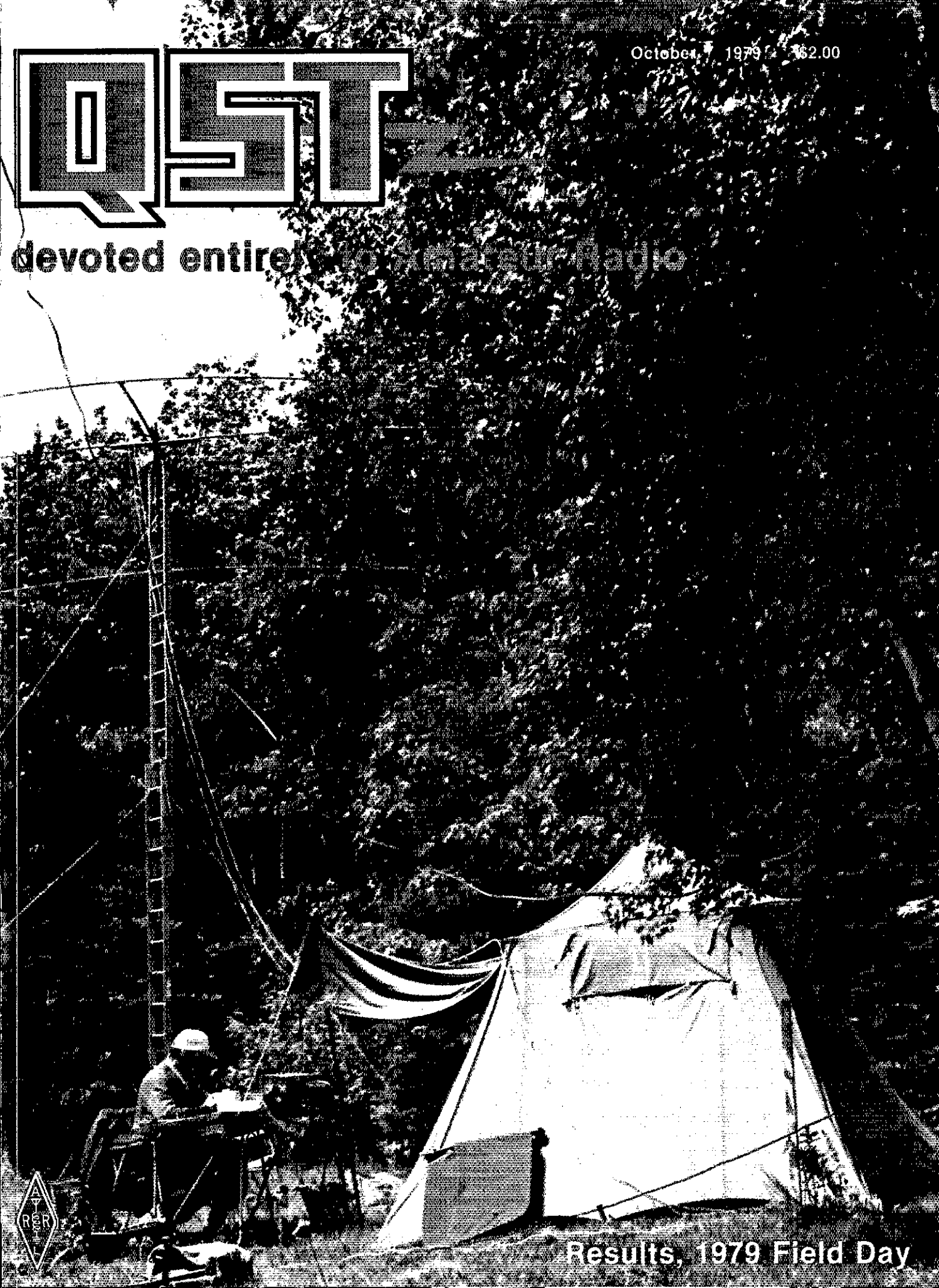


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 Current Drain: 17 ma-standby
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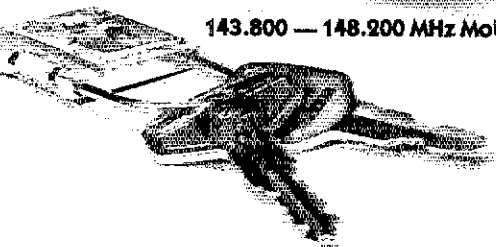
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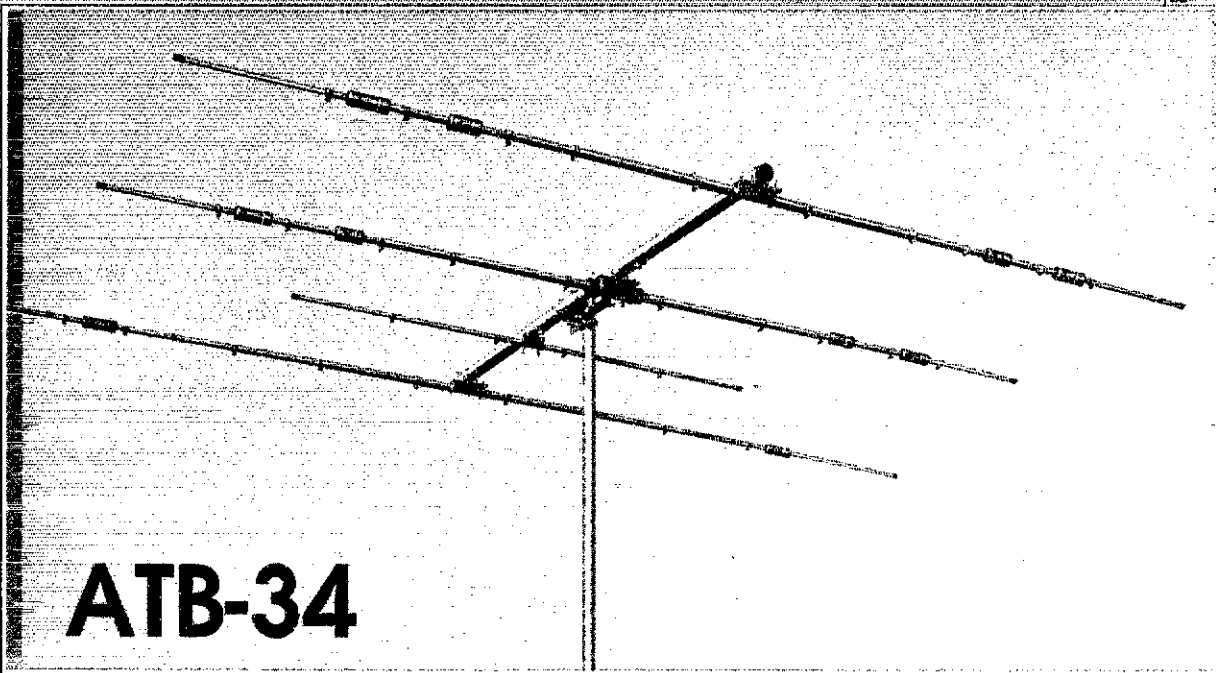
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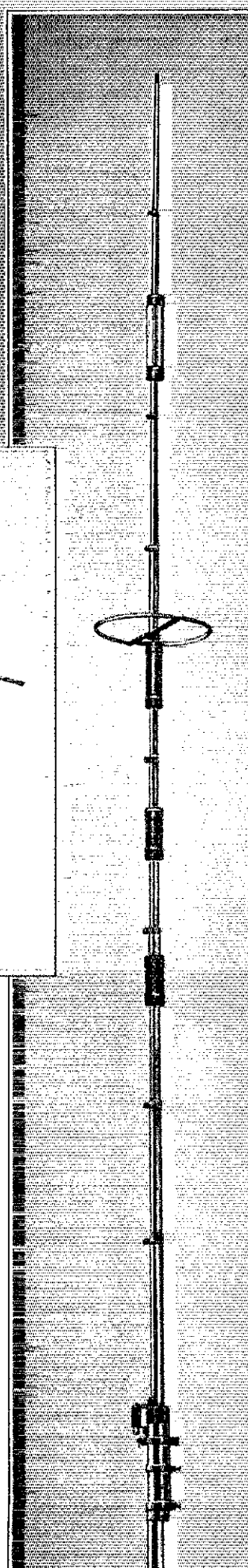
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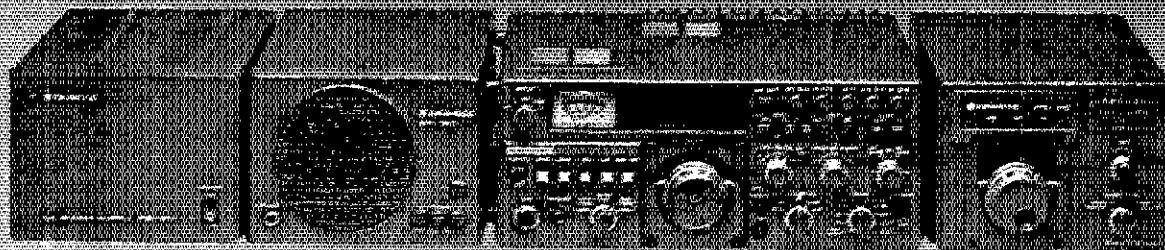


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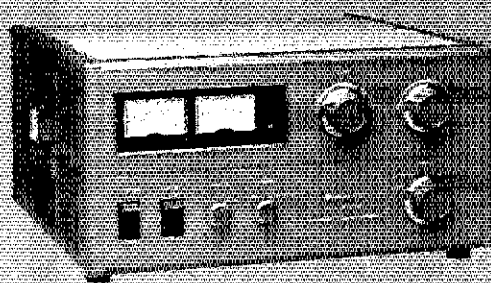
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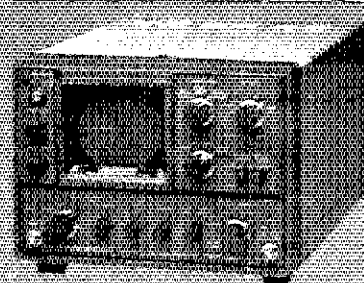
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Modes:	SSB (LSB and USB)/CW/FSK
Power Requirements:	R: 13.8 VDC, 1.8 A T: 13.8 VDC, 2.0 A
Final Power Input:	160-15m 200 W PEP (SSB) 160 W DC (CW) 100 W DC (FSK) 10m 160 W PEP (SSB) 140 W DC (CW) 100 W DC (FSK)
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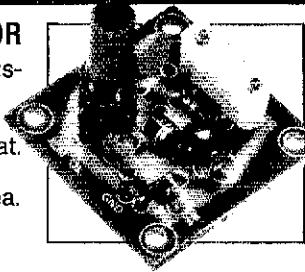
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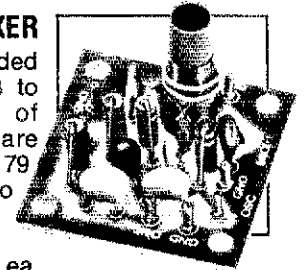


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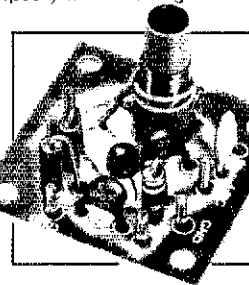
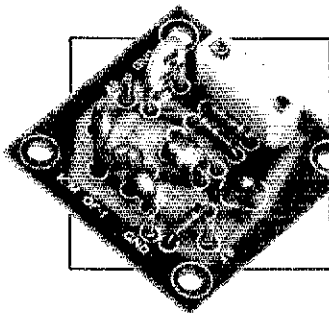
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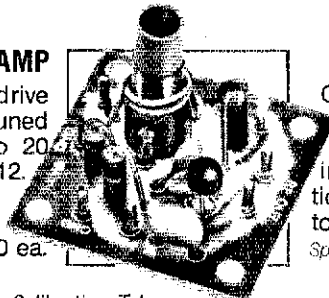
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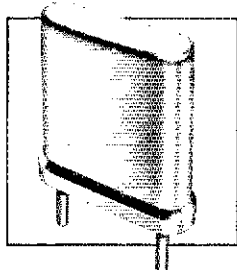
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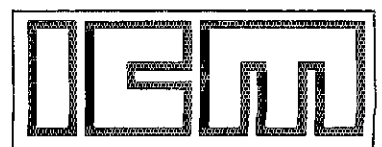
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Speak Up!

If you believe, as we do, that Article 41 of the ITU Radio Regulations should not be changed to permit the dropping of the Morse code requirement below 144 MHz, register your opposition now. If you believe, as we do, that the amateur hf bands should not be shared with those who do not have a knowledge of the Morse code, register your opposition now. If you believe, as we do, that amateurs worldwide have convincingly demonstrated an opposition to a change in Article 41 and have supported the retention of the Morse code requirement as it now stands, speak up now.

When we began to prepare for WARC-79 a number of years ago, a great part of our input from amateurs in other countries came via the IARU, a worldwide association of Amateur Radio societies, which has 105 members at the present time. Among the subjects thoroughly and exhaustively discussed at meetings all over the world, including three regional conferences, was that of a possible change in Article 41. Without exception, the result of these conferences was that amateurs did not believe that a change in Article 41 to permit the elimination of the Morse code requirement below 144 MHz was in our best interests. The opposition to such a change by international Amateur Radio was overwhelming.

When, in 1975, the FCC's Docket 20284 proposed a drastic restructuring of U.S. amateur licenses, ARRL surveyed its approximately 100,000 licensed members and obtained a 56-percent response. The response indicated a very clear opposition to the abandonment of a code requirement.

Thus, Amateur Radio operators, both domestically and internationally, have very clearly stated their desire that we amateurs continue to have a requirement for a knowledge of the Morse code below 144 MHz — i.e., no change in Article 41 of the ITU's Radio Regulations.

As we pointed out in an editorial in the February issue of *QST*, we were quite disappointed that the Commission apparently chose to ignore the comments it solicited in its original proposal to make no changes in Article 41. After all, we did go through three years of intensive par-

ticipation in an FCC-created industry advisory committee — the Advisory Committee for Amateur Radio — a committee which recommended no change in the code requirement of Article 41. But now the Commission has proposed a change which would permit the elimination of the Morse code requirement below 144 MHz, a change which is not wanted by the Amateur Radio Service it affects, and we don't like it! And we don't like the fact that it has become part of the U.S. proposal.

There are a number of rumors beginning to float around, hopefully false rumors that have been caused by misunderstanding of public statements by Commission personnel. Some amateurs outside the government are concerned that the Commission may be contemplating using a portion of the 10-meter band for the hf-ers, that group of enthusiasts now operating *sans* license just below 10 meters. There are rumors that the Japanese 15-meter license, which has created a horde of phone-only amateurs on that band, causing consternation throughout the Far East because of their domination of the phone portions of the band, is going to be duplicated in the United States. And nearly everyone is concerned over the possibility that one of the strengths of the Amateur Radio Service would be eroded if these rumors are true.

This is the time to make yourself heard, because a strong expression of opinion now will not go unnoticed. If you believe, as we do, that there should be no change in Article 41 — if you believe, as Amateur Radio internationally does, that there should be no change in Article 41, speak up now. Write to Carlos Roberts, Chief, Personal Radio Bureau, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Tell him that you don't want a change in Article 41, that you want the code requirement for the Amateur Radio Service retained below 144 MHz, that you don't want the standards for the Amateur Radio hf bands lowered.

Then write to your U.S. Congressmen and tell them the same thing.

And send us copies, please. — R. L. Baldwin, W1RU

League Lines...

The World Administrative Radio Conference is underway: Our team is there! Follow "WARC Countdown" in this and the next three or four issues of QST.

QST is putting together an article about Amateur Radio's role in providing emergency communications related to Hurricanes David and Frederick. Please send your contributions to the Communications Department, ARRL hq. Good-quality black and white photographs are needed, too.

As we go to press, Amateur Radio efforts continue in the aftermath of Hurricane David, which wreaked havoc mainly on the island of Dominica, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. While hams performed outstanding services, some of the on-the-air conduct left much to be desired. A good opportunity to hone operating skills is provided by the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test, October 6 and 7. Contact your Section Communications Manager (see page 8) for information on the emergency organization in your area.

ARRL director and vice director elections are shaping up in the following divisions where there are two or more candidates for an office: Atlantic, Canadian, Delta, Great Lakes, Midwest, Pacific and Southeastern. At press time there were uncontested nominations for director and vice director in the Dakota Division. Ballots will be in the mail by October 1 to ARRL Full Members of record September 10, 1979, in those divisions where elections are being held. Ballots must be returned to Hq. by noon, November 20 to be counted. Eligible voters not receiving ballots by November 1 should notify Marge Tenney or Perry Williams at Hq.

Contrary to earlier published DXCC Notes, the DXCC Honor Roll will continue to be published twice a year. Honor Roll endorsement submissions must arrive at ARRL Hq. on or before December 31.

Attention instructors! Don't miss out on free FCC Form 610s, graduation certificates and other aids from Headquarters. Register your class with the ARRL Club and Training Department. Write to us today!

What ever happened to the Class of '79? League Hq. did not get its usual crop of spontaneous job applications. At this writing, we have several vacancies: in Membership Services for a jack-of-all-trades and for a public relations specialist.

The ARRL Technical Department has openings for experienced, capable and inspired technical editors and lab technicians. Career-minded persons may contact WIFB or KITD at Hq. for details.

An assistant is needed in the Public Service Branch of the ARRL Communications Department. This position requires an amateur license, knowledge of traffic/emergency operating and good writing ability. Contact KIXA at Headquarters for details.

A reminder about the "Woodpecker," that wideband pulse-type signal causing harmful interference on the amateur (and other) bands, generally between 7 and 21 MHz: Despite numerous complaints to FCC by the users of several radio services in the U.S., and despite the fact that the U.S. State Department has been involved in the matter for nearly three years, the interference persists. The next time you experience the interference, don't give up in despair. Write the Watch Officer, Monitoring Branch, FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

The Winter Olympics Radio Amateur Network, WORAN, has been organized to provide public service communications during the 1980 Winter Olympic Games which begin February 13 at Lake Placid, NY. Amateurs will also supply communications on 2, 40 and 75 meters for the Olympic Torch Run January 31 to February 9. Section Communications Managers along the route from Langley Air Force Base, VA to Lake Placid have been asked to name coordinators to handle details for each section. Watch QST for more information.

A Grounded-Grid Kilowatt Amplifier for 432 MHz

Stable, linear operation for tropo or moonbounce DX . . . that's the end result of this project.

By Stephen J. Powlisheh,* K1FO, ex-WA1FFO

In the last few years I've built several high-power 432-MHz amplifiers that used tubes from the 4CX250 family. While they worked well in Class C, their performance when biased for linear operation left something to be desired. My previous experience with grounded-grid triode amplifiers on 2 meters was so good that I decided to try the same approach on 70 cm. An Eimac 8874 high-mu triode was

selected for this design and a crude prototype was built in a few evenings. After the design was verified, the amplifier described in this article was built. It is stable, compact and delivers over 500 watts output while requiring only a high-voltage supply and a source of about 25 watts of drive. The amplifier has been trouble free in over three years of heavy usage.

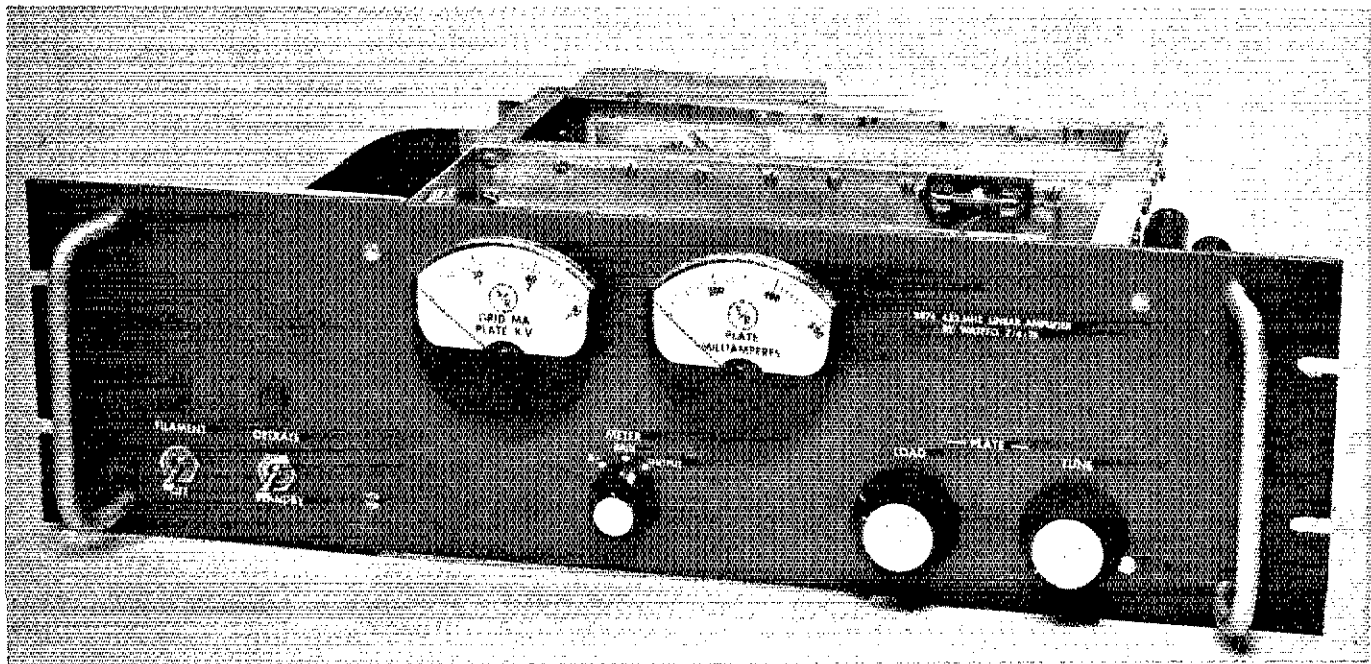
Circuit Description

A schematic diagram of the 432-MHz

kilowatt is given in Fig. 1. W1 is a half-wavelength stripline which is tuned and loaded by C6 and C7 respectively. Plate choke RFC4 is connected at the approximate electrical center of the plate line. C8 functions as the plate-bypass capacitor. The half-wavelength cathode line is comprised of W2, L2 and C2. L1 and C1 serve to match the tube input impedance to the amplifier 50-ohm input. As the grid is grounded for dc as well as rf, D1 is used to develop operating bias at the cathode. R3 is switched in to supply near-cutoff bias

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The high-power uhf amplifier. The toggle switches control filament power and standby/operate functions respectively. Multimeter function is selected with the switch located between the meters, while the plate tuning and loading controls are at the right. Modern knobs and homemade meter faces give the amplifier a commercial appearance.



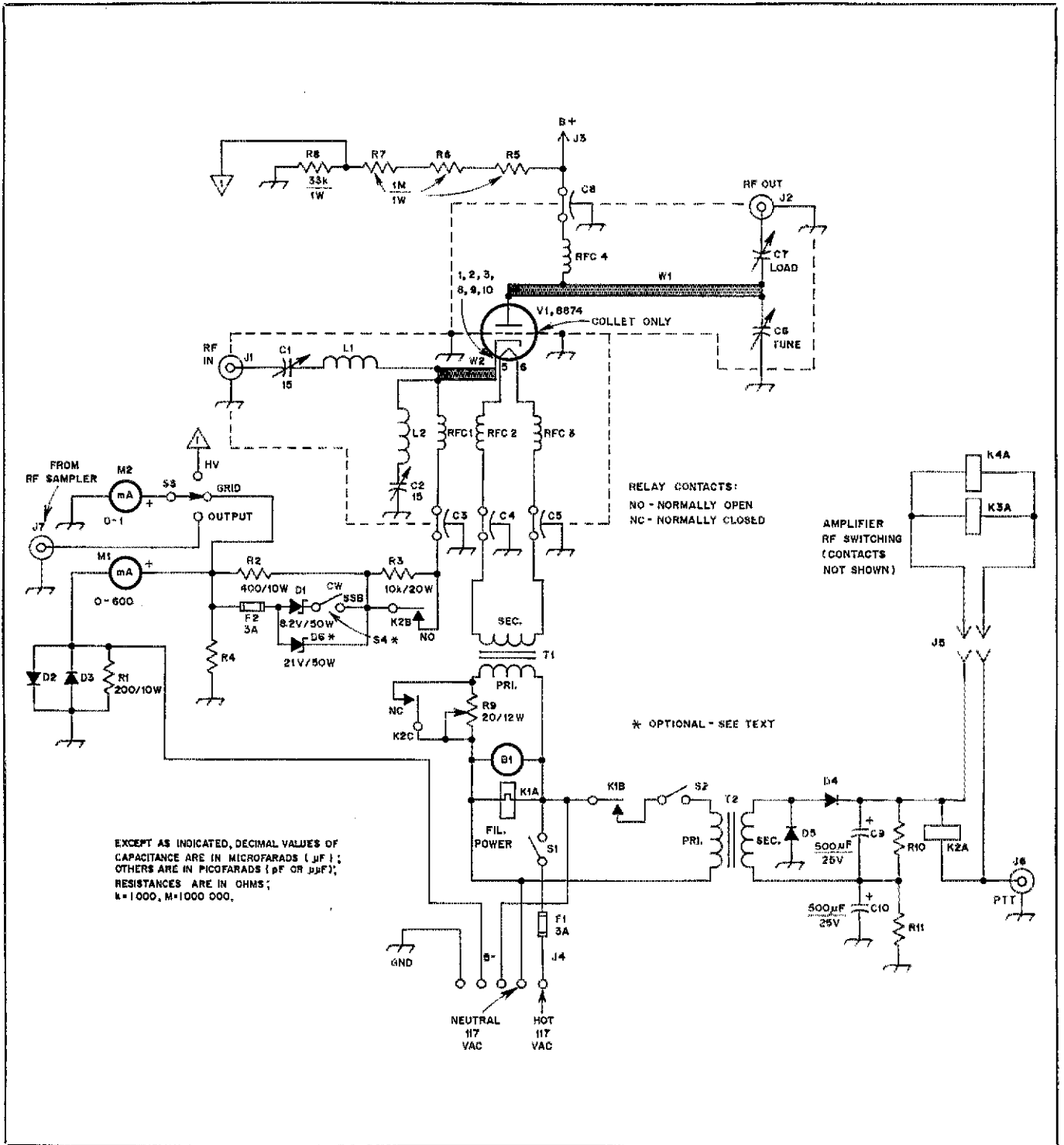


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the amplifier.

B1 — 50-ft³ (1.4-m³)/min blower, Ripley Sk2754-2A or equiv.
 C1, C2 — Air-variable capacitor, 15 pF, E.F. Johnson 189-0565-001, 160-0107-001 or equiv.
 C3-C5, Incl. — Feedthrough capacitor, 500 pF, 300 V.
 C6-C8, Incl. — Homemade "flapper" capacitor. Details of construction in text and Fig. 3.
 C9, C10 — Electrolytic capacitor, 500 μF , 25 V.
 D1 — 50-watt, 8.2-volt Zener diode, IR Z-3307-C or equiv.
 D2-D5, Incl. — 1-A, 1000-PIV diode, 1N4007 or equiv.
 D6 — 50-watt, 21-volt Zener diode (optional — see text).
 F1, F2 — 3AG fuses.
 J1 — Chassis mount BNC female connector, UG-1094/U.

J2 — Chassis mount N female connector, UG-58A/U.
 J3 — High-voltage connector, Millen 37001.
 J4, J5 — Power connectors, as available.
 J6, J7 — RCA phono jacks.
 K1 — Time-delay relay, 90 second, normally open contact, Amperite 115N090T.
 K2 — Control relay, 28-volt coil, 1-A 4pdt contacts.
 K3, K4 — Coaxial relays equipped with suitable connectors. K4 should have N connectors, K3 may be BNC or N.
 L1 — 3-1/2 turns no. 16 enam. wire, 3/4-inch (19 mm) long, 1/4-inch (6 mm) diameter.
 L2 — 1-1/2 turns no. 16 enam. wire, 5/8-inch (16 mm) long, 1/4 inch (6 mm) diameter.
 M1 — 1-mA meter movement with shunt to provide 600-mA full-scale deflection.

M2 — 1-mA meter movement with shunts to provide 90-mA (grid current) and 3-kV (plate voltage) full-scale deflection.
 R4 — Grid-current shunt.
 RFC1 — 10 turns no. 18 enam. wire, close wound, 1/4 inch (6 mm) diameter.
 RFC2, RFC3 — 10 turns no. 16 enam. wire, close wound, 1/4 inch (6-mm) diameter.
 RFC4 — 5 turns no. 16 wire, one inch (25 mm) long, 1/4 inch (6 mm) diameter.
 S1 — Toggle switch, spst.
 S2 — Toggle switch, spst.
 S3 — Rotary switch, single pole, three position.
 S4 — Toggle switch, spst (optional, see text).
 T1 — Filament transformer, 6.3-volt, 3-A, Stancor P-6465 or equiv.
 T2 — Transformer, 12.6 volts, 1 A.

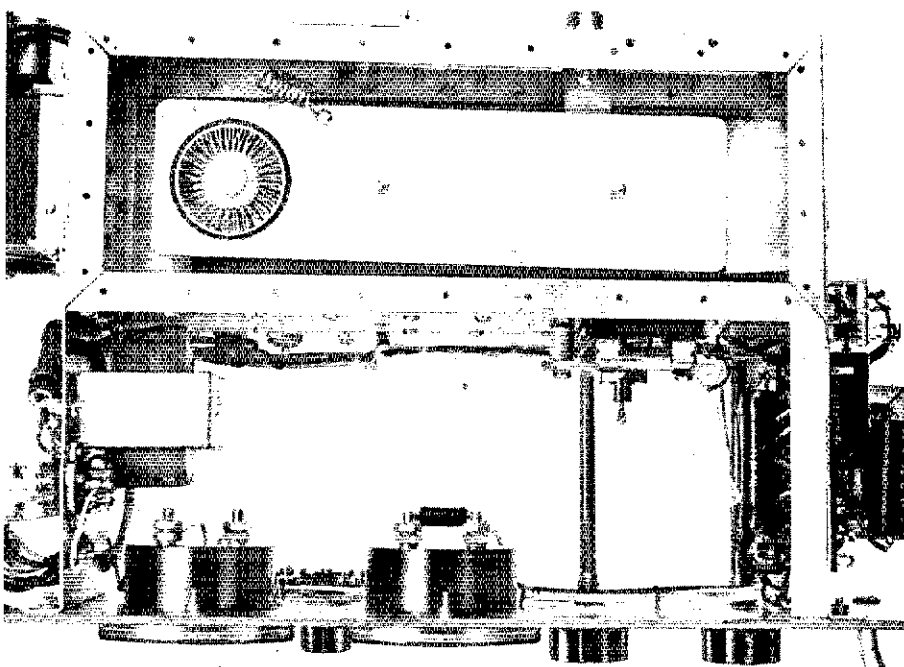
during standby periods. M1 is used solely to monitor plate current in the high-voltage supply negative-return lead. M2 is switched to read grid current, high voltage and relative output. The latter function is by means of an external line sampler.¹ With the exception of the multimeter functions the metering and bias circuits are similar to those in a 220-MHz amplifier.²

Separate coaxial relays attached to the input and output terminals allow the amplifier to be switched in and out of the line in a manner popular with hf amplifiers. Time-delay relay K1 prevents the amplifier from being switched into service for 90 seconds after the tube heater is energized, allowing the element to reach operating temperature. A normally closed contact of K2 applies full voltage to the heater during standby periods. The voltage is reduced during operation as recommended by the manufacturer.

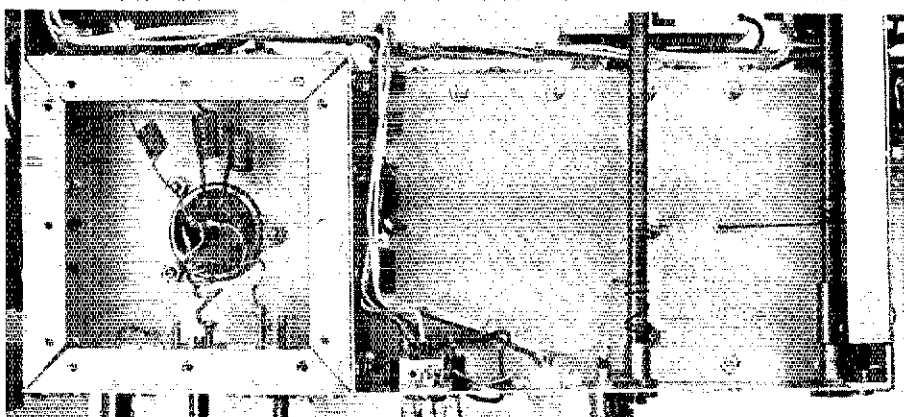
Construction

Plate and cathode-compartment construction is from 0.032-inch (0.8-mm) thick aluminum sheet attached to 1/2-inch (13-mm) aluminum angle stock. Some angle stock may be anodized, giving the surface a dull appearance. This material must be lightly sanded to remove the anodized metal, which is a poor conductor. Holes are drilled in the angle stock to allow attachment of the covers; these are tapped for no. 4-40 screws. Details of the 10.5 × 4 × 3-inch (267 × 102 × 76-mm) plate compartment may be seen in the top view photo. Construction of the cathode compartment is similar, and may be seen in the photo of the underside. It measures 4 × 4 × 1-3/4 inches (102 × 102 × 44 mm). The aluminum brackets holding the rf enclosures to the front panel also serve as end covers for the compartments. Compartment spacing from the panel is four inches (102 mm). A 5-1/4 × 19-inch (133 × 483-mm) rack panel is used.

The plate line was fabricated from a piece of 1/16-inch (1.6-mm) thick brass. Fig. 2 gives detailed information for making the line. In addition to brass, lines were made from copper, both unplated and silver plated, with no discernible difference in efficiency. Double-sided G-10 printed circuit board would probably work as well. Best thermal stability was obtained with the unplated solid-copper line. The line is supported by 1.5-inch (38-mm) long ceramic insulators, although standoffs made of Teflon will also serve. C6 and C7 are made from beryllium-copper sheet. Details of their construction appear in Fig. 3. These "flappers" are moved with fishing line which is tied to 1/4-inch (6.4-mm) fiber shafts. These shafts may be seen in the underside view.



Top view of the amplifier, with the plate compartment cover removed. The tube, plate line (W2) and RFC4 may be seen at the top of the photo. Note the large number of holes drilled in the plate compartment to receive the cover hold-down screws. A tight seal is required to prevent rf and air leaks.



This bottom view shows the cathode compartment and the shafts for C6 and C7. A cover is placed over the cathode compartment during tuneup and operation.

The anode collet (Eimac no. 008294) is secured to the bottom of W1 with standard 60/40 solder. Use no. 4-40 screws and nuts to hold the collet in place during the soldering operation. The grid collet (Eimac no. 882931) is attached to the chassis with eight no. 4-40 machine screws and nuts. A poor ground connection for the grid will greatly increase the amplifier drive requirements or make the unit totally inoperative.

C8, the plate-bypass capacitor, is made from two brass plates, one mounted on either side of the plate compartment. A 0.005-inch (0.13-mm) thick piece of Teflon sheet is used for the dielectric material. While this Teflon thickness may seem inadequate, it is rated at 1000 volts per mil (0.03 mm) thickness. It is necessary to coat the dielectric with Dow Corning type DC-4 silicone grease to fill in

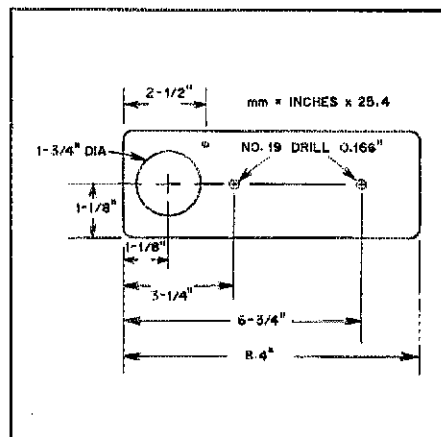


Fig. 2 — Dimensions of the plate line are given here. The line may be constructed from 1/16-inch (1.6-mm) thick copper or brass. Corners of the line should be filed to give a 3/16-inch (5-mm) radius.

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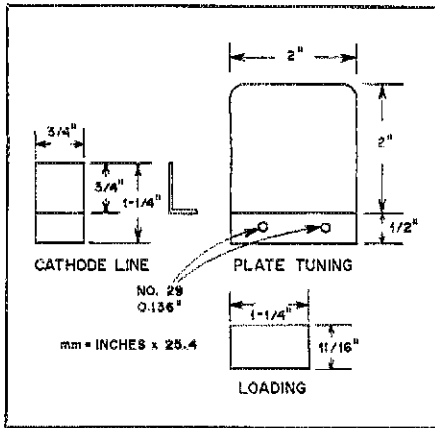


Fig. 3 — Dimensions of the cathode line and the flappers used to tune and load the plate circuit are given here. Additional information is contained in the text.

any imperfections in the surface that might allow a leakage path and subsequent capacitor breakdown. This silicone grease has dielectric properties similar to Teflon.* A no. 8 (4-mm) brass screw is used to hold the plates in place, and also acts as the high-voltage feedthrough terminal. A 3/8-inch (10-mm) diameter washer was sliced from a Teflon rod and used to center the screw in the hole. Fig. 4 gives details of the remaining metalwork.

An enclosure attached to the rear wall houses the meter dropping resistors and provides a protective hood over the high-voltage terminal. I made this cover $3 \times 4 \times 1.5$ inches ($76 \times 102 \times 38$ mm) in size, but the dimensions are not critical. As a final note on construction, it is necessary to isolate the shaft of C1 from ground, if the rotor is connected to the shaft of the capacitor. Rf potential at this point is low, allowing the capacitor to be mounted on a small piece of plastic if an insulated unit is not available.

Cooling the Amplifier

This amplifier is thermally stable; that

*Alternatively, an Erie 2498-001-X5U0-102M 1000-pF 4-kV feedthrough capacitor may be used. This component is available from ARCOS, P. O. Box 546, East Greenbush, NY 12061.

Table 1

Operating Conditions, 432-MHz Linear Amplifier

Plate voltage, key down:	1950 volts
Bias:	8.2 volts
Heater voltage:	5.7 volts
Plate current, key up:	30 mA
Plate current, key down:	515 mA
Power input:	1000 watts
Power output:	530 watts
Efficiency:	53 percent
Grid current:	40 mA
Drive power:	26 watts
Input SWR:	1.2:1
Power gain:	13.1 dB

is, heat-induced warping of tuned-circuit components and the resulting decrease in power output is minimal. A major reason is no doubt the effective cooling system used. The cathode compartment is pressurized with a medium-sized blower. Any convenient unit capable of supplying $50 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min.}$ ($1.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{min.}$) may be used. A piece of copper window screen is attached to the side cover with aluminum solder, to shield the air inlet. Air flows from the cathode compartment through the socket and into the plate compartment, providing some cooling of the grid area of the tube as well. A chimney is made of 0.01-inch (0.25-mm) Teflon sheet, 1.5×12 inches (38×305 mm) in size. A piece of 1-5/8-inch (41-mm) OD copper pipe was used as a form to make the chimney. The Teflon is held together with RTV (room-temperature vulcanizing) adhesive. Air in the plate compartment must now flow through the anode cooling fins to escape. The air outlet is built on a 2-1/4-inch (57-mm) square copper plate. A 1-5/8-inch (41-mm) diameter hole is made in the plate and a piece of copper window screening is soldered over it. On the side opposite the screening is soldered a 3/8-inch (9.5-mm) long piece of 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) copper pipe. This pipe has an outside diameter of 1-5/8 inches (41 mm) and should fit snugly into the hole. The Teflon chimney will be held firmly in place and no air should leak from the box without passing through the anode cooler.

Operation

Adjust R9 to place maximum resistance in series with the tube heater. Apply heater power and allow two minutes for the element to reach operating temperature. Now energize K2 and adjust R9 to place 5.7 volts at the socket pins. Apply plate voltage (about 2000 volts). Idling plate current should be approximately 30 mA. Apply drive and adjust its level to bring the plate current up to 150 mA. Adjust C6 (plate tuning) for maximum output. Input capacitors C1 and C2 may then be coarsely adjusted for maximum plate current. Simultaneously increase drive and adjust plate tuning and loading for maximum output until input power reaches one kilowatt or the desired level. The input circuit may be adjusted for minimum reflected power when the proper drive level is established.

An accurate wattmeter is strongly recommended for use during initial adjustments. It is very easy to overload and underdrive an amplifier of this type, resulting in an efficiency of only 20 to 30 percent. If a wattmeter is not available, tune for maximum forward power as indicated on the line sampler. For one-kilowatt input, drive power must be at least 20 watts. Grid current will vary from 30 to 70 mA as a result of tube differences. Less grid current is a sign of in-

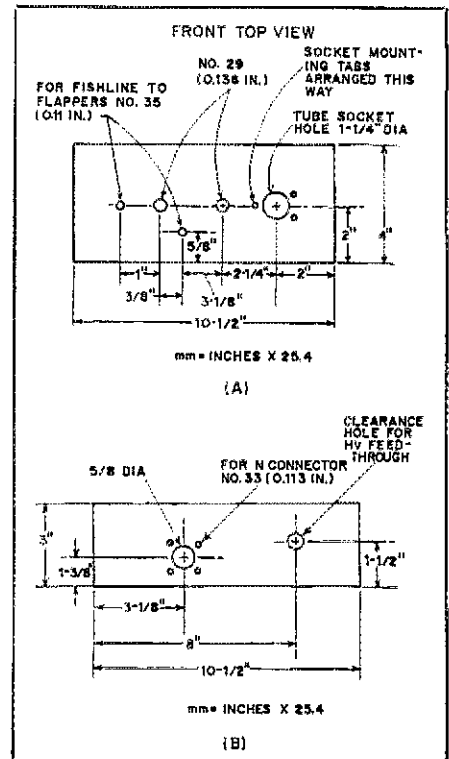


Fig. 4 — At A, dimensions of the plate compartment bottom cover. At B, dimensions of the rear panel of the amplifier.

sufficient drive and too much loading. Decreasing the load capacitance should result in reduced plate current and increased grid current. Slight readjustment of the plate-tuning capacitor should also be required. Table 1 contains a summary of amplifier operating conditions at the one-kilowatt level. If 40 watts or more of excitation are available, the cw plate efficiency can be boosted to about 59 percent by means of increasing the bias to 21 volts. I later installed a switch on the front panel to select another diode in place of D1 when operating cw.**

Conclusions

From a cold start, the amplifier reaches full output five seconds after drive is applied. After the first transmission, full output is obtained in one second, with no further drift noticed. This amplifier has been operated for several months without need for retuning. This amplifier represents one of the easiest, most reliable methods of becoming a big gun on uhf.

**[Editor's Note: When computing the input power of a grounded-grid amplifier, the rf drive power must be added to the dc plate power because some of the drive appears at the output. With 42 watts of drive, the unit can be loaded to a plate current of 496 mA for a power input of 1 kW at 1950 volts. The actual plate voltage is less than the value indicated by the meter by an amount equal to the drop across the cathode-biasing diode. The actual PEP input under the conditions listed in Table 1 is 1026 watts, which is suitable for ssb service.]

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A Simple RF Sniffer

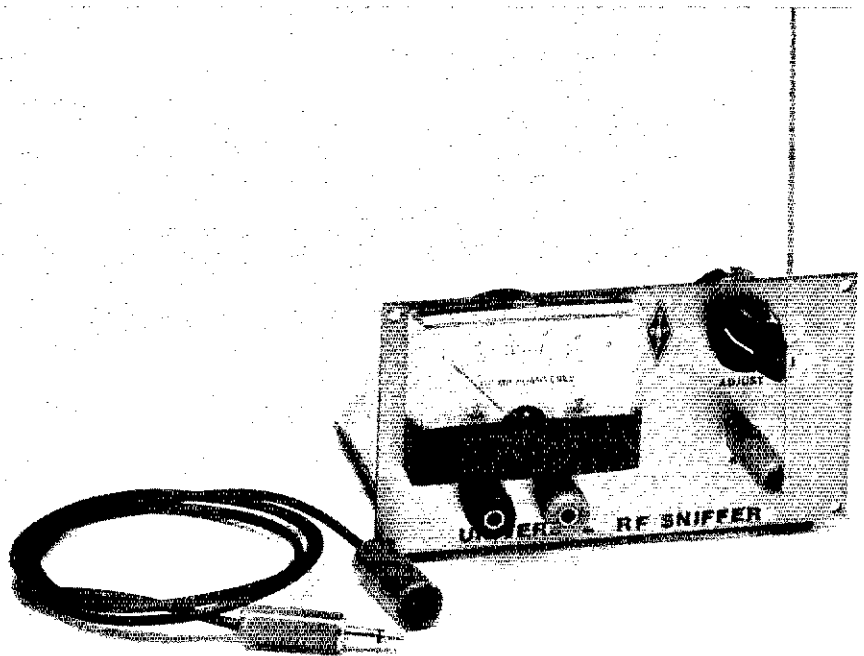
No ham shack is complete without a collection of test gadgets. This rf sniffer is the first of a series of simple, inexpensive circuits which have been designed for the beginner's workshop and station.

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That "universal breadboard" described in *QST* for September 1979 just had to be a winner for the builder of simple projects! That's what the authors decided during a phone conversation concerning the pc-board foundation unit. It seemed appropriate to develop a group of projects such as test equipment, station gear and station accessories which could be built simply on the master breadboard. Not only would the projects be educational, but they would be useful and low in cost.

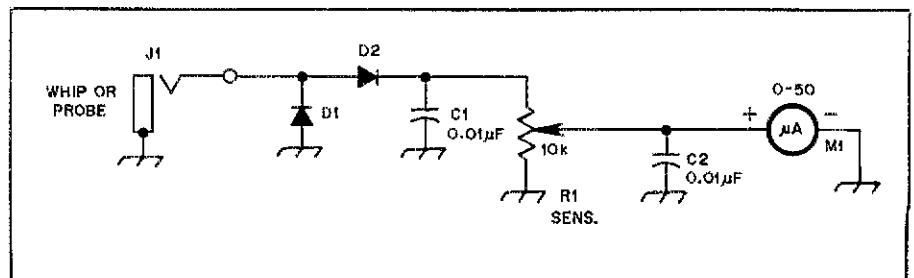
This little rf sniffer is the first of a series of beginner projects which will use the same basic building format. What can one do with an rf sniffer? That's certainly a fair question, and the answer is multi-faceted. Among the common applications for such an instrument are (1) antenna field-strength tests, (2) rf tune-up indicator, (3) shielding-integrity testing, and (4) rf signal tracing (equipment troubleshooting).

The front and side panels for the equipment in this series will be similar in appearance. The objective is to produce a group of matching projects which the builder can exhibit and use with pride! Although parts kits and pc boards for these projects are available (see footnote 1), there is no reason why the amateur can't use one of the alternative approaches given in September 1979 *QST* when building the foundation circuit board. Similarly, the front and side panels can be fashioned at home from pieces of double-sided pc-board material. Objective: Do your own thing and save bucks!



Front-panel view of the rf sniffer main frame. The two jacks at the lower left are unused in this project.

Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the main part of the sniffer. M1 is a 50- μ A miniature meter. See text for mention of this and a description of the other circuit components. C1 and C2 are 0.01- μ F, 50-V disc ceramic capacitors.



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¹Circuit boards and parts kits for this and other *QST* projects are available from author Shriner.

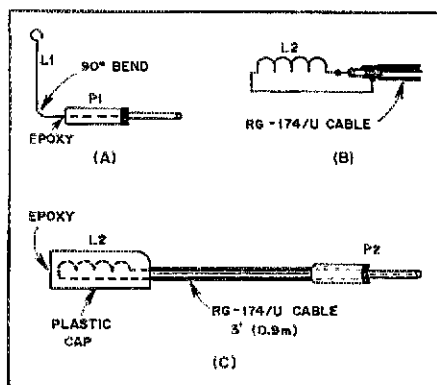


Fig. 2 — Pictorial details of the whip antenna (A) and the rf probe (B and C). See text for additional data.

A little "learning by doing" is good for the soul, too!

Sniffer Circuit

Fig. 1 is the schematic diagram for our project "main frame." The heart of the sniffer is a pair of germanium or silicon small-signal diodes. The germanium diodes will provide slightly greater signal sensitivity than silicon diodes can. This is because they conduct at approximately 0.3 to 0.4 volt, whereas most silicon diodes conduct at 0.6 to 0.7 volt. If germanium diodes are to be our choice, we can use 1N34As at D1 and D2. If silicon diodes are employed, 1N914s will be just fine. However, any small-signal rf type of diode will work satisfactorily in the circuit of Fig. 1.

D1 and D2 serve as a voltage doubler. The rf energy being sampled by means of the short whip antenna or rf probe (Fig. 2) is supplied to the rectifier/voltage doubler at J1. This rf voltage is converted to dc voltage through the rectifying action of D1 and D2. C1 filters the rectified voltage to smooth it out. R1 functions as a sensitivity control for the indicating meter, M1. C2 is also part of the filtering circuit. Two jacks on the front panel, visible in the photos, are not used in this project. They have been included for use in a different project of this series. However, if the builder does not wish to purchase a meter for use at M1, the two jacks can be connected to the circuit in place of the meter. This will permit the use of an external meter, such as that in a VOM or other piece of test equipment. The jacks may be deleted entirely from this project if the builder has no immediate use for them.

M1 is a 50-microampere instrument. It was chosen to permit maximum sensitivity of the sniffer. The higher the current rating of a meter the greater the amount of dc current needed to deflect the needle to full scale. Unfortunately, the greater the meter sensitivity the higher the cost. A 100-microampere meter can be used in place of the 50-microampere unit, and the

sensitivity will be impaired only a little. A 1-milliampere movement can be installed at M1 of Fig. 1, but the rf sniffer will probably not respond to low levels of rf if this is done. The normal procedure when using 1-mA meters in circuits of this type is to include a one-stage transistorized dc amplifier between the rectifier diodes and the meter. Circuits of this kind are found in the test-equipment chapter of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, ARRL.

Instrument Probes

Components L1 and P1 of Fig. 2A comprise the small whip antenna which can be plugged into J1 of Fig. 1. The whip is used as an rf sampler when the sniffer serves as a relative (uncalibrated) field-strength indicator. L1 can be fashioned from a 10- to 15-inch (250- to 380-mm) length of 1/16-inch (1.6-mm) diameter brass welding rod or equivalent. A stiff piece of solid copper wire will serve as an acceptable substitute for the brass rod material. The length of L1 is not critical. The primary limitation for the length is a practical one: If it is too long it will be unwieldy. However, the longer the whip antenna, the greater the sensitivity of the sniffer, as the larger dimensions will result in greater rf signal pickup.

L1 is soldered to the tip contact of P1. The latter component is a miniature two-circuit (hot and ground) phone plug of the variety found in Radio Shack stores. Once the wire is soldered to the phone plug, the plastic cap is screwed into place and L1 is bent to a 90-degree angle just beyond the cap. Epoxy cement should be poured into the open end of the plastic cap and allowed to harden. This will enhance the strength of the whip assembly to ensure long life. It is important to bend an eye in L1 at the end opposite P1. This will pre-

vent the sharp end of L1 from being a safety hazard.

The sniffer probe is shown in Fig. 2 at B and C. The "sampler" portion of the probe consists of a 20-turn, close-wound coil of no. 20 or 22 enam. wire. The outer diameter of the probe coil, L2, is 5/16 inch (8 mm). This coil is installed inside a plastic cap (1/2 inch or 13 mm) from a 1/4-inch (6.4-mm) phone plug, as shown. L2 is soldered to the conductors of a 3-foot (0.9-m) length of miniature coaxial cable, such as RG-174/U. Once more we shall fill the plastic cap with epoxy cement and allow it to harden.

A miniature two-circuit phone plug (P2) is connected to the opposite end of the coaxial cable as shown at C of Fig. 2.

Construction Tips

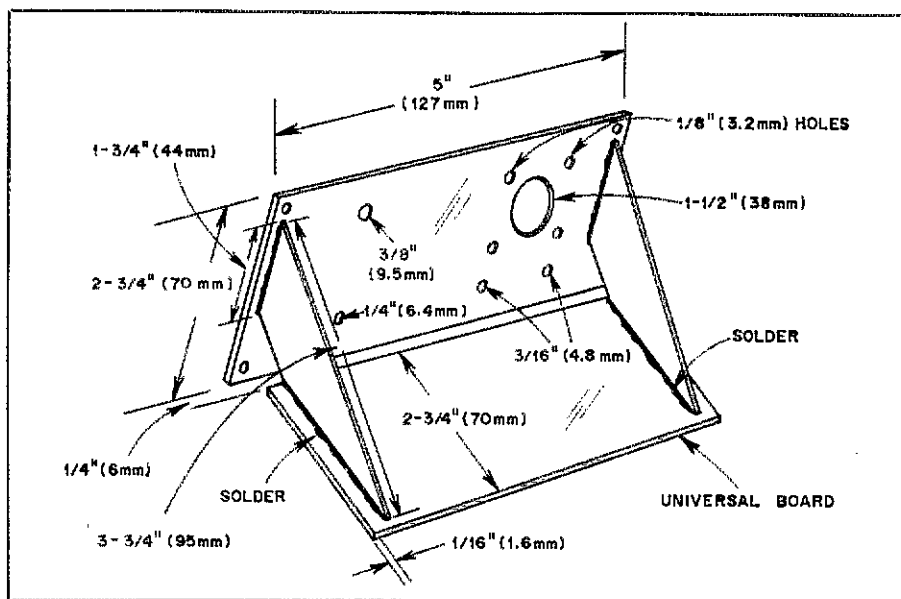
As we learned earlier, the framework for this project is made from sections of double-sided pc board (copper on both sides of the board). The dimensional data and layout information are provided in Fig. 3.

The various pc-board sections of the assembly are joined by soldering them together on both sides at each mating surface. A medium-wattage iron is best for this job. It is best to use an iron which is rated at 100 watts or more when soldering large conductive areas such as those in this project. A soldering gun is suitable for this work also.

The meter hole can be cut easily by means of a nibbling tool, drill-press fly cutter or 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) diameter socket punch. If worse comes to worse, drill tiny holes around the perimeter of the hole area, knock out the slug and smooth the edges of the hole while using a half-round file.

Insulated hookup wire is used for the

Fig. 3 — Construction details for the panel and side brackets of the rf sniffer.



connections between the main pc board and the front-panel components. Adhesive-backed plastic feet are affixed to the bottom four corners of the main pc board. This technique will prevent the assembly from sliding about on the table if it should be bumped or taxed by the probe cable.

A back-side view of the assembled sniffer is provided in Fig. 4. A plain piece of pc board can be substituted for the etched "universal" board shown. If this is done it will be necessary to provide three insulating terminals to which the diodes and capacitors can be soldered.

How to Use the Sniffer

Now that we have completed our masterly work of art, let's learn about the ways in which it can be applied around the ham station. It should "play" nicely all of the way from 160 meters through the uhf bands. Since no tuned circuits are employed, only the meter sensitivity control needs to be twiddled.

Antenna Testing: Suppose we wanted to adjust the matching section of an antenna, but had no SWR meter available. Well, in the "good (?) old days" we didn't have SWR meters, and our peers often relied upon field-strength meters to indicate when an approximate match (maximum transfer of power) was obtained. A field-strength meter was placed a fair distance (the farther the better) from the antenna being tuned. All adjustments were made to provide maximum deflection of the meter in the test unit: The greater the transfer of power from the transmitter to the antenna, the higher the field-strength reading. During this kind of testing the sniffer with its whip antenna should be kept well away from the feed line, lest misleading results be obtained from line currents. In this case we are interested only in what the antenna radiator is sending out into the ether.

Circuit Tracing: When looking for faults in an rf type of circuit we can plug the rf probe into our sniffer and look for signal energy at each stage of a transmitter. The encapsulated coil is placed near the tuned circuit of each transmitter stage, starting with the oscillator and working through to the final amplifier. If the stage under examination is okay, the meter in our sniffer should deflect to the right. Typically, each transmitter stage should deliver more output power than the preceding one. Our sniffer can let us know if we're losing or gaining power, relatively speaking. If no meter deflection is observed, chances are that we've found the inoperative part of the circuit.

Circuit instability is often caused by rf ground loops (unwanted rf current flowing on the ground or B+ conductors of a circuit board or chassis). The sniffer with its probe is useful for finding these unwanted hot spots. The probe can be moved around on the ground or B+ bus

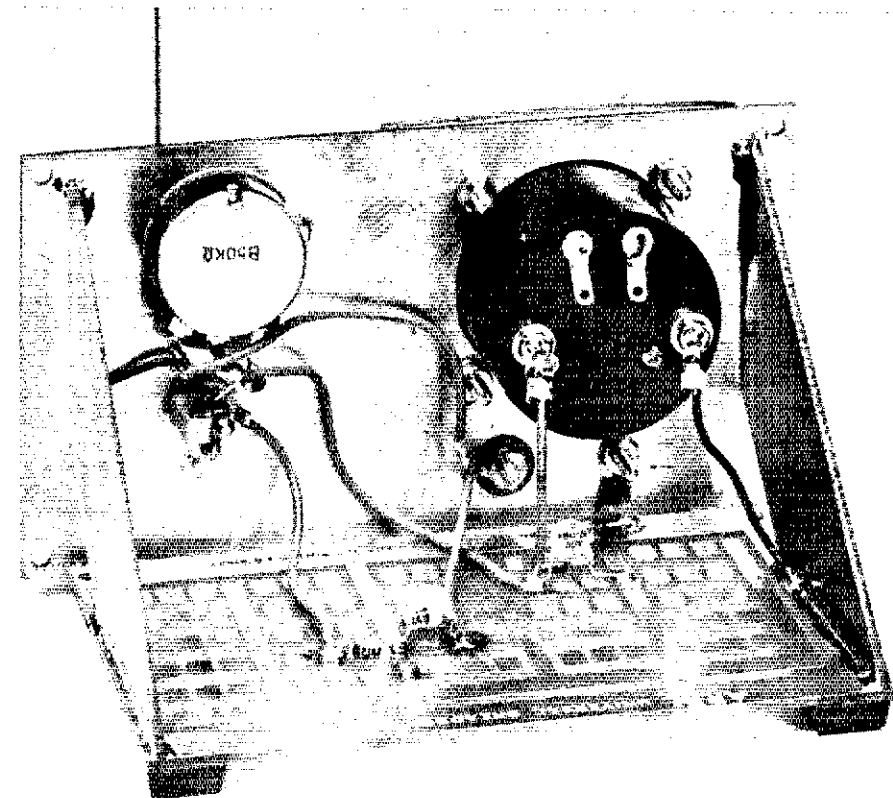


Fig. 4 — Rear view of the assembled sniffer. The front panel, side brackets and pc board are joined by means of solder. Plastic feet are attached to the bottom four corners of the pc board. See page 47 of September 1979 QST for a scale template of the etching pattern for the "universal breadboard."

in search of rf hot spots. Although toroid coils are inherently self-shielding (incapable of radiating rf energy), the probe will sample sufficient rf energy by virtue of capacitive coupling to provide meter deflection. This condition will become more pronounced as the operating frequency is made higher. As the operating frequency becomes lower, the sniffer probe becomes more and more dependent upon inductive coupling.

Tune-up Indicator: The sniffer and probe can be used when tuning up the various stages of a transmitter or local-oscillator chain in a receiver or converter. It must be remembered at all times that the sniffer is not frequency-sensitive. That is, it will respond to any frequency, which means that if a stage can be tuned to more than one frequency, the sniffer won't be able to tell which is which. So in tuning for maximum meter reading, we can be peaking a circuit just as easily for the wrong frequency as for the desired one. But once we're certain of the proper frequency, we can proceed by tuning the stages for maximum meter reading on the sniffer.

Shielding Tests: Some pieces of homemade and commercial transmitting equipment can cause TVI or fm-radio RFI

by means of stray radiation from the transmitter cabinet. Many times there is unwanted radiation from the circuits where frequency multiplication takes place. In some instances those frequencies are just right for causing TVI. We can use our sniffer and probe to check around the transmitter cabinet for rf "leaks." A good place to look for leakage is near the panel meter, blower-fan opening, cabinet lid and joints, microphone cable, keying leads, ac cord and remote-control cables. If one or more hot spots are noted, additional shielding or filtering may be required at those points.

Closing Comments

This little project is anything but new in concept. It isn't even complicated or beautiful. But, it has so many uses around the amateur station that each of us should have one. It's even great for making sure your 2-meter HT is transmitting. The next time you can't key up a repeater with your HT, get out the sniffer, attach the whip antenna, and see if your hand-held unit is sending out rf. Meanwhile, keep an eye on this column in QST for more interesting beginner projects which can be built on the "universal breadboard." QST

Better Results with Indoor Antennas

Limited to an antenna hidden under the roof? Then make the most of it. The W6HPH approach can help you optimize that attic-bound aerial and even lead you to a coveted DXCC certificate!

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Beyond any question, the best place for your antenna is outdoors and as high and in the clear as possible. Some of us, however, for legal, social, neighborhood, family or landlord reasons, are restricted to indoor antennas, a consequence of being denied the privilege for so much as a flagpole vertical outside.¹ Alternatively, having to settle for an indoor antenna (IA) is certainly a handicap for the amateur seeking effective radio communication, but that is not significant enough reason to abandon all operation in despair. In fact, worldwide communication leading to the acquisition of the prized DX Century Club award has been accomplished with an IA.

This article goes into some of the fine points of IAs and shows how the best possible results can be obtained. Understandably an inside antenna will not enable a station to offer real competition against another that has a tribander at 60 feet (18 m), but a few hours spent on optimizing IA performance can add many decibels to your signal at the receiving end.

First of all, we should be aware of the reasons why indoor antennas *do not* work well. Principal faults are (1) low height above ground — the IA cannot be placed higher than the highest peak of the roof, a point usually quite low in terms of wavelength at hf; (2) the IA must function in a lossy rf environment that involves close coupling to electrical wiring, guttering, plumbing and other parasitic conductors, besides dielectric losses in such non-conductors as wood, plaster and masonry;

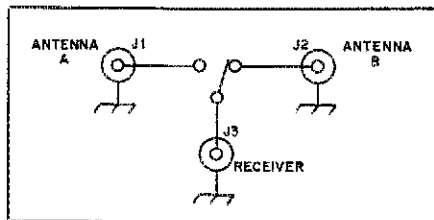


Fig. 1 — Certainly no one should be discouraged by the complexity of this circuit! When antennas are compared on fading signals, the time delay involved in disconnecting and reconnecting coaxial cables is too long for accurate measurements. A simple slide switch will do well for switching coaxial lines at hf. The four components can be mounted in a tin can or any small metal box. Leads should be short and direct. J1 through J3 are coaxial connectors.

(3) sometimes the IA must be made small in terms of a wavelength and (4) usually the IA cannot be rotated. These are appreciable handicaps. Nevertheless, global communication with an IA is still possible.

Some practical points *in favor* of the IA include (1) freedom from weathering effects and damage caused by wind, ice, rain, dust and sunlight (the SWR of an attic antenna, however, can be somewhat affected by a wet or snow-covered roof); (2) indoor antennas can be made from materials that would be altogether impractical outdoors, such as aluminum foil and thread (the IA need support only its own weight); (3) the supporting structure is already in place, eliminating the need for antenna masts and (4) the IA is readily accessible in all weather conditions simplifying pruning or tuning which can be ac-

complished without climbing or tilting over a tower.

Empiricism

A typical house or apartment involves such a complex electromagnetic environment that it is impossible to predict theoretically which location or orientation of the IA will work best. This is where good old-fashioned cut-and-try, use-what-works-best empiricism pays off. But to properly determine what really is most suitable requires an understanding of some antenna-measuring fundamentals.^{2,3}

Unfortunately, many amateurs do not know how to evaluate performance scientifically or compare one antenna with another. Typically, they will put up one antenna and try it out on the air to see how it "gets out" in comparison with a previous antenna. This is obviously a very poor evaluation method because there is no way to know if the better or worse reports are caused by changing band conditions, different S-meter characteristics or any of several other factors that could influence the reports received.

Many times the difference between two antennas or between two different locations for identical antennas amounts to only a few decibels, a difference that is hard to discern unless instantaneous switching between the two is possible. Those few decibels are not important under strong-signal conditions, of course, but when the going gets rough, as is often the case with an IA, a few dB can make the difference between copy and no copy.

Reciprocity

A very common misconception in antenna work is that the use of a

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transmitter is necessary in order to properly evaluate an antenna. This is not true and not even desirable. Testing with a transmitter can cause needless QRM. Because of reciprocity, only a receiver is needed.⁴ An important consequence of the reciprocity theorem is that any given antenna will perform exactly the same whether receiving or transmitting. Gain is the same, impedance is the same, losses are the same and the radiation pattern is the same. In short, practically any antenna measurement can be carried out in the receiving mode.

Very little in the way of test equipment is needed for antenna evaluation other than a communications receiver. You can even do a qualitative comparison by ear, if you can switch antennas instantaneously. Differences of less than 2 dB, however, are still hard to discern. The same is true of S meters. Signal-strength differences of less than a dB are not usually visible. If you want that last fraction of a dB, you should use an ac VTVM at the receiver audio output (with the agc turned off, of course).⁵

Ideally, the received signal should be a steady, unmodulated carrier from a source close enough to avoid fading. Now that a-m is obsolete, steady carriers are not so plentiful on our bands, but we do have cw and Teletype signals. Sometimes foreign broadcast carriers can be used. Sideband signals are not very useful because of their intermittent and fluctuating nature.

In order to compare two antennas, switching the coaxial transmission line from one to the other becomes necessary. No elaborate coaxial switch is needed; even a simple double-throw toggle or slide switch will provide more than 40 dB of isolation at hf. See Fig. 1. Switching by means of manually connecting and disconnecting coaxial lines is not recommended because that takes too long. Fading can cause strength changes during the changeover interval.

Whatever difference shows up in the strength of the received signal will be the difference in performance between the two antennas in the direction of that signal. For this test to be valid both antennas must have nearly the same feed-point impedance, a condition that is reasonably well met if the SWR is below 2.0 on both. If it is not, a matching device, such as any of many that have been described in *QST* or the *Handbook*, can be inserted in the coaxial line to bring the SWR down.

On ionospheric-propagated signals (sky wave) there will be constant fading and for a valid comparison it will be necessary to make an average of the difference between the two antennas. Occasionally, the inferior antenna will deliver a stronger signal to the receiver, but in the long run the law of averages will put the better antenna ahead.

Of course with a ground-wave signal,

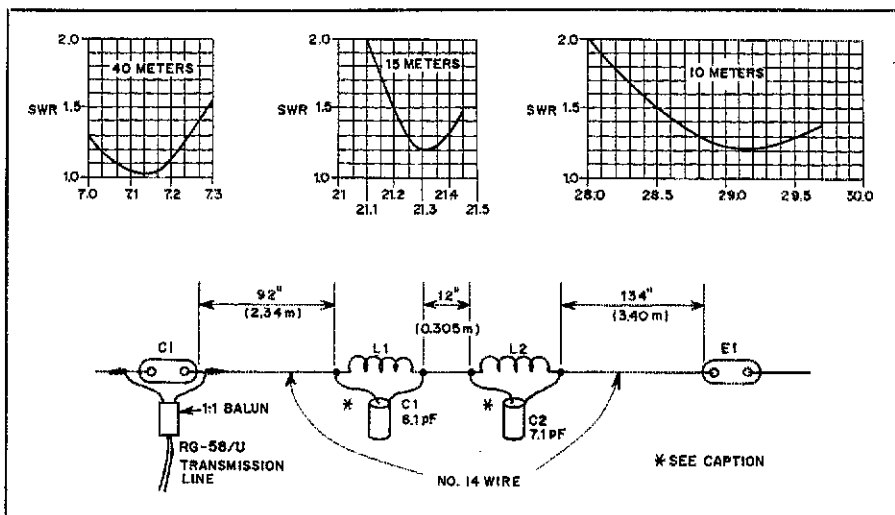


Fig. 2 — The author's attic antenna is a trap doublet designed for operation on 10, 15 and 40 meters. Only the right half of the doublet is shown here. The left half is identical to the right. C1 and L1 resonate at 29 MHz, while C2 and L2 resonate at 21.2 MHz. The graphs show the SWR behavior on the three bands.

C1 — 2.5-inch (64-mm) length of RG-8/U solid-dielectric cable.

C2 — 2.9-inch (74-mm) length of RG-8/U solid-dielectric cable.

L1 — 4.9 μ H; 9-1/2 turns of coil stock having

2-in. (51-mm) dia and 10 turns per inch (0.39 turns per mm). Suitable stock is B&W 3907-1, Air-Dux 1610T or Polycoids 1771.

L2 — 7.6 μ H; 13 turns of same coil stock specified for L1.

such as that from a station across town, there will be no fading problems. A ground-wave signal will enable the operator to properly evaluate the antenna under test in the direction of the source and will be valid for ionospheric propagated signals at low elevation angles in that direction. On 10 meters, all sky-wave signals arrive and leave at low angles. But on the lower bands, particularly 80 and 40 meters, we often use signals propagated at high elevation angles, almost up to the zenith. For these angles a ground-wave test will not provide a proper evaluation of the antenna and use of sky-wave signals becomes necessary.

Trap Dipoles

At hf the most practical IA is usually the dipole. Any attempt to get more gain with parasitic elements will usually fail because of close proximity of the ground or coupling to house wiring. Beam-antenna dimensions determined outdoors will not usually be valid for an attic antenna because the roof structure will cause dielectric loading of the parasitic elements. It is usually more worthwhile to spend time optimizing the location and performance of a dipole than to try to improve results with parasitic elements.

The trap dipole, Fig. 2, is an easy way to get multiband performance. For good SWR bandwidth, the traps should have a high L-to-C ratio. The capacitors can be made from short lengths of coaxial cable. Tuning is accomplished by snipping the cable to the proper length.⁶ The author's coils are wound on short lengths of 1-inch (25-mm) thinwall PVC pipe. PVC has a

bad reputation as a dielectric.⁷ At power levels up to 100 watts, however, the writer has experienced no problems with these coil forms.

In addition to providing multiband operation, the traps inductively load the dipole, making possible a resonant length shorter than a full half-wavelength on the lowest band of operation. Even with this loading, however, most attics are not long enough to accommodate a doublet for 75 meters. Many are not even large enough for a 40-meter aerial. This means some folding of the dipole will be necessary. The final shape of the antenna will depend upon the dimensions and configuration of the attic in which it is to be installed. Remember that the center of the dipole carries the most current and therefore does most of the radiating. This part should be as high and unfolded as possible. Because the dipole ends radiate less energy than the center, their orientation is not very important. They do carry a maximum voltage, nevertheless, so care should be taken to position the ends far enough from other conductors to avoid arcing. The dipole may end being L shaped, Z shaped, U shaped or some indescribable corkscrew shape, depending on what space is available.

In any event, some pruning to establish minimum SWR at the band center will be required. Tuning the antenna outdoors and then installing it inside is usually not feasible. The behavior of the antenna will not be the same when placed in the attic. Resonance will be somewhat affected if the antenna is bent. Even if it is placed in a straight line, parasitic conductors and

dielectric loading by nearby wood structures will affect the impedance. When properly tuned, the minimum SWR should be near the band center and well below 2.0. If the SWR does not drop below 2.0, it is advisable to use one of the aforementioned matching devices placed in the transmission line.

Orientation

Theoretically a vertical dipole is more effective at low radiation angles, but practical experience usually shows that the horizontal dipole is a better indoor antenna. Perhaps the theory fails because it assumes a perfectly conducting ground or because it does not take into account scattering from nearby structures in a typical urban environment. Also, of course, a given roof height permits the center of a horizontal dipole to be placed higher than the same dipole vertically polarized.

A horizontal dipole, however, exhibits directional effects. Theoretically there are nulls off the ends, especially at low radiation angles. Your dipole, therefore, should be broadside to directions in which you are interested in working. If you want 360-degree coverage, place two dipoles at right angles to each other with provision in the shack for switching between the two. In fact, this is a good idea even if you are not interested in 360-degree coverage, because the radiation patterns will inevitably be distorted in an unpredictable manner by parasitic conductors. There will be little coupling between the dipoles if they are oriented at right angles to each other as shown in Figs. 3A and 3B. There will be some coupling with the arrangement shown in Fig. 3C but even this orientation is preferable to a single dipole.

You may find that one dipole is consistently better in nearly all directions, in which case you will want to remove the inferior dipole, perhaps placing it someplace else. In this manner the best spots in the house or attic can be determined experimentally.

Parasitic Conductors

Inevitably, any conductor in your house near a quarter wave in length or longer will be parasitically coupled to your IA. The word *parasitic* is particularly appropriate in this case because these conductors will sap energy from your transmitter and leave less for radiation into space. Unlike the parasitic elements in a beam antenna, conductors such as house wiring and plumbing are usually connected to lossy objects such as earth, electrical appliances, masonry or other objects that can dissipate energy. Even where this energy is reradiated, it is not likely to be in the right phase in the desired direction.

There are, however, some things that can be done about parasitic conductors. The most obvious is to reroute them at right angles to the IA or close to the

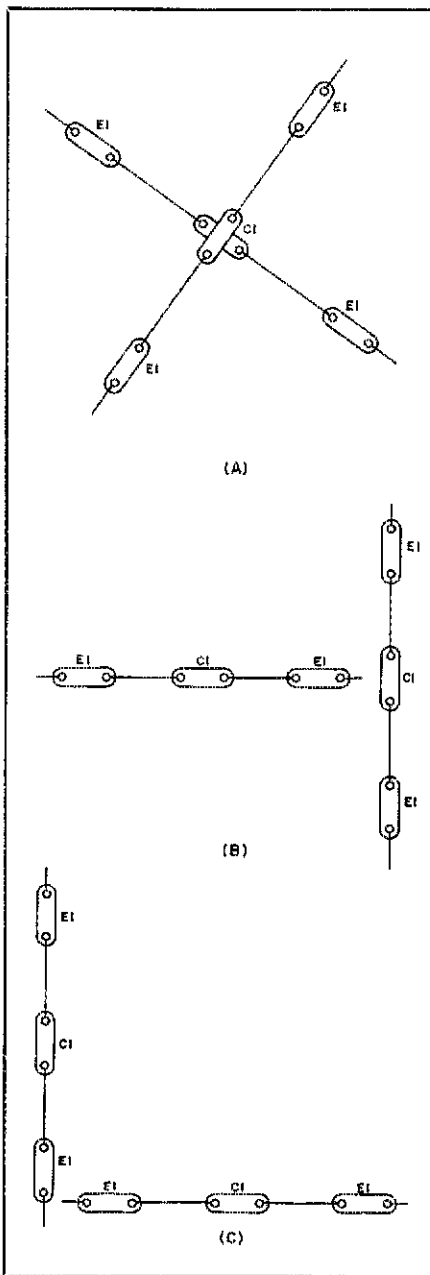


Fig. 3 — Ways to orient a pair of perpendicular doublets for 360-degree coverage. The orientations of A and B will result in no mutual coupling between the two dipoles, but there will be some coupling with the configuration shown at C. End (EI) and center (CI) insulators are shown.

ground, or even underground — procedures that are usually not feasible in a finished home. Where these conductors cannot be rerouted, other measures can be taken. Electrical wiring can be broken up with rf chokes to prevent the flow of radio-frequency currents while permitting 60-Hz current (or audio, in the case of telephone wires) to flow unimpeded. A typical rf choke for a power line can be 100 turns of no. 10 insulated wire close-wound on a length of 1-inch (25-mm) dia

plastic pipe. Of course one choke will be needed for each conductor. A three-wire line calls for three chokes.

The Resonant Breaker

Obviously, rf chokes cannot be used on conductors such as metal conduit or water pipes. But it is still possible, surprising as it may seem, to obstruct rf currents on such conductors without breaking the metal.

You may suspect there is a bit of legerdemain in resolving the problem of rf on those conductors. Fig. 4 discloses how this is done. A figure eight loop is inductively coupled to the parasitic conductor and is resonated to the desired frequency with a variable capacitor. The result is a very high impedance induced in series with the pipe, conduit or wire. This impedance will block the flow of radio-frequency currents. The figure-eight coil can be thought of as two turns of an air-core toroid and since the parasitic conductor threads through the hole of this core, there will be tight coupling between the two. Inasmuch as the figure-eight coil is parallel resonated, transformer action will reflect a high impedance in series with the linear conductor.

Before you bother with a "resonant breaker" of this type, first be sure that there is a significant amount of rf current flowing in the parasitic conductor. The relative magnitude of this current can be determined with an rf current probe of the type shown in Fig. 5.⁸

The current probe also uses a figure-eight coil. The principle of operation is very simple. Rf magnetic fields from *distant* conductors will induce equal voltages in the two loops of the coil. Because these two loops are wound in opposite directions, the resulting two induced voltages will cancel and not be detected by the germanium diode. But when the loop is placed against a conductor as shown in Fig. 5, the magnetic field surrounding the conductor will induce voltages in the two loops, which, instead of subtracting, will add in phase. As a consequence, presence of the field will be detected and indicated on the meter.

In this way measuring relative rf currents on parasitic conductors is possible with immunity from radiation that comes directly from the antenna. According to the rule of thumb regarding parasitic conductor current, if it measures less than 1/10 of that measured near the center of the dipole, the parasitic current is generally not large enough to be of concern.

The current probe is also needed for resonating the breaker after it is installed. Normally, the resonant breaker will be placed on the parasitic conductor near the point of maximum current. When it is tuned through resonance, there will be a sharp dip in rf current, as indicated by the current probe. Of course, the resonant breaker will be effective only on one

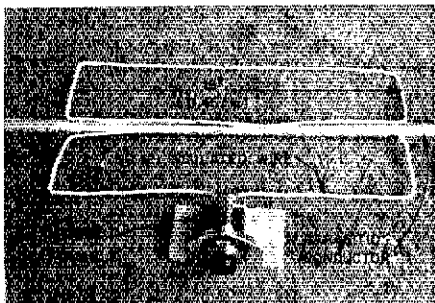


Fig. 4 — A "resonant breaker" such as shown above can be used to obstruct radio-frequency currents in a conductor without the need to break the conductor physically. A vernier dial is recommended for use with the variable capacitor because tuning is quite sharp. The 100-pF capacitor is in series with the loop. This resonant breaker tunes through 10, 15 and 20 meters. Larger models may be constructed for 40 or 80 meters.

band. You will need one for each band where there is significant current as measured by the probe.

The current probe is also handy for other uses such as a field-strength meter or wavemeter. To use it as a field-strength meter, the figure-eight loop is replaced with a large circular loop of wire. When employed as a wavemeter, the figure-eight coil is replaced with a calibrated parallel-tuned circuit.


Power-Handling Capability

So far, all our experiments have been limited to the IA as a receiving antenna, except for the current measurements where it is necessary to supply a very small amount of power (1 watt is more than enough) to the antenna. These measurements will not indicate the full

power-handling capability of the IA. Any tendency to flash over must be determined by running full power or preferably somewhat more than the peak power you intend to use. The IA should be carefully checked for arcing or rf heating before you do any operating. Bear in mind that attics are indeed vulnerable to fire hazards.

VHF

At 2 meters and above, the IA is small enough to be rotated easily; it is also small enough to be readily mounted on a stick and moved around the house or attic. This makes probing for the best location possible. Often just moving the IA a few feet can make a 20-dB difference in signal strength. The optimum location will usually be optimum in only one direction. Therefore it should be determined for the most difficult direction or the direction you are most interested in working. To determine the best location will require a steady carrier in the direction of interest. This can be provided by a station across town or by a signal source in your car which can be parked a few blocks away in the desired direction.

By way of conclusion, I heartily recommend that if you are among the "under-privileged" amateurs who have relegated Amateur Radio equipment to the closet for want of an antenna, pull the heap from those dust-covered boxes and go IA. The world could be waiting for you! 

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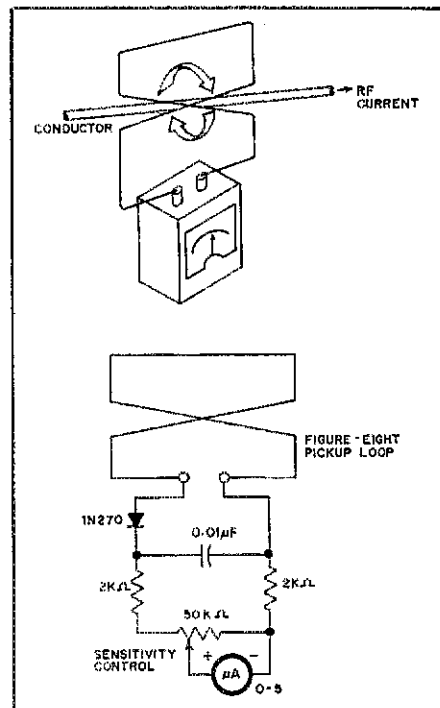


Fig. 5 — This current probe, constructed in a 3 × 4 × 5-inch (76 × 102 × 127-mm) enclosure, can be used to measure relative rf current in any conductor. The instrument may also serve as a field-strength meter or a wavemeter. Arrows show how the magnetic field surrounding the conductor threads through the figure-eight loop. The author's model contains a 5-µA meter but a less expensive meter movement, such as a 50-µA unit, may be employed. If a 0- to 1-mA meter is used, the sensitivity control should be changed to 10 kΩ.

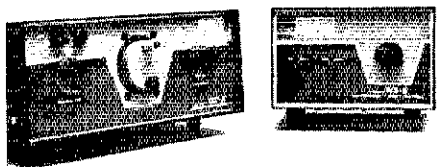
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Strays



Fred Hurteau, WD4SKH, designed the cabinets of his Ultimate Transmatch and Wattmeter to match his Drake R-4A. The cabinets were built out of sheet-metal scraps. The wattmeter was constructed as a complete unit instead of with a remote sensing head, so it could be placed inside the larger cabinet with the coax switch. The wattmeter can be removed from the cabinet, allowing it to be used remotely. (WD4SKH photo)

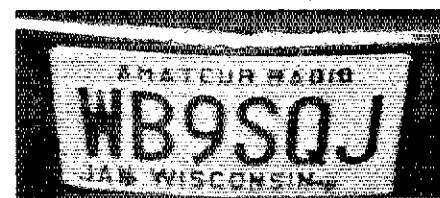


Elsewhere in this issue you'll find all the news that's fit to print about Field Day 1979. Here's a glimpse of Field Day 1946, the first postwar event. During the past 33 years, the ranks of those participating in Field Day have swelled from 1936 to 23,612, but some things have stayed about the same. Sam Arn, who was then W9KWX and president of the group in the photo, the Elgin (IL) ARS, is now K6TSD and president of Swan Electronics. Our thanks to him for the use of this photo.

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Wisconsin's new license plates, perhaps the first to state *Amateur Radio*, help Winfred A. Ross, WB9S0J, proclaim his interest in the hobby. (WB9S0J photo)

A Microprocessor-Based Morse Keyboard

Here's a good way to learn about microprocessors and make a worthwhile addition to the ham shack at the same time!

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I had just come back to ham radio after years of inactivity and had heard a lot about Morse keyboards. I decided that building one would be a worthy project for my microprocessor. In addition, it would give me the incentive to find out how the darned thing worked.

You can get into the microcomputer business at one of three levels.** You can build from scratch, selecting and buying the individual ICs, designing and fabricating the board and then trying to get the finished assembly to work. You can, alternatively, obtain a completed microcomputer board, or purchase a complete system like the Radio Shack TRS-80 or Apple II.

The trouble with starting from scratch is that you need to be an expert to begin with or you'll never get there. A top-of-the-line, completed system will certainly get you there, but it's so far removed from the chip level that you'll probably gain no insight into what's happening inside.

There is another way, however. If you're just after the Morse keyboard itself, you can buy a completed unit or kit. So why would you still be better off going to all the trouble described here? Well, aside from learning a good deal about microcomputers, the changes and improvements you can make with a programmable system are limited only by your time and ingenuity. You are working with a full-blown, albeit small, *computer!*

Before going any further, let's make a

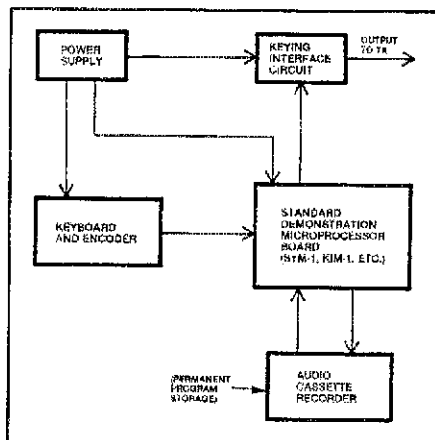


Fig. 1 — Block diagram of the keyboard system. Lest all of these blocks frighten you, I should tell you that the only scratch-built circuit is the keying interface. It consists of a single DIP IC.

distinction between two important terms, *hardware* and *software*. The wires, ICs, circuit boards and other components are the system hardware. Software refers to the *program* information that is loaded into the system. The software can be changed easily by the programmer.

What Do You Need to Get Started?

What sort of hardware is necessary to implement a microprocessor-based Morse keyboard? Fig. 1 shows a block diagram of the complete system. Assuming that you have a microcomputer board and a power supply to start with, there isn't much to it. If you don't here are some thoughts on selection.

First, the microprocessor should be able to communicate with the outside world. This requires a keypad and some sort of display, which will let you talk to it and

see what it is doing. It needs an *I/O* (input/output) capability of at least nine *lines* of input and *latched* output. The term "line" refers to the solid-state equivalent of one contact-closure input or output. A latched output is like a light switch. Once you set it (turn it on or off) it stays that way until you change it. The microprocessor also requires an ability to *interface* to a cassette recorder for storing and reloading programs. This is essential because a power interruption will convert the erasable portion of memory into garbage and some programming errors will give similar results. Happiness is being able to reload from tape rather than having to start from scratch!

Second, the microcomputer should have a reasonable amount of random access memory (RAM). RAM is a somewhat misleading term used to identify memory elements that can be changed during program execution. As such, RAM can be used for temporary storage of program instructions and calculations. One kilobyte (1024 eight-bit words) of RAM is more than adequate for Morse-keyboard software.

Third, the microprocessor should have a strong resident monitor program to control input to the keypad, handle the display and cassette-recorder interface, and simplify debugging. Such a program is usually supplied with the microcomputer board in read only memory (ROM). ROM, unlike RAM, is not *volatile*; that is, it doesn't "forget" when power is removed. As the name implies, you can read from ROM, but you can't write into it. Programming errors or power interruptions won't affect it.

Last, the microcomputer board should contain at least one programmable timer. The programmable timer can be thought of as the microcomputer alarm clock. A

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**[Editor's Note: The terms "microprocessor" and "microcomputer" are not used interchangeably, although it may seem so to one not familiar with the terminology. A microprocessor (μP) is a single integrated circuit in a simple microcomputer system. The μP interprets the program instructions and processes data or controls events as a result. The microprocessor is sometimes called the central processing unit (CPU).]

time delay can be programmed into the timer by software routines. When that programmed time has elapsed, the timer notifies the microprocessor.

Most of the "demonstration" microcomputer boards now on the market meet the above criteria. I found the second generation KIM-1 and the third generation SYM-1 boards to be particularly well suited to the task. The SYM-1 represents a considerable advance over the KIM-1 and lends itself to future expansion for more advanced projects. In addition to these, Rockwell and Ohio Scientific both have new boards and typewriter-key switches built into them. These units, while more expensive, require less interconnection to get the system up and running. All of these systems are based on the 6502 microprocessor. This chip has a powerful instruction set and is easily interfaced with 6500 and 6800 family support chips.

The KIM and SYM boards don't have keyboards so I did some fast shopping and discovered that Radio Shack had a discontinued keyboard kit. My local store still had one of these collecting dust. I bought the kit and the ICs that I didn't have in my junk box for \$35. Parallel-encoded ASCII keyboards are available from several of the experimenter electronic supply houses. You can get them either as kits or wired and tested. Prices range from less than \$50 to more than \$75. One handy item included with some units is a set of LEDs connected to the output lines. These tell you what the keyboard is trying to say to the microprocessor and are a great help in initial debugging. My keyboard didn't have this feature so I wired LEDs and their accompanying series resistors on some unused terminals of the mating edge connector.

The only remaining hardware problem is one of interfacing the microcomputer board to the transmitter. One of the beauties of my Ten Tec Century 21 transceiver is that it can be keyed with an IC logic gate. The entire keying circuit (the only circuit that I had to design for this project) consisted of that single gate. For transmitters having other styles of keying, a Darlington circuit and a relay should be a simple solution. Interfacing a microprocessor I/O port to relays can be a bit tricky, so you should consult the instruction manual for the manufacturer's recommended techniques. Some of the latest boards have relay-driver transistors included on board.

With all that expensive electronics sitting around, you need something to protect it. Rather than buying a fancy (and relatively expensive) enclosure specially tailored for the microcomputer board, you can make two boxes out of wood scraps as I did. After I mounted the boards in their boxes, I covered them with plastic storm-window material. The final product looks nice and allows shack

visitors to view all that impressive integrated circuitry.

Defining the Goals

The first step in designing software for a microprocessor-based system is the development of a set of specifications. Never mind that some of those specs turn out later to be impractical; at least you have an initial set of goals to guide your subsequent work. As further design details are worked out, you can get a bit more pragmatic and modify the original specs to meet reality (such as cost limitations, available project time, and so on).

Here are the original specifications that I drew up:

1) Programming should be straightforward. To get the system up and running quickly, I would not try to be subtle with my coding. Instead, I would use the easiest programming technique that came to mind. Frills could be added later if they turned out to be desirable.

2) The program should be broken down into a series of separate routines. Each routine would cover one keyboard operating function. This would separate the program into functional blocks both to facilitate coding and to simplify debugging.

3) Information (text) that is typed into the keyboard should be stored in a buffer, and transmission should be made from that buffer. Since this is going to be machine-synthesized code, it should sound that way and not contain operator-generated spacing glitches.

4) The system should continuously display the amount of unused buffer storage space and the transmitted code speed. Both of these displays should flash on and off as an alert when the buffer is nearly filled.

5) The system should have backspace and abort keys. The backspace would allow me to correct any typographical errors if I was far enough ahead of the character being sent to backspace and correct it. The abort key would allow me to correct really drastic blunders in typing, and would facilitate break-in operation.

Getting It All Together

Some three weeks of evenings later, I had about 15 pages of untried program written out. Hint: You should have one or two lines of explanation for every instruction you write down. My completed program had better than 500 instructions and data words. It's darned easy to come back a week later (or even the next evening) and not have the vaguest idea of what you were trying to accomplish in a particular part of the program.

Initial loading was complicated by tape-recorder troubles. I gather from some of my local friends that I'm not the only one to have such heartaches. After several evenings of hair tearing, I discovered that the microprocessor quite literally couldn't

read its own writing. When I tried to record on a tape, the computer board drove the cassette recorder audio circuit into distortion so that it wouldn't read correctly during playback. Once I discovered the source of the problem, I cured it in five minutes by shunting a 10- Ω resistor across the record plug.

Debugging a program of this complexity is best done in pieces. Using the microcomputer resident monitor, I spent several evenings single-stepping through the various routines and testing each piece of decision-point logic. I found that in my original program I made all three of the classic errors several times over. First, there were a number of places where my original logic was faulty. Second, even when my logic was correct, I had often miscoded the instructions (used the wrong digits for a particular machine instruction). And last but not least, there were more than a few instances where I simply entered the wrong information into memory!

A word of warning: Once you've loaded the program, put it on tape before trying it out. Mistakes have a nasty habit of spreading "garbage" all through a beautiful program that you've just spent the evening entering by hand. Happiness, when this happens, is being able to reload from tape. It's a good idea to use high-quality tape and to record the program several times. This procedure will reduce the chances that a tape glitch will clobber you.

Finally the night arrived when I got everything working at the same time. I plugged the keying output plug into the transceiver key jack and tuned up on the low end of 40 meters. Wow! I'd never used a Morse keyboard before and it sure was nice! I originally started the keyboard project as an excuse to learn more about the microcomputer. Ever since I was a kid I've been involved in the age-old debate about how mechanical (and more recently electronic) gadgets depersonalize your fist. In the first five minutes on the air I realized that even though I had "depersonalized" myself, I sure sounded better on the air.

Probably the biggest change that I made in the system as a result of operating experience was to expand the buffer. The initial 64-character buffer grew to 96 and I'm now using 128! True happiness is being able to say what you want to say at the rate you want to type, without having to stop and wait for the transmission to catch up with you. Once I have the message typed into the buffer, I like to sit back and listen to my long-winded comments and typographical errors go out over the airwaves in perfect Morse.

Decimal, Binary and Hexadecimal Arithmetic

To be able to talk about the software, we're going to need some exposure to the

Table 1

Hexadecimal and decimal number systems compared.

Hexadecimal	Decimal
0	0
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
A	10
B	11
C	12
D	13
E	14
F	15
10	16
11	17

and so on

counting technique used by the microprocessor. People usually count with a number system based on 10, and our numbering system contains 10 digits: zero through nine. With these 10 digits and multiples of 10, we can build any number we wish. For example, $9723 = 9 \times 1000 + 7 \times 100 + 2 \times 10 + 3 \times 1$. This is called the *decimal* system.

Rather than trying to equip electronic circuits with 10 fingers, the circuit designers found it easier to express things as combinations of *on* and *off*. This limits the circuit to two possible states, or what is called a *binary* system. By being limited to just these two possible states, we are forced to build a numbering system based on two digits, *zero* (off) and *one* (on).¹ As an example, if we wanted to express 27_{10} (the subscript indicates that the number 27 is expressed in the decimal system) in binary, we would write $27_{10} = 2 \times 10^1 + 7 \times 10^0 = 1 \times 2^4 + 1 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$. Thus, $27_{10} = 1 \times 16 + 1 \times 8 + 0 \times 4 + 1 \times 2 + 1 \times 1 = 11011_2$.

Small microcomputers like the one I used in preparing this article usually work with eight binary *bits* or digits at a time. This set of eight bits is referred to as one *byte* or *word*. Note that if we were working with a 16-bit microprocessor each byte would consist of 16 bits. Anyhow, with our eight-bit byte, we can express a number between zero and 255_{10} with those eight bits.

Expressing a decent-sized number with the binary system can be quite cumbersome. Therefore, still another system was devised for use as a sort of shorthand for expressing binary numbers. This system is

based on 16 and is referred to as *hexadecimal*. For a base-16 system we need 16 digits. The zero through nine numbering system is extended with the letters A through F so that we now have system shown in Table 1. Rather than subscripting hexadecimal numbers, they are typically prefixed with a dollar sign. For example, $\$13 = 19_{10}$. Confusing, isn't it?

You may be wondering why hexadecimal is even used. The answer is that four binary bits can be neatly expressed with just *one* hexadecimal digit. Our eight-bit binary byte is expressed as two hexadecimal digits having a range from zero to $\$FF$ (255_{10}).

The Main Program

With software techniques, you have to start somewhere. While this may sound trite, for many people the initial steps in organizing the program are usually the hardest, even though they're fairly straightforward from a machine-instruction standpoint.

The main program is the backbone of the software. It serves to connect the functional elements together into a workable system. To get started, the first step is to ask yourself: "What general operations must be performed?" My answer to this, flow charted in Fig. 2, was:

1) Initialize the program. This initialization consists of setting up any constants that will be needed, telling the program what speed to start with, setting up the storage buffer, and initializing the main clock, which keeps time for the program.

2) Check the main clock. If it isn't timed out, "waste time" until it is. Once the clock is timed out, proceed into the functional blocks of the program that follow.

3) Reset and start the main clock.

4) Update the logic that causes the display to flash when the buffer is nearly filled.

5) Service the send-control routine, performing the steps that it requires during this time period. (This will be covered in more detail later.)

6) Service the keyboard routine to see if a character is being inputted from the keyboard.

7) Return to service the main clock, step two above.

Keyboard Input

From here, the next step is to write the keyboard routine. This must be finished next, because the results it produces will affect virtually everything else that follows. In order to block out the keyboard logic, you must consider several items.

First, the keyboard circuit feeds the microprocessor a *parallel* ASCII signal. This means that a numerical representation of the depressed key is fed to the microprocessor in the form of eight bits

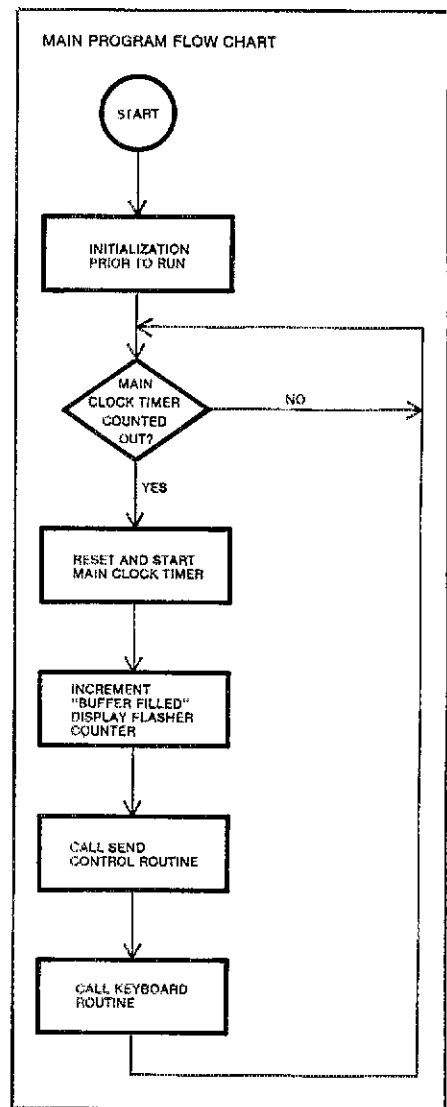


Fig. 2 — Flow chart of the main program showing major routines. Once initiated, this sequence is repeated continuously. An entry or absence of entries to the keyboard governs what happens in each routine.

presented simultaneously. Seven of these bits represent the key character or function itself, and the eighth is a *strobe* bit. The logic value of the strobe bit tells the microprocessor whether the key is active (newly depressed) or simply a holdover from a previous keystroke. This keeps a key from being repeated when it is held down.

My keyboard has no provision for *debouncing* — that is, there is nothing to prevent a very brief intermittent contact (as the key switch is just closing or opening) from entering multiple characters. I had set the period for the main clock to be about five milliseconds, so I decided to require that a character be present for three *consecutive* periods for it to be entered. This meant that a key would have to be depressed for between 10 and 15 milliseconds.

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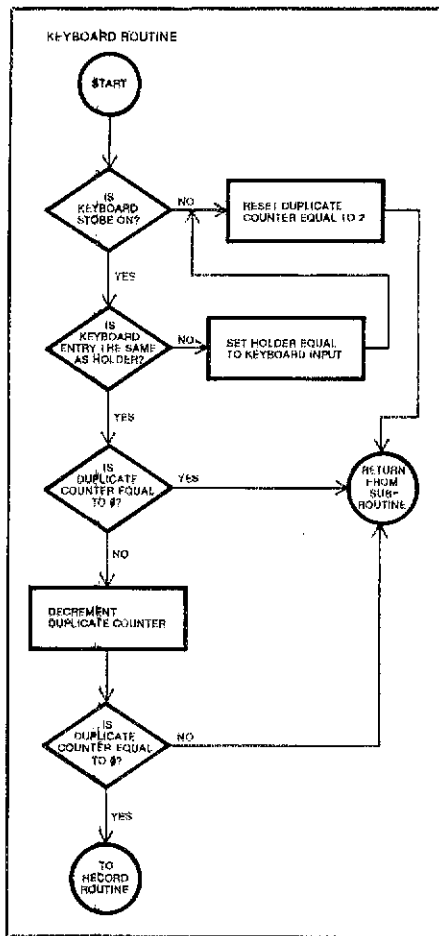


Fig. 3 — To eliminate noise and keybounce problems, the keyboard routine requires that the same ASCII input be present on three consecutive scans. If it isn't, the routine resets the duplicate counter (DUP CTR) and starts over. It also prevents multiple-character entries for one key depression.

This sequence, flow charted in Fig. 3, works as follows: If a character has appeared less than three times it is written into a scratch-pad memory location, called a *holder*, and the number of times it has appeared is updated. Then we leave the keyboard routine. If the character has been entered *more* than three times, the key hasn't been released yet so it is ignored and we leave the routine. If it has appeared just three times it is a valid input and the program goes to the *record routine*.

Recording into the Buffer

Before getting into the nitty gritty of the *record routine*, let's see what form a key input takes. I decided to limit the keyboard inputs to lower-case characters. Just to make sure I didn't confuse the microprocessor with my poor typing, I inserted cigarette paper between the contacts of the keyboard shift keys to disable them.

The inputted key data fall into two

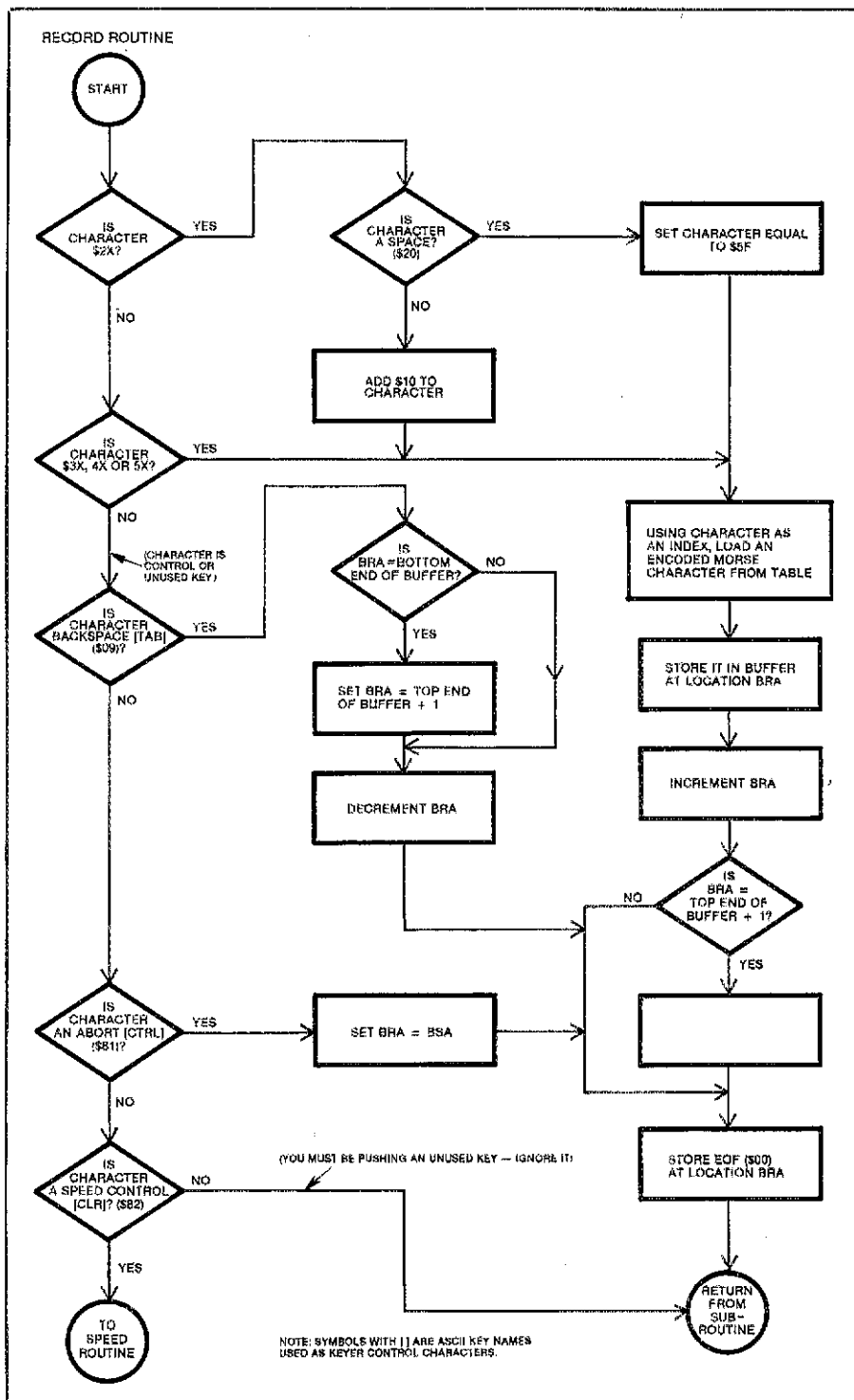


Fig. 4 — The record routine takes a valid keyboard input and either stores it in the buffer (if it is a character), or acts on it (if it is a control input).

categories, *control characters* and *sendable characters*. The *record routine* examines the character supplied to it to see whether it is sendable or control. If the character is a control character, the program branches out to execute the steps dictated by that character. If it is a sendable character it is used as an *indirect address* to find the corresponding encoded Morse character. Indirect addressing is a type of microprocessor machine function

that uses a number, in this case the numerical representation of the key input, to form the memory address of the information being sought. These steps are shown in Fig. 4.

To understand what happens next in the case of a sendable character, let's look at the character buffer depicted in Fig. 5. The buffer depicted there has space for 128₁₀ (\$80) characters. Characters to be sent are loaded into the buffer by the

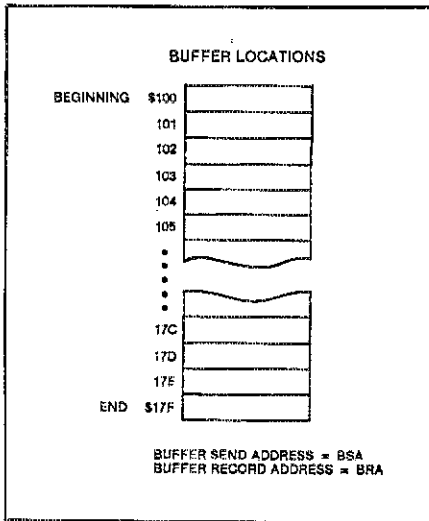


Fig. 5 — A representation of the recirculating storage buffer concept. This buffer is used to store keyboard input until it is ready for transmission. When the last byte is used (at \$17F), the pointer that tells the program what comes next is reset to the beginning, and continues on from there. Thus, if you don't get too far ahead of what is being transmitted (\$7F or 127₁₀ characters ahead for buffer size shown), you can continue typing forever! Two pointers are associated with the buffer. The *buffer-send address* tells the program what location is next for sending, and the *buffer-record address* indicates the same for recording from the keyboard. BRA, which is the location *after* the last character recorded, has an *end of file* character written into it as part of every keyboard-entry operation. The send routine always checks for an EOF to prevent it from passing the latest keyboard entry.

record routine. When the program is ready to send the character, the send routine will take it from the buffer and perform the operations necessary to send it.

To keep track of what goes where, there are two *pointers*. The pointers are storage locations in memory. These contain the address of the next memory location into which a character is to be recorded (the buffer record address or BRA) and the address from which the next character is to be sent (the buffer send address or BSA). When either of these addresses reaches the top of the buffer, it is reset to point to the bottom. This effectively makes the buffer continuous or *recirculating* — it can be used over and over again.

If you stop typing, what keeps the BSA from passing the BRA and going on and on? Though we could play tricks with comparisons between BRA and BSA pointers, I chose to write an *end of file* (EOF) character in the next higher buffer location after a record operation. When we get to the send routine, we'll see that one of the first things it looks for is an EOF. If it finds one, it will exit from the routine.

In the case of an *abort key*, the BRA

and BSA pointers are both reset to zero and an EOF is written into the number zero buffer location. For backspace, the BRA is *decremented* (reduced by one) and an EOF is written into the memory location it now points to in the buffer. Logic is included in the backspace routine for adjustment of the BRA if we've decremented it below zero. This correction is accomplished by adding the buffer size (\$80) to the pointer. This prevents the pointer from showing an invalid address.

Sending a Character

In working through the *send control routine*, we need to look first at timing techniques. The main clock establishes the time base. Dits, dahs and spaces are integral-length multiples of the clock period. The basic multiplying element is provided by the *speed routine* which we'll look into later. This element is the number of main clock durations which will represent a dot interval. Each time a new dot interval is started, the *send counter* is preset to this multiplier. Every pass of the program through the send control routine causes the send counter to be decremented, as shown in Fig. 6. If it isn't zero after decrementing, the program sequence exits from the routine.

If the send counter is zero after decrementing, it is reset and a second counter, the dit-dah-space counter (DDSC), is decremented. The DDSC has been preset depending on what the send routines are doing. To send a dit, it would be preset to two; a dah gets a four preset. In both cases, the duration includes the time to send the dit or dah plus the time to send the *intracharacter space* following it. At the end of a character, the DDSC is set to two so that the total *intercharacter space* is equal in duration to a dah.

The DDSC is now decremented and tested. If it is zero, it is time to go looking for another character to send, causing action to shift to the *letter prep routine*. If the DDSC is a one, the transmitter is turned off and we exit from the send control routine. Note that the transmitter may not have been keyed to start with, but turning it off again won't hurt anything! If the DDSC is *greater* than one we're still in the process of doing something, so we simply exit from the routine.

Preparation for Sending

The letter prep routine is flow charted in Fig. 7. Much of this routine is taken up by steps used in the handling of buffer pointers and calculating the remaining buffer space.

We still have another counter to look after — the *letter counter*. To understand what this is, refer to the diagram shown in Fig. 8. In sending a character, the routine *left shifts*. This means that it moves each bit one place to the left, moves what was the left-most bit into the carry register and moves a zero into the right-most position.

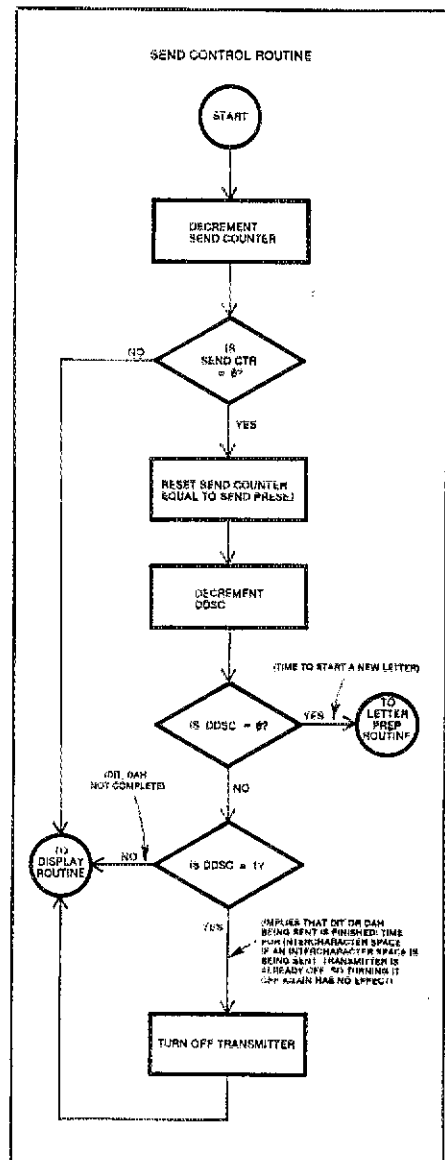


Fig. 6 — Flow diagram of the send-control routine. Note that anytime the send control doesn't require letter preparation, exit is via the display routine. This is done to make the seven-segment display as bright as possible. When letter preparation is required, the display is bypassed because there is insufficient time to perform both letter prep and display servicing before the main clock times out.

The bit that was shifted into the carry register is tested and action is taken depending on whether it is a zero or a one. The letter counter counts how many of these shifts have occurred on a given character. By definition, after eight shifts the character is finished because there were only eight bits to begin with.

So then, the first step on entry into the letter prep routine is to see if the letter counter is zero. If it isn't, we're already in the process of sending something, so we branch to continue that sequence. If it *is* zero, we use the BSA pointer to get the next character to be sent.

The new character is tested to see if it is an *end of file*. If it is, the send and dit-

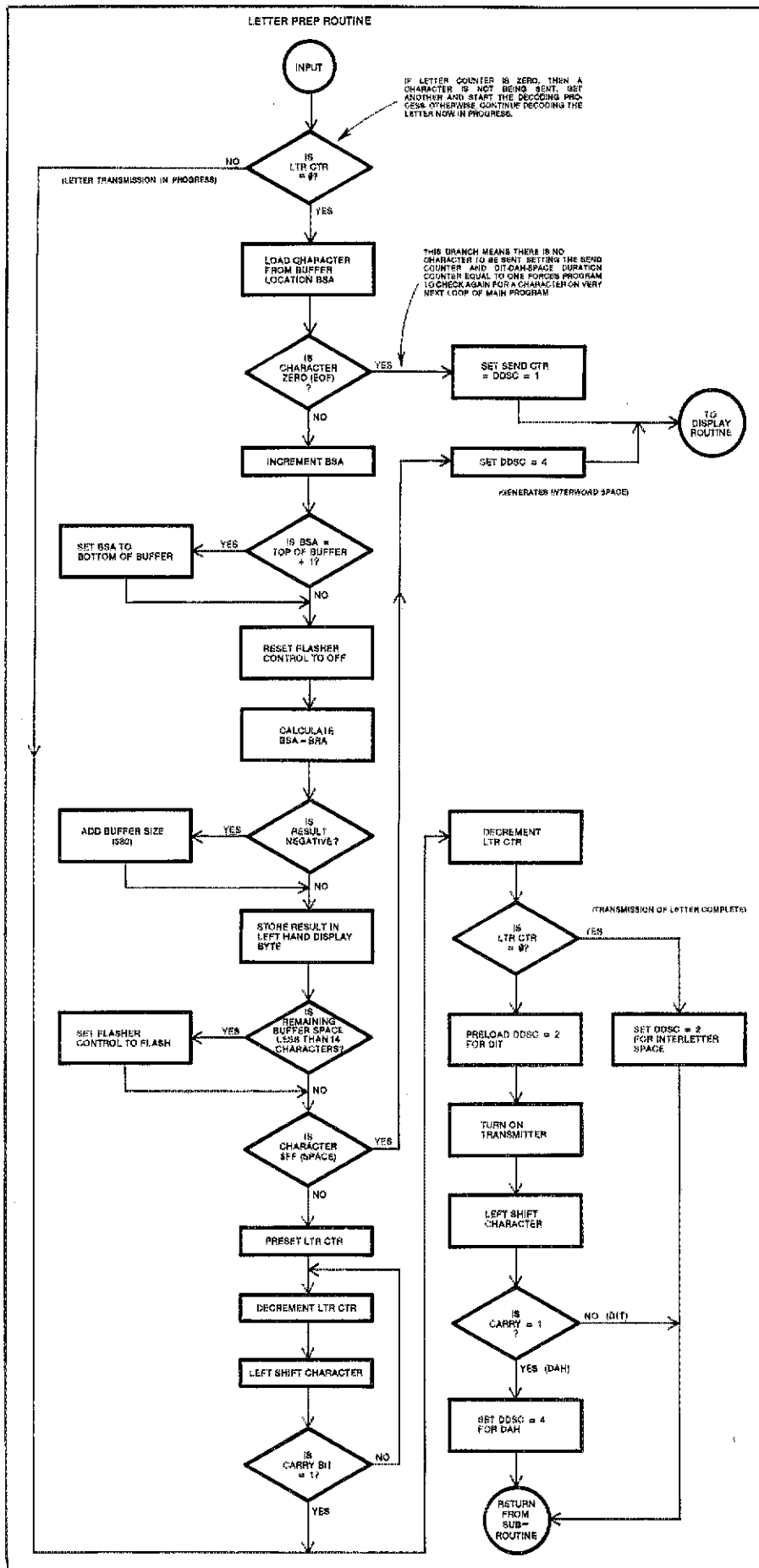


Fig. 7 — The letter-preparation routine decodes and sends a character from the storage location in the buffer.

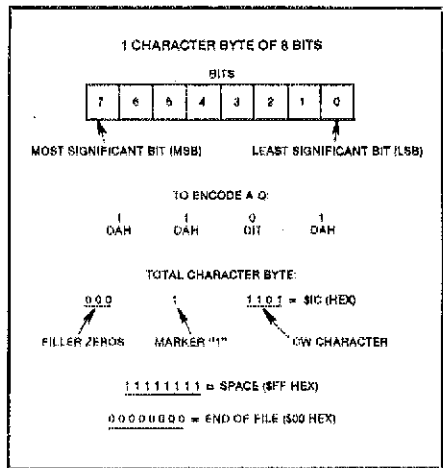


Fig. 8 — This diagram shows the Morse character coding used for buffer storage. The technique used here will handle any combination of up to seven code elements (dits or dahs) per character. The algorithm seeks the most significant (left-most) ONE bit. It discards this ONE "marker" bit and all bits to the left of it. Bits to the right are part of the stored character. Ones represent dahs; zeros represent dits. Since the algorithm won't handle more than seven code elements, you can't send an error sign — no mistakes are permitted!

dah-space counters are set to one and we exit from the sequence. Setting both of these to one will cause us to try for a new character again the very next time the main program goes through the send-control routine.

Assuming we don't have an EOF, the BSA is advanced and the remaining buffer space is calculated. To do this, the record pointer BRA is subtracted from the send pointer BSA, and the buffer size, \$80, is added to the result. During the process, the flasher control word is set to off (zero). The remaining buffer space is then checked to see if it is less than 14₁₀ characters. If it is, the flasher control word is set to on.

The character is tested to see if it is a space character (\$FF). If so, the dit-dah-space counter is set to four and we exit. This four, together with the three dit intervals of space that we'll see occur at the end of every character gives a total of seven dit intervals of space for the *inter-word* spacing.

Now we're ready to start decoding the character for transmission. The letter counter is preset to nine to initialize the loop. Next we want to left-shift the character until we shift off the first one. This will indicate that the following bit is the first part of the character to be sent (see Fig. 8). To accomplish this we decrement the letter counter to keep track of where we are in the character, then left-shift it. If the *most significant* (highest positioned) bit of the character was a one before the shift, it will be moved out into the carry-bit register of the microcomputer. We then test the carry register to

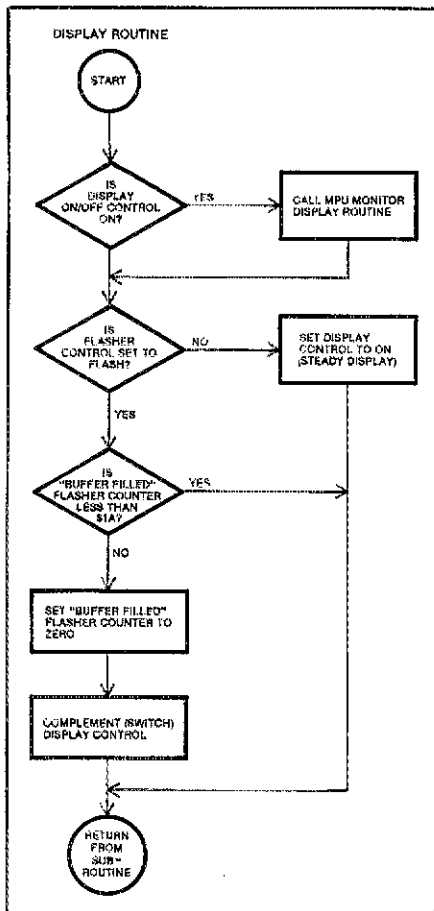


Fig. 9 — The display subroutine displays a two-digit speed in the right-hand display byte, and a two-digit hexadecimal count of the remaining buffer size in the left-hand display byte. When buffer space runs low (as calculated in the letter prep routine — Fig. 7), the display is flashed on and off at about 4 Hz as a warning.

see if it is *set* (equal to one). If not, we do another decrement, shift and test, repeating until we *do* get a set carry bit. When this occurs all that remains is the character, so we're ready to start sending.

At this point we again decrement the letter counter and check to see if it is zero. If it is, we've completed the letter and are ready for an intracharacter space so we set the dit-dah-space counter to two and exit. If it isn't equal to zero, then we are about to send something.

The dit-dah-space counter is preset to two (for a dit and intracharacter space) and then the transmitter is turned on. The character is then left-shifted and the carry bit is tested. If the carry is *clear* (zero) we're sending a dit, so we exit. If not, we're sending a dah, so the DDSC is reset to four and then we exit.

The Display Routine

There are places in both the send-control and letter-prep routines stating "exit via display routine." The display routine takes a long time to run, so it is only called when a major portion of the

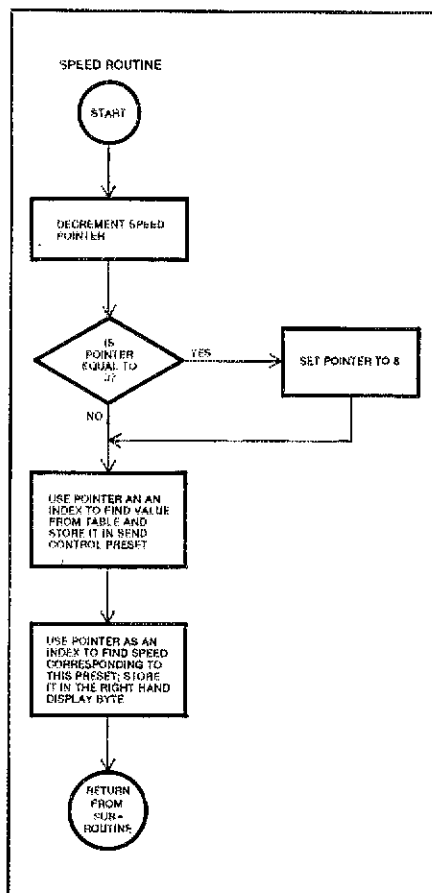


Fig. 10 — The speed routine is called only when the speed-control key is depressed. As shown here, eight speeds are available. Each time the speed control key is depressed, the speed is reduced one increment. When the speed has been decremented to the lowest allowable value and the key is depressed again, the speed reverts to the highest speed in the table.

main clock period isn't going to be tied up doing something else. Upon entry, the display control word is tested to see if it is on as shown in Fig. 9. If so, the display subroutine in the microcomputer monitor is called to display the speed and the remaining buffer space. If it isn't, this step is skipped. Next, we test the flasher control (preset during the letter-prep routine) to see if it is set for a flashing or steady display. If it isn't flashing, we set the display control word *on* (whether it is already on or not) and return to the main program.

If the flasher control word is calling for flash, we have yet to determine whether the display should be on or off at this moment. Remember that one of the things we did when we went through the main program was to increment the buffer-filled flasher counter. Now we test that memory to see if it has reached \$1A (26₁₀). If it hasn't, we exit. If it has, we *complement* whatever is in the display control word. In other words, if it is a one we make it zero and if it's zero we make it a one. Thus every 130₁₀ milliseconds (5 milliseconds

main clock period X 26₁₀) we go from off to on or vice versa when the flasher control is set to flash.

At this point you're probably wondering why this simple routine takes so long. So did I when I first got into it! It turns out, at least with the KIM-1 monitor routines, that the monitor lights one of the six display digits at a time. When the digit is lighted the monitor routine wastes about 500 microseconds so that the digit is on long enough to be visible to the eye. It then goes on to the next digit. If the monitor display sequence is used, it will light all six digits even though we only need four of them. This ties up the program for about three milliseconds *per call of the display routine*. If we get too involved with the display routine, we can lose more time than we have available so that the display duration controls the time per pass, rather than the main clock.

The Speed Routine

The speed routine gets called only as needed; that is, whenever the speed-control key is pressed. The method of speed adjustment I selected provides for eight different sending rates. I picked these to cover my normal operating range: 33, 27, 23, 21, 18, 15, 11 and 8 words per minute. I can usually manage to get burned out or at least slightly singed at 33 and my son can just barely copy the other end. The routine certainly isn't very elegant, but it meets the requirement of being quick and easy to program.

There are two tables and a pointer associated with the speed routine. You will remember that in the send-control routine we used the send counter to count down the basic dit interval for timing a character. After each countdown was completed, the send counter was reset with the send-counter preset. The first look-up table in the speed routine contains eight possible values that can be transferred into the send-counter preset memory location. The second look-up table contains eight decimal numbers that represent code speeds (in wpm) corresponding to the values in the first table.

The speed pointer is decremented as shown in Fig. 10 when the speed routine is called by the record routine. The result is tested to see if it is zero. If so, it is reset to eight. If not, the reset step is skipped. Then the pointer is used as an indirect address to find the required value in the first look-up table. This value is loaded into the send counter preset location. The pointer is used a second time to find the corresponding speed. This number is loaded into the microprocessor display area and will be displayed the next time the display routine is executed.

Software Afterthoughts

Once you've gotten your keyboard up and running, you'll be ready for more advanced tricks. An area worth reworking is

the display sequence. As I mentioned earlier, the monitor display routine is deathly slow. The speed steps became very coarse at higher speeds because the main clock duration is relatively long. You can't cut this duration because there won't be enough time to get through the display sequence.

Instead of using the resident monitor display routine, you can write your own. Do this in such a way that *only one digit* is completed during any given call of the display. Since the digit-drive lines are latched, you can leave the digit on while you return to the main program to do other things. This cuts the per-digit time from 500 to about 50 microseconds and doesn't string out six digits in a row before

returning. It also makes the display brighter. Once you've done this, you can speed things up considerably by decreasing the main clock interval from five milliseconds to 500 microseconds or less. This in turn lets you resolve much finer increments of speed.

Pollock described a dedicated, microprocessor-based keyboard with final operation that is similar to this unit.² I'm sorry that I didn't see this article before starting software development, because I ended up reinventing some techniques that Pollock covered very nicely.

One of the features he incorporated that I thought was especially nifty was a keyboard-entry selectable code speed. With this you can simply type in the

desired code speed. The operations involved are a bit beyond the scope of this article, but by the time you've plowed through this article and have designed your own display routine, you should find them fairly straightforward. □

[Editor's Note: For those using 6500 series microprocessor-based systems, coding and documentation are available from the author. Send an s.a.s.g. to C. A. Eubanks, P. O. Box 127, Valencia, PA 16059 for details.]

Notes

¹[Editor's Note: When 0 and 1 are used to denote off and on respectively, this is termed *positive* logic. In some digital circuits, *negative* logic is employed, with 0 denoting an *on* condition, and 1 an *off* condition.]

²Pollock, "Microprocessors, A Microprocessor Controlled CW Keyboard," *Ham Radio*, January 1978.

Strays

High-Band Motel Operating

When motoring across the country, most of us bring only our 2-meter rigs, leaving the old standby, the hf unit, to gather dust in our shacks. After all, despite the frustration when we can't reach any repeaters or there is no one on simplex, working 2 meters is far easier than setting up on the high bands in a motel room. Isn't it? Well, don't knock on-the-road, high-band operation until you've tried it.

The major problem with high-band motel operation is deciding what type of antenna to use and where to put it. Time, material and permission are needed to install an effective antenna on a roof. Bypass such difficulties by using either a vertical or a simple dipole hung inside the room.

The type of antenna to use depends on the configuration of the motel room. If there is a balcony or private window with sufficient clearance and good ground, then a vertical antenna is ideal. Otherwise, since most rooms are 20- to 30-foot long, a high-band dipole can be fit inside, suspended by string or whatever room features are convenient. I use a 20-meter dipole which can either be folded for 10 and 15 meters when needed, or have pins (male and female) at each wavelength.

An indoor dipole will work, but you might encounter two major problems. One difficulty is that many motel rooms have low ceilings which can affect loading. Also, metallic beams in the walls

of larger motels can bother reception. Some sort of vertical might improve signal reception.

A simple matchbox usually solves any matching difficulties resulting from using an antenna which is too low or is the multiband type. With a tuning device, many of the items already in the motel room can be used as antennas. Mike St. Angelo, WA2IMC, for instance, has been able to load his QRP rig into metal window frames and bed springs; he's worked DX doing it! However, remember that a matchbox zaps some of the power output.

Use a Filter

Be discreet! Use a low-pass filter on the rig and turn on the television set to see if any TVI exists. If the filter fails to minimize the interference, either lower the power or move to another band until the problem clears up. This will decrease the probability of interfering with TV sets in adjacent rooms. Even motels equipped with cable TV are not foolproof, because many TV sets have inadequate shielding. A pair of headphones prevents ssb and cw noise from seeping through thin walls and disturbing the neighbors, who might think some weird, covert activity is taking place.

My results have been satisfying. On trips to Maine and eastern Canada, I've worked DX and met many local hams on the high bands using low-to-moderate power. These local contacts have fre-

quently led to friendly eyeball QSOs and visits to many ham shacks. Some of the locals have been amused by the motel setup, either a vertical leaning out of a back window or a dipole strung between two corners of the room and supported by light fixtures.

There is one key advantage to operating on the high bands: Whenever I hear a call sign from the area I'm in and the signal is fairly strong, I know the station is very close, within 10 miles or so. That is the nature of groundwaves on 10, 15 and 20 meters. A similar signal heard on the low bands could be from a station located hundreds of miles away.

Think Small

Carrying hf equipment on trips is not that difficult. A knapsack or carrying case can be used for the transceiver; the accessories fit in a clothes suitcase. Select the smallest gadgets you have, especially when deciding which filters and antennas to take.

Bringing the radio on trips has filled otherwise boring evenings with pleasant visits from local hams, even on overnight stops. I have gained a panoramic view of the world of Amateur Radio by experiencing different skip and band conditions. Anyone can set up a high-band station in a motel room. All it takes is some imagination and the ability to improvise. — Ken Neubeck, WB2AMU

Trigonometry for Beginners

If you're turned off when you see a "trig" function, maybe you don't know what it means. Trigonometric functions just change numbers to other numbers. Here's how.

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Trigonometric functions . . . the mere sound of this term is enough to intimidate almost any nonscientific person. Perhaps the mention of trigonometry stirs up unpleasant memories of high school math courses, the teacher scrawling alien-looking gobbledygook on a smooth black surface while you gaze out the window at a sun-drenched spring landscape, wanting to be anywhere but where you are! This isn't a very nice way to be introduced to any subject. But now, trigonometry may stand in the way of your understanding electronic principles. Trigonometry is used extensively in radio theory, and you'd do well to get acquainted with it if you're very serious about getting a higher class license! Let's push this roadblock aside. You might be surprised at how easily it'll move.

The Cartesian Plane

You have probably been exposed to the Cartesian coordinate system many times without having given it a second thought. Or maybe you didn't recognize it by its technical name. Fig. 1 is an example of the Cartesian system in use. We have a graph of the temperature between 12 noon and 12 midnight; the curve might be typical of a June day in the Midwest. Note the precipitous drop in temperature that occurred at around 5 P.M. This period was accompanied by considerable 2-meter fm activity, as well as lots of unplanned modifications to hf antenna installations!

The curve in this graph is a *relation* between the two variables on the axes, time and temperature. Each point on the curve has unique coordinates, one for time and the other for temperature. We can represent such points by means of *ordered pairs* of numbers. We denote such pairs by

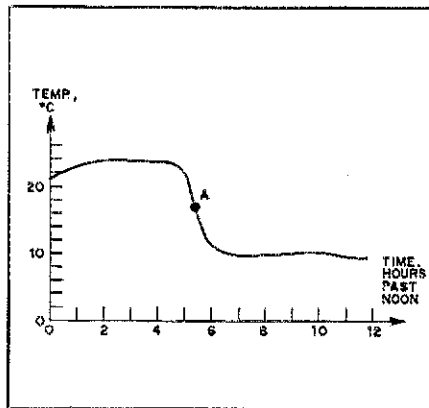


Fig. 1 — Graph of time versus temperature for a June afternoon in the Midwest. Note the sharp drop that takes place between 5 and 6 P.M. It's a pretty good bet that this period was accompanied by a storm!

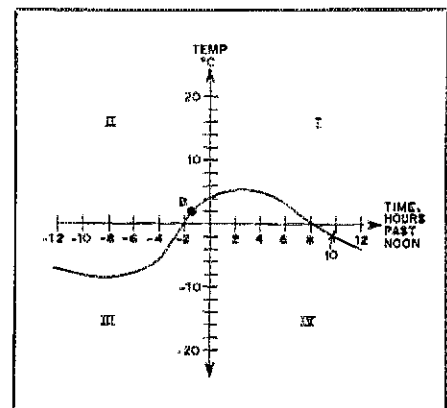


Fig. 2 — Graph of time versus temperature for a day in February. Here, all four quadrants of the coordinate plane are used. The quadrants are numbered in Roman numerals.

writing the numbers in the form (x, y) , where x represents one variable and y represents the other. The point labeled A on the curve in Fig. 1 has coordinates $(5.4, 17)$, meaning 5.4 hours past noon and 17 degrees Celsius. It is customary to list the variable on the horizontal axis first.

Fig. 2 is a different time-temperature graph, more typical of much of the continent in February. Here, we have extended the axes to accommodate negative numbers. The Roman numerals are quadrant numbers; the plane is clearly divided into four quadrants, which are customarily assigned numbers in the manner shown. In the first quadrant, both the x and y values are positive. In the second quadrant, the x values are negative and the y values are positive; in the third quadrant, both are negative; in the fourth quadrant, the x values are positive and the y values are negative. Point B is $(-1.5, 2)$,

indicating that it was 2 degrees Celsius at 10:30 A.M.

In mathematics, relations between two quantities (or variables) are often illustrated as curves on a Cartesian plane. By making use of such illustrations, it is possible to make many otherwise difficult concepts clear (as well as to make unfathomable things merely difficult). Fig. 3 is a graph of the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. This graph is called a unit circle, because it has a radius of one unit. Any point on this circle, of course, has two coordinate values. An example is the point $C = (\sqrt{2}/2, \sqrt{2}/2)$. The coordinates of every point on the circle will satisfy the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. "Plugging" the values for C into the equation, we obtain $(\sqrt{2}/2)^2 + (\sqrt{2}/2)^2 = 2/4 + 2/4 = 4/4 = 1$. If a given point (x, y) satisfies the equation, then it lies on the circle. Hence we know that $(\sqrt{3}/2, 1/2)$ has to be on the circle

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since these values, as the reader can verify, satisfy the equation.

We can divide this circle into 360 degrees. It is standard practice to assign the point (1,0) the value 0° , and then move counterclockwise around the circle, assigning 90° to the point (0,1), 180° to (-1, 0) and 270° to (0, -1). The point C in Fig. 3 would correspond to 45° . (Can you demonstrate the reason that this is the case?)

Sine and Cosine

There are many relations that can be graphed on the Cartesian plane, but for the moment we're going to be concerned only with the unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$. This circle is calibrated in degrees in Fig. 4. Any angle thus corresponds to a unique point on the unit circle. If such a point has coordinates (a, b) — meaning $x = a$ and $y = b$ — then the sine of the angle is equal to b and the cosine is equal to a. That is, the y value is the sine of the angle, and the x value is the cosine of the angle. It's as simple as that. You can make your own chart for finding sines and cosines by drawing a large unit circle on a piece of graph paper and calibrating the circle in degrees with a protractor. (For great accuracy, however, it would be better to use a calculator equipped with trigonometric functions.)

A few observations can be made from Fig. 4. For angles of 45° and 225° , x and y equal each other, and hence $\sin(45^\circ) = \cos(45^\circ)$ and $\sin(225^\circ) = \cos(225^\circ)$. For angles of 135° and 315° , we have $x = -y$. Therefore, $\cos(135^\circ) = -\sin(135^\circ)$ and $\cos(315^\circ) = -\sin(315^\circ)$. Note also that for any angle except 0° and 180° there is another angle with the same cosine, and for any angle except 90° and 270° there is another angle with the same sine.

We have already said that $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ for any point (x,y) on the unit circle. Since any angle (which we'll call θ) corresponds to some point on the circle where $\cos \theta = x$ and $\sin \theta = y$, it follows that $(\cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta)^2 = x^2 + y^2$, and of course $x^2 + y^2$ is always equal to 1. Hence $(\cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta)^2 = 1$ for any angle θ . This is one of the most often-used relationships in trigonometry.

Tangent

The tangent of an angle can be represented geometrically in the following manner. Draw the line $x = 1$ [parallel to the y axis through the point (1, 0)], as shown in Fig. 5. Locate the point on the circle corresponding to the angle θ . (In Fig. 5, we have chosen $\theta = 135^\circ$.) Then draw a line connecting this point with the origin (0, 0) and extend this line until it intersects the vertical line $x = 1$. The y value of the intersection point P is the tangent of the angle. In Fig. 5, we see that $\tan(135^\circ) = -1$. The line running through the point on the circle correspond-

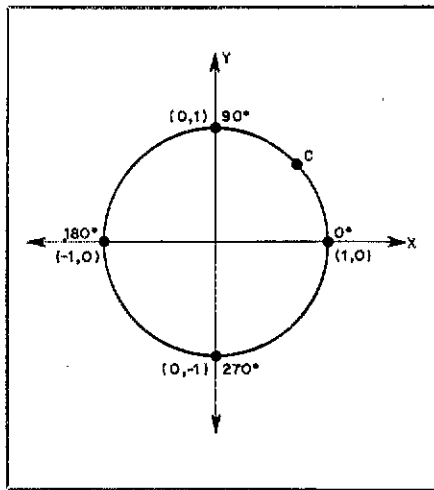


Fig. 3 — The unit circle on the Cartesian plane. This circle has a radius of 1 unit. The point (1, 0) represents 0° , and angles are measured counterclockwise from this point. Point C represents 45° .

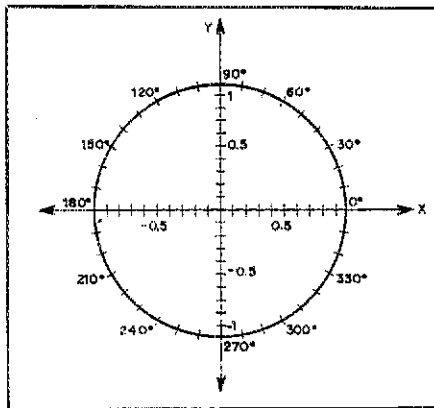


Fig. 4 — The unit circle calibrated in degrees. This chart may be used for determining approximate values for the sine and cosine of an angle.

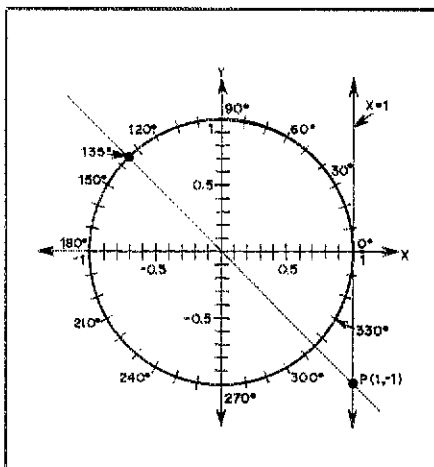


Fig. 5 — Geometric representation of the tangent of 135° . The tangent of an angle is found by locating the angle on the unit circle, and then drawing a line between the point on the circle corresponding to the angle and the point (0, 0) until the line intersects the vertical line $x = 1$. The point of intersection, P, has a y value that is the tangent of the angle.

ing to 135° also goes through the point on the circle corresponding to 315° , indicating that $\tan(315^\circ)$ is also -1 .

The tangent of an angle can also be obtained by dividing its sine by its cosine; that is, $\tan \theta = \sin \theta / \cos \theta$. In Fig. 5, we are geometrically finding this ratio.

Note that if $\theta = 90^\circ$ or $\theta = 270^\circ$, it will be impossible to draw a line in the aforementioned manner that intersects the line $x = 1$. In these two cases, we'll just end up tracing over the y axis, because the angles 90° and 270° have no tangent. If you try to get the tangent by dividing the sine by the cosine, you will obtain either $1/0$ or $-1/0$. These expressions are undefined. (Intuitively, it's tempting to suggest that they are "infinite," but let's stay away from that kind of speculation!)

There are three other trigonometric functions worth mentioning: cotangent, secant and cosecant. They are abbreviated cot, sec and csc respectively. We will not deal with them, except to mention that for an angle θ with point (x, y) on the unit circle, $\cot \theta = x/y$, $\sec \theta = 1/x$ and $\csc \theta = 1/y$.

Oddball Angles

Occasionally we might have to deal with an expression like $\sin(-75^\circ)$ or $\tan(440^\circ)$. The former type of situation is especially apt to crop up. You might guess that the angle -75° is found on the unit circle by going backward (clockwise) from zero by 75 degrees; if this were true, then -75° would correspond to the same point as 285° . And this is exactly the way it does work. You are also correct if you reason that 440° means one complete trip around the circle (360°) plus 80 extra degrees, in which case we can forget about the first 360 degrees and just say that 440° corresponds to the same point as 80° .

For most purposes, for any angle θ we can add or subtract 360° as many times as we want, and we'll still have the same angle. This is nothing profound; it's just a matter of definition. It is customary to reduce oddball angles to angles smaller than 360° and at least 0° so that for all angles θ , $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$. (This means that the value of θ equals 0 or lies between 0 and 360° .) But sometimes there are exceptions to this rule. A little later we'll look at one such situation.

Graphs of Trigonometric Functions

Suppose we plot $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$ against the angle θ in degrees. The results are shown in Fig. 6. At A and B we have the familiar "sine wave." At C, the value of the function "blows up" at $\theta = 90^\circ$ and at $\theta = 270^\circ$. We can observe that the graph at B is 90 degrees out of phase with the graph at A; in fact, if we add 90° to an angle θ and then take the sine of the resulting angle, we will get the cosine of the original angle θ . Mathematically, $\sin(\theta + 90^\circ) = \cos \theta$.

If you have ever wondered why we

speak of phase angles in electronics, the reason should now be clear. Consider two points on the θ axis of Fig. 6A, say $\theta_1 = 45^\circ$ and $\theta_2 = 90^\circ$. The phase difference between these points is $\theta_2 - \theta_1 = 90^\circ - 45^\circ = 45^\circ$. We can also plot θ_1 and θ_2 on the unit circle of Fig. 4, and if we then connect θ_1 and θ_2 with the origin or center (0, 0) by straight lines, the angle between these lines will be the phase difference $\theta_1 - \theta_2$ or 45° . The angle concept of phase derives from the unit circle; in fact, the sine wave is just a special representation of circular motion.

Inverses of Trigonometric Functions

Let's say we're given the number 0.64, and we want to find the angle that has this number as its cosine. We can do this by looking at Fig. 4 and checking to see what point or points on the unit circle have an x value of 0.64. There are two such points, and they correspond to angles of approximately 50° and 310° . We say that the inverse cosine or *arc-cosine* (abbreviated arccos) of 0.64 has two values, 50° and 310° .

But which of these two values would we choose if we were called upon to provide a single, definite answer? This dilemma is resolved by assigning one value or the other by convention: We say that the arccosine of a number must fall between 0° and 180° . In other words, we just forget about the bottom half of the unit circle. Eliminating this ambiguity elevates the arccos operation to the status of a mathematical *function*, and to indicate this, we capitalize the name of the function. Hence $\text{Arccos}(0.64) = 50^\circ$. You can see that $\text{Arccos}(1) = 0^\circ$, $\text{Arccos}(0) = 90^\circ$ and $\text{Arccos}(-1) = 180^\circ$. Note also that only numbers between and including -1 and 1 have the distinction of having an Arc-cosine. It is meaningless to speak of $\text{Arccos}(3.5)$ or $\text{Arccos}(-7)$.

You might guess that there are inverse functions for the sine and tangent as well. They are called Arcsin and Arctan. The Arcsin function can only take angles on the right-hand half of the unit circle. Like Arccos, Arcsin can be applied only to numbers between, and including, -1 and 1 .

Earlier, it was mentioned that there are occasions when it is useful to consider angles smaller than 0° or larger than 360° . The Arcsin function gives rise to the notion of negative angles. To make the Arcsin function smooth, we will say that this function can take values between and including -90° and 90° . This is nothing but a matter of convention. If we were to say that the function takes values between 0° and 90° and also between 270° and 360° , the function would have a gap, and mathematicians would rather not have this gap.

The Arctan function can take any angle between -90° and 90° , but *not* including these extremes. Arctan is different in that

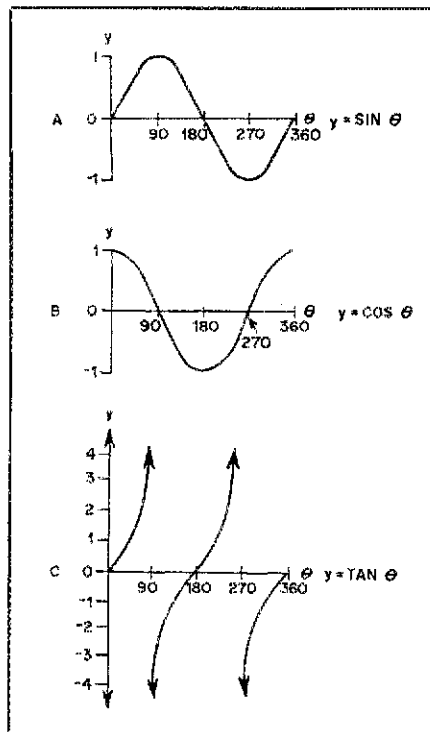


Fig. 6 — Graphs of three trigonometric functions. At A, the sine function; at B, the cosine function and at C, the tangent function. The tangent function is undefined at 90° and 270° .

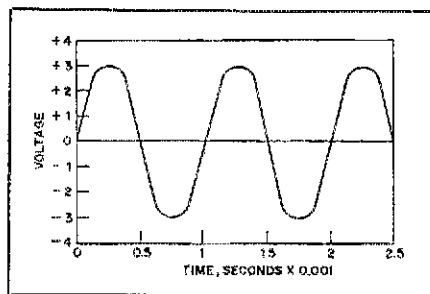


Fig. 7 — Graphic representation of a sine wave with a frequency of 1 kHz and a peak voltage of 3 volts. At the extreme left, it is assumed that the oscillator is turned on and the waveform starts at zero volts and rises. (In actual practice, this may not always happen.)

we can apply Arctan to *any* number: Every number is the tangent of some angle in the range from -90° to 90° , represented by the right-hand half of the unit circle.

These inverse trigonometric functions will occasionally be seen in *QST* articles and other amateur publications. All you really need to know about them is that they change one number to another number. In this case, they change a number to an angle, at least the way we have portrayed these functions so far. We'll have more to say about this shortly.

Beware of one thing: There is some carelessness when it comes to capitalizing the names of the inverse trigonometric functions. If you see "arctan" in an equa-

tion, it's safest to assume that the author means to say "Arctan," unless otherwise stated. You may sometimes see Arcsin, Arccos and Arctan written as \sin^{-1} , \cos^{-1} and \tan^{-1} respectively.

Radians

Angles are generally thought of as being measured in degrees. Actually this is a rather unnatural way to measure angles for mathematical purposes. Have you ever wondered how 360 came to be chosen as the number of degrees in a circle? Why not 100 or 1000, which are so much more pleasant to deal with? Well, there *is* a better way, but at first you're probably going to think it's much worse than dividing the circle into 360 equal parts. You see, we're going to divide the circle into units that aren't even a whole-number fraction of a trip around! This unit is called the *radian*.

Suppose we start at the 0° point (1, 0) on the unit circle, and then travel counterclockwise along the circle until we have gone a distance equal to the radius of the circle. This point will correspond to an angle of approximately 57° . It also corresponds to an angle of exactly one radian. There are 2π radians in a complete circle (π is about 3.14). An angle of 90° is thus $\pi/2$ radians; 180° is π radians, and so on.

It turns out that the radian is a much more elegant unit of angle measurement than the degree, for mathematical purposes. There's no symbol for radians like the little elevated "o" for degrees. We can just say that $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$ or $\cos(\pi/4) = 0.71$. We can also say that $\text{Arccos}(0) = \pi/2$ and $\text{Arctan}(1) = \pi/4$. Our trigonometric functions can now operate on numbers to get numbers; there aren't any units like degrees to bother with. This difference is especially significant when working with the inverse functions Arcsin, Arccos and Arctan. If you run up against something like Arctan [$\text{Arccos}(\pi/12)$] in a calculation and say that $\text{Arccos}(\pi/12) = \text{Arccos}(0.26) = 75^\circ$, you'll then be faced with computing Arctan (75°). But we don't apply Arctan to angles! It can operate only on plain, ordinary numbers. Does this indicate that Arctan [$\text{Arccos}(\pi/12)$] is a nonsense expression? Not on your life! $\text{Arccos}(\pi/12) = \text{Arccos}(0.26) = 1.3$ radians or simply 1.3. Therefore, $\text{Arctan}[\text{Arccos}(\pi/12)] = \text{Arctan}(1.3)$, which is approximately 0.92 radian or simply 0.92.

Now I hope this doesn't get you upset about whether you should use degrees or radians every time you see a trigonometric function! The above sort of situation is rare. It's perfectly all right to use degrees, unless it appears that you have a nonsense expression when you shouldn't. It is best to use radians for the inverse trigonometric functions; you can always convert the radians back to degrees when you're all done. Radians are converted to degrees by multiplying by $180/\pi$, or about

57.30. To convert degrees to radians, divide by 57.30.

An Application

To conclude, let's look at one simple application of trigonometry to radio theory. Fig. 7 illustrates a sine wave with a peak amplitude of 3 volts and a period of 0.001 second, which is a frequency of 1000

Hz. Suppose we want to know the instantaneous voltage 0.0001 second after the signal starts. (Assume it starts at the zero-degree point.)

First, note that 0.0001 second is 1/10 of the way through the first cycle, or 36 degrees. The instantaneous voltage is thus $3 \sin(36^\circ)$ volts, or $3 \times 0.59 = 1.8$ volts. This is a positive voltage, as can be seen

from the graph.

Finally, here's a problem just for fun. It's a little more involved than the previous one, but certainly not too difficult. Suppose a limiter is connected across the source of the voltage shown in Fig. 7, clipping the peaks at ± 2 volts. For what proportion of the time does clipping take place? □

Strays



AERONAUTICAL MOBILE GUIDELINES

□ Hams planning to operate aeronautical mobile must follow the Federal Aviation Administration's regulations for proper installation of Amateur Radio equipment aboard private aircraft. FAA circular AC 20-98, "Auxiliary Two-Way Airborne Radio System Installations," provides the information you need. To obtain a free copy, write to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Publications Section, M-443.1, Washington, DC 20590.

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

□ How often have we heard some post-establishment-age amateur lament about being "too old to learn about transistors?" Quite often, for us here at ARRL hq. The complainant usually follows up his or her tale of woe by saying that he or she was "brought up on vacuum tubes" (tough diet, eh?). Well, here's proof that it ain't necessarily so!

The photograph shows the masterly work of Charlie Dene, W3HZJ. He "married" parts of the W1FB solid-state receiver from June 1974 *QST* with the

later version called "His Eminence, the Receiver." Charlie says, "I am 76 years of age and was licensed in 1933. Up until a few years ago I was a die-hard tube man." He goes on to say, "I never envisioned the day when I would be capable of building an all-solid-state receiver." A final note: The receiver performs very well, and he is quite satisfied with it. — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*

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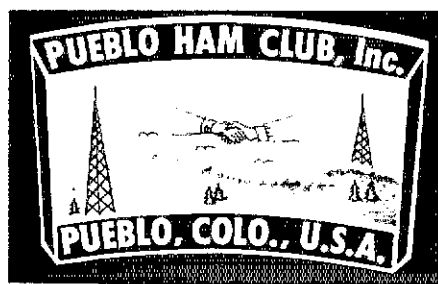
□ The Stanford Research Institute Satellite P76-5 continues to function as a signal source on 70 cm. The latest orbital parameters for the ionospheric propagation satellite are period, 105.71 minutes; longitude increment, 26.43 degrees; inclination, 99.6 degrees; apogee, 1059 km; perigee, 993 km NASA reference orbit, June 1, 1979; orbit, 15,047; equator crossing, 0141.45 UTC at 211.15 degrees west. The spacecraft beacon frequency is 435.974 MHz \pm Doppler. — *Bernie Glassmeyer, W9KDR*

AIRSHO '79 OPERATIONS

□ The Confederate Air Force will operate aeronautical mobile, using call W5DX, from a Boeing B-29, the most famous of all World War II bombers, at the Ghost Squadron Airsho '79, October 4 to 7, in Harlingen, TX. Communications will be on 14.285 and 21.385 MHz, as propagation conditions permit, from noon to 5 P.M. (CDST) daily. Local fixed stations will act as liaison for amateurs interested in contacting the B-29. A commemorative photo QSL card will be issued for all contacts.

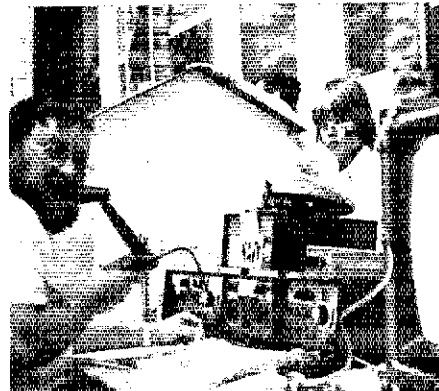
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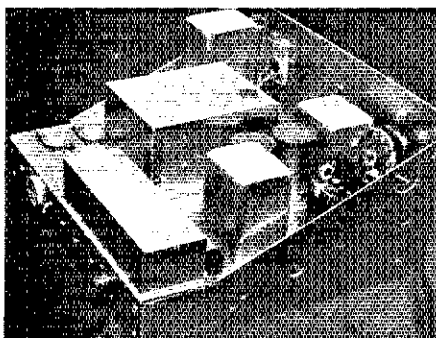


Pueblo (CO) Ham Club's official QSL card is eye-catching and functional.

club net 12 times," award? How about a club QSL card? We'd like to have you mail them to us. The Club and Training Department is going to work up a program involving clubs and their awards and QSLs. Please send us yours and tell us the details of how to win the certificates. — *Rosalie White, WA1STO*



This Amateur Radio exhibit made a big hit at the Emmerson Junior High School (Bar Harbor, ME) Science Fair. The exhibit included a demonstration of ham radio, closed circuit TV and personal computers. The Amateur Radio exhibit was conducted by The Acadia Naval Radio Amateurs, K1NAN, and included members WA4RQK (in the photo), W1FAI, WA9NGD and Claude Roberts.



This all-solid-state receiver is a marriage of two *QST* projects. W3HZJ, its 76-year-old builder, used to be "a die-hard tube man."

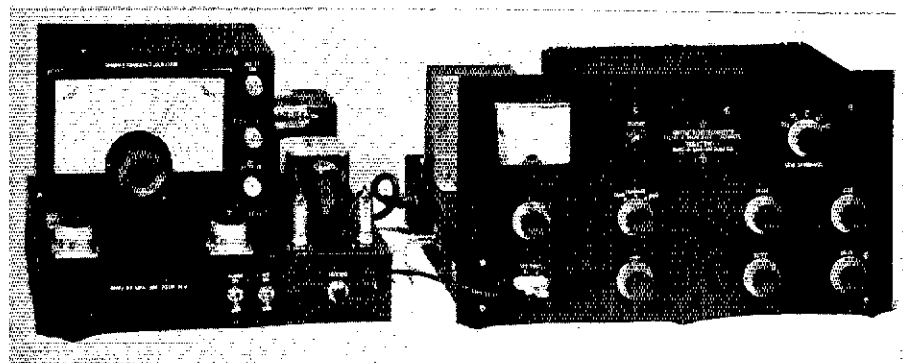
The CW-150 — A Classical Vacuum-Tube Transmitter

This medium-power band-switching cw rig, with differential keying and VFO, can be built at minimal expense with high-quality commercial and military specification parts obtainable at many hamfests and flea markets.

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One of the attractions of Amateur Radio is that it can be so many different things to different people. For many of us, the very essence of Amateur Radio is found in the challenge of building our station from scratch. The honorable art of "homebrew" has roots in technological antiquity and indeed goes back to that first of amateur-experimenters, Guglielmo Marconi. However, it is no secret that in recent years things have changed for the home constructor. The "parts squeeze" and inflation have created a vicious cycle of astronomical prices, shortages and minimum order requirements that have virtually dried up the amateur's traditional sources of supply. This is especially so if the amateur wishes to use solid-state technique and build a band-switching type rig in the over-100-watt category using the highest quality components.

A partial solution to the above problem is found in the relative availability of some very high-quality components made during the final years of the vacuum-tube era. These parts, only recently obsolete in the military and commercial fields, are continuing to find their way, in ever-increasing numbers, onto the ham-auction and flea-market scene. The astute amateur constructor can build a remarkably high-quality rig at an incredibly modest price by tapping this fer-



The CW-150 medium-power band-switching transmitter. The VFO unit is on the left; the main transmitter unit on the right. Along the front of the VFO power supply chassis is the VFO power switch (S8) and an auxiliary toggle which can be used to control an antenna changeover relay. The VFO pilot light, at the right, registers heater power to that unit alone. Along the left side of the main transmitter-chassis base can be seen the female power receptacle (J3) which supplies the VFO with ac; next is the jack for differential keying bias (J1) and, just barely visible, the key jack (J5). To the right of the meter on the main panel is the main pilot light (DS2) and tank band switch (S5). From left to right below the meter is the meter-function switch (S6) and keyer-function switch (S4), followed by the plate-tuning capacitor (C7) and loading capacitor (C8). Following the VFO input connector (P2) on the bottom row is the grid-tuning capacitor (C4), the buffer/multiplier/driver band switch (S3) and the drive-level potentiometer (R2).

tile source for at least a segment of his parts requirements.

This article describes a VFO-controlled 150-watt-input cw rig which covers 80 through 15 meters. For break-in capability with chirpless, clickfree signals, a built-in differential keyer is included. All circuits, including power supply, are contained

within two interconnected units.

Circuit Details

A quick review of the circuit diagram of Fig. 1 will reveal a conventional and straightforward design with no trick circuitry or unusual components employed. An attempt was made to strike a balance

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between economy of parts and simplicity of design on the one hand, and good performance on the other.

The rf section of the VFO is virtually lifted wholesale from Lew McCoy's adaptation of George Hanchett's "Stability with Simplicity" unit which appeared previously in *QST*^{1,2} LC constants in the grid and plate circuits of the final amplifier stage, as well as the differential keyer layout, all hark back to well-proven previously published designs.^{3,4}

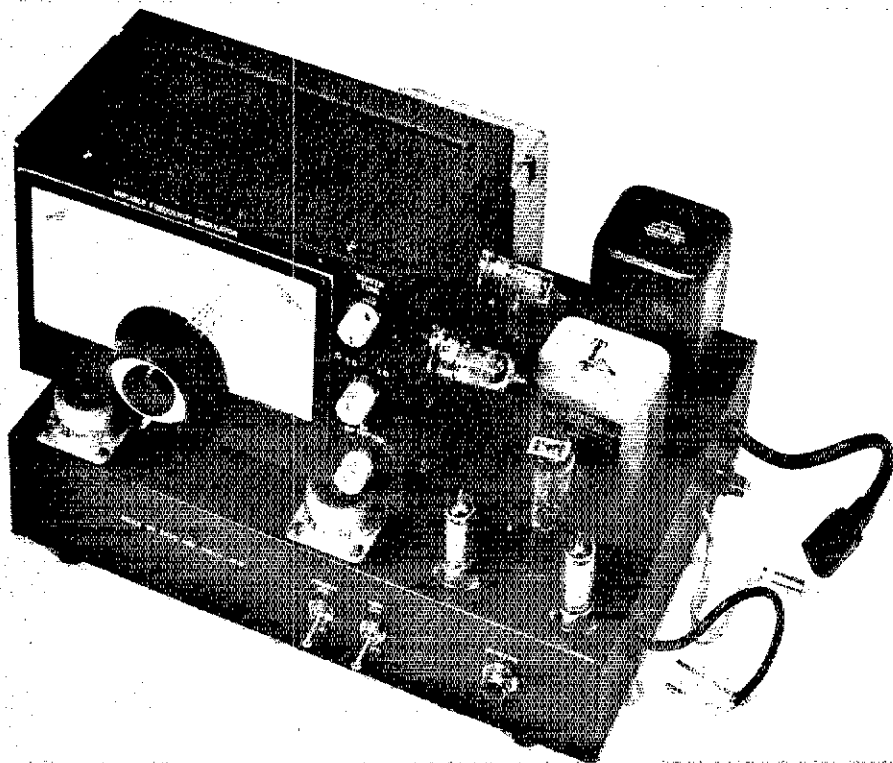
Starting at V1, the first half of a 12AU7 dual triode is used as a high-C Colpitts oscillator providing output over 3.5 to 4.0 MHz. The signal is then fed to V1B, which is a cathode follower providing good isolation between the oscillator and succeeding stages. V2, a 6AU6, serves as a buffer/doubler fulfilling the triple functions of further isolation, amplification and frequency multiplication to 7.0 MHz. Up to this point, the signal has remained in the electrically and mechanically isolated VFO section. It is now transferred via coaxial cable to the grid circuit of a 6AG7 pentode which functions as a multiplier/driver. The 80-meter signals from the VFO are fed straight through the 6AG7 to the final amplifier for 80-meter output and doubled in the tuned plate circuit of the 6AG7 for 40-meter contacts. Forty-meter signals from the VFO are doubled in the 6AG7 plate circuit for 20-meter output and tripled for 15-meter contacts. The final amplifier thus operates straight through on all four bands.

L7 is provided to enable the rig to produce a moderate (though not full) amount of output on 10 meters. But for the 10-meter signal to meet FCC standards a high-pass filter should be inserted at the output of the transmitter to attenuate the 20-meter signal. On 10 meters, the final stage is operated as a doubler.

The final amplifier employs parallel 5933WAs with a pi-network output suitable for matching 50- to 70-ohm loads. The 5933WA is a premium military-specification type power tube which is electrically equivalent to a ruggedized and modernized 807. If you are unable to obtain the former at a ham flea market (they tend to be expensive through industrial sources), then by all means use the latter! The 807, a doughty veteran with years of proven transmitter service, uses the same socket as the more modern 5933 and will perform at the same power level without any modification to the CW-150. In neither case should neutralization be required in a correctly built CW-150.

Power Supply

The ham who desires to use the highest quality components in power supply construction will have to spend a bundle if he utilizes commercial sources. Have you



Close-up of the CW-150 VFO unit shows main dial prior to calibration. From top to bottom along the right of the VFO mini-cabinet is the buffer tuning capacitor (C3), the buffer/doubler band switch (S2) and the VFO function switch (S1). The large tuning dial is attached to C1 which is mounted on rigid standoffs. C2 (not visible) is mounted directly on the rear wall of the mini-cabinet, as is L2 (see text for method of mounting). L1 is mounted directly on the front wall of the mini-cabinet at a 90° angle to L2. On the right side of the mini-cabinet from front to back is the 12AU7 oscillator/cathode follower (V1) and the 6AU6 buffer/doubler (V2). The voltage regulators (V11 and V12) can be seen at the front of the chassis followed by the 5Y3 rectifier (V13). The filter choke (L9) and power transformer (T1) are at the rear with filter capacitors (C9 and C10) just visible behind the mini-cabinet. From front to rear along right side of chassis are P2, P1, F1 fuse holder, and P3.

ever priced potted-type military-specification transformers and chokes? The long-lived oil-type filter capacitors used in the CW-150 would cost upward of \$15 each today but were obtained for less than a dollar each at swap-fests. It bears repeating, then, that the amateur can make his greatest savings in the area of power supply components.

The main power transformer in the CW-150 is a husky Sartron designed to provide 775 volts at 230 mA in continuous commercial service. By utilizing a full-wave bridge rectifier with choke input, the unit literally loaf's along in ICAS service while providing 660 volts under full load to the plates of the parallel 5933s. With key up the voltage is 760. There is, of course, no reason why solid-state rectifiers could not be used if the constructor has them available.

Voltage for the plate of the 6AG7 and the screens of the 5933s is taken from the center tap of T3. Screen voltage for the 6AG7 comes from the same source and is adjusted by means of a two-watt potentiometer and dropping resistor which gives effective control of drive level.

The VFO has a separate voltage-

regulated power supply for maximum stability and isolation. The supply provides 75 regulated volts for the plate of the oscillator and 225 volts for the cathode of the oscillator and 225 volts for the cathode follower. This capacitor-input supply, regulated by an OC2 and OA2, also furnishes the necessary voltage for the buffer/doubler stage. Components here are of the highest quality and are understressed in the extreme.

Negative voltage for key-up screen protection of the 5933s and for grid blocking in the differential keyer is supplied by an independent transformer using one-half of a 6H6 dual diode as a rectifier. The other half of the 6H6 is used to conduct negative blocking voltage to the grid of the oscillator when differential keying is employed. K1, a 6-volt spdt relay, keeps voltage at the key to a safe six volts. The keyer in the CW-150, whether used in the differential mode for break-in or keyed only in the amplifier, thus offers a safe and simple method for putting out an "elegant" cw signal having a pure dc note free of clicks or chirps.

Metering and Control

Provision is included for metering

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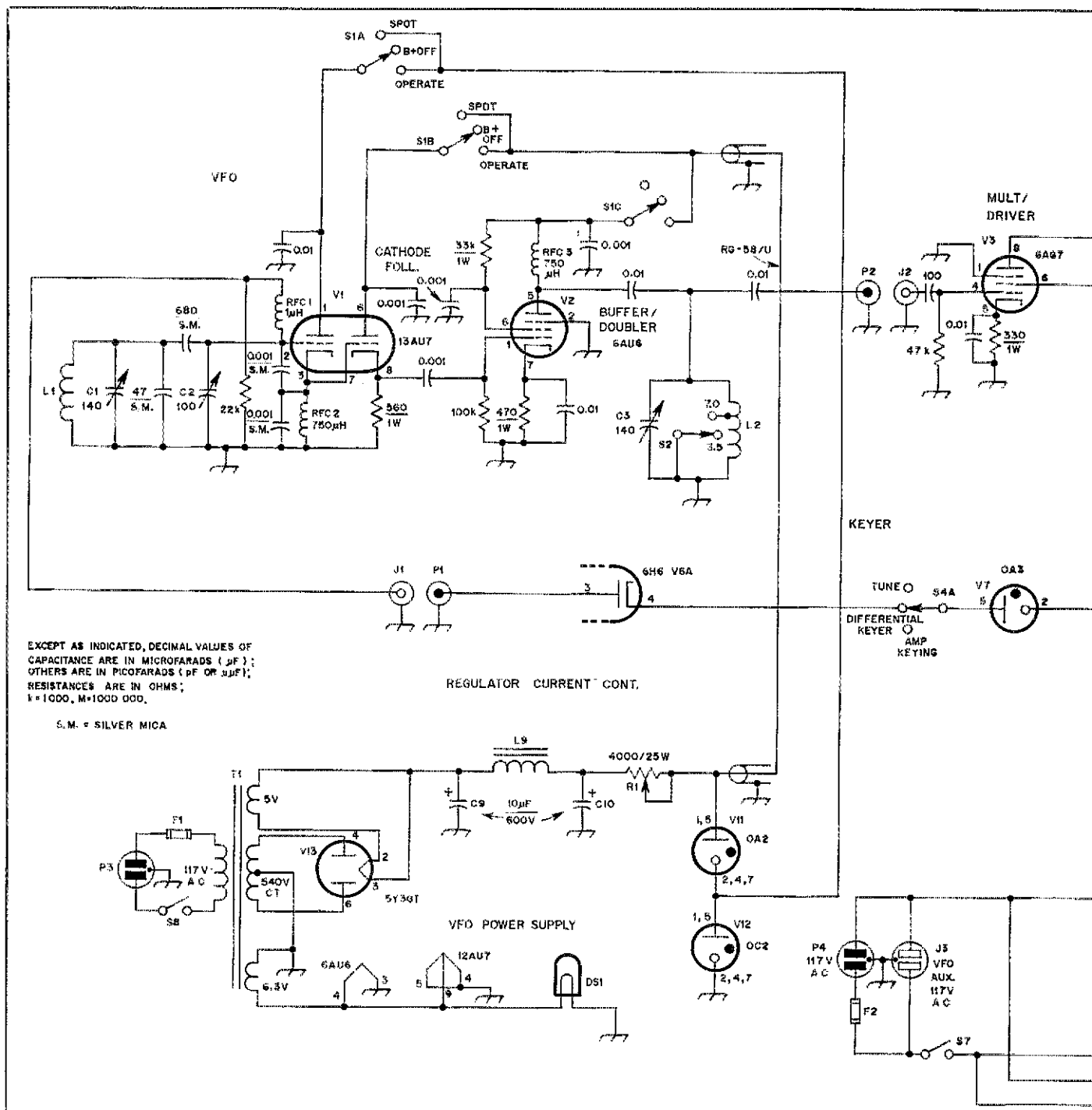


Fig. 1 — The CW-150 radiotelegraph-transmitter circuit. It covers 80 through 15 meters. All resistors are 1/2 watt unless otherwise marked. Capacitors with polarity marked are electrolytic. Capacitors marked "S.M." are dipped silver mica.

C1 — 140-pF variable (Hammarlund MC-140-S).
 C2 — 100-pF air padder (APC-100).
 C3 — 140-pF variable (APC-140-B).
 C4 — 50-pF variable (Hammarlund HF-50).
 C5 — 0.2- μF paper 600 V.
 C6 — 0.001- μF mica 3000 V.
 C7 — 250-pF variable, 850-V spacing (Hammarlund MC-250-M).

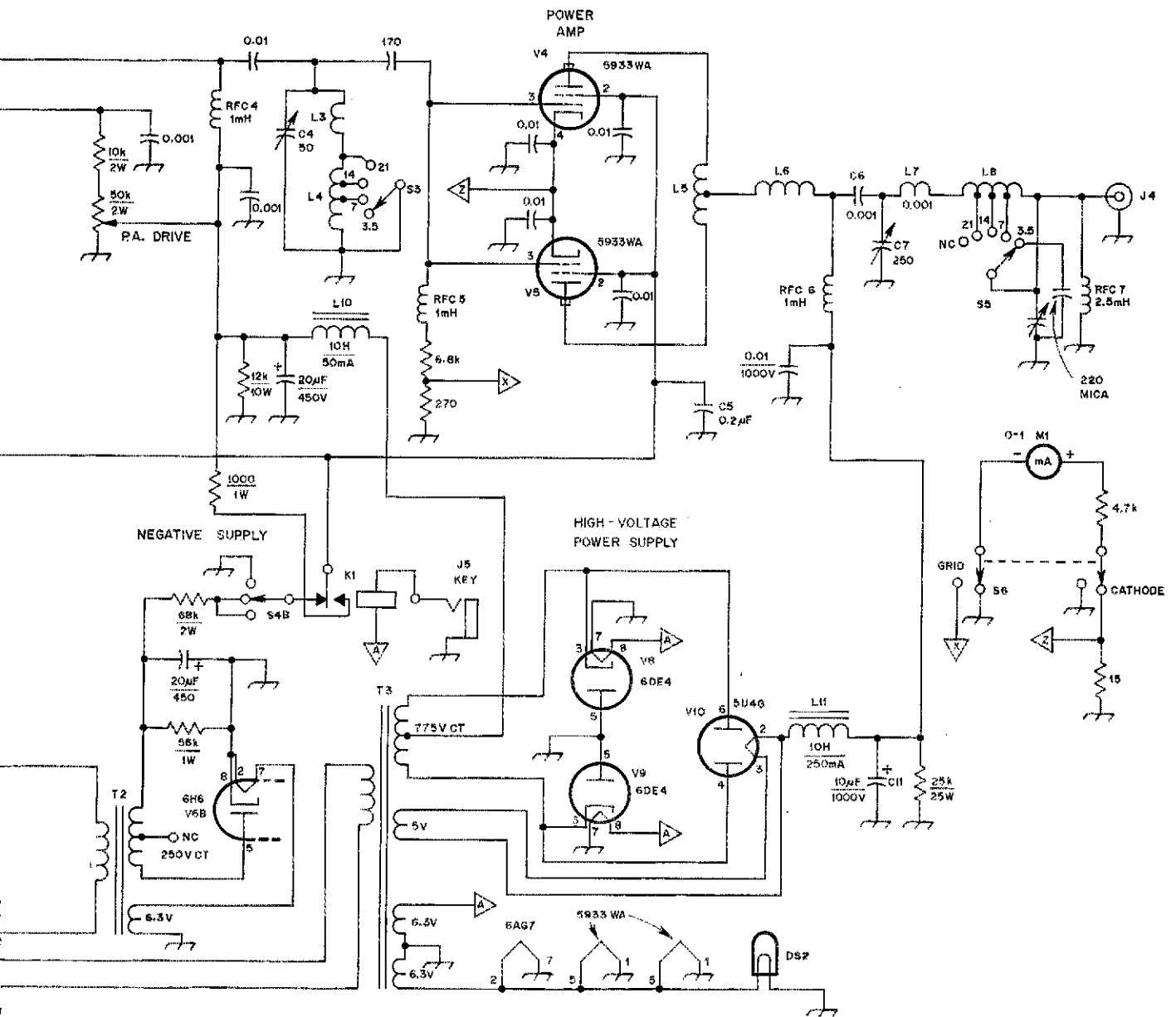
C8 — 1100-pF variable, triple-section broadcast type with stators connected in parallel.
 C9, C10 — 10- μF oil type filter capacitor, 600 V.
 C11 — 10- μF oil type filter capacitor, 1000 V.
 DS1, DS2 — Dial lamp, 6 V, no. 47.
 F1 — 3 A, type 3AG.
 F2 — 5 A, type 3AG.
 J1 — RCA type phono jack.

J2 — SO-239 coax plug or FT-243 pin jack.
 J3 — 117-V ac receptacle.
 J4 — SO-239 coaxial connector.
 J5 — Open circuit phone jack.
 K1 — Keying relay, spdt, 6-V ac coil (Potter and Brumfield KA5A).
 L1-L8, incl. — See coil table.
 L9 — 15-H 70-mA filter choke.

cathode and grid current in the final amplifier through a 0-1 dc millimeter. Use of cathode current, as opposed to direct measurement of plate current,

enables the potential at the meter contacts to be a comfortable 6 volts and is justified from a safety point of view. Thus, full loading of the 5933s would represent a

cathode current of about 220 mA, allowing 8-10 mA for the screens. With the dropping resistors employed, full-scale deflection when reading cathode current is



L10 — 10-H 50-mA filter choke.
 L11 — 10-H 250-mA filter choke.
 P1 — RCA-type phono plug.
 P2 — PL-259 coaxial plug.
 P3, P4 — 117-V ac plugs.
 R1 — 4000-ohm wire wound, 25 watt, with slider.
 RFC1, RFC2, RFC3 — 50-mA rf chokes.

RFC4, RFC5, RFC7 — 200-mA rf chokes.
 RFC6 — 600-mA rf choke.
 S1 — 3-pole, 3-position phenolic rotary switch.
 S2 — Single-pole rotary switch (2 positions used).
 S3 — Single-pole, 4-position phenolic rotary switch.
 S4 — 2-pole, 3-position phenolic rotary switch.
 S5 — 1-pole, 5-position ceramic rotary switch.

S6 — 2-pole, 2-position phenolic rotary switch.
 S7, S8 — Spst toggle switch.
 T1 — 540-V center-tapped transformer, 55 mA; 5 V, 2 A; 6.3 V, 2 A.
 T2 — 250-V center tapped transformer, 40 mA; 6.3 V, 1.5 A; center tap not used.
 T3 — 775-V center tapped transformer, 230 mA; 6.3 V, 9 A; 6.3 V, 2 A; 5 V, 3 A.

300 mA and in the grid-current mode 20 mA. The potentiometer in the screen lead of the 6AG7 should be adjusted for a drive level of about 7 mA to the 5933

grids.

The VFO has provision for tuning the output of the 6AU6 buffer and for frequency spotting by leaving the oscillator

on and cutting plate voltage to V1B and V2. The same switch also enables all plate voltages to be switched off in the VFO unit during standby.

Table 1

Coil Dimensions

- L1 — 14 turns no. 20, 16 turns per inch (tpi), 1-inch dia (B & W Miniductor 3015).
 - L2 — 33 turns no. 20, 16 tpi, 1-inch dia (B & W Miniductor 3015). 40-meter tap 21 turns from ground end.
 - L3 — 8 turns no. 20, 16 tpi, 1/2-inch dia (B & W Miniductor 3003).
 - L4 — 46 turns no. 24, 1-inch dia (B & W Miniductor 3016). 20-meter tap 5 turns from junction of L3-L4. 40-meter tap 17 turns from junction of L3-L4.
 - L5 — 18 turns no. 22 enam., wound on a 1-watt resistor (any value over 4.7 kΩ) as a coil form, tapped at center.
 - L6 — 12 turns no. 22 enam. on same type form as L5.
 - L7 — 4 turns no. 16, 4 tpi, 1-inch dia.
 - L8 — 30 turns no. 14, 8 tpi, 1-3/4-inch dia (B & W Miniductor 3022). 15-meter tap 1-1/2 turns from junction of L7-L8. 20-meter tap 5-1/2 turns from junction of L7-L8. 40-meter tap 17-1/2 turns from junction of L7-L8.
- Inches × 25.4 = mm.

In addition to adjustment of drive level, provision is made for tuning in the grid lead of the 5933s by means of C4. For purposes of isolation and short leads, the driver/multiplier band switch and pi-network band switch are physically separated, below and above the chassis respectively. The plate tuning capacitor had adequate spacing for about 850 volts

dc and no arcing will occur under full load. The loading capacitor is a triple-section broadcast-type supplemented by a 220-pF silver-mica capacitor on 80 meters.

A function switch allows preliminary tune-up to be done by removing negative bias while simultaneously grounding the 5933 screens with the key up. This allows the plates to draw just enough current for coarse tune-up. The function switch also enables the VFO to operate nonstop with all keying done in the screen circuit of the final amplifier.

Construction

Parts layout is not especially critical as long as sound principles are observed. With the aim being maximum stability, the VFO is isolated mechanically and electrically from the main unit. The VFO rf section is constructed in a 9 × 5 × 6-inch (229 × 127 × 152-mm) mini-cabinet, shock mounted over the 14 × 10 × 3-inch (356 × 254 × 76-mm) VFO power supply chassis. A steel mini-cabinet and chassis are used for maximum rigidity. For thermal stability V1 and V2 are mounted on the outside of the VFO mini-cabinet. Isolantite sockets are used. Thus, no heat-generating parts or other active elements are physically within the frequency-determining compartment. The drift of a well-constructed VFO of this

design is on the order of 20 Hz per hour.

The main transmitter unit is built on a 17 × 12 × 3-inch (432 × 305 × 76-mm) Premier aluminum chassis. Rf circuitry is housed in a chassis-mounted 12 × 7 × 6-inch (305 × 178 × 152-mm) Premier box. A suitable cover was made by attaching hinges to a piece of perforated aluminum stock which had been cut to size with shears. The 18 × 10-inch (457 × 254-mm) panel was cut from 1/8-inch (3-mm) aluminum stock obtained from a sheet-metal supply outfit. In keeping with the "classic" character of this rig, a black wrinkle finish was applied to visible portions of the sheet metal and baked in the family oven at 215°F for one-half hour — a maneuver which the XYL appreciated to no end!

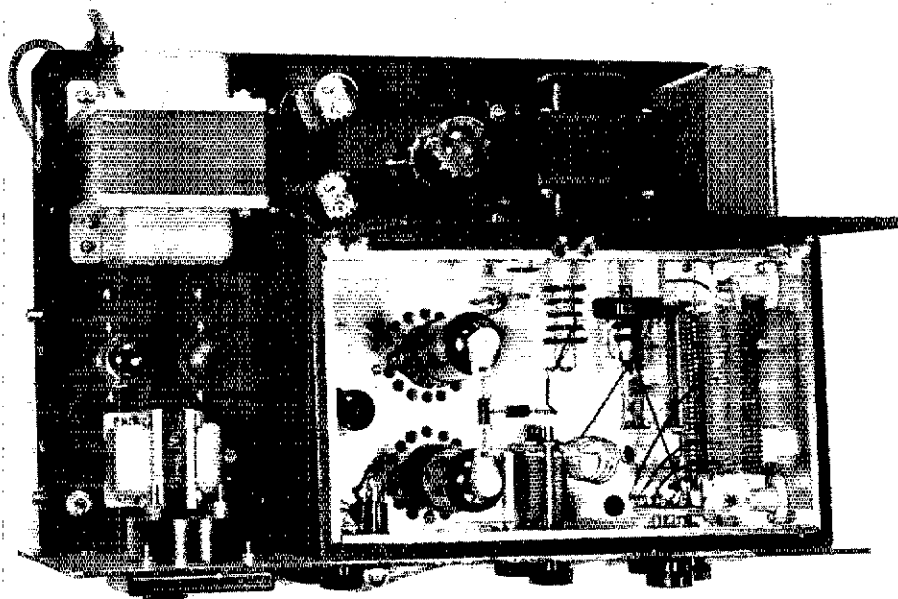
Coils (with the exception of easily wound L5, L6 and L7) are all of pre-fabricated stock cut to size and tapped prior to mounting on appropriately cut Plexiglas strips obtained from a plastic-supply house. After fixing the coils to the snug-fitting Plexiglas with a bit of Duco cement, holes are drilled at either end of each assembly and the whole unit mounted on rigid porcelain standoffs. Coils sharing the same compartment should be mounted at right angles to each other. Care in layout at this point will lead to a neat workmanlike job. Note that components of the tuned circuit in the plate lead of the multiplier/driver are mounted below chassis while those of the pi network are above chassis. For efficient use of space, parts are mounted on the side walls of the rf shield as well as directly on the chassis.

No apology is offered here for the use of point-to-point wiring rather than printed circuitry. When we are dealing with a single unit of custom-built equipment, designed for frequencies below 30 MHz, there is no particular advantage to etched wiring, from my point of view. In addition, when using the husky components and fittings of a vacuum-tube design, the printed circuit board will often end up as a flimsy, mechanically overstressed element.

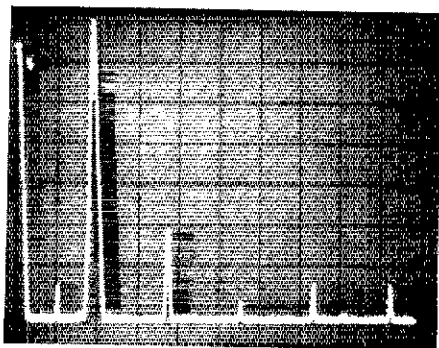
Miscellaneous Hints

If you've gotten this far, it looks like you may go all the way so perhaps a few hints might be in order to smooth the path. When mounting the keying relay, place a soft rubber grommet underneath it to minimize mechanical noise and vibration. The VFO will benefit from short rigid leads and solidly mounted components. Be generous in the use of tie points. Note that the VFO mini-cabinet serves also as a rigid chassis.

The VFO receives ac power via a short removable cable connected to an accessory ac outlet on the main transmitter chassis. Make sure that when disconnected no live ac can be touched. A female socket on the main chassis and a male



Above-chassis view of main transmitter unit. The bias transformer (T2) is mounted behind the panel on the left side of the chassis. To the left of T2 can be seen the main power switch (placement being prompted by the presence of a 5-year-old jr. op in the house). K1 (not visible) is mounted directly underneath the OA3 and 6H6 (V7, V6) which are located behind T2. The main power transformer (T3) is at the left rear corner of the chassis followed by the grouped components of the bridge rectifier (V8, V9, V10), the filter choke (L11) and filter capacitor (C11). Within the rf shield compartment can be seen, from left to right, the 6AG7 multiplier/driver (V3) and the two 5933 power tubes (V4, V5). The radial ventilation holes offer more than adequate convection cooling through the perforated shield compartment cover. The large plate choke (RFC6) is mounted horizontally on the rear wall of the compartment as is the safety choke (RFC7) and plate-blocking capacitor (C6). The four turns of a 10-meter coil, part of the original design, can be seen at the front-center part of the compartment between the chassis-mounted pi-network variable capacitors (C7, C8). The tank coil (L8) is mounted on the right wall of the compartment — see text for method of mounting.



The spectral output of the CW-150 on 80 meters, taken in the ARRL laboratory. Each horizontal division represents 2 MHz and each vertical division represents 10 dB. (The pip at the extreme left of the display is generated within the analyzer and represents "zero" frequency.) The most significant spurious output here is the 2nd harmonic, 51 dB down from the fundamental. Performance on 40 meters was the best of the four bands, with all spurious outputs down by 70 dB or more. The CW-150 as constructed by WA1YIW meets or exceeds current FCC requirements on all bands, 80 through 15 meters. (See August 1979 *QST* for more information about spectral analysis.)

plug on the VFO are what you want.

Blocking bias for differential keying is supplied to the VFO via a phone plug. With the constants chosen, there will be no less than -50 volts for cutoff of the 12AU7 with the key up.

The length of coaxial cable connecting the 6AU6 to the main chassis input should be held to about 24 inches (0.61 m), as it forms part of the tuned plate circuit of the 6AU6. Note that a classic National vernier dial (visible in the photograph) is used on the VFO. You can calibrate your dial using the station receiver and a 100-kHz crystal calibrator.

Adjustment and Tune-up

When the unit is finished, check the resistance, of the B+ lines to rule out shorts or open circuits. If everything seems in order, turn on the power and

wait a minute for the "smoke test." If things still look good, proceed to adjust the tap on R1 in the B+ lead of the VFO. *Caution: Be sure the B+ voltage is shut off before moving the tap!* Place a dc milliammeter in series with the resistance and adjust the tap for 30 mA of current. About 1000 ohms should do. Your voltage regulators should now glow on all settings of the VFO function switch.

Next, with the station receiver set at 3500 kHz, set C2, the VFO bandset capacitor, by zero beating your oscillator signal against that of a 100-kHz crystal marker. The 80-meter band should cover nearly the entire sweep of your dial. Check the rig for stability and freedom from parasitics using techniques described in *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*. If you have followed this layout fairly closely, you should find that neutralization is not required on any band and that there is total freedom from parasitics.

Next, connect a dummy load to the transmitter (a 150-watt light bulb will do) and load up on each band. Mark your panel controls in such a manner that tune-up becomes a pleasure, not a chore. Selection of correct coil taps for output on each band should be simple and automatic if your panel is appropriately labeled. I used the Letraset series of rub-on lettering with excellent results, even over black wrinkle.

As mentioned previously, preliminary tune-up should be done with the key up and the function switch set to TUNE. In this mode, the 5933 screens will be grounded. After you've obtained a dip, switch to transmit, depress the key and tune up in a conventional manner. When you hear that relay click, watch that meter jump and see that bulb light up, you will be privy to a very special satisfaction — ask any "homebrewer"!

A Final Word

The CW-150 may not be an ideal project for the beginning ham. But any amateur with even a very moderate

amount of construction experience should have no trouble whatsoever in duplicating this rig or in producing a version based on personal design preferences and the parts that are available. All that is necessary is the desire to enjoy a few of the larger ham auctions and flea markets, keeping your eyes open for the parts you need. I was able to obtain about three-quarters of the necessary parts, brand new, by this route. Thus the overall cost of this particular CW-150 was \$135. What it costs you will depend on what you find at flea markets and which parts you have to obtain through commercial sources. In any case, there is plenty of leeway for substitution in this design. No law says you need 660 volts on the plates. The 5933s will do as well with 450 volts as 750. If you've got a good buy on an 1100-volt transformer — fine! Forget the bridge rectifier and use a simple full-wave hookup. The possibilities for intelligent substitution in this design are endless and you will not be constrained by the inherent narrow operating parameters, fragility and heat sensitivity of solid-state equipment! So experiment to your heart's content and let the CW-150 prove to you that the art of homebrew in Amateur Radio is not dead yet.

Acknowledgement

Sincere thanks are expressed to N3VT, a generous and talented electronics engineer, who, although he has never seen the CW-150, meticulously went over the completed circuit diagram and advised the author of the ultimate workability of many of the circuits employed therein.

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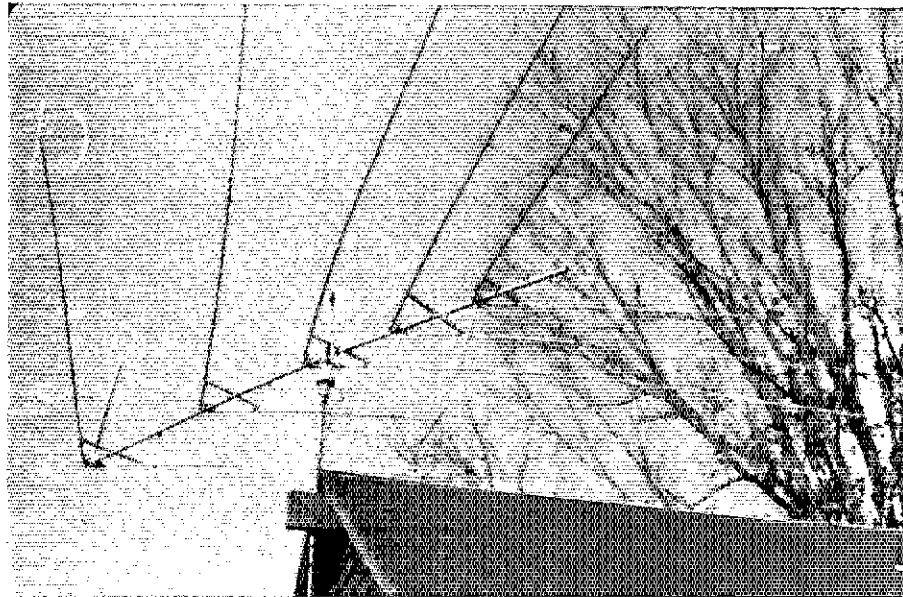
The Log-Periodic V Array

Here's a challenge — something to stimulate the investigative instincts of the serious antenna enthusiast.

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The following presentation is designed to familiarize the radio amateur with another concept in antenna-array design using driven elements. In two earlier works, it has been shown that the log-periodic dipole array (LPD) is a useful, unidirectional, high-gain (7 to 10 dBd), frequency-independent radiator.^{1,2,3} The log-periodic resonant V array (LPV) is a modification of the LPD array as shown in (Fig. 1). Dr. Paul E. Mayes and Dr. Robert L. Carrel at the antenna laboratory of the University of Illinois, found that by simply tilting the elements toward the apex, the array could be operated in higher resonance modes with an increase in gain (9 to 13 dBd) and a pattern with negligible side lobes (Fig. 2).⁴

A higher resonance mode is defined as a frequency that is an odd multiple of the fundamental array frequency. For example, the higher resonance modes of 7 MHz are 21 MHz, 35 MHz, 49 MHz and so on. The fundamental mode is called the $\lambda/2$ (half-wavelength) mode, and each odd multiple as follows: $3\lambda/2$, $5\lambda/2$, $7\lambda/2$, . . . etc., to the $(2n-1)\lambda/2$ mode. The usefulness of such an array becomes obvious when one considers an LPV with a fundamental-frequency design of 7 to 14 MHz that can also operate in the $3\lambda/2$ mode at 21 to 42 MHz. A four-band array can easily be developed yielding 7 dBd gain at 7 and 14 MHz and 10 dBd gain at 21 and 28 MHz, without traps. Also, using proper design parameters, the same array can be employed in the $5\lambda/2$ mode to cover the 35- to 70-MHz band. The 7- to 30-MHz LPV in use at K4EWG has been in service for one year and has performed well. However, minimum design



A pedestrian's view of the five-element 7- to 30-MHz log-periodic V showing one of the capacitive hats on the rear-most element.

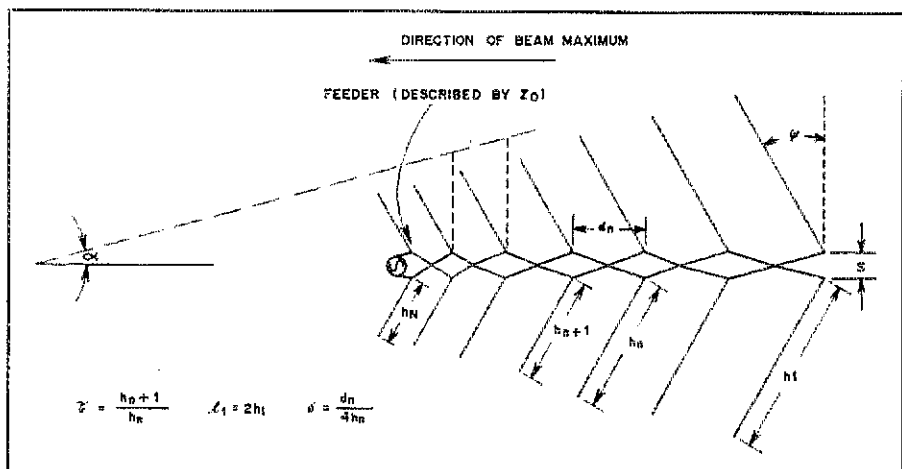


Fig. 1 — LPV schematic diagram and definition of terms.

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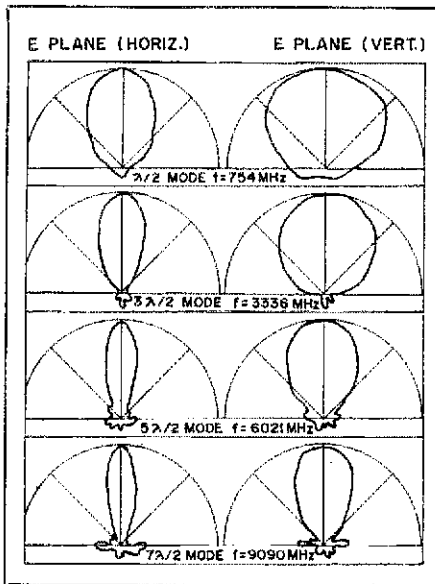


Fig. 2 — Typical radiation patterns from the Mayes and Carrel LPV in several modes. $\tau = 0.95$, $\sigma = 0.0268$, $\psi = 45^\circ$ and $N = 25$.

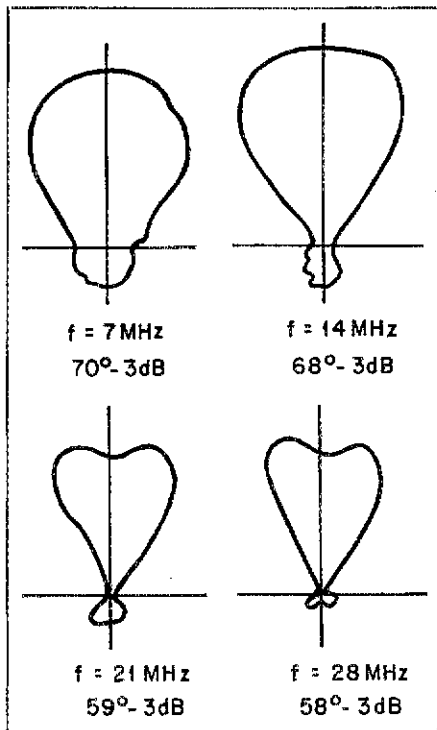


Fig. 3 — Horizontal radiation patterns of the K4EWG LPV array.

parameters were used and it is my opinion that a more conservative design (two additional elements) would yield a narrower half-power (3 dB) beamwidth on 40 and 20 meters. The author tested the LPV theory under the most extreme minimum design parameters (fewest elements and shortest boom), and the results confirmed the theory (Fig. 3).

Theory of Operation

The basic concepts of the LPD array

also apply to the LPV array. The *Principle of Similitude*⁵ is used in the LPD array design. That is, a series of interconnected "cells" or elements are constructed so that each adjacent cell or element differs by the design or scaling factor, τ (Fig. 4). That is, if l_1 is the length of the longest element in the array and l_n the length of the shortest, the relationship to adjacent elements is as follows:

$$l_1 = \frac{492}{f_1} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} l_2 &= \tau l_1 \\ l_3 &= \tau l_2 \\ l_4 &= \tau l_3, \text{ etc.} \\ \text{and, } l_n &= \tau l_{n-1} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where

f_1 = lowest desired frequency and
 n = total number of elements

Assume d_{12} is the spacing between elements l_1 and l_2 . Then $d_{n-1, n}$ is the spacing between the last or shortest elements l_{n-1} and l_n , where n is equal to the total number of elements. The relationship to adjacent element spacings is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} d_{12} &= 1/2 (l_1 - l_2) \cot \alpha \\ d_{23} &= \tau d_{12} \\ d_{34} &= \tau d_{23} \\ d_{45} &= \tau d_{34} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$d_{n-1, n} = \tau d_{n-2, n-1} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

where

$\alpha = 1/2$ apex angle in degrees

It becomes obvious from an examination of the mathematical model that the elements, cells of elements and their associated spacings, differ by the design parameter τ . Each band of frequencies between any f and τf corresponds to one period of the structure. In order to be frequency independent (or nearly so), the variation in performance (impedance, gain, front-to-back ratio, pattern, etc.) across a frequency period must be negligible.

The "active region" is defined as the radiating portion or "cell" within the array which is being excited at a given frequency, f , within the array passband. As the frequency decreases, the active cell moves toward the longer elements, and as the frequency increases, the active cell moves toward the shorter elements. With variations of the design constant, τ , the apex half angle, α (or relative spacing constant σ), and the element-to-element feeder spacing, S , the following trends were found:

1) The gain increases as τ increases (more elements for a given f) and α decreases (wider element spacing).

2) The average input impedance

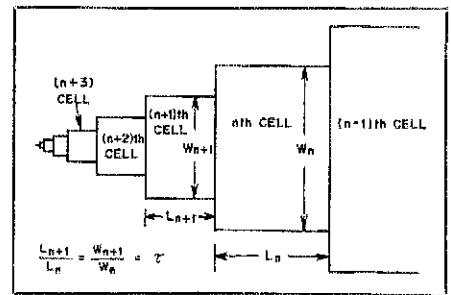


Fig. 4 — An interconnection of a geometric progression of cells.

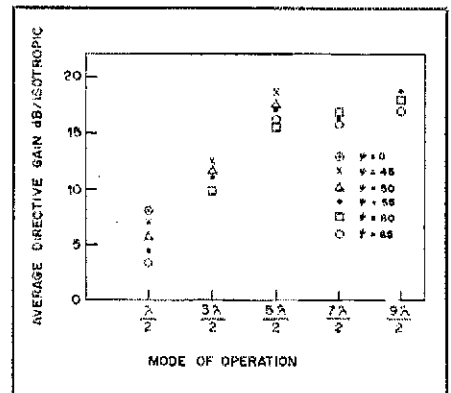


Fig. 5 — Average directive gain above isotropic (dBi). Subtract 2.1 from gain values to obtain gain above a dipole (dBd).

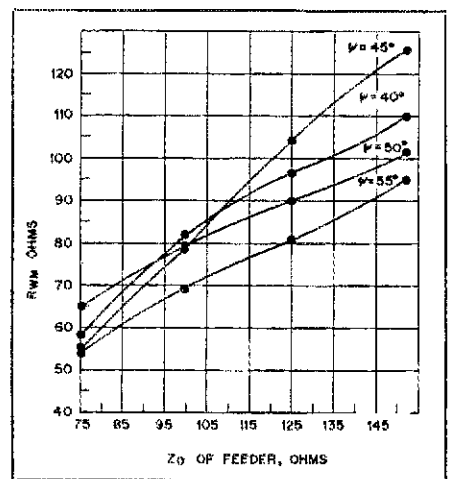


Fig. 6 — Weighted mean resistance level, R_{wm} , vs characteristic impedance of the feeder Z_0 for various ψ angles.

decreases with increasing α (smaller element spacing) and increasing τ (more elements for a given f).

3) The average input impedance decreases with decreasing S , and increasing conductor size of the element-to-element feeder.

The LPV array operates at higher order resonance points, as described earlier. That is, energy is readily accepted from the feeder by those elements which are near any of the odd-multiple resonances ($\lambda/2, 3\lambda/2, 5\lambda/2$, etc.). The higher order modes of the LPV array are higher order space harmonics⁶ and hence, when an

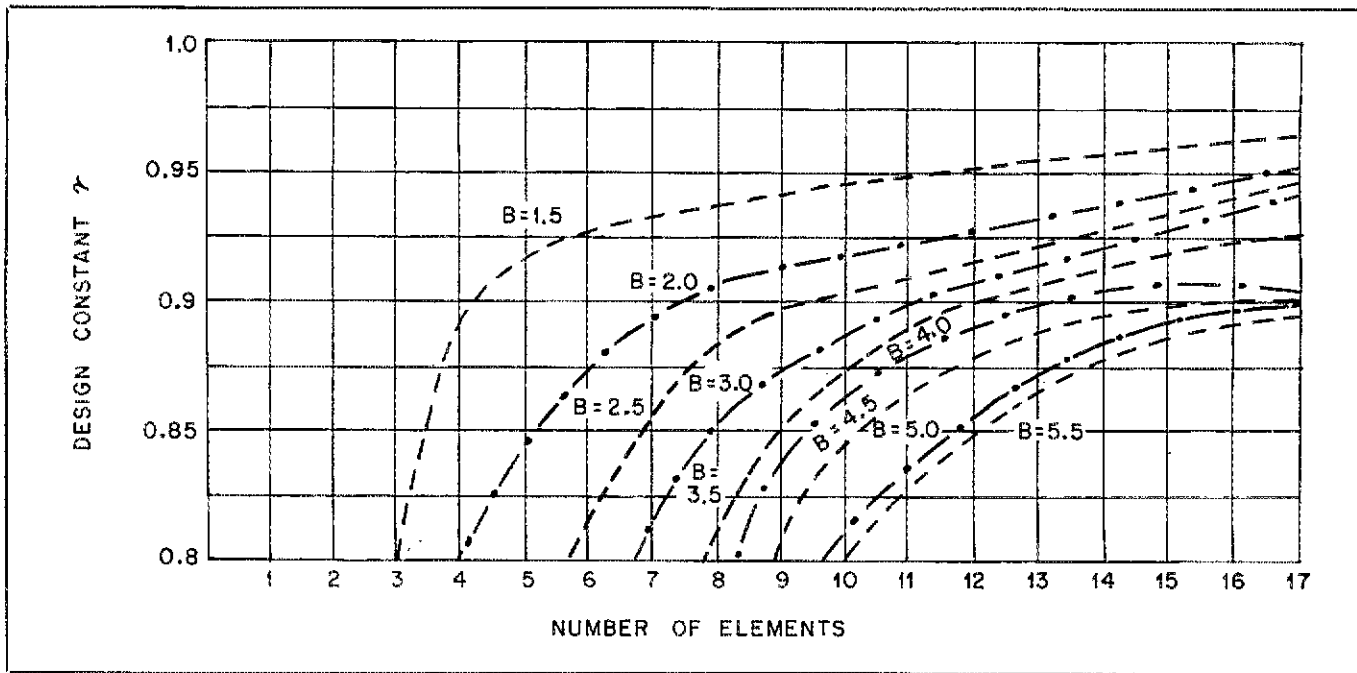


Fig. 7 — Design parameter, τ , vs number of elements, N , for various operational bandwidths, B .

LPV array is operated at a half-wavelength frequency shorter than the smallest element, the energy on the feeder will propagate to the vicinity of the $3\lambda/2$ element and be radiated. (See ref. 4.)

The elements are tilted toward the apex of the array by an angle, ψ , shown in Fig. 1. The tilt angle, ψ , determines the radiation pattern and subsequent gain in the various modes. For each mode there is a different tilt angle which produces maximum gain.⁷ Mayes and Carrel did extensive experimental work with an LPV of 25 elements with $\tau = 0.95$ and $\sigma = 0.0268$. The tilt angle, ψ , was varied from 0° to 65° and radiation patterns plotted in the $\lambda/2$ through $7\lambda/2$ modes. The gain curves appear in Fig. 5. The E- and H-plane patterns are found in Fig. 2. Operation in the higher modes is improved by increasing τ (more elements) and decreasing σ (closer element spacing).

$$\sigma = 1/4(1 - \tau) \cot \alpha \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

When considering any single mode, the characteristic impedance is comparable with that of the LPD array; it is predominantly real and clustered around a central value, R_0 . The central value R_0 for each mode increases with Z_0 (feeder impedance). Thus, control of the input impedance can be accomplished by controlling Z_0 .

When multimode operation is desired, a compromise must be made in order to determine a fixed impedance level. The multimode array impedance is defined as the weighted mean resistance level, R_{wm} . Also, it can be shown that R_{wm} lies be-

tween the R_0 central values of two adjacent modes. (See ref. 4.) For example:

$$R_{01/2} < R_{wm} < R_{03/2} \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

where

$R_{01/2}$ = $\lambda/2$ mode impedance, center value

$R_{03/2}$ = $3\lambda/2$ mode impedance, center value

and:

$$R_0 = \sqrt{R_{\max} \cdot R_{\min}} \quad (\text{Eq. 6})$$

$$\text{VSWR} = \sqrt{\frac{R_{\max}}{R_{\min}}} \quad (\text{Eq. 7})$$

The weighted mean resistance level between the $\lambda/2$ and $3\lambda/2$ modes is defined by

$$R_{wm} = \sqrt[3]{R_{01/2} R_{03/2} \frac{\text{VSWR}_{3/2}}{\text{VSWR}_{1/2}}} \quad (\text{Eq. 8})$$

where

$\text{VSWR}_{1/2}$ = VSWR in $\lambda/2$ mode

$\text{VSWR}_{3/2}$ = VSWR in $3\lambda/2$ mode

Once Z_0 and ψ have been chosen, Fig. 6 can be used to estimate the R_{wm} value for a given LPV array. Notice the dominant role Z_0 (feeder impedance) plays in the array impedance.

It is apparent from the preceding data that the LPV is useful for covering a number of different bands spread over a wide range of the spectrum. It is fortunate that most of the amateur bands are harmonically related, and by choosing a large design parameter, $\tau = 0.9$, a small relative spacing constant, $\sigma = 0.02$, and a

tilt angle of $\psi = 40^\circ$, and LPV could easily cover the amateur bands from 40 through 6 meters!

Design Procedure

1) Determine operational bandwidth, B , in $\lambda/2$ mode:

$$B = \frac{f_n}{f_l} \quad (\text{Eq. 9})$$

where

f_n = highest freq. in MHz

f_l = lowest freq. in MHz

2) Determine τ for a desired number of elements, n , using Fig. 7.

3) Determine element lengths l_1 to l_n using Eqs. 1 and 2.

4) Choose the highest operating mode desired and determine σ and ψ from Fig. 8.

5) Determine cell boom length, L .

$$L = \frac{2\sigma(l_1 - l_n)}{(1 - \tau)} \quad (\text{Eq. 10})$$

Note: If more than one LPV cell is to be driven by a common feeder, the spacing between cells can be determined by:

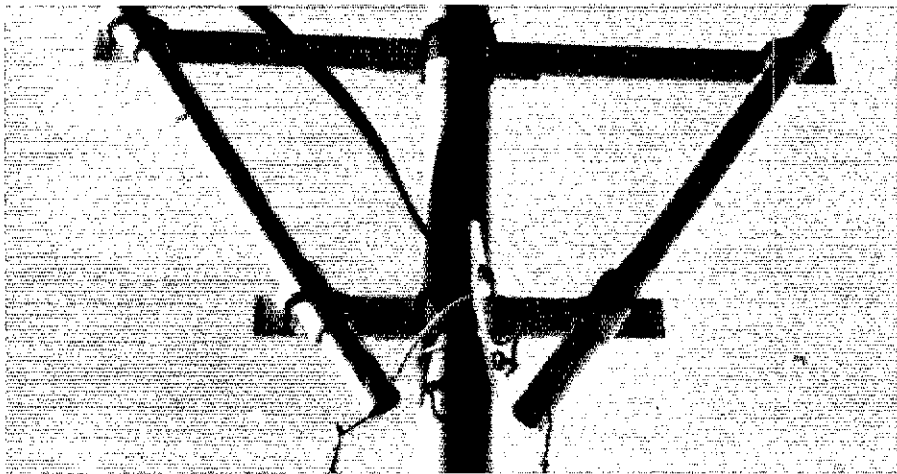
$$D_{1-2} = 2\sigma_1 l_{n1}$$

where

D_{1-2} = element spacing between cell 1 (lower frequency cell) and cell 2 (higher frequency cell).

σ_1 = relative spacing constant for cell 1
 l_{n1} = shortest or last element within cell 1

6) Determine the mean resistance level, R_{wm} , using Fig. 6.



The element-to-boom detail is depicted here. Aluminum angle brackets, U bolts, and sections of PVC tubing are shown securing each element to the boom at two points. The 300-ohm twin-lead, threaded through a piece of polystyrene and attached to the foremost element, may be seen entering the picture at the top/left. The end of linear loading line, l_1 , is visible near the bottom.

7) Determine the element spacings using equations 3 and 4. This completes the design.

Construction Considerations

The 7- to 30-MHz LPV in use at K4EWG has given good results and construction data are warranted. However, exhaustive detailed drawings and material lists are omitted since it is my intent to stimulate interest, rather than produce the last word in amateur-band LPV electrical and structural design.

It may be of interest to note that both linear and capacitive loading were used on l_1 . The relationship in the appendix may be used in estimating linear loading-stub length and/or capacitive hat size if construction constraints prohibit a full-sized array. However, performance in higher mode operations was less than optimum when shortened elements were used.

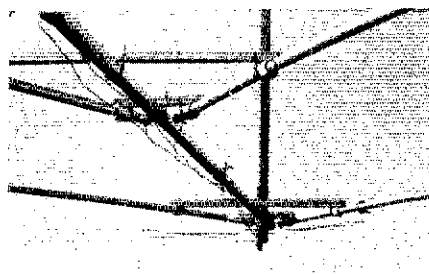
The structural details can be seen in the photos and more specific data can be found in Table 1. Array performance patterns can be found in Fig. 3. The array was fed directly with 300-ohm twin-lead.

Summary

The LPV provides frequency-independent coverage of each of several frequency bands. In higher mode operation, 2 to 3 dB of additional gain can be obtained from the same physical structure without degrading the pattern or characteristics of the array. It is my hope that this article will stimulate additional research by the amateur fraternity.

Appendix

The following linear loading-stub design equation may be used for approximating the stub length (one half of element, two stubs required):



A shot of the rearmost element looking at an angle to the boom. The linear loading line may be seen supported at various points along the boom and at the rear element by pieces of polystyrene.

$$L_s = \frac{2.734}{f} \arctan$$

$$\left[\frac{33.9 \left[l_n \frac{24h}{d} - 1 \right] \left[1 - \left(\frac{fh}{234} \right)^2 \right]}{fh \log \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)} \right]$$

where

- L_s = linear loading-stub length in feet required for each half element
- h = element half length in feet
- f = element resonant frequency in MHz
- b = loading stub spacing in inches
- a = radius of loading stub conductors in inches
- D = average element dia in inches

Note: The resonant frequency, f , of an individual element of length, l , can be found using:

$$f = \frac{467}{l}$$

The capacitive hat dimensions for each half element can be found using the excellent data by W. Schulz, K3OQF. *

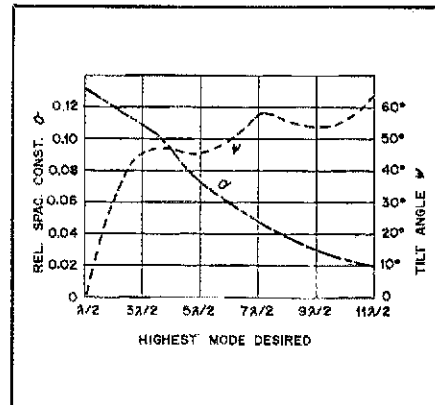


Fig. 8 — Optimum σ and ψ for an LPV when the highest operating mode has been chosen.

Table 1

Design Dimensions

Element Lengths, ft	Element Spacings, ft	Design Parameters
$l_1 = 56.22$	$d_{12} = 9.15$	$\tau = 0.8$
$l_2 = 56.22$	$d_{23} = 7.32$	$\sigma = 0.05$
$l_3 = 45.0$	$d_{34} = 5.86$	$\alpha = 38.2^\circ$
$l_4 = 36.0$	$d_{45} = 4.67$	** $L = 27\Gamma$
$l_5 = 28.79$		$\psi = 45^\circ$

Feet (') $\times 0.3048 =$ m
Inches (") $\times 25.4 =$ mm

* l_1 is a shortened element; the full size dimension is 70.28 ft.

**The total physical boom length is L plus the distance to the l_5 cross bracing. The cross-braces are 3 ft. in length and $\psi = 45^\circ$; hence, the total boom length is 27 ft + 1.5 ft = 28.5 ft.

Table 2

Basic Materials

Elements	1-1/2", 6061-T6, 0.047" wall aluminum tubing
Bracing	1-1/4" \times 1-1/4" \times 1/8" aluminum angle
Boom	2-1/2" OD, 0.107" wall aluminum tubing
U bolts	1/4" squared at loop to accommodate tilt angle, ψ
Feeder	no. 12, solid copper
Cap. hat.	no. 10 alum. wire, 24" dia
Linear loading for l_1	4' loop, 3" spacing each half of l_1 .

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Broadband Hybrid Splitters and Summers

I don't multiply or subtract, but I can divide and add . . . what am I? No, not a calculator, but a splitter/summer. Here's an easy constructional approach featuring good input-output isolation and minimum loss.

By William R. Hennigan,* W3CZ

How many times have you had the need for a relatively simple, yet effective splitter/summer in the course of your amateur career? No doubt the occasion has arisen when you desired to sum two signals to feed a piece of test equipment, make an intermodulation measurement on a receiver or split the output of a generator to feed two pieces of equipment. Perhaps you've wanted to feed a receiver from two, four or eight elements of a phased array or feed several receivers from the same antenna and do all of this with relatively good port-to-port isolation (20 dB or more) and minimum splitting loss. If so, the possible variations discussed here are just what the doctor ordered!

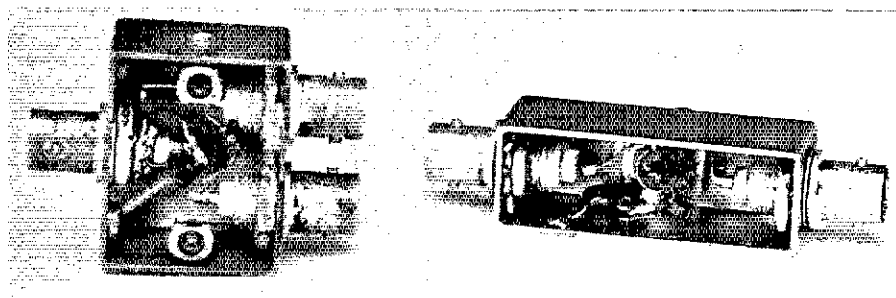
The hybrid splitters described here have a splitting loss of 3 dB. In other words, half of the input power appears at each output port. The measured port-to-port isolation between the outputs appears in graphical form in Fig. 1. This isolation compares favorably with the measured isolation of a commercial splitter made for use between 1 and 50 MHz which was found to be 28 dB at 15 MHz.

Frequency Response

The type-1 and type-2 devices shown in Fig. 2 have the following bandwidths: type 1, flat from 300 kHz to 40 MHz; type 2, flat from 100 kHz to 90 MHz. Above and below these frequencies, the loss departs from the 3-dB figure. In the case of the type 1, there is an additional 1-dB loss at 60 MHz, and with the type-2 unit, an additional 1-dB loss at 120 MHz.

C1 was added to improve the high fre-

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Two of the splitter/summers constructed by the author are shown in the above photo. The type-1 unit is in the longer, narrow enclosure which measures approximately $2 \times 11/16 \times 11/16$ inches ($50 \times 18 \times 18$ mm). The type-2 unit enclosure is approximately $1-3/8 \times 11/16 \times 1-1/8$ inches ($35 \times 18 \times 30$ mm). Printed circuit board or other material may be used other than the brass boxes shown here.

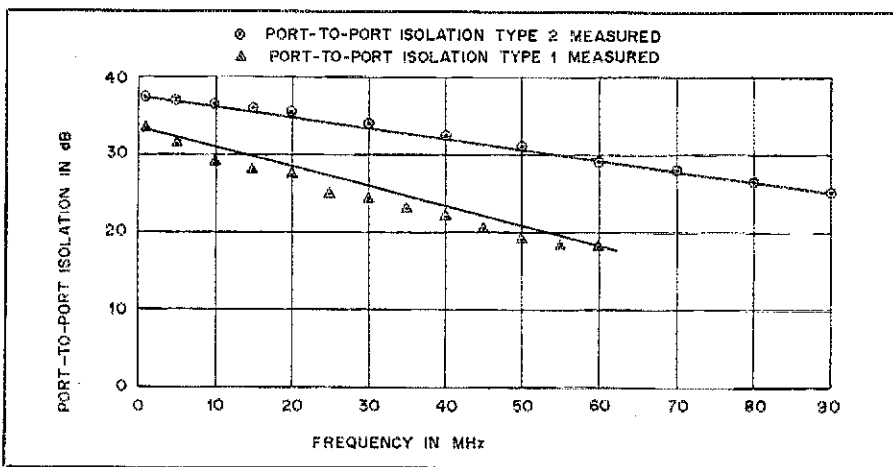


Fig. 1 — A plot of the port-to-port isolation vs. frequency for the two types of splitter/summers discussed in the text.

quency responses. For the type-1 unit, C1 is 82 pF. A value of 10 pF is used for the type-2 device. The value of C1 was deter-

mined in the following manner. One output port was terminated in 50 ohms and a 50-ohm detector was connected to the

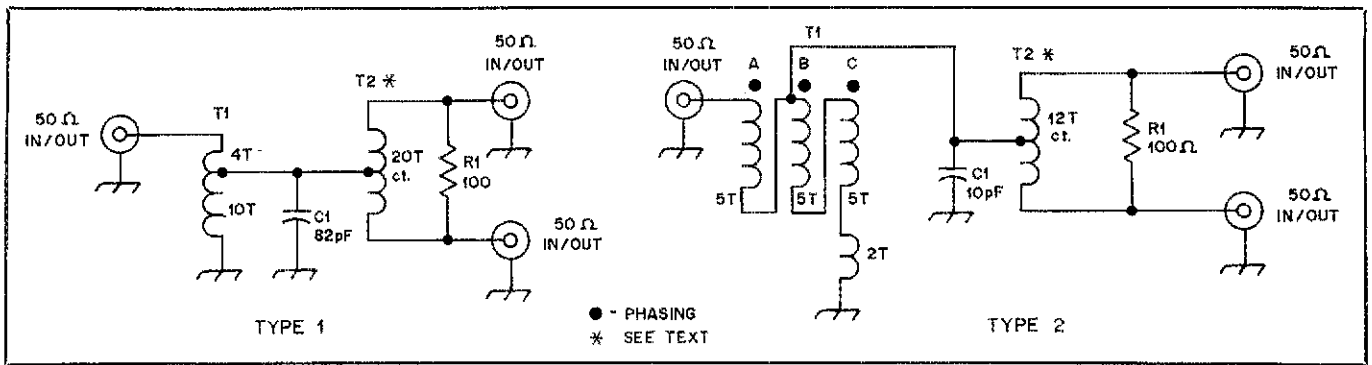


Fig. 2 — The two transformers of each type splitter/summer are wound on separate toroidal forms. The values of C1 and R1 are discussed in the text. R1 may be 1/8-watt. T1 for type 1 has a singularly tapped winding while T1 for type 2 has a 5-turn trifilar winding with an additional 2-turn winding on one leg. See Fig. 4 for further definition of the windings.

other output port. A sweep generator fed the input port. The dc output of the detector was applied to an oscilloscope to present a swept amplitude display. While sweeping from 1 MHz to 110 MHz, several values of capacitance were tried until the best high-frequency response was obtained. If the means for sweeping your splitter are not available, don't be concerned, for the type-1 unit will still be flat to 30 or 35 MHz and the type 2 to about 60 MHz without C1. See Fig. 3.

Design Considerations

For each device, two transformers are used, both of which are wound on ferrite cores. T1 transforms the input impedance of 50 ohms down to 25 ohms. T2, a bifilar-wound 4:1 transformer, steps up the 25-ohm unbalanced input to a 100-ohm balanced output. These ratios are *impedance* ratios, not *turns* ratios. Recall that the impedance ratio of a transformer is the square of the turns ratio. In this case, with the turns shown in Fig. 2,

$$\frac{(14)^2}{(10)^2} \text{ or } \frac{(17)^2}{(12)^2}$$

for ratios of 1.96:1 and 2.01:1, respectively, both of which are almost a perfect 2:1 transformation.

These splitters are not limited to use in 50-ohm systems, but if they are to be used at another impedance level, then R1 would have to be changed. In the case of a 75-ohm system, R1 would be 150 ohms. At a higher impedance, the low-frequency roll-off would be proportionately higher.

The low-frequency response of the splitter is determined by the inductance of the windings or the frequency at which their impedance is 50 ohms or greater. The inductance can be calculated using the following equation:¹

$$L_{\mu H} = (0.0046\mu N^2 h \log_{10} \frac{OD}{ID})$$

¹Notes appear on page 46.

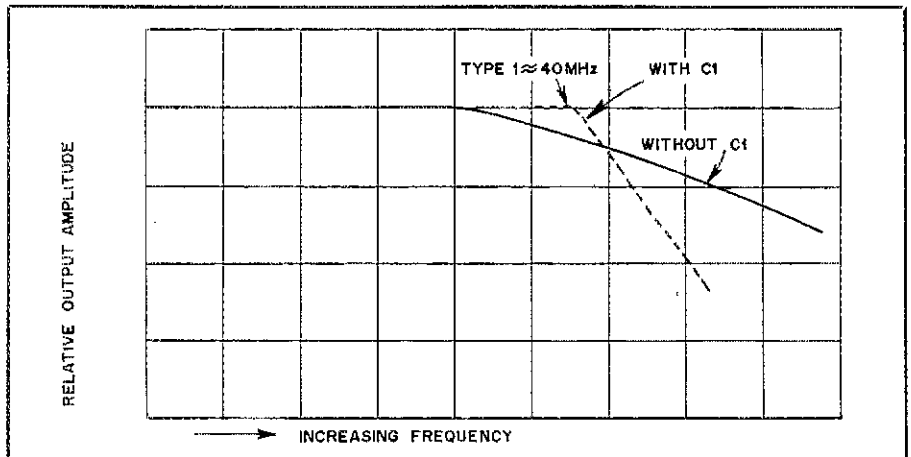


Fig. 3 — A graph of the frequency response of the type-1 unit showing the effect of the addition of C1.

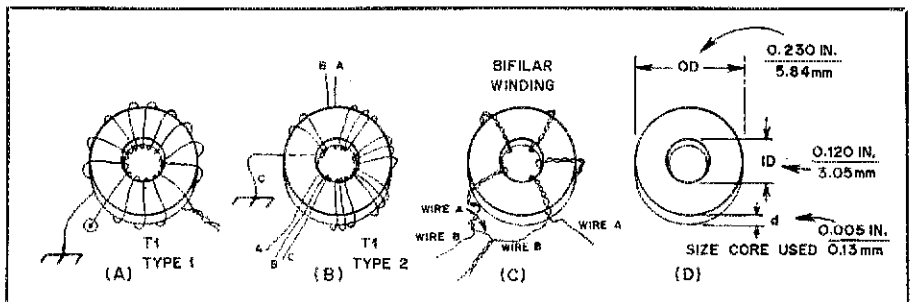


Fig. 4 — The pictorials show the manner in which the various cores are wound. At A, the singularly tapped winding of T1, type 1; at B, the trifilar-wound T1, type 2. T2 for both types is shown at C, while the core dimensions are at D.

where

- $L_{\mu H}$ = inductance in microhenrys
- μ = permeability of the material
- N = number of turns
- OD = outer diameter of core (cm)
- ID = inner diameter of core (cm)
- h = height of core (cm)

The calculated value of T1 for the type-1 circuit was 29.8 μH ; the actual transformer measured 29 μH . The calculated value of T2 in the type 1 was 60.82 μH and the transformer measured approximately 60 μH . Both transformer

inductances are very close to the computed values. Since the Q of the material used for the cores is very low at high frequencies, it is difficult to get a reading on a Q meter, and it is impossible to determine the inductance with a capacitor and a grid-dip meter for the same reason. Since the actual values are close to the computed values, it is not necessary to measure them.

The calculated low-frequency roll-off of the type-1 device was 270 kHz, which is very close to the quoted value of 300 kHz.

The type-2 device low-frequency roll-off was determined to be 68 kHz.

Construction

In order to obtain the widest bandwidth possible, you must use core material with a very high permeability. The cores used were Indiana General type H with a permeability of 850, and type 06 which has a permeability of 4700. From the results obtained, the latter is the better choice.^{2,3} Amidon types 43, 72 or 75 ferrite cores should work equally well.⁴

The construction of T1 (type 1) is quite straightforward. It is wound with 10 turns of no. 30 enameled wire on a type-H core. An additional piece of wire is twisted onto one end and four additional turns added for a total of 14 turns; the tap is placed at the junction of the joined wires.

For the type-2 unit, three pieces of no. 30 enameled wire are twisted together to form a trifilar winding and five turns wound on a type-06 core. Then one leg is wound around two more times so that one wire has seven turns while the two remaining legs have five turns each. The windings are connected as shown in Figs. 2 and 4.

To achieve the best balance in T2, assuring the greatest port-to-port isolation, it is absolutely essential that a bifilar winding be used. Two pieces of no. 30 enameled wire approximately 15 inches (380 mm) long are wound tightly together with 5 or 6 turns per inch (1 turn every 4 or 5 mm). Ten turns of this twisted pair

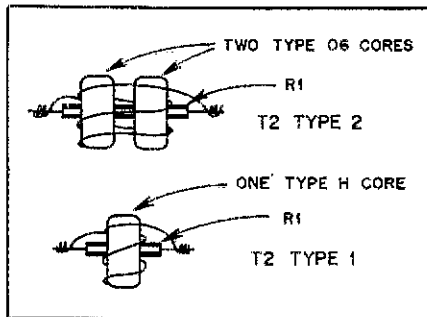


Fig. 5 — R1 is positioned in the center of the cores containing the bifilar winding. Wrapping the transformer leads around those of the resistor provides a convenient mounting for the assembly.

are wound around one type-H core for the type-1 device and six turns of a twisted pair are wound on two type-06 cores for a type-2 device. The windings are connected as shown in Fig. 4.⁵

These units were constructed in small brass boxes with three BNC connectors, but the enclosures and connector types may be chosen to suit individual requirements.⁶ Three of these units could be used for a 4:1 splitter and seven for an 8:1 splitter for use on a 4- or 8-element phased array.

Power Handling Capability

Since these units will only handle a few

hundred milliwatts, they cannot be used with high-powered transmitters, but if such units are desired, they can be constructed using larger cores and larger wire sizes. The wattage rating of R1 would have to be increased; large carborundum resistors (as used in dummy loads) would be adequate for power levels of a few hundred watts to a kilowatt. R1 dissipates power only when there is an unbalance between the output ports. Otherwise, no power is being dissipated in it. If 1/8-watt resistors are used for R1, they may be positioned as shown in Fig. 5. Larger wattage resistors will probably have to be mounted outside the cores unless the cores used have a sufficiently larger inner diameter.

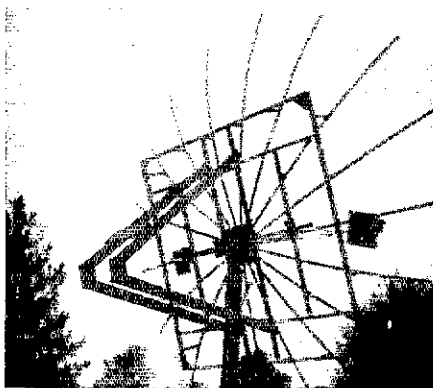
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Strays

FIRST WAS FOR 70 CM

Over 10 years of effort was required for Mike Vestal, W0YZS, of Kansas City, MO, to complete the first-ever WAS on 70 cm. On July 16 Mike completed an EME QSO with Wyoming for his elusive 50th state. Just a few weeks earlier he had contacted Delaware and Vermont for



The 24-foot dish that W0YZS and K0TLM built for moonbounce provided Mike Vestal with his 50th state for WAS on 70 cm. (W0YZS photo)

numbers 48 and 49. Since 70-cm stations are still few in number, especially in the less populated states, this is indeed a great technical accomplishment for Mike and his moonbounce partner, Tom Bishop, K0TLM.

TELL AMSAT ABOUT PHASE III OPERATIONS

Operational planning for AMSAT-OSCAR Phase III-A has been underway for several months now. User needs, desires and suggestions on several special-service channels, to be located at the edges of the passband, are needed now. If you have any suggestions on how you would like to see Phase III operate after launch in 1980, now is the time to let your voice be heard. Comments should be sent to the attention of the appropriate SSC coordinator in care of AMSAT, Box 27, Washington, DC 20044. The channels and coordinators are:

L1: Scientific — Dom Mallozzi, N1DM (serious research into phenomena and techniques).

L2: Data — Vern Riportella, WA2LQQ (computer networking, digital data exchange).

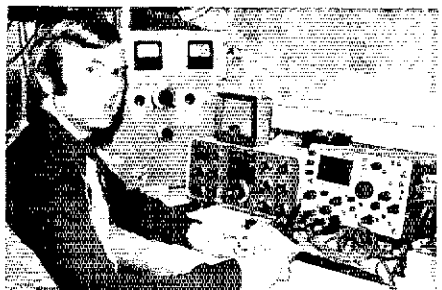
L3: NTS — Bob Halprin, K1XA

(scheduled, formal, cw traffic handling).

H1: Cw practice — Chris Schenck, W1EH (cw practice and cw/RTTY bulletins).

H2: Education — Steve Place, WB1EYI (OSCAR Education Program, Amateur Radio education, special mode and technique education).

H3: General bulletin — Pat Gowen, G3IOR (general information, one-way, multi-language phone bulletins and satellite-orientation information). — Steve Place, WB1EYI



Special QST congratulations to Connie Marshall, K5CM, who was awarded a special "combination WAS" in recognition of his fine work. He holds WAS number 12,311, WAS 50 MHz no. 140, WAS 2 meters no. 2, 5BWAS no. 542 and WAS on 160 meters.

Heath VF-2031 2-Meter Hand-Held FM Transceiver

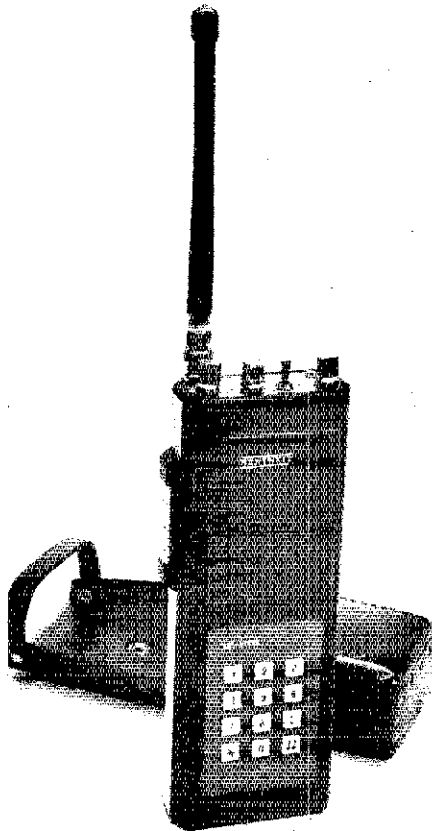
If 2-meter fm is of interest to you, and you've had thoughts about buying a hand-held transceiver for this mode, the new VF-2031 from Heath could be a likely candidate. This unit comes in kit form and can be assembled in one or two weekends, depending upon the builder's experience. Because of the miniature parts involved and the density of the components on the board, this kit should be considered only by those with prior building/soldering experience. It is not a difficult kit to build, but it takes a steady hand, good eyes and a little care to complete. The result is a durable rig that can be easily serviced by the owner — something that cannot be said for some of the hand-held transceivers currently being sold.

One thing you'll notice right away is that the VF-2031 *isn't* a synthesized rig . . . nor does it have a kind of price tag attached to those fancy boxes. Instead, Heath comes close to offering "any channel" operation by providing the VF-2031 with *eight* crystal-controlled channels — not the usual four or six. Add to this the fact that you only need *one* crystal (not two) to utilize a given repeater and the VF-2031 starts to look like a bargain.

Why only one crystal? Well, the VF-2031 contains transmit-offset crystals (± 600 kHz) that are selectable by means of a three-position switch (the middle position is zero offset, or simplex) located on the top of the rig. Thus, a 146.94-MHz rock could give you 146.34 TX /146.94 RX, 146.94 simplex, and 147.54 TX /146.94 RX. (Don't ask me why *anyone* would want the last combination!)

As with most Heathkit products, the VF-2031 comes with an excellent manual. A two-page errata sheet was enclosed with the review unit, and I had to spend a few minutes transcribing this information into the assembly instructions provided in the manual. The next big chore was the sorting and arranging of parts in preparation for starting assembly. Muffin pans work well as temporary parts bins, and I usually trim off the "ears" of the packing box and use the holes in the corrugated cardboard to pigeonhole parts with long leads. A thorough job of pre-sorting and arranging the parts will pay off during construction, as parts will be easy to spot.

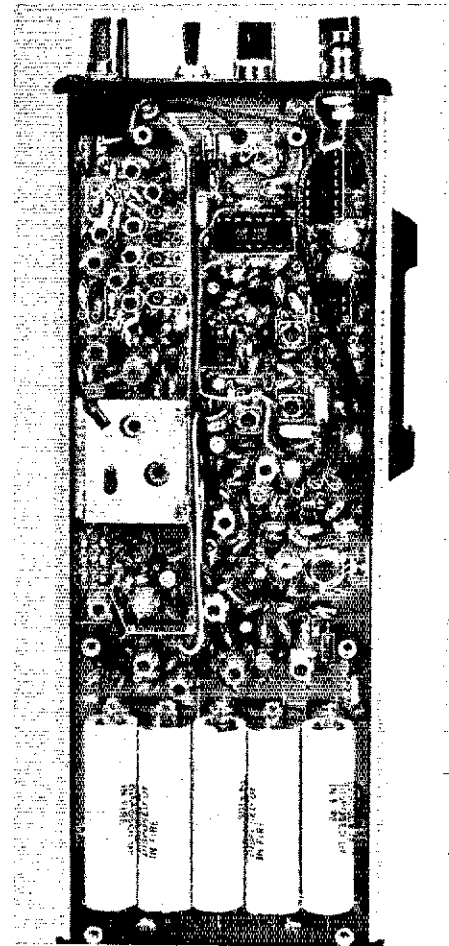
Construction of the kit was without a hitch. Alignment seemed to be going pretty well until I got to one of the i-f amplifier stages. Here, it seemed like one of the adjustments didn't make much difference. Additionally, the receiver exhibited extremely poor sensitivity. With a quick circuit trace, I found that one of the molded rf chokes was actually closer to being a 10-M Ω resistor! I removed the open choke, popped in a replacement and bingo! The receiver came alive and alignment was completed without further complications. That'll teach me to check all resistors *and* chokes with an ohmmeter before soldering them onto the pc board!



The Heath VF-2031 hand-held transceiver shown with Touch-Tone encoder option, rubber-duckie antenna and optional leather case. Controls on the top are (left to right) volume, squelch, transmit offset, and channel selector. The earphone jack is directly behind the channel-selector switch. Microphone and tone-burst accessories are available for the VF-2031. Holes are provided in the case top, making installation a simple job. The holes are hidden by the top-panel label sticker, which is replaced with a new one when either of these options is installed.

The review sample was provided with the optional Touch-Tone encoder board. This was completed and installed without any problems. The VF-2031 comes with NiCad batteries and charger. The charger only took a few minutes to put together, and no problems were encountered.

Operation of the Heath "hand-held" is quite simple. The push-to-talk actuator is a micro-switch type, not the multipin, slide-switch/spring combination that was used in many of the older hand-held rigs. The squelch is sharp, not mushy, and can be set quite accurately so that a signal will trip the squelch, but short noise pulses won't. The offset switch



inside the VF-2031 transceiver. Component density is not so great as to preclude user repair. Half of the NiCad batteries are attached to this side of the pc board, while the other five are soldered to the reverse side. The pc board is solder masked, plated, and screened with part numbers and other assembly information. This makes the kit easy for the experienced builder to assemble. Assembly time for this reviewer was about 25 hours.

takes a little getting used to . . . especially if you've used other crystal-controlled hand-held transceivers. A quick switch from the local repeater to '52-simplex will have you transmitting on 145.92 MHz (or 147.12) if you don't remember to flip the offset switch back to the center position.

The VF-2031 has *lots* of audio, both on receive and transmit. The receiver audio can be cranked up so loud that everyone in a small auditorium can hear it clearly! I guess the engineers at Heath decided that the transmitter audio gain should be equal to that of the receiver, because the mic gain is higher than you would expect. In fact, with a regular

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Heath VF-2031 2-Meter FM Hand-Held Transceiver

Claimed specifications

Receiver sensitivity: 0.5 μ V for 20 dB of quieting.
Audio output: 1 watt at 10 percent THD.
Frequency stability: 0.005 percent or better.
Adjacent-channel selectivity: 40 dB or greater.
Receiver i-f: 10.7 MHz.
Usable bandwidth: \pm 7 kHz.
Power output: 2 watts or more at 12.5 V dc.
Deviation: 5 kHz or less; adjustable.
Spurious output: -50 dB or better (at 2 watts output).
Transmitter offsets: \pm 600 kHz or simplex with supplied crystals.
Frequency coverage: 143.5 to 148.5 MHz (alignment good for \pm 1 MHz).
Operating voltage: 12.5 V dc nominal.
Channel positions available: Eight.
Antenna impedance: 50 Ω .
Speaker impedance: 8 Ω .
Dimensions (HWD): 9-1/8 \times 3-5/16 \times 1-7/8 inches (232 \times 84 \times 48 mm).
Weight: 2 lbs (907 g) VF-2031 transceiver with batteries.
Price class: VF-2031 transceiver with charger batteries, rubber-duckie antenna and one crystal (146.94 MHz) \$190; auto-patch encoder option, \$35; leather holster case, \$18; crystal certificates, \$7 each; external mic kit, \$30; continuous tone encoder option, \$35.

Measured in ARRL lab
0.2 μ V; 20 dB.

2 watts at 12.5 V dc.

See photo.



The BW Clipper: A more potent phone signal is just a knob twist away for the deserving DXer.

Clipper (made by BW Communications, Posen, IL) available: one for the Drake T4X transmitter and the other for the Drake TR4 transceiver. The latter was installed in the reviewer's TR4CW. The BW Clipper is housed in a matching gray cabinet with a black cover and is a very compact unit.

The BW clipper is said to be a "true rf clipper" because it is installed in the transceiver i-f and processes the signal at the transmitter i-f. The dsb signal from the transmitter i-f amplifier (following the balanced modulator) is fed to the BW clipper via coaxial cable from the plate transformer of the i-f amplifier. In the clipper, this dsb signal is filtered through an ssb crystal filter, identical to the one in the transceiver, to remove the undesired sideband and further attenuate the carrier, thus yielding a clean ssb signal. This signal is amplified, symmetrically hard clipped in a differential clipper, and emitter-follower matched to the ssb filter in the TR4. Here the clipper signal is again filtered and fed to the rest of the transmitting circuits. The amount of clipping is adjusted by the setting of the transceiver gain control. The clipper level control, when set per instructions, prevents overdrive.

Initial installation, which involves three coaxial cable connections inside the rig, took about 40 minutes. In the case of the TR4, a fourth connection is necessary, to the VOX-relay control circuit. Aye, there's the rub. An SB-200 amplifier is used in conjunction with the TR4CW, and as the amplifier has more than 50 V dc on the VOX-relay line, the BW Clipper instructions specifically state that an external relay is necessary. The clipper won't work without one. The manufacturer says that the present clipper will work fine with the L4 series and the SB-220 without any external relay, and that a new model will soon be available for use with the popular SB-200 with appropriate modifications.

Despite the inconvenience of having to play around with a relay and also having to throw a switch each time between the "barefoot" mode and full power, the clipper works like a champ.

BW Clipper

Claimed Specifications

Average power: Increase to 66 percent.
Installation: In i-f circuit of TR4 or T4X.
Circuit type: Rf processor.
Dimensions (HWD): 2 \times 6 \times 4 inches (51 \times 152 \times 102 mm).
Cabinet: Two-tone gray and black.
Power source: 12.5 V ac from Drake transmitter.
Price class: \$195. for T4X. \$200 for TR4.
Manufacturer: BW Communications Co. Inc.,
2643 West 133rd St., Posen, IL 60469.

speaking voice you need to hold the hand-held at almost an arm's length to keep from overdeviating the transmitter. I cured this the way that took the least effort: I taught myself to speak *very softly* into the VF-2031 mic with the unit held above five inches away from my mouth.

The rubber-duckie antenna that Heath includes with the VF-2031 is a heavy-duty job. It's not likely to get bent up like some of the more fragile-looking ones. And they used a BNC-type antenna connector. Hurray for Heath! There are few things that turn a vhf'er's stomach like seeing a phone-jack antenna connector on a 2-meter rig. The BNC is much nicer!

While I'm on the subject of antennas, I'll mention an interesting thing that happened when I decided to use a quarter-wave whip on

the VF-2031. The whole thing started when I realized that perhaps it'd be worth trying a quarter-wave antenna if it would give me a better signal into some of the repeaters in the Greater Hartford area. I converted a length of brass rod and a BNC connector into a quarter-wavelength whip. I installed the new antenna on the VF-2031.

Immediately I was able to note an improvement in reception. However, I found that the rig seemed not to be transmitting. A quick switch back to the rubber duck caused the transmitter to work properly. "Strange," I thought. A transmitter that doesn't like quarter-wave whips? The problem apparently was that the whip presented a better-matched load to the transmitter than did the rubber-duckie antenna, and thus caused the transmitter to put out (or *try* to) more power. Since the batteries were somewhat low, the added current drain was enough to cause the voltage to drop below the critical point for some portion of the circuit. Thus, the transmitter wouldn't work. With a fresh charge on the batteries, the rig works fine with either antenna, and as expected the whip *does* outperform the rubber-duckie antenna.

Final Comments

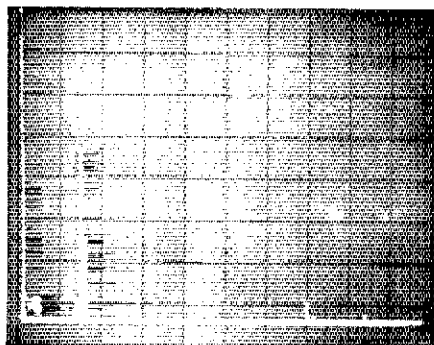
Overall, my impression of the VF-2031 is favorable. Crystals were obtained through the use of crystal certificates available from Heath. After the certificates were filled out, they were mailed to CTS Knights, who then supplied crystals by return mail. I was impressed with the fast service provided by CTS: It took only a week to receive the crystals! — *Jim Bartlett, K1TX*

BW RF CLIPPER

Strange. Asking a confirmed cw operator to do a product review on an rf speech clipper. But, if cream can be converted to butter, then it's possible that a cw enthusiast of the first magnitude could be persuaded to speak into a microphone. This is what happened, and the experience wasn't unpleasant in the least. In fact, it was enjoyable!*

At present, there are two models of the BW

*[We had to get this reviewer on ssb *some* way, and besides — he is the only Hq. staff member who owns a TR4. — Ed.]



ARRL lab spectral photograph of the output of the Heath VF-2031 transceiver. This photo was taken with the rig operating at 1.5 watts output on 146.52 MHz. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 100 MHz. The fundamental frequency has been attenuated approximately 32 dB by means of a two-cavity notch filter to prevent overload distortion in the analyzer. The most significant spurious signal, about 10 MHz above the fundamental, is down approximately 55 dB with respect to the unnotched fundamental. All other spurious signals are -62 dB or lower. The VF-2031 complies with current FCC specifications regarding spectral purity.

On-the-air reports indicate no change in S meter readings with the clipper switched in, but the audio becomes much louder and has more punch, just the thing to attract attention in a pileup. The clipper increases the average power of the signal, so the ups and downs of normal modulation aren't as prevalent. The BW Clipper was also employed during a nonserious stint in the ARRL DX Competition, with satisfactory results.

The proof of the pudding, though, came on a more-or-less normal day on 10 meters, in attempting to work T2T on the island of Tuvalu (formerly VR8). Actually, working this station wasn't too hard; the difficulty was getting on the list taken by the W5. After several unsuccessful attempts, the clipper was cranked in and *boom!* This reviewer was on the list! Having that accomplished, it was a piece of cake to work T2T, who gave this operator a signal report that was an S unit stronger than any other W1 who worked him that afternoon. If one reflects on the daily scramble to work T2T, then the value of this product should be evident. — *Robert Halprin, K1XA*

VMOS POWER FETS BY SILICONIX

The power FET technology has moved ahead with giant strides in 1979. Siliconix Incorporated, the major U.S. pioneer in the power VMOS field, has released three new and significant power FET devices for use in the hf/vhf/uhf spectrum. The new part numbers are DV1006, DV1007 and DV1008.

All three transistors are rated for Class A, B or C service. Operating voltage is 28 and the gain of each is 10 dB at 175 MHz. Total device dissipation at a case temperature of 25°C for the DV1006, DV1007 and DV1008, respectively, is 40 W, 80 W and 160 W.

The salient features of VMOS power FETs, which set them apart from power bipolar transistors, are no thermal runaway, immunity to damage from infinite VSWR, high dynamic range and low noise figure. The small-signal noise figures for the three (at 100 MHz) range from 5 to 7.5 dB, with the higher numbers applying to the higher power units.

These new power FETs are contained in stripline packages (380 SOE and 500 JO). They are suitable for use in broadband or narrow-band applications. For example, the DV1007 is

rated at 50 watts output in narrow-band service and 40 watts output for use in a broadband amplifier.

Although the unit price is a trifle steep for amateurs, the application may in many instances justify the cost. In quantities of 1-29 the DV1006 sells for \$25.50. The DV1007 markets for \$45.90 and the DV1008 costs \$91.80. No doubt the price will decline as the demand rises and production increases. Remember the days when we paid up to \$150 for simple four-function electronic calculators? Then there was the early day CK722 transistor which sold for roughly \$13 a copy at the beginning!

Data sheets for these and other Siliconix VMOS transistors can be obtained from Siliconix Incorporated, 2201 Laurelwood Rd., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Phone: 408-988-8000. — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*

TRW 4-BIT A/D CONVERTER CHIP

Looking for a relatively low-cost, video-speed, 4-bit analog-to-digital LSI converter chip? If so, TRW may have just the device to handle that special design job you've been considering between band openings! They have just released the TDC-1021J, which at the time of this report was touted as the industry's only monolithic 4-bit A/D converter chip which is available "off the shelf."

This new IC converter can digitize an analog signal at rates from dc to 30 megasamples per second without requiring an external sample-and-hold circuit. This IC is TTL-compatible and contains 1000 closely matched bipolar devices. Just envision a similar circuit which utilizes 1000 discrete transistors; The value of our LSI technology becomes rather noteworthy.

The TDC-1021J is suitable for a vast number of tasks in which high speed, small size and moderate cost are important, but where high resolution is not. Such applications might be video data conversion, high-speed multiplexed data acquisition, image processing and facsimile systems.

A single "convert" signal controls the basic operation. The circuit consists of 15 sampling comparators, combining logic, and an output buffer register. The IC also offers binary or two's-complement output.

The power sources are needed for the TDC-1021J: +5.0 and -6.0 volts. Power dissipation

is 250 mW. The operating temperature range is specified as -60 to +150°C. The package is a 16-pin ceramic DIP type with dimensions of 0.3 × 0.8 × 0.17 inch (7.6 × 20.3 × 4.3 mm). Linearity is rated at ± 1/8 LSB and aperture jitter is 30 psec.

The price class for this component is \$29. Further information can be obtained from TRW LSI Products, P. O. Box 1125, Redondo Beach, CA 90278. Phone: 213-535-1831. — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*

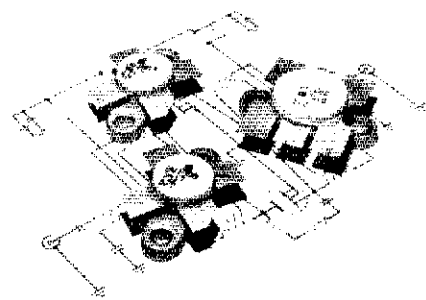
K5SMG CODE PRACTICE TAPES

Years ago, learning the code was a rather simple affair. Since there were no licensing requirements, on-the-air practice was quite common. Most operators simply tacked a chart to the wall of their shacks and started operating, ready or not! Today, the process is not as simple. A beginner must choose from a bewildering array of media and techniques. He can copy a friend's code-practice oscillator or a mechanical code generator using at least three varieties of paper tape. Records and tapes are also popular, not to mention WIAW code-practice transmissions. Unfortunately, there is no one preferred method for mastery of the language known as the Continental code. Like most skills, practice is the essential ingredient.

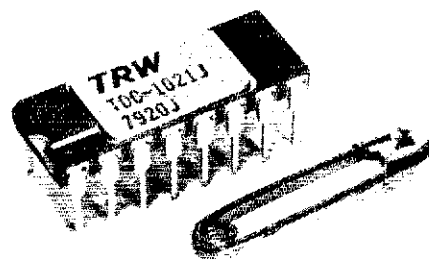
That is not to say that each of these various media don't have a place. If most of the letters are known and one has a good communications receiver, copying WIAW or even bits and snatches of chatter on the cw bands has the merit of providing continually fresh copy. But if a receiver is not available, cassettes can often be used with good results. The latest addition to the field is by K5SMG. The purist can copy randomly selected code groups from 7.5 to 25 wpm. There is also another method which has been used at WIAW for a number of years. Since most beginners have a tendency to copy characters in terms of dots and dashes rather than sound groups, it is often helpful to send each letter at around 20 wpm while increasing the spacing in order to bring the speed down to a manageable level. This is an excellent way of avoiding the "hump" which sometimes makes 13 wpm a seemingly impossible goal. Mr. Tarvin calls this HI/LO code and has a variety of cassettes from 2.5 to 13 wpm with either 22.5 or 15 wpm character speeds.

An argument could be made that such random-group code practice is much better than straight text because it is impossible to memorize the tapes or anticipate what will come next. Yet the examinee must not only copy what he or she hears, but must also answer multiple-choice questions based on sample QSOs, much like what will be encountered on the air. This reviewer found the series of QSO cassettes quite intriguing. Not only is it possible to check your copy against the printed text included with the tapes, one can also make up his or her own questions in order to get a "feel" for the FCC exams. Such a practice is especially valuable for the General, Advanced or Extra candidate. He can choose between cassettes at 15 or 22.5 wpm. Additional practice is available from two plain text cassettes at speeds from 15 to 50 wpm.

All the cassettes are 90 minutes in length and have been found to be of excellent quality. A free catalogue is available from John Tarvin, K5SMG, 810 Cardigan St., Garland, TX 75040. Each cassette costs approximately \$6. — *Chris Schenck, W1EH*



Photographic view of the three new VMOS power FETs. Each is built in a stripline package to enhance operation at vhf and uhf.



Photograph of the new TDC-1021J IC showing the package style and a size comparison with a safety pin.

New Books

Amateur Upgrade by Kantronics, 1202 East 23rd St., Lawrence, KS 66044. Educational board game. Price \$9.95.

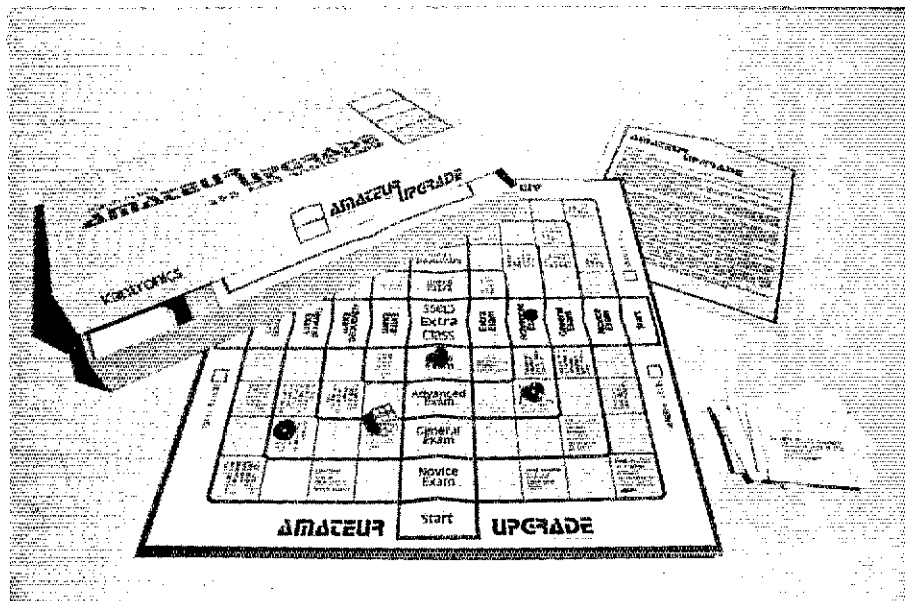
Who said learning can't be fun? That's the approach of this entry into the field of Amateur Radio training materials. *Amateur Upgrade* is a game that is played on a 15.4-inch (391-mm) square board with up to four players. Each player rolls a die to determine the number of spaces moved. When a player lands on one of 12 "exam" squares, an exam card is taken (as in "Community Chest" for *Monopoly*). After the player collects three such cards, he or she "takes" the exam. Each player begins on a Novice level and moves to successively higher levels upon passing an exam. The winner is the first person to pass the Extra Class exam.

Exam cards and answers are provided for each license class. The game can be made easier or harder by using only one or two categories of exam cards (example: use only Novice cards at all levels). The different grades of cards are color coded to match the level tracks on the board. One of the nicest features of the game is that blank cards are provided on which additional questions may be written. This is especially useful if the game is being used as an educational aid to upgrading.

This reviewer tried the game with a small Novice class (eight students) and the reaction was enthusiastic! Several students borrowed the game to use outside of class time. *Amateur Upgrade* is a fun way of reviewing Novice to General level material. However, the Advanced and Extra grade questions are not in sufficient number of depth to provide a comprehensive review for students of that level. Of course, all serious study aside, if you enjoy board games, *Amateur Upgrade* would be a lively addition to your collection. — *Jeanette M. S. Zaines, AB1P*

□ *The Shortwave Propagation Handbook*, by G. Jacobs and T. Cohen, Cowan Publishing Corporation, Port Washington, NY, 1979. 155 pages, illustrated. Price: \$7.50.

Authors Jacobs and Cohen present in *The Shortwave Propagation Handbook* what they consider to be the more important contributions on high-frequency radio propagation published by *CQ Magazine* during the past 15 years. More than a simple collection of



reprints, however, the book has been updated to reflect the availability of new material at the time of publication.

Chapter 1 is a primer on ionospheric propagation and introduces the reader to subjects such as ionization, formation of the ionosphere, ionospheric layers, variations of the ionosphere, path analysis, ionospheric disturbances and radio storms. This chapter provides the reader with the background and knowledge needed to understand the vagaries of the ionosphere.

The next two chapters deal with the sunspot cycle, a subject near and dear to all amateurs. Chapter 2 presents a history of sunspot observations and a detailed review of Cycles 19 and 20. Furthermore, the authors have included a complete listing of the 12-month running smoothed sunspot numbers since 1749 (which the authors believe is the first publication of these data in the popular literature).

If you prefer studying the sunspot cycle predictions prepared by the "experts," chapter 3 fills the bill. Up-to-date material in this chapter covers the prediction method developed by Sargent in 1978.

Chapter 4 covers do-it-yourself propagation predictions and master propagation charts. Included are charts which can be used to predict conditions from the U.S. and Canada to any place on the earth, given the frequency, time of day, season of year, and smoothed sunspot number.

While chapter 4 allows the reader to predict

the more-or-less normal long-term variations of the ionosphere, these variations do not explain why reception on a particular path may be good one day, fair another, and sometimes not possible at all. Chapter 5 permits the reader to "fine-tune" his predictions and forecast day-to-day conditions for up to 27 days in advance, utilizing WWV broadcasts of solar and geomagnetic activity at 18 minutes past the hour.

Finally, just to show how perverse Mother Nature can be, chapter 6 is devoted entirely to unusual ionospheric propagation phenomena: sporadic-E, auroral and meteor ionization, transequatorial and ionospheric scatter, gray line, crooked path, and long-path propagation.

The material in *The Shortwave Propagation Handbook* is well presented, aimed neither too high for the beginner nor too low for the experienced amateur. The book is abundantly illustrated with pictures and diagrams, and equations are few and far between. As with many first editions, there is a sprinkling of minor typographical errors which in no way detract from the usefulness of the book. There is no index, but the three-page table of contents is quite detailed and should be more than adequate for most purposes.

This reviewer concludes that *The Shortwave Propagation Handbook* would be a useful addition to the library of any radio amateur or SWLer wishing to learn about or increase his knowledge and understanding of shortwave radio propagation. — *Hal Steinman, K1FHN*

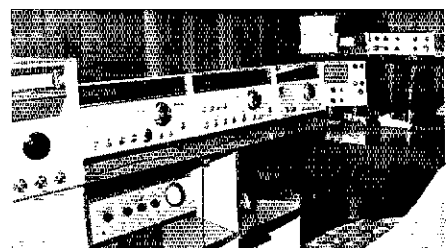
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FIRST-CLASS HOMEMADE GEAR

□ The accompanying photograph shows clearly that not everyone in Amateur Radio buys factory-made or kit equipment. This homemade station lineup was designed and built by Eric Kirchner, VE3CTP, of Agincourt, ON. It is as attractive (or more so) than some commercial ham equipment. Included in this

lineup are a linear amplifier (far left), 400-watt transmitter, receiver, receiver accessory unit, commercial scope used for spectral display with the receiver and a homemade paddle. Below the transmitter is an RTTY control unit which includes an ASCII-Baudot converter. A homemade version of the Robot 400 SSTV system is visible at the upper right in the picture.

QST congratulates VE3CTP for rising to the occasion and proving that home construction of amateur gear is by no means a lost art. Now, if only we can talk him into writing up some of this apparatus for publication in *QST!* — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*



Just about everything in this photograph was designed and built by an Ontario ham. Who says a homebrew station has to look like a homebrew station?

Hints and Kinks

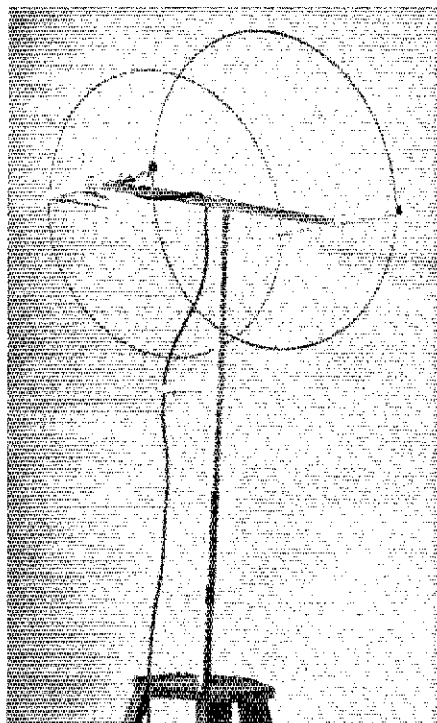
Conducted By Stuart Leland,* W1JEC

A TWO-ELEMENT 144-MHZ ANTENNA

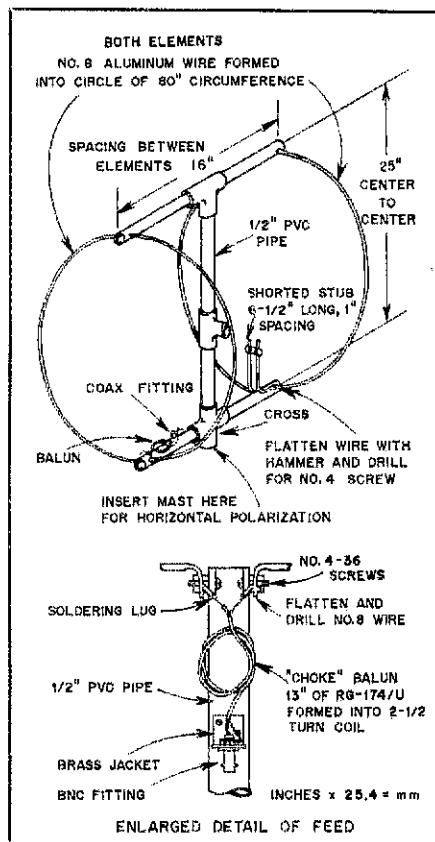
The two-element circular variation of the cubical-quad antenna for 144 MHz, shown in the accompanying photo and drawing, is well suited for an indoor antenna. It can be used for either vertical or horizontal polarization, gives a substantial amount of gain, yet it requires small space. Change of polarization is easy because of the simple construction detailed in the drawing. With vertical polarization, the coaxial transmission line should be brought out horizontally to a point behind the reflector before being dropped vertically. This arrangement avoids induced currents that could occur on the outside of the transmission line. The movable short on the reflector stub can be adjusted for maximum front-to-back ratio. The point of this maximum ratio is close to the position required for maximum gain. Without any matching device in the 50-ohm transmission line, the SWR of the writer's antenna measured 1.3.

Materials for this antenna are commonly available at many hardware stores and building supply dealerships with the exception of the cable and connectors. The PVC pipe can be stiffened by insertion of 5/8-inch (16-mm) hardwood dowel. With vertical polarization,

*Assistant Technical Editor, *QST*



This 2-meter directional antenna can be constructed with PVC pipe and aluminum ground wire. The photo shows the "quad" vertically polarized. Note that the transmission line is supported behind the reflector.



Two circular elements are featured in this 144-MHz antenna which performs much like a cubical quad. W6HPH designed it primarily for indoor use. It can be vertically or horizontally polarized.

the top two feet of the mast should be non-metallic.

This antenna is not only simple to rotate, but also is easily moved about a house or attic. Often, just moving an indoor antenna a few feet can make a 20-dB difference in signal strength.

To determine the best location a steady carrier in the direction of interest will be required. This can be provided by a station across town or a mobile unit a few blocks away. — *Fred Brown, W6HPH, Lake San Marcos, CA*

TVI FILTER RESONANCE

Attaching a TVI low-pass filter to a transmitter is not quite as simple as hanging a screen door. It may just happen that the transmitter output circuit will resonate with the first element of the filter at one of the operating frequencies. The chances are slim, perhaps, but it can occur.

It happened to my equipment. The first symptoms that I noticed were changes in operating characteristics because of abnormal heating of the transistors in my solid-state

broadband final amplifier. With the filter and a dummy load attached, both the SWR at the input of the amplifier and the dc supply current to the amplifier would climb during steady keydown. The symptoms were absent with the filter removed. Exploration with a dip meter revealed a resonance at the operating frequency (on 15 meters) at the input end of the filter *only* when it was connected to the amplifier.

My cure was to remove one of the four turns from the secondary of the output transformer of the amplifier, but substitution of a filter of a different design or cutoff frequency probably would have sufficed. — *Phil Emerson, WD8LZA, Cleveland Heights, OH*

ELIMINATING RFI IN ELECTRONIC CHIMES

The hostile electromagnetic spectrum has yet another victim, the Heath TD-1089 programmable electronic chimes. The VF amplifier is the major culprit, responding even to passing mobiles! This problem, caused by input junction rectification, is readily cured by placing a 100- to 1000-pF capacitance across pins 2 and 3 of R28 (volume).

Because of the low fidelity of this unit, insertion of the high-frequency cutoff has little aural effect on the chimes. The last vestiges of Morse-keyed transmitter interference are removed by the application of 0.01- μ F disc capacitors from the Vcc to Vee right at the cases of all integrated circuits (IC1 through IC5) and low-pass networks to the front and rear door-button circuits and the 16-V ac line. The 100- μ H inductors respectively replace the orange, green and blue wires which are found at points A, B and D. From each of these points, to complete the filter, a 0.01- μ F capacitor is connected to ground. Grounding of common terminal G may actually enhance RFI even when the isolation point of the unit is assured as above. — *J. Grigg, W9BK, Chicago, IL*

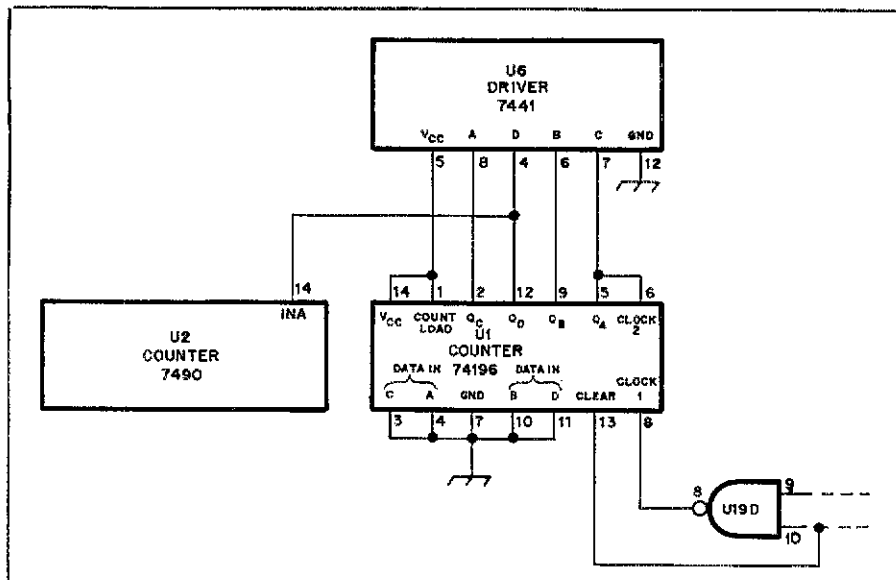
THIRTY-DOLLAR COUNTER MODIFICATION

Ralph Anderson's "Thirty-Dollar Counter," described in January 1974 *QST* (page 40), was a popular project but was a questionable performer above 20 MHz (being limited by the ability of U1, a divide by 2 or 5 counter [7490] to accept high-frequency count pulses). This can be remedied by replacing U1 with a 74196 which extends the frequency limit of the counter up to 60 MHz in most cases. The pin-out is different and the reset pulse polarity is opposite. To accommodate the 74196, these changes for U1 are necessary before the new IC can be plugged in and expected to work.

Remove the following jumpers:

Pin 1 to pin 12.

Pin 6 to pin 10.



KØWOP suggests the use of this modification of the "Thirty-Dollar Counter" (January 1974 QST) to extend the upper limit to 60 MHz.

- Pin 6 to pin 7.
- Pin 2 to pin 3.
- Pin 5 to V_{cc} (+5 V).
- Pin 8 to pin 7 on U6.
- Pin 11 to point "b."
- Pin 12 to pin 3 on U6.

Install jumpers or solder bridges as follows:

- U19 pin 8 to U1 pin 8.
- U1 pin 12 to U2 pin 14.
- U6 pin 4 to point "b."
- U1 pin 1 to U1 pin 14 and U6 pin 5.
- U1 pin 2 to U6 pin 3.
- U1 pins 3, 4, 10 and 11 to pin 7 (ground).
- U1 pin 5 to U6 pin 7.
- U1 pin 6 to U1 pin 5.
- U1 pin 13 to U19 pin 10.

Incidentally, the logic diagram on page 41 of QST for January 1974 shows the top row of pins on U1 through U5 as 5, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 14. They should have been shown as 5, 12, 11, 9, 8 and 14. I mention this for the benefit of those who may refer to the article for the first time.

I have shared this circuit change with Bob Shriner, WAØUZO, who makes the boards. He expressed great interest. WØICR has informed me that the upper limit of the counter could be extended without any circuit changes by substituting a 74LS90 in place of the 7490. In such a case you pull out one IC and plug in the other. Where this modification is performed the new upper frequency limit would also be approximately 60 MHz. — David W. Richardson, KØWOP, Northglenn, CO

RECEIVER CRYSTAL TUNING FOR THE KENWOOD TR-2200A 2-METER TRANSCEIVER

The Kenwood TR-2200A transceiver, used by amateurs all over the world, is one of the best known radios on the 2-meter band. Because the set lacks tuning capacitors for the receiver crystals, tuning the receiver right on frequency seems impossible, even when using expensive 0.00025-percent tolerance crystals.

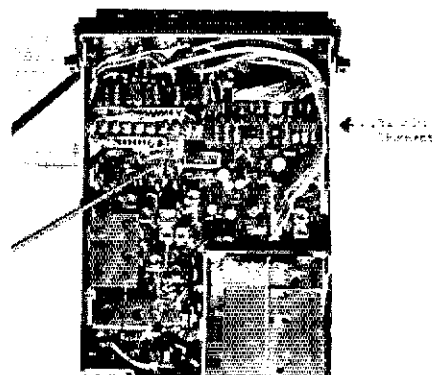
All these crystals work in the parallel resonance mode in which the crystal looks inductive to the circuit. Any change in the circuit reactance effects the frequency of the crystal. That means, if for any reason the circuit reactance changes slightly or the crystal drifts, the receiver will be off frequency.

For an expenditure of less than the price of an inexpensive crystal, I've made this modification to resolve the problem. After 20 months of operation, following the change, only a minor frequency correction was necessary. In addition, the sensitivity improved from 0.5 to 0.3 microvolt with 20-dB quieting.

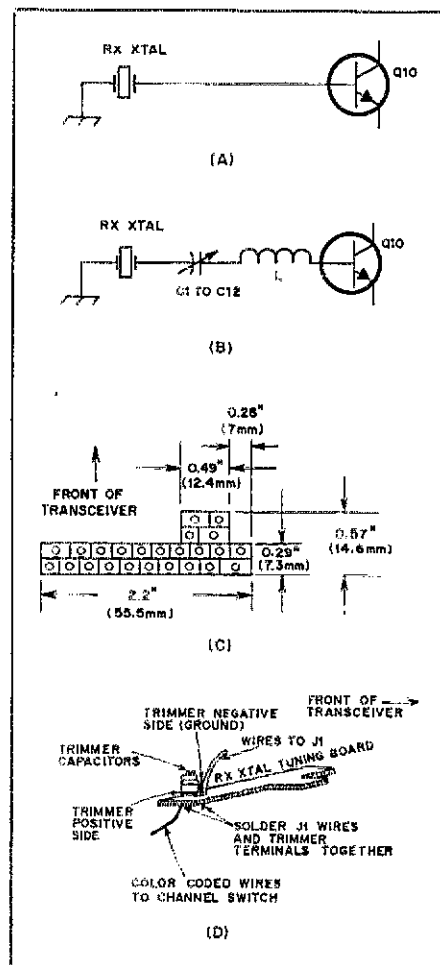
Basically, the modification consists of installing a separate trimmer capacitor in series with each receiver crystal and a choke between the channel switch and base of the oscillator transistor. (See drawing.) A sort of watchmaker's skill is needed to perform the job properly.

Removal of the receiver module to perform the modification is not necessary. Begin by cutting in half the jumper wire C-49 on the receiver module. This jumper, at the right of the Murata ceramic filter, interconnects pin 1 of J4 (the connector) to the base of the oscillator transistor Q10. Using the cut jumper ends as solder terminals, install a 0.68- μ H inductor. Place the 12 trimmers, indicated in the parts list, on the new receiver crystal tuning circuit board with the negative (ground) side facing the receiver crystal bank. Solder only the positive side terminals.

Disconnect J1. Note the order of the 12 colored wires connected to it. Work carefully with a pin through the rectangular windows on the side of J1 to release the contact retaining tabs. Remove the contacts one by one, pulling each wire slowly up from the plastic connector body. Extract the colored wires from the contacts, replacing them with 2-inch (51-mm) lengths of no. 26 insulated copper wire. Improper handling of these delicate contacts may destroy them. Reinstall the contacts on J1 with the retaining tabs facing the rectangular windows on the side of the connector body.



CE3AB modified this Kenwood TR-2200A to provide improved tuning of the receiver section. A pointer stick indicates the location of L, the 0.68- μ H inductor. Other details are shown in the drawing.



Electromechanical information for modifying the Kenwood 2200A transceiver. A simplified diagram of the original oscillator is shown at A. The modified oscillator is illustrated at B. The receiver crystal tuning board arrangement is depicted at C in a 1:1 scale drawing. Holes are 0.46-inch (1.2-mm) dia, 0.21 inch (5 mm) apart. The board is made of 0.05-inch (1.3-mm) thick G10 fiberglass. Detailed at D is the method of mounting the trimmer capacitors. Twelve ceramic trimmer capacitors, 5 to 25 pF, Erie type 518-000A-5-25 or equivalent are required. A single 0.68- μ H miniature molded rf choke (Gowanda 8/680 or equivalent and 3-1/4 feet (1 meter) of no. 26 stranded Teflon insulated wire are also needed.

Next, adjust the length of the no. 26 wires from J1 to reach the unsoldered trimmers (negative side) on the receiver crystal tuning circuit board. Remove the insulation at the ends of the leads and feed the bare wire into the unsoldered circuit-board holes together with the capacitor negative terminals. Using a thin-tipped soldering iron, solder the wires to the circuit board.

Now, remove the insulation from the ends of the colored wires from the channel selector switch (formerly connected to J1). Solder the ends to the proper positive trimmer contact on the bottom of the receiver crystal-tuning circuit board. Connect colored wire no. 1 to the positive trimmer terminal no. 1 and, in order, connect the remaining wires to the respective terminals. Reinstall J1. Carefully maneuver the receiver crystal-tuning board between J1 and J4.

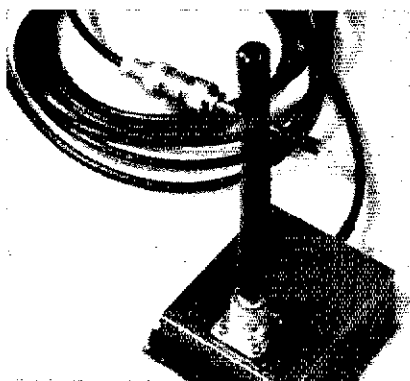
After completing the modification, tune each crystal trimmer following this procedure. Connect a frequency counter (capable of measuring at least 150 MHz) between test points TP and E on the receiver module. Turn on the transceiver. Read the frequency. This should be the selected channel frequency minus 10.7 MHz. To correct any discrepancy, tune the proper trimmer until the counter indicates the right frequency. The tuning range, thus obtained, is ± 4.5 kHz. If a counter is not available, a voltmeter with a zero center can be connected between pins 4 and 9 of the AUX terminal provided in the TR-2200A. While receiving a signal of well-known accuracy, adjust the proper trimmer until the meter indicates zero.

Laboratory tests performed before and after the modification on two TR-2200As show a slight voltage reduction across the crystals after the change. The series reactance introduced into the circuit caused a current reduction through the crystals. — *Manuel Urrutia, CE3AB, Santiago, Chile*

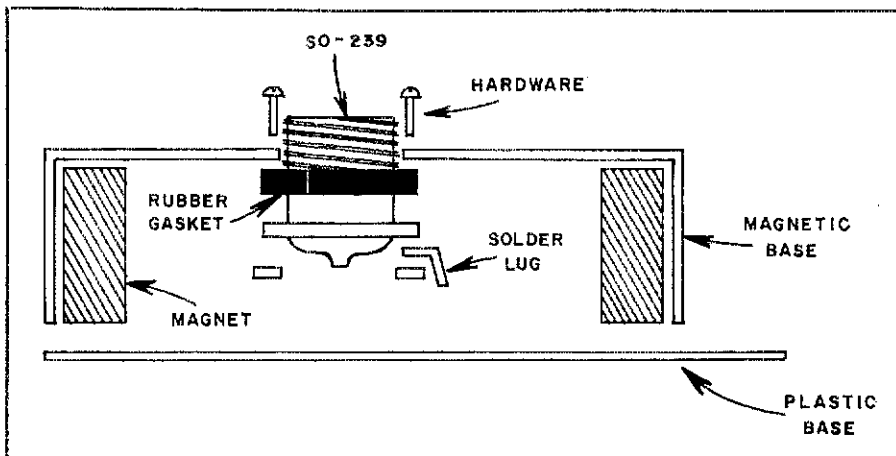
[Editor's Note: If the quality of the coils and capacitors used in this modification is substandard, drift will probably result.]

THE MAGNETIC RUBBER-DUCKIE ANTENNA

I recently came to the conclusion that I needed a simple, small and reasonably effective anten-



AD1B assembled this rubber-duck antenna atop a Larsen magnetic-mount antenna base for mobile use. It provides quick disconnection. He reports that favorite repeaters are easily accessed with this short antenna.



A modified Larsen magnetic mount. AD1B reworked this base to accommodate an SO-239 and rubber-duckie antenna.

na for 2-meter activities. Even though my $5/8$ -wavelength magnetic-mount antenna has done a very good job, it is too large for quick setup and removal. The radiating element is nearly three feet long and a nuisance to use on short trips.

Because I live close to a number of repeaters, compromises are possible in selecting an antenna system. My choice of a rubber-duckie antenna has proven satisfactory and may be of interest to other amateurs.

The mounting hardware of a newly acquired Larsen magnetic antenna base, being incompatible with the PL-259 connector on my only available rubber-duckie antenna, required some modifications. After removing the bottom from the base, unfastening the mounting stud and unsoldering the coaxial cable, I enlarged the opening to accommodate an SO-239 connector. Care must be exercised to provide a snug fit. A piece of rubber, serving as a gasket, ensures that the unit is waterproof.

My final preparations were to attach the coaxial cable to the new connector and replace the bottom surface. Rather than reusing the original metal foil, an oversized piece of plastic, having a $1/4$ -inch (6-mm) overlap, is epoxied to the base. The plastic eliminates the possibility of scratching car paint. Inside the base, electrical tape, wound around the coaxial cable, provides strain relief.

The SWR of my antenna, according to a Heath HM-2102 VHF SWR Meter, is an acceptable 1.5:1. If the selected antenna is not precut, very likely careful pruning may provide an even better match.

A comparison of the received signal strength from the magnetic-mounted duckie and a $5/8$ -wavelength magnetic-mounted antenna was arranged. Reception was provided by a Standard 826-M at a distance of 1.5 miles (2.4 km) on 146.52 MHz. The transmitter was a Standard 146-A, with a Volkswagen "Beetle" as a ground plane. In both cases Larsen magnetic mounts were employed. The signal from the $5/8$ -wavelength antenna registered 5 on the relative-signal-strength meter of the receiver while the rubber duckie gave a deflection of 2 under identical conditions. Both signals were easily copied.

The completed unit, shown in the photograph, may be stored easily in the glove compartment of a car. Another advantage is that different types of antenna elements can be mounted on the modified base for purposes of

experimenting or band switching.

Many thanks to NIADF for his patient assistance in the tests. I recommend to others that they consider the advantages of small antennas with short, helical radiating elements.

— *Thomas Hart, AD1B, Westwood, MA*

NEW SUBBAND FOR THE ICOM 22-S

Many amateurs with relatively modern equipment seem to be left out in the cold when it comes to working more recent repeaters operating in the new 2-meter repeater band. For the amateur who owns an ICOM 22-S, providing a new subband is a solution to the problem. Locally, cooperation among the area amateurs has resulted in a number of ICOM 22-S radios operating on WD9GMZ/R (144.81/145.41 MHz) by using this approach.

The ICOM 22-S is a diode-programmable PLL synthesized radio. The user installs diodes for the lower frequency. The duplex circuit adds 600 kHz to either the receive frequency (duplex A) or the transmit frequency (duplex B). See the owner's manual, page 4.

Addition of the subband is accomplished through a hard-wired logic circuit. Since the radio is intended to work the 146- to 148-MHz section of the band, either D7 or D6 is always in use. The "plus 600" circuit is designed on that premise. See page 21 and the schematic diagram of the owner's manual.

If the radio is operated in duplex without either or both D6 and D7, the resultant duplex is not 600 kHz. To avoid this erroneous offset, the divide-by-N circuit has been arranged so that it will not operate unless D6 and D7 are programmed. Use of the enable input (pin 13) of the divide-by-N IC provides the means for accomplishing this.

Although the ICOM schematic diagram shows pin 13 (enable) tied to pin 16 (+9 V), *this is not the case*. There are diodes connected from both pin 8 (D7) and pin 7 (D6) to pin 13, so that only when D7/D6 is in use is the counter enabled. This sets the bottom end at 145.35 MHz.

The first step of the modification is to unbolt the VCO board, turn it over and connect a wire from pin 13 to pin 16 of IC1, the divide-by-N chip (TC5080P). Several different schemes can be used to inhibit the add-600 function and

CORDLESS-SOLDERING-TOOL BATTERY REPLACEMENT

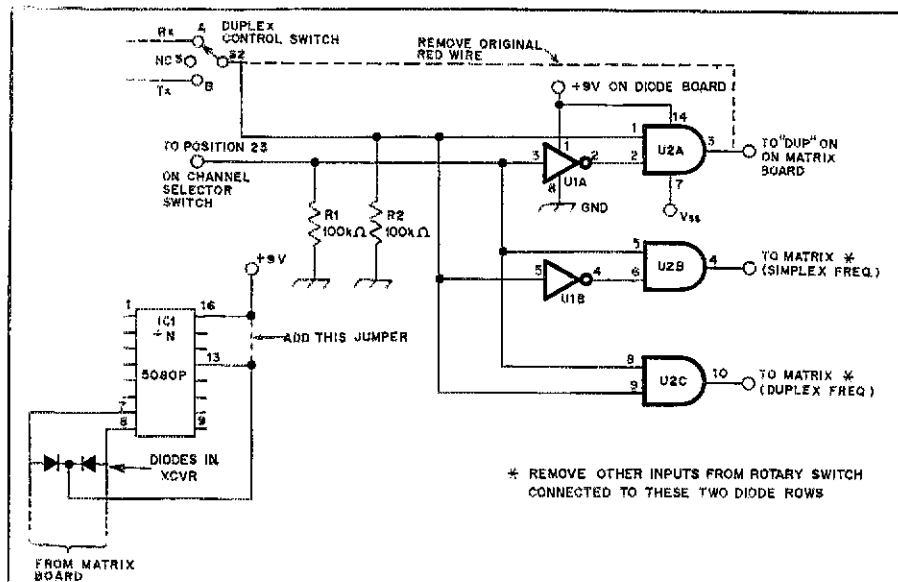
If you own one of the Radio Shack cordless soldering tools and it refuses to take a charge or only goes to half charge, check the battery. One or both cells may be dead. Radio Shack stores carry the replacement tip but not the batteries. The General Electric NiCad battery, catalog no. 41B001BD53 or Weller no. 1371 will serve as a replacement. These replacements are rated at 2.4 V, 1.0 Ah. No modification is necessary. A simple removal and resoldering of the leads while observing polarity, plus a recharge, is all it takes. Cost of the battery is about half the original purchase price of the tool. — *W9KDR*

CHIPS FROM THE WORKBENCH

□ I mount smaller parts on DIP mounting sockets. By pulling the pins out of the sockets from the bottom, the leads of diodes, resistors and transistors can fit through the holes. A drop of Krazy Glue will secure the parts firmly. Some of the pins of the socket can be left in place for micro tie points or wired as test points. By proper arranging, most of the wiring can be done right at the socket. — *Rick Dolinsky, WB3JZA, Tumaqua, PA*

□ Having read Doug DeMaw's fine article, "The Practical Side of Toroids," I wish to suggest another method of identifying quadrifilar leads. Instead of investing in four cans of spray enamel, we wind the toroid according to Doug's instruction and then put a white mark on one end of a wire. After finding the other end of that wire with a VOM, a dot is placed near that end. In a similar manner the second wire is identified by two marks or dots at each end. The third wire would have three dots at each end and so on. A single color can be used for all wires. — *Harry Drummond, W8WX, Fairmont, WV*

□ When antenna plans call for nylon monofilament line for supports, the constructor often is told to use fishing line. I prefer spooled line such as used in whirling grass cutters (Weed Eaters, for example). You can find it at local lawn and garden equipment dealers, hardware stores and nurseries. It's tough and strong! — *W. A. Monahan, K6KH, Manhattan Beach, CA*



KA9CAR suggests this modification of the ICOM 22-S to provide a new subband covering some of the newer repeaters. Separate transmit and receive programming is accomplished with this circuit. To operate below 145.35 MHz, insert a jumper between pins 13 and 16 of IC1, the divide-by-N chip. (See owner's manual.) The two diodes at the lower left are contained in the ICOM 22-S but are not shown in the manual diagram. These are circumvented by the jumper when D6 and D7 are not in use. U1 is a type 4049 hex inverter. U2 is a type 4081 CMOS 2-input AND gate.

provide the proper offset. The author's goals were to avoid additional switches and maintain the normal function of the duplex/simplex switch for all channels.

The circuit can be built on a breadboard. The author's was mounted by using short pieces of wire soldered to the shield. Parts placement is not critical, but avoid placing leads too close to the rf output.

Remove the original wire from the duplex switch to the diode board. Any inputs from the channel switch to the two rows of diodes must be removed and replaced with the modification. The required +9 V is available on the diode board.

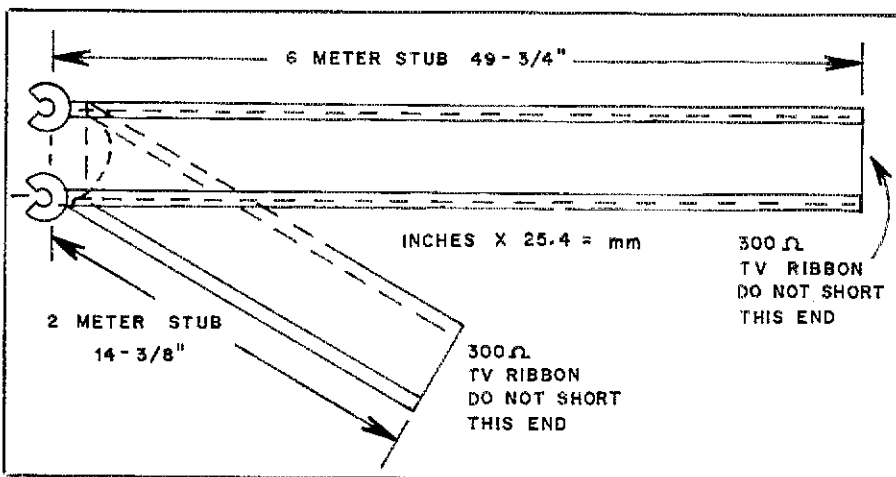
Regarding parts, the 4049 hex inverter, both 100-kilohm resistors, the circuit board and sockets were obtained from Radio Shack. The 4081 IC is no longer a Radio Shack part, but is readily available from most electronic supply houses. The total cost of components should stay under \$5. Installation of sockets for the ICs and inserting the chips after all wiring is done will help avoid static damage to the CMOS devices.

Spacing between channels on the ICOM-22-S is 15 kHz. In our area, repeaters are spaced 20 kHz apart. This means that only every 60 kHz will be usable in the new band with this modification. Power output and sensitivity of the 22-S remain satisfactory with no retuning needed for local repeater use. Because two rows of diodes are used for each low subband channel, the ICOM owner may have to breadboard diodes unless he or she has a VIP kit which leaves many unused rows.

Thanks go to WB9ICF, Lake Geneva, WI, who provided information on enabling the counter. Charles Schaefer, Crystal Lake, IL, takes credit for the logic circuit used. — *John C. Dewey, KA9CAR, Crystal Lake IL*

my station complained of interference affecting uhf channels on his set when I operated my transmitter on the 50-MHz band. His vhf TV antenna is pointed at my transmitting antenna while his uhf antenna is just a loop on the set located at ground level.

The interfering signal apparently was being picked up by his vhf TV antenna and then coupled into the uhf input leads on his receiver. Therefore, I prepared some open-end stub filters as shown in the accompanying drawing. I connected these to the vhf antenna terminals on the receiver. A follow-up check on all vhf and uhf channels disclosed that the problem had been solved. On none of the channels was there any interference while operating under these conditions: 200-watts a-m on 145.2 MHz; 200-watts a-m on 50.2 MHz; 800-watts ssb on 145.11 MHz; 800-watts ssb on 50.12 MHz. — *Joseph Kilgore, W2EIF, in the Philmont Mobile Radio Club bulletin, The "Philmont" Blurb*



W2EIF suggested this stub filter arrangement to fellow members of the Philmont Mobile Radio Club as a means of curing TVI. It is attached to the antenna terminals of the TV receiver. If 2-meter QRM is not a problem the 2-meter stub can be omitted.

CURE FOR INTERFERENCE

A neighbor whose TV receiver is 300 feet from

Be a Big Brother (or Sister)

Enlist in the legion of Elmers for the time of your life.

By Rosalie White,* WA1STO

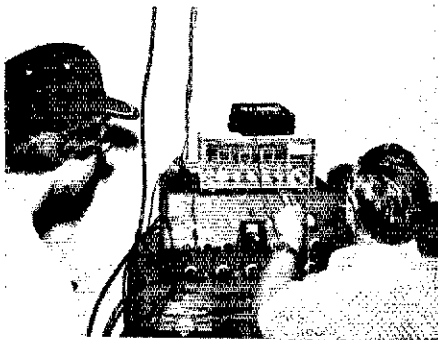
Are you burned out on Amateur Radio? Sick of working through horrendous pileups during contests? Bored with waiting for DX QSL cards? Tired of trying to copy those weak signals on traffic nets? No goals left to shoot for? Regain your enthusiasm for Amateur Radio and provide a valuable service by joining the legion of Elmers in the Big Brother/Sister Program.

In October 1978, the FCC reported that 1447 Novices let their licenses lapse even though a retest was not required for renewal. Are these souls completely lost? Maybe not. A Club and Training Department survey in 1976 (before the dawn of renewability) of license lapseders showed that most were interested in eventually getting back into Amateur Radio. That's good to know, but how can we keep them from quitting in the first place?

An important key to maintaining interest in a hobby is to have a friend or mentor who participates in the same activity. Nowhere is this more true than in Amateur Radio, where the number of potential problems is almost limitless. What turned the license lapseders off? Were their first contacts ruined because of nerves, untweaked secondhand receivers, poor antennas, TVI or some other problem? The license lapseders had enough gumption to study and take the exam. Probably the slightest amount of encouragement and advice would have kept them in their shacks. Future Elmers, that's your clue!

Elmer activities include answering questions, encouraging upgrading and providing motivation for the Novice. With a little imagination, many innovative methods can be used to inspire your Novice. Here are a few suggestions.

Novices deserve special recognition on the "big day" when their license arrives. Dig up an inexpensive picture frame for the license and have a ceremonial hanging of this important document in the newcomer's shack.



Sheboygan (WI) ARC's "Novice Buddy" program brings together youth and experience on a comfortable one-to-one basis.

The first stumbling block for many new hams is deciding what equipment to purchase. If your Novice hasn't chosen his gear or raised an antenna yet, plan a safari to local electronics stores to check their merchandise. Visit hams in your area to get other opinions on rigs and antennas. Help your club set up an equipment display for Novices to review, as the Nor-town (ON) ARC did. Or, propose that your club purchase a rig to loan out to Novices until they buy their own equipment.

Do you remember your first QSO — knotted stomach, sweaty palms, all the signs of nervousness? Often, just a little encouragement is needed for new hams to overcome any initial nervousness and make their first contact. Help decipher that first nerve-racking QSO or even sked it for your Novice. The Greater Fairfield (CT) ARA sponsors "Get on the Air Night," when Novices make their initial QSOs. This is followed by an informal discussion covering transmitter/receiver hookup, station accessories, etc.

After your Novice has completed his first QSO, provide advice on QSLing procedures and choosing a QSL card. (See "The Art of QSLing," April 1976 *QST*,

page 40 for a review of QSLing techniques.) Frame the first QSL received by your Novice. You also can present the Novice with a framed First Contact Certificate, available free from ARRL.

Your Novice now has equipment, antennas and his first QSO. Don't abandon him at this point. Join other Elmer-Novice teams at club meetings, auctions, flea markets, hamfests and conventions. Give a club talk on operating procedures, as did an Elmer from the Wheaton (IL) Community Radio Amateur Club. At flea markets, tell your Novice the history of that Super Sky rider.

Send ARRL an s.a.s.e. for free Operating Aids to give to your Novice. After the Novice's first DX QSO, how about giving him a world map (\$3.50) and a free list of official DXCC countries? Dime store variety engraved call-letter pencils, log book, desk plate and a wastebasket decoupled with amateur equipment ads are other inexpensive gift ideas.

Keep your Novice operating. Set up portable at a park to operate QRP. Ask your club to sponsor a "Work a Novice" contest, as Parma (OH) RC did. (Participants attempt to work as many Novices as possible during one weekend.) If your club has test equipment, assist new hams in peaking up their gear before and after meetings. Or, establish a contest similar to the Reading (PA) RC monthly award, which is given to the Novice with the most QSLs received from meeting to meeting; the ham with the highest total at the end of the year receives the Master Fuse Blower's Award. The Wichita (KS) ARC awards an annual trophy for the best Novice Roundup score in the area.

The rewards gained from joining the legion of Elmers are incalculable. What price can be placed on gaining a life-long friend? And they may reward you with an ARRL Elmer award! If you want to find a protégé, ask your club instructor. If you don't have a club instructor, send us an s.a.s.e.; we'll send the name of the nearest instructor in your area. Happy times, Elmer!

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● Basic Amateur Radio

The First One's Always the Hardest

This beginner overcame many obstacles to build a perfect sidetone monitor. Here's how he did it.

By Elio Zambrano,* WB7ESQ

After waiting eight weeks for my Novice license, I finally plugged in my rig and entered the world of Amateur Radio. Knowing I still had a lot to learn, I listened to the slowest operators I could find in an effort to gain confidence, increase my code speed and learn on-the-air procedures.

It took three days to build up enough courage, but I finally answered a CQ from a WAØ. The moment I hit the first "dit" I knew I was in trouble — I couldn't hear what I was sending! Somehow I managed to keep my head and complete the QSO. I was drenched with perspiration and suddenly realized I hadn't been breathing for what seemed like a very long time.

There must be a better way to do this, I thought. I did a half gainer into the *Handbook* to find out. Ah-ha! It's called a sidetone, or sidetone monitor. What's a sidetone monitor? Well, seek and ye shall find (I remembered reading that somewhere). I asked every ham I knew how a Novice like me could get one of those gizmos. Their answers ranged from "build one" to "there should be one in your rig."

Finally, the mystery started to unfold. One of the hams in town asked if I had a recent issue of *QST* because there was a

"Hints and Kinks" article on just the deal I needed — a sidetone monitor which could be built from "ye olde junque boxe." It sounded like just the kind of project to instill confidence in a greenhorn like me. After obtaining the article, digging out some parts from the junk box and heading to the nearest Radio Shack, I was ready to start.

A careful comparison of the schematic and the pc board convinced me I wasn't as technically prepared as I thought. I decided right then and there to make an exact duplicate of the pc board shown in the article and plug in the parts. Carefully following the instructions on the bottle of etching solution, I etched a board in "only" two and one-half hours. Drilling holes with one of those tiny drills takes a very steady hand — I broke two of them. The third tiny drill was obviously much stronger than its predecessors because I drilled the board without breaking it. The next step consisted of soldering the parts onto the board. So far, so good. Then I tried it. Since I wasn't very confident, I wasn't surprised when the sidetone didn't work.

Back to asking questions, reading the *Handbook*, and crossing days off the calendar. After repeated attempts, I was able to cut my etching time from two and one-half hours to 30 minutes. But, I had used three complete sets of parts, because two more prototypes had failed the

What Is a Sidetone Monitor, Anyway?

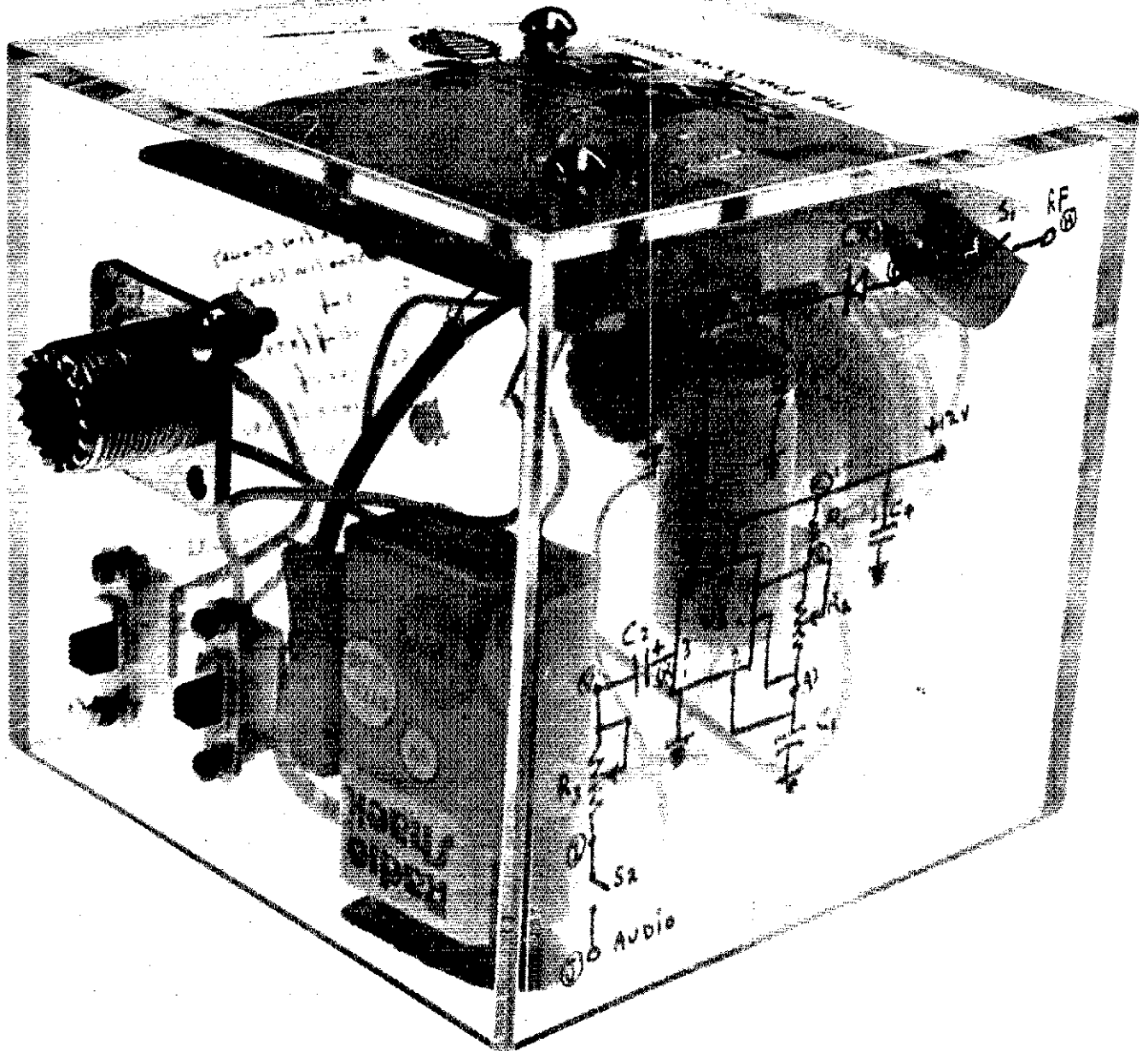
When Elio Zambrano first received his Novice license and fired up his station, he got a rude awakening. His transceiver didn't have a sidetone monitor, the device that lets you hear your code transmissions as you send them. Most transceivers have sidetone monitors built in, but many separate transmitters do not. It consists of an oscillator that produces an audible tone when the transmitter is keyed, similar to a code practice oscillator.

If your gear doesn't have a built-in sidetone monitor, you can construct one for very little money. The author told *QST* he is willing to share the insights he gained from the project with any interested Novices.

ultimate test. I even sent a letter to Jerry Arnold, WA6MBP, author of the "Hints and Kinks" item that started this educational enterprise. *Somebody* had to know how to make this simple little project succeed.

Armed with all this advice, I returned to the project with renewed confidence. The construction time for sidetone number four was only a couple of hours. With great pride, I carried it to my shack and put it on line. Look, everybody, I thought, listen to it! Then it stopped. Hmm, must be a small technical adjustment. I knew if I remained calm and thought logically I could find the problem. I started planning my own pc board

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The completed project sits in all its glory. Was it worthwhile? "I wouldn't trade the knowledge I gained from it for the world," says the proud builder. Why not try one yourself?

for number five from the schematic. Maybe this project had been dragging on for an unreasonably long time, I thought, but at least I was learning something about my chosen hobby.

Just as I completed sidetone number five, the latest *QST*, with the letter from the author, arrived, as did a note from Sam, WB5VML, a buddy from Baytown, TX. The *QST* described an error in the original schematic. Jerry's letter told me about it and suggested a few modifications to beef up the sidetone monitor a bit. Sam described in detail the exact troubleshooting procedure that Jerry referred to in his letter.

With all this expert help, what else

could I do but start on sidetone monitor number six. Etching time — 15 minutes; construction time — one hour; running to the shack to try it out — 15 seconds; result — it worked!

Although the situation seemed hopeless at the time, I wouldn't trade the knowledge I gained for the world. At first I was leery about attempting another project. But I did decide to try again, and I was very gratified when, after a day and a night of work, I produced a perfectly working Tuna-Tin 2. It did wonders for my confidence, and I'm now constructing the Herring-Aid 5 because of it. Then there's the Codzila 1, that keyer in the *Handbook*...

Build Your Own!

Readers who would like to take a crack at one of the projects mentioned in this article can find plans in the following back issues of *QST* (photocopies of articles cost 25 cents per page): Sidetone monitor, August and October 1976 (50 cents); Tuna-Tin 2 (low-power, 40-meter transmitter), May 1976 (75 cents); Herring-Aid 5, simple 40-meter amplifier for Tuna-Tin 2, February 1977 (50 cents). *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*, 56th edition, contains many construction projects, some of which are suitable for beginners. It is available for \$9.75 postpaid from the ARRL or your favorite local amateur dealer.

Not familiar with soldering and etching techniques? The ARRL's *Understanding Amateur Radio* (\$5) covers them in easy-to-understand detail.

CARWRS

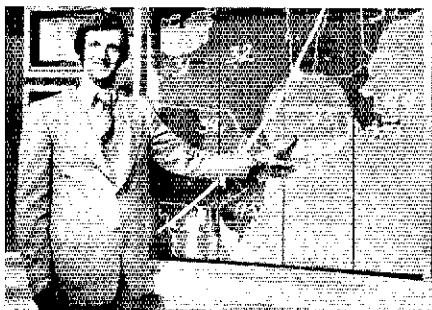
As in Star Wars — an out-of-this-world weather network.

By Chuck Motes, *K1DFS

Charles D. Warner, an editor of the *Hartford* (CT) *Courant* during the late 19th century, wrote that "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." Mark Twain is incorrectly attributed with this astute observation, perhaps because he too lived in Hartford at one time. But Mr. Warner notwithstanding, Mark Twain did have this to say about the variability of our weather: "There is a sumptuous variety about New England weather that compels the stranger's admiration and regret...In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside 24 hours." Perhaps this is one of the many reasons that our corner of the world is so attractive to visitors. The many changes in one day might have given rise to the saying "If you don't like the weather here, wait 15 minutes and it'll change." I wonder who said that.

In any event, in Connecticut and many other areas in the U.S. and Canada, radio amateurs are indeed doing something about the weather. The CT ARRL section emergency coordinator has established the Connecticut Amateur Radio Weather Reporting Service — CARWRS — as a function of the section's Amateur Radio Emergency Service activity, with this author as the emergency coordinator who directs the program.

The purpose of CARWRS is to gather reports from trained amateurs, acting as observers, and quickly pass the data to government agencies, news media and the National Weather Service, for the information and safety of the citizenry. Because of the great variation and rapid change of weather conditions in the state, information concerning weather is an important commodity. The weather can change within minutes; it can be totally different from one side of town to the other. This is caused by differences in the state's geography and topography. The



Hilton Kaderli, weatherman for Hartford's Channel 3, refers to the CARWRS group as "Hilton's Hams." (Kate Eisemann, WFSB-TV photo)

nutmeg state's weather is also influenced by its proximity to the Atlantic Ocean and Long Island Sound on the south and the higher elevations to the west and north.

Weather can impose hardship and suffering on citizens everywhere. Heavy snowfalls and ice storms have brought this state to a standstill in the past and have isolated people in precarious situations. These hardships are not restricted to the winter, though. Springtime rains and thaws have resulted in flooding conditions which have endangered some and driven others from their homes, while hurricanes and electrical storms have killed or injured people and caused widespread damage to property. (See related story.) Disturbed weather conditions have given rise to declarations of civil emergencies, necessitating that the state use special tools for the rescue and protection of its citizens and property.

One of these tools is emergency radiocommunication. Amateurs play a very important role here in establishing and maintaining communications. We have a tightly spun web of civil preparedness, ARES and NTS stations, as well as other groups, covering the entire state on hf and vhf. These are liaison points where the Amateur Service interfaces between state and local government

and other agencies. The status of a locality is known at all times by the government and help is quickly dispatched if needed.

One of the most difficult areas on which to obtain timely and accurate data is weather. Data are gathered on a routine and continuing basis from only eight NWS monitoring stations in Connecticut and Long Island. These stations are located at widely scattered points and cannot accurately reflect the many varied weather conditions throughout Connecticut during a storm condition. Television forecasters have often received calls from viewers who have told them they have just received eight inches of fluffy "partly cloudy" on the sidewalks and that the forecaster should please come over and shovel it!

So, the public needs more, timely weather information. CARWRS responds to this need by providing direct observations. The gathering and transmitting of weather reports is performed by utilizing 2-meter fm repeaters, with both voice and RTTY employed. CARWRS currently uses two repeaters, covering 75 percent of the state, with a third soon to be added to complete the coverage in southeast Connecticut. There are over 100 hams involved in the system.

Weather reports are collected by control stations, on voice, following preset schedules during storms and weather emergencies, and during weekly training sessions. The collected reports are then relayed via RTTY stations with links to emergency services agencies and the media, for use in reporting and predicting weather for the community. The entire process, from system start-up to the end of relay, generally takes less than 30 minutes and can be repeated as often as the situation requires.

The great volume of local and timely reports, using the amateur system in support of the already established weather services in Connecticut, allows weather forecasters to monitor and forecast with much greater accuracy. This provides the public with a better knowledge of

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†Notes appear on page 59.

What a Way to Start the Weekend

On Friday, August 17, at just about quitting time, the northeast corridor was racked by a heavy wind/rain storm which was magnified by its sudden intensity; power lines and trees came crashing down in many communities, even though this storm was of short duration. The CARWRS network activated at 4:30 P.M. local time and completed its information gathering in 20 minutes. These data were in the hands of authorities and news media by 5:00. This session was conducted on the WR1ABM repeater (28/88) which was operating on emergency power. Seventeen stations signed in, reporting heavy rain and power outages throughout central Connecticut. Among the check-ins was W1AW, also on emergency power.

conditions in their areas and emergency services with a very valuable method for planning and providing assistance for the safety and protection of state residents. It also provides hams with an opportunity to use their hard-won and finely tuned communications skills for public service, a part of the fundamental purpose of our hobby.³

By this time, some of you may be thinking about starting weather networks in your state. After all, bad weather isn't restricted to Connecticut; nor are ARES groups. CARWRS is essentially a less formal adaption of tornado watch programs in the Midwest and Southwest and is one type of service provided for in the recently signed addendum to the Connecticut Emergency Broadcast System plan.

We in Connecticut were aided in getting this program started when a television newsman approached ARRL hq. with the idea of establishing an Amateur Radio weather service, especially because so many amateurs can operate when commercial power sources are knocked out. He (the newsman) had seen the effectiveness of the tornado-watch nets elsewhere and asked if Connecticut amateurs could perform something like that, in cases of ice storms, blizzards, floods and hurricanes. Meetings and planning sessions were arranged with the SCM, SEC, net managers, the EBS coordinator and interested hams. Ultimately CARWRS was established under ARES; with official recognition and approval, the rest was easy.

A general training session for interested hams was held, during which the concept was explained, objectives defined and the observers were instructed in the important aspects of weather observation and reporting. Printed information was distributed to the class, along with a short standardized sheet to be used for weather observations. On-the-air training sessions were scheduled on the repeaters soon after the general training session, and regular sessions have been held since.

Sessions are started up by control or collector stations who make a general call-up, explain the purpose of CARWRS and

CALL _____
DATE _____

HAM RADIO WEATHER REPORT FORM

TIME of OBSERV. _____ COUNTY _____ TOWN _____
local-24 hr.

PRECIP. YES-NO	PRECIP. TYPE: 1. SNOW 2. RAIN 3. FREEZING RAIN 4. DRIZZLE 5. FREEZING DRIZZLE 6. SLEET 7. HAIL
PRECIP. ACCUM.	SNOW DEPTH _____ RAINFALL _____
PRECIP. RATE	LIGHT MODERATE HEAVY

TEMP. _____	WIND DIRECTION _____	ROAD COND. _____
VISIBILITY _____	FOG: YES-NO	THUNDER LIGHTNING: YES-NO

OTHER OBSERVED CONDITIONS-COMMENTS: i.e.- DRIFTING SNOW, FLOODING, TREE LIMB DAMAGE & CAUSE, etc.:

DIRECTIONS: Circle one or more choices as necessary in each category. If item was not observed or measured--report as "NOT OBSERVED". Report each item in order from left to right--top line to bottom. Keep comments brief.

CARWRS CONTROL SHEET - '88"
CONTROL OP: KLDF DATE: 1-17-79 START: 1700 R FINISH: 1720 R CHECKINS: 16

CALL	TIME	TOWN	PRECIP.	ACCUM.	TEMP.	WIND	VIS
COUNTY: <u>Hartford</u>							
<u>KLDF</u>	<u>1655</u>	<u>Plainville</u>	<u>SNOW</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1/2 mi</u>
<u>W1RDR</u>	<u>1657</u>	<u>Berlin</u>	<u>SNOW</u>	<u>3 H</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5/8 mi</u>
<u>W1UTQ</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>Rocky Hill</u>	<u>SNOW</u>	<u>2 1/2 H</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5 mi. Rds. slippery</u>
<u>W1XX</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>Avon</u>	<u>SNOW</u>	<u>3 1/2 H</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2 mi</u>

list the information to be reported. Then, reporting stations are asked to check in, first by county and then by call sign. This allows the control station to write the call signs under the proper county headings. Once a number of stations have checked in, the control station has each reporting station give his or her report and records the data on the control sheet. When everyone has given a report, the control station calls for more check-ins and the process is repeated. At the end of the session, the control station, which usually has RTTY capability, punches the reports on tape and sends them to the Skywarn liaison station on another repeater. The Skywarn liaison then relays to NWS. Other people and government or weather services are able to monitor both voice and RTTY transmissions and use the weather reports if they wish. Since these reports are relayed to other amateurs, they are treated as third-party traffic and logged accordingly.

Having a local television "star" provide the initial push to get such a program started would have to be considered a fluke, a very fortuitous one! To get such a program started elsewhere, the section emergency coordinator will have to get the ball rolling. He must "coordinate" with the multitudes concerned. Once the initial

planning is done, the SEC will probably want to appoint an emergency coordinator to direct the system. This frees the SEC for his many other duties while allowing the coordination and control through one identifiable individual. After that, standardized/accepted styles of reporting, procedures and relay routes can be set up, training sessions conducted and the system activated.

Amateur Radio has gained, too. There is the satisfaction of having used a personal hobby to help others and also of a skill gained and used. Hams have gained statewide recognition. One broadcaster acknowledges the Amateur Radio-provided information on the air. There is one drawback, however. Sometimes it's necessary to get updated reports from our observers in order to find out how fast a storm is moving, but no one is around to give the reports. They're all upstairs watching the weather on TV!

Notes

- ¹Charles D. Warner, in the *Hartford Courant*, (c. 1890).
- ²Mark Twain, *New England Weather*: speech at a dinner of the New England Society, New York City, December 22, 1876.
- ³United States Amateur Regulations, Subpart A, Sec. 97.1(a).

The Genteel Art of Chewing the Rag

Bring your QSOs to life by helping to revive the lost art of ragchewing.

By Jim Conrad,* WA4PGA

The Sweepstakes, USA-CA, designing new antennas, and the homebrew rig are fine ham institutions; I'm glad someone out there is paying attention to them. But when my dial lights up, I sit before my rig in happy anticipation of hearing new ideas, fresh gossip, tall tales, harangues . . . My passion is ragchewing, which flows from mellow philosophy to esoterica to down-home humbug.

Most ham activities seem to be getting easier to accomplish, DXCC is a cinch, relative to how it used to be. A kw on the shelf is normal; even Novices can use VFOs and 200 watts. But, during the last 10 years it has become harder to find new ragchewers on the bands. Most initial QSOs seem to be "six-point quickies": signal report, QTH, name, rig, weather and 73. "Quickies" are great if you're looking for new counties or a signal report. But to ragchewers, these QSOs might just as well be QRN crashes passing in the night. Ragchewing is an art which few apprentices seem to be learning.

Great artists are born with natural talents the rest of us lack. The masters of ragchewing are born with the gift of gab. In most arts, anyone can learn enough technique to get along, to do passably well (at least well enough to rub shoulders with the masters.) Any ham can learn certain "tricks of the trade" that will enable him or her to sound like a natural-born ragchewer.

The Mighty Atlas

I once QSOed a W0 in upstate Minnesota; it looked like another "quicky"



Ragchewing, whether on phone or cw, is an art that should be cultivated if we are to get the most out of our operating.

until I found his QTH in the atlas I keep near my rig. Noting he lived near an Indian reservation, I asked him if he ever visited there. Yes, he replied, he often went to the reservation during hunting season to pick up his Indian guide. Hunting and Indians! For the next two hours, we traded nature lore and explored aspects of Indian culture. As he talked, I leaned back, sipped a glass of iced tea, and savored every minute.

This 'chew blossomed only after I looked up his QTH in my atlas. I took the initiative in the hope of enlivening the QSO, and it worked. Across the continent there are parks, historical sites, military bases, swamps, forests, ski resorts, deserts — the list is endless. The atlas supplies geographical descriptions which often act as a catalyst for an interesting ragchew.

Another handy reference source is a world almanac which, among other offerings, provides up-to-date information about the major cities in the United States and Canada. I pick up many ragchew ideas by perusing these synopses during QSOs. Recently, the almanac has instigated 'chews about the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art in Fort Worth and the new subway system in Washington, DC.

Aside from showing enthusiasm for the other party's location, try to cultivate interest in your own QTH. I live in Nashville, so many hams ask me about the country music industry. Although not a fan of country music, I keep a pad of notes about it next to my rig. At the first sign of interest, I can offer anecdotes about Minnie Pearl, Dolly Parton and Roy Clark. I can talk about Elvis' Cadillac in the museum down the street or describe our famous honky-tonk section, Printer's Alley. This notebook also contains brief reminders of recent jokes I want to share and current events which merit discussion.

Through the years, I have gravitated to 40-meter cw, where, through a combination of geography, ionospherics and antenna orientation, more than 20 percent of my QSOs have been with hams in the Chicago area. I keep a large map of Cook County handy; through good ragchews

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This is to Certify that _____

is a member-station of the

Rag Chewers' Club

and is entitled to all the privileges, prerogatives, rights, favors, glory, rank, fame, notoriety, popularity and honor of membership in that worthy organization.

In accepting this certificate the member agrees to abide by the published rules of the organization.

The Old Soul
CHIEF RAG CHEWER

Anyone who informs ARRL Hq. that he or she has had an on-the-air conversation lasting at least a half an hour qualifies for this impressive certificate.

with "9s," I'm learning about the area's history, parks, museums, politics and its people's hopes and aspirations. I've never been to Chicago, but when I meet someone from Cook County, it's like running

into someone from home.

Talk with Style

Expressing your thoughts with special on-the-air flair helps establish a conversa-

tional mood. I don't ask someone what he does for a living, but breezily ask him what his "line" is. When I give a weather report, instead of saying a storm seems to be coming up, I say that "it's growling up a dark cloud," or some similar phrase. You don't have to be a poet, but neither do words have to be used in the most expected, cut-and-dry manner. Of course, there is a point at which "speaking with a flair" fades into flapdoodle. Find a middle range; be on guard against going flat or too far overboard.

Hams talk about their involvement with the "new frontiers." We speak fondly of moonbounce, OSCAR, ATV and the super-high and super-low frequencies. My "six-point-quicky" QSO experiences during the last few years leave me wondering if ragchewing may not be "our forgotten frontier." Ragchewing allows us to explore the phenomenon of people getting to know one another on a personal basis via modern radio technology.

Only about one in five contacts develops into a full-fledged ragchew. However, the pleasure I derive from 'chewing would keep me tuning around if the ratio were one to 20.

I think it's beautiful when someone vibrates his electrons 7,055,000 times a second, bounces the resulting electromagnetic waves off the ionosphere, and really is interested in me down here in Nashville. A good ragchew is a proper fruit born of the marriage of technology with the healthy fellowship that sustains our hobby. □

Strays



1979 JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

□ That time is upon us again! The 22nd annual BSA Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) will be held on October 20-21, 1979. JOTA is not a contest; rather, it is an opportunity for unlicensed Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers to talk with distant fellow Scouts via Amateur Radio. Interested hams are asked to contact their local troops and invite a group of boys into their shacks for a specified period of time during this two-day event.

	Phone		CW		Novice
	U.S.	Int'l	U.S./Int'l		
80 meters	3940	3740	3590	3750	
40 meters	7290	7090	7030	7125	
20 meters	14,290	14,290	14,070	...	
15 meters	21,360	21,360	21,040	21,140	
10 meters	28,990	28,990	28,190	...	
6 meters	50,500	...	50,050	...	

Control operators will monitor all the activity to prevent the boys from unknowingly engaging in illegal third-party traffic (conversations with others in countries not having third-party agreements with the U.S. or Canada).

To find other Scouts, look for stations around the Scout frequencies listed in the table and then QSY to an open segment nearby. (Note: These frequencies are used year-round and worldwide for a variety of Scouting activities — clip out or photocopy the table for future reference.)

All participants will receive certificates; unit leaders send a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage to W2GND, 216 Maxwell Ave., Hightstown, NJ 08520. Hams and unit leaders also are asked to submit reports and pictures to this address for consolidation and report to the World Scout Bureau. — Steve Place, WBIEYI



This annual Down East ham get together is an adventure to get to but it's well worth it once you're there. This shows one of the flea-market tables at the Cornville, ME, Hamfest this summer. Shown from left to right are Steve, WA1PSJ; John, KA1BJE; Nancy, his XYL; Cathy, WA1REQ's YL; Bob, KA1AAJ; Horace, WA1DLX; Laird, W1CUT and Dot, W1TGY.

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Charter Life Members	282
Full Life Members	12,717
Full Blind Life Members	36
Full Family Life Members	147
Associate Life Members	429
Associate Blind Life Members	2
Associate Family Life Members	7
Total Elected Life Members	13,620
Full Quarterly Life Members	2,591
Associate Quarterly Life Members	128
Total Quarterly Life Members	2,719
Total of Elected and Quarterly Life Members	16,339
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- A — ampere
ac — alternating current
A/D — analog-to-digital
af — audio frequency
afc — automatic frequency control
afsk — audio frequency-shift keying
agc — automatic gain control
ale — automatic load (or level) control
a-m — amplitude modulation
A.M. — morning
AMSAT — Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation
anl — automatic noise limiter
AOS — acquisition of signal
ARC — Amateur Radio Club
ARES — Amateur Radio Emergency System
ARPSC — Amateur Radio Public Service Corps
a.s.a.p. — as soon as possible
ANSII — American National Standard Code for Information Interchange (sometimes appears as ASCII)
ASSC — Amateur Satellite Service Council
ATV — amateur television
avc — automatic volume control
AWG — American wire gauge
az-el — azimuth-elevation
- b — byte; a group of bits or binary digits, usually eight
bc — broadcast
BCD — binary-coded decimal
bcI — broadcast interference
bcL — broadcast listener
BFO — beat-frequency oscillator
BPL — Brass Pounders League
- CAC — Contest Advisory Committee
CB — citizens band
CCIR — International Radio Consultative Committee
CCS — constant current source
ccw — counterclockwise
c.d. — civil defense
CD — Communications Department (ARRL)
CMOS or COSMOS — complimentary-symmetry metal-oxide semiconductor
coax — coaxial cable or connector
COR — carrier-operated relay
CP — code proficiency (award)
CRT — cathode-ray tube
ct — center tap
- cw — continuous wave (code); clockwise
- D/A — digital-to-analog
dB — decibel
dBd — antenna gain referenced to a dipole
dBi — antenna gain referenced to isotropic; a dipole has a gain of 2.14 dBi
dBm — decibel referred to 1 milliwatt
dc — direct current
DF — direction finder
DIP — dual in-line package, 14 or 16 pins
- DOC — Department of Communications (Canada)
dpdt — double-pole double-throw
dpst — double-pole single-throw
dsb — double sideband
DTL — diode-transistor logic
DVM — digital voltmeter
DX — long distance
DXAC — DX Advisory Committee
DXCC — DX Century Club
- EC — emergency coordinator
ECAC — Emergency Communications Advisory Committee
ECL — emitter-coupled logic
ECO — electron-coupled oscillator
EME — earth-moon-earth (moon-bounce)
emf — electromotive force (voltage)
EMP — electromagnetic pulse
EOC — emergency operations center
EUV — extreme ultraviolet radiation
EQX — equator crossing
erp — effective radiated power
- f — frequency
F — farad
FAX — facsimile
FCC — Federal Communications Commission
FD — Field Day
FET — field-effect transistor
FF — flip-flop
fm — frequency modulation
FMT — frequency measuring test
fot — optimum working frequency
fsk — frequency-shift keying
- GaAs FET — gallium arsenide field-effect transistor
- GDO — grip-dip or gate-dip oscillator
GHz — gigahertz
gnd — ground
- H — henry
HAAT — height above average terrain
hf — high frequency
HFO — heterodyne frequency oscillator
hpf — highest possible frequency
Hz — hertz
- IARU — International Amateur Radio Union
IC — integrated circuit
i-d — identification, identifier
ID — inside diameter
i-f — intermediate frequency
IMD — inter-modulation distortion
in./s — inches per second
IRC — international reply coupon
ITU — International Telecommunication Union
IW — Intruder Watch
- j — indicator for reactive component of an impedance (+j inductive; -j capacitive)
JAMSAT — Japan AMSAT Association
JFET — junction field-effect transistor
- K — sometimes used alone in place of kb (kilobyte)
k — kilo, 1000
kHz — kilohertz
km/h — kilometers per hour
kW — kilowatt
- LCD — liquid crystal display
LED — light-emitting diode
lf — low frequency
lhcp — left-hand circular polarization
LMO — linear master oscillator
LO — local oscillator
LO — League Official
Loran — long-range navigation
LOS — loss of signal
lp — log periodic
lsb — lower sideband
LSB — least significant bit
LSI — large-scale integration
luf — lowest usable frequency
- m — meter (distance or band)
mA — milliamper

mAh — milliamper hour
MARS — Military Affiliate Radio System
mf — medium frequency
mH — millihenry
MHz — megahertz
mic — microphone
mini-DIP — dual in-line package, 8 pins
mi/h — miles per hour
mi/s — miles per second
mix — mixer
mm — millimeter
MO — master oscillator
MOSFET — metal-oxide semiconductor field-effect transistor
MOX — manually operated switching
ms — millisecond
m.s. — meteor scatter
m/s — meters per second
MSB — most significant bit
MSI — medium-scale integration
MSTV — medium-scan TV
muf — maximum usable frequency
MUX — multiplex; multiplexer
mV — millivolt
mW — milliwatt

nbfm — narrow-band frequency modulation
nbvm — narrow-band voice modulation
n.c. — no connection
NC — normally closed
NCS — net control station
NF — noise figure
NM — net manager
NO — normally open
NOI — notice of inquiry
npr — negative-positive-negative
NPRM — Notice of Proposed Rule Making
NR — Novice Roundup (contest)
ns — nanosecond
NTS — National Traffic System (ARRL)

O7 — OSCAR 7
O8 — OSCAR 8
OBS — official bulletin station
OD — outside diameter
OES — official emergency station
OO — official observer
op amp — operational amplifier
osc — oscillator
OSCAR — Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio
OTS — official traffic station
OVS — official vhf station
oz — ounce

PA — power amplifier
pc — printed or etched circuit
PEP — peak-envelope power
PEV — peak-envelope voltage
pF — picofarad
PIV — peak-inverse voltage
pk — peak
pk-pk — peak-to-peak
PL — private line
PLL — phase-locked loop
pm — phase modulation
P.M. — afternoon/night

pnp — positive-negative-positive
pot — potentiometer
ppd. — postpaid
PRA — public relations assistant
PRAC — Public Relations Advisory Committee
PRV — peak-reverse-voltage
PSHR — Public Service Honor Roll
psk — phase-shift keying
PTO — permeability-tuned oscillator
PTT — push-to-talk

QRP — low power
RACES — Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service
R/C — radio control
RCC — Rag Chewers Club
rcvr — receiver
rf — radio frequency
rfc — radio-frequency choke
RFI — radio-frequency interference
rhcp — right-hand circular polarization
RIT — receiver incremental tuning
RM — route manager
RM-(number) — FCC rulemaking
rms — root-mean-square
RO — radio officer (c.d.)
ROM — read-only memory
RS — Radiosport Satellite
RST — readability-strength-tone
RTL — resistor-transistor logic
RTTY — radiotelephone

s — second
s.a.e. — self-addressed envelope
s.a.s.e. — stamped s.a.e.
SCM — section communications manager
SCR — silicon-controlled rectifier
SEC — section emergency coordinator
SET — simulated emergency test
shf — super-high frequency
S.M. — silver mica (capacitor)
SNR — signal-to-noise ratio
spdt — single-pole double throw
spst — single-pole single throw
ssb — single sideband
SSC — AMSAT Phase III-A Special Service Channels
SSTV — slow-scan TV
STM — section traffic manager
SWL — shortwave listener
SWR — standing-wave ratio
sync — synchronous, synchronizing
SYNCART — synchronous amateur radio transponder

TA — technical advisor
TCA — time of closest approach
TCC — Transcontinental Corps
TD — transmitting distributor
TE — transequatorial (propagation)
tfc — traffic
tpi — turns per inch
T-R — transmit-receive
T-T — Touch-Tone, trademark of Bell Telephone Co.
TTL or T²l — transistor-transistor logic
TTY — teletypewriter (from Teletype,

trademark of Teletype Corp.)
TV — television
TVI — television interference
uhf — ultra-high frequency
UJT — unijunction transistor
UOSAT — proposed University of Surrey, educational/research satellite
usb — upper sideband
UTC — coordinated universal time

V — volt; voltage
VCO — voltage-controlled oscillator
VCXO — voltage-controlled crystal oscillator
VFO — variable frequency oscillator
vhf — very high frequency
vlf — very low frequency
VOM — volt-ohm-milliammeter
VOX — voice-operated break-in
VR — voltage regulator
VRAC — VHF Repeater Advisory Committee
VSWR — voltage standing-wave ratio
VTVM — vacuum-tube oscilloscope
VUAC — VHF-UHF Advisory Committee
VXO — variable crystal oscillator

W — watt
WAC — worked all continents
WARC — World Administrative Radio Conference
WAS — worked all states
wbfm — wide-band fm
wpm — words per minute
ww — wire wound

xcvr — transceiver
xmtr — transmitter
xtal — crystal

Z — see UTC

°C — degrees Celsius
°F — degrees Fahrenheit
°K — degrees Kelvin
α — alpha; angles; common-base forward current-transfer ratio of a bipolar transistor
β — beta; angles; current gain of common-emitter transistor amplifiers
γ — gamma; angles
Δ — delta; increments
δ — delta; angles
ε — epsilon; base of natural logarithms
Z — zeta; impedance
θ — theta; angles
λ — wavelength; longitude
μ — mu; micro (10⁻⁶); amplification factor; permeability
μP — microprocessor
π — pi; 3.1416
Σ — sigma; summation
τ — tau; time constant; time phase displacement
φ — phi; angles; latitude
ψ — psi; angles
Ω — omega; resistance in ohms
ω — omega; angular velocity

International News

Conducted By Bruce Alan Johnson,* WA6IDN

Tidbits from Overseas

We're writing on the light side this month — both because of the time required for WARC preparations (the Conference will have begun in Geneva by the time you read this) and because we feel that once in a while it's nice to take a break from all-serious writing.

Of course, that's not to say that we have no serious news to report! For example, this letter (edited for length) was received recently from Don Greer, A35DE, in Tonga. Those who have been following the progress of Project Goodwill should find this interesting.

"Dear Sirs: I don't know who to thank, but since the article on the Radio Club of Tonga appeared in this column [see June 1979 QST, page 57], I will address it to you.

"We have received four transmitter kits and three receiver kits. So far two of the transmitters and all the receivers have been built. Sione Maile, A35SM, and Etuate Kauenga, A35EK, each have a pair in their homes, and are quite active. This has been a great boost for them and for club morale.

"I have the remaining two kits with me here on remote Ninatoputapu island, with only a diesel generator for the island's power. I will be using the station with solar panels and nicad batteries kindly donated by W7EL."

In December Don will return to the large island and build up the Amateur Radio Club of Tonga even further out of the active amateurs now devoted to the hobby largely as a result of Project Goodwill. (Look at it this way: how active would you be if you didn't have a station?) He goes on: "Project Grab Bag you described in the article sounds good and would be immensely helpful to the Club. Already, by accident, A35SM blew out the keying transistor in his Project Goodwill transmitter. Luckily, there was an old VHF set around from which we were able to extract a transistor that did the job. But spares are quite limited here — so we look forward to your help. Many thanks again for all."

*International Services Officer, ARRL

You're very welcome, Don. But the folks who are really to be thanked are those who are reading this column right now, for they're the ones who have dug deep in their pockets and given selflessly to see this project launched. Project Grab Bag is also receiving support, and we're grateful. We've said it in these pages often enough: The radio amateurs of developing nations are desperate for parts and discarded gear of an older era. They need all the help they can get.

And from a different part of the world . . .

SOVIET AMATEURS GET 160-METER PRIVILEGES

The U.S.S.R. Ministry of Communications has announced that Soviet amateurs may now operate in the band 1850-1950 kHz on a secondary basis. Their reasoning is delightful: They want to attract school children and students of technical schools into Amateur Radio (or "radio sport," as it is more accurately rendered in Russian)! Says the Ministry, "The decision on making a new band of frequencies available encourages the further development of radio sport (Amateur Radio) in the country, and helps to more widely attract youth into amateur activities." Indeed. They're right.

Specifically, the Soviets can operate cw throughout 1850-1950 kHz; on ssb from 1875-1950 kHz; and a-m from 1900-1950 kHz. There's a catch, though: these beginning radio amateurs operating in this band may only work other beginning radio amateurs. But the point is that the overall effect of this program is certainly going to produce new, qualified amateurs. And as we've mentioned before, the only communications service which thrives worldwide is one which is growing.

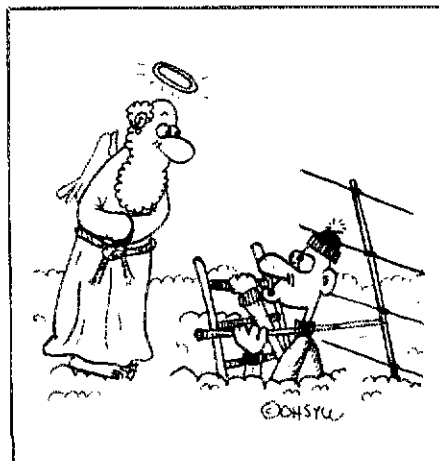
According to *Radio*, the official Soviet monthly publication, "A great deal of work has to be done among youth by amateur groups, short-wave committees, and councils of sports clubs — in publicizing radio sport

(Amateur Radio), attracting all those wishing to go on the air to join sports clubs, and teaching them the rules of technical safety. Thought needs to be given to designing simple equipment for going on the air in this band. We should form construction groups for designing equipment for beginning radio amateurs, and we should describe our work in *Radio*, *Soviet Patriot*, and other journals."

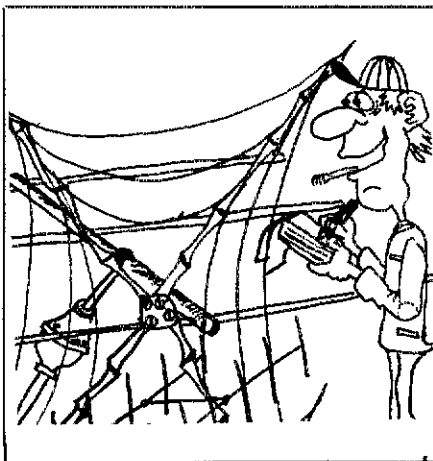
HAVE A LAUGH WITH THE FINNS

Elsewhere on this page you'll find some pretty clever cartoons taken from the monthly journal of the Suomen Radioamatooriilitto r.y., which is the national Amateur Radio society of Republic of Finland. My thanks to the resident Finn on the Hq. staff, John Lindholm, W1XX, for providing the translated captions.

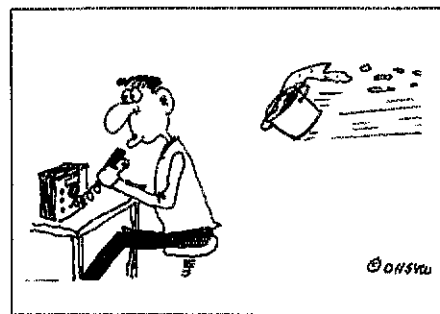
If you like the idea of seeing Amateur Radio humor through overseas eyes, drop us a line. If it's popular, we'll provide more of it in the future, from other countries.



"Pardon me. Looks like we're up a little too high . . ."



"Look here what the storm has brought me: 1 quad, 2 Yagis, six over six . . ."



"Must go and eat dinner, now . . . been called three times!"



"Now I'm working out well, since I got rid of the TV!"

WARC Countdown

Conducted By David Sumner,* K1ZZ

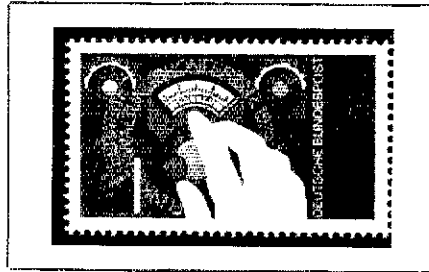
IARU Team Members (Continued)

Last month we began to introduce the members of the International Amateur Radio Union's team of observers who are attending WARC-79. The conference opens on September 24, so by the time you read this the team members already will be hard at work in Geneva. WARC-79 is scheduled to run for 10 weeks, but there are some indications that it may be extended a couple of weeks into December. The agenda is very ambitious, and the issues complex.

Tom Clarkson, ZL2AZ, will serve as special advisor to the president of the IARU, Noel Eaton, VE3CJ. Tom's duties will include the reviewing of conference documents for their relevance to amateur interests, and the chronicling of IARU team activities. His Amateur Radio experience dates to 1924, and Tom notes that in the 1920s, before separate allocations for amateurs were established, the best DX was to be worked near 10 MHz! He is still active, notably on 20-meter cw. Tom was on the committee that founded the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters and served as its president in 1930. He has been a director of the IARU Region 3 Association since its formation in 1968. His ITU experience dates to 1947, when he was a New Zealand delegate to the Atlantic City Conference. Tom has attended CCIR meetings regularly, serving as vice president of the 1951 meeting at Geneva and as a committee chairman on several occasions. He also served as a member of the IARU team at the 1971 WARC/ST.

Bruce Alan Johnson, WA6JDN, has been employed at ARRL/IARU headquarters for more than three years, most of that time specializing in international matters. His exceptional ability with languages, especially with some of the more difficult ones, has been a particular asset in WARC preparation and also will be useful at the conference itself. Bruce was first licensed 20 years ago, and since then has been active in NTS and other public service programs. Earlier this year, while on a trip through Africa for the IARU, he operated several stations with specially assigned "IARU" and "ARU" suffixes (see "International News" for March, April and May). In connection with that trip, Bruce attended the ITU WARC Preparatory Seminar for Africa and the Middle East in Nairobi to supplement earlier conference experience at the Broadcast-Satellite WARC in 1977. He has traveled extensively for the IARU, including attendance at the 1978 Region 1 Conference in Hungary. Bruce's wife Barbara, WBIGHT, will accompany him to Geneva.

Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM, brings to the team 25 years of professional experience in radiocommunication, especially in television translators and mobile systems. First licensed



The Postal Service of the Federal Republic of Germany issued this stamp to commemorate the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference. Amateur Radio is only a small part of WARC concerns, but the designers of the stamp chose to depict a Collins KWM-2A transceiver tuned to 21.275 MHz!

in 1954 and an SWL for five years before that, Wojciech was involved in much of the early vhf DX activities in Europe and has worked 25 countries on 144 MHz by tropospheric and meteor-scatter propagation. He still holds several vhf distance records for Poland. Wojciech has been a member of the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee since 1972, and its vice chairman since 1975. He served as liaison between the PZK, the Polish amateur organization, and the government on WARC matters and has been a member of the PZK Council since 1957. Wojciech also speaks several languages. He attended the 1974 Maritime WARC and the 1978 Aeronautical WARC for the IARU and spent two weeks at IARU headquarters during August to gain additional background and to share his insight and perspective with other members of the IARU team.

David Rankin, 9V1RH, also comes to the team with 25 years of Amateur Radio experience, initially from his native Australia where he is licensed as VK3QV. David served on the Federal Executive of the Wireless Institute of Australia for more than 17 years, finishing as Federal vice president of the WIA. Since moving to Singapore he has lent this experience to the Singapore Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, serving on its council for five years and as its vice president for three. He was instrumental in the formation of the IARU Region 3 Association in 1968 and has served as its secretary since 1973. David also has held the calls 9M2QV and 9M8QV and is especially interested in the bands above 28 MHz. His travels have brought him to Europe and North America on a number of occasions, and he has taken advantage of these opportunities to visit IARU headquarters and the Region 1 office in London. David is taking a leave of absence from his employment to be present in Geneva for the second half of the conference.

Pedro Seidemann, YV5BPG, also will be in Geneva for the second half of WARC-79. Pedro has been licensed since 1962 and is well known on the DX bands, as his Five-Band DXCC Award will attest. Pedro has been active in IARU Region 2 since 1967, serving on its Executive Committee since 1973 and as vice president since 1976. He is vice president of the Radio Club Venezolano and also served as a member of its Special Committee for WARC Preparations. He was a member of the Aves Island DXpedition in 1970, served as general coordinator of the RCV National Emergency Net, and is an active member of AMSAT. Pedro speaks four languages, and his particular ability to translate from English to Spanish and vice versa has been demonstrated on numerous occasions at IARU Region 2 conferences.

Alberto Shaio, HK3DEU, will be in Geneva for the first half of the conference and for as much of the remainder as his business obligations will permit. Alberto attended the IARU Region 2 Conference in Miami in 1976 as president of the Liga Colombiana de Radio Aficionados, an office he still holds, and impressed everyone with his abilities and his willingness to work. He has organized a network of linked vhf repeaters which provides reliable communication throughout most of Colombia, has participated in DXpeditions to Serrana Bank and Malpelo, and has reorganized the LCRA to better represent the amateurs of the country. WARC participation includes service as an adviser to the Colombian delegation, discussions with officials of neighboring countries, and organizing the hospitality for government officials from throughout Region 2 who attended an important preparatory meeting in Bogota in July.

Carl Smith, W0BWJ, began his Amateur Radio career in 1934. A retired airline pilot, Carl's negotiating experience includes representation of the Air Line Pilots Association in legislative and air safety matters. He served as director of the ARRL Rocky Mountain Division from 1961 to 1970 and as a vice president of the League since then. Last year he attended the IARU Region 2 Conference in Panama for the League and was elected chairman of the conference's technical committee. One of the more recent additions to the IARU team, Carl earlier this year accompanied President Eaton on a familiarization trip to a Region 1 Executive Committee meeting and to Geneva. In retirement Carl has had to curtail his frequent trips to Hawaii, where he was active as KH6IPY whenever he drew the assignment to fly that route!

Roy Stevens, G2BVN, will be wearing two hats in Geneva this fall: one as an adviser to the British delegation on amateur matters, and one as manager of the IARU office across the street from the conference center. Steve was first licensed in 1937 and has served as a member of

*Assistant General Manager, ARRL

the Council of the Radio Society of Great Britain since 1962, also serving as chairman of the RSGB team which negotiated with the U.K. administration during WARC preparations. He has attended all IARU Region 1 Conferences since 1963, served as Region 1 vice chairman from 1966 to 1969, and has been secretary of Region 1 since 1969. In 1976 he came "across the pond" for the IARU Region 2 Conference and for a meeting of worldwide IARU representatives, the latter forming the basis for the team which is now in Geneva. He attended the 1971 WARC/ST and all subsequent ITU conferences, including the 1978 CCIR Special Preparatory Meeting for WARC-79. Steve's contributions to Amateur Radio through his RSGB and IARU work can scarcely be overstated, but through it all he has managed to stay well-up on the DXCC Honor Roll!

David Sumner, K1ZZ, began his League employment in 1968 and since 1976 has served as assistant general manager. Work with the IARU began in 1972 and became directly WARC-related in 1974 with attendance at the first of several ITU seminars and conferences. Dave was one of the IARU representatives at the CCIR Special Preparatory Meeting last year. During domestic WARC preparations, he drafted most of the ARRL comments in FCC Docket 20271 and regularly attended the meetings of two of the FCC WARC advisory committees. He attended the two most recent conferences of IARU Region 2 and the IARU West Africa Conference in 1977. Dave has been licensed since 1962, also holds K1ZND, and is active from home on all bands from 1.8 to 450 MHz. He is licensee of the OSCAR 8 satellite and is a Life Member of AMSAT.

While we are making introductions, let's also



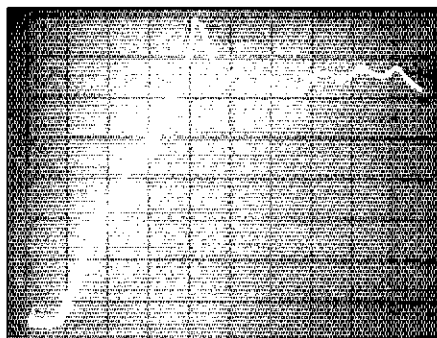
Eugene Fingall, telecommunications engineer for the Ministry of Communications and Works in Barbados, was a recent visitor to Newington. IARU team members Baldwin and Sumner met Mr. Fingall at an ITU seminar in Geneva back in 1974, and we have stayed in touch ever since. He will be in Geneva this fall to represent Barbados at WARC-79.

introduce the members of the U.S. and Canadian delegations who are there specifically for the Amateur Service: E. Merle Glunt, W3OKN, and J. C. R. "Bud" Punched, VE3UD.

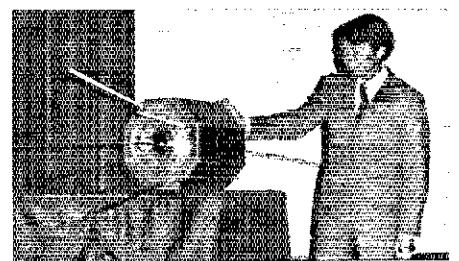
You met Merle in "Behind the Diamond" a couple of months ago (May *QST*, page 60). At that time we somehow failed to mention that Merle was serving as assistant chief engineer of the FCC when he retired. Merle will be a busy man in Geneva, because he is one of the more experienced members of the U.S. delegation. He was directly responsible for frequency allocation and treaty matters at the FCC from 1952 to 1974, and since his retirement he has been serving as consultant to the League on WARC matters. His intensive involvement in U.S. WARC preparations included attendance at most of the FCC and Department of State advisory committee meetings. Merle represented the IARU at the CCIR Special Preparatory Meeting last year and has shared his expertise with the members of the IARU team by conducting seminars on the operation of ITU conferences for their benefit.

Bud Punched has something in common with IARU President Noel Eaton: at one time he held the call sign VE3CJ! In fact, Bud started in Amateur Radio in 1926 as c3CJ, before prefixes were assigned internationally. Now retired, Bud is a professional engineer. He has been a member of the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board since 1944 and was its president for six years. He spent five years in CCIR work, which included five weeks in Geneva in 1963. Bud is a fellow of IEEE and is past director of IEEE Region 7 (Canada). He served as chairman of the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation WARC Committee and received the unqualified endorsement of both CARF and the Canadian Radio Relay League for his position on the delegation. Bud is active on the air daily and is a *QST* author (see the March 1977 issue). □

Strays



The $4 \times 3 \times 5$ Mode J filter described in our new *Satellite Communications* package by W9KDR, ARRL's OSCAR 8 operations manager, has found acceptance beyond the Amateur Radio hobby. Dr. Van Bloch, a professor in the Department of Physics, University of South Florida, has been using the filter in his OSCAR Education Program ranging experiments. At the left, student Pat Small holds the filter next to an oscilloscope display of its swept-frequency response. The right-hand photo, taken from the ARRL's Hewlett-Packard spectrum analyzer, shows a calibrated representation of a similar capacitively coupled Mode J resonator. Each horizontal division represents 100 MHz and each vertical division is 10 dB. The high-pass nature of this Mode J filter is characteristic of capacitively coupled resonant cavities. Note that the OSCAR 8 ground station transmit frequency of 145.9 MHz is attenuated by about 60 dB, while the downlink frequency is attenuated by only 0.5 dB (insertion loss).



Jurgen Gressner, DJ7LY, shown here with a model of OSCAR 7, gave a very successful slide lecture at the German Institute of Regensburg entitled "Communications Satellites: A look at the Amateur Radio Service satellites as a connecting link between continents." Using the ARRL's OSCAR Demonstration Kit and slides of OSCAR supplied by AMSAT, Jurgen, a certified engineer and professor at the Advanced Technical School of Regensburg, illustrates the international involvement of the OSCAR Educational Program. This winter, a group of Jurgen's students actually will be involved in OSCAR communications. □



CRRL Incorporation Approved

For a vast majority of Canadian Radio Amateurs, a dream come true heralds the ARRL Board approval of the incorporation of the Canadian Radio Relay League . . . a self-governing and self-administering division of the ARRL!

At this historic point in time, we feel that it is of sufficient interest to look back to our official beginnings. In 1920, at the specific invitation of Canadian amateurs, the League organized the Canadian Division. So let's roll back the pages of time to the August 1921 issue of *QST* (page 33):

"There has been a little agitation in Canada about a separate relay league. It has been intimated that 'the Yanks are trying to run things for their own fun.' [Sound familiar? — Ed.] The flag has been waved and lurid talk made of the danger of continuing in the A.R.R.L. because of the possibility of war between Canada and the States, etc.

"Fortunately saner views have prevailed and the wild bolshevistic part of the movement has expired, so that it is assured that if Canada has a league of her own it will be hand in hand with A.R.R.L. We want to take this opportunity to clear our hook to our good Canadian friends on a few matters that are not as well understood as they should be:

"The A.R.R.L. Operating Department was expanded to take in Canadian work in cooperation with our own at the earnest request of some well-informed Canadian amateurs. The Division managers are Canadians, and always will be, and except in the broader observance of A.R.R.L. policies as universally known and approved these managers direct their divisions in complete accordance with their own peculiar local conditions. We have never really dared to hope that Canada would want always to remain with the A.R.R.L. organization, much as we would like to see

such a permanent union. [Apart from several minority movements, this statement has been proven wrong. — Ed.] Our idea has been to give a helping hand to a land in which amateur radio is much younger than it is in our own, and in this we honestly believe we have been succeeding and that the well-posted Canadians agree with us. Let us say, if there be those who don't know it, that it isn't at all a case of the Yanks trying to run things to suit themselves. Such a policy is entirely contrary to basic A.R.R.L. ideas, which are founded on democracy and for that very reason have stood the tests of seven years. Whenever it is apparent that Canada needs a separate organization and a promising framework and supporting stations for that organization come into existence, the A.R.R.L. will be ready to recognize it and co-operate fully.

"But that time is not yet here. Canadian stations are as yet limited in number and in range, and for a season or two more the bulk of the relaying into and out of Canada will be north and south via various cross-overs from the States. The best minds in Canadian amateur work are agreed that until such time as Canada has east and west lines of its own it needs the supporting arms of the A.R.R.L. This is vastly wiser than any hasty proposal of separation, and after all we are all of us working to a single end: the furtherance of citizen relay communication.

"Let brotherly love prevail!"

"What exceedingly wise men our forefathers were!

In 1937 the thoughts expressed editorially above were included in the ARRL Bylaws as follows:

"The policy of the League in Canada shall be that of a friendly hand for the amateurs of a sister country pending their growth to such numbers and strength that their ability to form and conduct a self-governing non-commercial amateur organization throughout the Dominion is evident. The activities of the League in Canada shall be regarded as a temporary stewardship undertaken at the request of Cana-

dian amateurs. Whenever Canadian amateurs shall petition for their own organization, and it is manifest to a majority of the entire Board of Directors that the success of a separate Dominion organization is assured, the Board of Directors shall aid in establishing and proclaiming a separate all-Canadian organization to be known as the Canadian Radio Relay League to operate under a constitution similar in tenor to that of this League; and this League shall thenceforth relinquish all direct activity in Canada."

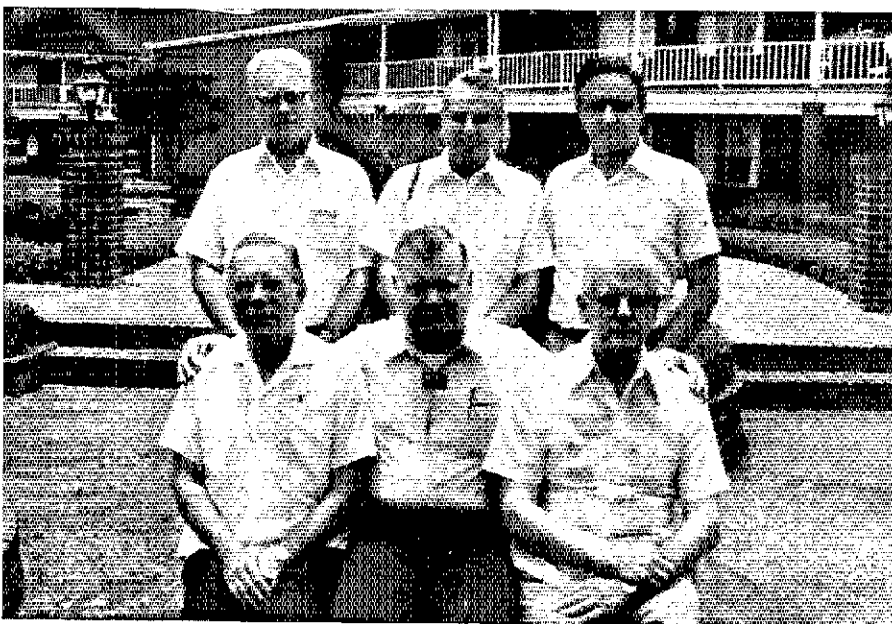
It is interesting to note that it has been this specific Bylaw which several other Canadian amateur organizations, over the years, have irresponsibly taken out of context as their "blank check" to assume all of the responsibilities of the League in Canada. Thankfully, for the welfare of the Canadian Radio Amateur, all such proposals were turned aside, for the key words in the Bylaw were: "pending their growth to such numbers and strength." Previous applicants to date have not been able to meet this requirement and even the latest (CARF) were never able or willing to submit substantiated full membership figures to indicate otherwise (CARF-published membership claims, at the most, have never been more than approximately two-thirds of that of the Canadian Division of the ARRL). Therefore, it remains today, as it always has been, that it is the League, in Canada, which has the majority support of the Canadian amateur. It is as simple as that!

One might then ask, why has not the Canadian Division long ago requested self-governing status? Responsibly the answer is equally simple. Previous directors of the Canadian Division never felt that the Division membership then met the "such numbers and strength" requirement of that 1937 Bylaw.

Wisely, our immediate past Director, George Spencer (VE2MS — now VE4IM) then saw the time rapidly approaching when the Canadian Division membership would meet that qualification and consequently, a few years ago, created with Board approval the alternate name of the Canadian Division: the Canadian Radio Relay League. Your present Director then gradually furthered the concept which he knew was in the mind of Spencer, by creating informal advisory boards of Canadian officials to assist him in governing the Canadian Division, while all the time carefully monitoring the League's Canadian membership figures vs. the total Canadian amateur population.

A few short months ago when our Canadian membership finally reached approximately the same percentage as that of U.S. League members vs. U.S. amateur population, coupled with the important consideration of the total number of Canadian Life Members of ARRL, the decision was democratically reached by Canadian League officials to petition the ARRL Board of Directors for self-governing status while still retaining all the important membership services offered by the ARRL as a Canadian Division. Let's face it . . . that

*Director, Canadian Division



Immediately following the affirmative vote on the question of CRRL incorporation, a group of League Officials involved with the decision posed for this photo. They are, 1-r (back row): Vice Director Bill Loucks, VE3AR; Director Ron Hesler, VE1SH; Associate Counsel Bob Benson, VE2VW. Front row: Vice President and Chairman of the Canadian Ad-Hoc Committee Carl Smith, W0BWJ; President Harry Dannals, W2HD; and Vice President Noel Eaton, VE3CJ.



Marv Nash, VE3FON, RSO immediate past president, is shown here being presented with the ARRL/CRRL Certificate of Merit by Canadian Division Vice Director Bill Loucks, VE3AR, at a recent meeting of RSO delegates. Also presented with this certificate was George Davis, VE3BBW, who unfortunately was not available at the time this picture was taken.

concept was certainly asking a lot of any Board of Directors, for it could easily be considered as a case of "wanting one's cake and eating it too"!

To our mind, it is a tribute to the present ARRL Board and their continuing dedication to the binational society League policies that this Board by an overwhelming vote (14 affirmative, two negative) officially sanctioned the federal incorporation of the Canadian Radio Relay League, as a self-governing division of the ARRL! We are especially grateful for the active support extended to our incorporation by President Dannels, Vice Presidents Clark, Smith and Eaton, and General Manager Baldwin (all of whom had no vote in the motion itself).

As this article is being written (early August), CRRL General Counsel Bob Benson, VE2VW, is immediately proceeding with the official federal incorporation papers and it is expected that it shall be the Canadian Radio Relay League Incorporated, within six to eight weeks.

Following incorporation, a printed copy of the CRRL Constitution and Bylaws will be available to any League member (s.a.s.e. please). It is expected that this will be available for mailing by the end of October.

The CRRL Board of Directors shall consist

CRRL AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

The votes are all in and we are pleased to advise that well-known Guelph, ON, amateur Fred Hammond, VE3HC, has been elected CRRL Amateur of the Year for 1978. The presentation will be made to Fred by CRRL President Ron Hesler, during the October RSO Convention in Ottawa. Congratulations, Fred... you certainly deserve the honor.

THOSE NEW DOC EXAMINATIONS

A few months ago, we submitted for analysis and evaluation several of the recent examinations to the ARRL Club and Training Department. After careful study we were advised by that Department that, to all intents and purposes, they were very similar to the U.S. comparable class examinations. They further stated that, in comparison, the Canadian exams were neither harder nor easier than those of the U.S., and

of the following: President — Elected by the CRRL Board; Vice President — ARRL Canadian Division Director; Secretary — ARRL Canadian Division Vice Director; Director (Quebec and Atlantic Provinces) — membership elected; Director (Central) — membership elected; Director (West) — membership elected; ARRL President — Board member *without vote*.

It should be noted that the CRRL President will, in addition to the Canadian ARRL Division Director, now sit on the ARRL Board but, like the seat on our Board for the ARRL President, it will be without vote.

Commencing with the 1981 Canadian Division ARRL election (for the 1982-83 term), the election of the three CRRL regional directors shall also take place. Unfortunately, inasmuch as it was not officially possible to "piggyback" the election of these three directors with the Canadian Division election for the 1980-81 term (because the CRRL was not constituted in time for the current election call), the charter CRRL directors and officers shall continue in office until the end of 1981. The only possible changes could be in the offices of vice president and secretary which, of course, are dependent on the outcome of the current Canadian division election. Therefore, the following are your officers and directors of the CRRL Inc., from this date until 1200 hours, January 1, 1983: President — Ron Hesler, VE1SH; Vice President — Bill Loucks, VE3AR; Secretary — Gordon Steane, VE3BMG; Director — Albert Daemen, VE2IJ; Director — Tom Atkins, VE3CDM; Director — George Spencer, VE4IM; General Counsel — Bob Benson, VE2VW.

The Executive Committee will consist of the President, Vice President and Secretary. Board meetings shall take place once per year with the Executive Committee responsible for decisions between such Board meetings. The first Board meeting will take place in Ottawa this year, immediately previous to the RSO Convention.

The CRRL President will, to quote from Article 2 of CRRL Bylaw 4, "preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors. He shall, subject to instruction from the Board of Directors, represent the Corporation in its relationships with the International Amateur Radio Union, with the public and with the various governmental agencies and governments and officials with which the Corporation may be concerned and shall be the official spokesman of the Board of Directors in regards to all matters of Corporation policy." This shall then leave the ARRL Canadian Division Director free to attend to the normal corporate responsibilities of an ARRL Director plus, of course,

vice-versa. Therefore, we feel confident that Canadian class instructors could be well advised to fully utilize the professionally prepared U.S. examination training materials offered by the ARRL. As far as we have been able to ascertain, other than regulations, this material is now completely applicable in Canada. For further information, write the Club and Training Department, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

A UNIQUE AMATEUR PUBLIC SERVICE

Oakville has a radio reading service (for blind and print-handicapped listeners) which broadcasts on a sub-carrier of Burlington's CING-FM and is Canada's only such service.

Jim Goodman, VE3FZG, tapes a weekly program about Amateur Radio, which is broadcast by the station. At a recent annual conference of such stations, a



Caught gabfesting at the Maritime Old-Timers hamfest, held at Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB, were (l-r) Fred Hafferty, VE1AN (licensed in the early 1920s); Pat Solomon, XYL of VE1OC; Aaron Solomon, VE1OC (SCM, Maritime-Newfoundland); Max Ross, VE1QM; and Ron Hesler, VE1SH (CRRL president). (photo by VE1BKD)

any duties and/or responsibilities which may be assigned by the CRRL Board, in his dual capacity as the CRRL Vice President. The CRRL President will also manage the day-to-day administration of the CRRL.

In order to endeavor to clarify to whom you, as a member, should address a communication henceforth, permit us to make the following suggestion. If it is a matter strictly relating to Canadian affairs, you should direct your inquiry to the CRRL President. If it be a matter concerning any of the membership services of the ARRL (i.e. awards, QSL Bureau, membership/subscription problems, etc.), then it is the ARRL Canadian Division Director to whom you should refer. Normally, it will be the Division Director or his designate (i.e., one of the CRRL Directors) who will attend affiliated conventions and hamfests; although, of course, in the case of CRRL National Conventions, which shall soon take place, all CRRL officials will be in attendance. Likewise, in the case of large conventions, such as that of the Radio Society of Ontario, it could be expected that the CRRL President and other directors and officials will be present.


So there it is... the baby has been born, but not without the considerable legacy of experience and service which is more than 50 years as an ARRL Division affords. It's here... it's viable... it's strong and, it's here to stay. It's *your* organization... VEs and VOs.

It's a proud and historic day for Canadian Amateur Radio... a dream come true!

competition was arranged to judge which was the best program aired on the North American continent (there are 80 such stations in the U.S.). The VE3FZG programs, which were entered in the competition, were judged to be best!

Jim's programs open with a cw background and he then narrates selected readings from various Amateur Radio publications, with ad-lib comments interspersed here and there. The weekly tape fades out with cw, which gives the program an excellent documentary touch.

As a result of the aforementioned competition the radio-reading-service station in Birmingham, AL, has arranged to utilize the VE3FZG programs and it's believed that a second station, in Massachusetts, will soon be doing likewise.

Congratulations, Jim, for an extremely fine bit of Amateur Radio public service. As previously advised on this page, several months ago, Jim was recently awarded the ARRL/CRRL Certificate of Merit. *Tnx Hot Bananas* newsletter. 

Correspondence

Conducted By Perry F. Williams, W1UED

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FINAL RAPP-UP

□ Should there be an April Fool quasi-technical story in *QST* each year? Yes! Reinstall Larson E. Rapp, W1OU, and his most excellent technical discoveries posthaste. Ham radio is supposed to be fun, you know. Sometimes its published face seems to have the dreariness of undergraduate term papers or the grim pretense of a master's thesis.

Can anything be omitted to make room for Rapp? Yes, certainly. Practically anything. *QST* is a fine magazine (except occasionally, as noted in paragraph one!) but *somebody* objects to each department or article published. So just take a big swing and enjoy the Reason of Rapp.

How much warning is necessary to protect the innocent? Ye Gods! If the "innocent" can't figure out Mr. Rapp's philosophy then they can't understand much else in the magazine either.

I'm looking forward to next April's *QST* with Larson E. Rapp returned to his rightful throne. — *Leonard Dansby, W5VE, Kerrville, TX*

□ Sure, let's have a little humor: put Rapp in the mag.

Yes. "It Seems to Us" can be omitted. We can do without your editorial opinion once in a while; after all, all of us hams are opinionated enough now!

No, don't warn anyone; that would delete from the honest humor. — *Ron Desautels, WD6AYM, Sun Valley, CA*

□ Re the Rapp controversy now raging and threatening to blow apart the staid old ARRL, and answering the questions on page 66 of August *QST*: Yes. Yes. Yes. None! From an old admirer. — *Dick Liebe, K9GEL, Carmel, IN*

□ Yes. Absolutely. Yes, anything. None. You can't remain innocent forever! — *Scott Davis, K5TA, Corrales, NM*

□ I have never read any of the writings of this obvious pioneer of our art. Allowing him to grace the pages of *QST* once more is a grand idea. His detractors must have no sense of humor.

Surely you can allow Larson E. to steal a page or two once a year. The fellow needs an opportunity to express himself, and to deny him would be a crime. Let him have his day in court! — *Mike Donehoo, KB4DT, Marietta, GA*

[Editor's Note: Re your P.S., Mike, we did get a charge out of your second paragraph, but do the readers merit such pun-ishment?]

□ Please bring back Larson E. Rapp, W1OU. I'm a newcomer, licensed less than two years, and have never read a technical (?) paper by Larson. He sounds great!

"Hints and Kinks" could be shortened, "Washington Mailbox" could be omitted for

one issue, possibly making enough room to bring Rapp back for us newcomers to enjoy. — *Rick Dolinsky, WB3JZA, Tamaqua, PA*

□ Rapp us once a year. — *Ronald J. Schwendt, N3AR, Douglassville, PA*

□ This is a Yes vote for Rapp. — *Hasan B. Paksoy, WD5EWQ, Dallas, TX*

□ Sad, indeed, is the chore, job, profession or hobby that cannot laugh at itself now and then. Bring Rapp back.

Delete a different thing each year, if need be, even to the extent (you should wash out my mouth with soap) of omitting an ad every decade or so.

The best craftsmen are those who were well kidded during their apprenticeships. Their mentors knew how to get attention and have a bit of fun in the process. There was the young cook who was chastised for pouring the pancake upside down, the carpenter who didn't know where to find the French-curved T-square, the machinist who was sent off to borrow a left-handed monkey wrench. Let the innocent stay that way: The letters to the editor will set things straight along in June or July! — *T. K. Rigger, W1HFZ, Centerville, MA*

□ I am aware of how well written some of the April articles have been. I've been taken in by at least one or two myself. I might then suggest that somewhere in the article it be made clear that it is, in fact, fiction. An Alfred Hitchcock surprise ending might be one way. — *Jack R. Chichester, W9AMF, Milan, IL*

□ The April issue, like any other, contains much that could be put off for one more month. One real technical article, or general interest story, or organizational item could be put in "to be continued" format. Make room for three or four pages of Rapp.

As for "protecting the innocent," who among us would admit to being "(1) One who has always resisted temptation, (2) A simpleton, (3) A blue flowered plant"?

Actually, merely placing an article which contains something appearing radically new in the April issue is due notice that the instructions may be out-of-square with the laws of physics. And the longer it takes me to figure this out, the more I enjoy it.

Bring back Larson in all his former glory, complete with circuit diagrams, parts lists, anything and everything necessary to fool most of us some of the time. — *James P. DeClercq, K8JUM, Fraser, MI*

□ The April perennial has all the attributes of an historical artifact, sorely needed by new amateurs as a link to the early origins of this magnificent hobby. — *Doc Silvern, K6RXU, Los Angeles, CA*

□ I have come to look forward to the April issue: "Authentic DX QSLs signed in the original ink . . . for display purposes only," "the final amplifiers placed on top the tower,"

and suchlike. My vote is Yes! Yes! Yes!

Of course, the April Fool articles would have to be carefully screened to ensure that some poor hapless Joe doesn't do something dangerous. But it's worth the effort. We've all been fooled a time or two and that is half the fun. — *Kirk Taylor, N6IU, San Francisco, CA*

□ If the humor is too subtle to be generally detected, *do* issue a warning, at the end of the article. If the story is relatively blatant, let those who cannot detect it proceed. They'll learn, eventually. — *Gregory T. Playle, N5???, (just tested), Biloxi, MS*

[Editor's Note: No negative votes reached this desk! Editorial Board, I think you have an answer!]

RST FOREVER?

□ During the early days of ham radio, the RST system was a useful means of giving information to the radio partner concerning his readability, signal strength and tone. All the equipment was homebrew. The performance and reliability of components and the achievable gain of vacuum tubes were low. Measuring techniques were primitive. The results you were getting could only be judged by the RST report from the distant station.

But, ham friends, honestly, is it still necessary? What equipment fails to provide T9 signals? What's the use of a signal-strength report, so long as I can copy the guy — especially when psychologically pleasing dBs are routinely added to the report?

I hereby put forth an idea — the final deletion of RST and substitution of a very simple system related to information loss, the only relevant parameter. "To copy or not to copy, that is the question." Let's have the Q-System (Q standing for quality, including tone, operator skill, QRM/QRN/QSB and so on). Q1 Overall quality too poor: no copy; Q2 Quality varies: partial copy; Q3 Quality good: solid copy. I think this system would result not only in a reduction in contest duties and logging chores, but also would avoid redundant or dishonest reports. How about it? — *Ralf Herzer, DL7DO, Berlin, FR Germany*

YOU'RE INVITED

□ The fraternity of Amateur Radio is composed of worldwide friendships, some new, and some made many years ago. One of the joys of Amateur Radio is the personal meeting of these friends who have been met first on the air.

I extend an invitation to all amateurs to attend the 26th American Radio Relay League National Convention in Seattle, Washington, July 25-27, 1980.

"World friendship through Amateur Radio" is the theme of the "Seattle National Amateur Radio Convention 80" (SEANARC 80 for short), and programs are planned that will be of interest to all segments of the Amateur Radio community.

I would appreciate help in publicizing

SEANARC 80 through club newsletters, bulletins, on the air, etc., so that as many interested amateurs as possible will have the opportunity to attend. — *John H. Brown, W7CKZ, promotion chairman, SEANARC 80, Seattle, WA*

[Editor's Note: And see the "Call for Papers," August *QST*, page 35.]

ENJOYED NATIONAL IMMENSELY

□ I attended the 1979 National Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and enjoyed myself immensely! Congratulations to the Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs in presenting this wonderful experience.

WB5SRR and I arrived Saturday morning and spent the first session in the dealer-display area and the flea market. Incredibly frustrating — all that amazing array of hardware and me with no money to spend! Enjoyed the operational setup of one manufacturer, where you can actually get the rig on the air and evaluate it for yourself.

I attended the narrow-band voice modulation session. I had no idea that NBVM was so far along. I got the feeling from the speaker that straight ssb would soon go the way of a-m. The linear amplifier session was interesting, though cut somewhat short by the awarding of prizes.

The antenna forum was great! Lew McCoy, W1ICP, can sure spin a story, and he seems to know his antennas. Quite a bit of substantive material was covered in that forum, and I found it very interesting. The ATV presentation also tops: The state-of-the-art frontier is fascinating.

At the forums Sunday morning, FCC staff answered at great length questions which could have been handled in a sentence or two — true bureaucrats! I would have liked more discussion of the CB/hfer/Personal Radio controversy. It is clear that there are several fallacies in the thinking of some proponents of each side. Last but not least, I enjoyed the ARRL forum a great deal (despite the protracted introductions!). The new Dave Bell film is excellent. Now that we've got it, what are we going to do with it? It is obviously aimed at the nonamateur. Let's find the vast audiences of the general public to justify the production expense. Finally, the dialogue question and answer period was most interesting.

Thanks and my congratulations to those who helped to present this fine convention. — *Paul T. Williamson, KB5MU, Orange, TX*

[Editor's Note: Paul, we had to shorten your letter considerably — as no doubt you noticed. Some of the material omitted was constructive criticism; this has been forwarded to the people who can benefit from it — thanks! As for the film, its predecessor, *The Ham's Wide World*, has been seen by millions of non-amateurs and we intend similar distribution of this one. Watch for announcements of its availability for public showing in an early issue of *QST*.]

OPTIONAL CODE?

□ Being only 14 years old, I feel I have a lot of hamming left in my life, at least 50 or more years of chewing the rag. I have recently become greatly disturbed about the FCC proposing to the World Administrative Radio Conference that an international Morse code test be merely requested instead of required in the worldwide Radio Regulations.

If the FCC should take away our traditional pride in being able to use Morse code, I'll hang down my head in sorrow, and hang up my

brass key, never again proud of being an amateur. — *Dave Birken, N6AWU, Northridge, CA*

CODE IS ART; LET'S COMPROMISE

□ I have long enjoyed cw, being at peaks capable of speeds in excess of 30 wpm. I have been a professional communicator for almost 30 years and a ham for 25. The code is an art form, not unlike woodcarving, painting or needlepoint. I deplore it being used as a deliberate stumbling block to an Amateur Radio license. Could you imagine your anger at being told you had to be proficient at driving a six-horse team with a wagon prior to obtaining a driver's license for a car?

The solution is simple. Each licensee learn a minimum of 5 wpm, this to recognize an SOS if heard, and to satisfy international treaty requirements. Next, treat licenses as basic with endorsements, much the same as commercial is now. All hams with a basic license could operate cw on the Novice portion of the cw band. If you wish to operate in the General cw band, obtain a 13 wpm endorsement.

A compromise would save cw for those who want it. — *Dennis D. Shirrel, K7DCG, Poway, CA*

ETHICS NEAR ALL-TIME LOW?

□ The "No Shortcuts" letter by WA2DXJ in July *QST* "Correspondence" hit the nail on the head — Good Show! It's a sorry state of affairs and we can be assured it will get worse before it gets better. Ethics and observations of the regulations appear to be headed for an all-time low.

One does not have to spend much time on the bands to note that the past three years or so contesting to a considerable extent and DXing in general have gotten trashy.

It has been my good fortune on a number of occasions to have been modest DX myself. I try to observe to the letter the regulations of the country I'm operating in. I dare say not many W/K/N hams have ever given the matter much thought, but the U.S. rules are among the most unrestrictive in the world! And still we don't put on a decent show.

During one of my recent forays, I removed 47 idiots from my log for "funny" operating tactics; naturally, these hombres will get no card. I'll not comment on who these operators were, but suffice it to say they weren't all WDs or KAs.

Conversely, the overseas chaps have consistently been "on the money" year in and year out. Even under the most adverse conditions they hang in there and do an admirable job all things considered. We domestics have got to clean up our act or someone else will do it for us! — *G. L. Baker, W5QPX, Amarillo, TX*

ARROGANT ATTITUDE

□ As a less-than-perfect gentleman, I can barely refrain from resorting to profanity when commenting on FCC's arrogant attitude toward amateurs who were issued violation notices for having contacted Thailand ("League Lines," July *QST*). The agency's action smacks of 1984 arrived several years too soon. One must reasonably and logically ask why FCC didn't simply admit its error and mail postage-exempt letters of apology to each of the falsely cited amateurs? — *James Simmons, W7KVV, La Grande, OR*

REPENTANT SINNER

□ After reading the item in April *QST* under "Washington Mailbox" about accepting compensation, paid or promised, for having handled an amateur message, a terrible feeling of guilt welled up within me. I am almost 70, and have carried the stigma of professionalism since I was about 15. It's a sorry story, and I'm ashamed, ashamed, ashamed.

Back in those dear dead days I took a message that was to be delivered to the next town. Having no phone and no other means of transportation, I walked three miles or so and delivered the message. Obviously important because the man was overjoyed to receive it.

Then came the blackest day of my life: after a feeble attempt at refusal, I accepted compensation! The recipient of the message owned a neighborhood candy store; the compensation, an ice cream sandwich. Strawberry. — *William Fairclough, W2CHI, Blairstown, NJ*

[Editor's Note: Confession is good for the soul, Bill. And relax. The Statute of Limitations has run out.]

MORE ON SIMPLEX

□ In reference to WB2JII, Mario Filippé's letter in July *QST*, and others in September, the Mobile Amateur Radio Club has on several occasions provided public service communications similar to the marathon setup. We have used 146.52-MHz simplex for several good reasons. It does not tie up a repeater for several hours. Some sites are not within the repeater coverage area, but are close enough to each other for good simplex work. Most times, hand-held rigs are used and with their limited channels, most are equipped with only one simplex frequency.

I agree that no one should completely monopolize any popular frequency, simplex or repeater, for long periods of time without breaks. As synthesizer hand-helds become more popular in time, using an odd frequency will become more practical.

The Mobile ARC has furnished communications for two popular races here. With the large number of participants and bystanders, there is the real possibility of a genuine emergency arising. We're there and ready, on .52 simplex. — *Les Cox, AA4F, Mobile, AL*

THANKS!

□ I'd like to thank the staff of NN3SI, at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, and especially Joe, W3IK, who made my operating time on July 3 a very pleasant occasion. I personally recommend visiting this station to any amateur who is in or near the nation's capital. You can start quite a pile-up on 15 cw! — *Rick Todd, KA8AKL, Newbury, OH*

□ I want to thank AC8W for his part in creating goodwill and interest in a most fascinating hobby. When I heard him June 8 on 40 cw, I didn't even realize he was Stateside. We don't seem to have too many Extras in the Novice portion.

We chewed the rag for a half hour and I thoroughly enjoyed the QSO. And not much later, he also QSLed! I want to publicly thank Stan for taking the time to talk with Novices at their level. I plan to do the same when I've left the Novice ranks. — *F. Budd Kline, KA9COQ, Mt. Prospect, IL*

Clubs: Tax-Exempt Status and Incorporation

During the course of every Amateur Radio club's history, some member will raise his or her hand and suggest that the club should incorporate and apply for tax-exempt status. All of the fellow members will agree that it sounds like a good idea, even though the majority of them have no idea of the involvement and implications of such actions. This edition of "Washington Mailbox" will attempt to clear up some of the mystery and point out the advantages (and disadvantages) of incorporation and tax-exempt status.

Tax-Exempt Status

Q. What is tax-exempt status?

A. It is freedom from taxation of income which is allowed when certain prerequisites are met.

Q. Does this mean that our radio club would not have to pay income tax?

A. Yes. If your club had tax-exempt status, it would not have to pay federal tax on business-related income.

Q. What's that about "business-related income"?

A. Even though an organization is recognized as tax-exempt, it still may have to pay tax on its unrelated business income, i.e., income which is not *substantially* related to the purpose constituting the organization's tax-exempt status.

Q. What's the "purpose constituting the exemption"?

A. According to the Internal Revenue Code (Sec. 501[c][3]), an organization may qualify for exemption from federal income tax if it is organized and operated *exclusively* for one or more of the following purposes: charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition or prevention of cruelty to children or animals. And, any income substantially related to one or more of these purposes is tax exempt.

Q. Does this mean that our club does not have to be a charitable institution to attain tax-exempt status?

A. Correct. The educational purpose is the most likely choice of radio clubs trying to qualify. An example of a good educational ham organization may be one whose activities consist of operating a continuing series of classes aimed at training new amateurs and upgrading licensed amateurs, plus conducting seminars on advanced topics, as well as inviting experts in various fields to speak before the club.

*Membership Services Assistant

Q. What if our club's purposes are not exclusively limited to those enumerated by the I.R.S.? What about social activities?

A. If the club's purposes are not limited to those enumerated by the I.R.S., other than as an *insubstantial* part of its activity, the club will not qualify for tax-exempt status. If one of the club's purposes is the carrying on of social activities, it will not qualify.

Q. What other activities will disqualify our club from tax-exempt status?

A. Attempting to influence legislation (lobbying) or participating in political campaigns will disqualify a club. Also, if any club income is used to benefit one or more individuals rather than to benefit the whole club, disqualification will result.

Q. Besides exemption from income taxation, are there other benefits to tax-exempt status?

A. Yes, a tax-exempt organization may solicit gifts and the donor may include the gift's value when computing his deductions for his federal income tax. In other words, the tax-exempt radio club is a tax shelter.

Also, if a club qualifies for tax-exempt status, generally, it will also qualify to bulk mail identical pieces of 200 or more at a reduced rate of 3.1 cents per item.

Q. How does our club go about obtaining tax-exempt status?

A. If your club's purposes are limited to those enumerated by the I.R.S., as outlined above, and your organization is not a private foundation and normally has annual gross receipts of not more than \$5000, your club automatically qualifies for tax-exempt status. No forms or applications need to be completed and filed. Under automatic qualification, however, gifts or bequests to the organization are not tax deductible by the donor; the organization is not a tax shelter.

Q. Well, then how does our club go about getting the full benefits of tax-exempt status?

A. The club must file an application for recognition of exemption (Form 1023) with the I.R.S. district director for the district in which the club's principal office or place of business is located. After consideration of the application, a ruling or determination letter will be issued indicating whether or not the club qualifies for tax-exempt status.

Q. How do I obtain the necessary forms?

A. Telephone 1-800-225-0717. This is the I.R.S. federal tax form ordering service. Ask for Package 1023 and Publication 557 and you'll receive all of the information you'll need to apply for tax-exempt status.

Q. What about exemption from state and municipal income taxation?

A. Generally, the rules and regulations concerning state and municipal tax exemption parallel the federal rules; however, you'll have to consult the state or local tax authorities for full details.

Incorporation

Q. What is a corporation?

A. A corporation, in the eyes of the law, is considered an entity unto itself — an artificial person with certain rights and responsibilities.

Q. Why do radio clubs find incorporation advantageous?

A. Many clubs falsely believe that incorporation will completely insulate individual club members from legal responsibility in case a suit is brought against the club. In some situations, if an incorporated club is sued and loses, a court judgment can go beyond the club's assets, if those assets are insufficient to satisfy the judgment. The court may choose to reach into the pockets of individual members to make up for the deficiency.

Q. Are there any advantages to incorporation?


A. Under certain circumstances, incorporation may be beneficial. If the club owns substantial property and where the legal responsibilities of the club begin to approach large proportions, incorporation is advantageous. However, the average radio club does not own substantial property, nor is it legally involved to a large degree, so this advantage of incorporation is generally not applicable.

In some states, a membership corporation is considered a nonprofit organization and is exempt from filing state income tax returns. However, the average radio club's income is usually so low that the club is already exempt from filing. Another advantage is lost.

Q. Are there any alternatives?

A. To insulate individual club members from legal responsibility, a good liability insurance policy will accomplish the job at a lot less expense and bother.

Q. What if your club does own property and has a large income — how do we incorporate?

A. Each state has its own laws regarding incorporation and these are as varied as they are numerous. Generalities are futile. For information on incorporation procedures, contact the Secretary of State at your state's capitol. 

[Editor's Note: Thanks to W6POU and the Santa Barbara ARC for some of this information.]

Repeater Refuge

You may have noticed that it is getting crowded on 2 meters. If you want to put a new repeater on the air these days, your frequency coordinator will be hard-pressed to find a clear frequency for you even with the FCC's expansion of repeater privileges into most of the lower half of the 2-meter band. In many areas, all of the 2-meter frequencies are either in use or will be in use shortly.

If you are a repeater user, you may find that trying to complete a meaningful conversation on 2 meters is an arduous task. Only in the wee hours may you succeed in finishing a long discourse; at other times, it seems that someone always breaks in and wants to use the repeater just as you are trying to make an important point. Even if you are able to make that point, you may feel restrained from making it too strongly because of the vast audience that may be listening; there may be numerous hams who are "reading the mail" as well as SWLs with scanners and public-service-band monitors who are eavesdropping. If you are going to put your foot in your mouth, you don't want everyone within earshot of the repeater to know what shoe size you wear, so you keep quiet instead.

What to do?

There is a band of frequencies assigned to the Amateur Radio Service between 2 meters and the 420- to 450-MHz ham bands. Maybe you've heard of it. It's 220 MHz and there are repeaters there waiting to be used!

How does that solve the 2-meter dilemma?

It's not crowded. If you want to put a new repeater on the air, your chances of garnering a frequency from the coordinator are vastly improved here as opposed to accomplishing the same feat on 2. (Only in the American megalopolis are 220 frequencies becoming difficult to obtain.)

If you are a repeater user, on 220 you may talk until you are blue in the face or until the repeater times out. Uninterrupted conversation is the rule rather than the exception. And you

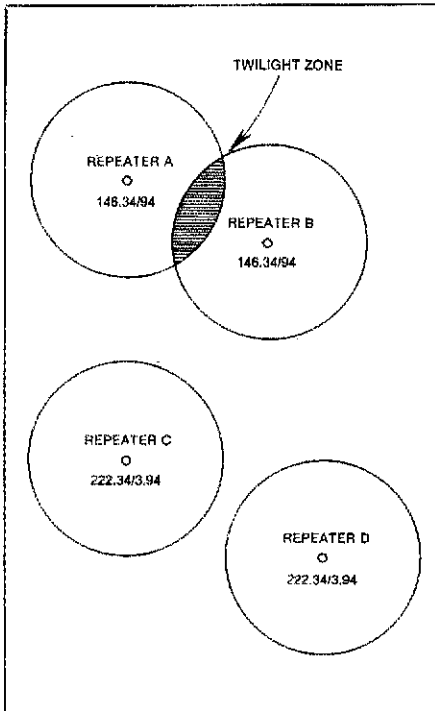


Fig. 1 — On 2 meters, repeaters on the same frequency are often close enough that their coverage areas overlap. This overlapping area, the twilight zone, is not very useful for communications because of interference from each repeater. On 220 MHz, the twilight zone rarely turns up because repeaters on the same frequency are spaced farther apart.

can put your foot in your mouth and get away with it. Of course, some hams may be listening, but you need not fear the ears of non-hams because scanners and public-service-band monitors do not cover 220 MHz. If you want to get away from the crowd, this is the place.

Because of the seclusion afforded by 220, special-interest groups have been attracted to the band. Here they can talk about their favorite topics of interest and need not worry about someone breaking in to change the subject. So on 220, you'll find computer hackers, DX hunters, contest testers and RTTY ratcheters, among others. RACES groups are also beginning to flock to 220 — the whole band is open to RACES operation. ARES groups are moving up, too.

What about repeater coverage?

Well, here's a real surprise! Contrary to some folks' beliefs, 220 coverage is very similar to that of 2 meters. And the antennas are smaller. So, when you move up to 220, you will lose nothing in coverage and you may even gain some territory.

How's that?

Because of the proliferation of repeaters on 2 and the demand for frequencies, repeaters on the same frequency are sometimes close enough that some of their coverage overlaps. Let me explain. As you move away from a repeater and find yourself in the fringe of its coverage area, you can still access that repeater, but you may also be approaching another repeater on the same frequency and find yourself on the fringe of the second repeater, too. As Rod Serling used to say, "You are now entering the twilight zone." In the twilight zone, you can access both repeaters simultaneously, but it is very difficult to communicate through one because of interference from the other. In effect, the coverage of both repeaters is reduced by the twilight zone.

On 220, this rarely occurs because you don't find repeaters on the same frequency as close together on 220 as they may be on two. This permits you to use the 220 repeater even in its fringe; you can utilize its coverage to its fullest and, in effect, gain some coverage over the 2-meter coverage that is deteriorated by the twilight zone. So, if you want to leave the crowds in the twilight zone behind, try 220. □

MANITOBA AND NORTH DAKOTA COORDINATOR

The CAN-AM Repeater Council should be contacted for repeater frequency coordination in Manitoba and North Dakota. The Council would like to see every club in the province and state represented in its organization.

For further information, write to either Bill Graham, VE4QG, 16 Frontenac Cres., Shilo, MB R0K 2A0, or Ken Larsen, K0PVG, R. R. 1, Devils Lake, ND 58301.

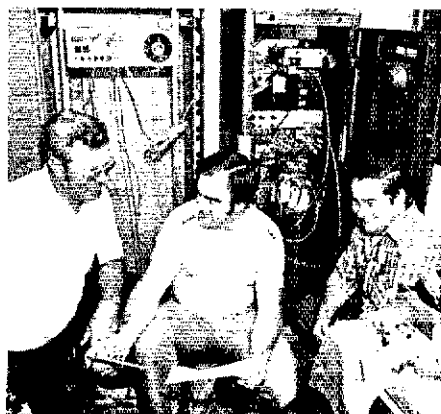
NET ACTIVITY

According to the new edition of the *ARRL Net Directory*, there are 240 active public-service nets on repeaters in the U.S. and Canada. The vast majority are on 2 meters (232), while there are seven on 220

MHz and one on 450 MHz. Also, there are 35 nets on 2-meter simplex (fm) and one on 220 simplex.

By the way, to obtain your own copy of the directory, send a self-addressed 9 x 12-inch envelope with 41-cents U.S. postage to ARRL Net Directory, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. □

Chicago's first RTTY repeater went into service recently on 144.71/145.31. Sponsored by the Chicago Area Radioteletype Repeater System (CARRS), the repeater features an on-board computer that provides a mailbox service permitting members to leave and retrieve messages on command. The photograph shows WB9RTX, K9WRL and WA9KEK putting the final touches on the system.



*Hq. Liaison, VRAC

Happenings

Conducted By W. Dale Clift,* WA3NLO

City Hall Can Be Beat!

"Have you heard about the new zoning code restricting ham towers to 50 feet?" asked K6NA, as I walked into the local radio store one Saturday morning. "What?!" was my incredulous response. Thus, I learned that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors had, in enacting a revision of the County Zoning Ordinance, slipped in a "zinger." As best as I could determine, the ordinance had completely escaped the attention of local amateurs in the pre-enactment consideration. The hams were never consulted. Fifty feet was chosen because it was a nice round number that seemed high enough to accommodate us.

Exceptions to the maximum height were available for, among other things, Amateur Radio antennas — provided a minor use permit could be obtained. This permit required payment of a \$200 fee, a hearing upon notice and an environmental impact review, which cost a minimum of \$250. A more dismal prospect could scarcely be imagined.

It was clear that this ordinance had been proposed and considered by people who had no idea of the disastrous impact of this type of regulation on our activities. Consequently, our first thrust was to educate. I prepared a brief draft explaining what Amateur Radio is, what we do and how and why we do it and also explained elementary antenna and propagation theory. The draft was reviewed by W6GIC, W6INI, N6LY and K6NA, and many helpful ideas were considered and incorporated. The report included FCC Regulations (Subpart A, Section 97.1), chapter one of the 1979 *Radio Amateur's Handbook*, copies of *QST* articles dealing with emergency communications and a representative set of plans and drawings for a free-standing tower.

Armed with this I made an appointment to see a staff member of the Department of Land Use and Environmental Regulation (LUER). He was at once receptive and discouraging. After listening for 45 minutes, he said he would be happy to review the report but felt that the prospect of LUER recommending an amendment was none too bright. A few weeks later I learned that the LUER director had decided not to recommend an amendment.

Initial research had led me to the conclusion that a court challenge was out of the question; this was not so much a legal problem as it was a political one. At the next meeting of the San Diego County Amateur Radio Council (SANDARC), I reported my activities and conclusions. I admitted having no political experience, but it seemed to me that the Board of Supervisors had to be shown that (1) this was a serious problem, (2) our reasons and proposals for an amendment were reasonable and in the public interest and (3) our views would have considerable public support.

One way to show support would be a petition signed by county residents. The SANDARC delegates directed me to prepare a suitable petition to be circulated among all the member clubs. Each club member would be supplied

with petition forms and asked to obtain as many signatures as possible. I prepared the petition and delivered it to W6GIC, who distributed it to the local clubs. The word was passed on local repeaters and ARES nets. Announcements were made at club meetings and published in club newsletters. Petitions were distributed to local ham equipment outlets and were available at swap meets. Shortly, every active ham in the area was aware of the situation.

While all this was going on, LUER changed its mind and recommended an amendment of 75 feet to the County Planning Commission, which would consider it and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Seventy-five feet was not what we had in mind, but it gave us an opportunity to get our foot in the door. The hearing was set for March 25 and it seemed important to have as many hams as possible in attendance. A large turnout supporting our position would be persuasive. Again, word was passed on local repeaters and ARES nets. Everyone who could possibly take the time to come to the hearing was urged to go.

About a dozen hams turned out. I gave a presentation much shorter than planned because the chairman refused to allow more than five minutes to speak. WA6GDC spoke at the hearing to relate an incident which had occurred the previous evening. He is active in "Happy Flyers," an organization of ham pilots. An emergency locator transmitter (ELT) had gone off in the mountains east of San Diego and no one on the ground had heard it. It was reported by a jet plane passing over at 30,000 feet. Search and rescue teams had been dispatched and were combing the area. WA6GDC said that with higher antennas, the distress beacon would more likely have been heard and rescue begun more quickly. His presentation was very effective by emphasizing in a direct way the life-or-death situations that occur and the value of ham activities in dealing with them.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend to the Board an amendment excluding ham antennas up to 100 feet in height, reasoning that a 100-foot threshold would exempt nearly all installations from the minor-use permit requirement. This was encouraging, but not entirely satisfactory. (I never mentioned our petitions to the Planning Commission because it is composed of citizens appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Petitions, it seemed to me, are most impressive to elected officials who run for office and who are more sensitive to public opinion.)

The Board hearing was set for May 16. An intensive effort was made to get a large turnout because we felt that the turnout of a dozen or so at the Planning Commission hearing was a factor in obtaining the 100-foot recommendation. WA6GDC came up with a great idea — inviting local hams to the "County's largest antenna raising party, at their (Board of Supervisors) place"; this was drawn up and published in several newsletters and posted in all ham equipment outlets. Our efforts were

rewarded with the attendance of approximately 60 hams at the hearing.

WA6QQQ, WB6DPO, WD6GVR and W6VCE all made presentations at the hearing on technical and public service-oriented topics. One supervisor's late husband had been a ham and she had a very good idea of what we were talking about. Another supervisor indicated that he felt local government would do well to avoid regulating Amateur Radio in a manner inconsistent with FCC rules. After discussion among the Board members and questions about FCC rules, an exemption of 200 feet was proposed and unanimously accepted. Sustained applause and cheering greeted the outcome. We had won!

How had it happened? Three factors seem to account for our success. First, we had a fairly large turnout at the hearing. The supervisors could look out into the audience and see that, if nothing else, their action was going to be witnessed by a roomful of voters who were concerned enough to come out and who would probably remember this come next election and who were probably interested enough to tell their buddies how they were treated.

Second, the petition had a very important effect. The supervisors knew the exact number of signatures at the time of the hearing; they had a count made by their staff and when I mentioned the petition, they indicated that they had definitely reacted to it.

Third, we tried to present our arguments in a positive, rational manner. This was in contrast to another group that appeared prior to us. The thrust of their argument was negative. They even berated the supervisors for passing such "stupid laws and for being such stupid jerks" who couldn't see the justice of the change the group sought. Needless to say, this tact (or lack thereof) was poorly received and they went home empty-handed.

We tried to structure our presentation to emphasize the public interest, balancing the competing diverse interests in esthetics versus the importance of reliable public service communications. The function of the Board and any deliberative lawmaking body is to balance these competing values, and this seemed to strike a responsive chord.

Who says you can't beat city hall . . . we did!
— Jim Allen, W6OGC

FCC PROPOSES PARTIAL REFUNDING OF ILLEGALLY COLLECTED FEES UNDER \$20

A proposal to partially refund licensing fees of \$20 or less, collected by the Federal Communications Commission between August 1, 1970 and December 31, 1976, is the subject of a Second Notice of Inquiry in General Docket 78-316. For the sake of brevity, this article will describe the proposals for refunds of Amateur Radio license fees only. If, in the Commission's calculations, the expected refund would be \$3 or less, the refund would not be processed.

*Deputy Manager, Membership Services, ARRL

Applicants who paid a \$9 fee for new, renewal or new class of Amateur Radio license under the 1970 fee schedule would receive a \$3.28 refund. Under the 1975 fee schedule, the fee for such applications was reduced to \$4. No refund would be owed to persons paying the \$4 fee.

Applicants who paid a \$9 fee for modification with renewal of an Amateur Radio license under the 1970 fee schedule would receive a \$6.95 refund. Under the 1975 schedule, the fee was reduced to \$4. No fee refund would be owed to persons paying the \$4 fee.

Under the fee schedules of 1970 and 1975, the original fee for modification of a license without renewal was \$4 and \$3, respectively. No fee refund would be owed under these schedules.

The purpose of this Second Notice of Inquiry is to solicit public input on these proposals. Written comments must be submitted by October 1, 1979. Section 1.419 of the Commission's rules requires that the original and five copies of comments be filed. Comments should be sent to: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

QST will carry more information about fee refunds in future issues. For more information on the background of the fee refund program, see August 1979 *QST*, page 68 and June 1979 *QST*, page 58.

FCC ACTS ON RFI POTENTIAL OF INDUCTION COOKING RANGES

A new technological development in cooking appliances, the induction cooking range, may be introduced in the marketplace in the near future. Because these devices are a potential source of serious rf interference to telecommunication devices, the Federal Communications Commission has adopted regulations which will apply to any induction cooking range using a frequency of 10 kHz or higher to develop the induction field used for cooking.

Here's how the ranges work: Alternating current at a frequency between 20 and 40 kHz is circulated in a coil under a smooth ceramic cooking top. When an iron pot is placed over this coil (which puts it in the induction field of the coil), eddy currents are induced in the pot causing it to become hot and cook the food within the pot. Induction cooking can only be carried out with pots in which significant eddy currents are induced; therefore, the pots must be of ferrous material.

This type of cooking has a number of desirable features. The induction range is considerably more economical than a conventional countertop cooking unit because the heat is developed directly in the pot. Moreover, there is no danger of fire from spilled cooking oil because the cooking surface is cold. Finally, the cooking top presents a smooth ceramic surface and is easy to clean.

FCC is amending Part 18 of its Rules to require certification before a unit may be put on the market. To be certified, the device must meet the following radiation and conduction limits: *Radiation limit* — Below 90 kHz, 1500 $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ at 30 m; on or above 90 kHz, 300 $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ at 30 m. *Conducted rf limit* — 10-100 kHz, 10-1 millivolts (linear interpolation); 100-500 kHz, 1 millivolt; 500-30,000, 0.25 millivolt.

The FCC noted that for a device operating at a frequency below 100 kHz, the difficulty is meeting the conduction limit, not the radiation limit. However, it feels that these limits on

levels of conducted rf energy are necessary to protect the operation of a-m receivers in the home and to ensure that the induction cooking range is not likely to become a source of interference which will prevent putting into service other new developments using the domestic power lines as a transmission medium.

Though the Commission plans to completely revise Part 18 under the proceeding in Docket 20718, it has adopted these regulations, effective February 1, 1980, as a First Report and Order so as not to delay the marketing of these ranges. For further information, contact Herman Garlan, Office of Science and Technology, FCC, Washington, DC 20554, phone 202-632-7095.

IT PAYS TO SPEAK UP

U.S. Navy personnel who are also Amateur Radio operators faced a dilemma: Either they reported every QSO with an amateur in a Soviet-Bloc country or be in violation of rules set forth in the Navy's Security Manual. For some hams, that meant contacting the Naval Investigative Service several times per week. After several hams pointed out that this constant reporting would not be productive, the Office of Naval Intelligence changed its mind. Now all hams who are U.S. Navy personnel need only make an initial report, and reports thereafter will be required only if there is anything unusual about the contact.

COLLINS 312B-4 and 312B-5 NOW REGISTERED PHONE PATCHES

In March, 1977, the FCC granted registration status to the Collins 189A-3 Phone Patch. This unit is an integral part of the popular Collins 312B-4 and 312B-5 Station Consoles used by many hams. The consoles, themselves, were not registered, so amateurs could not lawfully connect them to the telephone system without the use of an FCC-approved coupler, usually rented from the user's local telephone company.

We're pleased to report that the Commission, in Public Notice 20040 dated August 3, 1979, has granted registration to the consoles as complete units under the "Grandfather" program (see "Happenings," June 1979 *QST*, page 58). Thanks to W6ITH, Reg Tibbetts, for passing the information on to us. — *Alexander N. Gerli, AC1Y*

FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Foundation for Amateur Radio announces the 1979 winners of the six scholarships which it administers. The John W. Gore Memorial Scholarship (\$900) — Alicia Ann Moore, WB9LAD, Rensselaer, IN. The Richard G. Chichester Memorial Scholarship (\$750) — Philip R. Shaefer, WD8OKD, Wooster, OH. The QCWA Silent Key Memorial Scholarship (\$750) — Katherine Hevener, WB8TDA, Franklin, WV. The Edwin S. Van Deusen Memorial Scholarship (\$300) — Steven R. Harris, W5GZL, Cabot, AR. The Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL) Scholarship (\$300) — Linda J. Skjervem, WB5LMZ, El Paso, TX. The Radio Club of America, Inc. Scholarship (\$250) — Charles M. Betz, N0AKC, Caledonia, MN.



John Hansel, WB9TIG, Baraboo, WI, a member of the Yellow Thunder ARC, received his Eagle Scout award at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Baraboo. The pastor of the sponsoring church is The Reverend Phil Anderson, W8TP. John is 15. (K9ZZ photo)

These scholarships were open to all radio amateurs holding at least an FCC General class license or equivalent. The Foundation for Amateur Radio is a nonprofit organization representing 48 clubs in the Maryland, DC, and northern Virginia area. It is devoted exclusively to promoting the interest of Amateur Radio and to the scientific, literary and educational pursuits that advance the purposes of the Amateur Radio Service.

QST congratulates this year's recipients of the Foundation scholarships. Information regarding the scholarships to be awarded next year will appear in the May 1980 issue of *QST*. — *Foundation for Amateur Radio.*

FCC MANAGEMENT CRITICIZED; FERRIS RESPONDS

FCC Chairman Charles Ferris has agreed with a General Accounting Office (GAO) report that the FCC has suffered from inadequate management tools. Ferris noted that the GAO had focused on FCC deficiencies of long standing in management planning and information systems, and that he was currently seeking funds from Congress to remedy those needs. "The problems the GAO identified are the same problems our staff has identified and has been working to correct the past 21 months since I became Chairman," Ferris said. He specifically cited his emphasis on greater participation by the public in FCC activities, one area where the GAO report stated that more assistance was needed. Ferris said the FCC is also in the process of evaluating and improving its system of responding to public complaints and inquiries. He said the FCC's recently expanded Office of Plans and Policy is highly regarded in government circles because it "goes

about the task of implementing innovations rather than simply talking about them." Ferris stated that "basically . . . I endorse the GAO findings and believe we are well into the task of bringing about change that will bring the FCC updated management tools."

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING DENIED

The Federal Communications Commission has denied a petition filed by George Bonadio, of Watertown, NY. This petition, RM-2015, asked that the amateur rules be amended to declare that during an emergency, all transmissions on all amateur frequencies be restricted to emergency-related matters, and further that all subband assignments be suspended for the duration of the emergency. The Commission denied the petition on the grounds that it already had the authority under §97.107 to take such action.

PETITIONS RELATED TO AMPLIFIER BAN

The FCC has assigned rulemaking numbers to two petitions which seek relief from the Commission's ban on the commercial manufacture and sale of radio frequency power amplifiers capable of operation in the 24- to 35-MHz range. RM-3407, filed by the Allegheny County (PA) Fire Radio Advisory Board, seeks changes in the FCC Rules to allow commercial manufacture and sale of power amplifiers capable of operation in the frequency range of 33 to 35 MHz. RM-3416, filed by the Public Safety Communications Council, asks for similar relief for the frequency range 30 to 35 MHz.

The petitions are interesting to Amateur Radio operators because they seek relief from the same rules which prevent the commercial sale and manufacture of amplifiers capable of operation on the amateur 10-meter band (28-29.7 MHz). On March 20, 1978, FCC decided to ban the commercial manufacture and sale of rf amplifiers capable of operation between 24 and 35 MHz in order to prevent these devices from falling into the hands of CBers or unlicensed persons who use them illegally. ARRL has filed suit against the FCC, asserting that the ban penalizes law-abiding amateurs while doing little or nothing to stop the illegal use of these devices by CBers or other persons. For more information, see January 1979 *QST*, page 63.

FCC LABORATORY DIVISION — CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The mailing address of the Commission's Laboratory has been changed to: Federal Communications Commission, Laboratory Division, P. O. Box 429, Columbia, MD 21045. All parties, including particularly those having to do with applications for equipment authorization, should direct their mail to the laboratory at the new mailing address above.

STAFF NOTES

Paul K. Pagel, N1FB, has recently joined the *QST* staff as assistant technical editor/product review editor in the Technical Department. Now, there are two FBs at Headquarters — the other one's Paul's boss, Doug DeMaw, W1FB,



Charles Watters, W4RHE, has been honored with a resolution from the Florida Cabinet for maintaining the only communications link between the U.S. and its embassy in Teheran, Iran, during an attack by hostile forces. Pictured, left to right, are Governor Robert Graham, State Treasurer Bill Gunter and Chuck, W4RHE.

manager of the Technical Department. Paul hails from Enfield, CT, where he has lived for about 10 years. He was born in New York and raised in New Britain, CT. A graduate of the Ward School of Electronics in Hartford, Paul served a three-year tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force before joining the staff of WWLP-TV in Springfield, MA. He was technical supervisor there for 12 years before joining *QST*. A ham since 1958, Paul was first licensed as K1KXA. Paul is married and has one son. His other hobbies include scuba, fishing and swimming. Paul and his wife also participate in archery, which they have enjoyed for some time.

We'd also like to welcome Richard K. Palm,

K1CE, to the official ARRL "family." Rick will be assuming various duties in the Membership Services Department, among them Rules and Regulatory information, coordination of the ARRL Blind and Handicapped Program, and serving as assistant secretary of the ARRL Foundation. Rick, or "Bones," as he is known to his many friends in his home area of Lexington, MA, is an active ham, indeed. He holds various ARRL Section, Region and Area Awards, and has been an NCS and net manager for the Heavy Hitters Traffic Net. First licensed in 1976 as W1YIU, Rick has held the Extra Class callsign K1CE since June 1978. — Alexander N. Gerli, AC1Y



League officials, led by Southwestern Division Director Jay Holladay, W6EJJ (standing), met recently at the Jet Propulsion laboratory auditorium, Pasadena, CA. Also present were Vice Director Pete Matthews, WB6UIA, and Herbert (Pete) Hoover, III, W6ZH, who recommended on behalf of the Long-Range Planning Committee that "all hams promptly define problems first, submitting their solutions afterwards." (photo by W6VGQ)

The New Frontier

The World Above 1 Gig

Conducted By Bob Cooper Jr.,* W5KHT

All Airwaves Are Not Free!

This month's column will deal with the amateur's responsibility and, yes, obligation to both himself and his fraternity when he begins to dabble in reception of *non*amateur transmissions in the microwave region. The fodder for this subject comes from many sources. A recent letter to this column conductor from Carlos F. Gutierrez, KP4AA, is as good a place to begin as any. Carlos expresses concern, on behalf of the amateur fraternity, that those from within the fraternity who may be dabbling with reception from geostationary communication satellites may be running afoul of the law. Carlos' concern is well-founded.

Those of us who have grown up on a diet of Amateur Radio have grown accustomed, by our technical training and the equipment we have at our disposal, to the relative ease with which we can "dial in" various types of transmissions from throughout the world. Whether we are receiving amateur transmissions within one of our many assigned hf bands, or checking WWV, we tune with ease and scarcely any second thoughts any signal which our receivers can intercept. And we get away with this for the most part because very little of what we are likely to encounter on frequencies below 30 MHz and, yes, even below 500 MHz can be considered "private" in the usual sense of the word. Even in the vhf and lower uhf regions where public safety, business and industrial allocations are found, general reception "by the public" is at least encouraged by the proliferation of scanner type receivers. So it is with some degree of past experiences that we move into the upper uhf and even shf regions with the built-in second sense that "anything that is in the air is free to tune in."

Unfortunately, this is not true. And recent events suggest that at least some people (including perhaps some amateurs) are in the process of finding out just what the inside of a federal courthouse looks like because they thought (or misbelieved) that anything they could entice into their receiver was theirs to tune in and enjoy.

There is on the books of the Federal Communications Commission a rather obscure piece of regulatory law which makes it potentially a criminal matter if you tune in certain specified types of communications. That section of law is variously known as the "Privacy Act" or as "Section 605" and here is what it says: "... No person not entitled thereto shall receive or assist in receiving any interstate or foreign communication by radio and use such communication (or any information contained therein) for his own benefit or the benefit of another not entitled thereto. . . ."

Now, what types of transmission are covered by this section? Virtually all of the common carrier transmissions for a start. A common carrier is a company licensed by the FCC to set up one or more radio transmitting facilities and the attendant receiving facilities required to provide point-to-point communications *for hire*. The key phrase here is "for hire." If the operator of the transmission system (and a system here includes the receivers as well as the transmitter since most common carrier systems are licensed at both ends of the circuit) is being paid money for his "transmission service," then he is in one way or another a common carrier. An hf example of this would be the various high-power transmitters that send news wire RTTY services to South America and the Pacific from the U.S.; yes, they are paid for their "transmission service" and, yes, tuning in such reception is potentially a violation of Section 605.

But what harm is done? Perhaps, in the hf example, none. The same is not necessarily true in the upper uhf and shf region. Let's look at a couple of examples.

One of the more popular and fast-growing common carrier transmission services in the United States these days is something called MDS; or Multi-Point Distribution Service. MDS operates in the 2.15-GHz region and during the last two years around 40 of these MDS companies have been established as over-the-air relay systems for premium movies and other specialized television fare. Several hundred thousand American homes, motel rooms and apartments now have MDS. And most of them pay for it; typically \$10 to \$15 per month. Most MDS system operators have relied on the frequency of their transmissions for security; after all, 2.15-GHz converter systems are not electronic emporium off-the-shelf items. Such reception packages typically cost the MDS operator (who provides both the transmitter and the receiving system equipment to customers) around \$60 per installation and that ought to tell you just how simple the 2.15-GHz receiving system "converter" plus antenna really is. It is so simple, using the latest state-of-the-art microwave technology, that it can be duplicated for about the same price on a one-unit basis by anyone with even modest technical background. Which is precisely what is happening. Thousands of "illegal" (in the sense they are not authorized by the common carrier) receiving systems have sprung up all across America. And amateurs are already getting a black eye and a bad name because irate MDS system operators are misusing the term "Ham" when they recite their problems to local federal court judges and attempt to lay the blame for their losing control of their service to nonauthorized receiving systems. A re-

cent offering in an amateur publication (*73 Magazine*, August 1979) brings the problem even closer to home, describing in explicit detail the construction of an MDS receiving system.

Interception of the geostationary (common carrier programmed) satellites is another case in point. Virtually every one of those 50 or 60 channels of television available throughout North America via satellite is on the satellite because one or more common carriers put them there.

So KP4AA's concern is valid. There *are* real problems associated with the interception of common carrier transmissions which you are not specifically entitled to receive. Under Section 605, you are violating someone else's "privacy" and in addition to this when you intercept a service such as HBO which is a "premium movie" service, you may also be running afoul of a revitalized law dealing with copyrights and the protection afforded to the owners of such "movie/entertainment" products.

As licensees of our respective national governments we have both an obligation and a legal responsibility that places us as amateurs in a different category from the normal man on the street. As a nonprofit, voluntary service of individuals dependent upon our own federal licensing authority for our frequencies and our operating rules, we also have a responsibility to one another not to misuse our special knowledge and skills to either indulge in illegal reception activities on our own or to encourage (as in "assist") others to do so.

Fortunately, there are legal and satisfying solutions to both the MDS and the geostationary satellite problems. Most MDS company operators will authorize you to receive their transmissions with your own (home-built) receiving equipment if you will agree to pay the monthly service charge like any other viewer. Since the MDS firms get an average of \$150 each for the initial installation of their equipment (which they continue to own), there are both dollar incentives and technical incentives to putting your amateur skills to work in this way. But before you embark on such a project, talk with the MDS operator first! As a group they are very uptight these days about "bootleg" receiving systems and you may have to convince them of your sincerity.

The FCC is now routinely granting private (as in noncommercial) home satellite television earth terminal licenses. They cost no money to acquire, and the forms are relatively simple to complete. You owe it to yourself and your fraternity to "do it right." And remember, please, that permission, in advance, is required before you tune in any of these shf common carrier transmissions!

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YL News and Views

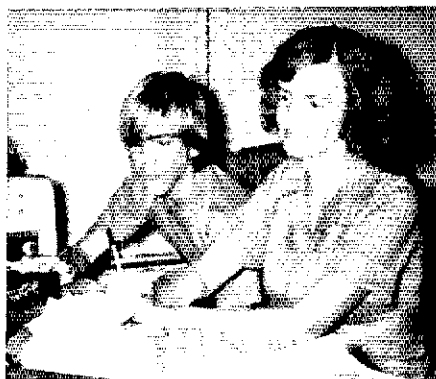
Conducted By Jean Peacor,* K1JUV

No Generation Gap Here

How great it is to have the entire family interested in the same hobby. Amateur Radio's ranks increasingly show definite strides in this direction. Sharing the rig can be fun, as can sharing every exciting facet that hamming has to offer. The many radio clubs now offering code and theory classes have provided the inspiration for many new licensees. In many cases, whole families have attended such classes and have strengthened entire family relationships. Dinner-table talk takes on a new *zing*.

What prompts a great-grandmother of 10, grandmother of 40 and mother of seven to take and pass the Novice exam at the age of 82? Family!

Mary Greene, KA6FLO, of Bakersfield, CA, wanted to be able to talk with her son Lloyd, WB6PEL, in Fresno. Her son John, WA6YJV, lent her his Heath HW-16 — says she's doing fine — enabling all three to keep up with family news. You'll hear them every Saturday at 7 A.M. PST on 80-meter cw and Mary's enjoying every minute.



Bill, KA4GDF (life member, ARRL), and Phyllisan West, KA4FZI.

Proud dad David Bennett, K8YZ, writes about his daughter, Lisa, KA8EVU, who at age nine received her Novice a few months ago. Already a member of the Oakland County Amateur Radio Society, Lisa looks forward to meeting more YLs through YLRL. Both Lisa and her mother, Marcia, KA8EUV, are studying toward upgrading their licenses. Look for Lisa on 15 meters.

The mother-son team of Phyllisan, KA4FZI, and Bill West, KA4GDF, 15 years old, of Cape Coral, FL, took to the airwaves in January 1979. A local Novice class helped them to become airborne, as did the great encouragement of many fellow members of the Fort Myers Radio Club.

Their Heath SB-102 has hardly been silent a day since January. While one operates, the other pinpoints QTHs on the map. Having been introduced to the traffic net system, both Bill and Phyllisan are regulars on QFNS. (All Florida amateurs are welcome to join QFNS, a slow-speed training net, at 0000Z on 3.715 MHz, where you will now hear Bill as NCS Friday nights and Phyllisan as NCS on Fridays.) They look forward to General licenses soon and plan to continue with traffic handling. DXing on 15 meters has also intrigued them both.

Another incentive for upgrading — they have spent hours listening for the OSCARs and can't wait to have the necessary license and equipment to communicate through them. Figuring time zones, orbits, latitudes and longitudes have proven excellent practical experience.

The family that perhaps beats all families hamwise is the McDades of Arden, NC, whose QSL card has become rather famous (see August 1977 *QST*, page 13). How many QSL cards do you have that picture nine family members? They include Dad W4DYW; Mom (Edith) WA4SRD, WA4BQY, WB4OMB, WA4BST, DL7SU, WA4BVF, WA4YMY and WA4AAK. Is that a record?

Four of the family spent an exciting time visiting 4U1ITU, the headquarters station of the International Telecommunication Union, in September 1978. They participated in the European DX Contest and made many other contacts, managing to run two stations simultaneously day and night from September 6 through 11. Being portable DL was a decided thrill but operating from 'ITU with three YLs in the shack seemed to cause an even greater sensation. Theirs is mostly a cw family, with much participation in traffic-handling nets.

Everest, W4DYW, was the first radio amateur in this family, licensed long before marrying Edith. His enthusiasm has not only rubbed off on the next generation; he and Edith have their eyes on their daughter Emily's children, Marcy and Sarah, as possibly increasing the number of hams in their family to 10 and 11.

How fine it is to find such strengthening bonds among family members. Do we all fully appreciate some of the extra bonuses that Amateur Radio provides?



At 4U1ITU (l to r): Ellen, WA4BQY; Elissa, DJØYL/WA4BVF; and Edith, WA4SRD.

YLRL'S BIRTHDAY

When Ethel Smith, K4LMB, wrote a letter to the editor of *QST* in 1939 appealing to all licensed YLs to please contact her, an even dozen replied. These same 12 women became the founders of YLRL (Young Ladies Radio League). In October 1939 they drew up a constitution and elected Ethel Smith their first president, and YLRL was born.

Fortieth Birthday

Forty years later, approximately 1300 YLs have joined YLRL's ranks. All of this was celebrated during their eighth YLRL International Convention in Philadelphia, PA, from June 29 to July 1. The Pennsylvania-Jersey YLRC hosted this event.

In honor of the occasion, Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh proclaimed the week of June 24 YLRL Week. The call of W3YL, belonging to Sandy Rutiser, was used for the convention Amateur Radio station.

Christine Haycock, WB2YBA, convention chairman, and her many committee members deserve the bouquets for the convention's success. Until you have

served on such a committee, it can be difficult to understand just how large those bouquets should be.

Program Coordinator Rose Ellen Bills, N2RE, lined up an interesting group of speakers. At the Saturday morning session, Ethel Smith, K4LMB, spoke to the group. A panel of five YLs followed who discussed their individual operations and how they became hams. Speaking were Amy Young, WA2QYZ; Louisa Sando, W5RZJ; Eila Russell, WA8EBS; Eleanor Hammonds, W3BIW; and Valerie Milnes, G4BML. Also sharing their operating experiences were DX visitors S8AYL, 3D6AG, WA6QFO, LX1TL, JA1AEQ, IF1WMY and DK9ZL/W. Art and Madeline Greenberg, W2LH and W2EEO, concluded the morning program with an excellent presentation on antennas.

YLRL President Phyllis Shanks, W2GLB, presided over the YL Forum following lunch. Please make note of Phyllis' new address: 7 Lake Circle Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39180.

At the YL/OM banquet on Saturday evening, a very special occasion, a proclamation honoring YLRL was presented. Following entertainment, Louise Moreau, W3WRE, was the featured speaker. Her topic, "YLs in Ham Radio," proved of great interest to all. Prizes followed.

Sunday morning speakers were Beth Taylor,

W7NJS; Beverly Williams, a TV newswoman; Liz Zandonni, W3CDQ, and Claire Bardon, W6TON. Following more prize drawings, Christine, convention chairman, presented her closing remarks at noon. This fun-filled weekend left many YLs with many new friendships and having restored many old ones.

YLRL Activities

Five different certificates are sponsored by YLRL: WAS-YL, WAC-YL, DX-YL, YLCC and DX-YLCC. Rules for these awards will be published in a future column. In addition, YLRL sponsors four contests each year: Howdy Days in September, YL Anniversary Party in October, the YL/OM Contest in February and March and DXYL to North American YL in April.

How to Join

All licensed YLs are eligible for membership. Members receive a bimonthly newsletter, "YL Harmonics." Dues are \$4 per year, due March 1. Dues for DX YLs are \$4.50 (or, \$7.50 if airmail delivery of *YL Harmonics* is preferred). Dues should be mailed to Carrie Lynch, WA4BVD, Rte. 5, Box 46, Cochran, GA 31014.

Don't forget — YLAP is a great time for YLs to meet other YLs. (See "Contest Corral" for rules.)

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Silent Keys

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

WIBCC, Emil J. Moticka, Stockton, CA
 WA1FGE, Louis J. Gassmann, Belmont, VT
 WIBGB, Henry O. Johnson, E. Longmeadow, MA
 WIEM, Robert D. Houston, Portland, ME
 WIGSW, Joseph Pastor, Newtown, CT
 WIJCX, Herbert E. Cole, Scituate, MA
 WIQT/WIJKO, Walter C. Newman, Braintree, MA
 WINQO, James H. Hanson, Haddam, CT
 K1PPP, Henry O. Gobin, Attleboro Falls, MA
 WIRLT, Frederick C. Welch, Haverhill, MA
 W1VLR, F. Rudolph Hunziker, Norwalk, CT
 K2GG, Rodney L. Dinsmore, Southampton, NY
 W2IGE, Gunnar H. Anderson, Greenpond, NJ
 K2KTJ, Lester M. Pembroke, Albany, NY
 W2LEB, Ralph L. Lee, Southampton, NY
 K2LIL, William G. Buntrock, North Bergen, NJ
 WA2TFU, Charles Fischer, Brightwaters, NY
 WA2UIH, Raphael R. Akey, Plattsburgh, NY
 W3BCE, Frank P. Amsden, Harrisburg, PA
 W3DGF, Amin Taliaferro, Philadelphia, PA
 W3FUC, Jackson R. Fisher, Frostburg, MD
 W3NCM, William H. Glass, Pittsburgh, PA
 *WA3OTZ, Howard B. Lawton, Baltimore, MD
 W4BNI, Ralph F. Coady, Tampa, FL
 WB4BWW, Jack J. Wayman, Berea, KY
 WA4CIR, Charles H. Norton, Acworth, GA
 WA4OOB, Jack D. Payton, Ocala, FL
 W4PXX, Thomas E. Brewer, Paducah, KY
 W4SBM, James L. Botes, Jamestown, TN

WB4SEB, Earle W. Meredith, Sarasota, FL
 K4TLI, Louis Wagner, Oviedo, FL
 ex-W4YNO, William E. Leatherman, Louisville, KY
 W5BKN, Elmer L. Fields, Oklahoma City, OK
 K5EKK, Bruce C. Ridley, Houston, TX
 W5KPK, Herbert E. Hall, Weslaco, TX
 WASMVC, Elbert L. "Doc" Griffin, Nacogdoches, TX
 W5PCN, Leland E. Gibbins, Marble Falls, TX
 W5SBU, J. C. Porter, Irving, TX
 WB5TCP, Douglas E. Decker, Dallas, TX
 W5TL, Maj. Charles E. Harvey, Waveland, MS
 W5WI, Oren B. Gambill, Tulsa, OK
 WA5WJR, William H. Jordan, Kosciusko, MS
 W5WVV, Charles D. "Jack" Smith, Abilene, TX
 Ex-WA5ZGR/TF2WMA, Harry M. Kendall, Long Island, NY
 W6ADA, Albert F. Hoeflich, Redding, CA
 KA6CLT, Charles T. Watkins, Hemet, CA
 WD6DNG, Herman L. Mittlehauser, San Diego, CA
 *W6DSD, Howard H. Campbell, Panama City Beach, FL
 W6DT, Oscar N. Schuwendt, Riverside, CA
 K6FP, Frederick E. Kail, Van Nuys, CA
 W6JFQ, Edmond H. Colliau, Pasadena, CA
 WA6IBH, Gerald L. Jones, Covina, CA
 K6UJ, Ervin R. Wiebe, Panorama City, CA
 W6NAJ, Hedgmon J. Ebert, San Diego, CA
 W6POM, Jay C. Taylor, Los Angeles, CA
 AD6Q, Paul H. Maurer, California City, CA
 WA6RFW, Walter B. Herron, Los Angeles, CA
 W7BVB, George C. Howard, Spokane, WA

W7HXS, Lorenzo S. Foote, Black Canyon City, AZ
 W7EKL, Clifford E. Coon, Sheridan, OR
 W7FQV, Carl H. Hatch, Tucson, AZ
 W7INJ, Henry Jenkins, Tacoma, WA
 W7IT, Alfred Hansen, Stanwood, WA
 W7JIG, Philip C. Fliss, Seattle, WA
 WB7ONQ, Hugh A. Alexay, Oro Valley, AZ
 K7SVN, Inez B. Bullock, Salt Lake City, UT
 WB8ADY, Julius Bray, Cincinnati, OH
 W8BXU, Robert D. McKinnon, Muskegon, MI
 KA8EDA, Helene Kysenga, Lawton, MI
 W8EUF, John W. Bran, Cincinnati, OH
 W8GSC, Carl N. Bruning, Muskegon, MI
 WD8KBB, William L. Jackson, Cincinnati, OH
 W8YHQ, Neal E. Farrar, Columbus, OH
 W9IMP, Col. Edward A. Timm, Danville, IL
 WB9QDO, Norman B. Culp, Frankton, IN
 W9RB, Robert B. Cooper, Pontiac, IL
 W9TMC, Albert Roberts, Chicago, IL
 W9UF, William A. Holmin, Rockford, IL
 W9WX, Robert H. Winston, Geneva, IL
 W0GBJ, Clarence L. Arundale, Springfield, MO
 W0PVN, Emil J. Ciabattari, Nederland, CO
 W0SX, Elmo W. Phillips, Omaha, NE
 VE3AUR, John J. Williams, Agincourt, ON
 VE3BDC, Dennis M. Couperthwaite, Markham, ON
 VE3DH, John W. McCalla, Ridgeville, ON
 VE3HDV, Donald A. Green, Pickering, ON
 VE3YD, Ray S. Pellow, Scarborough, ON
 VE6YZ, Donald H. Solley, Edmonton, AB
 VO1BH, Eric S. Holden, St. John's, NF
 I0AG, Giampiero Galligioni, Brugherio, Italy
 ZE6JA, Maurice Cleave, Sanyatwe, Rhodesia

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Club Notes

Is your club planning to run a code contest soon? We have Club Code Proficiency certificates you can use just for this purpose. Send us an s.a.s.c. for the number you'll need. (They are 8 x 11-1/2 in.)

Trident ARC (SC) members raised money through a raffle — a Grocery Give Away. Everyone needs groceries, so participation and profits were excellent.

Need humorous, short periods of time for your club meetings at which lots of business needs to be hashed out? Kansas City DX Club (MO) asked club members to bring QSL cards from OPEC countries (HZ, YI, SA, etc., prefixes) dated after January 1, 1972. Whichever member brought the most won a quart of motor oil. One can think of all kinds of twists to this contest for other countries and continents.

Spice up your club meetings with a bit of humor. Mt. Airy VHF RC (PA) often presents honors for such things as the best excuse for not running up a big score in a contest (called "The Crying Towel" award) and other funny situations. In the photo, member W3HMU (r) accepts "The Broken Hammer" award from W3ZD.

A new twist to an old program idea: Iowa Illinois ARC ran a QRP DF Hunt.

Kudos to Lockheed ERC ARC (CA) and Columbus ARA (OH), whose members voted to purchase narrow-band voice modulation boxes for on-the-air demonstrations and experiments.

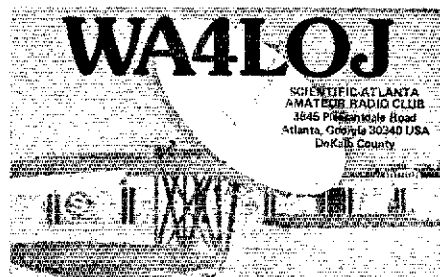
Old clubs hold anniversary parties or Founder's Day gatherings. New ARRL-affiliated clubs plan charter parties where ARRL directors or area ARRL officials present the affiliation charter. Lockport ARA (NY) recently celebrated their 50th year of existence. The photograph shows (l to r) AE2T, secretary; WB2ZXV, treasurer; K2LWC, historian and longest-standing member (he joined in 1937); WA2ZVL, president and WB2BGA, vice president.



The next photograph shows members of newly ARRL-affiliated Wilderness Trail ARC (KY) at their charter party. Section Communications Manager K4DZM presented the charter. Members devoured cake, which quite appropriately was decorated with the ARRL diamond.

Clubs ask what activities to plan for these two types of parties. We say, "Let your imagination run wild." The club's history is summarized, or if the group is brand new, a rundown of its beginnings is read. Or a funny skit can be put on depicting the history, the beginnings or the founders. The founding members can be honored with certificates. Invite prospective hams, local old-timers, ARRL officials or a well-known amateur to give a congratulatory word or two.

Decorate with a drawing of the club logo or anything that represents the club. And, of course, serve cake or whatever your crowd likes to celebrate with — have fun! — Rosalie White, WA1STO



A neat QSL card for members of Scientific Atlanta ARC (GA).

The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted By
William A. Tynan,* W3XO



Great Improvement in Weak-Signal Reception Possible

We pride ourselves on being weak-signal operators, but have we really developed the art of weak-signal communication to its fullest? True, we vhf/uhf amateurs have excelled in putting together efficient backyard antenna arrays to grab the last dregs of signal out of the ether and ultra-low noise preamplifiers to boost them to a point where, with reasonably good receiving systems, we have a chance of extracting something intelligible. We have also constructed stable high-power transmitters to propel our signals across vast terrestrial distances or even all the way to the moon and back. But, except for a few exceptions, that's where we have stopped. The methods we use to actually interpret the signals are out of the 30s. Yes, audio and i-f filters are used by some, including some quite advanced types boasting band-passes in the few hertz region, but most of us merely listen very hard with headphones clamped tightly to our heads. This approach is really not all that bad, as a well-trained ear/brain combination is capable of doing a pretty good job of extracting signals from noise. But, nevertheless, we can do much better and there's no time like the present to get to it. What is needed is for those who have the knowledge and know-how to show the rest of us the way. It's a natural for marrying the equally fascinating hobbies of Amateur Radio and computers in a union that should produce some really gifted offspring. For the ready availability of relatively small and inexpensive computers is the key that can unlock the door to greatly expanded capabilities for our vhf and uhf stations. Such feats as solid moonbounce contacts using 100-watt transmitters and 10-dB antennas and nightly 1000-mile terrestrial QSOs on 2 meters are distinct possibilities, if the proper techniques are brought to bear.

Why haven't these techniques been applied before now so we could already be enjoying this greatly expanded capability? There are several reasons. One is that computers have, only in the past few years, become practical for use by amateurs. Another involves the belief, or contention, on the part of some, that only contacts in which a human actually "hears" the signal should be considered valid QSOs for state and country credit. This attitude is somewhat surprising in the light of the many years of ham teletype operation. Although most RTTY contacts are initiated using headphones or speaker to acquire the signal, it is apparent that such an aid is not absolutely necessary to establishing communication. If two RTTY stations possess the necessary frequency accuracy and stability so that they don't need to listen in order to tune each other in, should that be used to claim that they are not actually working? What about the case of W3HCF, here in the Washington area, who is using his computer in conjunction with an

algorithm he developed to copy hf RTTY signals which he can barely hear. Is he not making contacts? I think that it would be difficult to claim that he is not. The other factor which has held up work in this area has, I am sure, been the attitude of FCC with respect to the use of codes other than Morse and Baudot. Certainly their steadfast refusal to allow amateurs to use other digital codes such as ASCII or schemes developed to accomplish particular jobs has hampered things. Individuals can usually get Special Temporary Authorities (STAs) to conduct certain experiments but there is paperwork involved and STAs are good only for six months at a time. Then there is always the concern that techniques arising out of such experimentation may not be transferable to the general amateur fraternity if they employ coding which is not authorized. There are increasing signs that a change in FCC position may be coming, however, so this obstacle may soon be eliminated.

One hint which can be used in pointing the way toward more optimum use of signals buried in noise is given in the June 1979 issue of the *AMSAT Newsletter*. It is a piece entitled "Digital Communications and the AMSAT Phase III Satellites," by Karl Meinzer, DJ4ZC, translated from an article in German appearing in *CQ-DL* by K3PNL. Although this article is concerned with the data communication between earth and this new generation of amateur satellites, and hence is not directly applicable to very weak signal work such as very long-haul terrestrial or EME communication, nevertheless Karl stresses one of the fundamentals of communication theory which should guide our thinking. This is the concept of matched filters. Put simply, this says that the bandwidth of the receive filter should be equal to the bandwidth of the signal being received. It sounds obvious and most of us would say that we're already abiding by it, but when you consider what some of the synchronous cw group are doing on the hf bands with their QRP and extremely narrow filters and master oscillators with stability to match, you can see that we're hardly scratching the surface. This technique in itself, offers very interesting possibilities for long-haul terrestrial work at vhf. W7LUX, AZ, put out a plea a number of months ago via this column for someone to try it with him on 2 meters. The last I heard, he had no takers.

But there are other and more effective techniques which we could use to greatly increase the capability of our vhf/uhf stations.

Let's take the earth-moon-earth problem, first because it offers the most in DX potential, and second because it involves more variables to worry about. If we can figure out how to cope with all of these, then terrestrial circuits should be easy. Before discussing more exotic techniques, let's first look at what we need to know in order to communicate with one another by the methods commonly used by moonbouncers today. This assumes that both

parties already have working moonbounce stations. Of course, they must know the time and frequency of the sked. They need to establish a calling and listening sequence and agree on a reporting code, generally the TMO5 system. Both operators must know where the moon is with respect to their stations so that they can aim their antennas and compensate for Doppler. That pretty much takes care of it. To be sure of frequency they might check with a local standard calibrated to WWV. WWV is again used to set each station clock so that sequences are matched precisely at both ends. At the appointed time, the antennas are aimed, either manually, by running out into the backyard, or remotely by use of rotators. The transmitters and receivers are tuned to the proper frequencies, noting the Doppler shift which might affect the frequency of the received signal, and the sequence is begun. Normally, on 2 meters, each station transmits for two minutes. Transmission and reception periods are timed right down to the second in order to maximize the probability of hearing each other.

Surprisingly, application of mere extensions of this presently used technique could bring EME to within the reach of many more amateurs by lowering the power and antenna gain needed. Tom Clark, W3IWI, provides a few ideas as to possible approaches. He reports positive results in detecting his own moon echoes using moderate power and antenna gain in conjunction with computer techniques to accomplish signal processing. In fact, he has done so twice, once in 1961 as W0IUF using the crude computer hardware then available; and again a year or so ago as WA3LND employing a modern microprocessor based computer system. Tom is prevented from further work in this direction at present because of a heavy work schedule and involvement in hardware and software aspects of the AMSAT Phase III satellite program. But I will pass along some of his thoughts for others who may be inclined to take up the challenge. Some of Tom's ideas are as follows: Why not use frequency shift keying (fsk) instead of on/off keying? Fsk is recommended over phase shift keying (psk) for EME because of libration fading, which is at an approximate 50- to 100-Hz rate. This would completely obscure the intelligence on a received psk signal. With on/off keying, the transmitter is off approximately half the time. The off periods represent power lost. One can gain about 3 dB in power by keeping the transmitter running all the time but about half of that advantage is lost in making the decision whether a signal exists in one of two noisy passbands. This assumes that separate filters are used for the mark and space signals, as is common in modern RTTY practice. Even with this loss, it is still worthwhile to pick up 1.5 dB in moonbounce work. But we need much more if we are to improve greatly over our present capability. How can we bring about such an improvement? By extending the techniques we are already using. We can take advantage of the

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fact that the more we know about the signal we are looking for, the easier it is to find. In order to achieve a quantum improvement over our present techniques, we must apply them more rigorously and use something other than the human brain to accomplish signal detection and decoding. One requirement is that frequencies be controlled much more precisely than is currently our custom. This includes correcting for Doppler, another job for the computer in which can be stored information on the location of the station and the orbital parameters of the moon. If W5SXD could automatically correct for Doppler on OSCAR by typing into his computer the latitude and longitude of the station being worked, the moon correction job is certainly doable. Knowing when to expect the signal to appear can pay big dividends for computers, just as for humans using two-minute sequences on EME or 15-second se-

quences on m.s. But now we're talking about time accuracies reckoned in milliseconds and we're talking about each "bit" of signal not entire transmissions. Again, WWV and other standard time stations come to the rescue. With both communicating stations using precision clocks synchronized to UTC and an agreement on just when each element of the message is to begin and end, the computer has the information it needs to look for a signal buried well below noise.

Coding is another important consideration. Ideally, a code in which all letters and numbers occupy an equal length of time would be best since the computer is using time in its signal search. Both ASCII and Baudot codes fill this bill, ASCII would be preferable since computers normally use this to communicate with the outside world. Unfortunately, FCC won't let us use ASCII at present, and even with

Baudot, it places restrictions on speeds that we can employ. Morse has the disadvantage of not being an equal time length code. The letter "E" occupies much less time than does the figure "0." Nevertheless, we are allowed to go as fast or slow as we want in Morse, so fsk Morse at some optimum slow rate is worthy of consideration.

It is hoped that this rather sketchy outline of techniques will spur a few experimenters into attempting these or similar ideas and informing the rest of us as to their approaches and results. Out of such work may evolve a new optimum standard system which can be applied by large numbers. Amateur Radio is due for another breakthrough akin to the development of cw in the 20s and ssb in the 50s. Possibly it can be found in the marriage of computer and radio techniques to greatly expand our horizons, particularly in the world above 50 MHz.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — By the time this appears in print, the first signs of that propagation mode most exciting to 6-meter devotees, F2, should be appearing. They may not be apparent in the form of 50-MHz signals just yet but that's coming. The first indications will probably present themselves in the form of very good 10-meter conditions including strong signals late into the evening and occasional stations popping up in the 40- to 50-MHz range. Remember, for up-to-date information on 6-meter conditions, monitor 28.885 MHz. That liaison frequency served well last year to tip us off to F2 breaks all over the world. It's been dormant over the summer but should be established again by the beginning of October. It will probably start with reactivation of the Six Meter Information Net at 1700 UTC each Sunday.

I'll have more to say about what's coming in next month's column, but will only remind one and all that it's still not too late, but will be soon, to make available any unused 6-meter equipment you might have to a DX station who can use it. Even low-power a-m/cw gear is welcome. Europeans can use converters as they are not generally allowed to transmit on 6 but can listen there and contact us on 10 meters (usually around 28.450). Perhaps you know a foreign amateur who can help directly. If so, fb, but, if not, contact K5ZMS of SMIRK. Ray can assist with arrangements. The more DX stations on, the more interesting it will be for all of us.

One country quite workable for most of the U.S. including the East Coast is Iceland. WIJR, who was there in March, says that there is interest in getting 6-meter permission and that it is forthcoming. TF3SG hopes to get on. It was emphatically stated by UA1OSM that the U.S.S.R. is one country that does not permit 6-meter operation. Serge wrote commenting on an item carried in the March 1977 column recounting a 52 MHz between a station in the eastern part of Russia and a VK3.

Apparently the 1979 Es season didn't like what people were saying about it and decided it would show us a thing or two. Good openings continued well into August with both single and double hop offering spice to the latter part of the season. The evenings of August 7 and 12 were two of the best. On the 7th between 2200 and 2315 UTC, this conductor QSOed AZ stations WB7OHF, WA7FPO and WB7VZN, as well as W6XJ in addition to a number of 0s and 5s. The W6XJ contact was a three-way which included K5CM. Later in the same evening, after completing some commitments on the hf bands, WA stations K7DPY, W7YOZ and W7UXH were worked with good signals around 0200 UTC August 8. The 12th (between 0200 and 0500 UTC August 13) brought Pacific Northwest stations again, including W7KNT, MT, with a booming S9 signal. Among those worked by this conductor was VE6OH, Medicine Hat, who was running 3 watts but nevertheless was putting in a S6 signal. Numerous 8s, 9s and 0s were also heard with considerable evidence of propagation assist from the Perseids meteor shower.

N0LL, KS, believes that July conditions were about normal, although Larry admits that he did not observe the band as closely as he usually does, having acquired an XYL June 23. K7ICW, NV, characterizes conditions during July as "not less than outstanding" and



Before he departed for a new life in IA, WA3TIH was honored by his fellow 6-meter stalwarts from northcentral PA and southern NY. L to r, beginning at the end of the table, are Ron, WA2GBG; Mick, W3ILG; Althea, WB3FUR; Bill, K2YGF; Gord, W2ISB; John, WA3TIH; Earl, K2QWD; Bonnie, WB2WSV; K2QIE; WA2BPE's XYL, and WA2BPE.

takes back everything he said about conditions earlier in the season. Al lists the band as open during 18 days of the month including eight days with double hop. He is sure that he missed a few. K6PHE submits a detailed list of his contacts for July with UTC times. Perusal of this data shows 21 days in which he observed single hop and 11 in which he noted propagation of two or more hops. This includes an opening to JA on the 5th and several to KH6.

WL7ACY, Fairbanks, AK, provides more details on the opening to the upper Midwest and East Coast July 4 (reported last month) as well as a JA session three days later. On that occasion, Dave and WL7AFA worked some 16 JAs in the 1st, 7th, 8th and 0 call districts between 0720 and 0830 UTC. Speaking of AK, those who may still need the state, as this conductor does, might be interested in a list of active KL7 6-meter stations and their phone numbers provided by AL7C. I'll send a copy to anyone providing an s.a.s.e.

In the QRP department, WA3GYW, near Baltimore, reports good results with his IC-502 and 5-element beam. Fran pleads for more cw activity, especially below 50.1.

News of several 6-meter beacons has been received. VE6NM says that VE6ARC is operating on 50.048. W7KMA informs me that his beacon is still going on 50.073 and WA6MHZ has settled on 50.040. K5SW reports that K4ERO/HCI is now HClJX and that his beacon, on 50.030, should be signing that call by now.

2 Meters — This is being written at the height of the Perseids, so it will be anything but a complete report. Preliminary indications are, however, that the 1979 edition of this most productive of meteor showers is a bang-up affair. WB2DIN/R, WV, reports working K0ALI, ND; WB0YQS, SD; N5KW, OK; WASHNK, TX; WB0TEM, IA; W0RLI, MN and WA4CQG, AL, among others. That brings Bob's state total to 36. W3IWI, MD, grabbed WB0IUT, NE; AJ0L, MO and WB4BSZ, FL. K5BMG, LA, found the shower much better than last year, which is not surprising when you learn that Charlie worked W1XJ, RI, for number 50. Another recently completed WAS is SD station

W0SD. Good work, fellows. Not satisfied with working his last state, K5BMG went on to work another half dozen stations, including VE3FN and W2AZL without benefit of skeds. During the W2AZL contact, they caught a 90-second burst. From the West Coast, WB6ESQ characterized this year's Perseids as a "field day." Sitting on 144.2 he easily worked four stations. I am sure that a lot more rave notices will come in on this one.

As usual this time of year, our vhf bands are full of tricks. July 27 produced a fine tropo session through much of the eastern part of the country. WA8TTS, near Cleveland, reports working many East Coast stations on 2 meters as well as K4CAW, NC, on 2 and 70 cm. The evening of August 7 brought a widespread opening to the Midwest. WA8OGS, Cincinnati, notes hooking up with WD5CRK and K5CM, OK; WB5NBC, AR and MO stations WA0ZNI and K0JXI. The evening of August 7 brought a hitherto unobserved type of 2-meter propagation to TX. WB5LUA reports that from 0130 until 0400 UTC August 8, K4GFG and WB4KGY, south FL, were being received with weak flutter signals, peaking with beam offsets about 30 degrees to the north of the true path. Dallas area stations WB5LUA, K5GW and K5UGM made contact as did Houston stations WASHNK and K5PTG. This sounds like the same kind of propagation reported earlier between FL and KP4. It should be noted that 6 meters was wide open that particular evening.

WIJR passes along word of a very interesting 2-meter contact over probably the greatest distance on record for Es. On June 28 at 1646 UTC, CT1WW, northern Portugal, worked OD5MR, Beirut, Lebanon, over a distance of 2434 miles (3916 km). This is apparently double-hop Es which is very rare on this band.

Also from the Mediterranean, SU1CR, Cairo, reports the establishment of communications with several Cyprus stations, both through the Cyprus repeater as well as direct. His principal interest is in ducting in that part of the world. He also plans some OSCAR operation now that he has returned to Egypt.

Many may think that weekday mornings are pretty

1-1/4-Meter Standings

Figures are states and call areas.*

K1PXE	CT	16	6
K1FO	CT	15	6
W1YTW	ME	14	6
W1HDO	CT	13	5
W1QXX	MA	13	5
K1JIX	MA	12	4
W1JR	MA	10	4
W1GXT	MA	10	4
W1AZK	NH	10	3
K1BFA	MA	10	3
K2CBA	NY	19	7
K2DWJ	-	15	5
W2CRS	NY	14	5
K2RTH	NY	13	5
K2DNR	NY	13	5
W2SEU	NY	13	5
W3UJG	MD	14	5
W3HMU	PA	13	4
WA3JUF	PA	12	5
K3IUV	PA	12	4
W3RUE	PA	11	6
K4LHB	VA	13	7
K4IXC	FL	5	3
K4GL	SC	4	2
K5FF	NM	10	6
W5RCI	MS	10	5
K5JL	OK	7	4
W5HN	TX	6	4
WB6NMT	CA	7	3
W6WSQ	CA	6	4
W7CNK	WA	6	3
K7NII	AZ	6	3
W7JF	MT	5	3
K7ICW	NV	4	2
W7HSJ	-	3	2
K8AXU	OH	12	7
K8HWW	MI	11	6
W8IDU	MI	11	5
K9HMB	IL	23	10
W0PW	CO	14	6
WA0QLP	SD	4	2
VE2YU	-	8	3
VE2HW	-	5	2
VE3EMS	-	10	7
VE3AIB	-	10	7

*Call areas include all U.S. call areas, plus VE and XE call areas, plus countries not included above.

devoid of 2-meter activity but they should listen here on the East Coast. W3UN reports that a group is active from Cape Cod to Greensboro, NC, beginning about 1100 UTC. Rallying point is 144.2 and then they spread out from there. Those who haven't tried it may be missing out on some of the day's best propagation.

K9EID sends along information of a 2-meter beacon which the Marissa (IL) Amateur Radio Club has put on. The beacon is on 144.050 and runs 1 watt to a combination of horizontal and vertical dipoles at 250 feet. The emission is a mix of A1 and F1 copyable on cw or fm receivers. Marissa is located about 55 miles S.E. of St. Louis. Reception reports are urgently solicited. Address the club at 111 N. Main St., Marissa, IL 62257.

M.S. Worked on 1-1/4 Meters and 70 Cm — Perseids successes were not limited to 144 MHz and lower frequencies. K4LHB, VA, reports an early morning August 12 contact with WB0TEM, IA, for what must be new states for both. More devotees of this too-often-neglected band should try the m.s. route. It should not be that much more difficult than 2 meters. Incidentally, K4LHB runs just 50 watts.

A band on which m.s. is considered more difficult than on 2 meters is 70 cm. Only a few contacts of this type have been made over the years. But, the '79 Perseids provided one which should make a few of us take note. On a schedule beginning at 1100 UTC August 12, WB5LUA, TX, and W7LUX, AZ, made the grade on ssb! A few bursts up to 10 seconds in length were experienced during the attempt with signals running up to S6. This is a real accomplishment for Al and Joe and their ssb m.s. contact on this band may be a first. Does anyone know of a previous one?

23 Cm and Down — That tropo duct between Dallas and Corpus Christi first noted in late May and reported in the August column was not a fluke. It has been observed on 1296 MHz on a number of other mornings. On June 23, WB5LUA and WASTBE worked over the 372-mile path for the best DX to date for both stations. W5HN notes that this path produces much stronger signals than does the shorter path to Houston. Leroy reports that on August 4 about 0930 CDT, while he was in QSO with W5GVE, he reduced his power to as low as he could measure, about 1 milliwatt, and was still S5 in Corpus. That figures out to 360,000 miles per watt!

The 23-cm band is beginning to show signs of life in AZ, according to W7LUX. Joe says that, during the June contest, he contacted W7GBI and K7GNV from his Flagstaff QTH. K7IS, Phoenix, has also been active but is temporarily off because of storm damage to his antenna.

It sounds like the "uhf" days of the 30s, trekking to the tops of mountains with portable equipment to work 50- or 100-mile line-of-sight paths. New England witnessed some of the most intense work of this kind back in those early days, perhaps because of the density of population, and the ready availability of accessible mountaintops, or perhaps because the states are so close together that one could run up a pretty good



One of the many Japanese 6-meter stations poised to work the U.S. and rest of the world. The JE1RXJ array consists of four 6-element Yagis.

total with the simple low-power equipment then available. Well, history is repeating itself and again the scene is the slopes of New England. W2NSD, in conjunction with WA1KPS, has been reliving that adventure of 45 years ago, but this time familiar-sounding paths like Mount Monadnock to Mount Washington are being bridged via 3 cm rather than on 2-1/2 or 1-1/4 meters. Using Gunnplexer rigs, Wayne with the help of his traveling cohort has run his 3-cm state total to 7, all the New England states, plus New York. Can anyone top that?

Another interested in trying 3 cm is WA0JRL/S, Port Arthur, TX. Ward's address is 6142 16th St., ZIP 77640. That Gulf offers some intriguing DX possibilities.

In Training

ADVANCING TO EXTRA

"Oh, those new exams!" The new Advanced and Extra Class exams are much tougher than the old ones and, as a result, more amateurs are looking for classes in which to learn the theory. And many of those same amateurs are discovering that, while students abound, qualified instructors are scarce. What's the solution?

Study Groups! Study groups are nothing more than a number of students getting together on a regular basis to study theory. While it's true that this system can combine ignorance, it also pools knowledge. Chances are that each member of the group will have a special interest area that he or she can share with the group. For instance, if one of the group members is the trustee of a repeater, then that person can probably lead the group through the ins and outs of the study material on repeaters.

If the group has "holes" in its combined knowledge, then it can look around for a guest lecturer. Many amateurs with a "specialty" who haven't the time or the overall knowledge to teach the course would be happy to donate an evening or two to the cause.

Which books are recommended? Every member of the group should have a copy of the *License Manual*, and the *Handbook*. The group may also wish to obtain a copy of the *Advanced/Extra Course Guide* (cost, \$1.50) from the Club and Training Department. This guide contains a referenced outline for each study session, experiments, questions, and a list of books to be used as additional sources of study. To keep costs

down, the group can obtain just one or two of each additional book and everyone can share them at the study sessions.

Why so many different books? The key to studying on your own without the aid of a lecturer is to study from a number of different sources. Reading about the same topic three or more different ways usually ensures understanding instead of memorization. It's also important to write down those areas of which you are unsure and bring those topics before the whole group for discussion. Often, the group's collective knowledge will produce the "whole picture" where an individual could not. Just be careful and remember the fable of the blind men and the elephant! After the group discussion, go back to the text and check your new understanding with the written theory.

Take the time to do the experiments. Learning by doing has, on the average, a greater chance of being retained than learning by reading. There are many sources of experiments that would be helpful to try while studying the Advanced and Extra Class material. One of the best sources is *A Course in Radio Fundamentals*, and some of those experiments have been reprinted in the *Advanced/Extra Course Guide*.

While it may take some extra time and effort to set up the experiments, the end result will be well worth it. Mathematical formulas become much easier to remember when there is a working knowledge of the circuit to which they apply. For instance, if you have done an experiment on the effect of phase on voltages and currents and have seen the results, the mathematical formulas become a means whereby you arrive at an answer rather than an abstract set of numbers that simply have to be memorized. You also gain a "ball-park" sense of what the answer should be and have something against which to check your calculations.

Now, what about that code? Of all the licensing questions that come across my desk, the most common is, "How do I increase my code speed?" Here are some steps that we recommend.

1) Practice at least five minutes per day, up to a maximum of one hour per day. Any more than that is usually nonproductive.

2) Assuming your speed is now at 13-15 wpm, never listen to anything slower than 18 wpm (and preferably no less than 20 wpm).

3) Listen to the *fast* code sessions on W1AW. Start with the 35-wpm session. You will only copy an occasional character but by the time the practice winds down to 20 wpm your speed will have increased over what it was before the practice.

4) Don't get on ssb again until after you've passed the test (with the exception of public-service activities and maybe really rare DX). But do get on the air every day on cw. Choose to answer stations that are sending at a speed that is slightly uncomfortable for you. Copying at a comfortable rate never increases speed.

5) With the new comprehension-style FCC code tests, two other factors are as important as your code speed. One is your ability to copy numbers "solid" at 20 wpm, at least. There's no guessing at what a number was — either you copied it or you didn't. And two, practice filling in the holes in your copy. While it is best to be copying solid at 20 wpm, the gist of the new style exam is that being able to figure out what was sent is the key to passing. You can copy four out of five minutes without any gaps but if you missed a minute of copy and at least three exam questions cover that minute, you won't pass. On the other hand, if you copy every other character and can fill in the gaps afterward, you have a good chance of passing.

Good luck; we'll be looking for you on the "bottom 25." — Jeanette M. Stumbo Zames, ABIP



Outgunning the Competition

Some of today's greatest tales, on any given subject, can be heard on 2-meter fm. The world of DX is no exception. From hot DX tips to tall stories about the ones that got away, DX is a prime topic over the repeater-powered airwaves. One can clearly imagine monitoring a conversation like the one that follows.

"...listening double-oh."

"The station calling in; you were cut off. The repeater has a VOX actuation and won't key up unless you say something. Please try again. This is K1JX."

"Unnnh. K1JX, this is Whiskey-Elephant-four-Able-Able mobile, just south of downtown Washington. Name is Sherm, short for Sherman."

"WE4AA from K1JX. Nice to meet you, Sherm. Name here is Clarke; located in Greenbelt. Where are you headed?"

"Unnnh. Okay, Cliff. Well, I'm headed up north. Left Florida on Tuesday. Say, K1JX, K1JX; that call sounds familiar. Haven't I seen your call before, somewhere in a magazine, I think?"

"Perhaps so, Sherm. It does appear from time to time in *QST*. My name is Clarke."

"Unnnh. Oh, yeah, *QST*. I knew it. I never forget a call. You write the microwaves column, don't you, Cliff? I'm a big microwaves fan, ya know. I've worked 26 stations on 10 Gee-See. Got my gunplexer with me here in the Land Rover. Sure sends the Smokies lookin' when I point that horn at their picture-taker. By the way, I don't have to work hams on 10 Gee-See to count 'em as new states, do I? K1AX, this is WE4AA standing by."

"I'm pretty sure that only contacts with ham stations count, Sherm. Name is Clarke, that's spelled C-L-A-R-K-E. And, I don't write the microwave column, W5KHT does."

"Unnnh. Was there a W5 breaker? WE4AA standin' by."

"No, Sherm, I was just saying that Bob Cooper, W5KHT, writes the microwave column. W4EAA from K1JX."

"Unnnh. Oh, okay, Cliff; just thought I heard a breaker. Well, I guess all the states on 10 Gee-See wouldn't count anyway, 'cuz they were all mobile here from the Land Rover. Wow! Hold on; I gotta get a picture of this. I've just passed the Jefferson Monument and want a picture of it. I'm gonna pull over. I'll be back in a minute. WE4AA be right back."

"K1JX from WD3CC."

"Hi, Bill, how are you today? WD3CC from K1JX."

"Fine, Clarke. Traffic's a little heavier than

usual tonight. You going to the club meeting?"

"I hope so, Bill. Let's stand by for a second and see if Sherm's back. WE4AA from K1JX."

"Unnnh. WE4AA back. Boy, that Jefferson Monument really is something, isn't it, Cliff? Must be 400 or 500 feet tall. I'd love to put my 20-meter monobander up there. Ever been to the top, Cliff? K4JX WE4AA."

"I think you mean the Washington Monument, Sherm. A friend of mine, Bill, WD3CC, also is here now."

"Unnnh. Yup. I sure would like my monobander up there. I don't seem to get out like I used to. Don't know whether I told you, Cliff, but my two big hobbies are DXing and big-game hunting. The thrill of the hunt, I guess. That's where I'm going now, off on safari. I've got my Land Rover all packed and I'm ready to go."

"WE4AA from K1JX. Bill here is an outdoorsman and DXer to boot. You two must have a lot in common. I'll let him say a few words. WD3CC from K1JX."

"Very good. Nice meeting you, Sherm. As Clarke said, the name here is Bill. I'm sure I've heard you on 20-meter phone, Sherm. You really have a tremendous signal. I've taken a back seat to you many a time in a pileup. I guess I should expect that, since I'm only running a barefoot transceiver to a two-element tribander on my roof. I really shouldn't complain, though. I'm up to 162 worked, 146 confirmed now. Still need a lot of easy ones, like some of the Russians. Oh well, in due time. Did you say you were going on a safari, Sherm? I didn't realize there was any place around here for that kind of activity. Gee, I've been all around the area flyfishing and I've never seen an area for safaris. Maybe if I were a hunter like you, I'd know. WE4AA from WD3CC."

"Unnnh. Okay, Bill. Well, it's not like 10 or 15 years ago, I'll tell you that. Back then I used to take two trips a year to eastern Africa, mostly Kenya, to go hunting. I'd bring my high-powered rifles over there. Every trip I'd bring back a trophy or two. Just left most of them back there in Africa, though. The house can only hold so many trophies. Nowadays the governments over there won't even let you shoot their animals. 'Fraid the animals'll die out. I guess they don't believe in survival of the fittest. Don't understand it myself. You say you hunt whales, Bill?"

"No, not exactly, Sherm. I flyfish for trout. I really think it's a good sport. Don't get much

to bring back, though."

"Unnnh. Nice fish, trout. Makes a good breakfast. I wonder who makes those Jefferson Monuments. Maybe I could get him to pour one in my backyard. I've really got to improve my 20-meter signal. The old pair of 4-1000s just aren't producing the signal they once had. Just the other day I was talking to my friend, Percy, over there in Sri Lanka. He said I was only 30 dB over S9. Hmph. I could hardly talk over the guys breaking. Must've been a hundred guys trying to call him. It was all I could do to keep talking to him for that last hour until the band shut down. You know, I've got friends like that all over the world. I try to keep in touch with them as much as I can. They're all too polite to tell me my signal is down from what it used to be. I can tell it is, though, 'cuz instead of embarrassing me with only a 30 dB-over signal report, they tell me there are a lot of guys calling or they'd like to work. I know they only say that to spare my feelings. I just apologize for the puny signal and cut my conversation to only an hour or two. WD3CC from Whiskey-Elephant-four-Able-Able."

"Ahh. Well that's interesting, ah, Sherm. Where did you say you were going? On a safari?"

"Unnnh. Like I was saying, big-game hunting isn't like it was 10 or 15 years ago. Before, all I had to do was pack up my bags and head for Africa. Now, I gotta do all the work myself. First I went out and bought this Land Rover. Specially imported from England, just like the one I used to use in Kenya. Then I had the garage down the street install special lights on top. They hopped up the engine and put on these big chunky tires. I've always been scared of getting stuck in a swamp. Some alligator might have my name on his jaws. Anyway, I got the Land Rover reworked to carry the gun. I still use the same rifle like I used to use in Africa. Boy, they pack some wallop. One shot'll knock down a buffalo at 100 yards. Just to be on the safe side, though, you usually pump a half a dozen rounds into the beast. You can never tell when one of those animals might only be winged and turn on you. I even have the Land Rover partially armored just to be on the safe side. Never can be too safe. My friend, Pete McDuff, once was attacked by a crazed giraffe. In fact, Pete's the fellow I'm going up to see. He called just last Tuesday to come on up for a big safari in his neck of the woods. It seems the chipmunks are running..."

It is very rare for repeaters to time out at just the right moment like this.

DX PORTFOLIO

For those of you who haven't been near a radio in the last year, sunspot cycle 21 has arrived. Ten meters today is better than 20 was five years ago. And 20...

To prove the point about 10 meters, try listening to the beacons operating on the band. W1HDQ does just that and is able to pinpoint 10-meter propagation at any time of the day or night. Table 1 is a list of active 10-meter beacons that Ed has compiled.

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Some of the beacons have been on the air for nearly 10 years. All have been logged by W1HDQ since May 1, 1979.

Other calls and frequencies appear on the IARU beacon list, mostly between 28.2 and 28.3 MHz, but none have been heard here. All the beacons in the table are heard daily, in season, at W1HDQ. Even 3B8MS was heard now and then, right through the bottom of the sunspot cycle. — *W1HDQ, contributing editor, QST, author of W1AW propagation bulletins*

The toughest zone for many people trying for the

WAZ award is zone 23. A look at the zone map shows why. Most of zone 23 is filled by China, which has not had the most ham activity of late. Usually, Mongolian amateurs provide the zone-23 contacts for most of us.

There's another country located in zone 23 — the Soviet Union. Any UAØY station is located in this zone. Unfortunately, there aren't too many UAØY stations. But, from October 1 until November 30, UAØAAK will be on an expedition to this area. He will be active on all bands with large antenna arrays using the call UØY. The station will be active during both CQ Worldwide contest weekends. On 40 meters look

Table 1

Active 10-Meter Beacons	Call	Location	Freq.	Keying
VE3TEN	Ottawa, ON	28.175	fsk	
DL0IGI	Germany	28.205	fsk	
N4RD	Englewood, FL	28.2075	cw	
3B8MS	Mauritius	28.210	fsk	
GB3SX	England	28.215	fsk	
5B4CY	Cyprus	28.220	fsk	
VP9BA	Bermuda	28.235	fsk	
A9XC	Bahrain	28.245	cw	
EA2OIZ	Spain	28.2475	cw	
DK0TE	Germany	28.255	fsk	
ZS6DN	So. Africa	28.315	*	
ZE2JV	Rhodesia	28.330	*	
W6IRT	N. Hollywood, CA	28.888	cw	

*Mostly fsk, but other emissions are used for propagation tests.



This is Max, I0PNM, a very active DXer from Rome.

for them to be transmitting on 7090 kHz and listening on 7210 kHz, while on 80 meters the transmit frequency will be 3695 kHz and the receive frequency will be 3805 kHz. — K1CC

Many times you work a new prefix thinking it's a new country, only to find out that it's only the new assignment for a country you have so many cards for you had to rent a garage to store them. Worst is when you go to a radio club meeting bragging about the new country you just worked only to have a Novice tell you that not only has he worked the country three times, but he also has the cards to prove it.

Here is some information, courtesy of DL1FL, describing the new callsign system for the German Democratic Republic. The last letter of the call will continue to denote the location, but instead of stopping with "O" they are continuing through the rest of the alphabet to provide more options for the most populous areas. DM2 through DM9 will be replaced with Y2 through Y9, with one additional numeral (

through 9 replacing the first letter of the present prefix. Y21A through Y29Z will be repeaters; Y31A through Y39Z, contest teams; Y41A through Y49Z, beacons; Y61A through Y69Z, bulletin stations; Y21AA through Y39ZZ, individual stations (present DM2s); Y31AA through Y29ZZ, and so on, stations

of the GST (that is, "official" club stations); Y21AAA through Y99ZZZ, in reserve. Note that, for example, Y31ZQ, Y31YQ, Y31XQ, and so on, are all associated with the same club, in the same way that, for example, DM3TQO, DM3PQO, and so on, are all associated with the DM3QO club station now. **QST**

QSL Corner

Administered by Joan Becker

Last month we talked about the use of the ARRL Membership Overseas QSL Outgoing Service. For all of you who would like to utilize the Incoming Bureau Service, here are a few helpful hints.

Good cooperation between the DXer and the bureau is important to ensure a smooth flow of cards. Remember that the people who work in the area bureaus are volunteers. They are providing you with a free but valuable service. With that thought in mind, please pay close attention to the following DOs and DON'Ts.

Do's

Do keep self-addressed 5 x 7-1/2" envelopes on file at your bureau, with your call in the upper left corner, and affix at least one unit of first-class postage.

Do send the bureau enough postage to cover envelopes on file and enough to take care of possible postage-rate increases.

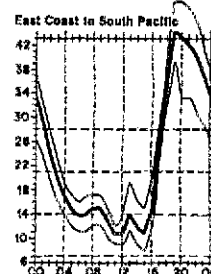
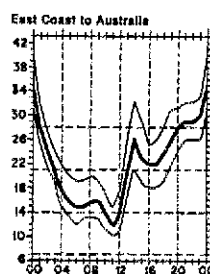
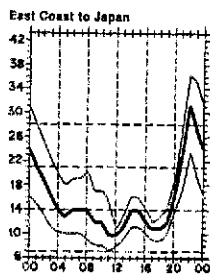
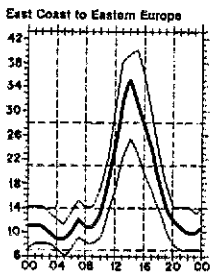
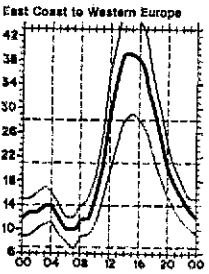
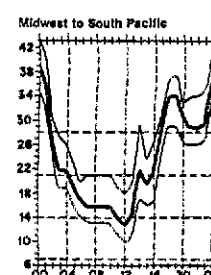
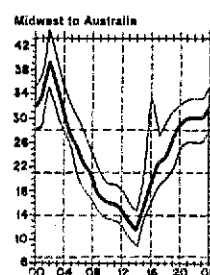
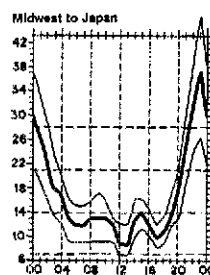
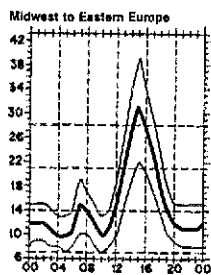
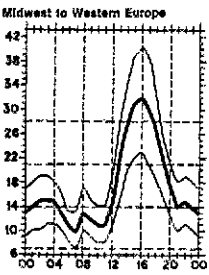
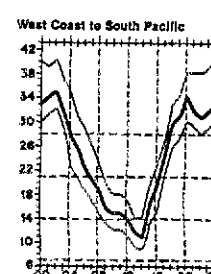
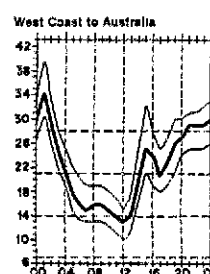
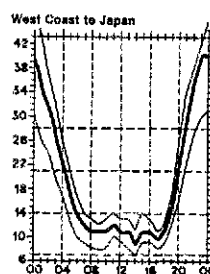
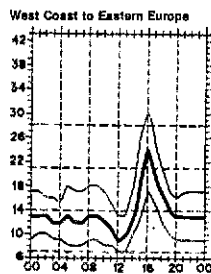
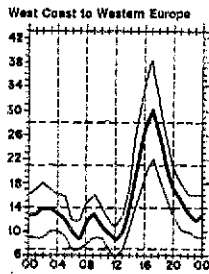
Do respond quickly to any bureau request for envelopes, stamps or money. Unclaimed card backlogs are the bureau's biggest problem.

Do notify the bureau of your new call as you upgrade.

Do include an s.a.s.e. with any information request to the bureau.

Do notify the bureau *in writing* if you *don't* want your cards.

Do be appreciative of the fine efforts of these volunteers.



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

Don'ts

Don't expect DX cards to arrive for several months after the QSO. Overseas delivery is very slow. Many cards coming from overseas bureaus are over a year old.

Don't send your outgoing DX cards to this bureau (see the bulletin, "ARRL — Membership Overseas QSL Service").

Don't send envelopes to your "portable" bureau. For example, WA1SQB/2 sends envelopes to the W1 bureau, not the W2 bureau.

Here is some QSL information for the eager ones who would like to QSL direct. It is passed along as we receive it, and therefore may not be accurate.

- AM4R/KV4 (VE1ASJ)
- A7XA (DJ9ZB)
- A9XBS (G4GOH)
- CN8DK (Box 451, RABAT)
- C31GF (F9RF)
- DK7GF/SN0 (DK7GE)
- EL7C (DL2GZA)
- FY0EO (F6DQM)
- HB0AYX (HB9MM)
- JA8AQN/JD1 (JA8JL)
- KG6SW (W7OM)
- ST0RK (DI 7FT)
- T12BEV (W4ZD)
- VP2KT (WB2TSL)
- VP2VFC (VE1ASJ)

This information was made available by VERON Radio Society, The Netherlands.

DX QSL MANAGER VOLUNTEERS

- WB7UVB
- WA4OMI
- WB1CPW
- KA2BWT
- I6PQQ — foreign stations only
- K4AVU
- WD9CIS
- W4ODE
- KAIDE

ARRL DX QSL BUREAU SYSTEM

The ARRL DX QSL bureau system distributes cards free of charge from DX stations to amateurs within

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

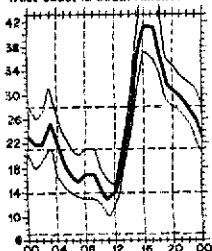
Please note that there are two bureaus for the fourth call area. The bureau in Boyce, VA, handles cards for single-letter prefixes only, while the bureau in Sterling Park handles cards for all other four-land stations.

- First Call Area: all calls* — Hampden County Radio Association, Box 216, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01108.
- Second Call Area: all calls* — North Jersey DX Assn., P. O. Box 8160, Haledon, NJ 07508.
- Third Call Area: all calls* — Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, RD 1, Box 66, Valley Hill Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.
- Fourth Call Area: K4, N4, W4 — National Capitol DX Assn., Box DX, Boyce, VA 22620. (Single-letter prefixes only.)
- Fourth Call Area: AA4, WA4, WB4, WD4, WN4 — Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 599, Sterling Park, VA 22170.
- Fifth Call Area: all calls* — ARRL W5 QSL Bureau, Box 1690, Sherman, TX 75090.
- Sixth Call Area: all calls* — ARRL Sixth (6th) District DX QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 1460, Sun Valley, CA 91352.
- Seventh Call Area: all calls — Willamette Valley DX Club, Inc., P. O. Box 555, Portland, OR 97207.
- Eighth Call Area: all calls — Columbus Amateur Radio Assn., Radio Room, 280 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215.
- Ninth Call Area: all calls — Northern Illinois DX Assn., Box 519, Elmhurst, IL 60126.
- Zero Call Area: all calls* — W0 QSL Bureau, Ak-

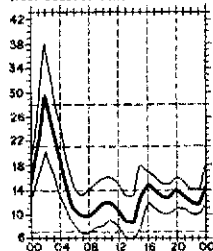
Sar-Ben Radio Club, P. O. Box 291, Omaha, NE 68101.

- Puerto Rico: all calls* — Radio Club de Puerto Rico, P. O. Box 1061, San Juan, PR 00902.
 - U.S. Virgin Islands; all calls — Graciano Berardo, KV4CF, P. O. Box 572, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820.
 - Canal Zone: all calls* — KZ5 QSL Bureau, Box 407, Balboa, CZ.
 - Hawaiian Islands: all calls* — John H. Oka, KH6DQ, P. O. Box 101, Aiea, Oahu, HI 96701.
 - Alaska: all calls — Alaska QSL Bureau, 4304 Garfield St., Anchorage, AK 99503.
 - SWL — Leroy Waite, 39 Hannum St., Ballston Spa, NY 12020.
 - QSL Cards for Canada (VE and VO) may be sent to: CRRR Central QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 663, Halifax, NS B3J 2T3. Or, QSL cards may be sent to the individual bureaus.
 - VE1* — I. J. Fader, VE1FQ, P. O. Box 663, Halifax, NS B3J 2T3.
 - VE2 — A. G. Daemen, VE2IJ, 2960 Douglas Ave., Montreal, PQ H3R 2E3.
 - VE3 — The Ontario Trilliums, P. O. Box 157, Downsview, ON M3M 3A3.
 - VE4* — W. A. Stunden, VE4BJ, 578 Oxford St., Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J9.
 - VE5 — A. Lloyd Jones, VE5JI, 2328 Grant Rd., Regina, SK S4S 5E3.
 - VE6* — G. D. Holton, VE6AGV, 4003 1st St., N.W., Calgary, AB T2K 0X2.
 - VE7* — Howard Martin, VE7AFY, No. 45-9960 Wilson Road, Ruskin, BC V0M 1R0.
 - VE8* — Al Sturko, VE8NS, P. O. Box 72, Fort Smith, NWT X0E 0P0.
 - VO1, VO2 — CRRR VO QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 6, St. John's, NF A1C 5H5.
- *These bureaus sell envelopes or postage credits. Send an s.a.s.e. to the bureau for further information. DEF

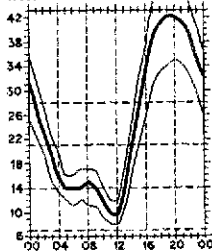
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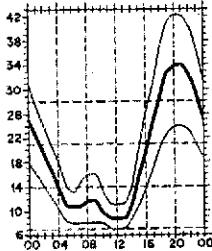
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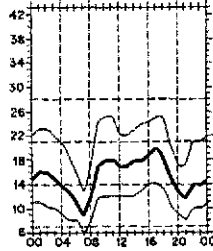
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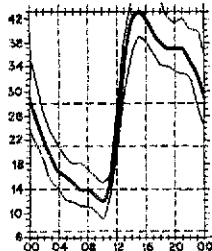
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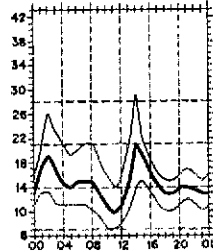
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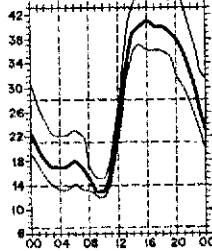
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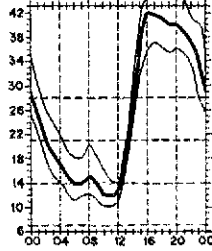
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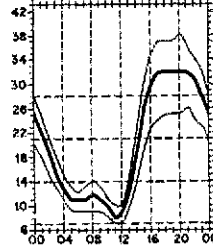
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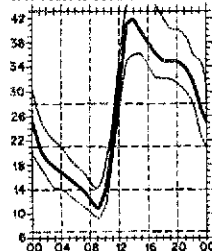
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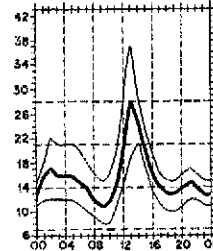
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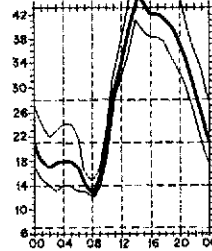
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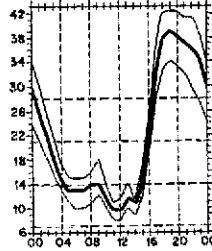
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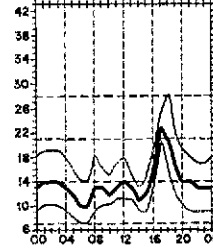
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Hawaii to East Coast



Hawaii to Western Europe



lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or f_{ot}). 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. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, CO. These predictions for October 15 to November 15, 1979, assume a sunspot number of 153, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 196.

HONOR ROLL

The DXCC Honor Roll is comprised of those call signs which have been credited with at least 310 countries of the 319 current countries on the DXCC list.

Mixed														
319 DJ2BW/356 DL6EN/354 DL9OH/350 G3FKM/356 G3HCT/350 I0AMU/357 PY2PA/340 PY2PE/340 4x4DK/357 4x4JU/354 W1BH/362 W1DGJ/343 W1HX/359 K2FL/355 K2LWR/353 K2TQC/346 W2AGW/363 W2AO/356 W2BXA/363 W2CR/356 W2NUT/355 W2OKM/357 W2PV/341 W2QM/354 W2SSC/355 W2TP/348 WA2DIG/348 WA2RAU/340 WA2RLQ/340 K3MO/352 W3AFM/352 W3GH/354 W3GRS/351 W3KT/362 W3NKM/356 K4YY/359 W4DR/355 W4EX/346 W4XU/343 W5MMK/360 K6DC/355 K6EC/353 K8ZO/363 W6AM/364 W6BZE/359 W6EL/344 W6ET/351 W6KZL/355 W6PT/356 W6REH/345 W6RHT/356 W6ZM/349 W7AQB/351 W7MB/363 W7PHO/357 K8DR/350 W8AH/355 W8BF/360 W8GZ/362 W8LKH/358 W8OK/350	W8PHZ/354 W8RT/357 K9ECE/348 W9DWQ/352 W9HB/353 W9JUV/357 W9ZM/362 W0DU/361 W0MLY/360 W0PGI/355	318 DL1JW/350 DL7AA/359 DL8NU/334 G3F XB/355 G3FX/353 IT9ZG/353 LU4DMG/353 LU6DJ/362 OE1FR/360 HE2QV/343 OZ3Y/352 PY2CK/361 VE5RU/350 DL7HU/346 F9RM/347 H89MQ/355 I1ZL/349 JA1BK/345 JA1BN/342 JA1BRK/340 DL2BH/339 ON4ND/354 ON4NC/357 PY1HQ/352 PY2CQ/338 PY2SO/338 SM3CX/332 SM6CK/333 SM6AA/333 W2DY/356 W2DD/349 W2YJ/346 K3GL/356 W3CWG/354 K4EZ/344 K4LNM/352 K4PDU/355 K4RPK/346 K4YR/354 W4BQY/359 W4OM/360 W4UG/341 W4WV/350 W5AQ/349 W5KQ/356 W5PQA/361 W5OK/349 K6KII/350 K6LGF/350 K6WR/344 K6YRA/339 W6CHV/356 W6EUF/337 W6ISQ/345 W6KG/350 W6KTE/340	W6ONZ/349 W7DX/346 W7KH/361 W7LDC/356 K8DY/338 K8ONV/347 W8ARH/341 W4VPD/354 K5YY/333 W5IO/356 W5QKZ/344 K6JG/337 K6OJ/356 W6BA/356 W6EE/358 W6KNI/333 W6RQG/338 W6RKP/351 W7GN/353 K8EJ/336 K8FF/341 K8OHC/342 W8DM/358 W8ZCQ/351 K9AB/347 W9DY/349 W0LWG/347	316 DU7ZG/337 DJ0K/337 DL3RK/354 DL7HZ/341 G2BVN/354 G5VT/356 GI3IV/351 H89MX/346 I2KMG/336 I8KDB/349 JA4ZA/337 OK1ADM/341 ON4UN/332 PY1APS/332 PT7YS/346 SM3BI/353 SM5BH/332 SM6AEK/355 SM7ANB/344 W6ANB/331 W6WJ/338 W6HYG/347 W6KUJ/354 W6ZO/355 WA6OET/334 W7QK/348 W8DAW/359 W8JBI/354 W9GIL/352 W9JA/354 W0BN/340	W6FF/349 W6HX/359 W6ID/355 W6RQ/340 W6YK/353 W7OF/352 W8CUJ/343 W9DC/333 W9DUJ/346 W9KRU/334 W9TKD/345 W0GKL/348	315 F3AT/346 G3JEC/333 H89KJ/349 I0JX/330 IT9TAI/351 JA1MCU/332 JA8ADQ/335 ON4QJ/338 SM6AFH/331 V4KQM/358 ZS6LW/348 K1IXG/342 W1CBZ/349 W1HH/346 W2BHM/349 W2PN/336 WB2HXD/336 K4ID/337 N4WW/331 W4AIT/358 W4ML/352 W4QQN/336 W4ZD/345 W5EJ/341 W5FFW/351 W5GJ/342 W5LCl/345 W5NO/345 W5NUT/348 K6GA/344 K6KA/330 K6MA/340 K6RN/340 N6AV/336 W6ANB/331 W6WJ/338 W6HYG/347 W6KUJ/354 W6ZO/355 WA6OET/334 W7QK/348 W8DAW/359 W8JBI/354 W9GIL/352 W9JA/354 W0BN/340	DL3OH/330 DL7EN/330 F8RU/328 F9IE/330 G3AAE/353 GM3ITN/342 H89TL/350 IV3PRK/329 JA1MIN/332 JA1JRK/328 JA8JL/330 KV4FZ/329 LU5AQ/349 ON4SC/335 OH4NS/334 OZ1LO/332 PY2BKQ/335 UA1CK/339 YA10K/348 YV5AP/343 K1YVW/332 W1OT/325 K2PXX/338 W2GT/325 W2QL/335 K3RS/326 K5DX/351 K5RC/329 W5IR/331 K6CH/333 K6EJ/356 K6DA/341 N6FX/341 W6CAE/353 W6FET/332 W6QNM/343 K7ABV/331 W8BLP/351 W8QV/347 K9MM/329 W9BM/345 W9FK/333 W9QLD/335 W9ZTD/348 W0AIH/349	W2GLF/346 W2UE/349 W2XN/347 AA4MM/329 AE4X/345 K4CEB/328 K4DJ/331 K4K/335 K4SM/351 W4BYU/351 W4DRK/338 W4GX/354 W4MGN/341 W4WV/332 K5LJ/331 K5UC/354 K6LU/339 K6RQ/343 K6XP/327 N6AF/337 W6ABA/335 W6BS/350 W6GPB/354 W6KZS/335 W6PPV/332 W6T2D/333 W6UQO/345 W7JFO/328 K8FL/334 K8VUR/333 W8DA/341 W8EWS/357 W8JQ/333 W8YA/326 W8EUN/326 K9BG/333 WA9NUQ/331	W3CGS/330 W3PVZ/330 WA3HUP/327 K4FJ/335 K4IEV/337 K4MPE/332 K4XO/328 N4MM/328 W4BR/340 W4NHN/345 K5UR/326 W5LZ/330 W5MM/350 W5TI/345 W5TO/331 W6UR/337 K6AO/333 W6FC/332 W6EPZ/353 W7ADS/350 W7DCM/340 W7YZ/340 W8PP/332 K9KA/327 W9PPV/332 W9KNI/338 W0NVZ/344 W0PAH/329 W0ZV/340 WA0DAH/327	W4MCM/342 W5FT/348 W5GC/340 W5RDA/338 N6JUC/325 W6MUR/343 W6QN/341 W6YHT/324 W7LFA/326 W8TABK/334 N8DX/326 W8CNL/326 W8VH/326 K9AW/328 W9RP/348 W0AUB/339 W0BK/340	310 DK3PO/325 JA1HBX/330 KH6CD/352 ON4PA/343 OZ6MI/325 PA0FX/350 PY4AP/328 VE3GM/325 YU1BCD/332 YV5BZ/338 W1AZY/343 W1LU/337 W2DXX/336 W2HO/346 W2SAW/347 W2TQC/344 W3GG/323 K4AUL/326 JA1UQP/326 JA8ZC/328 OZ3PO/338 SM6CWX/325 SM6CWX/329 UA9VB/345 VE2WA/341 ZL1AV/327 JA1ADN/339 JA1DM/347 JA2JW/343 OH2QO/345 PA0LOU/345 UR2AR/342 K3RAC/346 LA11K/332 YV5AHR/334 W1MIJ/340 W1PMJ/347 W1RLQ/348 W1WY/343 K2CL/328 K2LUV/343 K2LUV/336 K3II/346 K3ZR/325	W3MO/334 F5IH/326 G3UML/330 I6FLD/338 I7HH/323 IA1ADN/331 JA1MIN/329 JA8ADQ/332 KV4FZ/324 OE2EGL/327 ON8AXA/327 OZ3Y/338 PY2PC/329 PY4KL/339 UR2AR/331 YV5AJK/338 5Z4ER/352 W8DY/326 W1FXD/326	K2YLM/331 W5GC/340 WA5IEV/326 K6GA/326 W6CCB/323 WA6AHF/325 W7LFA/326 K8VUR/331 K9AB/328 W9WH/348 W0QGI/337 WA0OAH/326	310 DL1JW/330 DL7AA/338 EA4HJ/325 F8RU/324 I4ZSO/324 JA2AAQ/326 VE3GM/325 YV1KZ/324 W1ICU/326 WA3ATP/325 N4WF/325 W4JUV/328 N6UC/324 W6ZKM/327 W8EUN/322 K9LKA/326 W9BZ/328

Coming Conventions

October 5-7
Dakota Division, Sioux Falls, SD

October 5-7
West Gulf Division, Houston, TX

October 13-14
Tennessee State, Memphis, TN

October 19-21
Midwest Division, Cedar Rapids, IA

October 19-21
Southwestern Division, Anaheim, CA

October 20-21
Roanoke Division, Norfolk, VA

November 17-18
Florida State, Clearwater, FL

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January 4-6
North Florida Section, Orlando, FL

January 26-27
Southeastern Division, Miami, FL

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

July 25-27, 1980
Seattle, WA

March 13-15, 1981
Orlando, FL

MIDWEST DIVISION CONVENTION

October 19-21, 1979, Cedar Rapids, IA
The Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club invites

you to the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, to be held in the new Five Seasons Civic Center located near the airport and Interstate 380. Cedar Rapids' newest focal point offers accommodations, recreation and entertainment facilities unparalleled in mid-America.

Registration opens at 12 noon on Friday, with exhibits only from 6 to 10 P.M. A busy day is planned for Saturday. Registration opens at 7 A.M.; exhibits and flea market open from 8 to 5. There will be ARRL and DX Forums in the morning as well as a tour of the Amana Colonies. The afternoon schedule includes technical talks on antennas, microprocessors, Novice/Beginners and an FCC Forum. There will also be a tour of the Rockwell/Collins Radio facilities. FCC exams will be given on Saturday, starting at 9 A.M. for all classes except Novice. (Written elements only: 9 A.M. - 12 noon. Code tests: 20 wpm - 9 A.M.; 13 wpm - 10 and 11 A.M.; 5 wpm - 12 noon.) Advanced registration required - send completed Form 610 and a copy of license to CVARC, P. O. Box 994, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, by October 1, 1979.

The day's activities will wind up with a banquet at 7 P.M. and presentation of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong ceremony at 11:59 P.M. Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, will be the featured speaker at the banquet.

Registration will open again at 7 on Sunday morning, with exhibits and flea market running from 8 to 2. There will be a QCWA breakfast and church services at the local churches. The

technical programs will include talks on the State of the Art, Modern Art of CW, antennas, 2-Meter DX-Finding Techniques, and OSCAR.

Reservations are required for the Collins Radio Tour (no charge for tickets) and the Amana Colonies Tour (tickets \$5, meals extra). Hamfest tables (by reservation) are \$5 each. Convention preregistration before October 1, \$4; registration and banquet before October 1, \$14; banquet only \$10. Convention tickets are \$5 after October 1, or at the door. Make checks payable to Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club, Box 994, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406. For further information and hotel/motel info write to CVARC at above address.

ROANOKE DIVISION CONVENTION

October 20-21, 1979, Norfolk, VA

The Roanoke Division Convention will be held in conjunction with the Fourth Annual Tidewater Hamfest/Computer Show/Flea Market in the Norfolk cultural and convention center SCOPE.

Doors open at 9 A.M. Scheduled events include ARRL meetings, DX and Traffic Forums, plus a CW contest. FCC amateur upgrading exams will start at 9 A.M. Saturday. Bring a completed Form 610 to save time. In the evening a special feature will be a dinner cruise and banquet on the *Spirit of Norfolk* cruise ship.

Advance registrations \$2.50 (s.a.s.e.), \$3.50 at the door. Flea market tailgate spaces are \$3 a day. Cruise and banquet, \$16 per person, \$30 per couple. For tickets and information, write TRC, P. O. Box 7101, Portsmouth, VA 23707.

Hamfest Calendar

***Florida:** The FL Myers ARC will hold a hamfest November 3-4 at the Ramada Inn, Fort Myers. Tickets \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door. For more info, contact Bob Sloat, K4VGN, P. O. Box 05-37, Tice, FL 33905, Tel. 813-334-6190.

Florida: The Hillsborough Amateur Radio Society will hold a hamfest on Sunday, October 7 from 9 to 5 at the Fort Homer Hesterly Amory on Howard Avenue and Cass Street, just south of I-275. Admission \$2.50 (children under 12 free). Flea market, commercial exhibits and door prizes. More info from HARS, P. O. Box 2335, Tampa, FL 33601.

***Georgia:** The 1st annual Hostess City Hamfest will be held in Savannah October 20-21 at the National Guard Armory on Eisenhower Drive. Admission will be \$2.50 in advance, \$3.50 at the gate. Talk-in on 37/97, 10/70, and 63/03. For additional info and advance tickets write Hostess City Hamfest Committee, P. O. Box 1237, Pooler, GA 31322.

Indiana: Hoosier Hills Ham Club will hold a hamfest at the Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bedford, IN, on October 14. Prizes, swap shop, refreshments and bingo will be available. Talk-in on 13/73.

Indiana: The Marshall County Amateur Radio Club will hold the 4th annual Plymouth Swap & Shop at the National Guard Armory. Electronic items only. Admission \$2 at the door. \$3 per 6-ft. table advance reservation allows set up between 6:30 and 8 A.M. Prizes. Advance tickets \$1.50 from Marshall County Amateur Radio Club members. Send table, space, or ticket requests to MCARC, P. O. Box 151, Plymouth, IN 46563, or Paul DeVox, 109 Maple Ave., North Liberty, IN 46554.

Massachusetts: The Quannapowitt Radio Associa-

tion's annual auction will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Reading on October 20. Doors open at 10 and the auction will start at 11. Food and refreshments. Talk-in on 52. For info call Bob Reiser, AA1M, 617-272-6219.

Michigan: Ham Fair '79, sponsored by the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club and the Lansing Civil Defense Repeater Association, will be held Sunday, October 14 at the Grand Ledge High School, seven miles west of Lansing. Fly-in service, shuttle service, cafeteria, prizes, computer programs, free parking, women's activities. Talk-in on 34/94, 22/82 and 52. More info from Ham Fair '79, P. O. Box 138, Bath, MI 48808, Tel. 517-641-4533.

Michigan: The third annual RADAR hamfest and swap and shop will be held Sunday October 7, Kennedy High School, Taylor, MI. Admission \$2. Computer displays and loads of ham gear. Talk-in on 93/33 and 52. Info from W8MER, Box 1023, Southgate, MI 48195.

Minnesota: The Viking Amateur Radio Society will hold its 9th annual swappet Saturday, October 13, from 9 to 4 at Waseca High School. Further info from VARS, Box 3, Waseca, MN 56093.

Mississippi: The Gulf Coast ham/swap fest will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 20-21, at the International Plaza, located at the west end of the Biloxi/Ocean Springs Bridge on Highway 90, Biloxi. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. Tables \$3 for one day or \$5 for both. Talk-in on 13/73 and 52. For advance info, tickets or tables contact Al Williams, WD5GNR, 311-1/2 DeMontfuzin Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

New Jersey: The Greater Delaware Valley hamfest, Cherry Hill, NJ, will be held October 28 at the Camden Catholic High School, Rte. 38 and Cuthbert Road from 8 to 5. Reserved indoor flea market, \$4/table. Commercial displays, outdoor flea market

and seminars. Admission \$3. Talk-in 22/82 and 52. Set-up late Saturday night; RV parking. Write GDV Hamfest, 15 East Camden Ave., Moorestown, NJ 08057, Tel. 609-234-3926.

New York: The Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse will host their 15th annual hamfest at the New York State Fair Grounds, Arts and Home Center, Syracuse, on Saturday, October 13, from 9 to 6. There will be exhibitor booths, indoor and outdoor flea markets, awards, films and ladies programs. Tickets before October 1 at reduced rate. Children under 12 free. Overnight and trailer parking available. For tickets or info write R.A.G.S., P. O. Box 88, Liverpool, NY 13088. Talk-in on 90/30 and 31/91. Refreshments on the grounds.

***New York:** The Yonkers Amateur Radio Club is holding Westchester's third annual flea market and hamfest Sunday, October 14 (rain date October 21), at Redmond Field, Yonkers, from 9 to 5. Admission \$1.50 (children under 12 free). Sellers \$3 per space; bring your own table. Prizes, refreshments. Giant Auction starts at 2 P. M. Talk-in on 265/865, 52 and CB channel 4.

***New York:** Hamfair '79, sponsored by the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club, will be held Sunday, October 14, from 9 to 4 at the Islip Speedway, Rte. 111 (Islip Avenue) one block south of Southern State Parkway exit 43, or come south from I-49 exit 56. Free parking, room for 3000 cars. Loads of prizes, contests. Admission \$1.50, \$3 per sellers space. Sellers space permits one person to enter. All hams must pay admission; others are free. For info call Hank Werner, WB2ALW, 516-484-4322 or Sid Grossman, N2A0I, 516-681-2194, evenings.

New York: The Northeast States 160-Meter Amateur Radio Association annual election and banquet will be held on Sunday, October 14, at Kozel's Restaurant, Rte. 9H, West Ghent, NY. Flea market in rear parking lot at 1 P.M. Roast beef dinner at 5 P.M. All hams and spouses welcome. For reservations and details, contact William Derby, WA5IOD, 14 Plain St., Medfield, MA 02052.

***North Carolina:** The Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society presents Asheville Autumnfest, October

13, 9 to 6 at the Asheville Civic Center. Prizes, dealers displays, large indoor flea market (\$3/eight-foot table), concession stand. Social get-together 7:30 to 10:30 P.M. in civic center, light refreshments. Admission \$2 (children under 12 free). Additional tickets at Autumnfest \$2 each or 3/\$5. Advance tickets \$2. This is a busy time in Asheville, so make your motel reservations early. Talk-in 31/91 and 16/76. For info or assistance, send an s.a.s.e. to WCARS, P. O. Box 1488, Asheville, NC 28802.

North Carolina: The 2nd annual Eastern North Carolina Hamfest of the Brightleaf ARC, New Bern ARC and Onslow ARC will be held October 7 from 9 to 5 at the New Bern Fairgrounds. Registration is \$3. Prizes and programs. Additional info from Eastern North Carolina Hamfest, P. O. Box 7311, Greenville, NC 27834.

Ohio: The Northwest Ohio Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual hamfest at the Allen County Fairgrounds in Lima, OH, on October 14. Two large heated buildings, with tables available at \$3, will house the hamfest. Outside flea market space will be available at no charge. Advance tickets \$2. For info send s.a.s.e. to NOARC, P. O. Box 211, Lima, OH 45802.

Ohio: The 4th annual Heart of Ohio Ham Fiesta will be held October 28 at the National Guard Armory in Marion. Flea market, prizes, forums. Talk in on 90/30 and 52. Dealer spaces available. For more info, contact Paul Kilzer, WRGAX, 393 Pole Lane Rd., Marion, OH 43302.

Oklahoma: Beaver hamfest will be held October 14 at the Fairgrounds building, Beaver, OK. Doors open at 8; registration at 10. Tickets \$2.50 each. Covered-dish luncheon. Short program at 1:30 P.M. for everyone. Swap tables. Prizes following program. Airport, camper hookup nearby. Talk-in on 01/61 and 52. Details from Stella Shaw, WB5VUN, Box 310, Beaver, OK 73932. Tel. 405-625-3368.


Ontario: The London Amateur Radio Club will hold its 2nd annual Swap & Shop on October 28 from

8 to 4 at Lord Dorchester High School in Dorchester, just off the 401. Lots of displays, prizes, etc., with a talk-in on 78/18. Tables are \$2, admission is \$2. For more info write VE3CSK, R. R. #1, Ailsa Craig, ON N0M 1A0.

Ontario: The Radio Society of Ontario's 11th Annual Convention is being held on October 12-14 at the Skyline Hotel, Ottawa. Friday evening buffet and dance. Saturday technical sessions, demonstrations, forums, displays and women's program. Saturday night banquet and dance. Sunday indoor flea market. Info from Convention Committee, P. O. Box 5076, Station F, Ottawa, ON K2C 3H3.

***South Carolina:** The York County Amateur Radio Society will hold its 28th annual hamfest on Sunday, October 7, beginning at 8, at Joslin Park in Rock Hill, SC. Registration is \$2.75 each or 2/\$5 in advance, or \$3 at the gate. Prizes. A barbecue dinner is available at the park. Talk-in on 43/03 and 52. For more info write P. O. Box 4141 CRS, Rock Hill, SC 29730.

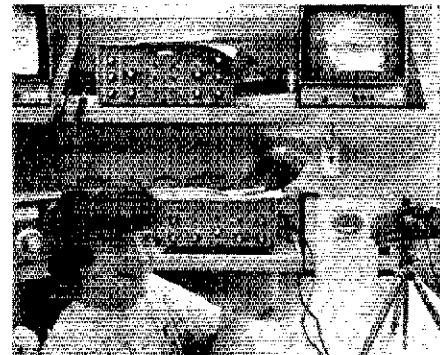
***Tennessee:** Hamfest Chattanooga will be held on October 27-28 at the Chattanooga State Technical Community College. Events include FCC exams, prizes, contests, exhibits, forums and ladies programs. Indoor dealer area is \$15 per table and outdoor paved flea market area is \$2 per space each day. Talk-in on 19/79 and 3980. Preregistration with info is \$1 to HAMFEST, P. O. Box 95, Chattanooga, TN 37401.

Virginia: The 4th annual Tidewater Hamfest/Computer Show/Flea Market will be held in the Norfolk Cultural and Convention Center SCOPE October 20-21. 60,000 square feet of air-conditioned exhibit and flea market tailgating space available. Doors open at 9. ARRL meetings, DX, traffic forums, plus a CW contest are scheduled. FCC exams are planned Saturday from 9-12. A special feature will be a dinner cruise on the *Spirit of Norfolk* cruise ship Saturday night. Advance registrations \$2.50 (s.a.s.e.), \$3.50 at the door. Flea market tailgate spaces \$3/day. Cruise and banquet \$16/person, \$30/couple. Tickets and info from TRC, P. O. Box 7101, Portsmouth, VA 23707. 

Strays

WD6FVV VISITS JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

□ The *Los Angeles Times* carried a front-page story in April about Mike Davis, WD6FVV, a 13-year-old amateur, who had maintained contact with a sinking fishing vessel in the Caribbean. Mike kept the Coast Guard informed by telephone so that search aircraft could locate and rescue the people on the sinking vessel. He was invited to visit JPL and operate the JPL Amateur Radio Club station, W6VIO, during the Voyager II fly-by of Jupiter and its moons.



Mike Davis, WD6FVV, 13-year-old amateur hero of a sea rescue operates on 20 meters from W6VIO during Voyager II commemorative activity. (K6PGX photo)

50 Years Ago 25 Years Ago

October 1929

□ Advances in commercial radio are following line similar to those in the amateur field, so Technical Editor Lamb takes us on a tour through WTIC's new 50-kw. installation, hoping we can glean some ideas for our own setups.

□ The description this month of station G5BY underscores the parallel between amateur and commercial technique; WTIC is many times more elaborate and powerful, but the design and construction qualities are about identical.

□ Editor Warner reviews the principles of how international conference agreements affect amateur privileges in this country, since there seems to be still some misunderstanding among us on the results of the 1927 world meeting.

□ Warner is off to The Hague to represent the amateur service as a member of the U.S. Delegation to C.C.I.R., the technical standards arm of the international regulatory body.

□ Back home, W2AEC has designed a combination of lightweight receiver, monitor and frequency meter, and still kept it easy on the pocketbook.

□ We never get enough public relations results, and President Hiram Percy Maxim points out many areas of amateur activity where we should be careful not to hide our lights under a bushel, but to let the world know what we are doing.

□ W1AY suggests that equally important with a clean, strong signal is the skill and courtesy of the operator; he wants us to be individuals, and add some "it" to our image.

□ W9CP, W9UJ and W9AAS are winners in the Chicago *Tribune's* competition for most effective communications with the amphibian flight to the Arctic which the paper sponsored.

October 1954

□ Laid up in the hospital, W0CO made excellent use of the time by a prodigious job of indexing early issues of *QST*, finding many unusual tidbits of information which otherwise might be lost to researchers. (The valuable reference material is still in use at Hq.)

□ Always pushing for more v.h.f. activity, W1HDQ has designed a basic rig for beginners to work at 50 and 144 Mc. Next month he will describe an amplifier to boost the power.

□ W5BSU has a novel volume-compression circuit which varies the actual signal input rather than the stage gain.

□ Bandspreading the Clapp VFO is not a simple task, but G3BHJ shows us some approaches to help solve the problem.

□ The League is asking the Commission to assign more frequency space to both Novices and Technicians.

□ Announcement is made of a new League publication, *Single Sideband for the Radio Amateur*, largely a compilation of material previously in *QST*, yet a complete reference volume for anyone using the "new" mode.

□ W1JEQ never seems to run out of new ideas for transmitting equipment, and this month describes an r.f. assembly for mobile or fixed station work, of course with multiple-circuit tuners.

□ W4GMY achieves compactness in his 14-Mc. two-element beam by loading the ends of the driven element.

□ If you don't want a separate bias supply but still wish to protect your transmitting tetrode, use W9AE1's novel dual-triode circuit, an advancement over the usual clamp tube arrangement. — *W1RW*

K8YRD WEATHER WATCH

□ Dale Moore, K8YRD, director of a spotter network designed to give early warning of a tornado's approach to the Lansing, MI, area, has been awarded a special public-service award by the director of the National Weather Service for dedicated and unselfish public service performed during severe weather watches in the mid-Michigan area. "Dale's Tri-County weather watch, which is made up of members of the Central Michigan Amateur Radio Club, is a vital right arm of the National Weather Service in emergency weather situations. "We value them greatly. Someday those men might save thousands of lives around here," commented Robert Jacobson, meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service office in Lansing.



Amateur Radio operators, like Dale Moore, K8YRD, help the National Weather Service keep an eye on weather conditions. (The Lansing State Journal photo)

Strange Magic

It's a magical, even mystical experience, to communicate with an unseen person without wires. This has to be the basic appeal of Amateur Radio, which keeps us coming back for more. You'd think that handling a few messages or making a few DX contacts would be enough, like the guy who worked Australia his first day on the air and then purged all his low-band equipment with the thought that he had communicated as far as he ever would. A curious attitude. It's obvious that amateurs who are inactive by choice have no conception of how much fun it is. You don't have to do it every night or every week, but either the desire is there or it isn't. Those hams who have lost it (or never had it) aren't any better than the six-pack and Laverne/Shirley crowd. Their brains will be turned into mush with the rest.

Item three in "The Amateur's Code" says that the amateur is balanced. Even in these cynical times, this statement has the ring of truth. One of the problems in our society is that we don't have a wide enough variety of interests to occupy our leisure time. Hamming is one of the more constructive avocations, but, of course, only one. Yet, it is a legitimate one.

While the cobwebs grow larger in Joe Six-pack's radio shack, WB2TOM, for one, is getting the most out of his hobby. George or Tom,

or whatever you want to call him, is just 13, but already a well-respected traffic handler. He is active in at least seven nets, including the responsible position of assistant manager of the Second Region Net of the National Traffic System. His modest station doesn't prevent him from contesting either. "It's technique not signal," he says. Presently Advanced class, George may have upgraded to the Big E by the time this is read. George also devotes some time to homebrewing and radio club doings. But traffic handling is his first love. Why? "It gives me a chance to help people, to meet a lot of good people and to hear so many super fists." George-Tom also participates in the more traditional aspects of teenage life but it's safe to say that he is a lot more sophisticated than his peers.

The operating season convenes this month in a big way, with the Simulated Emergency Test on tap for the first weekend and later, the CD Party and the CQ Worldwide DX Contest. There's stuff there for everyone. One thing to ponder is that if you have no intention of operating, why not send your license back to Gettysburg? The FCC even has a special form for this purpose. Oh, by the way, don't persist with this stuff about 2-meter fm to and from work. That ain't operating.

Getting on the air is fun. It's good therapy, too. Hamming is a legal and nontoxic escape from an uptight world. An individual can immerse himself in a completely different world, consisting of electronic signals, the exchange of specialized information in a unique language all wrapped up in positive reinforcement through accomplishments of various types.

Enthusiasm and time available are in a constant state of flux. Especially from this vantage point, it's hard not to join the ranks of the burnouts. While the activity has leveled off, some of us are still in there, hitting fungoes for ham radio. You just have to pick your spots.

The mystic traveler through the realm of the amateur bands locks into many different emotions and responses. One can enjoy high-speed code like a good piece of music, because it is music. Or it's the feeling of pride and respect that a trafficker draws from the smooth running of the net, of which each net member is a part owner. It's the "good tired" that one feels after an honest contest effort. It's the adrenalin charge and the exquisite feeling of relief swirling inside after making it through a massive pileup just when it seemed oh so hopeless. Good, honest feelings. It's even the taste of watermelon after Field Day is done.

Still crazy after all these years.

REACTION TO JUNK FOOD

Many letters were received about "Junk Food for the Ears," which led this column in July. Here's one of the more lucid ones:

"In the smaller populated sections, such as NH, ME, VT, etc., the average number of messages handled per session is such that the net would last only about 10 minutes. Many messages would have to be held if no station able to handle them had checked in by that time. Many stations check in for the fraternalism of the informals and only incidentally handle traffic. These stations would not get exposed to traffic handling if only traffic was handled on the net.

"It is important for the NCS to have frequent call-ups so stations with traffic can check in, pass their traffic and depart as soon as they wish.

"Net controls should also realize that if a heavy load of traffic plus informals would make the net too lengthy, they can excuse stations that check in without traffic and are unable to handle any of the traffic listed.

"It is also important that stations realize they are not required to give an informal or to stick around to listen to them. They may request to be excused at any call-up.

"Some phone nets on hf that list traffic as a purpose in the Net Directory do have lengthy informals, preventing stations from checking in with traffic, due to the long periods between call-ups. These nets are also usually the ones that are reluctant to take traffic." — John McKeen, W1TN, Nashua, NH

NEW HOOSIER NET PLANNED

Any Novices in Indiana wanting to help get a traffic net started? The net is tentatively planned to be in session on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings on

3710 kHz at 0130 UTC. If you're not familiar with traffic handling, then join the net anyway and learn the basics. If interested, write Jim Stanley, WD9CIS, 649 Monroe Ave., Evansville, IN 47713.

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT PSHR AND THEIR ANSWERS

A number of questions have been raised about the new

Public Service Honor Roll criteria. We'll attempt to answer them.

Q. Can a Net Control Station claim check-in points for the same net sessions in which he serves as NCS?

A. No, he cannot. Actually a NCS doesn't really "check in" himself. He checks in the other stations.

Q. What is meant by "pre-assigned liaison"?

A. It applies mostly to the National Traffic System, most of the nets of which have liaison stations with the



No, it's not one of the Bee Gees or even a biblical prophet. It's K1XA doing his number on the Eastern Area Net; Thursday night is all right for traffic handling. (K1WJ photo)

*Asst. Communications Manager, ARRL

next higher (or for that matter lower) level net, assigned by the net manager on a regular basis. However, the points are not available even to NTS nets unless the net manager makes the assignment in advance. They are available to non-NTS nets, if such assignments are made. No such assigned liaison is eligible for these points if it "short circuits" any NTS channels, unless it is an emergency overload hotline situation. Assigned alternates who assume the function in the absence of the regular are eligible, but stations who are "spot assigned" are not. And again, pre-assigned liaison may be either to the next higher or lower echelon net.

Q. Can a Section Emergency Coordinator or Section Traffic Manager qualify for five points in the EC/NM category (number eight)?

A. Yes.

Q. When will an individual qualify for the PSHR certificate?

A. A ham will be eligible for a PSHR certificate if he qualifies for PSHR 12 months consecutively or 18 months out of 24, as reported in the PSHR listings in QST. Late reports will not be included. The certification is not retroactive. That is, it came into being with the revised PSHR criteria which went into effect June 1979. So, the earliest a ham can qualify for a certificate is June 1980, activities which will be reported in the September 1980 issue. Incidentally, if anyone has any suggestions for what a classy looking PSHR certificate should look like, let us know.

Q. What would be considered an "emergency message," category seven?

A. It is a communication by Amateur Radio in a situation involving the life or death of an individual or group of individuals, or the wholesale destruction of property, in the absence or overload of commercial communications necessitating the use of Amateur Radio. This includes official messages of relief agencies during emergencies requesting supplies, materials or instructions vital to relief of stricken populace in emergency areas.

Any further PSHR-related questions will be gladly answered in these pages.

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Lansing, MI — June 28. A three-year-old boy had both his feet sheared off by a hay cutter. His father, WD8DDW, used his 2-meter transceiver to call 911 via the WR8AFZ autopatch. With this information, a police escort was arranged for the trip to the hospital and medics were awaiting the arrival. (K8ZJU)

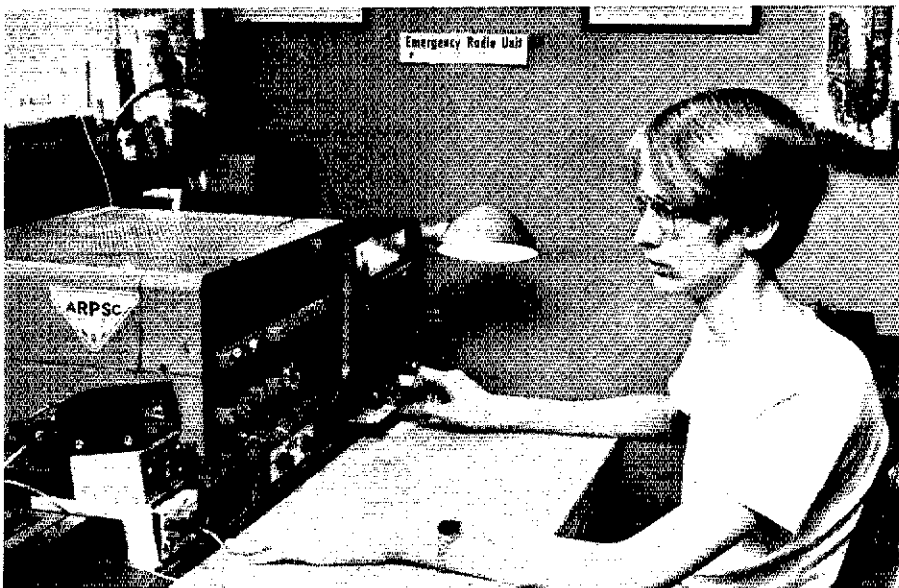
□ Carlisle, PA — July 15. At 10:09 P.M., a plane carrying four passengers plunged into the peak of Long Mountain, about seven miles south of here. The crash occurred about 300 yards from the newly built house of WB3BTU, a member of the South Mountain Repeater Association. He used the repeater's autopatch to direct authorities to his location. BTU attempted to rescue the victims but the fire and heat were too intense. (WB3GRT, secretary, SMRA)

□ Rosenberg, TX — July 16. HR1PMR/WS smelled gas while passing a pair of 10,000 gallon LPG storage tanks and noted a bad leak in the header connecting the tanks. The Fort Bend County Emergency Net was in session and HR1PMR checked in and reported the situation. The Net alerted sheriff's officers, who, with fire department officials, brought the situation under control in a short time, before a fire or explosion could occur. (W5UBD)

□ Greenville, TX — August 2-3. The Sabine Valley Amateur Radio Association and E-Systems Radio Club furnished communications during a 20-hour telephone outage at the Citizens General Hospital. The effort used the W5UDQ repeater to provide communications among hospital, physicians and other local emergency services. Members of both clubs organized into a single roster of operators to provide hospital emergency communications over the weekend. (W5FMQ, president, Sabine Valley ARA)

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Kentucky — June 29. A tornado touched down on the Shelby-Franklin County line and moved eastward. The District 13 Emergency Coordinator WA4KKV activated the severe weather net on the Lexington repeater (16/76). Stations were activated at the Weather Bureau, the Metro Police Department and at strategic locations mobile for funnel cloud observations. A tornado watch for the entire state was in effect for several hours. In Lexington, trees were toppled, causing power outages. Georgetown, 12 miles



Who says you can't become a ham radio superstar with just an HT-37, a 2B and a tuned wire? Not WB2TOM, that's for sure. His superior operating ability sets him apart from the multitude.

north, suffered the worst damage. The tornado caused considerable damage to the downtown area, including Police headquarters. Amateur Radio was the only form of communications there for nearly six hours. There was excellent coordination between the Lexington repeater, the Frankfort Repeater on 84/24 and the 295/895 repeater at Hall's Gap. A total of 104 stations checked in to the net, representing 22 cities and 20 counties in the central Kentucky area.

BGARC members and many other hams provided up-to-the-minute reports on weather conditions, which was an invaluable service to the weather bureau, as well as to the cities involved. (W4TPB, publicity chairman, Blue Grass Amateur Radio Club)

□ Sackville, NB — July 8. Ground search and rescue teams were called out at 1400 hours for the search for a four-year-old child. The amateur emergency communications section immediately responded. Each search team was accompanied by an amateur communicator. The mobile control station had Amateur Radio links with each team. The successful search was terminated at 1531 hours. (VE1ASW, SEC Mar/NFD)

□ Ohio — August 4. Civil Aviation-Ohio is a group of pilots who have organized to assist the State and the State Disaster Services Administration with air transportation in the event of a major emergency. This was their first statewide test. Mission particulars were transmitted from CAO mission control to the state DSA via 2 meters and relayed to the appropriate originating counties via W8SGT at the DSA on 3972.5 kHz. Mission acceptance and departure times were relayed back to mission control. Most missions involved flying from the originating county to an intermediate airport, picking up designated cargo (simulated) and transporting it to the destination airport in Carroll County, where a critique was held. The communications links functioned satisfactorily, although some improvements are being considered, and the learning experience was excellent for CAO. (W8BKO, EC Delaware Co.)

□ ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Reports. For July, 3 SEC reports were received denoting a total ARES membership of 13,840. This represents a 9-percent decrease as compared with reports received last July 1978 (33), and an 18 percent decrease in ARES membership (16,815). Sections reporting were Ariz, Del, EBay, EMass, ENY, Ind, Iowa, KY, Mar/Nfld, Mich, Mo, NFla, NTex, Ohio, Okla, Ont, Ore, Que, SDgo, SF, SFla, SJV, SBar, SCV, Sask, SNJ, Va, WVva, WPa, Wis.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OF THE MONTH

Laguna Beach, CA — July 1979. A 75-acre brush fire broke out on a hillside in Laguna Canyon, endangering the many hillside and canyon homes. The annual Festival of Arts, along with several art fairs, was in progress in the canyon, adding many times the normal

amount of traffic on the busy canyon road. More than 250 fire fighters from the county and state Forestry Division, aided by fire bombers, fought flames leaping as high as 45 feet. ARES members responded to the call of Emergency Coordinator WA6TLE and AEC WD6AQK and within a few minutes, amateurs from the South Orange Amateur Radio Association were at the fire camp, ready to provide emergency communications. W6TIO/rpt was kept very active with many messages into and out of the fire camp. At 9 P.M., the vhf session of the Southern California Net handled traffic into and out of the four Southern California sections. Twenty-one hours after the fire was spotted, the weary workers began mop-up operations. The South Orange Amateur Radio Association maintains both 144- and 220-MHz repeaters on top of Temple Hill in Laguna Beach with emergency power available. (WB6QBZ)

REPEATER LOG

According to reports received between July 20 and August 20, the following repeaters and simplex frequencies were involved in the delineated public service events.

Weather Emergency	Medical Activity	Criminal Emergency	Vehicular Emergency	Search and Rescue	Fire	Miscellaneous	Total
WR1ABU				1			1
WR1ADF							1
K3PSP	1						1
WR4ACY		2		27			29
WR4AEX				1			1
WR5AAA	1						1
WR5ABA				3			3
WR5ABE				1			1
WR5ABY				17			17
WR5AMX	1						1
WR5ANT	1						1
N5DD				1			1
WR6AOX					1	1	2
KH6IAA						1	1
WA6NVV					1		1
K8ZIS				1			1
WR9AFF	1						1
N9AHP	1						1
WR0ACD	1						1
WR0AEV	1						1
Simplex				1	1		2
Total	8	4		51	5	2	70



Straight-Key Night

Poundin' Brass is Poetry in Motion!

By Bill Jennings, * K1WJ

K3FR uses this old Bunnell. Ron would appreciate any information that anyone can supply on this particular model.

Guess we'll have to start the report of Straight-Key Night for July 4, 1979, with that old routine — got some good news and some bad news.

First the good news. The latest running of the semiannual SKN brought in reports of participation from 84 individual stations. In those logs were 652 QSOs with 481 different stations.

Clearly the front-runner in the competition for "Best Fist" with five votes was W4BT. Close on 'BT's heels with three votes was K2LY. One notch down, tied for third with two votes apiece were W2LYH, WB5NBC, K6OS and W8GP. The "Most Interesting" QSO honors also go to W4BT, who got three votes in this category, with second placers W2LYH and W7ITJ at two votes each. In recognition of his "winning" both categories, Ben, W4BT, is crowned "King of SKN" for the July 1979 event.

Stations that received at least one vote in both categories were WB1CEG, K2LY, W2LYH, WA2STM, WA3UNY, N4BIS, W4BT, W4DNX, W5WE, WB5NBC, WA6YQU, W8GP, N0CY/7 and WB0YWP. Congrats to all.

One SKN participant was heard to say that "copying good hand-sent cw was poetry to his ears." Obviously, this op was not alone in his observation. We'd like to share the poetic efforts of several of the SKN crowd.

It never ceases to amaze
What QST can do.

Just flip the pages any time
And find a bunch that's new.

There is one thing that ain't quite clear

And somehow don't seem right —

In January and July

They call day a "night."

— W5JOV

"You should have stayed down on the farm!"

My orthopedist exclaimed with alarm.

"A biological mutation

Is my explanation.

You have SKN glass for an arm!"

— W5WE

Those great dim days are bright again
And everything is grand.

You hear straight keys with little pain
Up on the old top band.

I use one almost all the time
And prime the pump just right,
So I say with awful rhyme
Every night is SK night.

— W2CHI

I started out fresh as a daisy
To make cw contacts like crazy.

With a straight key to sendit,
Now my arm, I can't bendit.
SKN is not for the lazy.

— W5WE

Now for the bad news. This was the last running of the July SKN. The participation for the July gathering is typically much less (vacations, good WX for picnics, etc.) than that for the January SKN. Therefore, SKN will revert to its former status as an annual event to be conducted on the original January 1 date. So limber up those fists and stand by for a super Straight Key Night on January 1!

Key Clix

Whoever thought up Sore Knuckles Night is to be congratulated. This is grass-roots hamming as I know it. My kinda contest (KA5BXC). The 24-hour period was a blending of Skill, Knowledge and Nostalgia. That is the heart of SKN (W3CEI). Had a 1920 Bunnell brass key that, among other things, was stolen several years ago. I would appreciate it if anyone, who knows where I could pick up one of these keys at a reasonable price, would contact me. Tnx (W4DN). Now, we gotta get some SKNs on 160 meters (W1BB). I'm glad to know that there are some authentic ragchewers left on the bands (WIDV/4). My activity on SKN was curtailed by thunderstorms, but it was enjoyable. It brought back the memories of the first QSOs I had when I was first licensed back in 1930

(WA4BSG). Used a key that was made for the British Navy in 1940 (N5BC). I cut my eyeteeth on an old Sears Roebuck marble base key with silver contacts and a "navy knob," which I bought back in 1921 (W0EG). A straight key hits a sweet nostalgic cw note with me. I have had an old Speed-X model 310 key that my mother gave to me in 1937 (WA6JHC). Celebrated my 65th birthday by participating in my first SKN (W4BT). I think my right forearm grew about three sizes today. You must have heard me on the air. I was the one sending only dashes. Well, back to the keyboard. Hi! (N5FC). Already told the XYL not to make any plans for New Year's so that I can get in on the next SKN (N9ACD). I'll admit that I had to take a hot shower to loosen up my arm midway through the SKN! (WB61YS). This was a great way to unwind from Field Day (K3CML). I brought back a piece of Missouri walnut from my home QTH to use as a base for my Johnson Speed-X key, but it didn't help the fist at all! (W0VJD/3). All the ops had solidly readable fists that sounded like a real live person was sending you a message. Generally these days, one gets the impression that one is communicating with a programmed robot that sounds the same as every other robot, which makes a QSO somewhat less than what it was in past years . . . SKN hopefully will bring back once or twice a year the art of communication between people, not a QSO between two pieces of gear, a kW and a tribander on a 200-foot crank-up tower . . . All in all, it seems that for many, Amateur Radio has become another extension of the competitive rat-race . . . the individual seems to be of less importance than the inventory of equipment . . . Once or twice a year, SKN shifts things back to what Amateur Radio should be every day of the year . . . (W0ZM).



SKN is a good time to share good QSOs with good friends. Tommy (left), AJBX and Gary, N8AYY, teamed up for a good ole time on SKN.

46th ARRL November Sweepstakes Announcement

Cw, November 3-5 . . . phone, November 17-19.

Following the Sweepstakes rules, you'll find a table of record SS scores, painstakingly put together by K5RC. While the division record may be out of your reach, your section record may not be as difficult.

When looking through the records, note that they are from the last 10 years. The low-power multiplier was dropped in 1969, and the exchange was shortened in 1971. Some of the records from the 40-hour SS of the 1950s may never be broken in 24 hours.

Here's how to request forms and prepare your entry. Be sure to allow plenty of time to request the forms you will need to participate: One log sheet per 100 contacts and one each dupe sheet (Operating Aid 6) and summary sheet per mode operated (weekend). Send your request with an s.a.s.e. (15 cents for the first five sheets, 13 cents for five more).

In order to minimize interference to non-contest stations, suggested frequency ranges are shown in Table 1.

After the SS, be sure to postmark your entry by December 10, 1979; send it first-class mail! (Those that arrive after December 31 may not make QST listings.) If you want to make sure it arrived at Headquarters, enclose a self-addressed postcard which we will mail back to you. For a list of high claimed scores, enclose an s.a.s.e. with your entry. Club secretaries are requested to send a list of call signs only of all club members who were eligible to participate for the club in the SS. Good luck!

Rules

1) **Eligibility:** This contest is open to all radio amateurs in (or officially attached to) sections listed on page 8 of this issue of QST. U.S. possessions in the Pacific are part of the Pacific section. KP4, KV4/KP2 and KG4 are all part of the West Indies section.

2) **Object:** To exchange QSO information (as explained in section 5) with as many amateurs in (or officially attached to) ARRL sections.

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

4) **Contest Period and Time:** All contacts must be made during the contest period indicated elsewhere in this announcement. No more than 24 hours of operation are permitted during the 30-hour period. "Off" periods may not be less than 15 minutes at a time. Times on and off and QSO times must be entered in your

log. **Listening time counts** as operating time.

5) **Valid QSOs:** Contacts must include certain information sent in the form of a standard message preamble, as shown in the example. Cw stations work only cw stations and phone stations only other phones. Valid points can be earned by contacting stations not working in the contest upon acceptance of your preamble and receipt of a preamble.

6) **Scoring:** Each station from which a preamble is received and to whom a preamble is sent and acknowledged, results in two points. Partial QSOs do not count for scoring purposes. No additional points can be earned by recontacting the same station, regardless of the frequency band (i.e., repeat QSOs, even if on different bands, are not allowed). The total number of ARRL sections (plus VE8/VY1) worked during the contest is the section multiplier — maximum possible total of 74.

The final score equals the total points times the section multiplier.

7) **Entry Classification:** Entries will be classified as single or multioperator stations. Single-operator stations are those in which one person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions. Multioperator stations are those obtaining any form of assistance, such as from spotting or relief operators, or keeping the station log or records. The use of any type of "spotting" or "multiplier" net places the entry in the multioperator class.

8) **Reporting:** Contest forms (log sheets, summary sheets, Operating Aid 6) are available free from ARRL hq. or you may use forms of your own design provided they closely follow the indicated format; every competing entry

ARRL November Sweepstakes

CALL SIGN: W9QBE OF THE ARRL SECTION OF: INDIANA

NOTE: A postage stamp for submission with operator license fee is not needed.

EXPIRES: 1979 on or before 74. (Date) 11/19/79

1) Multiple operator entries with ARRL operators agreed: Yes

2) This participation is by: Individual Club

3) My name is: INDIANAS

4) My address is: 714 E. 60th St. Indianapolis, Ind. 46202

5) My telephone number is: 308-1171

6) My club name is: Year Name of Club: W9QBE

7) I have advised all competitors in my section of my participation in the contest.

8) I have advised all operators in my section of my participation in the contest.

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Band	Mode	Time	Frequency	Call	Time	Frequency	Call	Time	Frequency	Call	Time	Frequency	Call

Name: Roy Weshorck Call: W9QBE
Address: Madis St
Home Town: Indiana

Table 1

CW	Novice	Phone
3550-3650	3710	3850-3950
7050-7100	7110	7200-7250
14,050-14,100		14,250-14,300
21,050-21,100	21,110	21,300-21,400
28,050-28,100	28,110	28,550-28,650

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Contest Periods

Starts	Ends
CW	
Saturday, Nov. 3 2100 UTC	Monday, Nov. 5 0300 UTC
Phone	
Saturday, Nov. 17 2100 UTC	Monday, Nov. 19 0300 UTC

Explanation of Exchange

	<i>NR</i>	<i>Precedence</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>Ck</i>	<i>Place</i>
<i>Exchanges</i>	Consecutive serial number	Power input less than 200 watts dc	Send your station call	Ck (Last two digits of year first licensed)	Your ARRL section
<i>Sample</i>	NR1	A	N8II	70	WVA

claiming 200 or more QSOs must have cross-checking sheets (Operating Aid 6 or similar) attached. Any log omitting times on and off, or omitting QSO times, or omitting cross-check sheets (when required), or omitting a summary sheet or any information requested therein (see sample) will not be considered for competitive QST listings or awards. Such logs will be classified as "check-logs" and will be pro-

cessed accordingly. All entries become the property of ARRL and none can be returned. Each competitive entry submitted must include date, QSO times, times on/off, exchange sent, exchange received, band and mode. Entries must be postmarked by December 10, 1979.

9) *Miscellaneous Rules*: A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be subsequently used under any other call during

the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by FCC/DOC). And even then, one operator may *not* use more than one call sign from any given location during the contest period.

If your power is 200-watts dc or less, send "A" as your precedence; otherwise send "B."

The operation of two or more transmitters simultaneously is not allowed.

10) *Awards*: Certificates will be awarded in both the cw and phone contests to the highest scoring class "A" and "B" entrants in each section, provided that either (1) there are at least three single-operator competing entrants from that section in that power class, or (2) the top single-operator score from that section in that power class has 10,000 points or more.

Multioperator entries are not eligible for certificate awards.

11) *Club Competition and Disqualifications*: See January 1979 QST, page 85.

Sweepstakes Records (1969-1978)

<i>CW</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Canadian Division</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Year</i>
<i>Call</i>				<i>Call</i>		
VE1MX	105,376	77	Maritime-Newfoundland	VO1CA	75,628	71
VA2UN (WA3HRV)	115,200	71	Quebec	VA2UN (WA3HRV)	148,296	71
VE3AKG	121,656	78	Ontario	VE3GAS	176,976	76
VE4OY	135,648	78	Manitoba	VE4OY	145,950	78
VE5DX	160,650	77	Saskatchewan	VE5DX*	289,050	78
VE6MP	83,860	74	Alberta	VE6CGY	148,950	78
VE7CC*	173,550	78	British Columbia	VE7CNY	234,450	78
VE8NWT (VE8BB)	61,560	69	Yukon-Northwest Terr.	VE8CB	59,754	70
			<i>Atlantic Division</i>			
W3DA	81,030	77	Delaware	WA3OTV	115,500	71
W3RJ	165,020	77	Eastern Pennsylvania	K3ZA	186,628	78
W3LPL	175,528	77	Maryland-DC	K3NA*	227,700	77
W2REH	145,405	77	Southern New Jersey	K2YY	178,650	78
N2MF (K2ZJ)	158,410	78	Western New York	K2IGW (WA2LCC)	208,350	78
K3UA*	177,450	78	Western Pennsylvania	K3UA	224,250	78
			<i>Central Division</i>			
W9RW*	155,550	78	Illinois	K9CT*	238,800	78
W9TG	150,900	78	Indiana	W9RE	225,450	77
W9YT (K9ZSE)	154,800	74	Wisconsin	W9YT (K9LBQ)	198,900	72
			<i>Dakota Division</i>			
K0KX	166,204	77	Minnesota	WA0VKP	180,560	76
WB0BCZ (WA0OVW)	92,655	72	North Dakota	AE0E	191,512	78
K0ZZ*	171,828	78	South Dakota	K0ZZ*	274,800	78
			<i>Delta Division</i>			
K5GO*	171,600	78	Arkansas	WA5RTG	222,300	75
W5WMU	166,294	76	Louisiana	W5WMU	227,550	76
W5VSZ	137,376	77	Mississippi	W5VSZ*	228,450	77
K4PUZ	164,396	75	Tennessee	N4ZZ	226,800	77
			<i>Great Lakes Division</i>			
K4GSU*	169,488	76	Kentucky	WB4OSS	187,960	76
K8LX	153,150	78	Michigan	K8LX (WA8ZDT)*	223,200	78
K8NZ	161,320	78	Ohio	W8KIC (WB8MZZ)	219,450	78
			<i>Hudson Division</i>			
W2PV (K1DG)	161,250	78	Eastern New York	K2TR*	276,150	78
N2NT	166,944	78	NYC-Long Island	N2NT	179,080	77
W2GD*	180,264	78	Northern New Jersey	W2RQ	193,800	77
			<i>Midwest Division</i>			
N0GA*	156,300	78	Iowa	K0GXR	180,310	76
K0XR	143,372	78	Kansas	K5JZN/0*	182,800	78
N0SS	140,160	77	Missouri	W0ZLN (WA0CWV)	177,900	77
K0UP	133,298	78	Nebraska	K0SCM	170,400	77
			<i>New England Division</i>			
K1PR	172,350	78	Connecticut	K1VTM*	259,950	78
K1AR	171,000	78	Eastern Massachusetts	W1CF (K1OME)	220,500	76
K1OT (K1OME)	134,640	77	Maine	K1RQ	177,750	77
K1GQ*	177,304	78	New Hampshire	K1GQ	231,150	78
K1AO	130,608	78	Rhode Island	WA1TFF	196,200	78
W2RQ/1	152,352	78	Vermont	WB1GQR (WB2JSJ)	182,400	78
K1BW	162,450	78	Western Massachusetts	WA1ABW	214,500	76

KL7HRP	75,024	74	Alaska	KL7HCC	121,800	78
K7NHV	161,550	74	Idaho	WA7WXY	261,900	76
K7QA	136,200	78	Montana	W7JYW	183,224	78
W7NI	161,476	78	Oregon	W7NI	233,544	78
K7RI (K1UA)*	169,608	78	Washington	K7SS*	286,950	77
<i>Pacific Division</i>						
N6RO	166,056	78	East Bay	N6IG	249,300	78
WA7NIN (N6SF)*	172,950	76	Nevada	WA7NIN (N6SF)*	262,950	76
KH6RS (K2SIL)	151,700	71	Pacific	KH6WF	152,700	78
N6JV	118,500	78	Sacramento Valley	K6SG	152,292	78
W6NUT	153,750	74	San Francisco	N6BV	246,300	78
K6CQF (W6PAA)	152,850	74	San Joaquin Valley	WA6IVN	167,018	71
N6BT	167,700	78	Santa Clara Valley	K6OQ (WB6DSV)	252,750	78
<i>Roanoke Division</i>						
N4AA	146,520	78	North Carolina	N4AA	179,968	77
K4FJC	95,046	73	South Carolina	WA4ALC	144,448	77
K4VX (WB4SGV)*	168,900	78	Virginia	K4VX (K3EST)*	229,350	78
N8II	140,014	78	West Virginia	N8II	193,050	78
<i>Rocky Mountain Division</i>						
W0UA*	185,400	77	Colorado	W0TR (W0UA)*	285,900	76
WA5YTX	137,048	77	New Mexico	K5FPO	177,098	76
W7CYH	119,280	71	Utah	W7OAD (W7MWR)	164,280	71
K7IO	112,858	78	Wyoming	W7ZQ (K0UK)	273,450	78
<i>Southeastern Division</i>						
K4TIG (W8FAW)	126,432	75	Alabama	K4TIG (W8FAW)	195,300	75
KZ5FR	138,262	78	Canal Zone	KZ5NO (K1MM)	163,950	78
K4BAI	150,516	77	Georgia	WD4HXC	182,354	78
N4SA	150,380	78	Northern Florida (1)	WB4SKI (WB4QBB)	214,850	78
N4RR	175,346	78	Southern Florida (1)	WB4AEX	223,628	75
KP4RF (N6CJ)*	193,732	77	West Indies	KP4RF (N6CJ)*	333,600	78
<i>* Southwestern Division</i>						
W7KW (K7GM)	177,098	78	Arizona	W7KW (W6TPH)*	306,150	78
W6AM (N6TJ)*	182,646	77	Los Angeles	W6HX (N6NT)	290,250	78
K6RR (N6CJ)	176,712	78	Orange	K6LL	209,850	76
K6NA	167,608	76	San Diego	K6NA (WA6ELX)	242,400	77
N6TR	177,008	78	Santa Barbara	K6BCE (WA6NNJ)	162,750	72
<i>West Gulf Division</i>						
N5AU	173,250	77	Northern Texas	K5JA*	257,400	78
K5OCX	116,362	73	Oklahoma	K5CM	190,050	78
AA5LES*	182,780	76	Southern Texas	K5TM (K5ZD)	253,850	78

*Division Record

(1) Records only to 1973 when Eastern and Western Florida were changed to Northern and Southern.

Strays



Motor City Radio Club President James Besancon, K8SIA (right), presents the Michigan Field Day Award to Elvis Allen, W8CYO, representing the Cherry Land ARC. The ARRL-Affiliated club scored the highest total in Michigan during the 1978 Field Day. (W8MPD photo)

EXPOSITION OPERATION

□ The Colquitt County Ham Radio Society will be operating from the Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition in

Moultrie, GA, October 9 to 11. Listen for club call WD4KOW from 0900 to 1600 EDST daily on 7.250 and 14.300 MHz and on local repeater 19/79. Special QSL cards will be available.

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ any West Coast teenage ham interested in becoming a coordinator for the new Message-15 cw net. Contact James C. Veatch, 83 N. Main St., Ellenville, NY 12428.

□ amateurs working in naval architecture or marine engineering. Contact Kip Lester, WD8LFQ, Box 626, Gary WV 24836.

□ others interested in starting a fly-fishing enthusiast net. Richard Wagner, K4MZE, 1015 Haber Dr., Brentwood, TN 37027.

□ amateurs working with rural and agricultural development projects, especially farmers' cooperatives. Contact Steven D. Jones, N2AMY, 510 N. Albany St., Ithaca, NY 14850.

□ WW II communications collectors and ex-military operators. H. Miller, WB7QVY, 11206 First NE, Seattle, WA 98125.

□ hams in the Hazleton, PA area to arrange skeds for future phone QSOs. Contact R. B. Grontkowski, WA2JBZ, 2855 University Ave., Bronx, NY 10468.

□ amateurs interested in long-distance running who would like to start a phone net. Bill Hanrahan, KA8EUE, 808 Westminster Way, Charleston, WV 25314.

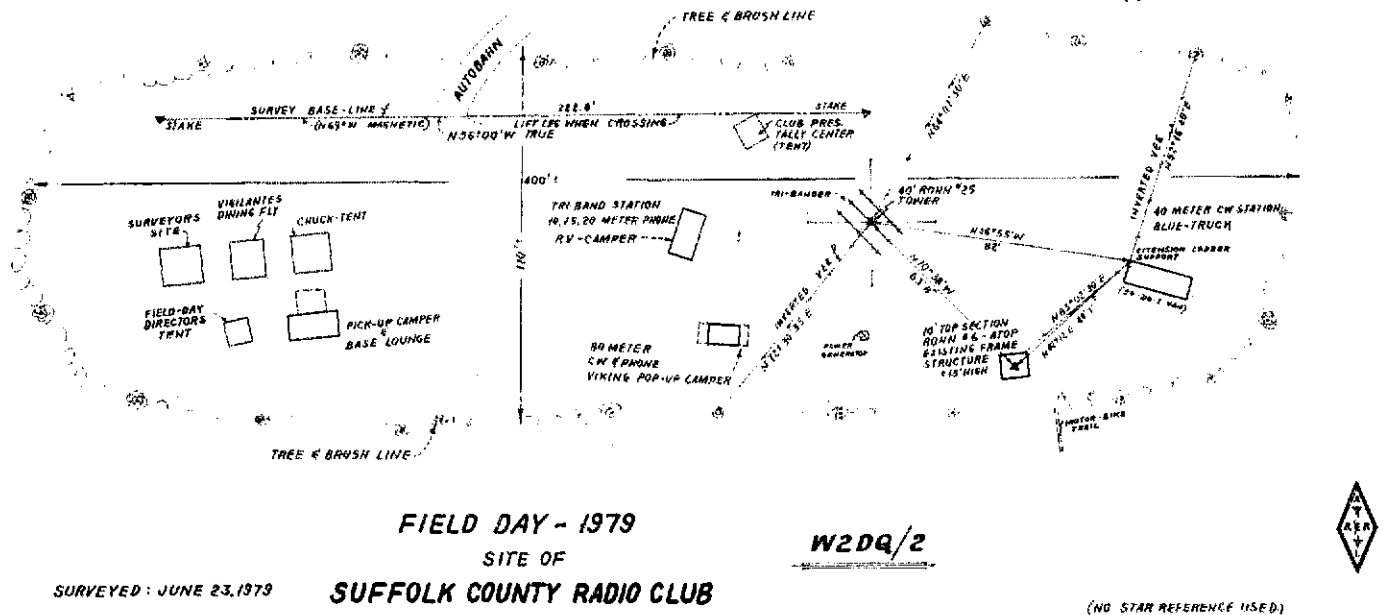


John Branegan, GM4IHJ (ex-GM8OXQ), adjusts his antenna during a recent portable mode J expedition to England. His four and one-half day operation netted John 33 QSOs with 22 stations in DB, G, GM, I, OZ, PE, VE and W, including one portable-to-portable with DB4SP/P. John used an FT-221R to a 5XY 2-meter beam rhcp, FT-101E with JAMSAT 435/28 converter and 12-element antenna. He did not mention the reason for the call sign change from the familiar GM8OXQ to GM4IHJ. A check with the Communications Department revealed that the change indicates an upgrade to a Class A license. Congratulations, John!

Results, Field Day 1979

Ether Madness

By Bill Jennings,* K1WJ and Tom Frenaye,** K1KI



Field Day is like that spoonful of sugar that helps the medicine go down. Amid the soothing sounds of finely tuned generators, the sighs of satisfaction in operating a smoothly running rig, the comforting presence of the local flora and fauna, a pleasing array of Mother Nature's finest weather displays, and the camaraderie of friends and club members working toward a common goal, it's hard to believe that Field Day is more than a lark, a mini-vacation. Field Day is all those things *and more*, but with one basic underlying purpose. Field Day is an exercise to train operators for the time, the emergency situation that everyone hopes will never happen — happens. Not just to be able to say "We can put a radio on the air," but to be able to do what we, as amateurs, even under less than optimum conditions, do best — communicate.

The weekend of 23-24 June 1979 saw a new phrase added to our FD vocabulary. Insects, animals, rain, snow, hot, cold, poison ivy,

Murphy, etc., were joined by "energy crunch." Extra gas cans and siphon hoses are now a part of the standard Field Day equipment. FD ops from coast to coast, hoping to obtain enough gasoline to fuel the generator for the full FD period, spent hours in long "gas lines," siphoned from the fuel tanks on their own autos, and more importantly, explored nonfossil-fuel-burning power sources.

Battery-powered stations were more in evidence than in previous years. Solar and wind power were also explored. The smart money would be on a dramatic increase in the number of stations in Field Day 1980 that at least augment their generators with "natural (nonfossil fuel) power sources" and on a larger number of FD groups that elect to go the low-power/battery route.

As they have since '75, the "FD numbers" continue to grow at a healthy rate. Number of reports received — up to 1706 (a 10 percent increase). A record 23,612 ops put a record 4552 transmitters on the air (that's 5.18 ops per transmitter for all the "statistics freaks").

For next time, a couple of quick notes on submitting the FD entry. *Make sure the mailing*

deadline is met. Our production schedule is too tight to allow very much leeway in being able to include late reports. *Make sure that the entry is complete in every detail before submitting it.* Again, there is not enough time to be able to track down information that is missing on a FD report. The standard ARRL Field Day summary sheet, when properly filled out, supplies all the necessary info (you still have to include the dupe sheets and the proofs of bonus points claimed with the summary sheet) and is available from Hq. for only an s.a.s.e. *please.*

Field Day — 1980? Yes, indeed, there will be a Field Day held in 1980, but we have a few things to discuss on that subject and will do just that at the end of this report.

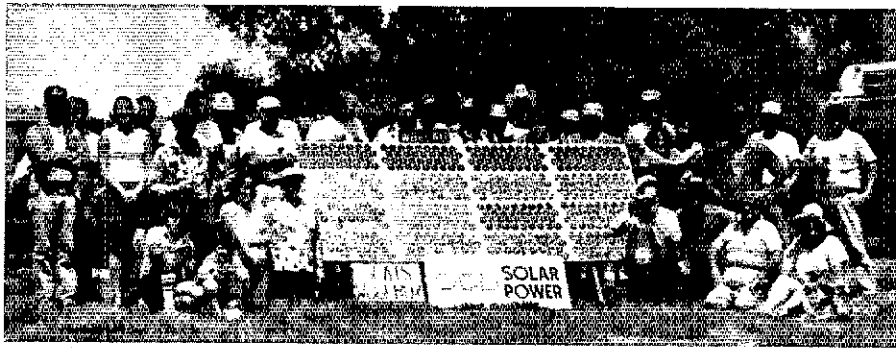
The following excerpts of narratives were received with the entries and highlight the FD efforts of various clubs/individuals. Bet more than one of them will strike a familiar note.

Alumni of the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind (K2LY/2 3A)

Amateur Radio *Feel* Day. No! this isn't a misprint, although this annual event is more correctly called Field Day. In this instance,

*Communications Assistant, ARRL

**Assistant Communications Manager, ARRL



The SCATS FD crew shown with their solar-panel array. This pix might appropriately enough be titled: "A ray of hope in the fight for freedom from foreign oil dependence." (WB6LRU/6 5A)

however, all of the operators operated the equipment, made circuit adjustments, and kept the station logs by the sense of touch — these folks all have impaired sight, ranging from total blindness to very limited vision.

Stations were set up for 2-meter fm, with a wide-spaced 8-element, 2-meter beam supported on a mast which was mounted in an umbrella table, just in front of the equipment so that it could be oriented by the operator. A piece of tape placed on the north side of the pole provided the starting point for antenna orientation. The beam's VSWR was checked by means of a conventional standing-wave ratio bridge along with an auditory indicator connected in place of the visual meter. Increased output is indicated by increased audio pitch in the speaker. A low VSWR yields a low-pitched signal with the instrument set to read reflected power.

The 40/20-meter transmitter was set up in a two-man tent with just enough room for the operator's position plus space for the logger and the Braille writer used for logging. Again "audio" meters were used to check the VSWR and the input power. Antennas here were 40- and 20-meter inverted Vs, both supported on a 25-foot mast and tripod, with the antennas serving as guys.

The 75-meter phone transmitter was set up in a gazebo some distance from the other two stations. The dipole antenna was strung between two buildings and fed with open wire line through an antenna tuner located in one of the other buildings. The tuner was fed with low-impedance coaxial line and the tuner was adjusted using more of the auditory gear plus a couple of 2-meter Handie-Talkies — one at the gazebo and the other at the tuner. One operator keyed the transmitter while the other tuned the gear for minimum reflected power.

The ac generator was located in the center of the site and was refueled by one of the ops using a siphon and a one-gallon gas can. The generator was connected to a line voltage regulator and an auditory line voltage monitor that was designed to emit a tone if the line voltage goes above or below 117 volts by more than four volts.

The FD operations went off very well, the equipment remaining on the air for the full allotted period. The coffee pot was kept full by one of the XYLs and food was supplied by the Institute.

As the former radio instructor for these ops,

I can say that I'm extremely proud of them. —
W2JIO

Southern California Amateur Transmitting Society (WB6LRU/6 5A)

SCATS participated in Field Day 1979 placing special emphasis on ecology. SCATS is an ARRL-chartered, 65-member club, centered in the San Gabriel Valley, a suburban area east of Los Angeles.

By Thursday, June 21, members had begun arriving to set up the four towers used for 6-, 10-, 15- and 20-meter beams and the two pushups used for a three-element, 40-meter inverted-V beam, which was aimed slightly north of east. A 75-meter inverted-V beam was suspended between the 10-meter tower and our truck.

All members brought their own transceivers. Due to high ambient daytime temperatures, each station had a backup rig to minimize possible equipment failure down-time. The high local water table permitted the use of only 6-foot ground rods, which were wet upon removal.

Thanks to WA6IVO, a SCATS member who is also in Navy MARS, we had use of a 10-kilowatt diesel generator which delivered 120 volts. This generator burned only two-thirds of a gallon of fuel per hour and supplied all the electrical needs other than those of personal air conditioners [Hope those personal air conditioners were run on emergency power also! — Ed.] and our 20-meter solar-powered station.

We have a pretty-well-oiled system for installing the beams and erecting the towers, always with an eye toward ease and safety. For three consecutive years, our towers have withstood the gusty afternoon winds, which daily attempt to rearrange the Mojave Desert landscape.

Our solar-powered effort was on 20 meters, using either a Kenwood TS-120 or Swan 100MX powered directly from our solar-panel arrangement. No batteries were used. The solar panels were loaned to us by a commercial manufacturer, as an experiment. Sixteen panels were installed on an angle iron rack, built by

Pete, K2PM, of the Cherryville Repeater Association in a demonstration of Murphy's Law — antenna rotator style. (K2NT/2)

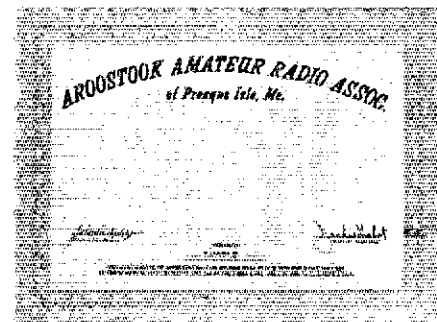
Amateur Radio

Field Day

JUNE 23,24
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FIELD DAY IS AN ARRL-CHARTERED EVENT. IT IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS TO TEST THEIR EQUIPMENT AND TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION. THE EVENT IS HELD ON JUNE 23 AND 24. PARTICIPATION IS OPEN TO ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WHOSE STATIONS ARE LICENSED BY THE FCC. PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO 100 PER PERSON. PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO 100 PER PERSON.

The poster gets you to the FD site of the Aroostook ARA and the certificate is what you get if you participated in the club's '78 FD effort. (K1JK/1 5A)



Class A Call-Area Leaders

1A	2A	3A	4A
W1MJ/1	W1XX/1	K1IU/1	W1TR/1
WA2VZV/2	K2DB/2	W2SEX/2	W2RI/2
K3MT/3	N3IC/3	K3SSC/3	K3WD/3
N4ND/4*	W4JD/4	W4UC/4	K4KS/4
W5RU/5	K5LG/5	K5DX/5*	N5RR/5
WB6ITM/6	N6NB/6*	W6SF/6	K6YT/6*
K6LL/7	AA7A/7	K7AUO	W7FR/7
K8IF/8	W8NR/8	WB8JBM/8	W8KGG/8
W9TG/9	W9SM/9	K9NO/9	W9LT/9
KØTK/Ø	WØUA/Ø	KØWA/Ø	WØMXW
VE3FOX/3	VE1FO/1	VE7SAR/7	VE3RC/3

5A	6A	7A	8A
W1OP/1	--	K1WEW/1	--
W2RQ/2*	K2YNT/2	W2MMD/2	K2AZ/2
W3PT/3	W3PIQ/3	W3SK/3	W3CWC/3
W4CUE/4	K4BFT/4*	W4IZ/4*	--
W5TI/5	K5GT/5	K5CB/5	W5SC/5
K6AA/6	K6QEZ/6	W6TRW/6	W6HE/6*
K7TR/7	WB7QIW/7	K7LED/7	--
A18P	W8LC/8	W8VPV/8	W8QLY/8
K9RO/9	W9AIU/9	W9AXD/9	K9BY/9
WØEQU/Ø	WØMG/Ø	WØAJY/Ø	--
VE7FG/7	VE3BA/3	VE3MRC/3	--

*indicates overall class leader



Jay, WB8SQJ (at the mic) and Ron, WA8UMZ, think that an antenna in the hand is worth two on the tower, at least when it comes to tracking OSCAR. The Grand Rapids ARA, (W8DC/8 2A)



Dan, W8BNZV, of the Beaches ARS, (W4DU/4 2A) super operator. If he's going to change into the blue suit with the big red "S" on the chest, we really think he ought to find a telephone booth.

Class B Call-Area Leaders

1B	2B
W1ECH/1	N1JW/1
W2RR/2	W2CRS/2
K3VW/3*	WA3QKA/3
W4OO/4	N4FD/4
W5VBO/5	WA5OOB/5
W7CB/6	WA6OTU/6*
K7FF/7	K7BBO/7
K8ZH/8	N8AGK/8
W9DY/9	WB9JDL/9
KØQA	KØTG/Ø
VE1TL/1	VE2EGH/2

*indicates overall class leader

WB6HBG. Each panel was rated at 6 volts and 3.9 A. A jury-rigged regulator gave no less than 12.6 volts at a full 16-A dc loading with either rig. We noticed a slight fuzziness in the audio of both rigs, as monitored 400 feet away, and decided that it was caused by the use of switching transistors in the regulator. Idling voltage was 14.2 volts. We elected not to use a battery as a "buffer" so as to stay pure solar power with a calculated 200 watts input on phone. Our solar array was manually aimed at the plentiful desert sunshine via the "armstrong" method. Our solar station worked quite well in making over 90 QSOs (none of those stations worked mentioned the fuzzy audio). Next year, we'll try it again with a smoother regulator and operate strictly on solar power during the 12 FD hours that have sufficient sunlight for full panel output. Solar power is here to stay.

We used two ops at each position; one to operate and one to copy only. The non-operating wives/husbands and harmonics were kept busy bringing a variety of chilled beverages to the open air operating positions during the 95-100 degree days. If you've never been to a desert, you'd probably never believe that a heavy coat is needed during the early morning hours.

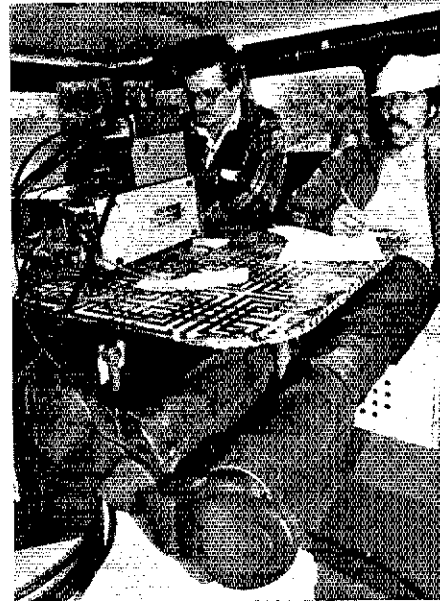
Field Day 1979 was an absolute success as we had new members bringing new ideas and skills to what has already been a most satisfying ef-

fort. FD is the best "ability sharpener" we've seen yet. We all hope that we never see a disaster that requires a full-blown low-band communications effort, but if it ever comes, we're readier than ever! — W6BKY

The North Texas High Frequency Association (WB5TSB/5 2A)

The NTHFA is a new club and this was our first Field Day . . . we got a lot to learn. Thought we were all set until we discovered that the big generator that we had borrowed was drinking gasoline at the rate of about one gallon per hour (and this on one of the worst gas weekends we've had in the area . . . no gas stations open). What we thought was a misfortune turned out to be a blessing in disguise when the generator conked out about midnight and we put the backup on line. To our surprise, the new power plant supplied ample power at about one-fourth the gas thirst of the other. We got overly ambitious, trying to run too many rigs with too few people . . . spread ourselves way too thin . . . but we had a good time.

And now an opinion. I am sure that I am not the first to have this thought, but if Field Day is supposed to be an exercise and/or test of emergency preparedness and ability, then I don't think that it fills the bill. Seems if you really wanted to test preparedness, it should



A pair of Jacks, VE2DPF (l) and VE2DAW, slug it out for the CRA De Valleyfield. (VE2CEV/2 3A)



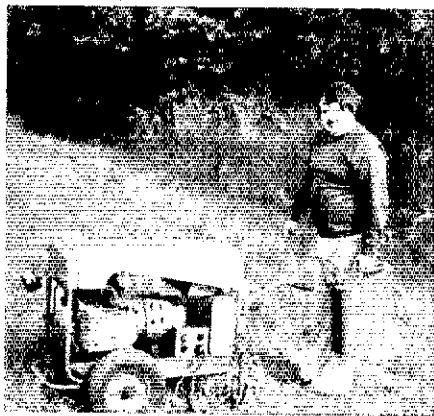
Three of the XYLs at WB4AIN. See how happy they are! See them having fun! See them enjoying themselves! See how happy they are to cook for the gang! Run generator, run! The Ten Four Good Buddies. (2A)



K8MR (l) and WD8ALG of the Mad River Radio Club splicing the rotator cable.

Number of Entries per Transmitter Class

Class	No. Entries	Class	No. Entries
1A	220	2B	41
2A	362	1C	22
3A	298	2C	1
4A	173	1D	90
5A	124	2D	5
6A	49	3D	2
7A	34	4D	1
8A	14	5D	2
9A	7	1E	17
10A	5	2E	1
11A	3	3E	1
12A	2	4E	1
13A	1		
14A	1	Check Logs	16
16A	2	Incomplete	64
21A	1	Late	22
1B	124	TOTAL	1706



K1WXK is a gas at the Wallingford ARS FD location. (W1SY/1 2A)



W7GPW (I) and K7YR, putting up the first of two five-element Yagis for 10 phone. The Mike and Key ARC, K7LED/7, 7A.



The ops of the Texas Chigger Growers Association plus their cooks and the head armadillo chaser. (K5MW/5 2A)



Yup, gang, that's snow under the feet of KA3BLO. He and 1B-battery partner, W6JTH/6, spent three days carrying 60-pound packs to get to the top of 14,018-foot Mt. Tyndall for Field Day.

run like the practice alert situations that we did in the Army. Announce FD is coming within a certain week or month, then actually kick it off unannounced except through regular WIAW bulletins or traffic/service nets. Like to see it announced for sometime in the month of June, for example, then actually call if for about midnight (possibly not even on a weekend). Have a rule that no advanced setup be allowed. Then I'd like to see some of those groups thrashing around in the dark trying to put up those monster towers and beams. My guess is that there would be some "pip-squeak" stations that were really and truly emergency organized and would have logged a couple of hundred contacts before some of the "big guns" ever got their guy wires sorted out. Oh, well, it's a thought. [And a darned good one, too. — Ed.] — *W5JCY*

The Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (K4ZM/4 2A)

Hats off to all the operators and loggers who participated in the MARC Field Day '79, for a job well done. It should be noted that even though it was vacation time, and just two weeks previous to FD we had held our annual hamfest (an outstanding success), and we were to provide communications for the National Collegiate Air Competitions, held in Mobile (AL) on FD weekend, we were still able to set

up and operate in our normal 2A Field Day classification. This was no small feat when you consider how much our ranks had been depleted by other attractions here on the Gulf Coast at this time of year (string bikinis, filled with beautiful YLs, etc.).

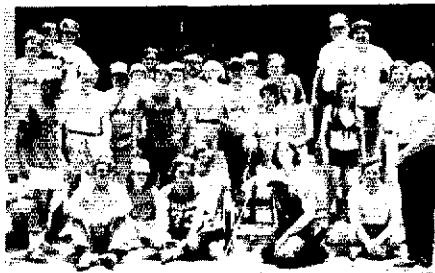
The weather was picture perfect. Once again, we were spared afternoon thundershowers (five years in a row — knock wood) during FD. However, two hours after we had left the FD site, a big storm with high winds, heavy lightning, and about an inch of rain hit the area. The mid-day temperature reached 96 degrees, but we operated in the comfort of two air-conditioned travel trailers (a must to obtain operators in this area).

The cw station was once again proud to report that they had not only out-pointed the phone station, but had out-QSOed them by 60.

Our 1979 FD outing was an unqualified success. Everyone who participated had a great time, we scored our highest ever point total, and many new operators were introduced to portable-emergency communications. — *WD4KMB*

Cobweb City Contest Group/Bloomington, NJ, CD (WA2VZW/2 1A Batt)

Our first club attempt at Field Day. We operated from High Point State Park (1802-ft elevation) in Sussex County, NJ.



"The Hogtown Hammers"
Gainesville, Florida.

The Hogtown hammers. (W4WJ/4 9A)



"Are you sure the instructions say that we must mount the antenna like this?" The Wayne AR Tech Society, AI8P/8, 5A.

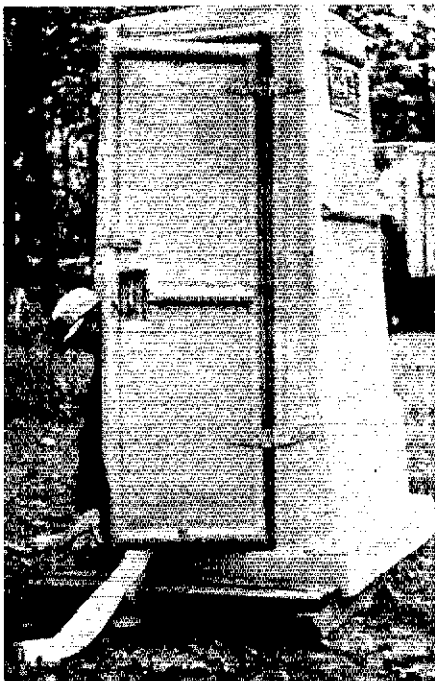
The antennas were held aloft by helium-filled weather balloons. An inverted V with a movable parasitic reflector does wonders, especially when it's 150 feet in the air. Everything went smoothly during setup except when a slight wind came up, causing WB2WAB to test its direction by loosening his death grip on one of the weather balloons.

Temperature on Sunday morning was about 45 degrees, causing KA2BNF to devise a method of sending cw from a sleeping bag. WA2VZW had a little trouble during the night when he was awakened to tend the battery recharger. He fell over what appeared to be a 350-pound tent caterpillar (actually WB2YMW in a sleeping bag) and fell into a patch of poison ivy. All in all, a great time was had by all and we are anxiously awaiting next year's Field Day. — WA2VZW

Lassen Amateur Radio Club (KC6M/6)

Our club rallied to the 1979 Field Day with one of our best turnouts ever. In the last year, our little club, which is located in the sparsely populated Sierra-Nevada Mountains in north-eastern California, has added to its membership many Novices and quite a few others who aspire to earn their amateur tickets.

With nearly every member of our organization taking a hand in some part of the planning or procurement, we went into the hills with 10 operators and a considerable support crew. Starting our setup at 1900 UTC, we were able to overcome most of the little "snags" in short order. Applause rang out when the Novice station — using a rig, which was totally "foreign"



Everyone likes to play Field Day, but no one likes to do the *paperwork* on the club entry. WA1VCU is no exception with the Provin Mt. Amateur Repeater Group, N1AV, 10 A. Maybe the logs take up less space when they are rolled up like that.

to our Novices — finally managed its first contact.

The highlight of our adventure was a huge potluck supper and barbecue on Saturday evening attended by 45 people. Families and visitors enjoyed the get-together and capped the feast with a marshmallow roast and a successful SkyLab sighting. Visitors departed and the kids were put to bed under the stars as our operators returned to the airwaves with sticky fingers and bleary eyes. It was such a good time that plans have already been made for next year's Field Day. — WB6AGM

Where Did Field Day Go?

Where *did* Field Day go? Conceived in 1933 as "a test of our ability to carry on portable/emergency communications," Field Day is an entirely different animal 46 years later in 1979. Now *weeks* are spent in advance of Field Day, setting up the site for the "Big Day." Logistics and equipment are handled that would boggle the minds of the planners of the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Lot of good this type of operation would be in the event that emergency/Field Day-type communications ever became necessary. It's all well and good to get the exercise of spending several days in disassembling someone's home station to spend several more days reerecting it in a cow pasture somewhere else. Great for the cardiovascular system, but does nothing for an individual's or club's ability to react quickly with good solid communications systems in times of disaster.

But don't you need to erect the "giant-killer" station to be competitive in the contest? Brings us to another sore spot in the evolution of the Field Day of 1979. *Field Day is not a contest* (in the normal use of the word contest), although the rules of fair play, scoring and



The VE3JRT/3 ops: from left VE3JRT, VE3FQX, VE3FRB, VE3JRO and missing from the photo is VE3KKB.

contest disqualification criteria apply. Field Day is an emergency preparedness exercise and a time for good friends/club members to get together and work toward a mutual goal and have a good time in the process.

There are contests that favor just about any interest group in Amateur Radio today. Contests for DXers, vhfers, SSTVers, monoband operators, different fraternal club members, members of industrially sponsored radio clubs, etc. ad infinitum. So, although a little healthy cross-town rivalry/competition might stimulate interest in Field Day operations, we don't need the intense competition that drives a group to take an operator off a given band because his/her rate is not high enough. We (the amateur community) don't need the type of operators who'll use kilowatts from their home stations and claim the low-power emergency-power bonus to add a few points to their score to be able to "win." Probably as much to blame as the unsavory ops are the rules and guidelines for FD that have remained unchanged for too long. Is there enough incentive to explore using nonfossil-fuel power sources on FD? How about making low-power operation more attractive?

Where Is Field Day Going?

Let's keep in mind what we should try to accomplish in "going out" to Field Day every year and see if we can come up with some suggestions for rules changes and improvements that would help us more clearly define our goals. Let's define the goals of Field Day as being the following:

- 1) To train operators to be able to establish communications under less than optimum conditions.

- 2) Encourage versatility in operating procedures — innovation being the key word.

- 3) Advocate the acquisition of construction of Amateur Radio equipment solely for use during emergency situations.

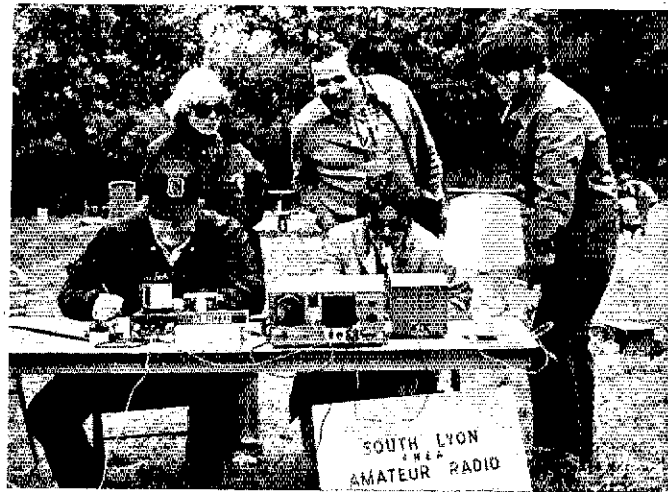
- 4) Instill club, group and individual pride in being able to work together toward a common goal.

- 5) To provide a vehicle for amateurs to get together and display to the public their communications skills in an informal, relaxed setting.

- 6) Allow sufficient time for club members,



The Novice ops of Post 599 lent a hand to the Palo Alto ARA. (K6YT/6 4A)



The South Lyon Area ARC, WB8QXB, was honored by a visit from Jules, LX1TJ (standing center) and Lea, LX1TL (seated center). Dorothy, AF8E (standing left) club president, Bernie, WD8DOX (sitting left) and Steve, N8AR, complete this pix.

family members, amateurs and nonamateurs alike a chance to *enjoy* an early summer outing.

Are there any "Goals of Field Day" that we've forgotten? Let us know how you feel.

The Field Day rules ARE going to change. How much or how little just is not certain at this point. If you have *any* suggestions, ideas, thoughts or whatever in the way of constructive comment on how the FD rules can be changed for the better, take the time *now* to convey your thoughts to us here at ARRL HQ. (Call on the landline, write, or drop in. Why not devote a club meeting to a discussion of Field Day, get someone to record any suggestions and send 'em in?) *Your input will be used* by the appropriate advisory committee in making decisions on revamping the FD rules. If you don't bother to convey your input, someone else will be making the decisions for you.

Look for the revised Field Day rules to show up in the pages of *QST* early in 1980. C U on Field Day 1980.

SOAPBOX

Murphy showed his face like never before on Friday night. While we were setting up, a dozen or so weirdos, dressed in black robes and hoods with white-painted faces and dark sunglasses, crept up on our hilltop site and surrounded us. They were chanting "Omega, Omega" over and over. They eventually slithered away (W2RQ/W2SQ). Sorry to say that our score is not as high as usual, this year. We had to shut down the generator from midnight to 6 A.M. because of a gasoline shortage (W2DMC). It has been said that the perfect Field Day is when the organization makes a good score and all the participants have plenty of time to party. In the near future, with computers operating the stations, this may be a reality (W9O/9). We at N4FE/4 discovered another corollary to Murphy's Law: Water is always attracted to the most expensive equipment and the most important log sheets (WA4WAR). The most difficult problem we faced was trying to coordinate the delivery of the Port-A-John on Friday afternoon so that its location would be *down wind* from the Field Day site (K8CQ/W8VPV). Site was an eight-acre island in northeastern Minnesota. All went well until the only light that we had for nighttime operation (a Coleman lantern) fell and broke at midnight. No way to see to fill the generator until dawn! The area was too remote to return with more lighting equipment (AA0U). The highlight of this Field Day was, of all things, the crosscheck sheet! We had an HP-9825A desk-top computer next to each of the four rigs to provide instantaneous checking for

duplicate contacts. Our perennial log checker, WA6NIL, had no complaints about being replaced by a machine (K6YA/AA6PZ). After 23 years of solo Field Days (my XYL has always helped with the antennas and the chow), I found someone who has the same FD (W6OUL) philosophy that I do. We had a ball. The phonetics used were quite creative. A couple that stick in my mind are WA7 Weird Old Wino and W9 Jock Itch (W7CB/W6ANB/W6OUL). Our third FD effort was staged on the same 100-foot hill that we had used in '78. We should have been ready for anything. After all, this is Michigan and we who have lived here long enough expect anything in the way of weather. But, it was a little surprising to have a continuous 15-30 mph wind from 8 A.M. Saturday until 4 P.M. Sunday. What really shocked us was the 36-degree temperature overnight on the first full weekend of summer! We eventually looked like the Big Rapids Snowmobile Club and one fellow (WD8PKC) commented that he'd actually been out here on his snowmobile when it was warmer. Anyway, the survivors (we all made it, but we seem to have lost a few along the way) all agreed that it was "fun" and we'll do it again next year (WD8NKA/WB8TVB). A landmark in history: first Field Day without rain (K1JNQ/1). Thought we would try VE8 this year. Haven't heard many of them on in all my years of operating during Field Day. Total round trip was almost 4000 miles! Is that dedication to FD or what? Condy sure aren't very gud from that location (W9JOO/VE8). Does anyone remember the multiplier for mosquito contacts? (WSAC/WB5LCU). We operated from the Space Needle near downtown Seattle. Many folks think that it is hard to raise their 14-element 2-meter beams above the TV antenna at home. But, just let them try to get a 4-element 15-meter beam (monobander) up on the roof of the Space Needle (especially in high winds). The elements did not fit in the elevator, so they made the journey (a 17-minute climb) courtesy of our feet. All in all, the "Roasted Turkey Guts on the Space Needle FD" was worth it . . . see you next year from the Cascade Mountains (WB7RTG/WB7PSP). We do not claim the highest score, but we do claim the largest number of generators used on FD. The Northeast Mississippi ARC club generator started getting oil in the cooling water, due to a cracked block. A second generator was fired up but the output was so unregulated (from 75 to 180 volts) that it was decided not to use this power source in order to protect the rigs. The third generator, removed from the shipping carton that very day was put into service, but it raced wide open until it could be quickly shut down. A fourth generator was borrowed from a repair shop and ran for several hours until it refused to restart after a routine gas and oil stop. The club found out just how ready for a disaster we really were (K5DGL/5). Even though we have just a small group, we had a really great time. The only thing that we can say to the "real big setups" is wait 'til next year (Hit) (KA2BSC/KA2BSD). Though the QRM was fierce, especially on phone, we encountered many fine operators. The level of activity seemed as good as I have heard it for many years. Hope that everyone had as good a time as we did (AA9D/9).

FEEDBACK

From the 1978 Field Day writeup in the 1978 November issue of *QST*, some corrections to note. A few of your mistakes, our mistakes, some additions, deletions, etc.

In Class 1-A, at 3260 points, the Norwood ARC should have been listed with the same line-score + 100 points in the 2-A classification. Class 2-A Mid-Willamette Valley ARC at 2454 points should be moved to the 2-A battery listings while keeping the same total score. The BC Contest Club, VE7CC/7, listed in the "unable to determine which category" department, advises us that they had three transmitters in simultaneous operation and should be listed in the 3-A category with 6392 points. The Lincoln Trail ARC (4-A) at 2642 points inadvertently counted their Novice transmitter toward their transmitter total and should be listed under 3-A at 2542 points.

We misfiled the FD entry of the Jacksonville ARC (4-A), who had a total of 2194 points, 685 QSOs, nine folks participating, and ran 200 watts (dc) or less at all times.

A slip up in the mails was the reason that WASIPS (WD5COV) did not appear in the 1-B commercial listings. OLE and David made 56 contacts, 6 watts (dc input) for a total score of 560 points.

A blank space left on the FD summary sheet resulted in the South Hills Brass Pounders and Modulators, W3PIQ, being listed in 6-A as a nonclub group with 3676 total points.

Finally, in 1-A battery, the name of the club at 6160 points was the Mara Juana Field Day Party. Finis.

SCORES

Class A stations are clubs or groups operating portable, with more than two operators. Score listings are grouped according to the number of transmitters in simultaneous operation at each station. The scores list club or group name, total number of contacts, letter indicating power classification (determined by the dc input power where A is 10 watts or less, B is greater than 10 watts but less than or equal to 200 watts, and C is greater than 200-watts input), number of participants (if known), and total score — listed in descending order from highest to lowest score.

Class B stations are those portable stations manned by one or two operators. Where two persons participated, the call of the other operator (if known) is shown following that of the amateur whose call was used. Figures following the calls indicate number of contacts, power (same as class A), and final score.

Class C are mobile stations. These are listed by call (number of operators), number of contacts, power (same as class A) and final score.

Class D are home stations using commercial power sources. These are listed by call, number of contacts, power and final score.

Class E stations are home stations utilizing emergency power sources. The listings include call, number of contacts, power and final score.

Asterisks (*) denote stations, which did begin setup operations prior to 1800 UTC on Saturday. [E-1]

Table with columns for location, frequency, and call sign. Includes entries like Cuyahoga Falls ARC, Delaware ARC, W3SL/3*, etc.

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Table with columns for location, frequency, and call sign. Includes entries like The Hogtown Hammers, W4WJ/4*, etc.

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Table with columns for location, frequency, and call sign. Includes entries like San Francisco RC, W6PW/6*(WA6IZB), etc.

Table 14A: Northtown ARC, VESNAR/3*, Scarborough ARC, Inc., VE3WE/3*

Table 21A: Enfieldwood RA, Inc., K2KX/2*(KA2EMC)

Table TB - Battery: K3VW/3*(K3VWW), W1ECH/1*(K3NW), etc.

Table TB - Battery: W6GNAC/G*(WA6GVH), W6JTH/6*(KA3BLO), etc.

Table TB: W7NNH/7*(WB7ALP), K1TH/2, WB9LKC/9(2 prs), etc.

Table TB: K3LR/3(2 prs), W7CB/6*(W6QUL), K8Z/8*(K8WW), etc.

Table TB: K3VK/3*(K3BXC), W9RC/9*(WA9ANN), N2AE/2*(WA2DEZ), etc.

Table TB: W1BB/1, W1BB/1

Table WB2YX/2*: 32 B - 64

Table TB - Commercial: WB9TBI/9*(W9DANB), W5UNK/5*(W5DLJ), etc.

Table 2B - Battery: W2CR5/2*(WA2FV5), W2XS/2*(N2GC), etc.

Table 2B: WA6OTU/6*(AA6RX), W1JW/1*(W1WEF), N4FD/4*(W4YHF), etc.

Table 2B: W7BBO/7*(KA7DEV), WA3KE/3*(WB3CZ), W6SUV/6*(WB5SHH), etc.

Table 2B - Commercial: AA4V/4*(WA4SV5), W9FGY/9*(KA9CGQ), etc.

Table 1C: K3ZMI/5, W6MX/M, K9EAE/M(4 prs), W6EVA/M, etc.

Table 2C: WB9CRR/M(5 prs), 235 B - 602

Table 1D: W7US/5, N7US(2 prs), W5ZUP, etc.

Table 1D: W8K/8, W8K/8, W8K/8, W8K/8, W8K/8, etc.

Table WA4TNI, K3QW, N4NK, W6M/HF(2 prs), etc.

Table WA2LJY, W8W/8, W8W/8, W8W/8, W8W/8, etc.

Table 2D: K9VHF/2(2 prs), WA7RG/5(10 prs), W8BKAD/2(2 prs), etc.

Table 3D: K1AR/1(6 prs), W8BKTO/3(3 prs), 3097 B - 8644

Table 4D: W8UB/12(2 prs), 299 B - 660

Table 5D: K8AA/15(2 prs), WB9FZ/2(7 prs), 3613 C - 1150

Table 1E: K3RA*(10 prs), N2US, W5UDR/5(6 prs), etc.

Table 2E: WA4PV/3(3 prs), 296 B - 642

Table 3E: W7BU/15(2 prs), 871 B - 1850

Table 4E: W6UN/5(5 prs), 782 B - 2520

Operating News

Conducted By John F. Lindholm,* W1XX

Blinders and DX

Are the opinions of amateurs outside North America really important? You bet your frequencies they are. Wagering does not exactly run in my blood, but betting two bucks on a straight flush is almost as good as working a ZA. But, can we gamble away the valued opinion of our fellow amateurs abroad?

Pursuing this gambling thought a bit further: At the track, canines and nags wear blinders to keep from straying off course. Think about it. It's not too difficult for us as amateurs to also wear blinders. I confess I've been as guilty as anyone. Listening to the DX bands, it may sound to some as though Amateur Radio exists for North Americans only. But there is a whole world out there.

It was on a recent four-week sojourn to Scandinavia that I was introduced to both slot machines and the European viewpoint of what's happening on the bands. There is a European point of view concerning contests and DX that we North Americans, including myself, find hard to understand. As an aside, however, I must first acknowledge how gracious my hosts were to me during my Nordic visit. It was a lesson in hospitality to the nth power for which this visitor was most appreciative. The wide recognition and respect for the ARRL DXCC program was a good point of discussion. It amazed this observer to learn of the number of DX amateurs who have qualified for DXCC (and the Honor Roll!) who prefer to receive only national acclaim through the more local QSL checking by the IARU society's DX managers. And it's big-time participation. DXCC has universal acceptance as a prestigious award for the entire world; it is the standard for DX operating throughout the world. In Europe, it is even the basis for vhf contests and individual country totals amassed on vhf.

So the thoughts, input, feelings and expressions of amateurs throughout the world are sorely needed to govern the truly international pastime of working DX. ARRL must not be callous in the disposition of decisions relating to DXCC. It affects too many people. Stateside amateurs cannot view the rules and direction of DXCC with a provincial view. The eye must be on the horizon. With many overseas societies basing their awards program on the DXCC country criteria, it's a chain reaction, a weighty responsibility.

Likewise with contests. Our DX contests require worldwide participation to be successful. Are we meeting the needs of all amateurs or just the selfish interests of those stateside? Since ARRL is the IARU society for the United

States and Canada, those binational considerations must be of prime importance. But let's not forget the interests of our friends overseas.

How to do this? Certainly, international friendship can permeate our day-to-day operating procedures on the DX bands. Furthermore, at the formal level, input to our Advisory Committees, like the DXAC, from overseas amateurs through membership or

liaison from each continent may be desirable. Can we afford not to tap the voice of experience right on or near the DX scene? After all, we can't possibly have all the answers.

Blinders have their uses, but Amateur Radio is too international to tolerate them. Let's not gamble, but instead attempt to see clearly into the future of Amateur Radio and tune in the voices of our fellow amateurs the world over.

W1AW Schedule

October 28, 1979-April 26, 1980

W1AW code practice and bulletin transmissions are sent on the following schedule:

MTWThFSSn = Days of Week Dy = Daily

UTC	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice Cw Bulletins RTTY Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 0300, 1400; TThS: 0000, 2100; Sn: 0300, 2100 MWF: 0000, 2100; TTh: 0300, 1400; S: 0300; Sn: 0000 Dy: 0100, 0400, 2200; MTWThF: 1500 Dy: 0200, 0500, 2300; MTWThF: 1600 Dy: 0230, 0530
EST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice Cw Bulletins RTTY Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 9 A.M., 7 P.M.; TThSSn: 4 P.M., 10 P.M. MWF: 4 P.M., 10 P.M.; TTh: 9 A.M.; TThSSn: 7 P.M. Dy: 5 P.M., 8 P.M., 11 P.M.; MTWThF: 10 A.M. Dy: 6 P.M., 9 P.M., 12 P.M.; MTWThF: 11 A.M. Dy: 9:30 P.M., 12:30 A.M.
CST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice Cw Bulletins RTTY Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 8 A.M., 6 P.M.; TThSSn: 3 P.M., 9 P.M. MWF: 3 P.M., 9 P.M.; TTh: 8 A.M.; TThSSn: 6 P.M. Dy: 4 P.M., 7 P.M., 10 P.M.; MTWThF: 9 A.M. Dy: 5 P.M., 8 P.M., 11 P.M.; MTWThF: 10 A.M. Dy: 8:30 P.M., 11:30 P.M.
PST	Slow Code Practice Fast Code Practice Cw Bulletins RTTY Bulletins Voice Bulletins	MWF: 6 A.M., 4 P.M.; TThSSn: 1 P.M., 7 P.M. MWF: 1 P.M., 7 P.M.; TTh: 6 A.M.; TThSSn: 4 P.M. Dy: 2 P.M., 5 P.M., 8 P.M.; MTWThF: 7 A.M. Dy: 3 P.M., 6 P.M., 9 P.M.; MTWThF: 8 A.M. Dy: 6:30 P.M., 9:30 P.M.

Code practice and cw bulletin frequencies: 1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08, 147.555 MHz.

RTTY bulletin frequencies: 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555 MHz.

Voice bulletin frequencies: 1.835, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 21.39, 28.59, 50.19, 147.555 MHz.

Slow code practice is at 5, 7-1/2, 10, 13 and 15 wpm.

Fast code practice is at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 wpm.

Code practice texts are from QST and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds. For example, "Text is from February 1979 QST, pages 9 and 82" indicates that the main text is from the article on page 9 and the mixed number/letter groups at the end of each speed are from the contest scores on page 82.

Cw bulletins are sent at 18 wpm, Teletype bulletins are sent at 60 wpm with 170 Hz shift.

W1AW is open for visitors Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 1 A.M. EST and on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. EST. If you desire to operate W1AW, be sure to bring the original copy of your license with you. W1AW is available for operation by visitors between 1 and 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, RTTY at 15 minutes past the hour, and cw on the half hour.

W1AW will be closed on November 22, December 24-25, January 1, February 18 and April 4.

Station staff: Chief Operator/Asst. Communications Mgr. C. R. Bender, W1WPR; Chris Schenck, W1EH; Charles Chadwick, K8AXL.

SCM ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, San Diego, South Dakota,

Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Pacific and Maritime-Newfoundland sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Communications Manager. A petition, to be valid, must contain the signatures of five or more full ARRL members residing in the section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures on that petition. No member may sign more than one

petition. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition.

Petition forms (CD-129) are available on request from ARRL headquarters but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)

Communications Manager, ARRL
225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111
We, the undersigned full members of the . . . ARRL

*Communications Manager, ARRL

Section of the ... Division, hereby nominate ... as candidate for Section Communications Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office. (Signature ... Call ... City ... ZIP ...)

SCM candidates must have been a member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years and a licensed amateur of General class or higher (Canadian Advanced Amateur Certificate) immediately prior to receipt of petition at Headquarters.

Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 5:30 P.M. Eastern Local Time, December 7, 1979.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on January 2, 1980, returns counted February 19, 1980, and SCMs elected as a result of the above procedures will take office April 1, 1980.

If only one valid petition is received for a section, that nominee shall be declared elected, without opposition, for a two-year term beginning April 1, 1980.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in April QST, and an SCM elected through the resolicitation process will serve a term of 18 months.

Vacancies in any SCM office between elections are filled by appointment by the communications manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.

John F. Lindholm, W1XX
Communications Manager

REPEAT SCM NOMINATING SOLICITATION

Since no petitions were received for the Colorado section as a result of notices in April and May QST, nominating petitions for this section are herewith resolicited. See the above notice for details on how to nominate.

SCM ELECTION RESULTS

The following election was conducted for a two-year term of office beginning October 1, 1979.

Balloting Results: In the Washington Section, Robert L. Klepper, W7IEU received 1056 votes and Steve Twiggs, WB7FGC received 371 votes. Mr. Klepper is declared elected.

Strays



Dr. Gerald Blankfort, WA6GTT, examines 10-year-old Paulino Freire of Ecuador while the boy's mother looks on. WA6GTT arranged to have Paulino flown to Los Angeles, where surgery to remove a tumor the pharynx was performed successfully. To express his gratitude to all the hams who helped, Paulino is now studying for his ham license. (Los Angeles Herald-Examiner photo)

OSCAR 7

DATE (UTC)	Ref. Orbit	Time (UTC)	Long. W.
1 Oct.	22304	0111:01	83.9
2 Oct.	22316	0010:21	68.7
3 Oct.	22329	0104:38	82.3
4 Oct.	22341	0003:58	67.2
5 Oct.	22354	0058:15	80.8
6 Oct.	22367	0152:32	94.3
7 Oct.	22379	0051:52	79.2
8 Oct.	22392	0146:09	92.8
9 Oct.	22404	0045:29	77.6
10 Oct.	22417	0139:46	91.2
11 Oct.	22429	0039:06	76.1
12 Oct.	22442	0133:23	89.7
13 Oct.	22454	0032:44	74.5
14 Oct.	22467	0127:01	88.1
15 Oct.	22479	0026:21	73.0
16 Oct.	22492	0120:38	86.6
17 Oct.	22504	0019:58	71.4
18 Oct.	22517	0114:15	85.0
19 Oct.	22529	0013:35	69.9
20 Oct.	22542	0107:52	83.5
21 Oct.	22554	0007:12	68.3
22 Oct.	22567	0101:29	81.9
23 Oct.	22579	0000:50	66.7
24 Oct.	22592	0055:06	80.3
25 Oct.	22605	0149:23	93.9
26 Oct.	22617	0048:44	78.8
27 Oct.	22630	0145:01	92.4
28 Oct.	22642	0042:21	77.2
29 Oct.	22655	0136:38	90.8
30 Oct.	22667	0035:58	75.7
31 Oct.	22680	0130:15	89.3
1 Nov.	22692	0029:35	74.1
2 Nov.	22705	0123:52	87.7
3 Nov.	22717	0023:12	72.6
4 Nov.	22730	0117:29	86.1
5 Nov.	22742	0016:49	71.0
6 Nov.	22755	0111:06	84.6
7 Nov.	22767	0010:27	69.4

OSCAR 8

Ref. Orbit	Time (UTC)	Long. W.
8012A	0133:41	67.6
8026AJ	0138:53	68.9
8039X	0000:51	44.3
8053A	0006:03	45.7
8067AJ	0011:15	47.7
8081J	0016:27	48.3
8095J	0021:39	49.6
8109A	0026:51	50.9
8123AJ	0032:03	52.2
8137X	0037:15	53.5
8151A	0042:27	54.8
8165AJ	0047:39	56.1
8179J	0052:51	57.4
8193J	0058:03	58.7
8207A	0103:15	60.4
8221AJ	0108:27	61.3
8235X	0113:39	62.6
8249A	0118:51	63.9
8263AJ	0124:03	65.2
8277J	0129:14	66.5
8291J	0134:26	67.8
8305A	0139:38	69.1
8318AJ	0001:37	44.6
8332X	0006:49	45.9
8346A	0012:01	47.2
8360AJ	0017:12	48.5
8374J	0022:24	49.8
8388J	0027:36	51.1
8402A	0032:48	52.4
8416AJ	0038:00	53.7
8430X	0043:12	55.9
8444A	0048:24	56.3
8458AJ	0053:36	57.7
8472J	0058:48	59.4
8486J	0104:00	60.3
8500A	0109:12	61.6
8514AJ	0114:24	62.9
8528X	0119:36	64.2

SOVIET RS

Ref. Orbit	Time (UTC)	Long. W.
4065	0101:13	48.7
4077	0105:54	51.4
4089	0110:36	54.1
4101	0115:19	56.8
4113	0120:01	59.5
4125	0124:44	62.3
4137	0129:27	65.4
4149	0134:09	67.7
4161	0138:52	70.4
4173	0143:34	73.2
4185	0148:17	75.9
4197	0153:00	78.6
4209	0157:42	81.3
4220	0002:01	53.8
4232	0006:44	56.6
4244	0011:26	59.3
4256	0016:09	62.5
4268	0020:52	64.7
4280	0025:34	67.5
4292	0030:17	70.2
4304	0034:59	72.9
4316	0039:42	75.6
4328	0044:25	78.4
4340	0049:07	81.1
4352	0053:50	83.8
4364	0058:32	86.5
4376	0103:15	89.2
4388	0107:58	92.2
4400	0112:40	94.7
4412	0117:23	97.4
4424	0122:05	100.1
4436	0126:48	102.9
4448	0131:31	105.6
4460	0136:13	108.3
4472	0140:56	111.8
4484	0145:38	113.8
4496	0150:21	116.5
4508	0155:04	119.2

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 s.a.s.e. When you return it, we'll send you a colorful OSCAR 8 QSL card.

To keep abreast of the latest developments, tune in to the regular phone and cw bulletins over W1AW, AMSAT bulletins transmitted around 29.490 MHz on Mode A, 145.960 MHz on Mode B, and 435.160 Mode J, during O 7 and O 8 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 28.737739° W, per orbit in a period of 114.944783 minutes. O 8 progresses an average of 25.804838° W, in a period of 103.219352 minutes. RS period is 120.3894 minutes. RS progresses 30.227° W.
- 6) O 8 modes of operation are Mondays and Thursdays — Mode A. Tuesday and Friday — Mode AJ. Saturdays and Sundays — Mode J. Wednesdays are for experimental use on Mode A or J or recharge Mode D.

Spacecraft Frequencies

Spacecraft	Uplink	Downlink	Beacon
O 7			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400-29.500 MHz	29.502 MHz
Mode B	432.125-432.175 MHz	145.975-145.925 MHz	145.972 MHz
O 8			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400-29.500 MHz	29.402 MHz
Mode J	145.900-146.000 MHz	435.100-435.200 MHz	435.095 MHz
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. OSCAR locators for O 7, O 8 and Soviet RS are available in the new *Satellite Communications* package at your dealer or direct from ARRL; \$4.75 U.S., \$5.50 elsewhere.

Contest Corral

A Roundup of Upcoming Operating Events

Conducted By Tom Frenaye,* K1KI



OCTOBER

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West Coast Qualifying Run (W6WOP prime, W6ZRJ alternate). 10-35 wpm at 0400Z. The run takes place at 9 P.M. PDT on October 3. 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 enclose your full name, call (if any), and complete mailing address. A large self-addressed envelope will help expedite your award/endorsements.

6-7

ARRL Simulated Emergency Test, September *QST*, page 103.

VK/ZL Oceania DX Contest, phone, September *QST*, page 107.

California QSO Party, September *QST*, page 108.

October QRP QSO Party, September *QST*, page 108.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0200Z (10 P.M. EDT October 9). Transmitted simultaneously on 1,835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. The complete WIAW schedule of code practice and bulletins appears in the "Operating News" column of this issue, or send an s.a.s.e. to ARRL for a copy. Other details per the October 4 listing.

10-11

YL Anniversary Party, phone, sponsored by the YLRL from 1800Z October 10 until 1800Z October 11 (cw from 1800Z November 1 until 1800Z November 2). All bands 160 through 10 meters. No cross band. Only one contact with each station. YLs only, contacts with OMs do not count. Exchange serial number, signal report and ARRL section or country. Log must show time, band, date and transmitter power. Log must be signed. Call CQ YL. Dupe sheets required if score is more than 100 points. Score one point for QSOs in your own ARRL section, two points for QSOs outside your section. Score one point for DX QSOs. Multiply QSO points by sum of ARRL sections plus countries worked. Awards. All entries must show ARRL section. Mail before November 15, 1979. Entries must be received before November 20 by Margaret Williams, K14W, 5 Redwood Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

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ARRL CD Parties, Fall *QCD*, page 8.

VK/ZL Oceania DX Contest, cw, September *QST*, page 107.

9-Land QSO Party, September *QST*, page 108

20-21

Worked All DM Contest, sponsored by the Radioclub of the German Democratic Republic, from 1500Z October 20 until 1500Z October 21. Phone and cw, single or multioperator. 80-10 meters. Do not use first 10 and last 25 kHz of 3.5 and 14 MHz. DM stations send signal report and two-digit number indicating "Kreiskenner." Others send signal report and serial number. Score three points per DM QSO. Multiply by sum of different DM districts worked on each band (phone and cw separate). Maximum of 15 per band. DM districts are indicated by the last letter of the call sign (letters A through O). DM 7, 8 and 0 may be used for missing districts. Include statement (signed and dated) that all contest and licensing rules were followed. Awards. Mail before November 20 to DM-Contest-Bureau, RKDDR, Hosenmannstr.14, UDR 1055 BERLIN, German Democratic Republic.

*Asst. Communications Manager, ARRL

22nd Jamboree-on-the-Air, sponsored by the World Scout Bureau/Boy Scouts of America. Look for activity on the following frequencies: phone — 3740 3940 7090 7290 14,290 21,360 28,990 50,500; cw — 3590 7030 14,070 21,040 28,190 50,050; Novice — 3750 7125 21,140. Not a contest, but more information can be obtained from Harry A. Harchar, W2GND, JOTA Coordinator, Boy Scouts of America, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

21-MHz CW Contest, sponsored by the Radio Society of Great Britain from 0700Z to 1900Z October 21. Special category for QRP operators (less than five watts output). Exchange signal report and serial number. Score three points per QSO. Multiply by number of G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW prefixes worked. Contacts with GB stations do not count. Awards. Entries must be received by December 31 by J. Bazley, G3HCT, Brooklands, Ullenhall, Solihull, West Midlands, B95 5NW, England.

19th WW RTTY DX Sweepstakes, sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Radio Teletype Group, from 0200Z October 20 to 0200Z October 22. 80-10 meters. Only 30 hours of operation permitted. Single operator or multioperator, single transmitter. Exchange signal report, time (UTC) and zone (CARTG zone chart available at address below for s.a.s.e.). Multiplier is number of countries plus continents worked. Add 200 points for each VE/VO QSO to final score. Separate logs for each band. Logs must be received by January 1, 1980, by CARTG, 85 Fifeshire Rd., Willowdale, ON M2L 2G9, Canada.

Missouri QSO Party, sponsored by the St. Louis ARC, from 1100Z October 20 until 0600Z October 22. Exchange signal report and county (MO only) /state/province/country. Extra point for each band worked with same station. Multiply QSO points by MO sections worked. MO stations multiply QSO points by sum of states/provinces/countries for final score. Awards. Participation award. Mail entry by December 1, 1979, to St. Louis ARC, K0LIR, 645 Marshall Ave., St. Louis, MO 63119.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 2300Z (7 P.M. EDT). See October 10 for more details.

27-28

CQ World-Wide DX Contest, phone, sponsored by *CQ Magazine*. 48-hour period UTC. 160 through 10 meters. Single op both single band and multiband, multiop (all-band operation only) with single transmitter and multitransmitter. Exchange report plus CQ zone. A station in a call area different than that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. A multiplier of one for each different zone on each band and a multiplier of one for each different country contacted on each band. You may work your own country and zone for multiplier credit. CQ Zone Map. ARRL Countries List. WAE country list and IARU WAC boundaries are standards. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three points, between stations on the same continent but in different countries one point. Note: For North Americans only contacts between stations within the N.A. boundaries count two points. Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for zone or country multiplier credit but have zero point value. Final score is the result of multiplying total QSO points by the sum of your zone and country multiplier. Single ops must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation to qualify for an award, multiops a minimum of 24 hours. A single-band log is eligible for a single-band award only. Awards. Usual log format and summary with all info and signed declaration. All entrants are required to submit cross-check sheets for each band on which 200 or more QSOs are made. All entrants are encouraged to do likewise. Each dupe found by the committee will result in a penalty of three additional contacts being removed. Logs, summary and zone maps available from CQ, send a large s.a.s.e. with suf-

ficient postage. Postmark entries no later than December 1 for the phone section and January 15, 1980, for the cw section (cw event scheduled for November 24-25). Logs go to CQWW Contest Committee, 14 Vandervent Ave., Port Washington, LI, NY 11050.

NOVEMBER

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YL-AP, cw, see October 10-11 listing.

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HA-QRP Contest, cw, 3500-3600 kHz only. Exchange call sign, signal report, name and QTH. Count one point for QSOs in your own country, otherwise two points. Multiply QSO points by DXCC countries worked. Single and multioperator categories. Your transmitter must run less than five watts input. Log must contain date, time, complete exchange and description of transmitter. Awards. Participation awards. Mail by November 21, 1979, to Radiotechnika Szerkesztosege, Budapest, Pf.603, H-1374, Hungary.

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ARRL Frequency Measuring Test, begins with a call-up at 0300 and 0600Z November 3 (10 P.M. EST November 2 and 1 A.M. EST November 3). WIAW transmitters will be on the air simultaneously on 20, 40 and 80 meters for the duration of the test but in order to correlate your readings with those of the umpire, measurements should be made during the specified periods. Approximate frequencies and measuring periods for the early run are 14,105 kHz between 0307 and 0312Z, 7075 kHz between 0315 and 0320Z and 3545 kHz between 0323 and 0328Z. For the late run, 14,080 kHz between 0607 and 0612Z, 7065 kHz between 0615 and 0620Z, and 3535 kHz between 0623 and 0628Z. Submit your averages for each period to be compared with the umpire, a professional frequency measuring laboratory. Indicate how many readings you took to form your averages. Your report must be received by November 15. WIAW will transmit official results in an ARRL Bulletin beginning November 16.

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ARRL Sweepstakes, cw, this issue, page 96.

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0500Z (9 P.M. PST November 6). See October 10 for more details.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 0300Z (10 P.M. EST November 8). See October 10 for more details.

10-11

OK-DX Contest, sponsored by the Central Radio Club, 24-hour period November 11. Phone and cw, 160-10 meters. Exchange signal report and ITU zone. One point per QSO, except OK QSOs count three points. Contacts with your own country count for multiplier only. Multiply QSO points by sum of ITU zones worked on each band. Categories: Single operator, all bands; single operator, single band; multioperator. Separate logs for each band. Usual declaration. Awards. Mail by December 31, 1979, to Central Radio Club, P. O. Box 69, Praha 1, Czechoslovakia.

International Police Association Contest, sponsored by the French section of the IPARC, from 0800-1000,

1400-1700, 1800-2000Z November 10 and 11. Phone and cw. Exchange signal report and serial number. IPA members send "IPA" also. Score two points for 80 and 40 meter QSOs, four points for 20, 15 and 10 meter QSOs. Multiply by sum of IPA countries worked per hand. Suggested frequencies: phone — 3650 7075 14,295 21,295 28,650 kHz; cw — 3575 7025 14,075 21,075 28,075 kHz. More info for an s.a.s.e. (28 cents) to Vince Gambino, WB4QJO, 7606 Kingsbury Rd., Alexandria, VA 22310. Mail logs by December 31 to Bureau International IPA, Section Francaise, CNAS, Gerard Dupuis, 15 Rue Cambaceres, 75008 Paris, France.

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ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone, this issue, page 96.

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CQ World-Wide DX Contest, cw.

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W1AW Qualifying Run

DECEMBER

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ARRL 160-Meter Contest

EA-DX Contest, phone
A.V. RTTY DX Contest
North Carolina QSO Party
Connecticut QSO Party

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ARRL 10-Meter Contest

EA-DX Contest, cw
HA-DX Contest, cw

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Teenage A R Contest
HA5 DX Contest

JANUARY

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Straight Key Night
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ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
ARRL CD Party

FEBRUARY

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Novice Roundup
16-17
ARRL DX Competition, cw

MARCH

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ARRL DX Competition, phone

Strays



What's in a cover? Shooting a cover for one of our publications is no easy task. We usually leave this up to a professional photographer. We thought you'd find this view interesting since it is typical of a setup for a cover shot. Here, Ray Hope of Meyers Studio adjusts a spot on an rf amplifier to be depicted in and on the 1980 ARRL Handbook.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIMULATED FLIGHT

□ The Link Amateur Radio Group special-event station W2JV will operate on 7.235 and 14.280 ssb and 14.040 and 7.040 cw beginning at 1200 UTC October 14 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of simulated flight. A certificate of commemoration will be sent to all stations making contact with W2JV. Send QSL and large self-addressed envelope to E. P. Yost, W2DDJ, Box 261 RD no. 1, Port Crane, NY 13833.

W3LWW TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

□ The Foothills ARC of Greensburg, PA, will celebrate their 20th anniversary by holding a mini-Field Day from 1400 UTC on Saturday, October 20, until 1400 UTC on Sunday, October 21. Phone and cw operation will take place on 10 through 80 meters, 5-10 kHz up from the bottom of the General class portion of each band. Certificates will be awarded to anyone working W3LWW (s.a.s.e. required).

20TH ANNUAL CQ-WE CONTEST

□ Bell Labs and Western Electric ARC, Columbus, OH, will host the 20th annual CQ-WE contest on November 10 and 11 UTC. This year's contest is open to all Bell System employees and retirees, including Western Electric, Bell Labs, AT&T Co., AT&T Long Lines and Bell System operating companies. For complete contest details and rules contact your local coordinator or send s.a.s.e. to Host Chairman Ed Kowalski, Bell Labs-RM-1K227, 6200 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213.

CRAZY EIGHT QSO PARTY

□ The Crazy Eight net of Pittsburgh, PA, will hold their first annual QSO Party on 10 meters for 24 hours beginning at 0000 UTC on October 28. All stations are welcome to participate, but only certificate holders may submit logs. Contest manager is Jim Lundberg, WB3ICC, 571 Washington St., McKeesport, PA 15132.

CENTER OF THE WORLD OPERATION

□ "Expedition to the Center of the World," operated by the Warren Amateur Radio Association, will work 28.625, 21.360, 14.285, 7.235 and 3.900 MHz ssb, and 21.125 MHz cw, from The Center of the World, just outside Warren, OH, on October 13-14. Certificate available from WRVTD, P. O. Box 809, Warren, OH 44483. Send a large s.a.s.e., please.

QSL CARDS, PLEASE

□ Bill "Hawkeye" Rundle collects QSL cards. Unusual? Not really. But Bill is confined to bed, and is an avid Amateur Radio enthusiast. Since he was introduced to message handling a year ago by WB1ASX, Bill has gained so much more interest in life. He sends messages all over the country to pen pals, and collects QSLs as a hobby. How about sending yours to Bill "Hawkeye" Rundle, Essex County Geriatrics Hospital, Belleville Ave., Belleville, NJ 07109.

LOOK FOR GERITOL

□ Those Extra Class amateurs who are addicted to Geritol, the Geritol net that is, return to 3787 every Friday evening from 0100 to 0700 UTC from September 30 to April 30. See QST, February 1978, page 80, and December 1978, page 82, for details.

Station Activities

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CANADIAN DIVISION

ALBERTA: SCM, Sydney T. Jones, VE6MJ — SEC: VE6XC. Net Manager (APSN); VE6AFO Net Manager; (ACWV) VE6BBL. VE6VH has been on vacation in BC and has been working the gang box from 40 to 60 meters. The Northern Alberta Radio Club members were active with communications for the Alberta Summer Games at St. Albert. I regret to have to report the passing of VE6SB in Calgary. He was well known and was highly respected and will be particularly missed in DX circles. Traffic: VE6CHK 69, VE6BBL 46, VE6ABC 32, VE6WV 2.

MANITOBA: SCM, Peter Guenther, VE4PG — Asst. SCM: VE4JP. SEC: VE4TR, STM: VE4RO, NMS: VE4N NM TE IZ VJ AGB. The Skyhook Project got off the ground July 26. A National Research Council balloon carried Amateur Radio gear exploring the possibility of improving 2-meter antennas. More details on this when all the information is in. More than 500 contacts were made. Could be that Gilmil will end up as second NASA for amateurs. SkyLab on the other hand had many amateurs on standby for the best part of the day. This report will be in QST under public service. Among the Amateurs now with Advanced tickets are VE4s ACF AED ACX AEA plus a few others that I don't have info on. Again congratulations. VE4IG is coming along well after a auto accident. VE4IF back from the hospital and checking into the nets again. VE4TT is undergoing surgery and we wish him well. MEPN: QNI 815, QTC 50, Sess 31, MNM: QNI 407, QTC 36, Sess 31. MTN: QNI 89, QTC 21, Sess 18. WRIN: QNI 61, QTC 2, Sess 5. MSN: QNI 4, QTC 18, Sess 7. Traffic: (July) VE4PG 89, VE4QJ 42, VE4TE 29, VE4AE 17, VE4NE 14, VE4BL 9, VE4NM 8, VE4ED 7, VE4AG 6, VE4JA 5, VE4AL 4, VE4CR 4, VE4DS 4, VE4FK 4, VE4AD 2, VE4MG 2 (June) VE4IX 51.

MARITIME: Nfld: SCM, Aaron D. Solomon, VE1OC — Asst. SCM: VO1GB, STM: VE1OC. SEC: FNSW, NMS: VO1JN, VE1MF. Sion Key, VE1XK Hospital; VE1AOC HARG mem. part. GR Search for 2 boys missing nr. Waverley, also for miss. child nr. L. Sackville, NS. 25 Am. part. In SkyLab re-entry watch. HARG mem. provided comp. for Highland Car Rally, VE1s AAC BLO IG RI YO handed 250 mess. NS Skeeet Shoot. SARC pro. comm. for Parade & Canoe Races at Myra. New PEI ARR: VE1BPU, ex pres; VE1BPH, vice pres; VE1BPU, secy. VE1BSJ/VE6MBT ret'd safely Bermuda in Mouette II. VE1FO on trip GR. Lakes courtesy GAF for PS work. MAARC rpts. best Fed vet with 7 trans in operation. At Campertown: VCSU 12 CB. CBR ABC BPC GC ex-ec. At Grand: Head: VE1BJR, VE1ZL. Many outstanding visitors operating on 75 M and 2-M mobile, APN: Sections 31, QNI 150, QTC 108/98. Traffic: (July) VE1WF 273, VE1RI 105, VE1IG 62, VE1YO 60, VE1LC/R/O 49, VE1BL 46, VE1AAB 34, VE1OC 23, VE1XF 11, VE1AUL 6. (June) VE1BE 37.

ONTARIO: SCM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — SEC: VE3APK, STM: VE3GOL. As we head back to our fall on the air activities I want to extend my sincere thanks to all the hard working club bulletin editors and their assistants for the many excellent bulletins that I receive each month. Your help makes this column possible. I would like to hear of club activity from London, Burlington, Hamilton, Thunder Bay and some of the Toronto clubs, namely Nortown and Skywide. If you have a spare copy of your club bulletin, I'll put it to good use. VE2XK a retired and very popular RI became a Silent Key. Our sincere sympathies to his family. The Ont. Trilliums are preparing to celebrate their 15th anniversary party in Nov. 1980. Their annual Weekend Contest is slated for Nov. 3rd and 4th. VE3AIZ is now active on the Black Fly repeater. The CARTG 1979 Contest named the "Canada 79 Sweepstakes" will be held from 0200Z Oct. 20th to 0200Z Oct. 22nd. VE3DJK took part in SkyLab one. VE3JLN won a D-104 desk mike while in the process of mastering a KR50 keyer. VE3INQ has a 160 meter quarter wave vertical erected and would like to hear from other 160 meter enthusiasts regarding their antenna systems. Special thanks to VE3RF for the excellent job he did handling down the OPN while long time NM VE3EWD was changing QTHs. There are many interesting forums and technical sessions planned for the RSO Conference in Ottawa, Oct. 12, 13 and 14th. Plan to attend. VE3s GOL and KK made BPL for the 18th and 9th times respectively. VE3JHE and his ARES group provided communications for the Kirkland Lake Diamond Jubilee parade and family day. VE3QEH is active again after moving to a new wing in the hospital. A special certificate celebrating Queen Elizabeth Hospital's 100th anniversary is available. VE3s ARY, CNZ and SD are the latest additions. CARL's congratulations to the Oakville ARRL for their participation in "Project Good-will." Traffic: VE3GOL/5 591, VE3KK 353, VE3JR 222, VE3GT 147, VE3ISW 147, VE3DPO 113, VE3HG 84, VE3FZG 61, VE3HOS 50, VE3AAI 40, VE3SB 37, VE3JGU 34, VE3GYD 28, VE3FHZ 26, VE3JRO 24, VE3EWD 15, VE3BVG 17, VE3DUK 16, VE3JMR 16, VE3FRG 21, VE3GCE 13, VE3ANJ 10, VE3APK 10, VE3EBC 8, VE3DVE 5, VE3GNW 5, VE3JHE 4. (June) VE3GYD 26.

QUEBEC: SCM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP — SEC: VE2DEA. The Montreal Hamfest was attended by a great number from all parts of the province also from VE3 land and south of the border. Congrats to VE2FFE, a new OTS who is now an Advanced Amateur. Silent Key VE2RI, well known to all the Oldtimers. VE2s AJG AGP et al. are soon to be active sur le 20 metre en cw et phonic. Traffic: VE2EC 36, VE2EK 15, VE2FE 13, VE2AP 3.

SASKATCHEWAN: SCM, Norm Waltho, VE5AA — The Moose Jaw ARRL is to be congratulated on a successful Particfest 79 held July 27, 28 and 29. A ham radio display was set up at the Moose Jaw Home Town Fair during the second week of July by members of the MJARC. Contacts with VE4NRC, Gilmil Manitoba, via a hot air balloon at 102,000 feet provided 2 meter interest to SK hams the last week in July. The MJARC took top honors in SK during Field Day activities. Amateur Radio will be providing communications at the Western Canada Summer Games to be held in Saskatoon during the week of August 12th through 19th. Traffic: VE5HG 25, VE5BO 20, VE5WM 9, VE5OI 4, VE5NJ 2, VE5RB 2.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SCM, Roger E. Cole, W3DXX — SEC: W3PQ. STM: W3QQ W3WD. PSHR: K3JL 78. Many thanks to Del. Hams for the cards, calls, & visits during my second major surgery. The Sept. column was courtesy of W3WD. W3AEVK W3FUG W3EOU W3GXD W3FUP W3JIJZ W3LPN W3LGC W3CFZ and N3ADT of the DARC provided communications for the Dual State Motorcycle Enduro on July 29th. New AWARE club NY licenses N3AYD/W3A3DFJ, N3AYE/A3C3T, N3AYS/W3A3FPD, K3DXM/W3ACU also extra AIGS. Contact K3JL for info on the new Sussex Amateur Radio Association. DTN: QNI 319, QTC 43; DEPN: QNI 50, QTC 1; PSHR for May: N3AKC 50, K3JL 46. W3FEG reports the following participants in the Spring Delaware Ham Campout at U Luchakoe Acres: W3FEG W3WYO W3BSB W3JFE W3KSR W3BLBM K3JET W3JLGC K3NVV W3QLS W3JGW W3GXD K3ACRL K3CFZ W3ARM with K3YQL W3WD K3JL and W3AVIT as visitors. Unwelcome news that K3NVV is moving west. But we wish him the best. Traffic: (July) W3PQ 218, N3AKC 81, W3QQ 38, W3GXD 22, W3AVIT 21, W3DJO 19, W3WD 16, K3JL 16, W3KDX 16, W3GQI 4. (May) W3AKK 85, W3GXD 26, W3DXX 25, W3AVI 21, W3WY 21, W3B3JUG 18, AC3T 12, W3GQI 10, K3JL 10. (April) W3GXD 23.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, Gao. S. Van Dyke, Jr. W3HK — SEC: W3AFZQ. STM: K3NGN, NMS: K3KWK K3NGN W3VA W3AZ. Net repts EPAEP&TN: QNI 336, QTC 118; PITT: QNI 283, QTC 79; PFN: QNI 274, QTC 382; LVN: QNI 10, QTC 19; LV2M: QNI 4; EPA: QNI 514, QTC 279; AREC: QNI 13; Luzern Co: QNI 69, QTC 7. OVS repts W3GOA W3BJG W3CL W3KEK K3YD. OO repts W3KEK, OBS repts W3BJA W3JYJ W3VA W3CL K3EBZ N3AJU K3NGN. PSHR: W3AQW K3BFF/RJ W3BJA W3JYJ W3DP W3BJGP W3GZY N3AJU W3BFFH W3BACI. BPL: K3NSN W3AQW K3BFF/RJ W3AATQ, K3SWZ made 5BWas now working on 5BQXCI. W3AATQ says now you should be at her QTH. COODI W3BJA now extra and waiting for new call. New EPAEP&TN News looks good. Traffic holding up fairly well. Now we know why W3JUL & W3VH had that garage sale! N3AJU visiting SV land. W3ID's new antenna is working. W3AQCA says his new tribander should get the DXCC credit. Several report energy prob hitting attendance at hamfests. W3WRE busy on her wiring, still off due to rig probs. Hope the outside work is all done and the summer storms didn't do any real damage. MURGAS APC busy in TVI committee work, have one family with all hams and Big As at that. This is result of the tests that were given at the TamaquaFest. W3BHV5 did a fine job getting medical help for his camp. New Off: Schuykill Amvtr assoc. W3B3N pres; W3BCRM vice pres; KA3AYN secy.; N3ANX, treas.; W3EEK, tech dir.; W3BJXV, pr. club papers still v professional, nice work. Remember the PSHR has new rules, disregard Form 1 count. Don't forget work a Novice! Traffic: (July) K3NSN 4321, W3AQW 985, K3BFF/RJ 745, K3KWK 413, W3AATQ 410, W3BJA 340, W3FAF 222, W3BJYJ 186, W3PXP 137, AA3B 113, AG3R 88, W3DFE 46, W3BJGP 76, W3GZY 74, N3AJU 73, W3VA 73, W3BFFH 45, K3EIP 41, N3GD 37, W3ID 18, W3B3CAI 12, W3CL 12, W3AVIL 12, W3AYOG 12, W3A3KA 11, W3ADE 5, W3B3KZ 5, W3KEK 4, K3AJ 3, K3E3 3, W3HK 3, W3A3BJQ 2, W3EJ 1, W3GKM 1, W3G3E 1, W3WRE 1, K3YD 1. (June) W3FAF 100, K3EIP 14, W3KEK 2, W3WRE 1.

MARYLAND - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: SCM, Karl R. Medlow, W3FA — NMS to BARC for writing W3SW and W3FA and their XYLs to the BARC Annual Dinner. Happy to include BARC and ARRL affiliate after all these years! Many awards for service, and the Fried Transistor award to N3IC, BARC's Repeater Master. See him for details. Send EC reports to W3FA until further notice. EC W3ZNV reports regularly. W3WBY sez some of the off-spurring play with the 2-meter rig while the OM is at work. Watch ill! W3ECN keeps liaison skeds on weekends. W3CDQ won 2 cook books at the YLRL convention! Met K3BAP and N3EB at the BARC do, and saw N3IT W3VBM K3RA N3IC and many many others. W3BJRW caught on quick as NMS. W3E3P starts his 3rd and final year at Antioch Law School. N3A3S will be at W4SV Vand yet still - catch him there. W3JHJ is now N4CUJ in Florida. W3BKDD has a new antenna and is now on both tone and cw. W3FZV combined his June-July reports. K3IJJ finds it very busy at work. K1B3CS says K3EV8 and K3IOG vacationing in NH. N3S3 is hard to find sometimes. A43S says the ARES group in Frederick provided communications for a bicycle rider group. W3AZAS did not make out as expected in Florida. Look for him again soon from here. W3VDJ2 continues loaded with WDC traffic. N3AQV is taking on new net jobs. N3CA still at the old QTH. W3BHCW/T17 is active on the 75B border. 15 meter phone says W3VBM. Who will win FART's QCC 79? N3ARX and W3AIC did my W4SV Vand my June activities by one day, but I lost N3AQV and W3GZJ's May report without any help from anyone! With the Nets: Net/Mgr Sessions/Traffic/ONI Avg. Hagerstown 2-mtr/WB3GEJ 4/2/14. W43MLW and N3ARZ and new NCS. MEPNI N3AS 30/89/21.6. W3B3FK 100 percent. Others W3AQQ N3AGM W43IHW K3OMN and A43S. WRPN/W3DFW 18/20/17.5. MDC PON/W3O3VY 4/19/21.5. MDD/W3PWO Apr 60/345/10.4 Brass W3FA N3AKW W3QO. MDD/May 62/268/8.1 Brass N3AKC W3QO K3JL. MDD/Jun 57/289/7.7 Brass W3QO N3AKW W3QO. Traffic: (July) W3VDJ/3 119, K3JL 99, N3AQV 74, N3S3 72, N3A3S 56, W3BJRW 62, W3FZV 36, N3CA 21, A43S 20, K3BAP 18, W3WBY 7, W3ZNV 4, W3BKDD 3, W3ECN 2. (June) K3RXX 4. (May) W3G3ZJ 312, N3AQV 9.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Bill Luebkemann, WB2LCC — SEC: W2HOB. STM: WB2LCC. In response to many negative comments, the net listings that regularly appear here will be discontinued. In place we will run a combined listing after each calendar quarter. It will reflect the net's totals for the entire quarter instead of for just one month. This will permit the inclusion of 8 more lines of text for 2 out of every 3 months. For those of you who missed last months column or have somehow forgotten, K1XA will be speaking at the

October 10 meeting of the West Jersey Radio Amateurs. He is public service coordinator (or something like that!) for the ARRL, and we have promised him a large turnout from all over the area. Also in October is the second SET for 1979. Many will recall that the first one in January was quite successful. The SET will occur every year in October from now on, and thus the reason for the October one this year. If you haven't signed up with your local EC, please do so pronto. The whole ARES team is rapidly making plans and we want you aboard. Traffic: AA21 138, N2ALS 67, N2AJG 56, W2AQNW 47, N2AFN 43, W2GJL 40, W2BLCC 36, K2UL 35, W2HEB 27, W2B2TW 12.

WESTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Lonnie J. Keller, WA2AOG — SEC: W2B2TX. STM: W2MTA. No 2FV this month. PSHR to W2ZJO W2AFMV W2MTA N2APB W2ZJJJ and Novice KA2BGX for the second month in a row. Traffic: (July) WA2ELD 293, WA2MVF 213, W2MTA 167, W2ZJO 138, N2APB 117, W2HVF 108, WA2HSB 104, W2ZJJJ 67, W2B2OMZ 59, W2RQF 50, WA2AOG 46, K2GWN 42, W2TZ 39, W2B2QC 30, W2B2EOX 28, AF2K 20, KA2BGX 18, W2A2IV 3, K2VR 3, W2B2NAO 1. (June) WA2ELD 264, K2GWN 50, W2MVF 15, W2B2NAO 5.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, Otto L. Schuler, K3SMB — ASCM: N3FM, STM: W3YQ. SEC: W3AVJW. Ass't SECs: W3AJJW & W3AJJQ. NMS: W3NEM W3KUN W3MML W3A3PXA.

Net	Sess.	QNI	QTC	kHz	Time Day
WPACW	31	157	335	3585	7:00 P Dy
WPA2P	31	92	345	3983	6:30 P Dy
WPA2MTN	31	93	514	146.28/88	8 P Dy
PATFN				3610	6:30 P Dy
WPARACES				3990.5	9:00 A S

Silent Key is W3UD (was W8AIIH 1927-39, and W3AJJF 67-68) he was W3JX and other hams Elmer. New Novices are K3ADVI KA3CPS KA3GDM KA3DOB KA3CUX KA3DLJ KA3DRM KA3DFL KA3DRN and KA3DRK. New Tech's W3BKRI and KA3CUY. New Generals are W3KAK and KA3AWL. To Advanced are W3BJUD N3AKV and W3B3AB. New extra is N3ANB. Congratulations to all. Bedford will soon have a new repeater on Kinton Knob, call is K3SAKR frequency is to be 144.89/145.49. W3R3AF has a TV Beacon on 439.25. It will be turned on for testing by contacting W3DQK or K3SMB. The Breezechooper officers for 1978-89 year are K3CHD, pres.; W3PHY, treas.; K3GE, checker; W3B3CEW K3K5Y W3BJG W3AJLW and W3OVW, directors. Any Amateurs participating in public activities providing communications or aiding in emergencies etc. should report it to ARRL in Newtonington as soon as possible, if you delay it may be forgotten. Form #CD-157 is available for this report. If you send it to me it can take too long to get there. Traffic: (July) W3A3PXA 255, W3EGJ 249, N3EE 224, N3FM 186, W3SMV 134, K3SMB 55, W3NEM 47, W3MML 47, W3NEM 47, W3BJDI 38, AC3N 38, W3HOT 28, W3EXC 25, W3ASJX 25, W3EJK 18, K3VGY 18, N3S3 14, W3JUL 4, W3KAF 11, W3SN 11, W3KUN 10, W3LOD 8, W3AATQ, W3B3OB 6, W3B3AB 6, K3HI 4, AF3B 3, K3UA 3, W3BKAG 2, N3KB 2. (June) W3B3OB 12.

CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS: SCM, Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN — Asst. SCM: W9RYU, SEC: W9AES. NMS: W9KFK W9J9R. Cook County EC: W9HGP.

Net	Freq.	Times/Days	Tfc.	Sess.
ILL phone	3690	2330/0300 Dy	325	62
NCPN	3915	2245 Dy	70	31
NTPN	3915	1300/1800 Dy	93	52
LEN	3940	1400 Su		
W9VEY (MEMStn)		2000 Mon	12	5

Our sympathy to the family and friends of W9K9VZ of Walnut, who recently passed away and joined the ranks of the Silent Keys. W9HOT reports that the 9RN net had 60 sessions and passed 184 messages with Illinois participation 100 percent with W9JLJ W9NWX W9VCE and W9HOT checking into the Net. W9MCH has moved his QTH to Cincinnati, Ohio. KA8GV1 and his Skokie Aviation Enthusiasts provided communications for the Experimental Aircraft Association. Fly-in in Oshkosh. K9B9Y has upgraded to Amateur Extra class with a new call ALG. The McHenry County Wireless Association and the Winnebago Amateur Radio Club were voted ARRL affiliated clubs by the Executive Committee of the League at their latest meeting. KA9CUB now a General. ExW9JUL is now A1P with an Extra class license. New Novices are KA9EYB and KA9EYU. The CAND report for July: 579 messages during 62 sessions and Illinois stations participating were K9UMP W9NWX W9HOT and W9JLJ. K9IZO now Extra Class and KA9BBK is an Advanced licensee. W9TZ was praised by the Quincy Herald Whig for the help he gave a stranded couple at the Quincy airport. W9BKDX is recuperating from a hospital stint in Peru. K9BVE and K9PNR are BPL recipients for the month. Traffic: K9BVE 518, K9PNR 308, W9NWX 337, W9JLJ 260, W9HOT 207, N9TN 165, W9KAF 143, W9BJSR 115, W9AKFK 93, W9KR 74, W9BPLK 72, K9SV 70, W9OBS 63, N9MX 42, K9DAC 41, W9LNL 32, K9EEA 31, W9AQN 18, KA9ALR 14, W9PRN 14, W9B9JF 14, K9BK 1.

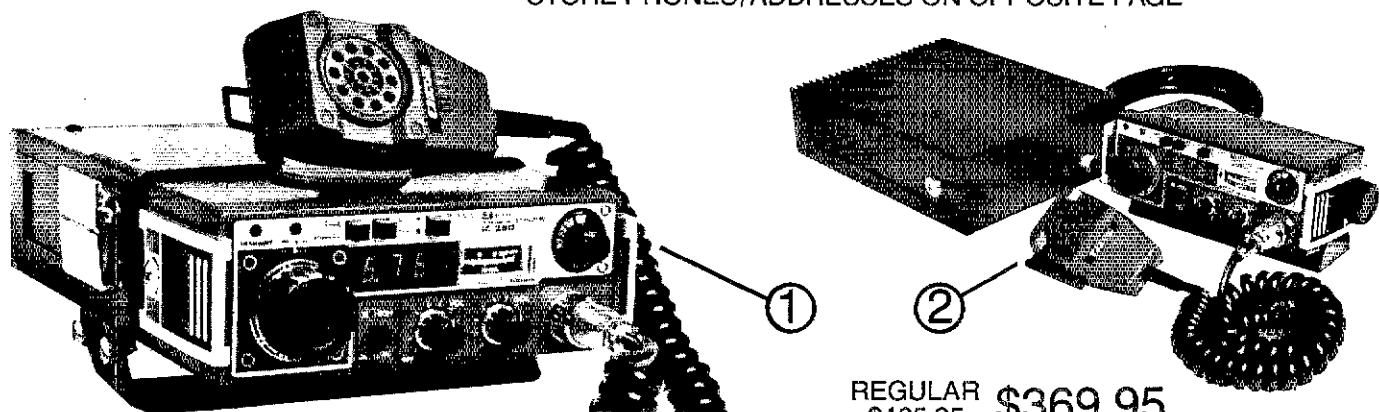
WISCONSIN: SCM, Roy A. Pedersen, K9PH1 — SEC: W9OAK. NMS: W9AYK W9IEM W9BIC W9BSZR W9B2RE W9CJL K9LGM K9EN. Nets freq time QNI, QTC, Mgr. BWN: 3983 1145Z M-5a 725-74 W9AYQ. BENI: 3985 1700Z Dr 673-130 W9IEM. WBSN: 3985 2230Z Df 952-195 W9BIC. WNN: 3725 225Z Df (52-22 June) 45-13 W9BZRE. WIN-E: 3662 000Z Df 310-117 W9DM. WIN-L: 3662 0300Z Df 237-69 K9LGM. WI EXPD 3525 1701Z M-F 452-22 W9A9N. OO class W9BPCQ, KA9EVL, KA9FAS new Novices. KA9HI has General. KA9EWL has General and is now K9EEW. All from Stevens Point area. W9BSM has her Novice and is getting married July 20 from Bessmer Bay. W9BFSJ is now A1K. From Peoria, IL to Bessmer MI hams gathered at the QTH of W9Es YPY ZP in Rhinelander for annual get together mainly of BWN. Total count was 104, with eyeballs, horsehoes, food hospitality was outstanding. All nets in Wisconsin could use more checkins and Traffic, lets all pitch in. Any tidbits of info would be most welcome for this column.



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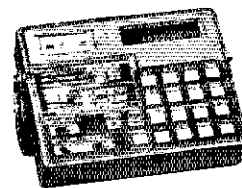
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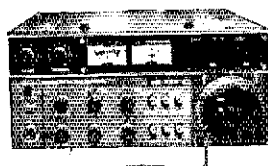


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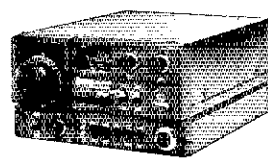
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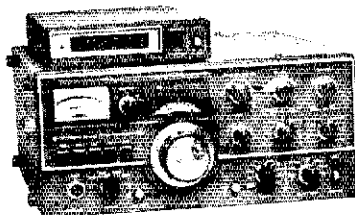
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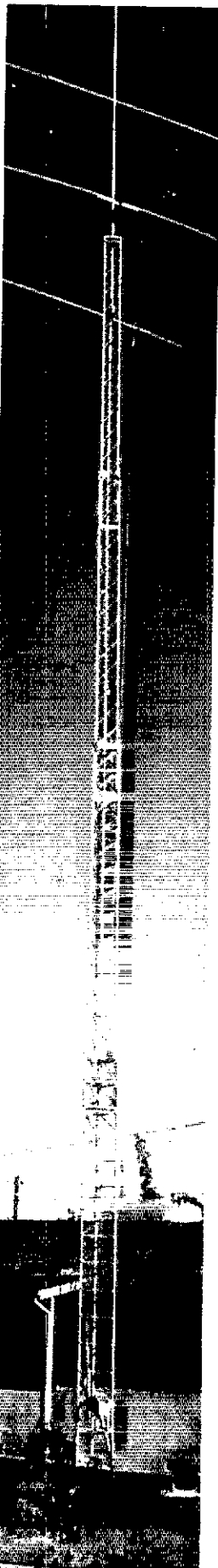
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New Novices Stevens Point area KA9EVG KA9EVH. New Novice La Crosse KA9FNY. Northwoods traffic net (NTN) had 516 checkins-handled 55 messages. BPL to KA9CPA. WNA picnic was very poorly attended. The WNA is your association, support it. Traffic: (July) KA9CPA 1065, W9CXY 23, W99YD 163, AE9H 125, W9IEM 123, W9YCV 119, W9DND 100, K9PHI 82, W9DHF 81, W9DM 53, W9UCL 53, K9LGL 46, W9FDY 45, W9YPZ 44, W9ESZ 43, W9DXW 42, KA9KG 41, W9GCH 38, K9LU 38, W9ESM 36, K9CPM 35, K9IPS 32, K9AQ 30, W9GKO 28, W99ZRE 26, NSCP 25, W9LDO 24, W99RRU 24, K9BFM 20, K9HDF 19, W99JSW 19, W99OJ 18, K9UTO 18, W99EAQ 14, W9UW 13, K9ANV 7, KA9CYG 6, K99CT 5, W99AJA 2. (June) K9HDF 11

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MINNESOTA: SCM, Helen Haynes, WB0HOX — SEC. WA0QIT. STM: AF00.

MSPN N	3945	12:05 P	W0OPX	54	QTC
MSPN E	3929	5:45 P	KA6AIT	293	32
MSN 1	3665	6:30 P	AF80	176	101
MSN 2	3685	10:00 P	K0PIZ	122	32

Early meteor activity in July leaves two-meters activity for K0SE with seven new states and W0HU with three new states. All states worked by both were on the east coast. W0VBIS now on 220 MHz ssb and cw. He also states that EME antenna is back in operation. N0ADQ is now settled in his new location and job. Welcome to Rochester. Please note the new editions to the leadership appointments. WB0ZBJ is the net manager of the MSN. KA6AIT is the net manager for the MSPN E. WA0QIT is the newly appointed SEC. It is their hope that you will check into the nets and volunteer for the county EC position. Yours truly would like to say to the LA section that the convention was superb. The food, forum and fellowship were top notch. WB0NZB upgraded to Advanced. Congratulations. This column should be written by more than myself, so how about news everyone. When you are reading this, fall will have settled in, and Halloween will be just around the corner. Watch out for the goblins and take care of the tricks-n-treaters. Traffic: WA0FC 319, AF00 250, WB0HOX 138, W0RIQ 69, WB0ZBJ 68, KA6AIT 53, W0PX 52, KA0BZP 48, WB0NZB 24, W99OJ 18, WB0UKI 11, K0ZBI 10, K0CSE 9, K0FLT 8, K0RMX 7, N0JP 5.

NORTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lois Jorgensen, WA0RWM — SEC: WB0TEE. OBS: W0DM. NM: WA0CRH, VHF: WA0CSL. Peace Garden Hamfest was a great success. The Ham of the Year was WA0WBU. Congratulations. Karl Silverman gave a mini seminar on severe weather also on what how when and where to help at right time. WB0WIB has new call. KB0IP. KA0DYP has new call. N0BDR. KA0FBH is now a General. Congratulations KA0BAV KA0BOA and WD0DAF are DXing on 2-M ssb with stacked beams. We are getting new 1980 vehicle license plates. If you wish for one on your vehicle send you recent FCC license photocopy to Ruth at Motor Vehicle Dept. Bismarck or to SCM, no no delays.

Net: KHZ. CDT/Day Sess QNI QTC Mgr. Goose River 1950 0900 Su 5 9R 0 W0CDO Traffic: WA0RWM 69.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lydia S. Johnson, W0KJZ — Ass't SCM: W0DVB. NMs: W0S. W0E. H0J. MZI. NEO. WA0TNN. VRE. W0D0BMR. SEC: WA0TNN. For Oct. SET contact SEC. WA0TNN or your county EC listed here: WA0BZD WA0CUL K0JM K0JV W0H0J WB0BME K0TVJ Still recruiting FCs for Pennington, Minnehaha, Codington, Brown, Hughes, counties. Please notify your SEC or me if you are interested. We need you! W0MZI and W0ZWL received the Community Service Recognition Award, given by the telephone Pioneers for 100 hours plus public service via WX Net. W0DVB W0OZJ active in Cheyenne tornado traffic. W0BMR and WA0TNN made PSIR. Nets: Morning: QNS 553, QTC 71; NJO: QNS 505, QTC 47; Evening: QNS 685, QTC 38; Iri-State: QNS 36, QTC 1; SDN: QNS 44, QTC 28. Traffic (July) K0FFE 117, WA0VRE 115, WA0TNN 107, W0H0J 78, W0D0BMR 72, W0DVB 65, W0KJZ 41, WB0OMF 37, W0MZI 25, W0IG 15.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5UAU — SEC: W5SIRB. NMs: AD5D W5MYZ W5POH W5SZWZ. Nets Freq time/day QNI QTC Mgr. OZK: 3760 0000/Dy 174 19 W5MYZ, ASN: 3745 0030T-Th-Sa 34 3 K5BIL. SCARC: 28 765 0130Su 0030M 96 11 W5HJC. APN: 3937 1100M-Sa 807 53 W5P0H. M-Bird: 3928 2130M-F 768 23 W5SZWZ. ARN: 3985 2300D 093 97 AD5D. W5GZB now K85KM. W5AEA now K5CX. K85B now K06E. K85BML now Advanced. At July meeting of Jacksonville ARC your SCM presented a certificate of Merit to WA5NVV. HEY GANG, how about sending your monthly station activity reports by a radio message on one of the Ark. nets?? There are more than half dozen stations active. W5KL & WA5WAR spent two weeks in Florida where their ICOM 230 rig was stolen from car. W0SENG now K85HV. Obs W5S/WVA 1 W5JAU 1. Traffic: AD5D 42, W5BLL 28, W5UAU 21, W5S/WVA 5, W5SCAA 2, W5GZB 1.

LOUISIANA: SCM, S. T. "Tom" Losey, Jr., K5TL — Ass't SCM: K5DPG. SEC: W5YIH. STM: N5YL. NMs: N5RB. K5ARH. W5LBR. W5YL. N5K. K5DPG. W5D5GVK all active on DRN5. The '79 ARRL National Convention is now history. The LCOARC, for their years of planning and preparing, to K5SVD and all the different committees for their super efforts and dedication, a well deserved pat on the back for a job well done from the Section. The SELARC is planning a repeater user education class. Congrats to you. I hope other Clubs in the Section will do the same thing, and get started cleaning up our act. NSARU new intern director of NOCD. K5OA received the Delta DX Assoc. DEXER OF THE YEAR AWARD, congrats. SARA Hamfest for '80 to be in July. W5SBEB appointed chairman. W5LMLM upgraded to General. The LRN, RTTY NET, needs more participation. Crank up those old noise makers and join in the fun Sun. at 6:30 P.M.

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Traffic: W5GHP 133, W5LBR 101, K5TL 96, N5RB 90, N5ES 65, K5ARH 50, N5EK 44, W5D5GJB 15, K5DPG 11, KA5EDB 10, W5S/JZP 9, W5YN 8, W5S/KT 2.

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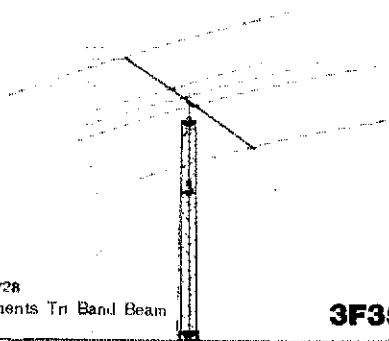
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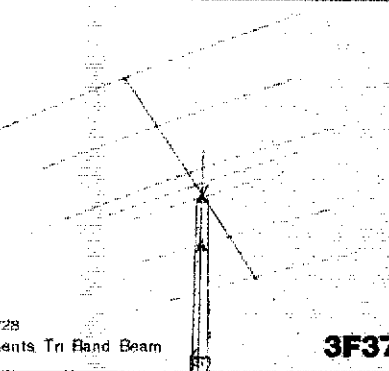
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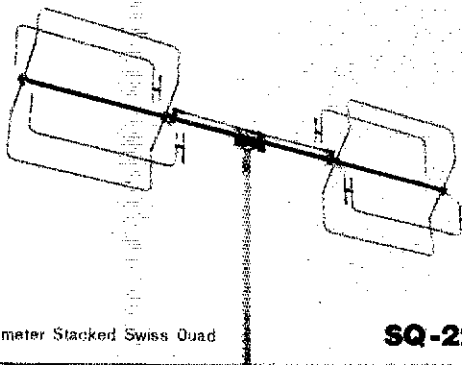
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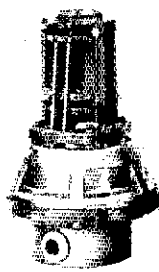
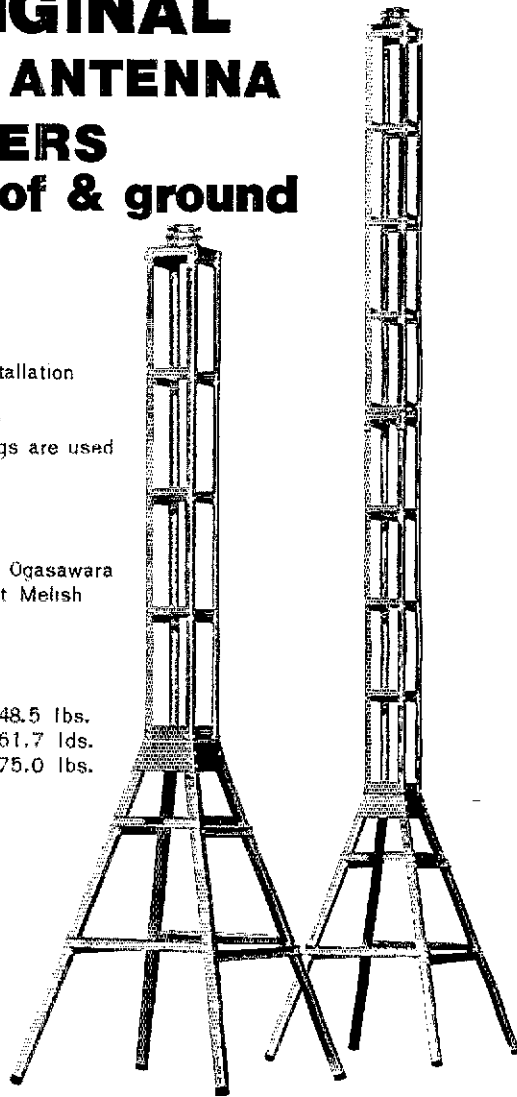
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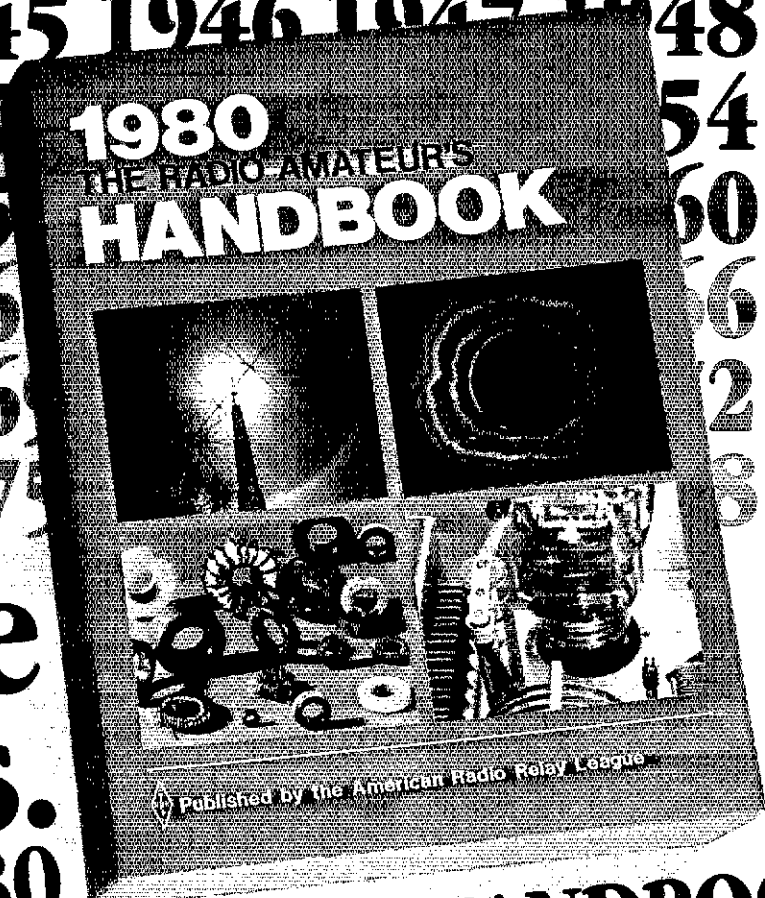
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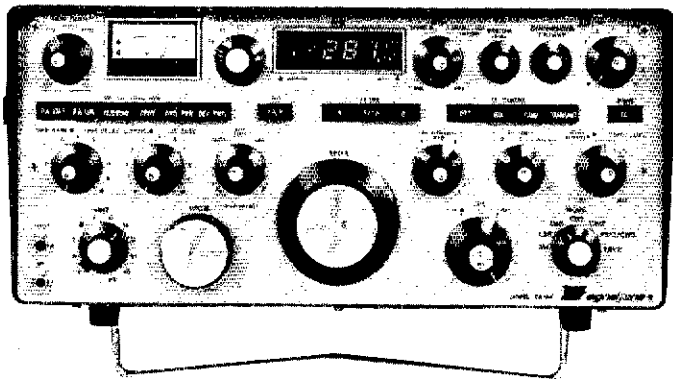
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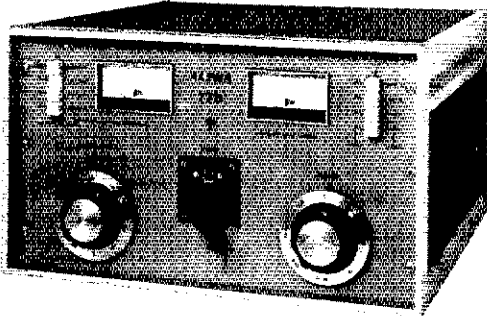
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TENNESSEE: SCM, O. D. Keaton, WA4YLS — SEC; WB4DYJ, Asst. SCM; WB4PRF, STM; WA2JY. Everyone plan to attend the Memphis Hamfest on Oct. 13 & 14 and the Chattanooga Hamfest on Oct. 27 & 28. The Short Mountain Repeater Club held their annual picnic on July 8 at Cedars of Lebanon State park, a wet one but everybody enjoyed the fellowship. The Oak Ridge Hamfest was a very successful one ever though the location was changed. Congrats to KA4FLD, N4JG, WB4RHO, WB4MMI, WB4SK, W5R, J, KA4CO, WB4RNN, WA4QYI, WA4VIP, WA4OUI, WB4OER, WA4KHN. Please get your CVRA ballot back to me so I will know your wishes. WA4NZW has been appointed OES. WB4PHW has been appointed OES Traffic: WA4CNY 339, AF4T 187, WA4NIF 147, WB4BKF 129, N4UC 89, WA4ZS 71, WA4FMR 61, K4XE 59, K4WOP 34, WA4PFP 32, WA4GLS 15, W4TYV 12, W4RUE 11, WA4VJW 10, W44NJR 9, WA4WVW 9, W4PSN 6, WA4EAV 5, W4EWR 5, K4VM 5, K4UMW 4, N4BBB 1.

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New Appts: STM K4HRF, NM: WA4WSM; OTS: K4JLX; OVS: WA4IFI, WB4AOE, WA4SWF; EC: K4GFP; OTS: WB4APC, PSHR: K4QX, K4DZM, AA4KY, K4KAK, KF4O has XCD, WA4GJ, getting RTTY, WD4CT upgrade to General. WB4AOE has new MTR. Hope all in KY is coming to the Louisville Hamfest. KNTN again is top net. Traffic: K4DZM 239, KB4OZ 227, WA4AVV 156, WB4APC 130, WB4NPD 84, K4JLX 66, WA4JAV 59, W4RHZ 55, WA4WSM 53, WA4EBN 41, K4HRF 38, WA4JTE 33, KA4AZT 33, WA4FAF 28, WB4KDP 25, WB4OCA 25, W4CDA 24, WD4CQF 24, WB4AJU 21, N4CCJ 18, WA4GAL 16, WA4YPO 15, K4AVX 12, W4BAZ 12, W4C10 12, WA4SWF 12, WA4RCD 11, WB4RT 9, K4AML 8, W4HKT 7, K4GFP 7, WA4AGH 6, WD4KDG 5, KA4ENG 4, WA4IGD 4.

MICHIGAN: SCM, Stanley J. Briggs, W8MPD/K8SB — Asst SCMs: WA8DHB, W8SOP, SEC: WA8FK, STM: W8BMT, NMS: K8LNE, K8KMQ, K8BAI, W8BYDZ, WA8DHB, W8BZNS, N8AA.

Net	Freq	UTC/Day	QNI	QTC	Sess
OMN*	3663	2300/0300 Dy	923	425	62
MITN	3953	0000 Dy	718	359	31
MACS*	3953	1600 Dy	880	261	31
GLETN	3932	0200 Dy	1075	200	31
MNN*	3722	2230 Dy	370	123	31
UPN*	3922	2200 Dy	535	91	34
WS5BN	3935	0000 Dy	591	37	30
BR	3930	2230 M-Sa	365	33	22
MEN	3930	1400 Su	151	11	5
ARES	3932	2230 Su	101	10	5
VHF LOCAL NETS(11 rep(8))			742	36	49

*NTS Section Nets. W8CUP sailed for two weeks aboard the Sea Cadet ship in July. He provided communications between the Cadets and crew on the ship and their families back home. The message traffic count totaled 500. Alpena area amateurs provided communications for the international Sarnia-Alpena Race. A boat was stationed at the finish line positioned so as to be able to see the sail numbers and relay same to the Race Committee. W8ZIQ coordinated the project. Three OTS appointments have been issued since last month: KB8EO, K8GMJ and W8PDP. OBS reports received from: WB8DZ, AC8Y & AF8Y. QO reports: W8GJ, K8AIT, K8JH, W8WV8, K8RCT. QVS reports: W8NOL, W8DHB was again elected to serve as net manager for the Upper Peninsula Net at the U.P. Hamfest in Marquette. I am sorry to report the following Silent Key: WA8ENA. Each year the K. I. Sawyer Amateur Radio Club presents the U.P. Novice of the Year Award in honor of Joe Faucher, W8NWT a Silent Key Novice from U.P. This year's award is to Ginny Olson, W8PCX of Marquette. Some upgrades: W8BDNK, Extra; K8SAK, K8WUJ, ADV; KA8EBZ, KA8ECA, W8BHM, KA8FB, W8BBHM, General; Traffic: W8CUP 500, W8VPW 483, W8BMTD 373, W8BKA 342, W88RY 337, K8RMQ 203, W8BKX 192, W8BYDZ 162, W8BLT 120, N8ABA 95, K8BEG 93, K8BAI 89, W8DZ 87, W8B10 87, W8PDP 85, W8JH 75, W8Y10 70, K8RV 66, W8SOP 61, K8JUF 57, K8ABD 48, W8LSV 47, W8BMCN 46, K8BGC 45, W8BTT 42, K8DYI 41, W8PIM 40, K8DTG 35, W8HIN 34, W8BMB 32, W8ROF 32, K8GXV 31, WA8TAQ/8 30, K8BCPS 26, WA8WZF 26, W8WVL 25, K8ZJU 25, W8BSYA 21, W8BQYI 21, WA8UPL/8 21, AC8Y 19, K8GMJ 18, W8LDS 18, W8BZY 17, W8BDS 15, W8V12 13, WA8FX 12, K8JED 11, W8FSZ 9, W3GQJ/8 9, W88AFO 8, W8BE18 8, W8BNJQ 8, W8WJ 8, K8BFK 7, W8BIXZ 7, W8JUP 7, K8OCP 7,

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CSC†	MAX-550	\$149.95	1kHz-550MHz	Non-Compensated	3 PPM @ 25°C	8 PPM	500 MV	250 MV	250 MV	6	1	NA	1 kHz
OPTOELECTRONICS	OPT-7000	\$139.95	10Hz-600MHz	TCXO	1.8 PPM	3.2 PPM	NS	NS	NS	7	4	1 kHz	100 Hz

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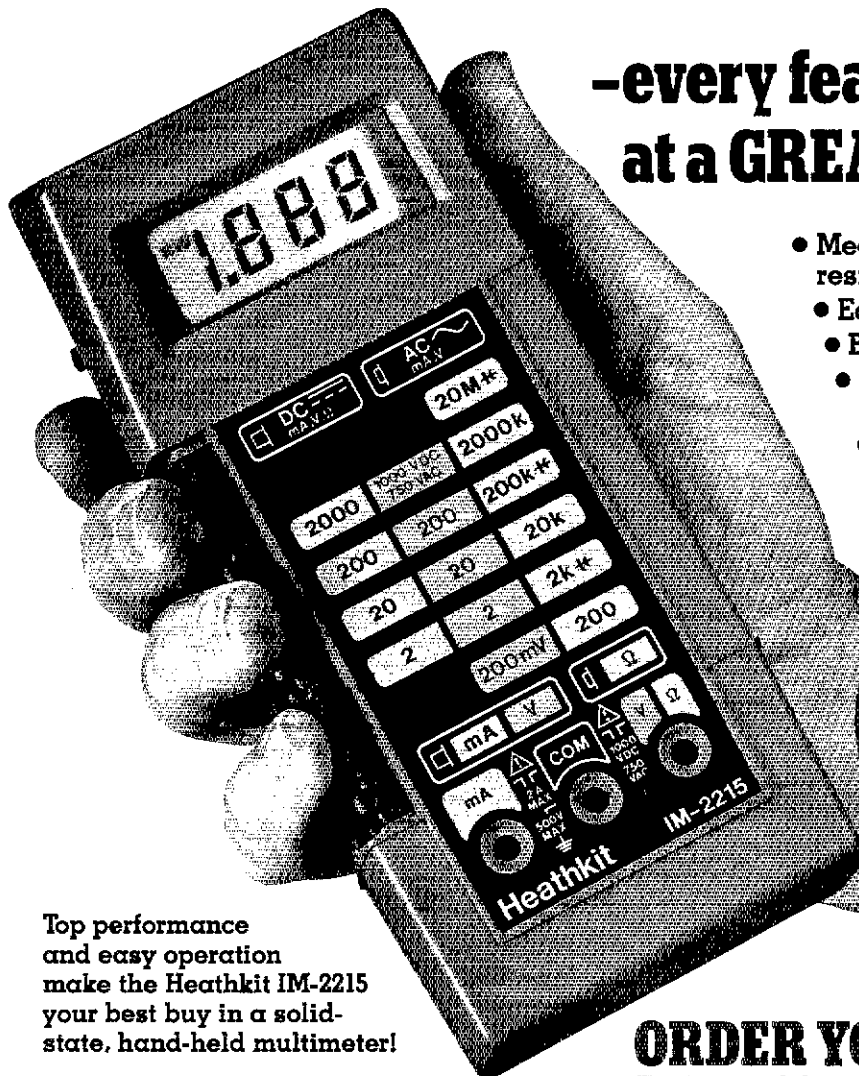
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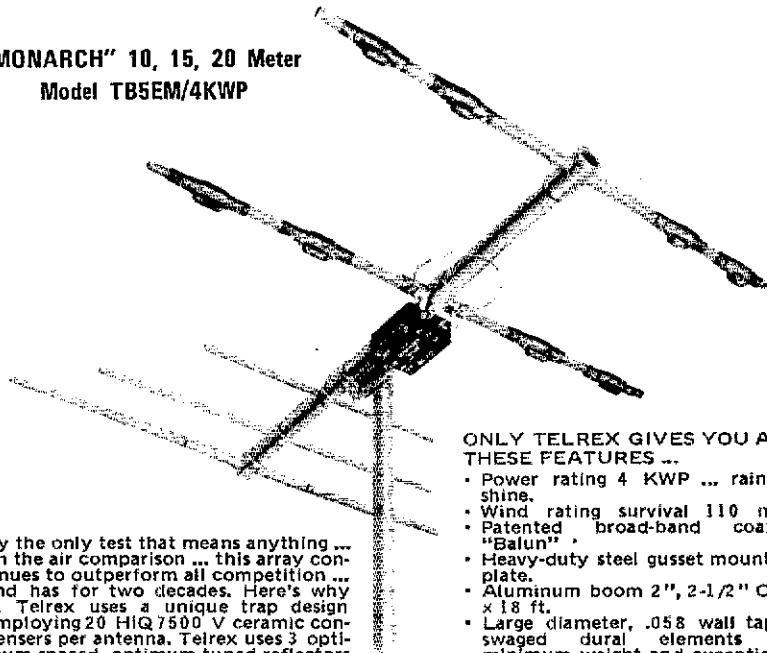
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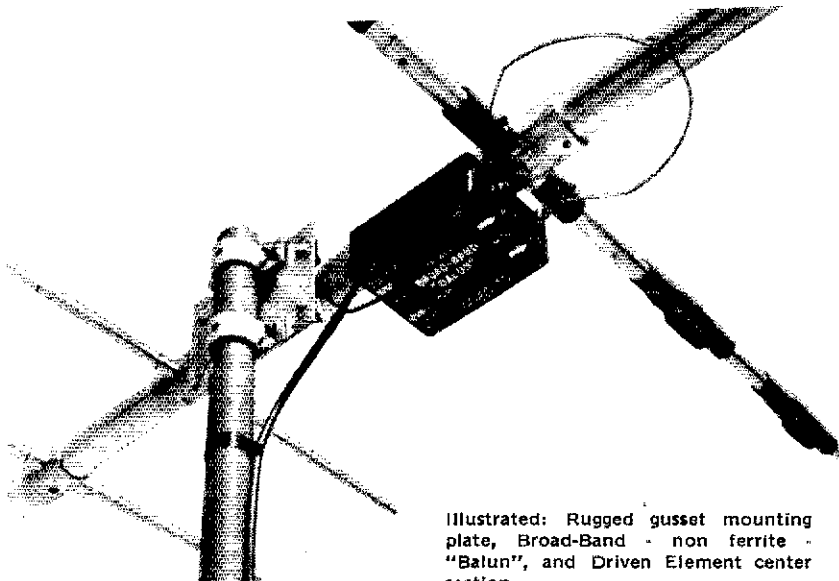


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Local Net Reports	QNI	QTC	SESSIONS
BRIN	345	79	31
COARES	48	28	2
EOTN	155	43	31
TSRAC	824	65	30

Traffic: (July) K8AAZ 595, W8PMJ 330, W88WTS 240, W88ENI 199, WA8GMT 168, WA8HGH 157, W88MEK 97, W88GX 86, W88LBR 88, W88MOK 85, W88COMP 85, W88CW 73, K8PE 71, W88KWD 67, K8FE 66, W88JGW 62, W88DTG 61, W88WEG 54, W8TH 53, K8AN 50, W88QZK 49, K8DL 46, W88SFC 44, W88SIO 41, WA8SSJ 40, W88TRK 39, K8EC 34, W8TP 34, W88BOE 31, W88KBW 30, W88CZM 29, W88LPP 26, AB8P 25, W88DIP 24, W88HL 23, N8TM 23, W88CJU 22, W88YGV 21, N8AJD 20, W88JTT 19, W88YTI 19, AF8A 18, W88LZ 18, W88PPQ 18, W88OYK 17, W88WNH 16, K8IDA 15, W88MGA 15, W88WHF 15, K8CYX 14, W88OMQ 13, W88PIY 13, N8AKS 12, W88QHV 12, W88G 12, W88IM 11, WA8MAZ 11, W88PEI 11, W88VX 11, W88INK 10, W88MRL 10, W88NHV 10, K88KV 9, W88OHU 9, W88VLR 9, K88DJ 8, W88YD 8, W88YK 8, W88LVY 7, W88MRU 7, K88FU 6, K88OW 6, W88OYO 6, W88SX 6, W88UPA 6, W88OV 5, W88FN 5, W88NJP 5, W88M 5, W88UH 4, K88KY 4, W88YF 4, N8FU 4, W88INY 4, W88OTO 4, K88CMR 3, W88NTR 3, W88OFR 3, K88RT 3, W88YJ 3, N88HK 2, W88YQ 2, W88YUS 2, W88EKI 1, W88IUV 1, W88XT 1. (June) WA8MAZ 10, N88UH 8, K88CMR 6, W88VLR 5.

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EASTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Guy L. Olinger, K2AV --- SEC: W82VJK, STM: WA2SPL, ASCM: W82VUK W82COY W2IT W82KDC. NM: W2CS W2WSS KB2JG W82OOH W82ZCM W82EAG. Nets: NYPON 5 PM, 3913. ESS (slow) 6 PM, 3590; NYSPTEN 6 PM, 3925; NYS 7 & 10 PM, 3677; NETN (slow) 8 P.M. MW/F 3732; CDN (Troy) 8 PM, 3677; WVIN (Berkshire) 8 PM, 3797; SDN (W. Plains) 8:45 & 9:30 PM S/T 58106 MW/F, 8151015. Note new NM's W82EAG (NETN) and W82ZCM (CDN). Good luck, fellas. Glad to see W2YJR recovered from his bout with Pneumonia. Annual summertime drought of gossip in the mailbox. Enjoyed visit with all the folks at W2MTA's annual bash. The month-long drought up there broke just in time to rain a lot, tho. Still trying to tigger out who the meanie wuz that told Murph about the picnic. Once more, there are new rules for PSHR. Think maybe ten stations ought to make it from ENY in a given month based on activity I think I hear. See me or SPL if questions. Am missing some reports I normally get. Suggest 60TH, old, new, & mail card. PSHR: W82EAG WA2SPL KB2KW. Traffic: WA2SPL 776, W82EAG 132, KB2KW 115, W2YJR 79, W2EFU 78, WA2EOW 56, K2AV 41, AD2X 40, W82ZCM 38, WA2CY 25, KB2G 17, AA2Y 16, W2IQK 14, WA2YSM 11, W82KHK 9, W82SON 7, WA2MZJ 7, W2SZW/WB2PIDI 6.

NEW YORK CITY - LONG ISLAND: SCM, Paul A. Lindgren, WA2UWA --- Asst. SCM: Steve Bloom, W82IDP, STM: W82BNY, NM/ASCM: W82EUF. The following are traffic nets in and around the section.

Net	Time/Dav	Freq	Mgr.
NLI*	1900 Dy	3710	W82EUF
NLI*	2200 Dy	3630	W82EUF
NLIPN*	1730 Dy	3928	WA2UWA
BAVTN*	2100 M-F	146.40/00	KA2CNN
Clear House	1100 Dy	3925	W82EAG
MikeFarad	1300 M-S	3925	W82EAG
ESS	1800 Dy	3590	W2WSS
NETN	2000 MWF	3732	W82EAG
NYSPTEN	1800 Dy	3925	W2GLH

*Denotes section net, all times local. Correction on BAVTN. It is the Big Apple VHF traffic net and it meets Mon through Fri at 2000 local on WR2ACD. This is a very fine traffic net and all VHF operators are encouraged to check in and learn proper traffic handling procedures. For more information contact KA2CNN, W2GKZ built optical electronic midget counter, sez it is big help. Congratulations to K2GCE KA2CNN and WA2ME on making PSHR for July. The last two made it strictly by VHF which is a commendable accomplishment. Congratulations to N2AJZ on new OTS appointment and to W82IDP on renewed OTS. Crack OO N2NT working on Wall Street observig ARRL mutual fund! Attention former appointees: if you did not report within the last six months your appt. was cancelled. Attention current appointees: no reports for three months and your appointment will be canceled. Congratulations to K2NO and Janet on their engagement BAVTN had 236 QNI and 116 QTC in 23 sessions in July. Summer doldrums have seem to have hit the section with a bang as their are almost no

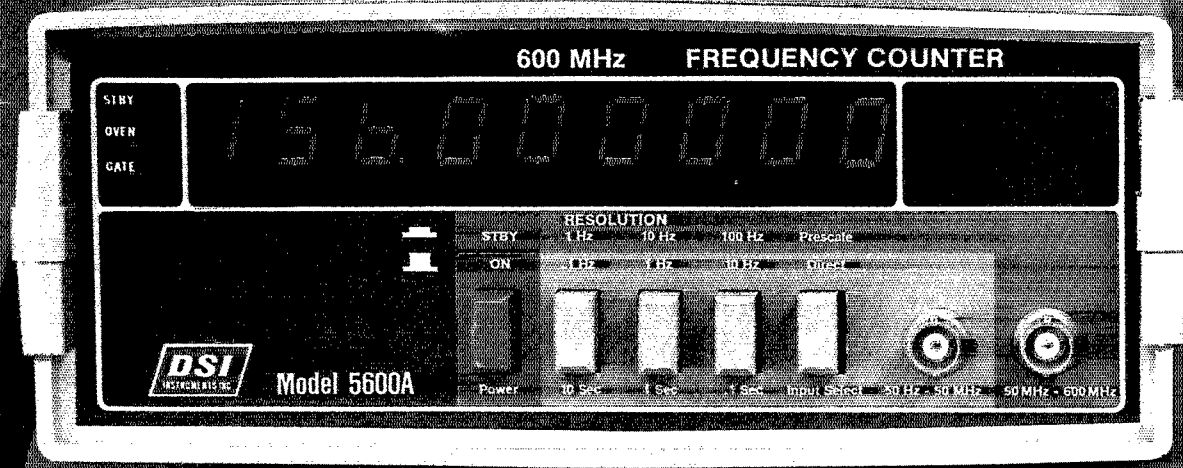
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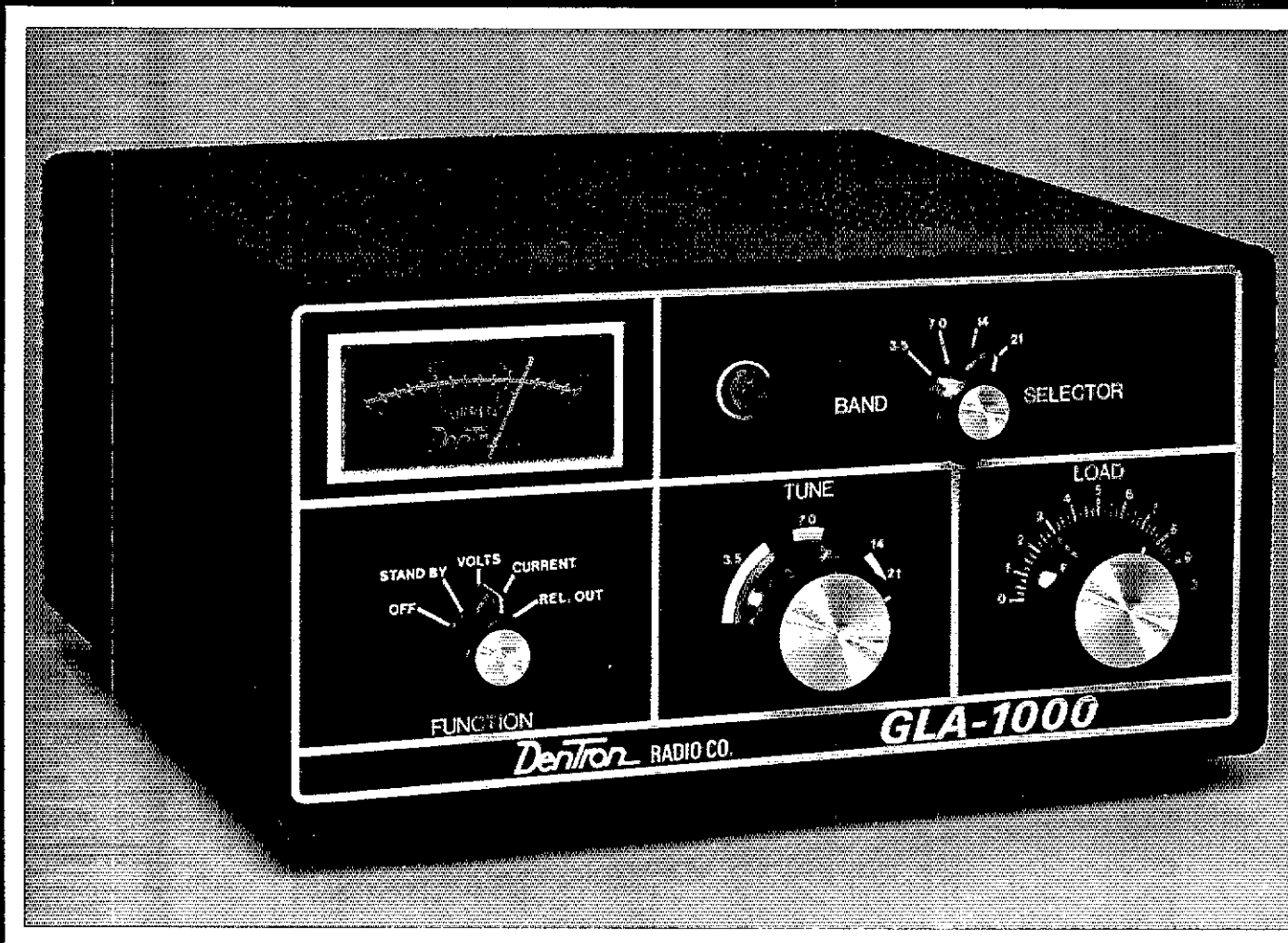
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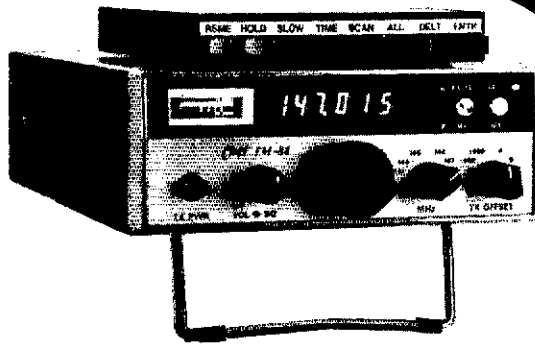
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reports of activity from the troops this month. With cold weather returning hope to see more of you on the air especially in the many public service activities. N3AIU in Pennsylvania is proposing a Youth Amateur Standing Committee for the ARRL similar in makeup to the present DX and Contest committees etc. The function of this committee would be to plan and coordinate youth activities in Amateur Radio and to help keep HQ in touch with youth needs and wants. This sounds like a good idea and for more info contact: N3AIU. Don't forget SET coming up. Hope you plan to be active. Traffic: W2GKZ 114, K2GCE 108, W2JWA 102, W2ZMLC 83, K2LIE 78, K2ZCEN 71, W2ZDP 65, W2ZRYA 37, W2ZMEE 15, W2ZYUS 9.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Robert Neukomm, W2MVOQ — SEC: W2VUF, SIM: W2XDO, NM: AF2L K2VX W2LHV W2ZRM W2ZOPY W2PSU W2UEZ.

Net	Mgr	Freq.	Time/Days	Sess.	QNI/QSP
NJN	AF2L	3695	7 PM Dy	31	586 219
NJN	AF2L	3695	10 PM Dy	31	438 150
NJPN	K2VX	3950	6 PM Dy	31	
			9 AM Su	4	

UCEN	W2ZRM	146.085/685	Dy	31	274 75
OBTTN	W2ZOPY	147.12/72	Dy	31	313 63
NJUN	W2UEZ	3735	6:30 PM Dy	31	60 36
NJVN	W2LHV	146.49/49	Dy	31	210 85
NJRTY	W2PSU	145.7	Dy	31	

W2GWS has not missed NJNL for eight consecutive months! W2CQB is finally on 2-meters again. AF2L has issued the Sectional Net Certificate to the following: W2OVE W2GD W2RQ W2TOM N2NS W2ZRM AF2L. W2UEZ has also issued Sectional Net Certificates to the following: W2PKG W2TOM K2WM W2STN W2ZNSV AF2L W2QNL WA2ZYU. The July highlight for amateur radio for this section was the SKYLAB reentry on July 11. Participants were the operators in NJVN, as well as the ARES, RACES and MARS groups. The amateurs planned well and again proved their PREPAREDNESS. Briefly, several groups and repeaters worked together with one primary, one secondary and several stand-by repeaters. The following repeaters were alerted: AR2ANF, WR2AGH, WR2AHD. On stand-by were: WR2ADB, WR2AIX, AF2LR, WR2AHD was W2ZDSY and K2ZCEN acted as NCS's and W2ZRM relayed WIAW SKYLAB bulletins several days prior to reentry. On reentry more than 60 QNIs from YLs, XYLs & OMs - great show! Fairlawn ARC is conducting courses for all grades of licenses. The following stations sent in a very large amount of OO reports: N2VA W2TJP W2MVOQ. Mostly chirpy sigs and harmonics! Sure could use a lot more OOs and those that are, where are your reports? New calls and upgrades: N2BGU Novice to General, N2BGS Novice to Technician and K2ZFWB Novice to Technician. WA2HSC Tech to Advanced. W2ZUDT copying lots of telemetry from Oscar 8 and is a new Life Member. K2FKU not Tech with new TX700A. W2ZRM Got a new tower and the permit to go with it. K2ZXA new Novice in Wayne and need of an "Elmer!" K2ZJ in Allendale got a clearance from the town to erect a 51 foot tower. W2LOP vacationing in NH. Excellent Newsletters received from the 550 Club and Tri-County Radio Assn. Where are others? TRCA graduated 85 new Novices! The 550 Club had an excellent picnic and Flea Market. W2ZOPC has new antennas 80-10. The following QRPers worked QD at High Point under the call W2ZYU: W2ZVAB, W2ZVZU and they used helium balloons to keep their antennas up! NJ Radio Club into net reports that 5 clubs now represent NJ with 18 ONIs and the DVRA fishing trip may be coordinated through this net. The net has 6 regular members. They meet every Sat at 10 AM EDT on 3950 - check-in! Traffic: (July) W2RO 275, W2CQB 244, W2ZRM 221, N2CR 216, W2TOM 214, W2MVO 152, AF2L 127, W2SQ 127, K2VX 124, W2UEZ 91, W2ZRM/JT 95, N2IC 78, W2ZTRT 74, N2BC 71, W2XD 57, AG2R 56, W2OVE 54, W2ZEP 48, WA2DKP/2, 41, K2ZHM 30, W2QWR 26, W2CA 26, W2ZKLS 25, WSDTR/2 22, K2WM 22, W2PCNF 17, N2B 16, W2ZAKR 11, W2CC 4, W2ZDLZ 4, K2ZFI 4. (June) W2TJGPT 53, K2ZHM 21.

MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SCM, Max R. Otto, W0LFF — SEC: W0LYW W0WDC advises that the Iowa 75M Net received letter of appreciation from the Mayor of Algona for emergency communications after their tornado. W0LFF handled 152 H & W requests. W0N55 had some hand damage and lost all sky hooks, but was unhurt. Barry Goldwater will be the banquet speaker at Midwest Convention in Cedar Rapids October 19-21. W0QFR working for RCA worldwide and W0YOW is now with Motorola. MI, Pleasant Club worked a 2L of FD. Fairfield repeater will be on 7.93/33. RTTY repeater on 146.70 moving to Blue Grass. W0QGI has DXCC with 355 confirmed using 100W and tri-band. W0BW has DXCC with 360 confirmed. Congrats for upgrades go to: K0BBQ K0CFD K0EGG K0FGK to Tech W0PHW W0FLD W0AQJ to General. K0AAR K0FTF and W0GQK to Extra. Scotland Repeater Assn. has 97 members and running three satellites. New equipment: K0KJ standard HT W0BEI TA-33 with Ham IV on new 40' tower. W0BRAT has Wilson II, N0AHJ ATB-34, Cushcraft 11 on 21m and a Boomer on 25sb plus FT-221. W0EQC is new in Laurens. W0BTLX using doppler down fox in 10 minutes. W0EJQ reports 12 out of 18 in the Novice Class received licenses.

Net	Freq.	Time(D)Days	QNI	QTC	Sess.
Iowa 75M	3970	1730 M-S	1140	82	25
Iowa 75M	3970	2300 M-S	785	63	25
TLCN 75M	3560	2330 Dy	292	88	62

IGN (June) 3713 2359M.W.F 37 9 11
Traffic: (July) W0AUX 414, W0SS 252, K0GP 183, W0YLS 161, W0LFF 30, W0AVW 24, W0JUF 22, K0OFI 19, W0BW 8. (June) W0AUX 333, W0N55 26, W0HND 3.

KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BXP — SEC: W0KLL. Net Managers: cw: W0FT; phone: W0OYH. VHF Activity: W0S2S. Slow Speed Net: W0ESF. Congratulations are in order to W0OYH our phone activity co-ordinator for his efforts that have resulted in his being named 'The Kansas Amateur Of The Year.' This is an award given the past 15 years as the Raymond E. Baker W0FNS Memorial Award, presented at the Kansas Nebraska Hamfest, Concordia. Net activity for July: KFN: QNI 258, QTC 20; KSNB: QNI 1031, QTC 194; QKS: QNI 345, QTC 132; QKS-SS: QNI 102, QTC 30; KWN: QNI 754, QTC 350. All Kansas amateurs continue to do a real fine job. A special thanks is due W0QBH for his faithful QNI to TEN. KANS ARES standing at 879 membership. ECs reporting are W0OAG W0TQ W0CFZ W0EPX

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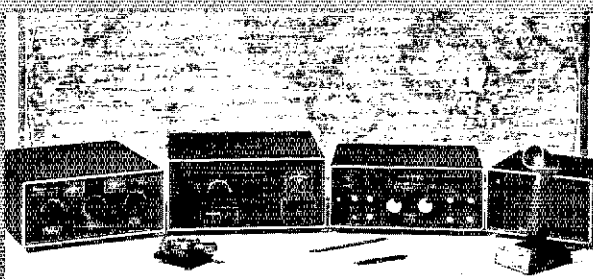
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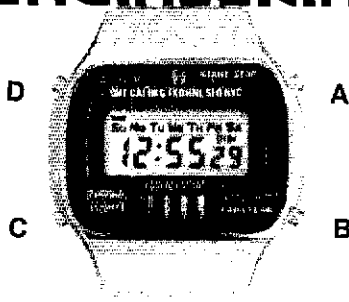
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WB0YWZ and WA0IXI. If your EC is not listed in the above, perhaps he or she needs your help. Was glad to receive the July issue of KVARC TRANSCIVER after hearing that it might be terminated. Officers are WB0RZ, pres.; WB0RZC, vice; WB0RZD, treas.; WB0COV, secy.; WB0STH, WB0QV, WB00K, K0CLC, WA0KIO, WA0ARD, board members. Traffic: (July) W0FIR 192, W0OYH 182, K0EZ 132, W0AM 89, W0HI 86, W0FBP 71, W0ACG 57, W0FDJ 57, W0FT 51, K0BFX 49, K0FFC 47, W0CHJ 42, W0PB 18, W0ESF 21, W0KL 10, N0IN 9, W0RT 8, W0RBO 7, WA0SEV 7, W0OAG 6, K0KD 2, K0GZL 1.

MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — ASCM: Joe Flowers, W0OTF. SEC: W0BPKY. Several outstanding scores were submitted by members of the Kansas City DX Club during the recent WPX cw contest. A rough score of one million points for their efforts. It is hoped that AB0I has his amplifier repaired from the mishap that occurred during field day when he blew the power transformer.

Nets	QNI	QTC	Nets	QNI	QTC
MON	18B	129	MON2	164	82
ACE	27	0	NEMOE	8R	1
HBN	348	37	MOSSBN	822	62

I am sorry to report that W0BAU has passed onto the ranks of the Silent Keys. The Heart of America Radio Club of Kansas City is now boasting an all time high in membership. W0YZS has just worked Wyoming on 432 MHz. This should mean he has qualified for WAS on 432 MHz. Well, MO has lost another good cw operator to the state of KS with K0VBU moving across the state line about two miles. Plans for the 1981 Convention in Kansas City are now being made and it appears the ball is really rolling. At the present time the organization does not have a post office box so, if any information concerning the event needs to be passed along, please forward to me. Congratulations to the following new licensees and upgrades and yours truly finally made it to Advanced. Novice: W0BSFY, KA0S DNP DNT DPE through DPG DPU DQE DQI DOW DQY DRB DRJ DRK DSU DWQ DWR DWT DWY DXI DXL DXT DXU DXY DXZ DYB DYF DYJ DYU DZE DZF DZL EHF ELV ELY EME EML EMP ENV EOD EON EOR ERG ERI ERM ERZ ESS ETF through ETH ETL ETR ETT EUJ EUF EVE EVJ EVT EYV EYZ EWB EWG through EWV EWS through FWZ FVY FVZ EXF EXM EXC EYU EYV EYR EZR EZS EZU FAD FAH FAI FAQ through FAF FBA FBD through FBG FBI FBM FCK through FCM FDA FDC FDB FDO through FDQ FDZ FEE FEG through FEJ FES FEV FFI FFK FGJ FGM FGR FHE FHF FHI FHI FHQ FHW FHZ FII FIU FJA through FJH FJK FKE FKF FKL FLK FMB FMM FML FMM FMS FMO FNL FNO FNS through FNZ FOA through FOC FOE FOF FOX FOY FPH FPI FPL and FPM. Tech: N0S ATH ATJ ATM AUJ AZL AZM BAL BAX BBC BBH and BBI. General: K0CJO N0S AUZ AZH AZJ AZK AZQ AZX BBB BBD BBF BBG BBK BBQ and BBZ. Advance: W0BXT K0S GP AC and IE. Traffic: W0BMA 508, W0BY 208, K0S 156, W0QVI 102, K0QNI 97, K0CV 93, W0DFZ 34, W0VTF 23, W0QCP 11, K0PKP 10, K0RWL 10 and W0QUA 2.

NEBRASKA: SCM, Rex P. Greenwell, K0KP — SEC: WA0ASM. The Central ARC outdid themselves with the Victoria Springs Hamfest! 250 hams agreed the steaks were yummy and fun was had by all. W0ERW won the "cow chips" counterpoise, and W0ZNI won the 2-meter "barbed wire" ground plane. Our new frequency coordinator is WA0WRI. He is experienced and promises a good job. Lancaster EC K0GND published ARES plan in Lincoln Log club paper, looks good! W0VEA received a plaque for his work collecting weather data in the North Platte area. Nets: Cornhusker — QNI 988, QTC 31; Mid-Near 2 Meter: QNI 295, QTC 8; Platte Valley: QNI 30, QTC 4; Western: QNI 406, QTC 48; Tri-State: W0BNIK 67, W0VEA 60, K0ODF 44, W0VYX 30, W0HTA 15, W0FQB 8, W0GMO 7, W0JULH 5, W0B0AK 3, WA0OQ 3, W0FZ 1, WA0LOY 1.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

CONNECTICUT: SCM, William J. Pace, W1ID — SEC: W1SY, STM: W1AIU, NMS: W1LOU K1EIR K1EIS WA1EA WB1CPFK/K1CD.

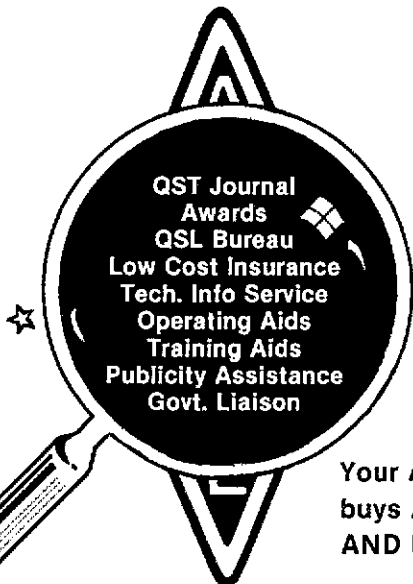
Net	Freq.	Time/Days	Sess.	QNI	QTC
CN	3640	1900/2200 Dy	61	233	221
CPN	3965	1900 M-S	31	421	147
		1000 Su			
RASON	13/73	2100 MWFSu	13	118	29
NUTMEG	28/88	2130 Dy	31	355	82
WESCON	78/18	2030 Dy	31	533	82
NENN	3720	1815 Dy	31		49

(novice net)
 HI QNI: CN: WB1CFD WB2PJU1 K1EIR W1WP. HI QNI: CPN: WB1FZX K1CD AD10 WB2PJU1 HI QNI: RASON, WA1FSM WB1DJD. HI QNI NEN: KA1ADZ WA1IGL KA1DDJ WB1ESJ WA1WRS. Congratulations to WB1CPF on his New England Novice net! It looks like he has made a fine state in organizing a net for Novices which should do much to provide the rest of the net with trained operators. There is no question but such a training net is the way to keep a continual supply of traffic-interested hams! W1WEE reports getting good 40 meter results with his vintage Johnson hamper. W1WFFX reports the soft-ball battle of the repeaters was won by W1AIE (NEW CANAAN) defeating W1ABR (STAMFORD)! KA1CMX using a new 80 meter helically wrapped 80 meter dipole. W1DFT says C.P. and CARWARS activity progressing nicely in his area. W1LOU picked up a number of new countries in IARU RADIOSPORT in addition to breaking 100k points! K1TXG DX activities temporarily slowed down with the arrival of harmonic number 3! Word from K1OQG indicates his inactivity due to change in QTH from Pomitret to Jewett City. Landlord questions keeping him listening at the moment. Both K1EIS and W1AIU sporting plaster leg casts acquired within a couple days of each other. Broken legs are apparently contagious! WB1DOP tuning an air-conditioner and an indoor dipole for 80 meters! K1FHR ecstatic about the results of his new Telrex tri-bander! W1PJZ tuning up his cw for the hi-speed contest at the Hartford convention this fall. Traffic: WB1CPF 243, K1GF 213, WB2PJU1 99, W1EFW 84, W1HJM 69, W1DFT 62, W1BDN 51, W1LOU 45, KA1CMX 39, WB1FZX 38, W1UHB 35, K1XA 32, W1GVT 31, W1KV 11, K8AXL 5, W1CUH 5, W1JTD 2.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Rick Beebe, K1PAD — SEC: WA1BLG. STM: WA1TBY. EC reports received from K1PMB K1EIM W1ALP W1XA W1LE. OD report from W1EGE. W1S reports from W1RJW W1GKT. Anyone interested in Emergency Communications should consider the new Official Emergency Station (OES) appointment. Send note or radiogram to SCM or SEC. Our SEC, WA1BLG, finally settled into new home after many pro-

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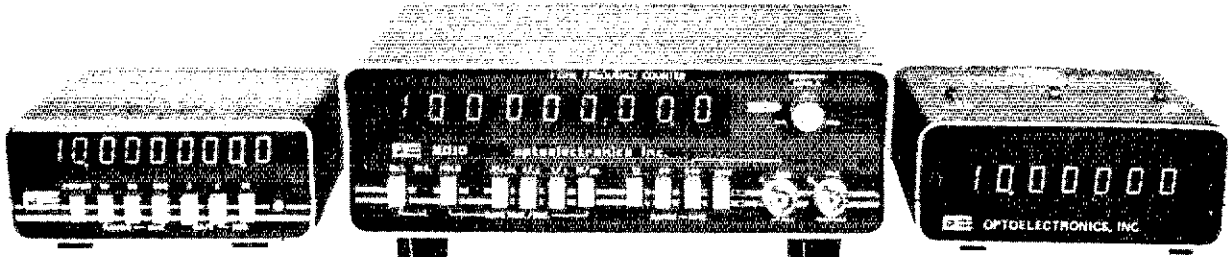
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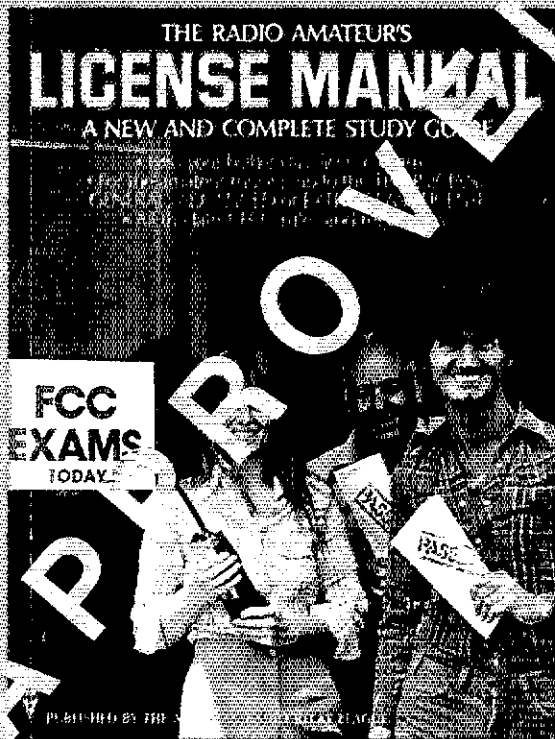
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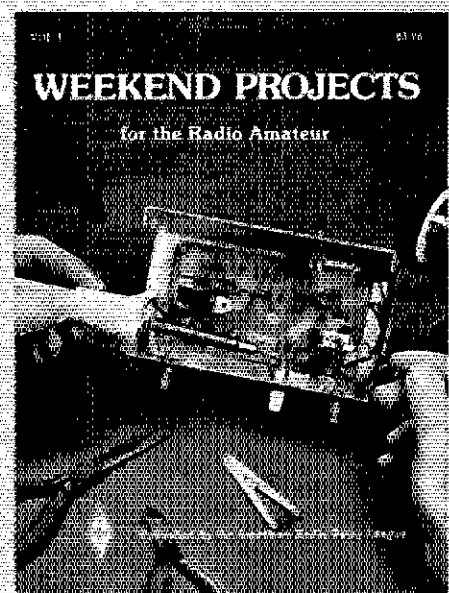
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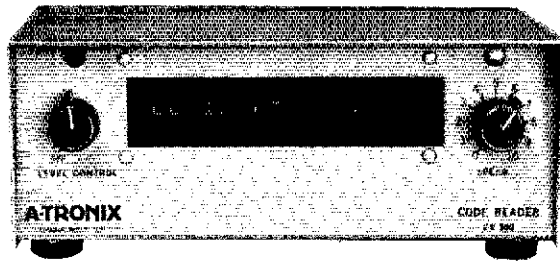
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STM, WA1TBY, has set up a New England Traffic Seminar to aid those interested in learning a bit about cw traffic handling. The sessions are on Sundays just after EMRIPN and start about 6 P.M. It is informal and procedures are explained on phone and demonstrated on cw. By the time you are reading this the Simulated Emergency Test will be right around the corner. All sints are encouraged to participate locally and/or sectionally. Contact your local EC for local info and listen to the nets listed above for when the section nets will be meeting in extra sessions. I'll be looking for your radiograms. There is a new Teletype net. It is the New England Teletype Net and it meets on 3.620 at 7 P.M. local. K1DFS (Conn) is the net manager but stations from all over are welcome. This is something that we have needed for some time in NE so come on teletypers try on some Public Service operating. Beware, its fun and can be habit forming. CLJB NEWS: W1ALP reports in response to a question in this column that the South shore ARA was formed in 1931 with W1WJ as first president. Is this the oldest club in EM? Capewater Radio Club Net meets on Mondays 8 P.M. on 28.8 and Sat at 10 A.M. on 3.980; Massasoit Club signed agreement with CD to use their 1878 repeater; New officers of Chelmsford Club are: K1OKE, pres.; W1LUS, vice pres.; K1CX, secy.; K1PD, treas.; W1HH, trustee; and W1AGNEW, Officer-at-Large. Wellesley Club Officers are: WA1PQY, pres.; K1UR, vice pres.; N1ADY, corr. secy.; WA1YAU, rec. secy.; WA1TBY, treas.; WA1JIR, op. art.; WA1YHV, fund rais. Traffic: (July) WB1DXR 385, WA1TBY 341, KA1CC 294, K1BA 281, WA1EY 232, WA1VAB 209, WA1YWK 190, K1GN 153, KA1EY 118, W1DMS 103, K1BSO 78, W1PE 75, W1FJ 48, KH6JN 3, W1CQB 40, K1LCO 38, WB1E2T 37, WB1ABM 30, KA1BM 28, WA1ML 24, W1HL 21, WB1GEX 18, WB1TPY 15, AD1F 14, KA1AHD 11, K1BZD 11, W1AEC 6, W1ALP 6, N1EE 6 (June) WB1DXR 379, WA1VAB 253, KA1BMJ 9, K1LCO 8, N1AFO 2, K1PNB 2. (May) WB1DXR 345.

Maine: SCM, Ed Bristow, WA1MUX — Amongst summer visitors were WD4MDX of St. Pete FL, N3AOQ of Silver Springs MD and WA1GDN who canceled the Saco R. PSRR; WB1BYR W1RWG, WCARA set up display station at Broiler Day festivities, Belfast. YARC furnished communications at Friendship Day Sloop Races. Plans: SRARC new repeater (146.37/97) in Sept.; AARC comm. for Hydroplane Races in Aug.; SARA same for Log Driving Days in Sept. Sess/ON/DTC: SGN (June) 269/04/10; SGN (Jul) 269/49; AEN 5/420; MFSN 5/67/10; PTN 3/19/8/94; SPSN 3/38/15. See you at Traffic: (July) W1KX 97, W1RWG 85, WB1BYR 82, W1ISO 54, W1HDC 40, WA1JZP 40, AF1L 31, W1BJ 28, WA1MUX 25, K1GUP 21, N5YX17, WA1YNZ 15, KA1DDJ 14, W1BXM 10, W1OTO 10, W1IXC 3. (June) W1ISO 90, W1JTH 25, W1BXM 8.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SCM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1SWX/W1NH — SEC: K1RSC, NMS: W1TN N1NH. Heard on the New England Novice Net; KA1ADE KA1ADZ KA1BOE WB1CSJ WA1WRS. This net meets Dy at 8:15 P.M. on 3720 W1JB's daughter Linda is now KA1BOE. Grant state FM Net certificates issued to: WA1SRU KA1BJ WB1HGQ W1ALE, WB1EL is home from the hospital and noon Dy, WB1B is glad to be back in NH. W1TN visited N1NH. Changes by K1OIQ to Mt. Washington Repeater have increased coverage. WA1VWL vacationed in Carolina's. The GSPM Net had 564 check-ins & 142 traffic. NH Net certificate to W1GUX. This report originates from Daytona Beach, FL. The GSPN had 359 check-ins & 163 traffic. W1KGZ turned to antique car buff. K1HEI & WB1DYV have a new 1S-520S K1JUL has new TR-2200A. The Nashua club Field Day was successful due to good food and hard work by all. W1GUX traffic counts are soaring but he says we still need more help from Vermont, KA1FJ & K1QB being the only traffic handlers. Its hard to believe, but summer is over. Get it now! Next season is snow. Traffic: (July) K1BGS 289, W1GUX 251, W1TN 220, WB1HF1 25, WA1SRU 17, WB1HGQ 13, K1OIQ 13, WA1PEL 11, W1NH 10, N1ALM 9, K1UQX 8, W1JB 6, W1BYS 4. (June) K1BGS 372, W1GUX 225, W1TN 242, N1NH 103, WB1HF1 35, K1ACL 28, WA1PEL 19, K1UJX 19, K1OIQ 13, WA1SRU 10, WB1HGQ 9, W1BYS 8, N1ALM 4, W1NH 3.

RHODE ISLAND: SCM, J. Titterton, W1EOF — SEC: K1DT, STM: N1RI. Another good month for the RIEM 2-M tlc net, WA1CSO, net mgr., sessions 22 QNI 255 and tlc 72. WA1YUH undergoes major surgery but seems to be recovering well. W1YNE has teletype traffic on the increase. Logs are coming in on RI QSO party. WB1DEU comes in 7th nationally in Novice Roundup. WB1DGB is now Extra with new call AG1K also. WB1DEZ and KA1AIR make General, congratulations to all. Ex-W1GYX, is Silent Key. K1DI needs net controls for his 2-Mtr ARES net. N1RI needs net controls for his 2-Mtr ARES net. N1RI needs cw people to check into the EMRI cw nets-contact him and get dope on how to get your feet wet. Hope to see many of you at the NE Division Convention at Hartford. Traffic: W1YNE 48, WA1CSO 40, W1EOF 34, AE1S 4.

VERMONT: SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — SEC: W1VSA. This will be shorter than usual this month. Input has been normal for this time of year - zick! With the real summer w1 think activities hamwise has been shelved, so to speak. I do not feel lonesome in this respect. KA1FJ says he made the Public Service Honor Roll for July. Career: 26/43/739; W1SSS: 29/42/103; 26/37/2140; VTPN 5/5/5; those missing - not rec'd. K1YLB has been in hosp. and now at home on the recovering list. New NCS for VI sss net are KA1BXY WB1RSD/1 and N1ALX. WB1BZR reports he attended Rochester Hamfest and passed Advanced exam along with N1ALB. Traffic (June) KA1FJ 25, W1RNA 6. (May) WB1BZR 27, W1RNA 5.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Bill Lowe, W1TM — SEC: WA1DNB, STM: W1KK, NM: W1UD and WA1MJE, NOBARC Hamfest in Cummington enjoyed by many. K1SF reports 80 MHz openings to west coast. WA1RFA and W1KZS both report successful 50 MHz QSO with KH6IAA in Hilo, HI. Each of them now need only Alaska for 50 MHz WAs. WB1CGK now OTIS, WB1GTR winner of Freedom Foundation Award. WB1DL now Ad-

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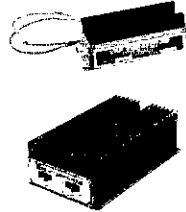
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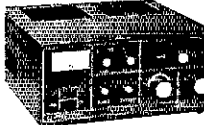
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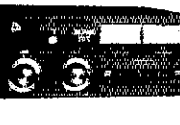
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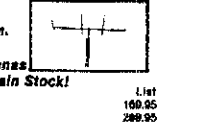


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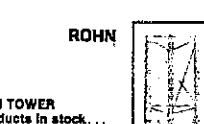


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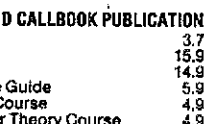
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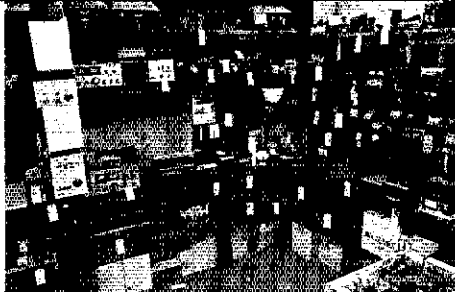
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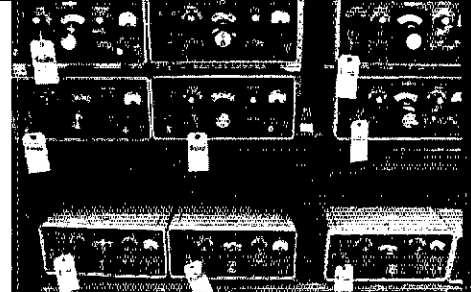
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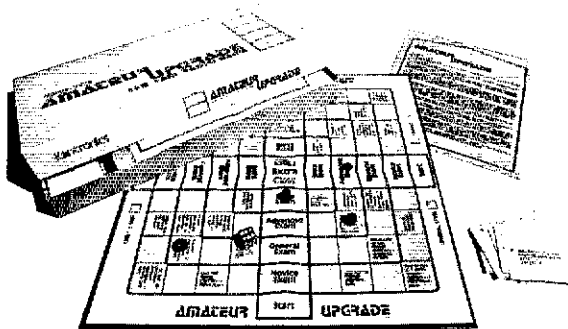
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NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

ALASKA: SCM, Roy Davis, KL7CJ — It appears that every one is on vacation this month from the amount of reports I received. KL7HOV is still working on his new acquired boat. KL7P and KL7Q provided communications for a special events Olympics mileage event from the bridge over the Yukon River to Valdez. We have had some maritime visitors to the waters around Alaska. K6CQT is one of those with his beautiful vessel, The Alaska Snipers Net had 819 clicks, Alaska Bush Net had 1277 and The Alaska Pacific Net had 1,110. An mtg. term of office is drawing to a close I want to thank all of the amateurs in this section and visitors to the section for their support over the past five years. Traffic: KL7P 48, AL7O 18, KL7Q 14.

IDAHO: SCM, Lem Allen, Jr., W7JMH — SEC: WA7UHW. Remember and prepare for the SET in October. Its picnic time among the clubs. What an opportunity to check out portable gear, antennas, etc. Talk other hams in to the site, and have fun gathering info on what your emergency gear will do. This could be important. Congrats to K7ETJ, new EC for Kootenai County! He just applied for ARRL Life Membership. W7JMH has new Dentron linear and is learning about feedback, SWR, grounding, etc. HI. He hopes to make his savings with family in Alaska. W7HZJ just got back from 6000 mile motorcycle trip — nearly everywhere and back with new cycle — now plans cw portable to ride piggy-back. W7IWI had car trouble at Warm Lake, contacted W7FTN on 34/94 repeater (100 miles away), got him to bring a new spark coil (4 AM), still would not start, stretched out weak distributor spring, ran ok. Another case where repeaters were comforting in an emergency.

NETS Freq Time/Day Sess. QNI QTC
I-ARM 3935 8 P Dy 31 1056 43
IMN 3635 9 P M-F 22 148 58
CD 3990 8:10 A M-F 22 448 22

Put a ring on your finger — remember the SET! Traffic: W7GHT 164, WA7QTS 68, W7JMH 33.

MONTANA: SCM, Robert Leo, W7RL — WA7OBH reports netting in WB7SRL moving to ranch. WA7JNA moves to Red Lodge. Red Lodge 01/61 rpt. FB coverage. IMN: QTC 58, QNI 148, WA6GF new 15 mtr beam. WB6BH new 901. W7TGU many new DX countries. 225 at Glacier Hamfest, congrats K7WNE. Nice newsletters from Gt Falls & Bozeman. WR7ANC Eaglehead repeater moved to Steamboat Mountain. Traffic: W7TGU 96, W7IXD 47, W7NEG 3.

OREGON: SCM, Dale T. Justice, K7WWR — SEC: W7HLF. Section net reports:

Net	Time (Z/Days)	Freq	QNI	QTC	Sess.	Mgr.
AREP	0000 Z Dy	3993.5	499	95	31	W7HLF
BSN	0045 Z Dy	3908	610	28	31	WB7PQU
CSA		167.06	122	15	9	W7WE
OSR	0145 Z Dy	357.3	156	91	31	N7MO
PdxAARES	0230 Z Dy	147.32	175	47	32	K7WWR
WCN	0200 Z Dy	3702	312	108	31	K7ZJG
	1675	0200 Z Dy	146.76	756	91	K7KVV

K7WPC and WB7PQU made the local paper with an article on their station and activities with pix — do something in your local paper, it makes good PR. WB7AFD is BSN ham of the month. The BSN picnic was held with a good turnout and an excellent meeting about improvements for the net. The Eugene Hamfair was held with about 500 Oregon hams present. Traffic: (July) W7VSE 659, K7NTS 211, WA7HS 180, W7MIV 110, WB7OEX 72, W7HLF 72, K7WWR 51, W7CWP 37, K7ALUZ 36, W7LNE 11, W7LT 10. (June) WB7OEX 80.

WASHINGTON: SCM, Bob Klepper, W7IEU — Nets reporting this month are: NTN: QNI 1483, QTC 56; WARTS: QNI 3002, QTC 157; NWSSBN: QNI 642, QTC 39; WSN: QNI 385, QTC 129. EC WA7TWB and San Juan City ARES members received very good publicity in local paper on the ARES Skylab preparation. Kitsap City EC, WA7KGT, operating local ARES net on his 145.31 rpt on Mon nights. West Seattle ARC making plans for 1980 FD after a very successful one this year. WB7QWC making changes in antenna system to improve his emergency communications capabilities. W7ERH served as EC for Snohomish City while W7ADM was on a trip. WB7FGC reports 35 participants in Skylab Skywatch in the Spokane area. W7KT built new ham shack but son WA7VXB uses it as a bedroom. Radio Amateurs of Skagit City (RASC) new repeater, W7IXF/RPT, went into operation July 21 on Lyman Hill at the 4270 ft. level on 144.56/145.19. K7NZV reports 6 meter AM net discontinued the end of July due to lack of check-ins. WB7FDE and OM AE7P enjoyed vacation traveling and giving YLSSB net members contacts in rare 7-land states. KA7ANF and her 3 stepchildren (WA7VXB, N7ADO and Harmony) made a successful bicycle trip to San Francisco and back. Oak Harbor area recent upgrades are: K7DAL, WB7VOC, WB7VOC, WB7MOW, WB7WNF, WB7NVM: is now AI7J. KA7AWK is in Japan as an exchange student. W7ZEV is experimenting with windmill power to charge his 12 volt system. WA7RWK reports 1080 ARES members and reminds us that the ARES-EC net meets on 3900 kHz at 8 P.M. Mon. LCARA members KA7BWF and KA7BLA have upgraded. WA7ILC has worked YB9 stations on 8 bands, having recently worked YB9ADE on 160 meters. BEARS club has participated in FD since 1959. Clark City ARC did an outstanding job of communication for 4th of July fireworks display. West Seattle ARC is discussing an on-going project like constructing and operating a repeater. HAM Club annual pancake feed October 7 is giving away a hand held ham radio & ham cash if you are not. Traffic: W7DZX 359, W7AK 317, K7LJZ 163, W7KZ 130, N7AJ 124, K7GXZ 115, WA3WPY 71, WA7BD 68, W7IEU 65, W7EBU 33, N7AFZ 27, W7BUN 27, W7ZED 15, W7FJZ 14, K7AJT 12, WB7CFH 10, N7AFY 9, K7VNI 8, W7APS 7, K7NZV 7, WA7OJI 5, W7ERH 2.

PACIFIC DIVISION

NEVADA: SCM, Ralph E. Covington, Sr., W76K — Policy is to refrain from mentioning names in this column but I cannot resist from paying due respect to Leonard M. Norman, our past SCM. He is first listed in the November 1992 issue of QST as our SCM. In the interim 17 years he has served well as SCM for almost 13 of those years. During that time he never missed getting the column in for Nevada. Of course, he made many other contribu-

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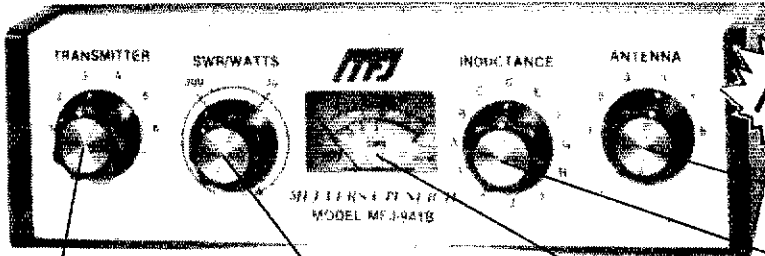
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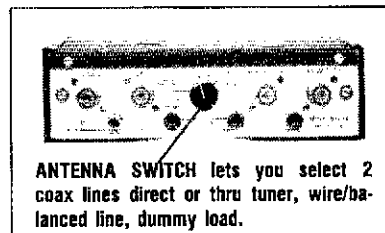
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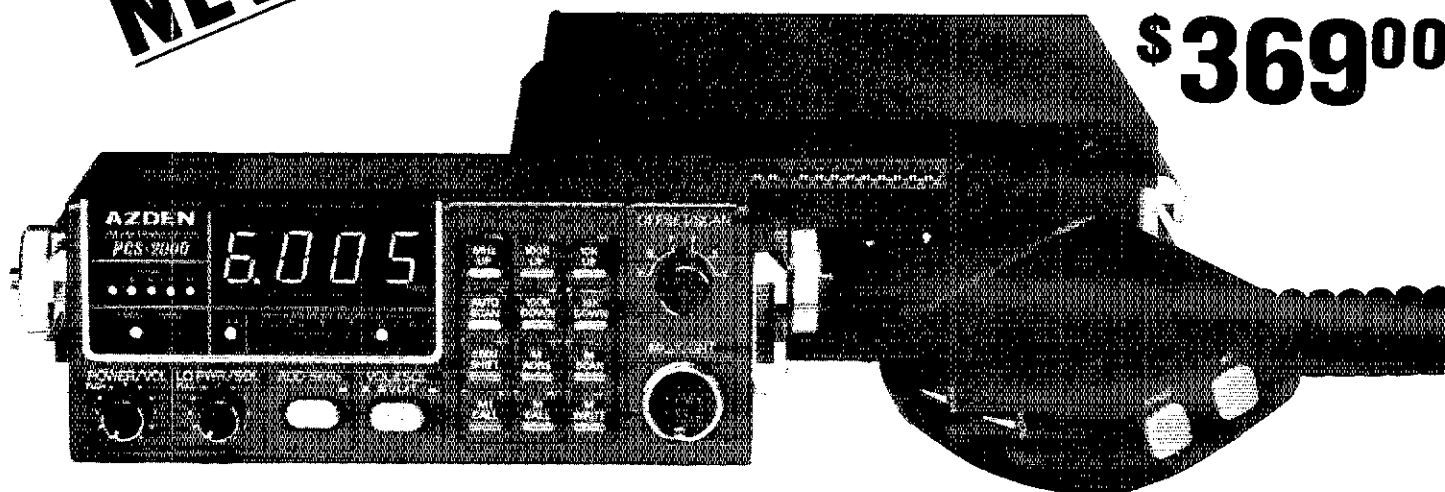
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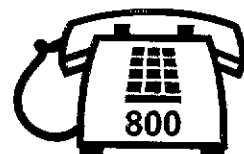
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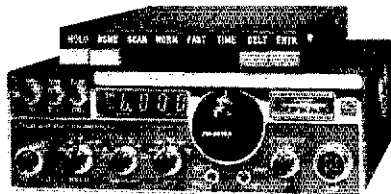


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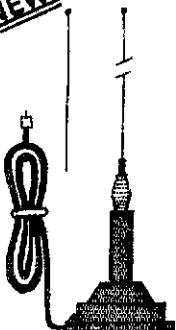


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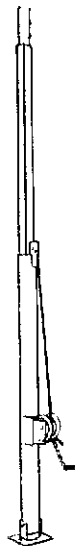
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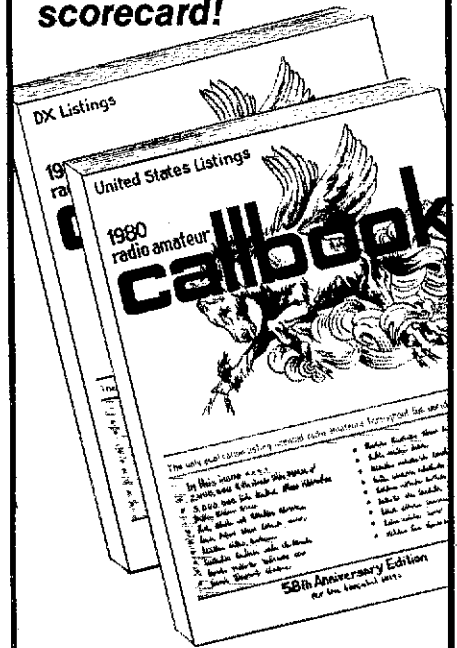
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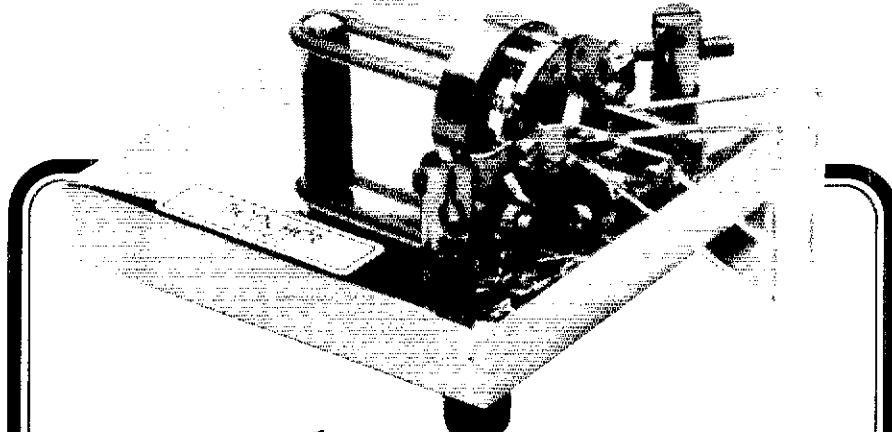
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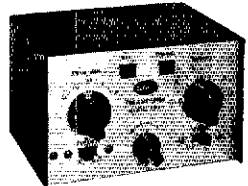
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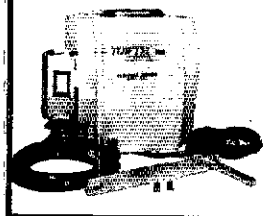


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tions but space keeps us from listing all of them. There is no doubt that should the need arise again he will be there to give us his all. Thank you, Leonard, W7KKM home from hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery. Nevada Sagebrush Net is reactivated and meets Daily 3:59B MHz, Q230Z, K6MQX back on the air with new antenna farm KA7AGM really working out as EC in Clark County. Traffic: N7AKX 258, W7BS 111, W7SK 3.

PACIFIC: SCM, Pat Corrigan, KH6DD — SEC: KH6CKJ, EC: Honolulu, KH6ILR. Congrats to KH6HME on his historic breakthrough with the first ever Hawaii - W. Coast 432 MHz contacts. The KH6DD Amateur News Broadcast and the Swap Shop have been changed to Tuesdays at 8 P.M. All old QSL's at KH6 Bureau were disposed of this month. QSL mgr. KH6DO requests everyone keep current and provide SASE's if you expect cards. Let's help him in his tough job. Pac. Tfc. Net meets daily on 14110 at 0330Z with weekend sessions at 0000Z. Everyone is welcome and you might find cw tlc handling fun. KH6HDA visited from Seattle in July; C2IKM & ZK1BS in Aug. KG6JIC is EC Guam - contact him to volunteer help in Guam. Sim. Emerg. Test this month. Contact your local EC. Contact Hono. ARC to help with next years ARRL Conv. in Hawaii. Traffic: KH6JJP 12, KH6H 10, KH6DD 8.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV — SEC: WB6GFJ, ASCM, W6NUJ, Division Director, W6ZM was the quest speaker at the meeting of the Sierra Foothills ARC in Auburn. N6WR shared the bill as banquet speaker with W2HD, the President of the ARRL at the Division Convention in Reno. The amateur radio newsletter phone, (916) 484-7388, sponsored by the J.I. Sabin Pioneer RC, is being well received and is a great service for the Section. The El Dorado Co. ARC held a meeting/picnic at the Coloma State Park. WB6TXC has his Rohm 25G tower up with 3 element beam in place, W6GQ has trained his computer to keep his log and keep track of his QSLing. Congratulations to KABE2G and KABE2H on passing their General class tests and to KA6s GFH and HFF on their new Novice calls. Traffic: W6SX 36, W6DEF 21, W6RSP 15.

SAN FRANCISCO: SCM, Mark Nelson, AA6DX — SEC: N6KM, W6VW, new SCM for SF, is writing this and future columns. Many TNX to Mark for his help in the changeover. Please bear with us until we get organized. SFRC and HARC were active on FD. W6RNL active in Tfc and Public Service, W6GGR as OBS. Are you signed up with your EC to help in case of emergency? There was a good representation of SF section at Pacific Division Convention. FWRA planning repeater improvements. K6GWEIR had successful breakfast meeting. Traffic: (July) W6RNL 164, W6GGH 9. (June) W66AMP 202, W6RNL 107.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SCM, Charles Mc Connel, W6RDP — SEC: WA6YAB, Asst SCMs: W6THP, WA6JHJ, WA6YAK, Apointments renewed: W6JVM, EC: K6YK, OVS, and W6KK, W6NFK and N6AM, OBS. The Southern Sierra Amateur Radio Society in Techachapi is an ARRL Affiliated Club. W6SF (Stockton ARC) and W6BXN (Turlock ARC) had a challenge on FD points scored, and W6SF won. CAR5 was active in FD. It is my sad duty to report N6VZ as a Silent Key. W6DPD has joined the 5 Meter 600 Club. N6AWH, KA6AOV, W6DBH, W6DPD, WA6WDL and WA6YAB made NCN Honor Roll for June. K6B6DK is KE6U. NCN Scoreboard, for June and/or July

I	QNI 383	QTC 286	QNI 392	QTC 370
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K6GCKX and K6EKW made General. K6BFYD, N6B7F, K6AFOB, K6AFIZ, K6GER, K6GGEI and K6HHJ are new Amateurs in Kern County. Traffic: (July) N6AWH 218, W6DPD 15, WA6YAB 12, WA6JDB 3. (June) N6AWH 113, W6BWM 18, K6RAU 5.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SCM, Jettie Hull, W6RFF — SEC: W6BIZF, K6DYX will talk on RTTY to the Naval Postgraduate School ARC. KB2ID sends code practice on Sun 8 P.M. 7180 kHz. NPSARC had booth at Monterey County Fair, and officers are KB2ID, K6TST, W6ALUN, K6BOW, W6RFF was guest speaker at Geo. Ladd Pioneer RC in SF. Topic was traffic. W6PDD in hospital. K6B6EZ was awarded an ARRL 40 yr pin by W6ZM. K6B6CK visited Yonkers, CA reports they will host Pacific Div Convention Labor Day weekend 1980 with WA6RKB as chairman. Marriob Santa Clara possible site. W6AOK is back on the air from new site in Ben Lomond, the San Lorenzo Valley ARC is the owner. A breakfast meeting was held in Capitola by the SLVARC and SCCARC. WA6KFA is in Mexico aboard the Agua Alegre. SCCARC/ARES net meets Mon 1930 local on 146.52 simplex. New member SCCARC is KA6FKC. W6ARA had a picnic and an auction during Aug and has sked events for remainder of the year. SPARK and SRI club members are keeping W664IS on the air. AG6D spoke on the Opticon-Communications Aid to the Blind before PARL. New members: KA6DL, L-Tech, and KA6CUG-Gen and K6GZC and K6EZY now Advanced. W6ASH EC coordinated communications for semi-annual MEDEX 80-I (Operation Hot Foot). He keeps the ARES group busy with drills and nets! Northern Calif Net reports new Editor for the RELAY, it is N6IU, and many thanks goes to K6TP for his work in publishing 42 issues in the last 3 1/2 years! NCN Honor Roll includes: W6BAFR, K6RETB, K6AFZ, W6GUA, W6B6HD, WA6-JVK, WA6KRA, W6KZJ, WA6NMQ, W6RFF, W6BYBV, N6YE, K6YKG, W6YTV, WA6ZFK all of SCV. W6BYBV leads the section traffic total as usual. W6BIZF reports "Just having in here" with activity on 2-mtrs. W65WVK reports a slow month. W6ABHD busy with OBS in Novice bands. W6OH busy with phone nets. W6AUC with large tlc total many nets and checks sked with bros W6JAO and W6BEU. W6KZJ keeps into NCN nearly every night. N6XI also busy on NCN and NCCCN. W6ZRJ took TCC sked for W6VZT. Traffic: (July) W6BYBV 284, W6AUC 91, W6RFF 53, WA6HAD 42, W6KZJ 18, W6OH 12, W6ZRJ 12, N6XI 6. (June) W6BIZF 2.

ROANOKE DIVISION
NORTH CAROLINA: SCM, Bill Parris, AA4R — STM: N4UE, SEC: K4CJZ. Congrats to all the members of the New River ARC of Jacksonville, now an affiliated club. Sorry to have IRLF moving to GA. TNX for the good effort as SUT. THEN Congrats to K4VHT the new Tlc of THEN. K4VHT was recent speaker at Iredell Co ARS and AA4R at the Gaston Co ARS. W4ASKH reports a demo station set up in Whiteville with good public response. K4FTB reports Blue Ridge OCWA Chapter demonstrated Amateur Radio at the Henderson Co. Apple Festival on both HF and OSCAR. New Extras include W64VVL and W4WCG, who is now KO4P. W48BUK reports Charlotte ARC was recently presented an award by the March of

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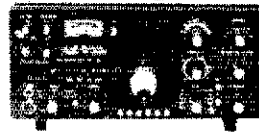
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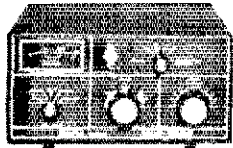


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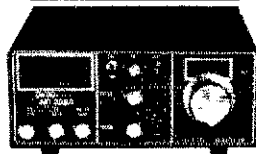
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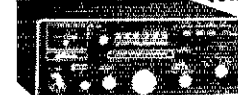
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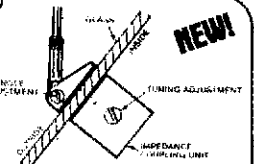
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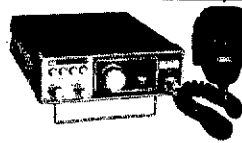
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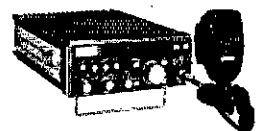
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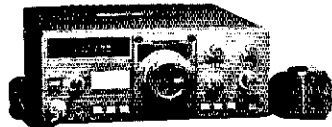
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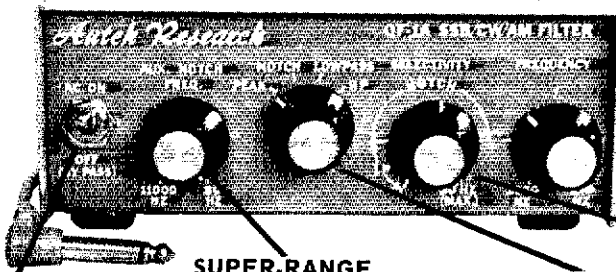
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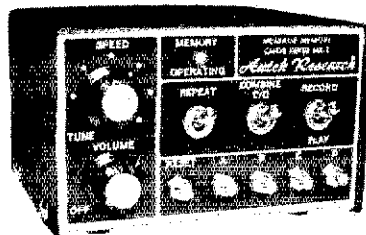
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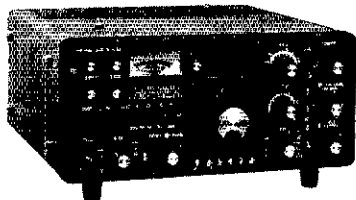
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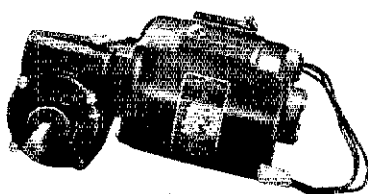
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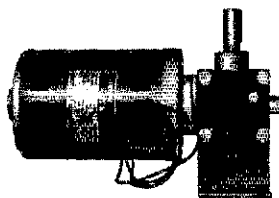
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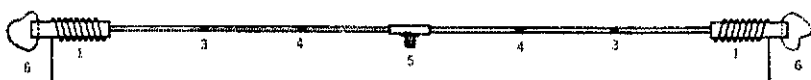
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Dimes for their continued support of the annual Walkathon. Mecklenburg ARES group recently participated in mock air plane disaster in cooperation with the local airport. WB4KOH is EC of the group. DX activities are now being published in a number of club bulletins including the Highland ARC, Raleigh Coast ARC and Raleigh ARES. Looks like a subject that appeals to most. Recent ARRL appointments include: K4DHX(OIS), W4FMN(OES), W44WHJ(OO), W44AAV(EG Wake Co), W44IER (EC Yadin Co), W44FSC(OVS). Remember the SET scheduled for the first weekend in October. What has your ARES group got planned? See you at the Eastern NC Hamfest on October 7 and the Asheville Hamfest on October 13. Traffic: AB4V 24B, WD4CNO 180, AB4S 163, WD4NYN 154, WB4MXG 100, WD4FPO 98, K4VHT 86, K4FTB 85, KK4M 77, K4MC 62, WD4AIE 59, W4FAT 58, WB4VII 58, N4ZH 55, N4JIE 52, AA4R 50, W4OFO 40, WB4VVL 40, W4FMN 39, W44AAV 34, KB4IZ 34, N4ALE 30, WD4ABZ 28, WB4CES 27, K4DHX 26, W44SRD 25, N4AJ5 23, W4ACY 21, W4ACUD 19, WD4NAO 15, WB4CYN 14, WB4VOZ 12, W4RVE 11, AA4NG 10, N4BEX 10, K4AI 8, WD4HYM 6, A4D 4, W4IZI 1, WD4LOO 1.

SOUTH CAROLINA: SCM, Richard McAbee, W4MTK — Asst. SCM: W4BUDK, STM: W4ANK, NMs: W44SJS N4PO K44RGX W4OCX. Check-in/Traffic July. SC SSBN 1386/176, Anderson 2-M Net 562/29, CNE 304/144, (GMN) 232/67, Lancaster 2-M Net 172/25, CNN 98/34, Dixie 5M Sideband Net 39/0, Dillon City. ARES 17/2, Dillon City. 10M Net 7/0. Congrats to all known up-grades: KA4IPM WD4NUM KA4CPR WD4BUL Rock Hill Hamfest Oct. 7. Sorry to hear K4FRX in hospital. Glad to be a guest at the OQO Luncheon at the Charleston Hamfest. A lot of activities by all clubs this summer. Traffic: N4QO 352, WD4AWN 225, W4ANK 171, K4ZN 161, W4NTO 100, W4FMZ 87, WB4JDK 51, W4MTK 49, K44AUR 43, W4FVY 34, K44BGX 13, WB4JNE 30, W44SJS 27, W4OCX 25, WB8TCT4 20, AF4E 15, WD4DOL 13, N4BCD 12, W4DRF 10, K4PFC 10, K4VIA 9, WD4EDM 8, WD4HBX 8, WB4AFP 6, WD4BUM 6, N4AKO 5, N4EE 5, W44VYS 4, WD4FJP 3, WD4LLC 2, KB4SC 2, W44YAF 2. (June) KA4BGX 34.

VIRGINIA: SCM, Rick Genter, K4BXX — ASCM: Buddy Smith, W4YE, STM: W4SOQ, SEC: N4NK, Chief OQ: W4HU, Chief OVS: W4APGI.

Net	KHz	Time(PM)	Sess.	OIC	QNI	Mgr.
VINT	3607	Noon	31	263/243	345	N4LE
YSBN	3947	10:15	62	310/15	105	W4JK
YSN	3680	6:30	31	149/130	318	W44YU
VN	3680	7:10	61	535/472	316	WB4FLT

By popular demand, the individual news is back. Many thanks to all of you for letting me have views in this column. WD4JEK, advises of new interest in a Novice net. Our STM, W4SOQ, IRFD 1, Box 313-A, Gainesville, 22065) would like to hear from anyone interested in a Novice net. K8WV and WBLYV gave us their views on the Quiet-Zone in Winchester. ASCM, W4YE, attended the National in Baton Rouge! W4UQ is sailboat racing in Cape Cod. Vopex 79/3 was conducted and preparations are now under way for Vopex 79/4 (Oct-SE 1). N4OT now has DXCC CW 180 Mixed 20U, no beam, no linear, no lists. WB4LAB, KB4OH, K4AGAV active, with James City/Williamsburg Expo. W4ZM traded "C Line" for Omni D. Many thanks to W4WWQ and the Lynchburg ARC for the Vopex 79/3 scenario; great job! K4BAV active FO with Alexandria's emer. van and generator, WB4DBK getting ready for UVA in the fall. W4ANTP has new tower and beams up. W4KFC and K4LMB attended National conv N4RF is back after a "southern" vacation. N4SD working with Red Cross. XYL and I enjoyed our visit to Southern Peninsula ARC (Traffic: July) WB4PNY 751, KB4N 617, W44CCK 598, W4JK 520, N4NK 475, W4BBN 472, W4SOQ 293, WB4FLT 219, K4KNP 214, W44LJL 207, WB4DBK 195, K4BKS 187, W4ASTO 184, K4LGA 137, W4WWQ 133, N4BJX 99, N5BA 98, K4EJ 95, W44CK 90, N4LE 88, K4JM 85, W44YU 85, K4FR 83, W4BBQ 79, W4UO 77, N4AZI 59, W44UJY 46, W4OKN 45, KB4OG 42, WB4MAE 40, N4UY 40, W4NWM 39, WB4NEE 36, N4IF 35, W4KXE 31, N4FM 30, AG4D 28, WB4FDT 26, K4GR 26, KB4OF 26, K44ETG 25, N4ATT 22, K4GIO 22, K4JH 22, WD4GVU 21, WB4LAB 21, WB4RWY 21, WB4DOZ 20, K4HBE 20, WD4IDF 20, WB4UHC 20, N4YO 20, W6VYG 20, WB4ZWT 20, W44FDV 18, KB4OB 18, W4CEU 17, WB4ODZ 17, N4RF 17, WD4NEI 16, W44ONR 16, W44JUJ 14, K4AJ 13, W4RIS 12, WD4PCZ 12, K4VWK 2, WD4ETK 1, W4SUS 1, W4YE 1, W4BYO 10, W4SHJ 10, WB4SHK 10, WB4RWY 9, N4SD 9, N4BH18, K4DHB 8, WB4KIT 8, W44L TO 7, K4ITV 6, AF4B 4, K4BAV 4, N3RC 4, W44JUO 3, W4LXB 3, KM4X 3, W44YJF 3, W4ZM 3, W4CFV 2, W4DM 2, W44EGW 2, AB91 2, AF4O 2, WD4EUV 1, K4MLC 1, N4OT 1, WB4QAX 1, K14W 1, (June) KF4H 121, N4UY 9, W4LXB 7, K4BAV 4, W4ZM 2, WB2-JAY 1.

WEST VIRGINIA: SCM, Karl Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEW NMs: K8MHR WDBJM W8BAKO, STM: WARWPW. Successful hamfests held at Ripley, Morgantown and Bluefield. WV QSO Party was operated by an increased number of stations this year, both in and out of WV. Winners in WV: 1st place: WB8SAW; 2nd place: WD8EAV; 3rd place: W8BBMX. Field Day was operated by 12 clubs around the state. Good band conditions produced relatively high scores. Black Diamond QTH net meets every Monday night at 9:00 on 25/85 Beckley, with WD8EAV net control. Station installed at NWS in Charleston under direction of N8AJC. W8JCK now a Silent Key.

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Novice	3730	2215 Dy	124	24	29
Phone-MD	3990	1800 Dy	388	76	30
Phone	3990	2200 Dy	780	109	31
CW	3667	2300 Dy	167	44	31

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COLORADO: SCM, Robert W. Poirier, K0DJ — SEC: W0GOW, STM: W8MCL, NM: K0CNV W8ZOG, W0LAE off for several weeks due to stay in hospital. W8PHZL off to Ft Hood, TX as he recently received officer's bars. AD0A to remain in CO due to illness on the part of his XYL. W8WYX attended International Hamfest in Manitoba and met several old friends. Colo. Springs new 3/17/79 machine was operational on N8KV's QTH during the National Sports Festival. The problem with the Micor's identifier have been solved and transfer to the hilltop location should be forthcoming. Several amateurs from around the state provided communi-

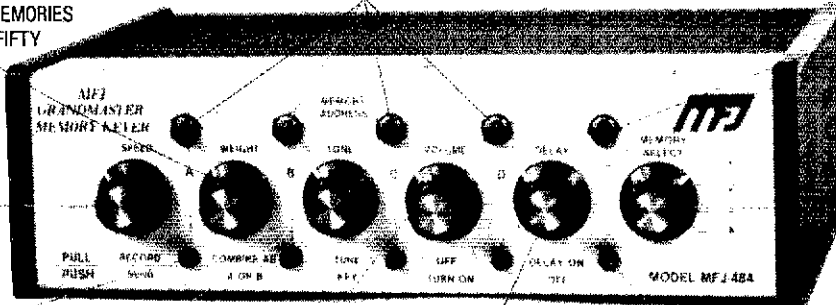
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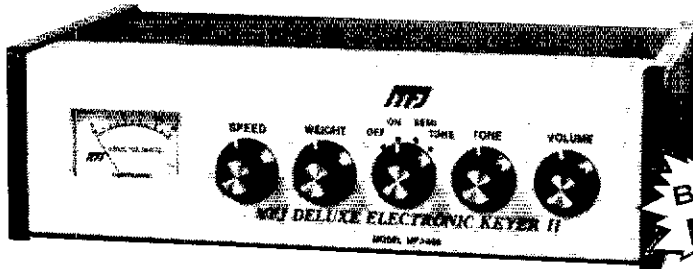


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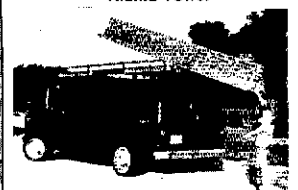
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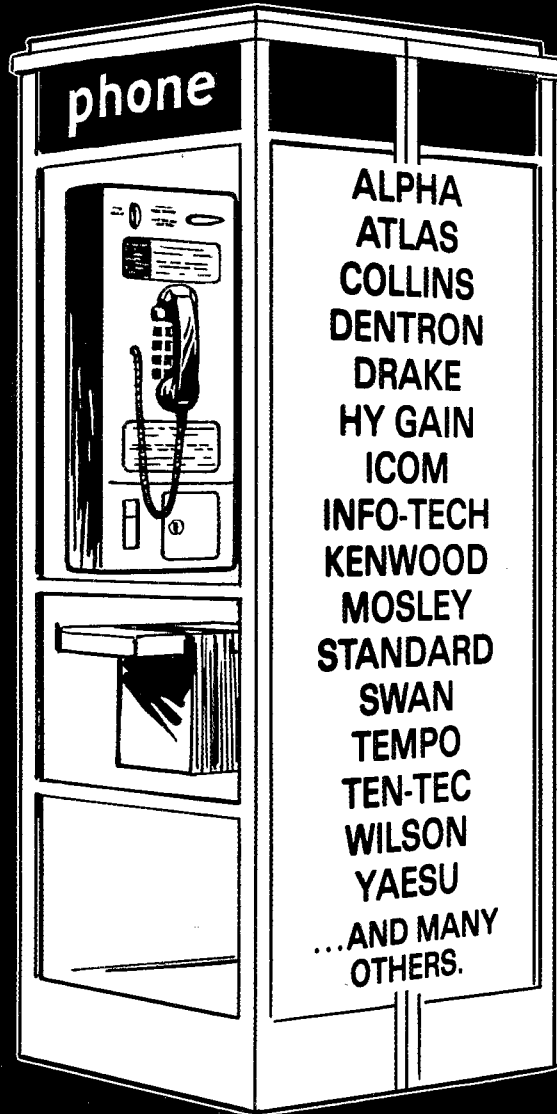
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tions for the Sports Festival. W2NSD of 73 magazine was among some of the amateur dignitaries to attend the week long affair. N9ACW and his ARES group provided two-meter support at the Gerald Ford golf tournament. Severe weather provided amateurs on the eastern Plains with plenty of excitement in July. Net Hc. July: Columbine: 31 sess, QNI 258, QTC 144, Informals 195, QNF 1145, CWN: 31 sess, QNI 179, QTC 221, QNF 1062; Hi-Noon: 30 sess, QNI 1341, QTC 61, Informals 193, QNF 1396. Traffic: (July) W0WYX 2022, WA0HJZ 1645, WD0HNF 183, WD0DEX 162, AD0A 120, W0LAE 114, K0DJ 106, W0EJD 103, W0MDT 100, K0TER 76, W0BHZL 71, W0GO 52, W0NFW 44, W0LQ 34, W0BYKH 32, W0GW 32, K0CI 4. (June) W0NFW 41.

NEW MEXICO: SCM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY — SEC: W5ALH. NMs: K5KPS & W5SAHH. Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 3585 kHz, at 1915 local time and handled 144 msgs with 181 stations reporting in New Mexico Roadrunner Net (NRRN) meets daily on 3939 kHz at 1800 local and handled 172 msgs with 1002 stations reporting in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3940 kHz at 0700 local, handled 112 msgs with 760 check-ins. Yucca 2-Mtr Net handled 112 msgs with 234 check-ins. Had a nice visit with the Socorro ARA and they have several new and interesting projects in the works. Several from NM attended the Flagstaff Convention and reported a good time. Others are looking forward to the Amarillo and the El Paso Conventions. FB Traffic: W5UH 351, W5DAD 258, N5NG 233, W5SAHH 131, KL7HSP 121, W5ENI 103, K5KPS 78, W5JOV 44, W5SMY 38, W5BWW 16.

UTAH: SCM, Royce Henningson, K7QEQ — STM: W7OCX. W7ZBO appointed EC for Salt Lake county and W7CWK appointed EC for Davis county. It has been reported that WA7GTU and N7KM are on RTTY. WA7JRC has a new TS120S. N7EJ active with AREG on 2-meters to assist with UBIC. WA7MEL reports that the UARC Steak fry at Brighton was a great success with a large turn out and lots of fun and good food. W7OCX received an Armed Forces Day special military to amateur QSL card and certificate for 25 WPM cw test. Beehive Utah net meets Dy on 7272 kHz at 1830Z had 31 sess, 1442 check-ins and 89 msgs. Utah code net meets Dy on 3710 kHz at 0115Z had 31 sess, 181 check-ins, 52 msgs. Traffic: K7HLR 260, N0AHA 77, WA7MEL 65, WA7JRC 42, W7OCX 28, W7BE 10, W7UTM 11.

WYOMING: SCM, Chester C. Stanwalley, W7SDA — Congratulations to the Amateur Radio operators of Cheyenne for a great job of handling emergency and other traffic for civil defense and other agencies following the tornado that struck part of Cheyenne. The 1979 Wyoming Hamfest was well attended with about 145 total in attendance and 95 registered amateurs. Congratulations K7KSA Story and K7HS formerly WB7THK Sheridan now Advanced, W7SSV, XYL K7KSA, Story new General, KA7FIT, XYL N0CY, Rock Springs and KA7SAR Lander new Novices. N6BGJ now resides in Cody, Wyoming Cowboy net report 20 sess, 556 QNI, 6 QTC. Jackalope net 308 QNI, 1 QTC. Sheridan AREG net 28 QNI, 1 QTC. WB7QQA charter member of Wyo. Ten-Ten club. Shy-Wy ARC had 12 operators and 467 contacts June Field Day. Traffic: W7LYA 429, W7SQI 121, WA7GQ 97, W7SGG 38.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION
ALABAMA: SCM, William F. Scates, WA4JYU — SEC: K4WYT. STM: WA4JDH. Congratulations to MARS Amateur Radio Club, Marshall Space Flight Center and Huntsville Area Young Ladies ARC on their recent receipt of their charter. Both these additions will be a boost to North Alabama. I would like to mention this month the University of Alabama in Birmingham Club Station. This club is a bit over two years old and until recently has not found its true place in amateur radio. Under the direction of W4JYU and a lot of help from WB4VNH, the club station, WB4TX has at last got its act together. As you know UAB contains a very large medical center. With this in mind and its 15 operators, WB4TX has more or less specialized in medical emergencies. During the past few days 5 such emergencies have been handled. The UAB station members are listed with the campus police station, the central operator on the telephone exchange, and with MIST — Medical Information Service via Telephone. This club works closely with W5CUE, the BARC station, and is indebted to its many members for their able assistance. Congratulations to the new AENK on 319F and WA4YCM for creating that emergency net off. We'll put that net to good use during the upcoming SEC. Traffic: WA4JDH 893, N4MD 665, WA4VKD 310, NACCT 241, KA4BU1 108, WA4ZP7 49, K4AZO 46, W4CK3 34, WA4BU 30, WA4JYU 26, WA4FXO 22, WD4LMJ 20, WA4RCF 19, KA4EWD 16, WA4JPK 15, K44IVO 11, K4UMD 8, WB4OZN 8, W4MHO 6, WA4YCM 1.

CANAL ZONE: SCM, Alvin Sholk, KZ5AS — Many thanks to HP1RD & HP1BS (President of Liga Panamena de Radioamadores) and the other Panamanian hams who attended the August meeting of the GZARA and offered assistance in helping us obtain Panamanian call signs. KZ5OJ is the first central/southern American station to earn the 5BWAZ award. He has confirmed 125 zones.
GEORGIA: SCM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL — Asst SCM: K4VHC. SEC: K4SWJ, Asst SEC: WB4HXC. STM: WA3MAZ/4. Nms: K4DMK W4HON K4VHC W4WXA WB4ZOJ.

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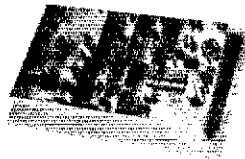
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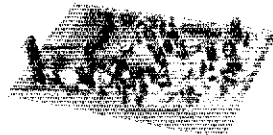
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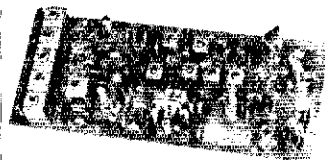


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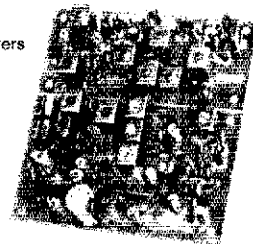
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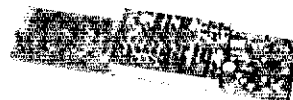
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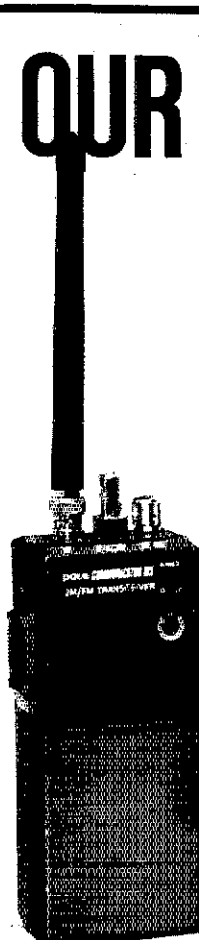
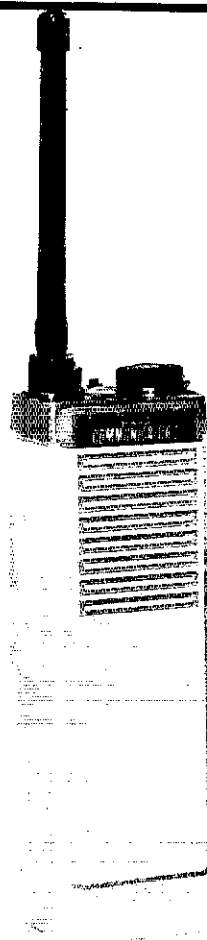
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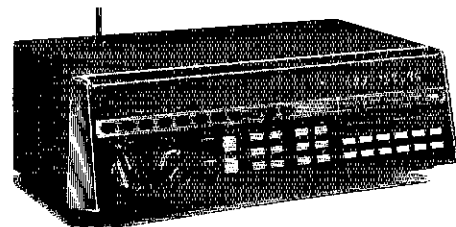
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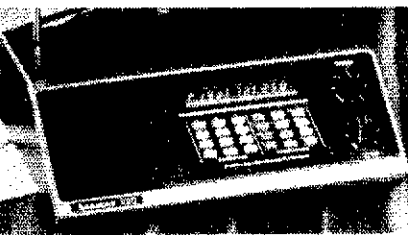
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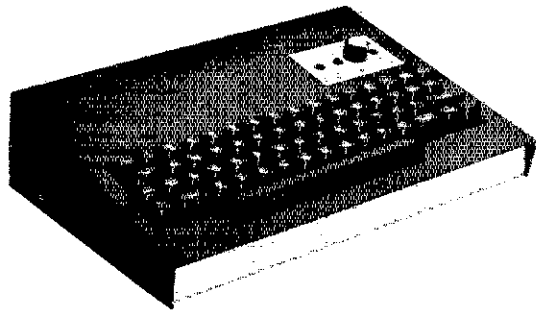


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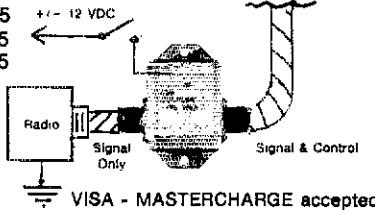
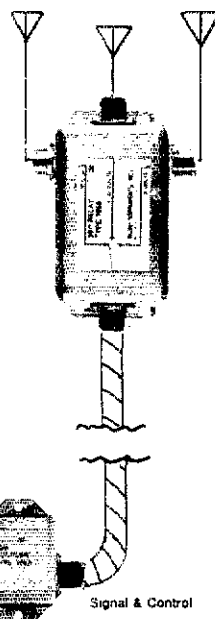
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NORTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Frank M. Butler, Jr. W4RH — SEC: AA4FG. STM: N4WA. NM: WD4LUG/WD4PDK. WD4LUG apptd. new NM of QFN. Sorry to report WA4FJA of Jax. a Silent Key. SNCs earned by KA4DIO on AL Emerg. Net "M" and by W5TKQ/4 on FMTN. Escambia County EC WA2GIN/4 coordinating on Skywarn Net in NW FL for WX Bureau. He also has a new County APES Plan. New officers of Playground ARC are KA4HWY, pres.; W4ODW, vice pres.; KA4HYX, secy.; WD4EJ, treas.; K4VZO, activities, WD4HDT, trustee. Egin AFB has a new repeater, WD4LEJ/R, operating on 222.34/223.94 MHz. JEJ also has a 450 repeater in the works. WN4IV/KA4DCA are new Editors of the Tallahassee Newsletter. AA4US named TLH "Member of the Year." WB4ANA's XYL now N4BZO. Hidden xmtr. hunts are popular in Tallahassee and Jax. Jax RANGE holds theirs each 4th Tues. on .49 simplex; KA4FPO won the latest one. W4RIS acquired an emergency power generator. FMTN planning a statewide call-up system for managers in emergencies using 2-m fm. New asst. NMs for FMTN AF4R and W4PFC: N4UP, now CC DX Awards Manager. Many nets and organizations held meetings at the ARRL Section Convention in Jacksonville. WA4FAJ passed her Extra Class at the FCC exams. WB4BTQ and WD4LE moved up to Advanced Class. WD4LLE now KB4TJ. AA4ES, pres.; and KA4FDF, v.p. of Hernando County ARA. K4ZC starting a new course for those interested in a General ticket. Traffic: (July) WD4HIF 546, AA4FG 277, N4WA 225, WA4CRI 152, WD4LUG 143, WB4TZR 124, WD4XHS 107, WD4NYY 98, N4FL 93, W4LDM 71, WA4EYU 70, WD4PDK 64, W4MGO 48, W4KX 44, W4L 38, W4LJ 35, W4RH 34, WB4ADL 28, W4MVG 24, WB4FJ 22, K4U 22, WB4DTS 14, WB4GHU 14, WD4ID 12, WA2GIN/4 11, N4BZ 6, WB4WOO 6. (June) WB4RIS 79, WA2GIN/4 52, KF4U 28.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCI — Asst SCM: W4KGI. SEC: AA4WJ. New Appointment: KB4OW, OBS. Endorsement: K4TH, OBS. Upgrading reported: KA4BBA to technician and enjoying 2-meters with a new WE-800. BPLs issued: W3CUL 780, W4MEE 626, K4TH 144 Orig. Plus Del. W3VR 111 Orig. plus Del. New PSHR program (See QST April, page 78) is going great with 8 stations reporting: K4TH WA4PFR WD4JSN K4SCL WB4WYG WA4LGT WA4NBE and KM4G. WD4COL, with XYL N4APZ, vacationed in Bermuda about 10 days and sent out over 800 QSL cards for contacts from the ARRL Vermont per K1BCS. W4BK going to Chicago for QCWA National Convention. W4MEE reports he is back in TCC with liaisons between EAN and CAN. W4YIT reports Dade Emergency Net doing a line job training new amateurs. Welcome to NBEN, Northern Brevard Emergency Net. kind of new to our growing family of local emergency nets. AA4G, hot on the DX trail, reports working new countries NO. 294, 295 and 296 as well as 115 other DX QSOs. Congrats. W4JM visited his son in Biloxi, Miss., and attended weekly breakfast meetings there. St. Petersburg group still having excellent turn-outs for weekly Saturday morning breakfasts. K4SCL, with Asst. ECs W4GFL and W4DHP, explained Pinellas Emergency Plan meetings of SPARC Repeater Team and Metropolitan Repeater Assn. Pinellas County CD/RACES has a reorganizational meeting scheduled for Aug. 21. Fort Myers club is planning Hamarama for Nov. 3 and 4 while Sarasota club is planning Hamfest for Jan. 19 and 20. Let's not forget Simulated Emergency Test scheduled for Oct. 6 and 7. In the meantime, keep your emergency equipment in readiness, for this is the season. See you at Clearwater, State Convention, Nov. 17 and 18. Traffic: (July) W3CUL 780, W4MEE 626, K4TH 144, K4SCL 416, WA4PFR 271, WA4LGT 252, W3VR 282, WB4WYG 243, WD4JSN 234, WD4COL 215, WB4FVU 153, W4NFK 149, K4AK 141, WA4NBE 114, K4EUK 106, KM4G 92, WA4EIC 91, WB4AID 88, W4IRA 85, W4KMN 85, W4NTE 67, WB4SNX 60, WA4SCK 58, W4GPL 54, WB4PIB 49, WD4CHO 46, W4DVO 40, WA4HXU 35, WA4FKE 32, WB4NJU 32, WD4HMC 25, W4ESH 22, KA4FZJ 22, N4AUO 21, KA4GDV 15, WB4GSV 15, KE4O 13, W4KGI 11, W4SMK 11, W4MNZ 7, WB4ZVD 7, W4MML 4, WD4PUV 4, W4TJM 4, W4BK 2. (June) WD4CHO 63, WB4NJU 34.

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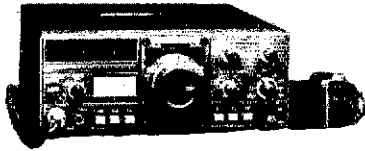
ARIZONA: SCM, Willard L. Haskell, AC7D — Some of our ARRL members may wonder why this section report (July) is being printed in Oct. QST. Be advised that my report to ARRL is due NLT Aug 15 and reflects items of interest reported to me during the month of July. In other words we make a two month delay before publication. The Ft. Luthill Hamfest was a two day event with over 15 prizes (Kenwood TS-520-S's) going to K7KI and W7KGB. The "Ham of the Year" Award for 1979, sponsored by ARCA, was awarded to Sen. Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. The plaque was presented by K7UHW, Chairman, ARCA. My personal appreciation is extended to K7JKM and K7YDG for their assistance in providing me with net information and also, W7KAX who continuously supplies me with data covering the northern part of AZ. Their assistance, while I was on vacation in Maine, sure helped in providing me with data for my reports to QST. Congrats to WB7UVT, who recently upgraded to General and K4CYC, now K4CZ's, now Tech's. K7DJ was vacationing in New Hampshire just now and the corner from me (in Oakland, Me.) but we never did get together, maybe next year. A-10 Net: QNI 858, QTC-139. Cactus Net: QNI-1150, QTC-99, SWN: QNI-181, QTC-144. Traffic: K7MC 144, W7EP 141, W4TKQE 40, K7NMO 19, N7EH 14, K7UXB 14, K7JKM 12, WB7NJJY 10, WA7WEB 8, WA7NXL 7, WB7QOM 6.

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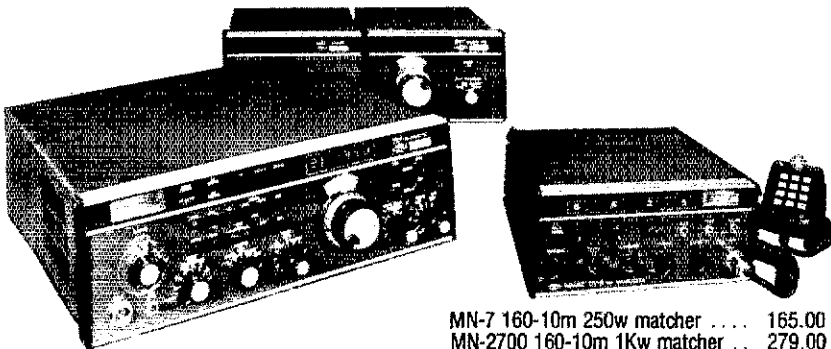
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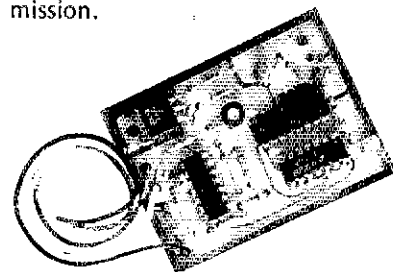
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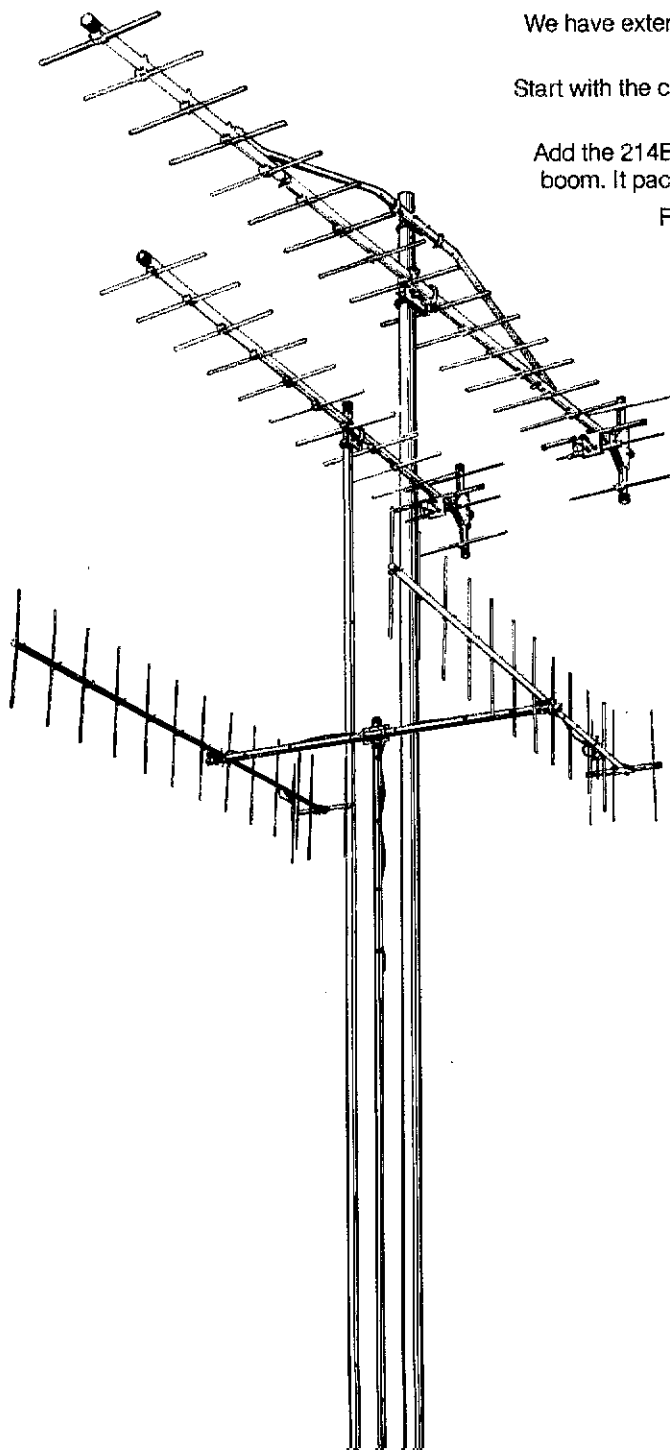
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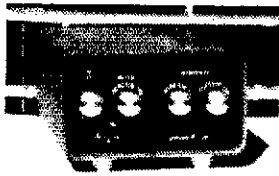
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W6INH reports that his 20 meter antenna is down, and a Hy-Gain 205 B is in the process of going up. W6RIQ has been conducting experiments with the old faithful Windom vs dipole vs the loaded dipole. Perhaps by the fall season we can have some conclusions on the new antennas. The OO's have again been active in this section. You might be interested in some of the reasons that an OO will send a card to an amateur, a few are: No Phonetics in call, Chirpy clicks in keying, splatter, hum on phone patches, sidebands out of band authorized, casting in violation of amateur rules, signal distortion, signal fading, No ID within the time limit, spurs, dialing the telephone while on the air, resulting in excessive bandwidth, RTTY no ID and many others. Some complaints received from the OO's clearly point out the need for all amateurs to re-read the regulations that govern amateur radio. There seems to be a lack of understanding or with some an intentional bend on rule violation. The OO card is only a reminder, a citation from the FCC is something else. In follow up reports with our OO's many who receive the friendly card appreciate the reminder, but there are some who feel their freedoms have been infringed upon. Think about it. This section needs more articulate amateurs to qualify for OO appointments. My thanks to them. Traffic: W6INH 186, N6PZ 156, W6BR0 38, WB5EUK 33, WA6LV0 31, K6CL 11.

ORANGE: SCM, Roy C. Zukerman, AC8H --- SEC: WA7WZO. Southern Six-Land Contest Club, newly affiliated with ARRL started off with a bang by winning the Orange County Council Plaque for the best 3-band showing on Field Day, with 4,664 points. Other new affiliated clubs are Interstate Electronics Corporation ARC and Western Amateur Radio Assn. WB6DCC, pres of the Fullerton ARC, which hosted this year's activities at the Orange County Fair in Costa Mesa July 13-22, and the Asst. Sec. K6AUA, report that about 60 members of the Fullerton St. Orange County, Anaheim, Orange County, St. Jude Hosp., Hughes Employees, SCATS and ATV groups put on a great show for the public. 54 messages handed, and good demos of RTTY and ATV attracted hundreds of fair goers. 300 of them picked up ham class flyers! Multiple shifts were worked by W6IBH and XYL W6IBP K6LJA W6EBT WA6JFP and XYL WA6QFS. With 2 months (at this writing) until the SW Div Convention in Anaheim Oct 19-21 all exhibit space is sold, and a great lineup of tech sessions, entertainment, etc., has been lined up by W6RE and his helpers too numerous to mention. K6Jll reports hearing new parts of the world with his new TS1805 and AT834. Traffic: WB6QBZ 127, W6RE 127, K6WI 64, W6NTN 62, K6XI 59, W6CPB 10, WA6QCA 10.

SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith W6INH --- STM: NSGW, Asst SEC: N6RD, NM Time PUJAZ, CW: W6INH (Central) WB6HFE (Northern) W6CGG (Eastern) W6GCS (Southern). San Diego Repeater Assn sponsors a swap meet on first Sat of each month, at the Santee Drive in Theatre, 10990 Woodside Av, from 0700 to 12 noon. Correction: OTS appointment should be for W6MLB not W6LMB. Call sign changes: KA6FBF to N6BSY, KA6EQW to KB6PW, N6AGT to KB6PI, W67SUA upgraded to Advanced. New appointment: N6AWC to OTS. WA6ZKC reported 49 msgs handled on Palomar ARC's traffic net. This net provides opportunity to learn formal msg handling. Net meets nightly at 2000 on WH5AI (146.13173). Southwestern Division ARRL convention in Anaheim on Oct 19, 20, 21 at the Anaheim Sheraton Hotel. San Diego SET will be held on Oct 27 with coordinated exercise with San Diego County American Red Cross WA6COE back on 2-mtrs with TR7400A. W6UQF is active with RACES in San Marcos. Traffic: (July) WA6UAZ 589, W6PVB 431, N6GW 266, N6AT 119, N6AWC 44, W6HUJ 34, WA6COE 19, W66FTY 16, WA6SKU 14, WA6UFY 5, W6UQF 3, W67SUA 2. (June) W6UQF 8.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, D. Paul Gagnon, N6MA --- W6RIC has been traveling for the Gov't on a ship in San Diego. W66BHT now in Arroyo Grande, a transplant from Huntington Beach. WA6LSO has completed working all counties, 3074 of them, from Lompoc. He did it in just under 4 years. Congrats. N6MB has a busy month. His DXCC total is now 281 confirmed, he has a new TR-7, he joined OCWA, and completed 2 X SSB Worked All Zones! W6KON made an emergency move back to Hawaii. He will be missed because he was our Region Six Net Manager and was a major mainstay for our traffic activities. W6EEN is attending college in Fresno. W66ADW is teaching a Novice class at Moorpark College. W66RVA and W66QKF attended a week long Red Cross Disaster Training Course to further their Aast EC capabilities. NM, K6DZT, reports the Sunday Section Net is growing fast on 3935 Sun. Ventura Cty ARES helped with the Catalina Junction fire with WA6ARU K6BFE W66RVA W6RIC and W66QKF assisting thru W66VNV. Satellite ARC now meets only the first Thurs of the month. Santa Barbara Club Electronic Bazaar was again a huge success. The Siml Settlers have ratified their constitution and had over 40 in attendance in July. They meet in the B of A Levy building. New Equipment: WA6REA TR 7600, K6SZS Tempo S-1, W66MIM and W6ZRR 220 rigs, K6DZT TS-600, W6ZRR sent 116 bulletins. His bulletins are now linked to northern Cal on 5 Meters. Remember, there are new counting procedures for PSK, PSHR, K6DZT 12, K6YD 39, N6YH 37, W6KON 41, W6BEE 42, W6MIM 22. Traffic: (July) W6KON 328, N6MA 110, N6YH 91, W66TRP 27, K6YD 26, K6SZS 4, K6DZT 2. (June) W6EEN 31.

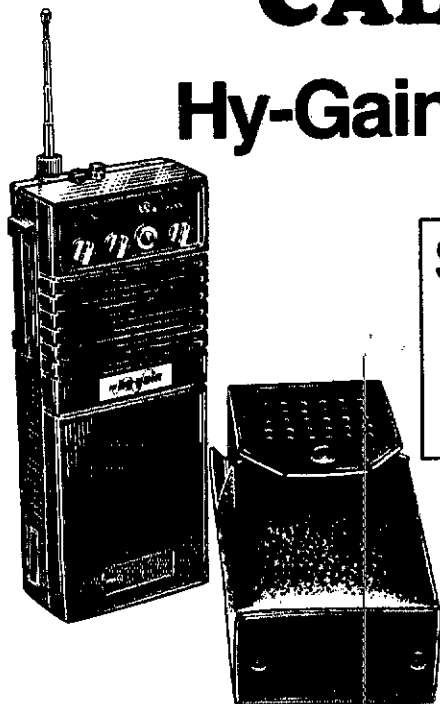
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NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Phil Clements, K5PC --- Asst. SCM: AESG, SEC: N6WB, NMs: AA5J & AE5I. Two new OBS stns: W5RYA will cover Lariat RACES and 2-mtr RTTY, W5IAR will cover the Texas PO Net and several MARS skeds. Does your net have an OBS? New OO in Greenville K2SCU: welcome to NTX. W5TI is now ARTS Net Mgr. congrats. Abilene (ptr. had lightning strike; now back in 15 shape! Albany now has 5 licensed hams, who wants to be EC of Shackelford Co.? Contact SEC/N5WB. New directors Dallas GCWA chapter, W5CP and W5VKH. Carrollton ARC meets second Thurs. @ 7:30 # Rec. Ctr. see W55NOB for info. This Club really excels in public service work! A late FD rpt. from Motorola Eng'g/K5GD: set up @ Azle with 10Dps this yr. EC/WASKZA, rpts. antennas for 80, 40 & 2-mtrs. have been installed @ Paris P.O. under the gwr. It's available for future use as EOC. W5TAN new EC for Mc Ciennan, Hill, and Bosque Co's. Remember, our NTX Section Emergency freqs are 7290/3981; ssb and 3770 cw. If you have or hear of a communications emergency, please set up on one or more of these freqs; originate

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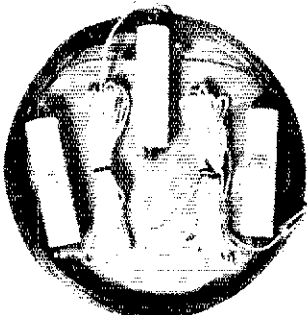


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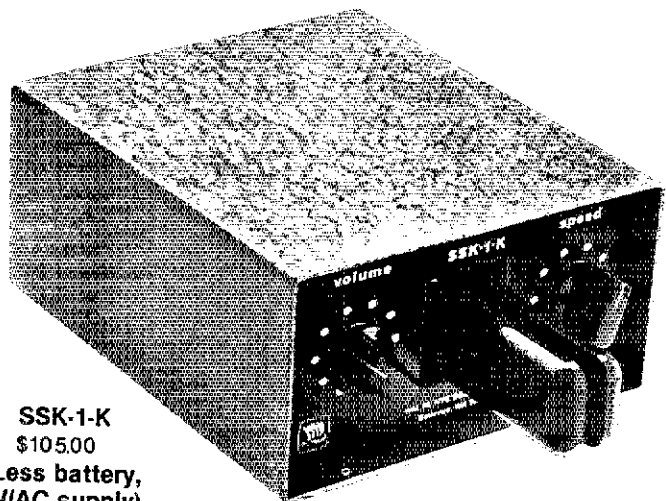
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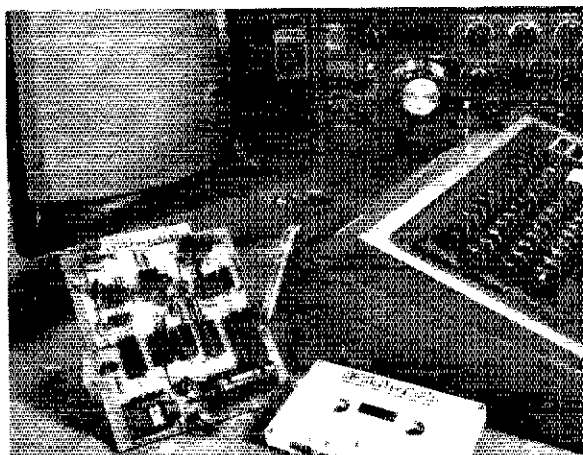
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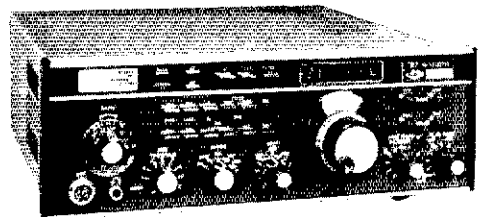
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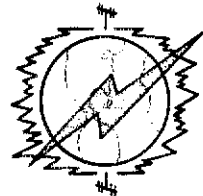
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status rpt and requirements msg to N6WB or K5PC ASAP. BPL for July: W5TI, W8SDD, PSHR, W5VMP, W85LAT, W5HMR, W5JYI, AA5J, W8SDD. As you saw in August GST, emergency work here in NTX is an ARES operation. Sign up with you local EC now, so your services can be fully utilized when disaster strikes. Thanks to all the fine clubs for your newsletters each month. Two new repeaters in Wise Co.; 147.375/975 and 144.79/145.39; filling in a vital gap in NTX rpt coverage. New officers in Wise Co. club-W85GBH, pres.; KA5BTS, vice pres.; W85JRD, secy/treas. W85EYV sends tic rpt from Navarro Co. during W.F. disaster. Navarro Co. EC/W85ZNN elected Mayor of Corsicana! Our two Section tic nets need your help with holiday tic: Texas Tic Net: 3961 kHz Dy @ 1800 CST @ Texas cw Net: 3770 kHz Dy @ 0100Z and 0400Z. Many alternate liaison slots to region and day-time nets will also be open. Contact K5QEW/TTN and W5VMP/TEX to volunteer your services. D/FW Metro Tic Net for July: QNI 421 QTC 178 QSP-136. EC/AE5U rpts Wills Point rpt has been improved (146.955/355) located on city water tower. Traffic: July: W5TI 664, W8SDD 577, AA5J 231, W85JYI 125, N5BT 90, W5VMP 83, N5CY 64, W85BKM 63, W85HHK 51, W85EUE 59, K5PC 48, K5MC 45, W85QFD 44, N6AWK 40, W5HMR 39, AE5I 40, W85JCT 32, KASQ 24, W85TZ 20, A4E 20, W85YK 20, K5SDR 16, W5IAR 14, K5EAO 13, W85JDA 8, K5LHL 6, W85GPP 2, K9MX 1, June: N5CY 87, W85YK 15, K5EAO 8, W85JDA 5.

OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA6FSN — Woodward has slow-speed cw net going nightly on 28.120 at 8:30. New repeater at Laverne, no other info yet. Laverne has a new repeater on 146.19/79 W85QVT had 3 weeks vacation? at Marine camp. W85MVR doing a FB job helping the W5QSL Bureau. W85s NKC & NKD keeping QAN going and growing. This is the place to break in handling traffic. W85MLT has numerous openings in the EC ranks. Contact him and get on board. Daylight time, summer storms, sunspots, you name it, it has been causing plenty of QRN and other problems on our evening nets. Getting through 'in spite of' is the mark of a good operator. However I cannot blame those who pull plugs and ground antenna when the lightning gets too close. Ham Holiday 79 is history, bigger and better than ever. Some paperwork out of Texoma Hamarama. In between will be W. Gulf Convention at Houston, CU there. Now is the time to get all the groundwork done for Operation Skywarn. This is a year round operation and needs all of our help. We should have had many more PSHR Reports under the new rules. Traffic: K5OWK 558, W85MVR 529, K5JGZ 378, W85NKC 326, W5REC 320, W85NKK 170, W5RE 142, W85ELG 73, W5BYG 62, W85OUV 49, W85SU 38, W85FSN 36, W85YH 34, K5TEY 30, K5CAY 25, W85ETB 25, W5VOR 24, K5MGD 23, K5DRD 18, W5VXU 13, W85B 12, W5PKL 10, K5DLV 6, W85UTO 5, K5SEK 4, W85GH 4.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Arthur H. Ross, W5KR — Asst SCM: N5TC. SEC: AK5N. Net Mgr: Alarge: N5TC (phone) WA5RKU (cw). QO's reporting this month: W85CIT. OVS reporting this month: W85QCP. W85JJS, W85EB moved up to Extra Class; also busy being MC at USAF Security Service Command annual "dining out." Congratulations on both counts! OTS ACSR has been nominated to "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." Again: Congratulations! W85YDD worked the flood emergency with the Houston PD and PD as ARES liaison; plenty H&W plus 4 medical emergencies. OVS/OO W85CIT announced a new Novice Op in San Antonio: K5FOS. The new SEC, AK5N, vacationed on South Padre Island; he and his Mrs. visited our Saturday Kaffee Klatch. New Ham in the Rio Grande Valley: K5FND. K5GDP. K5FNE. K5FCZ. K5DMH passed General, is now N5BJV; ditto for K5DRP, now N5BJX. K5DMH/N5BJV crossed the Gulf from Ft Myers to Brownsville in 32 ft sail boat using Maritime Mobile Net all the way; National Wx Svc Meteorologist K5DRP/N5BJX kept him up to date on weather. W85JIR gave excellent rundown on ARES activities during East Texas floods; Galveston EOC operated continuously Wed through Sat with Galveston County repeater primary link for local traffic. N5FC manned Red Cross EOC with W85BM: 146.04/64 NASA machine handled its own traffic plus large portion of Galveston H&W with K5BY quite active; W85VIP operated from refugee shelter; K5RYD and AE5P worked hours in EOC; K5CA worked at refugee shelter; there should be much more information coming out as the ops find time to write up their experiences. A job well done, telas! traffic: July: W5KLV 593, W85YDD 290, N5TC 135, W85MMI 93, K5H2R 92, W5TOP 52, W85BGE 36, W85CIT 37, W85RVT 30, W5KR 17, AC5R 10, K5RVF 6, W85EB 6, W85YUV 3. (June) K5PE 54, AK5N 28, W85YUV 10, AE5X 6.

INDIANA: SCM, J.M. Kell, W8LTU — SEC: W8JMH, STM: W9JLJ. NMS: ION: N9AEI; QIN: W8YUJ; ITN: open. June net reports time in UTC and Freq in kHz.

Net	Freq	Time/Days	QNI	QTC	Sess.
ITN	3910	1330/2230 Dy	2040	173	62
QIN	3656	1430/0100/0400 Dy	355	508	93
IPON	3910	0015 Dy	129	40	31
IGN	3708	2130 Dy	1057	72	31

VHF Nets: Three nets reporting, QNI 1004, QTC 40. Ind was 100 percent on D9RN in July. The Indianapolis hamfest was a huge success with over 3,000 in attendance. Hats off to WA9FUD and crew for another outstanding job in putting together another winner. Rain, rain and more rain. First, Hurricane Bob came up the Ohio River and dumped up to seven inches of rain on southern Indiana, then tropical storm Claudette followed with live more inches of rain. Twelve inches in about two weeks! Every river and stream in southern Ind went out of its banks. The town of English Ind found itself under water. Hams were there providing emergency and auxiliary communications. The State EOC in c.d. headquarters was manned for two and a half days. Also the Ipi Area Chapter Red Cross communications center for many hours. A lot of assistance was provided by many amateurs. However, three amateurs deserve special mention for their efforts in the affected area. They are WA9TJS, W8JHD and N9AHP. A new net has been formed to fill the 2130Z slot vacated when the section phone net combined its two afternoon nets into one. This new net is called the Indiana Phone Net and the net manager is W9HIF. Use 147.375 kHz. Traffic: W8JLJ 1068, W8YUJ 345, W8JLW 233, W85CS 180, W8FC 161, W8TG 120, W8E 84, W8XZ 84, N9AEI 80, N9PS 73, W85JVE 71, WA9OCF 67, K9FZX 63, W8DLF 38, W9HUF 37, K9WWW 37, W9IOH 17, W9UEM 17, W9KT 15, W9PMT 15, K9TKE 13, W9CMT 10, W9RTH 10, W9OHX 8, W9WEI 7, W9AOKK 6, W9AGJZ 5, W9ENU 4, W9BDP 3, K9DIY 3.

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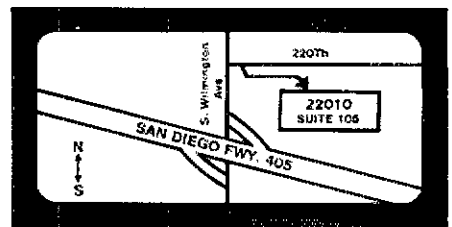
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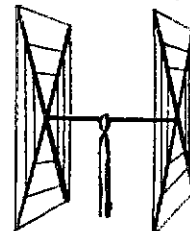
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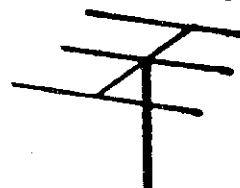
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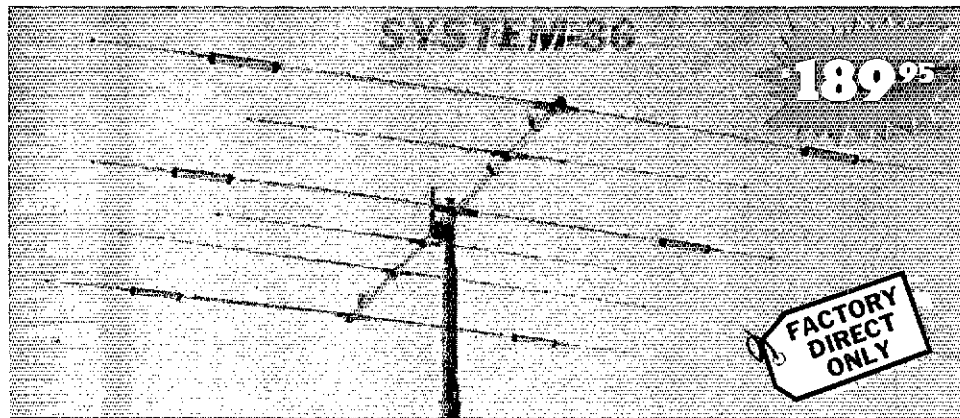
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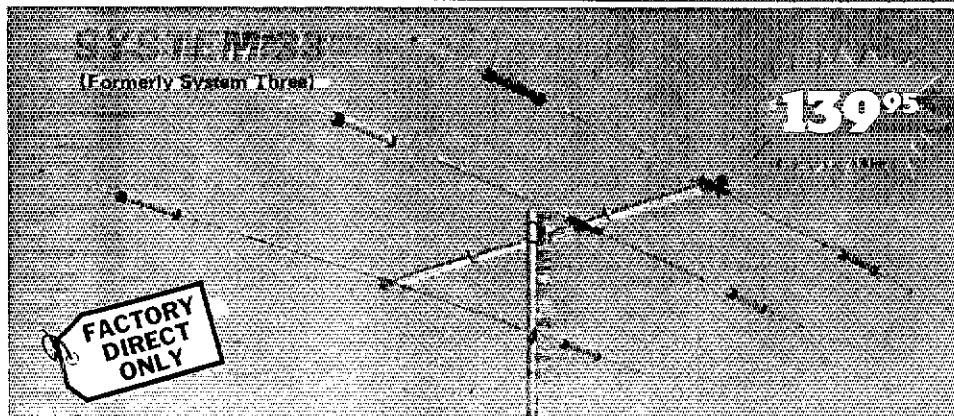


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Gain (dBd)	Call Factory	Longest element	28'2 1/4"	Feed method	Coaxial Balun (supplied)
VSWR @ resonance	1.3:1	Turning radius	18'6"	Assembled weight (approx.)	53 lbs.
Impedance	50 Ω	Maximum mast diameter, 2"		Shipping weight (approx.)	62 lbs.
F/B ratio	Call Factory	Surface area	8.6 sq. ft.		



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Easily assembled, the WV-1A is supplied with a hot dipped galvanized base mount bracket to attach to vent pipe to a mast driven in the ground.

Note:

Radials are required for peak operation. (See GR-1 below).

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Self supporting—no ground required.
- Input Impedance: 50 Ω
- Powerhandling capability, Legal Limit
- Two High-Q Traps with large diameter coils
- Low Angle Radiation
- Omnidirectional performance
- Taper Swaged Aluminum Tubing
- Automatic Bandswitching
- Mast Bracket furnished
- SWR: 1.1:1 or less on all Bands

GR-1

9.95

The GR-1 is the complete ground radial kit for the WV-1A. It consists of: 150' of 7 stranded copper wire, heavy duty egg insulators, instructions. The GR-1 will create the efficiency of the GR-1 by providing the correct counterpoise.

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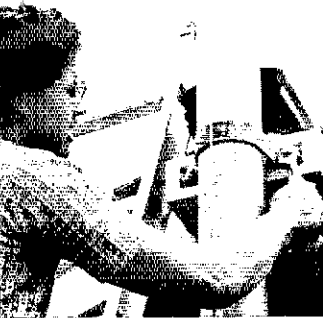
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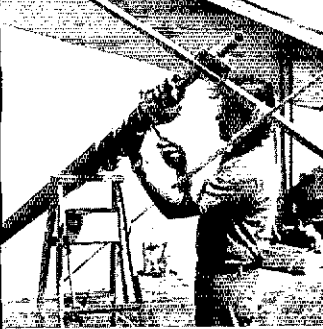
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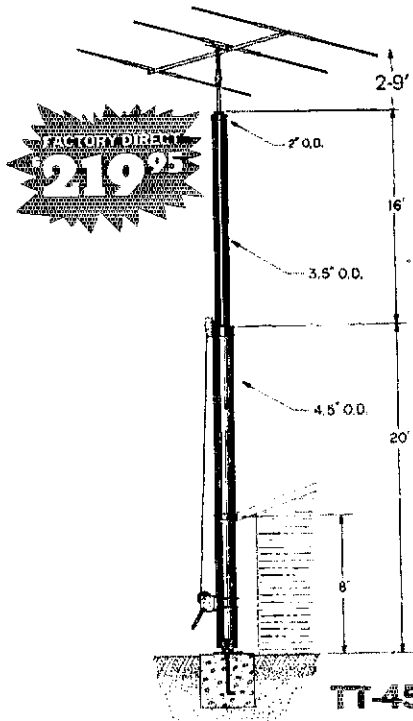
Hinged Base Plate - Concrete Pad, Heavy Duty Winch



Mounting the House Bracket



The Hinged Base Plate allows tower to be tilted over for access to antenna and rotor from the ground.



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TT-45A

FEATURES:

- Maximum Height 45' (will handle 10 sq. ft. at 38') @ 50 mph
- 800 lb. winch
- Totally freestanding with proper base
- Total Weight, 189 lbs.

The TT-45A is a freestanding tower, ideal for installations where guys cannot be used. If the tower is not being supported against the house, the proper base fixture accessory must be selected.

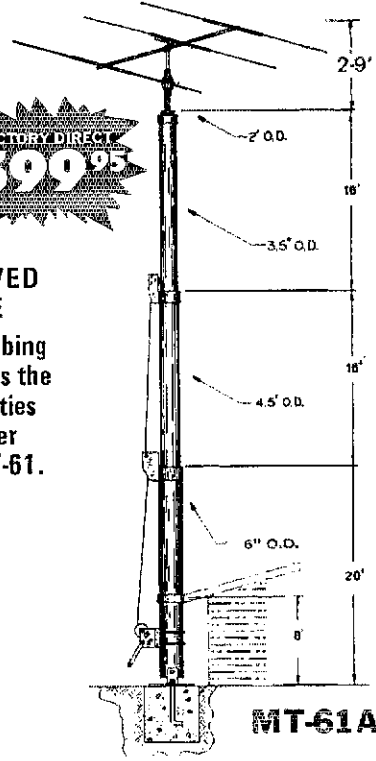
GENERAL FEATURES

All towers use high strength heavy galvanized steel tubing that conforms to ASTM specifications for years of maintenance-free service. The large diameters provide unexcelled strength. All welding is performed with state-of-the-art equipment. Top sections are 2" O.D. for proper antenna/rotor mounting. A 10' push-up mast is included in the top section of each tower. Hinge-over base plates are standard with each tower. The high loads of today's antennas make Wilson crank-ups a logical choice.

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NEW IMPROVED FEATURE

Heavier wall tubing greatly increases the stress capabilities over the older TT-45 and MT-61.



MT-61A

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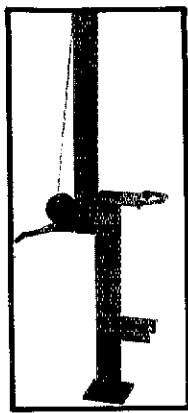
- Is freestanding with use of proper base
 - Maximum Height is 61' (will handle 10 sq. ft. at 53') @ 50 mph
 - 1200 lb. brake winch
 - 4200 lb. raising cable
 - Total Weight, 350 lbs.
- Recommended base accessory: RB-61A, FB-61A.

The MT-61A is our largest and tallest freestanding tower. By using the RB-61A rotating base fixture the MT-61A is ideally suited for the SY33 or SY-36. If you plan to mount the tower to your house, caution should be taken to make certain the eave is properly reinforced to handle the tower. If not, one of the base accessory fixtures should be used.

TILT-OVER BASES FOR TOWERS

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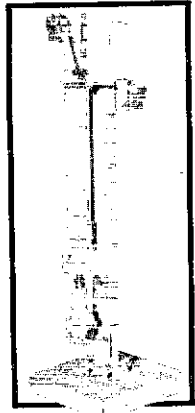
The FB Series was designed to provide an economical method of moving the tower away from the house. It will support the tower in a completely free-standing vertical position, while also having the capabilities of tilting the tower over to provide an easy access to the antenna. The rotor mounts at the top of the tower in the conventional manner, and will not rotate the complete tower.



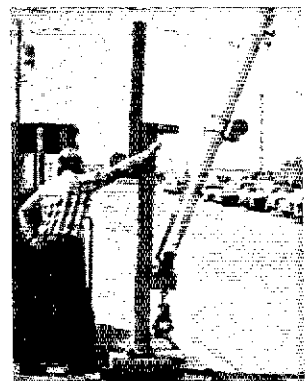
- FB-45A ... \$ 79.95
- FB-61A ... 109.95

ROTATING BASE

The RB Series was designed for the Amateur who wants the added convenience of being able to work on the rotor from the ground position. This series of bases will give that ease plus rotate the complete tower and antenna system by the use of a heavy duty thrust bearing at the base of the tower mounting position, while still being able to tilt the tower over when desiring to make changes on the antenna system.



- RB-45A ... \$119.95
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Tilting the tower over is a one-man task with the Wilson bases. (Shown above is the RB-61A.)

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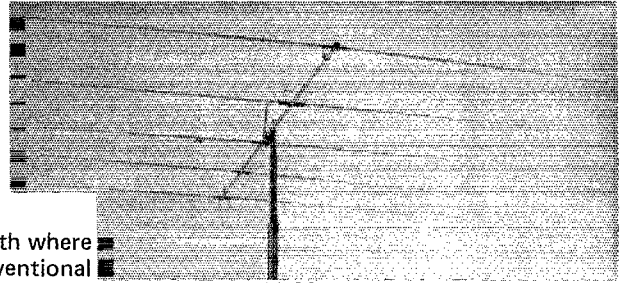
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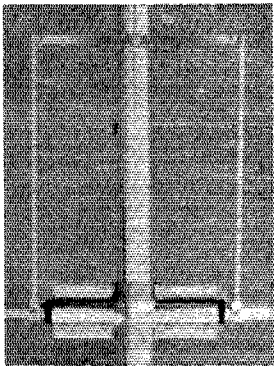
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M-520A

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SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Band Mtrs	Gain dBd	F/B Ratio	Bandwidth of Resonance ±1 dB Limit	VSWR @ Resonance	Impedance	Matching	Elements	Longest Element	Boom O.D.	Boom Length	Turning Radius	Surface Area (Sq.Ft.)	Windload @ 80 mph (Lbs.)	Maximum Mast	Assembled Weight (Lbs.)
M520A	20	CALL FACTORY		500 KHz	1.1:1	50 Ω	Beta	5	36'6"	2"	34'2½"	25'1"	8.9	227	2"	68
M420A	20			500 KHz	1.1:1	50 Ω	Beta	4	36'6"	2"	26'0"	22'6"	7.6	189	2"	50
M515A	15			400 KHz	1.1:1	50 Ω	Beta	5	25'3"	2"	26'0"	17'6"	4.2	107	2"	41
M415A	15			400 KHz	1.1:1	50 Ω	Beta	4	24'2½"	2"	17'0"	14'11"	2.1	54	2"	25
M510A	10			1.5 MHz	1.1:1	50 Ω	Beta	5	18'6"	2"	26'0"	16'0"	2.8	72	2"	36
M410A	10			1.5 MHz	1.1:1	50 Ω	Beta	4	18'3"	2"	12'11"	11'3"	1.4	36	2"	20

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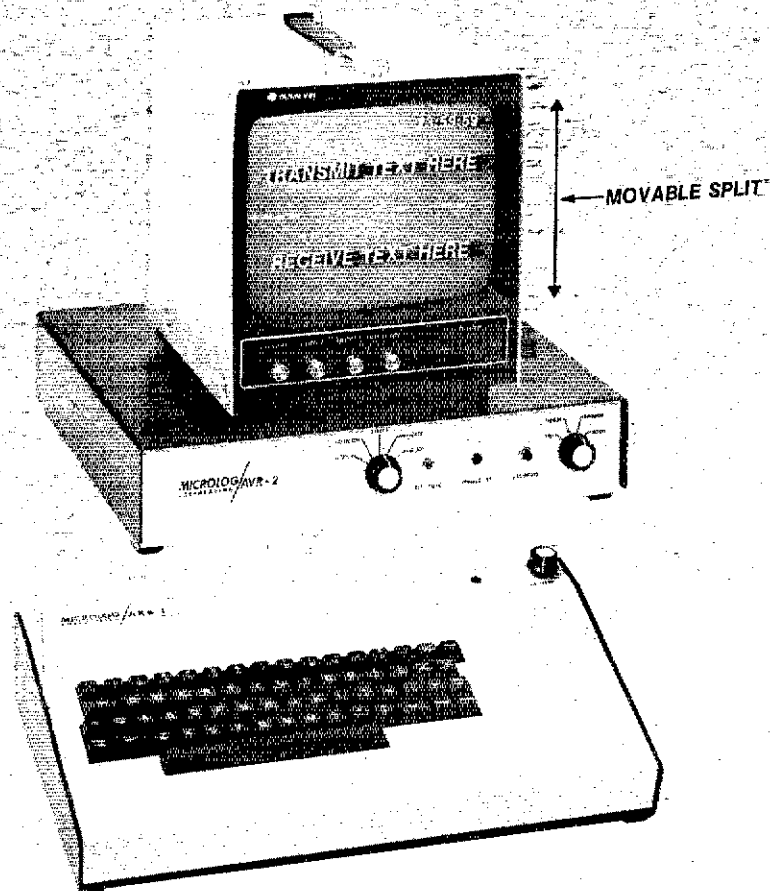
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	WV-1A	Trap Vertical for 10, 15, 20, 40 Mtrs.	UPS	44.95		FB-45A	Fixed Base for TT-45A w/tilt over feature	TRUCK	79.95
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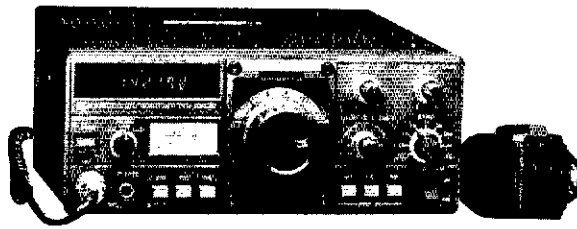
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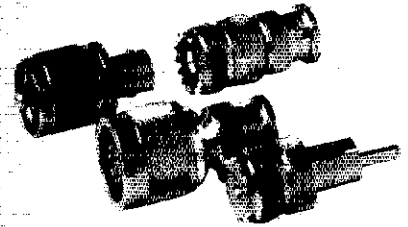
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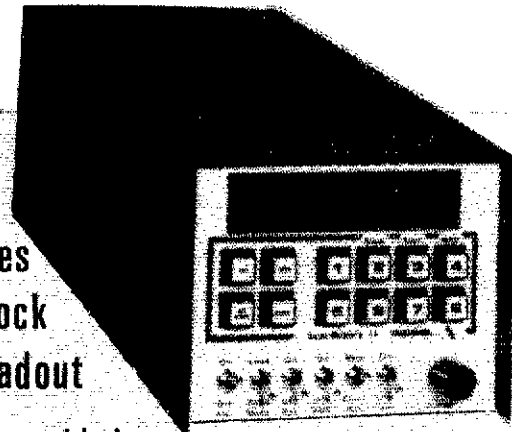
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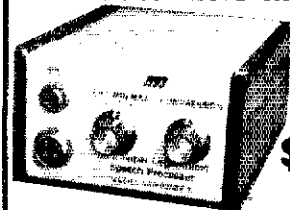
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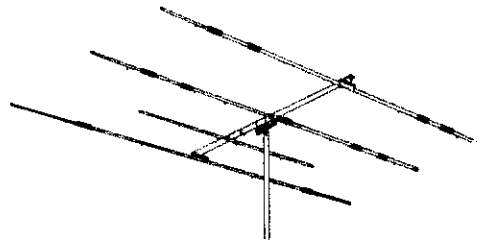
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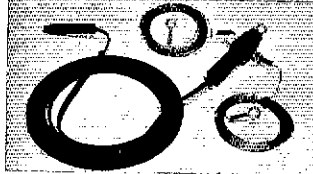
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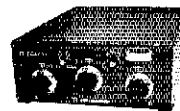
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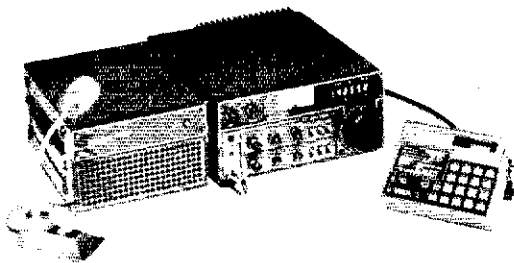
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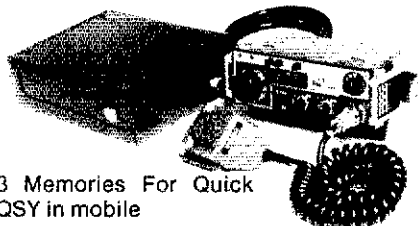
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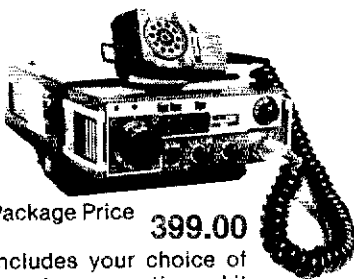
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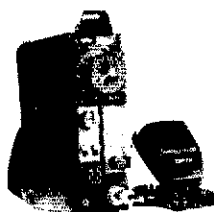


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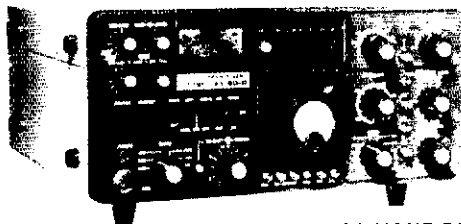


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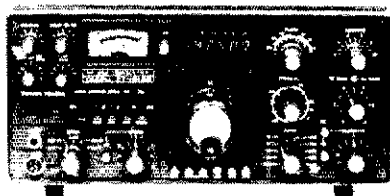
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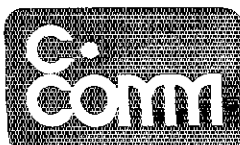
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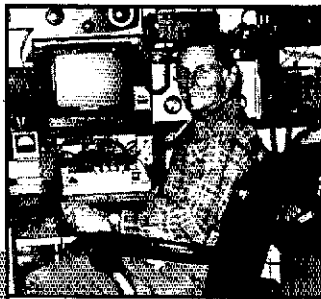


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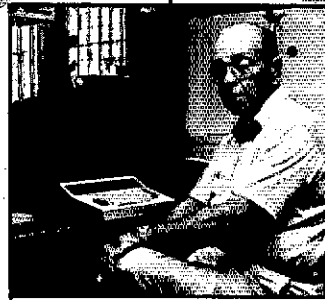
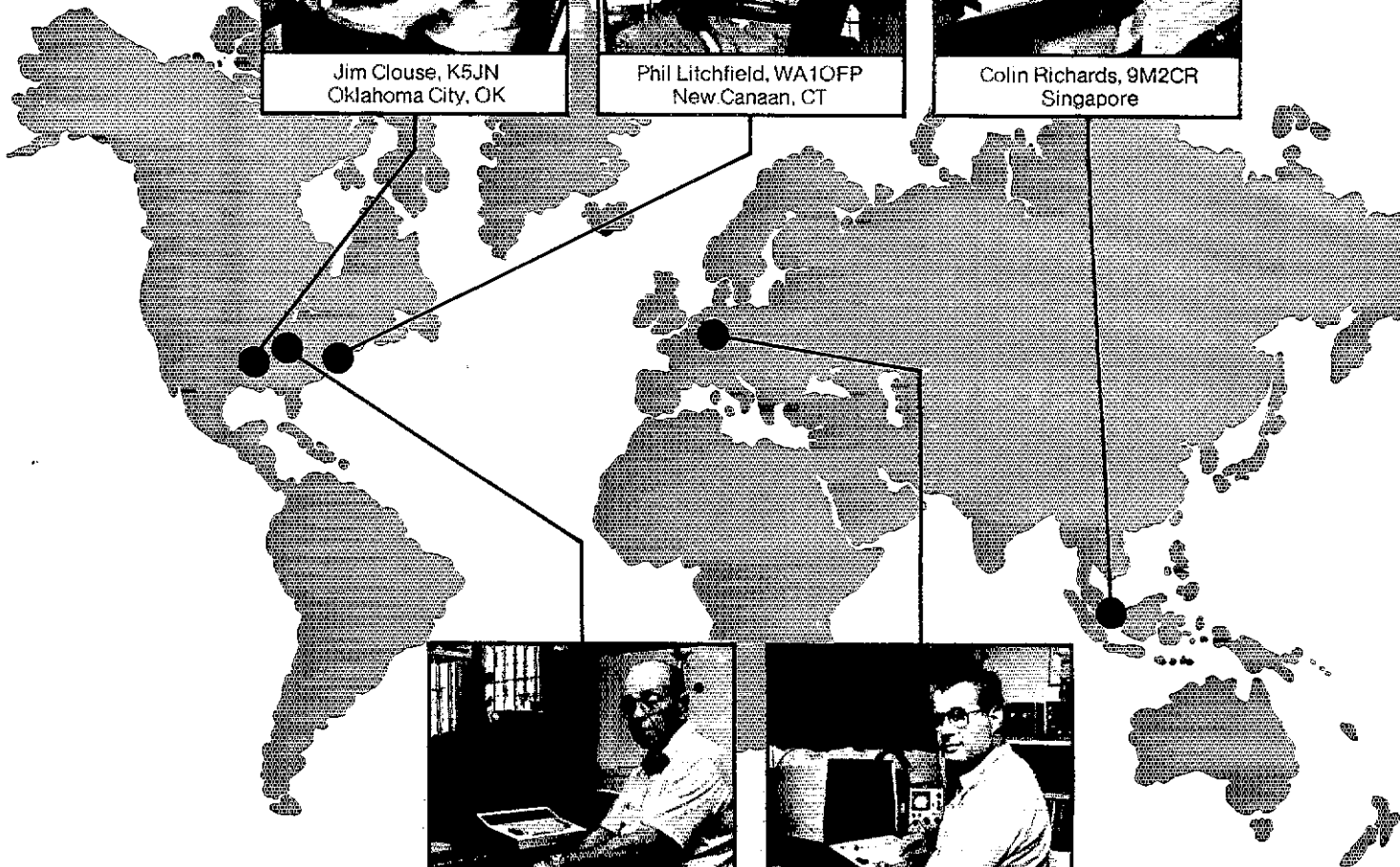
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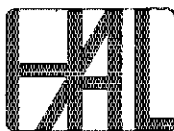
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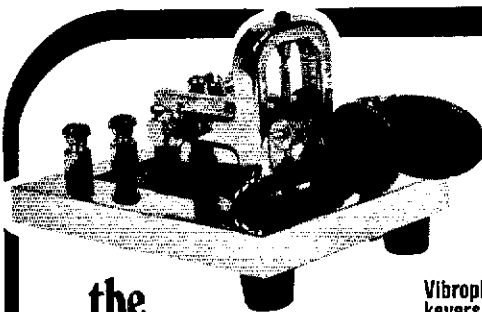
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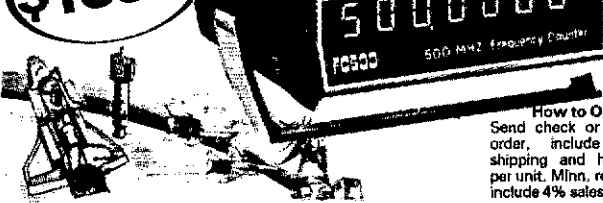
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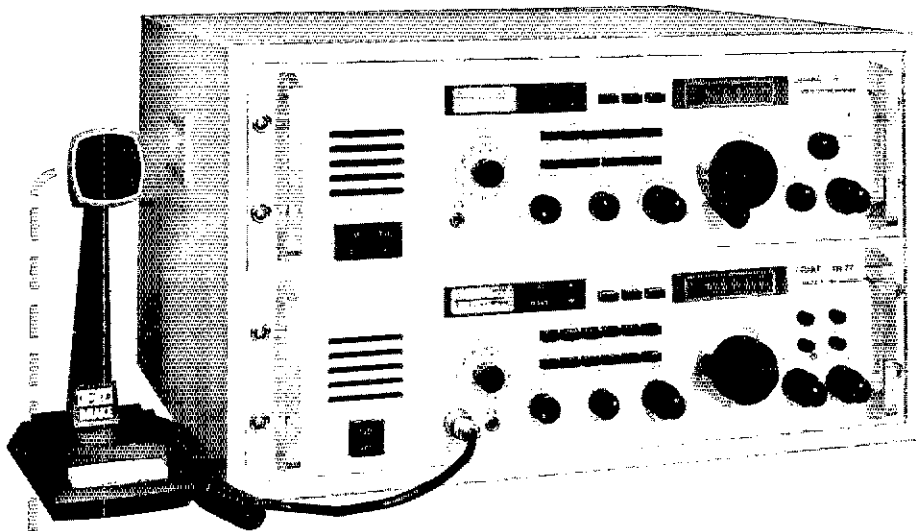
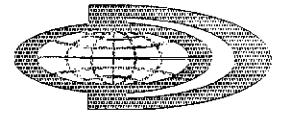
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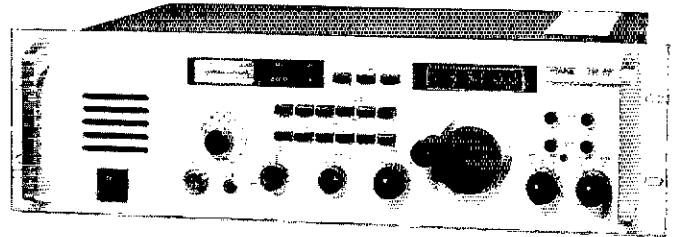


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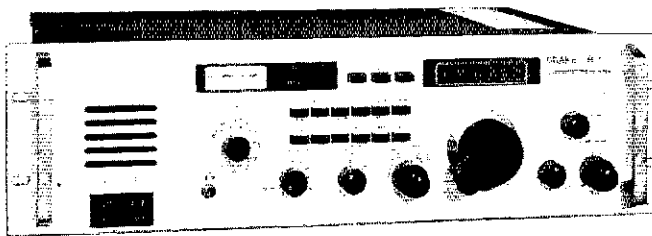
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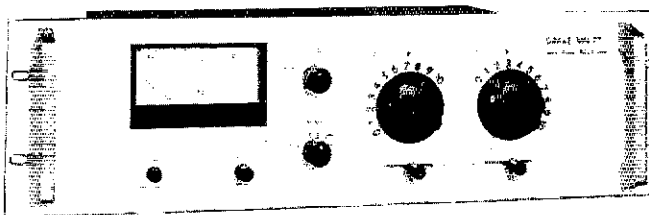
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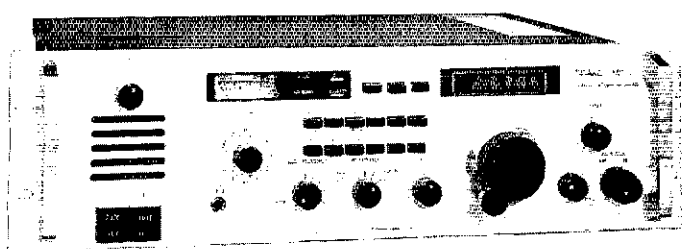
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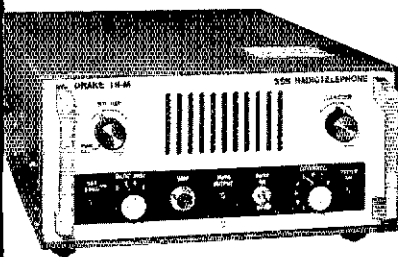
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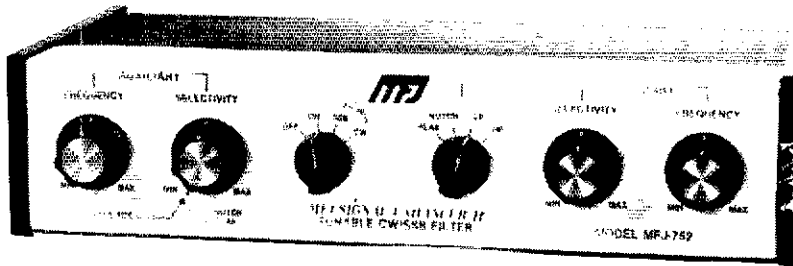


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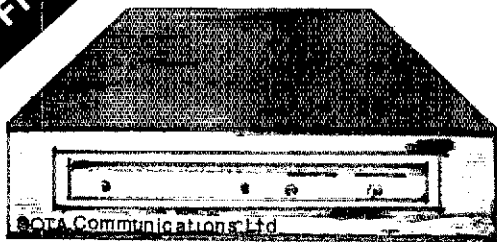
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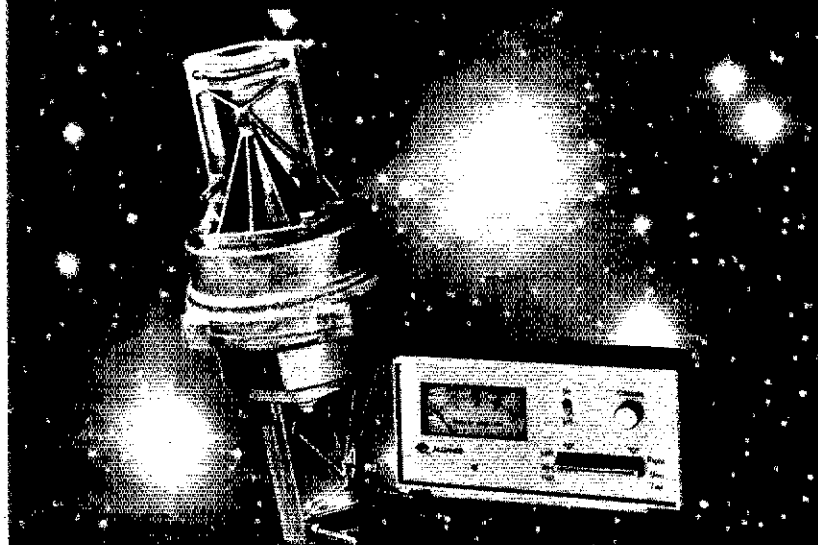
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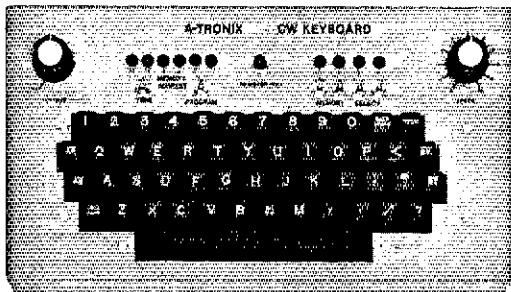
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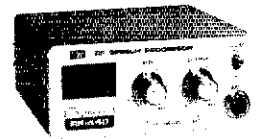


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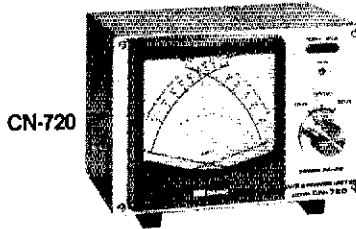
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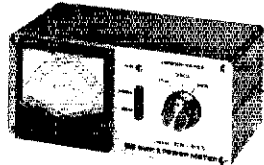
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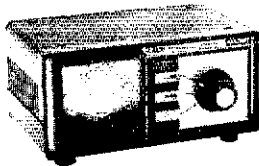
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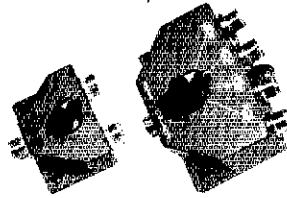
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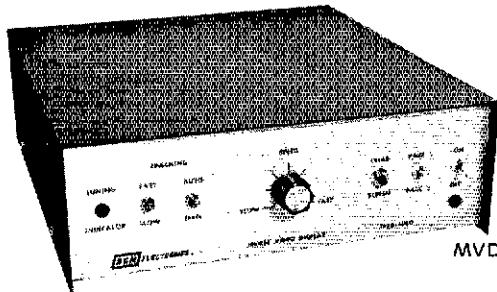


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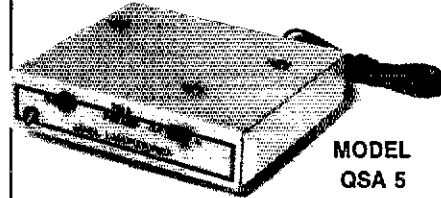
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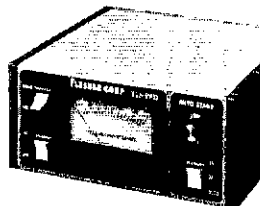


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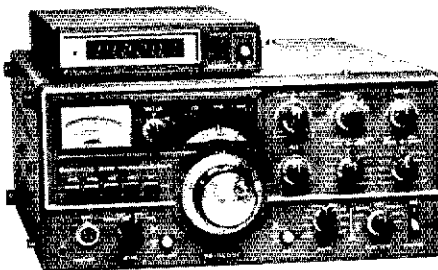
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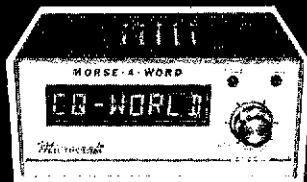
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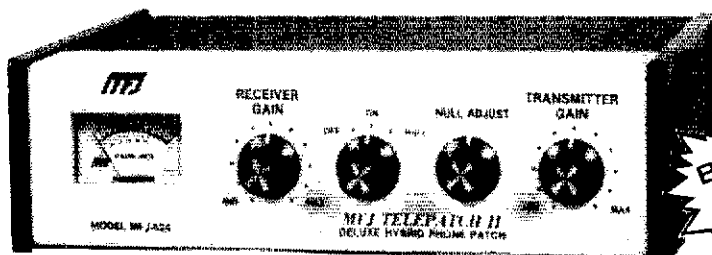
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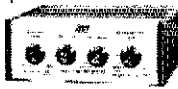
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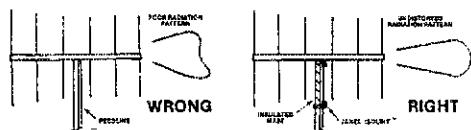
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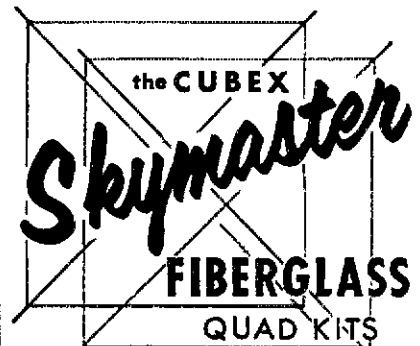


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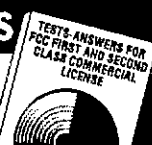
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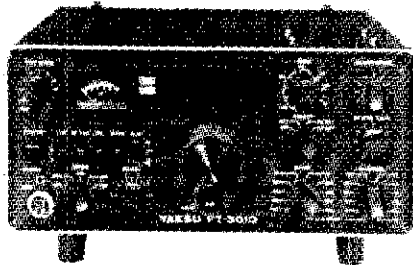


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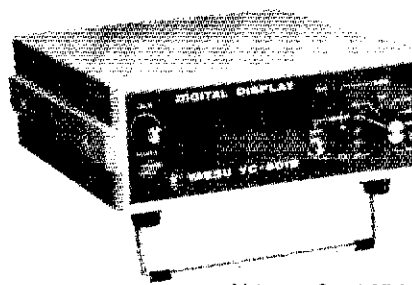
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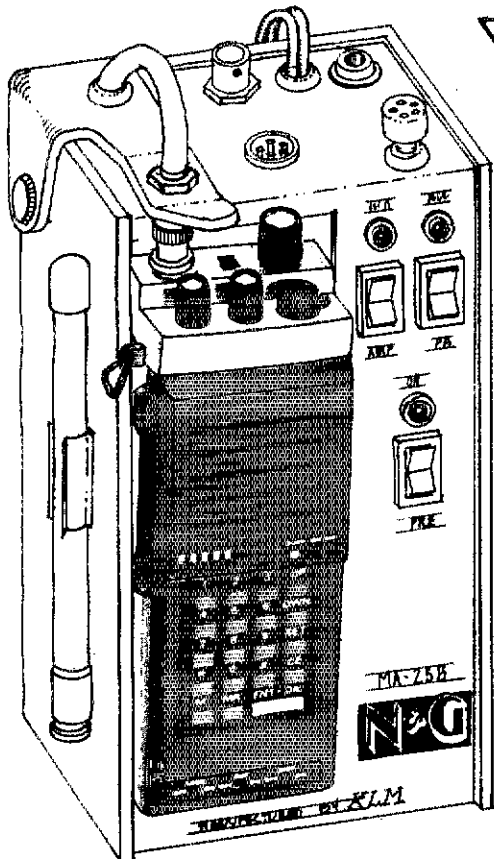


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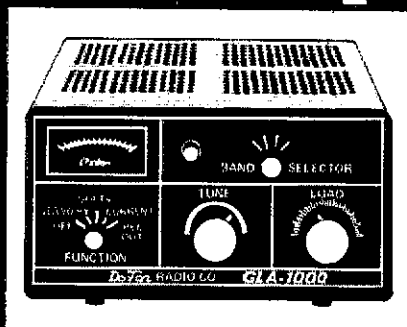
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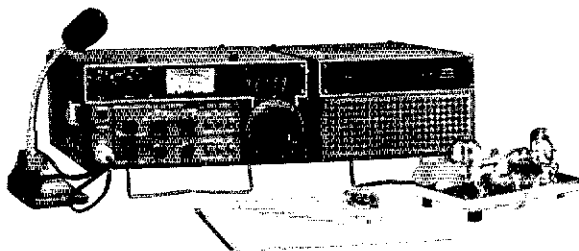
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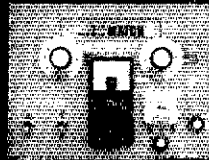
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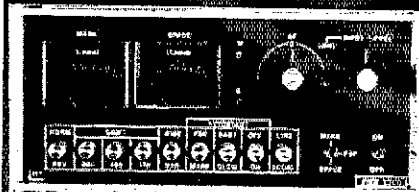
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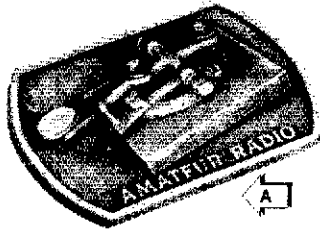
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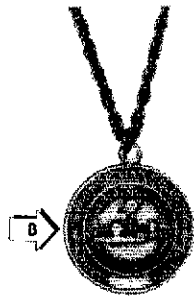
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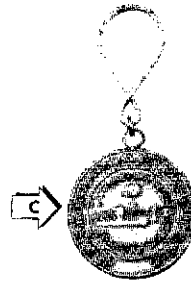
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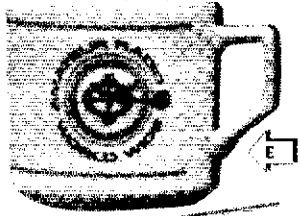
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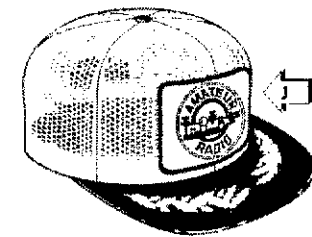


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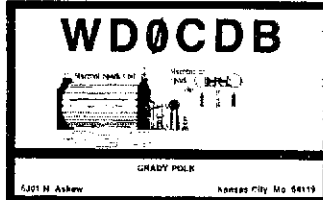
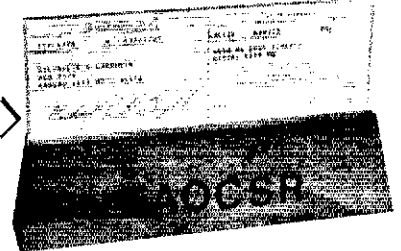
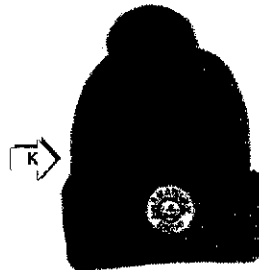
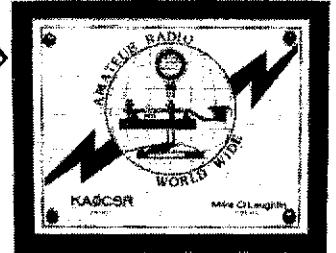
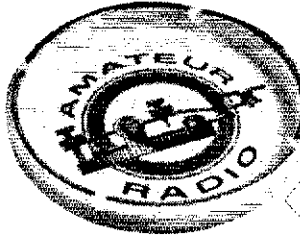
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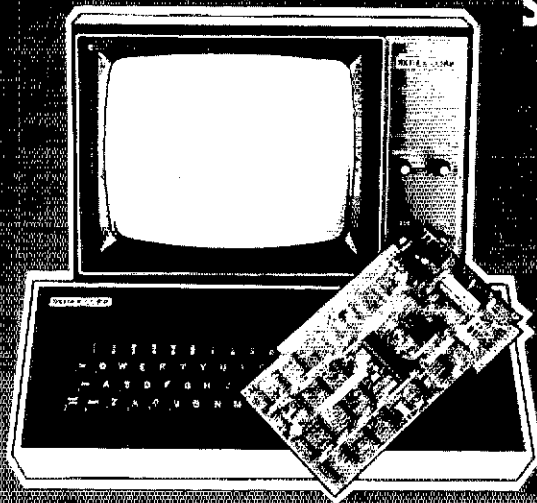


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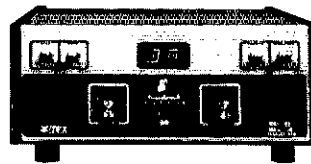
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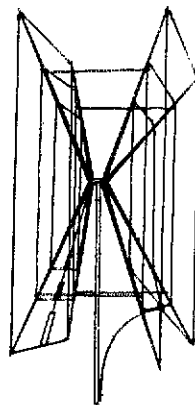
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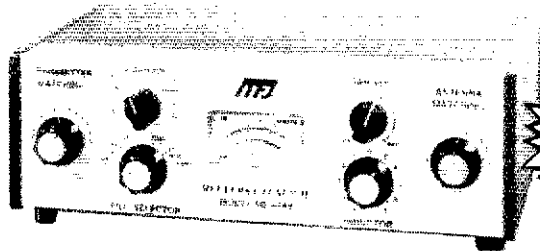
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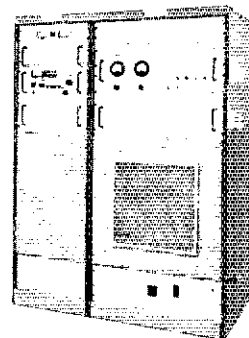
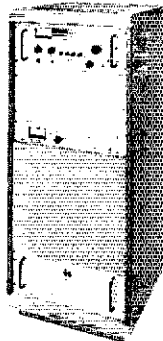
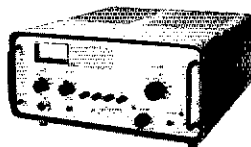
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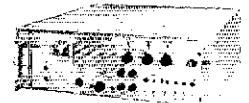
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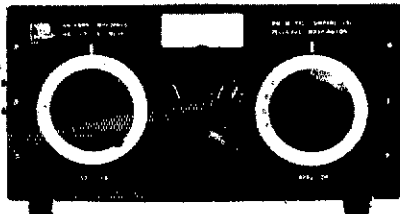
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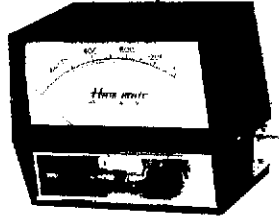


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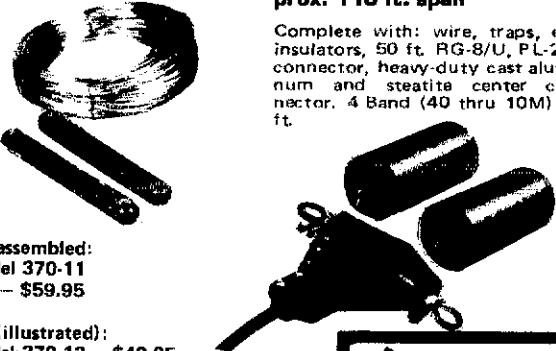
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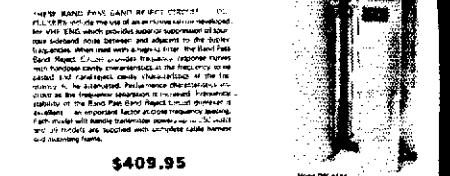
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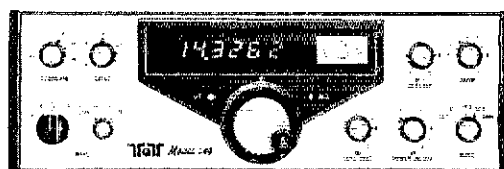
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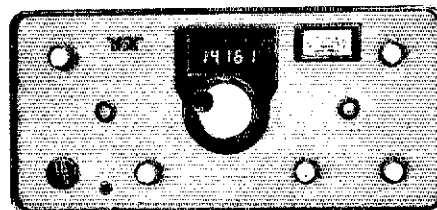
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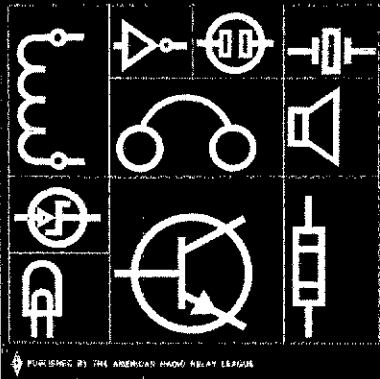
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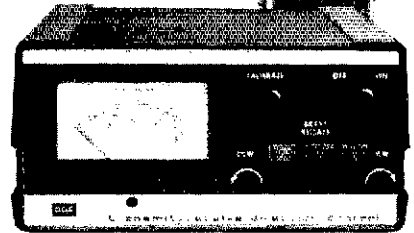
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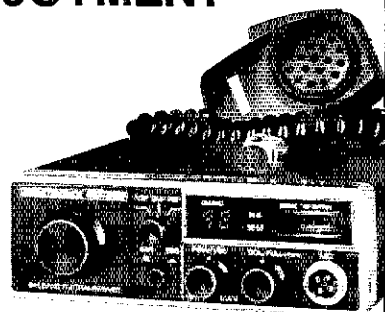
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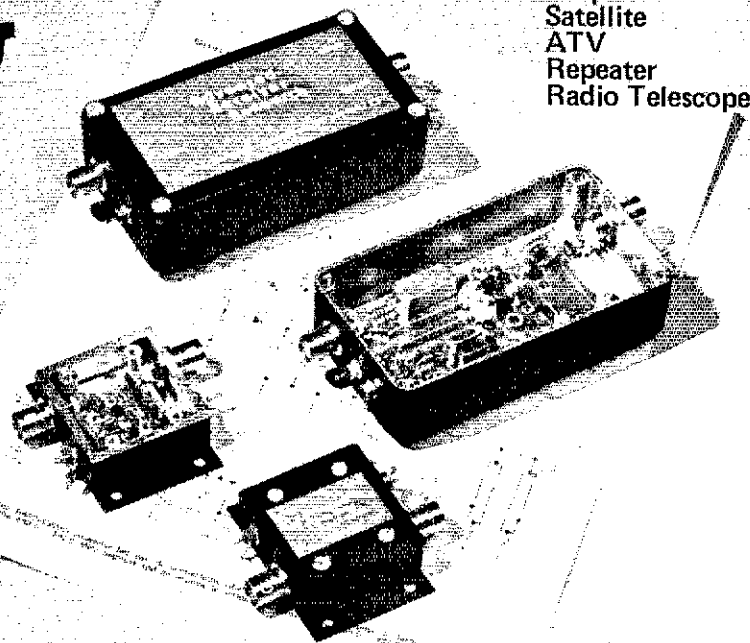
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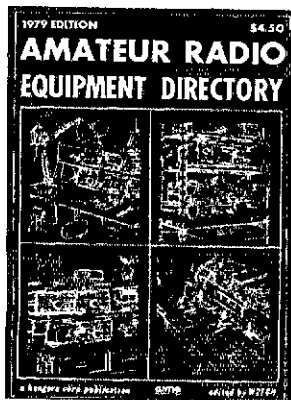
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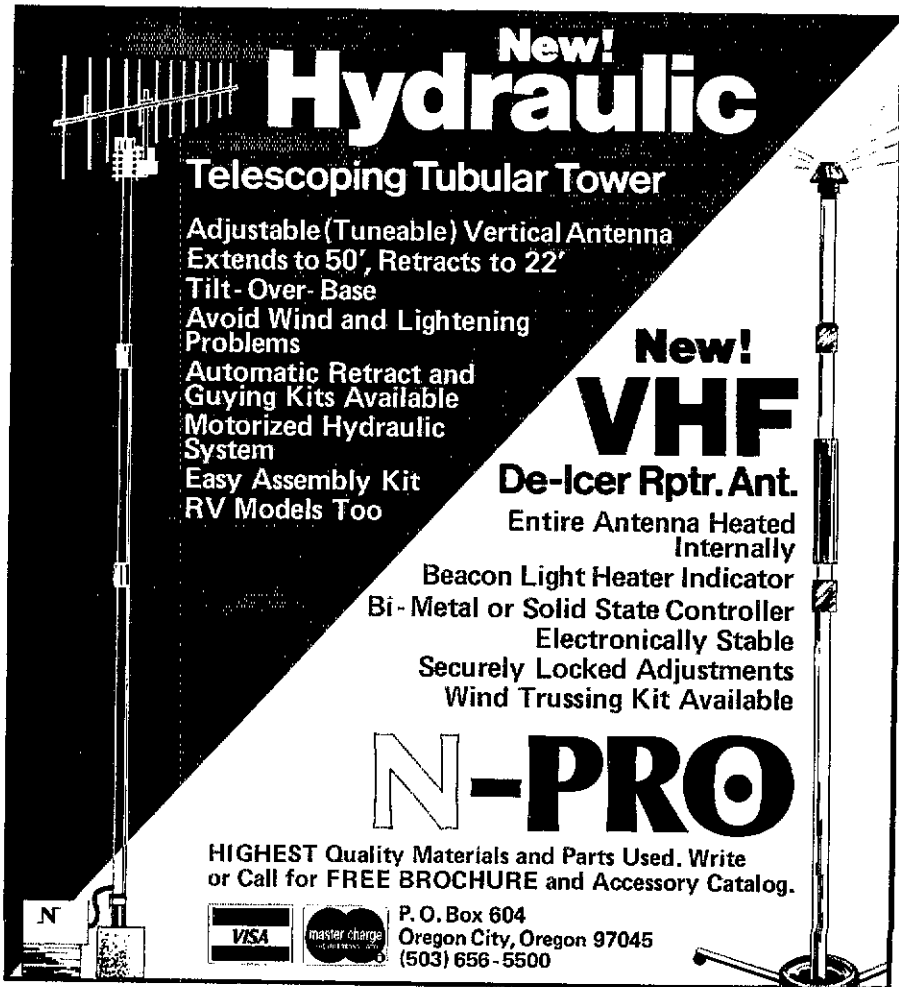
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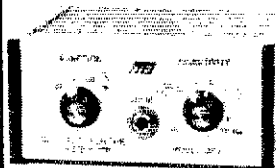
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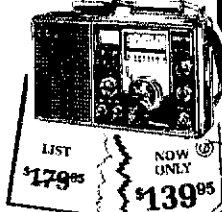
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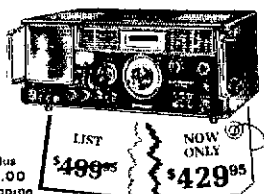


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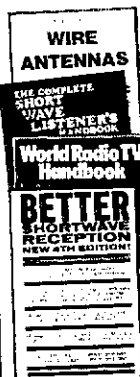
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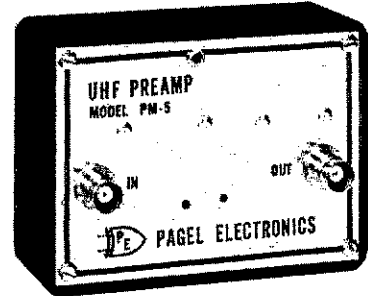
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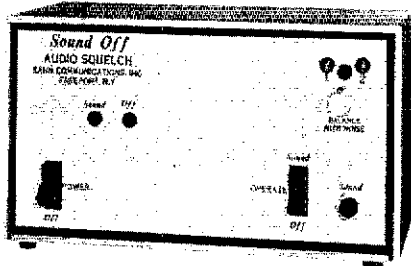
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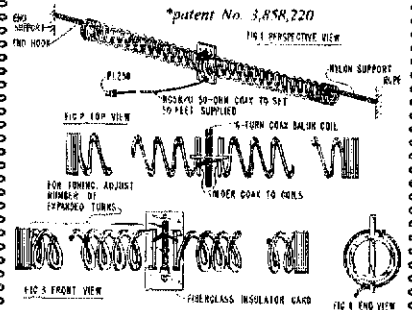
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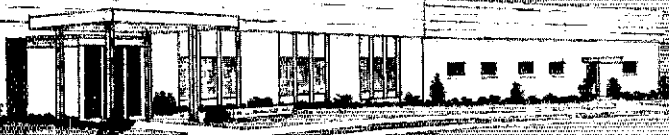
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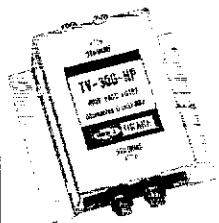
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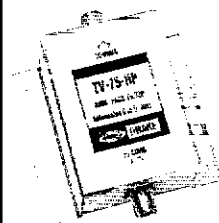
Drake TVI Filters

High Pass Filters for TV Sets

provide more than 40 dB attenuation at 52 MHz and lower. Protect the TV set from amateur transmitters 6-160 meters.



Model No. 1603
Drake TV-300-HP
For 300 ohm twin lead.
New terminals for
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Model No. 1610
Drake TV-75-HP
For 75 ohm TV coaxial
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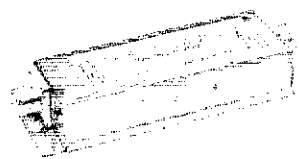
Low Pass Filters for Transmitters

have four pi sections for sharp cut off above the hf amateur bands and to attenuate transmitter harmonics falling in any TV channel and fm band. 52 ohm. SO-239 connectors built in.



Model No. 1608 **Drake TV-3300-LP**

1000 watts max. below 30 MHz.
Attenuation better than 80 dB above
41 MHz. Helps TV i-f interference,
as well as harmonic interference.

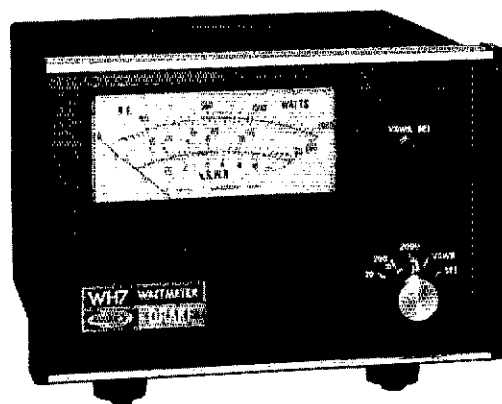


Model No. 1605 **Drake TV-42-LP**

is a four section filter designed
with 43.2 MHz cut-off and
extremely high attenuation in all
TV channels for transmitters
operating at 30 MHz and lower.
Rated 100 watts input.

Drake TVI Filters help you keep peace with your neighbors

Model
1514



Drake WH-7 Directional RF Wattmeter

1.8-30 MHz

Drake directional, through line wattmeters, using printed circuits, toroids, and state of the art techniques, permit versatile performance and laboratory accuracy, yet at a lower cost.

Removable coupler provides remote metering, and allows convenient positioning of coaxial cable.

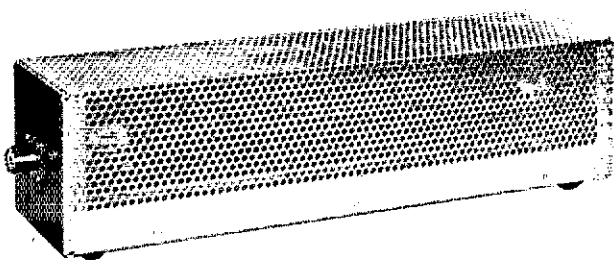
WH-7 wattmeter makes possible quick, accurate adjustments of antenna resonance and impedance match, when placed between transmitter and matching network.

Drake WH-7: Designed for user convenience and high accuracy. This instrument includes three calibrated scales for rf power to satisfy applications from QRP to high power (0-20, 0-200 and 0-2000 watts full scale) A fourth calibrated scale provides direct reading VSWR information, and is switch selected from front panel. The WH-7 is styled to match the 7-line.

Specifications

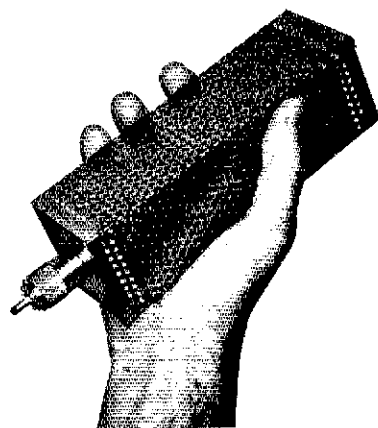
Frequency Coverage	1.8-30 MHz
Line Impedance	50 ohm resistive
Power Capability	2000 W continuous
Jacks, Removable Coupler	Two SO239 input and output connectors
Semiconductors	Two power meter rectifiers
Accuracy	± (5% of reading + 1% of full scale)
VSWR Insertion	Insertion of wattmeter in line changes VSWR no more than 1.05:1
Shipping Weight	3 lbs (1.4 kg)
Dimensions	5.3"H x 6.9"W x 7.5"D (13.5 x 17.5 x 19 cm)

Drake "Dry" Dummy Loads—no oil required



Model 1551 Drake DL-1000

- **1000 watts** for 30 seconds, with derating curve to 5 minutes. Designed to accept Drake FA-7 cooling fan for extended high power operation.
- **VSWR of 1.5:1 max.** 0-30 MHz.
- Provided with SO-239 coax connector, and rubber feet for desk or bench use.
- **Size 14" x 3.6"** (35.6 x 9.1 cm). Wt. 2 lbs (910 g)



Model 1550 Drake DL-300

- **300 watts** for 30 seconds, with derating curve to 5 minutes.
- **Built-in PL-259** coax connector for direct connection to rear of transceiver or transmitter—no jumper coax necessary.
- **VSWR of 1.1:1 max.** 0-30 MHz 1.5 max. 30-160 MHz.
- Ideal as bench test device for amateur or commercial hf and vhf gear.
- **Small size** fits conveniently in any field service tool box. 6.7" x 2.08" (17.0 x 5.3 cm). Wt. 11 oz (310 g)

A remarkable
engineering
breakthrough...

DRAKE TR-7

0-30 MHz

continuous coverage reception—
no gaps—no range crystals required †

160-10 Meters

Amateur Band transmission, including
capability for MARS, Embassy,
Government, and future band expansions*

The Drake TR-7 System significantly
advances the technology of worldwide
radio communications and unfolds
an entirely new state of the art.



Models shown
are Drake TR-7/DR-7
with RV-7 and MS-7

Designed and manufactured in U.S.A.

In 1963 Drake led the way by producing the first commercially available amateur transceiver that employed the now widely copied 9 MHz i-f frequency. Even today, many major competitive transceivers are still being introduced using i-f's in this range.

Now, Drake leads the way again by developing the first commercially available amateur transceiver that uses a 48 MHz i-f, through the technique of "Up-Conversion." This system greatly improves image and general coverage performance, and will be copied in the years to come. With Drake, you can join the new state of the art today!

solid state continuous coverage synthesized hf system

Model 1337



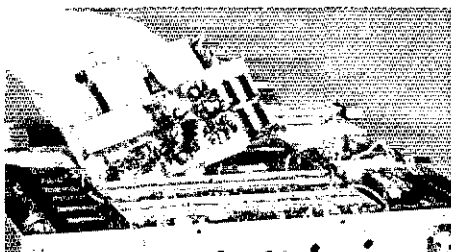
The design philosophy behind the new Drake "7 system" has created a most sophisticated system concept, extending from engineering to the visual appearance of the system and each of its parts.

The TR-7 System is the result of one of the most extensive engineering and development programs in the history of the R. L. Drake Company, and provides the user with many innovative design features.

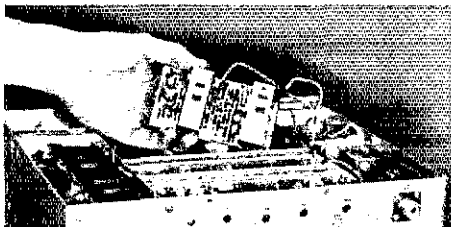
With the excellent design of its front panel and controls, the system is simple and straightforward to operate—makes state of the art performance a pleasure.

Broadband, Solid State Design—100% solid state throughout. All circuits are broadbanded so there is no need for preselection tuning or transmitter adjustments of any kind.

Synthesized/PTO Frequency Control—A Drake exclusive: Special high performance synthesizer, combined with the famous Drake PTO, provides smooth, linear tuning with 1 kHz dial and 100 Hz digital readout. 500 kHz up/down range switching is pushbutton controlled.



† **Continuous, Wide Range Frequency Coverage**—The TR-7/DR-7 provides reception from 1.5 thru 30 MHz—continuously, and zero thru 30 MHz continuously with the optional Aux-7 Range Program Board. No gaps or range crystals required. The highly advanced Drake Synthesizer makes this possible, and is an industry first. The TR-7/DR-7 provides transmit coverage for all Amateur Bands 160 thru 10 meters. With the optional Aux-7 Range Program Board, diode-programmable



out-of-band transmit coverage is available for MARS, Embassy, Government, and future band expansions in the range 1.8 thru 30 MHz.* The Aux-7 Board also provides 0 thru 1.5 MHz receive coverage and crystal-controlled fixed channel operation for Government, Amateur, or semi-commercial applications anywhere in the hf range. The TR-7 w/o DR-7 provides coverage of the Amateur Bands 160 thru 15 meters and the 28.5-29.0 MHz range of 10 meters. The Aux-7 Range Program Board is also useable in the standard TR-7 for extra range coverage as noted.

State of the Art Receiver Design—The Drake TR-7 introduces another industry first for amateur transceivers: "Up-Conversion," in combination with a special high level double balanced mixer for superior strong signal handling, spurious and image response performance. The first i-f of 48.05 MHz places images well outside the receiver passband, and provides for true general coverage operation without i-f gaps.

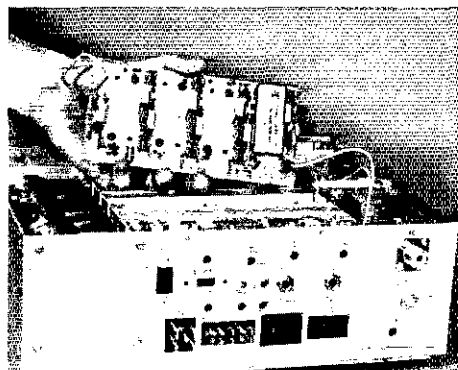
True Passband Tuning—The TR-7 employs the famous Drake Full Passband Tuning instead of the limited



range "i-f shift" found in some other units. The Drake System tunes from the top edge of one sideband, through center, to the bottom edge of the other sideband. In fact, the range is even wider to accommodate RTTY. Full passband tuning greatly improves receiving performance in heavy QRM.

Unique Independent Receive Selectivity—Optional receiving selectivity filters can be installed internally and pushbutton-selected from the front panel. These may be selected independently of transmit mode and provide optimum response for various conditions of ssb, cw, RTTY, and a-m. You may also transmit cw while receiving ssb, or vice versa, or even transmit one sideband while receiving the other. The standard filter is 2.3 kHz for ssb. You may choose from optional 300 Hz, 500 Hz, a special 1.8 kHz for crowded ssb, or 6 kHz filter for a-m. Any three may be installed in addition to the ssb filter.

Effective Noise Blanker—This accessory is custom engineered to provide true impulse-type noise blanking performance.



Special High Power Solid State PA—A Drake custom-designed diagonal heat sink provides for an internally mounted power amplifier with nothing mounted outboard subject to physical damage. The unique air ducting effect of this amplifier allows an optional rear-mounted fan to provide continuous duty on SSTV/RTTY. Continuous ssb/cw

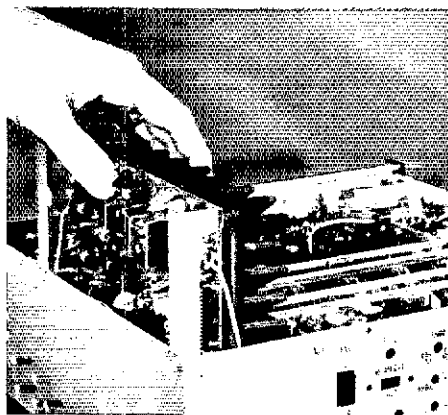
(TR-7 features continued on next page)

*Note: Out-of-band transmitter coverage for MARS, Government, etc. is available only in ranges authorized by the FCC, Military, or other government agency for a specific service. Proof of license for that service must be submitted to the R. L. Drake Company, including the 500 kHz range to be covered. Upon approval, and

at the discretion of the R. L. Drake Company, a special range IC will be supplied for use with the Aux-7 Range Program Board. Prices quoted from the factory. See operator's manual for details. (Not available for services requiring type acceptance.)

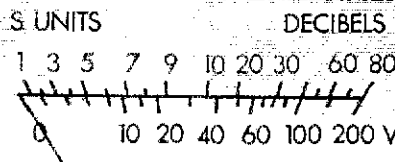
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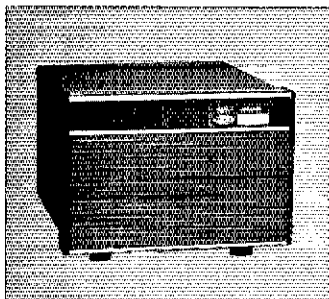
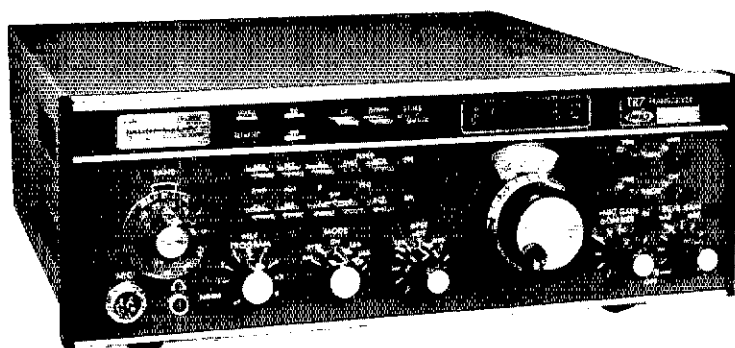


operation is available without the fan, due to the excellent heat sink design. The optional Drake PS-7 Ac Supply is rugged, rated for continuous duty, and will easily handle power requirements. The System is rated 250 watts input—in any of its modes. Fully VSWR protected.

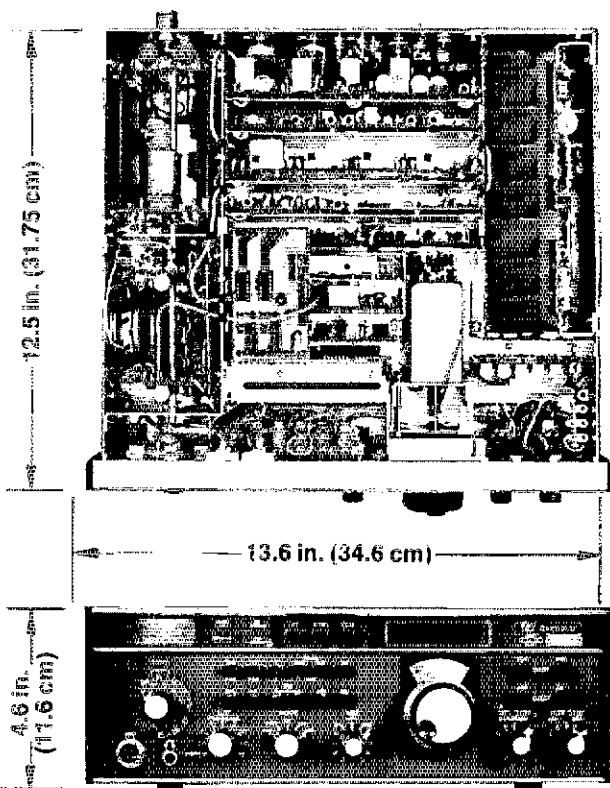
TR-7 Internal Test Facilities—As well as the standard "S" meter function, the TR-7 metering includes a built-in rf Wattmeter/VSWR Bridge. Also, the DR-7 digital counter reads frequencies to 150 MHz for test purposes. Access to the counter is from the rear panel.



Receiver Incremental Tuning (RIT)—Complete RIT Flexibility is provided for both the TR-7 and RV-7 remote VFO for maximum convenience. The RV-7 also includes a special "spot" function for easy zero beating.



- Model 1337 Drake TR-7 Transceiver
- Model 1530 Drake DR-7 General Coverage/Digital Readout Board
- Model 1336 Drake TR-7/DR-7 General Coverage Digital R/O Transceiver
- Model 1338 Drake RV-7 Remote VFO
- Model 1502 Drake PS-7 120/240V Ac Supply includes special wide range voltage and frequency capability. Operates from any nominal line voltage (90-132 V/180-254 V; 50-60 Hz) ideal for overseas
- Model 1536 Drake Aux-7 Range Program Board †
- Model 1531 Drake MS-7 Matching Speaker
- Model 1537 Drake NB-7 Noise Blanker
- Model 1529 Drake FA-7 Fan
- Model 7021 Drake SL-300 Cw Filter, 300 Hz
- Model 7022 Drake SL-500 Cw Filter, 500 Hz
- Model 7023 Drake SL-1800 Ssb/RTTY Filter, 1.8 kHz
- Model 7024 Drake SL-6000 A-m Filter, 6.0 kHz
- Model 1335 Drake MMK-7 Mobile Mounting Kit
- Model 7037 Drake TR-7 Service Kit/Extender Board Set
- Model 385-0004 Drake TR-7 Service/Schematic Book



DRAKE TR-7 SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Frequency Coverage

(with DR-7 Digital R/O Gen. Cov. Board)

Receive

Without Aux-7 ... 1.5 to 30 MHz, continuous, no gaps
 With Aux-7† ... Same, plus 0 to 1.5 MHz at reduced performance in this range

Transmit

Without Aux-7 ... 1.8-2.0, 3.5-4.0, 7.0-7.5, 14.0-14.5, 21.0-21.5, 28.0-30.0 MHz
 With Aux-7† ... Above ranges, plus any eight 500 kHz segments from 1.8 to 30 MHz

Frequency Coverage

(without DR-7 Digital R/O Gen. Cov. Board)

Receive/Transmit (Transmit above 1.8 MHz only)

Without Aux-7 ... 1.5-2.0, 3.5-4.0, 7.0-7.5, 14.0-14.5, 21.0-21.5, 28.5-29.0 MHz, plus Receive only on 2.5-3.0 MHz and 5.0-5.5 MHz
 With Aux-7† ... Above ranges, plus any eight 500 kHz segments from 0 to 30 MHz, (0 to 1.8 MHz Receive only)

Modes of Operation ... Usb, Lsb, Cw, RTTY, A-m equiv. (A-3H)

Frequency Stability ... Total drift is less than 100 Hz after warm up. Total frequency change is less than 100 Hz over the 11-16 V-dc input supply range

Frequency Readout Accuracy

Analog ... Better than ± 1 kHz when calibrated at the nearest marker point
 Digital ... 15 ppm ± 100 Hz

External Counter Mode

Maximum Input Frequency ... 150 MHz
 Input Level Range ... 50 mV to 2 V, rms

Power Supply

Requirements ... 11-16 V-dc (13.6 V-dc nominal), 3A receive, 25A transmit

Dimensions

Depth ... 12.5 in. (31.75 cm), excluding knobs and connectors.
 Width ... 13.6 in. (34.6 cm)
 Height ... 4.6 in. (11.6 cm), excluding feet.
 Weight ... 17.1 lb. (7.75 kg)

RECEIVER

(1.8-30 MHz, reduced specs 0-1.8 MHz)

Sensitivity

Ssb, Cw ... Less than 0.5 μV for 10 dB (S+N) ÷ N
 A-m (30% Mod.) ... Less than 2.0 μV for 10 dB (S+N) ÷ N

Selectivity ... 2.3 kHz at -6 dB and 4.1 kHz at -60 dB (1.8:1 shape factor)

Ultimate Selectivity ... Greater than 100 dB

Agc ... Less than 4 dB output variation for 100 dB input signal change, referenced to agc threshold

Intermodulation ... Intercept Point, +20 dBm
 Two-tone Dynamic Range, 99 dB
 (at tone spacings of 50 kHz and greater)

I-f Frequency ... First I-f ... 48.05 MHz
 Second I-f ... 5.645 MHz

Image and I-f Rejection ... Greater than 80 dB

Spurious Response ... Greater than 60 dB down

Internally Generated

Spurious ... Less than 1 μV equivalent, except 3 μV equivalent from 5 to 6 MHz. (Reduced specs on internal osc frequencies)

Audio Output ... 2.0 watts @ less than 10% THD (4 ohm load)

TRANSMITTER

Power Input (Nominal)

Ssb ... 250 watts PEP
 Cw ... 250 watts
 A-m equiv. ... 80 watts (carrier), plus upper sideband

Load Impedance ... 50 ohms, nominal

Spurious Output ... Greater than 50 dB down

Harmonic Output ... Greater than 45 dB down

Intermodulation

Distortion ... 30 dB below PEP (24 dB below one of two tones)

Undesired Sideband

Suppression ... Greater than 60 dB @ 1 kHz

Duty Cycle

Ssb, Cw ... 100%
 Tune, SSTV, RTTY, A-m w/o 1529 FA-7 Fan: 33%, 5 min. transmit, max.
 with 1529 FA-7 Fan: 100%

Wattmeter Accuracy ... ±5% @ 100 watts (50 ohm load)

Carrier Suppression ... Greater than 50 dB

Microphone Input ... High impedance

VSWR Turndown (Nominal) (Percent rf power turndown)

@ 1:1 ... 0%
 @ 2:1 ... 10%
 @ 3:1 ... 25%
 @ 4:1 ... 50%
 @ 5:1 and above ... 90%

† Aux-7 must be used with either Model 1546 RRM-7 Range Receive Module, or Model 1547 RTM-7 Range Transceive Module. Use one module per 500 kHz range. Modules plug directly into Aux-7.

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UV-3 uhf-vhf fm



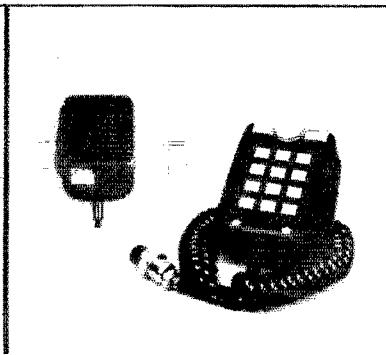
Optional
Drake 1525EM
Encoding Mike

Designed and manufactured in U.S.A.

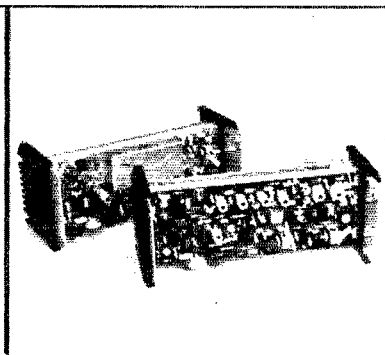
- Fully synthesized on each band, 5 kHz steps, digital read-out.
- Fm coverage on complete 144, 220 and 440 Amateur Bands, depending on model purchased. Completely band-switched from front panel.
- Four extra diode programmable fixed channels, with offsets, available for each band, in addition to the synthesizer.
- Diode programmable non-standard offsets available for each band.
- Separate SO-239 Antenna Connector for each band.
- Outstanding receiver front-end performance. Ideal for use in metropolitan areas where many repeaters are in use.
- Squelch.
- Hi-lo power, with lo-power adjustable.
- Priority scan feature:
 - scan a programmed fixed channel from any synthesizer frequency.
 - scan any synthesizer frequency from a programmed fixed channel.
 - scan a specific programmed fixed channel from another programmed fixed channel.
- Plug-in modular construction.
- Remote operation. Removable control head will operate radio in trunk compartment from driver seat. (remote kit optional)
- No frequency mixing in transmitter. Transmitter frequency derived directly from VCO frequency. Provides extremely low spurious output.
- Companion ac power supply (PS-3).
- Operate mobile or fixed station. (13.8 V supply required)
- Small, compact, rugged construction utilizing aluminum extrusion sides and panel.
- Transmit audio custom tailored for maximum communications "punch."
- Choice of one, two, or three band coverage in a single transceiver. Basic models may be purchased, with factory installed add-on modules added later.



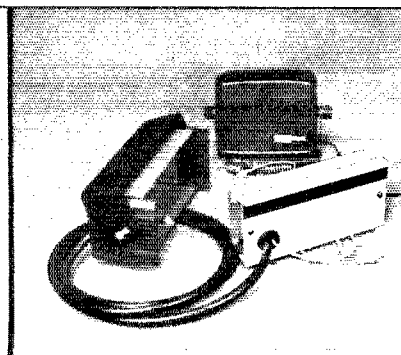
PS-3 Ac Power Supply



1525EM Encoding Microphone



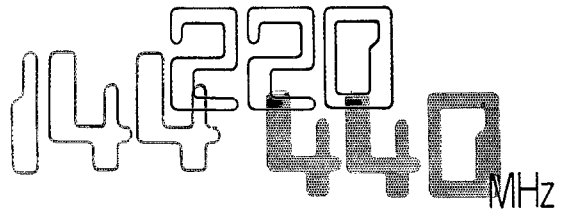
220 and 440 Add-on Modules



UMK-3 Remote Trunk-Mount Kit

3-band system

Fully synthesized on each band



DRAKE UV-3 SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL

Frequency Coverage: 144 144-148 MHz*
 220 220-225 MHz
 440 440-450 MHz

Mode: Fm (5 kHz deviation)

Supply Voltage: 11.5-15.0 V dc negative ground

Supply Current: Receive 0.9 A Standby
 Transmit 6 A High Power
 1.3 A Low Power

Dimensions: Length (single unit) 9" (22.86 cm)
 (two unit) 11.5" (29.2 cm)
 (three unit) 14" (35.56 cm)
 Width 8.1" (20.6 cm)
 Height 3.5" (8.9 cm)

Weight: (One unit) 7 lbs. (3.17 kg)
 (Two unit) 7.3 lbs. (3.31 kg)
 (Three Unit) 7.6 lbs. (3.45 kg)

Operating Temperature: 0°C to 60°C

*Band overlap allows tuning of most Mars frequencies

Sensitivity: 146-148 MHz } Typically less than
 222-225 MHz } .35µV for 12 dB SINAD
 442-447 MHz }
 144-148 MHz } .5 µV (max.) for 12 dB SINAD
 220-225 MHz }
 440-450 MHz }

Adjacent Channel

Rejection: 144 greater than 80 dB min. @ ± 30 kHz
 220, 440 greater than 70 dB min. @ ± 30 kHz
 144, 220, 440 greater than 60 dB min. @ ± 15 kHz

Intermodulation

Attenuation: 144 80 dB (referenced to 12 dB SINAD)
 (EIA RS-204-A) 220 75 dB (referenced to 12 dB SINAD)
 440 65 dB (referenced to 12 dB SINAD)

Image Rejection:

144 80 dB
 220 60 dB
 440 50 dB

I-f Rejection: Greater than 95 dB

Audio Output: 2.5 watts @ less than 10% THD, 2 watts @ less than 5% THD

Squelch Sensitivity: Less than 0.2 µV

Meter: Indicates relative signal level

FREQUENCY SYNTHESIZER

Type: Directly programmable, digital phase locked loop, 5 kHz steps

Reference: 5 MHz crystal oscillator

Frequency Accuracy: ±.0005% over a temperature range of 0°C to 60°C with a supply voltage variation of 11.5 to 15 V dc

RECEIVER

Type: Double conversion, 1st i-f @ 10.7 MHz, 2nd i-f @ 455 kHz, 6 pole crystal filter @ 10.7 MHz and 8 pole ceramic filter at 455 kHz

Selectivity: 12 kHz @ -3 dB

TRANSMITTER

Power Output (13.8 V dc): High Power: 144 25 watts nom. (144-148 MHz)
 220 10 watts min. (220-225 MHz)
 440 10 watts min. (440-450 MHz)
 Low Power: Approx. 10% of high power (adjustable)

Harmonic and Out

of Band Spurious: 144, 220 60 dB (min.) referenced to carrier
 440 -40 DB (min.) referenced to carrier

Spurious in Band: -75 dB (min.) referenced to carrier

Modulation: Direct fm, pre-set to ± 5 kHz deviation

Hum and Noise: Greater than 40 dB below maximum deviation

Model 1346 Drake UV-3 (144-220-440)

Model 1344 Drake UV-3 (144-440)

Model 1340 Drake UV-3 (144)

(Models above include factory installed modules for bands as listed, standard dynamic mike, and mobile mounting bracket.)

Add-on modules expand band coverage of models which may have been purchased in a single band or two band configuration. Prices include factory installation which is necessary to meet FCC receiver certification requirements.

220 Add-on Module

440 Add-on Module

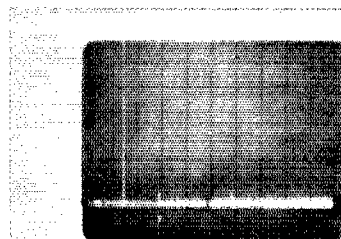
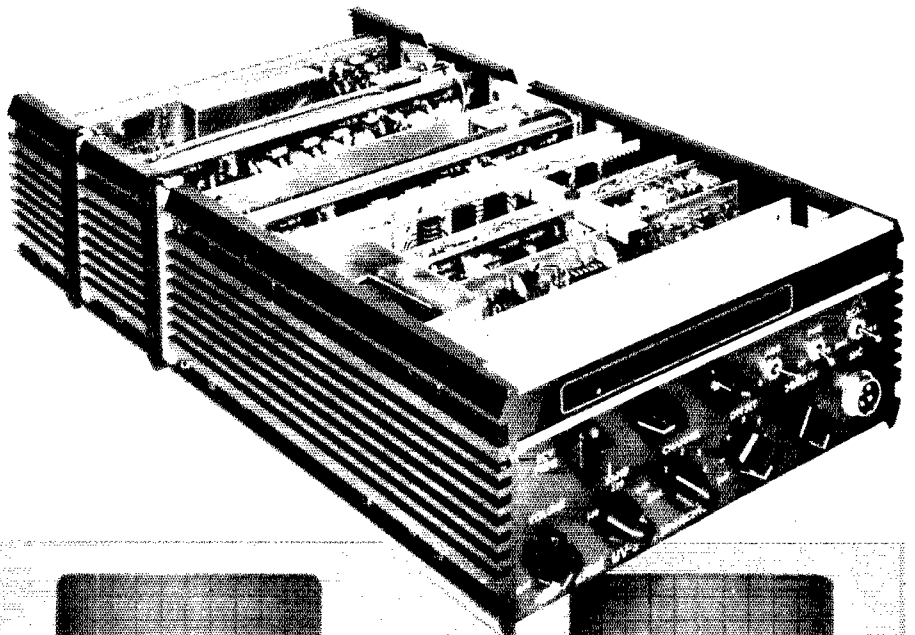
144 Add-on Module

Model 1504 Drake PS-3 AC Power Supply

Model 1525 Drake 1525EM Encoding Mike (see next page)

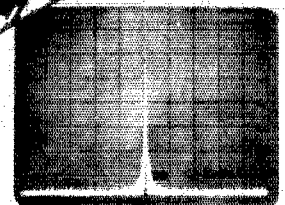
Model 1330 Drake UMK-3 Remote Trunk-Mount Kit

Model 385-0002 Drake UV-3 Service/Schematic Book

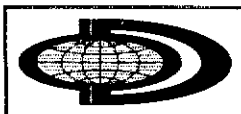


100 MHz/Division

**UV-3
 Frequency
 Spectrum**
 146.520 MHz
 25 Watts



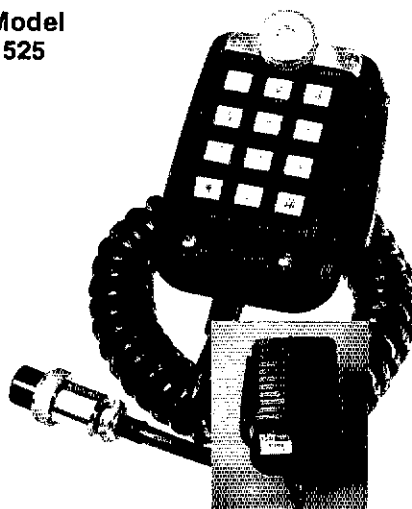
500 kHz/Division

**DRAKE****MICROPHONES**

Drake 1525EM Push Button Encoding Mike

- Microphone and auto-patch encoder in single convenient package with coil cord and connector. Fully wired and ready for use.
- High accuracy IC tone generator, no frequency adjustments.
- High reliability Digitran[®] keyboard.
- Power for tone encoder obtained from transceiver through microphone cable. No battery required. Low current drain.
- Low output impedance allows use with almost all transceivers.
- Four pin microphone plug: directly connects to Drake UV-3 without any modification in transceiver. Compatible with all previous Drake and other 2 meter units with minor modifications.
- Tone level adjustable

Model
1525



Drake 7077 Dynamic Desk Microphone



- **Audio and level characteristics** custom designed to match the transmit audio requirements of the Drake TR-7.
- **Features both VOX and PTT** operation without modification.
- **High Impedance**
- Includes coil cord and plug wired for direct installation to the Drake TR-7.
- Style and color provide a beautiful match to the Drake 7-Line.
- Size 4.3"W x 5.8"D x 9.3"H (10.9 x 14.7 x 23.6 cm). Wt. 1 lb. 7 oz (650 g).

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Drake L-7 Continuous Duty 160-10* Meters 2kW Linear Amplifier

Model
1528



Temperature controlled design for "key-down" operation over a wide frequency range. Newly engineered for coverage of any new or expanded hf amateur bands within FCC amplifier rules. Also features wide frequency coverage for MARS, and other services authorized for this type of amplifier.

2 kW PEP, 1 kW cw, RTTY, SSTV operation—all modes, full rated input, continuous duty cycle.

160-10* meter amateur band coverage, plus expanded ranges for any future hf band expansions or additions within FCC rules. These ranges also include increased coverage for MARS, embassy, government, or other such services.

The Drake L-7 utilizes a pair of Eimac 3-500 Z triodes for rugged use, and lower replacement cost compared to equivalent ceramic types. Tubes are included.

Accurate built-in rf wattmeter, with forward/reverse readings, is switch selected. Calibrated 300/3000 watt scales.

Temperature controlled two speed fan is a high volume low noise type and offers optimum cooling.

Adjustable exciter agc feedback circuitry permits drive power to be automatically controlled at proper levels to prevent peak clipping and cw overdrive. Front panel control.

By-pass switching is included for straight through, low power operation without having to turn off amplifier.

Bandpass tuned input circuitry for low distortion and 50 ohm input impedance.

Amplifier is comprised of two units—rf deck for desk top and separate power supply.

Operates from 120/240 V ac, 50/60 Hz primary line voltage.

DRAKE L-7 SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Coverage*: Ham bands 160 through 15 meters. Non-amateur frequencies between 6.5 and 21.5 MHz may be covered with some modification of the input circuit.

Plate Power Input: 2000 Watts PEP on SSB and 1000 Watts DC on CW, AM, RTTY, and SSTV.

Drive Power Requirements: 100 Watts PEP on SSB and 75 Watts on CW, AM, RTTY, and SSTV.

Input Impedance: 50 Ohms. (Bandpass tuned input)

Output Impedance: Adjustable pi-network matches 50 Ohm line with SWR not to exceed 2:1.

Intermodulation Distortion Products: In excess of -33 dB.

Wattmeter Accuracy: 300 Watts forward and reflected, \pm (5% of reading + 3 Watts). 3000 Watts forward, \pm (5% of reading + 30 Watts).

Power Requirements: 240 Volts 50-60 Hertz 15 Amperes, or 120 Volts 50-60 Hertz 30 Amperes.

Tube Complement: Two of 3-500Z or 8802/3-500Z or 8163 or 3-400Z.

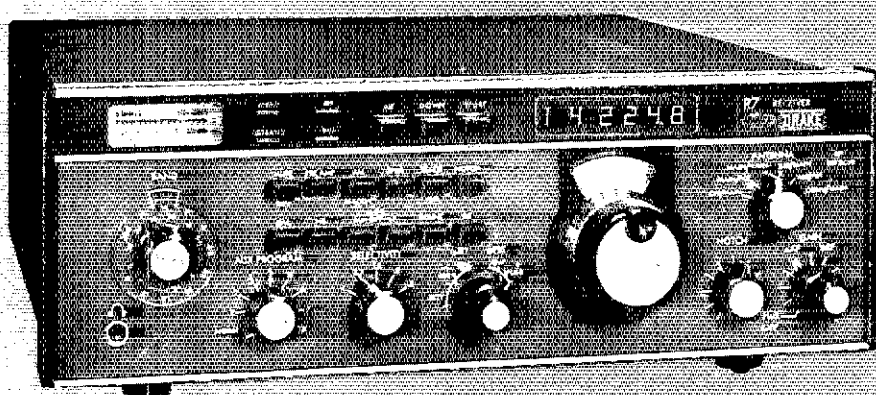
Dimensions: Amplifier 13.69"W x 6.75"H x 14.25"D (34.8 x 17.1 x 36.2 cm). **Power Supply** 6.75"W x 7.88"H x 11"D (17 x 20 x 28 cm).

Weight: Amplifier 27 lbs (12.25 kg), **Power Supply** 42.5 lbs (19.3 kg).

*Export model includes coverage of the 10-meter Ham Band.

Drake R-7 Synthesized, General Coverage Receiver

Model
1240



Full general coverage reception 0-30 MHz, with no gaps or range crystals required.

Continuous tuning all the way from vlf thru hf. Superb state-of-the-art performance on a-m, ssb, RTTY, and cw—and it transceives with the Drake TR-7.

100% solid state broadband design, fully synthesized with a permeability tuned oscillator (PTO) for smooth, continuous tuning.

Covers the complete range 0 to 30 MHz with no gaps in frequency coverage. Both digital and analog frequency readout.

Special front-end circuitry employing a high level double balanced mixer and 48 MHz "up-converted" 1st i-f for superior general coverage, image rejection and strong signal handling performance.

Complete front-end bandpass filters are included that operate from hf thru vlf. External vlf preselectors are not required.

10 dB pushbutton-controlled broadband preamp can be activated on all ranges above 1.5 MHz. Low noise design.

Various optional selectivity filters for cw, RTTY and a-m are switch-selected from the front panel. Ssb filter standard.

Special new low distortion "synchro-phase" a-m detector provides superior international shortwave broadcast reception. This new technique permits 3 kHz a-m sideband response with the use of a 4 kHz filter for better interference rejection.

Tunable i-f notch filter effectively reduces heterodyne interference from nearby stations.

The famous Drake full electronic passband tuning system is employed, permitting the passband position

to be adjusted for any selectivity filter. This is a great aid in interference rejection.

Three agc time constants plus "Off" are switch-selected from the front panel.

Complete transceive/separate functions when used with the Drake TR-7 transceiver are included, along with separate R-7 R.I.T. control.

Special multi-function antenna selector/50 ohm splitter is switch-selected from the front panel, and provides simultaneous dual receive with the TR-7. This makes possible the reception of two different frequencies at the same time. Main and alternate antennas and vhf/uhf converters may also be selected with this switching network.

The digital readout of the R-7 may be used as a 150 MHz counter, and is switched from the front panel. Access thru rear panel connector.

The built-in power supply operates from 100, 120, 240 V-ac, 50/60 Hz, or nominal 13.8 V-dc.

The R-7 includes a built-in speaker, or an external Drake MS-7 speaker may be used.

Built-in 25 kHz calibrator for calibration of analog d

Low level audio output for tape recorder.

Up to eight crystal controlled fixed channels can be selected. (With Drake Aux-7 installed.)

Optional Drake NB-7A Noise Blanker available. Provides true impulse type noise blanking performance.

Optional accessories available

Model 1531 Drake MS-7 Speaker
 Model 7021 Drake SL-300 Cw Filter, 300 Hz
 Model 7022 Drake SL-500 Cw Filter, 500 Hz
 Model 7023 Drake SL-1800 Ssb/RTTY Filter, 1800 Hz
 Model 7024 Drake SL-6000 A-m Filter, 6.0 kHz
 Model 7026 Drake SL-4000 A-m Filter, 4.0 kHz
 Model 1532 Drake NB-7A Noise Blanker
 Model 1536 Drake Aux-7 Range Program/Fixed-Frequency Board

DRAKE R-7 SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency Coverage, continuous tuning (With Drake DR-7 Digital R/O, General Coverage Board)
0 to 30 MHz continuous (With or without Aux-7 board) (No gaps in frequency coverage)

Frequency Coverage, continuous tuning (Without DR-7 Board installed)

0.01 to 0.5 MHz	Without Aux-7 Board	5.0 to 5.5 MHz
0.5 to 1.0 MHz		7.0 to 7.5 MHz
1.0 to 1.5 MHz		14.0 to 14.5 MHz
1.5 to 2.0 MHz		21.0 to 21.5 MHz
2.5 to 3.0 MHz		28.5 to 29.0 MHz
3.5 to 4.0 MHz		

Plus any eight additional 500 kHz segments between 0 and 30 MHz when programmed into Aux-7 Board.

Crystal Controlled Fixed Frequencies: Up to eight crystal-controlled fixed frequencies within the 0-30 MHz range with Aux-7 Accessory Board. Proper 500 kHz range for desired fixed frequency is also programmed into Aux-7.

Frequency Stability: Less than 100 Hz drift after temperature stabilization including $\pm 10\%$ line voltage variation.

Digital Readout Accuracy: (DR-7 installed) $15 \text{ PPM} \pm 100 \text{ Hz}$

Analog Dial Accuracy: Better than $\pm 1 \text{ kHz}$ when calibrated to nearest calibrator marker.

Modes of Operation: Ssb, cw, RTTY, SSTV, a-m.

Sensitivity (ssb): 1.8-30 MHz Less than $.20 \mu\text{V}$ for 10dB S+N/N with preamp on (typically $.15 \mu\text{V}$) (Noise floor typically -134 dBm) Less than $.50 \mu\text{V}$ for 10 dB S+N/N without preamp (typically $.30 \mu\text{V}$) (Noise floor typically -128 dBm). .01-1.5 MHz Less than $1.0 \mu\text{V}$ for 10 dB S+N/N

Sensitivity (a-m): 1.8-30 MHz Less than $1.2 \mu\text{V}$ for 10dB S+N/N @ 30% modulation, preamp on. Less than $2.0 \mu\text{V}$ for 10 dB S+N/N @ 30% modulation, preamp off. .01-1.5 MHz Less than $4.0 \mu\text{V}$ for 10 dB S+N/N @ 30% modulation.

Selectivity (2.3 kHz filter supplied): 2.3 kHz at -6 dB, 4.2 kHz at -60 dB (1.8:1) shape factor. Optional 300 Hz, 500 Hz, 1800 Hz and 4 kHz filters are available as follows:

Ultimate Selectivity: Greater than 100 dB

Accessory Crystal Filters

SL-300 cw filter: 300 Hz @ 6 dB, 700 Hz @ 60 dB
 SL-500 cw, RTTY Filter: 500 Hz @ 6 dB, 1100 Hz @ 60 dB
 SL-1800 ssb/RTTY Filter: 1800 Hz @ 6 dB,
 3600 Hz @ 60 dB
 SL-4000 a-m Filter: 4 kHz @ 6 dB, 8 kHz @ 60 dB
 SL-6000 a-m Filter: 6 kHz @ 6 dB, 12 kHz @ 60 dB

Strong Signal Handling

Two-tone dynamic range: 99 dB * 1.8-30 MHz
 Third order intercept point: +20 dBm preamp off
 Two-tone dynamic range: 95 dB * 1.8-30 MHz
 Third order intercept point: +10 dBm preamp on
 Blocking: >145 dB above noise floor

**(At tone spacings of 50 kHz and greater)*

I-f and Image Rejection: Greater than 80 dB (48.05 MHz 1st i-f) (5.645 MHz 2nd i-f) (50 kHz 3rd i-f)

Agc Performance: Less than 4 dB audio output variation for 100 dB input signal change above agc threshold. Agc threshold is typical $.8 \mu\text{V}$ with preamp off and $.25 \mu\text{V}$ with preamp on.

Attack time: 1 millisecond. Three selectable release times: Slow—2 seconds; Med—400 m sec; Fast—75 m sec. Also, "Off" position is provided.

Antenna Input Impedance: Nominal 50 ohms

Audio Output: 2.5 watts with less than 10% T.H.D. into nominal 4 ohm load.

Power Requirements: 100/120/200/240 V-ac $\pm 10\%$, 50/60 Hz, 60 watts or 11.0 to 16.0 V-dc (13.8 V-dc nominal), 3 amps

External Counter Mode (DR-7 installed): Readout: to 100 Hz. Accuracy: 15 PPM $\pm 100 \text{ Hz}$. Maximum input frequency: 150 MHz. Input level range: 50 mV to 2 V rms.

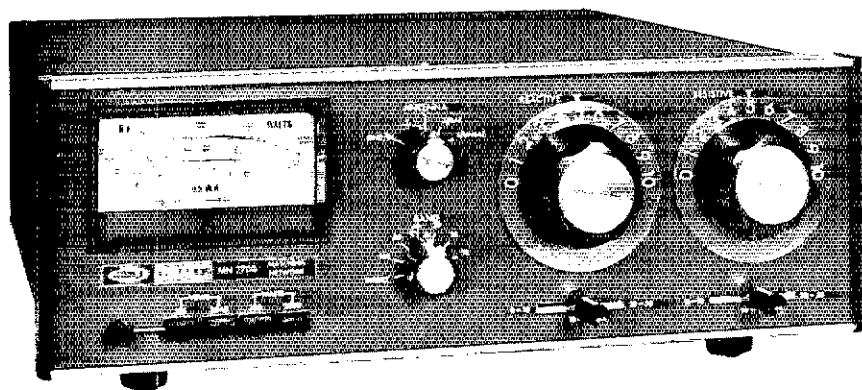
Dimensions/Weight:

Depth— 13.0 in (33.0 cm) excluding knobs and connectors.
 Width— 13.6 in (34.6 cm)
 Height— 4.6 in (11.6 cm) excluding feet
 Weight— 18.4 lbs (8.34 kg)



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Drake MN-2700 2kW Matching Network

Model 1539

The Drake MN-2700 manages rf radiation in the areas of impedance match to the antenna, rf power measurement, VSWR measurement, reduction of harmonic radiation, and antenna selection.

DRAKE MN-2700 FEATURES

160 thru 10 Meters Frequency Coverage—With out-of-band coverage for MARS, future band expansions and other applications.

Antenna Choice—Matches antennas fed with coax, balanced line or random wire. (For balanced line use optional Drake B-1000 Balun which mounts on rear panel of MN-2700.)

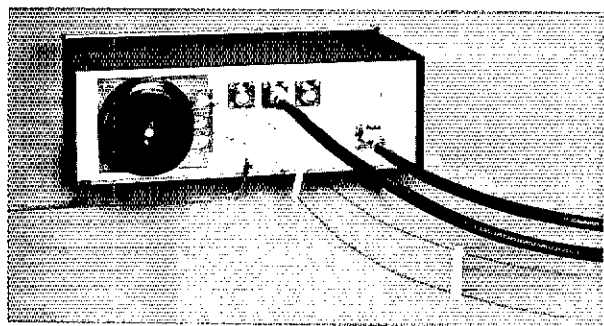
Antenna By-pass Switching—Unique design allows unit to be switch-by-passed regardless of which antenna is in use, whether coax or wire type. No need to manually disconnect feedlines. Switch also selects various antennas.

Extra Harmonic Reduction to help fight TVI—Drake Matching Networks employ special "pi-network" low-pass filter type circuitry for maximum harmonic rejection. This feature alone makes the MN-2700 a worthwhile investment; it is a Drake exclusive.

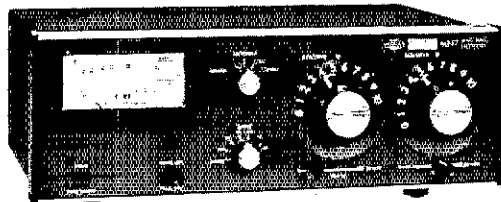
Built-in Metering—Accurate rf wattmeter/VSWR bridge is pushbutton controlled from front panel.

Power Capability—2000 watts PEP, 1000 watts average. Continuous Duty.

Dimensions—13.09"W x 4.53"H x 13"D including connectors (33.26 x 11.5 x 33 cm); **Weight** 11 lbs. (5 kg).



Drake B-1000 Balun Model 1510 installed on Matching Network.



Drake MN-7 Matching Network Model 1538

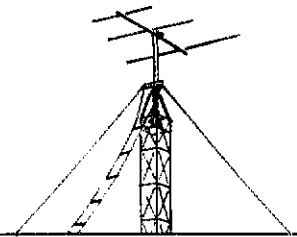
Same features and specifications as the Drake MN-2700, but rated at 250 watts continuous. Same width and height, but only 8.5" (21.6 cm) in depth, and weighs 10 lbs. (4.55 kg). Meter reads 0-300 watts forward power or VSWR.

DRAKE MN-2700 SPECIFICATIONS

• **Frequency Coverage:** 1.8 to 30 MHz. Band Switch marked for 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter amateur bands; however, frequency coverage between amateur bands is possible by using the nearest band positions with a small reduction in matching capability. • **Input Impedance:** 50 ohms (resistive). • **Load Impedance:** 50 ohm coaxial with VSWR of 5:1 or less at any phase angle (3:1 on 10 meters). 75 ohm coaxial at a lower VSWR can be used. • **Balanced Feedlines:** With the Drake B-1000 accessory balun, which mounts on rear panel, tunes feed point impedances of 40 to 1000 ohms, or 5:1 VSWR referenced to 200 ohms (3:1 on 10 meters). • **Long-Wire Antennas** Feed point impedances up to 5:1 VSWR referenced to 50 ohms. Also, 5:1 refer-

enced to 200 ohms with the Drake B-1000 accessory balun (3:1 on 10 meters). • **Meter:** Reads VSWR or forward power, 0-200 watts or 0-2000 watts. • **Wattmeter Accuracy:** ±5% of reading ±1% of full scale. • **Insertion Loss:** 0.5 dB or less on each band after tuning. • **Front Panel Controls:** Provide for the adjustment of resistive and reactive tuning, antenna switching, band switching, VSWR calibration, and selection of watts or VSWR functions of the meter. • **Rear Panel Connectors:** The rear panel has four type SO-239 connectors (one for input and 3 for outputs), three screw terminal connections (for long-wire and open-wire feeder systems), and a ground post.

**really a "secret weapon"
for 160 meter enthusiasts!**



The Drake MN-2700 and MN-7 Matching Networks have a truly unique antenna feed switching design

Both matching networks will completely change the mode of a balanced-line fed 135 foot doublet to a special configuration that provides very effective 160 meter performance. And best of all, it's done with the simple flip of a switch on the front panel.

Consider a typical all-band antenna set-up—a 135 foot doublet, center-fed with 60 to 70 feet of balanced line at a height of 45 to 60 feet. The Drake MN-2700/B-1000 or MN-7/B-1000 will match this as a true balanced system on 80 thru 10 meters. (Fig. 1)

But what about 160 meters? Many amateurs recommend tying the feeders together and using the antenna as a vertical with a "top-hat." In fact, we suggest this ourselves in our manual.

However, the use of this, or any vertical, assumes you have a good ground or radial system for efficient operation. If you do not

have enough room or do not wish to install such a radial system, performance may suffer. And if you do have radials, you still have to change the feeder connections each time you operate 160 meters.

On the other hand, when you use the MN-2700/B1000 or MN-7/B-1000 simply leave the feeders in the balanced connection as you would for 80 thru 10, and move the special antenna selector switch to Position No. 4. This automatically converts half of the antenna and feedline to an inverted "L", fed through a 4:1 impedance transformer, with the other half operating as a counterpoise. (Fig. 2)

This system offers the convenience of "stay in your chair" operation, while providing an effective means of operating 160 meters with a relatively small antenna.

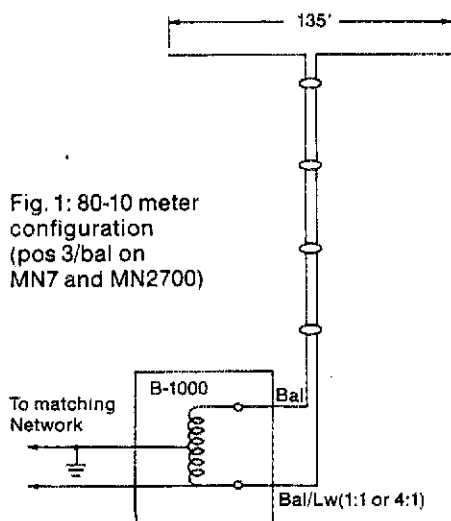


Fig. 1: 80-10 meter configuration (pos 3/bal on MN7 and MN2700)

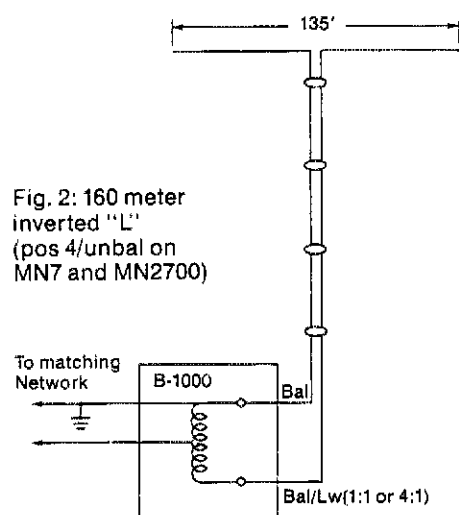
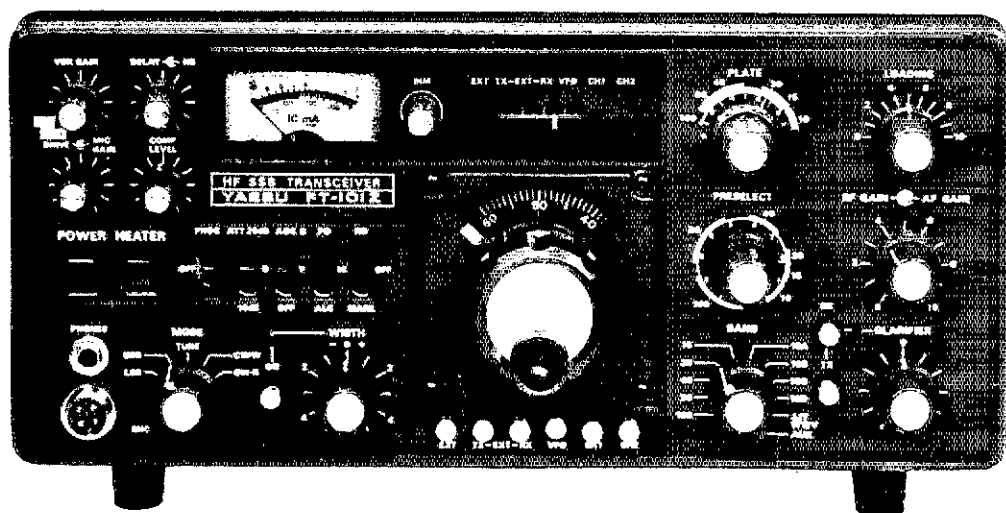


Fig. 2: 160 meter inverted "L" (pos 4/unbal on MN7 and MN2700)

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If economy is an important consideration, and you don't need the frequency counter and digital display, then choose the FT-101Z. The precision VFO gear mechanism is coupled to an easy-to-read analog display, providing resolution to greater than 1 kHz. All other features—the variable IF

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Specifications : FT-101Z

GENERAL

Frequency coverage: Amateur bands from 1.8–29.9 MHz + WWV/JJY (receive)

Emission types: LSB, USB, CW

Power requirements: AC 100/110/117/200/220/234 volts, 50/60 Hz, DC 13.5 volts, negative ground (with optional DC-DC converter installed)

Power consumption: AC 85 VA receive (73 VA HEATER OFF) 330 VA transmit, DC 5.5 amps receive (1.1 amps HEATER OFF) 21 amps transmit

Case size: 345(W) x 157(H) x 326(D) mm

Weight: Approx. 15 kg.

RECEIVER

Sensitivity: 0.25 μ V for S/N 10 dB

Selectivity: SSB 2.4 kHz at -6 dB, 4.0 kHz at -60 dB.

CW (with optional CW filter: 600 Hz at -6 dB, 1.2 kHz at -60 dB)

Image rejection: Better than 60 dB (160–15 m), better than

50 dB (40 m)

IF Bandwidth: Continuously variable from 2.4 kHz to 30 kHz, using two 8-pole IF filters

Audio output: 3 watts at 10% THD into 4 ohms.

TRANSMITTER

Power input: 180 watts DC

Carrier suppression: Better than 40 dB

Unwanted sideband suppression: Better than 40 dB (14 MHz 1 kHz modulation)

Other spurious radiation: Better than 40 dB down

Third order distortion products: Better than 31 dB down

Transmitter frequency response: 300 – 2700 Hz (-6 dB)

Antenna output impedance: 50–75 ohms, unbalanced.

Microphone input impedance: 500–600 ohms (100 ohm impedance)

Note: FT-101Z (analog) cannot be used with the FT-101ZD or FT-901DM, as there is no frequency display.

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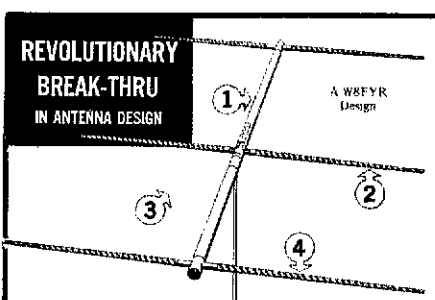
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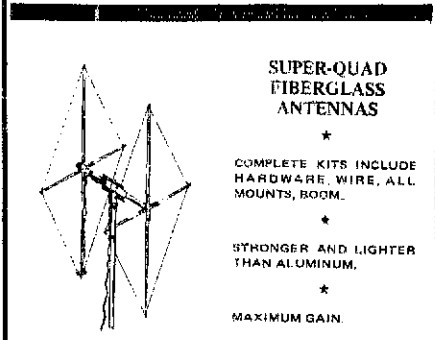
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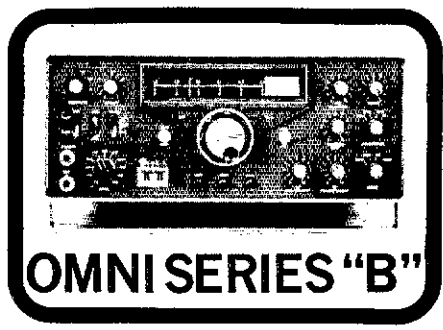
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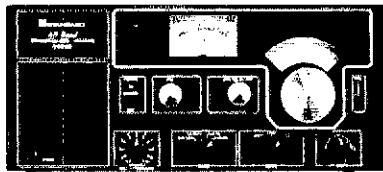
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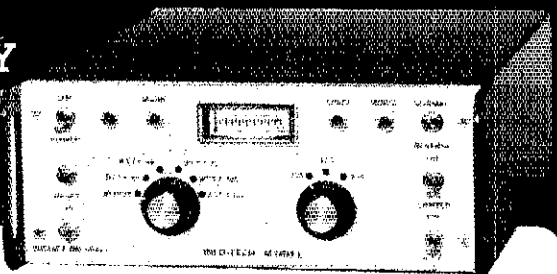
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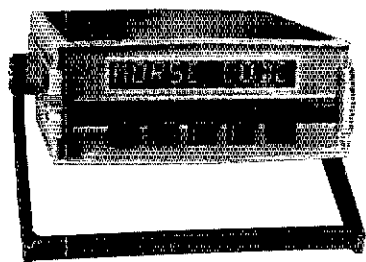
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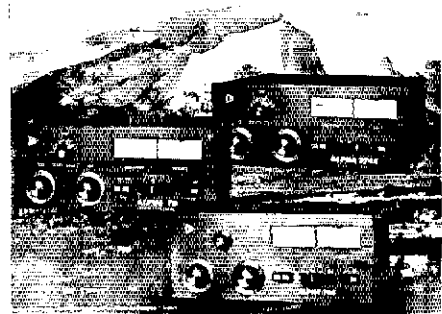
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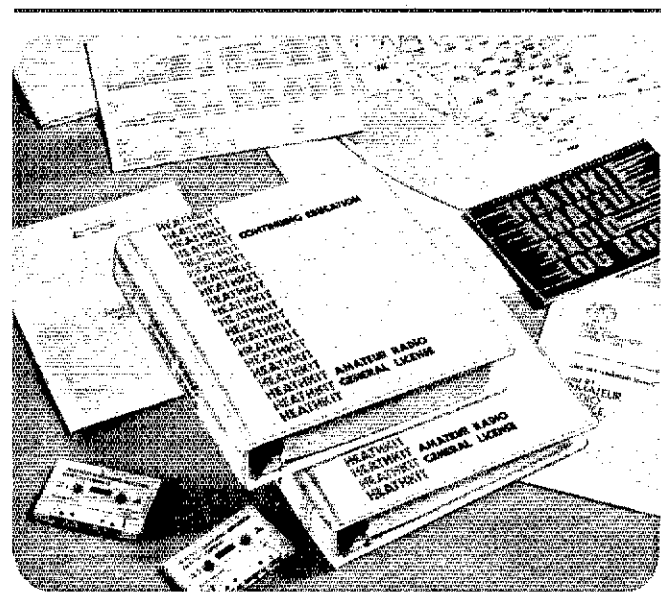
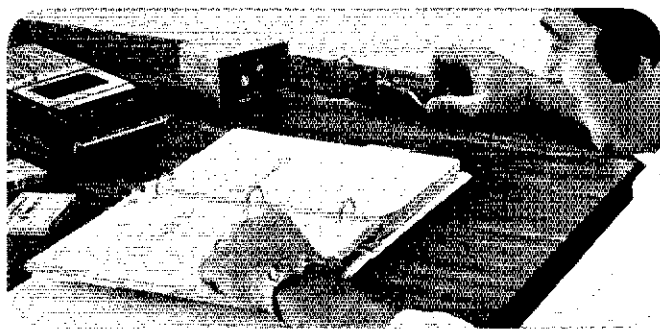
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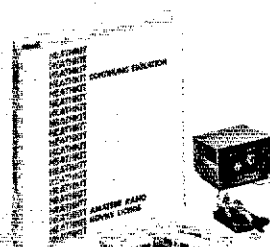
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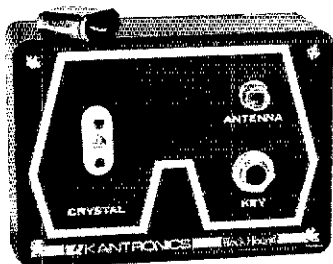
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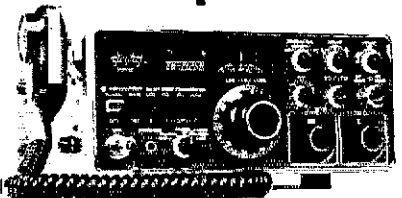
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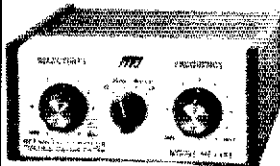
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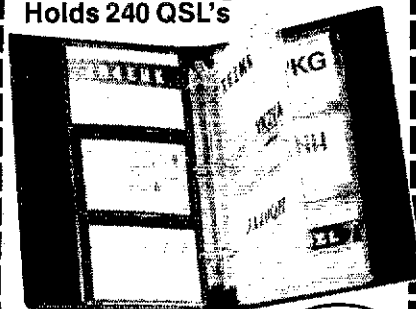
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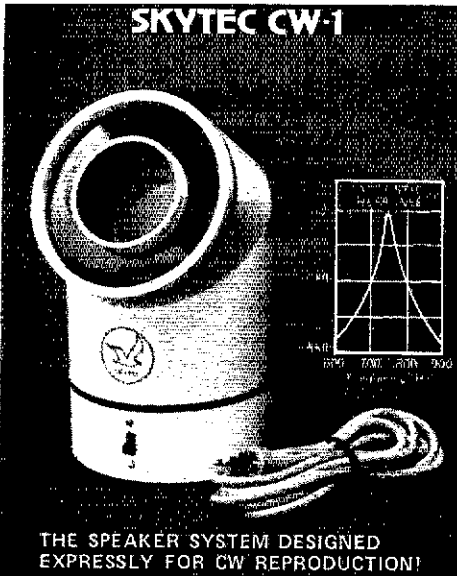
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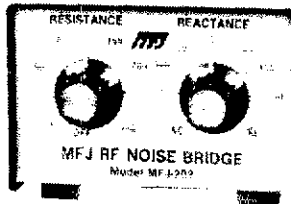
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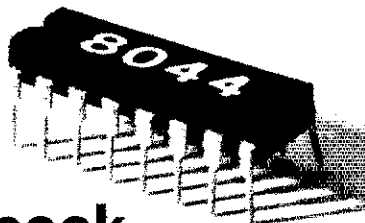
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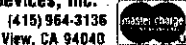
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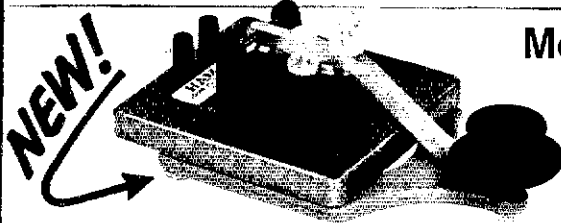
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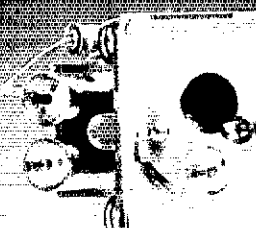
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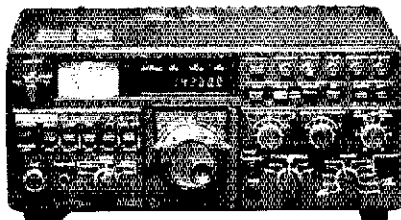
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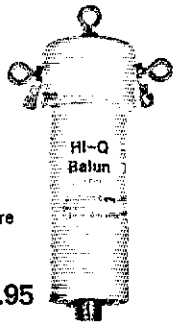
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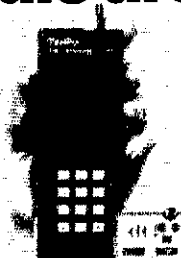
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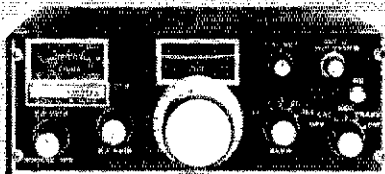
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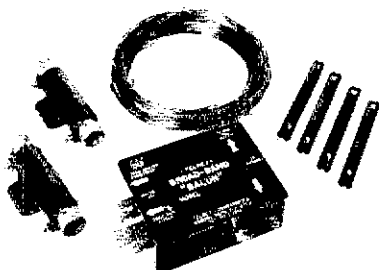


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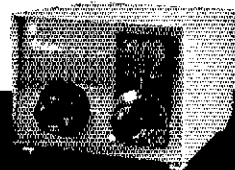
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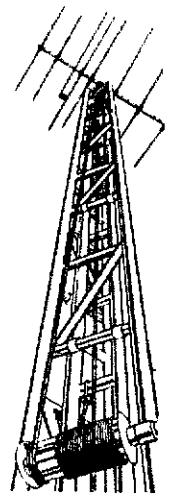


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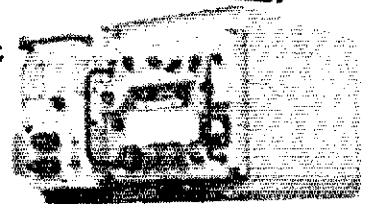
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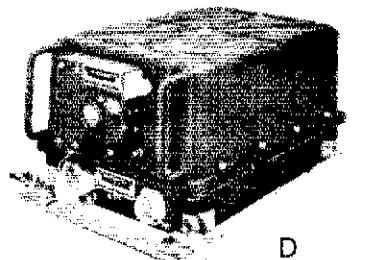
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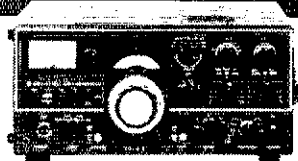
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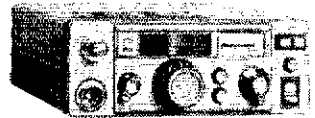
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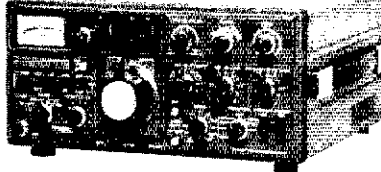
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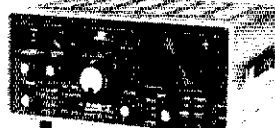
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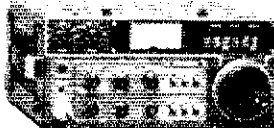
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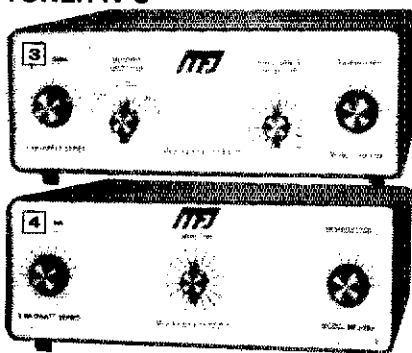
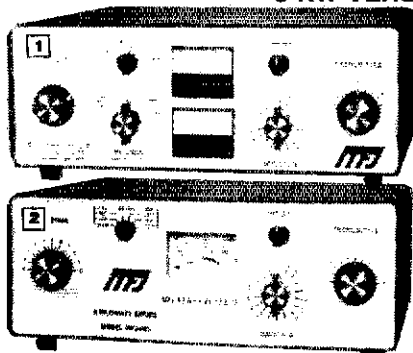
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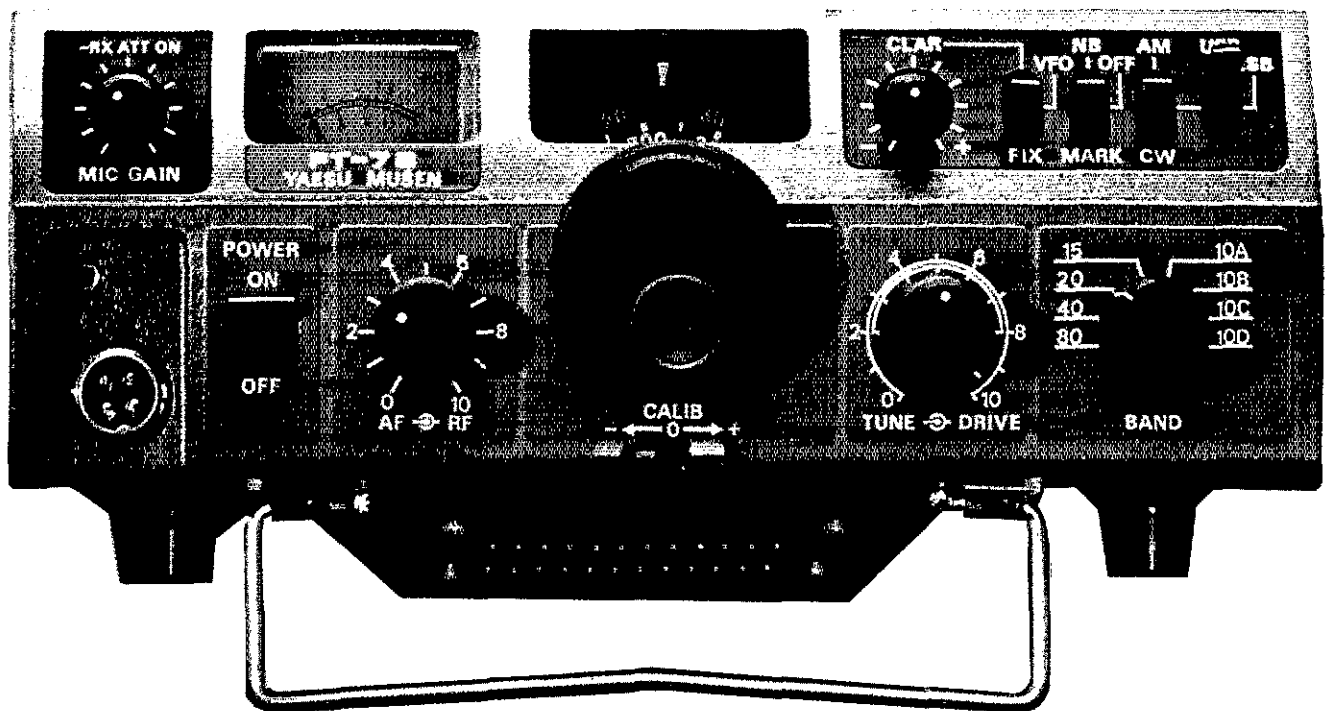
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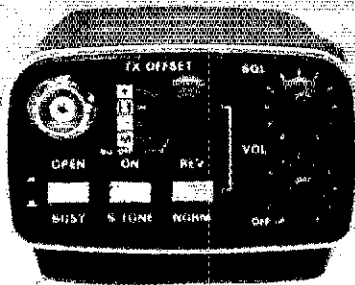
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