in south TX was caught with rig and antennas down, having just moved. But when John saw the wiggles on TV he sprang into action. Hastily erecting a single Yagi, and running only 10 watts from his 1S-710, nevertheless he managed contacts with W0VHQ, MN, and WA7FPO, AZ. Two days before from 1230 UTC until 0315 UTC, N0LL, Smith Center, KS, worked Los Angeles area stations KA6CQM and WA6RSA and heard several others. On both occasions 6 meters was very active.

The piece on m.s. procedure in the December column evoked quite a few comments both for and against. WA4YS and W4SS were very emphatic in their opposition to changing the current (S2, S3, etc.) reporting system to one of using state or province. On the other hand, K7KOT says that he has tried the proposed procedure on a number of schedules and found it to be quite useful. Steve notes that others in the West are also using the exchange proposed by the Central States VHF Society Meteor Scatter Committee. Whether or not "a change" is made in the m.s. reporting is not up to this conductor, or even the Central States Meteor Scatter Committee no matter how eminent they may be. This group has merely made a suggestion in an attempt to allay a degree of confusion which exists with the currently accepted system. The only part this column has in this is to provide exposure for their proposal. Whether it becomes a new standard or not depends on the individuals running the m.s. schedules. The system used on any particular schedule is,

2-M Standings

Figures are states (or WAS number), call areas and best DX in miles. WAS

K0MOS	1 12	8008	WA3USC	34 8	1150	W6PO	32 10	8000	WA9EUA	35 8	881
K5CMC	2 12	4600	K3AP	33 10	2500	WB6NMT	23 7	6100	W9VWY	34 8	1052
N6JA	3 12	4607	W3OMY	33 8	1200	K6OEH	21 10	5500	W9PBP	34 8	820
K9HMB	4 12	9894	W3BDP	32 8	1275	W6GDO	18 5	1326	WB9QBU	31	—
K1WHS	5 12	10749	WA3UFW	31 8	1280	W6W5G	16 4	1390	W9NLP	30 10	1200
WA4AMV1	6 12	12000	AE3T	31 8	1265	K6HAA	13 4	2580	WB9DJ	29 8	1000
K5JL	7 12	4600	W3WI	28 8	1200	K6JYO	13 4	1240	W9PTV	28 9	1200
K1FO	43 11	5015	W3LNA	27 8	970	WA6JRA	11 5	2591	K9RVP	27 7	1100
K1MNS	42 11	5089	K3CFA	25 8	1200	K6HMS	11 4	1258	W0LER	46 10	1620
W1JR	41 10	2674	W3ZD	24 8	1350	N6CA	3 3	1275	W0SD	45 10	1312
K1HTV	38 9	2616	WA3JUF	22 8	1350	N6TX	7 4	5500	W0EMS	44 10	1320
WA1JXN	36 10	6919	WA3KPS	22 8	1200	K6GAD	6 5	2500	K0DAS	44 9	1260
K1BKX	37 10	3604	W3TFA	21 8	1342	K7CAD6	6 2	—	K0CJ	43 9	1450
WA1OUB	36 8	1525	WA3DMF	21 8	1140	K7NII	41 12	8490	W0RRY	43 9	1265
W1FZA	35 10	2750	K3OBU	21 7	930	WA7KYZ	30 10	6000	W0RLI	42 9	1345
W1XJ	35 8	1478	WA4GPM	47 10	4200	WA7BJU	30 10	2600	W0VB	41 9	1606
K1PXE	35 8	1400	K4GL	46 11	4650	W7CJ	31 9	2200	W0DGY	41 9	1300
W1AZK	34 8	1412	K4PKV	44 10	2287	W7JF	29 9	1320	W0RWH	40 10	1422
W1JSM	33 8	1440	WA4COG	43 8	1350	W7VEW	24 7	1300	W0TG	37 10	1446
W1YTW	33 8	1430	WB4EKW	41 11	2774	WA7BBM	21 7	2175	W0CHU	37 9	1203
K1UGO	30 8	1370	K4IXC	40 10	4850	K7CVT	20 5	1325	W0WUQ	36 9	1369
K1GVM	29 8	1364	W4HJO	40 10	2000	K7ICW	19 4	1278	W0PW	35 9	1380
W1VTU	29 8	1296	W4DFK	39 11	12000	K7QXA	13 4	1259	W0ENC	35 9	1360
WA4MMP1	28 8	1345	W4HHK	38 9	1280	W8WN	47 10	10500	W0PN	35 9	1187
W1AAI	28 7	—	WD4GXN	37 8	1255	W8IDU	45 11	4500	W0BWFY	35 8	1254
W1FJH	27 8	1300	WB4NMA	37 8	—	K8AT	45 10	10100	W0BZU	33 9	—
K1MTJ	26 7	1250	K4QIF	36 8	1225	WA8HTL	40 9	1300	K8TLM	29 9	1230
W1HDQ	24 7	1040	W4VHH	36 8	1125	K8AXU	38 8	1275	W0VHO	29 7	—
K1RUJ	22 7	1450	W4WD	35 8	3727	K8KJN	38	1152	K8SE	28 9	1177
K2RTH	44 11	11000	W4ZD	35 8	1440	W8IDT	36 8	1150	W0BVC	28 8	1181
W2AZL	41 10	3770	WA4FBH	35 8	1265	K8HWW	36 8	1100	W0DRL	27 9	1295
N2MB	39 11	10000	W4MKJ	34 9	1289	W8YIO	36 8	1100	W0BUT	24 8	1312
W2CUX	38 8	1334	K4KAE	34 8	1210	K8DEO	35 8	1200	KH6NS	3 2	6000
W2CXY	37 8	1360	W4FJ	34 8	1150	K3WVK	35 8	1100	KAYNB/KL7	15 11	2800
W2QRI	37 8	1320	K1FJM/4	33 8	1187	K8IE	34 8	1100	WA0LPK	14 6	3524
W2NLY	37 8	1300	W4ISS	33 8	390	W8BIGH	33 8	1125	KL7	14 6	3524
W2BLV	37 8	1150	WA4JUW	33	—	W8NOY	31 8	1165	VF1ASJ	18 6	—
WB2WIK	35 8	1650	K0RH4	32 8	1475	WB8NLC	31 8	1010	VE1ZN	7 2	500
WA2FGK	33 8	1340	W4LNG	32 8	1330	WB8FEZ	30 8	840	VE2DFO	41 10	10600
K2OVS	33 8	1250	WD4MUO	30 8	1300	W8ALLY	28 8	820	VE2YU	32 8	1300
W2CRS	30 8	1230	WB5LJA	48 12	3797	W8TIU	24 8	1000	VE2HW	18 6	840
WA2PMW	29 8	1245	K5MB	46 10	4500	W8KBC	24 7	900	VE3AGO	38 9	2140
W2FVW	29 8	1232	K5BMG	46 10	4100	K8ZES	22 8	675	VE3BON	37 8	1250
K2CEH	29 8	1200	W5FF	44 10	5209	WA9NOT	49 12	9909	VE3FN	37 8	1300
WB2CUT	29 8	1200	K5FF	43 10	5209	K9CA	46 10	1888	VE3DSS	37 8	1203
WB4NXY2	29 8	1170	K5SW	43 10	1490	W9YF	45 10	4500	VE3EJC	33 8	1293
WB2VWV	28 8	1350	W5UGO	43 10	1398	K9UIF	45 10	1874	VE3AIB	29 8	1340
W2JLZ	27 8	1310	K5MWH	42 10	1609	W9UD	42 9	1600	VE3EVW	29 8	1100
W2CNS	27 8	1150	W5RCI	42 9	1289	K9SGD	42 9	1300	VE3EMS	27 8	1100
K2BWR	27 7	1350	K5WZK	40 10	1450	K9CT	42 9	1100	VE3FKX	27 7	1070
K2DNR	27 7	1200	W5JTL	39 10	1500	W9AAG	41 9	1200	VE3AOG	16 8	1300
WA2PVV	25 8	1275	W5HFV	38 10	1285	K9AAJ	41 9	1200	VE4MA	7 3	—
WB2TCC	25 8	1250	W5HNN	37 10	1500	WB9CAS	41 9	—	VF7RQH	12 3	7900
WB2SIH	25 6	1090	W5SWV	34 8	1260	W9VI	41 9	1156	SM7BAE	16 9	11055
AB3D	40 10	2488	K5VWV	33 10	5200	N9SS	41 9	1010	W1NUJVP9	9 3	800
W3TMZ	37 9	2410	WA5HNNK	33 10	1540	W8AAHJ	41	—	YK5MC	37 7	10000
K3CCQ	37 8	1375	W5UKQ	33 9	1290	K3UNM	38 8	1046	SM6CKU	5 4	4200
K3CFY	37 8	1250	W5UWB	30 8	1857	K3XY	37 9	1350	YK3ATN	4 4	10417
W3XO	37 8	1190	WB5BKV	29 9	1407	W9BRN	36 9	1260	ZL1AZH	2 2	11055
K3WHC	37 8	1006	K5PTK	29 9	1350	W5IXD	25 6	1265			
W3RUE	36 8	1250	W5SXD	25 6	1265	WA5IBE	24	—			

Terrestrial Two-Way Records

Band, stations, distance in miles (km), date

2 meters	KP4EOR-LU5DJZ	3934 (6331)	2/12/78
1-1/4 meters	W6NLZ-KH6UK	2591 (4170)	6/22/59
70 cm	VK6XY-VK3ZQV	1611 (2593)	2/22/78
23 cm	VK6KZ6-VK5MC	1310 (2109)	1/29/78
13 cm	VK6WG-VK5QR	1170 (1882)	1/17/78
9 cm	ZL2THW/p-ZL2TSM/p	278 (447)	2/2/75
5 cm	W6IFE6-K6H1J/6	214 (344)	6/18/70
3 cm	G4BRS-GM3OXX	324 (521)	8/14/76
1.25 cm	G3BNL-G3EEZ	96 (155)	9/14/75

after all, up to those conducting it. There is no real need for a universal standard as long as the two involved are aware of what they are supposed to be doing and sufficient information is exchanged to constitute a valid contact. Where the problem arises is on CQs. In this case, the proposed new system would appear to have much to recommend it.

Speaking of m.s., one proponent of the mode is W5JTL, MS. George notes that he has worked 18 states via the meteor route and has 39 in all. What is particularly noteworthy is that he has never run more than 150 watts. W5JTL's record should provide inspiration for those who think they can't work DX on 2 meters because they don't have a kW.

Another myth that has fallen goes something like this: "A station running a four Yagi array on EME can only work stations with larger antennas." K4PKV and WB6ESQ have disproved that one. Both are using quad arrays of 16-element F9ETs and managed a contact with good signals both ways during a recent

period of positive moon declination. The moral of this should be clear.

It being summer in that part of the world, the VKs and ZLs have been having great fun spanning the 1200 miles across the Tasman Sea via tropo. All sorts of contacts were made during the first half of January. Most were on fm, as might be expected, with equipment ranging all the way down to 10-watt rigs with whips. The conditions prevailed for a number of days but did vary. During times when the path, although open, but was not at its best, sdb was the mode that got through. This, of course, comes as no surprise to most of us. It is even reported that on January 5, VK2BQJ had a 1-1/2-hour QSO with ZL1TAB on 70 cm. This is the first out-of-Australia contact ever made on that band except via EME.

Thanks go to Eric Jamieson, VK5LP, vhf editor of the Australian magazine *Amateur Radio* for providing this fascinating peek at the vhf world down under.

Club Notes

Don't just consider films and famed speakers for good club programs. Douglas Co. ARC (KS) toured the Lawrence TRW Crescent Wire and Cable Co. Does that give you an idea of a slightly ham-related business in your area to visit? Or look within. "The Great Debate," put on by Greater Fairfield ARA (CT), covers topics such as "Resolved: That Linear Amplifiers Be Banned!" Members take pro and con positions to entertain, enlighten and enliven meetings. How about choosing a subject in advance, such as cw techniques, and have each member bring in articles, questions, personal stories and collected data for a round table, as Cimarron Valley ARA (KS) does. Try that old favorite used at business seminars as did PHD ARA (MO). Pair off members to ask each other questions about themselves. Every person then takes five minutes to introduce someone with interesting tidbits on latest operating activities, equipment, tale of Murphy woe (lost DX, lost antennas, lost contests), or how they got interested in Amateur Radio. They may

even be nonham related; RC of Tacoma (WA) ran a hotcake contest between members.

Membership escalators to think over: Lincoln ARC (NE) purchased a club gin pole for members to borrow. When dues are paid to ARC of El Cajon (CA) treasurer, members are automatically entered in a raffle. Atlanta RC (GA) door prizes sometimes consist of club shirts. For pulling in and keeping younger members, St. Paul RC (MN) offers the use of the club post office box to receive new hams' QSLs. The *Callbook* doesn't have their addresses yet to refer people to, and with slow cw, a short address is coveted. Get new hams involved in club responsibilities, such as, official club-station QSLer, roll caller, etc.

Kudos to Atlanta RC (GA) members who are considering the repairing of used/damaged hearing aids to give to the underprivileged, and to Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse (NY) who donate a set of ARRL publications to area libraries in memory of Silent Key members. — *Rosalie White, WA1STO*



Hampden Co. RA (MA) asked computer companies to display their wares at a meeting. WB1CJH (I) is president. Another twist is to get the local computer club and your club on a joint venture for Field Day — computer logging, etc. (K1ZQB photo)

Silent Keys

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

K1CA, Walter J. Swenson, Strafford, NH
 W1HPA, Frank J. Cholod, Pittsfield, MA
 W1IOI, Frank J. Lavender, Fairfield, CT
 W1JCX, Herbert E. Cole, Scituate, MA
 W1LON, Charles W. Knight, Springfield, MA
 W1SDA, Clifford M. Waltman, Westbrook, ME
 K2EHP, Robert J. Vane, Uniondale, NY
 W2INS, Charles K. Hoffman, Centereach, NY
 WA2JZU, Charles G. Kretschmar, Pompton Plains, NJ
 W2KSS, Silvio Kieser, Park Ridge, NJ
 WA2LYT, Harry Weinberg, Bayville, NJ
 W2NIW, Anthony Alfano, Port St. Lucie, FL
 W2OE, Walter B. Russell, Northville, NY
 W2OK, George Linzer, Whiting, NJ
 WA2PWZ, Harlan V. Smith, Newark, NJ
 W2TZP, Samuel D. Van Kirk, Phelps, NY
 WB3AIL, Ronald B. Ashman, Freeland, PA
 W3EGA, Richard K. Lyons, Coatesville, PA
 W3EOZ, Thomas A. Consalvi, Ardmore, PA
 WB3EPM/WA2CIK, Ralph E. Parsons, Rydal, PA
 W3HJI, William M. Reilly, Madera, PA
 WB3IWO, Melvin Leonard, Jr., Middletown, PA
 K3MMB, Donald A. Bender, State College, PA
 K3SNZ, Vincent C. Braxton, Philadelphia, PA
 WA3VJC, Marc B. Raker, Philadelphia, PA
 W4AQ, Philip L. Bascome, Tampa, FL
 ex-K4DLE, Earnest B. Ezelle, East Point, GA
 R4JBW, Gilbert L. Rossiter, New Port Richey, FL
 W4NUW, George F. Zaizour, Chattanooga, TN
 WD4OAC, Fred W. Boughton, Daytona Beach, FL
 WB4RHL, John W. Fargis, Reidsville, NC
 WB4THY, James D. Robinson, Birmingham, AL

WA4UQP, Ralph J. Williams, Selma, AL
 W5AHA, Joe Phillips, Starkville, MS
 W5AK, John V. Durant, Albuquerque, NM
 W5JY, John G. Tittle, Pasadena, TX
 K5MUI, John H. C. Ward, Loranger, LA
 WB5OIT, Gene A. Wallace, Boyd, TX
 W5QZG, Bruno J. Reich, Houston, TX
 W5ROT, Lester U. King, Corning, AK
 W6ASC, Wayne C. Wallace, Hemet, CA
 W6BXP, Cecil A. Amberson, Upland, CA
 WA6DXM, Edward Y. Cuffe, Hemet, CA
 W6GWD, Orville L. Dewey, Bragg, CA
 W6HMI, William C. Bremigan, Santa Barbara, CA
 W6HJR, Robert N. Pelton, Montebello, CA
 WA6IWG, Elsworth O. Musser, Concord, CA
 K6IWW, Mae Coltin, El Monte, CA
 WA6KRQ, David F. Gross, Thousand Oaks, CA
 W6LM, G. S. "Sam" Corpe, Wrightwood, CA
 WB6MID, Albert A. Touchette, Redwood Valley, CA
 WA6RST, Truett A. Greener, Covina, CA
 WB6RUO, Lawrence R. Youngman, Montecito, CA
 WB6SEH, Vern G. Strachan, Fullerton, CA
 WA6JIM, Walter J. Clayton, San Diego, CA
 K6UIB, Isaac H. Moore, Pomona, CA
 W7DX, David R. Brush, Bellevue, WA
 K7IRY, Jack L. Drinkall, Nampa, FL
 W7JIN, Jerrold H. Hohl, Bellingham, WA
 WB7OIK, Jack W. Nielsen, Cornville, AZ
 W7RVS, Robert H. Ingalls, Tucson, AZ
 WB7TCS, Erika F. McGivney, Tacoma, WA
 WB7THW, Don W. Puckett, Portland, OR
 WB8BS, Robert R. Richards, Stockport, OH
 W8CFQ, Arlington B. Corey, Grandville, MI

WB8DRW, Kathleen V. Jones, South Charleston, WV
 W8DYB, Charles L. Burgess, Wheeling, WV
 W8EOO, Wasco Kulonbonish, Bridgeport, OH
 W8FTW/DA2EB, Michael Zurich, Detroit, MI
 W8FYO, Joseph A. Hills, Dayton, OH
 WD8IVT, Thomas B. Mosher, Brighton, MI
 WD8IGJ, Dr. William S. Bowden, Marine City, MI
 W8RMBH, Thomas K. Decker, Marietta, OH
 W8NGY, Alfred Foley, Cleveland, OH
 WD8NSW, Jack W. Wiseley, Jr., Whitmore Lake, MI
 W8ODV, John P. Quitter, North Olmsted, OH
 K8OKZ, Der O. Hokanson, Grand Ledge, MI
 WB9QL, Wallace P. Beck, Lansing, MI
 WD8SCW, Frank W. Moses, Glasgow, WV
 K8YQL, Robert J. Bennett, Lakewood, OH
 W9BGQ, Clemente Carducci, Chicago Heights, IL
 W9OR, Albert F. Marthens, Evanston, IL
 W9SQM, Carl E. Jacobson, Cochrane, WI
 WB9YTN, Wayne L. Perryman, Springfield, IL
 K0HNT, Hugo E. Carter, Wood River, NE
 W0TCH, Francis L. Schiel, West Branch, IA
 W0VSK, Roy S. Lund, Valley City, ND
 ex-W0VWF, Claude Borrett, Des Moines, IA
 ex-VE1CF, Capt. Edward T. Terry, Parrsboro, NS
 VE7CDK, C. Kevin Doyle, Peachland, BC
 VE7MP, Paul McAnay, Vancouver, BC
 DL1CN, Curt Braune, Kiel, Germany
 G5RH, Denis Q. Aldridge, Somerset, London
 TF3AP, Asgeir Petursson, Reykjavik, Iceland
 TF3AW, Olafur Axelsson, Reykjavik, Iceland
 SM6NY, Gosta Nystrom, Goteborg, Sweden

Strays

KIDS' NET ON 15 METERS

☐ An International Kids' Net meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 1900 UTC on 21.175 MHz. Please send an S.A.S.C. (U.S. postage) to Nick Kasoff, WD8PRT, 470 Polecat Rd., Yellow Springs, OH 45387.

TIN MAN HAS A HEART — AND SOUL!

☐ Look out, R2D2! Move over, C3PO! Make way for Gustoffer R. Ghost, Jr.

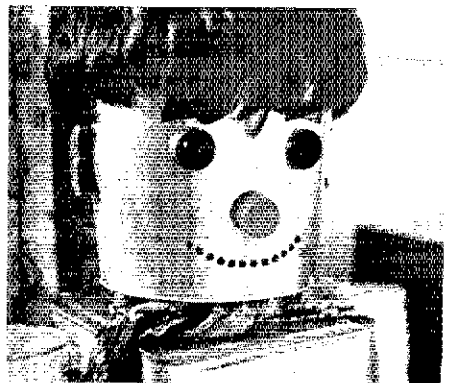
Gus is a real Rube Goldberg creation, says his

creator Austin J. Rudnicki, K6IA, a self-proclaimed "digitalogicalgerdemaniac," who assembled the can man from scrap parts, mostly courtesy of the U.S. Navy.

Gus's head is a tin paint pail and his mouth is a row of LEDs. His ears are typewriter ribbon spools. Two spray can tops are his eye sockets, which house green pilot lights. A complicated, computerized midsection enables Gus to function.

As master of ceremonies, Gus assisted the Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club with the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong initiation rites at the 1978 ARRL National convention. Later in the year, Gus put in an appearance at the SBARC Christmas dinner, during which he played the part of the general agent in charge of the "Federal Contusion Commission."

Gus does not like to be called a robot, which is a mindless machine with no soul. Indeed, he seems to have a mind of his own. When not appearing at Amateur Radio functions or entertaining the children on Halloween, he resides by the television and dreams grand can dreams. — *Michele Bartlett, NIAGD*



Gus — a mechanical marvel.

Public Service

Conducted By Robert J. Halprin,* K1XA

Honor Thy Roll

When the Public Service Honor Roll was first started, it was, as WINJM indicated in January 1970 *QST*, "... intended to supplement the traditional BPL and take into account the many public service functions of amateurs that are not involved in the 'pieces of paper' handling of record messages." But even with the various alterations to PSHR since then, it still seemed to appeal mainly to the formal traffic handler while leaving other dedicated public-service-oriented amateurs out in the cold. PSHR should encourage, stimulate and reward versatile public service communications. The revised PSHR, which goes into effect with June 1979 station activity reports, comes a lot closer to accomplishing this goal. See Table 1.

This version of PSHR is similar to ideas presented in this section in October 1975, by the then-conductor WAJFCM, in a column called "Speaking of an Honor Roll." And that column incorporated all sorts of suggestions from amateurs interested in seeing PSHR improve or be nearer the 'state of the art.' What happened since then? In 1976 a poll was taken of the Communications Department field organization, approximately 5000 strong, about what they thought of a revised PSHR. What followed could have been predicted. Those who bothered to vote, a very small percentage, came out like night riders in the old South. The result? The status was quo. Until now.

Many of the same ideas were presented in the Winter 1978 *CD Bulletin* for comment. This time, the response was overwhelmingly positive. So, with that in mind, the proposals were transformed into a program. ARRL section communications managers were notified in early February (a few weeks before this is being written) of the modifications. It may cause some initial uncertainty but we hope amateurs will soon become comfortable working within the new guidelines. And the best part is that qualifiers will be eligible for certificates; the amateur must qualify for PSHR 12 consecutive months or 18 out of 24. The minimum monthly point total will be 60; Novices and Technicians qualify with 40. Your call sign must appear in the *QST* list, so please report your activities to your SCM on a timely basis. Late reports don't count — they'll be unlisted numbers.

Let's take a look at the categories, past and present, for a moment. The first five categories are essentially the same, except QNI credits have been increased. Why? That's to recognize the net regulars, who form the backbone of traffic/emergency or weather nets, etc. But why continue to separate cw from phone/RTTY? To encourage versatility, one of the reasons that PSHR exists.

The phone patch category is being deleted. Why? Whether we like it or not, these days many patches are run for totally unessential or even a bit shady purposes. FCC has taken a dim view of much of this patchwork. 'Nuff said? But any emergency message handled by an amateur, be it a phone patch or an auto-

patch, or informal, or formal, in the nude, or whatever, is rewarded in category seven. But please note: This has to be bona fide emergency traffic — communications directly relating to the immediate safety of life of individuals or the immediate protection of property. A little morbid, eh? Yes, but the point needs to be made. Please don't claim numbers in category seven for sending an inquiry message to find out how Aunt Bluebell is doing.

The new category six provides extra incentive for delivery of formal traffic. Yes, deliveries are already contained in the monthly traffic count. But it is evident that some traffic handlers are falling down on the job when it comes to (gulp) actually picking up the telephone and delivering the message. We need more positive reinforcement for efficient delivery of traffic. Maybe this will help. Agree? But there doesn't seem to be any reason to include BPL in PSHR any longer, as the amateur gets sufficient recognition from the *QST* BPL list. And while BPL is strictly for traffickers, PSHR is not.

The new category eight is actually the old category nine, except that emergency coord-

inator has been added in with net manager. An EC's job requires as much, if not more, effort as a net mangle, and in many areas the functions overlap. And last but not least, the new category nine gives some recognition to hams who take part in at least one non-emergency communications event during that month, be it a parade, walkathon, drill, SET, etc.

There's a lot of innovative public service operating going on these days so we hope to see many new call signs appearing in lights. Report your activities and your PSHR tally to your SCM (see page 8) each month. The criterion is not cast in concrete so, as WINJM concluded his January '70 column, "... Well let's start it, see how it goes."

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Newhall, CA — January 5: The first major snowstorm of the season closed the interstate between Los Angeles and Bakersfield and according to planned procedures, the Red Cross opened a shelter for stranded motorists. The Santa Monica Amateur Radio Club provided the communications between the shelter and the Red Cross services center in Newhall. (WB6YTV)

□ Repeater Log. According to reports received to date, repeaters and fm simplex frequencies were used in conjunction with 119 vehicular emergencies, 14 weather emergencies, six crime reports, five search and rescues, four fires and five miscellaneous incidents. Repeaters involved were WR1s ABP ACL, WR2s AAC ADM, K3PSP, WR4s AGT ATZ AKY AOE, WB4HHN, WR5s ABA ABY ACM ADP AEO AIB AIB APK ARH ARO, K3PS, WR6s AAA ACE ADS AII, WR8s ABI AGA AGR AJK, WR9s ACM ADL ANR, K9UT, WA0AUQ.

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Crofton, KY — December 8-9. Over 13 inches of rain fell in a 24-hour period causing extensive flooding. Local hams set up a net control station at the emergency operations center to provide communications links with the Red Cross and other relief agencies. Net control functioned as a dispatcher for rescue and relocation activities and also coordinated communications between local CB groups and the rescue squads. (WA4ZVL, EC District II KY)

□ Portland, OR — December 28. K7JAD was contacted by the Red Cross to set up a communication link between a command post and the crash site of a DC-8. The link was established and traffic was handled throughout the emergency. (K7JAD, K7WW, SCM OR)

□ SEC Reports. For January, 29 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 12,089. This represents a 17-percent decrease in reports received one year ago (35), and a 13-percent decrease in ARES membership (13,916). Section reporting were Alta, Ariz, Ark, Del, EBay, EMass, FPa, Ind, Iowa, Kans, Mar/Nfld, Minn, Mont, NH, NLI, NFla, NTex, Ohio, Okla, SDgo, SF, SJV, Sask, SFla, SNJ, Va, Wash, WVa, WPa.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

The SET has come and gone and we've all lived to tell about it. Wonderful! Don't forget; the madness reconvenes October 6-7, 1979. There's quite a backlog of certificate issuances to duly record; here goes:

TCC-Pacific: N5MR K6OE N6PZ N7AM K7HLR
CAN-D: WB5HHK K5OWK WA5RNG W9IEM
W9JLJ WB9TOW WA0TFC WB0VDR. 8RN-E
K8AAZ W8GGZ WB8MTD WA8WPW. 2RN-E
N2IC (fifth annual), W2IT (second annual).
The following TCC-Eastern (E) certificates were issued

Table 1

Revised PSHR	Points each	Maximum points
1) QNI cw nets	1	30
2) QNI phone nets	1	30
3) NCS cw nets	3	12
4) NCS phone nets	3	12
5) Performing pre-assigned NTS liaison	3	12
6) Delivering a formal piece of traffic to a third party	1	unlimited
7) Handling (formal or informal) emergency traffic	5	unlimited
8) Serving as net manager or emergency coordinator for the month	5	5
9) Participating in a public service event	5	5

Table 2

QST PSHR Bibliography

Year	Issue	Page(s)
1965	June	84
1969	July	63-64
1969	September	66-67
1969	November	75
1970	January	52-53
1970	February	60
1970	March	53-54
1970	April	76
1970	May	65-66
1970	September	72
1971	March	78
1971	July	61
1972	September	70
1973	December	58-59
1975	October	72-73

*Asst. Communications Manager, ARRL.

(years of service in parentheses): W4UQ (17), W2GKZ (11), W8PMJ (8), W4SQQ (5), WA2ICB (4), W3YQ (2), K3KW (1); W3PQ received a new certificate and K1ER, W2CS and VE3GOL received certificates as well, but the years of service are unknown at this writing. CAN-E (maximum annual is 9): K4QCQ (9), W9CXY (9), W9NXG (9), W9QLW (9), W0HI (9), W5MI (8), W0AM (8), K5MC (6), W5RB (3) W4ZJY (2), K4KWC (1), N2TC (1), N9JF (1), W9JUI (1), WA9CF (1), W0OBH (1); new certs to WN4KKK, WD9DMV and N6SM.

ICB SPL, WB2KDC, K2PL, N2s TW YL, W3s FAF PQ YQ, WA3WQP, K3s KW NGN, N3HR, W4s MEE SQQ UQ, WA4s CCK, WB4PNY, K4s BKK KNP, N4KB, W8PMJ, WB8WTS, K8KMQ, VE3s GOL SB. Central Area (W5GHP/W9JUI, Directors) — WN4KKK, N4MD, W5s KLV RB, WA5s BHF INJ IQU RQU, WB5s FDP HHK KKT NKC SDD, K5s GM MC, N5s TC TS YL, W9s CXY DND JH JUJ NXG, N9TN, W0s AM HI, WA0s TNM YVT, K0s EVH EZ, AF00. Pacific Area (K5MAT, Director) — N5s MR NG, W5s JQV KH, K5MAT, N6s GW PZ WP, W6s EOT OA SX VZT WA6UAZ, K6OE, N7s AM, NO, W7s DXZ EP GHT LYA VSE, K7s HLR IWD, AD0A, W0KON, K0s BN DJ TER, WB0TAQ, VE7ZK.

Brass Pounders League January 1979

Perhaps you've noticed the reference each month at the top of this listing regarding BPL Medallions. Readers are referred to December 1978 QST for background information. With many newcomers to traffic handling since then, it's a good time to repeat.

Way back in 1954, the ARRL Board of Directors passed a motion to establish an award to be presented to any operator making BPL for the third time. The award is in the form of a medallion. After an individual's call appears in the BPL table the third time, the individual is sent an affidavit card on which he/she indicates that all traffic was handled on standard ARRL form on amateur bands and reported to the SCM. When the card is returned, the medallion is sent to have the recipient's call engraved on it, then shipped to the individual.

The medallion is a one-time-only award, i.e., it is not issued every three times someone achieves BPL. It is not necessary that the three months involved be consecutive. Any three months since June 1954 will qualify an operator. Only individual amateurs operating at their own stations are eligible for the medallion. It is not necessary to ask for the medallion; the procedure outlined above begins automatically after the QST issue bearing the third BPL listing appears in print.

BPL Medallions have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: WB2RMI, W3BBN, WD4NSG, WA4PFK, WB4TZR, WA4YSK, K5OWK, W5TI, WB0QEU.

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.

January Reports

Area Nets

(evening sessions)
(daytime sessions)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EAN	35	3001	85.7	1.931	98.5	
EAN	64	1484	23.2	.860	88.3	
CAN	34	1837	54.0	1.307	99.5	
CAN	64	558	8.7	.306	99.5	
PAN	23	1805	54.7	1.392	97.9	
PAN	31	697	22.5	.380	100.0	

Region Nets

1RN	117	1252	10.7	.575	88.6	94.0
2RN	120	1210	10.1	.632	99.5	99.0
3RN	93	761	8.2	.660	96.2	96.0
4RN	128	1968	15.4	.511	72.1	100.0
RNS*	37	568	15.4	.573	94.3	99.2
RN6*	62	1095	17.7	.600	100.0	98.4
RN7	124	1385	11.2	.702	100.0	98.4
RPN	99	947	9.6	.482	93.5	99.0
9RN	95	807	8.5	.556	92.0	99.2
TEN*	62	799	12.9	.545	85.2	100.0
TDN	50	264	5.7	.400	100.0	75.8
TWN						96.9

TCC

TCC Eastern	216'	1450				
TCC Central	214'	1059				
TCC Pacific	136'	1252				
Sections*	4684	26535	5.5			
Summary	5932	50754	8.6			
Record	6155	42589	19.1			

*Incomplete report

TCC functions not counted as net sessions.

*Section and local nets reporting (135): ASN (AK),

AENB AEND AENJ AENM AENS AENV (AL), OZK (AR),

ATEN HARC (AZ), BCEN (BC), SDNN (CA), CN CPN

WESCON (CT), DEPN (DE), FAST FMNT FPN FPN

NFPN PRTN PEN OFN QFNS (FL), CVEN GASSB GSN

NGSN (GA), I75mN ION TLCN (IA), IMN MTN (ID/MT),

ITN QIN (IN), KPN KSN QKS-SS (KS), KSN KYN (KY),

LRN LTN (LA), EM2mN EMRI EMRPN HHTN WMPN

(MA/RI), MEPN MMN MTN WRIN (MB), MDD (MD/DC),

AEN GMEN PTN (ME), MACS MITN MNN QMN (MI),

MSN MSNI MSPN MSSN PAW (MN), NEMOE (MO) APN

(MR/NP), MN MSBN MTN (MS), THEN (NC), WNN (NE),

GSFM NHQWSN (NH), JSARS MGN NJN NJPN OBTN

SPARTN UCETN (NJ), NMRRN SWN (NM), NYSPPN

(NY), BN OSN DARATN NWOSN (OH), OLZ ONON

OPEN OTWV STN (OK), CMN GBN GBSSN LN ODN

DLN OPN OSN (ON), ARESTN WCN (OR), EPA

EPAEPTN PPN PTN WP2mN WPA WPAATN (PA),

WQV/UHF (PQ), NJQN SDEN SDWN (SD), SATN (SK),

TN TNN WTVHFN (TN), TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), SVEN

VFN VN VNTN VSN VSN (VA), WSN WVN WVTN

WVFN (WV).

1 — NET

2 — SESSIONS

3 — TRAFFIC

4 — AVG.

5 — RATE

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Independent Nets (January 1979)

1	2	3	4
Amateur Radio Telegraph Society	31	2207	207
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	31	215	2810
Clearing House	31	261	588
Empire Slow Speed	32	122	417
Hit & Bounce Traffic	52	338	635
Hit & Bounce Slow	30	60	171
IMRA	27	488	1079
NY State Phone Traffic & Emergency	31	245	1615
North American SSR Traffic	25	260	189
North American Traffic and Awards	31	85	1519
Washington Region PON	18	24	377
20 Meter ISSB	26	319	445
75 Meter ISSB	31	857	1321
7290 Traffic	47	875	2853

1 — NET

2 — SESSIONS

3 — TRAFFIC

4 — CHECK-INS

Public Service Honor Roll January 1979

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.

67	WB2RMI	WB5NKD	47	WB2KIH	KB8GC
66	WD4COL	WB6QV	46	WB2QJ	WB6LRT
64	AA2H	WB8MTD	45	WB3RQ	WB8RYR
AF2L	WB3JGP	WB8NKA	43	WB3TQ	WB9XJ
WB3JPN	WB4ZQJ	WB8BFR	43	WB3UJ	WB0PYD
WB4PJP	K5QEV	N8ABA	43	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
WB5GE	K4VHT		43	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
WB5GUE	WB4ZQJ		43	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
WB5JUI	K5QEV		43	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
63	WB5KLV	WB6UZX	43	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
61	K1BA	N6WP	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
W1TN	VE3GOL	K0JTW	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
W2MTA	WB8DMX	K0PIZ	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
W3NAZ	45	VE1RQ	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
W4CGG	45	WA4BZY	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
VE5HG	45	WB2IDP	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
WA6UAZ	45	WB2JAY	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
W7GHT	45	WB4AWN	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
WB8YDZ	45	AA5J	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
AF00	45	WB3JK	41	WB3JGP	WB3JGP
59	W1GUX	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP
WA4JOH	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
WB5OP	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
58	WB1DXR	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP
W2RQ	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
57	W3GJT	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP
WB5NKC	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
WB5SDD	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
56	WB1AUV	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP
W2SQ	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
WA2UWA	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
K2VX	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
WA2ZJP	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
K4BKX	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
N4NK	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
VE4PG	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41
N4WA	45	WB3JGP	41	WB3JGP	41

1	2	3	4	5	6
W3GUL	497	1181	1402	49	3129
W9JUI	27	624	574	7	1232
WA4BZY	256	376	278	310	1230
WA4JHD		533	537	3	1073
WA0HVM	38	500	15	295	848
W6KLV	2	436	376	20	834
WA3WQP	40	348	394	10	792
WA6AUX	27	252	467	14	740
W3VR	259	155	297	14	725
WB2RMI	6	363	330	22	721
W0KON	33	349	327	4	713
WB4PNY	5	411	271	24	711
W0ZWL		347	1	343	691
W0MZI	28	368		312	680
VE3GOL	16	292	306	33	647
WA6AMK	13	316	281	27	637
WA3ZRY	20	389	263	42	614
K5OWK	190	99	268	27	604
W5TI	43	256	204	84	597
W8VPW	33	256	293	15	597
WA4CCK	5	292	289	7	593
WB5SDD	16	253	274	49	592
WA1MJE	19	251	296	8	574
W4JK	1	299	269	2	571
W4SQO		258	294		562
W7DXZ	21	280	269	7	557
K1BCS	86	178	271	16	550
WA2ELD		274	274		548
K3KW	3	323	215	3	544
WB5MVR	158	75	215	93	541
W2RQ	3	204	220	16	533
W7SQT	6	353	2	171	532
W5UJ	123	307	97	5	527
WB3JGP	78	169	274	5	526
WB6KZX	53	220	110	143	526
K4TH	17	245	157	105	524
N3HR	21	201	256	45	523
VE3JIR	37	220	239	26	522
W2ZQ	15	253	246	7	521
WB3JZA	99	21	216	195	521
WB6EIG	18	248	248		514
K5JGZ	54	192	257	7	510
W3BBN	178	93	190	46	507
KL7JEB	33	224	236	13	506
VE1BC	11	199	245	46	501
WB0HOX	2	187	299	12	500
WA2SPL (Dec.)					

Coming Conventions

April 21-22
Missouri State, Kansas City, MO
May 19
Wisconsin State, Lake Delton, WI
May 19-20
Alabama State, Birmingham, AL
May 25-27
New York State, Rochester, NY
May 26-27
Tennessee Section, Knoxville, TN
June 15-16
Central Division, Milwaukee, WI
June 16-17
Georgia State, Atlanta, GA
June 30-July 1
West Virginia State, Jackson's Mill, WV
July 27-29
Oklahoma State, Oklahoma City, OK
August 4-5
Arkansas State, Little Rock, AR
August 11-12
Pacific Division, Reno, NV
ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS
July 20-22, 1979
Baton Rouge, LA
July 25-27, 1980
Seattle, WA
March 13-15, 1981
Orlando, FL

MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

April 21-22, 1979, Kansas City, MO

The PHD Amateur Radio Association, Inc., of Liberty, MO, will sponsor the 1979 Missouri State ARRL Convention (10th annual Northwest Missouri Hamfest) on Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22, in the Trade Mart Building at the downtown Kansas City, MO, Airport.

A complete program of forums: FCC, ARRL, DX, contest, technical, legal, XYL, commercial exhibits, 100 swap tables, all inside the 45,000 square foot, one level, air-conditioned building. Unlimited free parking adjoining the site. (RVs welcome.)

Doors open 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturday and 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Sunday. Set up for commercial exhibitors 8 A.M. Saturday and for swappers at 10 A.M. FCC exams will be given at 8:30 A.M. Saturday. FCC form 610 and copy of amateur license must be sent to PHD Amateur Radio Association by April 15. No walk-ins.

There will be a Saturday night banquet at the world-famous GOLD Buffet, with Perry Williams, WIUJ and Jerry Hall, KITD, from ARRL hq., and Midwest Division Director Paul Grauer, W0FTR, as guests.

Preregistration is \$2; admission at the door is \$2.50. Banquet tickets \$8. Those desiring banquet tickets are urged to order them in advance. All preregistrations will be held at the door. Talk-in on 146.34/94. For information and preregistration write to PHD Amateur Radio Association, Inc., P. O. Box 11, Liberty, MO 64068, phone 816-781-7313.

Hamfest Calendar

***California:** The 24th annual West Coast UHF Conference will be held May 5-6 at the Dunfee Hotel, 1770 S. Amphlett Blvd., San Mateo. Technical and uhf operating sessions, antenna gain measurements, and receiver noise-figure measurements will be featured. Advanced registration, \$5, must be made before April 15; \$7 at the door. Banquet luncheon on May 5, price \$8.50, reservation must be received by April 15. Write West Coast UHF Conference, 350 E. Middletown Rd., Mountain View, CA 94043.

Connecticut: The Pioneer Valley Repeater Assn. flea market is April 22 from 10 to 5 at Newington High School, Newington. Free admission and parking. Additional info from Arnie Depascale, K1NFE, P.O.D. M, Plainville, CT 06062; or Evangelo Demetriou, K1MMX, 38 Volpe Ct., New Britain, CT 06053.

Georgia: The Kennehouchee ARC will hold a hamfest April 22 from 8 to 4 at the North Georgia Fairgrounds in Marietta. Talk-in on 28/88. For details, contact John Ellis, W4MRJ, 15 Whispering Way, Atlanta, GA 30328, 404-252-3779, or Gene Abercrombie, W4HYC, 404-255-1974.

Illinois: The Kishwaukee Radio Club and the DeKalb County Amateur Repeater Club will hold their 21st annual indoor/outdoor hamfest on May 6, from 8 to 3 at Notre Dame School, DeKalb. Tickets \$1.50 in advance or \$2 at the door. Indoor tables available; outdoor setup free. Talk-in on 146.13/73 and 94 simplex. For tickets and directions, send s.a.s.e. to Howard Newquist, WA9TXW, P. O. Box 349, Sycamore, IL 60178. Requests received after April 27 will be held at the door.

Illinois: The 18th annual Moultrie Amateur Radio Klub hamfest will be held April 22 at the Moultrie County 4-H Center Fairgrounds. Heated indoor and large covered outdoor flea market. No charge to vendors. Space available on first-come-first-served basis. Talk-in on 146.94 and 146.055/655. Write to M.A.R.K., P. O. Box 327, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Illinois: The Rock River Radio Club will hold its 13th annual hamfest on April 22 at the Lee County 4-H Center, south of Dixon. Camping area, prizes, food available. Talk-in on 146.52 simplex or WR9ADG repeater 146.37-146.97. Tickets are \$2 at the gate or \$1.50 in advance. Contact RRRRC Hamfest, Chuck Randall, W9LDH, 1414 Ann Ave., Dixon, IL 61021.

Indiana: The Cass County ARC's second annual hamfest is on May 6, from 7 to 4 at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Go north of Logansport on Highway 25, turn right at road 100. Advanced tickets \$1.50, \$2 at the gate. Outside setup free, \$1 under cover. Free camping, refreshments, ladies activities, prizes. Talk-in on 146.52 and Logansport Repeater 147.78-18. For details, write Dave Rothemel, K9DVI, RFD 4-Box 146G, Logansport, IN 46947.

***Louisiana:** The Shreveport ARA will sponsor their annual hamfest May 4-5 at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds. Advanced tickets are \$3, \$4 at the door. Contact the Shreveport ARA, P. O. Box 7033, Shreveport, LA 71107.

Massachusetts: The Central Massachusetts ARA will hold an auction and flea market on April 27 at the Main South American Legion Post 341 in Worcester. Doors open at 6 P.M. auction begins at 7. Flea market tables are \$5, dealers welcome. Talk-in on 146.37-146.97, also .52 direct. Contact CMARC, W1BIM, 215 Brigham Hill Rd., N. Grafton, MA 01536, or call Rene Brodeur, WA1LEA, 617-753-7480; or Dave Penttila, 617-885-4995.

Massachusetts: The Hampden County Radio Assn. will host its annual flea market on May 4 at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, at the intersection of routes 57 and 187, west of Springfield. Charge of \$2 per table, no admission fee. Doors open at 7; refreshments available. For more info, call Andy Bouchard, WB1BZW, 413-786-2301.

Massachusetts: The fourth annual South Shore Repeater Assn. ham auction begins at noon April 21, at Central Junior High School, Weymouth. Check-in starts at 9; refreshments and prizes. Talk-in on 147.90/30 or 52 direct. For details, write SSRA, Town Hall Annex, 402 Essex St., Weymouth, MA 02188.

***Mississippi:** The Jackson ARC, Vicksburg ARC, Crystal Springs ARC and ECHO Repeater Club of

Jackson will sponsor a hamfest April 21-22 at Manhattan Academy in Jackson. Admission is free. Contact hamfest chairman Steve Rumlfehl, 2566 Crestleigh Manor, Jackson, MS 39204, 601-373-1871.

New Jersey: The Delaware Valley Radio Assn. flea market is April 22 from 8 to 4 at the New Jersey National Guard 112th Field Artillery Armory in Lawrence Township, Trenton. Advanced registration \$2, at the gate \$2.50, tailgating \$4 additional, bring own table. Talk-in on 52, 07/67 and 84/24. Write D.V.R.A., P. O. Box 7024, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

New Jersey: The fourth Trenton Computer Festival will be held April 22-23 from 10 to 5 at Trenton State College. Commercial exhibits, electronics flea market. Admission is \$4, students pay \$2. For additional info, write TCF-79, Trenton State College, Hillwood Lakes, P. O. Box 940, Trenton, NJ 08625 or call 609-771-2487.

***North Carolina:** The Gaston County ARS hamfest is May 6 at Karyae Park in Gastonia. Cost is \$2. Write Cyrus Rowe, 1248 Castlegate, Gastonia, NC 28052.

***North Carolina:** The seventh annual Raleigh Amateur Radio Society hamfest is April 22 at the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh. General admission \$3, talk-in on 04/64. Flea market, prizes, FCC amateur tests. For details, write RARS Hamfest, P. O. Box 17124, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Ohio: The Miami Valley F.M. Assn. 10th annual FM H*A*S*H is April 27 from 8-midnight at the Dayton Hamvention in the Convention Center. Admission free, refreshments available. Contact Miami Valley F.M. Assn., P. O. Box 263, Dayton, OH 45401.

Pennsylvania: The Tamaqua Transmitting Society hamfest is May 6 at the F.O.P. grove, one-half mile south of Tamaqua off Rte. 309. FCC exams will begin at 9. Donation \$2. Talk-in on 705/105 and 52 simplex. For details, write Tony Sarli, W3CMA, 164 Spruce St., Tamaqua, PA 18252.

Pennsylvania: The fifth annual Warminster ARC flea market and auction is May 6 from 9 to 4 at the William Tennent Intermediate High School, in Warminster. Registration \$1 per car, tailgating \$2, indoor tables available for \$3. Talk-in on 16/76 and 52 simplex. Contact Horace Carter, K3KZAC, 38 Hickory Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901, or call 215-345-6816.

Puerto Rico: The Radio Club de Puerto Rico will hold its annual convention and hamfest April 28-29 at the Condado Holiday Inn Hotel, San Juan. For details, write GPO Box 693, San Juan, PR 00936.

Texas: The joint 7290 Tfc Net/Texas Tfc Net picnic is April 27-29 at Kerrville State Park. Technical program, ARRL forum and Tfc talks. Weiner roast Friday night, barbecue Saturday night. Registration \$4. Contact Will Thompson, W5TYS, 0656 Laisward Dallas, TX 75238 before April 18.

***Washington:** The Skagit ARC hamfest is April 21 at Grange Hall in Bryant. Cost of \$5 includes program and banquet. Write to Norman G. Ray, W7LFA, 14005 132 Ave. N.E., Kirkland, WA 98033, or call 206-821-2985.

Wisconsin: The 3-F ARC's annual swapest is May 5 from 8 to 3 at the Neenah Labor Temple, 157 S. Green Bay Rd., Neenah. Talk-in on 52. Indoor swap area, free auction, food. Tickets and tables cost \$1.50 in advance, \$2 at door. Contact Mark Michel, W9OP, 339 Naymut St., Menasha, WI 54952.

*ARRL Hamfest

Strays

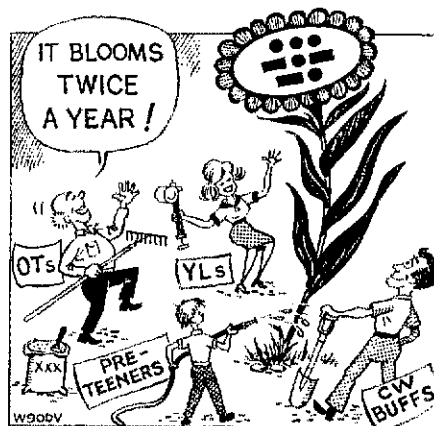
WHO'S CALLING?

LI For all amateurs who are fans of square dancing, note how similar the jargon of the two hobbies is. "Somehow, I thought a *California Twirl* was rotatable tower . . ."
"Sweepstakes sure is hard on tubes. I had to *Fa the Top* of my linear for an hour when it was over!"
"Someone told me *Trade the Wave* meant working split frequency . . ."
"The frequency's in use, Old Man. Would you please *Scout Back* up the band a bit?"
"All we ever do on Field Day is *Box the Grin* and *Swat the Flea!*"
The words in italics are all popular square dance calls. — Sandy Gerli, AC1Y

Straight-Key Night

The only way to tell a real cw operator from a bodybuilder is by the type of metal each chooses to pump!

By Bill Jennings,* K1WJ



There's been a lot of hoopla lately about the emergence of bodybuilding as a major sport. The film *Pumping Iron* has given the bodybuilders an identity, a rallying cry. Media exposure for the premier performers of the sport, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, has undoubtedly done much to enhance its stature and enticed many to start "pumping iron."

Whether cw operating, via the straight-key mode, has been around as long as bodybuilding is immaterial. What is important is that brass-pounding can be considered every bit as much a valid sport as bodybuilding. True, aside from perhaps a slightly stronger wrist and a little more forearm endurance, brass-pounding has very little effect on our physical condition. The benefit of "pumping brass" is measured in expanding the muscles of the mind, a strengthening of the memory cells, in keeping an old and valued art form alive.

I don't envision a time when Curt Gowdy will be announcing the Annual Brass-Pounding Championships on ABC's "Wide World of Sports," but the semi-annual Straight-Key Night is as good a tribute to "pumping brass" as any.

The January 1, 1979, running of Straight-Key Night brought in a very respectable 181 reports, detailing QSOs with 938 different stations, from all 50 states, each VE call area (except VE8) and a half-dozen DX countries.

W6FU received three votes to win the "Best Fist" honors. Fifteen others were hot on 'FU's heels with two votes each in the balloting. They were VE3NG, W2GJ, W4BIW, W4KFC, N5GE, W7BH, W7ITJ, WA7NXL, WB8QLA, WD8DWO, W9TG, AD0W, AF0W, W0TTA and WD0GQK.

The competition for Most Interesting QSO was every bit as close, with five stations getting more than one vote, K3APM with three votes

nosed out WA3YKD, WD4KJF, W7BH and WD8DWO, who each had two votes. W7BH and WD8DWO were the only two stations to receive multiple votes in both categories.

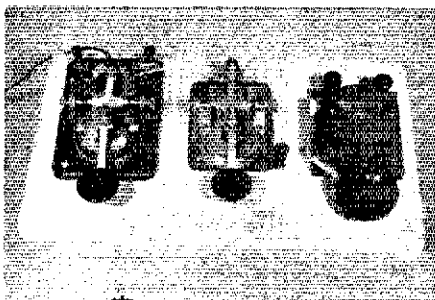
The next SKN will be held on July 4. See "Operating Events," June 1979 *QST*, for details.

Arnold Schwarzenegger, eat your heart out!

Sideswipes

I got a keyer from my parents for Christmas. It came on the 28th and I built it just in time *not* to use it on SKN. (WD9GDJ) My least interesting QSO was with a chap who seemed to be trying to make as *many* QSOs as possible during SKN. . . . A year ago, I had the same experience with the same fellow. Next year, I doubt that I'll try contacting him. (K7DV) I'll bet you get over 200 SKN reports this time. (WD6BNR) [Pretty close, Scott. Bet we go over 200 for July 4 SKN. — Ed.] Well, when it's —20° F outside in North Dakota, you can't do much else but enjoy Straight-Key Night. (WD0BRL) I've been in every SKN since I got my Novice at age 13. I'm 15 now and plan on

being in SKN for the rest of my brass-pounding days. (N7ANU) My most interesting QSO did not even occur on SKN, but on the day before with a WB5NHH, who was practicing up for SKN! (WA3GSB) I've never (in 18 years) entered a contest and probably never will. However, my first experience with SKN has convinced me that SKN is going to be a semi-annual event for me. (K8VAY) Will probably miss the July SKN, but I'll be in there pounding on Millard Fillmore's anniversary! (N5RU) Since this is now a 24-hour event, some consideration might be given to calling it SKD (Straight-Key Day) instead of SKN. (W4AX) Oldest Key: W8HQP, 103 years. (W7TO) I noticed that QSOs became shorter after 1800Z. Was it me or something psychological in SKN that affected everyone? (W3QVI) This event helped to relieve my "signal report blues," as most QSOs consisted of more than just a 599 signal report. (WD4HSA) Have a brass key with a side switch. If you close the switch (like old Morse keys) a flame shoots up out of the center of the rear nut (controls contact spacing) and lights your cigar. Hi! (W9AND) Most signals heard sounded more like keyers than straight keys. "The Old Man" would have been proud. (KB3DS)



On SKN, N6TO is a triple threat. From the left, Gary's keys are a Signal Corps J-38, a Bunnell solid brass key, and an Army J-5A.

"Where are those dim days of the past,
When with our straight keys we would cast
A spell we tho't would ever last?
And things we made we'd proudly tell
Each other how they worked so well,
Midst rosin core's distinctive smell!
How mercury vapor's flashing light
Made such a warm and friendly sight —
When everything was going right!
Those memories are yours and mine
For they are of a special kind,
Then twice a year return to mind —
On straight-key night . . . they're underlined!"
— George, W5JOV

*Communications Assistant, ARRL

Strays

I would like to get in touch with . . .

anyone, especially DX hams, who would like to exchange Morse telegraph keys. John Elwood, W7GAQ, 5716 N. 34th Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85017 U.S.A.

Myrfin Wylie, K6RFX, who started me in Amateur Radio many years ago. Lew Reinberg, W2BIE, 572 Wildwood Rd., West Hempstead, NY 11552.

young hams, licensed or future, around my age. 13. Mike Aldrich, KA2BWT, 1458 Two Rod Rd., Marilla, NY 14102.

other hams who hold patents. Richard Adamaitis, W4PJW, 7138 Columbia Circle, R.R. 5, Fort Myers, FL 33908.

anyone who uses or has used the A-Tronix Visual Code Reader. Berand Kirschner, WB0YCO, 2756 Newport Ave., No. C, Tustin, CA 92680.

others using the Heathkit ET-3400 Microprocessor trainer. E. Adams, K2YEF, 718 Graishury Ave., Had-donfield, NJ 08033.

fellow amateurs 13 years old and younger, interested in being pen pals. W. Welch, 14337 Cooper, Taylor, MI 48180.

Results, Ninth Annual ARRL 160-Meter Contest

In the spirit of equal rights, can 160 still be called the "gentleman's band"?

By Bill Jennings,* K1WJ and Tom Frenaye,** K1KI

Average...That's about the best way to describe the ninth running of the ARRL 160-Meter Contest. No better than average conditions, average number of participants, average final scores. When you stop to think about it, average isn't such a bad way to describe the previous 160-meter contest — in fact 160-meter operating in general. Average brings to mind a steady yet purposeful type of operator. Not flashy or radical, but an operator willing to sacrifice speed in operation to take time to get the job done right. A gentleman (gentlewoman?) operator.

The 160 regulars, the operators who nursed 160 through the lean years, those who babysat the fledgling "Top Band" since it was opened for amateur use in the late 1920s, will tell you that the "average" 160-meter band conditions and operators suit them to a tee. And if for a couple of special weekends during the winter months, contest operators can take to 160, raise the level of operating activity for a few hours and co-exist with the average 160-meter operator for the mutual benefit of both, then the purpose of holding such an event as the ARRL 160-Meter Contest has been served.

In the aftermath of the weekend of December 1-3, 1978, 352 160-meter contest entries were received, representing every state but South Dakota, four Canadian provinces, and seven DXCC countries. The 352 logs were a mere 5 percent fewer than the total of 373 entries logged in 1977. Average.

DX call signs found in the various entries included all continents but Africa. Some of the prefixes that were on and available to be worked were CO, DK, F, G, GD, HI, JA, KP1, KG4, KG6, KZ5, HP, OK, PA0, PZ, TG9, VP2D, VP2V, VP9, VR3, YU, YV, 4U1TU and 6Y5.

In comparing the 1977 and 1978 160-meter contests, one would be hard pressed to find extreme differences. The average Top Ten scores for both single and multioperator stations dropped noticeably by about 17k points per entry to 76,396 points in 1978 compared with over 93k points per entry for the single

operators in the 1977 contest. The multioperator stations in the Top Ten posted an average score about 11k points below the 1977 average of 67,000 points.

Competition was extremely tough for Top Ten scores. A few miscopied call signs or duplicates left in the log might have made a difference of several places on the list. The crowded Eastern part of the country accounted for the major portion of the big scores, though a few W5s managed to sneak in. In the West, K6SE just edged out AA7A, operating from W7IUV, with the extra points coming from a greater number of DX QSOs.

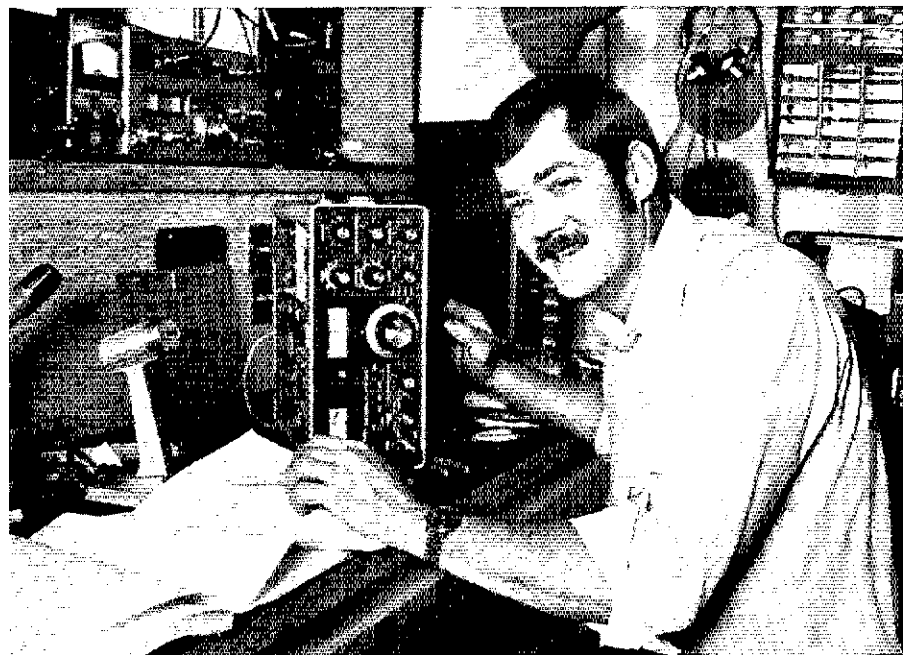
As far as contest statistics go, several bright spots, in the form of new All-Time Division Records, appeared. N4PN, aside from turning in the number one single-operator score in the 1978 contest, now holds the Southeastern Divi-

sion single op record.

The only multioperator station to better previous division records was K5GO in the Delta Division.

Certificate winners can expect their awards about the 15th of the month that this report appears in *QST*.

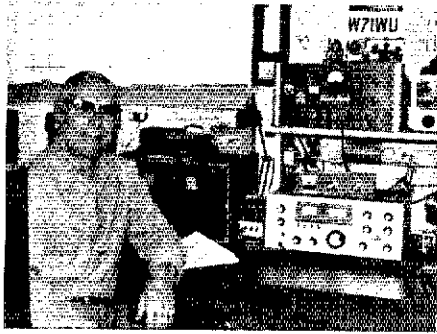
For those who haven't tried 160, especially during the contest, and feel that operating on 160 is a completely different ball game compared to the other bands, we'll leave you with the thoughts of W1BB, who gave a few tips on operating in the 160-meter band, published in *QST* in conjunction with the announcement of the first ARRL 160-Meter Contest in 1970: "Operating efficiently on 160 is about like operating efficiently on any other band as far as procedures go, except that it is harder to work DX."



WB4JVY, with a little encouragement from his XYL, WA4ZCS, made the 160 bash his very first contest.

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Alan, W7IWU, takes time out from his 160-meter activities to say "howdy from Idaho."



K0GVB, the lone entry from Iowa, put that section into 220 logs.



Left to right: N4FJ, W4WJ and N4OW, the operators of W4WJ, Southern Florida.

Soapbox

Got to learn more about the band for next time (AE5E). It is easier to work JAs from here than to work W1s (W7IUV). This has become a great club activity — a winter field day (K9IFO). My first serious effort on 160, after 45 years (VE2JR). Thanks to the Horn family for letting me borrow 50 acres of noiseless reception. Should have listened to Uncle Richard's opinion — "They weren't long enough, tall enough or enough of them." His turn next year to lay down 7000 feet of radials (WA9PFB). Can't even guess how our random wire worked (TG9ML). Somewhat of a nostalgia trip for me. When first licensed in 1951, the only phone privileges were 10 and 160 meters. Couldn't afford but one crystal so missed out on 160 (W5SOD). Band was even jammed up here in Wyoming. In the first half hour of operation I worked two other cowboys (W7TO). Heard no signals within 400 miles except N5NR (W5GWD). I invested \$100 for each additional 1000 points over last year. Am currently looking for financial assistance (WA7GCI). An especially nice contest for contest operators, but not DXers. Quite a few DX window violations (W1BB). We had a hall getting all set up for what we thought was going to be a killer installation with a 5/8 wave vertical. However, all plans do not go well (W7LXZ). Both the 160- and 10-meter contests are noninsanity contests. They allow you a long break time to recharge yourself, fix antennas, meet other people in your family . . . (WB2JSJ). First contest in 16 years of being a ham (WB4JYV). I thought conditions stunk (W6BA). Balloon-supported wire is the answer to the city lot problem. Couldn't launch it until after dark. Tried it earlier and umpteen B-B guns appeared (W4YOK). Main reason for the improvement over last year was the addition of a Beverage receiving antenna and I spent about twice the amount of time operating rather than fixing things (VE3INQ). The amount of courtesy and good operating practices was overwhelming (W6WBY). First season on 160. Best contest I have ever entered (WA0DXZ/5). Conditions fair/poor. Very little DX to speak of (W4WJ). This writer's versions of W1FB's "Quickie" preamp and the 4T-ES Loop were battle-tested and both well proved their worth (W7XZ).

Feedback

Please note the following corrections to the 1977 160-Meter Contest, the results of which are found starting on page 76 of April 1978 QST.

In the Division Leaders Listings, under the multiop heading in the Northwestern Division, the call should read N7NC not N7SC.

The call sign W0BF with a line score of 10,215 - 112 - 45 should be added in second place in the score listings for the Minnesota Section.

Scores

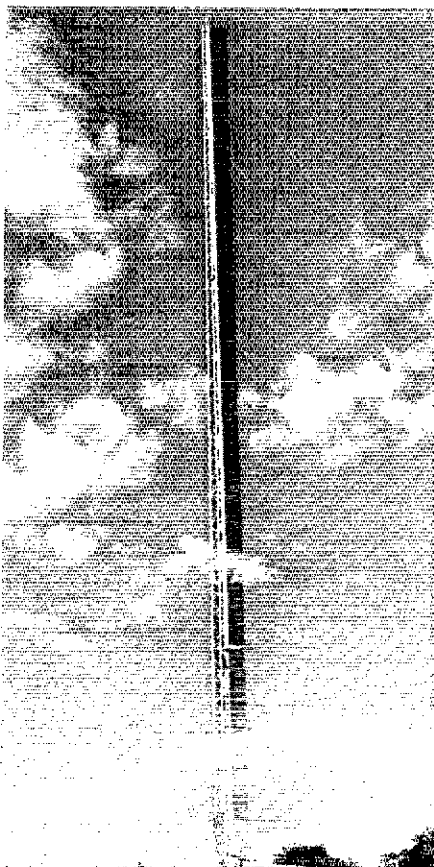
Scores are listed by country, by province within Canada, and by section within each U.S. call area. The highest single-operator station in each ARRL section and in each country receives a certificate. The highest multiple-operator station in each section and country receives a certificate if there are three or more such entrants or, if, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, the entrant displays exceptional effort. Read the score listings as follows: call, score, QSOs, multiplier, hours of operation.

Top Ten

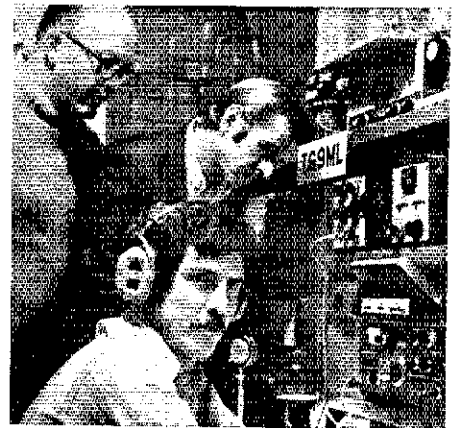
Single Operator		Multioperator	
N4PN	97,040	W8JI	79,849
W8LRL	88,640	WA8SJK	71,923
N4AR	84,388	K5GO	70,664
W2YV	76,298	W4PRO	58,482
K5NA	75,850	N4BP	55,440
N4EA	75,040	W8LT	53,430
W0AIH/9	75,024	K8US	45,596
K8CCV	72,494	K5OG	41,792
K5UR	59,685	W9AZ	40,946
K9BGL	59,500	W5KI	40,320

Division Leaders

Single Op		Multiop
VE3AKG	Canadian	VE1AXT
K3BSY	Atlantic	K3SXA/3
W0AIH/9	Central	W9AZ
W0ZTL	Dakota	WB0SNH
K5UR	Delta	K5GO
N4AR	Great Lakes	W8JI
W2YV	Hudson	---
WA0TKJ	Midwest	W0EEE
W1PL	New England	N1RI
W7NCO	Northwestern	W7IXZ
W7XZ	Pacific	A16V
W8LRL	Roanoke	W4PRO
K0CL	Rocky Mountain	W0MS
N4PN	Southeastern	N4BP
K6SE	Southwestern	WB7DDQ
K5NA	West Gulf	K5OG
JA3ONB	DX	W6QL/6Y5



Not everyone has room for a 228-foot vertical but many will envy the W4WJ back forty (or 160?). (W4WJ photo)



TG9ML (left), a welcome multiplier in a few logs, shows off his shack to visitors TG9KV and K1MM (sitting).



F8EX sends greetings to fellow 160 buffs from across the big pond.

DX

Cuba
LU2KK 140-10-7-3
Japan
JA3ONB 1444-34-19-
JH1LKH 70-7-5-6
Dominica
VP2DD 234-14-9-
France
F8EX 18-1-3-1
Guatemala
TQ3ML 112-5-7-
Jamaica
W9RL/6Y8I/W9KJ 1,608-162-42-
Surinam
JA1PIG/P2 864-48-18-

U.S.A.

Connecticut
AAIK 19,695-71-33-28
K1IN 12,648-186-34-6
N1YL 11,764-175-34-12
W1HD 8745-131-33-13
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W1WEL 4860-81-30-4
W1WV 4672-71-32-4
W1QV 3080-70-22-4
W1BWS 2940-46-30-5
K1TX 1548-43-18-2
K1ZZ 1436-34-21-1
K1WKO 882-23-21-7
W1BHI 792-23-16-1
N1CC 704-23-16-1
W1VZ 60-6-5-1

Eastern Massachusetts
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W1VN 23,318-285-42-13
K1VV 4660-134-33-6
W1IR 6318-74-39-4
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W1BVL 144-9-8-1
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New Hampshire
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W11Z 2445-5-124-6

Rhode Island
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W1S1DET DLU EHO)
22,148-335-47-29

Vermont
W1GQR(WB2J5J,oprs)
K1IK 23,664-249-48-6

Western Massachusetts
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Eastern New York
W2YV 76,248-549-68-23
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K2MM 2704-52-26-5
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N.Y.C. - L.I.
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N2MS 6012-88-26-4
W2DGZ 2120-63-20-7

Northern New Jersey
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W2PQU 600-23-15-7

Southern New Jersey
K2BWR 13,572-171-39-14
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Western New York

W2MTA 23,083-280-41-16
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W2RKB 1922-31-31-13
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Delaware
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Western Pennsylvania
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Alabama
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Georgia
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K4BAI 1435-126-37-7
N4AEI 1480-37-20-
W4NMA(+W4DWE) 800-25-16-2

Kentucky
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K4FU 44,100-350-63-14
W4YOK 35,400-295-60-13
N4XM 10,682-106-49-7
W4RH2 6460-95-34-20
W4HNH(+W4ASW) 15,372-183-42-22

North Carolina
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Northern Florida
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WBSYLT/4 672-21-16-5

South Carolina
W4JRV 5432-97-28-8
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Southern Florida
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Tennessee
N4ZZ 55,945-416-67-8
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Virginia
N4EA 75,040-542-67-30
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Arkansas
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Los Angeles
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Orange
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San Diego
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San Francisco
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Arizona
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K8U 11,224-198-44-10
K8EX 11,137-125-43-5
K8BL 8558-111-39-5
W8BVG 6480-90-36-7
W8VPC 6200-100-31-3
K8IQG 3780-70-27-5
K8CCQ 3562-67-26-3
W8J(+K8BVM,N8AB5,W8B6,
C8U,LXJ) 89,845-217-77-
W8LTK(L1L,K8 ND NU,W8B5
INY YJ,W8AMX,oprs) 51,430-408-65-42
K8US(+W8WU) 45,595-413-55-20
N8TL(+W8S MVW,GM) 30,240-280-54-27
AC8E(+W8IDM) 22,748-242-47-24

West Virginia
W8RL 88,640-530-80-
K8OUL 27,489-279-49-
K8SR 468-18-13-
W8IWX 320-16-10-1

Illinois
K9RGL 59,500-428-70-22
K9BG 30,894-268-57-18
W9DA 30,804-302-81-12
W9PNE 27,579-220-61-12
W9PFB 26,847-231-57-22
K9AB 25,808-246-49-13
K9UJ 20,910-205-1-16
W9GT 18,358-191-48-10
K9CW 11,760-140-42-9
W9EC 1942-42-2-4
W9G8Y 1440-46-20-2
W9ABA 1496-44-17-8
W9HP 520-16-10-1
W9AZ(K9S IFO NR,W9NKR,
W9S WEC WEL ZRK,W9D9A,
oprs) 10,946-347-59-21

Indiana
W9GQP 58,630-446-65-24
W9LT 47,087-394-57-19
K9ZUH 35,400-245-0-15
W9JO 18,216-207-44-11
W9MDW 16,840-165-51-6
W9KE 11,256-134-42-4
K9FW 4056-78-26-7
A9U 800-75-16-4
W9E(+W9NDJ) 2,420-242-50-16

Wisconsin
W9AH/9 75,024-527-72-18
W9WQ 21,244-226-47-16
N9KS 420-21-10-2

Colorado
K8CL 32,547-281-57-10
N9Z 7428-34-21-5
W9MS(+W9CMM) 34,998-304-57-

Iowa
K9GV 26,540-220-67-18

Kansas
W9GJK 48,685-370-55-25
N9IN 23,997-209-67-5
W9AM 19,342-182-83-14
N9LU 14,196-135-52-11
W9LV 5604-117-41-14
K5JZN/0 1680-35-24-

Minnesota
W1K5 5832-96-46-
K8SE 7400-40-30-4
W9SNH/9(+W9NHD) 10,412-137-38-16

Missouri
N9TT 41,391-327-61-18
W9FRG 26,329-247-67-9
W9BD 35,320-236-60-
A9K 10,912-124-44-16
W9E(W9ARU,W9S GJ,
ZL,W9SOX,oprs) 14,022-171-41-7
W9RGS(+W9F KB,W9D9S
EFP FDI) 7490-107-25-25

Nebraska
K9UP 37,359-295-63-16

North Dakota
W9ZTL 20,300-203-50-11
K9P 1696-60-24-3
W9FUZ/8 1216-32-19-7

VE
W9RQ(+W9F KB,W9D9S
EFP FDI) 7490-107-25-25

Maritime - Newfoundland
VE1AKT(+VE1BCZ) 18,120-219-40-30

Quebec
W2EBC 3800-60-24-15
W9Z(VI2E2S NM SU,VE3S
A9S HJ,oprs) 17,094-231-37-27

Ontario
VE3AKG 27,649-320-43-11
VE3JNQ/3 12,628-154-41-29

British Columbia
W7CQ 25,742-205-61-
W7BRG 1764-49-18-4
W7CCK 780-14-10-

Check Logs
W1AW(W1EH,oprs),
W1AGK,F,K3VA,W4WZR,
W6BY,W7CX,W8RMA

Disqualifications
K1BQW,W1TEF,K2IGW,N5R
AA(GB),K9MKI(+K9S GL,V,
W8Y1Y),K9JUS(+AF9N,K9S
9HO LG),

Results, 45th Annual ARRL November Sweepstakes

Records broken; to-the-wire finish in cw Top Ten. Whew! What a contest.

By Tom Frenaye,* K1KI, and Bill Jennings,** K1WJ

In almost all ways, the 1978 ARRL November Sweepstakes was a record breaker. We received more logs than ever before (2997, up 10 percent), more club entries than before (112, up 16 percent), the highest total club score (NCCC), and the highest single-operator score on phone (N6CJ from KP4RF). Add to that the 41 new single-operator division records (37 last year), the closest finish in the top ten on cw and more clean sweeps (354) than ever before, and you'll have to agree that it was a record-breaking contest.

The number of logs received didn't quite break the 3000 mark but were almost identical on phone (1507) and cw (1490). Club and local competition seemed to really bring out the closest battles. On cw, W6HX (N6NT, op), N6TR and K6RR (N6CJ, op) of the Southern California Contest Club all placed in the top ten, with the difference between their scores only eight QSOs! The Mad River RC battle was between K3UA and K3LR who also both finished in the top ten in the high-power category, the difference here only five QSOs and a multiplier. The low-power cw battle was between K0DJ and W0E1T in Colorado with DI in the number eight slot and ETT number 10. The Mad River group also had quite a battle of multioperator stations with WB8JBM,

K8ND and W8XU finishing fourth, sixth and eighth, respectively.

This intense competition on the local level also spurred on many ssb participants. Colorado's K0RF and K0CL battled it out for fifth and sixth place honors, the difference only two QSOs when the dust had settled. Arizona produced the closest, low-power battle with K7JVR edging W7UV by only five QSOs. Again, the multioperator category produced tight contests. The Northern California Contest Club placed three stations in the top ten — W6JZU, W6YX and N6RZ. In Connecticut, N1MM and K1XA of Murphy's Marauders cracked the top ten, along with the Yankee Clipper group at W1XX.

This should prove once and for all that the best way to score big is to match yourself up with someone you know nearby and give 'em hell. The Northern California Contest Club takes this philosophy to heart by sponsoring numerous trophies and awards to its own members. Their number one finish for the fourth year in a row is clearly very impressive. They increased their victory margin over the Potomac Valley RC by nearly two million points this year, despite PVRC's narrow 42k point lead in cw scores.

The medium level of club competition was just what Murphy's Marauders needed to liven things up. They scraped together 15 entries and two million points more than last year.

The local level of competition produced some very interesting results. The Cascades ARS of Jackson, Michigan, scored a narrow victory in a close race. Their phone totals dominated, while their cw score was topped by the next four finishers. The reconstituted Texas Association of Contest Operators, now a local power, finished a close second. The number four and six finishers in the local class competition, the Flyweight DX Group and the Point Radio Operators Society, weren't even on the charts last year.

A decrease in scores shows things are changing in a few clubs, but on the whole, club aggregate scores were up. Another ingredient to NCCC's victory in the unlimited category was the large turnout of members. Nearly 70 percent of NCCC's members submitted scores or participated in club multioperator efforts. Compare that to the PVRC and YCCC averages of about 40 percent and look at your own club effort while looking toward next year.

Club scores and local competition aren't everything though and mention should be made of the other outstanding SS scores. The Top Ten phone scores averaged nearly 20k points greater than last year, with the average entry making 1922 QSOs (80 per hour)! N6CJ operating from KP4RF smashed his own existing record by 15k points. On cw, the average top ten score was up by a scant 600 points.

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Division Leaders — Single Operator

Division	CW		Phone	
	High Power	Low Power	High Power	Low Power
Canadian	VE7CC*	VE4OY*	VE5DX*	VE4OY*
Atlantic	K3UA*	K3TM*	K3UA	W2KI*
Central	W9RW*	N9BT	K9CT*	WB9EGZ
Dakota	K0ZZ*	N0NO*	K0ZZ*	WA0LKL*
Delta	K5GO*	K4XU*	W5VSZ	N5DX*
Great Lakes	K8NZ	K8EKG	K8LX*	W8LAQ
Hudson	W2GD*	W2CS*	K2TR*	K2UF*
Midwest	N0GA*	WA0TKJ	K5JZN/0*	WB0ISW*
New England	K1GQ*	W1ZT*	K1VTM*	N1YY
Northwestern	K7RI*	K7QD*	K7RI	WB7BNP
Pacific	N6BT	N6XI*	K6OQ	WB8SHD*
Roanoke	K4VX*	N4DW*	K4VX*	K8BS
Rocky Mountain	W0CP	K0DJ*	K0RF	N0MC
Southeastern	N4RR	N4TZ	KP4RF*	WD4OIX
Southwestern	W6HX*	AA7A*	W7KW*	K7JVR*
West Gulf	K5GA	K5MR	K5JA*	N5UD

*New records

Division Leaders — Multioperator

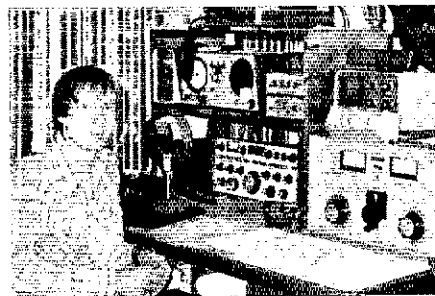
Division	CW	Phone
	Canadian	VE3ART/3
Atlantic	WA2ECA	WA2ECA
Central	W9YH	W9YH
Dakota	K0TK	K0LTC
Delta	N4AJJ	AA4AA
Great Lakes	WB8JBM	WB8JBM
Hudson	K2GQ	K2XR
Midwest	K0WA	K0WA
New England	N1MM	K1GZL
Northwestern	K7WPC	KL7HR
Pacific	K6AYA	W6JZU
Roanoke	N4WA	K8KT
Rocky Mountain	N0AE	N7AON
Southeastern	W4AQL	N4WW
Southwestern	N6HE	WB6OBZ
West Gulf	K5KG	K5RX



W6AM (N6TJ, op), no. 2 cw



Fred (WD4SKHT) passed his Technician exam two days before the SS and stuck it out for 5636 points from North Carolina.



WA6VFF piled up 368k points for the NCCC while finishing third in the East Bay section on both phone and cw.

W2GD finished on top for the first time with an impressive 2500 point lead. His 11th place finish past year (missed number 10 by 6 QSOs) must have given him that extra incentive. The next six finishers were unbelievably close — number seven could have been number two with only eight more QSOs! In fact, number 10 VE7CC could have been first with a paltry increase in his QSO rate of only two per hour.

The 1975 low-power phone record of WA5VDH was smashed by N5DX, leaving the rest of the pack well behind. On cw AA7A didn't break the record but his 6000 point lead over number two K5MR made the victory comfortable.

Multioperator leaders were K1GZL on phone and WA2ECA on cw. The K1GZL group clearly outdistanced the competition but there were several groups on the heels of WA2ECA.

This was really the year of new division records. Single operator records were all broken in the Atlantic, Canadian, Dakota,

Affiliated-Club Competition

Club

Unlimited Class

Club	Score	Entries	CW Winner	Phone Winner
Northern CA Contest Club	14,874,540	140	N6BT	K6OQ
Potomac Valley Radio Club	12,208,744	115	W3LPL	K4VX
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	7,601,038	81	K1GQ	K2TR
South Jersey RA	1,664,444	59	K2YY	K2YY

Medium Class

Murphy's Marauders (CT)	4,857,790	40	K1PR	K1VTM
Mad River RC (OH)	4,056,098	40	K3UA	K3UA
Frankford RC (PA)	2,857,800	38	W2GD	K3ZA
North Texas CC	2,687,836	29	N5JB	K5JA
Texas DX Soc.	2,555,824	34	K5GA	K5RC
Western Washington DXC	2,123,568	34	K7RI	K7RI
Wireless Inst. of Northeast (NY/NJ)	2,090,332	25	N2NT	K2PE
Ill-Wind Contesters (IL)	1,735,628	25	W9RW	K9RF
Buffalo Area DXC (NY)	1,635,332	15	N2MF	K2JGW
Central Illinois DX & CC	1,463,284	14	K9CT	K9CT
Southern CA CC	1,397,000	14	W6HX	—
Central Arizona DXA	1,328,496	12	W7KW	W7KW
Gloucester County RC (NJ)	1,265,164	22	N2CQ	W2KJ
Kansas City DXC (MO)	808,542	11	KØXR	WBØISW
Saginaw Valley ARS (MI)	795,770	26	K8DO	K8OT
Northern Florida ARS	694,316	11	N4UF	N4UF
L'Anse Creuse ARC (MI)	679,026	23	K8DD	K8DD
Wisconsin Valley RA	677,714	14	W9NA	W9NA
Murgas ARC (PA)	654,404	18	WB3JGP	WB3FAA
Ft Wayne RC (IN)	653,920	15	K9UWA	K9UWA
Central Michigan ARC	588,972	22	W8TJQ	WA8SQL
Kettle Moraine RA (WI)	559,488	30	W9HE	N9KS
Ohio Valley ARA	484,900	10	W8RSW	—
Utica ARC (NY)	360,090	13	K2XU	WA2PCF
West Allis RAC (WI)	314,958	17	K9KR	K9KR
Motor City RC (MI)	214,114	12	K8SIA	K8SIA

Local Class

Cascades ARS (MI)	758,056	10	K8MJZ	K8MJZ
Texas Assn. Contest Ops	742,582	6	K5TM	K5TM
John Brown Univ. ARC (AR)	731,644	7	K5GO	N5DX
Flyweight DX Group (TN/VA)	716,474	6	N4DW	—
Willamette Valley DXC (OR)	619,760	5	—	W7NI
Point Radio Opr. Soc. (PA)	587,156	8	K3KO	—
Mid-Missouri ARC	534,550	8	—	WØVE
Blue Grass ARC (KY)	521,678	10	WB4PRU	WB4PRU
Central Virginia CC	521,424	5	—	N4HB
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	474,376	3	—	—
RC of Tacoma (WA)	463,010	10	—	W7BUN
Central Florida DX Assn.	453,338	9	N4SA	N4SA
Sevier County ARC (TN)	441,462	6	K4XU	K4XU
Connecticut Wireless Assn.	441,066	9	W1ECH	W1TCJ
Salem ARC (OR)	430,768	4	N7ES	—
Western Carolina ARS (NC)	405,024	4	—	—
Synton ARC (IL)	394,602	9	K9CW	K89AW
Minnesota Wireless Assn.	392,862	4	—	—
Massillon ARC (OH)	391,122	7	K8AC	K8AC
Poughkeepsie ARC (NY)	389,598	5	—	—
Indy DXers (IN)	349,642	3	—	—
M.I.T. RC (MA)	346,012	5	—	N1HR
Duluth Guns RC (MN)	342,434	4	KØII	—

Hudson, Midwest and Southwestern Divisions. Arizona now holds three of the S.W. Division records usually held by Southern California stations. Even far-away Alaska found itself (herself?) with the multioperator title in the Northwestern Division as the K17HR group put together a winning entry. The oldest record broken was in the Dakota Division where WAØLKL is the new low-power phone king, erasing the WBØDSP 1972 record. The oldest one still on the books is the 1969 low-power record from the Southeastern Division held by K4WAR (K8UQA/K8WW, op).

One interesting statistic culled from this year's SS logs was the year first licensed (from the check given in the contest). Of the logs received at Hq., 39 percent gave out checks of 1970 or later. About 25 percent fell into each of

the 1960-69 and 1950-59 categories. The 1940s had 3 percent, 1930s about 5 percent and 1920s about 2 percent, with only two entries before 1920. Exactly half of the entries gave first dates of license of 1965 or later. Feel like you're getting older?

Only those stations making a clean sweep on both modes are listed in this year's tabulation. Cw clean sweeps were up 219 percent and phone sweeps were up 60 percent. Last year only 10 stations managed a sweep on both modes, 1978 honors go to 36! A few operators made it on both modes, K1MM for one, but used different call signs (KZ5JM and KZ5NO). Incidentally, next year's clean sweep total will be only 74 sections, as Canal Zone licensing will be handled by Panama with HP call signs issued.

Whidbey Island DXC (WA)	332,007	9	---	WB7BFK
Burlington ARC (VT)	327,516	4	---	---
Hell Gate ARC (MT)	324,762	6	K7QA	K7QA
Rockford ARA (IL)	314,530	5	---	K9IKP
Las Vegas RAC (NV)	309,620	3	---	---
Canton ARC (OH)	308,930	7	W8TD	WB8URG
Rowan ARS (NC)	303,218	6	---	N4UH
Mitre-Bedford ARC (MA)	287,108	7	W1FM	W1FM
Whitewater Valley ARC (IN)	285,902	5	AA9S	---
Schenectady ARA (NY)	271,660	4	---	---
Central Michigan Contesters	241,398	5	---	---
Ozarks ARS (MO)	235,692	8	---	WB0TMK
Eastern Iowa DXA	230,902	4	W0VU	---
Mike & Key ARC (WA)	223,648	5	---	N7NW
Saline County ARC (AR)	204,472	4	---	---
Spokane RA (WA)	202,847	7	K7JV	---
Manchester RC (CT)	202,714	6	W1WEF	---
Montgomery ARC (MD)	202,164	5	---	WB3FAF
Old Barney ARC (NJ)	201,434	4	---	---
Foothills ARS (CA)	197,822	7	---	W6LID
Granite State ARA (NH)	195,984	4	---	---
Southeastern DXC (GA)	194,404	4	---	---
Libertyville & Mundelein ARS (IL)	191,428	4	---	---
Hollywood ARC (FL)	177,796	3	---	---
Land of Lakes ARC (MI)	166,442	5	---	WA8OWG
AH Transmitting Soc. (KY)	163,384	3	N4XM	---
Sioux Falls ARC (SD)	161,332	3	---	WA0ARS
Hazleton ARC (PA)	160,402	5	K3UK	---
HTC-South Campus ARC (MN)	156,966	4	---	K0CN
Ventura County ARC (CA)	152,678	6	---	WA6IJZ
Abington ARC (PA)	147,318	5	---	KA3AOF
St. Charles ARC (MO)	143,056	6	WB0QZY	WB0QZY
Penn. Wireless Assn. (PA)	140,386	4	---	---
Rochester ARC (MN)	139,792	4	---	---
Larkfield ARC (NY)	139,354	10	K2CMV	WB2GUB
Signal Hill ARC (SD)	137,208	4	---	---
Northwest ARC (IL)	129,712	7	N9NA	WD9ADM
Great South Bay ARC (NY)	128,110	4	---	---
Coconino County ARC (AZ)	124,710	5	W7YS	---
Northrop RC (CA)	121,114	4	---	W6CN
Billerica ARC (MA)	115,520	4	---	---
Rio Hondo ARC (CA)	115,112	4	---	WA6EZY
Ambridge Area School Dist. RC (PA)	108,518	6	WB3HSV	---
Chicago Radio Traffic Assn. (IL)	104,552	5	W9REC	---
Cuyahoga Falls ARC (OH)	101,826	9	WB8VNR	KA8BCZ
Hamfesters RC (IL)	97,788	4	---	---
ARINC ARC (MD)	96,616	4	---	---
Four Lakes ARC (WI)	85,176	4	---	WD9GRI
Westpark Radiops (OH)	83,724	6	---	W8IMF
Valley ARA (VA)	74,886	5	W4XD	---
Brightleaf ARC (NC)	71,796	5	---	---
IBM Owego ARC (NY)	71,778	5	---	---
Lake Success RC (NY)	55,036	7	WA2ISH	WA2DZD
Rip Van Winkle ARS (NY)	49,506	3	---	---
Columbus ARC (GA)	46,702	3	---	AK4T
Fresno ARC (CA)	25,690	3	---	---
Bay Area ARC (MI)	23,254	3	---	---
Missouri Western ARC	14,316	3	---	---
Albany ARC (NY)	9,816	3	W2UUI	---

Overall, the logs were neater, had fewer duplicates, and fewer call sign/exchange errors than last year. Even the number one scorers overlook a few duplicates, no matter how carefully the logs are checked. W2GD had one and KP4RF had three, showing you can't be perfect and number one at the same time.

A lot of extra effort went into the SS log checking, score typing and associated paperwork this year so the results could make the April issue. Special thanks to Arlene Duguay again this year for the necessary typing of the score listings.

Soapbox

Murphy took a different form with me this year. After making sure that I had no weekend commitments, I was flattened with the flu during the cw

weekend. But, lacking common sense and being more than a little stubborn, I made a stab at it anyway: P.S. don't touch the logs — oops! Too late! (K8MN). Fifty QSOs were plenty for this old fogey. I figured, let the young hot shots fight it out until the last second (W2FSL). Who says there is no such thing as beginner's luck? First SS ever and made a clean sweep. Being in South Carolina is almost like being rare DX (W4MPY). Was nearly wiped out when Halloween pranksters covered the tower with pink toilet paper (W1GNC). You haven't lived until you've tried the SS using all indoor antennas in a ground-floor apartment in Alaska. It's kind of like yelling for help from a life raft in the middle of the ocean. If you yell long enough, somebody will hear you (KL7JEO). I developed a new contest named the *Sleepstakes*. It begins 0301 UTC November 7 and ends when you get up. You may operate the full time period with no time-outs (WB3JGP). Administered a Novice written exam during a "break" in my SS operation (WA2JCX). Very tough for 5 watts (WA0PED). In the phone portion of the SS, never use standard phonetics. You must think up something clever that will catch



VE3AKG is still trying to figure out how he missed Utah on cw. Even so, his low power station finished no. 1 in the Ontario section.



Despite nervousness over his first contest, Shawn (KA2BSC/N) picked up seven new states.



VE4OY no. 1 low power Canadian Division phone and cw

everyone's attention. My QSOs per hour picked up after I changed from "Delta Juliet Whiskey" to "Delicious Juicy Watermelon." It's silly, but it helped (W5DJW). Being licensed in 1935 caused some problems. About 80 percent of the time I had to repeat my check. They wouldn't believe 35 and wanted it to be 55 or 75 (K9NA). A really wild and crazee . . . contest! (WD4MYD). Can anyone tell me the odds of working a KL7, a VE8, two Wyoming stations, and a JA1 without even hearing a station in my neighboring state of West Virginia? (K4EMX). When you think that you hear "CQ SS" coming from the showerhead — you know that you've had enough! (N0TT). You can't have your station powered up then have your wife plug in the curling iron, electric rollers, and hair dryer. You tend to loose points groping in the dark for the breaker (K0WA). Once upon a time, in the kingdom of OYW, there lived a king. And on a certain weekend in the 11th month, the king had decreed that all the peasants must vacate their homes and observe a royal holiday. And all the peasants obeyed their king. Which is why this humble station, in a bid to work all 75 sections for a clean sweep, did not achieve that goal! (VE3XJ). Sure wish that the FCC's computer programmer had to dupe these logs by hand (K8KT/WB8SAW). I had always escaped Murphy during the SS, until this year. After a few hours of SS-cw, Mr. Stomach decided to empty himself. Result: 16 extra hours of rest and a lot fewer QSOs (K0MPH).

Top Ten Phone

Single Operator	Low Power	Multioperator
KP4RF	333,600 N5DX	197,100 K1GZL
W7KW	306,150 WB6SHD	169,950 W6JZU
W6HX	290,250 K7JVR	166,950 N1MM
VE5DX	289,050 W7UV	166,200 K0WA
K0RF	282,450 K4XU	160,950 K5RX
K0CL	282,150 WA0LKL	153,300 W1XX
K2TR	276,150 W2KI	151,950 WA2ECA
K7RI	275,132 N0MC	148,650 W6YX
K0ZZ	274,800 N1YY	146,400 K1XA
W7ZQ	273,450 VE4OY	145,950 N6RZ

Clean Sweep

Phone and CW					
K1RT	K2TR	N4DW	W6JZU		
K1KI	N3AD	W4DM	K6FB		
W1ZM	K3RA	AF5L	W6BIP		
W1BIH	K3UA	K5TM	AC7P		
K1VR	K3FR	W5AC	N7AM		
W1OO	WB4SKI	K5GA	K8LX		
K1RX	K4XU	W6BH	N3ER8		
K1BW	K4PJ	N6KB	K8MFO		
W2PV	K4VX	N6BT	W9RW		

Top Ten CW

Single Operator	Low Power	Multioperator
W2GD	180,264 AA7A	147,704 WA2ECA
W6HX	177,896 K5MR	141,932 K0WA
K3UA	177,450 K4XU	141,300 W4AOL
K1GQ	177,304 N4DW	137,850 WB8JBM
W7KW	177,098 N0NO	136,080 W9YH
N6TR	177,008 W2CS	135,926 K8ND
K6RR	176,712 VE4OY	135,648 N1MM
N4RR	175,346 K0DJ	135,216 W8XU
K3LR	174,324 WB5YEM	131,128 K6AYA
VE7CC	173,550 W0ETT	129,352 N6TA

How was your first hour?

CW	QSOs	Band	Phone	QSOs	Band
W2GD	81	10/40	KP4RF	80	10/15
W6HX	73	15	W7KW	140	10
K3UA	91	40	W6HX	113	10/15
K1GQ	83	40	VE5DX	123	10/15
W7KW	76	10	K0RF	130	10/15
N6TR	81	15	K0CL	133	10
K6RR	74	10	K2TR	107	10/15
N4RR	60	20	K7RI	114	10/15
K3LR	73	15/20/40	K0ZZ	117	15
VE7CC	75	10	W7ZQ	130	10

Used SS as a training exercise for some of my Field Day gang. Look out, FD! (N4WA). No sooner had the cw contest started than TVI troubles developed with the gentleman next door. I noticed that his outdoor antenna (TV) had a long feed line and the antenna and feed line were both very close to my 20-meter beam. I invited him to try my "rabbit ears" TV antenna, since they worked fine on my TV with no TVI. The neighbor's TV worked fine with no trace of TVI with the "rabbit ears." He asked me where he could buy such an antenna. I told him to keep mine. Cheapest TVI cure that I have found yet (WB4HNH). Can't believe that Iowa kept me from a clean sweep on phone to go with the one that I got on cw. North Dakota, VE8, or Wyoming, yes, but Iowa?? (WB4FOT). Many great phonetics in use in the phone NS (N6G). Received many points and lots of support from stations who weren't actively in the contest, especially around the 1900 to 2100 QSO mark, in the last three hours of the contest. Never would have broken 2000 Qs without all those guys on 10 and 15 meters who helped me out (W7KW/W6TPH). The SS truly does strange things to one's mind. For instance, I heard one poor sap calling "CQ FD, CQ FD..." (WB0VGN). Attempted a microprocessor-run duping system, but it was leaking in and wouldn't leak out. So by 2200 UTC on Saturday, it was back to CD-77 (K2ZWI/WB2PJM). Cw SS is one of the only things worth missing Saturday Night Live for... (NSAPQ/N5AAU). A beam, a beam, my kingdom for a beam (N2OM). How about proposing a 24-hour SS, kinda like Field Day, but with just one break permitted in the 30-hour period. The break would be anything from 0 hours to 6 hours, thus giving "float time" at the beginning, during and at the end for anyone who wants to do it (N6CJ). Got home at 2055 UTC and had to use the hair dryer to warm up the rig! (WD8OKL). The 45th SS was quite an event. Over the years I don't recall how many times I've sent in an SS log, but it sure has to be quite a number in all. Thinking back to when it was a two-weekend affair, I find myself wondering which format that I like best. Perhaps the present setup is best, but in past times you had a second chance to contact those few remaining sections that had not been worked. I'm not complaining though, because every SS included, I don't think I've called "CQ SS" over a dozen times in all (VE3ACB). How someone can work a contest and think at the same time I'll never understand (WD9HZK). Those new calls sure are fun! If K1RT (K1RT) should KILL (KILL) Ninety-Four Wild Women (N4WW) or Ninety-Five Wild Women (NSWW), a COP (AC0P) may KIK (KIK) him in jail, but if he K1ST (K1ST) them instead, then he may get a lot of ACID (ACID) stares or be told to fly his K1TO (K1TO)! (K8DD). Families do not understand SS — they still want to eat! (N9YL). Sweepstakes happiness is sending no. 71 20 minutes before the end of the contest... and getting back an even lower

number! (WA2SEL). I operated the last two Sweepstakes as K17UN, running a kW. Quite a difference being just another 5, running 3 watts. I would propose a category for most points per watt. That would be my only chance to win anything. My total would be 4554.67. A kilowatt station would have to score over 4 million points to beat me (AB8N/5). Think that I was the oldest op participating in the SS from the Western New York Section. Age is 76. The old man had a ball (W2GA). Standard of operating throughout was excellent, but never have I heard so many amateurs in such a short time stumble so much with their keyers (VE3KK). Too bad making a clean sweep has to involve working third-world multipliers like South Carolina, Mississippi and North Dakota, not to mention Panama, whoops... Canal Zone (K1TN). Biggest thrill was keeping pace with many of the "Big Guns" through the first hours of the contest, despite my lowly power (180 watts) and lowly (25 feet) antennas. (N9BT). QSO number 15 was with KA9AOD who was sending cw about 15 wpm. When I heard him a little later on, he was doing about 35 wpm. Best improved fist (WD6DTN). I missed the propagation charts for SS like you had for last year's contest. But it didn't seem to matter much as condx were excellent here (W8MAM). We've discovered that it is increasingly hard for a class "A" station, using dipole antennas to break a station that makes quick QSOs, running "B" power... maybe using different portions of the bands would help. Example: The first 50 (or so) kHz of each band would be reserved for class "A" stations and the rest for class "B," with "intermingling" as desired by the participants (WB5ZRN/WB5UXL). My check log looks like something from King Tut's tomb (K7MM). Working from a rare state (VT) is not such an advantage — every other guy wants QSL info. Very time-consuming. QSL to WB2JSJ (WBIGOR).

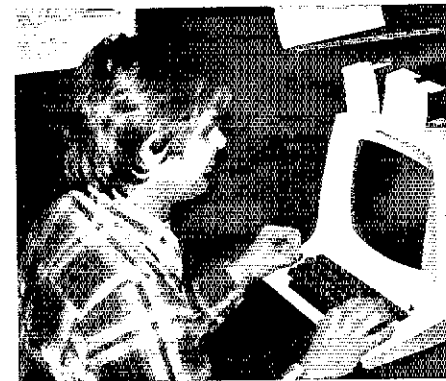
Feedback

The gremlins came out of the woodwork in last year's writeup. Cw — K9BGL with a score of 118,854 and K9BG with 116,948 points disappeared from the Illinois listings. N9FI was incorrectly noted as K9TI. N6NE was the low-power leader in the East Bay. WB1A/W/N's number three Novice score wasn't properly credited. WB5TCI/N was overlooked as the number five Novice scorer and WD0BNL/N was listed as BML.

Phone — K1XX should have been credited with a score of 221,408. Great Lakes Division Leader W8KIC had WB8MZZ at the mic. K5HWO should have been credited with 118,500 points (number 2 in Oklahoma). N6NB was the Southwestern Division multiop leader. The W9CUS entry was a multiop effort by Explorer Post 373. W90BF had 135,050 points for his low-power Central Division record score.

Clubs — The Gloucester County RC score was

666,908 (23rd) with WB2OSQ the club phone winner. The Central Michigan ARC phone certificate winner was W8VPC giving the club 536,988 points (30th). The Radio Club of Tacoma score was really 505,696 points (31st) and W7BUN claimed the club honors. Apologies to all for the errors. EST



K0DQ (K0DQ at the logging terminal) no. 2 multiop Nebraska phone.



Jack (WB7VBC/N) picked up 12,642 points from Idaho on cw.

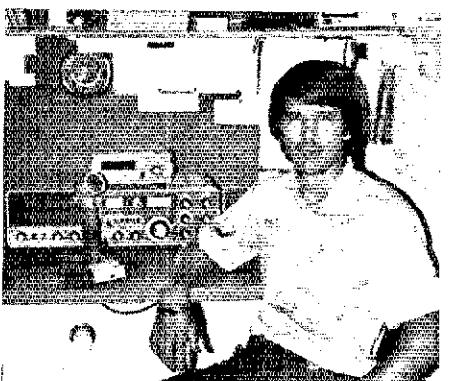
WBLNQ	36,960	245-74-19-A	WB9VOG	180	10-9-6-A	K8DJ	135,216	939-72-24-A	W9YCR	106,760	785-68-21-B	North Dakota			
W9RE	28,460	200-71-21-A	WD9FEP	144	9-8-5-A	W9FTT	129,352	874-74-24-A	W9SA	89,118	583-73-15-B	AEOE	85,492	638-67-23-B	
WB9SMU	25,048	202-62-21-A	W9YB(WB4NNO, K9H, N9S NB NC, N9S)	144	9-8-5-A	W9YK	111,734	787-71-24-B	K9FZG	84,956	637-24-24-A	K9FRP	83,776	616-68-21-A	
WB9ADH	23,112	214-54-7-A	WB9PUM YEH, oprs	106,800	712-75-24-B	N9DV	96,832	712-68-24-A	W9ROE	63,280	452-70-19-A	W9VUU	28,390	229-62-11-A	
WB9JN	21,890	199-55-10-A	WB9NMC(+WB9OSJ)	48,840	407-50-18-B	AC9S	70,148	449-71-18-B	N9AJJ	48,280	355-68-21-A	W9RIB	28,272	228-62-17-A	
K9C	19,912	194-49-7-B	W9NAA(NBRK, N9LN, oprs)	37,700	290-55-11-B	K9ULZ	27,120	236-60-16-A	K9MPH	42,960	358-60-9-A	WD9ECS	82,600	118-35-8-A	
W9HPG	17,914	189-53-10-A	WD9HMY(+WD9HIZ)	216,58-24-A		K9LW	24,072	206-89-8-A	N9AD1	37,310	287-65-22-A	South Dakota			
W9KTE	15,980	170-47-10-A	K9I(WA2S BLI, EC7, W3EP, WB5FID, WB9VVV, oprs)	10,164	121-42-10-A	W9SG	18,224	136-67-9-A	W9F7E	37,052	314-59-19-A	K9ZZ	171,820	1161-74-24-B	
N9NN/3	15,548	169-46-17-A	Wisconsin			WD9GXR/N	14,360	140-52-24-A	N9BU	36,112	295-61-14-R	WB9VGN	61,210	646-67-24-B	
N9TT	15,480	169-46-17-A	W9NA	147,600	984-75-23-B	K9BLS	9,476	74-37-9-A	K9JBT	41,868	312-67-11-B	K9VJ	58,355	429-68-18-A	
W9RIFD	11,782	137-43-13-A	W9NA	107,550	718-75-23-B	W9G	3,200	50-32-6-A	W9GPP	15,198	149-51-9-A	K9HP	80,836	398-41-5-A	
W9R9	11,520	96-60-9-A	W9NHF	103,368	708-73-23-B	W9DJIH	2,900	50-29-18-B	N9AGW	10,100	101-50-14-A	K9OR	440	22-10-4-A	
K9KD	11,266	131-43-5-A	N9AW	98,808	716-69-22-B	N9AE(+WB9TGA)	18,054	177-51-12-B	K9ASU/N	41,868	101-48-21-A	WD9EMB(+WD9CXU)	48,374	361-67-16-A	
K9LW	10,360	148-39-6-A	N9UR	96,652	662-73-24-B	Iowa			K9VW	7,200	100-36-4-A	VE			
W9LBO	7,920	100-40-26-4-A	W9WDE/9	93,456	649-72-23-B	N9GA	156,300	1042-75-24-B	W9YHE	2,700	50-27-6-A	Quebec			
WD9HTM	6,142	83-37-15-B	W9OC	92,016	639-72-24-A	K9MM	147,856	997-74-24-B	W9QVY	112	8-7-2-A	VEAH	80,040	580-69-9-B	
K9JA/9	5,822	71-41-3-A	W9UA1	88,128	612-72-24-A	W9VW	139,138	953-73-24-B	K9TK(+K9FV, WB9GBD)	83,520	668-70-18-B	VEZAP	56,304	414-68-22-B	
K9JK	4,026	61-33-3-A	W9U2	84,512	504-64-24-A	W9VW	137,874	74-73-24-A	W9ONK(+WB9UJ)	44,632	596-71-24-A	VEZAP	56,304	414-68-22-B	
K9ALR/N	3,528	63-28-10-A	W9U3	61,774	461-67-16-A	W9W	100,100	715-70-23-A	W9MN(+WB9RS)	64,812	491-66-20-A	VEZWA	21,560	146-55-5-A	
W9IB	3,520	55-32-6-A	W9U4	56,572	389-74-21-A	W9WV	91,020	615-74-23-A	W9GXXG(+WD9GJ)	20,458	193-53-18-B	Ontario			
WB9TBU	3,300	50-33-9-A	W9U5	56,280	420-77-14-B	W9WV	80,082	617-73-24-A	W9SAK	121,656	822-74-24-A	VE3AKG	44,000	600-70-23-A	
W9ZEN	2,400	50-30-3-A	W9U6	37,780	306-64-10-A	W9WV	80,082	617-73-24-A	VE3DAP	82,368	172-75-62-A	VE3GCE	47,748	346-65-17-A	
N9YL	1,640	40-26-4-A	N9E2	39,168	306-64-10-A	W9WV	89,910	505-71-19-A	VE3JTP	47,748	346-65-17-A	VE3BZR	43,960	314-70-13-A	
K9PW	1,396	18-11-1-A	K9WTF	37,800	300-63-20-B	W9WV	49,968	318-82-10-A	VE3ACB	35,742	259-69-16-A	VE3EZZ	26,934	201-87-14-A	
K9AT	1,166	16-28-6-A	W9VOC	37,180	286-68-15-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE3KJ	23,680	160-74-20-A	VE3JRL	23,232	176-56-15-A	
W9WXC	1,100	10-9-2-A	N9K5	35,760	288-60-17-B	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE3JSD	21,888	192-57-10-A	VE3JK	17,700	118-75-15-A	
W9YH(AO90, K9, GL MK PW VV, WD9BVQ, oprs)	132,192	918-72-24-B	W9KPK	32,368	288-68-11-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE3KQV	17,700	118-75-15-A	VE3WZ	8,064	96-42-5-A	
N9JF(+WA9GK)	75,580	494-75-21-A	K9JUL	31,720	488-65-17-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE3KQD	13,950	45-30-10-A	VE3BMV	60	5-5-1-A	
K9GS(+W9PK, WD91OK, net)	70,574	497-71-24-A	W9JBC	23,808	192-62-7-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE3ART/3(VE3, AYD DAO GAST, oprs)	99,946	717-69-20-B	Manitoba			
WB9TXO(N9BB, WB9AGY, WD9EMA, WA9AVL, oprs)	64,416	488-66-19-B	W9VHI	23,408	209-56-46-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE4CY	135,648	940-72-23-A	VE4XI	24,592	212-58-17-A	
W9TRC(+WA9AGN)	62,828	456-69-21-A	W9T	20,628	191-54-8-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE4RRCIVE4(A, C, J, AHS, oprs)	43,560	330-66-24-B	Saskatchewan			
WD9EVV(+WD4FFW, WB9BVW)	36,960	66-28-10-A	W9T	14,236	128-56-3-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE5ABL	56,580	397-70-16-A	VE5JF	8,200	100-41-9-A	
Indiana			W9T	10,904	116-4-14-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	Alberta						
W9TG	150,900	1006-75-24-B	N9H8	7,800	100-39-10-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE6ATT	31,388	266-59-16-A	VE6ALD	3,280	82-40-10-A	
K9JWA	129,500	875-74-23-B	W99IGJ	6,808	92-37-8-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	British Columbia						
W9GCL	99,500	712-70-24-A	W99IXS	6,500	100-34-14-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE7CC	173,550	1157-75-24-B	VE7ARQ	90,576	612-74-23-A	
W9QBF	98,864	668-74-24-A	W99DFT/T	6,264	85-37-16-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	CF7JG	46,364	346-67-19-B	VE7CMK	37,644	326-67-9-B	
W9LTI(N9NO, opr)	94,752	658-72-23-B	K9JBU	3,596	62-29-12-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE7PW	34,438	257-67-12-A	VE7CGN	31,374	249-63-14-A	
W9JFC	80,872	614-74-24-A	W99IKN	3,200	64-26-13-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	VE7CFM	31,248	248-63-1-A	VE7CPT/7	26,272	228-62-19-A	
W9WVC	84,184	619-68-22-A	W99EJ	3,060	51-30-14-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	New Hampshire						
W9VJE	75,402	531-71-23-B	W99AKU	2,976	56-22-16-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	K1GQ(K1GQ, oprs)	231,180	1541-75-24-B	K1RX	202,050	1347-75-24-B	
W9LTI	74,650	525-71-21-A	K9JXW	2,530	55-23-2-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	K1RX	187,200	1248-75-24-B	K1LOX(K1LOX, oprs)	187,200	1248-75-24-B	
W9SHD	63,840	458-70-23-A	W99YCV	1,978	43-23-2-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	N1QM	73,000	500-72-23-A	N1QW	66,640	476-70-18-A	
K9FV	63,364	911-62-23-B	NSAEG	1,628	37-32-12-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	W1LTFH	29,832	226-68-16-A	W1LTV	20,048	178-56-16-A	
W9RE	59,228	442-67-9-B	W99WFB	1,536	32-24-4-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	W1HMP	18,200	182-45-17-A	AD1Y	17,508	159-56-8-A	
N9JG	53,060	379-70-20-B	K99CHP/N	1,040	26-20-9-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	W1HCU	14,502	73-37-4-A	W1JUN	13,160	1541-75-24-B	
W9LUKE	45,072	313-72-17-A	W99WV/N	850	25-17-4-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	K1GZL(+WB1GQ, WA3FET, PTU)	231,180	1541-75-24-B	WB1CAG(K1UTU, WA1S, QCQ YQQ, WB1S CTE FV FHM FPG, oprs)	131,600	940-70-24-B	
AA9S	43,928	323-68-13-A	W99HTG/N	260	13-10-3-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	Rhode Island						
W9JJKU	42,480	295-72-12-A	W99RKF	234	13-9-3-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	W1TFF	196,200	1309-75-24-B	W1TATQ	111,000	740-75-19-A	
WA9TBW	33,600	280-60-14-B	W99AYE	154	11-7-2-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A	W1GFG	104,300	715-72-6-A	K1HMO	60,680	410-74-13-B	
K9A9D	31,752	252-63-24-A	W99AYE(WB95V, WD9JHU, oprs)	20,048	179-56-18-A	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
W9GAC	23,808	202-59-10-A	Colorado			W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
N9RC	21,930	215-91-15-B	W9CP	154,760	1060-73-24-B	W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
W9QLW	19,344	156-62-9-B				W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
W9JVB	13,916	142-49-9-B				W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
WB9JZL	13,392	215-62-12-A				W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
K9K8	14,400	101-47-8-A				W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							
W9CM	700	35-14-2-A				W9WV	38,808	427-72-15-A							



K8ND (K8NU at the controls) no. 6 multiop con



K8LX no. 1 Great Lakes Division phone



WD40IX no. 1 low power, phone Southeastern Division

Phone Scores

U.S.A.		
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Connecticut		
K1VTM	259,980	1733-75-24-B
W1ZM(K1ZM, opr)	242,250	1615-75-24-B
K1PR(W1ALMA, oprs)	241,380	1631-74-24-B
K1RT	232,200	1548-75-24-B
K1RM	230,650	1537-75-23-B
W1AW(W3A21, oprs)	190,820	1015-74-16-B
K1ZZ(K1TO, opr)	127,440	885-72-19-B
K1WB	125,800	850-74-24-A
N1JW	115,440	780-74-20-B
W1SQ8	102,300	682-75-11-B
W1ZVS	101,324	694-73-22-A
N1JC	80,216	542-74-24-A
K1WA	79,778	543-73-19-A
W1VY	76,500	510-75-13-B
W1AZD	74,444	503-74-16-A

K1THP	61,776	429-72-13-B
W1TCT	60,480	420-72-12-B
K1K	55,600	370-75-23-B
W1WFF	48,248	347-73-14-A
K1EB	44,756	334-67-15-B
W1NRR	43,680	336-55-6-A
W1BDU	43,166	336-61-14-A
K1BV	41,600	329-64-3-B
K1DD	40,392	306-66-12-A
N1ADE	40,032	278-75-2-A
W1JGD	37,808	278-68-9-A
W1JCE	33,996	253-66-13-A
N1CC	32,154	243-69-8-A
K1DW	32,076	243-66-9-A
K1T	30,948	237-75-2-A
W1FAT	29,118	211-69-14-A
W1BKR	27,324	203-84-16-A
W1K	26,112	202-53-8-B
W1B	22,000	147-75-4-B
W1LBU	19,596	142-93-8-B
K1WJ	18,270	143-63-9-A
W1BPNK	18,156	141-36-13-A
W1B	9,950	122-67-11-A
W1ECH	7,000	100-35-3-A
W1KID	6,690	100-33-6-A
W1RM	2,120	53-20-1-A
N1MM(+K1S PR, oprs)	219,600	1464-75-24-B
W1XX(+W1LJO, oprs)	211,640	1430-74-24-B

K1XA(+W1GNC)	206,700	1378-75-24-B
W1ADR(+KA1A, WB1HZ)	28,842	254-57-14-B
Eastern Massachusetts		
K1TA		



K2GQ (WA2KYQ at the mike) no. 3 multihop NNJ phone



W9YB (I to r — WB9PM, N9NB, N9NC) no. 1 multihop Indiana cw



K6GQ no. 1 Delta Division cw

Ohio	
WBKIC(WB8MZZ)opr	19,450-1463-75-23-B
K8A-Z	207,180-1380-75-24-B
K8MR	205,340-1369-75-24-B
ACBE	170,644-1153-74-23-B
N8LL	141,474-969-75-24-B
N8RA	135,272-914-74-23-B
K8MN	133,350-889-75-21-B
WB8ALG	94,572-639-74-23-A
WB8FH	91,904-627-74-24-B
K8U	83,914-567-74-17-B
WB8VPA	83,914-567-74-24-B
WB8URJG	77,380-530-73-23-A
WB8JIS	70,060-490-74-18-A
K8EL	70,500-470-75-18-A
K8EE	64,232-434-74-20-A
K8URE	60,300-403-75-18-B
WB8JHQ(WD8J)opr	58,740-391-70-19-A
WB8VQI	52,128-362-72-17-B
AD8P	51,100-365-70-B
WB8JN	50,723-373-64-22-B
WB8NBV	48,910-359-69-19-B
K8C0M	44,712-324-69-11-A
WB8DM	44,250-295-75-20-A
WB8KPI	42,704-314-68-19-B
K8KR	41,882-308-68-14-B
A8SS	40,320-288-70-19-A
WB8APJ	38,100-254-75-13-B
WB8FD	36,000-250-72-14-B
K8RFX	31,644-243-64-11-A
WB8EOL	30,016-224-67-18-A
K8AL	29,080-195-72-5-B
WB8N	27,136-212-64-6-A
K8B8CZ	26,404-230-60-10-A
WB8SW	25,456-172-74-10-B
WB8GQ	24,180-186-65-17-A
WB8I	23,200-200-66-19-B
WB8QW	17,000-170-73-14-A
WB8DJR	18,370-167-55-18-A
WB8IMF	17,820-162-55-10-B
WB8RCN	17,080-122-70-18-A
WB8XT	16,170-160-69-19-A
WB8D0J	15,792-141-56-19-B
K8UHX	13,110-171-55-5-A
WB8FE	12,830-105-61-9-B
K8MFO	12,830-105-61-9-B
WB8SDV	10,800-100-54-10-B
WB8JQ	10,780-110-49-11-B
N8AFE	10,648-121-48-8-A
WB8LJZ	8,752-106-46-9-A
K8EKG	8,660-107-40-9-A
WB8PFS	7,378-119-31-8-B
K80L	4,884-66-37-3-B
N8BN	4,356-66-33-3-A
WB8DKJ	3,896-56-33-17-A
WA1GUD/B	3,604-53-34-4-B
N8AFY	3,402-43-27-6-A
AL8X	1,198-11-9-1-A
K8VVB	196-14-7-2-A
WB8ZNC	72-6-6-1-A
WB8JBM(WB8S DOP LN, WD8LN)opr	15,932-1342-73-24-B

K8BQL	72,144-501-72-17-B
WB8MSV	60,006-411-73-14-A
W9UVM	51,724-386-67-12-B
WB8WJK	47,736-351-68-20-B
WB8HNS	45,990-338-70-24-A
K8S5	45,288-308-74-14-A
WB8JIX	42,612-318-67-21-B
WB8AIDH	38,300-275-66-8-A
WB8HPS	30,444-224-68-15-A
WB8AEU	29,172-212-66-13-B
A8YK	28,272-228-62-12-B
N8AHY	27,360-224-60-15-A
WB8VLM	26,376-205-61-12-B
WB8QD	25,220-194-65-18-A
WB8VA	25,200-190-63-4-B
WB8JL	24,420-185-66-16-B
WB8LGR(W9AG)opr	24,282-213-87-7-A
WB8IC	23,028-202-57-11-A
WB8COL	21,128-149-71-6-B
WB8HJK	20,034-158-63-20-A
K8VU	19,908-158-63-6-A
K8JL9	18,600-186-50-3-B
WB8AUS	18,040-164-55-17-A
WB8VLM	17,500-160-56-17-B
WB8DVR	16,864-136-62-15-A
WB8SS	16,632-154-54-1-A
WB8J	15,676-112-75-8-B
WB8EC	15,254-125-63-15-A
WB8QW	13,666-133-51-8-A
WB8FVH	11,280-120-47-9-A
K8K	10,968-107-44-5-A
K8NA	8,368-89-47-7-A
K8PQ	6,006-77-39-3-A
WB8EGT	5,180-73-39-7-A
WB8HXC	3,848-60-47-5-A
N8NA	1,884-13-24-2-A
WB8OTE	1,310-35-19-7-B
WB8JEL	1,254-33-19-4-A
WB8JF	972-27-28-2-A
W9YH(AD90, K9S GL MK VV, W9HED)opr	74,800-1164-75-24-B
K9CC(+K9S JK MR W9SA)opr	132,460-895-74-24-B
N9AGC(+N9AAE K9AS)opr	13,750-428-75-23-B
K9BK(AA9R)	52,448-642-72-21-B
N9UN(GDK3X)	50,500-506-75-21-B
K9YUG(WB8WU)opr	65,700-434-75-23-A
WB8MM(+WB8S)opr	44,788-447-72-21-A
WB8VEM(Multihop)	35,198-371-69-23-B
WB8DPT(WB8J)opr	25,520-220-88-18-B
WB8GUT(WB8HA)opr	20,522-38-87-6-A
WB8A(B)opr	2052-38-87-6-A

N9KS	76,800-512-75-20-B
K9H	70,272-488-72-20-B
K9BX	66,000-440-75-17-B
WB8VOZ	65,660-469-70-24-A
WB8OR	60,680-410-74-19-B
WB8C	48,750-475-65-9-B
W9OE	44,208-40-72-17-A
N9AU	41,480-305-68-13-A
WB8EJ	39,304-288-68-16-A
WB8IT	37,180-236-62-17-A
W98ZV	36,312-267-68-21-B
W9CUS(WB8CP)opr	33,240-277-60-20-A
WB8H	32,688-227-72-19-A
WB8GH	29,880-249-60-21-A
N9MN	28,272-228-62-17-B
WB8SVO	28,202-239-59-12-A
WB8AKV	26,784-216-62-13-B
W9GK	26,288-212-62-8-A
W9HE	24,852-218-57-10-B
WB8WFB	22,488-193-54-10-B
WB8SSN	21,632-208-51-12-A
K9WTF	21,618-193-56-7-B
WB8SVN	20,310-205-51-17-B
WB8ECL	19,980-185-54-12-A
N9ASL	19,800-200-49-15-A
K9BT	18,840-174-54-12-B
K9SD	18,560-160-58-14-A
WB8ECM	18,090-136-67-17-A
WB8EKP	17,238-168-58-14-A
K9JG	16,940-175-65-16-A
WB8SCP	15,400-175-44-11-B
W9GIL	15,000-100-75-15-B
WB8H(X)N900)opr	14,880-214-35-6-A
K9AC	14,812-161-46-10-B
K9BN	10,800-150-36-3-B
WB8RN	9,316-99-25-4-A
WB8ZPC	7,416-103-36-7-A
N9HR	7,400-100-37-4-A
WB8MPP	7,040-80-44-4-A
WB8VIM	6,740-80-36-6-A
WB8CLP	5,478-63-33-11-B
K9JPS	5,320-70-38-4-B
A9AK	4,608-77-32-4-A
WB8LXS	4,250-69-25-4-A
WB8RKL	2,808-52-27-4-A
W92YL	1,806-13-21-4-A
W9MKY	1,242-27-23-3-A
WB8QK(VLH, WB8MZ, WB8UJ, WB8C)opr	143,280-995-72-24-B
WB8E(4)opr	12,664-758-74-25-B
WB8HMC(WA8TLV, K9YV, W9NFG, W9S, FWK, TOC, W08, DTT, DTU, HTA, ILG, W9N)opr	32,160-340-72-24-B
WB8BLC(WD9S, K8LJ)opr	14,798-1151-39-4-A

W9QW(WB1W6)opr	41,272-387-61-19-B
WB8BRX	23,430-213-55-22-A
K9PFV	15,912-154-22-6-A
K9BCW	13,066-139-47-8-B
WB8TQJ	8,840-100-47-2-A
WB8PE	1,558-41-19-7-A
K9WA(+AB9S, KA6S, ANO, ANS, ISK)	218,300-1475-74-24-B
WB8Q(WD8C, W9K, W9L, W9ADV, K8BNN, N9AEU, N9SC, W9VS, W9S, NHX, QFU, SFV, SRX)opr	61,486-433-71-22-A
WB8OR(+KH6Q)opr	30,378-249-61-15-A

K9BL	71,856-450-77-8-B
WB8CFL	48,024-327-73-18-A
N9WB	35,850-275-67-16-A
WB8FAA	32,176-198-56-13-A
WB8YPI(WA8JH)	13,540-811-70-22-B
K9DQ(+KOTVD, KA8AA, N9AON, W9S, W9F, K9W, WD8LN)	105,520-740-74-24-B
K9CQB(WB8JUT)	99,336-694-72-24-A

North Dakota

AE9E	191,121-1294-74-24-B
WB8GSL	132,486-933-71-16-B
K9FRP	70,152-454-74-18-A
WB8ECS	67,600-479-70-17-A
WB8DAM	33,528-254-60-14-A
WB8HH	1740-102-35-3-A
WB8JIN	4440-100-37-7-A
WB8SC(WB8YU, WD8AS)opr	21,278-194-54-A

South Dakota

K9ZZ	274,800-1832-75-24-B
N9SD	106,856-722-74-19-B
WB8MMW	49,790-668-75-19-B
WB8SD	47,668-728-67-19-B
WB8SBS	38,916-609-73-24-A
K9OAF	37,168-522-75-22-B
WB8AHZ	68,210-495-69-18-A
K9JL	66,224-461-74-16-A
WB8STR	29,446-223-65-14-B
WB8JN	23,578-213-53-3-A
WB8JUL	15,912-153-52-5-B
WB8JUL	9760-80-61-8-A
WB8YGT	9086-69-61-6-A
K9HF	3600-50-28-3-A
AE9P(WB8CIR)	52,440-380-69-20-A
WB8CMB(WB8KX)	25,200-225-56-7-A

VE

Maritime Newfoundland

WB8RLK(VF)	27,462-199-69-4-B
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Quebec

VF2JUN	16,274-126-57-6-A
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Ontario

VE3RAS	172,224-1196-72-24-B
VE3ED	17,400-516-73-21-A
VE3FEA	35,000-250-70-10-B
VE3JH	32,870-245-64-14-B
VE3JMS	30,866-233-61-3-A
VE3JAR	30,134-247-61-11-B
VE3ECH	7044-82-46-11-A
VE3SHM	1-1-1-1-A
VE3ECP(+VE3BXV)	77,050-513-75-19-B

Manitoba

VE4OY	145,950-973-75-23-A
VE4XI	14,406-147-49-7-A

Saskatchewan

VB8HX	289,050-1927-75-24-B
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Alberta

VE6CY	148,950-983-75-14-B
VE6ATT	85,800-512-75-20-A
VE6MP	81,322-557-73-21-B
VE6AGV	41,674-311-67-8-B

British Columbia

VE7CN	234,450-1563-75-24-B
VE7VJ(WA1L, K8JH)	151,650-1011-75-22-B
VE7VJ	124,050-687-75-22-B
VE7HJR	122,840-848-71-24-B
K9ECP	82,100-500-74-16-B
WB8QWS	85,200-568-75-21-A
WB8VE	83,768-566-74-19-B
WB8TMK	70,080-480-74-21-A
WB8QV	61,840-360-73-14-A
WB8DBM	64,380-435-74-20-A
WB8JLY	61,740-441-70-23-B
WB8JXI	56,500-277-75-20-B
WB8QVW	51,840-360-73-14-A
K9RWL	41,976-318-66-12-B
WB8MYG	35,328-276-64-16-A
WB8VEQY	32,384-253-64-15-A
WB8GUP	29,200-207-74-20-B
W9Y77	29,200-210-60-10-A
WB8C	25,080-190-66-11-B
WB8GZY	24,208-178-64-13-A
WB8GZ	14,814-112-64-16-B
WB8BBO	20,790-189-55-12-A
WB8QW	20,764-179-58-11-A
WB8HBI	15,000-150-60-7-A
WB8QVW	14,814-112-64-16-B
WB8TPK	11,356-126-53-16-A
WB8DJK	8360-110-38-8-A
WB8HJL	8240-104-40-13-A
WB8QVW/M	11,356-126-53-16-A
WB8TTP	2950-50-25-5-A
WB8QV	2900-50-28-5-A
K9BM	2600-50-26-3-A
WB8GUP	2300-50-24-3-A
WB8UDY	528-27-24-2-A
N9SS(+WB8JNS)	800-1152-75-24-B
W9EEIN(A9X, WB8S, SOK, ZLB, W99VE, WD8GQ)opr	127,700-838-75-24-B
WB8ZGD(+WD8J)opr	50,850-339-75-23-A
WB8BBN(WB8S, QXW, SJP, WD8F)opr	49,950-333-75-20-B
WB8JL(KA8CQ, WA0TS, W9DFN)opr	30,592-239-64-18-A

Nebraska

K9UP	125,400-836-75-22-B
K9SCM	124,818-879-71-16-B

K8ND(+AD8I, K8NU, WB8WIK)opr	183,150-1221-75-24-B
K8DDQ(+WA1TJ, WB8AA, WB8S, WLR, YJ1 + Net)	69,800-464-75-24-A
WB8VL(WB8WIK)opr	69,154-487-71-12-B
WB8URNI	69,154-487-71-12-B
WB8OY(+WB8PMW)	3328-52-32-4-B

West Virginia

N8II	193,050-1287-75-24-B
K8BS	80,400-536-75-23-A
K8RF	34,270-209-74-23-B
WB8CZA	34,884-239-73-19-B
N8AIL	22,960-205-56-16-A
WB8U	25,38-71-39-3-A
WB8CU(WD8C)opr	100-24-2-B
K8UQ	864-27-16-4-B
WB8DGE	8-2-2-1-A
K8KT(+WB8SAW)	154,906-1061-73-23-B

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Illinois

K9CT	238,800-1592-75-24-B
K9RF(K9NO)opr	202,310-1367-74-24-B
K9BGL	175,200-1168-74-24-B
K9ZD	152,500-150-75-24-B
K9RMA	143,304-1191-72-24-B
K9SC	142,376-962-74-22-B
K9IK(K9UIY)opr	138,800-930-75-21-B
K9RS	138,800-930-75-21-B
WB8YTI	108,750-725-75-18-B
WA9YKN	99,350-657-75-15-B
K9KD	90,130-609-74-24-B
K9B9M	82,828-556-74-20-B
K4VUD/9	81,144-588-69-24-B
WB8R	75,000-500-75-11-B
WB8ERG	74,592-518-72-24-A

W9RE	223,050-1487-75-24-B
K9UWA	195,000-1300-75-24-B
W9ZR(X)W9OR)opr	119,300-796-75-23-B
N9QX	119,300-796-75-23-B
N9JG	106,800-712-75-22-B
WB8PP	78,526-553-71-17-A
WB8P	72,432-499-77-13-B
WB8C	72,432-499-77-13-B
K8CDB	68,850-503-72-15-A
WB8UKE	64,084-433-74-16-A
K9H	63,976-313-75-13-B
WB8CEX	37,488-264-71-22-B
WB8WUC	36,208-292-62-8-A
K9FW	33,158-281-59-8-B
WB8T	28,528-218-57-9-B
WB8LW	22,400-175-64-11-A
K8JUE	20,736-192-64-10-A
WB8LNC	18,762-159-59-10-A
WB8EWT	14,076-138-61-8-A
WB8SUS	11,304-92-49-7-A
WB8IWN	8880-130-33-2-B
N9AFL	7128-108-33-6-A
N8UKI	4654-68-34-6-A
WB8PIR	3646-49-27-4-A
WB8ZDH	41,117-34-4-A
WB8UAD	1050-25-21-2-A
K9KY	576-24-12-2-B

Operating News

Conducted By John F. Lindholm,* W1XX

It's All in a Dream

It's all in a dream . . . ascending to the post of communications manager of ARRL . . . the very same office occupied by the legendary F. E. Handy, WIBDI, and more recently by the father of the National Traffic System, George Hart, WINJM. How did this all happen? It all flashes before me now . . .

In the misty shadows I see myself receiving a Novice ticket two days before Christmas, 1954 . . . the excitement of immediately firing up on the air with a 6V6 oscillator-transmitter and S-38C receiver, calling CQ, and sweating bullets as a station in Rhode Island responds. And through the murky fog, I see graduation to General class with a Viking II persistently pouring out rf in CD Parties, contests and traffic nets. Oh no! WIBVR, 1RN net manager, is giving me the dreaded "straight-key treatment" for lids who can't copy the code. I must have botched up the net!

Still in college and wet behind the ears, I become the SCM for Western Massachusetts . . . it's the big time. Hey gang, let's organize one of the first Novice nets in the country. It's all in a dream.

It's 1959 and with stars in my eyes I report

*Communications Manager, ARRL

SCM ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Southern Texas, Colorado, San Francisco, British Columbia, Sacramento Valley, Los Angeles, Georgia, West Virginia and Washington sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Communications Manager. A petition, to be valid, must contain the signatures of five or more full ARRL members residing in the section con-

cerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures on that petition. Petition forms (CD-129) are available on request from ARRL headquarters but are not required. The following form is suggested:

Do I recognize W1ZDP's testy expletives, as he trips over a multitude of contest logs in the hallowed halls of 38 LaSalle? Not yet 21, I'm ordering my first drink (thanks for vouching for me, Mr. Houghton!) at Phil's going-away testimonial and thinking a "manhattan" is the land of the W2s. That first "belt" proves otherwise!

Then there is the day I ski to work to finish the Field Day results for QST; and turning down an offer to work side by side with an upstart named Baldwin in QST production, because I like CD better.

The dream continues as I reluctantly leave Headquarters in 1962 to pursue my chosen career of teaching high school science, an adventure of love that is to last 14-1/2 years. But I find time to return to Headquarters several summers to gain valuable experience in all

phases of the communications department . . . tour guiding, checking DXCC cards and contest logs, writing public service accounts, editing the Repeater Directory . . . being an architect of the Daytime National Traffic System.

Time flashes by as I'm elected vice director in 1974. I assume the reigns of Connecticut section emergency coordinator, promoting a strong link between amateurs and the American Red Cross.

But is it just a dream that I am now the communications manager? Let me pinch myself. It is for real! But how can I possibly follow in the footsteps of the giants of Amateur Radio with whom I have rubbed shoulders . . . the Handys, the Harts, and the Huntoons? What bids for the future?

Selecting the cream of our heritage and welding it to a newly charted forward course can project us into the exciting new Amateur Radio of the post-WARC 1980s. Given the same support of those stalwarts of radio lore . . . the assistance, guidance, patience and faith of the SCMs, the net managers, OOs, DXers, contesters, you the members of ARRL can make all good things possible. For it is you the ARRL member, the backbone of Amateur Radio communications, that can make anything happen!

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

(Place and date)
Communications Manager, ARRL
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111

PST	CST	EST	UTC	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 A.M.	8 A.M.	9 A.M.	1400 *	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'		
7	9	10	1500 *	←	←	←	←	←		
8	10	11	1600 *	←	←	Cw Bulletins'	←	←		
1 P.M.	3 P.M.	4 P.M.	2100 *	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Slow'
2	4	5	2200	←	←	Cw Bulletins'	←	←		
3	5	6	2300	←	←	RTTY Bulletins'	←	←		
4	6	7	0000	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Fast'
5	7	8	0100	←	←	Cw Bulletins'	←	←		
6	8	9	0200	←	←	RTTY Bulletins'	←	←		
6:30	8:30	9:30	0230	←	←	Phone Bulletins'	←	←		
7	9	10	0300	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Fast'	Slow'	Slow'
8	10	11	0400	←	←	Cw Bulletins'	←	←		
9	11	12	0500	←	←	RTTY Bulletins'	←	←		
9:30 P.M.	11:30 P.M.	12:30 A.M.	0530	←	←	Phone Bulletins'	←	←		

*Slow code practice on cw bulletin frequencies, 8 minutes each session; 5, 5, 7-1/2, 7 1/2, 10, 13, 15 wpm.
Fast code practice on cw bulletin frequencies, 8 minutes each session; 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13, 10 wpm.
Cw bulletins, 18 wpm, on: 1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08, 147.555 MHz.
RTTY bulletins 60 wpm/170-Hz shift on 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095 147.555 MHz.
Phone 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.) The station will be closed April 13, 1979. Staff: Chief Operator/Asst. Communications Mgr. C. R. Bender, W1WPR; Chris Schenck, W1EH; Charles Chadwick, K8AXL.

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 list 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 0300 practice from the issue of QST two calendar months past: April 4, It Seems to Us; April 10, World Above; April 15, League Lines; April 19, Public Service; April 23, Happenings; April 27, Operating News.

prior to receipt of petition at Headquarters.

Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 5:30 P.M. Eastern Local Time, June 8, 1979. Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on July 2, 1979, returns counted August 21, 1979 and SCMs elected as a result of the above procedures will take office October 1, 1979.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in October (OST), 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.

John F. Lindholm, W1XX
Communications Manager

Appointments: In the Alabama Section, William E. Scates, WA4JYU, was appointed to complete the term (until December 31, 1979) of Frank S. Brown, W4LNN (resigned).

In the West Virginia Section, Karl S. Thompson, KB8KT, has been appointed to complete the term (until September 30, 1979) of Donald B. Morris, W8JM (resigned).

MEET YOUR SCM

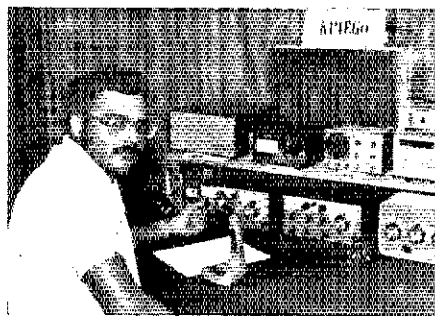
Helen Haynes, WB0HOX, has been Minnesota SCM since October 1977. Helen was born in Athens, GA, and educated at the Academy for the Blind, in Macon. She resides in Rochester and is a self-employed salesperson and telephone operator. First licensed in 1972. WB0HOX holds an Advanced class license, is manager of DTRN, has earned BPL and PSHR, and has seen considerable operation in emergencies. She is a member of the Rochester Amateur Radio Club and MARS, and is active on 80-2, with 75 phone her favorite. She promises to "do her best as the SCM of Minnesota."

Minnesota Section SCM Helen Haynes, WB0HOX.



The section communications manager of the West Indies Section is José Lebron, KP4JL (ex-KP4EGO). KP4JL received his B.S.E.E. from the University of Puerto Rico and now serves as a communications systems supervisor for the Puerto Rico Water Resources Authority. He holds a Commercial Radiotelephone First Class license in addition to his Amateur Extra Class. KP4JL is a member of the Board of Directors of the Radio Club of Puerto Rico, holds EC and OTS appointments, and is a licensing-class instructor. Although active on 10/15 ssb and 2-meter fm, José finds time for photography as well as hi-fi design and listening.

West Indies Section SCM José Lebron, KP4JL. (KP4RK photo)



DATE (UTC)	OSCAR 7			OSCAR 8			SOVIET RS		
	Ref. Orbit	Time (UTC)	Long. W.	Ref. Orbit	Time (UTC)	Long. W.	Ref. Orbit	Time (UTC)	Long. W.
1 April	20011	0024:32	68.4	5459J	0130:08	66.0	1876	0047:36	123.4
2 April	20024	0118:49	82.0	5473A	0135:19	67.3	1888	0052:19	126.1
3 April	20036	0018:09	66.9	5487A	0140:31	68.7	1900	0057:01	128.8
4 April	20049	0112:26	80.5	5500X	0002:29	44.2	1912	0101:44	131.5
5 April	20061	0011:47	65.3	5514A	0007:40	45.5	1924	0106:26	134.2
6 April	20074	0106:04	78.9	5528A	0012:52	46.8	1936	0111:09	137.2
7 April	20086	0005:24	63.8	5542J	0018:03	48.1	1948	0115:52	139.7
8 April	20099	0059:41	77.3	5556J	0023:14	49.4	1960	0120:34	142.4
9 April	20112	0153:58	90.9	5570A	0028:26	50.7	1972	0125:17	145.1
10 April	20124	0053:18	75.8	5584A	0033:37	52.0	1984	0129:59	147.9
11 April	20137	0147:35	89.4	5598X	0038:49	53.3	1996	0134:42	150.6
12 April	20149	0046:55	74.2	5612A	0044:00	54.7	2008	0139:25	153.3
13 April	20162	0141:12	87.8	5626A	0049:12	56.0	2020	0144:07	156.8
14 April	20174	0040:33	72.7	5640J	0054:23	57.3	2032	0148:50	158.8
15 April	20187	0134:50	86.2	5654J	0059:34	58.6	2044	0153:32	161.5
16 April	20199	0034:10	71.1	5668A	0104:46	59.9	2056	0158:15	164.2
17 April	20212	0128:27	84.7	5682A	0109:57	61.2	2068	0002:34	136.7
18 April	20224	0027:47	69.5	5696X	0115:08	62.5	2079	0007:17	139.4
19 April	20237	0122:04	83.1	5710A	0120:20	63.8	2091	0011:59	142.2
20 April	20249	0021:24	68.0	5724A	0125:31	65.2	2103	0016:42	144.9
21 April	20262	0115:41	81.6	5738J	0130:42	66.5	2115	0021:24	147.6
22 April	20274	0015:02	66.4	5752J	0135:53	67.8	2127	0026:07	150.3
23 April	20287	0109:19	80.0	5766A	0141:05	69.1	2139	0030:50	153.1
24 April	20299	0008:39	64.9	5779A	0003:02	44.6	2151	0035:32	155.8
25 April	20312	0102:56	78.4	5793X	0008:13	45.9	2163	0040:15	158.5
26 April	20324	0002:16	63.3	5807A	0013:25	47.2	2175	0044:57	161.2
27 April	20337	0056:33	76.9	5821A	0018:36	48.5	2187	0049:40	163.9
28 April	20350	0150:50	90.5	5835J	0023:47	49.8	2199	0054:23	166.7
29 April	20362	0050:11	75.3	5849J	0028:58	51.2	2211	0059:05	169.4
30 April	20375	0144:27	88.9	5863A	0034:09	52.5	2223	0103:48	172.1
1 May	20387	0043:48	73.8	5877A	0039:21	53.8	2235	0108:30	174.8
2 May	20400	0138:05	87.4	5891X	0044:32	55.1	2247	0113:13	177.6
3 May	20412	0037:25	72.2	5905A	0049:43	56.4	2259	0117:56	180.3
4 May	20425	0131:42	85.8	5919A	0054:54	57.7	2271	0122:38	183.6
5 May	20437	0031:02	70.6	5933J	0100:05	59.0	2283	0127:21	185.7
6 May	20450	0125:19	84.2	5947J	0105:16	60.3	2295	0132:03	188.5
7 May	20462	0024:40	69.1	5961A	0110:27	61.7	2307	0136:46	191.2

Have you listened to OSCAR 8 yet? It 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 \$5.00. 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 29.490 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 Isb); (international net at 1800 UTC Sundays on 14,280 kHz usb).

Notes

- 1) The times and longitudes are for the satellites' first equator crossing each day, which is called the reference orbit.
- 2) Due to spacecraft problems, OSCAR 7 will not be maintained in any specific mode.
- 3) 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. At no time exceed 10 W ERP using Soviet RS.
- 4) The OSCAR 7 Mode B and OSCAR 8 Mode J transponders invert signals. Upper sideband into the uplink becomes lower sideband on the downlink.
- 5) O 7 progresses an average of 28.737571° W. per orbit in a period of 114.944858 minutes. O 8 progresses an average of 25.806120° W. in a period of 103.228227 minutes. RS period is 120.3894 minutes. RS progresses 30.227° W.
- 6) O 8 modes of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — Mode A, Saturdays and Sundays — Mode J. Wednesdays are for experimental use on Mode A or J or recharge Mode D. Soviet RS transponders are on Saturdays and Sundays for QSOs. Wednesdays are for experiments only.

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
RS			
Mode A	145.880-145.920 MHz	29.360-29.400 MHz	29.401 MHz

Further information on the radio amateur satellite program can be obtained free of charge from ARRL, Hq.

Contest Corral



APRIL

5: West Coast Qualifying Run, (W6OWP prime, W6ZRI alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0500Z. The run takes place at 9 P.M. PST the night of April 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: Open CD Party, cw, 2300Z April 7 until 0500Z April 9. Complete rules March, page 85. **QRP ARC International QSO Party, March, page 88. SP-DX Contest, cw, March, page 88.**

11-12: DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, cw, March, page 88.

13: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0300Z (10 P.M. EST April 12). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. Other details per the April 5 listing.

14-15: SP-DX Contest, phone, March, page 88.

18-19: DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, phone, March, page 88.

21-22: Open CD Party, phone, 2300Z April 21 until 0500Z April 23. Complete rules March, page 85. **EME Competition, Part 1, February, page 79. Common Market DX Contest, cw, March, page 88. County Hunters SSB Contest, starts 0000Z April 21, ends 2359 April 22.** Two four-hour time-out periods 0800-1200Z each day. Suggested frequencies: 3920-3940 7220-7240 14,275-14,295 21,375-21,395 28,575-28,595. Work mobiles only between 3925-3935 7225-7335 14,280-14,290. Exchange signal report, county and state (or country). CW-to-ssb contacts are permitted. Score one point for each fixed or portable station worked, five for DX stations, and 10 for mobiles. Multiply by number of U.S. counties and Canadian stations worked for final score. Mobiles may be worked each time they change county or band. Mobiles on a county line count one QSO but two multipliers. Logs to John Ferguson, W6OWS, 3820 Stonewall Ct., Independence, MO 64055. **Bermuda Amateur Radio Contest, sponsored by Radio Society of Bermuda, the full 48-hour weekend period, UTC.** Operate 36 hours maximum with minimum three-hour off times noted in log. Single operator only from own private residence or property. 1977 and 1978 top winners eligible for area awards only. Eighty through 10 meters, no crossband or cross-mode contacts permitted. (No phone contacts between VE/W and G or West Germany on 40 meters.) All contestants exchange signal report. Canadians send province, U.K. send county, U.S. send state, West Germany exchange DOK number, U.S. and Canada work West Germany, U.K. and Bermuda only. U.K. and West Germany work only W/VE/VP9. Five points per QSO. Final score is QSO points times total number of VP9s worked on each band. Top scorers in each state, province, U.K. county and DOK area receive certificates. Top U.S., Canada, U.K. and West German scorers receive trophies. Log in UTC, check for dupes, sign a statement that you've complied with the rules and the terms of your license. Logs must be received by the Contest Committee, Radio Society of Bermuda, Box 275, Hamilton S, Bermuda by June 30. (Parishes: Sandys SAN, Pembroke PEM, Southampton SOU, Hamilton HAM, St. George STG, Devonshire DEV, Warwick WAR, Smiths SMI, Paget PAG.)

28-29: PACC Contest, 1000Z April 28 until 1600Z April 29. Other details in March, page 88. **Helvetia 26 Contest, March, page 88. Zero District QSO Party, March, page 88.**

29: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 2300Z (7 P.M. EDT). See April 13 for more details.

MAY

2: West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0500Z (9 P.M. PST May 1).

5-6: Florida QSO Party, sponsored by Florida Skip, from 1500Z May 5 until 2359Z May 6. FL stations work other FL stations for QSO credit only. Out-of-state stations work FL only. No repeater QSOs. Two entry classes for FL stations: Class A operate portable or mobile on emergency power, running 200 watts (cw or PEP) or less and outside of home county. Class-B stations are all others. FL stations exchange signal report and country. Others give signal report, state/province/country or ITU zone. Suggested frequencies: cw 3555 7055 14,055 21,055 28,055; phone 3945 7279 14,319 21,379 28,579 kHz 146.52 MHz. FL stations score one point per QSO. Multiplier is sum of states (49 maximum), provinces (12 max.), DX countries (15 max.), and ITU regions (3 max.). Out-of-state stations score two points per FL QSO. Multiply by number of FL counties worked (67 max.). Class A stations only multiply score by 1.5 to obtain total. At the discretion of the contest committee, stations and/or operators may be disqualified for improper reporting, excessive duplicates, errors in multiplier lists, unreadable logs, obvious cheating, etc. Anyone disqualified this year will be barred from next year's contest. Phone and cw logs are to be separated. Usual log/summary format. Usual awards and plaques to top single-operator score phone and cw from FL and out of state, also to top FL club score. Include a 15-cent stamp for results. Entries to Florida Skip Contest Committee, Box 660501, Miami Springs, FL 33166. Must be received by May 31. **New York State QSO Party, sponsored by the University of Buffalo ARC, from 1700Z May 6 to 0500Z May 7 and 1200-2359 May 7.** Stations may be contacted once on phone and once on cw on each band. Mobiles/portables changing counties may be reworked. Exchange signal report, serial number (start with 001) and NY county or state/province. Suggested frequencies: phone, 3900 7275 14,285 21,375 28,550; cw, 1810 3560 7060 14,060 21,060 28,060; Novice, 3725 7125 21,125 28,125. Score one point per QSO times the number of multipliers: states, provinces, countries and NY counties for NY stations; and NY counties for others (62 max.). Number each new multiplier. A check sheet is required for each entry with more than 100 QSOs. Awards. Logs must be received by June 16. For results send a no. 10 s.a.s.e. Entries to Michael Bergman, WD2AJS, 45 Swarson Ct., Albany, NY 12209. **Vermont QSO Party, sponsored by Central Vermont ARC, from 2100Z May 5 until 0100Z May 7.** VT stations score one point per QSO, multiply by total number of ARRL sections and countries worked. Others score three points per QSO, multiply by total number of VT counties worked on each band (14 max.). Awards. Suggested frequencies: cw, 3565 7065 14,065 21,065 28,160 50,260 144-144.5; phone, 3909 3932 7290 14,325 21,375 28,600 50,360 145.8. Exchange signal report and VT county or ARRL section/country. Mail logs by June 15 to Peter Kragh, W1AYK/K2UPD, 170 Summit Ave., Ramsey, NJ 07446. **LIARS 10-X QSO Party, sponsored by Long Island ARS of 10-X International, 48-hour period UTC.** Use 28.9 to 29.2 MHz. Three points for LIARS member, two points for 10-X member and one point for non-10-X members (max. 3 points per QSO). Trophy and certificate awards. Logs showing date, call sign, name, QTH, 10-X number, LIARS number mailed by June 15 to Bob Watson, WA2MHL, 2 Suffolk Ct., Oceanside, NY 11572.

8: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0200Z (10 P.M. May 7). See April 13 for more details.

12: Frequency Measuring Test, begins with a callup at 0300Z and 0600Z (evening of May 11). The periods for measurement start at 0307Z (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 to the umpire's reading. (The umpire is a professional measuring laboratory.) Tell how many readings you took to form your averages. Approximate frequencies for the early run are 14,096 7065 3560 kHz. Late-run frequencies are 14,105 7047 3555 kHz. Your report must be received by May 28. WIAW will start transmitting the official results in a special bulletin May 29.

12-13: Russian Contest (CQ-M), sponsored by the Radio Sports Federation of the U.S.S.R., from 2100Z

May 12 until 2100 May 13, 80-10 meters; cw and ssb. Call CQM. Categories: single-operator single band, single-op multiband and multi-multi. Exchange signal report and serial number. Soviet stations will transmit RST plus region (oblast) number. The same station may be worked once per band, regardless of mode. Contacts between stations on the same continent count one point; on different continents three points. Contacts between stations in the same country count only for multipliers. Each different country is a multiplier. Total multiplier is total countries on every band. Awards. Mail logs by July 1 to the Krenkel Radio Club, Box 88, Moscow, U.S.S.R. **World Telecommunications Day Contest, phone, the full 24-hour period UTC, May 12th, sponsored by the Brazilian Society IABRE (Liga de Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao).** This event commemorates yearly World Telecommunications Day (May 17). Each participant will attempt to make the highest possible number of contacts with the different ITU zones of the world in order to enable his country to win the ITU Trophy. Operation 160 through 10 meters. Categories are single operator, multiband, fixed station or mobile maritime operating on 76 to 90 ITU zones, inclusive; clubs to be considered as special multiband/multiband participants (all operators of "multis" must sign the log). Send RST and ITU zone. Contacts in the same country from 160 through 10 meters count zero points; in the same country in the same zone on 40-20-15-10 count one point, on 160 and 80 two points; in another ITU zone on the same continent, on 20-15-10 count two points, on 40 three points, on 160 and 80 four points; in another zone on another continent 20-15-10 three points, 40 five points, 160-80 six points. Repeat contacts on other bands count for points, but zones counted once only. For country determination use the ARRL DXCC Countries List. To determine points for the country, (and the trophy) scores of the five top entries per country per mode are added together. (Multis not added in for this final score.) Trophy, medals, certificates. Log separately for each mode, see that they're postmarked before June 30 and send to IABRE, U.I.T. Contest Coordination, P. O. Box 07-0004, 70.000 Brasilia DF, Brazil. Note: W1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9 are in ITU Zone 8; W5, 0, Zone 7; W6, 7, Zone 6; VE/VO 1, 2, Zone 9; VE3, Zone 4; VE4, 5, Zone 3; VE6, 7, Zone 2; VE8 Yukon, Zone 2; the rest of VE8 split between Zone 2, 3, 4 and 75. Logs to contain usual info, time in UTC, stations, messages, band, notation of new continent, zone multiplier and points; complete with summary and signed declaration.

19: Armed Forces Day; see next month; World Telecommunications Day, cw, see May 12-13 above.

19-20: EME Competition, Part 2, see February, page 79. Massachusetts QSO Party; Canal Zone QSO Party, see next month.

26: WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 2000Z (4 P.M. EDT). See April 13 for more details.

26-27: Iberoamerican Contest; CQ WPX Contest, see next month.

JUNE

2-3: Nebraska QSO Party
Minnesota QSO Party
9-10: VHF QSO Party
16-17: All Asian Contest, phone
23-24: Field Day
30-1: 7-Land QSO Party

JULY

4: SKN
14-15: Radiosport Championship

AUGUST

4-5: UHF Contest

SEPTEMBER

8-9: VHF QSO Party
16: Frequency Measuring Test

Station Activities

SCM X ARES X OVS X SEC X OBS X TCC X OO X NTS X WAC X CP X
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CANADIAN DIVISION

ALBERTA: SCM, S. T. Jones, VE6MJ — SEC: VE6XK Net Mgr.: (APSN) VE6AFO. Net Mgr.: (ACWN) VE6BBL. The Northern Alberta Radio Club members were active and supplied communications for the Nordic Ski Club and their cross country races. The Simulated Emergency Test was almost a complete flop this year owing to lack of participation and poor conditions. Fellow amateurs if we are to be ready in the event of an emergency we must be prepared. Let's do better in Oct. SET. Info on '79 National Convention, P. O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Traffic: VE6CY 20, VE6HO 78, VE6ABC 32, VE6BBL 30, VE6AVV 22, VE6QJ 17, VE6AD 16, VE6CJ 14, VE6JH 12, VE6BID 6, VE6WJ 5, VE6YW 5, VE6BIM 4, VE6CE 4, VE6CQ 2, VE6KP 1.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: SCM, H. E. Savage, VE7FB — British Columbia Emergency Net election for asst. Net Mgr. is progressing and soon the net will have help for their Net Mgr. B. C. ARPS net 3755 at 0200Z has been averaging better than one hundred check-ins per night, and that covers pretty well all the Province. Dogwood Chapter, QGWA End of Month Breakfast are great success and hope to have Breakfast with the Four Corner Group soon. VE7HO is now active from Spring Island Loran Station. We all wish Victoria Short Wave Club a Happy 50th Anniversary. Traffic: VE7K 208, VE7FB 90, VE7COA 78, VE7DF 61, VE7BLS 16, VE7BO 15.

MANTOBA: SCM, Peter Guenther, VE4PG — Asst. SCM: VE4D SEC: VE4TR. NMs: VE4TE VE4NM VE4IZ VE4VJ. A good turnout on SEC and much was learned as a result. Congrats to all who participated. Also thanks to all the clubs that allowed the facilities of the repeaters. By now everyone is looking for spring. WRIN QNI 60, OTC nil, 4 sess. MMN QNI 610, OTC 61, 31 sess. MTN QNI 219, OTC 91, 31 sess. MEPN QNI 1439, OTC 80, 31 sess. Traffic: VE4IZ 166, VE4PG 151, VE4AO 146, VE4FK 103, VE4I 43, VE4QU 39, VE4HR 38, VE4AAD 27, VE4JA 36, VE4NM 33, VE4TE 32, VE4JP 31, VE4NE 26, VE4LB 25, VE4J 24, VE4TK 16, VE4LU 15, VE4DQ 15, VE4AC 12, VE4BE 12, VE4LS 11, VE4XN 11, VE4ID 8, VE4CR 7, VE4MG 7, VE4DS 6, VE4EA 6, VE4OW 6, VE4AA 5, VE4ED 5, VE4AX 4, VE4GF 4, VE4HA 4, VE4XQ 3, VE4AF 2, VE4OD 2.

MARITIME-NFLD: SCM, Aaron D. Solomon, VE1OC — AS/SCM VO1FG. STM: VE1WF. SEC: VE1ASW. NPN Mgr.: VO1JN. Silent Keys: VE1AQ VE1MH VE1RE VE1WT (Nfld); XYL-VE2AM. Hospital: VE1BM VE1NC. Test of comm. and tlc. handling purpose of Prov.-wide N.S. SET. P.E.I. formed teams to locate radio-act. Sat. debris. VE1YO VE1ASW part. in Hix-Truro car Rally. Ice and wind storm damaged antennae of VE1s AHW AGU AGH ALF ACZ BMJ QM XJ and others. VE1PZ travelling to WHO, Geneva, equipped with 2M. Transc. Congrats to VE1BO on passing Adv. Am. exam and to VE1BX on winning BP in this month. Flautist W2TDY guest of VE1A. VE1R act. new club. NBARA "NE Ham." VE2BRI VE6APHI VE6AM act. on Oct. VE7AVW on 10M. VE1FO rec'd plaque HMCS Skokholm for phone-patching. VE1WF ran 13 Tmo. sess. Ph/W on Traffic Handling. APN had 6 extra sess. to handle SET traffic. VO1MR working Oscar 7/8-30. Students started Am. Radio course at College of T&T, St. John's Nfld. APN: sess 40, QNI 240, OTC 191/179, NPN: sess. 31, QNI 1183, OTC 5. Traffic: (Jan.) VE1BX 501, VE1WF 365, VE1ROICR 165, VE1OC 61, VE1RI 45, VE1LJ 27, VE1KR 22, VO1PR 20, VE1BKM 12, VE1CH 9. (Dec.) VO1PR 10, VO1GW 8, VO1JN 4.

ONTARIO: SCM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — SEC: VE3APK. STM: VE3GOL. NMs: VE3AJN VE3DPO VE3EWD VE3GJ VE3GFN VE3IFP and VE3ISW. The NE5 branch of ARPS was very prominent during SET '79. Traffic volume was heavy but thanks to well prepared and organized net flow chart, traffic moved smoothly. BPLs earned by VE3s GOL JIR and KK. Special thanks to all stations who participated. The second edition will be during the first weekend in Oct. mark your calendars now. Congrats to the Bruce ARC on recent League affiliation. VE3AMZ on the VHF-UHF Advisory Committee for the RSQ. VE3HLP planning a DX column for the Windsor ARC Bulletin. QGWA Southern Ont. Chapter has 128 members and are looking for more SOC members to QNI their net on 3770 kHz. Sun. at 1300 hours. VE3R is one of the busiest repeaters in Canada. ONTARS reports a total QNI of 172,795 during 1978. VE3CES has digital certificate number 12. CARTG sponsoring two awards on RTTY, all VEVO and the Merit Award. Contact VE3HTT for details. VE3EYW has info on the Sault Ste. Marie and Northern Ont. Award. Mark Apr. 27-29 for the Dayton Hamvention. Long time NTS stalwart VE3ATR active on 2 meters. VE3FHZ new EC for Delta and this Section's first OES appointment. Ontario's traffic training programme off and running. Many clubs becoming independent. VE3GFE Inducted into the Hamilton Club's "Order of the Gavel." New amateurs in London are VE3s KCU KSO LDI and LDK. Latest additions to the OVMRC are VE3s KMR GJ JRH and KX. Rideau ARC has active group of 59 members. VE3HOG asst. EC for York North. VE3KXK big help with the Section's OTC certificate renewal programme. Officers Orillia ARC are VE3s AMB FYW JPS and HYC. VE3BL a Silent Key. Guelph City Council declared June 2 through 9 as Amateur Radio Week. Many events are scheduled. Traffic: (Jan.) VE3GOL 647, VE3JIR 522, VE3KK 374, VE3HJ 303, VE3JRT 254, VE3GT 239, VE3GFN 224, VE3DPO 219, VE3ISW 216, VE3CYR 211, VE3GJ 175, VE3APK 173, VE3FG 157, VE3FHZ 139, VE3R 139, VE3CJ 100, VE3GNW 100, VE3JG 90, VE3DVE 84, VE3IMR 72, VE3HCS 58, VE3FGU 57, VE3FR 49, VE3AJN 48, VE3ANJ 29, VE3ATR 29, VE3EHL 38, VE3EKS 38, VE3GYD 34, VE3DUK 29, VE3JRT 21, VE3FCU 20, VE3JLP 20, VE3BV 17, VE3BZ 16, VE3DZH 5, VE3HOG 5, VE3FGV 2, VE3SB 2. (Dec.) VE3AGY 54, VE3FGV 56, VE3AWE 48, VE3HCS 47, VE3EKF 33, VE3BZR 22, VE3GRO 21, VE3CLP 14, VE3COH 10, VE3FCU 7.

QUEBEC: SCM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP — SEC: VE2DEA. VE2NL new EC for Sept-les & Port Cartier area. All stations are invited to give suggestions to the SCM as to what you would like to see in print. Please let me know of any goings-on you would like to have written

in QST. Avec regrets je dois vous annoncer le décès d'un pionnier parmi les amateurs du Québec, VE2AI. Depuis 1921 Gaston exploitait une station Amateur. Traffic: VE2UN 92, VE2EC 25, VE2APT 10.

SASKATCHEWAN: SCM, P. A. Crosthwaite, VE5RP — Moose Jaw sponsoring the 1979 Hamfest. Their theme will be "Particfest!" which is very appropriate for the proposed Hamfest. It is hoped to have an ARRL "Particfest!" The dates will be July 27, 28 & 29 please address all enquiries to: PARRCIFICST, Box 150, Bushell Park Saskatchewan S0H 0N0. The '79 ARRL National Convention will be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana July 20-22. For further info write to P. O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 U.S.A. Traffic: VE5HG 118, VE5AE 79, VE5NJ 14, VE5US 5, VE4RP 4, VE5CQ 2, VE5KS 2.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SCM, Roger E. Cole, W3DKX — SEC: W3PQ. STM: W3WD W3OQ. PSHR: N3AKC 47, K3JL 43. ARRL National Convention '79 info P. O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. N3NDIK35XA had highest mixed score and K3SM highest cw score on QSO Party. New license info received by SCM Nwice: KA3BXK & KA3CFZ. Tech: KA3BOH. Gen. KA2CPL. Adv. W3BGOO & W3BQKD. Conspiration with EC W3B3NF and assistants W3B3OE and W3B3EQ for work on the SET. Traffic Handling training session at G. Read Jr. H.S. Jan. 25th helped the activity on 3.905 MHz and 2 meters. DTN (Dec) QNI 343, OTC 111. DTN QNI 414, OTC 116. DEPN: QNI 83, Tlc 24. Traffic: (Jan.) N3AKC 155, W3GQ 74, W3DKX 59, WA3WIJ 52, W3BGOI 50, W3BQUD 43, W3WD 17, K3JL 17, WA3DLH 5, AC3T 5, W3BANC 2, W3HGA 2. (Dec.) W3WD 14.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, G. S. Van Dyke Jr., W3HK — SEC: WA3PZO. NMs: K3KW K3NGN W3VA W3IAZ. Net reports: PTTN QNI 477, OTC 196; LVN QNI 18, OTC 23; AREC (2) QNI 12; PPN QNI 382, OTC 710; EPA QNI 808, OTC 540. EPAE&P/N QNI 432, OTC 265; EPAE&T/N SET QNI QTC 133; CARGES QNI 124, OTC 20. QD repts: K3BTD WA3MTP WA3BP W3RJD; OBS repts: N3AIU WA3RPG W3KTD W3DK K3EBZ W3AVJ; OVS repts: W3GOA W3BCTU K3YD N3CP W3CL W3BJU. BPL: W3CUL WA3WOP W3VR WA3ZRY W3JGP N3HR W3BZA WA3ATQ. PSHR: W3JGP N3HR A3B W3DP W3PD N3AIU WA3RPG W3CAJ N3KZ. Sta reporting activity on SET: W3B3JA W3B3IJ W3B3JG W3VA W3DP WA3VIL WA3JYZ W3BKC N3AIU KA3AHC W3B3KWE. The gang in EPA especially EPA and PTTN have really been growing. The new members report regularly, now if we could only get the old timers to do the same EPA would be on top! Congrats to the NMs. Few new BPLs this month. Gotta build a fire under the phone appointments for QD tests! WA3ATQ reports the Celsius thermometer is no good, it never gets that warm in Poconoes! W3BJY now a "G" class. Many report tlc in SET vs vhf and made it very enjoyable. N3AIU & W3B3GZY got their WAS. W3ADE has two outlets in Chicago KA9DGC and KA9DGD one daughter-in-law, other grand daughter! The Pack Rats went at it again in VHF contest. W3EU watching the oil tank gauge instead of RF output! New officers: Frankford Radio Club N3AW pres.: N2SS, VP: N2MM, secy: N2LT, treas. MARC K3JML, pres.: W3VR, VP: K3FUT, secy: W3B3FKQ, treas.: K3ETN K3MVA W3DZH AD3L & W3B3ACI, dir. Treas. for the Inflight club. papers: Traffic: (Jan.) W3CUL 3129, WA3WOP 756, W3RJD 725, W3B3R 521, K3M 544, W3B3JG 526, N3HR 523, W3B3Z 524, WA3ATQ 458, K3NGN 399, W3BI 383, A3B 212, N3KZ 200, W3JPF 185, W3DP 141, AD3X 133, W3PD 128, W3BJYZ 116, W3FAF 108, N3AIU 107, W3VA 102, W3B3GZY 83, N3OD 55, W3BCAJ 42, WA3VIL 34, K3YD 28, W3ID 24, N3CP/4 22, W3ADE 19, WA3MTP 18, K3EBZ 16, WA3RPG 12, W3CL 11, W3RJ 4, WA3BJQ 2, W3HK 2, W3B3HPY 2, K3AI 1, K3AIJ 1, W3AVJ 1, W3EU 1, W3GOA 1, W3WRE 1. (Dec.) N3HR 342, WA3YCD 54. (Nov.) WA3TAV 63. (Oct.) N3KZ 12.

MARYLAND-DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: SCM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — Our SEC W3HJW was almost but not quite overloaded with a lot of traffic. Congrats to all you participants for a top well done. W3B3R and W3B3E wagons pending his transfer. W3EPV gives in to a warm trip to ZF-Land. WA3RSK has the KW amp fixed and all fall courses passed. N3RL tries XE-Land for a short trip, and has a new 2M box. W3ZNV is making a mid-winter shack move. K3IS says lotsa school work! WA3FYZ and W3B3DU are LM ARRL congrats. W3B3W reports repeater auto patches are on the decline. K3HPG is back into DX with tower and tribander after 3 years of cliff dwelling. W3CQD made 1 QSO in the CD party. W3FVZ beat her with 35. K3B3AF is right in there with the tic men. W3OL K3I has all organized for contests and tic. MPEPNA/AS 28/18/28. Toper K3ORW. Others were W3DKX A3W WA3YFM and WA3ZRY. MDDVA/3P0 61/31/39.4. Top Bess N3AKC W3FA and W3PQ. MDC PONW/JOY4 4/10/26.5. WR/PONW/3DFW 18/24/20.9. No more MDCNT! Look for MPEP nightly 3920 at 8 PM local. N3SJ was big on the Eastern Shore. WA3YKK is out of the woodwork. K3ORW has the SET on Phone working very smoothly. W3VJD3 responded to a Test Emergency message. W3B3ES has a new electronic keyer. AA3S is busy with increased MPEP activity. WA3FUJ gives him a run in Frederic. W3B3GU finds early morning pickings good. N3CA corrects his count upwards. AD3H is enjoying the W3OL K3I has all organized for contests and tic. N3CL has school and traffic really balanced. W3B3JRW keeps a slick file card log. Congrats to the Maryland ARC of Rockville a new affiliate. The FAR is conducting a new LOGO contest. Big prize. The Anne Arundel RC have their new antenna tower and antenna up with increased 2M. coverage. Thanks to them and the FAR for news bulletins. Traffic: (Jan.) N3CL 393, W3B3GU 332, W3FA 206, N3SJ 145, K3ORW 103, AA3S 94, N3CA 90, K3I 89, W3VJD3 79, W3HJH 68, K3B3AF 63, AD3H 49, W3B3ES 29, WA3FUJ 25, W3FVZ 17, W3B3FX/3 17, W3BJRW 16, W3B3W 16, W3ZNV 11, W3EOV 9, K3HPG 6, WA3YKK 6, N3RL 2. (Dec.) WA3FUJ 10.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Bill Luebemann, W3ZLCC — SEC: W3H2B. Net. Fr. Tm. (PM) Sess. QNI BTL Mgr. N3JNE 3695 7:00 36 526 311/284 AF2L N3JNL 3695 10:00 33 332 239/190 AF2L

N3JPN 3950 6:00 44 905 735/625 K2VY JSARS 231 8:30 31 354 76/65 WA2HEB N3CN 075 10:30 39 404 150/18 A2J SPARTN 94 10:30 31 375 77/76 KB2EV Jan. was a busy month indeed, with the SET the center of activity. Sat. Jan 5 saw a half foot of snow on the ground, yet 20 brave souls, representing 6 out of 9 counties, made it to Northfield for the SET preparatory meeting. The SET was well as the revised section plan was discussed. The weekend of the 27th/28th was well also, with all 9 county ARES groups playing an active roll in the SET. Tornadoes, hurricanes, downed aircraft, rioting, we had it all and still survived. Many thanks to those who participated, and to those who didn't try who not contact your EC or myself for further info. It's time! Traffic: (Jan.) W2ZC 521, AA2Z 295, KB2EV 246, W2SWE 232, N2AFN 195, W2HOB 161, W2BLCC 153, WA2KNZ 148, N2AJG 140, K2IB 126, W2BPUW 126, K2UL 108, K2ADJ 99, WA2HCV 88, W2B2UGA 88, WA2KWW 87, WA2HEB 83, N2ACB 66, W2KP 56, WA2GTJ 54, W2B2VLF 47, W2D2AHO 45, WA2W5V 34, N2ALS 33, W2B2FE 32, W2B2HZR 29, K2RH 28, W2B2CAK 16, W2HZH 14, WA2F1X 13, W2B2SPW 12, W2B2VTF 9, W2BKTS 7, N2CF 5, W2B2BV 4, WA2RHJ 4, KA2BWB 3, K2BGM 3, W2FFU 2.

WESTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Lonnie J. Keiler, WA2AOG — STM: W2MTA. SEC: W2B2FTX (Welcome aboard Dave!) As you can see from the above, we have a new SEC effective Feb. 1, W2B2FTX. We wish NJ2C the best of luck and a big "thank you" for his many years of dedicated service as EC. As you know, due to time constraints, welcome to our OTS W2BKHT, also WDN asst. mgr. in charge of training. W2RUF would like to remind all of us that all APO and FPO traffic picked up requires that the addressee's Social Security No. must be included. New Syracuse Univ. ARC officers are AA2S, pres.; KA2DQF, VP; AD2X, treas.; Novice-to-be Cee Peterson, secy.; AD2X, tlc. mgr. They held a Valentine Message Week on campus Feb. 7-14, and began a Novice class Feb. 19. W2MTA and W2RUF NCS the NYSCN on 3677 Sun. at 10 AM local time. All are encouraged to check in. Very high activity in the SET Jan. 27-29. Reports rec'd indicated activity in every county in the Section. Very well! Hope your group sent their report to NJ2C or W2B2FTX for inclusion in QST! KB2HF is ex-W2RXX and has a new Yaesu line, Heath amp and a rejuvenated antenna system. Welcome to new Affiliated Clubs Allegany Highlands ARC and the Buffalo Radio Amateur Group (BRAG). K2IZA is new pres. of the Canisteo Valley ARC. Rochester VHF Group's Jan. meeting was a 30th Anniversary party, congratulations! WA2ZKD now has received capability on 1296-2304-3300 MHz and expects to add 1296 xmit too. KA2AOZ and W2B2PES are forming a new ragchew net, contact them for details. Skyline ARC in Cortland County has a new repeater on 148.740.3. The Ontario County Traffic and Emergency Net meets daily at 7:00 local time on the 148.197.9 repeater. Congrats to new Advanced WA2F5U and Extra WA2VEZ. W2FR has a new Omni-D and WA2ZJF and new Triton IV. BPL to WA2ELD; PSHR to W2MTA, WA2ZJF WA2AIV and W2B2PJJ. Traffic: (Jan.) WA2ELD 548, W2MTA 316, WA2HSB 276, W2B2PJU 256, WA2MEV 166, W2FR 158, W2PZL 150, W2RUF 104, WA2ZJF 130, N2APB 116, WA2AOG 115, W2ZOJ 104, WA2AIV 65, WA2ORS 59, AF2K 48, K2GWN 45, W2BZOM 45, AF2A 39, W2RPF 34, W2PCF 24, W2BLMS 23, W2BKHT 15, W2GJ 14, KA2CFX 12, W2B2EOU 12, K2VR 6, W2B2FE, secy.: WA2B3W, W2B2K, WA2EKW 2. (Dec.) WA2HVT 33, W2BKHT 30, W2BLMS 25.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, Otto L. Schuler, K4MBE — AS/SCM N2FSE, SEC W3VUP. STM: W3YUJ. Asst. SECs: WA3LJW WA3BQ. NMs: K3LL W3NEM W3KUN W3MML. Net. Sess. QNI CTC Freq. Time/Day WPACW 31 583 276 3585 7:00P Dy WPAMTN 31 539 218 3983 6:30P Dy WPAMTN 31 628 142 148.28/88 8:00 Dy Our congratulations and best wishes to W1XX in his new endeavors as the new OM. The SET was a very good operation according to reports received around the Section. Our sympathies are with W3QEC on the passing of his XYL and with W3YUJ on the loss of his father. W3B3AE EC for Jefferson County and W3B3DI EC for Crawford County. New Notices are KA3s BAX B2N BMU CJJ CDR CDS CDT CDV CDW BTW BTI BTH BTF. Congratulatory and a big star to the clubs teaching so many. W3B3RA W3B3HU and W3B3KF have upgraded to Advanced. W3B3HAU is now N3AOJ. W3B3CFA is N3AOK. Quad County ARC officers for 1979 are K3FS, pres.; WA3FFG, VP; WA3JFN, secy.; W3JLT, treas. South Hills Brass Pounders WA3SRD, pres.; WA3WNT, VP; W3B3ACC, secy.; W3B3AKK, treas.; W3MML K3V3V & W3GNI, dir.; K3B3D W3ZYG and W3B3AXO, trustees. Beaver Valley ARC, W3GAE, pres.; WA3CQZ, VP; W3B3FE, secy.: W3B3HW, treas. If I have missed any club officers please drop me a card. Traffic: W3EJ 223, N3FM 205, K3LL 166, WA3PXA 143, W3YQ 140, A3CN 106, W3TEF 85, W8BPAV/3 62, N3EE 81, N3WS 59, W3MML 56, AF3B 51, W3B3EY 47, W3AS 42, N3NR 45, K3HCT 36, W3RUL 32, W3B3GWJ 30, W3KUN 23, WA3JONT 20, WA3UNJ 29, W3B3IA 16, W3SN 16, N4DR/3 16, W3JIT 8, W3B3GZ 7, K3VOV 7, AB3X 4, W3B3EML 4, W3LOD 4, K3CR 3, K3UA 3, K3GP 2.

CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS: SCM, Edmond A. Metzger, W9RPN — Asst. SCM: Harry Studer, W9RYU. SEC: W9AES. NMs: WA9KFK and W99JRC, Cook County EC: W9PHG. Net. Sess. QNI CTC Freq. Time/Day IEN 3690 0300/0400 Dy 415 84 III Phone 3915 2245 Dy 167 30 NCPN 3915 1200/1700 M-S 188 54 IEN 3940 1400 Su no rpt.

The W9VEY memorial station and two meter net had a traffic count of 7. W9NJP's new QTH is Cleveland, OH. W9RAKE now at new location in Springfield (from Memorial Hospital) with increased 450 MHz coverage. K9DQU participated with the Chicago Snow Command and other amateurs during the Jan. snow storms. W9SXL back on 160 meters after many months. He is now beginning his 45th year as an ARRL member. New MMs: ILLINOISVILLE (Illinois Amateur Radio Society) are call WA9HRN W9BVV K9SPL and K9VL.

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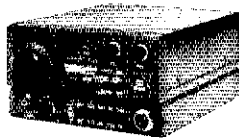
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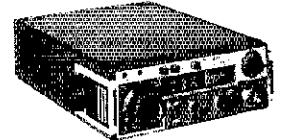
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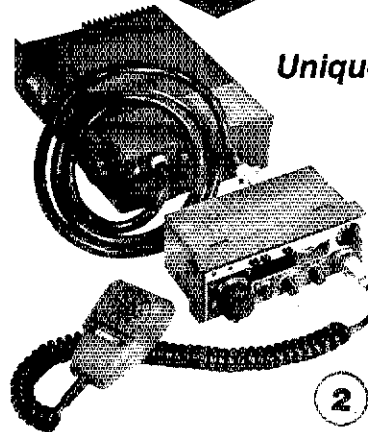
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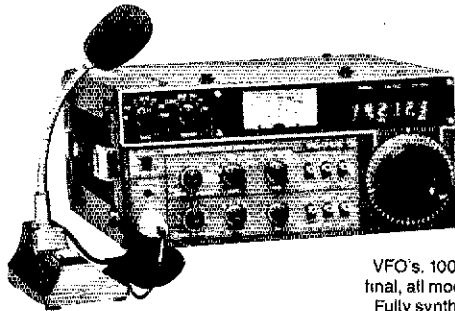
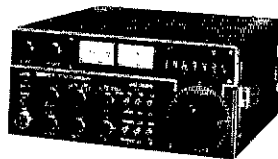
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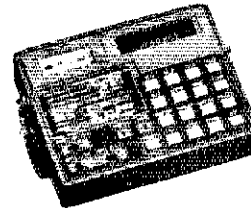
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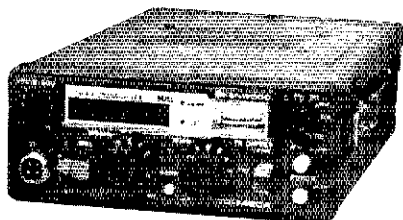


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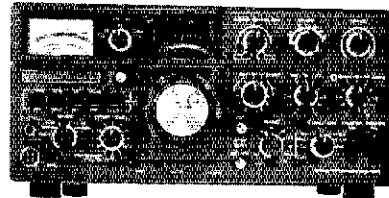
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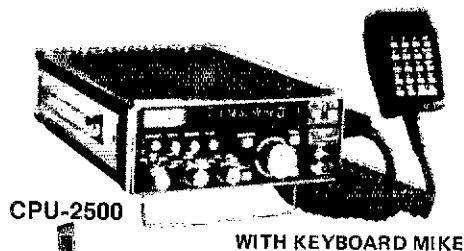


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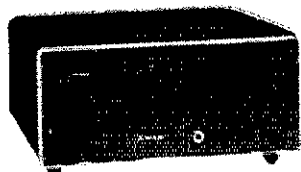
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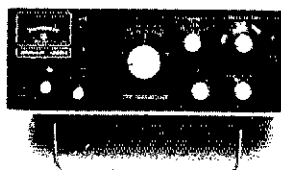
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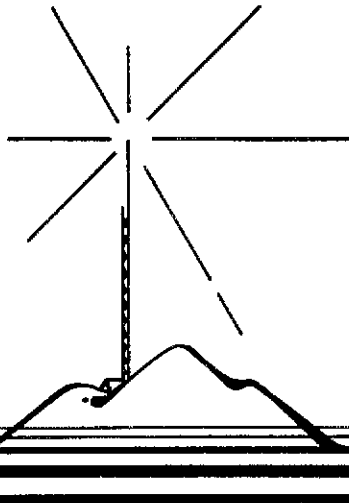
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WB9VCH K9BIC and WB9VQP provided emergency two meter communications for the Zion Ill. Civil Defense Unit during the New Year's Day snowstorm. The Ninth Region Net Daytime report for Jan. is 157 messages during 64 sss. with Ill. participation of 97% with W9JLJ W9NKG W9YCE W9BKE W9S9B W9D9DSG W9DFV and W9HOT. Make plans now to attend the 73 ARRL National Convention at Baton Rouge, La. on July 20-22. W9D9IX AF9C W9BDYR W9BZTF W9D9GKF W9B9KOY W9S2PN K9MDK K9PAJ W9D9GVY K9AKC and W9HPG are the newly elected officers of Hamfesters (Chicago). New Novices are KA9CTY and KA9DAK and new Techs are KA9CRR and KA9BVS. New Generals heard are KA9BVR W9BBBI W9BBJ N9ANP and N9AIB. W9LIG underwent heart surgery. K9ECC WA9JK W9CGR W9Y9E K9KXP W9ATF N9WL W9B9KHU and W9BOPO were elected as officers of the Egyptian Radio Club. Our sympathy to W9B9TIN and his family upon the death of his father AZ2KN in an auto accident in Burma. Contact W9IPO chmn. of the Super Chicago 79 CCWA National Convention to be held Sept. 7-8 and 9 for details on this big event. The League's executive committee voted club affiliation for Amateur Radio Club of Mt. Vernon. The Morton Amateur Radio Club and OMIK Amateur Radio Club and declared them duly affiliated clubs. The Western Ill. Amateur Radio Club's officers for the coming year are WB9VKC K9MGG WB9YRH and W9LMT. The Southern Ill. Amateur Radio Society's 1147.78/18 repeater has a new 200-ft. commercial tower. New hamfesters calls are N9ANP and N9AIB. W9JLJ is the only BPL recipient for the month. The CAND Mgr. reports 558 messages during 64 sss. and that W9JLJ W9HOT W9NKG and W9BDJ were the Ill. participants. Traffic: W9JLJ 24, W9D9IX 23, W9S2PN 24, K9BVE 218, W9NKG 190, K9PNG 183, W9HOT 100, W9OK 171, N9TN 125, N9DR 122, K9EEA 107, W9KR 103, W9BEX 92, W9OBS 55, W9D9DSG 54, N9MX 45, W9YCE 44, W9OYL 42, K9SW 31, W9HPG 30, W9A9QN 26, W9LNC 26, W9PRN 26, W9BZED 19, W9HBI 15, W9B9VFY 7, K9DOU 6, K9BK 1.

INDIANA: SCM, J. M. Kell, W9LTU — SEC: W9UMH, Net Managers: K9CGS (ITN), W9JLJ (QIN), W9YXN (ICN), W9PMT (VHF PAM), Dec. Net Reports, Times in UTC and freq in khz.

Net	Freq.	Time/Days	QNI	OTC	Sess.
ITN	3910	1330/2130/ 2300 Dy	4369	929	99
QIN	3656	1430/0100/ 0400 Dy	1050	445	89
ICN	3708	0015 Sy			
IPON	3910	1330 Su	126	1	4

Dec. report VHF nets from W9PMT; QNI 521, TFC 18. Ind. was 100% represented on D9RN again this month. The weatherman cooperated this year resulting in the best SET in years. A lot more use made of 2M repeaters and more liaison between them and the low frequency nets. More participation by the state agencies (i.e., Red Cross and CD). This Jan. the IN State Police participated with amateur stations at almost every district post and even a station downtown Ipls at state headquarters. This activity a part of their new INCERT program. A lot of people introduced to Public Service Communication and traffic handling for the first time. One SET message was passed from W9PMT to OSCAR 8 on Mode A and received by W9B9CV on Mode J. OSCAR being in both modes. Distance on ground was 110 miles. A first in at least IN. Overall SET was a tremendous success. WB9CCO and W9LZX became Silent Keys. VHF Nets report for Jan. from W9PMT, QNI 407, OTC 8. Traffic: (Jan.) W9JLJ 1232, W9UMH 486, W9FC 375, W9OLW 215, W9TG 184, W9JUY 154, W9XD 152, N9AEI 109, W9E198, W9LTU 92, W9DLF 73, W9BOKK 70, W9QCF 70, W9DKP 67, K9TKE 64, K9FG 63, W9TJS 59, W9DFIC 56, W9RTH 28, W9PMT 25, K9UT 22, N9AKT 19, W9WEL 18, K9ET 16, W9CMT 16, W9KAG 16, K9CGS 15, W9GJZ 12, W9A9A 12, W9D9IS 11, K9DZC 9, W9SOHX 9, N9PS 8, W9BDP 8, W9HUF 8, W9OTR 3, A9SU 3 (Dec.) A9SS 178, K9EQI 28, W9PMT 28.

WISCONSIN: SCM, Roy A. Pederson, K9FHI — SEC: W9FZC, NMS: W9AYK W99ICH W9IEM W99ZRE K9K8A W99KPX K9LGU K9EN. Nets, freq, time, QNI, OTC, Mgr. BWN, 3985, 1245Z M-S, 783, 678, W9AYK, BEN, 3985, 1800Z Dy, 739, 114, W9IEM, W9BN, 3985, 2300 Dy, 1242, 307, W99ICH, W9NN, 3725, 2315Z Dy, 67, 5, W99ZRE, WIN-E, 3682, 0100Z Dy, 355, 112, W99KPZ, WIN-L, 3662, 0400Z Dy, 289, 140, K9LGU, WRN, 3652, 0130Z Sat, K9EN, WI Ex PO, 3925, 1801Z M-F, 582, 34, W99NIX, K9EF going to 8R3-Land in Mar. MARA swapest Apr. same location as last year. Wis. QSO party Mar. 31 2100Z to 0300Z Apr. 2 with 24 hour maximum operating limit, picnic and cw same contest. New Officers in Illinois: K9CCO, 73 ARRL National Convention Baton Rouge, La. July 20-22. 4 hours of seminars on emergency communications, traffic handling and Public Services. Don't forget W9A picnic July 8. Any YL's read this, W9LW net Mon. 8:00 AM local time 3980. W99IUX new General in West Bend. W9TXB passed Advanced. W99AQY received General and is now N9AOZ. W9BN BEN BWN certificate to W99ESZ. BPL to W99ZGQ. How well did you do in SET? W99JLJ now K99FA. New ham in Baraboo area KA9DFX. New in Delta area KA9DCS. New General Superior KA9CAW, new General Ashland KA9DBB. 71ARC State convention May 19 Lakes Delton. SF swapest May 5 Neshota. Central Division Convention June 15-18 Red Carpet Inn Milwaukee. Items from Intercom, Hamtrix, Smoke Signals. Traffic: (Jan.) W99ZGQ 852, W99XY 341, W99ND 271, W99CQC 189, W99IEM 169, K99FHI 135, K99U 118, W99EAO 92, W99YCV 90, K99LJU 84, W99ICH 81, W99ESZ 69, W99ZTY 65, W99DM 64, W99DHF 61, W99KPX 60, W99AYK 54, K99FA 52, W999PY 52, N99CE 41, W99IHW 38, W999RU 38, K99B9Y 36, W99LU 35, W99BRE 33, W99CC 33, K99AQ 32, W99FC 32, W99MPF 32, K99JPS 30, W99MTL 30, W99ZRE 29, K99AK 28, W99FDY 28, K99HDF 28, W99JSW 28, K99VSY 28, W99TXB 25, W99YL 25, W99DXW 21, W99ESM 20, K99ANV 18, W99YJ 13, W99AJA 12, W999RD 11, W99BKT 9, W99LKC 8, W99OP 8, W99ZBD 3. (Dec.) W99OC 59, W9UT 2.

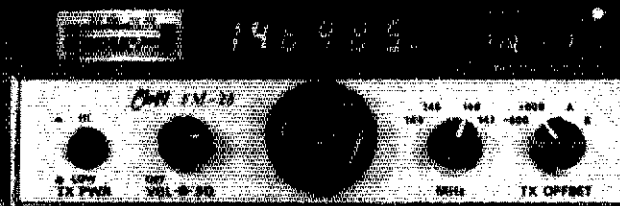
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MINNESOTA: SCM, Helen Haynes, W99HOX — SEC: K99JC, STM: AF9O.

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MSPN N	3945	12:05 P	572	92	K99ZBI
MSPN E	3929	5:45 P	663	218	W99DUW
MWX	3925	6:15 P	372	305	W99UKI
MSSN	3710	5:30 P	121	12	AF9O
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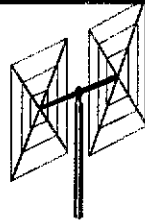
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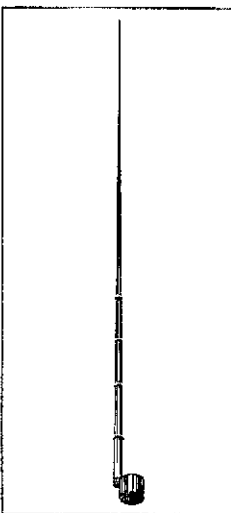
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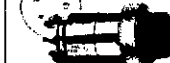
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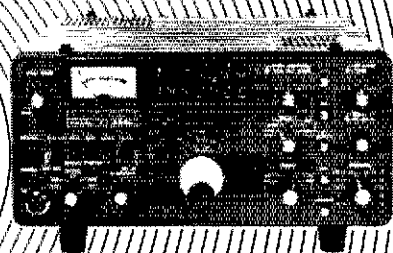


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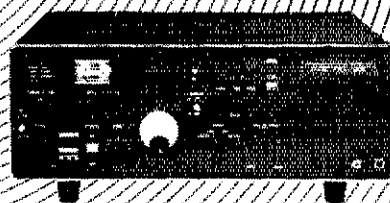
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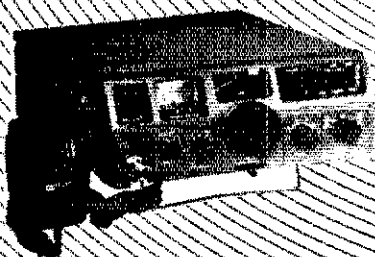
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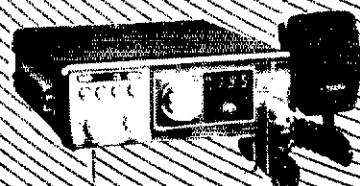
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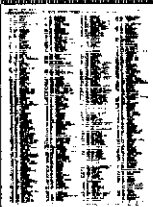
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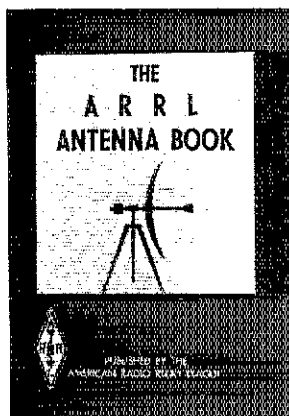
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Drake TR-4 on 80 through 10, but has plans for a linear and an all mode 2-meter station. He can be found on either of the two Section Phone Nets. MN amateurs are now involved in snow watch. They are taking measurements of snow depth and water content in order to help the N.W.B. in Minneapolis to keep track of possible water problems. W0VB has renamed his creation the Lunar Directory after finding a 432 EME directory exists. This is a comprehensive world wide 50 MHz and above directory. K0BZP reports there is a 2282 repeater near Grand Rapids operated and sponsored by the Northern Lakes Amateur Club. They have started a Net — all are welcome to check in on the AESN. After 15 years of absence W0PFE formerly WA0BWH checked in on MSN 1 21 sess. and on MSN 2 27 sess. AF00, ex-WB0ZAL is the proud owner of a terminal unit which she was able to put together. Please note AF00 is net mgr. of MSN 1 and W0BFR is mgr. of MSN. Our thanks to W0RIQ who acted as mgr. for the past three months. Traffic: W0HGX 500, W0AVT 379, WA0TFC 198, AF00 166, K0P12 140, W0PHIQ 111, W0BFR 108, K0HJC 105, W0BUKI 104, N0HY 92, W0GRKY 70, N0AHA 69, K0BZ 61, W0RIQ 58, W0NZB 47, W0HZU 46, K0CSE 42, K0TS 36, W0BSYT 32, W0OPX 31, W0BOEU 31, K0BZP 30, W0BFCW 26, W0DGYO 22, W0BJYT 17, K0JTW 14, W0BLR 14, K0DEG 7, N0JP 7, K0FLT 6.

NORTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lois Jorgensen, WA0RWM — SEC. W0TEE. OBS: W0DM. Congrats to the reorganized Jamestown Radio Club. Repairs of Valley City Repeater is complete. W0WSQ resigned as DATA Mgr. WA0CRW accepted the duties. Sorry to report KA0AGO a Silent Key. OM is W0DBMA, we express our sympathy. Congrats to upgrades: Novice to Tech KA0CAB KA0CAB KA0CLD W0DHPX. Gen. to Adv. W0DFG K0FUP K0FRP. Extra passed by WA0JLA now AG0R. W0FUU is a Minot AF for the first time. FEB in Net. Net kHz CST/DaysSess. QNI QTC Mgr. Goose River 1990.00900 6u 4 44 0 W0CDO DATA 3996.5 1830 S-S 26 405 174 W0WWSO YL WX 3997 0730 S-S 31 609 595 WA0RWM Traffic: WA0RWM 848, K0FRP 136, W0WVW 108, W0BOAJ 102, W0CDO 94, WA0CRH 82, N0AFP 65, K0GGI 31, W0WWSO 30, W0BJGM 22, W0DM 14.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lydia S. Johnson, W0KJZ — Asst. SCM: W0DVB. SEC: WA0TNN. NMs are W0S WE ZWL UEN TNM. Endorsements: QTS: W0CLS W0DVB W0EVO K0JV W0VGN. New QTS K0AS K0FRE. Endorsed ECs WA0BZD WA0CUL K0TVJ. New EC K0JV for Lawrence Co. Endorsed OBS K0CX. Aberdeen repeater W0JZZR operates on 148.31/.91. IRL. Dak. Div. convention on Oct. 6, 7 & 8. Ramada Inn Airport. Contact WA0RIQ and W0BYQT. W0BZEB made BPL. BHARC officers are AA0F, pres. K0ZTT, VP: K0HF, Secy.: K0CX, treas. Bear Mtn. repeater freq moved to 25.85. W0BQK moving to 8-Land. BHARC donated a complete set of ARRL publications to Rapid City Public Library. Traffic: (Jan.) W0ZWL 691, W0MZI 630, WA0VRE 270, W0VGN 262, W0EVO 194, WA0TNN 178, W0DVB 141, WA0UEN 132, W0HJO 131, W0BMR 105, K0FRE 64, W0IG 31, W0KJZ 25, W0BKUD 23, W0OMF 20, W0DBMS 10, K0AS 6, K0JV 2. (Dec.) W0BZEB 196.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5UAW — SFC: W5AVNV. NM: AD5D W5MZY W5POH WA5ZMK. Nets, Time/Day, QNI, QTC, Mgr. ARN, 3995, 0030/DY 1716, 130, ARB, 1326, 0030/DY 1716, 130, ARN, 3740, 0130T-S, 38, 11, W5SWPY, NEAWN, 146, 23/88, 0130T-S, 149, 19, W5SWJH, SCAR, 28, 765, 107, 7, W5HJG. APN, 3937, 1200/M-S, 1189, 69, W5POH, M-Bird, 3928, 2230/M-F, 638, 52, WA5ZVZ, A slow speed net now in operation. Mon. thru Fri. on 3740 at 7:30PM with K5BIL and W5SWPY as NCs. Harrison Hams and Repeater were busy when explosion of Allied Tele. Co. bldg. occurred putting two exchanges out of service. Stations were set up at Police Dept. fire dept. hospital and Radio KHOZ. Hams from Mtn Home, Branson, Fayetteville and Russellville offered help but it was not needed. WA5AD has new 2 & 8 mtr beams. AD5D new QTS & OBS for ARN. A new repeater on 148.31/.91 by W5ENLRPT on 148.07/87. OBS W5WVA 5 W5UAW 3. Traffic: W5BLP 54, AD5D 42, W5POH 27, W5UAW 21, W5WVA 6, W5GQH 1, W5SCAA 1.

LOUISIANA: SCM, S. T. "Tom" Losey, Jr., K5TL — Asst. SCM: K5DPG. SEC: W5LYH. STM: N5YL. NMs: W5GHP N5ES N5B W5LYH. Regret to report W5CEZ a Silent Key. N5WD W5JVP W5IQU active on CAND. K5DPG K5BLV W5CDX N5ES K5TL active on DRN5. Shreveport Hamfest to be first weekend in May at the Sports For Boys Club on the LA State Fair grounds. The Jan. SET was another success for our Section. All Nets reported heavy traffic with many new stations checking in. Welcome to the 115 new amateurs in our Section. W5LYK applied for DX award. Traffic Handlers Picnic to be held in Lakeview third week of June — see you there. Many ECs needed around the State.

Net	Freq.	Time(PM)/Day	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
LAN	3615	7:10 Dy	459	253	W5GHP
LTN	3910	8:30 Dy	790	326	N5ES
LSN	3703	7:30 M-F	228	23	N5B
LRN	3587.5	8:30 Su-W	16	22	N5R
RACES	3993.5	8:00AM Su			W5LYH
LEN	3910	9:00AM Su			W5LYH

Traffic: K5TL 258, W5GHP 256, W5IQU 207, W5IQU 187, N5ES 153, K5ARH 144, K5DPG 131, W5LYH 84, N5B 60, N5RB 60, W5USS 44, W5RTW 39, K5BLV 38, W5CDX 33, W5LYH 28, N5EK 14, W5GUB 9, W5YN 6, W5S1KT 2.

MISSISSIPPI: SCM, E. Ed Robinson, W5XT — SEC: W5BX. SE has produced many good emergency class. Rain, snow and ice have also added a few real emergencies. We should take stock of our personal emergency equipment, evaluate our co. and state arrangements. Two meter or other local communications with direct and repeater, handi-talky, portable and mobile, emergency power supplies and fixed rigs should be in order. Local nets, community, intercommunity, co. and state liaison are necessary. The MSBN (along with MSN, MTN, and RACES) have continued to improve our status. ECs, clubs and individuals must ALL be prepared and willing to contribute. CAND: W5KLV sess. 64, QTC 538, DRN5 by 100% by MSBN(K5W5C) sess. 31, QNI 2976, QTC 134, MTN(K5OAF) sess. 31, QNI 160, QTC 43, MSN(WA5IDF) sess. 14, QNI 102, QTC 15, MN(WA5JD) sess. 31, QNI 658, QTC 27, Capital AEN(WB5NB) QNI 77. Traffic: K5OAF 143, W5EDT 89, WB5NB 66, W5WZ 33, WA5OKI 21, W5YGO 9, W5DCK 8.

TENNESSEE: SCM, O. D. Keaton, WA4GLS — Asst. SCM: W4PRF. SEC: W4BYJ. STM: W4ZYJ.

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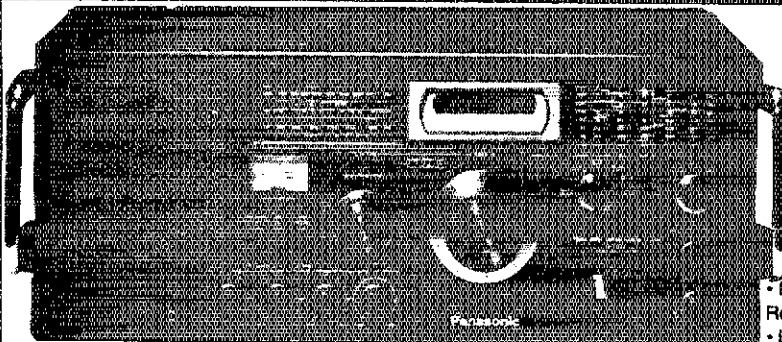
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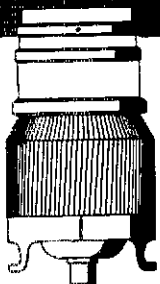


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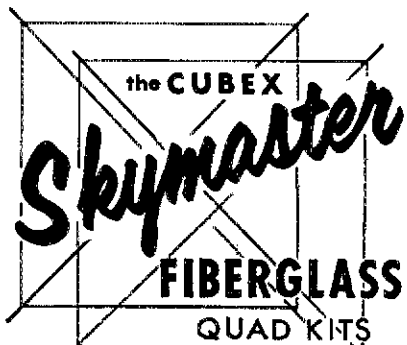
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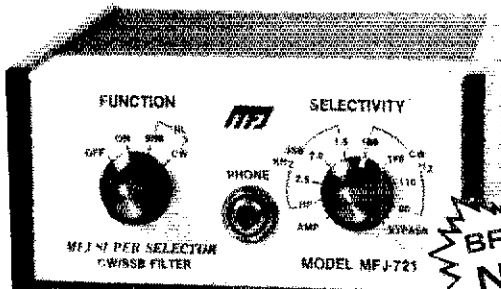
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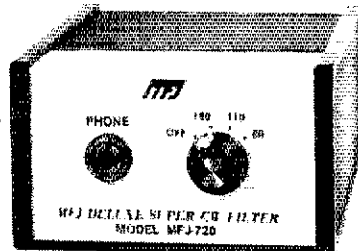
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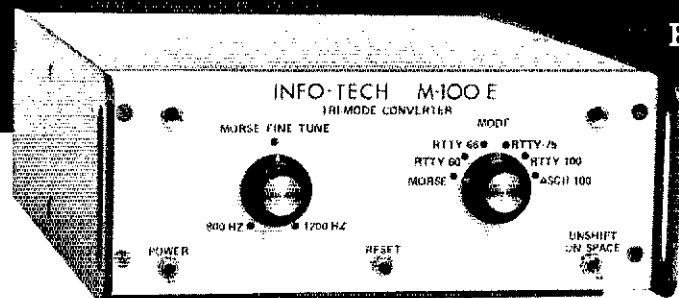
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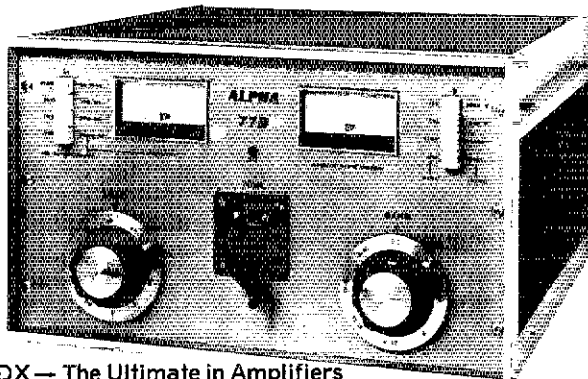
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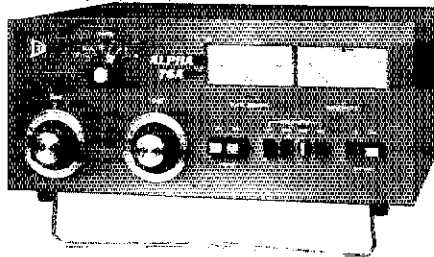
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The above listings are for the summer months. Phone nets report 150 sess. 6710 QNI, 1032 QTC, CW Nets report 72 sess., 478 QNI, 239 QTC. WD4HKK awarded section net cert. for his participation in the Northern FL Phone net. Officers of the Short Mountain Repeater Club are WA4LXR, pres.; WA4RYH, vice-pres.; WA4QQM, secy-treas. The 1373 & 3191 repeater link worked very good during SET. Tnx to WB4FUR & W4YXA. WA4HOB & WD4LPJ rec'd. courtesy membership in the Short Mt. Ft. Club. Summer County Repeater Assn. officers are K4EK, pres.; WB4ZQJ, vice-pres.; WB4CPO, secy. also operates a net on 147.84/147.24 7:00 P.M. CST. Cookeville Repeater Assn. officers are WA4RYH, pres.; WA4OWJ, vice-pres.; N4WS, secy-treas. Traffic: WA4CNY 387, W4OGG 359, AF4T 201, WB4PFF 197, WB4DYJ 188, WA4NIF 185, N4UC 159, WB4BKF 130, K4CNY 121, WA4GLS 79, K4XE 49, W4ZJY 47, WB4YPO 43, WB4GBI 43, W4PFP 43, K4VM 37, WA4BCS 32, KB4G 31, WA4DKC 23, WA4VWW 20, WA4IOL 17, K4UMW 13, K4MOA 10, W4EWR 10, W4TYV 9, WB4ZSZ 9, W4PSN 7, K4DEC 6, WA4FMR 6, WA4WHQ 6, WD4MMZ 5, W4VJW 4, W4RUW 3.

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*NTS Section Nets. For the first time in three years the SET in MI ran on schedule without a real snow emergency getting in the way! Early reports indicate that SET was again a success in this Section. Thanks to all who helped with the exercise on the local and state level. The first Section Traffic Awards for 20 or more originations on behalf of the public went to K8KMQ, W8BKZ, W8BZYU, W8SOP and W8VPW. Appointments: W8PZS, QTS, W8CGS, OO-I. Reports received: OO; K8JH, K8RT, W8SOP, QBS; W8GZF, W8XV, K8N8, W8PCK, W8RNB, W8SOP, AC8Y. I am sorry to report the following Silent Keys in the MI Section: W8SLV, K8VEW. More upgrades — Congratulations: Advr: W8IDN, W8BYG, W8BIX, W8BRCN, K8BCZS, W8BYTX, W8BSSU to N8ALW. General: W8MIB, W8PFA, W8ORQ, W8LHT, W8DJA, W8KJT, W8LJH, W8BUDD, W8LHS, K8BHC to N8ARK, W8OSE, W8LNM, W8AUT to N8NLM, W8IBM. Try the Michigan Novice Net, a good place to start cw traffic work. All amateurs are welcome in it. Traffic: (Jan.) W8VPW 597, W8BKZ 528, W8SOP 484, W8MTD 432, WA8DHB 276, W8DNKA 222, K8KMO 191, W8MPD 182, W8ZSZ 176, W8BQZ 176, W8BQY 173, W8BWX 165, W8BYV 159, W8BLT 142, AF8Y 134, K8DTG 125, K8RV 121, W8YQ 108, W8PFA 107, W8BZY 103, WA8QAF 98, W8LSV 87, W8BYG 87, N8AKY 79, W8CUP 75, W8BWO 69, W8ACW 68, W8BBE 67, W8BYS 66, W8BWE 64, AC8F 59, W8BGE 58, W8BNN 56, WA8XF 54, W8LCU 54, AC8Y 53, K8GG 53, K8BAI 53, W8BPO 52, W8BITT 51, K8LNE 50, K8GV 42, W8MGN 41, W8WQJ 39, W8NOH 37, N8ABA 35, K8DYI 31, W8BAI 30, W8EOI 30, W8IHX 29, W8VZ 28, W8OKU 27, K8ZJU 25, W8PIM 25, W8GV5 24, W8HIN 24, W8LDS 24, W8QOM 23, W8PFT 22, W8BYA 20, K8BS 20, W8BYF 20, W8BFF 20, W8NBD 18, W8BZ 17, W8BGT 17, K8GT 17, W8NCO 17, N8AO 16, W8BIAG 16, W8XJ 15, W8SCW 15, W8RNO 14, K8CPS 14, W8EOW 13, W8BIEK 13, K8GBZ 13, W8BROK 13, W8PBO 12, W8GQJ 11, W8BHPZ 11, W8DCN 11, K8BFO 10, W8BHSN 10, W8BMDK 10, W8YDA 10, W8AFO 9, K8CN 9, W8QFQ 9, N8ACL 8, W8JUP 8, W8BVAI 8, W8VWV 8, W8BMB 8, N8AFZ 7, W8BFXR 7, W8WVL 7, K8DD 5, W8BUZM 5, K8JED 4, W8BVF 4, W8BUJ 3, W8BGT 3, K8BCT 2, W8HKL 2, W8BNC 1. (Dec.) K8GG 27, W8OKU 27, W8PZS 6.

OHIO: SCM, Harold C. Chapman, W8JGW — Asst. SCMs: WA8MCR, W8TP, N4VY. SEC: K8AN. NMs: AF8A, N8CW, W8DIL, W8KWD, K8OZ, W8BYG. Net reports (Jan.)

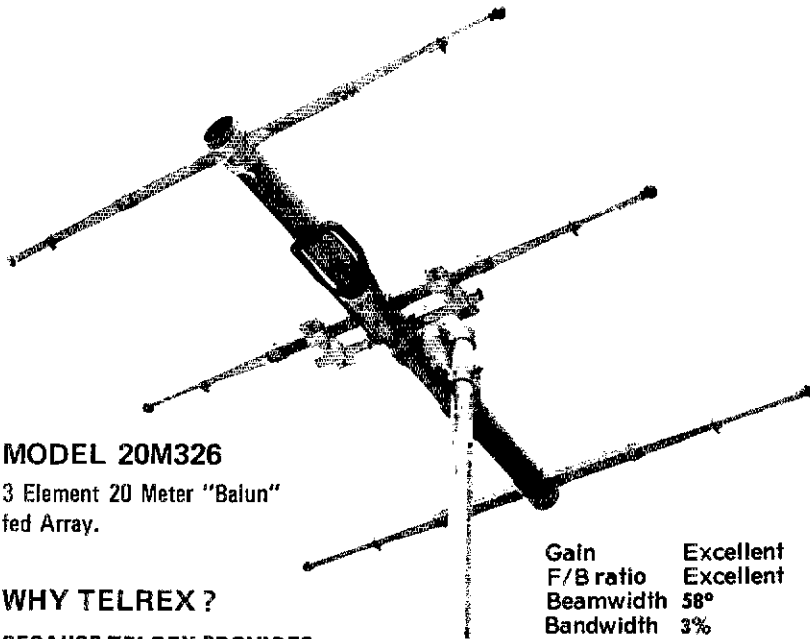
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Increasing numbers of stations are reporting activity; 105 for Dec., 130 for Jan. Let's increase it to 150! An increase in the number of traffic reports indicates more outlets and better coverage in the Section. K8AAZ made BPL second month in row. First session of SET '79 appeared very successful according to what I heard on the nets and reports received. Let's prepare for Oct. and make it even better. ECs — don't forget your reports to K8AN. New Champaign-Logan club officers: W8BZF, pres.; W8ZOL, vice-pres.; W8BXZ, secy-treas., Clinton Co. has new repeater K8SYS/R 147.72/12. Upgrades: W8BKW to Extra. Appointments: EC, K8JDI for Columbian Co. W8BMYE Miami Co.; Net Mgr AF8A; OES, WA1TWD; OO, K8DHJ, N8FU; OTS, W8BPIY, K8DHJ, N8FU. ONN Net Certs. K8DDG AF8A, W8BRTJ, W8BPUH. Local net reports: Van Wert County — QNI 35, QTC 1, sess. 4; BRTN QNI 342, QTC 116, sess. 36; T8RAC QNI 996, QTC 304, sess. 52. Looking forward to seeing all of you at Dayton or one of the many hamfests coming up in the Section. Traffic: (Jan.) K8AAZ 643, K8AN 454,

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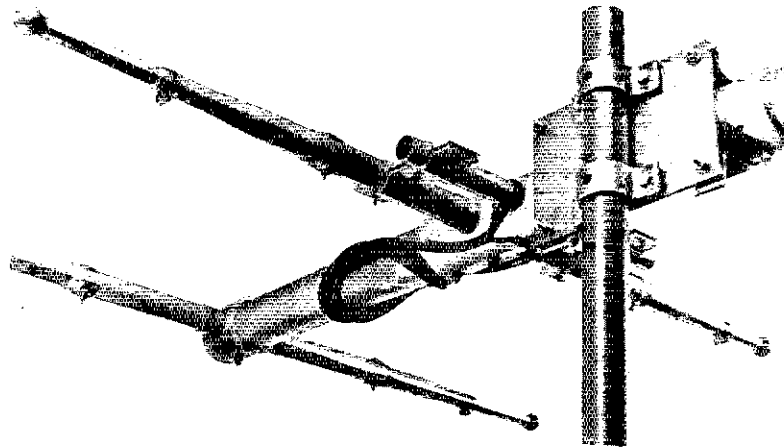


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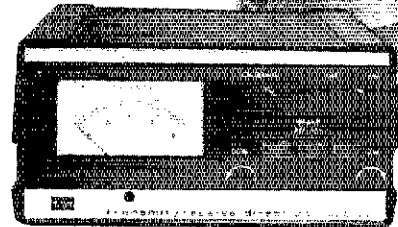
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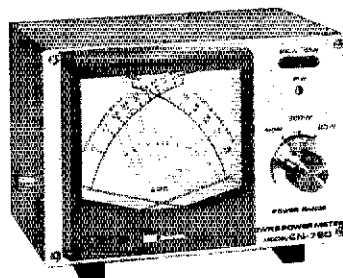
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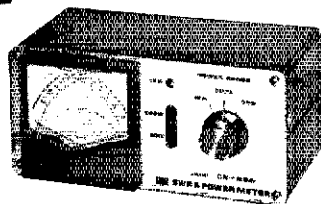
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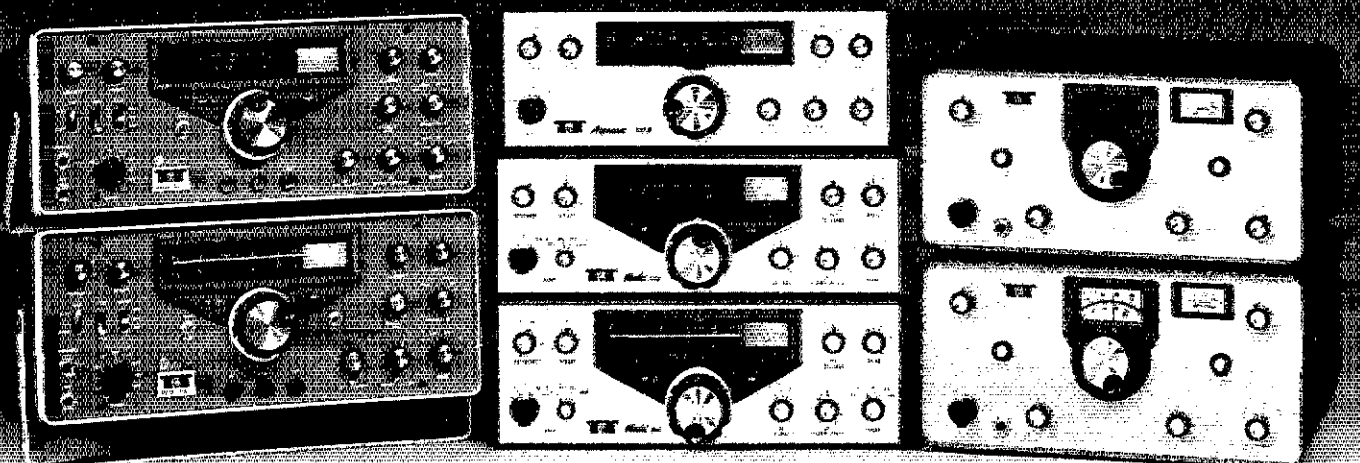
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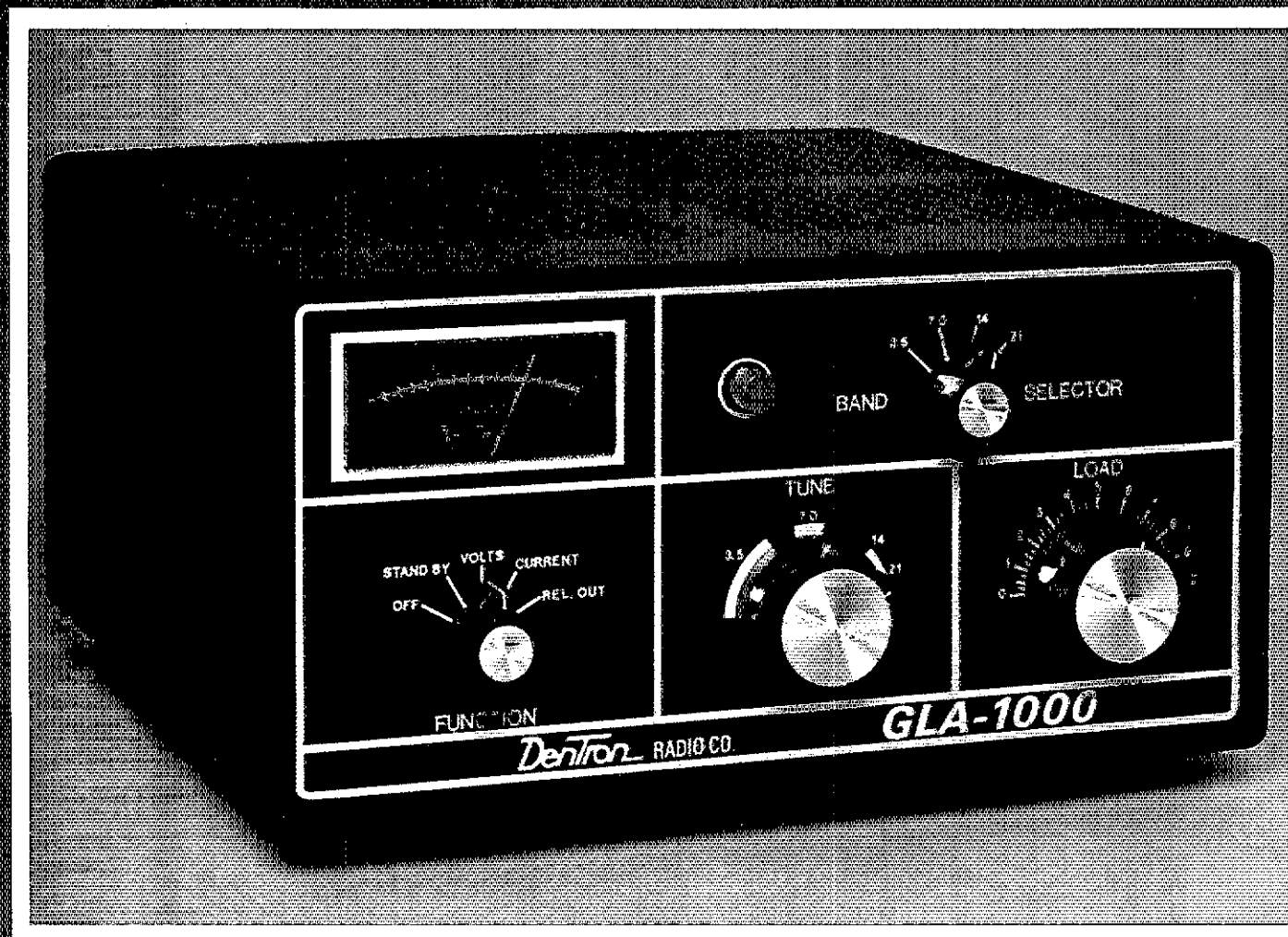
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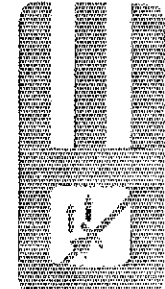
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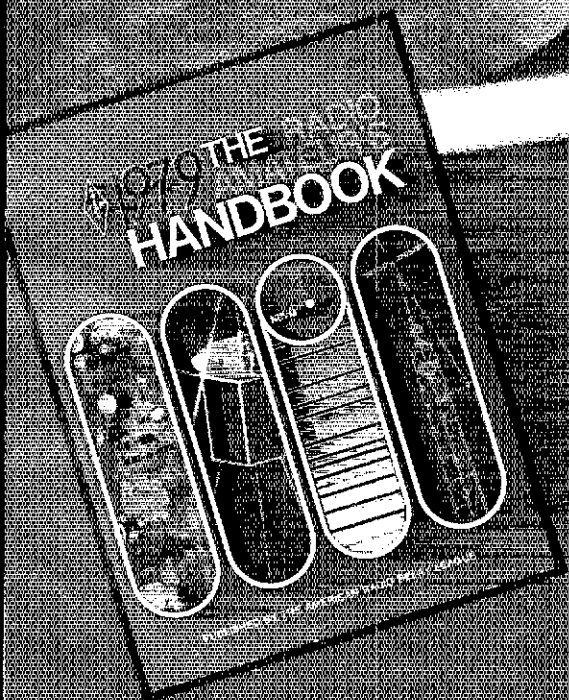
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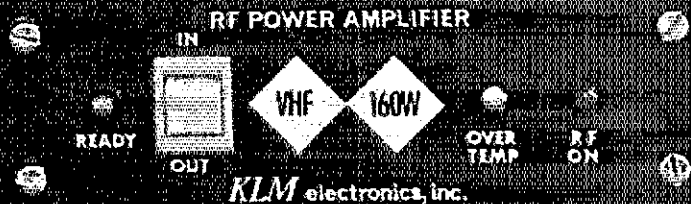
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HUDSON DIVISION

EASTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Guy L. Olinger, K2AV — SEC/ASCM: WB2VUK, ASEC: W2IT K2AYQ, STM: WA2SPL NM: W2CS W2WSS, Nets: NYNPN 5PM 3913, ESS(Slow) 6PM 3590, NYSPTEN 6PM 3925, NYS 7&10PM 3677, SDN 930PM M-F 66/06. Congrats to new CGNR brass WA2MZJ K2LV WB2KAB WB2MOG W2YLE K2DN WB2ORK WA2VQE. Not much gossip in mail this month, but hear W2CS came back speechless from West Coast (flog in throat) and had to order breakfast from Linda using cw. Contraband had both here during the day to gruesome work. Text of message following says it all about SET. "I am pleased to convey greetings to the amateur radio operators throughout New York State who all participated in the Simulated Emergency Test weekend on Jan. 27 28 X Emergency preparedness is a vital component in Amateur Radio operations and I salute the efforts of all participating in this test X May your efforts toward preparing and testing amateur radio capabilities under Simulated Emergency conditions prove successful and beneficial — Hugh L. Carey Governor New York State." Well Deserved! Interesting note ... starting to see traffic from Lake Placid, Jan. PSHR: WA2OTC W2IT WA2SPL WB2KDC K2AV WB2EAG, BPL: WA2OTC (W2IT) WA2SPL WA2EOW Traffic: WA2SPL 1148, WA2OTC 520, W2IT 316, WB2EOW 293, WB2EAG 225, WB2KDC 215, K2AV 111, N2EF 84, WB2ZSG 75, WA2CJY 40, K2HNW 24, WB2ELA 8, WA2AZZ 3, K2RRR 2, WB2VVS 2.

NEW YORK CITY — LONG ISLAND: SCM, Paul A. Lindgren, WA2UWA — Asst. SCM: Steve Bloom, WB2IDP, STM: WB2BNY, NM: WB2LIG, NM/ASCM: WB2EUF. The following are traffic nets in and around the NLI section.

Net	Time/Day	Freq.	Manager
NLI*	1900/2200 Dy	3630	WB2EUF
NLIPN*	1730 Dy	3928	WB2LIG
ESS	1800 Dy	3590	W2WSS
Clear House	1100 Dy	3925	WB2AEK
Mike Farad	1300 M-S	3925	K1PZJ
NYSPTEN	1800	3925	WA2SPL

*Denotes Section Net, all times local, W2HAE moving to FL after many years of service to the Section. We wish him the best of luck and he will be looking for his friends on 15 and 20 meter cw. Many thanks to outgoing SCM and SEC K2LZ and K2HTX for making the transition so easy. Their hard work and dedication have made the past five years go quickly and well. W2XY and WA2DNK proud parents of YL harmonic. New officers for Hall of Science Radio Club N2PM, pres.: WB2KUY, v.pres.: W2VZQ, treas.: WA2YUS, secy. New licenses and upgrades: KA2DMY HP1MJE/W2 KA2BMB KA2CEK K2LW and WB2SGA. Congratulations to the following on their new appointments: K2GP 1921, K2NT 2, W2LH as OO, WB2KIH K2HD K2LIE WB2BNY and WA2YUS as OTS, WB2IDP as OES, WA2INJ as OBS, WB2IDP and WA2YUS as OVS, WB2BNY is the new STM. Please give Jim your full support. High QNI for NLI K2GCE WB2EUF WB2IDP N2MG and K2LIE; for NLIPN, WA2UWA WB2LIG N2MG K2GCE and WB2RQW. We need an SEC and more ECs. If you think you are qualified for these important positions and can help please contact your SCM, WA2LBJ new EC for Shelter Island, WB2LIG now NM for NLIPN, LIMARC ATC repeater almost ready to go. New officers for Larkfield ARC — trustees WB2GUB WB2DZ and WB2DZ secy: K2HTX treas. I regret to announce WB2YBM and WB2JMT as Silent Keys. WB2DCJ passed his 1st Class Radiotelephone. K2UB put up his first antenna on the roof in nine years. WB2YUJ put up 80-meter dipole. Syosset High School Radio Club WA2JAS now on ATV and RTTY. They would be interested to contact all radio clubs with similar capabilities. Address to write to for information on ARRL National Convention is PO Box 891 Baton Rouge, LA 70821. All appointees must report regularly or your appointment will be canceled. I need your reports for this column. Remember the column is only as good as you make it. The traffic nets need your help, if you are not sure about procedures just check in and they will help you. The traffic nets are listed every other month in this column. Thanks very much and I hope for all your cooperation in the next 2 years. Traffic: (Jan.) WA2UWA 251, WB2KIH 107, K2GCE 86, W2MLC 82, WB2IDP 77, WA2CZY 68, WB2DCJ 43, K2LIE 43, N2MG 37, WB2YUJ 30, W2GP 19, K2LZ 14, WB2FKZ 10, WA2KXE 8, K2TV 4, K2UB 4, N2NT 2. (Dec.) WA2CZY 61, K2VL 40.

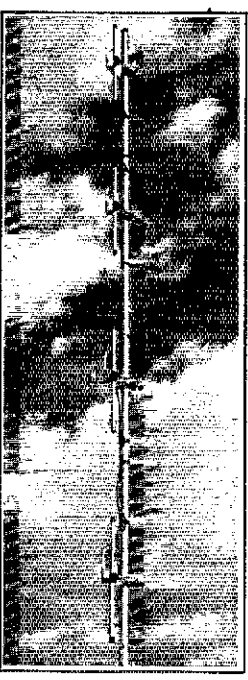
NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Robert Neukomm, WA2MVQ — SEC: WB2VUF, STM: W2XD, NM: AF2L K2VX WA2LHV & WA2OPY.

Net	Mgr.	Freq.	Time/Days	Sess.	QNI	GSP
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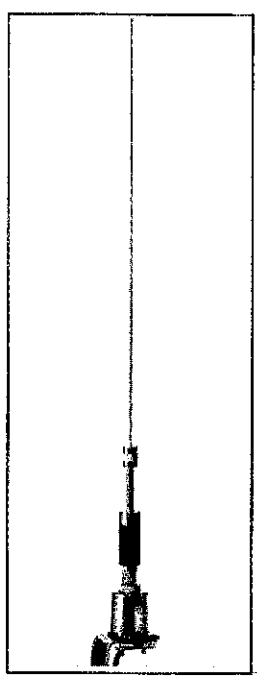
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 9:00 A Su
 OBTTN WA2OPY
 NJSN WA2LHV 6:30 P MWf
 NJVHF WA2LHV 49/49 10:30 P Dy
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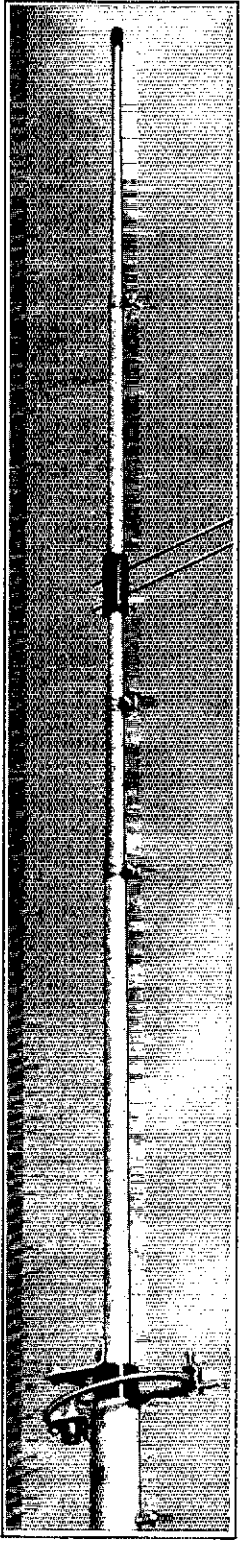
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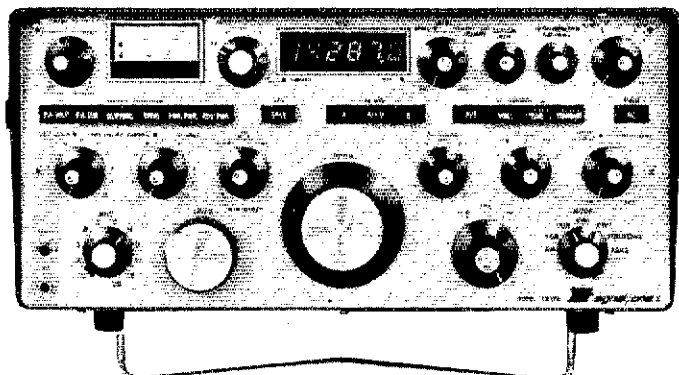
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their last meeting tnx to JASAER/N2ATT. W2QHV was elected as a "Fellow" of the Radio Club of America. W2BUB a SK's station has been donated to the Aerospace Program of the Newark Board of Education with one of the teachers a ham named as trustee of its location at the Barringer High School. Sussex County Amateur Radio Club was active in the SET as was the Union County Emergency and Traffic Net. Late listing of new upgrades: to Tech: KA2AHQ WB2POD WA2VNG; to General: WA2RZ, WA2J, and Advanced: WA2EWG WB2GCC. New hams: K4DKQ and WA2ZIC. The USS Ling Submarine Assn. is looking for "hams" to rehabilitate its radio shack. Any NNJ "hams" who formerly were Radiomen during WWII, please contact WA2MVQ. Welcome the following to NJN W5DTR/W2 WB2TOM and AG2R. WD2AKR tried working 2-meter mobile via a train trip to FL with little luck! WB2RMI has a new 80-watt amplifier for his 2-meter gear and finally made it into OSCAR 8! WA2IXB survived Lehigh Univ. this semester with a 3.61 average! He also reports he's attempting to organize a radio club at Lehigh. SET came off quite well: 12 OPs were NCS and 16 OPs were liaison to 2RN. We are looking for more 2-meter VHFers and also for novice and tech check into the Slow Net. WB2TOM is new QTS. W2CVW has a new Omni. K2HLK is recovering from a heart attack and is interested in starting a club for those owners of Central Electronics 100V and 200V. How about it gang? Traffic: (Jan.) WB2RMI 721, W2RQ 533, K3VX 319, N2NS 303, AF2L 292, W2COB 271, W2SQ 242, WA2MVQ 212, KA2CHK/T 200, WB2RMJ/T 175, KA2BWR 140, WB2JVE 140, W2XD 103, WB2KLF 85, N2IC 73, WA2EPK 62, WB2AIJ/T 48, WB2MCO 48, K2NJ 42, WA2QWR 42, K2SE 37, W2UEZ 35, WD2AID/T 23, WA2NPP 22, WB2AXG 21, K2ZF 21, WA2DLZ 18, WB2HSG 15, W2CC 10, WB7UQO/2 9, WA2QWR 7, KA2AVAT 5, WB2AKR 4, WA2XB 3, W2CVW 2. (Dec.) W2CVW 5.

MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SCM, Max R. Otto, W0LFF — Stranded motorists near Wilton were given an assist from portable station operated by WA0YRN WA0AUQ WB0TSG WB0COW and WB0LIF. K0IIR liaison to 75M where WB0TWW was NCS with 52 stations. Due to efforts of K0VM K0QVF W0HUP and WB0MMT Iowa's first 223.34/224.94 is operating and linked with 448.75/443.75 at Waterloo. WB0TEU new treas. of SARC. WB0UFE-FT-ss/R, WB0ZKG and WB0RMT-OF-1A filters, N0ARJ-MT-2000A, W0DFOY and WB0TRI-TR7400, W0ZPM-IC-280, WD0DC-FT-101EE WD0GEM-FT-101, K0RRA-TS-620S, WA0RCL-FL-2100B. W0MGM made good DX score operated by WB0YUI and WB0SEL. Old timers are sad to hear ex-W0JOU-M. Sutton is a Silent Key. Congrats for upgrades: W0DCE and WD0DCC-Tech., WD0GEM-Gen., KB0FB-Adv. and WB0ZEC-Extra. Officers at Waterloo: WB0UFL, pres.; WB0JFF, vp.; WB0ZMY, secy.; WB0ZEC, treas. Yours truly had fine eyeball at annual Waterloo Ham-of-the-year banquet honoring WD0AKB. For info on '79 National Convention, write P.O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70823. WB0YUI redacting, fired up shack instead of the rig.

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Iowa 75M	3970	1830 M-S	1158	98	27
W0VZH					
Iowa 75M	3970	2330 M-S	1003	75	27
W0YLS					
TLCN	3560	0030 Dy	428	161	62
W0YLS		0400			
Iowa Code	3713	0100 T-T-S	70	18	13

WB0NS Traffic: (Jan.) WA0AUX 740, W0SS 242, AE0R 180, W0YLS 123, WB0PYD 100, WD0GDL 68, W0KHO 56, WB0MCO 50, WB0JFF 48, W0LFF 40, K0CMM 38, K0QJ 38, W0UPY 34, K0P01 27, K0IIR 25, WB0NS 25, K0HCO 19, W0DPE 15, K0M0Y 15, K0M0Y 15, K0B0E 9, K0B0E 3, W0BQJ 2. (Dec.) K0EVH 353. (Nov.) K0EVH 140. (Oct.) K0EVH 137.

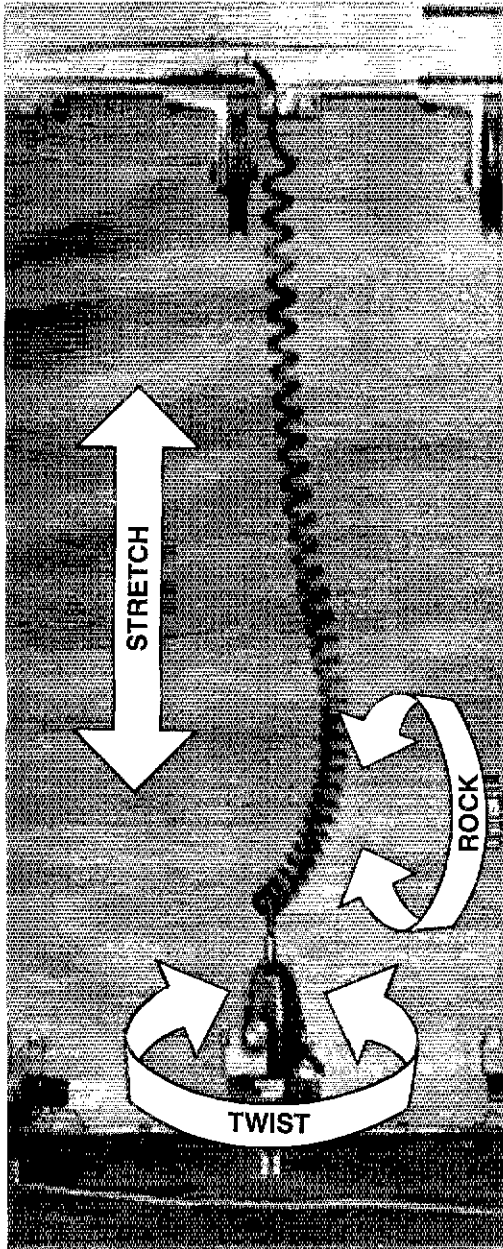
KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BXF — First of all our deepest sympathy to W0OYH on the loss of his brother. Net Reports for Jan. K5BN QNI 1567, QTC 324. KPN QNI 280, QTC 30. Ks WX Net QNI 1138, QTC 559. CATN QNI 1394, QTC 114. QKS QNI 596, QTC 309. QKS-SS QNI 206, QTC 106. Late Dec. report for QKS-SS QNI 139, QTC 43. K5BN QNI 1351, QTC 239. KPN QNI 313, QTC 64. Individual reports that missed the last report were W0OYH 304, W0FDJ 43, W0ERQ 24, K0YTA 27, K0KD 2 and W0CHJ 75. It appears that when I do set an early deadline, we miss quite a few who do report. W0OYH also had a PSHR total of 61. SET for 1979 appeared to go well. The number of messages received here indicate so and I know the list W0KLL received was even larger. Wichita Amateur Radio Club has elected WB0N0G as pres. for 1979 and his assisting officers are vp. WB0GSS, Treas. WB0IDY, sec. WB0ZNY and bulletin editor WB0ZNM. Traffic: W0OYH 313, WD0ACG 302, W0KLL 237, K0EZ 202, WA0FBP 146, W0AM 145, K0BXF 120, W0FDJ 103, W0HI 95, WA0LBB 80, W0FT 63, W0ESF 54, W0FDJ 42, W0NYG 38, WA0BJT 31, K0KD 28, A0G 25, K0YTA 24, K0PFC 22, W0RBO 22, WD0DZE 21, W0RBO 19, N0APJ 19, N0IN 14, W0OAG 14, W0PFB 13, W0CJB 8, W0ZUX 8, K0GZL 4, K0JID 2, WA4WJX 2.

MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — Asst. SCM, Joe Flowers, W0OTF. SEC: WB0FKY. At the recent Kansas City DX Club mtg, W0AR was again presented with a trophy for WBAAs. The award is given to the member of the most countries worked in a calendar year. W0AR recorded a 245 and has set his sights on an even 300 this year. We also enjoyed an excellent presentation on computerized propagation forecasting. New officers for the St. Louis ARC are AA0A, pres.; WA0IYY, vice-pres.; W0RUR, treas.; WA0KMF, secy. Thanks and congratulations to all who participated in the 1979 SET in MO. As usual, another job well done.

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
NETN	322	126	NEMOE	137	31
HBN	412	42	SCEN	88	9
MEOW	880	169	MON	348	314
MON (Dec.)	260	327	MON 2	171	65
MON 2 (Dec.)	150	85			

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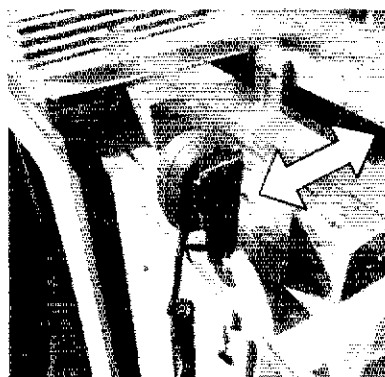
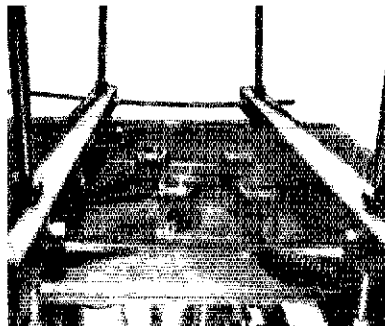


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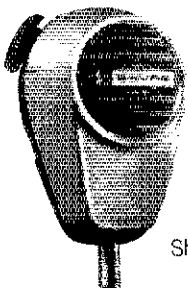


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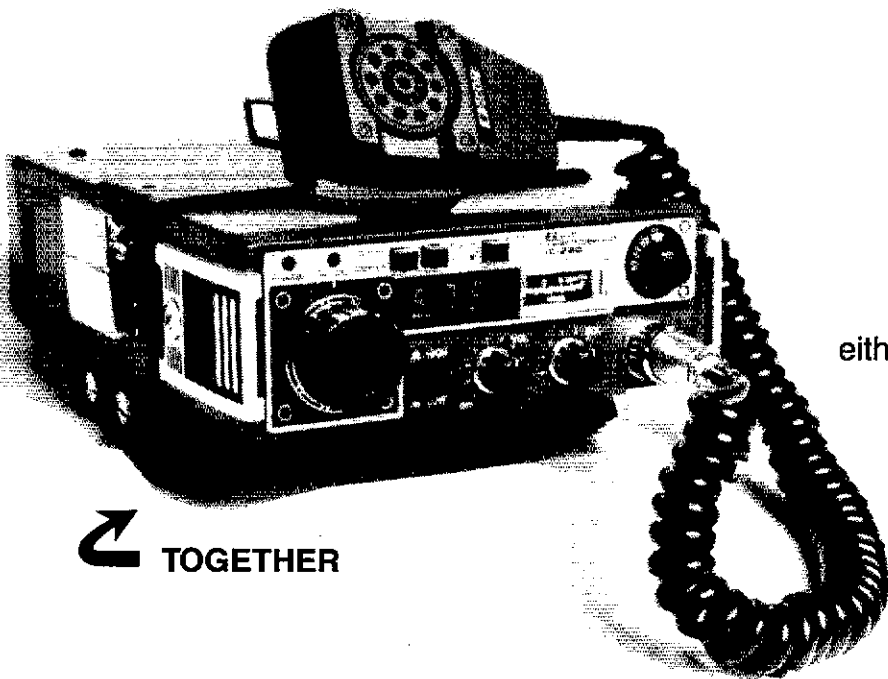
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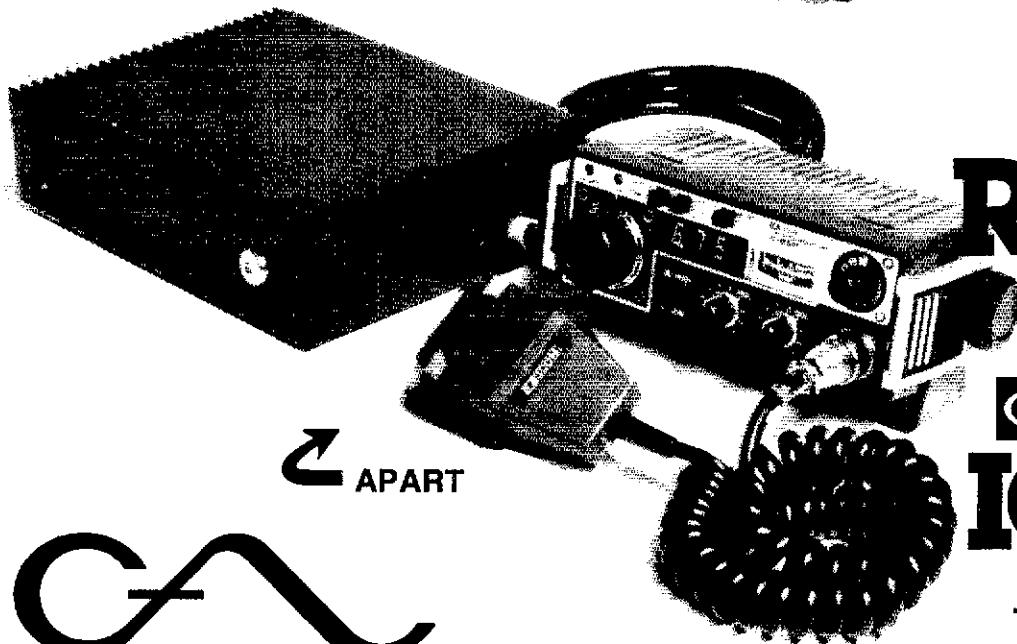
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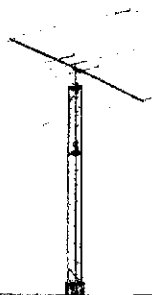
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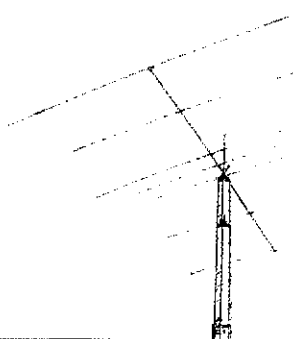
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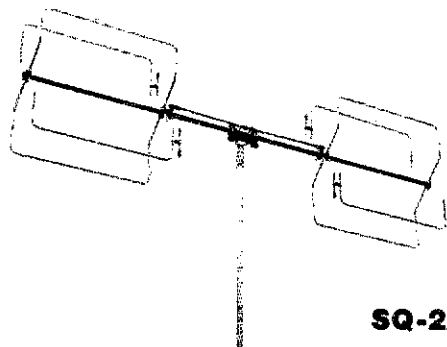


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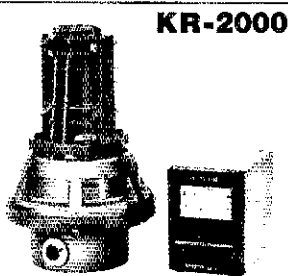
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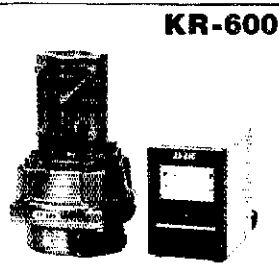
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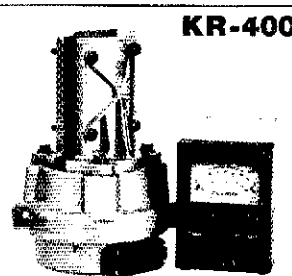
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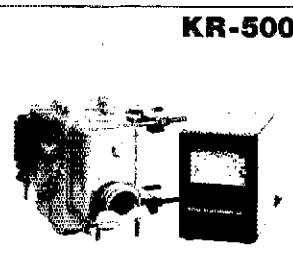
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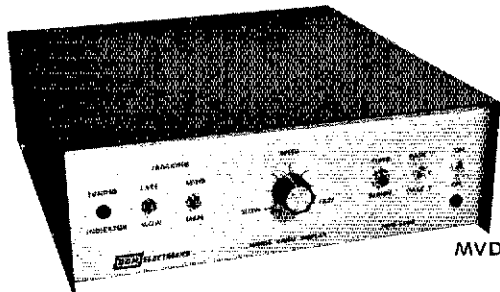
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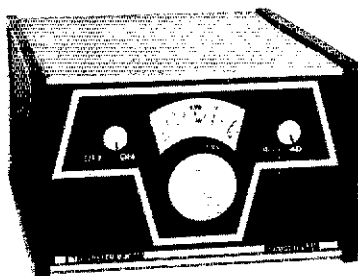
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NEBRASKA: SCM, Ed O'Donnell, WB@GWR — The Midway ARC, Kearney, sponsored their 3rd Annual Midway Spring Ham Convention, Mar. 31 and Apr. 1. Under the leadership of W0PKD, the Kearney Club should be really congratulated for an excellent convention, W0BASM, State EC held a successful SET throughout the state in Jan. Info on 79 National Convention, P.O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. 16D Nebr. WX Net, QNI 616, QTC 5; Cornhusker Net, QNI 849, QTC 35; Mid-Nebr. A RES 2 Mtr Net, QNI 231, QTC 7; Morning Phone Net, QNI 1359, QTC 31; Nebr. ARES 75 Mtr Net, QNI 158, QTC 1; Nebr. Storm Net, QNI 1554, QTC 123; Pawnee ARC 2 Mtr FM Net, QNI 144, QTC 0; Platte Valley 2Mtr Net, QNI 51, QTC 0; P M Net, QNI 381, QTC 121; QCWA Net, QNI 78, QTC 0; Sandhills WX Net, QNI 165, QTC 52; Western Nebr. Net, QNI 600, QTC 56. Traffic: W0FQB 204, K0GND 243, W0BOK 97, W0VEA 94, K0AIE 84, W0ACBJ 87, W0BOQX 87, W0GEO 42, W0EUI 22, W0NFG 22, W0BAG 19, W0ZNI 19, K0BRS 18, K0RRL 15, W0AVX 15, W0GWR 14, W0RCS 13, W0BOM 9, W0BNDK 9, W0BIBT 8, W0PKD 8, W0DEX 5, W0WFR 5, W0BPM 4, W0BAHV 4, W0NIK 4, W0RJA 3, W0DJU 2, W0BLOY 2, K0SFA 1.

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EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Rick Beebe, K1PAD — SEC: W1BLG. STM: W1AZZ. All EC reports go to K1PAD thru Mar. Apr. reports to W1BLG. Appointments: ECs K1NLQ N1RR K1HAQ. SEC: W1BLG. OC: W1EGE. OBS: K1LUR.

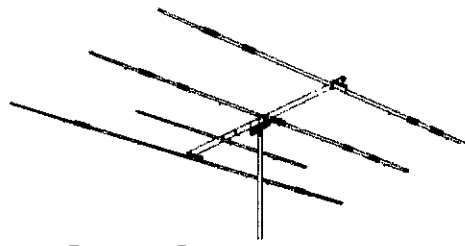
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EMRIPN	3,898	1730 Dy	516	354
EM2MN	90/30	2000 MWF	49	49
NEEP	145.8	2000 Tth		
NEEP	3,945	0830 Su	54	39
EASN	3,726	0555/1930 Dy	34	1
HHTN	0484	2200 Dy	418	113

All nets were active during the SET. K1PAD would like to thank W1AL for all the help getting started and as SCM STM W1AZZ requests that traffic reports be sent in no matter how small. K1PAD W1BLG K1IOE W1AIDA W1REP W1IOQV and W1XA working on Section Emergency Plan. W1XA new EC Advisory Committee rep. Bedford and Chelmsford groups active during the Jan. flooding. North Shore Repeater Assn. Quannapowitt Radio Assn. and Lynnfield groups running novice classes. Billerica and Chelmsford Clubs running combined General Class with more than 50 students. Quannapowitt Radio Assn. sponsoring an Activity Award. Wellesley Club had W1YRC with DXpedition show and sponsoring their own Fram Award. Ingham members had banquet and Emergency Net meeting. New affiliated clubs: Minuteman Repeater Assn. and Greater Lawrence Amateur Radio Fellowship. W1NF a ham 77 years, wow! W1BI (ex-W1GM) 88 years young, another wow. W1LMU received 50-year plaque from the League. AB1Z has submitted modulation/moder petition to FCC. W1BLG buying new house. W1DFV home from the hospital. New FT-7 for N1RR K1PTE W1AQAA. 11M rigs modified for 10M by W1MEJ W1BDGM W1DFO. W1MTN has FT-801DM. W1AZCQ has Atlas 210. W1FIT has S-line. W1AYA antenna down but repairs underway. K1CLM putting in 70 hours per week on Intruder Watch. K1HYM has new son. W1LE in San Diego during Feb. W1FAX K1AHD W1FJC upgraded to General, congrats. Wellesley Auction Apr. 7 in Wellesley. W1DYS on from Tampa. W1AYC also in FL. W1CFU on 180 cw. W1BB active on 180 in CD Party. PL send interesting news items for publication to K1PAD. Traffic: (Jan.) K1BA 412, W1DXR 407, W1ATBY 382, W1AZZ 346, W1VAB 250, K1ZN 249, W1PEX 236, K1GE 198, W1FJI 126, W1YWK 112, W1EY 111, W1DMH 89, W1BIG 79. K1BZD 66, W1EIZT 63.

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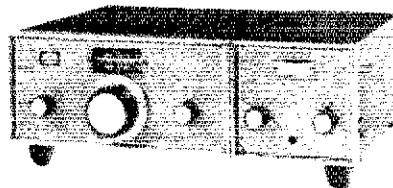
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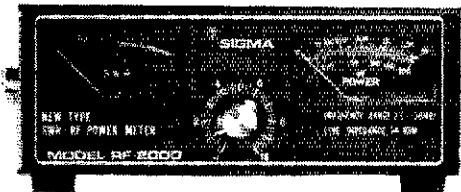
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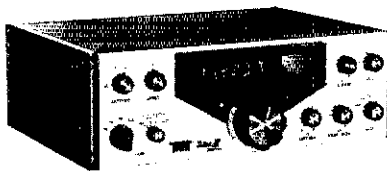
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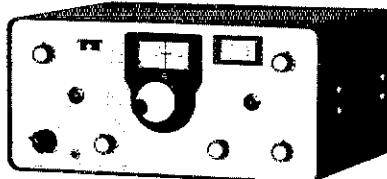
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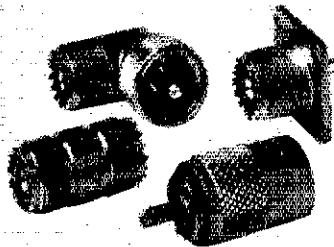


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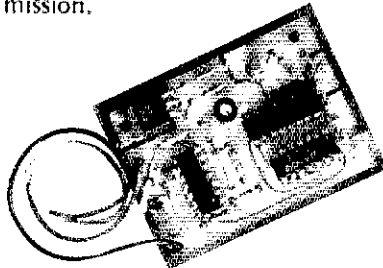
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MAINE: SCM, Bill Mann, W1KX — New Appts: WA1MUX ASGM: WA1YNZ EC Aroostook Co. Renewed: N1RP EC Lincoln Co. Work underway for ham call letter plate bill whereby ham plate would have one-time cost of \$5. Contact your representative. Pine State ARC newsletter lists 16 new Novices resulting from club classes. On Aroostook ARA third anniversary membership stands at 50. Several members of Sandy River ARC supplied comms. at Sugarloaf Races Jan. 20. Streaked Mtn. rpt. provided needed SET comms. Hoss Traders Tailgate Swapfest, Deerfield, NH, May 12. Info on '79 National Convention, P.O. Box 691, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Sess./Q1C/QN1: AEN 1/199100, SFSN 1/2/181, BYN 2/738/1006. Traffic: (Jan.) KA1DM 407, W1KX 305, N1RP 174, W1HDC 128, WA1MUX 90, WA1QX 85, WA1YNZ 85, W1B1 82, N5YX/1 78, WA1JZP 59, WA1M5X 55, W1BYR 47, W1SO 46, W1JTH 44, K1BZ 34, K1JCX 27, W1AHM 24, W1BMX 24, K1TVT 21, WA1JCN 18, W1GU 11, K1K 8, W1OTO 6, K1T2H 6, W1IWX 5, W3BHYD/1 4. (Dec.) K1TEV 3.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: SCM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1SWX/W1NH — SEC: K1RSC, NMS: W1TN & N1NH. Concord Brass-pounders officers: W1JY, pres.; WA1FSZ, vice-pres.; W1BAS, secy-treas. The Conn Valley FM Assn's other repeater is K1OJH/Rpt, 147.84/147.24. WA1PSI received new callbook for his outstanding OO work. New OTS is W1QY. The Manchester repeater is 147.255 on a 25th storm. Medication held its SSS in a 147.255 on a 25th storm. K1H1 2-meter rig was stolen. KH1KQ moved to Exeter. WA1SQM moved to AZ. W1RMH received the National Weather public service award. W1TN has new HW8. Info on 1979 National Convention from Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. VE3FCHAW1 moved to Saskatchewan. WBTCDR was guest weatherman on WNNN-TV & explained contribution of Wx into the Conn. Valley FM Assn. of NH & VT. K1OIQ of Mt. Washington Observatory will be in VE4-Land for the eclipse. W1THF1 & XYL, W1HGG use FT227R & Kenwood TS-820S. Retired W1TX now has more time for hamming. K1UQX vacation in VP. W1BYS uses WRALM repeater in Tampa. N1NH has a state of CA call meter cycle. W1CMM moved to NH from Tachussetts. Traffic: (Jan.) K1BCS 550, W1TN 327, N1NH 189, W1FHI 85, K1H1 87, W1HOB 49, W1NH 42, K1UQX 30, W1CUE 25, K1ACL 16, W1J15 15, W1GUX 12, WA1PEL 8, W1C1TJ 5, W1BYS 3, W1UN 1. (Dec.) W1GUX 223, W1HFI 18, W1FYR 16.

RHODE ISLAND: SCM, J. Titterton, W1E0F — WA1WKK, asst. mgr., RIEM 2-mtr Tfc Net reports good month for net-sess. 23, QN1 194 and ttc 77. WA1CSO, net mgr., back from CA vacation with new low-band rig. Several groups took part in the SET and amount of activity was encouraging. Officers at EBAWA: N1XW, pres.; KA1AIR, vp-treas.; W1EHO, secy. Officers at W1KIDS, pres.; K1DT, vice-pres.; W1GS, secy.; W1ATC, treas. KA1ASC W1EYH and W1KRR, exec bd. The tentative date for the New England Mt. convention and Hamfest is weekend of Oct. 13-14, 1979. More on this later. W1EJL burning up the 10-meter band and KA1BBY ditto on 80. For personal reasons, AB1D has resigned as SEC. Sorry to report that and now the search starts for another SEC. We have other appointments open-contact me-you may qualify. Traffic: W1E0F 99, WA1YUH 25, N1RI 10.

VERMONT: SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — SEC: W1VSA. Repeaters handling direct assistance to the public will be reported this month and the following month. Any amateur assisting stranded motorist, reporting accidents to state police, and autopatching emergency messages should be reported to the control operator of the Repeater used. Control stations should hold on into the SEC. WA1YEH EC for 01/81 and 34/94 heads up large task force of amateurs for four day operation this month. Communications for Junior JC's project. W1IACA Repeater group holds weather net Mon. thru Fri. nights at 10:00 PM. Carrier 2747737, GMM 2756246, VTSSB 31/5509D, VTRFD 4/7020, NE SWOT 4/27/0. Emergency Traffic W1AFL 2 W1IAEA 3. Traffic: K1BQB 168, K1OXD 33, W1B1Z 3.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Bill Lowe, W1TM — SEC: WA1DNB, STM: W1KX, NM: W1UD (WMM) WA1MJE (WFMF). Section activity very good during the Jan. SET. NTS and ARS nets well organized with good performance. Traffic heavy. Top QN1 WMM with 28, W1BYR and W1UD. NTS and ARS needs more activity and representation in Worcester county. CMA RA, please note, W1UD doing well as NM. W1ALU now OO class 2. K1JHC now QTS. W1ZPB doing phone patches for students at Northfield. SCM visited HCRA during Jan. meeting. Excellent program well planned. SCM available for visits elsewhere. Official appointment holders must report to SCM regularly or else. Traffic: WA1MJE 574, W1TM 221, W1UD 198, W1KX 171, W1DOY 79, W1ALU 88, W1ZPB 62, K1UJ 60, N1CQ 55, W1BVR 46, N1YY 37, W1EHS 35, W1EFC 24, K1JHC 17, WA1OPN 8, K1BE 6.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

ALASKA: SCM, Roy Davie, KL7CJ — We have a new SEC for this section for KL7SE who replaced KL7IKX who resigned due to business pressures. The SET was not represented very well this time; however, those who did operate in it reported very good results. KL7JD chosen Amateur of the Year by the Anchorage ARC. ASN reports lots of activity as usual, also APCPN. KL7IYH and KL7JAA conducting Novice classes. The Kodiak Club hard at work trying to raise funds for their various projects. KL7IS and KL7AG and families are touring the CONUS and warmer WX. The Alaska DX Assn. growing very rapidly and is an ARRL Affiliate. Don't forget the ARRL National Convention in Baton Rouge LA July 20-22. Write Louisiana Council ARC, P.O. Box 691, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Traffic: KL7JD 122, KL7CJ 42, KL7JDH 42.

IDAHO: SCM, Lem Allen, W7JMH — The Kootenai ARS has recently received their ARRL Charter and are holding a celebration banquet in Coeur D'Alene Mar. 17. Secy. is W7WUB. The Mountain Home Air Force Base has reorganized their club with W7JURE, pres.; KA7BLR, vp; W7COG, secy-treas.; WA4BFE liaison. They have been busy DXing, contesting, building and working QRP. Congrats to WA7LRP, new EC for Latah Co.! Many SET reports have been received and it is gratifying to observe the improvement in ability and scope of the groups who participate.

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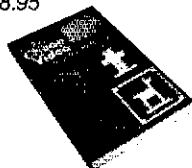
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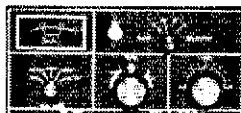
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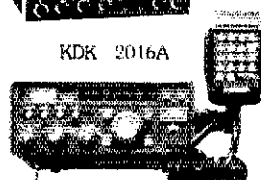
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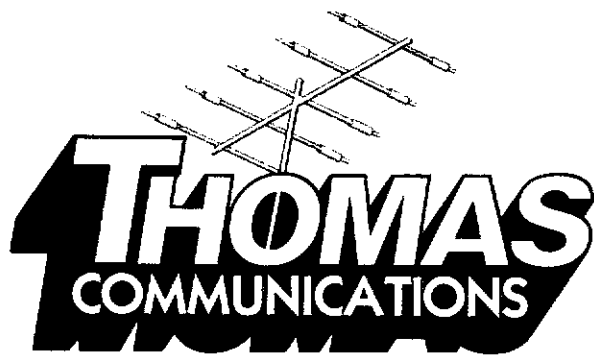
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MONTANA: SCM, Robert Leo, W7LR — KA7DGS, 10-yr-old daughter of KB7AS, new ham in Bozeman. Dick also has 2 more hams in the family: KA7DOT & KA7DCU! Missoula, Cut Bank & Kallispell hosting the 1979 Waterton-Glacier hamfest. Sorry to hear XYL of W7LZY a Silent Key. K7ABV continues super DX. Big Jan. activity was SET. Very good MT participation, with RACES and EC's both active. New MT Section Net, 1st & 3rd Sun, 3347 KHz, after RACES net (about 9:30 AM local time). COWA net 9AM Sat: 3935. IMN Jan QNI 109, QTC 249 plus 5 SET sess. with QTC 55. MTN had special SESS. MTN QNI 1153, QTC 231, W7TGU has 18 net sess per week, is NC on 3 nets, and Mgr. of MTN FBI Info on 79 N11 ARLR Convention, Box 691, Baton Rouge, LA, 70821. WA7GAC having a ball on ZL trip & QSO's Bozeman hams via ZL1BEQ recip. license. Gil Falls ARC 1st Mon. 7:30 PM MPC Hospitality Room. Have 2nd Tue., call W7IDK, Missoula ARC 2nd Sun 7:30PM MPC Bldg. Butte ARC every other Fri. 8PM club room, call WA7PZO asst. SCM. Kallispell ARC 4th Thur., call WA7PDC. Anaconda call W7TYN, Thompson Falls-no hams within 90 miles! except WA7JUN. Cut Bank 1st Mon., call W7BTH. W7OIO suggests that hams in MT collect news their area and report it to W7OIO for this column. Good idea! Traffic: K7CHY 136, W7TGU 74, W7NEG 73, W7IXD 67, W7TYN 52, W7LR 51, WA7KMP 38, W7HAH 30, W7LBK 26, W7DB 20, N7AMZ 11.

OREGON: — SCM, Dale T. Justice, K7WWR — Asst. SCM: K7JF. SEC: W7HLF. New appointments: WB7ROG as EC for Jackson Co., WB7GFH EC for Hood River County. Net reports for seven nets (PdxAARES, JCARES, AREST, OSN, BSN, LBARES, and 1678.) total 3480 ckins, 390 traffic, and 157 sessions. The ice storms in East Mult. Co. and Portland required lots of amateur help, especially with food and wood deliveries. Operations were active for several days until power was restored to the affected area. New on six meters: W7AVV, WB7DI, made 2 1/2 BS transmissions in Jan. New Novices in 70C: WA7JUN, W7JCM, and W7OIO. KA7CXP Traffic: (Jan.) W7VSE 640, WA7IHS 307, K7IWD 275, K7NTS 271, K7KVV 19, WB7OEX 81, W7XI 87, K7QPW 84, K7WWR 57, WB7RAP 33, W7GUH 16, W7LT 16, WA4HRG 5, WB7OJ 4. (Dec.) K7NTS 437, K7IWD 191, WB7OEX 88.

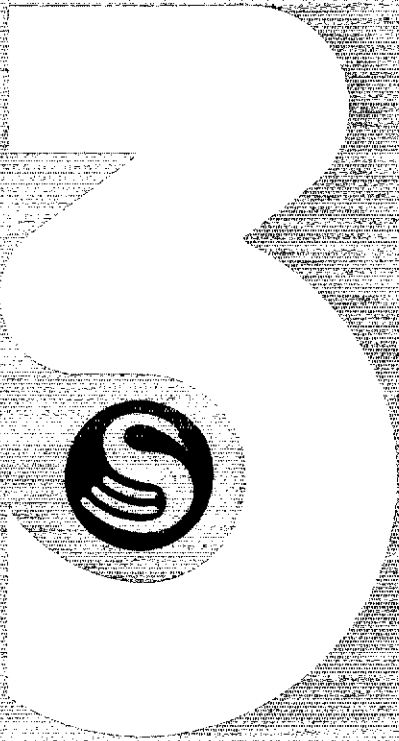
WASHINGTON: SCM, Bob Klepper, W7IEU — SEC: WA7RWK. STM: W7DZX, NTNQN1 1771, QTC 96. ESN QNI 492, QTC 36. WAITS QNI 816, QTC 286. NWSSB QNI 816, QTC 27. WSN QNI 305, QTC 112. W7DZX off air with blown relay. New officers for W7DZX Club are: K7RI, pres.; W7CAZ, vice-pres.; W7FFF, secy.; K7YDO, treas.; WA7GRE K7GR W7OTO K7DS K7OAK K7RS, trustees; W7HHU enjoys new Atlas 110. Interested in the '79 National Convention? Details from P.O. Box 691, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. W7OIO and W7OIO members WA7ZTL K7YDO W7GVF AF7ZA and some 6-Land stations ran about 500 phone patches during the holidays in spite of bad condx. WB7PSP chasing DX on 10 and studying for Extra. 1979 officers of SARC are: WB7SWW, pres.; WB7OPZ, secy.; KB6AL, treas. WB7FDE and AE7P new associate members of Willamette Valley DX Club. W7ERH getting ready for Oct. SET, are you? New officers of Radio Club of Tacoma are: WA7ZPK, pres.; WA7FUS, vice-pres.; AE7X, secy.; K7AFU, treas.; W7OVV W7KKN W6GCI WA7ZZA, board. Sorry to report the following are silent keys: WB7ERA, WB7LJO K7SCN W7ANP W7ZYZ, and W7JIE. W7JIE upgrading WA7YCM is sending code practice on 146.52 at 9:30 PM. See you at Skagit ARC Hamfest at Bryant April 21. New officers for ESN are: W7XJ, mgr.; WB7FDD, AF7P, asst-mgrs.; WB7QNP, secy. Guess I goofed, W7DX is not a SK, sorry Dave. New officers of West Seattle ARC are: WB7YRC, pres.; K7JZB, vice-pres.; WB7RMD, secy.; N7AIF, treas.; W7IAZ, steward; W7AUK K7NC E7LCS WA7PME WB7SEV, trustees. WB7FGC active during SET on emergency power. SEC WA7RWK reports 994 ARES members and nearing the 1000 goal. New officers of PSCARC are: W7JPH, pres.; W7IEU, vice-pres.; K7VNI, secy.; W7PFW, treas. W7JIE is upgrading his May 12-13 Yuba Hamfest. May 31. New officers for BEARS: W7WS, pres.; W7GY, vice-pres.; AA7L, secy.; WB7PEW, treas.; N7IL, trustee. K7RBR's 90 yr old Grandd is a new Novice and looking for a sounder to work Morse. K7MF didn't enjoy 2 weeks in Chicago with a — 50 degree chill factor. W7JIE, EC for Salvation Army, setting up emergency operations in their trailer and HQ. WA7LKZ WA7IPG W7CZA going GRP with HW-8's. K7WF new Club Historian for LGARA. Hope you all will help with the communications for the Diabetes Bkathon April 29. Traffic: (Jan.) W7DZX 557, K7JEB 506, W7AK 448, W7AD 134, W7BTH 121, W7BSP 19, W7PHD 109, K7GKZ 87, WB7EBF 79, W7GB 22, K7NZV 57, W7BUN 55, WB7FDE 51, WA7CBN 47, W7BUN 40, W7EBU 35, W7JIE 28, W7LG 22, W7ZEV 17, WB7CFH 16, W7HHU 12, W7BCS 10. (Dec.) WA7RVA 19.

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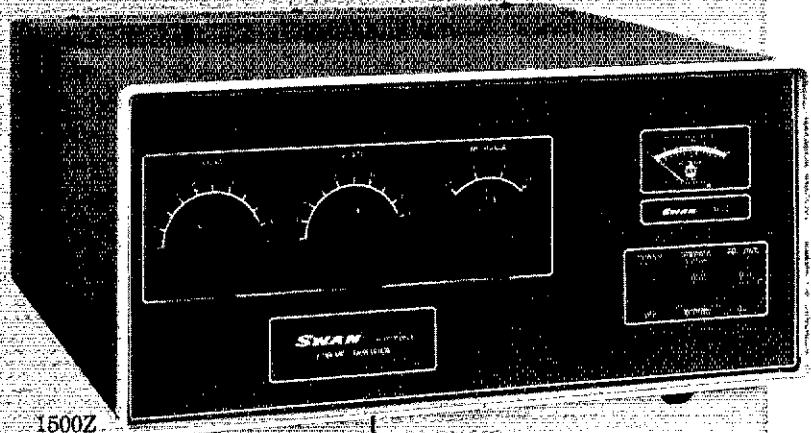
EAST BAY: SCM, Bob Vallo, W6RGG — Asst. SCMs: KSUWR W6ZF VE2AQVW6. SEC: KSUWR, PSHR: W6OA W6BUZX W6JXK, KA4DZW new OO Fairfield as well as serving as AEC in Solano Co. W6BYBA active on NCN. N6IG rebuilding Sunol Ridge remote, also operating new Berkeley remote. UCARC planning Novice class in fall quarter. WA6NTI handled lots of SET 11c, as did W6OA, KB6AR and N6G sending out QO reports. Thanks to SEC KSUWR and his EC's there is more activity and interest in Emer. Comm in the section than ever before. MDARC 1979 officers: W6AMH, pres.; W6AMWU, vp.; W6BFOA, secy.; W6GJIT, treas.; W6PFW & W6BIX, Dir. Their club paper, The Carrier, featured a four page picture spread of their Christmas party. Congrats to new editor, VE2AQV. EBARC 1979 officers: K6ZR, pres.; A6S, 1 vp.; W6BDOB, 2 vp.; W6DFYC, 3 vp.; W6DFRP, secy.; Peter Annas, treas; W6BFC, editor. SBARA upgraders: WA6TMU, Extra; W6GKN & KA6CLL, General. SCV has nosed out EB in the total of NCN activity honor-rollers. C'mon gang, check into NCN, 3630 daily at 1900 & 2030, and 144.811/45.4 at 1930. PST. Traffic: W6OA 259, W6KK 23, WA6NTI 22, W6BUZX 98, N6IG 22, W6BYBA 15, W6B6MX 11.

NEVADA: SCM, Leonard M. Norman, W7PBV — SEC: K7ZAU. New ARC officers for LVARC: W7LX, pres.; WB7RQC, vp.; W6GCKM7, treas.; W7IZU, secy. W7DIK

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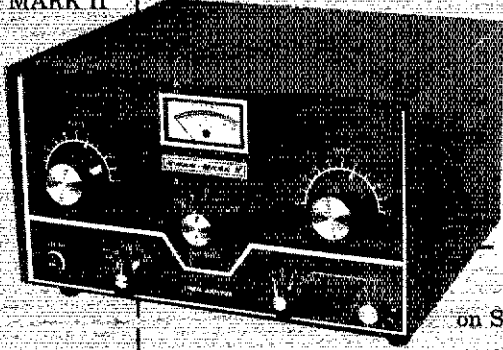


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8-TRANSISTOR RADIO EARPHONES, 8 ohms imp'd (#2944)..... 1.29	16'er 1.29	60 POWER RESISTORS, 3.5, 5.7 W, axial, pap sizes (#2228)..... 1.29	16'er 1.29
10-SK POTS, audio taper, plastic snap-in mounting (#5124)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	60 S25 SURPRISE, all kinds of parts in a pak (#294)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30
10-1/2 WEG DUAL POTS, audio taper, "snap-in" mnt'd (#5129)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	60 12 PANEL SWITCHES, rotary, slide, toggle, etc (#295)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30
50-1 AMP THERMISTOR, epoxy case, values, untest'd (#1864)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	60 400 OHM CHOKES, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 (#237)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
12-5C'S & TRIACS, 10 AMP, ass't values, untest'd (#2087)..... 1.29	24'er 1.30	60 TERMINAL STRIPS, up to 4 solder lugs (#334)..... 1.29	24'er 1.30
3-QUADRACE, 10 AMP, 100% prime, 50-100-200 V, TO-220 (#5048)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30	60 PRECISION RESISTORS, 1/4W, 1%, axial (#343)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
20-MINI RECTIFIERS, 1/2 AMP'S, 25V, epoxy, axial (#3374)..... 1.29	40'er 1.30	60 MICA CAPACITORS, ass't values (#373)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
10-1400V 1000V RECTIFIER, epoxy case, axial leads (#2378)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	10 SETS OF RESISTOR AND JACKPHONE (#400)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
75-MOLEX CONNECTOR Type M1338 A, makes 14 to 40 pin sockets (#1609)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	60 DISC CAPACITORS, ass't values long leads (#423)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
50 IF TRANSFORMERS, ass't sizes (#3593)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	20 TRANSISTOR ELECTRO'S, ass't up and ax (#453)..... 1.29	40'er 1.30
10-T.V. CHEATER CORD JACKS..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	78 HALF WATERS, resistors, color coded, ass't (#454)..... 1.29	10'er 1.30
10-1 AMP 200V MINI RECTIFIER, IN4002, epoxy, axial (#2378)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	45 SILVER MICAS, resistors, axial, ass't, (#455)..... 1.29	78'er 1.29
4-1.5V SILVER OXIDE WATCH BATTERIES, (#5063)..... 1.29	1'er 1.30	6-50 AMP RECT, all volts up to 25, axial (#1713)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
3-LCD WATCH READOUTS, 3 1/2" digits, 7 seg, dim 1/4 x 1" (#5064)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30	100 GERMANIUM DIODES, axial leads, a test (#462)..... 1.29	200'er 1.30
20 IC DICER CHIP, complete circuitry, ass't sizes (#5048)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30	100 STARBITERS, Regulator, sensing and computer, Axial, excellent yield (#2140)..... 1.29	200'er 1.30
2-100KHz OSCILLATOR CRYSTALS, 100KHz, 104.052, 104.052, or 114.000 KHz (#3896)..... 1.29	24'er 1.30	100 PRINTED CIRCUIT WATT RESISTORS, ass't (#U1040)..... 1.29	200'er 1.30
2-1.5V LAMP AND SOCKET SET, 200ma, 12 style (#3934)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	60 50 AMP ZENER DIODES, ass't, axial, u test (#U1944)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
10-NCA PHONO JACKS, chassis mount, teflon base (#5119)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	50 POLYSTYRENE CAPS, plastic coated, prec. (#U1032)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
10-COAXIAL PIN HEAD LEDs, RED (#517)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	10 NE-2 bulbs, for 110vac projects, hobby, etc (#U1222)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
4-8 DIGIT 7-SEGMENT READOUTS, in flat pkg case (#5618)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	10 PROXIMITY REED SWITCHES..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
4-1/4" BLOCK TRIM POTS, 5K (#2528)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	6-2N913 UNF TO-18 TRANSISTORS (#U1423)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
1-VOLTAGE REGULATOR, TO202 case, 12V 600MA (#1900)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	30 MOLEX CONNECTORS, nylon, ass't sizes (#5642)..... 1.29	60'er 1.30
1-3 DIGITS ON A DIP, LED, red, DL-33 (#1887)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	30-MINI BLOCK CAPACITORS, Eric, rad square disc, Ass't values (#1698)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
3-MMS222 22 DYNAMIC RAM, 1Kbit, 1992, 16 or 144,000 KHz (#3896)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30	50 ONE AMP ZENER DIODES, ass't, axial, u test (#U1944)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
10-2N1171 HIGH SPEED SWITCHING TRANSISTORS, TO18, n-p-n (#3374)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	8-PA-283 THREE WATT PC BOARDS, for amps (#U2013)..... 1.29	10'er 1.30
2-15W HI POWER TRANSISTORS, 220V, n-p-n, TO18 (#2787)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30	5-MINI MOTORS, 1/4 Vdc, for many hobby proj (#U2253)..... 1.29	10'er 1.30
3-24 PIN IC SOCKETS (#2188)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30	6-1000V RECT, all volts up to 25, axial (#1713)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
1-MMS217 24 DYNAMIC RAM, 1Kbit, 1992, 16 or 144,000 KHz (#3896)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	15 PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS, ass't styles, hobby (#U2018)..... 1.29	30'er 1.30
2-MMS275 4 FUNCTION CALCULATOR CHIP, 100K (#2036)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30	2-MERCURY SWITCHES, silent touch, SPST (#U2823)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30
1-MMS202 ERASABLE PROM, 100K (#3458)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	6-17'S A SNAP, 9 VDC RAT-10, red n black lead (#U2852)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
3-10 AMP 25V BRIDGE RECT, comb style (#2447)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30	6-1400VOLT "RED BALL" RECTIFIERS, axial 1 AMP (#U2890)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
6-LINEAR SWITCHING TRANSISTORS, 2N2905, p-n-p, TO18 (#375)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30	20-3N434 4 SWITCHING DIODES, 4 sec, axial (#U3000)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
50-2 AMP CYLINDRICAL RECT, up to 1K, a test (#4006)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	3-10 AMP QUADRACE, w/trigger diode up 600V (#U3620)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30
6-OPEN FACE READOUTS, LED, red, ass't segs missing mostly duals (#3952)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30	50 MICRO SWITCHES, push, ass't types (#U3013)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
10-2N2222 or equiv., TO-18 metal case (#4992)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	40 SQUARE DISC STYLE CHOKES, color coded (#U3254)..... 1.29	60'er 1.30
10-DATA ENTRY SWITCHES, SPST, 1 amp, norm open 125V (#5532)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	30 TRANSISTORS TO220-4000 series, u test (#U3291)..... 1.29	60'er 1.30
8-TRANSISTOR RADIO EARPHONES, 8 ohms imp'd (#2944)..... 1.29	16'er 1.29	6-TRANSISTORS TRANSFORMERS, audio, inter, etc mini (#U3295)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
15-FLUORESCENT OVERFLOW READOUT TUBES, w/leads (#3288)..... 1.29	30'er 1.30	15 PRINTED CRY TRIMMER POTS, ass't values, etc (#U3346)..... 1.29	30'er 1.30
10-2N2706 TRANSISTORS, 1/2 W, n-p-n, TO18 (#3458)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	6-1000V RECT, all volts up to 25, axial (#1713)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
1-2N5001 80V TRANSISTOR STUB (#2800)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	10-PAN 30 WATT TO-3 TRANSISTOR, 1/2 W, n-p-n, TO18 (#U3354)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
3-MICROPROCESSOR/SUPPORT CHIPS, ass't, MM5780-90 series, 24-28 pin (#5639A)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30	50 TUBE SOCKETS, 4.5, 6, 7 pin tubes, ass't (#U3358)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30
6-CLOCK/CALCULATOR CHIPS, ass't, MM5378, 75, 5137 etc, (#5638A)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30	1-10 AMP POWER TAP QUADRACE, 200 PRV, TO220, 2/trigger (#1590)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30
25 DTL FAIRCHILD IC's, gates and flip flops, Dip, 100K (#3709)..... 1.29	30'er 1.30	10 BULLET RECTIFIERS, 1.5 amp, 200V, axial (#84)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
1-24 VOLT 50 MIL. TRANSFORMER, 1 1/2 W, open frame, 1 1/2" x 3/4" (#5651)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30	6-LED'S, ass't, axial and thru hole, red, green, yellow, amber (#3658)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30
10-2N2704 TRANSISTORS, silicon, TO-18 case, hfe-300, 100K (#5625)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	PHOTO FLASH ELECTRO, CAP, 600 MF, 380 V (#3877)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30
10-2N2705 TRANSISTORS, silicon, TO-18 case, hfe-150, 100K (#5626)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	2-CIRCUIT BREAKERS, glass sealed, axial, rated 1 amp (#3908)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30
10-D33021 TRANSISTORS, low power, silicon, hfe-50, TO-18 (#5627)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30	4-200 MICRO TUBULE, SPST, 2 amp, opto, 125V 3 amp (#3953)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30
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50-ASST. RED LEDs, 20% or better, various styles and types (#5624)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	4-PUSH BUTTON, SPST, PANEL, N.C. 125V - 1A (#5280)..... 1.29	2'er 1.30
10-G.E. POWER TAP TRANSISTORS, D40M1, 2M, same N.S. TO-220 (#5628)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30	10 INSTRUMENT KNOBS, ass't styles and colors, 1/2" shaft (#5121)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
2-4" BLOCK TRIM POTS, 200K (#2635)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30	5-TAPE HEADS, 1/2" (#512)..... 1.29	6'er 1.30
1-12VDC 500 MA. TRANSFORMER, 1 1/2 W, open frame, 1 1/2" x 3/4" (#5651)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	2-INLINE FUSE HOLDERS, complete w/amp fuse (#5213)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30
50-TEMP. COEFFICIENT VOLTAGE REF. DIODES, ass't volt, +50% (#5647)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	30-A' FUSE TIES, non-slip white plastic (#5271)..... 1.29	60'er 1.30
60-1M 380 IC's, 2 watts, dip, 50% yield, u test (#1975)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	20-YORIDON, same with code (#431)..... 1.29	60'er 1.30
10 RED BLOCK DISC CAPS, assorted values, 50% material (#1698)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	20-YORIDON, same with code (#431)..... 1.29	20'er 1.30
50-SMOKELY DIODES, most popular types, 1/2 W, TO-18 (#1072A)..... 1.29	100'er 1.30	2-ALUMINUM HEAT SINKS, for TO-220 (#5318)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30
6-OPTO-COUPLER, 1500V isolation, hobby material, u test (#2629A)..... 1.29	12'er 1.30	2-1/4" x 1/4" W. STUB ZENER, DO, 500ma (#5287)..... 1.29	4'er 1.30
4-CHERRY MICRO SWITCH, 12V WAC, 15A, N.C. type B-13, screw terminals (#5825)..... 1.29	8'er 1.30		
5-SPST PUSH BUTTON MOMENTARIES, rt. angle, p.c.m.t. on-on (#5638)..... 1.29	10'er 1.30		
25 TTL's, w/1000's of U test (#5651)..... 1.29	50'er 1.30		

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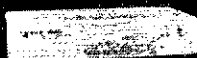
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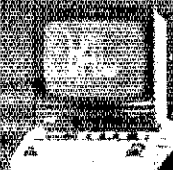
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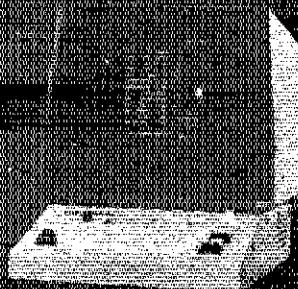
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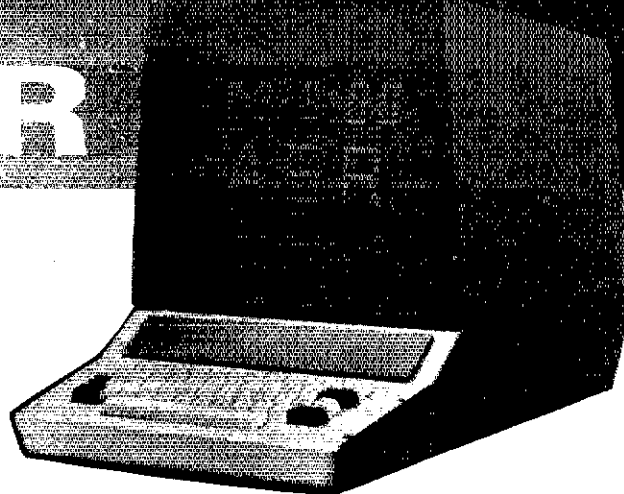


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on the sick list. WA7ESM out of hospital. WB7SKM running code & theory class for Novice to Extra. WA7JUC operating Moon-bounce. K7UGE repeater now has autopatch on 34/94. N7AIX running a code & theory class, free to LVARC members. New ARC officers for NARA K7OX, pres.; WA7OZP, vp.; WB7SKM, secy/treas. W7SK in the hospital. K7WLY reported an outstanding SET. KA7ATK back in NV from 8-Land. K7SN running slow speed Novice net on 21.777 MHz. W7EIX reports ARRL Pacific Division Convention schedule for Aug. 11-12, 1979 at the MGM Hotel Reno. QSL to WB7EIX for details. Traffic: W7ILX 111.

PACIFIC: SCM, George Morton, N7HR/KH6 — Info on 79 Natl. Convention; PDB 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Kauai ARC doing windqing job in Civil Defense! They have new RACES plan in the mill, and really exercise their emergency nets. Latest test was simulated plane crash at Lihue airport; well done to all who participated. Who sez wx in paradise is always balmy & beautiful? Several days of gale winds and rain have taken their toll. KH6BZF lost 12 Yagis, KH6IHP was lucky enuf to be around and take his EME rig down before winds cud cause damage. Steve will be on 144 EME soon! As it wind and rain weren't enuf, thunder and lightning kept HECO crews busy nights replacing transformers. et al. Ewa Beach chills, had pig on a blanket on the bed. BPL KH6ST. Traffic: KH6ST 159, KH6BZF 20, KH6BJP 14.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV — Asst. SCM: W6NJU. New officers for the North Hills ARC are WB6PWT, pres.; KB6GX, vp.; N6ASN, secy.; W6BWZ, treas.; W6DZ K6CJ N6BD WB6PHK, dir. The Golden Empire ARS in Chico elected WA6GUO, pres.; WD6CPM, vp.; WB6COF, secy.; WB6JKZ, treas.; K6HTM, editor; K6BYS, pub. The Nevada County ARC elected WA6LMS, pres.; K6PRN, vp.; WA6SOH, secy.-treas. Members of the RAMS and North Hills provided communications for the motorcycle races at the Sears Point Raceway, W6SX gave a presentation on the National Traffic System before the Sierra Foothills ARC. They meet on the 2nd Thur. of the month at 7:30 PM in the Bowman grade school. Congratulations to WB6PBS who made Advanced Class. Traffic: W6SX 120, W6BSP 30, W6DEF 27.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SCM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: WA6YAB. WA6IQZ new EC for San Joaquin Co. ECs needed in Amador and Tulare Co. Officers of the Sierra ARC of High Mojave are WA6QYR, pres.; George Kreager, 1st vp.; WA6EXV, 2nd vp.; WB6VXI, secy.; N6PR, treas. The club meets the 2nd Mon. in Ridgecrest. Officers of C-CATS are WA6VFC, pres.; W6NTK, vp.; WA6CTR, secy.-treas. Officers of the Delta ARC are N6EL, pres.; WB6EGM, vp.; KA6BJO, secy.; WD6AMG, treas.; KA6CTG WB6NSZ W6RRN WD6DHO are General. WD6BLH Advanced. WB6NLO now KB6GJ. WA6HWA is KA6Z. WD6EHX is N6BBU. WB6VOS is KB6JG. W6TK has another 15820. W6TKR is W6BOS and Knwood wins. KA6AJ. W62035A. W6OZL and WA6JUL are Silent Keys. WB6VIN worked 165 countries. For info on the 1979 ARRL National Convention, write P.O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. The Fresno Hamfest is May 11-13, 1979 at the Sheraton Inn in Fresno. Write Fresno Hamfest, P.O. Box 783, Fresno, CA 93712 for info. All ARRL CS appointees are invited to attend the CD appointees meeting at the Hamfest. Traffic: (Jan.) K6RAU 23, W6DPD 22, K6PMG 20, WA6YAB 17, (Dec.) WB6RYG 25, WB6WYA 4.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SCM, Jettie Hill, W6RFF — SEC: WB6IZF. SCVRS-WR6ADE and members getting ready for the March of Dimes Walkathon. The 1979 National Convention is July 20-22. For info write P.O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. SCV Emergency Net busy during SET, as well as the North Calif. SCV has 861 ARES membs. and 17 EC according to WB6IZF. W6OII busy as usual on nets and emergency work. WA6HAD sent over 100 tubes to Pakistan thru AP2PA. N6AU had station on emergency power at Portola Valley firehouse during SET. WB6VWK lost his 80-meter ant during a storm. New antenna works FB with an average of one new country per day! W6ASH reports the SPECS Net in operation for over 22 years and 52 ops active for SET. W6AUG works four nets and gets a good traffic total. W6DVB is pres. Norcal CCVVA. N6NF busy with CC duties. K6S is PAARAs delegate to CCRC. W6BEU working 40, 15 and 10 with 40 watts with good results. PAARA is looking for a printer for PAARAgaphs-any help? FARS held their annual banquet at the Blue Pheasant. FARS officers are W8RPA WB6OML WA6ROM K6MA and WA6EAA, and they are preparing for the years activity: flea market, Field Day and SS contest. N6KO edits SCCARCS Short Skip and does a fine job. EMARC officers are WA6VAO WD6AGF WA6YJR WD6AGL and WD6FLG. NCN RELAY reports the following on the Honor Roll: WD6AFR KB6AXT AB6AYJ KA6CGO WD6GUA WA6JWK WA6KRA W6KZJ WA6MIV WA6NMQ W6RFF WB6TCV W6YBV N6YE KBYK WA6ZK and W6YTV. These NCN members check into the net 15 or more times during the month. An active group. ARRL members active in traffic or many other activities may be eligible for an ARRL CD appointment. Write or phone me or on NCN. Traffic: (Jan.) W6YBV 294, W6RFF 93, W6AUC 87, W6OII 30, W6KZJ 23, W6ASH 20, WA6HAD 19, N6AU 9 (Dec.) WB6IZF 2.

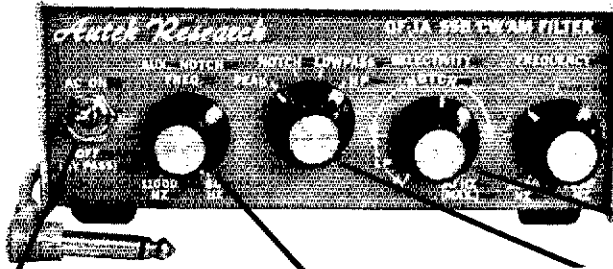
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NORTH CAROLINA: SCM, Bill Parris, AA4R — STM: N4UE. SEC: K4CJZ. Great participation in SET in Jan. Thanks to all who took part. Be sure to get SET reports into HQ. Congrats to WA4CUD & WB4MXG who made BPL Officers of 1st Heli Emergency Net include WB4MMK, NM: N4LE, secy.; WD4CNR, WD4NAO KB4IZ, dir. A word of thanks from us all to WB4MXG & W4FO for service with THEN. Good turnout at first Hamfest held in Elkin. Welcome to Triod ARC of Murphy now affiliated with ARRL. Officers of Alamance ARC include KA4AKB, pres.; WD4HCP, vp.; WB4BHC, secy.-treas.; WB4VHE, dir.; W4IZI, engr. Third Annual Auction held by Charlotte ARC great success. Weather Watch Net progressing very well on 28/88 repeater each Wed. at 7 PM. New 2-meter DX alert frequency is 146.58. Congrats to KB4BH on achieving 5BWAS. Plans shaping up for big Hamfest in Raleigh Apr. 22. Training classes getting underway in Greenville, Charlotte & Winston. Recent upgrades to Advanced: WD4JWQ, WD4CX5 WD4AIE, General: KA4CZO WD4JL, WD4AXX WD4CMM WD4DO5 KA4CJO WD4JFR WD4IUG. Tech.: KA4FT WD4OKH. WD4CNO now NCS on D4RN. W4IZI reports he is now on 220 MHz RTTY with a large group from Salisbury, Winston, Greensboro & Burlington. Support your local radio club and keep the activity reports coming in. See you at the Raleigh Hamfest Apr. 22. Traffic: W4WXZ 314, W4EAT 308, WB4MXG 252, W4CUD 245, K4VHT 146, K4DHX 134, AA4R 133, K4MC 128, WD4CNO 112, K4FTB 98, KB4IZ 74, WB4WII 74, N4UE 73.

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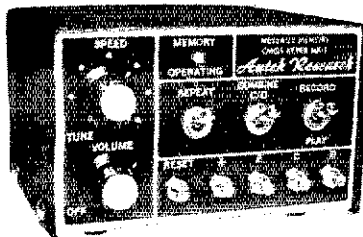
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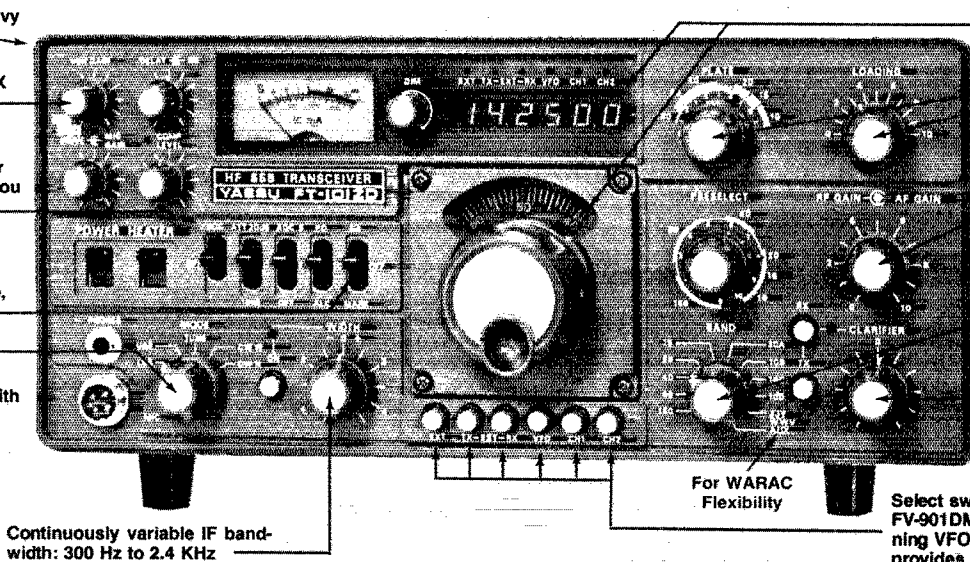
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Antenna Output Impedance:

50-75 ohms, unbalanced

GENERAL

Frequency Coverage:

Amateur bands from 1.8-29.9 MHz, plus WWV/JJY (receive only)

Operating Modes:

LSB, USB, CW

Power Requirements:

100/110/117/200/220/234 volts AC, 50/60 Hz; 13.5 volts DC (with optional DC-DC converter)

Power Consumption:

AC 117V: 75 VA receive (65 VA HEATER OFF) 285 VA transmit; DC 13.5V: 5.5 amps receive (1.1 amps HEATER OFF), 21 amps transmit

Size:

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Weight:

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Sensitivity:

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Audio Output Impedance:

4-16 ohms

Audio Output Power:

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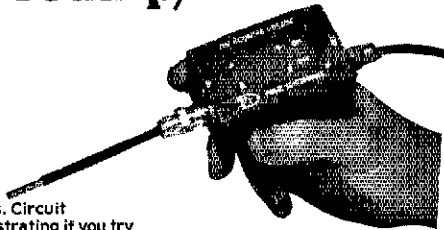


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SOUTH CAROLINA: SCM, Richard McAbee, W4MTK — Asst. SCM: WB4UDK. STM: W4ANK. NMs: WA4SJS KD4D.

Net	MHz	Time(Z) Dy
CN	3.718	2230 Dy
CNE	3.573	0000 Dy
SCSSBN	3.915	0000 Dy
CNL	3.573	0300 Dy
Anderson 2M ARES	146.37197	0230 Dy
W. Carolina 2M ARES	147.7651165	2330 Dy
York Co. 2M ARES	148.4314703	2330 Dy
Long Mtn.	147.87121	0145 TTh

Please try to help out by checking into your favorite net. Congrats to newly organized club & officers — Western Carolina ARS II WD4RHV, wox: K4BCK, vp: WD4GAT, secy: K4VIA, treas: WB4APW, act. chmn. Thanks for good participation on SET. Congrats to new OTSs: K4PFC WA4VYS AF4E WB4AFP W4FMZ W4NQL WB8TCT/4 & WB4FEU. Congrats N4PQ WD4AWN & W4ANK on PSHR. SC SSSB check-ins 1848, tlc 220. Anderson 2 Mtr ARES check-ins 354, tlc. 13. CNE QNI 294, QTC 128. York Co. ARES check-ins 291, tlc. 5. Traffic: N4PC 438, K4ZN 305, W4NTO 145, W4ANK 95, W4MTY 89, W4COL 77, W4JN 64, W4EMZ 53, K4FRX 47, WB4VL 42, WB8TCT/4 38, WD4HBX 34, WB4UDK 29, WA4SJS 25, K4PFC 23, W4OCX 23, W4EYV 23, N4BCD 20, WB4FEU 13, WB4DRO 12, WA4EOD 11, WB4INE 10, W4DRF 10, WD4EJU 8, WA4VYS 8, KB4IU 7, KA4BGX 6, N4EE 5, WB4DRT 4, WB4NBK 2, WD4LLC 1. **VIRGINIA:** SCM, Rick Genter, K4BKX — ASCM: W4YE. STM: W4SQG. SEC: WB4ZNB. Chief DO WA4U.

Net	kHz	Time	Sess.	QTC	QNI	Mgr.
VNTN	3907	Noon	31	313	387	WA4FDV
VSN	3947	8:10-15 PM	83	859	1703	W4JK
VSN	3860	8:30 PM	26	142	387	WA4YIU
VN	3680	7:10 PM	62	636	1025	WB4FLT

W4YE was active in the 160 contest and getting ready for the ARRL DX contest. If you haven't yet signed the QCC and/or ODS petitions, see W4ZE, K4W, ex-W4FTL, re new petitions of W4LL. ARES nets are going strong report ECs W3BBN N4IF W4NWM W4PXA WB4QAX and W4YVG. K4BAV is back with new antenna and Swan 270. W4WVW has new triband beam. W4LXB off air for remodeling. W4HU W4JUJ W4KFC N4NK W4OOL and W4YE report CD party activity. W4ARXY reports some real "practice" for ARES team due to ice storm. N4NK WB4PNY W4SUS and W4TZC have new Omni's. WB4QEB is back after completing Masters at Perdue. EA3BCN now KG4O in VA Beach. W4NTP now sharing rig with his YL, K4AFZA. W4KFC attended ARRL board meeting in FL. AD4J DXing on 75 with new 5B-200. WD9HFO/4 busy repairing ice damaged antennas. AD4G is keeping informed from the Official Bulletin sent by WA4SBC. WB4PNY has finally let WA4EQW use his new FT-7. K4SPS now has the Franklin repeater in operation. PSHR: K4BKX WA4CCK WB2JAY/4 W4JK N4NK W4NWM WD4OVR WB4PNY and WA4UYD. BPL: W3BBN/4 WA4CCK W4JK WB4PNY and W4SQO. Due to limited space in this column, refer to "The Virginia Ham" for additional activity information. Contact WA4FDV, editor; same address as K4BKX, page 8 QST. Traffic: Jan J. WB4PNY 711, WA4CCK 593, W4JK 571, W4SQO 562, W3BBN/4 507, N4ZO/4 494, N4NK 473, K4KPN 443, WB4FLT 265, WB4DBK 256, W4UJ 236, WD4OVR 234, K4BKX 219, W4NWM 178, K4FR 147, WB4ZNB 137, WB4RDB 135, W3BBN/4 134, K4FR 130, W4SHJ 130, W44STO 105, W4YVG 100, WA4YIU 87, K4EJ 83, WA4UYD 80, WA4ONR 78, N4FM 77, W4LXB 76, WB4KIT 75, N4IF 74, WB2JAY/4 71, WA4FDV 70, W4NWM 61, W4OKN 61, K4JH/4 51, W4ARXY 47, WB4MAE 43, K4W 41, W4OOL 40, WB4LAB 37, N44E 35, WB4DOZ 32, WD4PIH 29, WB4TPT 29, N4SD 27, WD4AZ 23, W4UVA 21, K44CHK 20, AG4D 17, W4SUS 17, N4YQ 76, W4WVW 14, W4CFV 12, W4TZC 11, N5BAJ 10, K4BAV 10, WA4QOT 10, W44CWC 10, WD4RDF 10, W4WVW 9, WB4FDT 8, W4KFC 8, N4DW 7, WB4ZNT 7, N4ATT 5, K4MLC 5, N4NLT 5, W4NIT 4, W4YE 4, W4JUJ 2, W4KXE 2, W4DM 1, (Dec) N5BAJ/4 50, N4FM 32, N4YQ 32, K4W 32, W4CFV 17, W4TZC 15, N4BBX 10, WB4LAB 8, N4UY 8, WA4PBG 7, WB4RZV 4, K4SPS 4.

WEST VIRGINIA: SCM, Karl Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEW. STM: WB8WPW. Net Mgrs: Phone: W8YP. Novice: WD8JYM; WVN: W8WPW. Statedwide SET exercises were held under the direction of K8QEW with at least 12 counties participating. Successful meeting held in Feb. between Morgantown, Fairmont and Clarksburg hams and National Wx Svc; organized by WB8BPS. Council meeting held in Feb. to plan program for 1979 Convention at Mill. Program to include FCC Forum and Amateur exams. Contact K8KT for details. WB8ZA made 85 contacts in CD party using 3 watts.

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Phone	3990	1700 Dy	809	47 29
CW	3567	0000 Dy	232	84 32
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Traffic: W8WPW 411, WB8ZA 82, WD8LDY 78, WB8AKQ 76, K8YL 58, K8QEW 57, W8YP 53, WD8JYM 38, WD8JYM 36, W8CKY 32, WB8DTA 31, WB8YMJ 24, N8AJC 18, K8KT 17, K8ZD 17, WD8DHC 15, W8VOI 14, W8CAL 8, WD8EFS 8, W8FG 8, WD8CDQ 8, WD8CUS 8.

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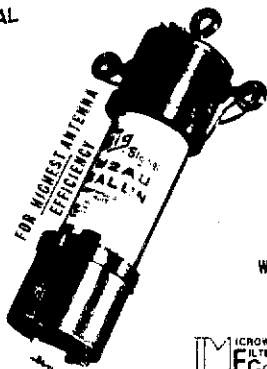
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COLORADO: SCM, Robert W. Polirer, K0DJ — SEC: W8GOW. STM: WB8MCL. NM: K0CNY WB8ZQG. W8WYX submitted impressive figures for the Weather Net in 1978. Daily averages were over 70 messages and over 26,000 messages were handled by him alone last year! SET within the section was very successful with several areas reporting greater activity from both amateurs and local officials. Another SET is planned for this Fall so those who could not take part in this one past will have another chance. K3PUR is new EC for District 22. WB9TAQ enjoying his new RTTY gear when not operating aeronautical mobile from his 1949 Luscombe. Colorado section congratulates W8KH on his being elected new TCC Director for the Pacific Area. Net Tlc. Jan.: Columbine 31 sess.; QNI 125; QTC 179; informals 900. QNY 1500. CWIN QNI 353; QTC 317; QNF 1098; EPN 200 sess.; QNI 45, QTC 10, QNF 300; Hi-Noon 29 sess.; QNI 1209, QTC 49, informals 268, QNF 1288.

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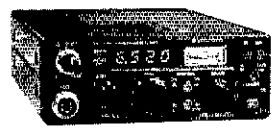
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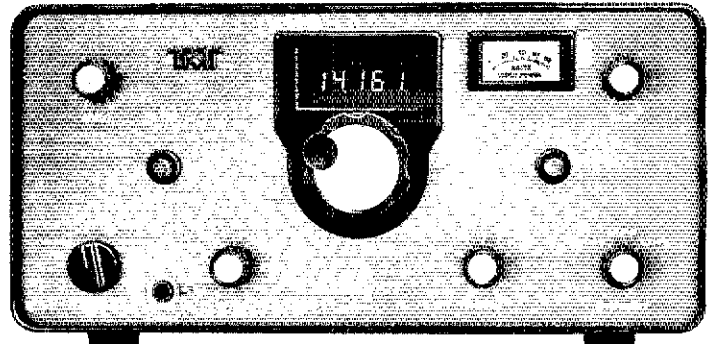
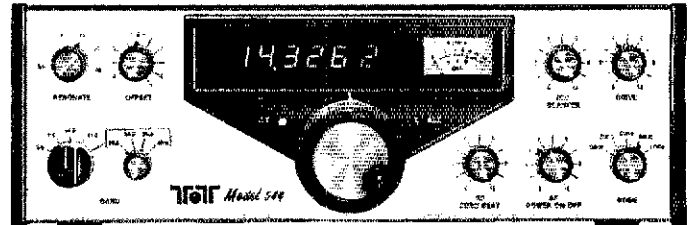
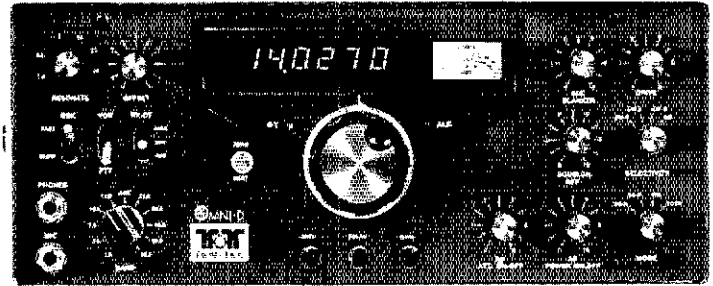
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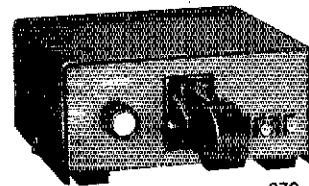
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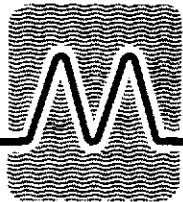
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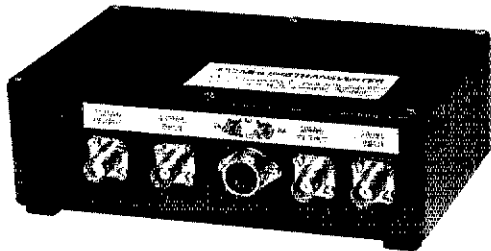
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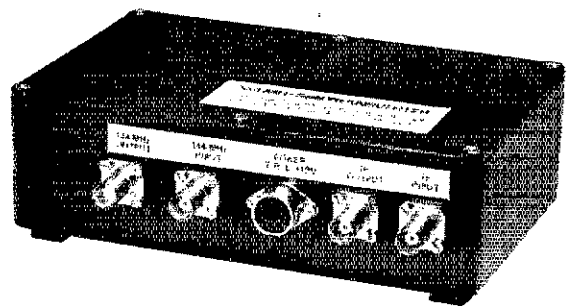
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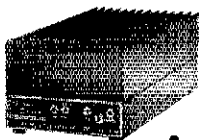
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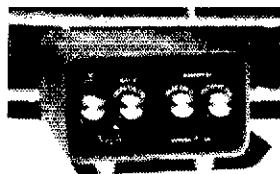


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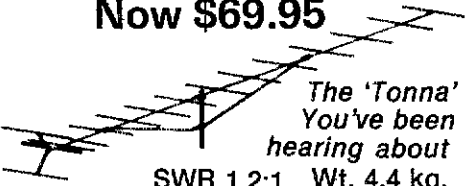
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NEW MEXICO: SCM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY --- SEC: W5ALR. NMs: WD5AHH, K5KPS. Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 3585 kHz; at 2000 local time and handled 282 msgs with 251 stations reporting in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net (NMRNR) meets daily on 3939 kHz at 1800 local and handled 110 msgs with 1197 stations reporting in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3940 kHz at 0700 local, handled 135 msgs with 835 check-ins. W5JOV has resigned as NM. WD5AHH our new NM. K5IKL and his computer do a fine job on net rosters. The Sandia Crest-Caballo Peak link is a valuable asset linking the state from north to south. W5ALR & W5JOV with WD5AHE gave ham radio a good boost of radio & TV. Traffic: W5UDH 527, W5DAD 300, W5JOV 281, W5DWH 150, K5KPS 130, KL7HSF 27, W5MNY 10, KB5DA 8.

UTAH: SCM, Carl R. Ruthstrom, W7GPN --- SEC: WA7ZBO. The UVHFS Road and Weather net continues to meet Mon. thru Fri. at 1400-1500 and 2330-0030 UT. Your writer erred in a previous report for the evening time of net operation. The net has done some commendable work in reporting traffic hazards and congestion on streets and highways. W7BE is net mgr. and reports 1280 check-ins for the month. Since Dec. a total of 150 individuals have been active in the net. W7BAMR and W7GPN are net controls with others substituting as required. Repeater W7RAIZ is used and freq. is 148.34/94. UARC members active in assisting in a search for a downed aircraft near Provo. Monitoring this activity affirmed the effectiveness of amateur radio to work with other organizations in emergency situations. The SEC continues simulating a "Deep Freeze." Traffic: K7HLR 254, WA7MEL 69, WA7JRC 59, W7UTM 16, KB7DC 13, W7GPN 13, W7OCX 13, W7HKC 4.

WYOMING: SCM, Chester C. Stanwaly, W7SDA --- SEC: W7EIN. NMs: WA7WFC K7KSA WB7NHR. OTSs: W7LYA W7SQT WA7WXQ. The Casper ARC participated in Jan. SET. W7TVK reports 65 check-ins 26 of those were on CW. KA7DCM new call in Thermopolis. K7HAW is in hospital in Cheyenne, W7NK now home after successful surgery. WA7ZZY has a couple of prospects about ready for novice examination in Cokeville. For more information on the 1979 ARRL National Convention, P. O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, WB7NHR reports Wyoming Cowboy Net held 23 sats. with 828 QNI 11 QTC. Traffic: W7SQT 532, W7LYA 327, WA7GYQ 80, WA7SGG 28, K7SLM 4.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA: SCM, William E. Scates, WA4JYU --- SEC: K4WYT. STM: WA4JDH. Old Timers Net held by HARC on Feb. 23. AL section had a great SET with fine use of CW VHF and HF. Thanks to K4WYT W4IBU and WA4JPK. Bay Minette had a good practice session for SET. They had a real emergency. It was handled with old pros K4JIE W4APO and WD4ASH and other members of Baldwin County Civil Defense. BARC started the spring session of code classes with another large group of prospective hams in attendance. W8BLSU in charge. WA4BHS also had a nice turnout for advanced classes. have heard a lot of antenna work going on via 2 mtrs. Spring is not far off, gang, so you can pull wire for real. Tornado season is just around the corner. Traffic: (Jan.) WA4JDH 1073, W44KKN 143, WA4ZPV 125, W4IBU 98, K4AOZ 88, WA4FYO 86, WD4GZV 64, WA4JPK 49, WA4JYU 48, WB4TKU 43, WA4YCM 37, WB4RCF 25, WB4TVY 24, WB4EKJ 21, W4CNO 19, K4JIE 9, KAUMD 6. (Dec.) WA4JDH 2071, WA4FYO 92, WA4VKD 86, WAUP 78, WB4EKJ 60, W4IBU 51, K4BFT 49, W4KKN 44, WB4TKU 29, WB4TVY 13.

CANAL ZONE: SCM, Alvin Sholk, KZ5AS --- In order to allow amateurs world-wide to obtain KZ5 prefix prior to its proposed deletion Oct. 1 '79, three QSO parties are planned on all bands on all modes: 0001Z May 19 to 2400Z May 20 '79; 0001Z Sept. 22 to 2400Z Sept. 23 '79; 0001Z Sept. 29 to 2400Z Sept. 30 '79. Certificates will be available for 5, 25 and 50 KZ5 contacts. Demonstration tapes of narrow band voice modulation (NBVM) left by VE2AGF during his recent visit to the Canal Zone were played at the last CZARA meeting and the membership was impressed with the possibilities of this mode.

GEORGIA: SCM, A. H. Stakely, K4WC --- SEC: K4SWJ, NM: K4JNL WA3NAZ. Congrats to WA4BZY and WA4PUP making BPL. Congrats to WA4BZY K4EV WA3NAZ W4PIM and WB4ZOJ making PSHR. A fantastic SET well organized by K4SWJ highlighted the month. Activity was very widespread, lots of lessons learned and readers for the rest of the year had a new high. The Governor's proclamation, TV, radio and newspaper coverage plus public demonstrations made this SET the best ever. GSN QNI 557, QTC 463, CGVHFN QNI 84, QTC 8, CVEN No. 2 QNI 650, QTC 18, NGSN QNI 27 and 25 for Dec. GSN meets daily at 0000 and 0300Z on 3.595. GSNB meets daily at 2330Z on 3.975. Ga. RTTY Net meets Fri. at 0100Z on 3.820 LSB. QCWA net meets Sat. at 1400Z on 3.830; if you have 25 years of hamming, call in. CGVHFN meets daily at 0030Z on 146.85. Atlanta APRES net meets at 0200Z Mon. on 22/82. Newnan Emerg. Net meets 0200Z Mon. on 19/79. CVEN No. 2 meets daily at 0030 on 146.52 simplex and at 0200Z on 34/84. Congrats to WD4PAI making Advanced, to WD4RQ making General and to N4BCH making Technician. Columbus Hamfest Mar. 31-Apr. 1 (no foolin'). Atlanta Hamfest June 18-17. N4UZ now on 75 with Swan 260. Contact SCM for field appointments. Traffic: (Jan.) WA4BZY 1220, WA4PUP 576, W4PIM 394, WA3NAZ 347, K4WC 300, W4FOE 219, WB4ZOJ 215, W4WXA 182, K4NM 114, W4GH 85, N4UZ 66, WA4VMV 53, K4EV 49, W4HON 45, K4BAI 24, W4BIA 19, AK4T 11, N4BGN 10, K4PIK 4. (Dec.) W4GH 249, WA4BZY 158.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH --- SEC: AA4FG. STM: N4WA. NMs: WD4LUG WB4PGB. New/renewed appts.: KF4U K4IEK & WB4RIS as OTS. SNCs for NFPN earned by N4ARJ N4BEY WA4GFU WA4IBV WD4IED K4KVB KB4LD WA4NMH WA4TCH and WB4VXP. Effective Feb. 1 the All-Fla. QSO Net (AFQNY) moved to 7272 kHz. WA4VZ got no troubles fixed, but now QRL work. W4AACZ, 96/78 planning satellite receiver in Gulf Breeze, with audio link on 220 MHz. KA4FQJ/FQZ are new graduates of WD4HDT's Novice Class; another started in Feb. WA4WNY has new antenna farm at W. Fla. CD EOC in DeFuniak Springs. New officers of Chipola ARC: WA4HFG, pres.; WD4PDK, v.p. W4KXZ, sacy-treas.; N4AXI, editor. N4WA new proxy of Tallahassee ARC. KA4ELI is pres. of newly-formed club at N. Fla. Christian School. A4US received QSL from

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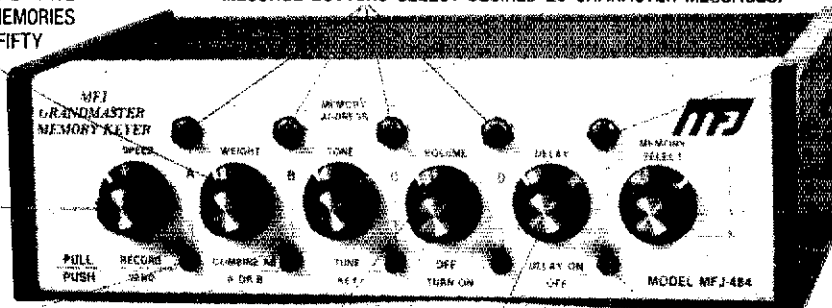
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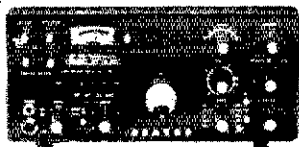
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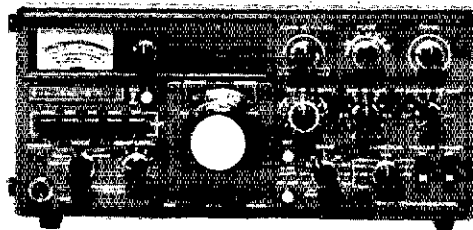
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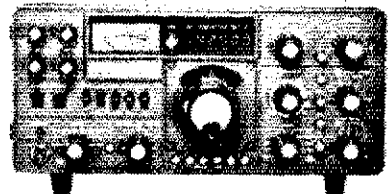
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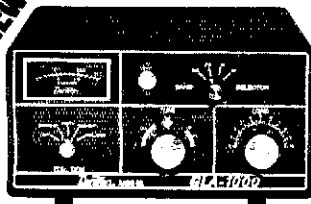


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WL2BT for 160m QSO! KC4N made WAS. WB4RIS running PP for Navy ships in Mediterranean. WA4QHV new pres. of N. Fla. DX Assn.; W4FDA is Bulletin Editor. W4ZTW is newest member. New Daytona Beach Rptr Assn. officers: KB4GW, pres.; WA4ONZ, vp; WA4IDJ, secy.; WB4NGJ, treas. DBARA Hambone College continues active with instructors KB4T, W4YRL, WA4ONZ & WB4GHL. Classes will be devoted to the visually handicapped. KF4U back on QRP & RPT with trap dipole. has plans for tower and quad. WB4BU made DXCC. K4IEX made DXCC Honor Roll. W3AZD, ARRL Hq, was visitor at Orlando DX Club. Cloverleaf Farms ARC has new tri-band beam and tilt-over tower. Brooksville using 145.50 for club simplex FM frequency. Traffic: Jan. WB4RIS 373; WD4HIF 272, N4WA 199, AA4FG 182, WD4NYY 158, WA4CRI 140; WB4TZR 118, W4MGO 117; WB4QBB 107, N4BBY 105, W4FZY 103, WD4HXS 54, K4RNS 51, KB4T 48, WD4IO 48, W4KIX 47, W4LDM 42, W4RH 42, W4DTV 38, W4JL 36, W4MVG 35, WA4NMH 32, WA4EYU 24, KF4U 21, WB4ADL 19, N4ARJ 18, WB4VAF 14, WA4VLT 13, K4IEX 12, WB4DTS 11, WB4YKV 10, WA4CLY 9, KB4B 6, WB4W0 5, KB4LD 3. (Dec.) W4JL 148.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — Asst. SCM, W4KGJ, SEC, AA4WJ. Congratulations to Dade Amateur Radio Club for putting on an outstanding Hamboree Jan. 27 and 28, well attended by over 5000. With state-wide SET postponed until Feb. 3 and 4, our Jan. traffic was light, but two stations earned BPLs: K4TH with \$24 total and WD4COL with 12C originated plus delivered. K4TH has added a new Drake UV3 to his station. K4ZK enjoyed visiting in Calif. for two weeks. N4XR is enjoying working JA stations on 40 meters with his vertical antenna and 150 watts. We extend "Welcome to Florida" to W4JM who recently moved to Lakeland from Atlanta, GA. K4GRM is in a new QTH and getting active again. WB4YCG reports a big list of stations for FCC Novice certificates. W4DDW, W4DTS, W4AEC, K4EJW, WA4EYU, WA4FHL, W4IAD, WA4IWW, K4KIC, W4KMN, WA4NBE, K4SJA. Earning SWFTN certificates were WA4BYT, K4ENA, WA4JWM, W4NNW, K4SSO, WB2CMR, K4DPY and K4IRT. Congratulations to all. Traffic: K4TH 524, W4MEE 491, K4SCL 444, WA4PFK 324, WB4WYG 323, WD4COL 301, WA4GYR 242, K4EUK 240, WA4LGT 212, WB4FVV 210, WA4NBE 205, WA4FKE 187, K4ZK 163, W4GPL 154, W4NTE 151, WD4ISN 147, N4KB 139, WB4AID 109, WA4SCK 125, WA4EIC 109, WB4PIB 109, WB4AID 109, W4KJG 90, WA4RLV 78, W4IRA 61, WB4CDQ 53, K4Y2 52, W4AZJ 44, WB4NJ 44, K4PKM 40, W4IT 38, W4KMN 33, W4WYR 31, N4AUL 29, WA4HX 17, W4SNX 27, WB4SNX 27, K4SJM 23, K4SLM 18, W4SMK 17, W4AMJT 16, WD4BAJ 15, WA4BYT 12, K4GRM 9, N4TW 4, WB4GSV 2, WB4DWU 1, N4XR 1.

WEST INDIES: SCM, Jose R. Lebron, KP4JL — Recently two meter activity has decreased all the repeaters are working fine, we invite all hams to continue using this band. The local FCC office has modified the amateur examinations schedule. I suggest you make an appointment if you plan to travel from the center part of the island. The three Novice courses now taking place are almost finished, about 60 new hams will be on the air very shortly. We invite you to encourage them to update and to join the League. KP4AM installed monobanders. WB4AK upgraded to Technician. WP4AAZ now KP4AL. See you in the Hamfest.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SCM, Marshall Lincoln, W7DQS — NMS, W7UQQ, W47KQE, W7EP. New club officers reported by early Feb. are: OPRC — N7EH, pres.; AC7D, vice-pres.; W7UV, secy.; W47KEE, treas. Tucson Repeater Assn. — W7UV, pres.; N7KI, vice-pres.; W47RWY, secy.; N7EH, treas. Ariz. ARC — K7WMMG, pres.; W47VWG, vice-pres. N7AYI, secy.; W47LVA, treas. Scottsdale ARC — WB7PKP, pres.; WB7JVJ, vice-pres.; WB7PXL, secy.; WB7BQ, treas. Silent Keys reported are W47VWZ, WB7DQ, WB7ONM and W47KKE. The Hualapai ARC reports working on FCC Novice communications via the Mohave County Emergency Service organization. Much more SET activity was reported this year than for many previous years. Congratulations to all for your interest and enthusiasm. W7DQS wishes to thank all individuals and organizations who have helped me during my tenure as SCM, and wish to best of success to my successor. All reports beginning Apr. should be sent to the new SCM. Thanks to the few clubs who have kept me posted on your activities. I urge ALL clubs and active ham groups to send newsletters and other reports to your new SCM. Nets (Jan.): 5V1N 259, ATEN 155 (Doe), Actus 254, Tattler (Jan) W7EP 401, K7BC 88, WB7PT 78, 7UXB 78, K7NTG 68, K7YC 50, W47KQE 50, W7DQS 32, K7NMQ 31, W47WEB 23, AC7D 23, N7EH 20, W47NXL 16, K7JKM 7. (Dec.) W7EP 591.

LOS ANGELES: SCM, Perry Masterson, W6RHS — The Radio clubs are responding well to my plea for reports. This month we heard from the Northridge club and the ATV club in addition to the usual group. Tnx for the response. W6CK and XYL traveled for 4 months last summer. Enroute north to Alaska, they were guests of the Portland chapter of the Morse Club. Then to Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia, both ways via the Queen Elizabeth 2. Upon their return, they were guests of the Atlanta chapter. As President of the So Cal Chapter, he advises that many prominent hams will be among the 100 persons expected to attend its 1977 meeting in Pasadena on Feb. 28. N6PZ has added an HQ Hybrid Quad to his Stn. He reports it works very well. K6ASK is still working with the Boy Scout program. K5DY6 reports heavy SET traffic. SCN needs more participation from the LA section. For newcomers, the SCN/2 is a 13 wpm only session. The URAC is gearing up to supply kits to IARU for their project goodwill. W6IN reports DXing good. He has added 4 new countries. Also, lots of traffic for SET. W6RIQ is having a good time on 10-meter AM (double sideband with carrier).

Net	Time	Freq.
SCN/1	0230 UTC	3598 kHz
SCN/2	0430 UTC	3598 kHz (13 wpm)
SCN/VHF	0500 UTC	147.045/7.845 MHz
RN6D	2030 UTC	7275 kHz

Try your luck and skill on the above listed nets. Become a good traffic handler. The OCs have been active again. We have a good group in the Section. They are doing a FB job. We had good SET response this year. I will make a separate report to HQ for inclusion in QST. Traffic: K5DY6 268, W6INH 234, W6QEO 149, N6PZ 113, K6EPI 71, W6DAE 50, N6HE 43, W6BYD 32, W6BWW 21, W6BRO 16, K6CL 6, W6BAIT 2. **ORANGE:** SCM, Fried Heyn, W6WZO — ASCN, K6KNC, SEC, A6BN, Stm: W6BDAB, NMS: W6BAK, W6CPE & K6J, ECS: W6ARK, W6DQR, K6GGS, W6LK, W6APLZ, W6SOE & W6WPP. Thanks to all who pa-

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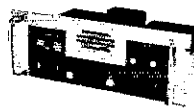
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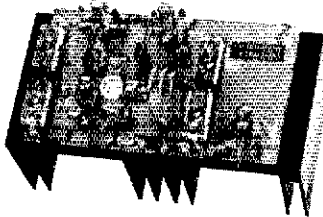
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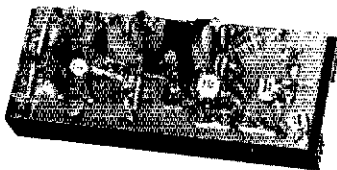
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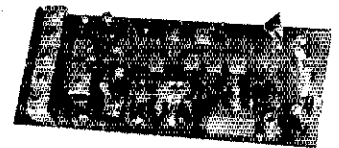
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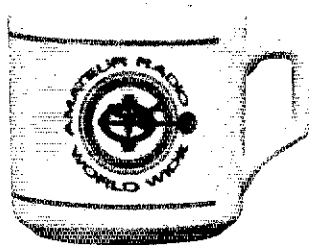
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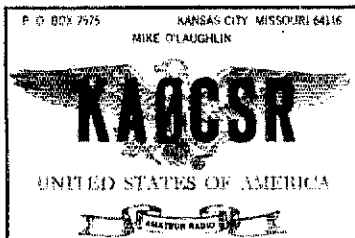


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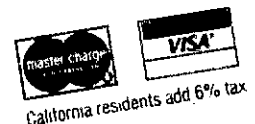
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participated in making SET in Jan. the biggest and best yet. A6EN plans to have another EC meeting this year to assess this last SET and to plan for the next one to be held later this year in Oct. WB6DAB has moved to Wyo.; he will be hard to replace as STM. New appointments are QTS; WA6PEE WA8QCA and WB6QBZ; Oos; W6T10 and N6PE; and OBS; N6AIW. Congrats to N6PE for winning the plaque in the Delta QSO Party. For pre-registration including the banquet for the ARRL convention (to be held Oct. 19-21 at the Sheraton-Anaheim Hotel) send (before Sept. 15) a \$17 check made out to Hamcon Inc., P.O. Box 1227, Placentia, CA 92670. The OC Council of ARO elected WA6LFF as Chmn. and KA6DLG as secy. Top officers for 1979 of the Lee De Forest RC (in Hemet) are WA6UVF pres.; N6BAE, vice-pres.; W6OB, secy-treas. Amateim ARA and K6KNC, pres.; W6BQVY, vice-pres.; K6TWK, rec. secy.; K6QJ, corr. secy.; W6BSKE, treas. Barstow ARC are W6DEY, pres.; W6HUG, vice-pres.; W6KHK, secy-treas. The Fullerton ARC presented the St. Jude Hosp. & Rehabilitation Center ARC \$100 for its outstanding program which includes the clinic of W6BPT. Anyone interested in direction finding including T-hunting on 40 and 80 meters please call (549-8518) or write to SCM. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer FCC examiner (for special handicap cases) contact W6IBR who has done so; also if you think you are in need of one please contact WA6RNA. Traffic: W6EIG 514, WB6QBZ 173, WB6BZZ 140, A6EN 132, W6NTN 118, K6GGS 100, WA8QCA 93, W6RE 19, WA6TLE 49, K6WI 42, K6XI 35, W6CPB 29, W6BARK 75, WA6PEE 15, W6ULU 10, WA6WZO 6, W6BAAK 1.

SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, WB6NI — The Palomar ARC repeater, 146.1373, provided communications for the County Office of Disaster Preparedness during floods in late Jan. The club has organized a rainfall reporting net under the supervision of W6BIMY to assist the local WWS if you are interested in message traffic try the Palomar repeater, 146.1373 any evening at 2030 PT. W6JSL and K6HAV give instruction to beginners. N6GW has been apptd STM. Gordon is highly experienced in this field. WA6UAZ has been apptd NM for SCNVHF net on the Laguna Beach repeater 147.045/645 meeting nightly at 2100 PT. 1979 club officers: So. Bay ARS WA6SJK, pres.; W6SSIS, vp; W6DAJU, secy.; W6D6CS, treas. TelCo Club W6BIGP, pres.; WA6RYZ, vp; WA6WVR, secy-treas. AARFE placed first in CA in the 4th Dist QSO party. Upgraded to Tech WA6VMO. New Novice is KA6EKH. WA6KEW reports that Imperial Valley Area had successful auction in Jan. The Police Dept has asked amateurs to participate in their Community Radio Watch. First to work 100 200-MHz stns in the 220 Club contest is W6SLF followed by W6GIC and W6KBD. Traffic: (Jan.) W66PVH 451, WA6UAZ 383, WA6AMK 344, N6GW 213, W6BHMV 198, WA6ZZL 91, K6HAP 76, N6RD 66, N6AT 63, WA6SKU 63, WA6UJF 40, W6HUJ 27, W67SUA 19, W6UQF 10, WA6HJJ 8. (Dec.) WA6AMK 637, N6GW 335, N6BB 4.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, D. Paul Gagnon, N6MA — SEC: W6RIC, STM: N6WP, Ventura City ARC K6VMN, pres.; W6GGNS, vp; N6AFI, treas.; W66BCN, secy.; Central Coast ARC W66GMN pres.; W6KCG, vp. Bunker Hamo ARC W66PLG, pres.; KA6CNR, vp; WA6OMH, treas. "JJ" Secy. Satellite ARC KA6AKC, pres.; K6KVA, vp; W66OPB, vp; WA6VNO, secy.; W66DSK, treas. Speakers included: W6A at Concho Valley, 1979, N6CZ, Santa Ventura City ARC on Worldwide travel including the South Pole; and N6MA at Poinsettia ARC on ARRL and local organization. K6MEP active again in Jan. VHF contest from Triunfo Peak and made 18000 points. WA6IJZ K6VMN WA6DJS AC6I W66GNS N6AFI WA6EVT AG6F and W66BCN assisted. Santa Barbara and Poinsettia clubs donated funds for purchase of WARC rigs for an underprivileged country. Upgrades: W66RDV to Advanced, W66ESU to General and W66IY to Extra. N6WP received award for most PSRR points in 1978 (350) and W6KON has received the award for most traffic points (3579) W6KON made 91 in Jan. for the first month in a row. Buzz is the new mgr. of the Sixth Region Net. W66JKM and W62RR sent 77 bulletins each in Jan. WA6SRJ qualified for DXCC. K6S2S-Edgcom 3000A, N6AMS-Wilson Mark IV, W6KON and N6YH-new Omni's, W66IY Classic 33 and 60-ft. tower. The '79 National Convention will be in Baton Rouge July 20-22. For info write Box 891. W66EQB named Commanding Officer of his Navy Reserve Unit. Thanks to all who participated in SET. PSRR: N6VP 46, K6YD 13, W66EN 49, N6CZ 41, N6YH 23, WA6LBO 42, N6MA 29, Traffic: (Jan.) W6KON 713, N6WP 107, N6MA 103, N6YH 105, WA6LBO 60, N6GC 24, W66EN 23, K6YD 21, W6POU 14, N6FB 2, W66JKM 2. (Dec.) K6BNH 372.

WEST GULF DIVISION:
NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Ted Helthacker, W5EJ — As of April 1, 1979, your new SCM is Phil Clements, K5PC: 1313 Applegate Lane, Lewisville, TX 75067 Tel. (214) 221-2222. Please address all monthly rpt's and all other correspondence to him. A new club formed in Dallas; the Dallas Microprocessor Group-hams who are into computer application and experimentation. You can find them on the 90/30 rpt. SET was the biggest success ever, with a terrific turnout over the Section. There will be a picnic at Tyler State Park on May 5th. Try TX for the Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net/southwest Tic Net members. Hosts are K5QOW and AJ5F. Openings in San Angelo and Midland/Odessa areas for an Emergency Coordinator. Your help desperately needed! Tornado and flood season is upon us. Is your emergency and portable equip. up to snuff? Are your records up-to-date with your local EC? Have you reviewed your local and Section Emergency plan? PSRR for Jan. W65SDD AA5J, W65I, AT W5VMP AE5I AJ5F K5OR, BPL for Jan. W5TI W65DD W5FC K5OUK. Tic. totals for the Section in Jan. was 4262 points, a modern day record, but not near the amount we really handled. Please report any tic you handle to K5PC via TTN or FAX by the 5th of each month so that we may receive our just credit for the dedication of the ops that perform this worthy public service. Traffic: (Jan.) W5TI 597, W65DD 592, W5FC 390, AA5J 376, K5PC 282, K5OUK 255, W65HHK 229, AJ5F 196, N5CY 177, K5MC 171, W65LAT 160, W65JN 108, WA5ZN 106, N5BT 101, W5VMP 87, WA5NSJ 83, K5SOR 61, AE5I 53, WA5UOC 46, W65JCT 33, N5WB 28, K5DOI 26, W65UHO 24, W5CTZ 22, W65E2T, W65DMM 20, A6SU 18, K5QKM 17, W5YK 12, N5FL 4, K5HSZ 4, K65GU 4. (Dec.) W55HN 476, W65RPU 61, N5BT 8.

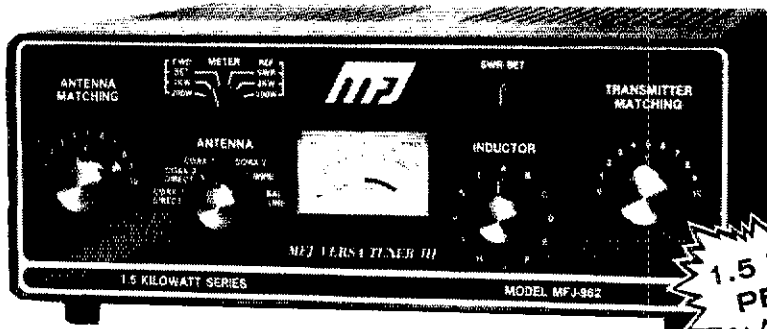
OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Holler, WA5FSN — Jan. reflected more traffic handled by OK stations than in '77 or '78. W65MVR made BPL. Jim has been helping the 5th district QSL bureau and doing FB. Ardmore Red Cross Awards dinner was interrupted by a real Red Cross lasted more than 24 hours. More later on this. QFOON had largest average daily participation, while Scooner

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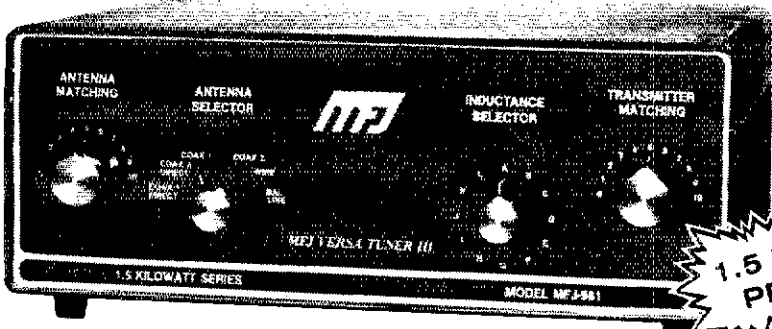
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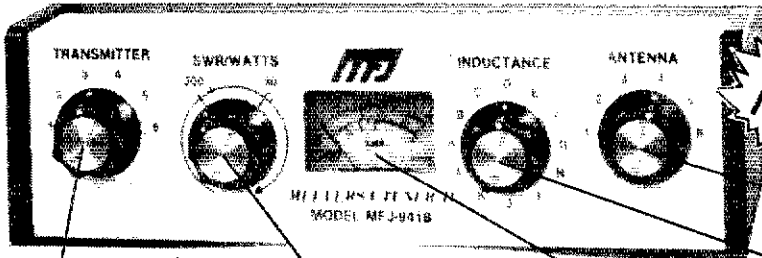
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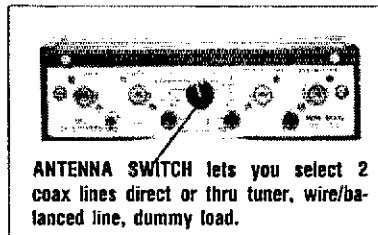
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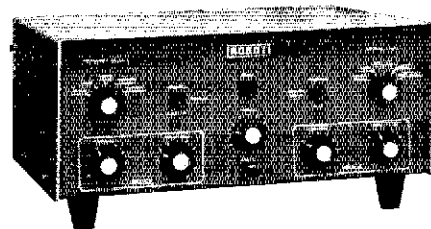


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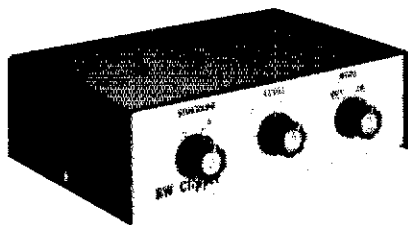
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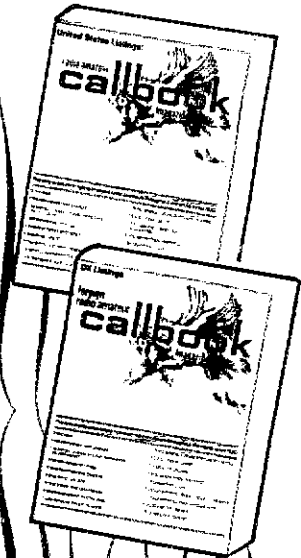
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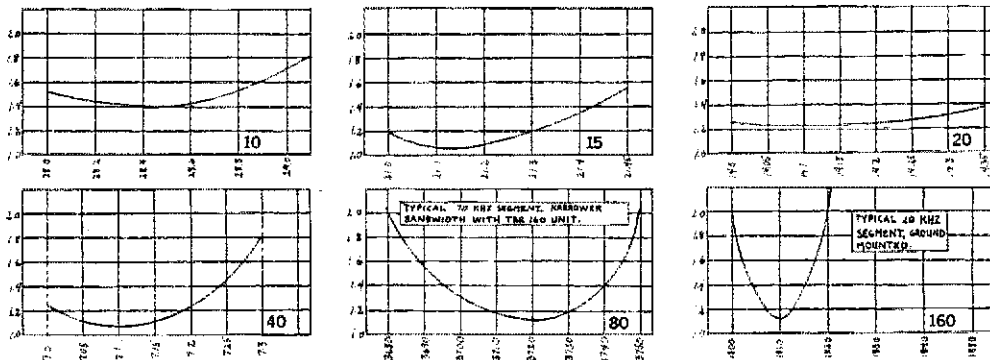
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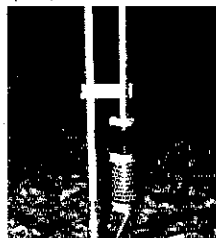
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SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM: Arthur Ross, W5KR — Asst. SCM; N5TC, SEC: WD5CZL, Net Managers-at-large, WA5RKTU, CW: N5TC phone, ODS rptg this month; K5MEN WB5CIT K5DL, OVS rptg this month; N5AJQ WB5CIT, TTN Manager K5QEW is new OIS, EC WA5RVT rptg excellent SET with simulated bad weather and tornadoes, OO K5MEN advises visitors to San Antonio to dial 229 1541 for a recording of latest Amateur Radio news and coming events; sponsored by San Antonio Telephone Pioneers ARC, OVS N5AJQ busy with Science Fair project in chemistry, EC W5CKC and OES W5SPD sent in super report for SET, but too long for this column; over 100 Amateurs took part, OTS AE5X reports WB5URV has TRS80 computer on line and operating RTTY on cw, K5ROZ is back on the nets; welcome back, pres. OTS K5WA reports an Amateur Radio Council in forming stages in the Houston area; says new officers of Texas DX Society are: K5DX, pres; K5MA, vp; K5JS, secy-treas.; also reports he has new antennas for all bands with great improvement over vertical. CHARRO (Brownsville) had successful hamfest in Jan. with over 100 registered; first annual "week-before-superbowl-hamfest" watch for 1980! Info on '79 ARRL National Convention, write P.O. Box 891, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Traffic: (Jan.) W5KLV 834, N5TC 459, K5HZR 238, WB5GE 167, WB5MMI 154, W5KR 154, K5QEW 84, WA5RVT 65, W5TTW 40, WB5CIT 37, W5SYDD 24, K5ROZ 18, W5BHO 16, AE5X 16, W5SPD 13, WD5IEB 5, K5RVF 4, (Dec.) K5PE 132, AE5X 14, K5WA 8, K5MEN 2.

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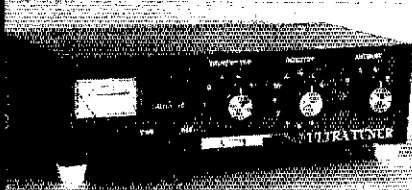
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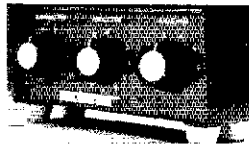


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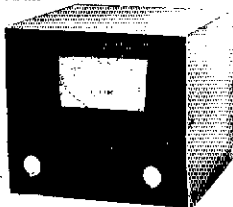
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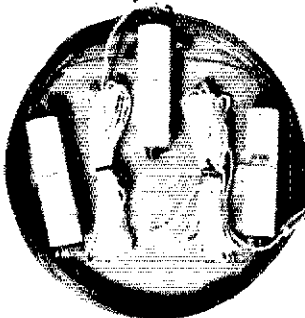
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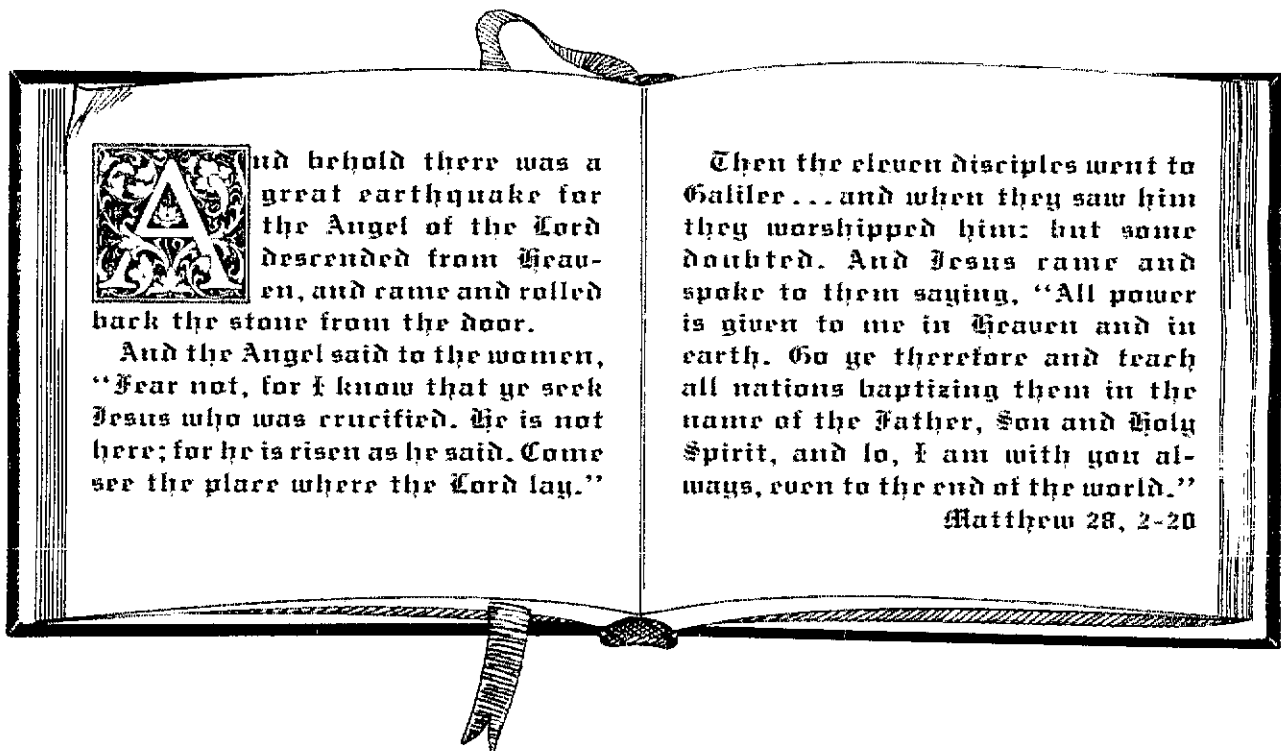
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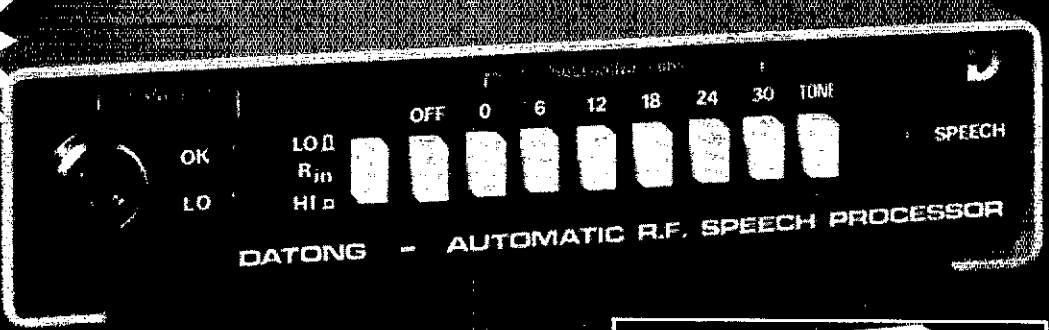
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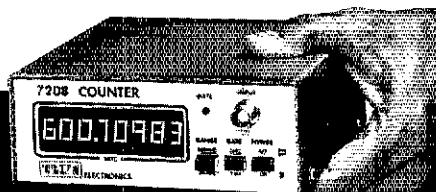
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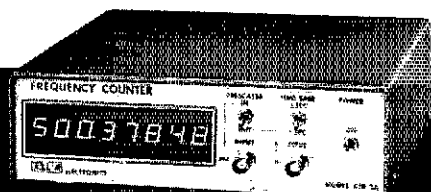
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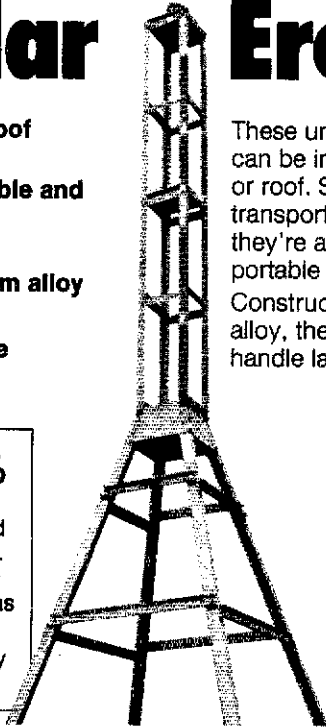
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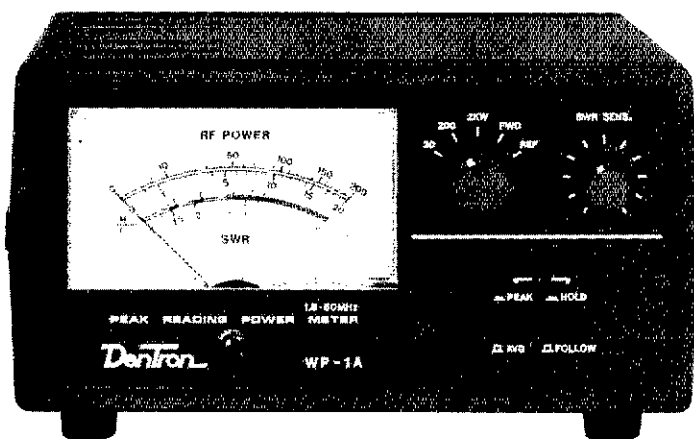
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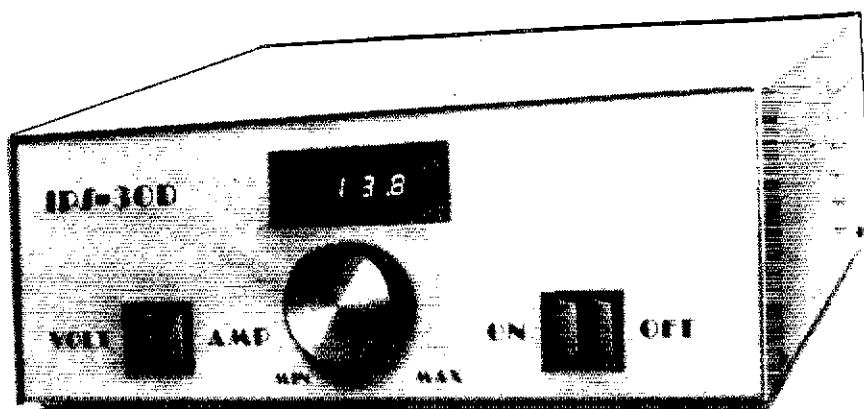
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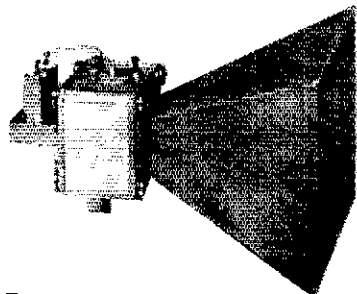
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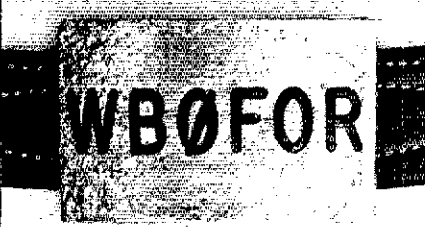
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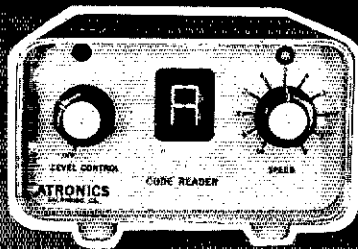
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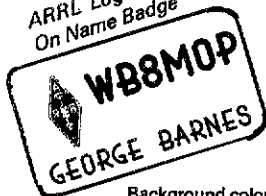
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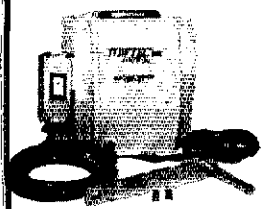
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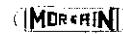
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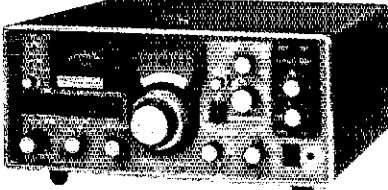
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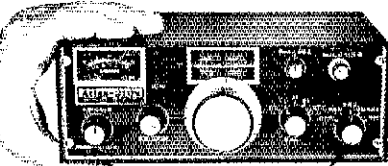


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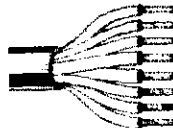
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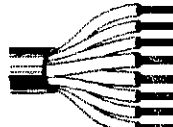
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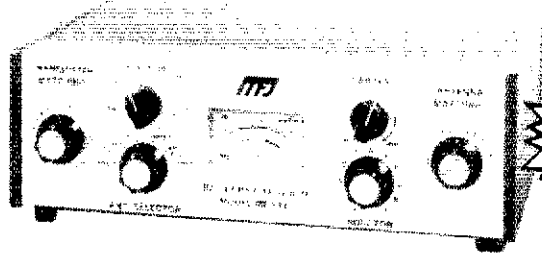
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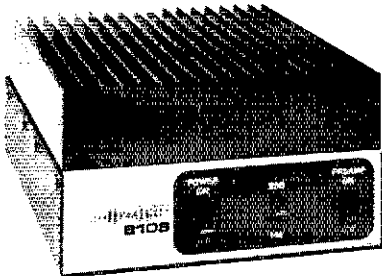
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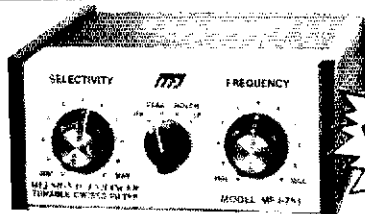
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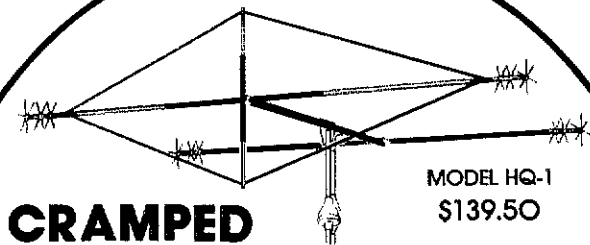
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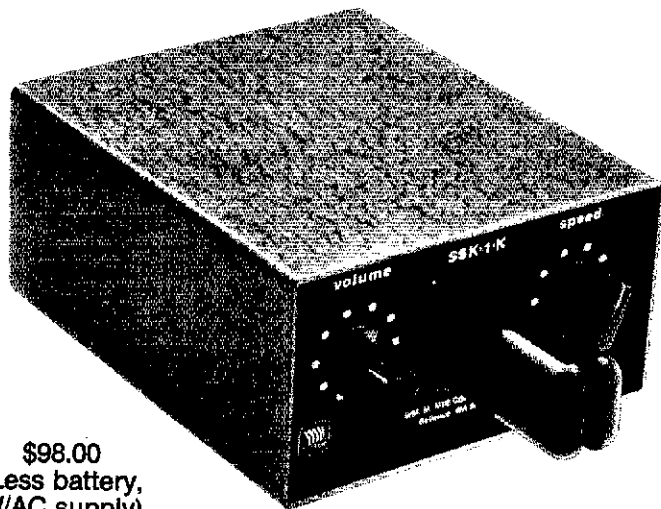
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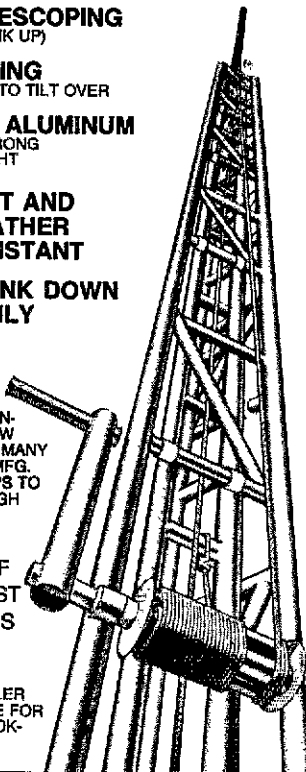
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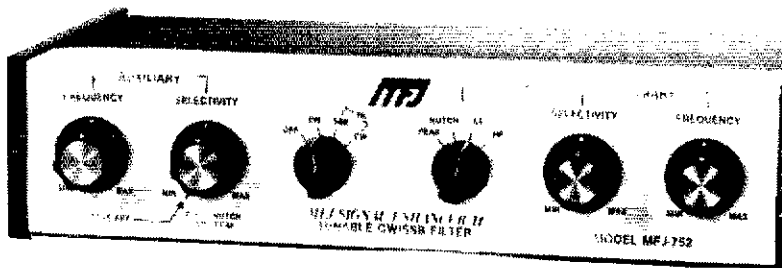
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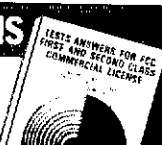
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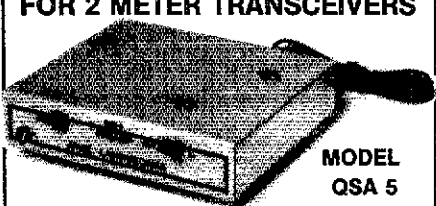
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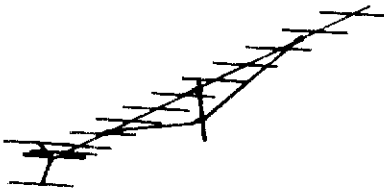
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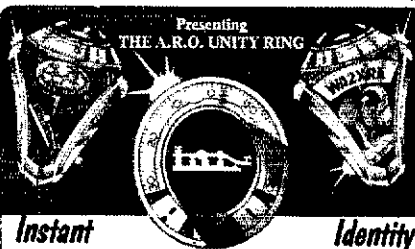
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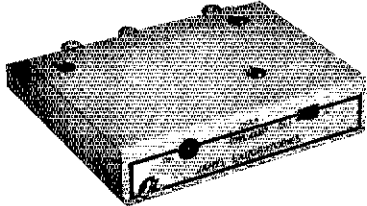
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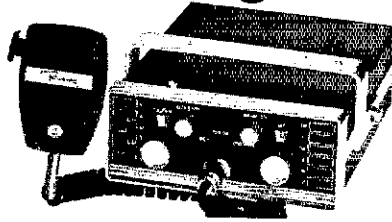
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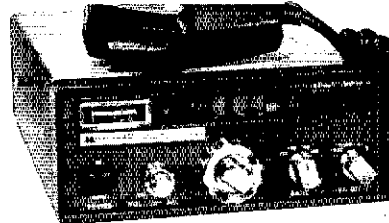
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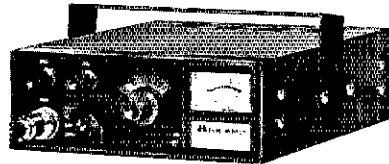


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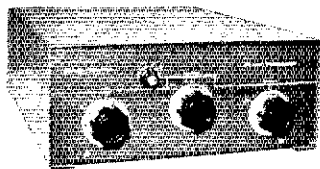
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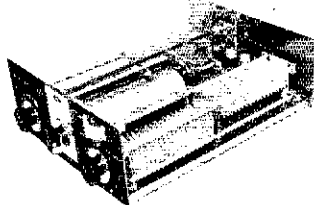
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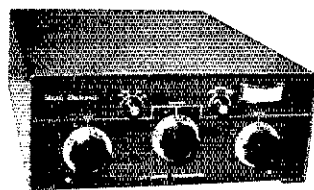


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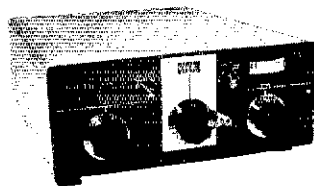
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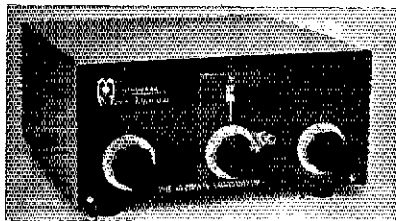
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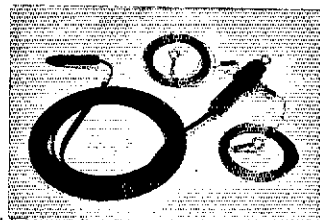
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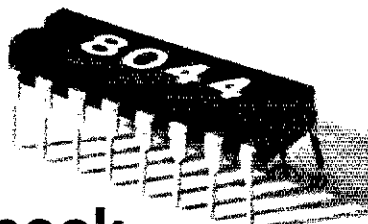
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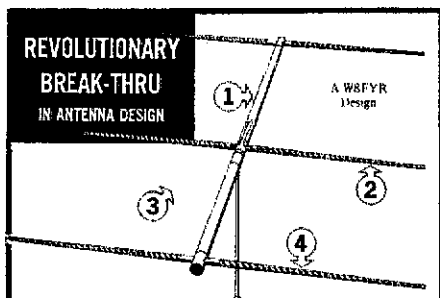
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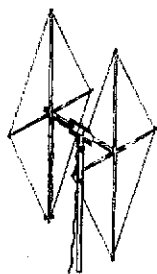
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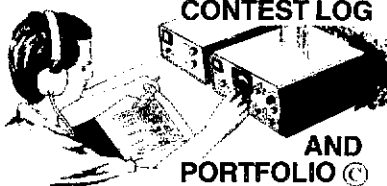
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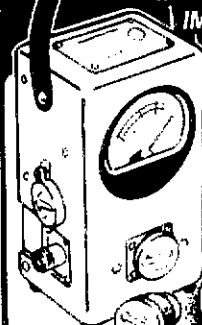
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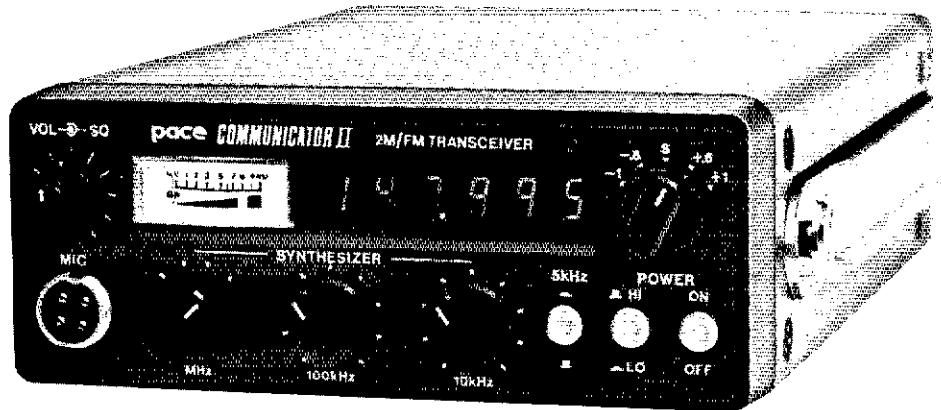
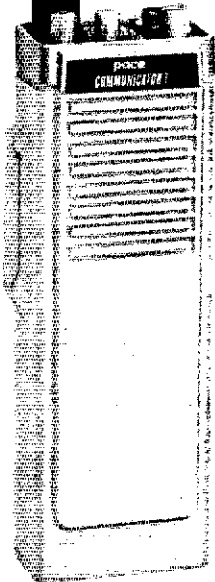
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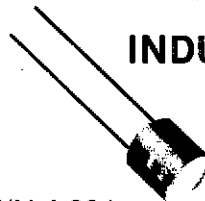
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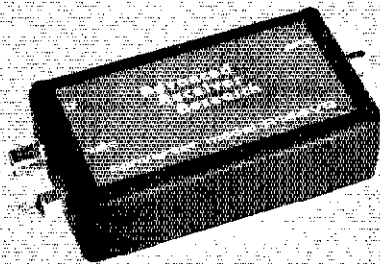
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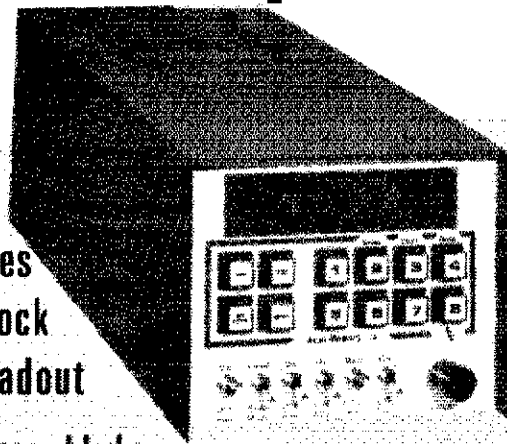
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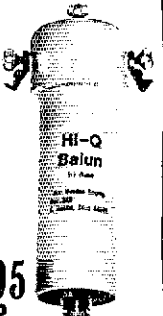
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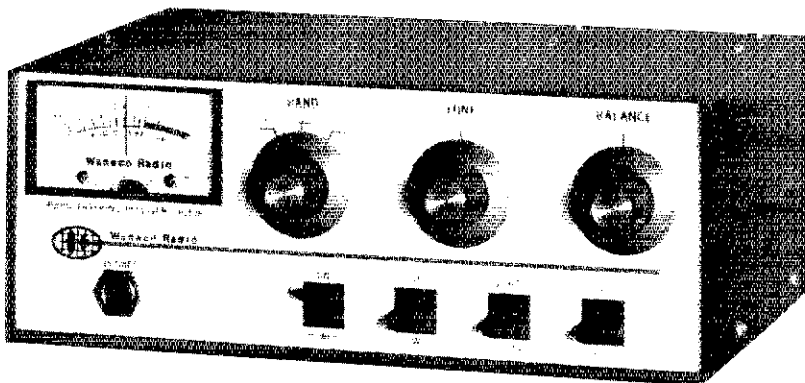
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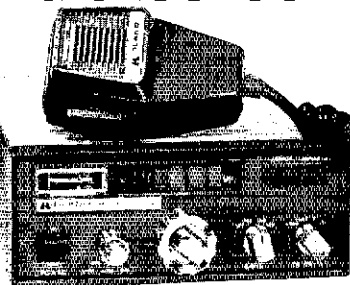
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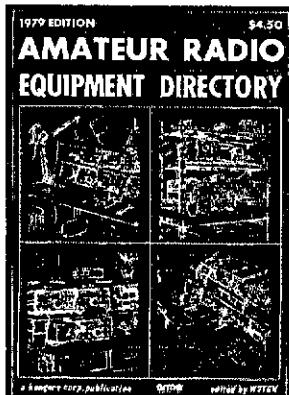
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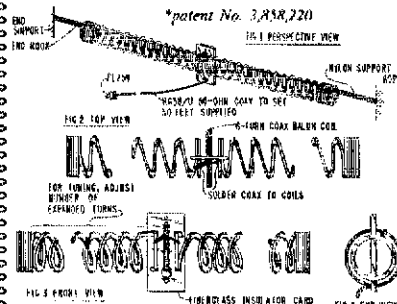
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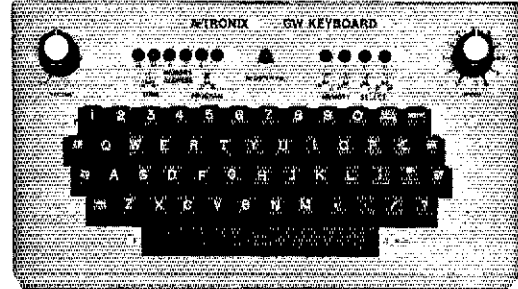
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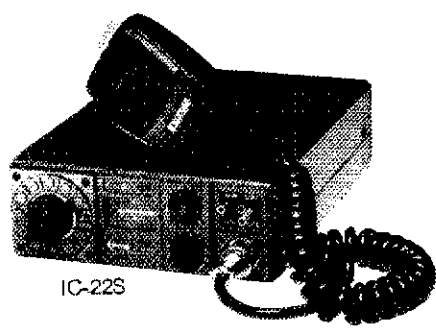
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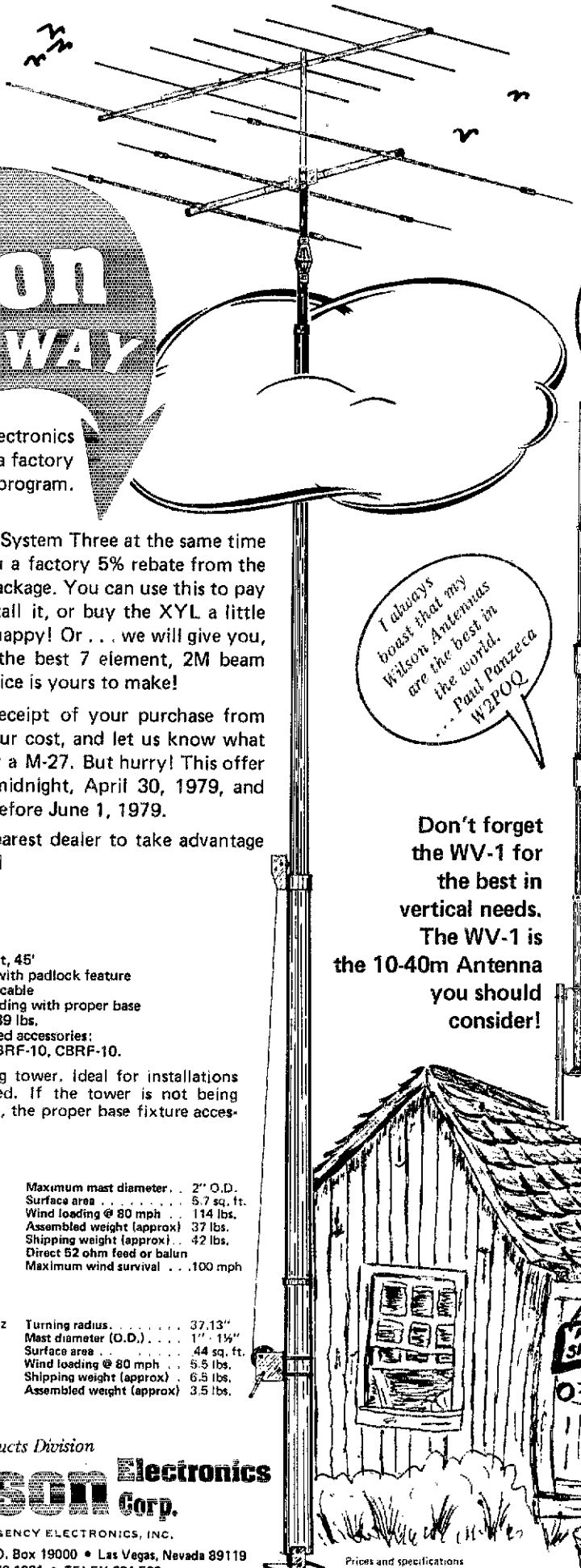
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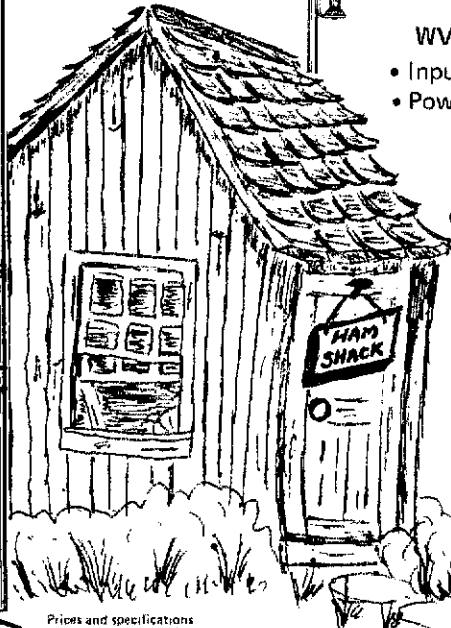
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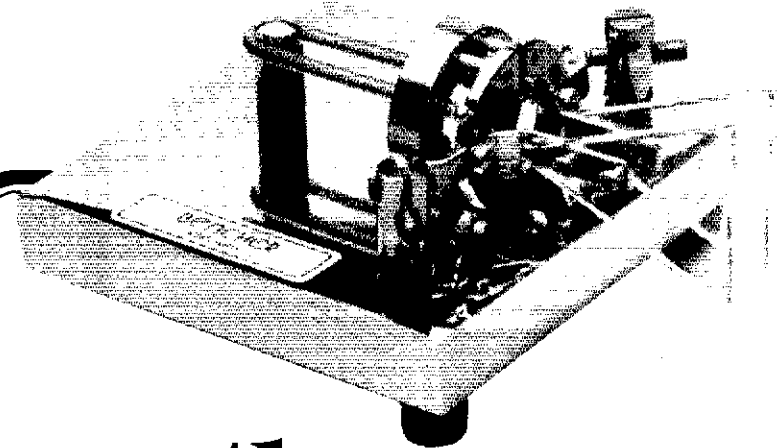
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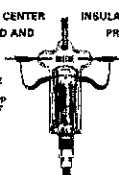
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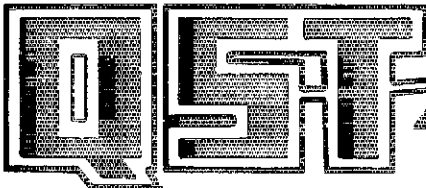


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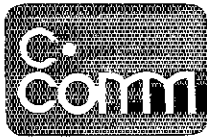
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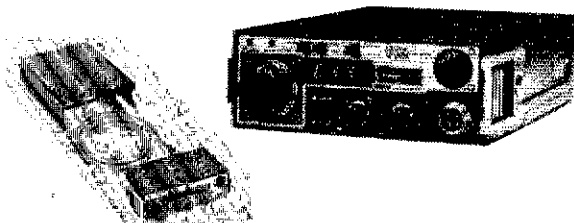
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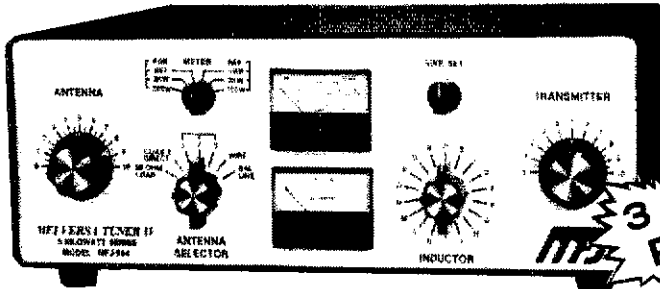
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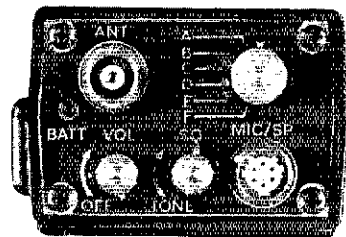
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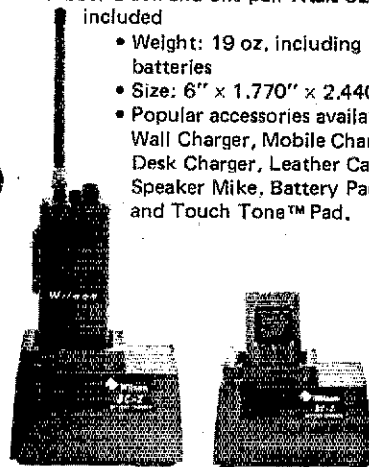
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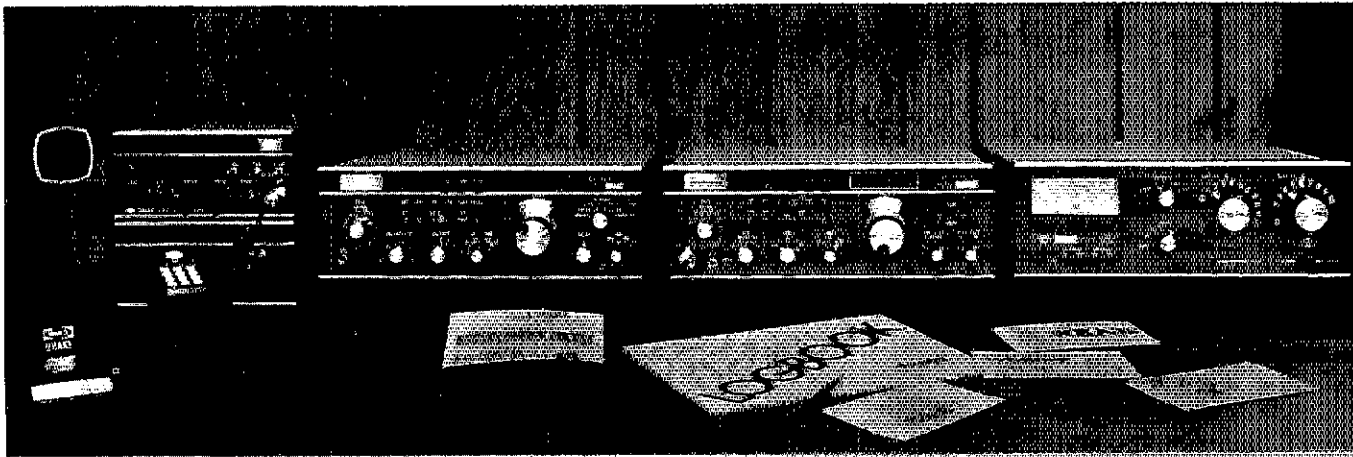
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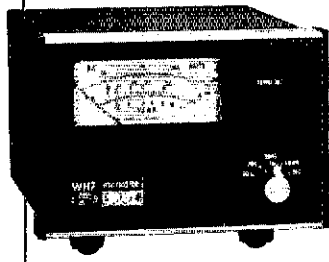
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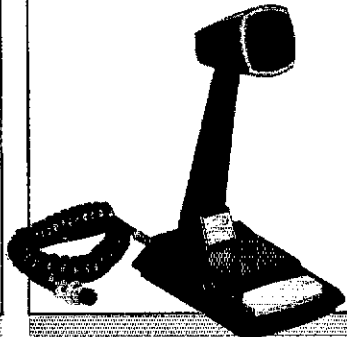


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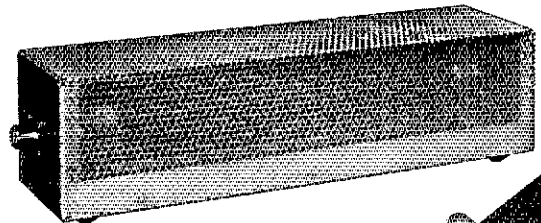


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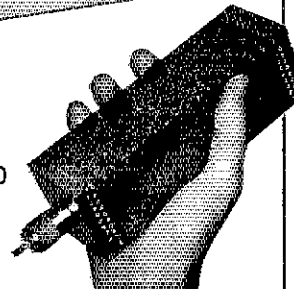
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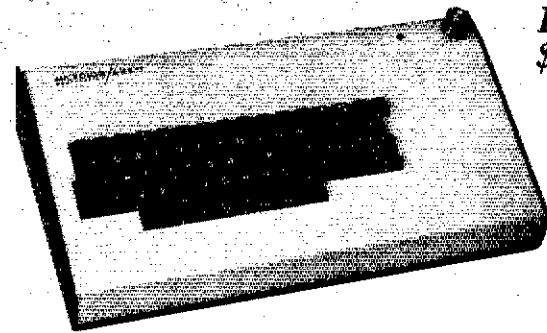
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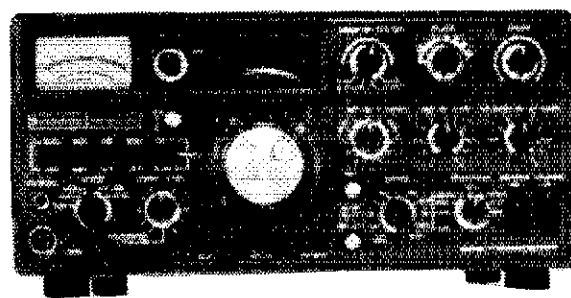
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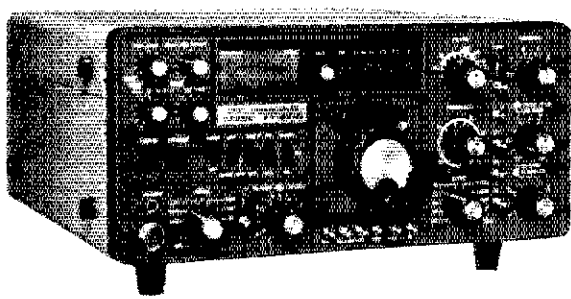
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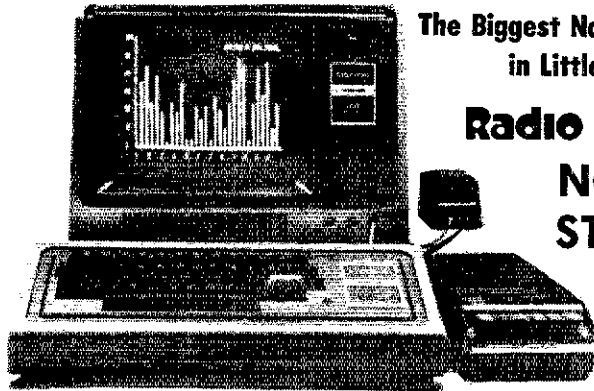
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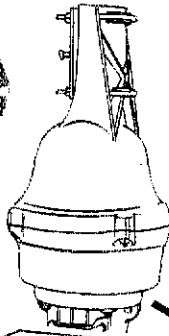
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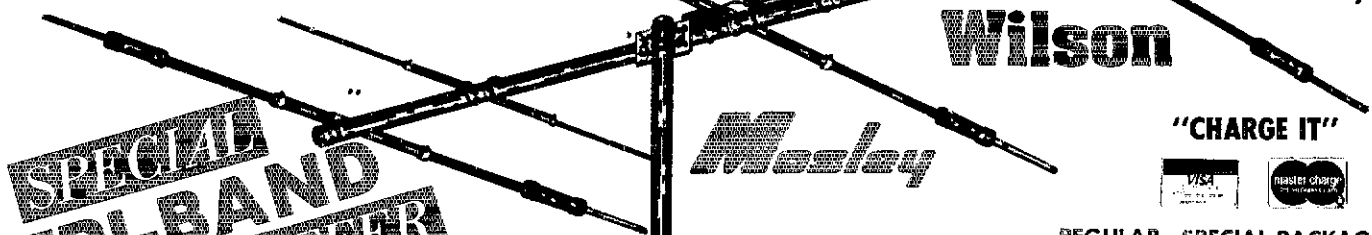
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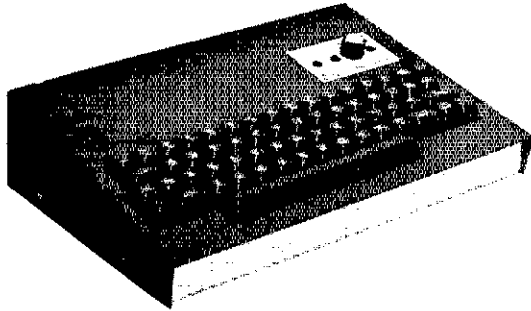
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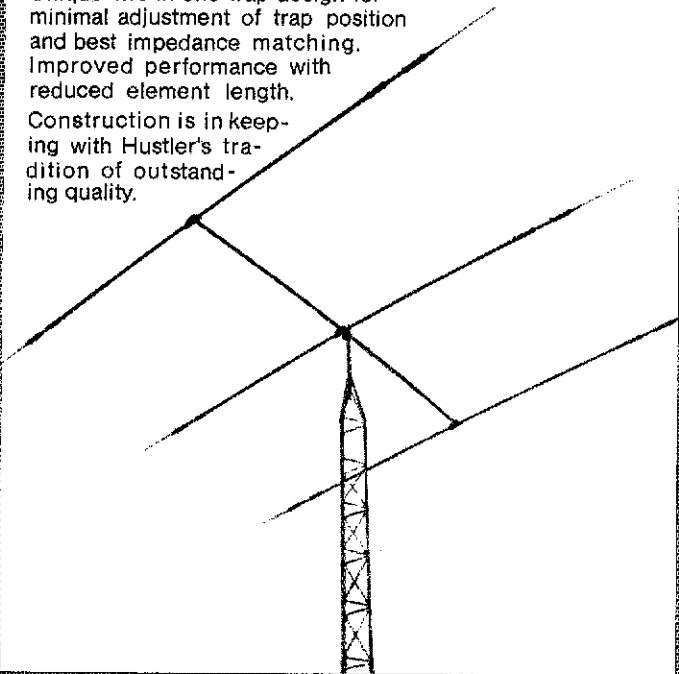
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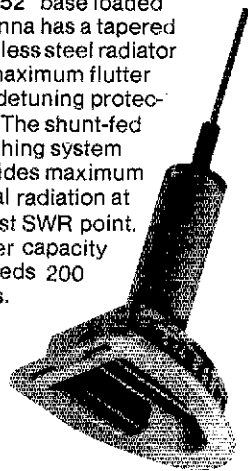


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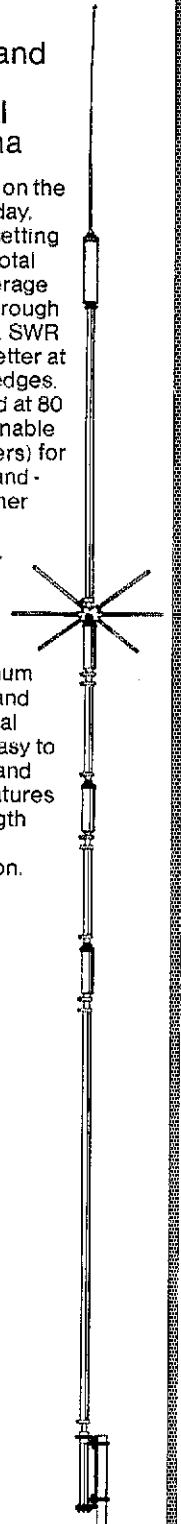
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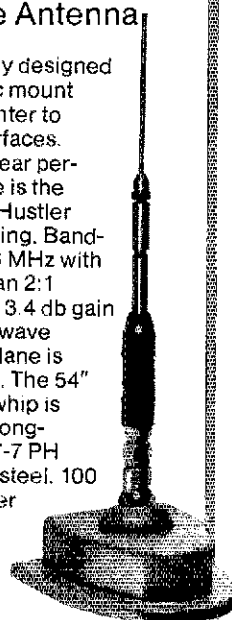
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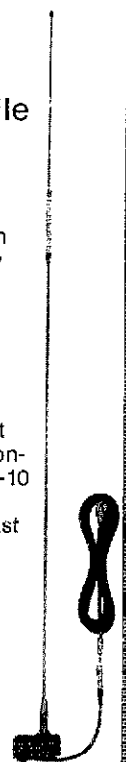
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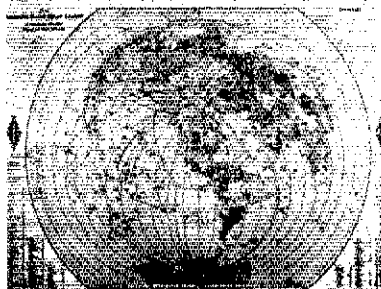
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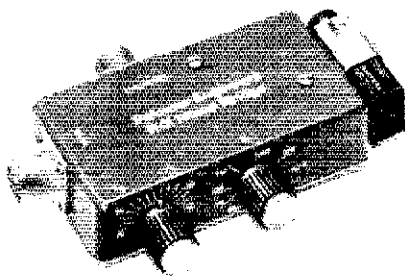
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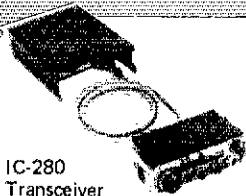
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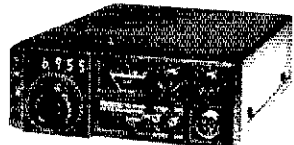
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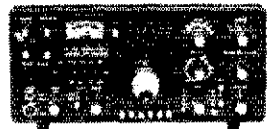


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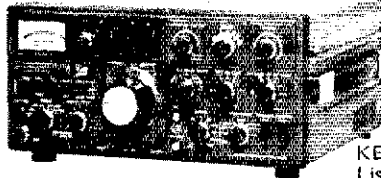


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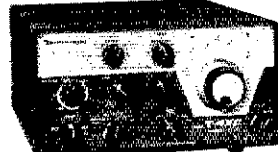
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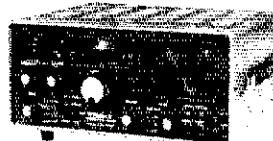
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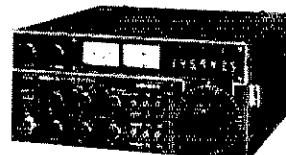
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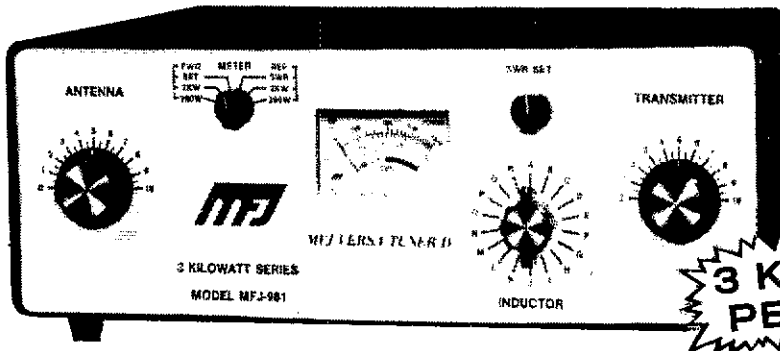
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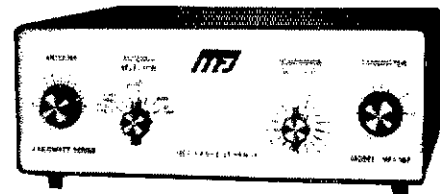
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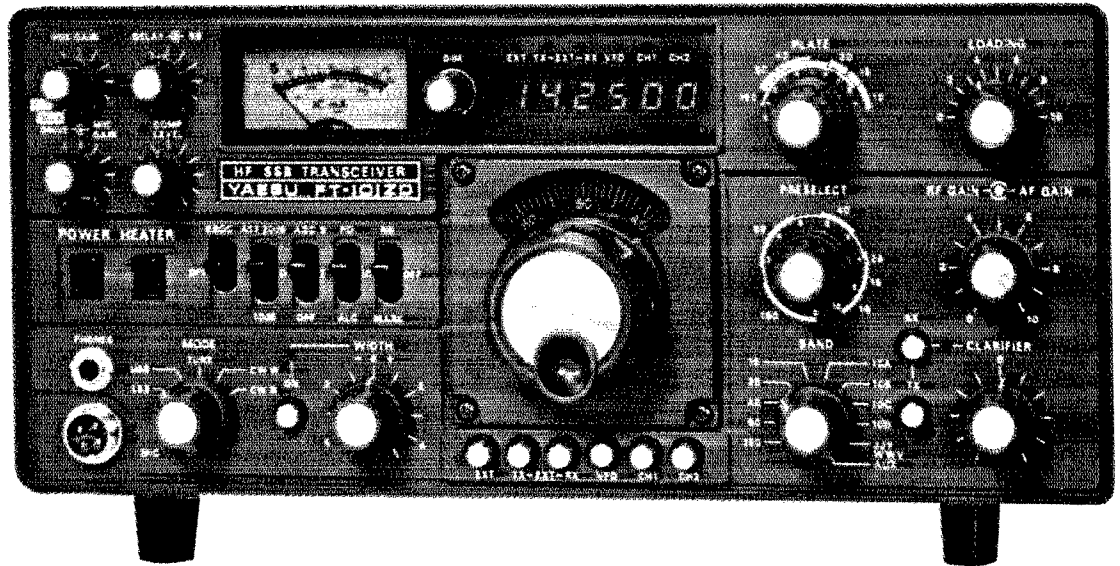
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The FV-901DM provides scanning and memory capability for your FT-101ZD transceiver. Using PLL synthesis in 100 Hz steps, the FV-901DM features an auto scan mode, which will search the band until it finds a signal—perfect for watching for openings. The manual scanner will scan at one of three rates, while you just flick a switch.

Forty frequencies may be stored into memory, for control of the transmit, receive, or transceive frequency. And a clarifier allows fine tuning between the 100 Hz steps, as well as tracking of a drifting memorized signal. In DX or contest situations, you'll be seconds ahead of the competition with the FV-901DM.

**FC-901
ANTENNA COUPLER (not shown)**

The FC-901 is a compact, efficient antenna tuner. The FC-901 features an in-line wattmeter, SWR meter, and provision for selection of three coax-fed antennas and one single wire antenna. Present a 50 ohm load for your FT-101ZD all across the band with the FC-901 antenna coupler.

**FTV-901R
VHF/UHF/OSCAR TRANSVERTER**



In another industry first, YAESU brings you a three-band VHF/UHF transverter for your FT-101ZD station. The basic unit comes equipped with 144 MHz capability, and you may add our plug-in modules for 50 or 430 MHz as options. Repeater offset is provided for 6 and 2 meters, and full duplex operation on OSCAR modes A/B/J is possible with an external receiver.

When the HF bands are flat, switch to the "very highs", with the amazing FTV-901R VHF/UHF/Oscar transverter. You're years ahead with YAESU.

PHONE PATCH/SPEAKER (not shown)

Round out your FT-101ZD station with the SP-901P combination hybrid phone patch/speaker. Like the other 901 series components, its styling and size are fully compatible with your FT-101ZD.

**YO-901
MULTISCOPE**



Unsurpassed monitoring capability is yours with the YO-901 Multiscope. Featuring a high performance oscilloscope, useful for countless station adjustments, the YO-901 also includes a two-tone generator, as well as an optional band scope for instant determination of band conditions and activity.

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