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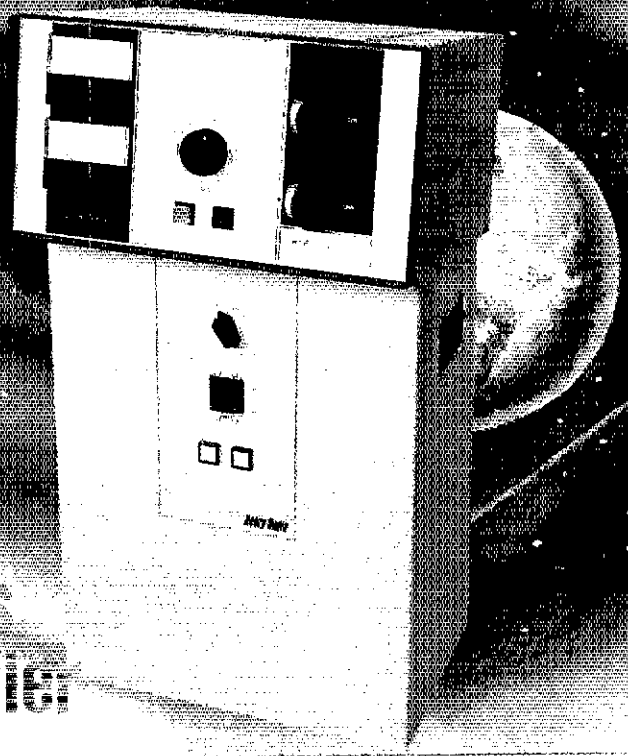


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A crisp winter's day at W1NH, Newport, New Hampshire. As the snow flies, Bill's tri-band, 2-el quad on a homebuilt, foldover tower will likely once again bring in his share of DX. (photo courtesy W1NH)



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### Frequency Ranges:

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 80 Meter Band | 3.45 - 4.6 MHz    |
| 40 Meter Band | 6.00 - 9.0 MHz    |
| 20 Meter Band | 10.00 - 16.00 MHz |
| 15 Meter Band | 20.95 - 23.50 MHz |
| 10 Meter Band | Export Model      |

Modes: USB, LSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV  
 Power Input: 1200W - SSB, 1000W - CW  
 Power Requirements: 234/117 VAC 50/60 Hz  
 RF Drive Power: 150 Watts maximum and 65 watts minimum for 1 KW DC input.  
 Idle + 2300V approximate  
 DC Plate voltage: 100% SSB, CW, RTTY, SSTV  
 Duty Cycle:  
 Input Impedance: 50 Ohms nominal  
 Input VSWR: 1.5 to 1 average  
 Output Impedance: 50 Ohms nominal  
 Antenna load VSWR: 2 to 1 maximum  
 ALC: negative going, adjustable from front panel  
 Spurious Emissions: IMD - greater than 30 db down  
 Harmonics - greater than 40 db down

FCC Type Accepted  
 Size: 5 1/4" H x 17" W x 13" D (19" W with rack brackets)

Weight: 46 pounds  
 Switchable 12VDC accessory output voltage  
 Multimeter:

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Plate Voltage   | 0 - 3000VDC |
| Plate Current   | 0 - 500ma   |
| Relative Output | Adjustable  |

Front Panel Plate Voltage Switching

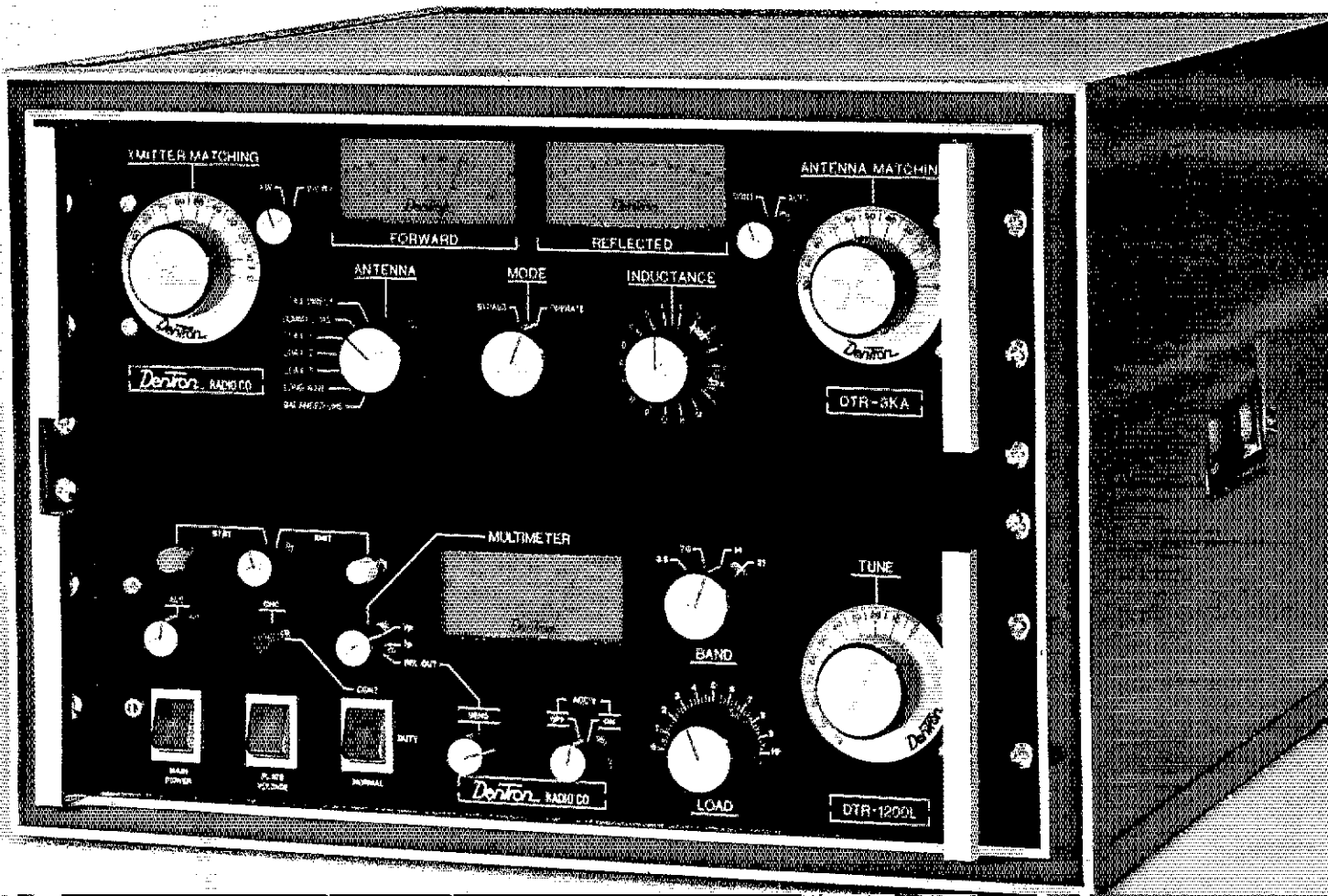
## DTR-3KA Antenna Tuner

Frequency Coverage: 1.8 - 30 MHz continuous  
 Built in 2 KW PEP Dummy Load - Forced Air Cooled  
 Input Impedance: 50 ohms (Resistive) to transmitter  
 Antenna Inputs

Coax 1, 2 & 3 - unbalanced—may range from a few ohms to a high impedance  
 Long wire - low to high impedance  
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|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| V.S.W.R.             | 1.2-1 Typical                                 |
| Average Bandwidth    | 500 KHz                                       |
| Power Rating         | 2000 w PEP                                    |
| Feed Point Impedance | 50 $\Omega$                                   |
| Connector            | Twin terminal stainless steel takes all coax. |
| Boom                 | 1 1/8" - 1 1/2" x 14'                         |
| Elements/Longest     | 1 1/8" - 1/2" x 27'9"                         |
| Wind Stc. area       | 5.6 Feet <sup>2</sup>                         |
| Weight               | 35 Pounds                                     |
| Turn Radius          | 15'6"   |
| Mast Diameter        | 1 1/2" min. 2" max.                           |
| Material             | 6063-T832 Seamless aluminum                   |
| Fasteners            | Zinc Plated Steel                             |
| Telescope Method     | Taper tubing with full circle clamps          |

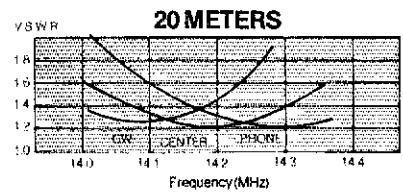
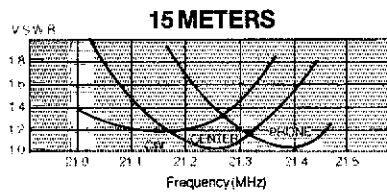
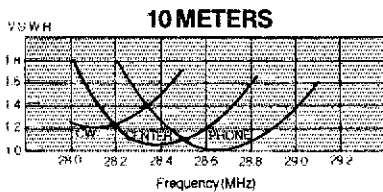
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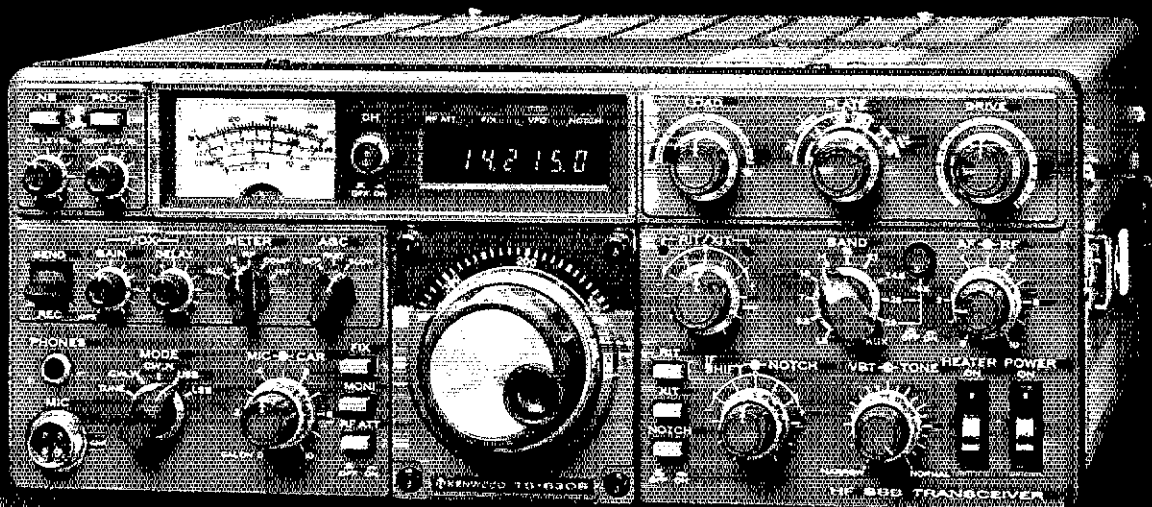


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#### TS-830S FEATURES:

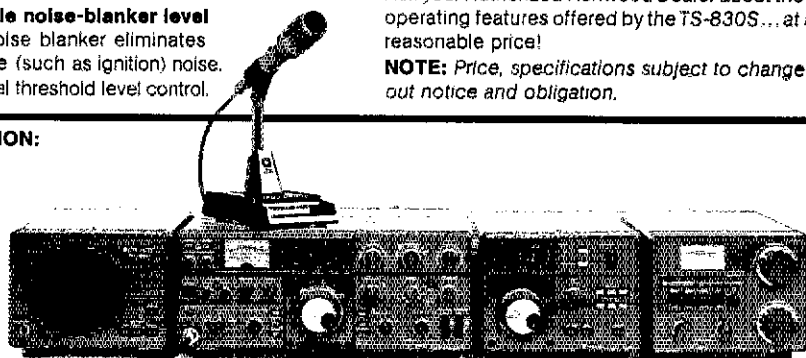
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Covers all Amateur bands from 1.8 to 29.7 MHz (LSB, USB, and CW), including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.
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Tunable high-Q active circuit in 455-kHz second IF, for sharp, deep notch characteristics.
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- **Various IF filter options**  
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  - AT-230 antenna tuner/SWR and power meter
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  - YG-455C (500-Hz) and YG-455CN (250-Hz) CW filters for 455-kHz IF
  - YK-88C (500-Hz) and YK-88CN (270-Hz) CW filters for 8.83-MHz IF
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  - HS-5 and HS-4 headphones
  - MC-30S and MC-35S noise-cancelling hand microphones
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  - SM-220 Station Monitor
  - PC-1 phone patch





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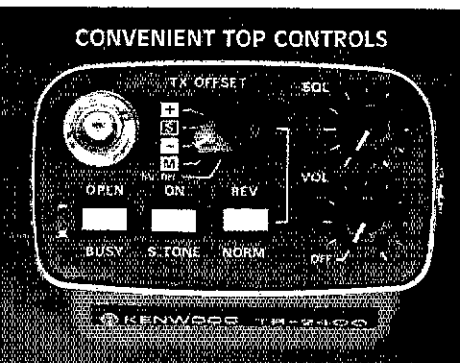
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big LCD,  
10 memories,  
scanning, DTMF  
Touch-Tone®

## TR-2400

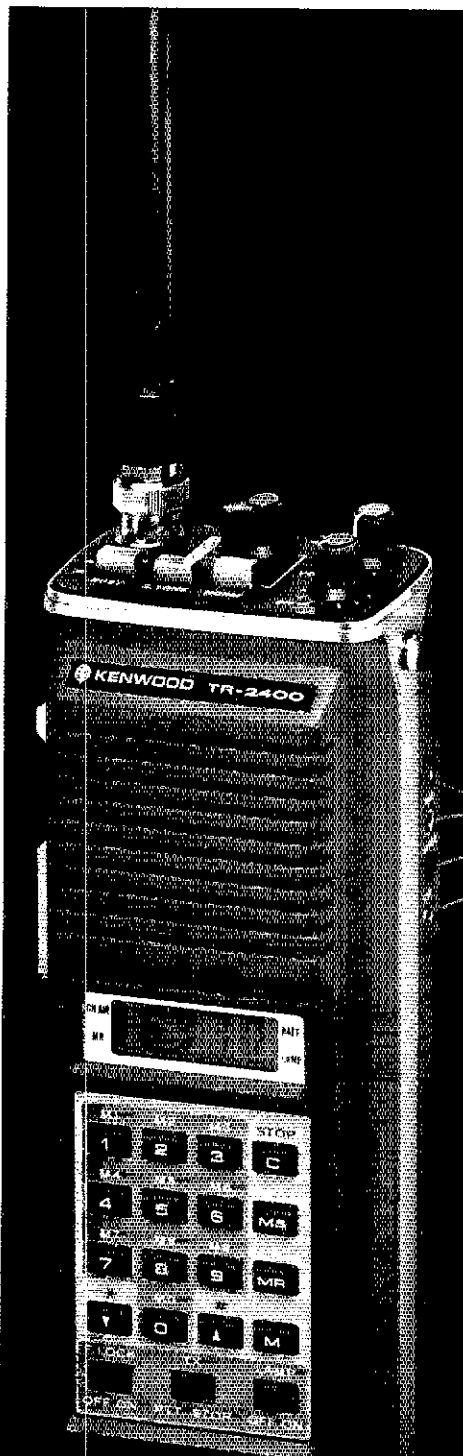
Put a ham shack in your hand. The TR-2400 is the ideal hand-held for 2 meters FM. It features a large LCD readout that can be read in direct sunlight or in the dark, 5-kHz-step PLL synthesized operation, 10-channel memory, scanning, and 16-button autopatch DTMF encoder.

### TR-2400 FEATURES:

- **Large LCD digital readout**  
Readable in direct sunlight (better than LEDs). Readable in the dark (with lamp switch). Virtually no current drain (much less than LEDs) and display stays on. Rugged and dependable in hot or cold temperature ranges. Shows receive and transmit frequencies and memory channel.
- **5-kHz-step frequency selection**  
PLL synthesized keyboard channel selection system. No "5 up" switch needed. Selects from 144.000 to 147.995 MHz.
- **UP/DOWN manual scan**  
Single or fast continuous 5-kHz steps from 143.900 to 148.495 MHz for Amateur and MARS or CAP simplex or repeater operation.
- **10 memories**  
Retained with battery backup (only 2.0 mA). "MO" memory may be used to shift the transmit frequency any desired amount to operate on repeaters with nonstandard split frequencies.
- **Built-in autopatch DTMF (Touch-Tone®) encoder**  
Uses all 16 buttons of keyboard while transmitting.



- **Automatic memory scan**  
Checks all 10 memory channels. Programmable to lock automatically on either BUSY (signal present) or OPEN (no signal) channels.
- **Subtone switch**  
Activates subaudible tone encoder (not Kenwood-supplied).



- **Repeater or simplex operation**  
Convenient mode switch shifts transmit frequency +600 kHz or -600 kHz or to the frequency stored in "MO" memory.
- **Reverse operation**  
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- **Extended operating time**  
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- **Two lock switches**  
Prevent accidental frequency change and accidental transmission.
- **BNC antenna connector**  
Easy to connect external antenna.
- **LCD "arrow" indicators**  
Show "ON AIR," "MR" (memory recall), "BATT" (battery status), and "LAMP" switch on.
- **High-impact case and zinc die-cast frame**  
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- **External PTT microphone and earphone connectors**  
Easily accessible on right side of transceiver.
- **Compact and lightweight**  
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- Charger terminal
- Earphone Jack

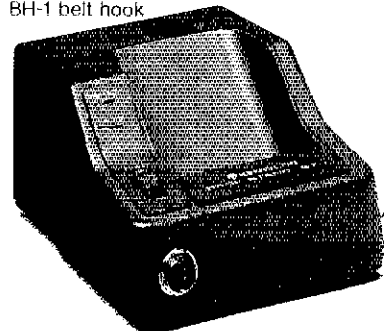
### STANDARD ACCESSORIES INCLUDED:

- Flexible rubberized antenna with BNC connector
- Heavy-duty (450-mAh) NiCd battery pack
- External-standby (PTT) plug
- AC charger
- External-microphone plug
- Hand strap
- Earphone

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### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- ST-1 base stand (shown) which provides 1.5-hour quick charge and automatic switch to trickle charge, floating charge (operate while charging), 4-pin connector for dynamic microphone, and SO-239 antenna connector
- BC-5 DC quick charger (1.5 to 2.0 hours)
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- PB-24 extra battery pack with charger adapter
- BH-1 belt hook







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Since the July Board Meeting, there has been quite a bit of discussion about the Board action concerning 7075-7100 kHz. A review of Minute 26 (page 51, September QST) will show that the Board knew it was dealing with a controversial issue; it should surprise no one that there are differences of opinion among the membership, because those differences were reflected by the Board in its deliberations.

The 7-MHz question came up because the 10-MHz Ad Hoc Committee, charged with studying membership comments on uses for the new shared band at 10.1-10.15 MHz, found that the new band could not be treated in isolation. The rationale for the new band that there was a wide gap between our 7- and 14-MHz allocations that had to be bridged to improve the reliability of amateur communication under varying propagation conditions, which is especially important for emergency communications. As the maximum usable frequency (muf) drops below 14 MHz, all we can do now is to move to 40 meters and hope that signals will be good enough to maintain communications. The new band at 10 MHz will help tremendously in bridging that gap.

Unfortunately, although the needs of the Amateur Service and its effectiveness as an emergency communications medium were both recognized at WARC-79, there was tremendous pressure on this part of the radio spectrum from other services as well, notably hf broadcasting. The best the Conference was able to do for us at 10 MHz was a 50-kHz band, where we can operate only if we do not interfere with stations of the Fixed Service assigned to the band. The narrowness of the new band, and the fact that it is shared, resulted in strong membership feeling that it should be a cw band. The Ad Hoc Committee agreed, and recommended to the Board that the band normally be limited to A1 and F1 (300 baud or less) emissions, as in our present cw bands. The Board unanimously concurred. Thus, cw and RTTY needs are nicely taken care of in the ARRL proposal for 10 MHz, and if we are efficient users of the radio spectrum we amateurs will transfer some of our cw activity from 40 and 20 meters into the new allocation.

Where does this leave phone? High-frequency phone is the most popular amateur activity in the U.S. and Canada — it's still more popular than vhf fm, according to the survey conducted earlier this year by Florida State University. If the new band is limited to cw and RTTY, it will not alleviate overcrowding in the phone subbands. This is one reason why the Board overwhelmingly supported a proposal for expansion of the U.S. 14-MHz phone band, but even this will not help when the muf dips below 14 MHz.

On top of this, at 7 MHz U.S. amateurs are faced with a unique problem: From dusk to dawn the entire phone band is filled with broadcasting stations in Europe, Africa, and Asia. The band is far from useless, but interference from the high-power broadcasting stations is a significant limiting factor. Transceive operation with most of the world is impossible, because amateurs outside North

and South America generally are limited to 7000-7100 kHz for all of their 40-meter operating, including phone. In fact, working the U.S. on 40-meter phone is difficult for amateurs in many countries because they must listen in the part of the band that is used by broadcasting stations that may be located, quite literally, right in their backyards. It was for these reasons that Canada (over the objections of the Canadian Radio Relay League) opened the 7050-7100 kHz band to phone operation earlier this year.

The other side of the coin is that 40 meters is one of the most popular bands for cw and RTTY; cw and RTTY operators already have to cope with interference from nonamateur stations and from amateur phone operation outside the U.S.; the U.S. phone band was expanded by 50 kHz, to 7150-7300 kHz, back in 1972; and several cw and RTTY traffic nets use 7 MHz either as their primary frequency or as a backup to 3.5 MHz. With only 150 kHz for exclusive cw and RTTY operation, much of it beset by other interference, it is easy to see why a move to expand phone at the expense of cw would meet with opposition.

Faced with this dilemma, and under mounting pressure to expand U.S. phone allocations and bring them into line with the rest of the world, the Board adopted a modest compromise: make some provision for phone operation below 7100 kHz, but with limitations so as to *cause the least possible impact on existing cw and RTTY operation*. The report of the 10-MHz Ad Hoc Committee put it this way: "The Committee suggests that, as a compromise, a 25-kHz segment be opened for Extra Class operation on single-sideband *without eliminating the cw privileges of Advanced and General Class licensees in that segment*. This would be an important difference from the other Extra Class segments. Every encouragement should be given to limiting the use of phone in the segment to DX operating. The trade-off for cw operators would be that the 10-MHz band is to be cw only." The concept is similar to one proposed in 1971 by the FCC itself, in Docket 19162, although the Commission's version would have opened the segment to Advanced as well as Extra Class phone operation and would have caused much greater problems for cw/RTTY as a result.

As far as we can determine, the U.S. is now the only country in the world which does not permit its amateurs to operate phone *somewhere* below 7100 kHz. This tends to isolate U.S. amateurs from the rest of the amateur community and restricts our emergency capabilities. The idea of the ARRL proposal for 7075-7100 kHz is to solve that specific problem, while minimizing the impact on other modes.

Considering the problems the world telecommunications community had at 7 MHz during WARC-79, it isn't surprising that the amateur community has similar problems in determining its subbands. Anyone out there have a spectrum-stretcher we could borrow to make the band a bit wider for everyone? — David Sumner, K1ZZ

# League Lines...

ARRL has petitioned the FCC for additional digital modes in the Amateur Radio Service. The proposal would facilitate and encourage amateur experimentation with new types of radio transmission, including but not limited to digital voice techniques, digitized video signals and computer-to-computer communications. The Commission noted in a news release that the petition was a "filing of more than routine interest." Details will appear in next month's "Happenings."

Attention Canadian amateurs. Now there is no import duty on the following amateur equipment: transmitters, receivers, transceivers and transverters, assembled or in kit form. Also included are linear amplifiers, VFOs and power supplies designed for use with the above equipment. This decision refers to tariff item 44534 2 in the budget of October 28. However, federal tax still applies to these items.

Help us update our RFI assistance list. If you are an amateur who has had a radio frequency interference (RFI) problem, please notify Hal Richman, W4CIZ, Technical Advisor, RFI Task Group. He needs the name of the person or office of the manufacturer or distributor to whom you reported the problem, including address, and any solution. Hal is particularly interested in manufacturers whose RFI-handling policy does not yet appear on our RFI assistance list, and primarily, the end result of your referral, technical details excluded in this instance. Please send a post card direct to Hal at 3908 Lake Blvd., Annandale, VA 22003.

Please note the following correction to the listing of QSL Bureaus on page 72 of November 1980 QST. The Mecklenburg ARS, P.O. Box DX, Charlotte, NC 28220 handles all 4th call area single-letter-prefix calls. The Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 559, Sterling Park, VA 22170 handles all 4th call area two-letter-prefix calls, excluding Caribbean and Pacific possessions. A corrected listing appears in next month's "QSL Corner."

The ARRL Foundation's role in the amateur space program and AMSAT was the subject of a meeting held at ARRL hq. last October 8. Present were the Foundation's President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as the League's General Manager. Plans for a membership solicitation of funds for the promotion of amateur satellites were discussed, with special emphasis on support for the new Phase III-B satellite. Watch "League Lines" and "Happenings" in QST for further developments.

Support the ARS not the IRS! December is a good time to reassess your 1980 tax situation and make a tax deductible gift to ARRL in support of Amateur Radio. Contributions made before December 31, 1980 can be deducted on your 1980 tax return. For further information call the ARRL Development Office at League hq.

If you've ever been stumped by an abbreviation that's appeared in QST or another League publication, check out the official, updated and expanded list of abbreviations and symbols on pages 65 and 66 of this issue.

QST is looking for an Editorial Assistant/Copyeditor with an English or Journalism background and an Amateur Radio license. Main responsibilities include ensuring that submitted material conforms to style, and editing nontechnical articles and columns. The position is at ARRL hq. Contact Joel Kleinman or Laird Campbell, Production Department, ARRL hq.

An opening exists at Hq. for a manager for the ARRL Training Program within the Club & Training Department. Broad experience in Amateur Radio, an Advanced Class license and experience in education and effective writing preferred. Contact Steve Place at ARRL hq.

If you are planning a DXpedition or vacation to a foreign country this spring or summer, please send us your request for reciprocal operating information as soon as possible. Most people don't allow themselves enough time to apply; application must be done through the mail in most cases, and made directly to the telecommunications authority in the country. The processing time usually takes 2 to 6 months! For information, send an s.a.s.e. to the Membership Services Department, specifying the countries in which you are interested.

Many FCC field offices are changing their schedules and/or requiring appointments for Amateur Radio license applicants. Before you travel to a field office, be sure to call or write in advance.



# Organizing Amateur Communications for Public Events

Want your activity to get off to a good start? Follow these proven steps and Amateur Radio will stand out in the crowd.

Robert G. Diefenbach, W1NEK

Photo courtesy The Atlanta Journal and Constitution

**C**ongratulations! If you have taken on the job of organizing a group of amateurs to provide communications for a public event, you are in an opportunity-filled position. Trouble is, some problems come along with the opportunities.

If things go right, you stand to get well-deserved applause from your fellow hams and the organizers of the event. But if you organize poorly, you have an equally good opportunity to wind up on everyone's blacklist. By going about your organizing chores *professionally* you will just about guarantee a successful project.

"Winging" a public service effort is the absolute tops in unprofessionalism. If you organize ham activities without careful planning, sooner or later you will wind up publicly embarrassed — like the organizer who talked a dozen or so well-intentioned hams into working a military air show without first discussing amateur participation with the officials involved.

The volunteer hams, asked to report to the host Air Force base at 8 A.M., waited without instructions for three hours in a

parking lot. Finally, the organizer assigned them to various spots around the base, including a control tower where the Deputy Base Commander was surprised to see a civilian communicator appear. Clearly annoyed, the officer borrowed the ham's radio to give the hapless organizer (and all the others listening on the frequency) a few facts he should have checked beforehand. The hams' assistance was not needed and had not been officially requested. The military "official" who had initiated the project, a sergeant friend of the embarrassed organizer, had no authority to invite the hams to participate! Color several faces red.

### The Essentials

Professional organization of a public-event project is built on these essentials:

- 1) Assurance that amateurs' participation is considered important by the event organizers and the local ham community.
- 2) Participating hams' anticipation that working the event will be hassle-free, interesting and, hopefully, fun.
- 3) Agreement with the event organizers

on exactly what the amateur communicators' roles can and will be.

4) Careful advance planning of every facet of the operation — in detail. This includes identifying and defusing potential problems.

5) Understanding and endorsement of the operational plan by everyone involved.

6) Appropriate recognition of each participating amateur's contribution.

Without the foundation formed by these organizational "musts," you may not have a workable project. Until it is *known* that all the essentials are established or attainable, an organizer should be very cautious about accepting a project or recruiting volunteers. Instead of going naively ahead hoping that loose ends will come together, it may be wiser to decline the project. Our friend at the air show could have avoided having his wings clipped in public.

Did I hear you ask, "How will I know if those 'essentials' are established or attainable?" Good question. The answer is: Be a pro! Do what a professional in any field would do. Start by collecting the

## Getting Organized

Although it doesn't cover all possible questions for every type of event, this checklist addresses some key steps in the organizing process.

### Justification for Project

- Has amateur participation been requested or okayed by the appropriate authority?
- Is the requested ham involvement considered important to the success of the event by the event organizers?
- Among the event organizers, who has what authority?

### Resources

- What is the least number of volunteers needed to do the job?
- How will volunteers be recruited?
- Is each volunteer's equipment appropriate? Frequency selection? Portability? Power supply? Antennas?
- Are certain frequencies generally too popular for dedication to the project without inconveniencing non-participating hams?
- Can one or more repeaters be dedicated to the event?
- Are special vehicles such as four-wheel drive and pickup trucks needed for some assignments?

### Priorities

- If you have too few volunteer operators to fill all assignments, which assignments are least and most important to the project?
- If you have more volunteers than needed to fill all assignments, can the "extra" operators be assigned acceptably?

### Logistics

- During the event, who must hear what?
- Should more than one frequency be used? If so, should they be interfaced somehow?
- Do assignments call for vehicle-mounted radios? Portable radios? Special power or antennas?
- Could bad weather or other factors cancel the event? If so, how will cancellation be announced?
- How will participating amateurs receive information and materials?

- Who has authority to okay necessary access, parking and so on?
- Are special passes or other credentials needed?
- Are earphones, noise-canceling microphones or other special equipment required?

### Legal/Regulatory

- Who is liable for personal injury, equipment loss or damage, etc., suffered or caused by amateurs during the event?
- Do event organizers realize that hams must operate within FCC regulations and should not be asked to violate those regulations?
- Do participating hams understand that they are individually responsible for operating within FCC regulations?
- Will participating amateurs be reimbursed for non Amateur Radio-related expenses?\*

### Recognition

- Are all involved organizations aware of amateurs' participation in the event?
- Will the event publicity include mention of ham radio?
- Will the event organizers originate individual "thank you" letters or similar personalized recognition?
- If souvenirs are to be given to others involved with the event, will amateurs be included?

### Miscellaneous

- Are there conflicts among event organizers that may affect amateur participation?
- Do certain amateurs prefer to work, or not work, together?
- Will participating amateurs allow others, such as news media personnel, to listen to QSOs for the purpose of publicizing the event?

Most, if not all, of these questions will apply to whatever project you are organizing. And there will be other questions too, specific to your project, which will need answering before and while you make your plans.

\*[Editor's Note: It is best to be cautious about accepting any type of compensation from event organizers, as §97.112 of the U.S. Amateur Regulations prohibits operation of an amateur station "for material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised."]

(the event organizer? the police? the mayor?) decides whether or not hams will be authorized to park on Main Street during the parade.

If you've recruited volunteers without portable capability, only to learn on parade day that all parking on Main Street is banned, your project is in trouble. But if you had thought of a last-minute parking ban as a potential obstacle during your early planning, and had hedged against it by insisting that each ham assigned to Main Street have a hand-held transceiver available, you are still in business!

### Smooth The Way

As an organizer your role is to facilitate — to smooth the way. If you do your job well the hams working on the event will have a minimum of hassle because you will have prearranged everything possible and planned for every important possibility. By the end of the event, the participating amateurs will feel they have performed an important community service, worked well as a team, and had a good time doing it!

You can't do your job — facilitating others' participation — if you get too involved in participating yourself. Name other reliable amateurs to key assignments. Leave yourself free to monitor the operation and "put out fires." If you *must* assume an on-the-air role, make it an expendable one that you can abandon if you must.

Many a well-planned operation has been arrested by Murphy's Law. You need to protect yours by having alternate plans ready to substitute for those that don't work out, and by having extra operators and backup equipment available in case of no-shows and breakdowns.

But don't overdo it! Overcomplicating a project is almost as risky as "winging" one. Inexperienced organizers sometimes overplan events with disastrous results. Enthusiastic ham volunteers often want to use more, or more complex, equipment than is necessary. Experienced organizers avoid these traps by keeping every facet of their operations as simple as possible.

Your aim should be: (1) to put together an easily understood and executed plan, one that is just detailed enough to do the job, with appropriate extra attention given to *critical* objectives only, and (2) to line up just enough operators and equipment to handle all the assignments in your plan, with standby operators and backup equipment at *necessary* points only.

### Circulate the Plan

Once you have worked out the plan for your operation, share it with everyone involved in whatever detail *each* needs to know. At the very least, hold a meeting (on the air or off) of all the amateur volunteers to describe the plan, the ham assignments and what the volunteers can



Volunteer work can be fun. Careful and thorough advance planning of a public event will ensure that participating amateurs, like these in North Carolina, serve a useful and productive role.

relative information. Use that information, and other peoples' expertise if necessary, to decide: (1) What are the objectives of the amateur involvement? (2) Given the resources available, what, realistically, can be done to reach the objectives? and (3) What actual or potential obstacles exist, and how can they be avoided?

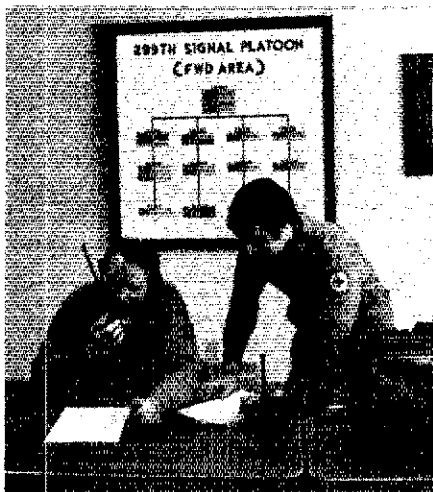
What information relates to these decisions, and where it can be found, depends on the event. Most is readily available simply by talking with event officials, looking over the site(s), checking maps, and reading promotional brochures or newspaper stories about the event or similar ones. Other information, particularly that which depends on other peoples' actions and decisions, may be more difficult to gather but is often important to your decision making. For example: You can't decide whether hams can use vehicle-mounted radios while parked on Main Street until someone else

expect on the day of the event. The plan should also be explained to the event organizers and others (police, media, property owners) whose cooperation is important. Give everyone a chance to ask questions. Be receptive to suggestions: Someone may very well think of something you have overlooked.

If the size and complexity of the project warrants it — and funds are available — you might distribute a printed operational plan.<sup>1</sup> This can include maps, traffic procedures, emergency and contingency plans, and the like. You may wish to add background information on the event, letters of thanks for the hams' participation, or a statement disclaiming liability in case of injury, damage or loss during the event.

If you have done a professional organizational job and your amateur volunteers perform with equal professionalism on E (Event) Day, you will share a satisfying experience. The entire Amateur Radio community will applaud and benefit from your efforts. You will gain an enviable personal reputation as an

<sup>1</sup>Copies of an 18-page operational plan, covering communications for a road race and parade, are available from the author at his cost (\$3).



This Red Cross official (right), arranging an emergency fuel delivery, relies heavily on experienced amateurs for communications support. Typically, event organizers will welcome assistance from "professionally" trained amateurs.


organizer. Hams will want to work with you on other projects, and organizers of other events will seek your help.

But before you ride off into the golden sunset of self-adulation, remember to

clear up the loose ends. Ask for criticism and suggestions from the people involved in your operation. Solicited while memories are still fresh, these will be immensely helpful when you plan the next similar communications project. If the suggestions you receive include some valid ones related to the event itself, rather than to the communications effort, pass these suggestions on to the event organizers.

Be prompt and generous in thanking everyone who helped on the project. Individual letters are preferable to "Dear Volunteer" ones, and reference to a specific contribution is always a nice touch. If you receive thanks that belongs to others, too, pass them along.

While you are organizing your project, and especially on the day it all happens, remember that this is a *hobby* activity. Planning and performing like professionals doesn't take away any of the pleasure and excitement we get from Amateur Radio. To the contrary, it adds!

*The author is an experienced organizer of large public events and the communications supporting them. His professional and volunteer credits include two "world's largest" events.* 

## Strays



### SOLAR ENERGY HELPS KEEP PITCAIRN ON THE AIR

□ The high cost of fuel oil nearly forced Tom Christian, VR6TC, off the air recently — until a fellow amateur came to the rescue with a solar-power unit. By late 1979 the cost of fuel oil to run Pitcairn Island's diesel generators had risen to nearly \$200 per barrel. At that price, the islanders could only afford to have electric power about two hours a day, and Christian's operating time was limited.

Escalating fuel cost and the fact that only a few ships call at the island each year have been frequent subjects of conversation between Christian and the amateurs who talk to him. One of those amateurs is Thorn Mayes, W7HWA, of Phoenix, Arizona. Mayes and his wife were planning a visit to Pitcairn via an island-hopping ship out of the Fiji Islands and wanted to help Christian with his power problem.

Solar energy seemed like a reasonable long-term solution, so Mayes contacted the Semiconductor Group at Motorola,

Inc. Solar systems personnel agreed to help, and three 2-foot-square solar-power modules were assembled and packaged so that Mayes and his wife could take them to Tom Christian.

The Mayes's left Phoenix in late October 1979 and a month later the three solar panels were installed on Christian's antenna tower on Pitcairn. The modules contain 36 solid-state photovoltaic cells, which convert sunlight directly into electricity. Christian can store the sun-generated power in batteries, which allows him to use his rig at almost anytime of the day or night.

Christian hopes that all the island's power needs eventually can be provided through solar power. Even at today's high cost, photovoltaic power, when amortized over a 20-year period, is almost competitive with the island's cost of generating power by diesel generator. The cost of a solar-power unit of that size is more, at present, than the islanders can afford. But maybe one day Pitcairn will get all its power from electricity from the sun. — *Motorola corporate press release*



Tom Christian, VR6TC, adjusts a solar-power module on his Pitcairn Island antenna tower. The solar assembly is an alternative power source to the island's costly diesel-powered generator. (photo courtesy Motorola, Inc.)

# Modern Design of a CW Filter Using 88- and 44-mH Surplus Inductors

Pick the values from a table, tack together some readily available (and inexpensive) components, and you've got a filter that'll aid your cw "hearability."

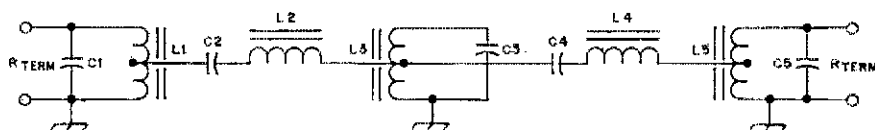
By Edward E. Wetherhold,\* W3NQN

One of the most popular and frequently used circuits in Amateur Radio is the cw audio filter. Formerly, the passive LC filter was employed almost exclusively; however, the low cost of integrated circuits now makes the active cw filter economically practical and many such devices are now commercially available. The passive LC filter nevertheless has many important advantages. For example, passive filters are inherently stable whereas active filters are prone to instability and are more sensitive to component value changes and tolerances.<sup>1</sup> Passive filters require no power supply whereas active filters do, and passive filters are less susceptible to signal overload than are active filters. For the individual amateur, the passive LC filter is easier to build and is less expensive (because of the availability of low-cost surplus toroidal inductors) than the active filter.

An excellent technical discussion of the passive LC filter was presented by Rife.<sup>2</sup> Rife's Butterworth bandpass cw filter used three 44-mH surplus toroidal inductors and a number of capacitors arranged in accordance with Norton's transformation to match the selected 600-ohm termination resistances to an impedance level required by the 44-mH inductor values. The three-resonator Butterworth filter had a calculated 3-dB bandwidth of about 40% of the center frequency, and a 36/3-dB bandwidth ratio of about 4. Although the calculated 3-dB bandwidth of 353 Hz was greater than necessary (for a center frequency of 875 Hz), Rife used

Table 1

Design and Performance Parameters and Component Values for 5-Resonator Chebyshev Band-pass Filters Using 88- and 44-mH Surplus Toroidal Inductors



**Fixed Inductor Values**

L1, 5 = 88 mH  
 L2, 4 = 4(88 mH) = 352 mH  
 L3 = 44 mH  
 BW<sub>3dB</sub> = 32.8% F<sub>MEAN</sub>

**Low-pass Filter Design Parameters**

R.C. = 6.3%  
 A<sub>p</sub> = 0.0173 dB  
 ε = 0.0631253968  
 F<sub>3dB</sub>F<sub>A<sub>p</sub></sub> = 1.248  
 G1, 5 = 0.8265  
 G2, 4 = 1.3375  
 G3 = 1.653  
 G3/G1 = 2.000

| F-MEAN (HZ) | C1,5 (UF) | C3 (UF) | C2,4 (UF) | R-TERM (OHMS) | BW-AP (HZ) | BW-3DB (HZ) | F-LOW(3DB) (HZ) | F-HI(3DB) (HZ) |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1014.       | .28       | .56     | .0700     | 1763.         | 267.       | 333.        | 861.            | 1194.          |
| 996.        | .29       | .58     | .0725     | 1732.         | 262.       | 327.        | 846.            | 1173.          |
| 964.        | .31       | .62     | .0775     | 1675.         | 253.       | 316.        | 818.            | 1135.          |
| 948.        | .32       | .64     | .0800     | 1649.         | 249.       | 311.        | 806.            | 1117.          |
| 934.        | .33       | .66     | .0825     | 1624.         | 245.       | 306.        | 793.            | 1100.          |
| 920.        | .34       | .68     | .0850     | 1600.         | 242.       | 302.        | 781.            | 1083.          |
| 800.        | .45       | .90     | .1125     | 1390.         | 210.       | 262.        | 679.            | 942.           |
| 791.        | .46       | .92     | .1150     | 1375.         | 208.       | 259.        | 672.            | 931.           |
| 783.        | .47       | .94     | .1175     | 1361.         | 206.       | 257.        | 665.            | 921.           |
| 774.        | .48       | .96     | .1200     | 1346.         | 204.       | 254.        | 658.            | 912.           |
| 723.        | .55       | 1.10    | .1375     | 1258.         | 190.       | 237.        | 614.            | 852.           |
| 717.        | .56       | 1.12    | .1400     | 1246.         | 188.       | 235.        | 609.            | 844.           |
| 711.        | .57       | 1.14    | .1425     | 1235.         | 187.       | 233.        | 604.            | 837.           |
| 655.        | .67       | 1.34    | .1675     | 1140.         | 172.       | 215.        | 557.            | 772.           |
| 651.        | .68       | 1.36    | .1700     | 1131.         | 171.       | 213.        | 553.            | 766.           |
| 646.        | .69       | 1.38    | .1725     | 1123.         | 170.       | 212.        | 549.            | 760.           |
| 596.        | .81       | 1.62    | .2025     | 1036.         | 157.       | 196.        | 506.            | 702.           |
| 592.        | .82       | 1.64    | .2050     | 1030.         | 156.       | 194.        | 503.            | 698.           |
| 589.        | .83       | 1.66    | .2075     | 1024.         | 155.       | 193.        | 500.            | 693.           |
| 548.        | .96       | 1.92    | .2400     | 952.          | 144.       | 180.        | 465.            | 645.           |
| 542.        | .98       | 1.96    | .2450     | 942.          | 142.       | 178.        | 460.            | 638.           |
| 537.        | 1.00      | 2.00    | .2500     | 933.          | 141.       | 176.        | 456.            | 632.           |
| 531.        | 1.02      | 2.04    | .2550     | 924.          | 140.       | 174.        | 451.            | 625.           |

\*Honeywell Inc., Defense Electronics Division, Signal Analysis Center, P. O. Box 391, Annapolis, MD 21404, Tel. 301-224-4500, Ext. 243.

Note: Equations and definitions of F-MEAN, C1, C3, C2, R-TERM, BW-AP, BW-3DB, F-LOW(3DB) and F-HI(3DB) are given in Appendices.

\*Notes appear on page



the filter with gratifying results. An appendix in Rife's article listed design equations for other center frequencies.

Since Rife's paper was published, many other articles on both passive and active cw filters have appeared in *QST* and *Ham Radio*. Noble discussed the application of a single-series LC combination for cw reception.<sup>3</sup> Most recently, Bartlett presented a similar 2-element passive LC filter with some additional circuit refinements.<sup>4</sup> Although these articles were useful, the design techniques presented did not significantly advance the amateur state-of-the-art filter design or use the full capabilities of the surplus toroidal inductors.

### A Simple, Selective Cw Filter

The passive LC cw filter discussed here has selectivity that is equal to the best of the commercial active filters. It is easy and inexpensive to construct using surplus 88-mH inductors in their original stack form of five inductors per stack. Detailed lowpass-to-bandpass design procedures previously unpublished in amateur circles are explained, and a tabulation of component values and performance parameters are provided for those who wish to omit the discussion of the design equations. This cw band-pass filter is based on the transformation of the 5-element Chebyshev low-pass filter with a reflection coefficient of 6.3%. All inductive elements use unmodified surplus toroidal inductors — ten 88 mH and one 44 mH. To further simplify construction, all wiring interconnections are made using the terminal strips of the two inductor stacks. This 5-resonator filter has a fixed 3-dB bandwidth equal to 32.8% of any selected geometric mean center frequency, and the ratio of the 36/3-dB bandwidths is about 2.0, or twice as selective as the previously mentioned 3-resonator Butterworth filter.

For those interested only in construction of the filter, 23 precalculated designs with mean center frequencies from 531 to 1014 Hz are tabulated with component values and performance parameters. Standard capacitor values are used for C1 and C5, with additional values just on either side of the standard value. Because of the design technique used, the termination resistance is not a constant, but varies from 1763 to 924 ohms, depending on which center frequency is selected. If the center taps of the input and output inductors are used, the termination resistance will be one-quarter of those values, or about 441 to 231 ohms. The actual termination resistance is not critical and the filter will function satisfactorily if a termination resistance within about  $\pm 20\%$  is provided.

### Computer-Tabulated Band-pass Filter Values

Table 1 shows the filter schematic

diagram and lists the filter performance parameters for C1 and C5 values from 0.28 to 1.02  $\mu\text{F}$ , with corresponding center frequencies (F-Mean) of 1014 to 531 Hz. The fixed inductor values and the low-pass filter prototype design parameters are listed directly under the filter schematic diagram. The low-pass filter design parameters were used to computer-calculate all of the tabulated data for the band-pass filter. The procedures are explained in Appendix C for those who may wish to calculate new designs for different inductor values of L1 and L3.

A Chebyshev low-pass prototype design having a 6.3% reflection coefficient was used so the transformed band-pass filter value of L3 would be exactly one-half that of L1. Thus, unmodified 88- and 44-mH surplus toroidal inductors can be used for L1, L5 and L3, respectively. The bandwidth of the band-pass filter is a constant 32.8% of the mean center frequency. This particular percentage bandwidth was selected so L2 and L4 each could be made

from four 88-mH inductors. Consequently, the total number of 88-mH inductors is 10, or two five-inductor stacks. By using the center taps of L1, L3, and L5 instead of the customary connections at the maximum impedance points of the tuned circuits, the inductance of L2 and L4 is reduced by 75%, from 1.408 H to 0.352 H, which is much more practical.<sup>5</sup> The 88-mH value was selected for use in the filter construction because this value is much more commonly available than the 44-mH value.

An alternate band-pass design based on a 5-element Butterworth low-pass prototype is also possible. In this case, the 3-dB bandwidth is 25% of the mean center frequency. Although this design is more selective than the 32.8% bandwidth of the 6.3% reflection coefficient Chebyshev filter, the design is less convenient to construct. In the Butterworth band-pass filter, L3 has a value of 27.2 mH, which requires the removal of about 56 turns from each of the two windings of

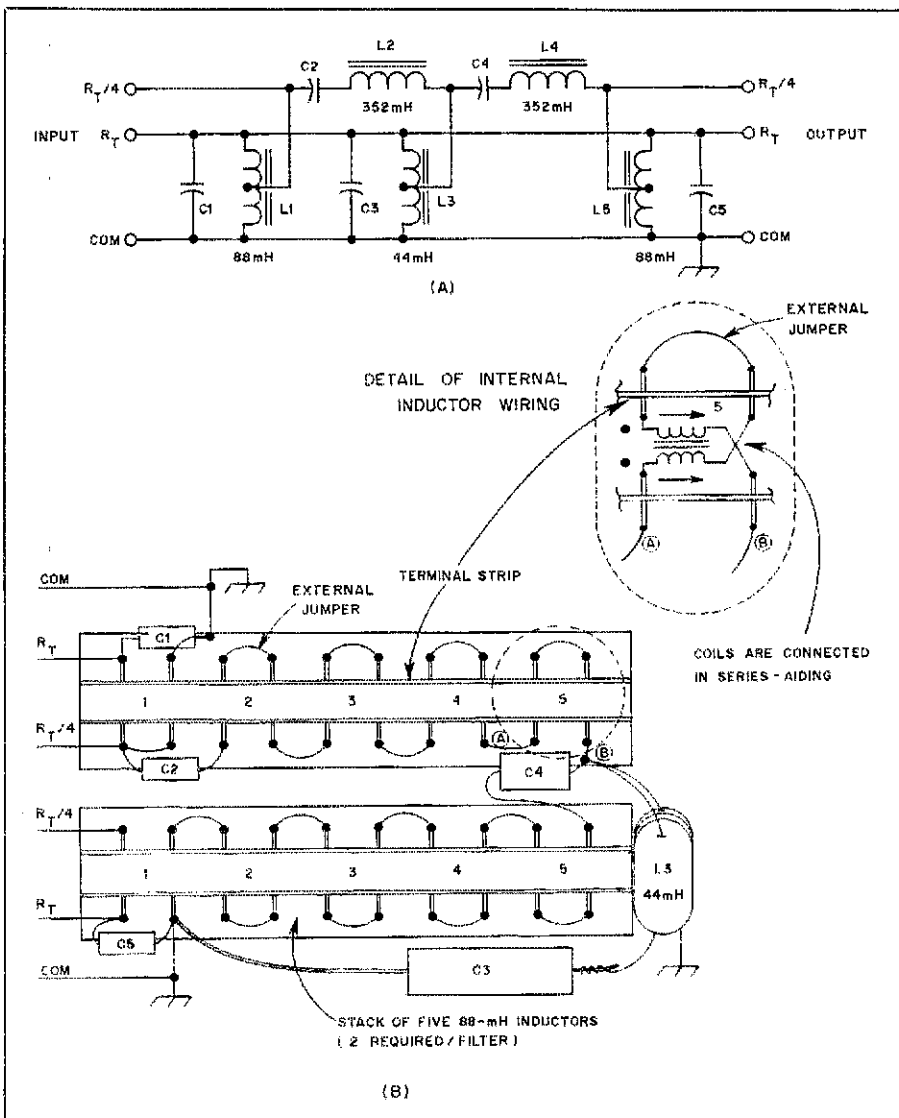


Fig. 1 — The schematic and pictorial diagrams of a 5-resonator cw filter using surplus telephone company toroids.

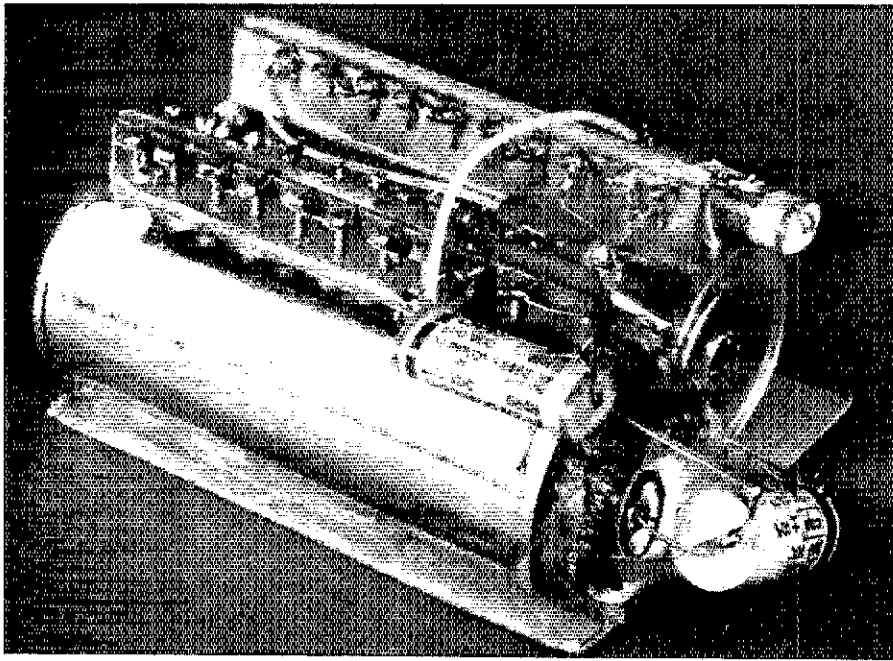


Fig. 2 — An assembled cw filter showing two 88-mH inductor stacks with the externally mounted 44-mH inductor, L3.

the 44-mH inductor, and the capacitance and physical size of C3 increase. Because the disadvantages of implementing the Butterworth band-pass design appeared to outweigh any advantages gained by the slight improvement in selectivity, the Chebyshev design was chosen.

Note that the capacitance of C1 is exactly half of C3 and four times that of C2. Thus, if the desired value of C1 is not listed in Table 1, it is easy to find the values of the other capacitors. For best results, the actual capacitance values should be within 2% of the design value; how this matching may be accomplished is discussed later. The other five tabulated parameters (R-TERM, BW-AP, etc.) are less important from a construction standpoint, and they can be approximated for any nontabulated capacitance values by interpolation of the tabulated data.

### Filter Wiring and Construction

The schematic and pictorial diagrams of the handpass filter are shown in Fig. 1. The schematic diagram is redrawn differently from the schematic diagram above Table 1 to more clearly indicate the alternate input and output quarter-impedance terminations that may be used. A suggested method of filter wiring is depicted in the pictorial diagram. Inductor interconnections and the mounting of the capacitors are greatly facilitated by using the terminal-strip lugs of the inductor stacks. The single 44-mH inductor (L3) is fastened to the rear of one of the stacks with RTV silicone rubber adhesive, and its wire leads are connected to the terminal lugs as shown.

An assembled filter is shown in Fig. 2. Inductor stacks with tinned sheet-metal

covers were used; they were fastened together for stability by tack-soldering the metal cases at a few points. Inductor stacks manufactured with only a cardboard cover require a different fastening method. In this assembly, C3 was mounted on top of L3, but the method shown in Fig. 1B appears more convenient. Capacitors C1, C5 and part of C3 are metallized Mylar types; because of their physical size, they are more conveniently mounted on the inductor case. C2 and C4 are much lower in capacitance and may consist of standard Mylar capacitors paralleled to produce the design capacitance value within 2%. All inductors and capacitors will fit into a 3- × 4- × 5-in. (76- × 101- × 127-mm) aluminum box with room to spare for mounting a phone jack and dpdt switch.

### Filter Performance

Fig. 3 shows the measured relative attenuation response of a band-pass filter designed for a mean center frequency of 537 Hz (see the second-to-last entry in Table 1 for the corresponding design and performance parameters of this filter). For comparison, several design (calculated) response points are also plotted and are indicated by an X. The close agreement between the measured and the calculated response values confirms that the filter was assembled correctly, and demonstrates that the inductor losses are not significant for this particular application. The effect of the inductor Q is most obvious from the response curve between the frequencies of  $F_m$  and  $F_3$ ;  $F_3$  is the lower 3-dB frequency of the filter passband.

The rounding of the response curve at the low end of the passband is more pro-

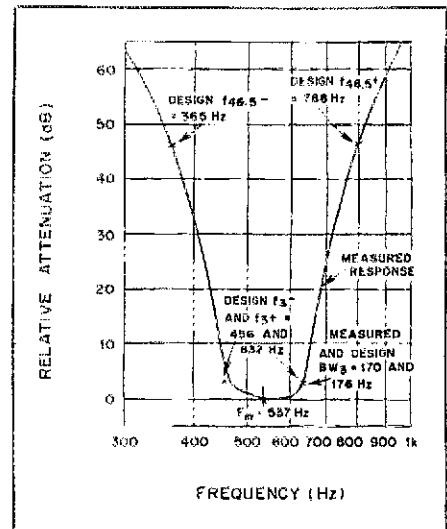


Fig. 3 — Measured relative attenuation of a 5-resonator surplus toroid cw filter.

nounced than at the high end because of the lower inductor Q. Details of the filter attenuation versus frequency calculations are discussed in Appendix D. The insertion loss of the filter is about 3 dB, typical of filters having this many elements using surplus toroidal inductors.

### Installation and Operation

For best results, the filter input and output ports should be terminated in the correct resistance, either  $R_T$  or  $R_T/4$ , whichever value is easier to approximate. If the filter is to be installed in a low-impedance audio system, resistors should be installed in series with the filter input and output to approximate the design termination resistance. If this results in excessive signal loss or other problems caused by the extreme impedance mismatch between the filter and the low impedance of the receiver output and the headset, then transformer matching should be considered. The penalty for a gross mismatch is a narrowing of the filter attenuation skirts and the introduction of two attenuation peaks in the passband. For example, if a filter designed for termination resistance of 1000 ohms is placed in a 50-ohm system (a mismatch of 20:1), the bandwidth below 30 dB will be slightly narrower, and there will be two 8-dB attenuation peaks on each side of the center frequency.

A simple and inexpensive way of accomplishing transformer impedance matching is to use two Radio Shack no. 273-1380 (8:1000 ohm ct) audio transformers or two 300 mA, 115/6.3-volt filament transformers. Connect the low-voltage winding of the first filament transformer to the receiver headset output, and the high-voltage winding to the filter input. The high-voltage winding of the second transformer is connected to the filter output, and the low-voltage winding to the headset. Use the filter taps that give

the best match. Filament transformers are recommended for this application because of their availability and low cost, and because their impedance transformation ratio approximates that required between a 4-ohm audio system and the filter termination resistance. Because this application is for a narrowband audio function, the limited frequency response of the transformer is not important.

If the source resistance ( $R_S$ ) of the receiver audio output amplifier (the output that will drive the cw filter) is not known, it can be measured with an ac VOM using the following procedure.

1) Adjust the receiver BFO and audio gain control to obtain a suitable audio output tone and voltage level. The necessary receiver rf input can be provided by a crystal calibrator, a GDO or an rf signal generator.

2) Disconnect the headset or speaker load and measure the unloaded source voltage ( $V_S$ ) of the audio output amplifier.

3) Connect a known resistance ( $R_L$ ) across the audio output, which causes the output voltage level to drop slightly by one or two dB, and measure the loaded output voltage,  $V_L$ .

4) Calculate the source resistance ( $R_S$ ) using the equation

$$R_S = R_L (V_S - V_L) / V_L$$

where R and V are in ohms and volts. For example, if  $R_L = 5400$  ohms,  $V_S = 1.0$  V and  $V_L = 0.9$  V, then  $R_S = 5400(1 - 0.9)/0.9 = 600$  ohms.

In this procedure, the output voltage is reduced slightly to ensure that the output stage is operating in its linear range and is not overloaded; overload might occur if too low a resistance is used. Also, note that this procedure is suitable only if the source impedance is predominantly resistive, as it is in this case. Take care to see that the audio output stage does not become unstable and go into self-oscillation when the headset or speaker load is removed. This will be indicated by a high output-voltage level which may not respond to the audio gain control. If this happens, connect a high-value resistance (about 20 k $\Omega$ ) across the output tap having the highest impedance level, and reduce the resistance until the self-oscillation is damped out. This condition is more likely to occur in the old, tube-type receivers (such as the author's GPR-90 receiver) than in the modern transistor receivers.

For the lower mean frequencies, such as 600 Hz or below, the 3-dB bandwidth will be less than 200 Hz; this will be satisfactory for most operators. However, the bandwidth for the higher mean frequencies (above 800 Hz) will be greater than 260 Hz. If this is found to be too wide for good selectivity, then the filters of Noble and Bartlett, mentioned previously, should be considered for addition to the 5-resonator filter. Although these simple

two-element filters have poor skirt selectivity, they do have a relatively sharp response at their center frequency. Thus, the combination of the 5-resonator filter with its excellent skirt response, and the single-resonator filter with its sharp center frequency response, makes for a combined filter with optimum performance. The 5-resonator filter probably will work best if it is placed between the receiver output and Bartlett's circuit. Bartlett's active input circuit will provide the desired isolation between the two filters, and the input circuit can be adjusted to provide the proper resistive loading for the 5-resonator filter.

Some users may desire a switch-selectable, broader response for general tuning across the band of operation, while reserving the maximum selectivity for use during a QSO. In this case, some experimentation can be tried, such as reducing the inductance of L2 and L4 by half with a 4-pole, 2-position rotary switch to broaden the passband response. If this is done, the proper amount of capacitance will have to be added simultaneously to maintain the LC product of the tuned circuit. I tried this, and measurements show that this change increases the 3-dB bandwidth by half again as much as before, while still maintaining a relatively flat passband response. If a sharper skirt response is desired, it can be obtained by using a 7-element low-pass Chebyshev prototype design for a 7-resonator band-pass filter. The availability of low-cost toroidal inductors and the application of the design procedures discussed in this article make such a filter quite feasible. The 7-element Chebyshev design that appears most suitable has a reflection coefficient of 8.1%, which provides an L1/L3 ratio of exactly 2/1. Thus, 88- and 44-mH inductors can again be used without modification. If the two series inductors either side of center are made to be 352 mH, and the center series inductor is made to be 396 mH (design value of 402 mH), a 32% bandwidth will result with improved skirt response. For example, the measured 36/3-dB ratio of the 5-resonator band-pass filter is about 2, while that of the 7-resonator filter is about 1.6.

#### Where to Get the Inductors and Capacitors

The 88-mH inductor stacks are available from Typetronics at a cost of \$3 per stack with a shipping charge of \$1.75 for the first stack and 80 cents for each additional stack.<sup>6</sup> A single order for two of the 88-mH stacks to duplicate the 5-resonator filter is \$8.55. Be sure to specify "inductor stack required *with terminal board*." Also specify the preferred inductor style as "scramble-wound red and green wires." This winding style provides 99.8% coupling between the two windings, which is preferred for applications using the center-tap connection.

The 44-mH inductor is not available from Typetronics; it must be ordered from M. Reed at a cost of five for \$5, prepaid.<sup>7</sup> At this time, M. Reed is the only known source of the 44-mH inductors.

If the 44-mH inductor is not available, an 88-mH inductor may be used instead, after removing enough turns to obtain the proper inductance. For the red/green-colored wire scramble-wound inductor, remove 110 turns from each winding (total turns removed = 220). For the inductor with two separate windings on opposite halves of the core and with the same color wire, remove 109 turns from each winding (total turns removed = 218). In either case, the windings must be connected in series aiding. For the scramble-wound inductor, connect the red wire of the start pair to the green wire of the finish pair. With the other inductor type, connect the "finish" end of one winding to the "start" end of the other winding. The inductor center tap is available at the junction of the two windings. The 88-mH inductors are also available from Reed at the same price as the 44-mH inductor, but the order must specify "88-mH, 5-inductor stack *with terminal board*"; otherwise, the inductors will be disconnected from the terminal board and removed from the container before shipping to minimize shipping weight and mailing cost.

If the reader is a member of a radio club affiliated with the ARRL, and lives in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland or Washington, DC, there is another way to obtain the 88-mH inductor stacks. Through the cooperation of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, I have been able to obtain a limited number of 88-mH inductor stacks that are no longer usable by the telephone company. These surplus inductors are being made available to those amateurs living within the area serviced by the C&P Telephone Company with the understanding that they will be distributed by me at no charge (except for packing and shipping expenses) to those who will use the inductors in Amateur Radio applications. Those amateurs who have use for these inductors but live outside the area serviced by the C&P Telephone Company are advised to write to the Director of Public Relations of their local telephone company and request that surplus inductors be made available for those club activities and projects that will serve the public need in some manner.

To distribute the inductor stacks now on hand in the most expeditious and efficient manner, I will accept requests for up to 20 stacks from any ARRL-affiliated radio club located within the area serviced by the C&P Telephone Company. Once received, these inductors may not be sold for cash as this is contrary to the wishes of the C&P Telephone Company. To obtain a shipment, an officer of the radio club

should write to the author and request a specific number of 88-mH inductor stacks. The names and call signs of the individual members of the club who are to receive the stacks must be listed along with the intended applications. A business-sized s.a.s.c. must be included for a reply and further instructions. All shipments will be made via UPS, so a geographical location (street number, city and state) must be provided; a P. O. Box number is not acceptable. If more requests are received than there are inductors now available, the requests and return envelopes will be held until more surplus inductors are received from the C&P Telephone Company.

Quality Mylar capacitors are available at reasonable prices from several sources.<sup>9,10</sup> The best source I have been able to find for low-cost metallized polyester capacitors is Allied Electronics.<sup>10</sup> These capacitors are listed on page 75 of the Allied 1980 *Engineering Manual and Purchasing Guide*, no. 800. Metallized polyester capacitors are available in values from 0.33 to 2.2  $\mu\text{F}/250$  V dc, with noninductive construction and a 10% tolerance (type ECQ-E).

It is important that all capacitor values be within 2% of the design value to ensure proper operation of the filter. The simplest and least expensive procedure to obtain the correct value capacitors for the filter is to purchase a large number of capacitors and measure each to an accuracy of about 0.5%. Years ago, this was a tedious job using an impedance bridge, but today it is simple when you use one of the many capacitance-measuring meters that are now priced as low as \$130.<sup>11</sup> The C-meter I prefer is the Data Precision Model 938, which has an accuracy of 0.1% and a 3-1/2-digit liquid crystal display (for longer battery life).<sup>12</sup> The cost of such a C-meter is within the budget of most radio clubs, and the use of such a meter will allow the proper selection of capacitors for all projects that the members may wish to undertake.

## Conclusion

Rife's statements — that the design techniques used in his article are not new; they are routinely used by filter designers, but amateurs have made little use of them — are certainly still applicable to the present.<sup>13</sup> But perhaps with this second demonstration other amateurs will find new applications for both the modern design technique and the surplus toroidal inductors.

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## Appendix A Definitions and Equations

(Refer to Figs. 6 and 7.)

F-mean — geometric mean or center frequency (Hz) of the band-pass filter attenuation response.

R-term — filter termination resistance in ohms.

$A_p$  — peak amplitude (dB) of the passband attenuation ripple.

$A_s$  — stopband attenuation (dB).

$F_{AP}$  — frequency (Hz) where the passband attenuation level first exceeds the  $A_p$  level (denotes the end of the passband).

$F_{AS}$  — frequency (Hz) corresponding to a stopband attenuation level of  $A_s$ .

$BW_{AP}$  — bandwidth (Hz) between upper and lower frequencies at the  $A_p$  (dB) level on the attenuation response curve.

$BW_x$  — bandwidth (Hz) between upper and lower frequencies at  $x$  attenuation level.

$F-HI(x)$ ,  $F-LO(x)$  — upper and lower frequencies (Hz) at the  $x$  dB attenuation level on the attenuation response curve.

R.C. — reflection coefficient (%).

$\rho$  — absolute value of R.C. in decimal form (used in following equations).

$\epsilon$  — ripple factor, a parameter  $<1$  related to the ripple amplitude.

$n$  — number of branches in a ladder network (equal to number of reactive elements in the low-pass prototype filter discussed in this article).

T — Chebyshev polynomial (T used instead of C to prevent confusing with capacitance).

$\Omega$  — normalized frequency =  $F_{AS}/F_{AP}$ .

G1-5 — normalized element values (1-5).

(1)  $\rho = (1 - 0.1^{A_p})^{0.5}$

(2a)  $A_p = -10 \cdot \log(1 - \rho^2)$  dB

(2b)  $A_p = 10 \cdot \log(1 + \epsilon^2)$  dB

(3a)  $\epsilon = (10^{0.1 A_p} - 1)^{0.5}$

(3b)  $\epsilon = \rho / (1 - \rho^2)^{0.5}$

For example, if R.C. = 6.3%, then  $\rho = 0.063$ ,  $A_p = 0.0172714$  and  $\epsilon = 0.0631254$ .

## Appendix B Calculation of $F_3/F_{AP}$ ratio (or $BW_3/BW_{AP}$ ratio)

Where  $F_3$  is the 3-dB cutoff frequency ( $BW_3$  is the 3-dB BW),  $F_{AP}$  is the  $A_p$ -dB cutoff frequency ( $BW_{AP}$  is the  $A_p$ -dB BW).

$A_p$  is the max. passband attenuation,  $n$  = number of filter elements,  $1/\epsilon = [1 - \rho^2]/\rho^2^{0.5}$ , and  $\rho = (R.C. \%) / 100$ .

(1)  $F_3/F_{AP} = \cosh [(\cosh^{-1} \epsilon) / n]$

For R.C. = 6.3%,  $1/\epsilon = 15.841485$ .

Let  $n = 5$ .

Hyperbolic functions in terms of natural logs and exponents:

$\cosh^{-1} x = \ln[x + (x^2 - 1)^{0.5}]$ ,  $\cosh y = 0.5(e^y + e^{-y})$ ,  $e = 2.718282$ .

Let  $x = 1/\epsilon$ , then  $\cosh^{-1} x = 3.4547816$ ;

Let  $y = (3.4547816) / 5 = 0.6909563$ ,

then  $\cosh y = 0.5[1.995623 + 0.501097]$ ,

$F_3/F_{AP} = 1.24836$  or 1.248.

(Note: For band-pass design,  $BW_{AP} = F_{AP}$  and  $BW_3 = F_3$ .)

Thus,  $BW_{AP} = BW_3 / 1.248$  for  $\rho = 0.063$  and  $n = 5$ .)

Simplified equations to find  $F_3/F_{AP}$  when  $A_p < 0.1$  dB (R.C.  $< 15\%$ ).

(2a)  $F_3/F_{AP} = 0.5(K + 1/K)$ , where

(2b)  $K = (2/\epsilon)^{1/n}$ .

For example, if  $A_p = 0.0172714$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.063125$  and  $n = 5$ , then  $K = 1.99602$  and  $F_3/F_{AP} = 1.2485$ .

## Appendix C Design Equations for Five-Resonator Chebyshev Band-pass Filters

In the following equations,  $F_{mean}$ ,  $BW_{AP}$ ,  $BW_3$ ,  $F_{LO}$  and  $F_{HI}$  are in Hz, and all capacitances and inductances are in farads and henrys unless otherwise stated. Fig. 4 (below) shows the schematic diagram of the band-pass filter.

(1a)  $F_{mean} = 1/[2\pi(L1 \cdot C1)^{0.5}]$

(1b)  $F_{mean} = 536.51/(C1)^{0.5}$ ,  
for  $L1 = 0.088\text{H}$  with  $C1$  in  $\mu\text{F}$ .

(1c)  $F_{mean} = [F_{LOx} \cdot F_{HIx}]^{0.5}$ , where  $x$  is any attenuation level in dB, and  $F_{LO}$  and  $F_{HI}$  are the low and high band-pass frequencies at the  $x$  attenuation level.

(2a)  $BW_{AP} = F_m[(G1 \cdot G2)L1/L2]^{0.5}$ , the basic equation for calculating  $BW_{AP}$ . See Appendix D for  $G1, 2$  values.

(2b)  $BW_{AP} = 0.25 \cdot F_m[G1 \cdot G2]^{0.5}$ ,  
for  $L1/L2 = 0.088\text{H}/1.408\text{H} = 0.0625$ .

(2c)  $BW_{AP} = 0.26285 \cdot F_m$ , for R.C. = 6.3%,  
 $C1 = 0.8265$  and  $G2 = 1.3375$ .

(3a)  $BW_3 = 1.248 \cdot BW_{AP}$ , for R.C. = 6.3%  
and  $BW_3 = 3$ -dB bandwidth of BP filter.

(3b)  $BW_3 = 0.328 \cdot F_m$ .

(4a)  $R_{term} = 2\pi(BW_{AP})L2/G2$ , where  $R_{term}$  is the filter source and load resistance in ohms.

(4b)  $R_{term} = 6.6144 \cdot BW_{AP}$ ,  
for  $L2 = 1.408\text{H}$  and  $G2 = 1.3375$ .

(4c)  $R_{term} = 932.773/(C1)^{0.5}$ , for  $C1$  in  $\mu\text{F}$ .

(5a)  $C3 = 2(C1)$ ,  $L3 = 0.5(L1)$ .

(5b)  $C2 = (C1)/16$ ,  $L2 = 16(L1)$ .

(6a)  $F_{LOx} = -BW_x/2 +$   
 $|F_m^2 + (BW_x/2)^2|^{0.5}$

(6b)  $F_{HIx} = F_{LOx} + BW_x$

All resonant circuits are tuned to  $F_m$ .

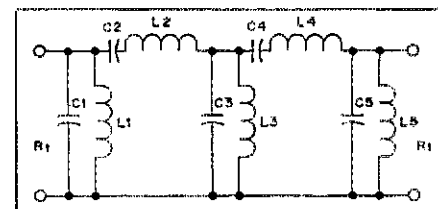


Fig. 4 — Schematic diagram of a 5-resonator band-pass filter.

## Appendix D Calculation of Filter Stop-band Attenuation and Lowpass-to-Bandpass Transformation Procedure

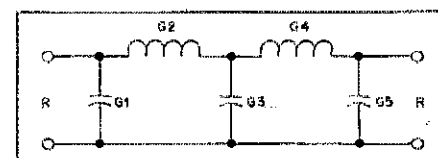


Fig. 5 — Low-pass prototype schematic diagram.

$F_{AP} = 1$  rad/sec,  $R = 1$  ohm.  
Normalized Values:  $G1, 5 = 0.8265$  F,  
 $G2, 4 = 1.3375$  H,  $G3 = 1.6531$  F,  
 $\rho = 0.063$ ,  $A_p = 0.0173$  dB,  
 $F_3/F_{AP} = 1.248$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.0631254$ .

Equations used in the calculation of the stopband attenuation ( $A_s$ ) of a five-element low-pass filter with  $\rho = 0.063$ .

(1)  $A_s = 10 \cdot \log[1 + (\epsilon \cdot T_\Omega)^2]$  dB

(2)  $T_\Omega = 16\Omega^5 - 20\Omega^3 + 5\Omega$

$\Omega = F_{AS}/F_{AP}$

(3)  $\epsilon = \rho/(1 - \rho^2)^{0.5}$

For example, if  $F_{AP} = 1$  kHz, find

$A_s @ 2$  kHz.

(From Eq. 3):  $\epsilon = 0.0631254$

(From Eq. 2):  $T_\Omega = 16 \cdot 2^5 - 20 \cdot 2^3 + 5 \cdot 2$

$\Omega = 2$ .

(From Eq. 1):  $A_{s2kHz} = 10 \cdot \log$

$[1 + (\epsilon \cdot T_\Omega)^2]$  dB where  $T_\Omega = 362$ .

$A_{s2kHz} = 10 \cdot \log[1 + 522.2]$  dB

$A_{s2kHz} = 10(2.719)$  dB = 27.2 dB.

In a similar manner the stopband attenuation can be found for any value of  $F_{AS}$ . Table 2 lists the calculated values of  $T_\Omega$  and  $A_s$  versus normalized frequency. Fig. 6 shows the attenuation response of a typical LP filter.

### The LP-to-BP Transformation Procedure for Designing a Chebyshev Band-pass Filter

1) Select the desired filter  $F_m$ , the 3-dB BW and the  $R_f$  design values.

2) Select a specific reflection coefficient ( $\rho$ ) and calculate the corresponding  $BW_{AP}$  (see Appendix B). See Table 3 for normalized component values (G1-G5).

3) Use the following equations to calculate the component values of an LP filter having an  $A_p$ -cutoff frequency equal to the  $BW_{AP}$  of the BP filter, and having the same  $R_f$  and  $\rho$  as the BP filter:  $L' = L \cdot R_f/\omega$  and  $C' = C/(R_f \cdot \omega)$ , where  $L'$  and  $C'$  are the component values and  $L$  and  $C$  are the normalized values in henrys and farads, and  $\omega = 2\pi \cdot F_{AP}$ .

4) Transform the LP filter into a BP filter by resonating all capacitors and inductors to  $F_m$ . For example, let  $F_m = 536.5$ ,  $BW_3 = 176$ ,  $R_f = 932.8$  &  $\rho = 0.063$ . From Appendix B,  $F_3/F_{AP} = 1.248$ ,  $F_{AP} = 176/1.248 = 141$  Hz. Normalized values of G1, 5, G3 and G2, 4 = 0.8265, 1.653 and 1.3375. C1, 5 = 0.8265/(2 $\pi$  · 141 · 932.8) = 1.00  $\mu$ F, L2, 4 = 1.3375 (932.8)/(2 $\pi$  · 141) = 1.408 H and C3 = 2.00  $\mu$ F. Resonate all C's to  $F_m$  with shunt inductors and all L's with series capacitors using the following equations:  $L_{sh} = 1/[2\pi \cdot F_m^2 C]$  and  $C_s = 1/[2\pi \cdot F_m^2 L]$ . L1, 5 = 88 mH, L3 = 44 mH and C2, 4 = 62.5 nF. The transformed BP filter schematic is shown in Fig. 4 and the filter attenuation values and other parameters are listed in Table 2.

Table 2

LP and BP Filter Parameters vs. Normalized Frequency for R.C. = 6.3%,  $F_m = 536.5$  Hz &  $BW_{AP} = 141$  Hz

| NORMALIZED FREQ. ( $\Omega$ ) | T ( $\Omega$ ) | ATTEN. RE (DB) | BW (HZ) | F-LU (HZ) | F-LU (HZ) |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| 1.000                         | 1.0            | 0.0123         | 141.1   | 471.1     | 612.2     |
| 1.200                         | 11.6           | 1.7742         | 169.1   | 459.1     | 629.1     |
| 1.248                         | 15.8           | 3.0000         | 176.1   | 456.1     | 632.1     |
| 1.300                         | 22.6           | 4.6530         | 183.1   | 453.1     | 636.1     |
| 1.338                         | 27.4           | 6.0000         | 189.1   | 450.1     | 639.1     |
| 1.400                         | 38.0           | 9.0000         | 197.1   | 447.1     | 644.1     |
| 1.500                         | 53.1           | 12.1000        | 206.1   | 441.1     | 653.1     |
| 1.600                         | 71.6           | 15.6000        | 216.1   | 435.1     | 661.1     |
| 1.800                         | 114.7          | 21.9000        | 234.1   | 424.1     | 678.1     |
| 2.000                         | 162.0          | 27.6000        | 252.1   | 414.1     | 696.1     |
| 2.500                         | 336.2          | 38.0000        | 292.1   | 388.1     | 741.1     |
| 3.000                         | 592.4          | 46.0000        | 323.1   | 365.1     | 786.1     |
| 4.000                         | 1512.4         | 59.6000        | 364.1   | 324.1     | 868.1     |
| 4.500                         | 2724.5         | 64.9000        | 385.1   | 306.1     | 941.1     |

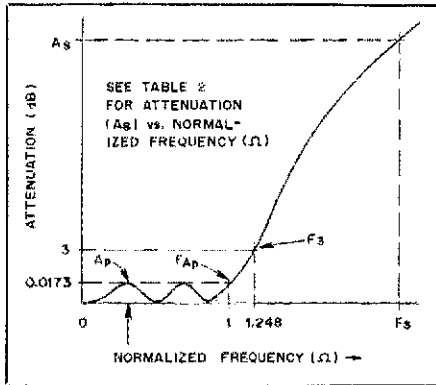


Fig. 6 — Attenuation vs. frequency for a 5-element Chebyshev low-pass filter (R.C. = 6.3%).

Table 3

Normalized Component Values (G1-G5) for 5-Element Chebyshev Low-pass Filters

| R.C. (%) | F3/FHP (DB) | R-P (DB) | G1&G5 (F) | G3 (F) | G2&G4 (H) |
|----------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| 0.30     | 1.674       | 0.0028   | 4.604     | 1.182  | 1.011     |
| 1.00     | 1.616       | 0.0043   | 4.871     | 1.226  | 1.050     |
| 1.20     | 1.571       | 0.0063   | 5.103     | 1.266  | 1.081     |
| 1.40     | 1.534       | 0.0085   | 5.311     | 1.293  | 1.108     |
| 1.60     | 1.504       | 0.0111   | 5.503     | 1.321  | 1.131     |
| 1.80     | 1.478       | 0.0141   | 5.682     | 1.346  | 1.151     |
| 2.00     | 1.455       | 0.0174   | 5.848     | 1.368  | 1.169     |
| 2.50     | 1.417       | 0.0250   | 6.153     | 1.409  | 1.200     |
| 3.00     | 1.387       | 0.0341   | 6.430     | 1.445  | 1.225     |
| 3.20     | 1.362       | 0.0445   | 6.686     | 1.476  | 1.246     |
| 3.60     | 1.340       | 0.0563   | 6.924     | 1.504  | 1.264     |
| 4.00     | 1.322       | 0.0695   | 7.148     | 1.530  | 1.280     |
| 4.50     | 1.302       | 0.0880   | 7.414     | 1.561  | 1.296     |
| 5.00     | 1.284       | 0.1087   | 7.664     | 1.588  | 1.310     |
| 5.50     | 1.269       | 0.1316   | 7.903     | 1.614  | 1.322     |
| 6.00     | 1.256       | 0.1566   | 8.132     | 1.639  | 1.332     |
| 6.30     | 1.248       | 0.1727   | 8.255     | 1.653  | 1.337     |
| 6.50     | 1.244       | 0.1839   | 8.335     | 1.662  | 1.341     |
| 7.00     | 1.233       | 0.2133   | 8.565     | 1.685  | 1.348     |
| 8.00     | 1.214       | 0.2789   | 8.972     | 1.727  | 1.359     |
| 10.00    | 1.184       | 0.4365   | 9.732     | 1.803  | 1.372     |

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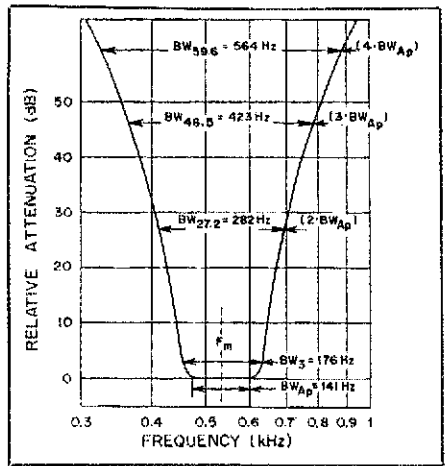


Fig. 7 — Calculated attenuation of a 5-resonator band-pass filter with R.C. = 6.3%,  $F_m = 536.5$  Hz, and  $BW_{AP} = 141$  Hz.

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# A State-of-the-Art Terminal Unit for RTTY

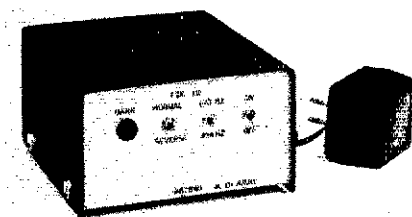
Update your RTTY installation with this two-chip terminal unit. It accommodates both your new video unit and that model 15, interfaces with a simplex loop and handles both narrow and wide shift. Try it!

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A modern reliable fsk terminal unit can be built with just two chips and a handful of parts. It will work equally well on the low bands with narrow-shift fsk or on vhf with wide shift. The device interfaces with the standard 60-mA simplex loop.

The circuit is designed around two chips manufactured by Exar Integrated Systems. These chips are the XR-2206 function generator and the XR-2211 fsk demodulator. The XR-2206 is capable of generating stable, low-distortion sine waves, the frequency of which are determined by simply varying the resistance of the circuit. Switching in different values determines the mark and space frequencies.

When pin 9 of the XR-2206 is grounded, the resistance at pin 8 determines the output frequency. With pin 9 open, the resistance at pin 7 determines the frequency. Since a low at pin 9 corresponds to a mark, R1 is set to the mark frequency of 2125 Hz and R2 and R3 are set to produce tones of 2975 Hz and 2295 Hz, respectively. These frequencies correspond to the space tones for the wide-shift standard of 850 Hz and the narrow-shift standard of 170 Hz. S1 selects the shift. R4 controls the peak-to-peak output of the sine wave available at pin 2. The output of pin 2 is fed to the microphone input of your ssb or fm radio or to a tape recorder for storage of afsk data. Keying of the chip is accomplished by the presence or absence of current in the loop via the optoisolator, U1. When current is flowing, the LED in the isolator lights, turning on the phototransistor and grounding pin 9 ini-



The fsk RTTY terminal unit designed and built by Michael Di Julio, WB2BWJ. At the right of this professional-looking device is the 9-V battery eliminator that powers the unit.

tiating a mark tone. When current is not flowing, the phototransistor is off and pin 9 goes high via an internal pull-up resistor and a space tone is generated. D1, R11 and C3 protect the isolator from spikes produced from the teleprinter magnets. D3 through D6 form a bridge that permits the loop supply to be connected to J1 with either polarity.

## PLL Determines Mark or Space

The fsk demodulation is performed by the XR-2211, a phase-locked loop (PLL) decoder similar to the popular LM565 demodulator. The VCO in the chip is tuned via R21 to  $F_0 = (f_1 + f_2)/2$  where  $f_1$  is the mark frequency of 2125 Hz and  $f_2$  is the narrow-shift space frequency of 2295 Hz. Therefore,  $F_0 = 2210$  Hz. C7, R20 and R21 determine this frequency and the values listed were chosen appropriately. R12, R17, R18, R19, C5, C8 and C9 are all elements associated with the filtering of the PLL and were selected by means of the formulas in Ref. 1 to allow optimum operation with amateur stan-

dard 60- or 100-wpm signals, both wide and narrow shift.

When a mark is detected, the PLL locks and pins 6 and 7 go high, turning on Q1, and permitting current to flow in the loop. In the absence of a mark tone, the PLL error voltage changes. Under this condition, a space is assumed by the internal voltage comparator and pins 6 and 7 go low, turning off Q1 which then stops the flow of current in the loop. Q2 and associated components form an inverter to reverse the polarity of the mark to accommodate stations transmitting contrary to the conventional mark/hold technique. Pin 5 of the chip goes low when a mark tone is detected and the LED, D2, is illuminated by means of Q3, Q4 and associated components. Audio from a receiver or tape recorder is fed to pin 2 via C4.

## Pc Board, a Builder's Choice

Pc board construction is optional. The layout is not critical. S1, S2, S3 and D2 should be front-panel mounted, while J1, J2 and J3 should be mounted in the rear. J1 must be insulated from the chassis as a loop supply approaching 120 volts may be present in mechanical teleprinter equipment. For a power supply, I recommend a battery eliminator, of the type sold for tape recorders and radios, capable of supplying 9 volts at 300 mA.

## Tuning Adjustment is Easy

Tuning the unit is extremely simple. Apply 9 volts to the device and ground pin 9 of U2 simulating a mark. With a frequency counter connected to the afsk

[Editor's Note: As a convenience to those wishing to avail themselves, the author offers ready-made circuit boards for this TU for \$10. The ARRL and QST in no way warrant this offer.]

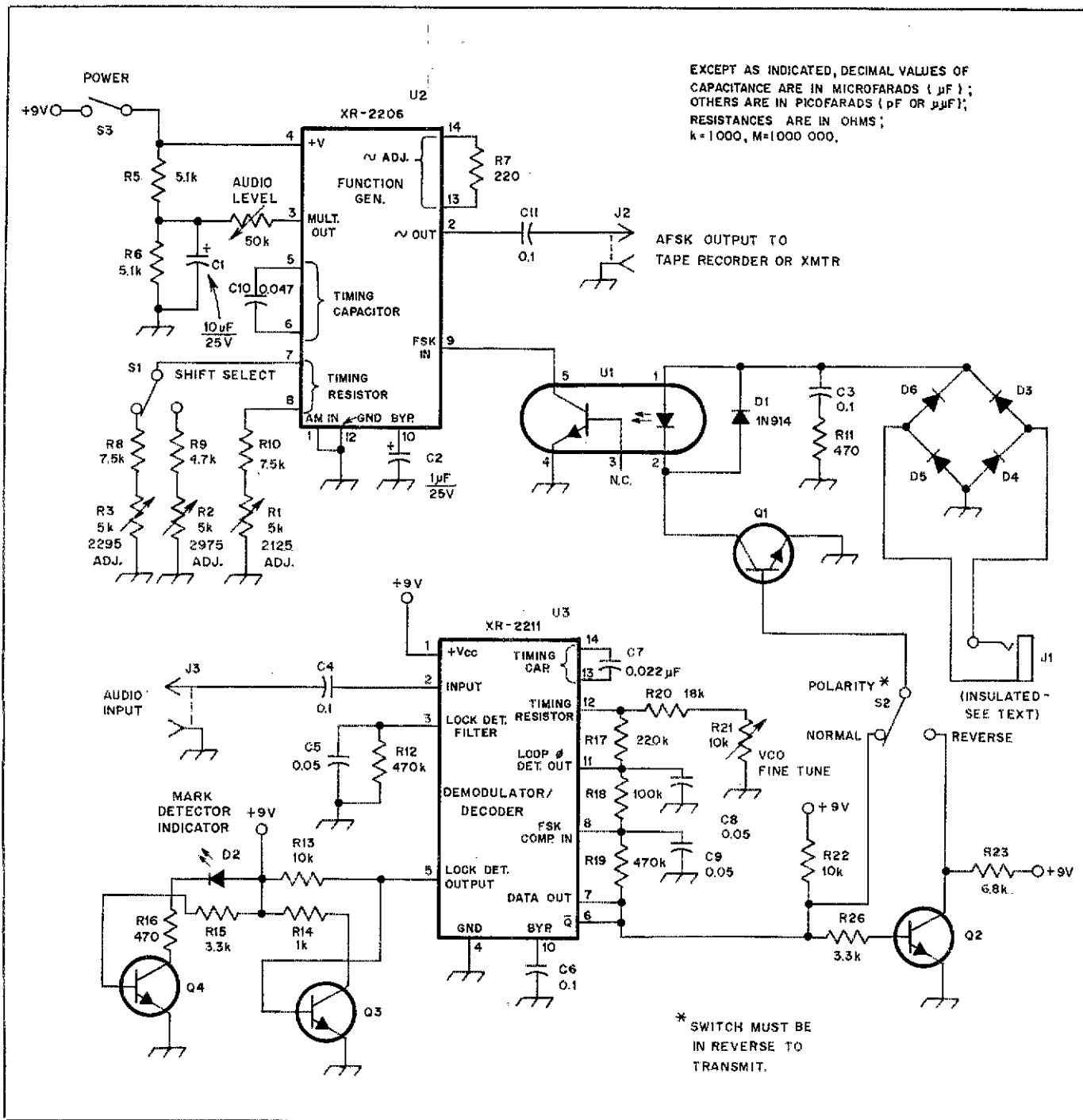


Fig. 1 — Circuit diagram for the State-of-the-Art Terminal Unit. This arrangement is compatible with both wide and narrow fsk. U2 is the function generator, U3, a PLL decoder, serves as the fsk demodulator. When current flows through the optoisolator, U1, it initiates a mark tone through U2. Because 120 V from the loop supply may be present in mechanical teleprinter equipment, J1 must be insulated from the chassis. S1 is shown in the 170-Hz position. All resistors are 5%, 1/4 watt. Pc boards are available from the author for \$10 postpaid. Most other parts are available from Jameco Electronics, 1021 Howard Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070.

- C1 — 10  $\mu$ F, 25-V tantalum.
- C2 — 1  $\mu$ F, 25-V tantalum.
- C3, C4, C6, C11 — 0.1  $\mu$ F, 50-V ceramic disc.
- C5, C9 — 0.05  $\mu$ F, 50-V ceramic.
- C7 — 0.022  $\mu$ F, Mylar.
- C8 — 0.005  $\mu$ F, 50 V, ceramic disc.
- C10 — 0.047  $\mu$ F Mylar.
- D1 — 1N914.
- D2 — LED.
- D3-D6, incl. — 1N4003.
- J1 — 1/4-inch phone jack.
- J2, J3 — Miniature phone jacks or the type of jack that interfaces with your equipment.
- Q1 — 2N5655, MJE340 or TIP-48.
- Q2, Q3, Q4 — 2N2222.

- R1, 2, 3 — 5-k $\Omega$  10-turn Trimpot.
- R4 — 53-k $\Omega$ , single-turn Trimpot.
- R5, 6 — 5.1 k $\Omega$ .
- R7 — 220  $\Omega$ .
- R8, 10 — 7.5 k $\Omega$ .
- R9 — 4.7 k $\Omega$ .
- R11, 16 — 470  $\Omega$ .
- R12, 19 — 470 k $\Omega$ .
- R13, 22 — 10 k $\Omega$ .
- R14 — 1 k $\Omega$ .
- R15, R26 — 3.3 k $\Omega$ .
- R17 — 220 k $\Omega$ .
- R18 — 100 k $\Omega$ .
- R20 — 18 k $\Omega$ .
- R21 — 10-k $\Omega$  10-turn Trimpot.

- R23 — 6.8 k $\Omega$ .
- S1, S2 — Spdt switch.
- S3 — Spst switch.
- S4 — Dpdt switch.
- U1 — OPI-2150, HEP-P5000, Motorola 4N28 or equivalent.
- U2 — XR-2206 (Exar Integrated Systems, Sunnyvale, CA).
- U3 — XR-2211 (Exar Integrated Systems, Sunnyvale, CA).
- Misc.: One 14-pin IC socket; 9-V, 300-mA battery eliminator; one 16-pin IC socket; cabinet and pc board.

\* SWITCH MUST BE IN REVERSE TO TRANSMIT.

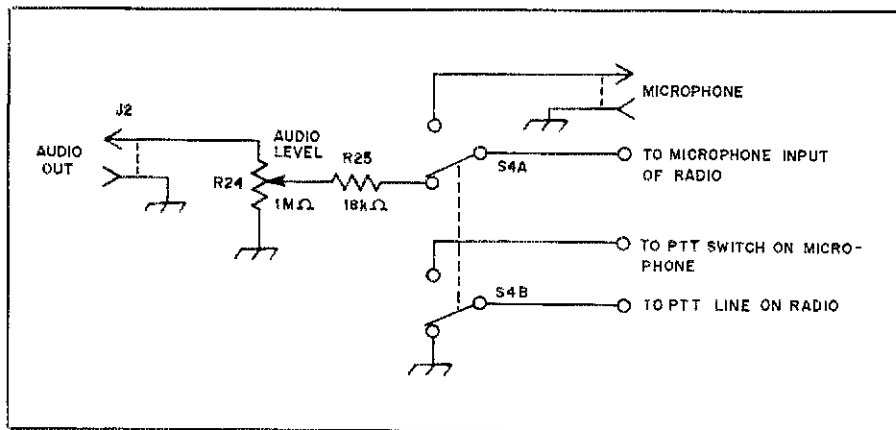


Fig. 2 — Use of the above circuit is recommended by the author as a means of connecting the microphone to the transmitter when the TU output is fed directly to the microphone input of the transmitter.

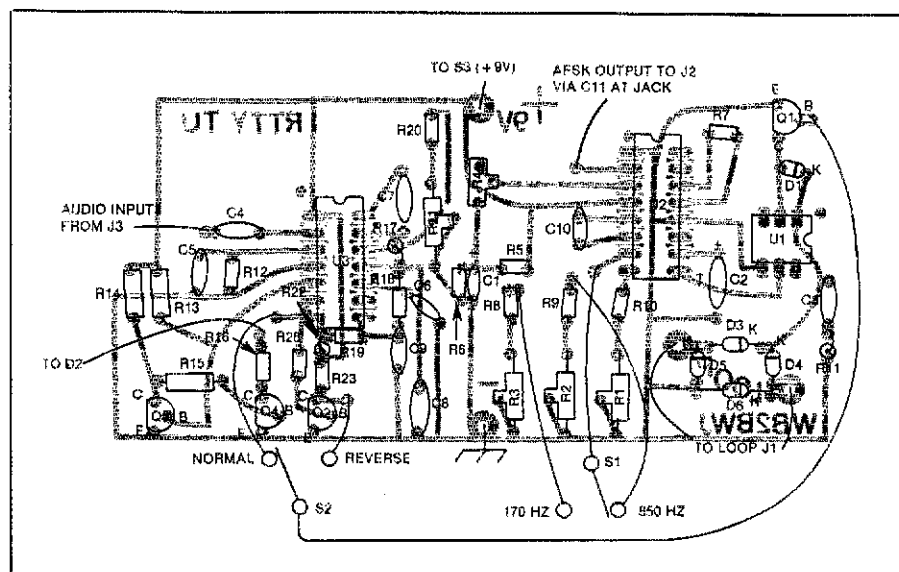


Fig. 3 — Parts-placement guide for the State-of-the-Art Terminal Unit. Parts are placed on the non-foil side of the board; the shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern. (The etching pattern appears in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.)

output jack, J2, adjust R1 to read 2125 Hz on the display. Lift the ground from pin 9 and with S1 in the 170 Hz position, adjust R3 for a reading of 2295 Hz. Finally, switch S1 to the 850-Hz position and adjust R2 for a reading of 2975 Hz. To adjust the demodulator, ground pin 9 of U2 to simulate a mark and connect J2 to J3. Slowly adjust R21 until D2 lights and continue turning the potentiometer counting the number of turns until the LED extinguishes. Back the potentiometer off one half the number of turns counted so that the VCO is set to the center of the lock range. This will sufficiently approximate the optimum setting of the VCO to 2210 Hz as previously mentioned.

### Operating the Terminal Unit

To use the terminal unit, connect your TTY gear through J1, J2 to the

microphone circuit of your transmitter and J3 to the receiver loudspeaker. I recommend adding a switch and a potentiometer as indicated in Fig. 2 so that your microphone can also be connected to the transmitter. Adjust R4 and R24 (if used) for a clean signal from your transmitter.

If you have an ssb transmitter, you want a distortion-free signal. If it is an fm transmitter, neither distortion nor over deviation is desirable. Adjust the volume control on the receiver so that the LED, D2, starts to flicker as you tune across the band. To tune in an RTTY signal, slowly tune through the signal until the LED lights brilliantly, indicating that the PLL is locked onto the mark tone. On ssb, the tuning will be narrow; very often the TU will lock onto a signal that is so weak and plagued with interference that your ear will not be able to distinguish it from the

noise. Adjust the volume to a level just above that which allows the LED to light. If fading is present, turn the volume up to a point where the LED still lights during a fade. When using the unit on vhf fm, no tuning of the receiver is required but be sure to place S1 in the 850-Hz position so that your transmitted tones will be standardized with other amateur stations. If you find "garbage" being printed, try switching S2 to reverse as the other station may be sending inverted data. On the other hand, you may have inadvertently locked the TU on the space tone instead of the mark. To ensure that you are tuning to the mark tone and not the space tone, wait for the station to be idle, at which time only the mark tone is present. Then tune in the signal properly.

### Transmit With S2 in Reverse Position

When you wish to transmit or just type on a local loop, S2 must be in a reverse position. The reason is that with no audio coming into J3, Q1 would normally be turned off, thus breaking the loop. Inverting the signal to Q1 turns it on, thus connecting the loop.

If a cassette tape recorder is connected to J2 and J3 via the microphone and headphone or monitor jacks, a conversation or self-generated message can be recorded for later playback. As a station is being received and the loop is being keyed by Q1, the optoisolator, U1, is also keying U2, thus generating a clean version of the station signal which is available at J2. Cassette tape is a nice alternative to paper tape. It will allow you to discard your old model 14 typing reperforator and transmitting distributor.

### The Chips as Black Boxes

My approach to writing this article is to treat the IC chips as "black boxes" and provide a minimal discussion of their inner workings. By doing so, the average person could understand the article without being burdened with a lot of technical theory. Refs. 1 and 2 provide additional technical discussion for those desiring it.

Through many months, my unit has permitted me to enjoy operation on ssb and fm with the same terminal unit. The device works equally well with my model 15 TU and my video TTY. I have presented this article on a high-performance state-of-the-art project as a means of helping you to upgrade your RTTY station.

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# Capacitance Measurement with a Dip-Meter

This simple gadget is characterized by moderate accuracy and very low fiddle-factor!

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Surplus and old capacitors have one common feature — no clue as to capacitance value, either because the label fell off or faded out, or because the color code is no longer readable. Also, even though the labeling is legible, the capacitance value may be far removed, for one reason or another. A measurement sufficiently accurate for most purposes can be obtained in a simple manner.

In the interest of providing a wide range of measurement, we chose the largest semi-circular plate variable capacitor<sup>1</sup> that is commonly available, 400 pF, and resonated it with a coil at about 2 MHz, the lowest usable frequency on most dip meters. The desirability of a low frequency is twofold: First, the L/C ratio is reasonable for the large capacitance desired and, second, hand capacitance effects are minimized.

## Low Capacitance Measurement

To measure capacitance from zero to 400 pF, the circuit is dipped with the variable,  $C_R$ , at maximum capacitance and with the unknown capacitor out of the circuit. Then the unknown capacitor,  $C_X$ , is directly shunted across the coil (D to G in Fig. 2) and the circuit is reresonated with  $C_R$ . The capacitance removed by rotating the variable unit is equal to the unknown capacitance; accordingly,  $C_R$  is calibrated in capacitance removed so that the device will be direct reading over this range.

## High Capacitance Measurement

Where the unknown capacitance is larger than 400 pF, a fixed, 400-pF capacitor is connected in series with the unknown (S to G in Fig. 2). The range is thus extended to infinity, in theory, although accuracy will suffer severely for

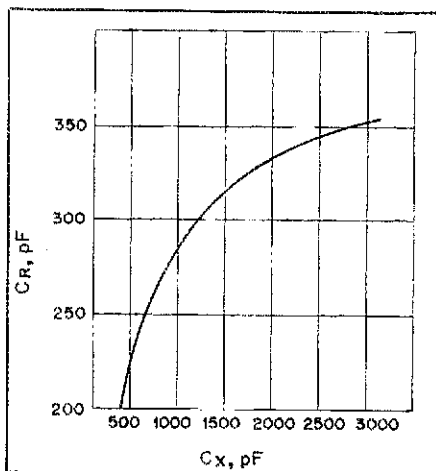


Fig. 1 — This curve shows the values for unknown capacitors in relation to various settings of the main tuning capacitor,  $C_R$ , where  $C_R$  has a range between 200 and 350 pF. See text concerning capacitance values larger than 3000 pF.

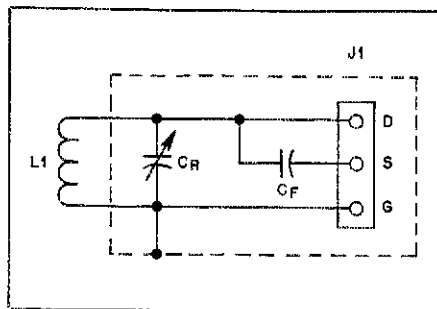


Fig. 2 — This simple resonant circuit permits the measurement, in connection with a GDO, of capacitors of unknown value. Small-value capacitors (400 pF and under) are connected between the direct (D) terminal and ground, while larger-value capacitors are connected between the series (S) terminal and ground.  $C_F$  — 400-pF silver mica.  $C_R$  — 400-pF air variable. J1 — Three-terminal barrier strip. L1 — 45 turns of no. 28 enamel wire wound on a National XR-50 form (or equivalent), slug removed. Dia 1/2 inch (13 mm), winding length 11/16 inch (17.5 mm). Outer (hot) end returned via interior through empty threaded hole.

values greater than about 3000 pF. We are fortunate here in that the required accuracy in measurement of large capacitors is usually low, since these values are generally used for bypass and coupling purposes. The external capacitance the tuned circuit "sees" in this situation is

$$C_S = C_R = \frac{400 C_X}{400 + C_X} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where  $C_S$  is the capacitance of the series combination, and  $C_R$  is the capacitance removed by rotating the variable, as before. Rearranging Eq. 1

$$C_R = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_X} + 0.0025} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

$$C_X = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_R} - 0.0025} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

All capacitances are in picofarads. The relationship between  $C_R$  and  $C_X$  is plotted in Fig. 1.

## Circuit

The schematic diagram is given in Fig. 2. Coil geometry and the operating frequency are not critical; the values used here are roughly 14  $\mu\text{H}$  and 2 MHz. A good choice for the chassis is a Radio Shack 270-239 measuring 2-1/8  $\times$  1-5/8  $\times$  4 inches (54  $\times$  29  $\times$  102 mm). It is this large to prevent it from walking around.

Entirely adequate calibration can be done with four 100-pF, 5% mica capacitors. In this model, the dial skirt is labeled with the digits 0 through 4, corresponding to hundreds of pF of capacitance removed. A more-careful calibration is probably not justified because the ambiguity of the dip is considerable, even with light coupling.

Since this is a substitution method, inaccurate dip-meter calibration does not affect the measurement. The only requirement is frequency stability. This approach does not require the use of an inductor of known value, as would be the case where the "standard" technique is used. QST-1

<sup>1</sup>Although not strictly necessary, a semi-circular plate capacitor will yield a nearly linear calibration, which is much easier to interpolate.

# The Coaxi-Match

Aren't you just itching to build something? This SWR meter is designed for utmost simplicity, low cost and convenience.

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The Coaxi-Match is an SWR metering method that is designed to place the meter assembly at any convenient location in the ham shack. It is a useful tool for both the home antenna experimenter and mobile operator. Fig. 1 is a diagram of the system, which is composed of two separate units: the Coaxi-Match pickup unit and the meter assembly. What makes this unit so attractive is its simplicity and low cost. The majority of the parts required for construction can probably be found in your junk box or can be purchased at minimal cost. For example, a surplus 0- to 100- $\mu$ A meter can be obtained for prices ranging from \$2 to \$5; the 3/4-inch hard-drawn copper pipe and wire cost approximately 80 cents!

## Getting Started

Fig. 2A shows a cutaway view of the Coaxi-Match. The detailed drawing of the three-hole wafers which position L1 and L2 is shown in Fig. 2B. Begin assembly by using a *hacksaw* to cut a 1/2-inch piece from one end of an 8-inch length of 3/4-inch-diameter hard-drawn copper pipe. Discard this short piece. This is done to eliminate any pipe-section indentations that might have been made by the pipe cutter used at the source of purchase. Cut a 4-3/4-inch length of pipe for use as the main section of the pickup unit; save the remaining shorter piece for later use.

Place a sheet of emery cloth or sandpaper on a flat surface and, holding the pipe in a vertical position, sand both ends of the pipe until it will stand perpendicular to a flat

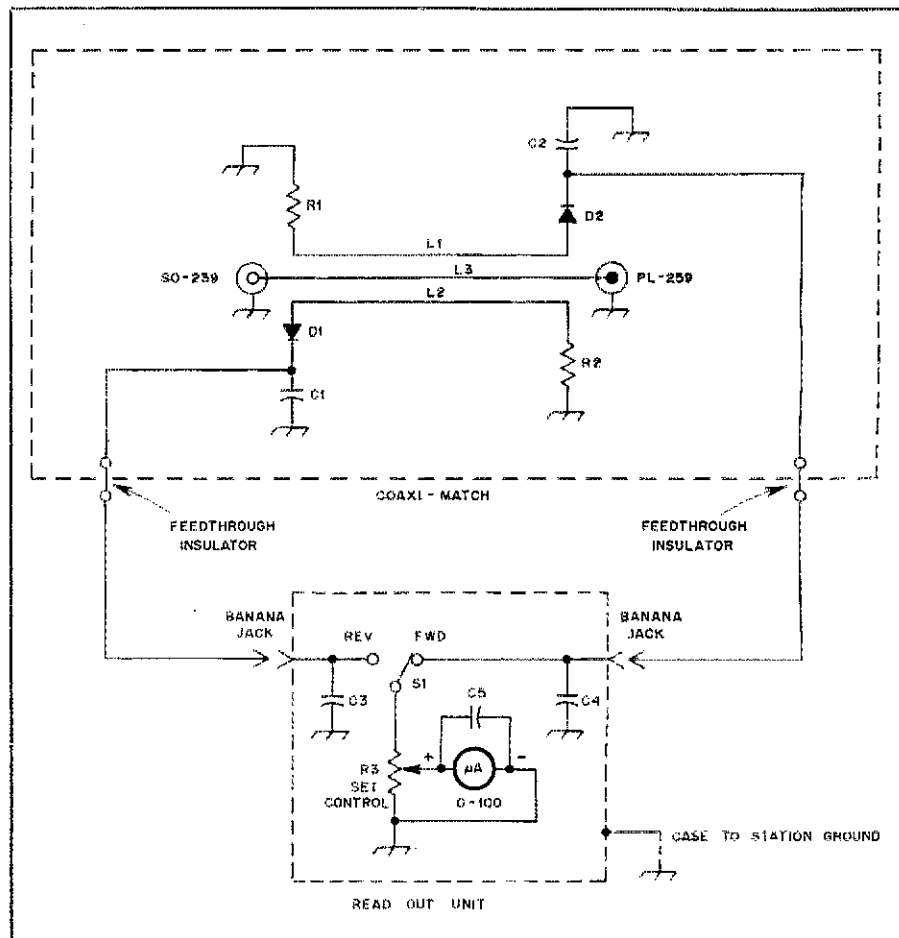
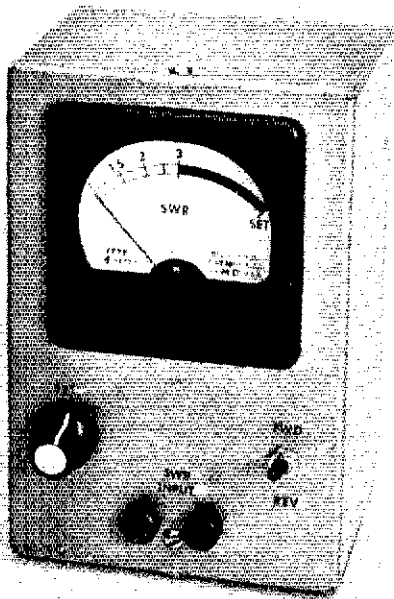


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the Coaxi-Match. Many readers will recognize the circuit as that of the familiar Monimatch.

C1-C4, incl. — 0.005  $\mu$ F, 1-kV disc ceramic.  
 C5 — 0.01  $\mu$ F, 1-kV disc ceramic.  
 D1, D2 — 1N34A germanium diode.  
 L1, L2 — 3-3/4 in. no. 14 solid copper wire.  
 L3 — 6-1/2 in. no. 12 solid copper wire.  
 M1 — 0 to 100  $\mu$ A.  
 PL1 — PL-259 coaxial connector.

R1, R2 — 150  $\Omega$ , 1/2-watt carbon resistor.  
 R3 — 10 k $\Omega$ , linear taper potentiometer.  
 S1 — Spdt toggle switch.  
 SO1 — SO-239 coaxial connector.  
 Misc. — Copper pipe, scraps of Plexiglas, Lucite or plastic (see text).



The Coaxi-Match metering unit. This is all you need at the operating position; the pickup unit can be located remotely.

surface on both ends. Remove the burr from inside the ends — a pocketknife will do the job well. Now sand the inside and outside walls at the ends until they are shiny.

Cut the no. 12 and 14 gauge wire to the lengths shown in Fig. 2. File or sand flat L1 and L2 at both ends and round off the ends of the no. 12 wire used for L3.

The material for the spacing wafers shown in Fig. 2 can be made from Plexiglas, Lucite or even scrap plastic; the thickness should be 1/8 inch or less. Using the same center, scribe two circles — one being the ID of the pipe and the other 5/16 inch in diameter — on 1-inch squares of the material. Scribe a line through the center of the circles; the intersection of this line with the smaller circle will locate the holes for L1 and L2. The center hole of the circles positions the main conductor of the pickup unit, L3.

Use a small drill bit to make a set of guide holes and then enlarge the holes to pass the wires with a snug fit. Shape the plastic squares into roughly defined circles using diagonal cutters. Then, holding the wafers between your thumb and forefinger, move them across a flat file or emery cloth, rotating them until they are rounded out at the outermost scribed circle. Check the wafer for fit in the end of the copper pipe; if necessary, continue the grinding process until the wafer fits snugly into the pipe.

Insert L1 and L2 into the two end wafers as shown in Fig. 2. Mix a small amount of epoxy and, using a toothpick, place a small drop on both sides of each wafer at the wire passage points. Ensure that both wires are parallel and perpendicular to the wafers, and set the subassembly aside to let the epoxy cure.

Take the short section of copper pipe and, with your sheet-metal shears, cut it along a line parallel to the axis. Straighten out the two halves as much as possible

with your fingers. Then place the piece on a heavy piece of flat metal (or the flat end of your vise) and tap it gently with a small hammer until it is flattened. This piece will be used to support the coaxial connectors at each end of the pickup unit.

Scribe two 3/4-inch circles on the flattened piece so that you have equal distances between the circles and the ends of the piece. Drill the holes for the PL-259 and SO-239 fittings. The PL-259 shank hole should be made slightly smaller and then enlarged with a rat-tail file until the shank will press fit into the piece. A 5/8-inch hole is made for the SO-239 connector, the connector should fit flush with the plate. Tin both sides of the plate, remove any excess solder from the insides of the holes and cut the plate in two between the holes.

Tin the back of the SO-239 mounting flange. Also tin the shank of the PL-259 about 1/4 inch from the bottom. Now solder the back of the SO-239 to the copper plate so it is flush with the plate. Push the shank of the PL-259 connector through the hole in the other plate, letting it protrude about 1/16 inch; solder it to the plate. The coupling sleeve of the PL-259 may be kept out of the way by screwing it into a mating connector.

### Coaxi-Match Assembly

Insert the L1-L2 assembly into the pipe. Mix up another small amount of epoxy. Center the assembly in the pipe and place two small drops of epoxy opposite each other on each wafer, then check to ensure the assembly is properly centered. Let the epoxy cure.

After the epoxy has cured, drill two holes in the copper pipe for the feed-through insulators (see Fig. 2). The hole size required will depend upon the diameter of the particular feedthroughs used. Remove the burr from the inside of the pipe. Epoxy the feedthroughs in place and allow the epoxy to cure.

While you're waiting, pre-tin the pigtailed of the diodes, resistors and capacitors. If the capacitors have insulating material on their leads, scrape it off. Place a diode at the center of a disc capacitor, make two wraps of the diode negative lead around one of the capacitor leads (close to the body) and cut off the excess lead length. Crimp the end of the diode lead close to the capacitor lead and solder the connection. Make two of these assemblies. Bend the remaining capacitor lead back so it is parallel with the diode. Make a small hook shape in the lead to which the diode is soldered — close to the solder junction — and cut off the excess lead length. Insert the combination into the pipe so that the hook will encircle the inside terminal of the feedthrough insulator. Use needle-nosed pliers to crimp the hook around the terminal and solder the connection. Repeat this procedure at the other end of the pipe.

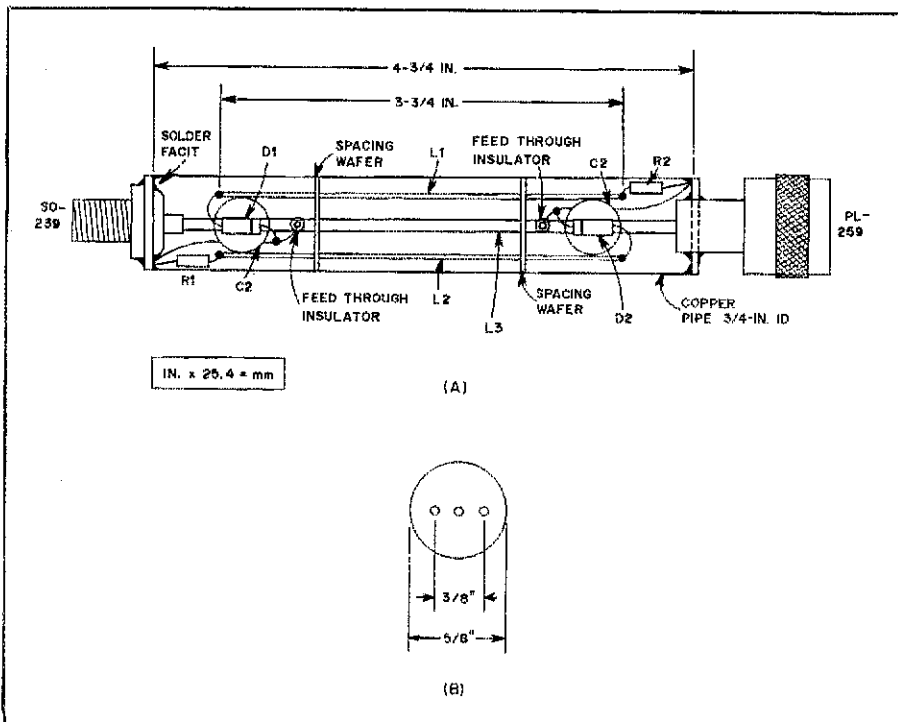


Fig. 2 — At A, a cutaway view of the pickup unit constructed from a piece of copper pipe. The insulating wafers used to support the conductors are cut to the dimensions shown at B.

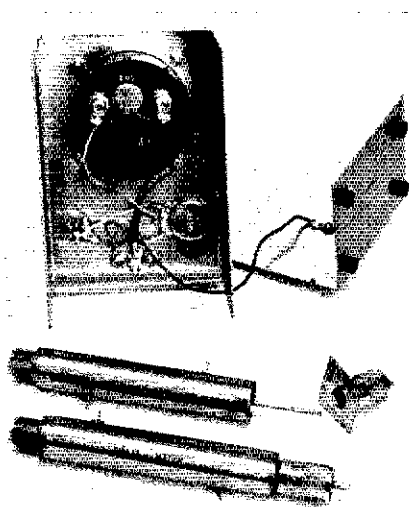
Solder the diodes and resistors R1 and R2 to the ends of L1 and L2; be sure to heat sink the diodes during soldering. File small V-shaped notches at the ends of the pipe to accept the remaining resistor and capacitor leads. Crimp the leads so that they lie against the inner and outer surfaces of the pipe.

The center conductor wire (L3) is now soldered to the SO-239 connector. Form a small bead of solder around the inside edges of the pipe and insert L3 through the center holes of the insulating wafers. Clamp the SO-239 mounting plate in a vise with the plate flush against the edge of the pipe; use wood blocks to insulate the assembly from the vise and prevent heat loss through conduction during soldering. Flow solder around the plate and end of the pipe; a 100-watt soldering iron should be sufficient to melt the bead of solder within the pipe assembly. Mount the PL-259 plate at the opposite end of the pipe in the same manner. Trim the excess lead lengths of the resistors and capacitors from both ends of the assembly.

Using sheet-metal shears, trim the connector mounting plates as close to the pipe as you can, then file the excess material until a flush finish is obtained. Finally, solder the center conductor to the PL-259 connector.

### The Metering Unit

The cabinet chosen for the metering unit will depend upon personal preferences and the size of the meter. Insulated banana jacks must be used and C3 and C4 should be mounted as close to the jacks as possible. A ground lug should be provided at the rear of the cabinet to permit connection to station ground.



An inside view of the metering unit with two pickup assemblies in the foreground. The rear pickup assembly is in the final stage of construction.

To add a professional touch, the meter may be disassembled and the meter face relettered. Unwanted lettering may be removed with a sharp knife and the areas touched up with flat-white acrylic paint; small bottles of paint may be obtained at your local hobby shop.

Interconnection between the Coaxi-Match pickup assembly and the metering unit may be made with no. 20 stranded wire. The two wires may be made into a neat twisted pair by securing one end of the wires in a vise and the opposite ends in an electric drill. Run the drill at low speed,

twisting the wires until three or four turns per inch is obtained.

### Calibration and Operation

I calibrated the Coaxi-Match by placing it in series with a meter of known accuracy, a Transmatch and an antenna. The Transmatch was adjusted to provide deliberate mismatches, the meter readings noted and marked on the Coaxi-Match meter face.<sup>1</sup>

In operation, the FWD/REV switch is placed in the FWD position and the SET control adjusted to produce a full-scale meter indication. Then, switch to REV to read the indicated SWR.

The Coaxi-Match can be used outside and placed at the feed point of the station antenna, where the SWR measurement is most meaningful. Even though the unit is waterproof, the feedthrough connectors should be covered with silicone rubber after the wires to the metering unit have been attached. The end connectors may be protected from the weather by wrapping them with plastic electrical tape and covering that with a couple of coats of marine spar varnish.

I'm sure you'll find many ways to enjoy the convenience and versatility of your Coaxi-Match. And you'll also have the pride of knowing you made it yourself!

### Notes

- <sup>1</sup>Inches  $\times$  25.4 = mm; feet = m  $\times$  0.3048.
- <sup>2</sup>[Editor's Note: The diodes should be checked with an ohmmeter and matched as closely as possible in forward and reverse resistance; this will ensure better bridge balance.]
- <sup>3</sup>[Editor's Note: Ideally, the pickup unit should be checked for symmetry by reversing its position in the line and ensuring equal (or nearly equal) readings for a given set of conditions. Unbalance might require a repositioning of the diode lead on the pickup wire (L1 or L2).]

## Strays

### CHRISTMAS, FLORIDA EXPEDITIONS

□ The Indian River ARC, of Cocoa, Florida, will operate from Christmas, Florida from December 20 to December 27, from 1400 to 2000 UTC daily. A certificate will be available to all stations worked. Please include a large s.a.s.e. with your request. Operating frequencies for W4NLX/4 will be 7.280, 14.280, 21.380 and 28.680 MHz on ssb, and 60 kHz from the bottom of the 40-, 20-, 15- and 10-meter bands on cw. The 34/94 repeater will be used for local contacts. QSL to Indian River ARC, W4NLX, P. O. Box 105, Christmas, FL 32709. — *Carl S. Zelich, AA4MI, Merritt Island, Florida*

□ The Southeast Volusia ARC, of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, will be operating from Christmas, Florida, from 0200 to 2000 UTC on December 20 and 1400 to 2000 UTC on December 21. Frequencies will be 7.125, 21.130 (Novice), 7.250, 14.300 and 21.400 MHz (plus or minus 5 kHz). All contacts will be sent a 4- by 8-1/2-inch QSL — requests should be accompanied by an s.a.s.e. and a size 10 envelope. — *William C. Kennedy, KA4BIW, Edgewater, Florida*

### BETHLEHEM, INDIANA DXPEDITIONS

□ The Clark County ARC, of Jeffersonville, Indiana will go on a DXpedition to Bethlehem, Indiana from 1700 UTC, December 13, until 1700 UTC, December 14, 1980. They will use the call sign W9WWI/9 and operate on 3.900, 7.235, 14.285, 21.360, 28.510 and 147.300 MHz.

Special Christmas season cards will be sent to all contacts. QSL with s.a.s.e. to Clark County ARC, P. O. Box 352, Jeffersonville, IN 47130. — *John W. Shean, N9TV, Jeffersonville, Indiana*

□ The Delaware-Lehigh ARC, W3OK, will operate as part of Bethlehem's Christmas City celebration from 2300 to 0300 UTC daily from December 15 until January 1, 1981. Operation will be 15 kHz from the top of Novice bands and 15 kHz from the bottom of the General phone bands. Special QSL certificates will be sent from the Christmas City Station. QSLs or requests should contain a business-size (4-1/8- by 9-1/2-inch) s.a.s.e. and be sent to W3OK, DLARC, 1719 Callone Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017. SWL requests welcome. — *William R. Ranzola, N3BIB, Walnutport, Pennsylvania*

# A Crystal-Controlled AFSK Generator

RTTY operators — how often do you have to tweak your afsk generator tones? Build this simple digital unit and make tone tweaking a thing of the past!

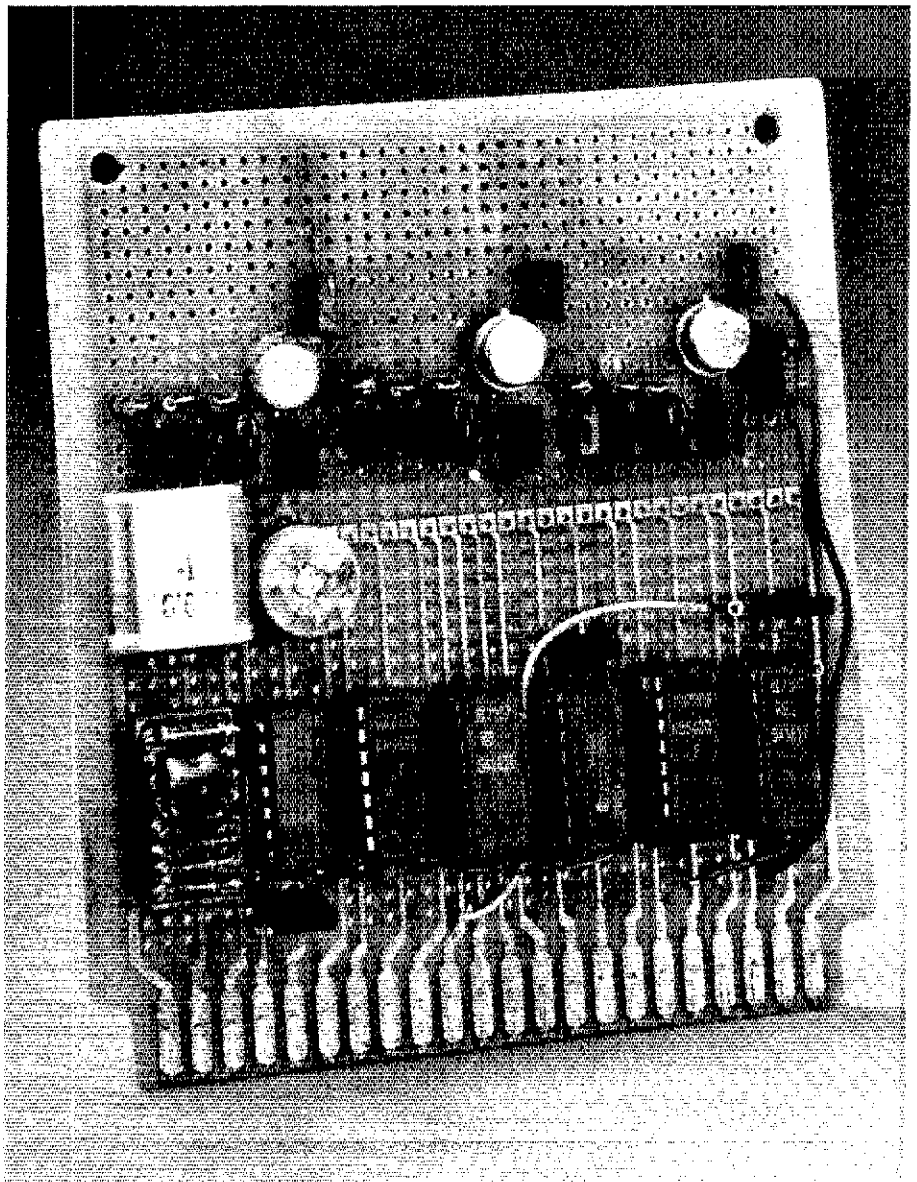
By Greg McIntire,\* AA5C

This compact afsk generator can probably be assembled over the course of a weekend. The parts are few in number and easy to find. An inexpensive TV color-burst crystal is used in the reference oscillator. All digital ICs are commonly available TTL devices, and the low-pass filter uses 741 op amps, a few capacitors and some one-percent tolerance resistors.

## Circuit Description

There are two basic parts to the circuit: the frequency generator (Fig. 1) and a low-pass filter (Fig. 2). The generator is a programmable frequency divider. Y1, U1 and their associated components form the master oscillator, which operates at a frequency of 3.579545 MHz. U1C buffers the oscillator and provides a TTL level output for U5A. In turn, U5A divides the 3.579545 MHz signal by two and drives the three counters (U2, U3 and U4) with a 1.7897725 MHz clock pulse. The load inputs into the counters are gated by U6A, B, D and U1D to force the counters to divide by 421 for mark, 390 for space and 444 for a cw i-d. U5B takes the output of the counter chain and performs an additional divide-by-two and squares up the output waveform.

The equations in Table 1 show how the divide counts were derived; output frequencies are within 1 Hz of that desired, with the cw i-d tone being 100 Hz below the mark frequency. This is within FCC guidelines and as such it should not glitch the machine at the receiving end. An earlier version of this circuit used a custom-made crystal to come up with the exact RTTY tone frequencies, but what discriminator is going to "know" the difference between 2125.0 Hz and 2125.6 Hz? Table 2 details the gating of the loads



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A readily available, multipurpose, edge-card board was used in this version of the afsk generator.



Table 2

Central Divide Load Values

| IC and Pin no. | Mark + 421 | Space + 390 | Cw i-d + 444 | Change? |
|----------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| U2-3           | 1          | 0           | 0            | Yes     |
| U2-4           | 1          | 1           | 0            | Yes     |
| U2-5           | 0          | 0           | 1            | Yes     |
| U2-6           | 1          | 1           | 0            | Yes     |
| U3-3           | 1          | 1           | 0            | Yes     |
| U3-4           | 0          | 1           | 0            | Yes     |
| U3-5           | 1          | 1           | 1            | No      |
| U3-6           | 0          | 0           | 0            | No      |
| U4-3           | 0          | 0           | 0            | No      |
| U4-4           | 1          | 1           | 1            | No      |
| U4-5           | 1          | 1           | 1            | No      |
| U4-6           | 1          | 1           | 1            | No      |

Note: The Change column indicates whether or not one of the load inputs of a counter needs to change between mark, space and cw i-d.

provide a top-quality signal for use on the hf bands.

Construction Techniques

Several units have been built using solder-wrap techniques. Wire-wrap or any other construction method can be used so long as good construction practices are followed. A 4 x 4-inch (102 x 102-mm) board with holes on 0.1-inch (2.54-mm) centers (such as Radio Shack 276-155) is more than adequate to accommodate all the components.

Here are some construction hints: Bypass the dc supply bus at each device with a 0.1- or 0.01- $\mu$ F ceramic capacitor; use shielded wire for the audio output line and separate 741 op amps for the audio filter stages; lay out the circuit in a fashion that prevents feedback (this is a high-impedance circuit); finally, place the completed unit in a shielded enclosure to prevent rf from getting into the digital circuitry.

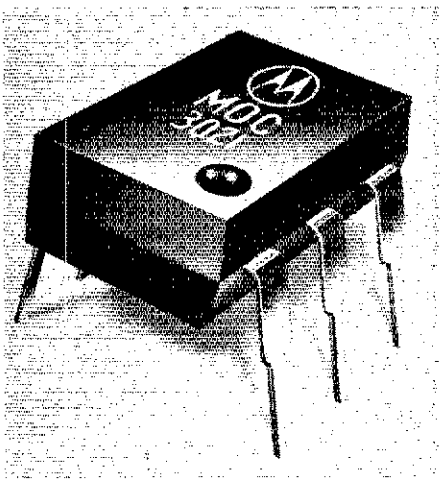
I hope you'll enjoy building this generator and know it will provide you with a stable source of RTTY afsk tones for a long time to come. My thanks to Otis Hanby, W5TKK, for his design of the filter, and Allan Kaplan, WA1AEL, for his advice and comments.

# New Products

## MOTOROLA OPTICALLY ISOLATED TRIAC DRIVERS

Two state-of-the-art optically isolated, 400-V triac drivers have been introduced by Motorola. According to the manufacturer, these devices exhibit a minimum peak off-state voltage of 400 volts and a minimum isolation voltage between input and output of 7500 volts. The MOC3020 and MOC3021 were designed to drive power triacs from a 220-V ac line, but amateur ingenuity will certainly find other uses for these devices.

The MOC3020/21 consists of a GaAs infrared emitter and a monolithic chip containing the detector and bidirectional triac driver housed in the popular 6-pin plastic DIP. Motorola recommends that it be used with resistive incandescents and heaters, inductive motors, solenoids and relays. The opto couplers are available from OEM sales offices and from authorized Motorola distributors. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB



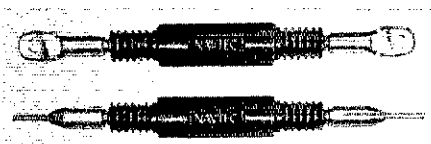
Motorola's MOC3021 requires an emitter current of only 15 mA to latch the output; the MOC3020 requires 30 mA.

## NAVTEC BACKSTAY INSULATORS

Here's an item that looks like just the ticket for seagoing amateurs or others looking for a heavy-duty insulator to hold up a sky wire. Navtec, a manufacturer of stainless-steel rod rigging, turnbuckles and other rigging hardware is marketing backstay insulators designed to perform under all weather conditions. According to the manufacturer, these insulators, which have specifically designed fins to increase path length, will not break down electrically when wet with spray or rain. Mechanically, these insulators are designed to be used at high sustained loads

even under a tropical sun. Navtec claims a resistance of greater than  $10^6$  ohms, a capacitance of approximately 60 pF, and a breakdown voltage rating of greater than 8000 volts when wet with salt water, allowing approximately one second for drainage.

The insulators come in various sizes to fit most all backstays, whether wire or rod. Available end fittings include wire swages, eyes, jaws or Navtec Headed Rod. These units are priced from \$120 to \$600 each depending on insulator size and end fittings required. They are available from Navtec, 527 Great Rd., Littleton, MA 01460. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

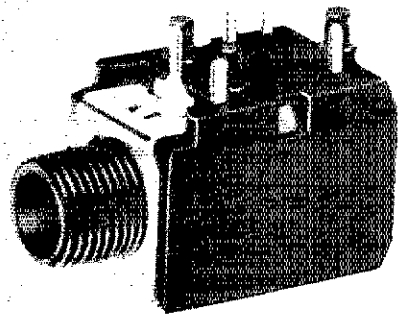


These Navtec insulators are designed to perform under adverse weather conditions. A number of different sizes and end fittings are obtainable.

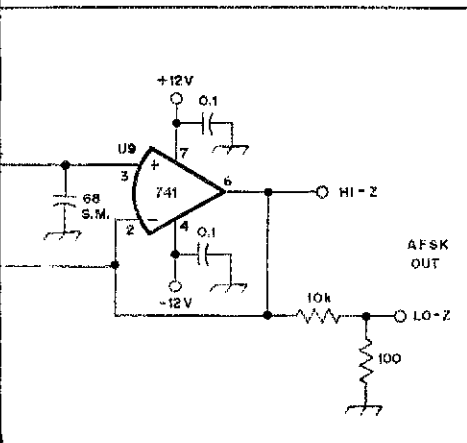
## SWITCHCRAFT HI-D JAX<sup>®</sup>

Switchcraft is marketing compact, two- or three-conductor jacks with built-in right angle mountings. These new phone jacks are designed to allow the plug axis to be parallel to the printed circuit board on which they are mounted. The jacks are available with or without shunt circuits and are designed to be used with 1/4-inch diameter plugs. The sleeve circuit can be insulated from metal panels by simply using a flat, nonconductive washer.

For information, write: Switchcraft, Inc., 5555 No. Elston Ave., Chicago, IL 60630. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB



The Switchcraft jacks have the added features of stable standoff mountings and a sleeve circuit that can be easily insulated from metal panels.



# Another Look at an Old Subject: The Bug Catcher

Why aren't more hams going hf mobile? Some say the lack of effective, inexpensive antennas keeps them away. Here is one solution.

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There are many high-frequency (hf) rigs around with 12-volt capabilities, yet hf mobile operation seems to be a novelty to most amateurs. Perhaps part of the reason more amateurs are not on hf mobile is the antenna. Mobile antennas are usually large, expensive, poor performers and a general nuisance with five or six separate coils to keep track of.

The antenna described in this article, while still large, is inexpensive to build (approximately \$35) when compared to commercially available models (about \$120) and has quite an impressive performance record. The frequency range of the antenna is from 80 to 10 meters. Its overall height can be reduced to slightly above the roof of the car in less than 10 seconds, should a low obstacle be encountered.

## Rebirth of the Old Standard

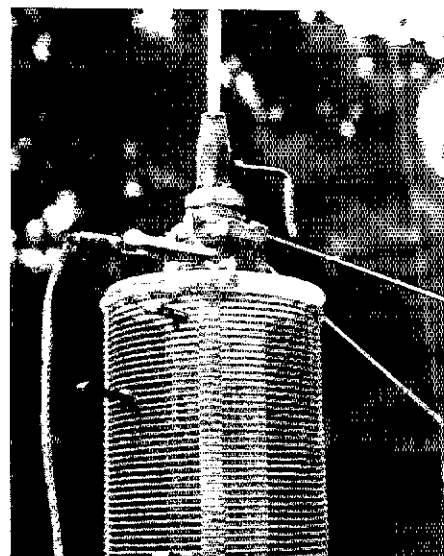
This antenna is quite similar to some of those that were popular in the '50s and the early '60s. These "Bug Catcher" types of antennas (so named because of the open coil, which collects insects) generally performed quite well. This one has some improvements incorporated into it that were not used on its ancestors:

- 1) It uses locally available parts.
- 2) It is adjustable to be a full 1/4-wave antenna on either 15 or 10 meters. Most of the parts can be obtained at either a hard-

ware store or the plumbing-supply section of a discount store. The Plexiglas tubing and sheet will have to be purchased at a glass company. It would be a good idea to buy some extra stock and practice on it before attempting to work with the real thing as Plexiglas can be difficult to work with. The coil stock will be the most difficult part to find. It is marketed under the trade name "Miniductor" or "Airdux." We would suggest trying some of the older, more established ham stores which still cater to the do-it-yourself artist.

An electric drill with an assortment of drill bits and grinding devices is an almost essential tool to construct this antenna. A hacksaw is necessary and a saber saw is a big help. Epoxy cement works well to cement the coil assembly together, but seems to become brittle after exposure to the elements. Silicon bathtub caulk has proven to be an excellent substitute for the epoxy.

After procuring the necessary parts and tools, several subassemblies must be completed before the coil is assembled. One of these is the disassembly of the CB whip. The best way we found to accomplish this is to clamp the whip in a vise a short distance above the base fitting (ferrule).<sup>1</sup> Then find a small box-end wrench that will just fit over the threads, contacting the remainder of the base fitting. The base



Here is a close-up view of the completed coil assembly. Notice the Allen wrench that has been soldered to the setscrew in the ferrule. Horizontal lines extending from the coil are the noninductive guy lines.

is removed by striking the wrench close to the whip, forcing the base fitting up the whip. Note: slight damage to the threads is not important, as they are going to be forced into a nonstandard fitting later. Continue forcing the base fitting up the whip until it is free and can be completely removed from the whip. The Corona ball

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<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 32.



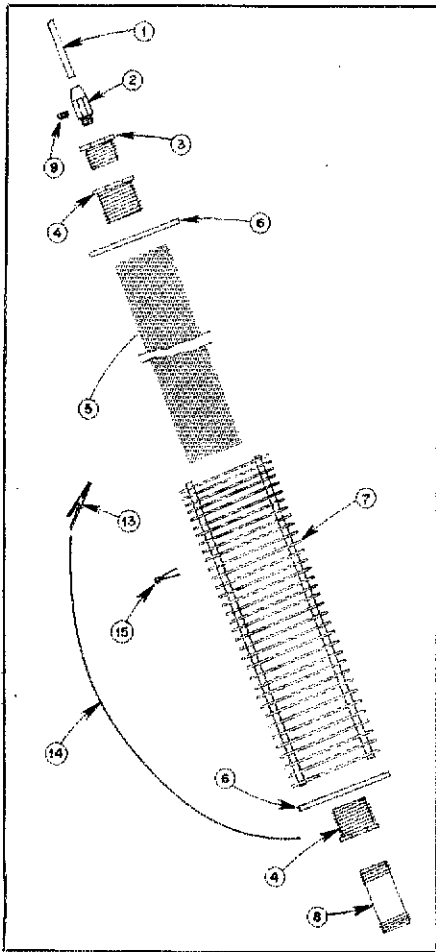


Fig. 1 — This is an exploded view of the coil assembly. Parts numbers refer to the parts list in Table 1.

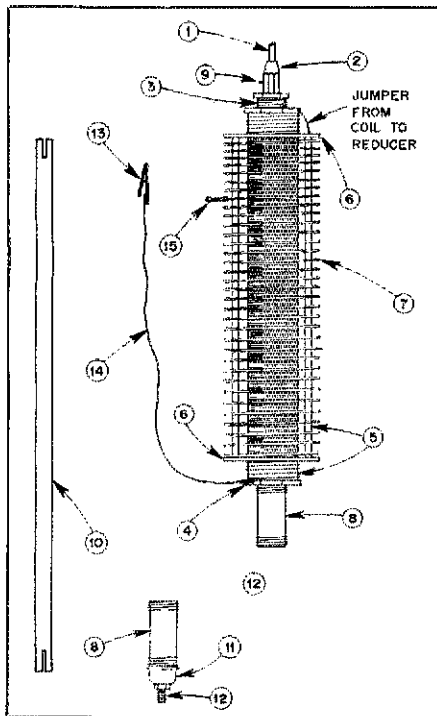


Fig. 2 — The completed coil assembly is shown here along with aluminum tubing mast. The inset shows the reducer which is threaded into the Plexiglas tubing. (Parts list is in Table 1.)

may have to be removed to allow the fitting to slide over the end. Not all whips are manufactured the same way: If, after repeated attempts, the base still won't slide over the top of the whip, then it may have to be taken off at the bottom.

Once this is accomplished, grind down the large end of the whip until the base fitting will slide freely over the whip. Some enlarging of the hole through the base fitting may be necessary. Drill and tap a hole into the side of the base fitting so that a setscrew inserted into the hole will prevent the whip from sliding through the base fitting. If you do not have the facilities to tap the brass base, then any machine shop can do it in a few minutes.

To support the coil, two Plexiglas "doughnuts" must be fabricated from the Plexiglas sheet. Fig. 1 depicts an exploded view of the coil assembly. It is best not to remove the covering from the Plexiglas until final assembly. Begin by drawing two sets of concentric circles on the covering of the Plexiglas. One should be larger in diameter than the outside of the coil, and one slightly smaller than the diameter of the Plexiglas tube. Form two discs by sawing along the larger circles. Next, drill a hole in the exact center of each disc. Enlarge the holes until a snug fit is obtained over the Plexiglas tube. The small circle can be used as a guide.

Another method of making the plastic doughnuts is to find a tin can that is slightly larger in diameter, or the same size, as your coil. Heat the open end of the can over the stove or use a propane torch or other suitable heat source. Be sure to put Plexiglas, to be cut with the can, on top of a piece of wood or other insulator as the can will get hot enough to transfer heat to the bottom side. (Note: Only the open end rim of can need be heated; use a thick glove.) When the can is relatively hot, place it on the plastic sheet and turn with twisting motion until the can starts to cool. Remove it from the plastic and heat it again. Repeat the process about three times on each side; this should render a perfect circle. Then, with a hole saw and some rotary files you can complete your doughnut.

A piece of aluminum tubing of 7/8-inch<sup>2</sup> inside diameter must be modified to go between the bottom of the coil and the mounting assembly. Cut a piece of the aluminum tubing approximately 30 inches long. Then cut two 3-inch-long slots (on perpendicular planes) in each end of the tubing. Slide two hose clamps over the tubing prior to final assembly.

#### Tackling the Coil

After the above work has been completed, the coil assembly can be tackled. First, screw one of the large reducers into one end of the Plexiglas tube. To do this, heat the reducer over a stove or with a torch until it will melt its way into the

Table 1

#### Parts List<sup>†</sup>

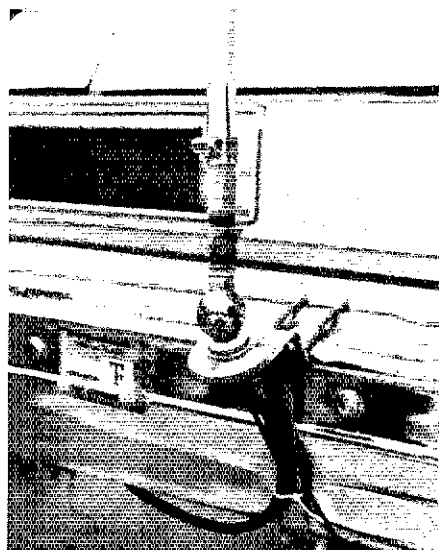
- 1) Whip (standard 102-inch).
- 2) Whip base or ferrule (removed from whip).
- 3) 1/2-inch to 1/4-inch reducer (pipe coupling).
- 4) 1-inch to 1/2-inch reducer (two required).
- 5) 1-1/4-inch-OD x 12-inch-long Plexiglas tube.<sup>1</sup>
- 6) Plexiglas doughnuts (two made from 1/8-inch-thick Plexiglas sheet).
- 7) Coil (3-inch dia x 10 inch long x 8 turns/inch).
- 8) 1/2-inch pipe nipple (2 required).
- 9) Setscrew.
- 10) Aluminum tubing 30 inches long x 7/8-inch ID.
- 11) 1/2-inch pipe cap.
- 12) Mounting bolt 3/8 x 24.
- 13) Alligator clip.
- 14) Shorting wire (RG-58 braid, see text).
- 15) Coil clips (at least five needed).
- 16) 1-inch dia hose clamps (two required).

Plexiglas as it screws down. It is important that care be taken to ensure that the reducer goes in straight. After the reducer cools, slide one of the Plexiglas doughnuts over the open end of the tube until it will go no farther.

Next, make sure some wire is left sticking out of the top end of the coil stock so that a connection can be soldered to it later. Slide the coil down over the tube followed by the remaining doughnut. Heat and screw the top reducer into the tube. Again take care to ensure that the reducer is in straight. Cement the doughnuts to the tube in such a way that they have the coil tightly sandwiched between them.

The end that has the wire available for soldering will now become the top of the coil. Screw the small reducer into the large reducer at the top of the coil. Screw the whip base into the top of the small reducer (the threads do not match perfectly but the brass base fitting will conform as needed). Solder a wire from the top large reducer to the top of the coil. When cleaning the reducer prior to soldering, don't file through the galvanizing or soldering will become impossible. Solder a piece of large, flexible wire (such as RG-58 shield) to the bottom reducer, leaving it long enough to reach the top of the coil. Solder an alligator clip to the free end of this wire. This completes assembly of the coil.

To assemble the rest of the antenna proceed as follows (Fig. 2): Drill a hole in the exact center of the pipe cap, large enough to just pass the threads of the bolt. Insert the bolt into the hollow portion of the pipe cap and through the hole. Then screw one of the nipples into the pipe cap and down onto the top of the bolt head. An alternative method would be to weld the bolt head to the bottom of the pipe cap. Regardless of which method is used to secure the bolt, screw the exposed bolt threads firmly down into your mount. (Washers may be necessary.) Screw the remaining nipple into the bottom of the coil



"Plumber's Delight" type mast is screwed into a regular CB bumper mount.

assembly. Place the aluminum tubing over the exposed end of the nipple which is attached to your mount. Clamp the tubing in place with one of the hose clamps. Try to get the tubing vertical. Force the pipe nipple at the bottom of the coil into the top of the aluminum stalk. Secure this by the remaining hose clamp. Slide the whip into the top of the coil and make sure that it will slide freely all of the way down through the assembly until it contacts the base mounting assembly. This completes assembly of the antenna.

### Tapping the Bands

A tap must be placed on the coil for every band, and for portions of the 80-meter band. Several methods might be used to select the tap locations on each band. Generally it is better to start with the higher-frequency bands and work down. The method we prefer follows, but don't be afraid to try any method you think might work. To locate the tap for the 10-meter band, place the clip as close to the top of the coil as possible. This should be on the top turn next to the solder connection. (The solder connection itself may be used.) Slide the whip all of the way down and the antenna should be resonant on 10 meters. When the whip is extended to the point where the setscrew is close to the bottom of the whip, the antenna should be resonant on 15 meters with the same clip location. Small changes in resonant frequency can be achieved by sliding the whip up or down a small amount. The whip should be fully extended for operation on all lower bands.

To find the tap for 20 meters, it is best to find the point where maximum signal strength is observed in the "receive" mode. To do this, find a signal that is fairly strong and steady. Move the clip down

one turn at a time from the top until a peak is observed on the receiver "S" meter. Then with an SWR bridge, move the tap up and down the coil from this point until minimum SWR is observed at the desired frequency. Place the clip here. Taps may be located on any side of the coil, or they all may be kept in a straight line if a slight increase in SWR is tolerable.

The same procedure is followed for 40 meters. The final SWR may not be as good as on 20 meters, however, since the impedance of the antenna is getting lower as more loading is used.

Eighty meters is quite difficult to tune using this method. The impedance of the antenna is down to less than 20 ohms, causing a high SWR on a 50-ohm line even at resonance. This SWR is acceptable with tube-type finals, as long as the rig loads up properly. If operation with solid-state rigs is contemplated, a matching transformer or some other form of impedance matching should be used. Because of the high SWR, the 80-meter taps must be located differently. A field-strength meter is probably the best tool to use. Tune the antenna for maximum observed field strength. If you don't have one and have access to a radio with tube-type finals, however, the following procedure works well. Locate the point on the coil where maximum noise is observed. Then with the clip located at this point, tune the rig up according to the manufacturer's instructions, except do not increase the load control at all, i.e., leave it in the maximum capacitance position. Then move the clip up and down one turn at a time until the observed dip in plate current as the plate-tune control is rotated just dips down to the normal fully tuned level.

Several taps will be necessary to cover very much of the 80-meter band. The resonant frequency of the taps extends upward from each location until the load control can no longer load the rig to normal plate current.

### A Bumper Crop

Generally this type of antenna will be located on the hack bumper of an automobile. Some people mount it on the fender or the rear deck. The higher it is mounted the better it will work, but the more obstacles it will hit. It is also hard to get a solid mount up high on a vehicle. If the antenna is to be mounted on the bumper, any of the heavy-duty bumper mounts made for CB whips may be used. A nonconductive guy line should be run to the rain gutter or to some other point in front of the antenna on the same side of the vehicle. The guy can be looped around the top of the coil assembly just below the whip. Either RG-8 or RG-58 cable may be used to feed the antenna.

All of the models built by local hams used some kind of "handle" soldered to the setscrew. An Allen wrench works well,



WD5FRN's antenna farm on wheels.

as does a washer. This makes it easier to adjust or remove the whip quickly should the need arise.

Most of the rigs now on the market have very good noise blankers and no noise suppression is needed on the vehicle. The subject of noise suppression is covered in *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* (available from ARRL for \$10) should a problem arise, however.

The best test of a mobile antenna is to operate it on the lower frequencies. Several models have been constructed and have been in use for over a year. Mobile-to-mobile contacts on 80 meters always have been possible up to distances of 1000 miles. Several late-night contacts have been made over distances exceeding 3000 miles on 80 meters. Checking into local traffic nets rarely has been a problem, with this antenna performing better than a random wire combined with a tuner at the fixed station. Come on in and try "low-band" mobile. The water is fine!

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### Notes

Most CB-style whip antennas have a completely hollow ferrule that is soldered or brazed to the bottom of the whip. Some antennas used by the commercial services have a different style of construction. On those whips, the ferrule is hollow only a portion of the way down and the whip is held in place by setscrews. It will be necessary to drill the hole all the way through the ferrule to be able to use it in this project — probably a most difficult task. We suggest starting with the CB-style ferrule.

Feet  $\times$  0.3048 = meters; inches  $\times$  25.4 = mm.

PVC pipe can be used instead of Plexiglas tubing if one does not mind not being able to see the base of the whip when it is inside the tubing.

# A Memory for the K2BLA CMOS Keyboard

For contesting, a keyboard with memory can't be beat. If your board lacks this feature, you can add this easy-to-build circuit without modification.

By Al Helfrick,\* K2BLA

After numerous requests from readers, I've designed a memory to interface with the CMOS keyboard described in January 1978 *QST* and the 1981 *Radio Amateur's Handbook* (available from ARRL for \$10). In the best amateur fashion, the memory, built the night before Field Day, received its shakedown cruise during the contest. That baptism clearly indicated that, for contest work, nothing can beat a keyboard with memory. Additionally, one significant advantage to a battery-operated keyboard with memory is that no messages are lost when the generator quits — a not infrequent occurrence on Field Day! As designed, the memory can contain the usual contest exchange in one half of the memory and a contest CQ in the other half.

The memory is arranged to interface with an existing keyboard and commercially available printed circuit boards without any modifications. A circuit that contains only nine ICs and requires only a few additional connections to the keyboard achieves this goal. In fact, if the external connections are brought out to a plug, the memory can be removed simply by disconnecting the plug without disturbing the normal operation of the keyboard. Not only would this plug allow a return to micropower if necessary, but also the

memory can be built and debugged independently.

## The Memory Add-On

The heart of the memory add-on is a pair of 2102 random-access memory chips (RAMs). The 2102s are the only non-CMOS ICs in the keyboard/memory circuit. Rather unfortunately, they consume more energy than the rest of the keyboard. To interface with the memory ICs, the supply must provide +5 volts for the entire keyboard. All keyboards built to the *QST* design will operate correctly at that voltage.

The memory ICs are arranged as a 1024-byte (word) memory with two-bit words. The two-bit word implies that four different pieces of data can be stored for each word. In the memory addition, the data words are: 10 = space, 01 = dit, 11 = dah and 00 = stop. The stop command causes the memory to stop sending and returns the keyboard operation to normal. One memory location is required for every dit, dah and space, plus one more per message for the stop command. The memory could be arranged as a single 1024-byte size or divided into halves of 512 bytes each. A little experimenting will convince you that 512 words is long enough for any normal message. The total memory space can be calculated by the following formula: Add the number of words plus the number of dits and dahs

plus the number of letters plus one. A three-by-three CQ with a long call will not even begin to fill the memory.

Because the capacity of the memory, no warning device is included to warn that the memory is nearly filled. If you suspect that a message will not fit, try it anyway. Doing so takes only a few minutes and you may be pleasantly surprised. If the memory is overrun, the beginning of the message will be erased.

Both halves of a CD4520 dual four-bit counter in cascade plus one half of the dual flip-flop serve as the address counter for the memory ICs. The tenth bit of the memory address is selected by a panel switch labeled MEM A/MEM B. Dit and dah data plus the internal clock are provided by the keyboard. The dit/dah generating circuits are copied from the original keyboard. Use of the three flip-flops within the keyboard would save a few pennies. Repeating these circuits greatly eases the interface, however. That alone seems worth the investment.

The memory is constructed on a universal-type DIP board, very much like the one used in the original keyboard.<sup>1</sup> Not shown in the schematic diagram are three 0.01- $\mu$ F bypass capacitors, which should be placed at three convenient

<sup>1</sup>Universal circuit boards and construction kits for the K2BLA Memory are available from Circuit Board Specialists, Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002.

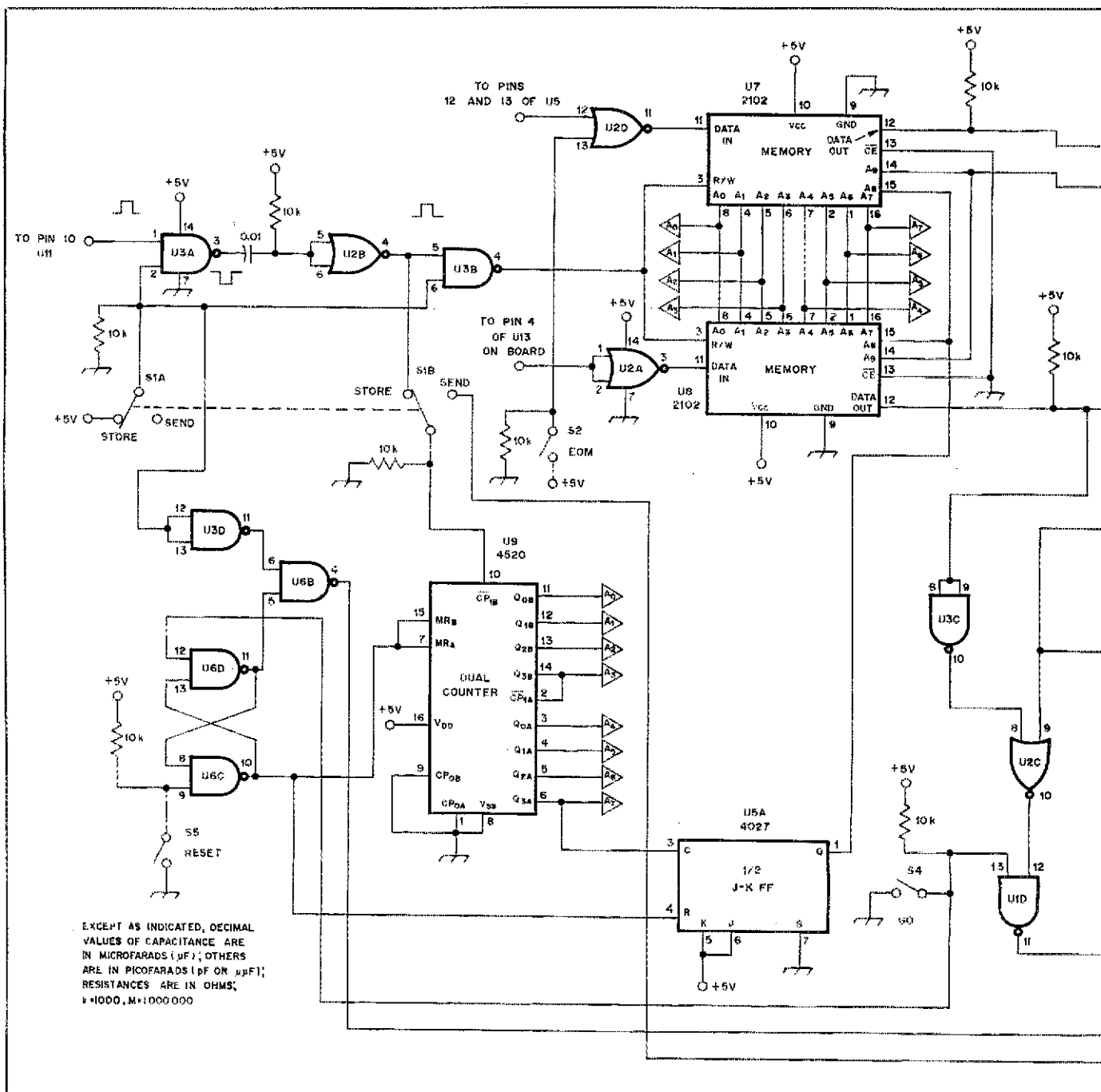


Fig. 1 — Two 2102 RAMs form the heart of this memory unit designed especially for the K2BLA CMOS Keyboard. For battery operation, four nickel-cadmium cells provide adequate power. The dit/dah generating circuit is copied from the original board. Resistances are 1/4 watt.

S1 — Dpdt, pushbutton.

S2, S4, S5 — Spst, pushbutton.

S3 — Spdt, pushbutton.

U1, U3, U6 — 4011 quad dual-input NAND gate (Radio Shack or equiv.).

U2 — 4001 quad dual-input NOR gate (Radio

Shack or equiv.).

U4, U5 — 4027 dual J-K flip-flop (Radio Shack or equiv.).

locations between the +5-V circuit and ground.

Do not make the leads longer than necessary. If the memory is to be added outside the keyboard enclosure, keep the external leads shorter than 12 inches to minimize RFI.

### No Major Keyboard Modifications

Although no extensive modifications to

the keyboard are required, some small items must be added. First, the power supply must be changed to provide 5 V if it is not already operating at that value. If battery operation is required, four nickel-cadmium batteries will be quite satisfactory, supplying exactly 5 V. If ordinary flashlight batteries are to be used, four cells will supply 6 V, a safe operating value.

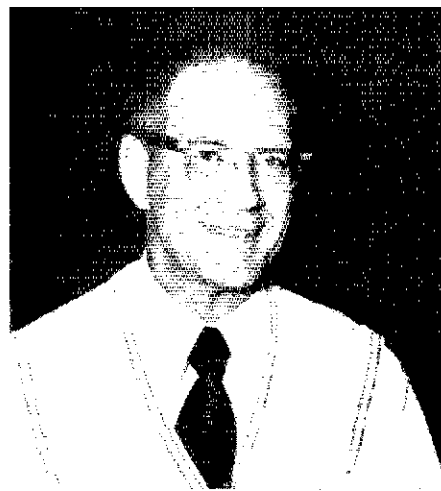
The space bar must be connected since

it is now required for storing messages. In the author's original keyboard, the space bar was removed since it was not essential for normal operation. A spare key now serves that function. Although the keyboard does not conform to a standard typewriter keyboard, with the odd space key, the occasional use of the space only for storing was judged a minor annoyance. The space key or bar is wired

## TA PROFILES

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easy to test. To test the memory, the sequence of operation must be followed. Place the STORE/SEND switch to send, the MEM A/MEM B switch to MEM A, and press the reset button. If all is performing correctly, the keyboard should operate in a normal fashion, that is, as if no memory were attached.

To store a message, place the STORE/SEND switch in STORE, press the reset button and press GO. Anything typed from the keyboard will be stored in memory A at this time. After the desired message has been stored, press EOM (end of message) and place the SEND/STORE switch in the SEND position. To transmit the message, press RESET, then GO, and the entire message will be sent exactly as it was typed from the keyboard. A completely independent message may be stored in the B half of the memory by repeating the sequence with the MEM A/MEM B switch in the MEM B position.

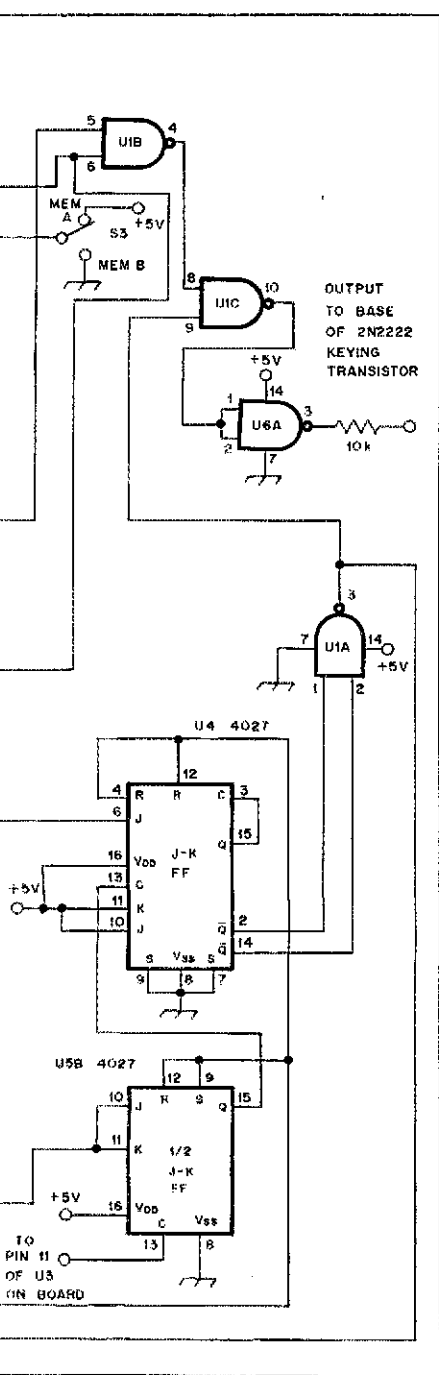
Messages may be separated by the use of the EOM button. A stop command can be placed anywhere within the message and the memory will stop. The message may be restarted without resetting by pressing the GO button, whereupon the message will continue until it encounters another stop command. This may be used in the following example: The message "BK TNX FOR CALL UR RST (stop) HR IN NNJ BK (stop) QSL 73 DE K2BLA K (stop)" is stored in the memory by using the EOM key for inserting the stops without pressing the reset button. This message would be used for contest work in the following fashion. After a contact is made and the calls are sent from the keyboard, the contest message is initiated by pressing the GO button. The memory will send TNX FOR CALL UR RST and stop. The RST is entered from the keyboard and the GO button is depressed again. The memory continues, HR IN NNJ BK and stops. At this time the other station operator sends his message. Once that station signals for you to transmit again, the GO button is pressed and the memory continues, BK QSL DE K2BLA K and again stops. The memory must be reset for the next interchange. The obvious message for the second half of the memory would be a contest CQ, which could be started at this time while the chore of logging is finished.

### About the Buffer Memory

A final word about the buffer memory is needed. The buffer memory differs from the memory described, since it buffers the input to the keyboard rather than to a permanent storage. Some time ago, I tried to design a buffer that would interface easily with the CMOS keyboard, but that effort was without success. It seemed that to make such an interface would be so difficult that starting from the beginning with an all-new buffered design would be simpler. See the 1981 *Handbook*. 

### ATTENTION CERTIFICATE HUNTERS

Did you know that when you upgrade to Amateur Extra Class, the FCC will issue a diploma-style certificate? If you want one, send a copy of your license to the FCC engineer in charge of the district in which you took your Amateur Extra Class examination. The certificate fits into an 8- X- 10-inch frame and looks nice on the wall of your shack. — *Richard Bert, KF8I, Pontiac, Michigan*



U7, U8 — 2102 static random access memory (Fairchild, Intel or equiv.).  
U9 — CD4520 dual counter (RCA or equiv.).

from A7 to B6. Required connections are made by tack-soldering wires to the appropriate points within the keyboard. If a plug is to be installed it may be a wise idea to check the operation of the keyboard after the connections are made to determine if there are any shorts.

### Testing the Memory

The memory addition is easy to use and

# Broad-Band 80-Meter Antenna

The cage is back! Almost forgotten since the 1920s, this multiwire antenna, arranged as a center-fed dipole, provides edge-to-edge band coverage without the help of a tuner. The low SWR will make you and your rig happy!

By Allen B. Harbach,\* WA4DRU, VP5AH, VP1AH

I dislike antenna tuners! I suppose there is a place for them when one can put up only one piece of wire to cover all bands, but they definitely slow down the ability to QSY quickly from one end of the band to the other to catch the rare one.

When I began chasing DX in the early '70s, I rapidly became aware that something had to be done to broaden the response of my antenna system — particularly on the 80-meter band. The reason 80 meters is so tough is that it has the greatest percentage bandwidth of any of the popular amateur bands (see Table 1). Percentage bandwidth is a concept that gives a clue to the required Q of an antenna in order to have low SWR from top to bottom. It is calculated by dividing the bandwidth (in kHz) by the band-center frequency (in kHz) and multiplying by 100 to get percent. The 80-meter band is 13.3% wide

$$\left(\frac{500}{3750} \times 100\right)$$

which means that it requires an antenna Q of 7 or below to be able to cover the whole band at low SWR. To further illustrate the concept, the 15-meter band is nearly as wide as the 80-meter band, in kHz, but is much narrower in percentage bandwidth

$$\left(\frac{450}{21,225} \times 100\right)$$

An antenna Q of 45 or less will cover the entire 15-meter band with reasonable SWR (a dipole of no. 12 wire). On 80 meters the typical dipole of no. 12 wire has a bandwidth of 75 kHz at the 1.5:1 SWR points, or in excess of 5:1 at the band edges when resonated at 3750 kHz (band center).

To get around this problem, I did some reading in the library at the local engineer-

Table 1

Percentage Bandwidths for the Popular Amateur Bands

| Band (meters)     | 160   | 80    | 40   | 20   | 15   | 10   | 6    | 2    |
|-------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Percent Bandwidth | 10.5% | 13.3% | 4.2% | 2.5% | 2.1% | 6.3% | 7.7% | 2.7% |

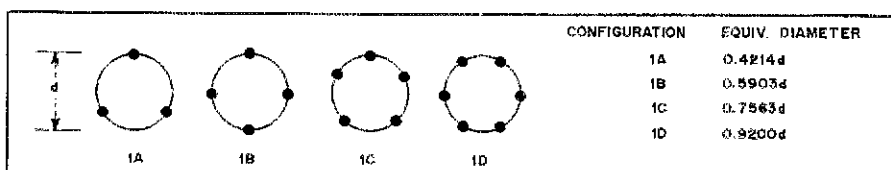


Fig. 1 — Solid-tube equivalents of wire cages.

ing college. I arrived at the well-known fact that the fatter one makes an antenna, the lower the Q; hence the greater the bandwidth. But how thick? Doing some more reading and a lot of paper scratching, I arrived at some relationships that could be solved with the average scientific calculator. Later, I programmed these into our company computer to speed calculations and print tables and graphs.

The equations and math I'll tackle later for those who are interested. For the others who want to know what to build, I'll cover that now. Calculating several antennas from the equations, I found that the antenna had to be at least 3 feet in diameter to cover the whole 80-meter band with a low SWR. Now, how to put up a 3-foot-diameter pipe 120 feet long! That's the question. So back to the books!

More reading showed that one can approximate a cylindrical conductor with parallel wires of various configurations. The equivalent diameter of a conductor, made up of parallel wires, is shown in Fig. 1.

The easiest type to construct is a four-wire cage. For my antenna, I used cross sticks of 1 x 1 material, 4 feet (1.2 m) long, which were held together at the

center by a couple of brads. Holes were drilled in the ends of the sticks to take the antenna wire. Wire ties served to keep the spreaders from slipping (Fig. 2). I used a no. 16 wire for each element. This is equivalent in antenna resistance to a dipole made of no. 10 wire, and it keeps ohmic losses low.

## Mechanical Considerations

Some mechanical considerations must be kept in mind. This antenna will swing in the wind. The first antenna I installed failed through fatigue both at the center and the end points. Therefore, the end sections of each half must be made of heavier material. I have used both no. 16 Copperweld and no. 12 soft-drawn copper wire for the end sections with no failures in over six years.

The ends of each half section are tapered over a distance equal to the spreader length to provide a transition between the large-diameter conductor of the antenna and the balun or coaxial connection. To keep construction simple, I did not attempt to optimize the end terminations.

Use fairly heavy insulators at the center support, as this is a heavy antenna; wind loading is five times that of the usual

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**Table 2**  
**Characteristics for the 80-Meter Band**

| Freq. | Ohms | Reactance | SWR  |
|-------|------|-----------|------|
| 3.500 | 53.4 | -45.0     | 2.18 |
| 3.520 | 54.2 | -41.3     | 2.03 |
| 3.540 | 55.0 | -37.5     | 1.90 |
| 3.560 | 55.8 | -33.8     | 1.78 |
| 3.580 | 56.6 | -30.1     | 1.67 |
| 3.600 | 57.4 | -26.4     | 1.56 |
| 3.620 | 58.2 | -22.7     | 1.46 |
| 3.640 | 59.0 | -19.0     | 1.37 |
| 3.660 | 59.8 | -15.4     | 1.29 |
| 3.680 | 60.6 | -11.7     | 1.21 |
| 3.700 | 61.4 | -8.0      | 1.14 |
| 3.720 | 62.2 | -4.4      | 1.07 |
| 3.740 | 63.0 | -0.7      | 1.02 |
| 3.760 | 63.8 | 2.9       | 1.06 |
| 3.780 | 64.7 | 6.6       | 1.12 |
| 3.800 | 65.5 | 10.2      | 1.18 |
| 3.820 | 66.3 | 13.9      | 1.25 |
| 3.840 | 67.1 | 17.5      | 1.33 |
| 3.860 | 67.9 | 21.1      | 1.40 |
| 3.880 | 68.7 | 24.8      | 1.48 |
| 3.900 | 69.5 | 28.4      | 1.56 |
| 3.920 | 70.3 | 32.0      | 1.64 |
| 3.940 | 71.1 | 35.7      | 1.73 |
| 3.960 | 71.9 | 39.3      | 1.82 |
| 3.980 | 72.7 | 42.9      | 1.91 |
| 4.000 | 73.5 | 46.5      | 2.01 |

Note: Calculations for an antenna 124 feet (37.8 m) long and 3 feet (0.9 m) in dia covering 3.5 to 4.0 MHz.  $Z_0 = 62$ .

dipole. (Do not despair! Mine has survived a twister and a hurricane!) I used a separate insulator for each half with each fastened to a U bolt in a wooden arm protruding from my tower (Fig. 3). Separate insulators at the center allow each half to be made and raised separately. A no. 12 flexible wire connects the center of each half to the balun or coaxial line.

Naturally, the higher the antenna, the better it is for DX. Mine is 68 feet (20.7 m) at the center, with one end held at 55 feet (16.8 m) and the other at 40 feet (12 m) above ground.

### Testing

Once in place, the antenna is ready for testing. Each installation seems to have its own peculiarities, the result of nearby objects such as trees, houses and metallic structures. These affect the resonant length of the antenna to a greater extent than they would affect a single-wire dipole because of the larger capacitance between the antenna and nearby objects. While the length was calculated to be near 124 feet (37.8 m), I had to shorten mine to 115 feet (35 m) to have it be resonant at the center of the band. I performed the shortening in the last outboard section rather than redo the end termination. That, however, was a personal choice.

All the theory in the world is useless if the thing doesn't work! I'm delighted to say, though, that the antenna does perform well. Observe, for instance, the calculated SWR plot and the measured SWR curve in Fig. 4. The return on invested time is very high. It took me only one afternoon to put the thing up. My

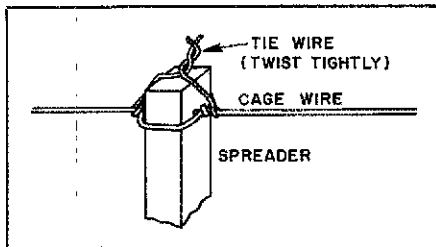


Fig. 2 — Detail of spreader ties.

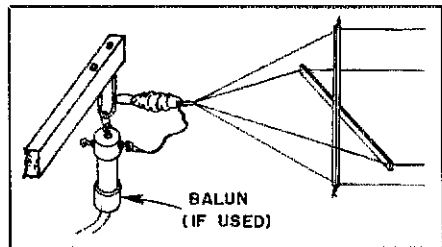


Fig. 3 — Center-support and end-taper detail of the cage.

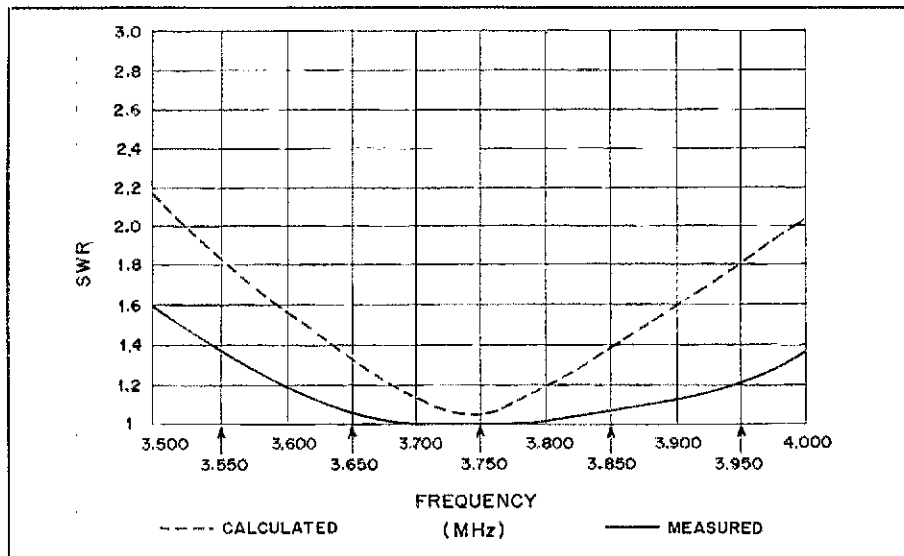


Fig. 4 — This graph shows the calculated vs. measured SWR values for the broad-band cage antenna over the entire 80-meter band. The gradual slope of the measured curve and the low SWR range indicate good bandwidth and matching.

rewards for the 80-meter portion of both 5BDXCC and 5BWAS were gained with the use of this cage dipole. The significant advantage of this antenna, however, is that you can throw away that 80-meter antenna tuner and QSY all over the band with ease without concern about the SWR!

### Math 'n Stuff

The characteristic impedance of an antenna with a length-to-diameter ratio greater than 15 is given by the expression  $Z_{in} = R(kl) - j[120 (\ln 2l/a - 1) \cot(kl) - X(kl)]$  where

$2l$  = total length  
 $a$  = conductor radius  
 $kl = 2\pi(l/\lambda)$ , or the length of one half the antenna measured in radians.  
 $\ln$  = natural logarithm

Since  $\lambda = 984.25/f_{MHz}$ , then  $kl = 6.384 \times 10^{-3} f_{MHz} l$ , where  $l$  and  $\lambda$  are in feet.  
 $R(kl)$  and  $X(kl)$  are quite complex functions, but are calculated as a table in Ref. 1. Fortunately, we are interested in antennas near 1/2 wavelength long. In this region, these functions can be approximated by the following linear equations:

$$R(kl) = 102(kl) - 87.86$$

$$X(kl) = 48.54(kl) - 34.86$$

Some error is introduced by this approximation, but it is less than 5%. Antenna location, height and trees will introduce larger errors than that! Now, the equation for the center impedance is simplified to the point where one can calculate values with the average scientific hand-held calculator.

For angles calculated in radians:

$$Z_{in} = (0.6512f_{MHz} l - 87.86) - j[120 (\ln 2l/a - 1) \cot(6.384 \times 10^{-3} f_{MHz} l) - 0.3099f_{MHz} l + 34.96]$$

For angles calculated in degrees:

$$Z_{in} = (0.6512f_{MHz} l - 87.86) - j[120 (\ln 2l/a - 1) \cot(0.3658f_{MHz} l) - 0.3099f_{MHz} l + 34.96]$$

SWR calculated by the *Antenna Book* formula:

$$SWR = \frac{1 + k}{1 - k}; k = \frac{(R - Z_0)^2 + X^2}{(R + Z_0)^2 + X^2}$$

where  $R$  and  $X$  are the resistive and reactive parts of the load, and  $Z_0$  is the transmission-line impedance. □

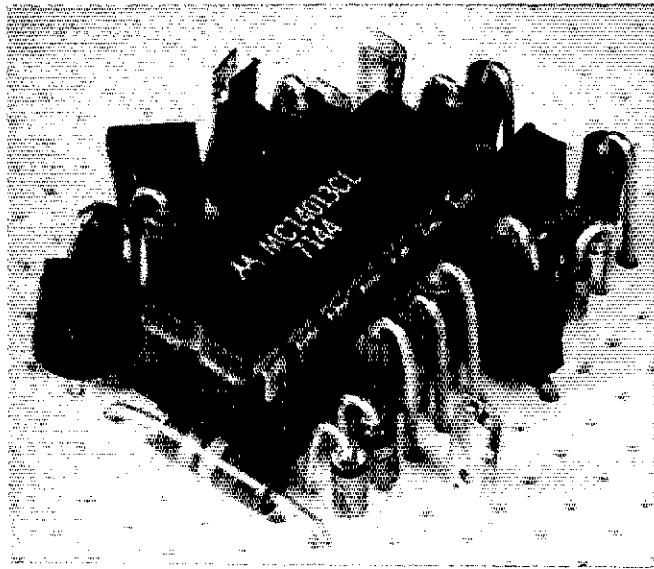
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# A Smart Push-to-Talk Circuit

Tired of juggling the steering wheel, the gear shift, the cup of coffee and the microphone when you make a sharp left? This circuit won't clean the coffee off your suit, but it will help with the microphone.

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For a number of years I've operated 2-meter mobile with an imported car having a 4-speed manual transmission. Trying to maintain a QSO while steering, shifting gears, and holding down a microphone push-to-talk switch can be frustrating, to say the least. Often, a momentary break in the carrier while transferring the microphone from one hand to another is interpreted by the listener as an invitation to transmit, with "doubling" as the result. Also, for long transmissions on simplex or hf, holding down the microphone button can be downright tiring. I felt that there must be a better way without resorting to a toggle switch. Finally I came up with what I call a "smart" push-to-talk (PTT) circuit.

Basically, the circuit operates in two modes, dependent upon the time that has elapsed between the pressing of the microphone PTT switch and its release. If the switch is depressed for a half second or longer, when the switch is released the transceiver will return to the listen mode. But if the switch is released immediately

after it is pressed (within one-half second), the circuit will latch in the on state until the PTT switch is again pushed and released.

## How It Works

The heart of the circuit is the CD4013 dual-D flip-flop (only one of the two sections is used in this application). The operation of a type D flip-flop, or latch, is quite simple. As long as no clock pulse is applied to the clock input, its output will not change state. When a clock pulse is received the digital state of the data input will be transferred to the flip-flop Q output during the positive-going transition of the clock pulse. The output will remain in this state until the next clock pulse is received, at which time the output will assume the state of the data input at that instant.

Referring to the schematic diagram in Fig. 1, let's assume that the microphone push-to-talk switch is open, and that the circuit is calling for the transceiver to be in the RECEIVE mode. Under these conditions, the voltages at the U1 clock input (pin 3) and output (pin 1) will be at +10 volts, and transistors Q1, Q2 and Q3 will

be in the nonconducting state. Also C3 will be discharged and the data input on U1 (pin 5) will be near ground potential. (The data input considers any voltage from zero to about 5 volts as a logic 0.)

A transmission is initiated by closing the PTT switch. Q1 is turned on immediately by base current flowing through D1 and R3. Q1, in turn, provides base current to the Darlington-connected pair Q2 and Q3, which turn on and thereby place the transceiver in the TRANSMIT mode. Since the collector of Q1 has been pulled up to +10 volts, C3 begins to charge through R8, and reaches a voltage level of +5 volts in about a half second. Beyond a half second, as C3's voltage continues to increase with time, the data input of U1 sees this voltage level as a logic 1. (Nothing happens to the U1 output since no clock pulse has been generated by releasing the PTT switch.) So far, nothing unusual has happened to the transceiver; depressing the PTT switch has activated the transmitter, just as though the circuit were not inserted between the microphone and the rig.

Now let's examine circuit operation when the PTT switch is released. To do

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so, we must consider whether the switch is released at some time after the half second has elapsed (condition 1), or before the half second has elapsed (condition 2).

When the PTT switch is held down for the duration of the transmission and then released (condition 1), the opening switch causes pin 3 of U1 to see a positive transition. This clocks the flip-flop and transfers the logic state at the data input to the output. Since the data input would be at a 1 or "high" level with C3 charged to greater than 5 volts, the flip-flop output would simply remain high. Q1's base-current path through R3 and D1 would be opened, and the transceiver would return to the receive mode since Q2 and Q3 would also turn off.

However, if the PTT switch is released before C3 has had sufficient time to charge (condition 2), the resulting clock pulse at pin 3 allows the logic 0 at the data input to propagate to the output of U1. This maintains the base current in Q1 by allowing it to flow through R3 and D2. The circuit will now remain locked in this mode until the PTT switch is again pushed and released, at which time another clock pulse will propagate the logic 1 at the data input (C3 will have charged by this time) to the U1 output, thereby terminating the transmit mode.

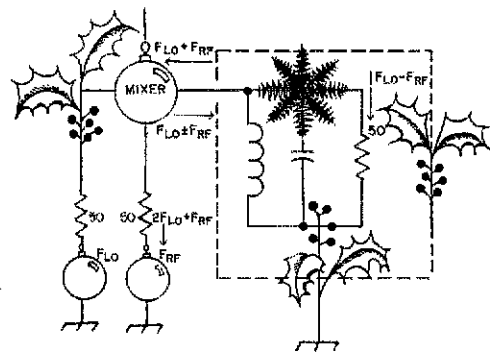
To ensure that the circuit is in the receive mode when power is first applied, the initial start-up network consisting of C2 and R6 has been included. These components force the output of U1 to a high

level at initial turn-on by supplying a short pulse to the SET input.

### Construction

Layout of the circuit is entirely non-critical, although dense packing of components is suggested to facilitate mounting the unit inside already-cramped 2-meter rigs. The photograph shows what can be expected size-wise with Vectorbord construction and vertically mounted components. If further reduction in size and component count is desired, Q2 and Q3 can be replaced with a Darlington device, such as the Motorola MPS-A13 or MPS-A14 (R12 is then eliminated). Also, if the circuit is to be powered by a well-regulated potential of 8 to 12 volts from the transceiver, Zener diode D3 and R9 can be eliminated. It is recommended, however, that protective resistors R2, R5 and R7 be retained. Otherwise, stored voltages in C2 and C3 can cause heavy charge/discharge currents in internal gate protective networks of U1 when power is applied or removed. Further, transients and rf can be picked up on the microphone cable, contributing to false operation.

And there you have it. Throw away that bottle of liniment! Enjoy a life of fewer cramped fingers and less accidental doubling on your favorite repeater. Install another unit on your hf rig and live up to that Rag Chewer's Club certificate without sacrificing quick break-in capabilities.



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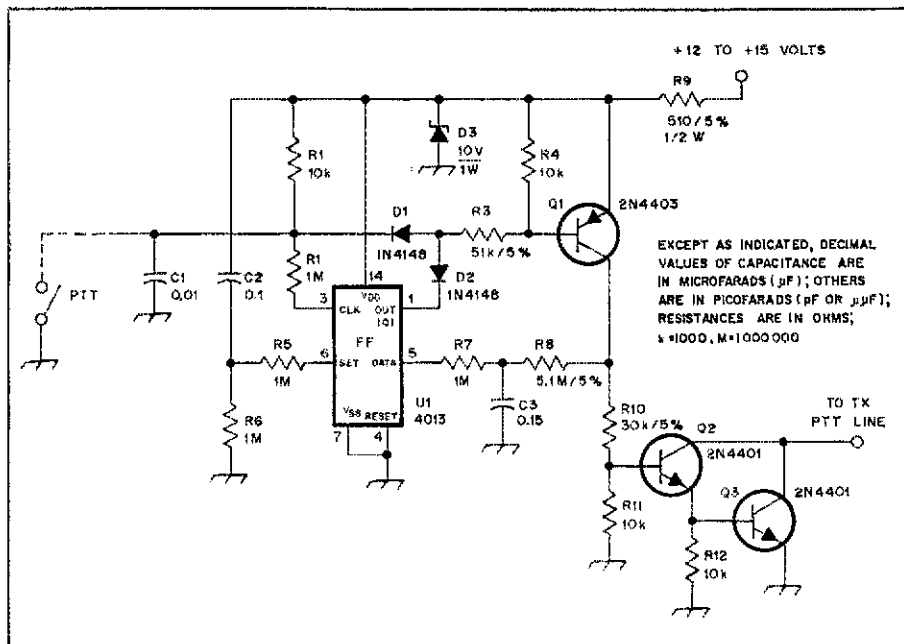


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the "smart" PTT switch. Capacitors are disc ceramic. Resistors are carbon composition, 1/4 watt except where marked. Parts placement is not critical, although the more compact the construction, the easier it will be to fit it inside the case of your radio.

D1, D2 — Silicon signal diode (1N914, 1N4148, or equiv.).  
 D3 — 10-volt Zener diode (8 to 12 V suitable substitute).  
 Q1 — Silicon, npn, general-purpose transistor.

(2N4403, 2N2907 or equiv.).  
 Q2, Q3 — Silicon, npn, general purpose transistor (2N4401, 2N2222 or equiv.).  
 U1 — Dual D flip-flop, CMOS type 4013 (CD4013, MC14013 or equiv.).

# Antennas and Grounds for Apartments

What do you do when the landlord says "no antenna"? Where's rf ground when you are 70 feet up? You won't find any simple answers, but these suggestions are sure worth trying.

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When my wife and I decided to return to Connecticut, we spent a couple of days going over the apartment ads in the local paper. In one particular Sunday edition, there were about four pages of ads for apartments. Of all those advertising, one apartment complex stated that they "accepted pets and children." Since our family consists of two adults, one three-year-old child and a 10-year-old beagle, we didn't feel that we had much of a choice in the matter. The rental agent (a close relative of Attila the Hun) off-handedly indicated that we could take it or leave it, but that the rules of the lease, including the prohibition of *any* external antenna, would stand without *any* modification. I haven't lived in a place yet where I couldn't put up some kind of antenna and get away with it, so we took the apartment.

How many other hams are in similar circumstances? It is hard to say, but it is probably a sizeable number. If you are one of the multitude, where do you start? The first thing to decide is if there is a chance of getting permission to install an outside antenna. If there is any chance at all, pursue it with vigor. Your best bet is to document your case with drawings of the proposed installation (landlords want to protect their property from damage caused by a poor installation). Material that might make them want you to put up the antenna should be included also. (Photocopy a few articles from back

issues of *QST* that tell about the activities of amateurs during natural disasters.)

## What Has Been Done Before?

For some amateurs there is little or no possibility of getting permission to erect an outside antenna. There are basically two different approaches to the problem: String wire inside the apartment or use something outside that will not be recognized as an antenna. Let's take a look at the last course of action first.

Antennas made of very small wire work quite well when properly fed. If the wire is size number 26 or smaller and is dull colored, it is almost impossible to see once it is a few feet above ground. Over the years this popular approach has come to be known as an "invisible antenna." Dipoles, loops and random-length end feeds are all possible configurations, depending on the physical layout and oddities of architecture that you have available.

Another approach to the problem is to use some object as an antenna that would not normally be thought of as an antenna. Richard Bell, WA4BNO, once lived in an apartment that prohibited antennas. After a couple of months off the air he tried connecting a short wire from his matching network to a down spout located near one of the windows. Having scraped away the paint from a small area, he used an alligator clip to attach the wire to the gutter whenever he wanted to operate. This system may work in other locations. If the gutters are relatively new and are made of

aluminum, chances of success are better than if they appear "aged and rusty." In the case of the latter, you would run a very high risk of non-linear rectification of rf, which would generate harmonics at a rate unequalled except by rabbits and mink.

Although condominiums and "planned communities" often prohibit outside antennas, many have no rules regarding the erection of flagpoles. The owner's association of one planned community in the Kansas City area will not permit a prominent DXer to put up an external antenna (no one has spotted the invisible dipole that is mounted under the overhang

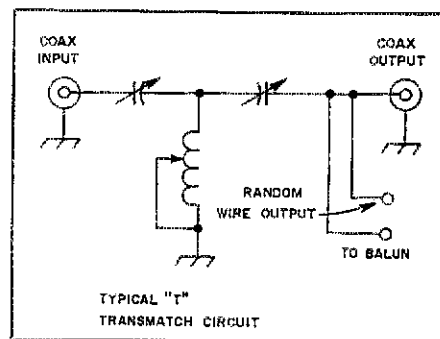


Fig. 1 — This is a typical T-match circuit that has been very popular recently; the "Ultimate Transmatch" is a variation of this circuit. Most commercial versions have a toroidal balun built in to give the user the option of a balanced output.

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of his 2-story townhouse). His initial plan was to buy and erect a 60-foot flagpole. But, he was quoted prices in excess of \$6000 for a new pole. He is busy searching for a used 60-foot flagpole and expects to have it up by early summer. In the meantime, he is "planting radials." He estimates that it would be relatively simple and inexpensive to put up a 32-foot flagpole (less than \$300), but he is interested in 80-meter DX and is determined to have a full-size, 1/4-wavelength vertical for 80 meters.

Another approach, less costly and less involved, uses a flagpole disguise. This was described by Fred J. Schnell, W6OZF, in "The Flagpole Deluxe," which appeared in March 1978 *QST*. Fred built a very thin 40- through 10-meter trap vertical, which he placed inside a 17-foot section of PVC pipe that was fashioned into a flagpole. Anyone for a pair of flagpoles in phase?

The other major option is to string wire inside the building. Normally, with the exception of 10 meters and, in some cases, 15 meters, it will be necessary to "shorten" or "bend" any resonant antenna. Also, the proximity to house wiring, metal gutters and metal framework will affect the performance of the antenna. The antenna may be any configuration that works, e.g. dipole, loop, end-fed random length or the like. It may be horizontally or vertically polarized, or both. You can attach it to the ceiling, string it in the attic or even run it under the rug. The secret is to keep trying until you find something that works. Whatever your final choice is, it will probably be something of a compromise.

### Got A Match?

As a general rule, any antenna that can be put up inside or disguised on the outside will probably not present a 50-Ω load to the transmitter. Most modern transmitters do not have a wide matching range built in, so more than likely you will need some kind of matching device to trick the transmitter into seeing a 50-Ω load. In recent years the most popular circuit has been the T match (Fig. 1). Variations of this circuit are available from a number of manufacturers; for those interested in "rolling their own," complete construction plans can be found in *The ARRL Antenna Anthology*. (Incidentally, this excellent source of ideas for practical antennas is available from ARRL for \$4. Even though most of the content is oriented toward outside, nondisguised antennas, the apartment dweller should derive a great deal of "inspiration" from the contents.) The chief advantage of the T match is that it will match an extremely wide variety of impedances to the transmitter — and it is not particularly critical to tune. The major drawback is that it does not do much to reduce harmonic energy; therefore, if you have one

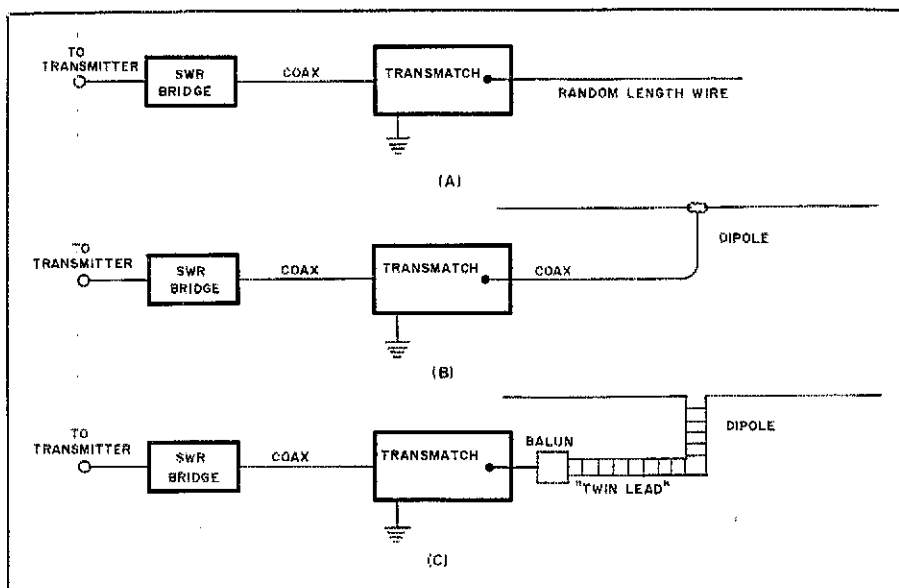


Fig. 2 — Three typical antenna systems used by apartment dwellers. Most suffer from trying to "force" an earth ground when it is physically impossible to have one. Probably the worst course of action for an apartment dweller is to "ground" his station to the cold water pipes.

of these matching networks, it is a good idea to put a low-pass filter ahead of it.

Fig. 2 shows the three most typical setups used by apartment dwellers and others restricted to compromise antennas. Much can be done to improve on these installations. The antenna depicted in part A of Fig. 2 is similar to the system that I set up for our apartment, which was of the two-story town-house variety. A metal box had been built into the side of the apartment for installation of an air conditioner. The box provided a convenient means of getting the wire outside of the apartment. Unfortunately, this box was located on the side of the building that faced the other buildings of the complex instead of the swamp in the rear. After I acquired about 300 feet of wire and secured the help of a couple of friends, we spent one Sunday afternoon putting the darned thing up.

I purchased a powerful slingshot (about \$5) and an inexpensive fishing rod and reel (about \$8) from the sporting goods section of a discount store. We attached a lead weight to the fishing line and used the slingshot to shoot the weight and line over the building. We then removed the lead weight, attached the line to the end of the antenna and "reeled it in." The same procedure was used to get the wire into the tops of several trees.

Because it was Sunday afternoon, the maintenance crew was not around. Few, if any, of the other residents noticed us. The only "incident" came when we attracted the interest of a half-dozen boys playing in the vicinity. They came closer to watch us with fishing tackle and the slingshot. After a few minutes of speculating among themselves as to what we were doing, one fellow bluntly asked us what we were up

to. At first I ignored him, but he was persistent and kept asking the same question. A glance from my friend indicated that he felt I would have to give him some sort of an answer. A scenario rapidly went through my mind in which the boy told his father that a radio antenna was up, followed by rumors and complaints to the management for every perceived incidence of interference. I decided that discretion was the better part of valor; I told him such a preposterous lie that he wouldn't dare to repeat it. "I'm putting this up to keep the UFOs away," I said. "Every place I go the UFOs drive me crazy unless I put one of these up. As soon as I put one of these up, they go away and leave me alone." The boys rapidly lost interest in what we were doing and left.

Fig. 2B shows the output of the T match feeding coax transmission line, which in turn feeds the dipole. Because the antenna impedance may be influenced by nearby objects or because the antenna may not be resonant, the Transmatch probably sees something other than a 50-Ω load looking into the antenna. A similar system exists at C, except that the coax has been replaced with twin-lead and a balun. One form of balun is a network that transforms a balanced impedance to an unbalanced impedance. Although it is shown as a separate and distinct item from the Transmatch, the balun is frequently built into the Transmatch housing. Balun transformers are wound for some specific transformation ratio. The norm seems to be to wind them on toroid cores, but they can be wound on air cores also. At very high impedances, the baluns (particularly the toroidal ones) may not perform well.

Each installation depicted in Fig. 2 shows the Transmatch connected to an

earth ground. This is what most of the books and articles have called for over the years. There is just one catch. Suppose your station is located on the second floor and that it is 16 feet (5 meters) from the end of the ground wire attached to your equipment to the end attached to a ground rod. Keep in mind that the whole

idea of grounding the station for rf is to have the equipment at a low-impedance (and, therefore, low-voltage) position. How effective is the ground when the station is transmitting on the 20-meter band? At 20 meters, 16 feet (5 meters) is approximately 1/4 wavelength long. A quarter-wavelength of wire will act as an im-

pedance inverter from one end to the other. Since the grounded end is at a very low impedance, the equipment end will be at a very high impedance!

The likely result will be rf hot spots all around the station. Suppose that instead of a wire to ground, you connect a wire to the cold water pipe in your apartment, which will ultimately go to ground. Is it a high or low impedance? But what if this pipe is connected to other pipes in other apartments? What if the telephone company has grounded its equipment to the same pipe? Cable TV? In all probability, you have created more problems for yourself than if you had left the station totally "ungrounded." Actually, in the "ungrounded" situation there may be some capacitive coupling to the ac power line, which may act like a phantom ground. This is why a brute force filter is sometimes needed to clear up TVI.

A workable compromise is depicted in Fig. 3. No attempt is made to ground the station to an earth ground. Rather, the equipment is tied to a central point in the station through short pieces of braid. Quarter-wavelength radials are cut for each band to be used and attached to the central point in the station. This is similar to what the old timers referred to as a counterpoise, and it does work. If you have an outdoor antenna, you may want to provide a dc path to ground to allow safe bleed-off of static buildup. If this dc ground is more than a few feet long, I would suggest disconnecting it during operation (you don't operate during a storm, do you?), or at least put an rf-choke in series with the dc ground.

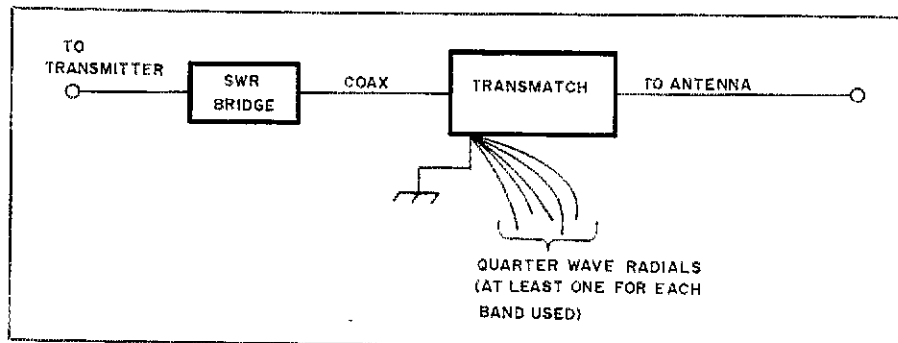


Fig. 3 — Here is an alternative to earth ground for the apartment dweller. At least one quarter-wave-length radial is cut for each band used and attached to chassis ground for the station. This is similar to what the old timers referred to as the counterpoise.

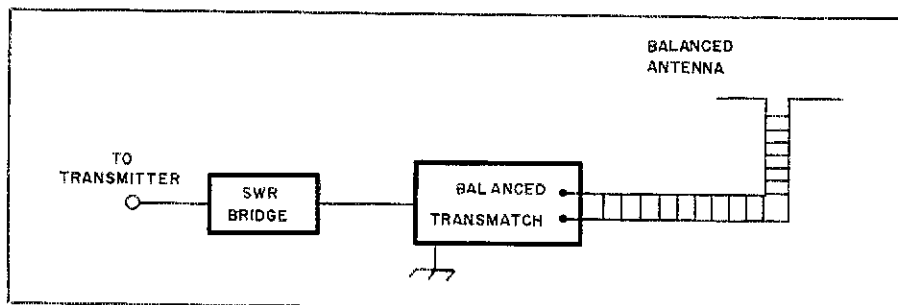


Fig. 4 — A balanced Transmatch is an alternative to the T match. Coax losses and balun losses are avoided by using this system.

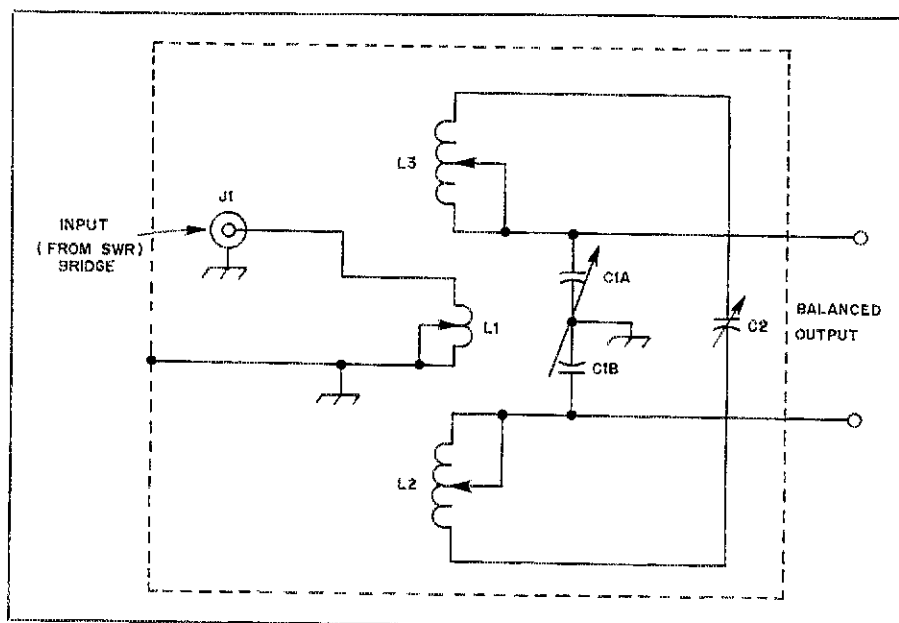


Fig. 5 — Schematic diagram of balanced Transmatch. See text for parts description. Copper-plated alligator clips should be used instead of the ordinary steel clips (Radio Shack #270-373 are suitable). A multipositioned, two-pole ceramic rotary switch may be used instead of the alligator clips on L2/L3. Similarly, a single-pole, ceramic rotary switch may be used at L1. B&W coil stock, shaft couplings, stand-off insulators and miscellaneous parts may be purchased from Radiokit, Box 411, Greenville, NH 03048, Tel. 603-878-1033.

### A Critical Balance

When you start with a compromise antenna, it is a good idea to avoid compromises elsewhere in the system since the compromises tend to compound. As mentioned above, in recent years the T match has been the most-often-used Transmatch. The T match has an unbalanced input and feeds an unbalanced output. If a coax-fed dipole is attached to the T match, it should work fine if the antenna is reasonably close to a 50-Ω load to start with. If not, the high SWR on the coax can increase losses. Twin-lead or ladder line is not nearly so lossy. So another approach is to feed the dipole with twin-lead and use a balun at the T match to convert the unbalanced output of the Transmatch to the balanced input of the twin lead. Unfortunately, at extremely high mismatches transformer baluns can also be quite lossy. Under certain conditions transformer baluns can actually generate harmonics!

Fig. 4 shows an alternative to these two systems. If we use a balanced-output Transmatch we can avoid the potential losses of coax and baluns. It can be positioned in the system just as the T match. An SWR bridge ahead of the balanced

Transmatch is used to indicate a matched condition, just as it is with the T match. Several different circuits have been developed over the years, but we recently came across one that is easy to construct and works very well (Fig. 5).<sup>1</sup> Additionally, it can be duplicated in short order at a very modest cost.

Component values are not critical; substitute with whatever you happen to have available. C1A and B are two sections of a three-section, ganged, variable capacitor removed from the carcass of a defunct tube-type a-m broadcast receiver. At the 100-watt output level I have not experienced any arc-over; if that does happen you may have to find a dual-section variable capacitor with wider spacing. Surplus dealers and hamfest flea markets are the suggested sources for the capacitors. C2 is a single-section, 150-pF variable capacitor (it can be one section of another ganged capacitor). Again the exact range is not critical; use whatever you can find. One thing that is somewhat critical is using insulated shaft couplings on both capacitors. Without the couplings, your body capacitance will affect the tuning. C1 can be mounted directly to the chassis, which will ground the rotor; connections to the A-section stator and the B-section stator can then be made to the solder lugs. Both the stator and the rotor of C2 should be insulated from ground; it will probably be necessary to mount C2 on ceramic standoff insulators.

L2 and L3 are made from one piece of coil stock. The coil stock that I happened to use is B&W Air-Dux 1008T (1-1/4-inch diameter, 8 turns per inch, no. 16 wire). Again, reasonable substitutions may be made. Count the number of turns on the total length of coil stock and determine the middle turn. Cut the wire portion of the coil stock at the mid-point, but do not sever the plastic spacers. Solder two insulated wires to each of the ends created by cutting the coil in two. One wire should be 6 inches long and the other should be long enough to reach C1. Attach copper-plated alligator clips to each of the 6-inch wires. The alligator clips will be used to vary the inductance of L2 and L3.

L1 is fashioned from another piece of coil stock of larger diameter, such as B&W 3051 (1-1/2-inch diameter, 4 turns per inch, no. 14 wire). Six to eight turns should be adequate; again attach a short wire with a copper-plated alligator clip on the end to one side of the coil to enable you to tap L1 for the proper amount of coupling. L1 is then slid over L2 and L3 and positioned directly above the center of the coil stock. Mount the coil assembly to the chassis with ceramic standoff insulators at each end of the coil stock (L2/L3). Solder the L1 leads to ground and to the input jack J1. If L1 is not held

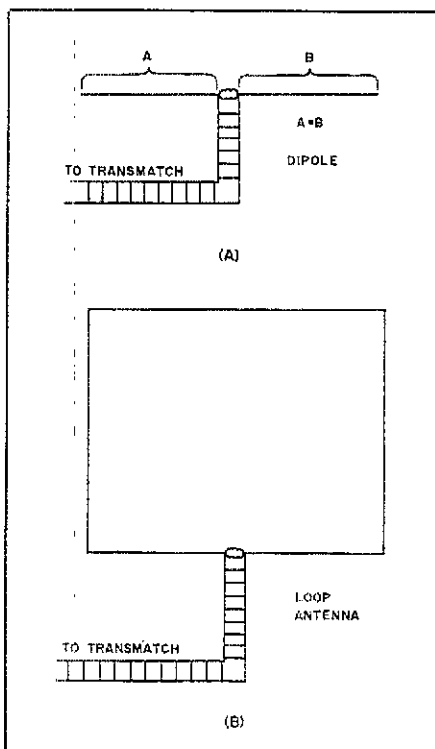


Fig. 6 — Two balanced antennas that should work well for the apartment dweller. The legs of the dipole shown in A should be as long as practical — 65 feet would be considered ideal for each for an 80-meter installation. The balanced Transmatch in Fig. 5 should match any size dipole to the other amateur bands. The loop in B is of any convenient size. It does not have to be laid out in a single plane (flat).

rigidly in place, it may be necessary to wedge strips of plastic or other insulating material between L1 and L2/L3. Complete the wiring according to the diagram in Fig. 5.

### Match It

Adjustment is relatively simple and straightforward. Attach a 50-Ω dummy load to the output of the SWR bridge. Adjust the transmitter for a relatively small amount of power out (e.g. 15 watts from a transmitter capable of delivering 100 watts). Set the controls of the SWR bridge to read full scale in the reference (forward) position. Adjust the SWR bridge to read reflected (SWR); if there are no problems with your equipment, it should read something near 1.1 to 1. Replace the dummy load with the Transmatch and connect a balanced antenna to the Transmatch. Don't touch the transmitter controls during Transmatch adjustment.

Make sure that the taps for L2 and L3 are equidistant from the center of the coil stock; L1 can be tapped at any convenient position. Key the transmitter and adjust C1 and C2 for a dip in the SWR reading. If none is found unkey the transmitter and move the taps on L2/L3 (keeping them the same distance from the center).

Repeat the above steps until a match is found. It may be necessary to vary the tap on L1 to obtain the lowest possible SWR reading. Now you can adjust the transmitter for more power and fine tune the Transmatch. Keep a record of the taps for each portion of the band used. This will speed adjustment for future operation. You may also want to use various colored marking pens to mark L2/L3 and L1 at the appropriate spots to speed adjustment.

Two useful balanced antennas are depicted in Fig. 6. The twin-lead can be any convenient length. The legs of the dipole in Fig. 6A can be any convenient length also. If the loop happens to be approximately one wavelength long, maximum radiation will be perpendicular to the plane of the loop; i.e., if it is mounted in a horizontal plane, maximum signal will be straight up. At frequencies other than a full wavelength, maximum radiation will occur in different directions. It is best to experimentally determine the ideal installation for each situation. Either of these in conjunction with the balanced Transmatch should perform adequately inside an apartment, but like other antennas, they will work better if you can get them outside.

There are a few little gimmicks that you learn as you "play around" with indoor antennas. Alan Pike, W8MGF, pointed out to me that plastic mirror clips (found in most hardware stores) are quite useful for holding coax and antenna wires in place. The clips can be mounted to a plasterboard wall with plastic anchors and matching screws. When moving time rolls around, the screw can be removed, the clip taken down and the anchor extracted from the wall. A small amount of spackling compound and a putty knife restores the wall in a few seconds. Holes to attics can be drilled or punched for routing cables and repaired the same way when moving time comes.

### Where Do You Start?

The first thing to do is to survey your situation. Is it possible to get something outside? Can you get something in the attic? Is there something that you can use as an antenna that will not be recognized? Start trying things until you find something that works. Keep your eyes open for new ideas or new twists on old ideas that may be applicable to your situation. "Grounding" will probably be the trickiest part of putting in an indoor antenna system. Avoid attaching "ground" wires to the cold water pipes! Strive to optimize everything else since the antenna will probably be a compromise. If at first you don't succeed . . . oh, yeah, I thought I had found the ultimate solution to apartment antennas — a house. But now I am fighting with the city building inspector for the privilege of putting up an antenna on my own property!

<sup>1</sup>Hawker, "Technical Topics," *Radio Communications*, RSGB, September 1980, p. 905.

# Silk Screen QSLs for the "Gypsy" Radio Amateur

Homemade QSL cards can be attractive without being expensive. But best of all, they can be original, as well as fun to make.

By Alexander B. Murphy,\* WB3IRV, HL9VI

Over the past couple of years, because of my military service, I have operated from several semi-permanent locations including Maryland, the Republic of South Korea and North Carolina. Many of you are probably familiar with the problem of providing QSLs to the many hams you've worked while operating away from the "home QTH." There is a solution to the problem, in the form of commercial QSLs that allow you to write in the QTH and even the call sign. But these generally produce a card that is not very attractive or original. So with the two basic laws of hamming firmly in hand (necessity the mother of invention and good old Murphy's Law), I decided to tackle the problem.

As I had no previous experience in printing and even less in developing artistic ability, I was at a loss for a starting place until I visited a nearby hobby shop. I noticed a process called silk screening which promised to produce, cheaply and easily, a quality QSL tailored to my needs of varying QTH and call sign.

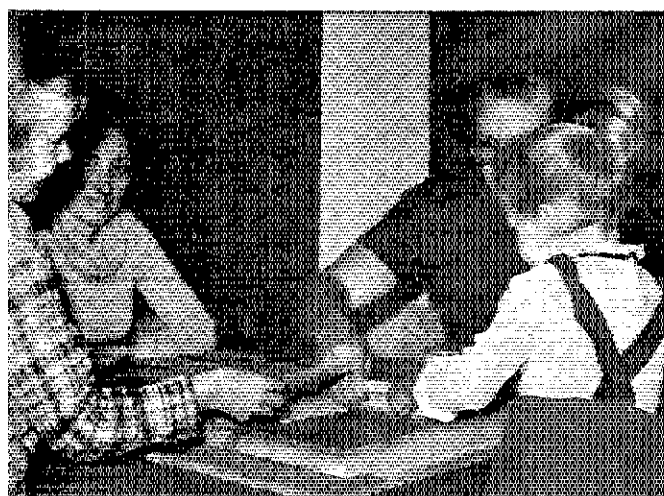
There are several kits on the market for silk screening. They are simple and fun to use. In fact, it is harder to describe the entire process than to actually do it. Table 1 tells you what you'll need, and Table 2 outlines the procedures. Basically, the process involves exposing a positive copy of the desired QSL onto a silk cloth or screen. An ordinary 150-watt electric light bulb with a tin pie plate or aluminum foil as a reflector is used to make the exposure. Time for exposure is not critical.

**Table 1**  
**Bill of Materials**

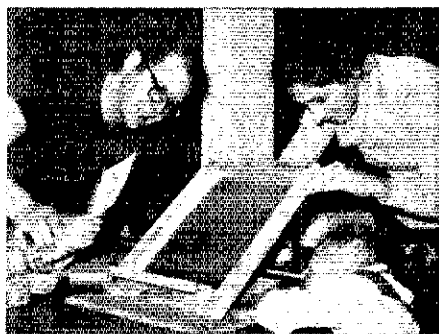
- Silk screen on a wood frame
- Photo emulsion
- Photo sensitizer
- Squeegee
- Paint
- Masking tape
- Spoon, scissors, damp cloth
- Acetate sheets
- Felt-tip pens
- Rub-on letters
- Straight edge
- 150-watt lamp with tin pie plate or aluminum foil reflector
- 3 x 5 or 4 x 6-inch (75 x 125 or 100 x 150 mm) cards

Note: The first five items are available in most silk-screening kits.

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Shown at the left, the screen is exposed for about 1 hour using a 150-watt electric lamp (note the reflector made from aluminum foil and a paper plate, top of photo). The QSL positive is held on top of the screen with a piece of ordinary window glass during exposure. After the screen is washed with water, the pattern of the QSL will wash out of the screen while the exposed areas will retain the emulsion. Shown at the right is the "press" in action — ink is being squeezed through the screen onto the card beneath. Don't worry; that ink is washable and won't stain clothing.



The blank cards to be printed are positioned under the screen. Any flat surface can be used as a base under the screen and wood frame. Here we're using a scrap piece of plywood. (It may help speed production to hinge the frame to the base and use guide marks for positioning cards on the base.) A QSL card "hot off the press" may be seen to the left of the frame. Cards can be made at 120 to 200 per hour.

After exposure, the screen is washed in ordinary water to wash out the photo emulsion where it was covered with the QSL pattern. A paste-type, water-soluble ink is then forced through the screen with a large squeegee.

The actual printing process can become a family affair. We formed an assembly line that included my XYL, our six-year old and our three-year old. In less than an hour, we had 120 cards run off the press with no fuss and a lot of fun and satisfaction.

#### Preparing the Positive

As for Murphy's Law, it was definitely in evidence — not in the printing, but in

the preparation of the positive of the QSL. In theory, a piece of tracing paper can be used to draw your positive; However, it was my repeated experience that tracing paper produces a poor-quality screen. To get good line definition and professional quality on the first try, it is much preferable to use a clear plastic or acetate sheet. Draw your QSL on the acetate using the felt-tip pens that are made for that purpose. Dry-transfer letters or rub-ons make lettering simple and produce professional lettering. It is especially good for smaller lettering as in an address. Rub-ons are available in most stationery or office supply stores for \$2 per sheet. One sheet has enough letters for several QSL designs. Several letter sizes are available, and you might want to consider the larger ones for your call sign.

Another hint to lessen your work in producing the positive is to segment the art work into two or more separate sheets of acetate. One sheet has your basic design, which seldom changes, the second may have your QTH, and a third has your call sign. By stacking the three segments you get a composite positive QSL with the current information. This is a real time-saver when all that has changed, for example, is the QTH from which you operated. You only need to remake the one acetate that has that information on it and make a new "stack." It's sort of like making a sandwich!

You can print the QSL onto a number of different things. I recommend using either 3 × 5-inch or 4 × 6-inch standard

**Table 2**

#### Steps to Make a QSL

| Step   | Time                      |
|--|---------------------------|
| Prepare positive on piece of acetate.  | 1 hour                    |
| Coat the screen with photo emulsion and photo sensitizer.  | 5 minutes                 |
| Dry the screen in a dark place.  | 1 hour                    |
| Expose the screen with the positive taped to it or held down with a piece of glass.                          | 1 hour                    |
| Wash the screen with water to "develop" the image of the QSL.  | 5 minutes                 |
| Print the cards.   | 120 to 200 cards per hour |
| Dry the cards.   | 1 hour                    |
| Wash the screen with water and store for reuse.  | 5 minutes                 |
| Wash the screen with bleach and water to remove the QSL image. The screen can be reused for a different QSL. | 15 minutes                |

cards. They are cheap and look great. Try to get them without lines on either side. They are available in colors other than white. The big advantage of these is, of course, that you don't have to cut them. Once printed and dried they are ready to use.

This technique for making QSLs is great for those of us who move frequently or for any of us who operate from several locations. It can also be used to make a special card for a contest, operating event or Field Day. This is also a fun way to draw your family into the hobby while at the same time creating a personalized QSL that will be really appreciated by that DX station. 1057

## Strays



West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ (left), Past Director Roy Albright, N5RA (center) and Vice Director Tom Comstock, N5TC, manned the 20-meter cw position at the San Antonio Radio Club 1980 Field Day site.

#### ATTENTION HANDICAPPED AMATEURS

LJ Al Kaiser, NIAPI, has generously offered to build kits for handicapped amateurs who are unable to complete kits because of their disabilities. You pay for the kit and shipping charges and Al builds your kit for you. Interested? Contact Al at 194 Glen Hills Rd., Meriden, CT 06450.

#### THE CORRECT TIME IS . . .

□ The ninth edition of the *List of Time Signal Stations*, by Gerd Klawitter, is now available from Gilfer Associates Inc., P. O. Box 239, Park Ridge, NJ 07656, for \$3.95 postpaid. This 52-page booklet contains station details for time-signal transmissions from 30 countries.



ARRL Southwestern Division Director Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ (right), gives a special award to Rep. James G. Corman (D-California) for his support of Amateur Radio in Congress. The award was presented at the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention, held in Los Angeles in September. (K6PGX photo)

# Product Review

Conducted By Paul K. Pagel,\* N1FB

## Kenwood R-1000 General Coverage Receiver

Technology has progressed to the point where a moderately priced, general-coverage receiver can offer the same performance characteristics that we've come to expect from our ham-band-only receivers. The Kenwood R-1000 is one example.

The receiver is designed to cover the frequency range of 200 kHz to 30 MHz. A VFO tunes any 1-MHz portion of spectrum in this range as selected by the BAND switch located at the bottom, right-hand corner of the panel. This switch is a 30-position rotary type with light, yet positive, detent — similar in feel to the hf tuners on the newer TV sets. Four lighted push-button switches are used to select either the a-m or product detector and also automatically select either the a-m or product detector and also automatically select the i-f filter bandwidth. In the A-M WIDE position, a 12-kHz (at -6 dB)/25 kHz (at -50 dB) filter is switched in, and for A-M NARROW a 6-kHz (at -6 dB)/18 kHz (at -50 dB) filter is selected automatically. The USB and LSB/CW switches choose the 2.7-kHz (at -6 dB)/5 kHz (at -60 dB) filter. A cw-bandwidth filter is not provided with the unit.

The tone and volume controls are concentric, and no rf gain control is provided; rather, a four-position step attenuator (0 dB, 20 dB, 40 dB and 60 dB) is located to the right of the volume control. An i-f, diode-clipper type of noise blanker is controlled by a push-button switch located under the S meter. The blanker proved to be quite effective on several types of interference including automobile ignition noise, Loran and noise from light dimmers (a common source of interference when listening below the broadcast band).

The receiver is equipped with a digital readout that doubles as a clock. Either the frequency readout or time can be displayed as selected by the FUNCTION switch. The clock is a 12-hour type with indicator lights for A.M. and P.M. Two front-panel buttons, one for hours and one for minutes, allow setting the clock while listening to WWV or other time- and frequency-standard station; contrary to rumor, the clock module is *not* convertible to a 24-hour format. Additional circuitry is provided so that the clock can be programmed to turn the receiver on and off. High-impedance audio output and normally open and normally closed relay contacts are available for connection to automatic tape recorders. It is possible to record a program of interest without being present to do so.

On the rear panel are three antenna connectors, one for mw (200 kHz to 2 MHz) and two for hf (2 to 30 MHz); they are selectable with a small slide switch. A fuse, external speaker jack, line-voltage selector, remote jack and the ac receptacle are also located on the rear panel. The back of the receiver was designed so that it can fit flush against a wall or operating console. The receiver can be operated in a vertical position by resting it on the feet provided at the

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Fig. 1 — Kenwood's R-1000 is a compact performer: The carrying handle also serves as a support if additional table clearance is desired.

rear of the cabinet for that purpose. The rugged carrying handle serves as a bail to prop up the front of the receiver when mounted on a horizontal surface. The speaker (located on the top cover) provides adequate sound to fill most any room.

### The Circuit

The incoming signal is routed through one of six diode-switched filters. Each filter is comprised of a low-pass and high-pass filter section combined to provide a band-pass response. Good skirt selectivity and low passband ripple result from this arrangement. Output from the filter section is fed to a 3SK74 (age'd) rf amplifier. The signal is then buffered and applied to a singly balanced 3SK74 mixer to produce an i-f of 48.055 MHz. The high-frequency PLL signal provides the necessary LO injection. Output from the first mixer is passed through a 48.055-MHz crystal filter and directly to the second mixer, also a singly balanced type. Injection for the second mixer is fixed at 47.6 MHz. The signal then encounters the noise-blanker gate and from there the diode-switched 455-kHz mechanical filters. Output from the mechanical filters is fed to two 3SK74 i-f amplifier stages and a shunt attenuator that is linked to the front-panel rf attenuator. From there, the signal is detected and applied to the audio preamplifier and output stage. BFO energy is supplied by one of two diode-switched crystal oscillators.

Operation of the PLL synthesizer is straightforward. The VFO output (in the range

of 5.545 to 4.545 MHz) is mixed with the output from the 47.6-MHz crystal oscillator. The difference frequency is selected, buffered and applied to a second mixer, along with the output from the VCO, to produce an output signal in the 6- to 35-MHz range. This signal is divided by the programmable divider (programmed by the front-panel BAND switch) and compared in the MC4044 phase detector. The output from the phase detector is filtered and fed to the four VCOs that cover the 48- to 78-MHz range. As each VCO is expected to handle only a little more than 7 MHz, clean output should be ensured. An additional mixer combines the output of the VCO with the 47.6-MHz oscillator to produce a signal at the received frequency plus the second i-f. This signal is fed to the counter/clock LSI which presumably contains a preset countdown function. The BFO frequency is not counted directly. Outputs from the counter/clock LSI control a relay for connection to a tape recorder.

### Operational Observations

If a knowledgeable user were blindfolded and asked to operate an R-1000 he might think he was listening to a quality, ham-band-only receiver! It has the feel of an expensive piece of equipment. The receiver was used on a continuous basis for a period of three months and within a few feet of high-power hf transmitting equipment. Unless the received frequency was quite close to the transmitter frequency, it was as though the transmitter wasn't even on the air.



## Kenwood R-1000 General Coverage Receiver

### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Sensitivity (S + N/N of 10 dB or more):

|                  | SSB         | A-M        |
|------------------|-------------|------------|
| 200 kHz to 2 MHz | 3 $\mu$ V   | 50 $\mu$ V |
| 2 MHz to 30 MHz  | 0.5 $\mu$ V | 5 $\mu$ V  |

Image rejection: greater than 60 dB.

I-F rejection: greater than 70 dB.

Selectivity: *a-m wide* — 12 kHz at -6 dB, 25 kHz at -50 dB

*a-m narrow* — 6 kHz at -6 dB, 19 kHz at -50 dB

*ssb/cw* — 2.7 kHz at -6 dB, 5 kHz at -60 dB.

Frequency stability:  $\pm$  2 kHz maximum from 1 to 60 minutes after power on.  $\pm$  300 Hz maximum in every subsequent 30-minute period.

Power consumption: 20 watts.

Power requirements: 100, 120, 220 or 240 V ac, 50/60 Hz.

Dimensions (HWD): 4-1/2  $\times$  12-3/4  $\times$  8-1/2 in. (115  $\times$  300  $\times$  218 mm).

Weight: 12.1 lbs (5.5 kg).

Clock accuracy:  $\pm$  15 seconds maximum per month.

Price class: \$500; BWK-1, \$3; DCK-1, \$6.

Although the receiver noise floor and IMD dynamic range were measured, these numbers cannot be compared directly with other receiver or transceiver measurements published previously. This is because the R-1000 does not contain a cw-bandwidth filter, and all other units checked had this option. Tests on the R-1000 produced the following numbers on 80 meters; noise floor, -133 dBm; blocking dynamic range could not be measured because of reciprocal mixing; IMD dynamic range measured 76 dB. On 20 meters, the following measurements were taken: noise floor, -132 dBm; blocking dynamic range again could not be measured because of reciprocal mixing, and the IMD dynamic range measured 82 dB. These numbers indicate reasonable receiver performance.

Each revolution of the VFO knob produces approximately a 50-kHz change in frequency. While this would be considered somewhat fast for a ham-band-only receiver, it is in line with what is needed for short-wave listening. This rate was not found to be uncomfortable for amateur band use.

The rf step attenuator positions are 0, 20 dB, 40 dB and 60 dB. In operation, the first 20-dB step was often too great and the 60-dB position was never found useful — even with large antenna arrays connected to the receiver. A modification, available from Kenwood, converts the 20-dB steps of the attenuator to 10-dB steps.

There were only two areas where I would register strong complaints. The first concerns the lack of a cw filter or the option for adding one. For the most part the receiver performs as well as many ham-band-only receivers; if it is to be used for ham-band reception, a cw filter is a must. Although an external cw audio filter could be added to the receiver, it would be a poor substitute for a good mechanical or crystal i-f filter.

The other complaint is with the digital-frequency readout. Although the correct frequency is indicated for a-m reception, an incorrect frequency is displayed on either upper or lower sideband. For example, on upper sideband, if a signal on 14.105 MHz is injected into the receiver, the frequency displayed on the

readout is 14.106 MHz (when the receiver is adjusted for zero beat) — 1 kHz high. On lower sideband, the display will indicate a frequency of 14.103 MHz (when the receiver is adjusted for zero beat) — 2 kHz low. This error occurs because the BFO is not counted in this frequency-readout scheme. Although this may not be a great concern to some, when used with an amateur transmitter it could result in a station operating outside a particular band if the operator relies solely on the R-1000 frequency readout.

The manual supplied with the R-1000, written in English, German, French and Spanish, is heavy on the operational aspects and light on technical topics. For the intended purpose of the receiver, the manual is more than adequate.

### Addenda

An option (DCK-1) is available that provides for 12-volt dc operation of the R-1000. Early production units may benefit from an age and a-m filter bandwidth modification (BWK-1) available from Kenwood. These changes are incorporated in later production units. The a-m age time constant is thereby shortened and the 2.7 kHz filter is switched in with the MODE switch in the AM NAR position; the 12-kHz filter is then out of the circuit and the 6-kHz filter is used in the AM WIDE position.

The R-1000 has a mute circuit for use in combination with a transmitter or transceiver. By grounding pin 7 on the REMOTE terminal (Fig. 3-9 of the owner's manual), the rf stage will be muted. This information was inadvertently omitted from early manuals, but is included for units with serial numbers 0030502 and above.

This reviewer would give the R-1000 an A-, should such ratings apply to receivers. At the price some of the larger distributors are charging for this receiver (under \$400), it is well worth the money in terms of short-wave listening enjoyment and its use as an all-around test instrument. Additional information on this product can be obtained from Trio-Kenwood Communications, Inc., 1111 West Walnut St., Compton, CA 90220. — Jay Rusgrove, W1VD

## HEATH IB-5281 RLC BRIDGE

□ If you're an average ham, you've got some sort of junk box, that wonderland into which you may delve to produce the much-needed part for that long-awaited project. Ah! But are you certain of the value of that capacitor, inductor or desired matching resistor? If not,

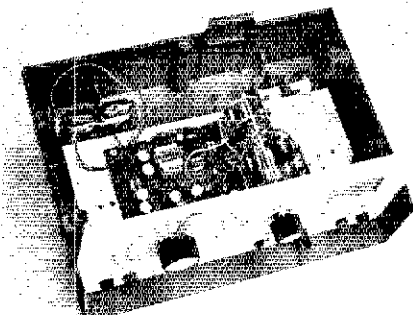


Fig. 2 — The IB-5281 RLC Bridge has compartments for two spare batteries located at the right rear of the chassis. The small vertical panel at the cabinet rear is replaced with an adapter plate when used with the external Heath power supply.

## Heath IB-5281 RLC Bridge (S/N02951)

### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Resistance ranges: 10  $\Omega$  to 10 M $\Omega$  in three ranges.

Inductance ranges: 10  $\mu$ H to 10 H in three ranges.

Capacitance ranges: 10 pF to 10  $\mu$ F in three ranges.

External standard range: 1:1 to 10:1.

Cabinet dimensions (HWD): 5-3/4  $\times$  11  $\times$  7-3/4 in. (146  $\times$  279  $\times$  197 mm).

Price class: \$45.

then perhaps the '5281 is just the item you need.

Heath introduced the IB-5281 RLC Bridge along with five other members of the same family in their 5280 series of test instruments. Aimed primarily at the beginning hobbyist, student or service technician, they were designated to permit the assembly of a low-cost test bench.

### Operational Description

The '5281 is a solid-state unit that permits you to determine unknown values of capacitance, inductance or resistance within certain limits. It operates according to the principles of the Wheatstone bridge. To permit measurement of inductance and capacitance, the bridge must use an ac voltage source. In the '5281, this is provided by a Wien bridge oscillator. The oscillator has three output frequencies — 1000 Hz, 10 kHz and 100 kHz — which allow measurement of R, L and C in three separate ranges. In addition to using internal standards for matching purposes, the bridge furnishes a means of using an external standard comparison method. This becomes useful when attempting to match accurately one or more R, L or C components to each other.

The IB-5281 may be powered either by internal 9-V batteries (two required, not furnished) or a power supply capable of providing both  $\pm$  9 volts (such as the Heath IPA 5280-1) at less than 10 mA each. Unfortunately, Heath does not supply the external/internal power-supply selector switch, connectors or mounting plate for use with an outboard supply with the '5281 kit. As another alternative, the constructor of the bridge could build a power supply in the cabinet without too much difficulty; there's plenty of room.

### Assembly and Calibration

There is no errata sheet to contend with and no problems were encountered during construction. The component quality is excellent. All resistors used are 5% tolerance, carbon-film types. As may be seen in the photograph, the majority of components are mounted on the single pc board or the multi-wafer RANGI-switch. Assembly and testing of the IB-5281 took about four hours, not counting the time spent in tracing an incorrectly placed wire on the range switch (attributed to bleary 4:30 A.M. eyes!). Calibration of the bridge takes less than five minutes using a 100-ohm, 5% tolerance resistor supplied for the purpose.

An attractive blue and white plastic case is used to house the instrument. At the rear of the upper half of the unit is a small compartment which is used to store the clips, standard(s), or whatever else you feel you might need during

use of the instrument. Front-panel-mounted banana jacks are used to mate with banana plug/alligator clip connectors to introduce the unknown component into the bridge circuitry.

### Results and Use

While the '5281 is not a precision lab instrument, the accuracy of the unit will certainly suffice for most Amateur Radio applications. After the unit was completed, I immediately set about checking some of the rf chokes, resistors and capacitors I had on hand. As many of you will appreciate, capacitor markings can be somewhat confusing, but the '5281 rapidly penetrates that cloud of confusion. Determining the values of those unmarked rf chokes in my junk box was not only fun, but enlightening: You can't "call 'em the way you see 'em" all the time! Using the '5281 is certainly a lot easier than using a GDO, some standards and a calculator to determine unknown component values.

Although no accuracy specification is given, I found that over most of the range I was able to easily interpolate the dial readings to within 10% of the actual value, and many times to within 5%. This was determined by comparing known capacitance, inductance and resistance values (measured on ARRL lab equipment) to the values indicated by the '5281. Dial markings at either extreme of the dial range are more closely spaced — and determination of the actual value somewhat more difficult — at those points. Don't forget, there also exists the ability to use an external standard (at the  $Z_0$  terminals) as a means of comparison when it is desired to closely match certain components for a specific purpose.

I feel that the low cost of this unit justifies its occupying a space on the work bench right alongside the TVOM and DMM; this is especially true if you're a tinkerer and "pack rat." Battery operation and light weight make the IB-5281 really portable — just the thing to take with you to a buddy's shack or a flea market. — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB*

### COMTRONIX-FM80 10-METER FM TRANSCIVER

□ With almost 400,000 amateurs in the United States, it is still a small world. After unpacking the Comtronix-FM80, I connected it to the tribander and answered WB6VZY, who was calling CQ on 29.6 MHz. We exchanged the usual information; then we found out each other's identity — I was doing a review on the FM80 and he is part owner of KonaCom, the importer of the FM80! Ten-meter fm is like that. It also has an "intercom" flavor reminiscent of 2-meter fm, but the DX aspect of it is much higher — at least while we are near a sunspot maximum.

The unit is "bare bones" with none of the bells and whistles that we have come to expect in the fm rigs designed for 2 meters. It is a 10-watt (1-watt low power), 10-meter fm-only, synthesized transceiver; the closest thing to a bell or whistle is the built-in repeater offset. It would appear that the FM80 has been built with the idea of keeping the cost as low as possible. In addition to economy, there are several advantages to taking this route. If the unit is being operated mobile, one can merely set it and forget it. This strikes me as being somewhat safer than some of the computerized rigs for 2 meters which, to be operated safely, require either a copilot to do the programming or a roadside stop to make any changes.

### Comtronix FM80 10-Meter FM Transceiver (S/N 960421)

#### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage: 28.91 to 29.7 MHz.  
Size (less projections): (HWD) 2-1/8 x 6-1/2 x 8-3/4 inches (55 x 165 x 223 mm).  
Power output: 10 watts (reducible to 1 watt).  
Operating voltage: 13.8 V dc ( $\pm 15\%$ ).  
Maximum current at 13.8 V dc: 2.2 A.  
Weight: 6.5 pounds (3 kg).  
Receiver sensitivity: 0.5  $\mu$ V for 20 dB of quieting.  
Price class: \$260.

#### Measured in ARRL Lab

Same  
Same  
13 watts @ 13.8 V dc.  
2.2 A

In appearance, the FM80 resembles the ubiquitous imported CB rigs. Everything is broad-banded and pretuned, reducing the number of control functions to a minimum. Frequency coverage is from 28.91 MHz to 29.7 MHz in 10-kHz steps (that adds up to 80 "channels," which is presumably where the 80 comes from in the name). The 80 channels are selected by using a 40-position rotary switch to step the synthesizer up and down; in addition, two mixer crystals are switched in and out with a push-button-type switch. Two seven-segment LED displays provide readout of the "channel" number from 1 to 40. Unfortunately, there is no active visual indication differentiating between mixer crystals A and B; one must note whether the switch is "in or out." That's really a rather minor inconvenience and shouldn't be of any consequence — unless you happen to have a three-year-old harmonic who loves to push buttons (I have one). One could easily add one or two LEDs to give an active visual indication of which range the unit is tuned to.

The first nine channels of the A group are below 29 MHz, which virtually constitutes illegal operation in the U.S. FCC rules and regulations, Part 97.65(e), states: "On frequencies below 29.0 MHz the bandwidth of an F3 emission (frequency or phase modulation) shall not exceed that of an A3 emission having the same audio characteristics." It is not illegal to use fm below 29 MHz — it simply is not practical to use legal fm. Another problem area in terms of frequency coverage is that the satellite downlink frequencies are located in the midst of the 80 channels. Channels 10 through 20 of the B group appear on frequencies from 29.40 MHz to 29.50 MHz. Comtronix points this out in the owner's manual, but they make an error on the conservative side. They include

the frequencies 29.51 through 29.55 MHz as part of the satellite frequencies. In actuality, those frequencies are in the repeater input section of the ARRL 10-meter band plan.

One of the questions that I pondered before using the rig was whether 10-kHz channel spacing had any value. (The ARRL band plan calls for 20-kHz spacing.) On a recent trip during a hand opening on 10 meters I had a chance to make some first-hand observations. As seems to be usual, stations from all over the country east of the Rockies were showing up on 29.6 MHz. Operators were politely taking turns working each other. One station that I worked suggested that we "move up 10," which we did. We then carried on a "rag chew" for nearly one-half hour. In that time, I did not notice any adjacent-channel interference from the QSOs that were continuing on 29.6 MHz. On the other hand, I have tuned up or down 10 kHz when a very strong signal was on 29.6 MHz and found those tertiary channels subject to high levels of adjacent-channel interference. Probably, the prime consideration is whether or not the sidebands (from adjacent channels) that extend into the passband of the receiver are very strong. Thus, 10-kHz steps give the FM80 additional versatility by providing possible simplex frequencies that are sandwiched in between repeater frequencies.

Is 10 watts enough power to be useful? There is no clear cut answer — it depends. When the band is not open, if you want wide-area, simplex, mobile-to-mobile coverage, 10 watts probably isn't enough. On the other hand, when the band is open, 10 watts is more than sufficient for long-distance communications. While mobile recently, I worked an Indiana station simplex. He was using a half-wave vertical antenna at his QTH along with an FM80. I was operating the FM80 into a quarter-wave

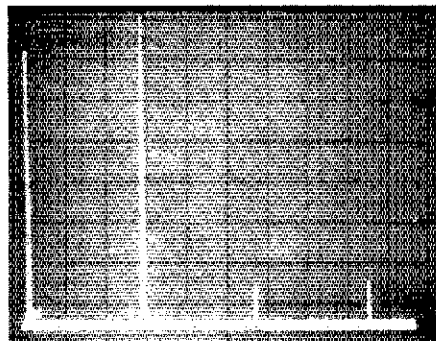


Fig. 3 — Spectral display of the Comtronix FM80 in the 10-watt position. Vertical divisions are 10 dB each. Horizontal divisions are 10 MHz each. The products close to the carrier frequency are 72 dB down. Second and third harmonics are down at least 60 dB.

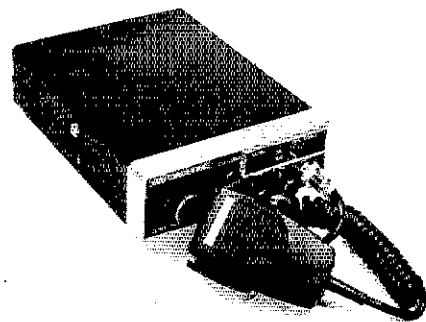


Fig. 4 — An easy way to 10-meter fm. The Comtronix FM80 presents a simple but functional control panel.

whip mounted on the bumper. He asked how much power I was using because my signal was pegging his S-meter. I replied that I was using the rig in the 10-watt position and that I would go to the 1-watt position to see if he could still copy me. I did, and he reported that the signal had fallen from S9-plus to S8, but that it was still full quieting! If an operator feels that 10 watts is not sufficient, it would be a simple matter to construct a small, solid-state power amplifier.

I am somewhat disappointed with the manual that is supplied with the FM80. Like the rig, it is "bare bones." The schematic diagram is reproduced on a single page. To say the least, the symbols on the diagram are small and densely packed. The description of the functioning of the circuits is sketchy. There are no board layout diagrams or trouble shooting hints; nor are there any alignment procedures. The manual is one place where a little elaboration would have gone a long way.

My overall impression of the FM80 is very good. It is a solid performer without a lot of frills. Additionally, it is a relatively inexpensive and easy way to get on a fun-filled band. — *Pete O'Dell, AE8Q*

### THE IMPROVED BENCHER PADDLE

□ With little fanfare and with a price increase scarcely befitting the ravages of inflation alone, Bencher, Inc., has brought out a significantly improved version of the original paddle, which was reviewed on these pages in May 1978. The improvements include: A heavier and thicker base — 5/8 in. (15.9 mm) instead of 1/2 in. (12.7 mm); crimped spring ends which pinch the adjustment screws and hold the spring captive; gold plating on the pure silver contact points; and lastly, elimination of the Achilles' heel of the basic FYO paddle design — the tendency of the mechanism to fly apart when the paddles were accidentally bumped or pushed in the wrong direction. Bencher has added pinion screws which act to limit the movement of the parts so they can never disengage from the pivots. These added screws do not interfere with the normal motion of the paddles during sending.

Some operators might prefer to have the two clear plastic finger assemblies positioned closer together than those supplied on the "stock" paddle, 11/16 in. (17.5 mm). It's an easy task to remove one of the finger assemblies and re-mount it on the *inside* of its metal support arm. This will reduce the spacing to 1/2 in. (13 mm).

The Bencher paddle is made by Bencher, Inc., 333 W. Lake St., Chicago, IL 60606. Price class is \$43 for the steel-base model and \$53 for the chrome model. — *John C. Pelham, W1JA*

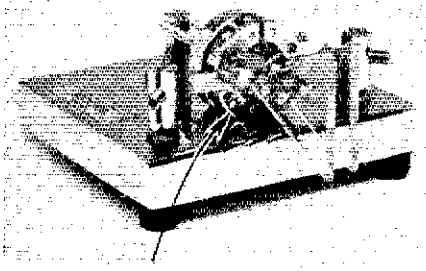


Fig. 5 — One of the two screws that secures the mechanism of Bencher's new paddle is shown by the arrow in the photo.

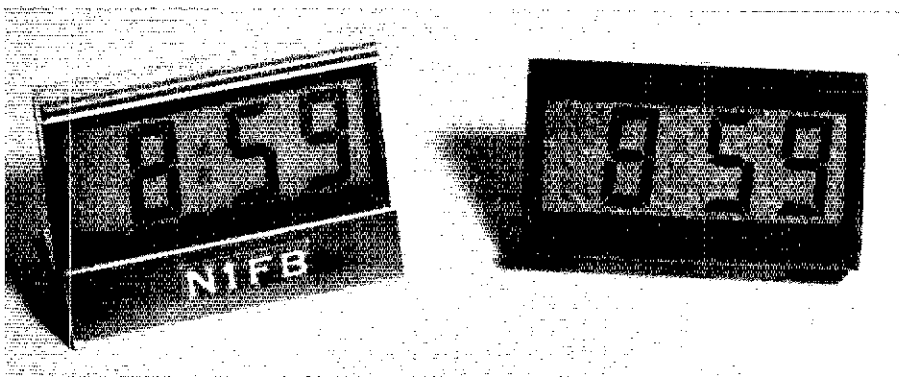


Fig. 6 — Two versions of the Mity-Time clock are shown here. The unit at the left is supported in a brushed-aluminum stand, while the right-hand unit is fitted with Velcro tape for use as described in the text.

### THE MITY-TIME LCD CLOCK

□ Timepieces have become smaller and smaller in recent years, with the advent of electronic clocks and wristwatches. The Mity-Time clock is an interesting and versatile unit, an effective timekeeper for many ham radio needs.

The clock is small — 2 × 1-1/4 × 1/2 inches (51 × 32 × 13 mm) and sports a 12-hour LCD display with 5/8-inch (16-mm)-high digits. The user has a choice of two modes of operation: The clock can either display time of day with a flashing colon for seconds, or can produce a readout with the time of day and day/month being digitally displayed. In the latter mode, the display alternates between time and date in one-second intervals. One would hope that the manufacturer would eventually produce a model with a 24-hour clock, which would be even more suitable for communications-oriented use.

The clock is supplied with a small piece of self-adhesive Velcro tape to facilitate mounting (such as on an automobile dash), and a small aluminum stand to permit desk mounting. The Mity's small size allows it to be located almost anywhere one might desire. Thanks to the Velcro tape, the clock's a natural for the car or even a motorcycle. One review unit spent some months affixed to the dash of my auto. On several occasions, the easy-to-read digits were convenient for reporting time of day when logging a repeater autopatch contact. Initially set to WWV, the clock has performed accurately within 10 to 20 seconds of that standard since then and seems to operate well despite widely varying temperature extremes. Once the display blanked out after the car had been parked in the sun for several hours. The clock was nearly too hot to touch! I turned on the air conditioner, and within a few minutes the display returned to normal; the accuracy didn't appear to have been affected at all. I haven't had the occasion to expose the Mity to extremely cold temperatures such as one would experience in a New England winter, but my initial impression is that there would be no problem.

The Mity-Time clock is made in the USA and is available from Grandview Audio Electronics, 13302 South 10th St., Grandview, MO 64030. Price class: \$25. — *Sandy Gerli, AC1Y*

### AEA MM-1/MK-1 SUPPLEMENT

□ Because the reviewer initially used preliminary manuals, some discrepancies appeared in the AEA MorseMatic MM-1 and

MK-1 "Product Review" in October 1980 *QST*. During memory overrun, the operator can continue loading into the MM-1 memory until the monitor frequency drops significantly. At this point, paddle entries do not enter memory, but overflow. Any message(s) loaded prior to the tone change are retained. To finish an interrupted message entry, simply clear one of the stored messages and then add to the desired message entry.

Separate audio outputs are available for the monitor and feedback tones. Either one may be independently disabled by removing a diode from the pc board. Thus, the auditory feedback need not be lost if a monitor note is not desired.

The MK-1 can key either positive- or negative-polarity key lines. Under some circumstances, it is necessary to short out a diode on the pc board. This procedure is explained in the operator's manual. — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB*

### TANDY WIRE AND CABLE RG-8/M COAXIAL CABLE

□ A recent letter from an ARRL member inquired about the new "super coax," as he called it, referring to the RG-8/M coaxial cable offered by Radio Shack. He wrote, "The specs are better than my good . . . super low-loss RG-8/U that loses 2.0 dB per 100 ft at 6 meters. If what they say is true, that that should be front page of *QST*."

A person reading the literature about RG-8/M might well be skeptical. "Our new RG-8/M coax gives you the performance of large, bulky cable in a smaller, more flexible size — just slightly larger than RG-58/U!" Now most of us have been schooled to think "bigger is better" when it comes to coaxial line with low losses. Has Tandy Wire and Cable somehow discovered the combination of materials and manufacturing techniques to disprove the idea, showing that it doesn't necessarily have to be bigger in order to be better?

We obtained a 100-ft (30.48-m) length of Tandy's RG-8/M coax for examination. Removed from its shipping box, the roll weighed in at 3 lb 8 oz (1.59 kg). That's less than 0.6 oz per foot, or about 52 grams per meter, quite light in weight when compared to ordinary RG-8/U cable. The outside diameter of the line is approximately 1/4 in. (6 mm). Standard RG-59/U fittings may be used.

This cable bears the identification, TANDY WIRE & CABLE TYPE: RG/8 MINI-FOAM, and is very flexible. It uses a low-density foam

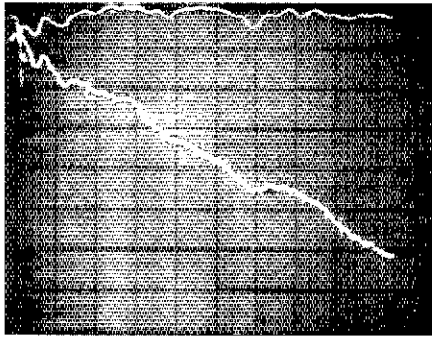


Fig. 7 — Attenuation versus frequency in Tandy's RG-8/M coax line. The line length for this measurement was 98 ft, 8-1/2 in. (30.09 m), so the attenuation data must be multiplied by a factor of 1.013 to obtain dB per hundred feet. The wavy line near the top of the photo represents the input signal level to the coax line, while the lower, thicker line in the photo represents the output into a matched load. The attenuation calibration thus is relative, rather than absolute, with the vertical scale at 2.0 dB per major division. The horizontal scale is 100 MHz per division, or 0 to 1000 MHz.

dielectric, but one that is quite tough and cannot be distorted by bending or scraping with a thumbnail. A short length of the line was given severe twisting motions to simulate the winding and unwinding of the line about a mast when used with a rotator, only more so. No harmful effects to the line were noted. The results of electrical measurements made in the ARRL lab are included in the accompanying chart and photograph. Our measurements did indicate the attenuation to be somewhat greater than Radio Shack originally specified. The Radio Shack catalog does not specify the power-handling capability, but similar line of another manufacturer is rated at 1300 watts of input at 27 MHz, 450 W at 200 MHz, and 320 W at 400 MHz.

The manufacturer's attenuation specifications shown in the table are those published when the cable was first introduced. The manufacturer informs us now that the initial figures were in error and that the ARRL lab figures agree with measurements taken since that time.

Mini foam is available from Radio Shack stores, stock no. 278-1328. The price class in the U.S. is 21¢ per foot, with a minimum order of 25 feet. If you're planning to replace your 50- $\Omega$  transmission lines, this new "super coax" may interest you. — *Jerry Hall, KITD*

### TRIO-KENWOOD DM-81 DIP METER

It's a refreshing addition to the usual Kenwood line of transmitting and receiving equipment was released recently. It is a solid-state, self-contained dip meter — the DM-81 — which operates from 700 kHz through 250 MHz. The unit is housed in a rugged aluminum case that includes a snap-in type of drawer at the bottom end of the case. This drawer is used to store the seven plug-in coils, a grounding clip, a capacitive probe and an earphone. Two of the plug-in inductors are printed-circuit coils. They are used for the two vhf tuning ranges. The coil ranges are ( $\pm 3\%$ ): 0.7 to 1.6 MHz, 1.5 to 3.6 MHz, 3.0 to 7.4 MHz, 6.9 to 17.5 MHz, 17 to

### Tandy RG-8/M Coaxial Cable

#### Manufacturer's Original Specifications

Center conductor: 16 AWG, 19/29 ga. copper.  
Shield: Copper, 92.18% coverage.  
Jacket: Black PVC, 0.242-in. OD.  
Impedance: 52  $\Omega$ .  
Capacitance: 25.5 pF per ft.  
Velocity of propagation: 76.4%.  
Attenuation per hundred ft.  
at 10 MHz: not specified.  
at 30 MHz: not specified.  
at 50 MHz: 1.5 dB.  
at 100 MHz: 2.0 dB.  
at 200 MHz: 2.5 dB.  
at 500 MHz: 6.0 dB.  
Power-handling capability: not specified.

#### Measured in ARRL Lab

52  $\Omega$  nominal.  
25.5 pF per ft.  
76.4% at 10 MHz.  
1.0 dB.  
1.3 dB.  
1.5 dB.  
2.5 dB.  
3.8 dB.  
7.6 dB.

42 MHz, 41 to 110 MHz and 83 to 250 MHz. The review model showed only one false dip of significance. This was noted at approximately 200 MHz, but it was not deep enough to impair the performance of the dipper.

The instrument employs one FET, three bipolar transistors and three diodes. The complete circuit is shown in Fig. 9, as copied directly from the instruction booklet.

Various functions can be performed with the DM-81. Among them are the field-strength (relative) and absorption frequency-meter operations. The unit can also be used as a signal generator. A mode switch enables the operator to apply modulation to the dipper signal for adjustment of a-m receivers; a 1000-Hz tone is used.

Crystals can be checked with the DM-81 by plugging them into the FT-243 and HC-25/U accommodating sockets at the top of the case. The crystal activity is indicated on the dipper sensitivity meter. Crystals can be used in this manner to generate marker frequencies, when desired; those in HC-6/U holders can be checked by holding them so they make positive contact in the FT-243-accommodating socket.

Unknown capacitances and inductances can be determined with the dip meter. The instruction book shows clearly how to conduct tests of this type. A chart provides the exact inductance of each plug-in coil. This information is useful when checking the unknown values of capacitors.

A capacitive probe ("searching needle") is provided for probing tuned circuits that can't be reached with the plug-in coils. The probe is useful for checking resonant frequencies of toroidal tuned circuits. Conventional inductive coupling is not effective because of the inherent self-shielding properties of toroids.

The dip meter can be used for the standard amateur applications of checking antenna and tuned-circuit resonances. We can't call it a GDO (grid-dip meter), because there's no tube

in the oscillator, and hence no grid! A "base-dip meter" would be appropriate in this example, since the oscillator contains a bipolar transistor.

I checked the accuracy of the dial calibration in the various tuning ranges. The capacitive probe was coupled to an Optoelectronics 1.5-GHz frequency counter for this test. Calibration accuracy was outstanding for an

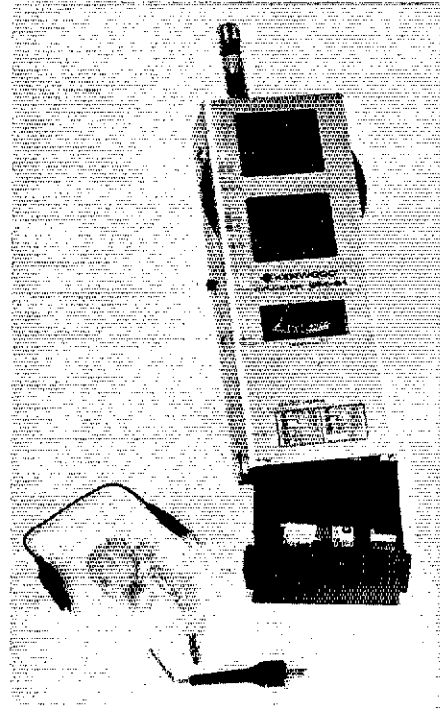


Fig. 8 — The Trio-Kenwood DM-81. The snap-in drawer at the bottom of the unit is shown here along with some of the accessories mentioned in the text.

### Trio-Kenwood DM-81 Dip Meter

#### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Freq. range: 0.7 to 250 MHz ( $\pm 3\%$ ).  
Modulation tone: 1000 Hz.  
Power Source: 9-volt dc (battery).  
Power consumption: 9 mA.  
Dial accuracy: None stated.  
Color: None stated.

Dimensions (HWD): 7-1/8 x 2-3/4 x 1-3/4 inches (180 x 70 x 45 mm).  
Weight: 22 oz (690 g).  
Price class: \$125.

Manufacturer: Trio-Kenwood Communications Inc., 1111 West Walnut, Compton, CA 90220.

#### ARRL Lab Results

Same.  
1067 MHz.  
9.4 mA.  
Excellent (see text).  
Brushed aluminum with black knobs and trim.

\*See "Berk-Tek RG-8X Coaxial Cable," Product Review, December 1979 QST, p. 55.

instrument of the DM-81 variety. For example, while checking the highest range (83 to 250 MHz) the dial inaccuracy was only 100 kHz at 83 MHz and 250 kHz at 250 MHz (1%). Some of the inaccuracy was probably caused by coupling to the capacitive probe, thereby detuning the dipper.

Dip meters have long been a "standard" item in the ham shack, even if no other instrumentation was available. A dipper is somewhat a general-purpose "do all" sort of gadget, and is a valuable tool for testing or developing antennas and rf circuits. — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*

## THE MACROTRONICS RITTY RITER

Are you a radioteletype aficionado who appreciates the "green key" artform? Are you using the Macrotronics M800 RITTY system with a Radio Shack TRS-80 microcomputer?

If you have answered both of these questions in the affirmative, you will appreciate Ritty Riter, Macrotronics' new TRS-80 program that provides the RITTY artist with a versatile paintbrush. Designed to be used in conjunction with Macrotronics M800 program (see the review of the M800 in November 1979 *QST*, page 50) by means of the M800 "external program" command, the key to the versatility of the Ritty Riter is the maneuverability of the TRS-80 cursor. A wide range of commands permits the user to quickly move the cursor all over the CRT display to create various kinds of RITTY art. The size of your artwork is limited by the amount of RAM installed in the TRS-80, while the creation itself is limited only by the artist's imagination.

Ritty Riter may be loaded into your computer by means of the "external program" command of the M800 or the TRS-80 BASIC "system" command for stand-alone use. In the stand-alone mode, artwork can be created, changed and saved on tape for future transmission. In the M800 mode, Ritty Riter is loaded first and then any previously recorded artwork can be loaded for transmission, or new artwork can be created on the spot. Note well — under M800, all artwork resides in the memory allocated to the M800 "big message," so do not use "big message" and Ritty Riter simultaneously.

All art created with Ritty Riter may be personalized by typing strings of the symbol "@" within the artwork. Before each transmission, the computer will ask you to personalize the artwork. By entering a call sign, name or any other statement, that entry will be repeatedly transmitted within the artwork, wherever the strings of "@" appear.

A word of advice: It is a good idea to make a hard copy of your artwork to verify that it looks like you intended it to look. My CRT display is more compact than the output of my printer and any artwork I create on the CRT tends to be elongated when a hard copy is printed. Check this out on your system and adjust your creations to compensate for any difference you may discover.

Ritty Riter is available on cassette tape and includes an adequate instruction manual. To use Ritty Riter to its fullest potential, you should have the M800 program — that requires at least 16 K of RAM, BASIC Level II and the M80 interface hardware. Ritty Riter is available from Macrotronics, Inc., 1125 North Golden State Blvd., Suite G, Turlock, CA 95380. Price class: \$50. — *Stan Horzepa, W1LOU*

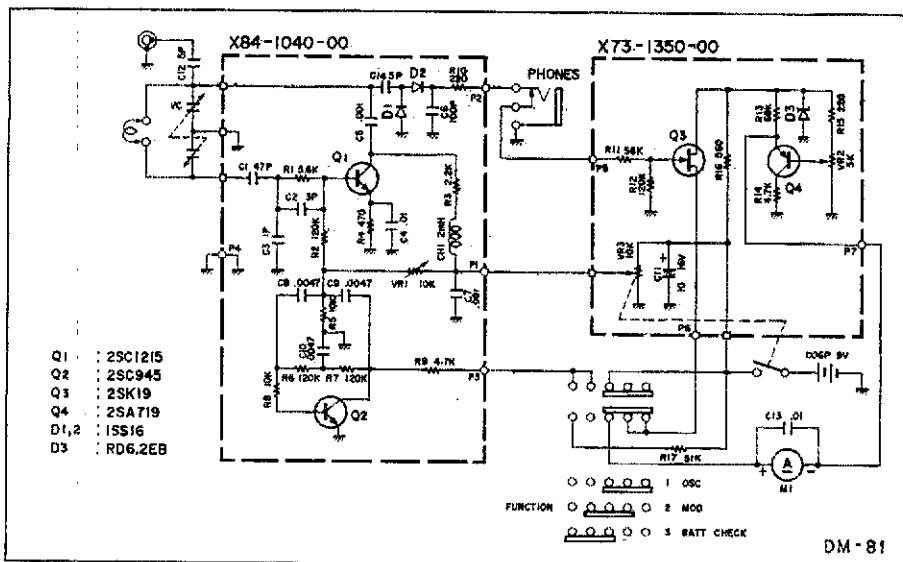


Fig. 9 — Schematic diagram of the Kenwood DM-81 dip meter. The electronic symbols do not conform exactly to those usually found in *QST*, since the diagram was taken directly from the instruction book. The dashed lines indicate individual pc-board modules.

## ALLIANCE HD-73 HEAVY-DUTY ROTATOR

When it comes to a rotator for that beam, most hams are of the opinion that "Well, you've seen one and seen 'em all." Many amateurs don't really stop to consider how a rotator is designed and what conveniences it might offer. After all, a rotator's only consideration is the capacity it'll handle, right? Wrong! Enter the HD-73.

The rotator head offers some interesting features that became apparent when I installed it. The mast clamp is designed to allow precise centering of the mast on the rotator body without the need for shims. Correct alignment reduces the possibility of undue stress and binding when the mast and antenna are rotated. In addition, a tight-fitting plastic cover surrounds the cable connections, ensuring that no moisture or dirt will harm the terminal strip. The ball race and gears are very substantial for a rotator head of its size, and the housing is cast aluminum and well-finished.

The control unit, finished smartly in black plastic with a brushed-aluminum face, contains the most interesting feature of the HD-73: There's no separate brake switch. What's more, there are two rotation speeds available on the control lever. Normal operation is about 1 rpm and the slow speed about 1/2 rpm. This feature is handy for turning an array slowly in high winds, or for more accurate aiming of narrow-bandwidth arrays such as might be found in vhf work. The automatic braking system uses a centrifugal friction brake rather than a locking-pin arrangement operated by a solenoid. It's well known that an antenna array will take longer to coast to a stop in high winds than if no wind were present. The brake in the HD-73 adjusts itself according to the turning forces against the array, to set the brake when turning has nearly ceased. Does this arrangement provide an adequate lock? I believe so. The rotator was installed in my tower to turn a Wilson System 40 tribander — about 13 square feet of antenna area including the masting. The HD-73's rated at 10.7 square feet! While working up on the tower recently, I observed some very strong wind gusts — I estimate nearly 50

### Alliance HD-73 Heavy Duty Rotator

#### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Mast mounting size: 1-3/8" OD to 2-1/2" OD (38 x 63 mm).

Mounting: In tower (preferred) or on mast with extra brackets supplied.

Cable required: 6-conductor, equiv. to Belden-type 8448 with two wires not used.

Voltage input: 117 V ac, 60 Hz, ± 12 V.

Rotator weight: bare: 6-3/4 lbs (3.06 kg).

Rotator speed: dual — 1 rpm and approx. 1/2 rpm, selectable.

Power transformer protection: dual — fuse and thermal limiter.

Metering: north-centered.

Braking system: automatic, centrifugal.

Price class: \$155.

mi/h. The rotator windmilled only once, and only for a few degrees. It appears to me that this indicates a good, strong braking system for the rated capacity, with some "breathing space" built in. Had the tribander been smaller, it's likely that there would have been no windmilling. This arrangement would seem to be more favorable than the solenoid type of positive lock that can be damaged permanently if the brake is set while the antenna system is still turning. A further fail-safe feature is a thermal limiter within the control unit that shuts down the rotator when the power transformer gets excessively warm from repeated operation. So far, the cutout hasn't opened up in my installation, which indicates that the transformer and power supply are more than adequate to handle loads the rotator is rated for.

In all, the HD-73 presents a well-designed unit. I was somewhat skeptical about using this system to turn an antenna and mast totaling 2 square feet more than its rated capacity. Alliance, however, had given me the go-ahead. Their confidence in the HD-73 is deserved — this rotator is entirely up to the task. The HD-73 is available from: Alliance Mfg. Co., Inc., 22790 Lake Park Blvd., Alliance, OH 44601. — *Sandy Gerli, AC1Y*

# Hints and Kinks

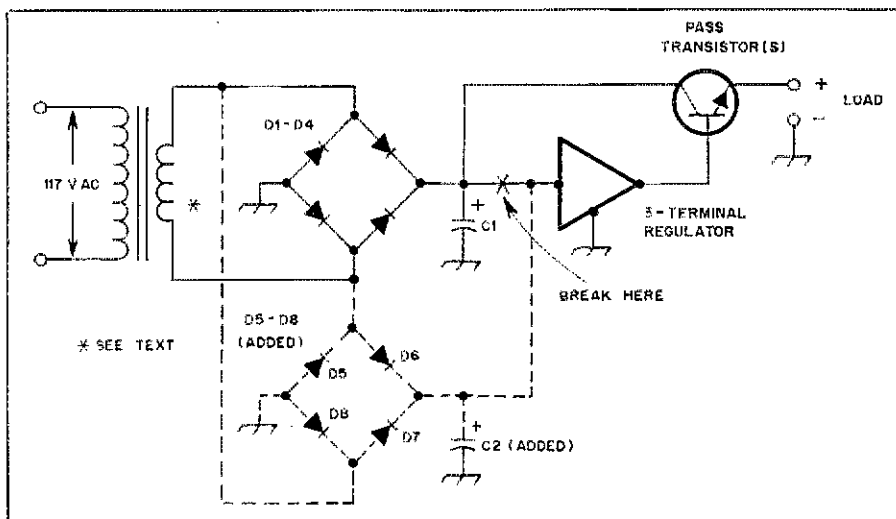
Conducted By Stuart Leland,\* W1JEC

## IMPROVING RIPPLE-FREE CURRENT CAPABILITY OF LOW-VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLIES

□ The accompanying schematic diagram indicates a modification for low-voltage power supplies to upgrade their ripple-free current capabilities. If the current drain pulls the rectified voltage down to where it is insufficient for proper operation of the regulator, ripple and poor regulation will result.

Typical input requirements for a 15-volt regulator are: 17.5 V minimum, 35 V maximum and 27 V recommended. This means that ripple excursions below 17.5 V cannot be tolerated.

Addition of a second rectifier and C2 will provide adequate voltage for the regulator. C2 capacitance requirements are not high. If a center-tap transformer is used, add two diodes and C2. If the existing transformer and filter can provide the required output voltage (plus junction drop) and current to the pass transistor(s), ripple-free regulation will result. — *Howard W. Johnson, W7NU, Seattle, Washington*

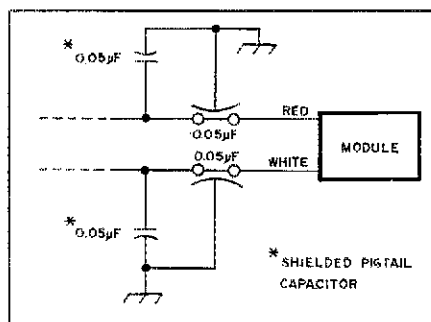


This circuit provided by Howard W. Johnson, W7NU, will furnish ripple-free regulation for a low-voltage power supply.

## WHEN RF UPSETS ELECTRONIC IGNITION

□ *QST* readers may be interested in knowing how I stopped my 130-watt low-band transmitter from affecting the electronic ignition in a 1980 Ford police patrol car. Although I have been involved in two-way radio since 1934, this was my first experience with rf disturbing the ignition system.

My remedy was to bypass the rf to the grounded side of the electrical circuit, as shown in the accompanying diagram. A 0.05- $\mu$ F feed-through capacitor was placed in series with the red lead and also the white lead extending from the ignition switch to the ignition module. As a further precaution, I also installed two 0.05- $\mu$ F shielded capacitors with shielded pigtails as indicated in the diagram. The latter bypass capacitors are made by Motorola (no. 1V80700-A89). Since I took these corrective measures, the RF no longer affects the ignition when the transmitter is being operated. — *Morris E. Hall, N4MH, Rock Hill, South Carolina*



When rf from a 130-watt mobile transmitter upset the ignition system in a 1980 Ford police car, Morris Hall, N4MH, installed bypass capacitors as shown in this drawing. The remedy effectively eliminated the problem.

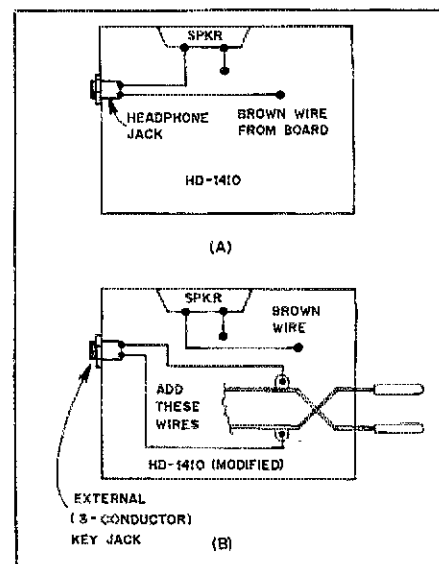
## THOUGHTS ON THE HEATH HD-1410 ELECTRONIC KEYS

I was not completely satisfied with the speed control on my Heath HD-1410 electronic keyer. Assembly instructions recommended that R9 be 10 k $\Omega$  for a speed range of 10 to 35 wpm. However, the top speed was much in excess of 35 wpm and adjustment around 20 wpm much too critical. Connecting a 5.6-k $\Omega$  resistor in series with R9 and shunting the speed control R101 with a 27-k $\Omega$  resistor brought the speed range down to 8 to 35 wpm. Also, settings of the speed control became much less critical.

Having used a single-paddle keyer for quite a while, I found I had little use for the iambic

property. However, I learned that if I adjust the travel to a *minimum* and the spring tension to a very weak value, I do fine with the keyer. If the tension is too high, the darn thing jumps around on the table and if the travel is too high, using the keyer is tiring. I can do very well at 25 wpm. I'm 78 years old. Got my Extra in 1977! Earned my first ticket in 1928. — *Ira Myers, W2SVJ, Neptune, NJ*

□ To use other paddles with the Heathkit HD-1410 keyer you only have to make the following modifications. First, disconnect and remove the headset connector on the rear of the keyer and replace it with a 3-conductor stereo 1/4-inch jack. Next, reconnect the speaker directly to the board lead removed from the headphone connector. Then solder a wire on each side terminal (no. 4 solder lug) of the internal keying paddle and connect these to the new jack on the rear panel. See the accompanying drawing. — *Jim Zimmerman, WB7DGU, Flagstaff, Arizona*



The Heath HD-1410 keyer can be modified for use with other paddles by making the changes shown. Drawing A shows the original connections to the phone-plug connector wired according to Heath instructions. The phone connector is replaced by a three-conductor stereo jack and then wired as shown to the HD-1410 paddles. The external paddle key lead is then plugged into the stereo jack.

□ Several amateurs who had HD-1410 keyers found the output would hold low when transmissions were made on the various amateur bands. The bands related to this effect were not the same at all stations but seemed rf related. I found that connecting a 0.001- $\mu$ F capacitor from the output of IC3C (pin 12) to ground cured all but one case among the seven keyers so modified. — *William M. Kosturko, W1VW, Stratford, Connecticut*

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## HEATH SB-101, LOW SENSITIVITY AND RF DRIVE

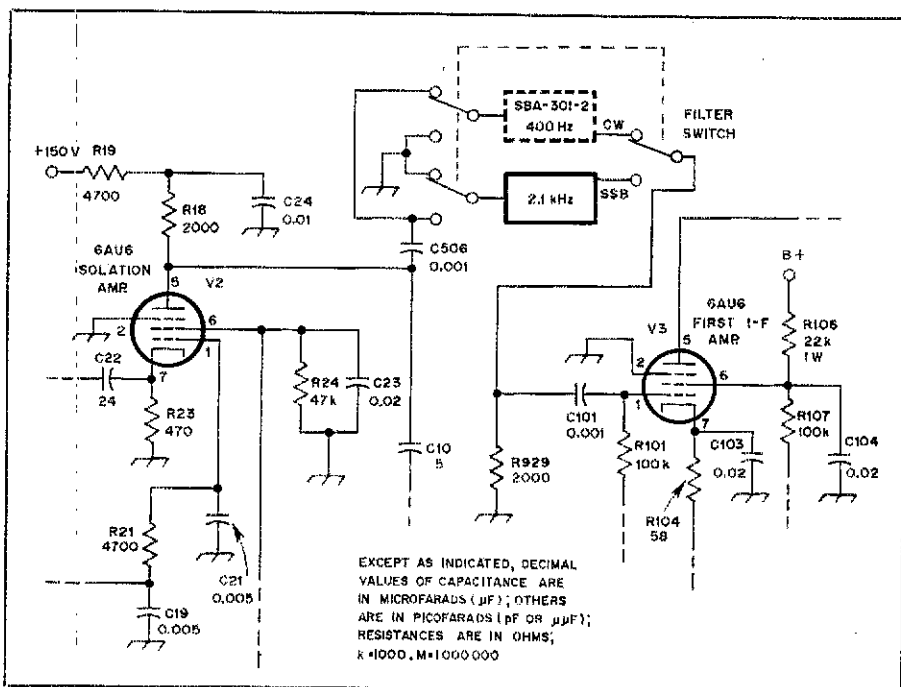
□ The problem of low receiver sensitivity and low rf drive was noted on two SB-101 transceivers. Replacement of weak or marginal tubes and realignment did not correct the problem. The source of this difficulty was found to be a dirty spdt switch between the 2.1-kHz filter and the first i-f amplifier, V3. The contacts presented 5- to 10-ohms resistance, which would vary when the switch was operated. Disassembly of the switch disclosed that a contact lubricant had dried to a consistency of wax, resulting in corrosion and poor continuity. After the switch was cleaned and reassembled, the receiver sensitivity increased by 10 dB and the rf drive returned to normal. Possibly this problem may be common in other equipment of the SB and HW series made in the late 1960s. — *J. M. Eaves, K5YJJ, Laplace, Louisiana*

## RTTY PAPER

□ An economical source of RTTY paper is contained in the end of roll newsprint. Our local publisher has been selling these for \$2 or less depending on the amount of paper remaining. The rolls are 30 inches (762 mm) wide and, by using any method employed in sawing wood, can be cut to any desired width. I cut mine on a band saw. With a little patience you can use a hacksaw or fine-tooth carpenter's saw. A wooden cylinder, with nails as mounting pins and turned to fit the tube on which the paper is rolled is ideal for mounting in the machine. A roll mounted on a broomstick inserted in a box, allowing the paper to be fed up through the slot on the rear of the printer, will also get the job done. I operated for over 18 months on my first \$4 investment. — *Col. James C. Richardson, Ret., W3CLJ, Charleroi, Pennsylvania*

## SCANNING IDEA FOR THE KENWOOD TR-2400

□ There are 10 memories in the Kenwood TR-2400 2-meter transceiver and the radio will scan all 10 channels in order, at a rate of about one per second. If you live in an area where you do not have 10 frequencies to which you wish to listen, there is no way to get the radio to scan fewer than 10 channels. However, it occurred to me that if one were to program frequency A into the odd-numbered channels and frequency B into the even-numbered channels, then the net result would be the same as if the radio were only scanning two channels. This process could be applied to any number of channels up to 10 by programming the frequencies into the radio in rotating succession (e.g., A, B, C, A, B, C, A, B, C, A). To give the user a quasi-priority function, the channel sequence might go something like this: A, B, A, C, A, D, A, E, A, F. In my area, with only two repeaters to monitor, this method enables me to listen to both repeaters with only one-second delay between listening periods. If I had 10 different frequencies programmed into the radio and someone called me just after the radio looked at that channel, they could complete their call and the repeater would have dropped out before the 10 seconds elapsed for the radio to have returned to that channel. — *Clark L. Stewart, W8TN, Ravenswood, West Virginia*



Cleaning the filter switch, shown above, in the SB-101 at K5YJJ, restored both the sensitivity and grid drive. Because of corrosion and a wax-like residue, the resistance between contacts had increased to nearly 10 ohms.

## HEATH SB-104 TALK BACK SOLUTION

□ After reading the SB-104 modification articles in *QST* for August 1979 (W0MYN) and May 1980 (W4YEJ) I attempted to bypass the rf on the 13.8-V line with capacitors and heavy ground connections without success. Another solution was needed in my case.

I decided that I had to remove the 13.8 V from F-19 during transmission, but I didn't particularly like the W0MYN solution because of the effect on the counter preset. The accompanying illustration shows a solution that is simple and effective. I first removed all wires from F-19 and connected them to an added tie point terminal, as suggested by W4YEJ. I then added connections, as shown on the diagram, consisting of one wire and a diode.

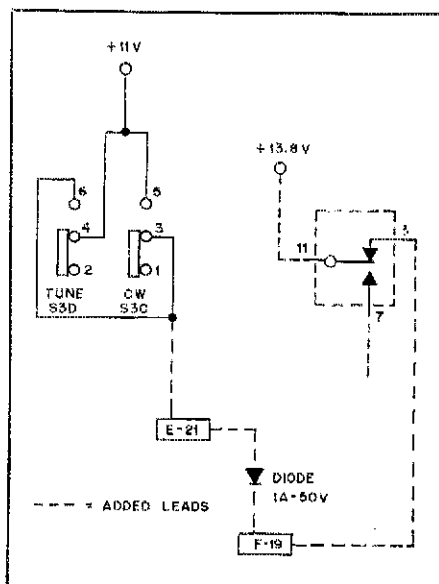
F-19 is held at 13.8 V except at transmit (high power) when relay contacts open and drop the voltage to zero on ssb. This eliminates the talk back. In the cw and tune modes, the voltage is approximately 10 V (11 V minus the diode drop). The purpose of the diode is to isolate the two power sources. Conduction of the diode is controlled by the polarity of voltage across it which is set by the relay mode and the cw and tune switches.

The decreased voltage at F-19 (13.8 to 10 V) does not materially affect the volume of the sidetone but the level can be readjusted. Additional loading on the 11-V supply seems minimal (approximately 50 mA).

The simplicity of the solution is apparent since it is only necessary to provide an additional tie point, connect a diode from E-21 to F-19, and a wire from F-19 to RY-3. — *Larry Tumey, K4GMZ, Lakeland, Florida*

## SOLVING BROADBAND AMPLIFIER HARMONIC PROBLEM

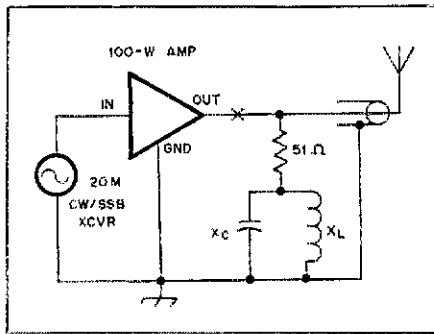
□ After having tried to "dis-harmonic" a 100-W broadband transistor amplifier, a solu-



Larry Tumey, K4GMZ, developed this simple circuit modification for eliminating talkback in the Heath SB-104.

tion came out of my reactive bank while I was pursuing something unrelated. The objective was to terminate everything outside the 10- to 160-meter amateur bands and have the harmonic filter properly terminated (50 ohms, nonreactive) within the range of 10 to 160 meters. In commercial equipment harmonic suppression is accomplished with half-wave switched filters. However, the termination is reactive in the filter stop bands when monoband antennas are tuned by Transmatches. Besides, the half-wave filters are low-pass only, allowing strange i-f/mf signals to pass through.

My solution is to use a diplexer like the ones I use to terminate the doubly balanced mixers



Dave Windisch, K3BHI, solved the problem of harmonics in a broadband amplifier by using the filter arrangement indicated above. Details are in the text.

in my contest-grade station. See the accompanying diagram.

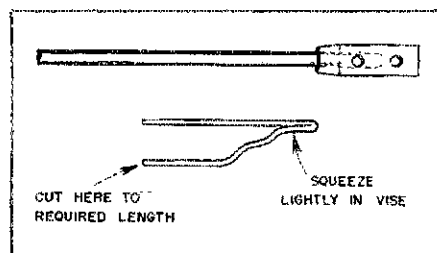
Experimentally, at 20 meters, I found a Q of 2 to be sufficient to cover the band ( $C \cong 450$  pF and  $L \cong 0.28 \mu\text{H}$ ). I recommend the application of vhf construction techniques (chip capacitors, N-connectors) and a good small tubular 50- $\Omega$  termination. A 25-W Globar resistor, 3/8 inch (10 mm) thick by 1-1/2 inch (38 mm) long, is adequate. Load the circuit with 50-ohms resistance and gate dip it to resonance. You'll find the amplifier is as broad as a barn door, adheres to the "KISS" theorem and avoids Murphy's Law. Incidentally, belt-and-suspenders types can insert your half-wave filters at point X if you insist. — *Dave Windisch, K3BHI, Baltimore, Maryland*

#### A NOTE ON THE CLIPPERTON L

I was having a problem with parasitic suppressors going up in smoke on my Dentron Clipperton L until I wrote to the manufacturer and received the following reply. "The Clipperton-L will heat the parasitic choke on 10 and 15 meters if it is not loaded properly. On 10 meters, the load control *must* stay above 5. On 15 meters it *must* stay above 3. If operating with the load control below these parameters, the unit will go into parasitic oscillation and cause the parasitic choke to overheat." — *Jack Schuster, W1WFF, Glastonbury, Connecticut*

#### MAKING HUSKY GROUND TERMINALS AND TIPS FOR YOUR SOLDERING GUN

Need a cheap, yet husky ground-terminal connector? Then try this one. Cut a 1-1/2-inch (38-mm) length of 1/4-inch (6-mm) 1D copper tubing. Drill a 1/4-inch hole in one wall of the tubing, placing it about 1/2 inch (13 mm) from one end. Remove 1 inch (25 mm) of insulation from the length you need of no. 6 to no. 10 stranded copper wire. Insert this end into the



tubing so that 1/4 inch of the jacket is inside the end of the tubing. Now tightly squeeze the tubing onto the wire (but not the jacket) by placing the piece of tubing in your vise 1/4 inch from the end in which the wire is inserted. Solder through the drilled hole. Next, drill another 1/4-inch hole 3/8 inch (10 mm) from the flattened end. Clean thoroughly with steel wool. If you use a tubing cutter instead of a hacksaw and a hand punch instead of a drill, you will wind up with a much neater job.

Want to save on tips for your Weller (or similar) gun? Then, try this idea. Bend a length of no. 6 to no. 10 copper wire as illustrated, fashioning the wire to resemble the manufactured tip. The wire gauge depends on the capacity of the soldering gun. — *Raul Pomales Lopez, KP4EQN, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico*

#### IMPROVING THE SWAN 500 CX CALIBRATION OSCILLATOR

Swan 500CX owners may find the calibration oscillator will work better if the circuit is rebuilt to the improved schematic design available from the Swan factory, rather than maintaining the component values shown in the parts list of the operation manual. The procedure is to delete R1601 (1 k $\Omega$ ) and C1601 (250  $\mu\text{F}$ ) and the line tied to the coil of K1. Tie the -12-V line of the board to pin 3 of the accessory socket for filtered, regulated dc. Change R1607 to 47 k $\Omega$ , R1608 to 33 k $\Omega$ , R1610 to 2.2 k $\Omega$ , R1612 to 4.7 k $\Omega$ . Install C1607 (0.01  $\mu\text{F}$  at 25 V (dc) and replace Q7 with an RCA SK3018, an npn silicon video i-f amplifier. Finally, calibrate the oscillator with the signals from WWV. Adjust R1609 for 25-kHz calibration. This should bring the circuit up to par. — *Dave Torgenrud, WA0PDB, Thief River Falls, Minnesota*

#### RADIO SHACK BOARD WELL SUITED FOR CALIBRATOR

Regarding the versatile calibrator described in the feature article, "Hints and Kinks from Abroad" (January 1980 *QST* pp. 42-43), I have found that the time-base-generator circuit board sold by Radio Shack is well suited for this project. I refer to their project board no. 277-115. This board has space for up to seven 7490s or 7492s (+12) and jumper pads to wire any conceivable combination. In addition there is provision for a crystal oscillator. This project board is furnished with a handsome and informative manual, all for \$6! — *Edward M. Roberts, Glen Head, New York*

#### SILICONE TREATMENT FOR SOLDERING-IRON TIP

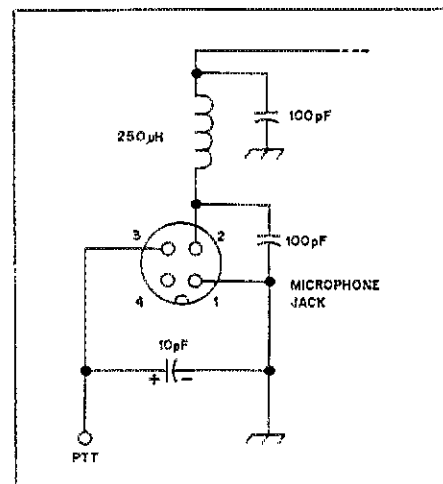
One of the best favors you can do for a new soldering iron is to put a light coating of silicone on all of the surfaces that might have to be removed. Depending on the brand of soldering iron, this might involve coating setscrews or the screw thread on the soldering-iron tip. In any case, the results can be quite effective. After a year or two of use, some soldering-iron tips become so encrusted in place that they are impossible to remove. With silicone treatment, this problem is avoided. Almost any silicone compound will suffice. Dow-Corning DC-4 compound, used with heat sinks and the insulators of transistors, is one such product. — *John Schultz, W4FA, Voice of America*

#### REGARDING TS-520 CW MODIFICATION

Here is a note of caution for those owners of a Kenwood TS-520 who may have made the cw-filter modification to their rigs according to the September 1977 "Hints and Kinks" column. According to the modification, the cw filter can be switched out of the circuit by using the CH SELECT switch on the front panel. Do not try to transmit, however, with the cw filter switched out. I find that there is a considerable power loss as a result. — *Warren Bone, KQ4X, ex-WB4OXR, Nashville, Tennessee*

#### ELIMINATING RF IN FT-101Z MICROPHONE CIRCUIT

I had trouble with rf getting into the leads of the microphone circuit of my FT-101Z. This drawing illustrates the cure. It is simply a matter of modifying the microphone and PTT leads to coincide with the FT-101EE version. — *W. A. Wessel, W0CM, Liberal, Kansas*



#### CLEANING VARIABLE CAPACITORS

For corroded and otherwise dirty variable capacitors, which are almost impossible to clean with a brush, I use a mixture of 4 ounces (120 ml) of concentrated lemon juice in 8 to 10 ounces (240 to 300 ml) of water placed in a sauce pan. By placing the capacitor in this mixture and boiling it for 10 to 15 minutes, the device can be made to look like new. A few drops of liquid detergent might be helpful. A drop or two of oil should be placed on the bearings when dry. — *Bill Pickens, WB5NGF, Leland, Mississippi*



KB6DQ placed his dummy antenna load in one of these attractive flower pots outside his den. This solved a problem of seeping oil. His XYL added the final touch by placing synthetic flowers around the dummy load.



## IMPROVING TUBE VFOs: A NEW LOOK AT AN OLD PROBLEM

□ The heart of any modern transmitter is the VFO, where the quality and stability of a signal begins. Modern technology has made significant improvements in this area in comparison with older VFOs that sometimes drift or chirp. Owners of older tube-type VFOs can alleviate the problem of chirp by making the circuit modification I have provided. I find it useful also in QSK operation.

Many chirps are not caused by the power amplifier pulling on the VFO. An inadequately rated power supply more likely is at fault. Such a supply can struggle to supply the VFO with a steady voltage when the transmitter is switched from standby to operate mode. This can cause the VFO frequency to slide considerably before arriving at a stable condition. Reworking the power supply is the best solution, but that involves considerable expense and often changing the physical layout of the VFO. My circuit is simple and inexpensive, and it can be added easily to many older VFOs.

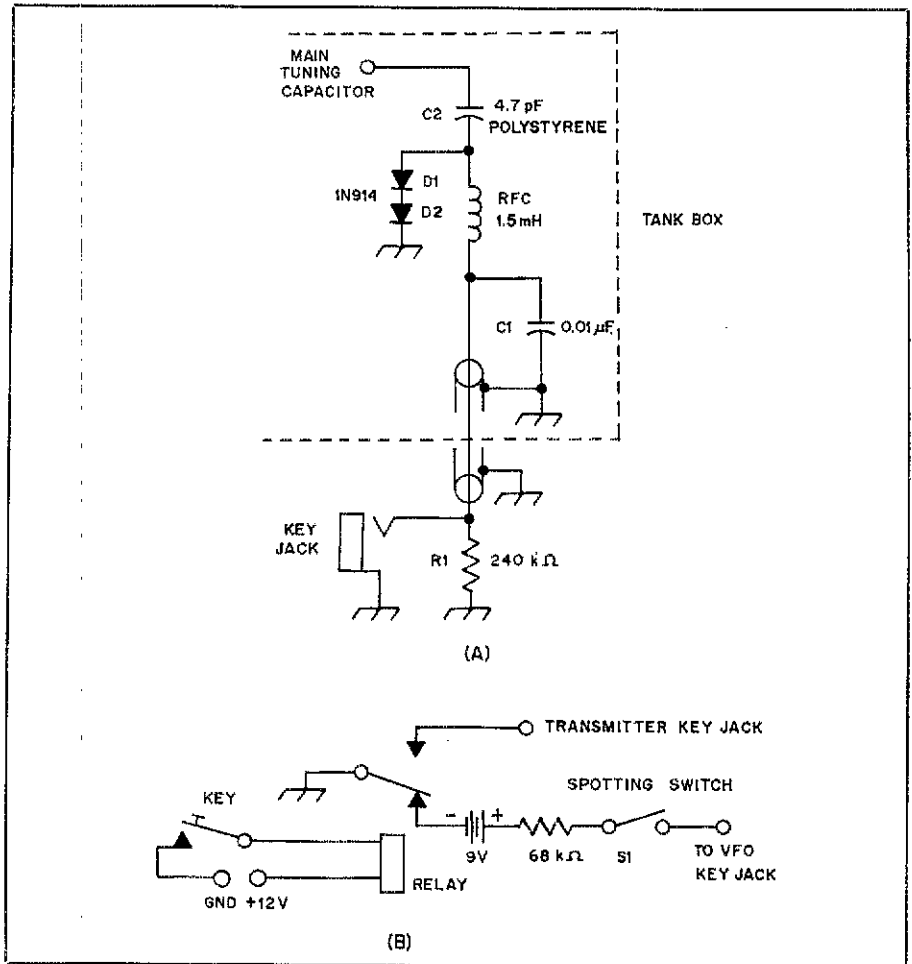
Frequency offsetting is popular in many new rigs because it helps maintain stability. It stops load variations on the power supply by ensuring that the VFO is always on. The circuit described here shifts the frequency of an Eico 722 VFO about 50 kHz on the 80-meter band, enough to take it entirely out of the Novice portion when on standby. It therefore cannot be heard during reception. Neither will it cause any QRM on the air.

Physical changes to the VFO were minimal. A terminal strip mounted in back of the tank-circuit box, a new "normally open" phone jack and rewiring the standby/operate switch were the only chassis additions.

The circuit only affects the frequency of the tank circuit when it is grounded as a result of the diodes being forward biased by a voltage greater than 1.4. Two diodes are necessary to raise the diode bias above the tank operating voltage. A shielded cable provides the path through the rf choke for the voltage to be applied to the diodes. C1 bypasses the rf and R1 bleeds the capacitor so that a frequency glide with each voltage shift is avoided. When a positive voltage is applied to the diodes, they become forward biased, grounding C2. The added capacitance shifts the frequency of the VFO downward.

All components in the dashed line of the drawing are soldered to a terminal strip mounted behind the main tuning capacitor in the rear of the tank circuit box. The terminal strip is secured by one of the screws holding the tank circuit housing to the chassis. C2, a polystyrene capacitor, stretches from the tuning capacitor to the terminal strip. I routed the shielded cable against the walls of the box through the chassis at the hole for the band switch. The normally closed phone jack was replaced with one that is normally open. To have the oscillator cathode always grounded when transmitting, I rewired the mode switch. Recalibration is performed according to EICO's recommended procedures.

The keying circuit, shown at B, is connected to a grounded cathode circuit in my transmitter. Current drawn by the diodes is limited by the resistor. S1 permits spotting of the VFO without undesired transmission. Before the modification it took the VFO several seconds to stabilize when placed in the transmit mode, a handicap when working in the Novice bands. QSK was impossible. Since installation of the



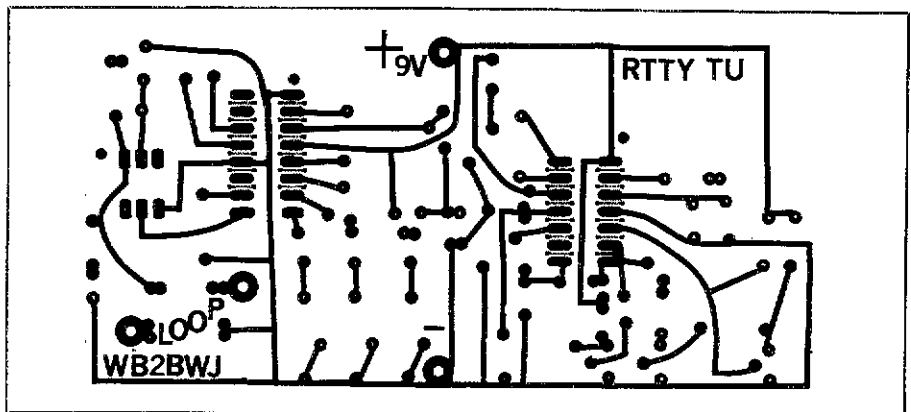
Thomas Cook, N3AXN, gave his Eico 722 VFO added stability with the circuit modification shown above. Frequency offset during standby enables the VFO to run continuously without reception interference. This stabilizes the oscillator. His keying arrangement (B) permits spotting by using S1.

offset circuit, the VFO has been chirp-free and clean. QSK is a welcome bonus. — *Thomas D. Cook, N3AXN, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

## THE OLD TIMER'S NOTEBOOK: A GOOD USE FOR OLD COAXIAL CABLE

□ If you have or can find some old coaxial

cable that's become too lossy for use as transmission line, use it for radials in your ground system. Lengths of the sheathing can be removed from the cable and installed as ground or bonding straps around your equipment, in your boat or on your car. A length of such cable makes a good shielded lead from your car battery to your mobile radio. — *E. A. "Whit" Whitney, W1LLD, Milford, New Hampshire*



Circuit-board etching pattern for the "State-of-the-Art Terminal Unit" (see Fig. 3, p. 22 of this issue). Black represents copper. The pattern is shown at actual size from the foil side of the circuit board.

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## MODIFICATIONS TO THE 144-MHZ "PLUMBER'S SPECIAL" AMPLIFIER

□ Two problems with the popular "plumber's special" 144-MHz kilowatt amplifier are the difficulty of making a reliable lead-screw tuning mechanism and critical adjustment of the output-coupling link.<sup>1</sup> Both problems can be overcome by the modifications given here.

Very large circulating currents flow through the plate tuning capacitor and its associated lead-screw mechanism, and any form of sliding contact will eventually corrode and cause trouble. The problem can be avoided by using a completely insulated vane to alter the plate-to-plate capacitance.<sup>2,3</sup> Although the tuning range is smaller than that of a lead-screw capacitor it is still quite adequate if the length of the lines is correct.

As K2RIW has pointed out,<sup>4</sup> coupling is critical to adjust the maximum rf output. He solved the problem by using capacitor output coupling, and later designs have adopted the idea for single-ended amplifiers on 144 MHz.<sup>5,6</sup>

Capacitive output coupling can also be used for push-pull amplifiers such as the "plumber's special." Fig. 1 shows the electrical circuit of my amplifier, and Fig. 2 is an "exploded" mechanical sketch; everything else is the same as described in Ref. 1. C1 is the floating-vane tuning capacitor; C2A and B comprise the twin-gang output coupling capacitor. The push-pull outputs from C2 are combined in a half-wave coaxial balun. This output coupling arrangement maintains correct balance with respect to ground, and is adjusted easily. Increasing the coupling capacitance brings a progressive increase in plate current at resonance, and the rf output rises to a maximum, then falls as the amplifier becomes overcoupled to the antenna. It's just like an rf rig, and so different from the hit and miss of link coupling. There is a small power loss in the balun, though RG-8/U cable gets only slightly warm on prolonged tune-up. The power loss is far out-

weighed by the improved efficiency that comes from optimum output coupling.

The control shafts should be made from a good rf insulator; polystyrene works fine (if it tends to soften, maybe you need a bigger blower!). When the moving vanes of C1 and C2 are parallel with the stator plates, the spacing should be about 6 mm (1/4 inch). It doesn't matter if the vane of C1 accidentally touches the plate lines or the outer case, but C2 must be prevented from closing and shorting out the high-voltage. As a further precaution a shorted quarter-wave stub provides a dc ground to the output circuit.

If you are having trouble with lead-screw tuning and want to try the C1 arrangement, you'll probably have to alter the length of the plate lines to bring the system back to resonance. I found no need to change the plate lines after removing the old coupling link and installing capacitive coupling, though it may prove necessary to trim both stator plates of C2 to obtain the correct capacitance range. — Ian White, G3SEK, 83 Portway, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX111 OBA Great Britain

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## TRANSMISSION LINES, SWR AND SUCH

□ Referring to the very informative and well-presented article "The Imperfect Antenna and How It Works," QST for July 1979, and paraphrasing the concluding paragraph — "In the case of your antenna system, be it 'perfect' or 'imperfect,' a little of the transmitter output energy gets changed into heat in the feed line and antenna wires. The rest — all the rest — is

radiated into space by the antenna."

There are other energy losses whose total is greater in magnitude than the transmission line energy loss, such as ground resistance, corona, eddy currents induced in neighboring masts, guy wires and other conductors and dielectric losses arising from imperfect dielectrics, such as insulators and trees in the near antenna field. These losses can be represented by a resistance, R1, which, when inserted in series with the antenna, consumes the same amount of energy as that which is dissipated by the sum total of the lossy elements mentioned above. The total resistance component of antenna impedance is the sum of Rr + R1, Rr being the radiation resistance.

The antenna radiated energy efficiency is the ratio of radiation resistance to the total resistance, i.e., Rr/(Rr + R1). This is the fraction of the total energy supplied to the antenna, which is converted to radiated "communication" energy. — John J. Glauber, W4OB, 1536 Orangewood Circle, Zellwood, FL 32798

□ The "The Imperfect Antenna System and How It Works," July 1979 QST, is a very good tutorial article on the subject. There are three statements in the text which I take issue with but these do not appreciably affect the overall objective of the presentation.

The first is "In reality, power does not travel down the line." Power certainly does travel down the line to the antenna. If the line is lossless all power arrives at the antenna. If the line is lossy, some is dissipated in the line as it passes.

The second is the statement in the seventh paragraph, "The answer is that the load will dissipate, not 100 watts, but 75 watts." The real answer is that the result cannot be predicted! The transmitter is a highly nonlinear source! Sparks and grief could result unless the transmitter is retuned!

The third comment I have is on the last two lines of the third paragraph from the end, "however, if the line losses are taken into account, . . ." If these words are deleted, the

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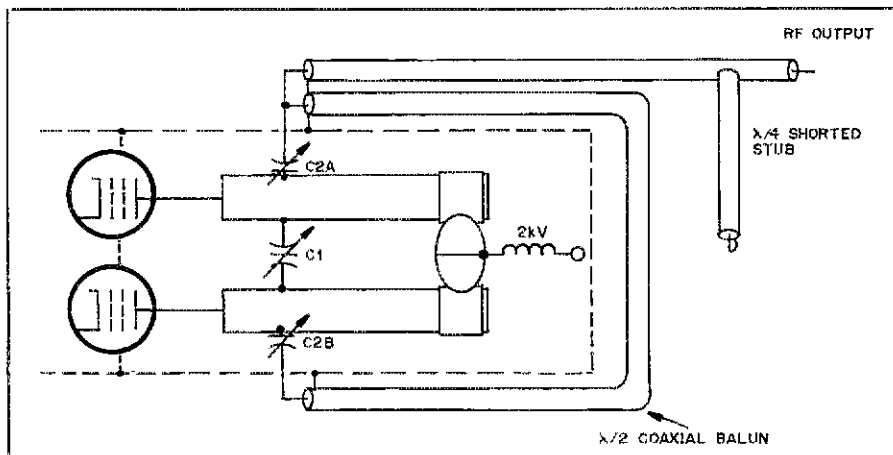


Fig. 1 -- Details for modifying the amplifier for capacitive-output coupling.

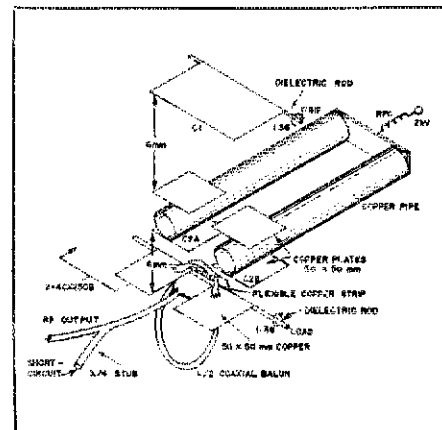


Fig. 2 -- Exploded sketch of the amplifier tank with modifications.

sentence is correct. The difference between "forward" and "reflected" power is the power delivered to the load connected to the "wattmeter" output, and thus the power delivered by the transmitter (assuming the wattmeter is dissipationless!). I use quotes around "wattmeter" because I'm about to suggest changing the name of these SWR meters, reflectometers, etc. to "Whatmeters." — *J. T. Kroenert, WA1YTC, 349 New Meadow Rd., Barrington, RI 02806*

### TX LINE $Z_0$ — IS IT REALLY 50 $\Omega$ ?

□ Some time ago, while on active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard, I encountered an unusual situation while measuring the antenna impedance of a loran "A" tower at a U.S.C.G. loran station. The tower for several years had an SWR of 1.22, even though the antenna had been bridged and tuned to  $50 + j0$  ohms. The SWR meter was always calibrated prior to the measurement to ensure it was accurate. It was never understood why an SWR of 1.0 could not be obtained.

During a station visit intended for antenna-bridging measurements, several attempts at determining the cause of the "non-1.0 SWR" after tuning were made. One such attempt involved placing a homemade time-domain reflectometer in the signal-power building to check the transmission line and antenna system for reflections along the line. The homemade TDR was used in conjunction with a USM-117 scope. Although one might think the idea too crude to be useful, it does provide reliable information and is a valuable tool in determining changes of impedance in the transmission line and antenna.

The TDR indicated a mismatch at the junction of the transmission line and the input to the tuning unit. Since the antenna had just been bridged and adjusted to  $50 + j0$  ohms, I concluded that the connectors were causing the mismatch indicated by the TDR. The connectors were removed, cleaned, and resoldered to the transmission line (this is no easy task). The line itself was inspected for breaks and corrosion of the wires along the section on which the connectors are fitted. The TDR was used again to check for mismatch. Nothing had changed in the pattern on the scope. When the transmitter was put on the air, the SWR was still 1.22:1.

If the antenna was  $50 + j0$  ohms and the connections were good, then something must have been wrong with the transmission line itself. All this time it was assumed the transmission line was 50 ohms (RG-19/U).

Network theory was then employed to determine the characteristic impedance of the line:

$$Z_0 = \sqrt{Z_{oc} \times Z_{sc}}$$

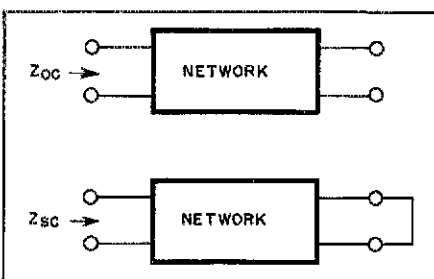


Fig. 3 — Conditions of measurement for determining the characteristic impedance of a network. The "network" may be a length of transmission line.

**Table 1**  
**Specified vs. Measured Cable Impedances**

| Cable Type       | Freq. Measured | Manufac. $Z_0$ | Measured $Z_0$ |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 18 feet RG-58C/U | 4 MHz          | 50 ohms        | 53.5 ohms      |
|                  | 29.5 MHz       | 50 ohms        | 40.9 ohms      |
| 36 feet RG-8A/U  | 4 MHz          | 52 ohms        | 54.0 ohms      |
|                  | 29.5 MHz       | 52 ohms        | 57.6 ohms      |
| 16 feet RG-213/U | 4 MHz          | 50 ohms        | 52.6 ohms      |
|                  | 29.5 MHz       | 50 ohms        |                |
| 15 feet RG-58/U  | 4 MHz          | 53.5 ohms      | 53.4 ohms      |
|                  | 29.5 MHz       | 53.5 ohms      | 58.3 ohms      |
| 51 feet RG-213/U | 4 MHz          | 50 ohms        | 49.8 ohms      |
|                  | 29.5 MHz       | 50 ohms        | 48.6 ohms      |

0.3048 × feet = meters

$Z_{oc}$  is the measured input impedance of the network (transmission line) with the output shorted.  $Z_{sc}$  is the measured input impedance with the output terminals open (Fig. 3).

The transmission line was disconnected from the antenna tuning unit and from the transmitter. Then  $Z_{oc}$  and  $Z_{sc}$  were measured using the same test equipment which was used to measure and set the antenna impedance at  $50 + j0$  ohms. The equipment involved a Stoddard NM-20A detector, URM-25 rf generator, and General Radio 916AL impedance bridge. The line impedance was measured at the loran frequency, 1850 kHz in this case. The characteristic impedance was found to be 61 ohms! The results were so startling that the equipment was moved to the other end of the RG-19/U transmission line and the impedance measured again. Still 61 ohms. If one calculates the SWR of a 61-ohm transmission line terminated in a 50-ohm load (by formula or Smith Chart), the result is 1.22 — exactly as the SWR meter had been indicating previously.

On another loran station, a similar experiment was conducted on a 12-foot (3.65-m) length of RG-8/U cable used inside a transmitter. The cable appeared to be an original component, about 25 years old. The impedance was measured at 95 ohms instead of the 52 ohms intended during manufacture.

Several other types of coaxial cables were measured to determine their characteristic impedances. A URM-25 was again used as the rf generator, but a General Radio 1606 bridge and a Hallicrafters SX-111 receiver were used as the bridge and detector.  $Z_0$  was checked at two frequencies far removed from the standard loran frequencies. The results of the measurements are tabulated in Table 1. Most manufacturers allow a tolerance of  $\pm 2$  ohms within the published characteristic impedance, so some of these cables are within specifications at some frequencies.

Thus, one should be careful to consider the transmission line's actual characteristic impedance when performing antenna tuning or impedance-matching techniques requiring precision. — *Clifford J. Appel, WB6AWM, 9436 South Wales Way, Elk Grove, CA 95624*

\*See Jochem, "An Inexpensive Time-Domain Reflectometer," QST, March 1973.

### TESTING SSB TRANSMITTER LINEARITY

□ Most methods used for testing an ssb transmitter require either expensive test equipment or expertise for evaluating the results. The technique I devised uses a single audio tone of 1.5 kHz, 100 percent amplitude modulated with 20- to 60-Hz triangular voltage, obtained

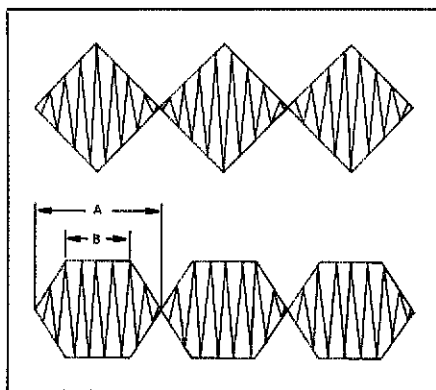


Fig. 4 — Test signal waveforms. The upper drawing shows a triangular-modulated wave from the signal source. The lower drawing shows how the clipping level of a speech compressor may be measured. (See text.)

from a Hewlett-Packard 3312A function generator. A convenient substitute can be jury-rigged from any audio oscillator, complemented with a 566 IC as a triangular-wave oscillator and an MC1496 IC as a modulator.

The upper drawing of Fig. 4 shows the waveform of a test signal. The waveform of an ssb signal should be the same: Any nonlinearity in the system shows in the envelope. The rising part of the envelope can be treated as a static input-output characteristic. At frequencies greater than the bandwidth of the oscilloscope, the scope may be used to display the i-f voltage of a presumably linear receiver.

The lower drawing illustrates the case of measuring the clipping level of an hf speech processor. After measuring the lengths of A and B, the clipping level in dB can be determined from

$$L = 20 \log \frac{A}{A - B}$$

where L is the clipping level. — *R. J. Wolski, SP9AGQ, 9 Jaworowa, 41902 Bytom, Poland*

### FREQUENCY-BLOCK PROGRAMMING OF CES 800 SCANNERS

□ The Communications Electronics Specialties 800 series scanners are used with Clegg and other 2-meter synthesized transceivers. They are extremely versatile and convenient accessories. When programmed for repeater or simplex frequencies in your area, these scanners leave nothing to be desired in operating convenience. When they are used in areas where active repeater frequencies are unknown, however, scanning the entire

2-meter band is very time consuming.

The following program allows you to scan one or more continuous frequency blocks. No wiring changes are required. First, set all push buttons on the scanner to the outer, or released, position. Set the transceiver frequency to 144.00 MHz. Then:

1) Erase memory by pressing SCAN and DELT. Wait until the display "races" before releasing DELT. (It may be necessary to press RSME if the scanner was previously in the HOLD mode.) If you wish to retain the channels already in memory, you may skip this step.

2) Release SCAN. Set the lower limit of the desired block with the transceiver frequency controls, and press ENTR (for example, 146.00). Now set the upper limit of the block (for example, 147.00) and press ENTR.

3) Reset frequency controls to 144.00 MHz, then press SLOW and SCAN. The display will alternate between the upper and lower limits you have chosen. When the display shows the lower limit, press HOLD. Press ALL. Now hold down ENTR while pressing RSME. Continue holding ENTR while the frequency scans up from the lower limit; when it reaches the upper limit, press HOLD.

4) Release ALL and SLOW.

The unit will now scan only from the lower to the upper limits. It still may be programmed to add or delete additional frequencies in the usual manner. Additional blocks may be entered by repeating steps 2 through 4, with new upper and lower limits. — Samuel Bases, K2IUV, 19 Standish Ave., Yonkers, NY 10710

### MORE TUNE-UP BRIDGE NOTES

□ N8AJV's statement ("Don't Break the Seal," May 1980 Technical Correspondence) about the disastrous effects of grinding down 47-ohm resistors to a 50-ohm value was un-

substantiated by any data, so I made a few simple tests of my own. To produce a worst-case condition, I ground down a 30-ohm carbon-composition resistor until it measured 58.6 ohms on my Leeds and Northrup precision bridge. This big increase in resistance assured me that a large amount of the carbon resistance element would be exposed to moisture. Therefore, any effects would be magnified over the small change I had made from 47 to 50 ohms in the resistors I had ground down for my bridge.

Then I fully immersed the ground-down resistor in a glass of tap water for 24 hours so that if the resistance element was going to absorb moisture it would do so. At the end of this time I took the resistor out. I just shook the water off and immediately measured its resistance. It showed a resistance of 58.4 ohms, or a negligible decrease of 0.34%. When the resistor later dried out at ambient room conditions, the resistance again measured 58.6 ohms. So actual measurements showed there were no detrimental effects of moisture on ground-down resistors. I also made further checks on the bridge I built almost a year and a half ago, and two other units built later, all of which had ground-down resistors. All of them showed no change in their ability to obtain a satisfactory null at a load impedance of 50 ohms.

I would say that moisture, absorbed or surface, might present a problem if the resistances were of very high value. But for the 47-ohm value specifically mentioned in N8AJV's letter, I could find no significant change. He also stated that it would be better just to use 20% tolerance resistors. Using 47-ohm, 20% tolerance resistors would lead to an uncertainty factor, however, where a balance thought to be at 50 ohms could actually be at anywhere from 25.1 to 84.6 ohms. Simple bridge calculations will easily verify these figures of uncertainty.

Also, because so much interest has been

shown in my bridge, I'd like to pass along a simplified switching circuit that eliminates D1, R1 and C1 of the original circuit ("Tune Up Swiftly, Silently and Safely," QST, December 1979) without degrading or changing the basic concept of the device. It is shown in Fig. 5.

I've also experimentally eliminated the entire toroid coil and used instead a carbon resistor as a pick-off device. The resistor is connected between points A and B of the diagram. The value and wattage rating of the resistor naturally depend on the power level in use, but for 100 watts of output, I found a 3.9-kΩ 2-watt resistor satisfactory. — William Vissers, K4K1, 1345 S. Orlando Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

### IC SUBSTITUTION FOR THE MC1385P

□ Regarding my article, "The Audiobox — An Amplifier with a Twist," which appeared in the August 1978 issue of QST, here is some updated information. It concerns the IC used in the original circuit.

Motorola discontinued manufacture of the MC1385P which was used in my QST circuit. I was going to redo the pc board to use another Motorola IC; however, there now is a simpler way. National Semiconductor introduced the LM383 — an 8-watt power-amplifier IC — which requires fewer external parts to provide the desired result.

I am including a schematic diagram (Fig. 6) which replaces the amplifier portion of the original circuit. Although I do not plan to make a revised pc board, it should be possible to install this circuit on the original board and hand-wire the components in place. — Eric J. Grabowski, WA8HEB, 30312 Arnold Rd., Willowick, OH 44094.

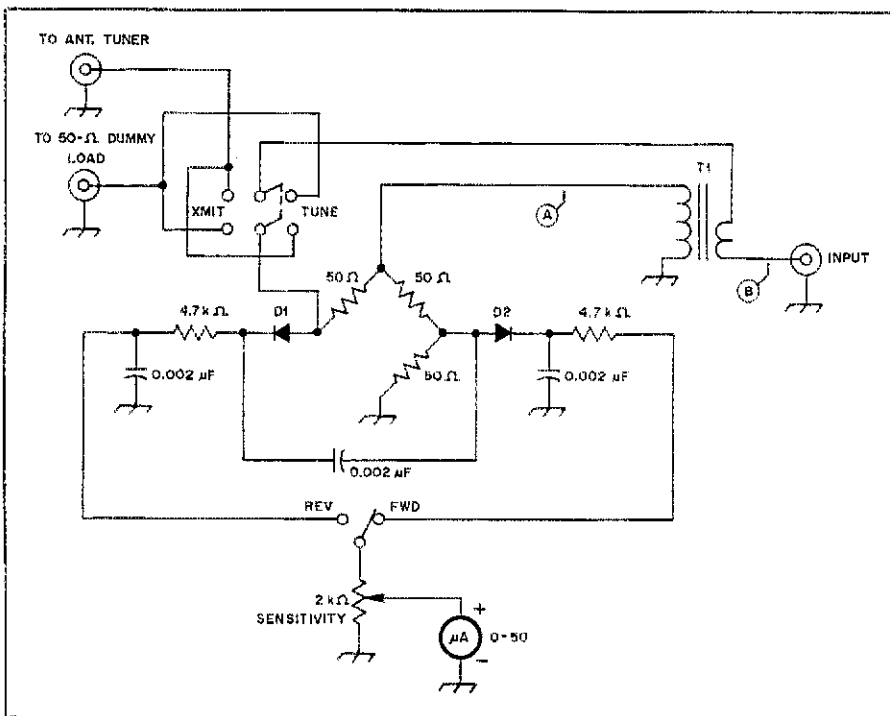


Fig. 5 — The simplified tune-up bridge schematic diagram. See the original December 1979 QST article for T1 specifications and additional information. A further simplification of the circuit is possible by installing a carbon resistor between points A and B, and omitting T1. See text for details.

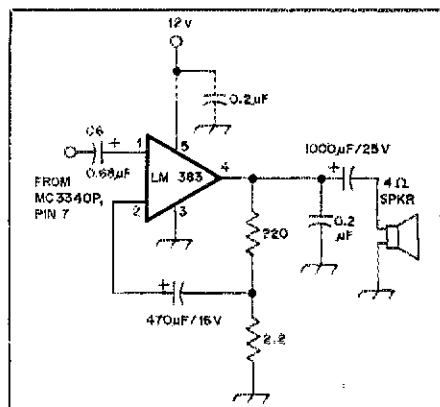


Fig. 6 — Schematic diagram of the revised circuit, which uses an LM383 IC.

## Feedback

□ Fred Brown, W6HPH, offers the following clarification for his article, "A Reflectometer for Twin-Lead," October 1980 QST. The last sentence in the first paragraph under *Checkout and Operation* on page 17 should read: R5 should then be adjusted to give the same voltage at its wiper as the collector voltage of Q2 before the meter is connected.

□ The call of Leo Legleiter was incorrectly listed in the November "Silent Keys" column. It should have read W0KGI instead of W0FIR.

# King of the Hill

Anything you can do I can do better . . . with less.

By John G. Troster,\* W6ISQ

Hey, Charlie, what kinda report you just get from that BZ3?"

"He gimme a 59 + 47 dB. What he give you?"

"Hm . . . 59 plus . . . ahhhh . . . 43 dB over. But, I'm only runnin' the little seven-element beam and it's only up 135 feet."

"Oh yeah! So I beat ya by 4 dB. Hah! And I only got my little four-element multibander at 57 feet."

"Well, actually I see I throwd the wrong antenna switch here. Guess I'm only using my old rusty dipole layin' on the roof."

"QRX one . . . ahhhh . . . my, my, I see I'm transmittin' into a dummy load. It's amazing how good I get out with no good radiator."

"Hold it. . . look here, Charlie, the antenna wire from the final is mis-hooked up to ground! Gotta speak to Old Marge about foolin' with the wires around here."

"I say . . . I just noticed my final ain't turned on. . . ."

"Hm . . . can't believe it, but Old Marge must of tore out the power lines too, 'cause all I got operatin' is the oscillator workin' off a dry cell. I get out pretty good for a QRPer with a hunnerdth of a watt and no antenna . . . huh?"

"Come oooooonnn . . . I got a better signal anytime and with any power you want to play with."

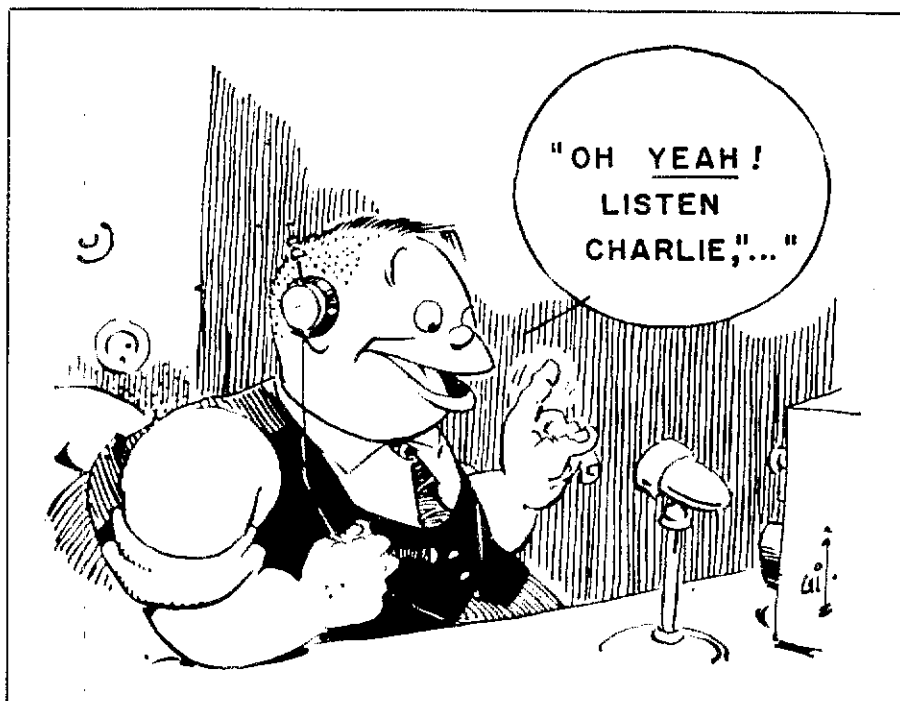
"Oh yeah! Listen Charlie, I could comb my hair over my antenna tuner and beat your best rig and antenna . . . anywhere."

"Well, you got more hair than I do. Listen if I wanted to whip you, I could just throw on a little dipole and turn on my exciter . . . like this . . . beat that!"

"Oh yeah . . . I'll blast your little whistler . . . with a flip of the switch on the driver . . . and when I get this antenna screwed back in the right socket. . . ."

"No way . . . If I ever turned on my final and hooked up the old six-stack of beams, I'd melt every receiver out there at them antipodes."

"Look, Charlie . . . one snap of the switch here and my Doomsday Final comes on that destroys the ionosphere. So



don't fool around. You don't want to be responsible for me meltin' all them ions up there."

"Ahhhhh . . . QRX . . . I hear that BZ3 again. All right, crank up everything ya got . . . pour it on . . . your best shot . . . and I'll show ya who's got the best ether agitator."

"BZ3 . . . BZ3 . . . how ya copy my terrific signal now? Hear that, Charlie? . . . he gimme a S9 + 48 dB. That's one dB better than you got last time. Go ahead. Try your miserable rig."

"BZ3 . . . BZ3 . . . how much louder is my rf bomb than ISQ's? Ahhhh . . . you say . . . ahhh . . . only 46 dB over? Ahhhh . . . let me look here . . . see what I forgot to hook back up."

"Nothin' you forgot to hook up. Admit it. You got a pile a junk over there. I just beat ya . . . seeee . . . I beat ya by 2 dB . . . errrr . . . this time."

"Oh yeeeeeaaahhhh . . . well, no wonder . . . your mountain is higher than mine by 33 feet. Half a wavelength and that's important."

"Yeah, but that means I gotta transmit my rf through all that more fog and rain that I get up here at this higher elevation. That soaks up rf in the worst way, ya know."

"Well naturally you're gonna beat me by 2 dB this time of day because the long-path skip has already gone by me and now you got the best skip. Wait till the skip evens out and I'll blast out some rf that'll neutralize anything you can. . . ."

"Wait a minute . . . from your mountain you got a better shot out across the whole wide Pacific Ocean. I only got little old San Francisco Bay to bounce offen. It ain't as salty as the ocean neither."

"Well, I'll be . . . lookie here. Looks like I'm only usin' that dadratted little old four-element multibander again. No wonder I'm down 2 dB."

"Ohhhhh . . . what do ya know . . . my switch . . . guess I must of forgot to throw it back on. I see I'm still only using my little dinky old rusty dipole on the roof."

"For goodness sakes . . . look what I forgot to hook up. . . ."

# Radio Camp — A Visit with the HANDI-HAMs

By Richard Palm,\* K1CE

What do a singing prize fighter, a social worker, a 16-year-old straight-A high school student, a North Dakota farmer and wife, and nine other handicapped individuals assembled in a remote region of northern Minnesota all have in common? A love and devotion for Amateur Radio, that's what! And it's all happening at the HANDI-HAM Radio Camps. The two week-long summer sessions meet for two purposes every summer — one, to prepare the campers for FCC amateur exams given at the end of each of the weeks, and two, to have fun! After all, man and woman do not live by silicon-controlled rectifiers alone — Radio Camp provides diversions such as canoeing, swimming, camping and more.

If you've ever discussed the relative merits of a Class AB and a Class B amplifier by the shore of a beautiful lake with the stars shining brightly and the roar of a bonfire to keep you warm, then you know of the experience that is Radio Camp. If you've routinely absorbed the list of radio propagation modes in preparation for your exam, only to pick up where you left off in *The Cremation of*

*Sam Magee*, then you know of the joys and rewards of Radio Camp 1980.

Campers are broken up into study groups, one for each class of license. This year, a snappy lot of 13 met in these groups to prepare for the impending exams. Last year's batch of new hams and upgraded amateurs is attributable largely to the qualified and highly competent group of instructors that participated in the two sessions.

Each of the two sessions is held at a different location. The Courage Center's northern facility, Courage North ("Deep in the Pines"), is located about 250 miles north of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the back country. It sits on the shore of beautiful Lake George, the home of the muskie and northern pike. With a number of log cabins and a centrally located lodge, the facility caters to the needs of the Courage Center programs, of which the HANDI-HAM System is one.

Camp Courage, the second facility, near Maple Lake, Minnesota, also serves the handicapped under the auspices of the Courage Center. It's equipped to handle a large number of campers every year, and specializes in therapy for individuals with speech and hearing impairments. The facility has its own farm and lake, with a church and several log cabins. A specially

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## The ARRL Blind and Physically Handicapped Program

Administered by the Membership Services Department, ARRL hq., this program provides sources of study materials in braille, cassette and flexible-disc form. A number of organizations and libraries publish these materials, and are listed in the Program's "Index of Information for the Blind & Physically Handicapped" — a nine-page guide available from Hq. (s.a.s.e., please). The "Index" also lists nets that cater to the handicapped ham. A clearinghouse for requests from the amateur community, the Program also maintains a resource file containing schematic diagrams and sources of special devices for the handicapped ham to be used with amateur gear. For more information, and a pamphlet on the Courage Center's HANDI-HAM System, write to ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

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designed pool and gymnasium are also available for use by the campers.

The Courage Center itself is a large complex located in Golden Valley, a suburb of Minneapolis. The Center offers a great number of services — mostly rehabilitative and therapeutic programs — to handicapped people. Services such as camping, residential, recreation, education and vocational training programs are all large parts of the Center.

\*Coordinator, ARRL Blind and Physically Handicapped Program



Diane Vorwald, WD9DNQ, pounding brass at the Radio Camp "Field" station, Courage North, "Deep in the Pines." (all photos courtesy KØHR)



1980 Radio Campers Willie Parker; Jim Barthel; Darlene Barthel; Don Pribble, WDØFJW, instructor.



HANDI-HAM Rex Kiser, WØGLU, at the controls of Courage HANDI-HAM System Hq. station, WØZSW.

## The Autobiography of Maureen Pranghofer in Reference to Amateur Radio

When I was, oh, about fifteen,  
And would sit glued to the TV screen,  
If lines would appear or strange buzzing sounds,  
Someone would say "Must be a ham around."

The only thing I'd ever heard  
Was that ham operators were absurd.  
They lived in basements with knobs and wires,  
Shorted out circuits and often caused fires.  
And never spoke, so I'd been told,  
In anything but Morse code.

But one day a teacher whom I admired,  
Said he'd had a license which had expired.  
And that his ham days had been such fun,  
He thought I'd like it if I could be one.

So I went to my parents and told them that I,  
Had something new that I wanted to try.  
To get a ham license and be on the air,  
They said, "fine we don't care."

But as the months passed,  
I thought they'd forgot,  
About me being a ham, but they had not.  
For my mother'd asked someone from Courage  
she knew,  
And they said "Write to HANDI-HAMs, that's  
what you should do."

So we wrote them a letter, and they sent a reply  
Saying "yes, you can be a ham if you try.  
If you learn something called cw,  
A little electronics and rules and regs too."

Then they sent me a teacher named Jon Vervair  
Who was always available to listen and care.  
He taught me of Ohm's Law — I, R and E.  
Gave me receiver, oscillator and key.  
And drove forty miles each Sunday night,  
To make sure that what I was learning was right.

In May 1971 came the day.  
When I took my Novice and passed it OK.  
So finally then, I was on the air,  
Making friends through QSO's everywhere.

But the Novice for me just wasn't enough,  
So I started studying the General stuff.  
This time it was harder to do.  
So much new theory and cw too.

And so in September of '71,  
Radio Camp for me had begun.  
I studied so hard with Sister and Ned.  
Trying to remember each thing that they said.  
And as the time came nearer, for the exam.  
I wondered "Is it worth it — becoming a ham?"

So when they told me that I had passed,  
I couldn't believe it — a REAL HAM at last.  
I then set up my EICO and got on the air.  
On 3925, 'cause my friends were there.  
We QSO'd and QSL'd and used only voice.  
Forgetting cw, that was my choice.

And during that first year — I learned oh so  
much,  
Traffic handling, running nets, rag-chewing and  
such,  
But by high school graduation it was clear to me,  
That I wanted to become an Advanced licensee.  
So during the summer I studied myself,  
And when it came near to test time I called upon

Ralph.  
He reviewed with me diligently all that he knew,  
Of filters, transistors, linears and Q.

And soon came the day when Father George  
and I,  
Went to the FCC office to give it a try.  
The FCC examiners were so strict and stern,  
It was hard for me there to remember what I'd  
learned.

But somehow I squeaked by it — got lucky I  
guess.  
And for me, I thought that was quite a success.  
So as I went off to college I stayed on the air,  
Using my new frequencies and privileges there.

And through the next eight years though many  
things changed,  
My love of ham radio always remained.  
From Heathkit, to Swan to Drake TR-4.  
Ham radio was something I couldn't ignore.

So in 1980 when I got my new key,  
I thought "Maybe the Extra Class could be for  
me."

But then I took a look at my knowledge and skill,  
And knew this was a goal which I could not  
fulfill.

Didn't I know that the Extra was tops?  
For people whose brains never did stop,  
Whose minds were like computers — and so I'd  
been told.

Never used voice but only used code?

But the itch to try it I couldn't dissuade,  
So an application to Radio Camp I made.  
I didn't study theory but practiced the key  
Trying to attain the magic "twenty."

And this time when radio camp came around  
for me,

I had a new teacher — Bruce Humphrys.  
Now it was Smith charts and forty dB loss,  
PLL, vectors, JFET and CMOS.  
I studied the code till I thought I would drop,  
But when the FCC came, the studying stopped.

I dreaded the code test which I had to take first,  
But somehow I passed it and had gone through  
the worst.

Then came the theory which wasn't too bad.  
Because of the wonderful teaching I'd had.  
I did ok, or so I'd thought,  
But still didn't know if I'd passed or not.

Although it was moments till I heard them say,  
What the results were, it seemed like a day.  
But finally Bruce came over with my news to tell.  
He said "I've got something for you — it's your  
interim 'PL.'"

And so I went out rejoicing all through that  
evening,  
Knowing I'd passed it — but not hardly believing.  
And now as I write this I've many to thank,  
For getting me up to that very top rank.  
But most of all I know where I am,  
Has all become possible through HANDI-HAM.

—Maureen Pranghofer, WBØEXQ

Maureen thanks many people in her poem —  
we'd like to list them by name: Jon Vervair,  
WAØWPP; Ralph Andrea, WØFCO; Sister Alverna  
O'Laughlin, WAØSGJ; Ned Carman, WØZSW  
(Silent Key); Fr. George Metcalf, WØJH; and  
Bruce Humphrys, KØHR.



1980 Radio Camp Advanced class: Jim Mowery, KØZWG; Wayne Keeney, N6CCU; Dr. Dave Justice, NØARU; Dale Ritchie, WDØBAC; Diane Vorwald, WD9DNQ; and John Kramer, N3BAL — Courage North, "Deep in the Pines."



HANDI-HAM instructor Ralph Andrea, WØFCO, with Radio Camper Willie Parker, a former prize-fighter.

WBØEXQ — the HANDI-HAMs provide a number of services to handicapped individuals interested in all facets of the hobby. Presently, the System has 327 students, 260 handicapped members and 459 able-bodied members or "verticals" as they're sometimes called. The HANDI-HAM services include study materials, personal tutoring and supervision of study by volunteers, equipment loans, special training sessions (such as the Radio Camps), special devices enabling handicapped amateurs to operate radios, and regularly scheduled on-the-air nets to meet other HANDI-HAM members. Currently active in 42 states and 12 foreign countries, the System is growing rapidly. The System actively solicits membership among able-bodied radio amateurs to provide personal services, such as those mentioned above, to handicapped members and students. There are no dues to join the System and all HANDI-HAM services are provided on a pay-what-you-can, and if-you-can, basis.

Perhaps one of the most accessible and truly therapeutic resources, Amateur Radio continues to hold a profound appeal for individuals with physical handicaps. It provides a means of people-to-people contact on a basis of absolute equality — two minds communicating and conversing on a level of mutual and equal empathy. And after all, isn't that the essential element of the hobby? 1057-7

Radio Camps provide unique opportunities to those handicapped individuals interested either in becoming amateurs or in upgrading present licenses. The HANDI-HAM organization promotes a true spirit of fraternity and fellowship among its friends in the amateur community. The ARRL's own program for the blind and physically handicapped

heartily endorses and depends on the fine work of the HANDI-HAM System, the only organization of its kind in the U.S.

### What is the HANDI-HAM System?

Under the very capable direction of the HANDI-HAM staff — Bruce Humphrys, KØHR, Dick Eichhorn, KBØAE, and student coordinator Maureen Pranghofer,

# The Handicapper's Special — Wheelchair Mobile

Being confined to a wheelchair hasn't slowed this ham down. Here's how he used a converted CB rig to get into the action on 10 meters.

By John P. Christopher,\* WD6GXZ

**T**wenty eight years ago, I was born with muscular dystrophy. Since age six I have been confined to a wheelchair. I have learned to know these four-wheel contraptions fairly well and have never let the wheelchair stop me from achieving my goals and enjoying life to its fullest.

Two years ago I was introduced to Amateur Radio, and in that time I have learned many new and valuable skills. Over the past few months I have pondered on how I could combine my motorized wheelchair and my new-found hobby. After some thought, I came up with an idea that was sure to bring about a new twist to 10-meter operation. If amateurs could operate mobile from their cars, planes and boats with good results, then why not try it from a different angle? A wheelchair mobile!

I call my project "The Handicapper's Special" because of the special ways that a mobile CB radio can be converted and modified for 10-meter operation. Depending on the type of CB you have, you can convert it to 10 meters with very little trouble.<sup>1</sup> An ssb CB radio can be set up to operate a-m, fm, ssb or even cw. [Editor's Note: Any CB that has ssb capability should be adaptable to cw. The newer 40-channel types, because of the PLL, are



The author operates his converted CB radio on 10 meters. The rig and antenna are mounted on the left arm of his motorized wheelchair.

on about 300 kHz of 10 meters, and the newer, 40-channel sets will cover between 500 and 600 kHz. Most of the ssb-type CB units can be modified to cover any portion of the 10-meter phone band. So, as you can see, there is a lot to consider when converting one of these mobile units. Whatever rig you choose, it is bound to give you something special to work with on 10 meters.

The radio unit I picked to use in my project was the Cobra 134 a-m/ssb mobile transceiver. Although it is well known for its good operating characteristics and receiver section, the main reason I chose this radio was that it would fit just right on the arm of my motorized wheelchair. I selected the 28,500 to 28,800 kHz portion of 10 meters for my operation.

Having no experience in converting a CB unit to the 10-meter band and lacking the proper tools and equipment to do the job, I elected to send the unit out to a shop that specializes in this area. In just a few short weeks I was ready for 10-meter operation.

After reading the new instructions that came back with the converted radio, I proceeded to hook it to a 12-volt power supply to make sure that the radio was going to function properly and see what the new rf output would be. After attaching my wattmeter and dummy load, I keyed the radio in the a-m mode and spoke into the mike. With modulation, the radio measured 7.5 watts. Power output in the ssb mode was between 8 and 14 watts. I knew that I would have sufficient

good candidates for conversion to fm-type operation.]

## Choosing a Rig

The average, older model 23-channel CB conversion will transmit and receive.

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<sup>1</sup>See Lange, "10-Meter Conversion of CB Transceivers," February 1967 *QST*, page 20 and Mudge, "CB to Ten Meters," July 1978 *QST*, page 26.



power to communicate on 10 meters with satisfactory results.

### Mounting the Unit

With the radio checking out fine so far, I was ready to mount the conversion on the left arm of the wheelchair. A CB slide mount was used to accomplish this. The unit could now slide down into place on the arm of the chair, and it could be easily removed when not in use.

Power was provided from the motorized wheelchair battery system. My chair uses a 70-amp, 12-volt car-type battery. The battery is housed in a box that is secured to a battery tray on the wheelchair. A 1/4-inch phone jack was installed on the battery box and a 1/4-inch phone plug was attached to the Cobra's power cord. The 1/4-inch phone jack was wired to the positive and negative terminals of the battery. When the power cord is plugged into the jack on the battery box I have power to run the radio. If you wire a radio to a wheelchair having a 24-volt system, you will need to use only one of the 12-volt batteries in the system. [Editor's Note: If the negative terminal of the 24-volt system is grounded to the metal of the wheelchair, the radio must be connected to the 12-volt battery whose negative terminal serves as the negative terminal of the system.] Do not connect a CB or CB conversion to both batteries. Most CB radios are able to handle only 16 volts maximum. If you apply a 24-volt charge, you can burn out the radio as well as short out the batteries.

Now that my "Handicapper's Special" was mounted on my wheelchair and power was going to it, I needed an antenna. It had to be simple to work with, easy to install on the wheelchair and broadband enough to cover the 300 kHz that



To disconnect the entire unit for service or storage, the power is unplugged and the entire arm is lifted from the wheelchair.

I would be working. It also had to have a low SWR, so there would be a good power transfer. I selected a coil for 10-meter use and attached it to the bottom portion of a vertical CB antenna. With the use of a mini antenna tuner at the base of the antenna, I was able to get the SWR down to 1.5:1 across the entire frequency range that I had to work with. I mounted the antenna on the left arm of the chair by means of a mirror-mount clamp that many people use on the side mirrors of their pickups, vans and semi trailer trucks. I was now ready to put "The Handicapper's Special" into operation.

### Operating Wheelchair Mobile

I turned the radio on, increased the

volume to a comfortable level and turned the RF GAIN control down a bit so that I would not get blasted out of the wheelchair. I could hear much activity, so the radio passed its first test well — it could receive. The signals were coming in great, but how well would it transmit a signal? I tuned the unit very carefully until I found a clear frequency. My next step was to make a transmission. "CQ CQ CQ 10 meters, calling 10 meters phone, here is WD6GXZ wheelchair mobile 6, Southern California, calling CQ 10 meters and standing by for any call." A few anxious seconds passed, then out of the quiet and stillness of the band I heard, "WD6GXZ, WD6GXZ mobile 6, here is KA9COQ in Illinois, how copy?" Wow, I did it; I really made contact with another amateur 2000 miles away — using low power and from my wheelchair mobile! This had to be my greatest moment in Amateur Radio. I called KA9COQ back and told him about my venture with my wheelchair and converted CB radio.

The time and effort spent on this project has paid off; "the Handicapper's Special" turned out to be a great success. KA9COQ is one of the many amateurs that I have talked to from my mobile station. I can go outdoors now, get some sunshine and fresh air and have a good ragchew, all at the same time. What the future holds for me in Amateur Radio, I do not know. As long as there is an idea or challenge to be met, projects like mine cannot be far behind. QST

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## Strays



Pacific Division Director Bill Stevens, W6ZM (left) presents a Charter of Club Affiliation to President Roger Gearhart, K6PKB, and Vice President Howard Rogers, N6BYL, of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center ARC. (photo by Joe Faust)

### ATV MAGAZINE ADDRESS CHANGE

Henry B. Ruh, KB9FO (not K2VCU, as listed in a "Stray" on page 31 of October 1980 QST), reports that the new address for all inquiries, subscriptions and other correspondence for *Amateur Television Magazine* is 7391 West State Highway 46, Ellettsville, IN 47429.

### "HERE'S YOUR CHANGE"

The four radio clubs that sponsored the York County (Pennsylvania) Hamfest sincerely wish to thank the person who sent the following letter:

"I received the wrong change at the admission gate at the York Hamfest. Instead of a \$5 bill, they gave me a \$50 bill. I am enclosing the \$45 over-given me. I didn't notice till I got home."

The letter was received without a signature or return address. — *Robert Ickes, WB3LJS, Etters, Pennsylvania*



Norman Weed, W6CE, of Fremont, California proudly displays his maritime mobile canoe. Norman operates from Lewiston Lake. His rig is powered by three batteries in series and uses the whole lake for a ground. (photo courtesy W6OCR)

# Low Power Operating from the Continental Divide

Very-low-power operation has become a popular challenge. One can judge from the number of articles on QRP projects found in Amateur Radio publications and from the increasing number of QSL cards proudly listing only a few watts in the "power" box. Still, there seems to be another large group that is too skeptical of low power to try it.

Possibly because of the way I began operating, I have always been skeptical of what *more* power can do. In terms of things one can do to make hamming more fun, increased power is very expensive for its "return on investment." I've heard it said that because more amateurs are on the air than ever before, we need more power to communicate effectively. Somehow that doesn't make sense.

If you've ever been one of the first guests at a party, you may have noticed how pleasant it was conversing with your hosts and other early arrivals. As more guests arrived, however, the conversations of other groups became "interference," and you probably had difficulty conversing effectively. Later, in a full house, the guests may have turned from speaking to shouting in an attempt to be heard over the others. Most parties quiet down only after people get tired of shouting. In the ham bands, at a "party" where everyone is Mother Nature's guest, we need to speak softly to be heard.

## Getting Started

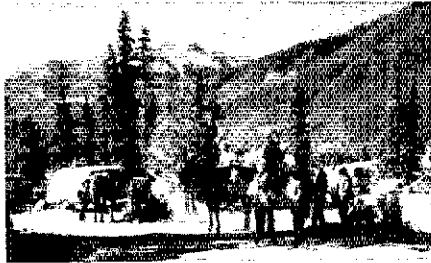
After completing my first QRP rig, before I obtained my license in 1973, and spending about \$80, I was both obligated and anxious to get my Novice ticket. Within about two weeks I passed the Novice examination.

I began operating on 40 meters in May 1973. In those days you had to log each call you made, whether or not you made contact. There were many pages in my log devoted mostly to "Called CQ, no response." After about a month of operating and learning how to use low power, however, the log began to fill with contacts. I had begun to learn some of the tricks to effective QRP operation — such as immediately stating that I was operating with 3 watts or even including "QRP" in my calls.

Perhaps because I was new to the hobby, it was never discouraging to me to have to work for a contact. In fact, it was the most exciting thing in the world. It was like fishing, but with a much better "catch" waiting at the other end of the line. On each of my WNØKDE QSLs I proudly listed my 3 watts. In those days, when postage was lower, the return QSL rate was almost 100%.

## Off to the Mountains

As the summer of 1973 rolled around, I was working hard to earn money to go on a Colorado backpacking trip with a youth group from my church. The night before we were ready to leave, I was in the church parking lot with the others seeing if everything for a two-week trip would fit into a Chevy Suburban, a



The site, near Pole Creek Mountain, Colorado, where the author had one of his most memorable amateur experiences — with all of 3 watts of power.

station wagon and a homemade trailer. There were 13 of us, including three supervisors.

As we were tucking things into corners and rearranging, Ken Blair, WAØSEV, came over to see how we were doing. Ken's daughter, Cindy, was one of our youth-group members. Ken's ham shack was the first I had ever seen. From then on, I was sure I wanted to do whatever was necessary to become a ham. Ken had even administered my Novice test.

The first thing Ken asked, as he looked over the things I was loading, was if I had forgotten to take my radio. Why, I hadn't even thought of it!

"What! You're not going to take your radio so we can work a schedule?" he asked.

"You mean you could really copy me back here from a portable site?" I asked.

"Sure," he said, "It will be easy. Just tie some rocks to the ends of your dipole and throw it up into some trees. And don't forget your batteries."

Now I was really excited. As Ken wrote down a schedule I thought I could meet, I started making plans. That night I took down my antenna and put it, my QRP rig, code key and two 6-volt lantern batteries in an old metal case.

## On the Air

The big moment had arrived. Our group was setting up camp at the headwaters of the Rio Grande River. We were near Pole Creek Mountain, elevation 13,470 feet, and only a few miles from the Continental Divide. The mountains on either side of the valley towered hundreds of feet above the comparatively insignificant pine trees I was tossing rocks at. Tied to the rocks were sections of nylon rope that were, in turn, tied to the ends of my 40-meter dipole.

Finally, I got both ends of the dipole at least 15 feet off the ground and anchored into the pine trees. What direction the wires were oriented I don't know, and I'm not sure I understood the significance at the time. All I knew was that Ken had said we could make contact and that it would be easy.

As evening crept around our campsite, and the temperature began to drop from com-

fortable to cold, I quickly finished my meal and left the warmth and light of the campfire to get ready for my schedule. I pulled the collar of my heavy wool coat around my neck and sat down on a big rock about halfway between the ends of my antenna. All I could see now was the coaxial cable as it disappeared into the sky. I pulled the QRP rig into my lap, put the ear-phones on and began to listen around 7,140 MHz.

As I sat and listened to the chirps, beeps and eerie squeals of 40 meters, I became somewhat disheartened. I had tried to make contact during the day without success. Earlier, I had to ask skeptical supervisors for special permission to be absent from a study session. It was getting very cold on that hard rock, and I was feeling a little tired from the altitude and a hard day of setting up camp. What if I couldn't get out of the valley to reach Ken after all?

## Success — At Last

Suddenly my thoughts were jarred by a faint pattern coming from the midst of what sounded like everyone else on the entire band. I caught part of my own call! Yes, there it was. WNØKDE WNØKDE DE WAØSEV KN. I was momentarily pulled from the depths of my radio by Ken's daughter, who had come to see how I was doing.

"It's him!" I said. "It's your dad on the other end, but I don't know if he'll hear me."

Then I was back among the beeps and squeals frantically pounding out my call sign to signal contact. Finally I heard it. Ken came back, reporting that he was able to copy and that my father, WNØKDF, was in the shack with him. I let out a whoop to signal the others. As I momentarily looked up from the dim rays of a flashlight shining on my log, I was surprised to find I was already surrounded by the others stooping and craning to see what I was writing.

From Ken's log, I found that he had copied the following dramatic message: WE ARE IN A VALLEY — WE ARE OKAY. After that, however, our contact faded and I lost him. But I knew that we had done it! It was a fantastic feeling, one that doesn't often repeat itself.

When I returned home, I found that Ken had been amazed that we had made contact. My father, who was as new to ham radio as I was, said that when Ken heard me come back to him, he just sat back in his chair and said, "Well I'll be darned." What I hadn't copied in Colorado was that a storm had come up and Ken had been forced to disconnect his station from his antenna because of lightning.

Had I been an "experienced" ham when I took that trip into the Colorado mountains, I might never have gone to the effort to try something as silly as the scheme Ken suggested. And I would have never had one of my most memorable experiences as a ham. Try QRP — it's fun. — Rick Link, WBØKDE, Lawrence, Kansas

# QST Abbreviations

Keep this list handy! From A to Z and alpha to omega, it will decode the symbols and abbreviations found in QST and other League publications.

A — ampere  
ac — alternating current  
ACNF — AMSAT coordination and network frequency  
A/D — analog-to-digital  
af — audio frequency  
afc — automatic frequency control  
afsk — audio frequency-shift keying  
age — automatic gain control  
Ah — ampere hour  
alc — automatic load (or level) control  
a-m — amplitude modulation  
A.M. — morning  
AMSAT — Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation  
anl — automatic noise limiter  
AOS — acquisition of signal  
ARA — Amateur Radio Association  
ARC — Amateur Radio Club  
ARES — Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
ARS — Amateur Radio Society; Amateur Radio station  
ASCII — American National Standard Code for Information Interchange  
ASSC — Amateur Satellite Service Council  
ATV — amateur television  
avc — automatic volume control  
AWG — American wire gauge  
az-el — azimuth-elevation

BASIC — beginner's all-purpose symbolic instruction code (computer language)  
b — byte; a group of bits or binary digits, usually eight  
bc — broadcast  
BCD — binary-coded decimal  
BCI — broadcast interference  
bel — broadcast listener  
bit — binary digit  
BFO — beat-frequency oscillator  
BPL — Brass Pounders League

C — Celsius  
CAC — Contest Advisory Committee  
CB — citizens band  
CCIR — International Radio Consultative Committee  
CCS — constant current source  
ccw — coherent cw; 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)  
CRRL — Canadian Radio Relay League  
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  
DEC — District Emergency Coordinator  
DF — direction finder; direction finding  
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

E — voltage  
EC — emergency coordinator  
ECAC — Emergency Communications Advisory Committee  
ECL — emitter-coupled logic  
ECO — electron-coupled oscillator  
EMF — earth-moon-earth (moonbounce)  
emf — electromotive force (voltage)  
EMP — electromagnetic pulse  
EOC — emergency operations center  
EUUV — extreme ultraviolet radiation  
EQX — equator crossing  
erp — effective radiated power

f — frequency  
F — farad, Fahrenheit  
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

g — gram  
GaAs FET — gallium arsenide field-effect transistor  
GDO — grid-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

I — current  
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  
IRAC — Interdepartmental Radio Advisory Committee  
IRC — international reply coupon  
isb — independent sideband  
ITU — International Telecommunication Union  
IW — Intruder Watch

j — indicator for reactive component of an impedance (+j inductive; -j capacitive)  
JFET — junction field-effect transistor

K — kilobyte, Kelvin  
k — kilo, 1000  
kg — kilogram  
kHz — kilohertz  
km/h — kilometers per hour  
kW — kilowatt  
kWh — kilowatt hour

L — inductance  
LCD — liquid crystal display  
LED — light-emitting diode  
lf — low frequency  
lhcp — left-hand circular polarization  
LMO — linear master oscillator  
LO — local oscillator; League Official  
loran — long-range navigation  
LOS — loss of signal  
lp — log periodic  
lsh — 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  
mike — 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  
MOS — metal oxide semiconductor  
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 television  
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  
NIAC — National Industry Advisory  
Committee  
NiCad — nickel cadmium  
NM — net manager  
NO — normally open  
NOI — notice of inquiry  
npn — negative-positive-negative  
NPRM — notice of proposed rule making  
NR — Novice Roundup (contest)  
ns — nanosecond  
NTIA — National Telecommunications and  
Information Administration  
NTS — national traffic system (ARRL)

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  
OTC — Old Timer's Club  
OTS — official traffic station  
OVS — official vhf station  
oz — ounce

P — power  
PA — power amplifier  
pc — printed or etched circuit

PEP — peak envelope power  
PEV — peak envelope voltage  
pF — picofarad  
PIA — public information assistant  
PIV — peak inverse voltage  
pk — peak  
pk-pk — peak-to-peak  
PL — Private Line (Motorola trademark)  
PLL — phase-locked loop  
pm — phase modulation  
P.M. — afternoon/night  
pnp — positive-negative-positive  
pot — potentiometer  
ppd — postpaid  
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

QCWA — Quarter Century Wireless  
Association  
QRP — low power (less than 10 watts input)

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

s — second  
s.a.e. — self-addressed envelope  
s.a.s.c. — 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 or S/N — signal-to-noise ratio  
spdt — single-pole double-throw  
spst — single-pole single-throw  
SS — Sweepstakes; spread spectrum  
ssb — single sideband  
SSC — AMSAT Phase III special service  
channels  
SSTV — slow-scan TV  
STM — section traffic manager  
SWL — shortwave listener  
SWR — standing-wave ratio  
sync — synchronous, synchronizing  
SYNCART — synchronous satellite carrying  
Amateur Radio transponder

TA — technical advisor  
TCA — time of closest approach  
TCC — Transcontinental Corps  
TD — transmitting distributor  
TE — transequatorial (propagation)  
tfc — traffic  
THz — terahertz  
THD — total harmonic distortion

tpi — turns per inch  
T-R — transmit-receive  
T-T — Touch-Tone, trademark of Bell  
Telephone Co.  
TTL or T<sup>2</sup>L — transistor-transistor logic  
TTY — teletypewriter (from Teletype, Trade-  
mark of Teletype Corp.)  
TV — television  
TVI — television interference

uhf — ultra-high frequency  
UJT — unijunction transistor  
UOSAT — proposed University of Surrey  
educational/research satellite (Great Britain)  
usb — upper sideband  
UTC — Universal Coordinated Time

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

W — watt  
WAC — Worked All Continents  
WARC — World Administrative Radio  
Conference  
WAS — Worked All States  
wbfm — wide-band fm  
wpm — words per minute  
ww — wire wound; wire wrap

X — reactance  
xcvr — transceiver  
xmtr — transmitter  
xtal — crystal

Z — impedance  
Z — see UTC

5BDXCC — 5 Band DXCC  
5BWAS — 5 Band WAS

° — degrees  
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  
(2.71828)  
Ζ — zeta; impedance  
θ — theta; angles  
λ — wavelength; longitude  
μ — mu; micro (10<sup>-6</sup>); amplification  
factor; permeability  
μP — microprocessor  
π — pi; 3.14159  
Σ — sigma; summation  
Υ — tau; time constant; time phase  
displacement  
φ — phi; angles; latitude  
ψ — psi; angles  
Ω — omega; resistance in ohms  
ω — omega; angular velocity, 2πf

# Correspondence

Conducted By Bruce R. Kampe,\* WA1POI

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## 40 SUB-BAND SWAPPING

□ Reference "SEA-BOARD 80," September 1980 QST, pages 50 and 51, minute 26:

The proposal regarding expansion of the Extra Class phone privileges on 7075 to 7100 kHz is definitely not very good administration. A radio telephone band in the middle of a very active cw band would only encourage more illegal transmissions and cause a breakdown of the self-discipline that we enjoy in the telegraph bands.

It is urgently requested that those responsible for the foregoing proposal reconsider the consequences. Consider the sub-band 7000 to 7025 kHz for Extra Class phone expansion, because this sub-band is definitely D-E-A-D. — *Paul Williams, W6WEQ, Santa Cruz, California*

□ I find your expansion proposals very timid when compared with those enjoyed by Canadian amateurs and have the feeling that your policy is formulated with the interests of Canadians well ahead of that of Americans. I do not know what percentage of your membership is Canadian, maybe five percent, as a guess. I can understand your not wanting to lose them. But as one who has lived and operated in Canada, I believe you will eventually lose them anyhow.

Until it is my perception you are as concerned with American hams as with Canadian, I have regretfully decided to let my ARRL membership lapse. Just for the record, I like Canadians and love Canada. — *Joe E. Ripple, WB8BQB, Boulder, Colorado*

□ With reference to ARRL Bulletin No. 79, I am completely and unalterably opposed to allowing Extra Class, or any other ssb operators, to use the 7075 to 7100 kHz section of the 40-meter cw band, or any other band.

We cw operators have little enough now, and I feel that a dangerous precedent is being set by this proposition. — *Loren E. Baker, W1BDN, Clinton, Connecticut*

□ If ssb is permitted on 7075 to 7100 kHz, a portion of ARRL's own National Traffic System will suffer a particular form of destruction. It is ironic an activity basically nurtured by the ARRL should also be jeopardized by an ARRL endorsement.

I overheard a non-Extra Class amateur remark that Extra Class amateurs already enjoy prime frequency allocations. He further stated he could find no reason for Extra Class amateurs to be permitted ssb on 7075 to 7100 kHz. Obviously, this person missed the real reason to withdraw support for the proposed mode modification. It makes no difference if the ssb signal is emitted by an Extra or a Novice because the interference is still there. — *Duane Shillinger, WB7NHR, Rawlins, Wyoming*

□ I am finding it extremely difficult to understand how the ARRL directors could deliberately sanction the 40-meter DX window concept.

Those of us that check into the Pacific Area Net during the summer months know all too well the frustration and feeling of utter futility of trying to handle cw traffic through a heavy barrage of ssb QRM from our across-the-border neighbors to the North and South. The prospect of additional ssb QRM from domestic sources is appalling and can only be viewed as a serious threat to the viability of the National Traffic System in this part of the country.

May I suggest you reconsider this proposal and stake out 7000 to 7025 kHz. I believe we would all be much happier. — *Winslow W. Taylor, W7LYA, Story, Wyoming*

□ I certainly have no objection to extending the phone bands, but I do wish to point out that under present licensing requirements large numbers of amateurs would be obliged to pass a 20 wpm code test, when all they want is full phone privileges. As K7DCC justly remarked in October 1979 QST, this is like asking an applicant for an automobile license to demonstrate proficiency in driving a team of horses. Does anyone still believe that cw is the only "real" mode of communication, or that there is some ineffable virtue in its practice?

That this irrational and discriminatory requirement has already been in existence for several years, in a small way, is no excuse for extending it. Any proposal for a major increase in phone allocations should be coupled with a proposal to separate at least the Extra Class license into cw and phone endorsements, as has been done in commercial licensing for many years.

I suggest you poll the membership on this issue before taking a firm position. — *Jon Morey, W2HXF, Princeton, New Jersey*

□ I've just finished reading the Minutes of the July 23-24, 1980 Board meeting. Congratulations on such a productive session!

Item 26 is especially important regarding Extra Class allocations. If adopted, this "carrot" of more exclusive Extra phone sub-bands should bring about a lot more upgrading than heretofore. I'm all for it and feel confident the majority of hams will support the recommendations. As you know, my suggestion for 40 phone was 7050 to 7075 Extra, 7075 to 7100 Advanced-Extra and 7150 to 7300 General-Advanced-Extra. I'll settle for the board's decision! — *James A. Gundry, W4JM, Lakeland, Florida*

## HANDI-HAMS

□ I wish to express my appreciation for the work and free advertising your magazine is giving to the Courage Center Handi-Hams. Having benefitted from the work done by this organization and their fine staff headed by Bruce Humphrys, I cannot say enough in their behalf.

After three years of study under the auspices of the Handi-Hams I earned my General license last October at the age of 79 years.

Thanks again for your fine work and your very fine publications. — *Melville E. Foster, N0BGT, Minneapolis, Minnesota*

## SOUND FAMILIAR?

□ This is in response to Ron Preivity's letter in August QST regarding apparent illegal CBers on 10 meters. I had an old single-conversion receiver with an i-f frequency of 455 kHz and very poor image rejection in the 10-meter range. This caused CBers operating legally at 27.2 MHz, for example, to appear also on my receiver at 28.110 MHz.

Perhaps Ron and other amateurs are experiencing this same problem. — *Howard Layher, K0ZSR, Colorado Springs, Colorado*

## FASTER THAN A SPEEDING NOVICE

□ I second Mr. J. B. Howell's feelings and observations expressed in Correspondence for August on page 55. I too, am limited to the narrow cw Novice band and resent the "Speed Freaks" and "Boomers" interfering with our little corner of the world.

What are these inconsiderate gluttons looking for in the Novice band to start with? No one can copy them, they're so fast. Can't these "Hot Shots" remember back to their Novice days? — *Gil Simon, KA2GJ, Bronxville, New York*

## CARDS, CARDS, CARDS

□ I recently received a rather remarkable letter from Dale Elliott, WA5SHP, who is a volunteer worker at the Eighth Area QSL Bureau with responsibility for H suffix cards. The letter was remarkable for several reasons. It informed me that I had 55 QSL cards at the Bureau for my old call, which I relinquished three years ago. Of course, I claimed my cards.

Additionally, Dale pointed out some interesting facts concerning the Bureau's operation. He has, in a recent two month period, destroyed over 4,000 QSL cards which had been unclaimed for more than a year. Further, he has over 2,000 cards which will soon be destroyed, and he only handles Eighth Area H suffix cards.

Perhaps it is time to remind the membership that the Bureaus exist and do handle cards. I have never considered myself to be a particularly active DXer, though I would have been very disappointed to learn that my cards had been destroyed. As often as call signs change these days, and considering the current sunspot activity, cards for recent contacts will be coming in for years. Even if you think you haven't worked DX, keep an envelope on file. In my group of cards I received six SWL reports. Think how much America's image can be helped by responding to verification requests from foreign shortwave hobbyists.

Send in an envelope. One 15¢ stamp will get it started back to you. The size requirements mentioned in the listing for bureaus are not requirements, they are suggestions. The important thing is to have an envelope there. — *Darrell (Dan) Ringer, K8WV, Assistant Director, Roanoke Division, ARRL, Morgantown, West Virginia*

[Editor's Note: Envelope size requirements for QSL bureaus may not be true requirements, but it is probably best to observe them anyway.]

## California Ham Wins Precedent-Setting Antenna Case

A U.S. District Court judge has ordered the City of Placentia, California, to pay George E. Oelkers, W6QOL, attorney fees for a case Oelkers won against the city.<sup>1</sup> Oelkers had sued the city for violating his civil rights in an action arising from the city's overly restrictive antenna ordinances.

George Oelkers's fight to erect two antenna towers on his property began in November 1976. Placentia's city ordinance regulating antennas stated: "Height. Maximum allowable height limit in 'R-1' District shall be thirty (30) feet; accessory buildings twenty (20) feet." Oelkers needed a special-use permit before he could put up his two Amateur Radio towers, because one would be 50-feet and the other 71-feet high. The city Planning Commission issued a permit for the towers but imposed the following conditions: (1) the permit would expire after one year, after which time it may be renewed; (2) the towers could have no guy wires; (3) the towers could have no appurtenant structures, i.e., no arms or accessory antennas; (4) full safety precautions had to be employed to prevent children or other persons from climbing the towers; (5) should interference develop as a result of the improper operation or maintenance of equipment, the fire and/or police department would retain the right of inspection; (6) compliance was required with the

latest building and electrical codes; and (7) any necessary permits required must have been issued and inspection made of the construction.

In May 1977 Oelkers put up his towers. That November, the Planning Commission decided to extend the use permit without setting any time limit. A member of the City Council, Donald A. Holt Jr., however, on his own motion, appealed the decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council.

Two months later the City Council, on the motion of Holt, revoked Oelkers's permit. At that point, Oelkers applied for a new special-use permit, but his application was tabled. On February 7, 1978, the Placentia City Council passed a new ordinance placing a total and absolute prohibition on radio towers in excess of 25 feet in height. The city attorney sent Oelkers a letter warning him that unless he dismantled the towers, the city would seek civil retribution and criminal prosecution.

In April 1978 Oelkers's attorney, Fred Lawson, K6JAN, filed suit against the city in Federal District Court. The complaint called for declaratory relief and damages pursuant to Chapter 42 of the U.S. Code, Section 1983,<sup>2</sup> alleging that the city was violating Oelkers's freedom of speech. The complaint also alleged that the city's ordinance was vague, overbroad

and otherwise unconstitutional, and claimed that the federal government had preempted the field of radiocommunication by the Communications Act of 1934. Oelkers charged the city with violating the equal protection guarantees under the United States Constitution and depriving him of his property without due process of law as guaranteed under the Fourteenth Amendment.

On May 2, 1978, Federal District Court Judge Robert M. Takasugi issued a preliminary injunction enjoining the city from taking further action against Oelkers. On December 11, 1978, the Court made the injunction permanent, found the ordinances to infringe upon Oelkers's constitutional right of free speech and ordered the city to bring its ordinances into conformity with the Constitution.

Oelkers's attorney filed a supplemental brief and motion on June 2, 1980, claiming attorney fees under 42 U.S.C. §1988.<sup>3</sup> On September 24, 1980, Judge Takasugi ordered the defendant City of Placentia to pay Oelkers the reasonable sum for attorney fees and costs.

Oelkers's attorney, Frederick J. Lawson, who has law offices in Sherman Oaks, California was assisted by ARRL and the Personal Communications Foundation (PCF). Attorneys wanting more information about the case should contact either ARRL or PCF.<sup>4</sup>

### CALIFORNIA LAW AGAINST PAY TV BOOTLEGGERS

Governor Edmund Brown Jr., has signed into law a bill prohibiting the sale, manufacture and distribution of receivers and kits to intercept subscription television signals. Examples of subscription television are Home Box Office, ESPN Sports Network and Showtime. Section 593(e) of the California Penal Code now reads as follows:

Every person who for profit knowingly and willfully manufactures, distributes, or sells any device or plan or kit for a device, or printed circuit containing circuitry for interception or decoding with the purpose or intention of facilitating interception or decoding of any over-the-air transmission by a subscription television service made pursuant to authority granted by the Federal Communications Commission which is not authorized by the subscription television service is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500) or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 90 days, or both.

The so-called "pirates," who sell microwave antennas and decoding equipment that can receive signals from pay TV stations and satellites, have sharply criticized the law. One group, the Citizens Alliance for Public Access to the Airwaves, said it would lobby to get the law repealed. The group is comprised of officials of at least two companies involved in the bootleg TV business. One company, Bootleg TV Systems of Santa Clara, believes it has found a loophole in the law. The officers of the

company turned it into a nonprofit corporation called Americans for Freedom of the Airwaves and reduced the price of its equipment. It accepts "donations" for its equipment. The law prohibits the sale, manufacture or distribution of such equipment *for profit*, the company emphasizes. Whether the District Attorney agrees

with this interpretation remains to be seen, but as of this writing there has been no enforcement action against Americans for Freedom of the Airwaves.

### ARRL TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The ARRL Board of Directors voted unanimously that the 1979 award for the QST article showing technical excellence be awarded to Edward Oxner, KB6QJ, for his article, "Build a Broad-band Ultra Linear VMOs Amplifier," which appeared in May 1979 QST. Oxner is presently an ARRL Technical Advisor, and holds B.S.E.E. and B.S.R.E. degrees from Tri-State College (1948).

The Board also voted unanimously that an honorable mention be awarded to Helge Granberg, K7ES, for his article, "Printed Line Techniques Applied to VHF Amplifier Design," in September 1979 QST, and A. C. Doty Jr., K8CFU, and Dr. Allen B. Macnee, ex-W1JIR, for their article, "Introducing the INCONs" in February 1979 QST.



ARRL West Gulf Division Director Ray Wangler, W5EDZ, presents Randy Light, WB5UCV, president, University of Texas Medical Branch Emergency Communications Group, with the ARRL Charter of Affiliation certificate, as club officers (l to r) Richard Niemtzow, N5EV; Jerry Golden, W5VPW; and Gary Holland, WA5QDX; look on.

<sup>1</sup>42 U.S.C. §1983 states: "Every person who, under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage, of any State or Territory, subjects or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United States or other persons within the jurisdiction thereof to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Constitution and laws, shall be liable to the person injured in an action of law, suit in equity, or other proper proceedings for redress."

<sup>2</sup>42 U.S.C. §1988 states: "In any action or proceeding to enforce a provision of sections 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985, and 1986 of this title, title IX of Public Law 92-318, or in any civil action or proceeding, by or on behalf of the United States of America, to enforce, or charging a violation of, a provision of the United States Internal Revenue Code, or Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the court, in its discretion, may allow the prevailing party, other than the United States, a reasonable attorney's fee as part of the costs."

<sup>3</sup>Personal Communications Foundation, 9036 Reseda Blvd., Suite 203, P. O. Box 812, Northridge, CA 91328.

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<sup>4</sup>Oelkers v. City of Placentia, \_\_\_ F. Supp. \_\_\_, No. 78-1031-RMT (C.D. Cal. Sept. 24, 1980).

## PETITIONS FOR RULEMAKING FILED WITH FCC

**RM-3705** — The petitioner, Philip E. Galasso, K2PG (29 Goodrich St., Iselin, NJ 08830), requests amendment of §97.61(a) of the Commission's rules (authorized frequencies and emissions) to expand certain phone subbands to "bring the subbands allocated to slow-scan television and radiotelephony into conformity with current world-wide usage."

**RM-3761** — Filed by Charles T. Rauch, W8JI (3329 Wilford Rd., Toledo, OH 43617), the petition requests amendment of the Commission's rules to restrict the lower half of each 25-kHz segment of the amateur 160-meter band to cw only. The petition further requests that, in the event the 160-meter band is returned to exclusive amateur use, the lower half of the band be restricted to cw only. "The results will be an improvement in amateur relations, a reduction in malicious and unintentional interference, and conformity with the self-policing trend on this band."

Interested parties wishing to comment on these petitions should send the original and five copies of their comments to the FCC Secretary, Washington, DC 20554 (don't forget to send a copy to the petitioner). — *Richard Palm, KICE*

## FCC TO STUDY NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCREASING RADIO SPECTRUM EFFICIENCY

The FCC is seeking public comment on a proposal that would encourage more efficient use of the radio spectrum in the Land Mobile Service. In issuing the Notice of Inquiry (Docket 80-440), FCC is attempting to provide greater freedom and incentives for public and private Land Mobile licensees to explore new, spectrum-efficient technologies.

Public comment on both the Commission's basis for such action and the specific rules changes that would be required, will allow the Commission to deal with the expected steady growth of demand for land-mobile facilities. The FCC points out that "the total number of private land-mobile radio transmitters is expected to double between 1980 and 1990, and to double again by the year 2000." To accommodate this growth, two regulatory avenues are open to the FCC: to allocate additional spectrum for land-mobile use and to provide for the introduction of greater efficiencies in the use of current allocations. Although both methods have been used before, the Commission feels that, under the present situation in the Land Mobile Service, an exploration of spectrum-saving technologies should take place before any band expansion. The Commission is aware of developmental programs already underway, but hopes that this inquiry will stimulate these efforts.

The Commission feels that one way to promote greater spectrum efficiency would be to amend its rules to provide for the use of modulation types other than fm (typically, land-mobile fm signal bandwidth is 16 to 20 kHz), such as single sideband.

Although the NOI is not directed specifically at the amateur service, it should concern amateurs. Technology that could diminish land mobile's insatiable hunger for additional frequencies would perhaps reduce pressure on amateur vhf and uhf bands.

With respect to the Commission's inquiry, amateurs are in a good position to exercise



The Southeast Amateur Radio Club has donated a set of ARRL publications to the Cleveland Heights (Ohio) Public Library and organized this library display. All affiliated clubs are eligible for a special reduced rate when purchasing a complete set of League publications to donate to local libraries. (Photo courtesy WB8PMB)

their experimental and technical expertise and file appropriate comments and suggestions. Comments are due March 20, 1981 and reply comments are due May 11, 1981. For a copy of this docket, write ARRL Membership Services Department, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 (s.a.s.c. please). — *Richard Palm, KICE*

## FCC CATCHES TWO REPEATER VIOLATORS

The FCC, in response to complaints of malicious interference to amateur repeater operations in the San Francisco Bay area, investigated and issued notices of violation to two amateurs.

During the late evening hours of August 30, 1980, FCC officials observed the transmissions from a particular station operating on the input frequency of the Grizzly Peak repeater. These transmissions were constantly sprinkled with sexually explicit and vulgar terminology and were determined to be originating from a station assigned a K6 call sign and located in Oakland, California. Engineers from the Livermore and San Francisco offices conducted a follow-up investigation of the station and as a result, issued a citation for violation of §97.117, "Transmitting communications containing obscene, indecent or profane words, language or meaning."

As a result of a similar investigation of the Grizzly Peak repeater by FCC officials, a General class licensee was issued a citation for violation of §97.78 (good amateur practice), §97.113 (broadcasting) and §97.125 (interference).

As of September 8, 1980, FCC has served notices to five different persons for observed violative operations while interfering with the Grizzly Peak repeater. — *FCC Public Notice*

## NEW BANDS REMINDER

In a news release dated October 14, FCC reminded all radio amateurs that the three new high-frequency bands approved by the 1979 WARC are not yet authorized for amateur use. The date for exclusive availability worldwide for amateur use is July 1, 1989. The FCC plans to advance this timetable considerably for U.S. participation. January 1982 is the effective date for development of a draft allocation table, which will assign new frequencies to the fixed

§97.117 has since been redesignated §97.119.

services now using the 10, 18 and 24 MHz bands. During the next two or three years, slow and easy transition will take place, phasing out users such as AT & T, RCA, Army, Navy, Air Force and others. At the end of this time period most of the fixed services will have been reaccommodated and amateurs may be allowed to use the bands. This will be on a shared basis if reaccommodation has not been completed. New amateur equipment may include these new bands, but until FCC issues official notification, Amateur Radio operators may not use the 10, 18 and 24 MHz bands.

## LEAGUE FAVORS TV AND FAX FOR GENERAL CLASS HF

The ARRL has filed comments in support of the Commission's proposal to permit the transmission of television and facsimile signals, amplitude or frequency modulated, on all Amateur Radio frequencies above 3.775 MHz where voice transmissions are currently allowed. ARRL feels that "this proposal encourages increased technical experimentation by a larger class of amateurs, thus furthering an increasingly important aspect of Amateur Radio." It is felt that there should be little or no interference with voice operations from either facsimile or slow-scan television emissions.

The League suggested one modification to the Commission's proposal: "With respect to F4 and F5 emissions on frequencies between 50 and 225 MHz, the bandwidth allowed should be as great as the bandwidth of an fm voice signal on the same frequencies. Even though the Commission's Amateur Rules do not specify a precise bandwidth for F3 signals on these bands, amateur practice is to use deviations of 5 kHz or less, producing a nominal bandwidth of 16 kHz or less. Such limits would be appropriate for frequency modulated television and facsimile on these bands." The League is urging an early adoption of the proposed rules. — *Richard Palm, KICE*

## TWO MAJOR CB LINEAR-AMPLIFIER MANUFACTURERS HAVE INVENTORIES SEIZED

FCC's Field Operations Bureau investigative efforts against illegal marketing of CB linear amplifiers have resulted in the issuance of search warrants against Majestic Communications, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee, and D & A Manufacturing, Inc., of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Approximately 400 electronic devices, with an estimated value of \$150,000, were seized from the Majestic plant. Similarly, approximately 44 fully assembled units, valued at \$12,000, were seized from D & A's plant in Scottsbluff. The Commission's Atlanta District and Grand Island, Nebraska Special Enforcement Facility offices obtained evidence in support of prosecution of Majestic and D & A Manufacturing, respectively.

Although the Bureau's efforts have been directed against the few known large manufacturers of illegal linear amplifiers, it is expected that future enforcement efforts will also be directed against small manufacturers, distributors and known retail outlets. The use of "linear amplifiers" to boost CB power is a major factor causing the American public to suffer electronic interference. FCC's enforcement efforts are intended to reduce these difficulties. — *FCC News Release*

# Washington Mailbox

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## Behold the Noble Repeater

Repeater communication is the most popular activity in Amateur Radio today. Why this is so is indeed an engaging question. Just what is the basic appeal of the repeater?

First, there's the obvious — repeaters provide reliable short-range communications to amateurs in various states of mobility. Appealing? Certainly. But there exists another element that transcends the workaday world of the urban commuter gabbing on the local 64 machine. It's the synergistic notion that the repeater is more than just a black box with silver knobs. Repeater often have "personalities" all of their own. A repeater is the nucleus of a club, traffic or ragchew net, an annual picnic, public service in a community, and more. The origins of the repeater can be traced back to the Greeks — in mythology, a creature that had the ears of a rabbit and mouth of an alligator, called the Repeathius, relayed messages from the gods on Mount Olympus. This month, we'll take a look at how Part 97 applies to this noble creature.

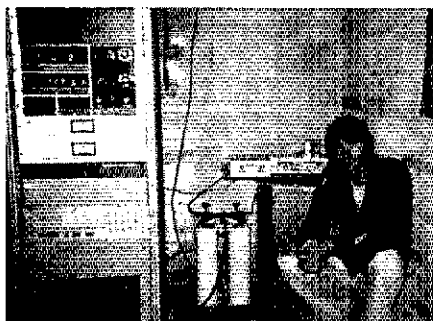
**Q. What is the difference between a "repeater" and a "station in repeater operation"?**

A. It's purely a question of semantics. At one time, the Commission issued "repeater" station licenses to individual repeaters and assigned special call signs such as WR1ABV. Then came deregulation in the form of dockets 21033 and 21135 so that "repeater" station licenses are now no longer issued, renewed or modified. Essentially, from a Part 97 standpoint, the Commission doesn't use the word "repeater." Instead, the rules now allow amateurs to operate their stations "in repeater operation." The licensee uses his or her own station's call sign to identify the repeater, along with a special designator — K1BA/RPT, for example — to announce that the station is operating under the special rules for repeaters.

**Q. What are the special logging and i-d requirements for stations in repeater operation?**

A. **Station identification:** As mentioned above, the call sign of the station licensee is used with a special designator RPT or R in cw, or the word "repeater" on phone (§97.84[d1]). Also, the regs specify that the i-d must be intelligible through the repeated transmissions and at intervals not to exceed 10 minutes (§97.84[c]). If the i-d is given by automatic means, the speed of a cw i-d must not exceed 20 wpm or 16.7 baud (§97.84[g]).

**Station logging requirements:** In addition to the standard log requirements of all amateur stations, the log of any station that is remotely controlled must contain certain additional information: (1) the names, addresses and call signs of all control operators, (2) a functional block diagram (see Figs. 1 and 2) and technical explanation sufficient to describe the operation



The conductor at the WA1VEI/RPT installation, Mount Lincoln in Pelham, Massachusetts. (photo courtesy K1BA)

of the control link, (3) a description of the means used for monitoring the transmitting frequencies and shutting the station down in the event of a control-link malfunction and (4) a description of the measures taken to prevent access to the remotely controlled station (§97.103[e]). Such measures include the placement of a repeater in a secure housing (locked cabinet or building), limited disclosure of command codes and control-link frequencies, and unlisted telephone numbers used for accessing the command functions.

If the system has more than one station in repeater or auxiliary operation, a network diagram of that system must be entered in the log.

If the repeater emits an effective radiated power (erp) greater than the limits of 25 watts @6 meters, 100 watts @ 2 meters and 400 watts @70 cm, the following additional information relating to the erp and height above average terrain (HAAT) must be entered in the log: (1) the transmitting antenna location marked on a topographical map having a scale of 1:250,000 and contour levels, (2) the transmitting antenna's HAAT, (3) the erp in the horizontal plane for the main lobe of the antenna pattern, calculated for maximum transmitter output power, (4) the transmitter output power, (5) the loss in dBs in the transmission line between the transmitter and antenna, (6) the relative gain in the horizontal plane of the transmitting antenna and, (7) the horizontal and vertical radiation patterns of the transmitting antenna, with reference to true north (for horizontal pattern only), on polar coordinate graph paper, and the method used in determining these patterns (§97.103[e]).

**Q. Gee, that's quite a mouthful. How does one go about the task of figuring the repeater's erp and HAAT?**

A. **ERP determination:** To determine your repeater's erp, you'll first need to know the transmitter's output power. Next, deduct from this figure losses caused by duplexers, feed lines and so forth. The resulting figure is the power that actually reaches the feed point of the antenna. Combine this figure with the gain

of the antenna, and what is left is the erp. For example:

Transmitter output: 200 watts = 23 dBW  
Duplexer loss: 3 dB  
Feed line loss: 3 dB  
Antenna gain: 12 dBd

Thus, erp = 23 - 3 - 3 + 12 = 29 dBW = 800 watts.

**HAAT determination:** If you've gotten this far, don't stop now. To determine HAAT, follow this procedure.

On a U.S. Geological Survey map having a scale of 1:250,000, lay out eight evenly spaced radials extending from the transmitting site to a distance of 10 miles and beginning at 0°, 45°, 90°, 135°, 180°, 225°, 270° and 315°. (Maps of greater scale can be used.) By reference to the map contour lines, establish the ground elevation above mean sea level (AMSL) at 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 miles from the antenna structure along each radial. If no elevation figure or contour line exists for any particular point, use the nearest contour line elevation available. Now, compute the height of average terrain by adding the individual elevations at each of the 40 points and dividing that sum by 40. Thus, the HAAT is the height AMSL of the transmitting antenna's center of radiation minus the height of average terrain. Now that wasn't too bad — or was it?

**Q. How is a repeater controlled?**

A. A fundamental question, indeed. As with any amateur station, a station in repeater operation must be under the control of a licensed amateur called the control operator. He and the station licensee are both responsible for the transmissions of the repeater (§97.79).

There are three kinds of control — local, remote, and automatic. **Local control** means that the control operator is on duty at a control point, which is at the same place as the transmitter. The control point is defined in the rules as the operating position of an Amateur Radio station where the control operator function is performed. **Remote control** means that the control operator is on duty at a control point which is located at a place other than the transmitter site. Remote control takes place via a **control link**, such as a telephone line or radio link. A phone line can be used in the normal manner, with the operator dialing an unlisted number which rings at the repeater site. He then sends a signal which either activates or deactivates the repeater functions. Another kind of control involves a dedicated line or "hotline" — the control operator merely picks up the phone and is instantly connected to the repeater site. He then performs the same function as through a regular telephone line.

Radio remote control is possible by transmitting command signals to a special receiver interfaced with the repeater to accomplish the control function, normally with a tone



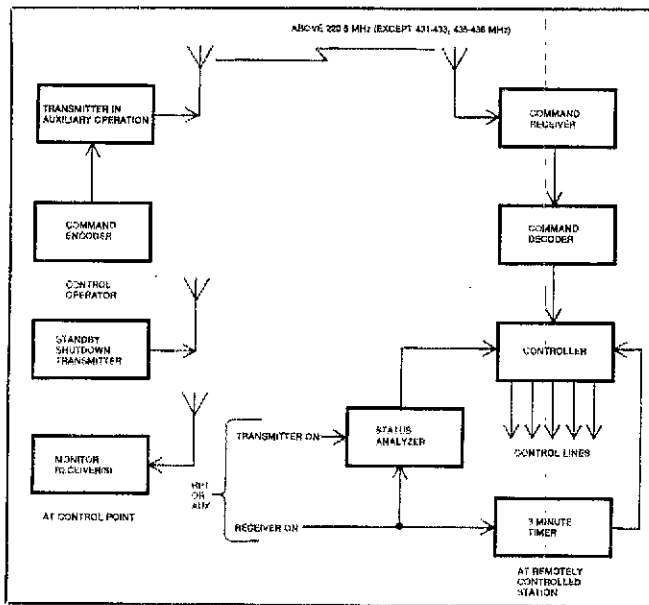


Fig. 1 — Block diagram of a radio-control link.

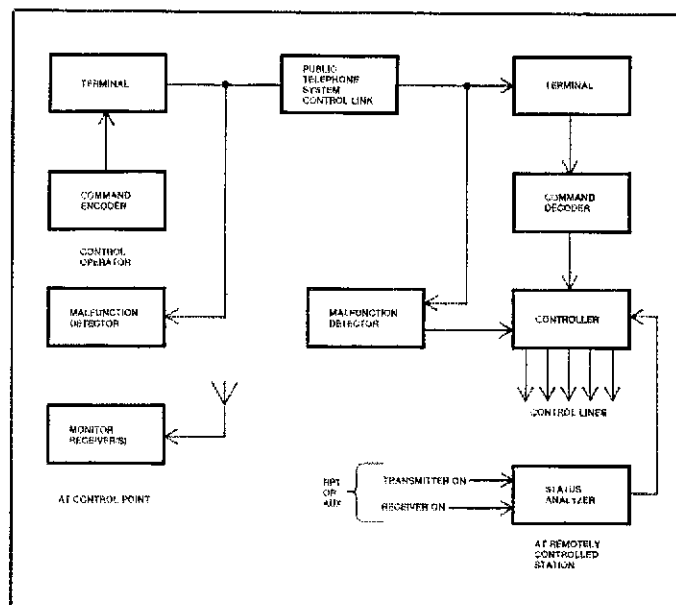


Fig. 2 — Block diagram of a public telephone system control link.

encoder/decoder device. Remember that a radio signal to control an Amateur Radio station must be transmitted on a frequency where *auxiliary operation* (radiocommunication for the purpose of remotely controlling another Amateur Radio station) is permitted; 220.5 MHz and above, except 431 to 433 and 435 to 438 MHz. Also, a repeater must *not* be controlled on its input frequency. (§97.61[d]), (§97.88[e]).

When a station is under remote control, provisions must be incorporated to limit transmission to a period of no more than three minutes in the event of malfunction in the control link (§97.88[d]). Amateurs often install a *three-minute timer* so that in the event that the control link fails, the repeater will be shut off automatically.

#### Q. What is automatic control?

A. A repeater may also be operated under *automatic control* which enables the machine to function without the control operator being at the control point. Incidentally, automatic control is permitted *only* for stations in repeater operation. During periods of operation where the repeater is under automatic control, the use of autopatch is *not* permitted because a control operator must be present whenever third parties participate in amateur communications (§97.79[d]). When the control operator returns to duty, the repeater is no longer considered to be under automatic control.

In concluding this section on repeater control, remember that the station licensee and any duty control operator he may designate are both responsible for the proper operation of the repeater. The control operator on duty must have *immediate* access to the control point so that, in the event of an unlawful user operation or technical malfunction, he is able to turn off the repeater.

This is not to say that the Commission will cite the station licensee or control operator for the retransmission by the repeater of an unexpected illegal transmission from a user station. But, they may be cited for a lack of proper control if they allow the repeater to consistently

retransmit the illegal transmissions from the user station. This point underscores the importance of making sure that the control link is always capable of performing the control function.

#### Q. What frequencies are available for repeaters?

A. Frequencies available for repeater operation are: 29.5 to 29.7 MHz, 52.0 to 54.0 MHz, 144.5 to 145.5 MHz, 146.0 to 148.0 MHz, 220.5 to 225.0 MHz, 420.0 to 431.0 MHz, 433.0 to 435.0 MHz and any other amateur frequency above 438.0 MHz. Both the input (receiving) and output (transmitting) frequencies of a station in repeater operation shall be frequencies available for repeater operation (§97.61[c]).

#### Q. What frequencies must be used by a relay station operating as a link between two repeaters?

A. The relay station is a "station in auxiliary operation" and must be operated on frequencies available for auxiliary operation. Its input (receiving) frequencies, however, may be frequencies available for auxiliary operation, repeater operation, or both (§97.86[b]), (§97.31[i]).

#### Q. Is it permissible to incorporate additional inputs (receivers) and outputs (transmitters) in my repeater?

A. Yes, with certain limitations. Additional receivers and transmitters may be incorporated as long as they are used on frequencies available to repeaters. There is a further restriction on transmitters — "A station in repeater operation shall not concurrently retransmit Amateur Radio signals on more than one frequency in the same amateur frequency band, from the same location" (§97.85[c]).

#### Q. Are "closed" repeaters legal?

A. Yes. "Provisions to limit automatically the access to a station in repeater operation may be incorporated but are not mandatory" (§97.85[a]). Repeaters are often operated under this provision when interfered with by

incidental signals on the input frequency.

#### Q. A local repeater has a special provision whereby it automatically retransmits a local NOAA weather reporting station broadcast on the hour. Is this legal?

A. No. The Commission specifically prohibits retransmission by automatic means of programs or signals emanating from any class of station other than amateur (§97.113).

However, there are at least two ways you can legally make this information available. If the weather service has a recorded *telephone* message, you can have one of the autopatch functions encoded to dial that telephone number. Thus it would not be a retransmission by automatic means, since it was never transmitted in the first place.

The other way is to have someone record the weather from a script onto a tape, updating the information every so often, and making the recording available to repeater station users. And, of course, it should be made available *only* to amateurs so that the transmission of the information is not intended to be a one-way communication to be received by the general public (§97.113).

#### Q. How can I find more information on repeaters?

A. ARRL publishes *FM and Repeaters for the Radio Amateur* (available from ARRL for \$5) which details the technical, operating, and regulatory aspects of repeater operation. The *ARRL Repeater Directory* (available from the ARRL for \$1) lists repeaters in the U.S. by state and frequency. Band plans for the repeater subbands, as well as the names and addresses of repeater frequency coordinators are included. Another good source of information is a local repeater club. □

[Note: Questions appearing in this column are typical of those frequently asked of the FCC and other agencies. Answers, prepared at ARRL, have been reviewed by FCC staff. Interpretations contained herein concur with those of the FCC's Personal Radio Branch. Numbers in parentheses refer to specific sections of the FCC rules.]

# Canadian NewsFronts

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## CARF Merger Proposal Rejected

Last August, CRRL officers and directors received a letter from Bill Wilson, VE3NR, president of CARF, the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation. This letter outlined a proposal for the merger of CARF and CRRL.

Under terms of the proposal, CRRL would disappear. The name of the merged organization would be CARF, the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation. It would use the present CARF constitution as the basis for organization and administration. CRRL directors would be offered two-year terms as directors-at-large on the CARF Board, and then stand for reelection in the manner of present CARF directors. CRRL would turn over to CARF all responsibility for representing Canadian amateurs to DOC and the IARU. The ARRL Canadian director (Canadians could still belong to ARRL and receive QST), with a

much-reduced role, would be offered an ex-officio position on the CARF National Executive. No mention was made in the proposal regarding the disposition of League Communications Department organizations and personnel in Canada.

A reply to this proposal was prepared only after extensive discussions among CRRL directors. In rejecting the proposal, CRRL President Mitch Powell, VE3OT, pointed out that much of the CARF proposal was based on the assumption that CRRL and Canadian Division of the League were two separate entities, and could be split. President Powell stressed that CRRL is part of the League, though admittedly, a very independent part. It has a responsibility to carry on the traditions and services of the League in Canada, and a responsibility to

represent Canadian League members to DOC and the IARU. He added that CRRL people were working very hard to provide even better representation, and even more services, that CRRL had several exciting new projects under way, and that CRRL was not interested in disappearing from the Canadian Amateur Radio scene. No counterproposal was offered.

In informal discussions with CARF President Wilson, CRRL President Powell suggested that at this time, what was most needed between CARF and CRRL was not merger, but trust. He felt that trust could be promoted by undertaking some joint projects, and by each group giving the other credit for the things it does well. Full text of the CARF proposal, and the CRRL reply has been published in the CRRL Newsletter, No. 5, and is available from the editor of this column.

## DOC EXAMINATION DATES

Dates for the 1981 DOC amateur examinations are February 4, April 15, June 15 and October 21. The date of first writing, February 4, is several weeks later than the date of first 1980 writing. We hope this change is partly in response to informal requests by CRRL to have this date coincide with the end of 20-week Amateur Radio courses which begin in September and end in January. Note that the regulations portions of the examinations is based on the new, amended regulations. Copies of these regulations, TRC-25, are available free, from all district DOC offices.

## THOSE QSL BUREAUS. . .

This month we take a quick look at our Canadian QSL bureaus. There are nine individual bureaus in Canada, one in each VE call area and one in VO. Most Canadian amateurs know that you leave several self-addressed, stamped envelopes on file at your individual bureau. When an envelope won't hold one more card, it's sealed, dropped into the mail and sent along to you.

What few Canadian amateurs realize is that before cards arrive at their individual bureaus, they've probably passed through the CRRL Central QSL Bureau in Halifax, NS. This bureau is operated by Brit Fader, VE1FQ. Brit also operates the VE1 QSL Bureau, and has been doing so since 1937. With his name at the top of the Callbook list of Canadian QSL bureau managers, Brit was always receiving cards for every part of Canada. In 1977, when

Len Sumner, VE3DOR, retired from the Central Bureau, Brit officially took over.

The CRRL Central QSL Bureau is quite an operation. Here are a few figures:

| Year                   | Cards Forwarded | Postage Costs |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1978                   | 276,149         | \$ 822.21     |
| 1979                   | 319,211         | 1036.18       |
| 1980 (first 10 months) |                 |               |
| VO                     | 12,320          | 26.40         |
| VE1                    | 38,840          | 0.00          |
| VE2                    | 86,760          | 101.40        |
| VE3                    | 111,860         | 255.70        |
| VE4                    | 10,580          | 27.40         |
| VE5                    | 10,050          | 29.70         |
| VE6                    | 28,560          | 84.15         |
| VE7                    | 53,460          | 180.26        |
| VE8                    | 3150            | 12.25         |
| VY                     | 1450            | 8.50          |
| Total                  | 357,030         | \$ 725.76     |

What's really amazing is that Brit personally handles and sorts every QSL card by himself. Brit says it's really no work, that he's a mail clerk by trade, and that sorting cards is second nature to him. Still, 357,030 in the first 10 months of this year alone is a lot of cards!

Of course, there's even more sorting done at the nine individual bureaus. Two of the largest, in VE3 and VE7, are operated by clubs, the Ontario Trilliums and Burnaby ARC. Other bureaus are run by individuals. Few amateurs can properly appreciate the hours of work put in by bureau managers and their volunteer assistants to get those QSL cards out to you.

Who pays for the operation of these bureaus? Fortunately, bureau personnel don't charge for their time! Costs of operating all VE-VO QSL bureaus are covered by the

League. The League pays the more than \$1000 annual postage bill of the CRRL Central QSL Bureau. It also covers the operating expenses of the nine individual bureaus and pays the expenses of each bureau manager, to allow him or her to attend one major hamfest or Amateur Radio convention each year. It's an example of your League membership dues at work, helping to provide a service for all Canadian amateurs, whether they're League members or not.



CRRL officials have been busy throughout summer and early fall, visiting hamfests. They string up the League banner, display League publications, show the new film, "The World of Amateur Radio," hand out information, help with problems and, of course, sign up new League members. This shot was taken at the Guleph, Ontario, Amateur Radio Flea Market in June, but similar setups appeared at amateur gatherings in Sydney, Tadoussac, Montreal, Barrie, Toronto, Milton, London, the International Peace Gardens near Brandon, and Fort McLeod. If your club is planning a hamfest or Amateur Radio flea market, let CRRL officials know. They'll gladly attend!

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## New Executive Committee for IARU Region 2

At its conference in Lima, Peru, October 13 to 17, IARU Region 2 elected a new Executive Committee to direct its activities for the next three years. Assuming the presidency is long-time Region 2 secretary Gustavo Reusens, OA4AV; moving to vice president is outgoing president Victor C. Clark, W4KFC; and assuming the responsibilities of secretary is the former vice president, Pedro Seidemann, YV5BPG. Peter Parker, VP9GO, continues as treasurer. Executive Committee members-at-large are Hugo Coscio, CP5EC; Luis Caamano, HI8LC; Alberto Shaio, HK3DEU;

Fabian Zarrabe, HTIFI and Carlos Kaufman, LU9CN. The conference especially thanked W4KFC for his leadership during the past four years, which resulted in strong support for Amateur Radio at WARC-79 from the countries of North and South America.

Many matters of mutual concern in the post-WARC era were discussed by the delegates. Encouragement was given to the amateur satellite program, the Intruder Watch, curbing of phone patch abuses, a crackdown on illegal nonamateur operations in the 10- and 2-meter bands, the signing of reciprocal operating agreements among the countries of Region 2.

2-meter repeater coordination and the establishment of coordinated beacons in the 6- and 10-meter bands. A resolution was adopted condemning the interference caused by over-the-horizon radar systems such as the "woodpecker."

A policy was adopted that calls for cw and RTTY, only, to be used on the new 10-MHz band. Support was voted for the ongoing study of the IARU organizational structure initiated by IARU President VE3CJ.

A more-detailed report on the Lima conference is planned for an early issue of *QST*.

## IARU REGION 1 SCHEDULES CONFERENCE

IARU member-societies in Region 1 are preparing for their triennial Conference scheduled for Brighton, England, April 27 to May 1, 1981. Already, 28 of the 48 Region 1 societies have indicated their intention to send delegations.

Founded in 1950, Region 1 is the oldest and largest of the three IARU Divisions. Among the issues expected to be discussed at Brighton are the formation of a Region 1 Satellite Working Group, band plans for 10 MHz and existing bands, progress toward a worldwide vhf locator system, electromagnetic compatibility (EMC, also known as radio frequency interference, or RFI) and Amateur Radio direction finding (foxhunting).

As noted above, Region 2 held its triennial conference in October of this year. The next Region 3 conference is scheduled for 1982 in Manila.

## SOUTH AFRICA ANNOUNCES GUEST LICENSING CONDITIONS

The South African Radio League has advised that approval has been given by the Postmaster General to the issuance of guest licenses for visitors from abroad. Even where there is no reciprocal agreement between the two countries, licenses may be issued subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Application must be made at least *three months* prior to arrival in the Republic.
- 2) A complete itinerary should be made available.
- 3) Applicants must be in possession of a valid Amateur Radio license, other than a Novice license.
- 4) The guest license shall be valid for a maximum of three months.
- 5) Each application will be considered on merit.
- 6) The license fee is R10 (approximately \$13 U.S.).

All applications are to be made directly to:

The Postmaster General  
(Telecommunications Dept.)  
Private Bag X74  
0001 Pretoria

### REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Radio Regulations as set out in the South African Postal Regulations, as well as the IARU Region 1 Band Plan, must be adhered to. The SARRL is prepared to assist visiting amateurs with details such as repeater frequencies, addresses of the 24 branches throughout the country or other inquiries. Write to The Honorary Secretary, South African Radio League Headquarters, P. O. Box 3911, 8000 Cape Town.

## SPOTLIGHT ON MALAYSIA

The following profile of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters Society, MARTS, is provided by

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The country of Malaysia in Southeast Asia is a federation of 13 states. Eleven of these states are in West Malaysia on the Malay Peninsula, and the remaining two are in East Malaysia on the western side of the island of Borneo. The prefix for West Malaysian amateur stations is 9M2, and in East Malaysia the states are Sabah with the prefix 9M6 and Sarawak with the prefix 9M8.

According to the May 1980 newsletter of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitters Society, the IARU member-society, there are 114 amateurs licensed in 9M2, 30 in 9M6, and 10 in 9M8. In addition to its licensed members, MARTS has approximately 130 SWL associate members and 10 overseas members.

The federal capital of Malaysia is Kuala Lumpur, known as "K.L." to the locals, in the state of Selangor. Until recently "K.L." was the home of most of the office bearers of MARTS. At the beginning of 1979, however, the council of management shifted its base to Penang, an island off the northwest coast of the peninsula. Penang is sometimes called the "Pearl of the Orient." The president is Mr. Eu Khuan Kew, 9M2BS, and the secretary is Malcolm Westwood, 9M2MW. The MARTS QSL Bureau remains at P. O. Box 777, Kuala Lumpur, but the address for the secretary is P. O. Box 13, Penang.

There is only one class of amateur license available in Malaysia at present, and the usual examination requirements of theory, regulations and Morse Code are in force. There are no reciprocal license arrangements in force and no 9M2 license will be issued to short-term visitors to Malaysia. Because of a continuing in-surgent problem on its northern borders, security in Malaysia is tight and this situation is reflected in the long time taken for even Malaysian citizens to receive a license after all necessary examinations have been

passed. Nevertheless, Amateur Radio is alive and thriving.

MARTS is an active society that, strangely, has only one meeting per year — the annual general meeting of the society held in January. The reason for this state of affairs is that distances within Malaysia are relatively great with the small amateur population being spread fairly thinly throughout the country.

Nevertheless, Malaysians have a well-deserved reputation for hospitality and visiting foreign amateurs, although unable to operate from their own stations, are always made welcome by the local 9M's. A short letter to 9M2MW will produce more details.

## NEW REPEATER IN BAHRAIN

The Amateur Radio Association of Bahrain announces the installation of a 2-meter repeater that covers much of the Gulf area. The input frequency is 145.150 MHz, with output on 145.750 MHz. A 1750-Hz tone burst is required to access the repeater.

A9XBE is responsible for the repeater. The ARAB may be reached at P. O. Box 22381, Muharraq, BAHRAIN, Arabian Gulf.

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM DOMINICA

ARRL has received the following letter from the Clifton Dupigny Technical College, Stock Farm, Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies:

On August 29th last year the island of Dominica was severely hit by Hurricane David with winds of about 180 miles per hour, which caused extensive damage to property and much loss of life.

The Clifton Dupigny Technical College, a Government institution, and the only one on the island responsible for technical training, was heavily damaged, with practically all its tools and equipment destroyed and missing.

Since the Hurricane, we have repaired the buildings. The next phase of the project is to re-equip our workshops and laboratories, and as you know this is a very costly exercise which we alone cannot meet at the moment, but are depending on friendly donor agencies or other sympathetic organizations for assistance in whatever way that they can help.

I shall be grateful if your organization is able to donate to us any basic tools and used equipment lying around, which would be used for teaching purposes in our electronics and electrical engineering courses at the technician level.

I thank you in advance to hear from you favourably as soon as possible on this appeal.

Sincerely,  
Mac Donald Alexander  
Principal

The role of Amateur Radio in coming to the aid of the devastated island nation of Dominica was documented in February 1980 *QST*, pages 46-50. Now, amateurs have an opportunity to assist in the rebuilding of the island. Anyone who is in a position to help is urged to contact Mr. Alexander at the address given above.

\*Assistant General Manager, ARRL

## Estimating Microwave System Performance

The nature of the signal paths involved in work on the higher microwave bands often enables us to make a fairly good estimate of signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) expected using given equipment over a predetermined path. When the path is optical, as is usually the case with 10 GHz portable work for example, then the path loss can be fairly accurately estimated. An estimate of signal strength over a given path is often referred to as a "link budget."

As an example of the utility of such a link budget calculation, WA1YUW/1 and KA1GT/1 recently planned to make a contact over a 50-mile path on 10.368 GHz ssb. Before driving the 100+ miles required to set up stations at the ends of this path, it was desired to know whether or not there was a reasonable chance of the signals being strong enough to copy. The estimated equipment parameters were: (1) transmitter power 0.5 mW PEP, (2) receiver noise figure 8 dB, and (3) antenna gains 17 dB horn at one end of the path and a 2-foot dish at the other. So, given this information, how can an estimate of received signal strength be made?

### Path Loss

The first thing to calculate is the number of dB of attenuation that a signal at 10.368 GHz will suffer over a 50-mile, line-of-sight path. This is known as the free-space path loss (FSPL) and is given by

$$\text{FSPL (dB)} = 32.45 + 20 \log_{10} f + 20 \log_{10} d$$

where  $f$  is the frequency in MHz and  $d$  is the distance in km, or

$$\text{FSPL (dB)} = 36.6 + 20 \log_{10} f + 20 \log_{10} d$$

where  $d$  is expressed in miles.

Using this expression to calculate the loss over a 50-mile path at 10.368 GHz we obtain

$$\text{FSPL (dB)} = 36.6 + 20 \log_{10} 10368 + 20 \log_{10} 50 = 150.9 \text{ dB.}$$

Thus we now know that a signal traveling 50 miles through free space at a frequency of 10.368 GHz will suffer 150.9 dB of attenuation.

### Transmitter Effective Isotropic Radiated Power (eirp)

The next value to calculate is the eirp of the transmitter. This is the amount of transmitter power, feeding an isotropic radiator, which would be required to give the same signal strength at a distant point as the actual transmitter and antenna in use. It is determined by the use of the expression

$$\text{eirp (dBm)} = \text{transmitter power (dBm)} + \text{antenna gain (dB)} - \text{feed loss (dB)}$$

In this case we have a transmitter power of 0.5 mW PEP. This is  $-3$  dBm.

The antenna to be used is a 2-foot dish. Its gain can be estimated using the relationship

$$\text{dish gain (dBi)} = 7 + 20 \log_{10} D + 20 \log_{10} F$$

where  $D$  is the dish diameter in feet and  $F$  is the frequency in GHz. A feed efficiency of 50% is assumed. In this case a gain of approximately 33 dBi is indicated. Since the dish will be mounted directly on the transmitter there will be no feed line losses, so the eirp may be calculated as

$$\text{eirp} = -3 + 33 - 0 = +30 \text{ dBm}$$

Since we now know the eirp of the transmitter and the free-space path loss we can calculate the signal level at the receiving site. This is simply

received signal level = transmitter eirp - path loss =  $+30 - 150.9 = -120.9$  dBm

i.e., the signal at the receiving site will be 120.9 dB below 1 mW (as received on an isotropic antenna).

### Receiver Sensitivity

We now need to know whether the receiving system will be capable of detecting a  $-120.9$  dBm signal. The calculation of receiving system sensitivity requires knowledge of a number of factors. We need to know the receiver noise temperature (or noise figure), the feed-line loss between the antenna and receiver, the antenna noise temperature, the receiver bandwidth and the antenna gain. Noise temperature is a measure of the noise contribution of any particular component, e.g., antenna or preamp, to a receiving system. It is related to noise figure (which is more commonly used) by the following expression

$$\text{NF (dB)} = 10 \log_{10} \left( \frac{\text{N. temp.}}{290} + 1 \right)$$

or this can be arranged to read

$$\text{n. temp. (K)} = 290 \left[ \left( \text{antilog}_{10} \frac{\text{NF}}{10} \right) - 1 \right]$$

Thus, for the 8 dB noise figure receiver used here, the noise temperature calculates to be

$$\begin{aligned} \text{N. temperature} &= 290 [(\text{antilog}_{10} 0.8) - 1] \\ &= 290 (6.3 - 1) = 1537 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

The antenna temperature of a tropospheric antenna (one that looks at the ground, as opposed to an EME antenna, which looks at the sky) may be taken to be in the region of 290 K. It may be lower, but the factors involved here are too complex to go into at this time and affect the total system noise temperature very little in this case.

The total system noise temperature can now be determined by the use of the relationship

$$T_s = T_a + (L_r - 1)290 + L_r T_r$$

where

- $T_s$  is the system noise temperature (K)
  - $T_a$  is the antenna noise temperature (K)
  - $L_r$  is the feed-line loss expressed as a ratio
  - $T_r$  is the receiver noise temperature (K)
- For the system under consideration this gives

$$\begin{aligned} T_s &= 290 + (1 - 1)290 + 1 \times 1537 \\ &= 290 + 1537 = 1827 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

We can now calculate the total receiving system sensitivity, including the noise contribu-

tions from all components which are incorporated in the system noise temperature.

$$\text{sensitivity (dBm)} = 10 \log_{10} (kTB)$$

where

- $k = 1.38 \times 10^{-20}$  mW/Hz
- $T$  = system noise temperature (K)
- $B$  = receiver bandwidth (Hz)

This can be rewritten:

$$\text{sensitivity (dBm)} = 10 \log_{10} B + 10 \log_{10} T - 198.6$$

In the case of the receiver in question the bandwidth is 2.4 kHz and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sensitivity} &= 10 \log_{10} 2400 + 10 \log_{10} 1827 - 198.6 \\ &= 33.8 + 32.6 - 198.6 \\ &= -132.2 \text{ dBm} \end{aligned}$$

This means that a signal 132.2 dB below 1 mW will be as strong as the noise generated in the system, i.e., an SNR of 0 dB at the final detector stage of the receiver. Since this receiver is being used with a 17-dB-gain horn antenna, however, signals 17 dB weaker will be able to be detected with this same 0 dB SNR, making the effective receiver sensitivity  $-149.2$  dBm.

We know from our previous calculations that the signal at the receiver site is expected to be  $-120.9$  dBm. This is 28.3 dB stronger than the signal required to give a 0 dB SNR, and therefore should give an SNR of 28.3 dB. We have now done what we initially set out to do: estimate how strong the 10.368 GHz ssb signals should be over a 50-mile path.

The important question to ask now is how do theory and practice agree? The answer is "surprisingly well." The measured signal-to-noise (SNR) over the path from Mount Tom, Massachusetts, to West Peak, Connecticut, was +20 dB, only 8 dB below the calculated level. This difference can be accounted for by considering the effects of intermediate ground reflections and, perhaps, optimistic estimates of equipment performance.

These calculations become routine with a little practice and can be performed using a \$20 calculator. They can save much time and effort in planning DX contacts on the higher microwave bands. If a link budget is calculated for the same task as above using Gunnplexers (20 mW, 12 dB NF and 200 kHz i-f bandwidth) with 17 dB horns, the calculated SNR is 5.1 dB, much too small for fm intelligibility, considering the fm threshold and the usually optimistic nature of the calculations. Using a 2-foot dish at one end of the path should improve the SNR to 21.1 dB, which should allow the path to be worked on fm.

Receiver sensitivity calculations can also be used to predict the improvement in system performance when better preamps, lower-loss feed lines or higher-gain antennas are used.

Readers wishing to learn more about receiver sensitivity and NF calculations might like to read an article by the late Jim Fisk, WIHR (October 1975 *Ham Radio*, p. 8), and the extensive list of references cited in that article.

# How's DX?



Conducted By Clarke Greene,\* K1JX

## More Station Design for DX

This month's installment is presented somewhat out of the order we originally planned. There have been so many requests for this information, though, that we're going to skip around to operating and propagation tips; back to technical stuff next month.

"Discussion of propagation will be mainly on (a) use of the long path, (b) the twilight zone, (c) use of meteor bursts for quick identification of weak local signals and (d) use of WWV advices.

"It is well known among DXers that signals frequently come in better the long way around the earth. This applies mainly to paths exceeding about 4000 miles the short way. Under some conditions, the optimum path flips from s.p. (short path) to l.p. (long path) in a few minutes, and it is difficult to choose optimum propagation. The nearest station design to ascertain the better path is that in use at W6AM. He brings each end of each rhombic, through transmission line, into his shack. By appropriate relays, the path may be tested or operated on in less than a second simply by flipping a switch. Similar technique can be (but practically never is) applied to driven arrays and Yagis.

"The question of when, in a longer term, it is desirable to search for long-path openings is not easily answered. Recent experience gives the operator his best competence. However, some general guidance is to look along the twilight zones.

"The twilight zone, globally, has an important relation to hf propagation. For example, on the long hauls, about 6000 to 20,000 miles (s.p. or l.p.), phenomenally good transmission can be realized for small portions of the day on paths nearly parallel with this zone. According to the relation between the maximum usable

frequencies (muf) and operating frequencies, propagation may be better on the day or night side, or directly along the twilight zone. Seasonally, the zone runs due N-S at the equinoxes; mornings NW-SE in summer, NE-SW in winter; evenings NE-SW in summer, NW-SE in winter. The NE and SW directions are for northern latitudes. Long propagation paths perpendicular to a single intermediate twilight zone, on the other hand, tend to be poor, especially when the zone is near mid-path. This is because mufs are usually much different in night and day zones — sometimes called the 'contrast' problem. An appreciation of these phenomena is useful in estimating diurnal and seasonal openings to various parts of the world.

Sometimes signals arrive from unexpected directions, neither s.p. or l.p. Particularly, arrivals from north and south have been reported for DX signals as much as 60° displaced in geometric azimuth. Signals reflected from the aurora zone are usually characterized by a gravelly sound. To a lesser extent, this can be observed on signals propagated through the aurora. When Europeans are heard working the Far East, it's a good sign that Far East propagation will be good, later in the day, from the United States.

"Some propagation phenomena are useful for preliminary identification of signals in DX work. One of these phenomena is signal enhancement by reflection from meteor trails. The enhancements may be 20 to 40 dB in amplitude, and are typically about one second in duration. Unfortunately they are not always present. When they are, they serve to distinguish weak nearby (non-DX in the 20-meter skip zone) signals from bona fide weak DX. An appreciation of this saves the time of waiting for the weak station to identify by sending his or her call sign. Another phenomenon, useful in recognition, is the well-

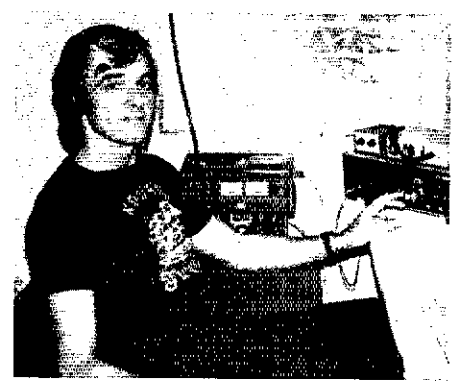
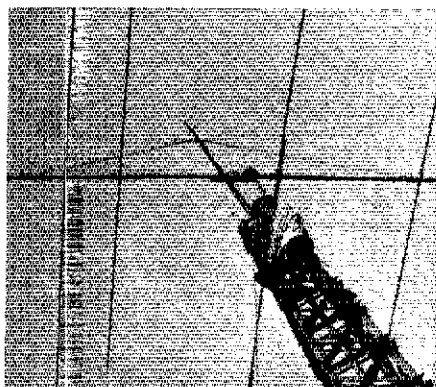
known rounding of the keying envelopes by multipath transmissions. That is, keying that has passed through several propagation hops and has arrived by a combination of several paths, is likely to sound softer (in the sense of less clicky) than ground-wave or single-hop propagation signals.

"Time and keen operating practices can be traded off, to some extent, for station technical effectiveness. Especially in this era of well-equipped DXpeditions, it is more important to be active on the right frequency at the right time than to have the ultimate in DX erp. Thus a station at home, a home within 20 minutes drive of the place of work, and a job that doesn't require being out of town on trips, can add more to the countries total (if that's your criterion of performance) than a 200-foot tower and a 50-foot boom.

"It is better to listen several times a day for short periods than to listen for the same total of time in one session. In tuning, as from 14.0 to 14.1 MHz repeatedly, it is slightly preferable to snap back (as is done by oscilloscope horizontal sweep circuits) than to tune uniformly back and forth. In contests, it is preferable to tune from high to low, as "the pack" predominantly moves the other way. In pile-ups, a short call precisely timed and on the right frequency, can be more effective than a longer call at a higher power.

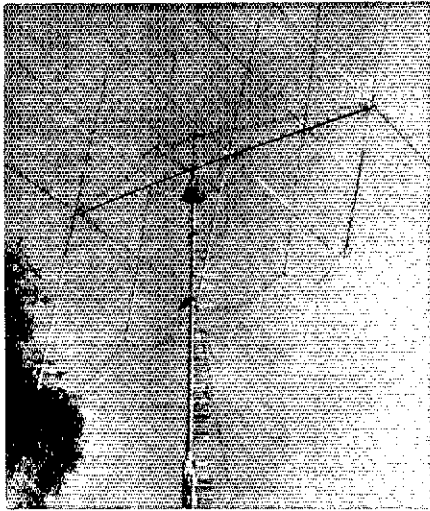
"Logging, filing and QSL procedures cannot be neglected. DX intelligence (G-2) is very important. DX-alert nets are good. But when they are not available, it is sometimes possible to exchange alerting services over telephone landlines. Particularly useful are DXers who have retired from full-time employment and spend several hours a day scanning hands. Having tools, test gear and spares close at hand can be a practical advantage in the event of breakdown at a critical time — some wrong Sunday afternoon."

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HM1TR is very active from Korea, especially during contests. Here is Jon inside at his station and outside on the tower.

Gerry, FY7BC, is one of the regulars from French Guiana. This station is backed up by a 3 element quad and various dipoles.



YBØAR, Jakarta, Indonesia, has one of the most potent signals from his part of the world. Here's the reason; a 5-element rotary quad log periodic.

## MORE DX BULLETIN NEWS

The West Coast DX Bulletin is back! Well, not as a weekly, but as an anthology. W5DV and W6OGC have teamed up to compile all Cass's best stories and anecdotes into one volume. The manuscript is terrific; it revives those events of those 11 years for those who were there and provides good insight for those of us who weren't. The printing will be limited, so contact W6OGC as soon as possible if you want a copy of *DX Is! The Best of the West Coast DX Bulletin*. His address: James M. Allen, W6OGC, 1200 Third Ave., Suite 1200, San Diego, CA 92101.

## QSL Corner

Administered By Joan Becker

### INCOMING QSL BUREAU CORRECTION

Please note the following correction to the listing of QSL Bureaus on page 72 of November 1980 *QST*. The Mecklenburg ARS, P. O. Box DX, Charlotte, NC 28220, handles all fourth call area *single-letter-prefix* calls. The Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 599, Sterling Park, VA 22170, handles all fourth call area *two-letter-prefix* calls, excluding Caribbean

and Pacific possessions. A corrected listing will appear in "QSL Corner" next month.

### ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service

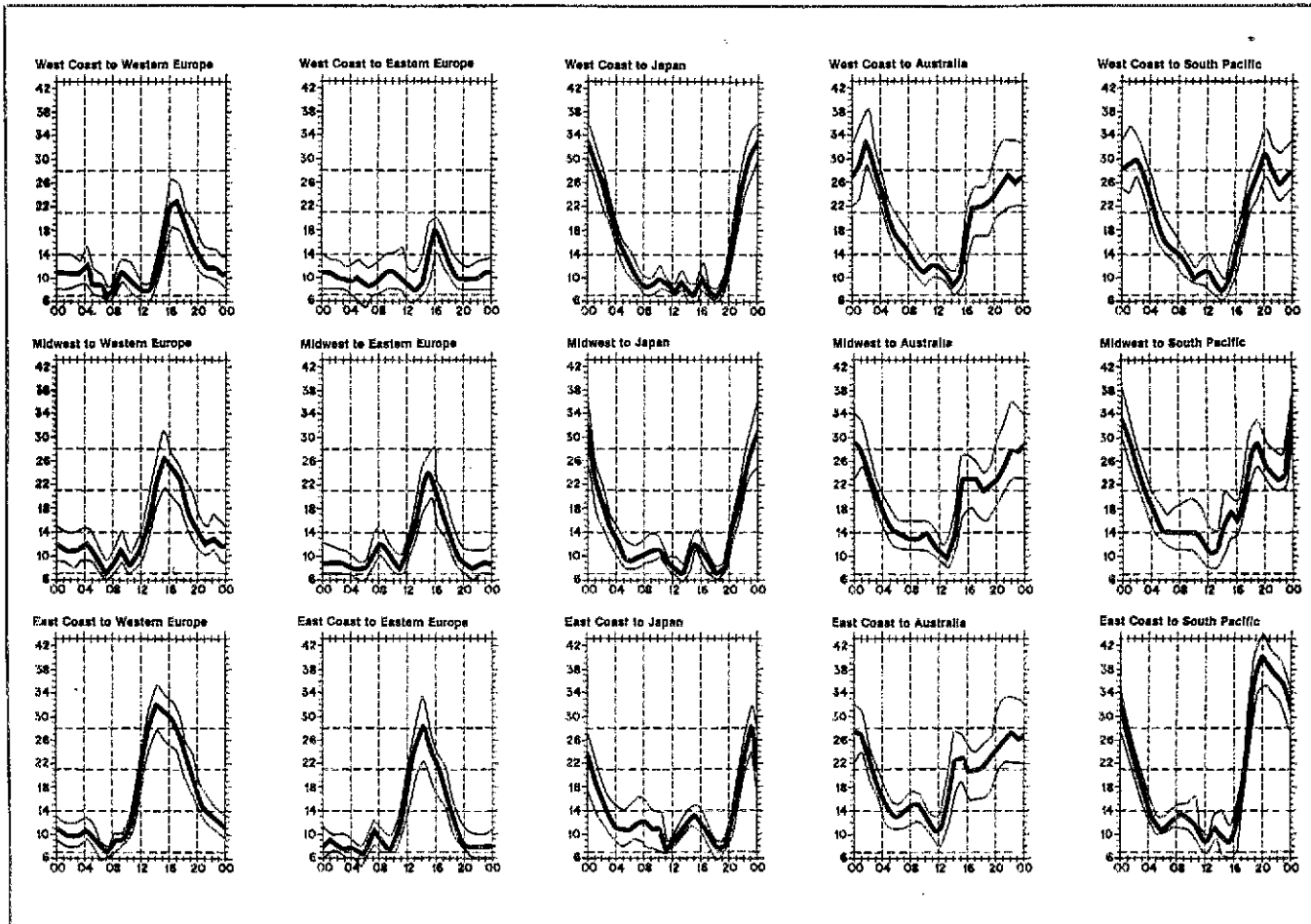
Send outgoing cards to this address: American Radio Relay League, 225 Main St., Newington, CT USA 06111

This is an "outgoing" service that allows ARRL members to send DX QSL cards to foreign countries at a minimum of cost and effort. While QSLing direct to foreign amateurs is faster, it is also more tedious. Time spent searching for addresses in the foreign *Callbook*, addressing and stuffing envelopes, and mailing could be better spent operating DX. And, the cost of IRCs, airmail postage and envelopes can be prohibitive.

An unlimited number of QSLs may be sent for distribution 12 times per year. The fee is just \$1 per pound or portion thereof (135 QSL cards average a pound).

The ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service operates *only* in an "outgoing" capacity. To receive QSLs from DX stations, see "The ARRL DX QSL Bureau System," published every other month on this page.

U.S. amateurs may send SWL reports to foreign short-wave listeners. Unlicensed (associate) members may send SWL cards to foreign amateurs. QSL managers: write for details.



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

**Requirements**

1) Presort your DX QSLs alphabetically by call sign prefix (A3, AP, C6, CE, F, FG, G, GI, GM, JA, 3A2, etc.).

2) Enclose the address label from the brown wrapper of your current copy of QST. This information shows that you are a current ARRL member. Family members may also use the service by enclosing their QSLs with those of the primary member. Include the appropriate fee with each individual's cards and indicate "family membership."

Sightless members who do not receive QST should indicate that the QSLs are from a "sightless member."

ARRL-affiliated club stations may use the service when submitting club QSLs by indicating the club name. Club secretaries should check affiliation papers to ensure that membership is current.

3) Enclose payment in the form of a check, money order or cash. Sending large amounts of cash through the mail is not suggested. Please do not send stamps.

**QSL MANAGER VOLUNTEERS**

- I0WDX N4BQD
- WR7FAT KB5HS
- K4YSF
- W1OAY not manager for DU1RAK
- WSRJV not manager for XE1AA
- 3V8PK not manager for WA1ZVS

Here is some QSL information for those who would like to QSL direct to the station location. It is passed

along as we receive it and, therefore, may not be accurate.

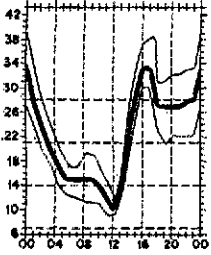
- C31MS (EA3MS)
- C31UB (DJ7HZ)
- C31VM (EA3BKZ)
- EL2AM (WD4NXB)
- EP2SV (K6KM)
- ET3PG (DJ9JB)
- GJ5DQE (DK3KD)
- HK0AA (HK3DDD)
- KC6DC (AD1S) P. O. Box 32735,  
Okla. City, OK 73123
- KP4AER (AG2K)
- PY2XB (W2UTH)
- TU2JJ (KN0KCW)
- T3LA (W7OK)
- VP2AZE QSL direct, P. O. Box  
1203, St. Johns, Antigua
- VP2EEW (WD8ALG)
- VP2MGT (VP2MO)
- VP2MGV (K3VMG)
- VP2MM (W1CDC)
- VQ9RS (N6BLN)
- XE1LCH (WDRNKT)
- XE1RL (WD8NKT)
- ZB2BL (W2UTH)
- ZB2EO (K3MNV)
- 6Y5MR (VE3KGG) David Lambert, Box 1703,  
Station A, London, ON N6A 5H9, Canada

Season's greetings from the Overseas QSL Bureau staff!

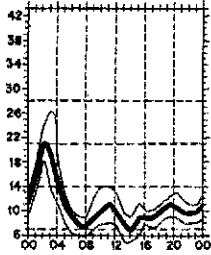


Jerry, HL9WR, will be active until March of 1981 from this Seoul QTH. His home call is WB5NAR.

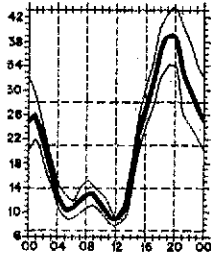
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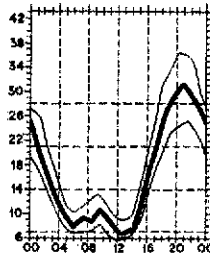
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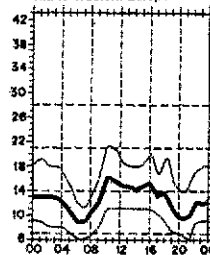
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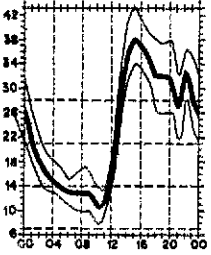
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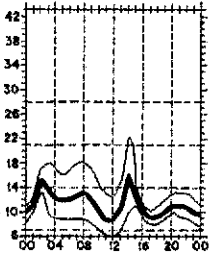
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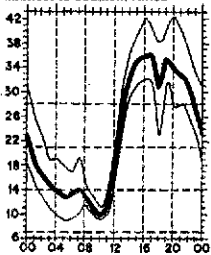
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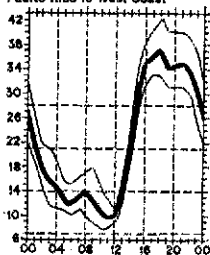
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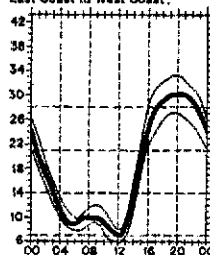
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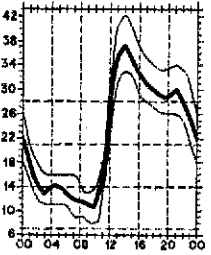
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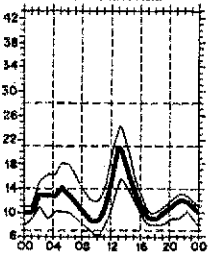
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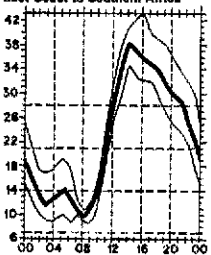
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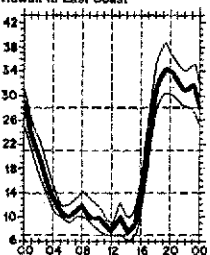
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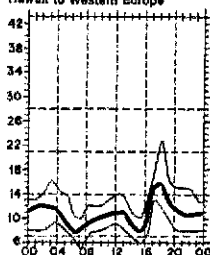
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Hawaii to Western Europe



lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or fof). See January 1977 QST, page 58, September 1977 QST, page 35 and January 1979 QST, page 11, for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for December 15, 1980 to January 15, 1981, assume a sunspot number of 146, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 190.

# DX Century Club Awards

The DX Century Club certificate is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL Countries List. There are now 319 countries on the list, and the DXCC Honor Roll (published in the March and September issues) highlights those ops who are within 10 countries of that figure. Each DXCC certificate may be endorsed for additional countries over 100 — in increments of 20 up through 240, increments of 10 through 300 and increments of 5 over 300. This listing contains the call signs and exact country totals of amateurs who've joined the DXCC or increased their country-totals during from October 1 1978 through September 30, 1980. Think you may be ready for DXCC? Write Headquarters for details.

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### DXCC Notes

DXCC Rule 5 Change: Effective January 1, 1980, as per direction of the Board of Directors, the submission endorsement levels between 100 and 250 are changed. They will be in increments of 25 to conform to the present levels that stickers are issued. Levels above 250 will remain the same.

### Honor Roll Reminder:

Those wanting to update their Honor Roll standings or make the Honor Roll, must have their cards into Hq. no later than December 31, 1980. Those arriving after December 31, 1980, will not be included in the Honor Roll listing.

There is no Honor Roll application. If you qualify for the Honor Roll you will be placed on it. It is done automatically. You do not make Honor Roll until it is published in QST.

## Strays

### DX CONTEST PLAQUES

A few plaques for the 1981 ARRL DX Contest are still without sponsors. Your tax-deductible \$35 donation will be used to purchase and mail a plaque to one of the leaders in the 1981 Contest. If you or your club would like to sponsor a plaque, please contact Tom Frenaye, K1K1, at ARRL hq. for details.



Dick Victor, WD9GRI (left) and Ted Meyer, WD9CYR, were two of the Baraboo, Wisconsin area amateurs who provided communications services for the Circus World Museum parade, held in Baraboo in July. This station is set up in Ted's van. (photo by Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ)

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| 222  | <b>Birds</b>                     |
| AFRICAN Grey \$450. Amazon \$135. Finches \$15 pr. 609-881-4729                            |                                  |
| COCKATIELS. Hand raised & very tame. Regular \$49, Albinos \$99. 609-877-6430              |                                  |
| DOVES, wht or ring necks, magnif. excellent prs. Reas. 609-461-5352                        |                                  |
| MAL E Singing Canaries \$35. 884-1909 548-1244   |                                  |
| 224  | <b>Cats</b>                      |
| ABYSSINIAN Kittens Reg. Fem. Reasonable. 609-779-1924                                      |                                  |
| EXOTIC Tabby Persian Kite CFA. spots, \$100 ea. 609-389-5373                               |                                  |
| PERSIAN Kit. Odd-eye white M. Excibidil. Show qual. HO 7-4414                              |                                  |
| SIAMESE kittens. CFA reg. choc & blue pts. 6 wks. \$70. 934-5575                           |                                  |
| SIAM Kittens for Valentines Day! M&F. Beaut. \$25. DA 4-6536                               |                                  |
| 228  | <b>Monkeys</b>                   |
| HAM RADIO Equip. Linear amp. w/pre amp. Desk mike. 692-2289.                               |                                  |
| 230  | <b>Other Pets</b>                |
| DWARF Rabbits, rare & unusual, guinea pigs, long hair, all home raised. Reas. 609-461-5352 |                                  |
| 232  | <b>Pet Services and Supplies</b> |
| DOBERMAN for stud. Champ blood. 879-4940, 725-6887 aft 6                                   |                                  |
| IRISH Setter for stud. AKC 349-8927 after 6.   |                                  |



James Alderman, W5DGXY (right), of Athens, Texas demonstrates the thrill of Amateur Radio at a school project fair. Here he lets fair visitors have a few words with Steve Carbone, KA1BBM, near Boston, Massachusetts.

### QST congratulates . . .

ARRL Technical Advisor Dave Geiser, WA2ANU, of New Hartford, New York, who was recently elected chairman of the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the Reliability Society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the world's largest engineering society.

Ken Blair, WA9SEV, of Lawrence, Kansas, who was honored as the Kansas "Amateur of the Year for 1980." One of Ken's contributions to Amateur Radio is the publication of the quarterly magazine *Kansas Amateur Radio*.

# QST Profiles

Conducted By Dave Bristol,\* KA2BNV

## 73 OM

Thomas R. Clarkson, ZL2AZ, was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, October 1, 1906, and later moved to Hastings (1910), Auckland (1925) and Wellington (1935). The present address of Tom and his wife, Marion, is at Lowry Bay, a marine suburb on Wellington Harbor. They have a grown family, with two children living in New Zealand and one in Canada.

In 1921 Tom obtained a provisional permit to use wireless receiving apparatus for experimental purposes. When amateur transmitting became possible in New Zealand in 1923, he quickly obtained a Grade I certificate and began operation as 2AR in April 1924. He was on the committee that founded the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART). In 1924 he entered the engineering branch of the New Zealand Post Office. In 1925 Tom became an engineering cadet at Auckland and also attended University College. This led to a B.S. in Physics. He passed the graduate examination of the Institution of Electrical Engineers in Wireless and High Frequency Engineering in 1933 and was granted corporate membership three years later. He later attained the grade of Fellow and has been registered as an Electrical Engineer since 1939.

A Director of the IARU Region 3 Association since its formation in 1968, Tom's ITU experience dates to 1947, when he was a New Zealand delegate to the Atlantic City Conference. He has attended International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR) meetings regularly, serving as vice president of the CCIR Plenary Geneva 1951 and as committee chairman on several occasions since then. At WARC-79 Tom served as special advisor to the president of the IARU.

QST: How did you become interested in Amateur Radio?

Clarkson: As a child I had the benefit of Arthur Mee's *Childrens Encyclopedia*, which had constructional directions for experiments in static and current electricity. As a schoolboy, I found relevant books, one being the Hawkhead and Dowsett *Handbook of Instruction for Wireless Telegraphists* and another was R. D. Bengay's *Elementary Principles of Wireless Telegraphy*.

I had become impressed with the romantic aspect of sending and receiving messages without visible connections. In 1920 I had access to very few sources of information, but subsequent experience leads me to think that at that time all the radio knowledge in the world could have been put on one longish bookshelf and a keen, capable and devoted student could have absorbed everything known to man on the subject. We expect some progress in 60 years, but think of the difference today — any one branch of the subject, of which there are a multitude, can only have its surface scratched by a person in his whole lifetime.

In 1921 I was fortunate to get a copy of the *Wireless Experimenter's Manual*, by Elmer Bucher, of the American Marconi Company, a real compendium of knowledge at that time.



A favorite theme of Thomas R. Clarkson, ZL2AZ, is that the real strength of the amateur fraternity lies in the mental assets of its practitioners — the enquiring minds directed toward greater knowledge, theoretical and practical, of radio technique and operations.

This enabled me to tackle receiver construction fairly effectively. From 1923 on I had the benefit of QST and that marvelous book, *Radio Telegraphy for Amateurs*, by R. M. Ballantyne. My first transmitter was constructed in 1924 using the reversed-feedback oscillator described by Ballantyne.

QST: Can you tell us the history of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters?

Clarkson: In August 1926 nine of us had a meeting and decided to form an association. I proposed the formation and said I thought it ought to have "transmitters" in its name. I had been inspired by seeing a report in June 1926 QST by the Amateur Transmitters Association of Western Pennsylvania, and considered it a good thing to have our objects clearly defined. So it was decided to call it NZART, the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters. There was a period of some difficulty in getting amateurs in the rest of New Zealand to join in. Nevertheless, the organization persisted and we were able to celebrate 50 years of its life in 1976. NZART was fortunate in there being an understanding of Amateur Radio in the government administration. A high government official, 2XA, was appointed its first president. He influenced important policies, as illustrated at the 1927 administrative conference of the Radio Telegraph Union (prior to ITU) at Washington. New Zealand was one of the very few supporters of proper provisions for amateur operations at the conference.

QST: What are your present Amateur Radio activities?

Clarkson: Amateur Radio has many separate activities in it. One is the administrative side, in which the position of the key and microphone is apt to be usurped by the typewriter. I manage enough on-the-air activity, however, to keep at least one foot in the essential subject. In addition to social contacts on 3.5 and 7 MHz, I keep quite a lot of worldwide skeds with friends on 20- and 15-meter cw, and pursue a bit of other DX from time to time.

QST: What are some of your personal observations of WARC-79?

Clarkson: My experience as a member of the IARU team at Geneva was a most uplifting experience. I was tremendously impressed, and still am, at the amazing high stature of my fellow members and the qualities brought to bear in the interests of our subject. I mean the knowledge, talent, patience, loyalty, devotion, courtesy, friendliness and understanding, the savoir faire for what we were trying to do. It was a great experience to be in such a circle of friends, whose existence one cannot help but attribute to the worthiness of the cause that brought us together. As a manifestation of the strength of Amateur Radio it inspires faith for the future. From the personal point of view, it was a great satisfaction to have an occasional opportunity to strike a blow on behalf of our cause and, of course, we all seized any such opportunity. There is another rewarding feeling that I have come to recognize: that we have enjoyed the confidence of our fellows in the whole world of Amateur Radio. So, that is quite an abiding reward.

QST: Any other experiences from WARC-79?

Clarkson: Yes, I had a valedictory experience at WARC that prevented me from concealment of my advanced age — but I have long since abandoned any claim to still be in my prime. The most contentious, lively and fully attended committee of WARC, the Allocations Committee, paused in its work to applaud one of its veterans of Atlantic City, Tom Clarkson, who was celebrating his 73rd birthday on October 1. So I had the distinction of the expression by WARC — "73 OM" — a good cw term! I must say that under the leadership of WIRU my amateur friends provided a most notable celebration of that day.

QST: What can you tell us about your island hideaway?

Clarkson: The amateur, according to his code, is meant to exist in a balanced manner. I have one interest that is somewhat different and, I may say, is made use of and appreciated more by my family and friends than is my propensity for Amateur Radio. I am the owner of a small island located four or five miles off the New Zealand coast, about 40 miles north of Auckland. Takangaroa gives scope for opening up and reading the ample pages of the book of nature, with many intriguing items of fauna and flora, and of course necessarily having the special maritime environment. I cannot help adding that it is an excellent QTH for DX, ZL2AZ/1.

# Silent Keys

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

WIAM, Arthur S. Westneat, Newmarket, NH  
 ex-1BH, Wilbur Hardy, Beverly Farms, MA  
 WB1DQC, Peter R. D. Munroe, Holliston, MA  
 KA1DQE, Anthony Osowski, Norwich, CT  
 \*W1FIY, Herbert J. Brady, Norwich, CT  
 W1RVZ, Harold E. Flagg, Glastonbury, CT  
 K1ZOC, Joseph W. Jolley, Springfield, MA  
 K2ATG, Stephen W. Closs, Sr., Hopewell Jct., NY  
 W2BCGV, Charles E. Kapp, Little Neck, NY  
 K2EGB, Carl D. Bates, Jr., Canandaigua, NY  
 W2FDI, Gordon M. Wendell, Victor, NY  
 WA2HFT, Allen E. Cheren, Albany, NY  
 K2IEH/ex-W1SUL, Arthur B. Duel, Garden City, L.I., NY  
 W2LHV, David Goldberg, Brooklyn, NY  
 WB2LOJ, Dr. Anton P. Schwer, Patchogue, NY  
 K2QH, Kenneth S. Stern, Smithtown, NY  
 \*W2TD, Julius Rivman, Plainview, NY  
 WA2YJS, Carl Wellauer, Holmdel, NJ  
 W3CXX, Rudy F. Mihalick, Ambridge, PA  
 K3DYO, Richard A. Mayers, East Stroudsburg, PA  
 WA3EMD, Stan Harmon, Meadville, PA  
 KA3ESX, Thomas "Rodder" Purnell, Georgetown, DE  
 W3IHT, Louis A. Robertson, Aberdeen, MD  
 W3KRC, Marion P. "Pete" Podluzne, Lundys Lane, PA  
 W3MAN, Robert O. Goettmann, Pittsburgh, PA  
 W3TTB, John H. Moore, Pittsburgh, PA  
 W3UL, Rudolph F. Brandt, Oreland, PA  
 W3ZCK, Joseph R. Pratt, Baltimore, MD  
 K4AHV, Robert MacDonald, Panama City, FL  
 W4CU, Ralph J. Renton, Falls Church, VA  
 W4DLM, Harold W. Bower, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
 W4DXP, Robert L. Colbert, Jr., Miami, FL  
 WA4FYO, Leonard J. Burch, Moulton, AL  
 W4GET, Aaron M. George, Jr., Mt. Dora, FL  
 KC4GX, ex-WB4JSZ, G. C. "Newt" Magnuson, Sarasota, FL  
 K4LBV, Harry L. Callaway, Greenville, SC  
 W4PGW, Carl W. Schwenzfeier Jr., Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 WD4RNI, John W. Connaughton, Jeffersontown, KY

\*Life Member, ARRL

W4SDF, Jack L. Bone, Rocky Mount, NC  
 KB4TC, John A. Carlson, Orlando, FL  
 K4TO, Thomas E. Leonard, Fort Myers, FL  
 W4UHN, Everette L. Wilson, St. Augustine, FL  
 W4VCY, A. Edward Terpening, Tarpon Springs, FL  
 WB4VSR, Richard L. Nantell, Port Charlotte, FL  
 WA4ZCB, William H. Neal, Titusville, FL  
 W4ZMR, Thomas E. Ramsay, Brevard, NC  
 WA5DHG, Benjamin F. Kautz, Watonga, OK  
 W5ECK, LaVerne R. Thomas, Corpus Christi, TX  
 W5HVP, Otis E. Payne, Pampa, TX  
 W5JPE, Hugh R. Purcell, Jr., Houston, TX  
 W5MNG, Burley Baggett, Abilene, TX  
 W5PHY, Jackson L. Mauk, Franklin, TX  
 K5QEF, Elliot M. Todd, Jr., Ponca City, OK  
 W5RH, Robert H. Irion, Kingsville, TX  
 WB5TJ, James J. Hume, Jr., Springdale, AK  
 K5YA, Pierce E. Cantrell, Houston, TX  
 WA5YXZ, S. G. Gonzalez, Houston, TX  
 W5ZIH, Albert H. Black, Houston, TX  
 W6BVY, Elvyn J. Beall, Modesto, CA  
 W6BZV, John Q. Rickey, Jr., Sacramento, CA  
 W6CAE, Lawrence N. Higgins, San Diego, CA  
 W6ERW, Burton P. Heinmiller, Burbank, CA  
 KC6F, Bobbie R. Young, Pleasant Hill, CA  
 W6FE, Harry H. Wickersham, San Mateo, CA  
 \*WA6GZG, Elmer R. Hayes, Pacifica, CA  
 K6LW, Gardner L. Hart, Pacific Grove, CA  
 WA6ODA, Richard J. Thomas, Concord, CA  
 K6OER, James L. Hynek, Fresno, CA  
 K6OHR, Genevieve Anderson, Hemet, CA  
 W6ONC, Bill L. Ritzl, Beverly Hills, CA  
 WA6TFY, Fred Mueller, Jr., Turlock, CA  
 WA6TQB, Bernice E. Marshall, Riverside, CA  
 W6WPI, William C. Henderson, Hemet, CA  
 KF6X, Bruce D. Galloway, Sunnyvale, CA  
 KA7BGS, Murray J. Emmerich, Medford, OR  
 W7BIW, Sam A. Davenport, Pasco, WA  
 K7BKZ, Earl S. Brooks, Seattle, WA  
 W7BPQ, Ernest M. Bray, Missoula, MT  
 W7CZX, Vilpas I. Saari, Ilwaco, WA  
 W7EHO, Raymond F. Davies, Aberdeen, WA  
 W7FRU, Dewitt W. Case, Coquille, OR  
 K7HH, Henry W. Husting, Bellevue, WA  
 W7IDL, Franklin E. Firth, Morristown, AZ  
 W7JYH, Irvin L. Faulkner, Phoenix, AZ

W7KEN, Hugh E. Holland, Grants Pass, OR  
 W7LJK, Isaac W. Carson, Walla Walla, WA  
 W7QYO, John M. Morrow, Prosser, WA  
 WB7SDM, Phillip D. Willis, Sr., Sheridan, OR  
 WRBHO, Eldon H. Marz, Canton, OH  
 WA8CPA, Dr. Harold B. Cully, Van Wert, OH  
 WR8KB, Thad C. Baker, N. Olmstead, OH  
 WA8KBE, Walter F. Clark, Loveland, OH  
 K8NVQ, Edward R. McCowen, Wheelersburg, OH  
 W8RST, Albert R. Honig, Jr., Jackson, MI  
 W8TGD, Eugene H. Coe, Elizabeth, WV  
 W8WGE, Fred A. Fletcher, Warren, MI  
 W8WUX, Edwin D. Haines, Cameron, WV  
 ex-9AAU, Dr. Charles L. Klenk, St. Louis, MO  
 W9BG, Ross Hansch, Madison, WI  
 K9CUR, Robert W. Wiberg, Sr., Hobart, IN  
 W9CZC, Theodore W. Cassell, Oak Park, IL  
 WD9DJT, Albert Jordan, Jefferson, WI  
 WN9FK, William D. Gilley, Switz City, IN  
 W9GTL, Carl E. Beghtel, Uniondale, IN  
 W9PWF, Lowell V. Hargan, Ft. Wayne, IN  
 W9UHV, Callie M. Jones, Mt. Vernon, IN  
 W9ULL, Paul I. Keller, Syracuse, IL  
 W9VI, C. Keith Mason, Sharon, WI  
 W9YOM, Robert H. Larson, Madison, WI  
 W0DYZ, Paul V. Brobst, St. Paul, MN  
 K0GKT, Victor L. Verble, Sikeston, MO  
 W0ILZ, Gillman S. Slinden, Litchfield, MN  
 K0LCH, Duane L. Zimmerman, North Bend, NE  
 \*W0OTW, Melvin B. Walker, Rastown, MO  
 W0OXO, Joseph I. Osterhoff, DuBuque, IA  
 W0OZV, Ray R. Kramer, Denver, CO  
 WB0QIO, Harold E. Burden, Northglenn, CO  
 W0UKN, Charles S. Osborn, McCook, NE  
 VE3BH, Stanley Hodge, Barrie, ON  
 VE3DRO, Norman Harding, Dryden, ON  
 VE7BAX, Ian J. Devine, Vancouver, BC  
 VE7NS, Nelson C. Smith, Gibsons, BC  
 ZLJNG, T. H. Phillips, Keri, New Zealand  
 OH2RW, Martti Viljanen, Helsinki, Finland

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## Coming Conventions

- February 7-8  
Florida State, Miami
- April 25-26  
Mississippi State, Jackson
- May 15-17  
Pacific Division, Fresno, California
- June 5-7  
Northwestern Division, Seaside, Oregon
- September 19-20  
New England Division, Hartford, Connecticut
- October 9-11  
Southwestern Division, Scottsdale, Arizona
- October 10-11  
Delta Division, Memphis, Tennessee

### ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- March 13-15, 1981  
Orlando, Florida
- July 23-25, 1982  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- October 7-9, 1983  
Houston, Texas

## Hamfest Calendar

\*Florida: The Broward ARC will hold the Fort Lauderdale hamfest on Dec. 13-14 at the National Guard Armory, Fort Lauderdale. For more info contact Bob Sternberg, AA4EE, 9790 N.W. 24th St., Sunrise, FL 33322, Tel. 305-741-8228.

Florida: The Sarasota ARA and the Sarasota Emergency Radio Club will hold the second annual Sarasota hamfest from 8:30 to 4:30 Jan. 17, and from 8:30 to 3 on Jan. 18, 1981, at the Exhibition Hall, 801 North Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), Sarasota. Admission is \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. Swap tables (advance reservations requested), two days, donation \$12 — no one-day tables. Talk-in on 146.13/73 and 52. QCWA luncheon Saturday, with guest speaker Frank Burler, Jr., W4RH, ARRL Southeastern Division director. Advance reservations requested. Activities include displays, used gear, prizes, XYL and harmonic activities, and new equipment. For more info contact John Shinkle, WD4BAJ, 1937 North Allendale Ave., Sarasota, FL 33580, Tel. 813-953-5818. For advance reservations contact Robert Siff, K4AMG, 1312 Main St., Sarasota, FL 33577, Tel. 813-366-6759.

Nevada: SAROC presents their annual Prestige Convention on Jan. 1-4, 1981, at the Dunes Hotel, Las Vegas. Cocktail party Friday night, hosted by *Ham Radio Magazine*, for exhibitors and SAROC registered guests. Exhibits, technical sessions, Dunes Hotel breakfast/brunch Saturday and Sunday. Ladies programs. Special SAROC Dunes Hotel room rate \$35.50, plus room tax, includes telephone; call toll-free at 1-800-634-6971. SAROC advance registration is \$16 per person. Send check or money order to SAROC Registration, P. O. Box 945, Boulder City, NV 89005. [ARRL]

## Strays



Don Miller, W9NTP, Central Division director (standing, center), recently presented a certificate recognizing 50 years of affiliation between the Fort Wayne (Indiana) Radio Club (FWRC) and ARRL. FWRC President Lynn Hyndman, W9FC (standing, left), and Charlie Kronmiller, W9UC (right), one of FWRC's founding fathers; were on hand for the presentation. Bob Witte, W9PMT (seated), holds an original affiliation certificate bearing the signature of Hiram Percy Maxim. It was presented to the club by ARRL in 1930. (photo courtesy K9TUS)

# Club Corner

Conducted By Sally O'Dell,\* AE8P

## A SPECIAL FRATERNITY

The requirements for maintaining club affiliation with the ARRL are: (1) an annual report form must be completed each year, (2) 51% of the voting members must be full or associate members of the League, and (3) at least 51% of the voting membership must be licensed amateurs.

Of the 2200 actively affiliated clubs around the country, approximately 4% are members of a special fraternity — the 100% club. Those clubs that fall into the 100%-club category have met the regular requirements and gone further — all voting members are members of the League. These clubs receive a handsome certificate and, as a sign of recognition, are included in the following list.

### 100 Percent Clubs

Acadiana DX Association, Erath, Louisiana; Alamo DX Amigos, San Antonio, Texas; Amherst Radio Club, Amherst, New Hampshire; AMT Amateur Radio Club, Stanford, California; Anderson Radio Club, Williamston, South Carolina; Apple Valley ARC, Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Arizona DX Club, Scottsdale, AZ; Ashtabua County ARC, Ashtabula, Ohio; Athens Amateur Radio Club, Athens, Texas; Atomics International Rocketdyne, Tarzana, California; Bald Knob Brass Pounders, Beaver Dam, Kentucky; BASH-HAL-NE-AE, Scottsdale, Arizona; Central Kansas ARC, Salina, Kansas; Charles River Wireless Society, Walpole, Massachusetts; Chicago Radio Traffic Assn., Chicago, Illinois; Chattanooga ARC, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Clinton County VHF ARC, Frankfort, Indiana; Coast Guard ARC, Alexandria, Virginia; Committee For Amateur Radio, Forest Park, Ohio; Cranford Amateur Radio Society, Roselle, New Jersey; Datapoint Amateurs & Technicians Assn., San Antonio, Texas; Delta DX Association, Metairie, Louisiana; DX Association of Connecticut, North Haven, CT; Duluth Guns Radio Club, Duluth, Minnesota; Elkhart Red Cross ARC, Osceola, Indiana; Flyweight DC Group, Kingsport, Tennessee; Frankford Radio Club, Warrington, Pennsylvania; Guantamano Bay ARC, APO New York, New York; Hilltop Seekers ARC, Bridgewater, New Jersey; Holmdel Amateur Radio Club, Holmdel, New Jersey; Humboldt State University ARC, Arcata, California; Huntingdon County ARC, Huntingdon, Penn-

sylvania; Jefferson Barracks ARC, St. Louis, Missouri; Kelso-Longview ARC, Longview, Washington; Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Assn., Avoca, New York; Lake Area Radio Klub, Watertown, South Dakota; Livonia Amateur Radio Club, Livonia, Michigan; Louisville Gas & Electric Company ARC, Louisville, Kentucky; Machine Contest Club, Rives Junction, Michigan; Mason County Radio Club, Ludington, Michigan; McLean Amateur Radio Klub, Livermore, Kentucky; Megapulse ARC, Everett, Massachusetts; Meriden ARC, Inc., Meriden, Connecticut; Midland ARC, Midland, Texas; Mid-South DX Assn., Germantown, Tennessee; Milltown Amateur Radio Society, Milltown, Indiana; National Capitol DX Assn., Washington, DC; Norfolk County Radio Assn., Walpole, Massachusetts; North Alabama DX Club, Huntsville, Alabama; North Augusta-Belvedere ARC, North Augusta, South Carolina; Northeast Nebraska Radio Club, Norfolk, Nebraska; Northern Illinois DX Assn., Schaumburg, Illinois; Northern Panhandle ARC, Bridgeport, Ohio; Northern Virginia Amateur Radio Council, Inc., Burke, Virginia; Norfolk Radio Club, Norfolk, Nebraska; OBP Radio Club Chapter no. 1, St. Ann, Missouri; Orange ARC, Orange, Texas; Order of Boiled Owls, East Quogue, New York; Paducah ARES Club, Paducah, Kentucky; Paynesville ARA, Paynesville, Minnesota; Philadelphia Electric Co. Employee's Assn. ARC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Phoenix Amateur Radio Tech Soc. of Long Island, Uniondale, New York; Point Radio Operating Society, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Potomac Area VHF Society, Damascus, Maryland; Providence Radio Association, Johnston, Rhode Island; Radio Operators Assn. of New Bedford, Lakeville, Massachusetts; Richmond County ARC, E. Rockingham, North Carolina; Saginaw DX Association, Saginaw, Michigan; Sheboygan County DX Assn., Plymouth, Wisconsin; Skokie Six Meter Indians, Skokie, Illinois; Skylands Amateur Radio Club, Pompton Plains, New Jersey; Southern New England DX Assn., Westwood, Massachusetts; Southern Sixland Contest Club, Westminster, California; Springbrook Operating & Transmitting Soc., Nashville, Tennessee; Supelco Park ARC, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; Tamaqua Transmitting Soc., Tamaqua, Pennsylvania; Toronto Repeater Group, Toronto, Ohio; Uncle Floyd Radio Club, Glendale, New York; Valley Amateur Radio Club, Apple Valley, Minnesota; Verde Valley ARA, Cottonwood, Arizona; Virginia Century Club, Chesapeake, Virginia; Westside ARC,

New Orleans, Louisiana; Wichita ARC, Wichita, Kansas; Windblowers VHF Soc., Inc., Bergenfield, New Jersey; Winnipeg DX Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Winona Amateur Radio Club, Winona, Minnesota; Wireless Institute of The Northeast, New York, New York; Wireless Operators of Winsted, Winsted, Connecticut; Wisconsin Nets Assn. Ltd., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin; Woodland Baptist ARC, Louisville, Kentucky; Wyndmoor Repeater Club, Oreland, Pennsylvania.

## 50 Years Ago

### December 1930

□ In his editorial, K. B. Warner celebrates the 15th birthday of *QST*. The infant weighed 10 pages, including a technical article and a smattering of paid advertisements.

□ George Grammer, W1DF, describes "A Two-Tube A.C. Receiver" using a '24 tetrode detector and a '27 triode audio stage. Despite the misleading title, the receiver covers the 160- through 20-meter ham bands; the "a.c." in the title refers to the use of the new indirectly-heated cathodes that are coming into vogue. Batteries or a good "B substitute" supply are recommended for plate power.

□ In "The Doublet Antenna," Clyde Houldson, W1KP, the League's Technical Information Department, describes the use of a fanned section to match an open-wire line to a half-wave antenna. The extensive article is complete with many formulas and arithmetical examples, but even more frightening (to present-day sissies) is the suggestion of tapping the feed line to the output tank through fixed blocking capacitors! Tuned-circuit inductive coupling is also shown, but who wants to add another control?

□ Ed Handy, W1BD1, in "The Story of W1MK", gives an interesting account of the history and equipment of the League's station located at Brainard Field, Hartford's airport. The state-of-the-art signal from W1MK, operated by Bob Parmenter, is well-known throughout the world (until the flood of 1936 destroyed the station and prompted the building of the Maxim Memorial Station, W1AW, in Newington).

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## Strays

### HIGH-SPEED CODE PRACTICE

□ WINJM says he has "a small but very select" audience of listeners to his twice-weekly high-speed code practice transmissions. During the winter months, K1JD sends the Wednesday evening (0130 UTC Thursday) sessions on 3636 kHz, using tapes prepared by WINJM. N4KB (WINJM at the controls) sends the Sunday evening (0130 UTC Monday) sessions on 7085 kHz. About the first of April, WINJM plans to be back at the home station, transmitting both nights on both frequencies.

Speeds vary from 20 to 65 wpm, often starting with the high speed first, in increments or decrements of five or 10 wpm, with just under 10 minutes of plain-English text at each speed. Speeds and sequence to be transmitted are announced in advance of each session. Certificate qualifying transmissions are sent twice annually; dates and details also announced in advance.

### QST congratulates . . .

□ Leo I. Meyerson, W0GFQ, Chairman of the Board and founder of World Radio, Council Bluffs, Iowa, who was recently elected a fellow of the Radio Club of America, Inc.



Four-year old Jodi Pretekin, shown with her father Ron, AB8K, has been named the 1981 Easter Seal Poster Child for the State of Ohio. Jodi would enjoy receiving photographs of other "junior operators." Her address is 6741 Oak Field Dr., Dayton, OH 45415.

## 25 Years Ago

### December 1955

□ The cover, a montage of 39 memorable *QST* covers, celebrates the 40th anniversary of the magazine. A pleasant Christmas present to the readers is the reprint of all 10 pages of the first *QST* (December 1915) bound into the issue.

□ In the comprehensive "Great Flood of 1955" National Emergency Coordinator George Hart, WINJM, tells how hurricane Diane blew out but left behind water that caused much flood damage throughout the U.S. northeast. At least 2000 amateurs provided communications during the severe emergency.

□ "Multimatch Antenna for 'Phone" by Max Pemberton, W91YH, follows the lead of the trapped dipole of Buchanan, W3DZZ, but details traps that provide best operation in the voice segments of the bands. Polyethylene insulation and Formvar wire are used in the experimentally-derived traps.

□ "A Composite Test Set" by Roy Corderman, W4ZG, describes how to extend the usefulness of a Heathkit r.f. signal generator by adding an s.w.r. bridge and a transistor d.c. amplifier.

□ Builders anxious to construct the "ultimate" VFO will do well to read "Designing the VFO" by Louis Howson, W2YKY. The Clapp and Lampkin circuits come in for detailed discussion. — *Byron Goodman, W1DX*

# The World Above 50 MHz



Conducted By  
William A. Tynan,\* W3XO

## Clearing the Air

It is with great pleasure that I devote the lead spot this month to fellow columnist Bob Atkins, KA1GT (ex-G8EKB), and his fine coverage of the world above 1 GHz. Some may be confused as to where this column leaves off and the other begins. After all, isn't the title at the top of this page "The World Above 50 MHz"? The Pack Rats' VHF Conference, held in early October, provided the perfect opportunity for this conductor to explore this question face to face with the author of "The New Frontier."

It turns out that Bob's thoughts with regard to coverage of the two columns are very close to mine. To say that there is 100% agreement would probably be stretching the truth just a little, but not much. After all, when do two humans completely agree on everything? Therefore, don't expect to find a complete absence of conflicts in terminology and/or duplication of material in the two columns. Based on our conversation, however, such occurrences should be very rare indeed. The following paragraphs will serve to outline the conclusions reached between Bob and myself. It is hoped that this presentation will clear up any confusion that may exist in the minds of the readers of both columns and provide an indication of what to expect from each in the future.

In noting the subtitle, "The World Above 1 Gig," one might leap to the conclusion that "The New Frontier" will take over *all* news

and information on bands above 1215 MHz (23 cm). But, isn't *this* column called "The World Above 50 MHz"? How would such an arrangement square with the title and longstanding mission of this column, originated by WHDQ more than 40 years ago? The answer is that it wouldn't. Bob and I have agreed on this completely. In addition to being confusing to the readers, a strict frequency split would be counterproductive, particularly in view of the single page allocated to "The New Frontier." KA1GT simply has so much to offer in terms of technical know-how pertaining to microwave techniques, that the precious space available to him can certainly be best used to pass some of that knowledge along to the rest of us who have long been seeking "how to do it" microwave information. With his background of experience in the UK, where microwave activity — particularly on the 10-GHz band — is far greater than ours, Bob will be able to let us in on some of the tricks which make work on these frequencies fascinating, yet simpler, than most of us can imagine.

Thus, "The New Frontier" will concentrate on the technical side of operation on the bands above 1 Gig, with an emphasis on practical approaches we can all use, while this column will continue to stress the operating side for all of our bands above 50 MHz. Some features previously carried in these pages will be picked up by Bob. The record box is one example. I

will continue to carry records for the band through 70 cm (when I can obtain solid information to support them), however. Both Bob and I agree that records are a particularly important aspect of operation on the microwave bands, as they provide at least one measure of the "state of the art" for this part of the spectrum. Therefore the publication of records for the bands above 1215 MHz will fit well into the approach outlined above. On the other hand, information relative to "openings" or the results a particular station experienced during the last contest, as well as the 23-cm standing box, will continue to be carried in this column.

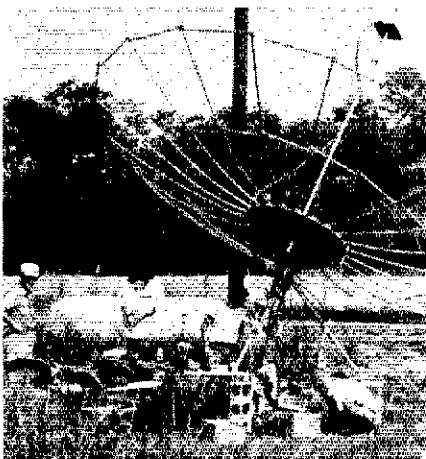
The foregoing explanation should provide a guide as to which one of us will use various types of information. Sending it to the right place will be very helpful; nevertheless, we will see to it that reports that appear more applicable to the other's column are forwarded. I am looking forward to a long and pleasant association with KA1GT, and eagerly anticipate the increased microwave activity that the wealth of technical information he has impart will surely bring forth. [Or, to put another way, the role of "The New Frontier" column is to concentrate on encouraging amateurs in the U.S. and Canada to become active on the bands above 1 GHz. Not merely to encourage the recording of operating achievements, but to show you how easy and how much fun it is to tackle the frontier above 1 GHz. — W1RUJ]

## ON THE BANDS

**6 Meters** — As this is being written, in mid-October, most of North America remains in the clutches of the "black hole." The same fate is not befalling many other parts of the world, however. At this point, probably the best located station on earth, as far as 6 meters is concerned, is ZD8TC Ascension Island. Beginning in the middle of September, Ted began working stations in South America and the Caribbean as well as Liberia. His luck continued good throughout most of the month and into October. As in past times, when other parts of the world were experiencing good F2 and TF propagation conditions, the rest of us just sat there drooling while monitoring the goings-on via 28.885 MHz. But ZD8TC's big chance came early in the morning of October 12. Beginning about 0100Z, while working PYs, Ted heard some stations calling him on ssb. They turned out to be JAs. He thereupon set out to contact 27 Japanese in the first, second, third and fourth call districts. All this time his beam was aimed at 220 degrees. It is understood that EL2AV and EL2FY participated in a similar opening two days earlier. Incidentally, EL2AV is K2UOP, who was active on the vhf bands in the Washington, DC, area for several years. Both ELs are allowed several spot frequencies, all below 50.1. They can work ssb there, but we had better remember not to do so. They will both be listening for us on cw.

Another part of the world which seems to be faring better than we (not an unusual situation) is the Pacific. KH6AA's contacts with a number of South American stations on many evenings over the past month is one example.

WA5IYX, longtime San Antonio, Texas, propagation watcher, sends along a very interesting compilation of F2 mufs for the month of September, this year and last. His data shows that, although the solar flux levels were lower this September, the mufs to the south



The Labor Day weekend West Virginia 70-cm EME operation put on by K2UYH using the call WB4EC. In addition to Al and Bill, other participants included K2TKN, KA8CPI and WB2DIN. The dish is a 20-foot-diameter stressed type and folds up for easy transport. (WB2DIN photo)

from his QTH exceeded arbitrary thresholds of 40, 45 and 49 MHz on more days than in the same month last year. On the other hand, mufs to the northeast showed the opposite trend. It will be interesting to see similar data from Pat from October, as the solar flux has been running in the order of 250 during the few days prior to this writing.

I hope that the black hole parts, for a while at least,

and that by next month I will have all sorts of interesting DX contacts to report.

At deadline, word comes that on October 16, 1415Z, VE1AVX worked DK1PZ via crossband. For the first North America-to-Europe work this fall. A few hours later, about 1630Z, it is understood that W2IDZ completed a marginal cw QSO with ZD8TC. I have also received a report that both W4OO and WB2VWW/4 in southern Florida worked ZD8TC few days earlier.

**2 Meters** — EME for everyone? That was the question posed in last month's column describing the 24 J Boomer array newly installed at K1WHS. Initial results appear to confirm that this goal has essentially been reached. In the first week of operation, Dave reports working a number of single-Yagi stations, including KESC Texas, running a pair of 4CX250s to 13-element non-elevatable KLM; WB7EPA Arizona with just 800 watts through 75 feet of RG-8/U to single Boomer; OZ9FW and OZ9TE, who tail end the other Danish station. Dave's presence on the band is also having the hoped-for psychological results in providing a first moonbounce QSO for many who have not previously tasted the thrill of using the mode. We finally have a station of the same general caliber as WA6LET and K3NSS, but with the greater consistency and frequency of operation inherent in home-station operation. I have already received letters from some of those who Dave has worked. In them one can feel the enthusiasm kindled by the realization that they too can work EME. I am sure that many moonbouncers will be born as a result of K1WHS's effort.

Now Dave's attention is turned to finding the minimum equipped station with which he can hold successful EME QSO. Makeshift set-ups are certainly possible. An example is that of Dave's brother, K0ZK who heard signals from the Maine Monster using a 20-element collinear stuck into a sand-filled trash can. That same arrangement was also successful in detecting some of the other big EME guns like WB6ESC WA1JXN/7 and WB0QMN.

K1WHS is actively seeking additional stations to



## 2-Meter Standings

For WAS holders, listing is WAS number, call, state and call areas. For others, call, state, U.S. states worked and call areas. Call areas are 10 U.S. call areas plus KH6 and KL7, plus each VE and XE call area plus DXCC countries not located within the continental limits of the U.S., Canada or Mexico. Compiled as of October 15, 1980. \*Indicates that one or more contacts were made via EME. †Indicates WAC.

| WAS Holders |    |    |    | Others   |    |    |    | Others  |    |    |       | Others   |    |    |    |         |    |    |    |          |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|-------|----------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|----------|----|----|----|
| 1 K0MQS*    | IA | 12 |    | W1XJ     | RI | 35 | 8  | K3CQC*  | PA | 37 | 8     | W4VHH    | NC | 36 | 8  | W7HAH   | MT | 17 | 5  | W0RWG    | MO | 44 | 12 |
| 2 K5CM*     | OK | 12 |    | K1PXE    | CT | 35 | 8  | K3CFY   | PA | 37 | 8     | W4ZD     | FL | 35 | 12 | W7JPM*  | AZ | 16 | 6  | A1ØL     | MO | 44 | 11 |
| 3 NØJA*     | MO | 12 |    | K1GVM    | MA | 35 | 8  | W3XO    | MD | 37 | 10    | W4AFBH   | GA | 35 | 8  | W4TJM*  | AZ | 10 | 5  | K0DAS    | IA | 44 | 10 |
| 4 K9HMB*    | IL | 12 |    | W1JSM    | NH | 11 | 11 | W3BDP   | DE | 37 | 9     | W4LNG    | VA | 34 | 8  | W8WN*   | MI | 47 | 10 | W0PN     | MN | 40 | 11 |
| 5 K1WHS†    | ME | 12 |    | KA1GD    | CT | 31 | 11 | K3WHC   | PA | 37 | 8     | W4FJ     | VA | 34 | 8  | W8WYV   | IA | 40 | 9  | W0VYY    | IA | 40 | 9  |
| 6 WA4MVI†   | NC | 12 |    | W44MMP/1 | RI | 31 | 8  | W3W1    | MD | 36 | 12    | W4ISS    | GA | 33 | 8  | K8AT*   | OH | 45 | 10 | W0UUT    | NE | 37 | 10 |
| 7 K5JL*     | OK | 12 |    | N1AIS    | MA | 27 | 12 | W3JHP   | MD | 36 | 9     | N4CD     | VA | 33 | 8  | W8HTL   | MI | 40 | 9  | W0WUQ    | MO | 36 | 9  |
| 8 WA9DOT*   | WI | 12 |    | K1FWF    | MA | 24 | 8  | W3RUE   | PA | 36 | 8     | WD4CXU   | VA | 30 | 8  | W8IGY   | OH | 39 | 8  | W0PW     | CO | 35 | 9  |
| 9 WØZKU*    | IA | 12 |    | W1AIM    | VT | 24 | 8  | W3KWH   | PA | 35 | 10    | W3IY4    | VA | 30 | 8  | K8AXL   | OH | 38 | 11 | W0WYF    | MO | 35 | 8  |
| 10 K9CA*    | IL | 10 |    | W1FJH    | MA | 24 | 8  | AE3T    | PA | 35 | 8     | K5MB*    | OK | 49 | 12 | W8DIN/8 | WV | 36 | 9  | K0AOD    | MO | 34 | 11 |
| 11 W0SD*    | SD | 20 |    | W1HDO    | CT | 24 | 7  | W3OMY   | PA | 33 | 8     | W5JTL*   | MS | 46 | 13 | W8NLC   | MI | 35 | 9  | K0TLM    | MO | 34 | 10 |
| 12 K5BMG*   | LA | 12 |    | W2AV*    | NY | 44 | 14 | K3MWV   | PA | 32 | 10    | W5CRK    | OK | 46 | 11 | K8RZB   | OH | 35 | 9  | W0RAP    | IA | 32 | 10 |
| 13 K5GW*    | TX | 12 |    | W2AZL*   | NJ | 41 | 10 | W43WUL  | DE | 32 | 10    | W5MWH    | AR | 47 | 10 | K8WKZ   | MI | 35 | 8  | WØZKG    | IA | 32 | 8  |
| 14 W5LUA*   | TX | 17 |    | N2MB*    | NY | 39 | 11 | W43DMF  | MD | 32 | 9     | K5SW     | OK | 45 | 10 | W8PAT   | OH | 34 | 9  | W0VHO    | MO | 29 | 7  |
| 15 K4GL*    | SC | 11 |    | W2PGC*   | NY | 38 | 12 | W3LJK   | MD | 30 | 9     | N5KW     | OK | 41 | 10 | W8MIL   | MI | 33 | 8  | WØDGF    | NE | 27 | 9  |
| 16 W0V5     | MN | 12 |    | W2BLV    | NJ | 37 | 12 | K1GSR/3 | MD | 29 | 11    | W5HN     | TX | 39 | 12 | W8FEZ   | MI | 30 | 8  | KH6HP    | NE | 27 | 13 |
| 17 W85LB†   | LA | 12 |    | W2CRS    | NY | 37 | 8  | K3HCE   | MD | 29 | 11    | W5HFV    | OK | 38 | 10 | W8LKY   | OH | 29 | 8  | WØLPK/7* |    | 39 | 11 |
| 18 K4PKV*   | NC | 12 |    | K2OVS    | NY | 35 | 12 | W3LNA   | PA | 28 | 8     | W5HNK    | TX | 35 | 12 | W9UD    | IL | 45 | 13 | VE1ASU   |    | 18 | 6  |
| 19 W0RWH*   | MO | 15 |    | W2PWK    | NJ | 35 | 8  | N3AHI   | PA | 25 | 8     | W5EID*   | AR | 32 | 13 | K9SGD   | IL | 45 | 12 | VE2FO*   |    | 41 | 10 |
| 20 W8IDU*   | MI | 23 |    | K2QR     | NY | 33 | 11 | W3ZJD   | PA | 24 | 8     | W5UWB*   | TX | 30 | 9  | W9YF    | IL | 45 | 10 | VE3FN    |    | 37 | 11 |
| 21 K1MNS*   | NH | 12 |    | W2JCUT   | NJ | 33 | 11 | W9OTC   | MD | 22 | 9     | W8SJV    | TX | 26 | 10 | N8SS    | IL | 41 | 9  | VE3UM    |    | 35 | 11 |
| 22 W89VEM*  | IL | 12 |    | W2FGK    | NJ | 33 | 8  | WA4GPM* | VA | 47 | 10    | W8JTR    | TX | 25 | 8  | W9NLP   | WI | 40 | 10 | VE3HS    |    | 33 | 11 |
| 23 K5FF*    | NM | 16 |    | W2PMW    | NY | 32 | 8  | W4CQG   | AL | 46 | 8     | W8NMT    | TX | 26 | 13 | W9IP    | IL | 40 | 9  | VE3MS    |    | 33 | 11 |
| 24 W5FF*    | NM | 16 |    | K2DNR    | NY | 32 | 8  | W4LHD   | TN | 40 | 11    | K6HAA    | TX | 13 | 4  | K9XY*   | WI | 39 | 15 | VE3FK    |    | 30 | 8  |
| 25 W7FN*    | WA | 12 |    | W2TIF    | NY | 30 | 11 | W4IXC*  | FL | 40 | 10    | W6JYO    | TX | 13 | 4  | W9VWY   | IL | 35 | 9  | VE3AB    |    | 29 | 10 |
| 26 W1JR*    | MA | 12 |    | W2CNS    | NY | 29 | 11 | W4DFK*  | VA | 39 | 11    | W6JRA    | TX | 11 | 5  | W3EP9   | IN | 35 | 8  | VE3AOG   |    | 28 | 8  |
| 27 WØQMN*   | CO | 12 |    | W2PVV*   | NY | 27 | 10 | W4HHK   | TN | 38 | 9     | NBCA     | TX | 8  | 3  | W8QBU   | IL | 34 | 8  | VE4MA    |    | 8  | 4  |
| 28 WØ4XW*   | NC | 18 |    | K2BWR    | NJ | 27 | 7  | K4CAW   | NC | 38 | 9     | N8OX     | TX | 7  | 3  | W9UHB   | IL | 33 | 9  | VE7BQ*   |    | 47 | 28 |
| 29 K9KFR*   | IN | 12 |    | W2SLY    | NY | 25 | 9  | W4NMA   | GA | 38 | 9     | K8QXY    | TX | 6  | 6  | W8TPV   | IL | 31 | 9  | SM7BAE*  |    | 31 | 21 |
| 30 K3VGX*   | PA | 12 |    | W2RS     | NJ | 24 | 11 | W4LYS   | FL | 37 | 11    | K8GAD    | TX | 6  | 6  | K9EFX   | IN | 28 | 9  | G5CSZ*   |    | 23 | 15 |
| AA1A*       | MA | 47 | 20 | K2YCO    | NY | 24 | 7  | W4MVO   | VA | 37 | 9     | W4BJU*   | OR | 50 | 12 | K0JC    | MN | 46 | 12 | I4EAT*   |    | 12 | 64 |
| K1FO*       | CT | 46 | 18 | K3VGX*   | PA | 46 | 12 | W4IIS   | VA | 37 | 8     | W4JXN/7* | MT | 46 | 25 | W0LER   | MN | 46 | 10 | G4DZU*   |    | 11 | 8  |
| K1BK*       | VT | 40 | 14 | W43VSC*  | MD | 40 | 12 | W4GXN   | VA | 37 | 8     | W7CI*    | AZ | 45 | 15 | W0EMS   | NE | 46 | 10 | K5MCM*   |    | 7  | 7  |
| K1HTV       | CT | 39 | 14 | AB3D*    | DE | 40 | 10 | K4KAE   | SC | 36 | 13    | W7JF     | MT | 44 | 14 | W0OHU   | MN | 45 | 12 | SM6CKU*  |    | 5  | 4  |
| WA1OUB      | NH | 36 | 8  | W3TMZ*   | MD | 38 | 12 | W4MKJ   | KY | 36 | 12    | K7N1*    | AZ | 41 | 12 | K0SE*   | MN | 45 | 10 | VK3ATN*  |    | 4  | 4  |
| W1FZA*      | NH | 35 | 10 |          |    |    |    | K4QIF   | VA | 36 | 9     | W4TJU*   | NV | 35 | 16 | W0RLI   | MN | 45 | 9  | ZL1AZR*  |    | 2  | 2  |
|             |    |    |    |          |    |    |    |         |    |    | K7ICW | NV       | 21 | 9  |    |         |    |    |    |          |    |    |    |

work. He regularly monitors the 2-meter EME net, which meets at 1700Z on 14.345 MHz every Saturday and Sunday, looking for skeds. His phone number, for those who may wish to call him, is 207-658-9076.

The other major piece of 2-meter news concerns the operation of VP9IB. Tom got started from Bermuda about July 10 and managed m.s. QSOs with WA3VSI, KA1GD, VE2DFO and K4PKV during the Perseids. Then, on the evening of September 20, the big break came in the form of a strong tropo opening, which produced contacts with 29 stations from southern New England to Delaware. See the 70-cm section for more of VP9IB's exploits during this episode. The 2-meter equipment at VP9IB consists of an HA-2 transverter producing about 50-watts output to a single Boomer.

W3EP/9, who has worked 35 states since March 1979 from his portable location on a hilltop near Bloomington, Indiana, wonders if there is any further need for the 2-meter standings box. Emil speculates that he can probably work only an additional six states, assuming a limit of about 1400 miles for terrestrial modes. He also notes that more than 20 already have WAS as a result of EME operation and feels that it's simply a matter of time before others join them. What do you think? Is the 2-Meter standings box still worth the valuable QST space it occupies, or could that space be better used for some other feature?

W7CKL, now W5DXN/7, reports in the latest SWOT Newsletter that the level of participation in the SWOT Contest held last August was somewhat disappointing. Val, who checked the logs and compiled the results for the 2-meter activity promotion organization, said that only about two dozen participants turned in reports. Suggestions for rule changes which might result in greater activity are most welcome. Address Len Hoops, W5JTA, 1704 Glenn Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76131. Some ideas have already been received. One mentioned by several is the use of counties in place of the one-degree grid squares as multipliers, as is done in the ARRL UHF Contest. This conductor wonders how well this would work under marginal conditions, especially where cw is needed to get through. Imagine the difficulty in getting some of those Indian-name counties across. Also, counties vary widely in size. As an example, San Bernardino County, California, is larger than some states. It would appear that such a rule change would revive the complaints heard about ARRL vhf contests, of favoring some parts of the country over others. Why not consider the use of the new grid-square system proposed for worldwide use by the IARU Region 1 vhf managers (see this column for September 1980). In this conductor's opinion, SWOT could perform a real service by assisting in the education of North America vhfers in the use of this interesting and useful new system.

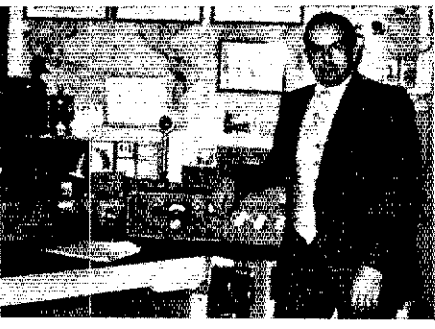
WA9ULS is trying to revive a-m on 2 meters. Ed notes that many amateurs have perfectly functional

gear lying around gathering dust. He urges that it be hauled out and put on the air. He suggests a frequency of 144.4 MHz, which is in the weak-signal part of the band as proposed by the VUAC. It also corresponds to the 6-meter a-m gathering spot of 50.4, so it should be easy to remember. For further information on this project, contact Edgar Reihl, WA9ULU, 545 Kidge Rd., Wilmette, IL 60091.

**1-1/4-Meters** — K1WHS isn't content to limit his activity to 2 meters. Dave says that he is building an 8877 for 220 MHz as well. The EME array will consist of eight Boomers and should be completed and in operation by this spring. In the meantime, he is running 250-watts output to a quad array of Boomers for terrestrial work.

KCØW claims what he believes to be the first 1-1/4-meter work between North and South Dakota, as well as between North Dakota and Iowa. This came as a result of successful skeds with W0SD and WØTEM. The distance of 335 miles (539 km) to the latter station in Akron, Iowa, from Jack's Bismarck QTH was negotiated on both cw and ssb, despite KCØW's power output of only 25 watts to a single 14-element KLM. Conditions during the QSO were described as "not good."

The September issue of K5FF's 220 Newsletter quotes VE3CRU as saying that he has caught up with orders for his 1-1/4-meter version of the well-known Microwave Modules transverter. Apparently the hold



Receiving 50 MHz WAS number 455 was more exciting than confirming his 318th country on the hf bands, says W2MPK. Don also has 24 states on 2 meters and is newly active on 70 cm with 300 watts and a WØEYE Yagi at 80 feet. A 1-1/4-meter set-up is in the works. He asks that we point those beams toward Syracuse more often.

up was delivery of MRF-212 transistors, which he uses in the conversion. Those interested in this approach to getting on the band in a hurry may call Hans at 416-759-5562 for more information.

**70 and 23 Cm** — What is certainly a first occurred during the September 20 tropo opening between the East Coast and Bermuda that is reported in the 2-meter section. While working VP9IB on 144 MHz, K2RIW asked if Tom had any 432 equipment. The answer was that he had an ARCOS transverter which delivers about 2-1/2 watts and a Microwave Modules receive converter, along with a Cushcraft 480DX collinear antenna. When Dick asked him to make the attempt on 432 MHz, the reply was in the affirmative, although VP9IB also pointed out that he had no antenna changeover relay, as the 70-cm gear was intended only for OSCAR work. Nevertheless the sked was started, with Tom accomplishing the switching by plugging the antenna coax, first into the receive converter and then into the transmit converter. He heard K2RIW's signals almost immediately but it took a while for Dick to copy the 2-1/2 watts traversing the 755-mile (1215-km) overwater path. Nevertheless, after about 20 minutes of trying, the weak signal from VP9IB started to become audible. The contact was completed on cw and then they switched to ssb and were still able to copy one another. Unfortunately, VP9IB's receive converter blew as they were finishing, precluding any further contacts on this band. Apparently, the process of disconnecting and reconnecting the antenna led to a static charge buildup, which took out the front-end transistor. I am sure that next time things will be different and more 70-cm contacts will be made by VP9IB.

Good tropo openings during winter are always interesting, but this one is doubly so because it took place between Russia and the Scandinavian countries. The report comes via a translation from the Soviet Amateur Radio magazine Radio. The account states that, last February 22, RA1AIN came home from work early and found that his TV screen was full of signals from Sweden and Finland. At first he could get no response on 430 MHz, but finally, at 1640 Moscow time, SM3HR was raised with signals running 599. RX1MC was then alerted by phone. He first tried 2 meters and found the band alive with SM, OH, OZ, UR2, UQ2 and UP2 stations. After working a string of these, he QSYed to 1215 MHz and, after many unsuccessful tries, finally managed to contact SM5BIE for the first UA1-to-SM QSO on 23 cm. Naturally, news of this epoch contact spread rapidly. The following evening he hooked up with SM5DWC and, on ssb, SM0FFS. Two evenings later, although conditions were beginning to fade, he worked OH5NR. Distance to Sweden was listed as 707 km or about 1140 miles.

The foregoing certainly illustrates the level of interest and equipment sophistication present on 70 and 23 cm in some other parts of the world.

# YL News and Views

Conducted By Jean Peacor,\* K1LJV

## The Century Kids

What YL, still active, has been licensed the longest? The honor, so far, goes to Eunice Thompson, W1MPP, whose QTH is Orange City, Florida, for part of the year and Jackson, New Hampshire, during the summer months. Her OM is Ken Thompson, K4RO, ex-W1PS. Together, they have over 100 years in Amateur Radio and straight from their QSL card stems the term, "The Century Kids."

The Harvard Radio Club roster listed the call ICDP before it appeared in any *Callbook*. Prior to receiving that call, Eunice, first licensed in 1920, used her initials, ER. She was later issued her present call of W1MPP.

To backtrack — how did a young YL, in 1918, become interested in Amateur Radio? Eunice's story is unique, particularly since she left her home town of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, and headed for a Boston school to major in art. Once there, she became a page girl and waitress at Boston's Franklin Square House, for which she received room and board while attending school. As the first semester ended, Eunice started looking for a real "paying" job. Jobs for artists were few. One agent did mention that American Radio & Research Corporation (AMRAD) in Medford Hillside, Massachusetts, was looking for a tracer but "only males need apply." The agent might just as well have forgotten those last words. Eunice was on the first trolley car headed for Medford Hillside.

The chief engineer at AMRAD, surrounded by all males, machines, cuspidors and uncensored conversation, told Eunice straight out, "no place here for females." With one foot in the door, Eunice wasn't about to reverse that foot's direction — not when the job would pay her \$8 per week. The C.E. was in a bind. He had no other applicants for a job that needed to be done. Eunice was given the opportunity to try.

AMRAD, in May 1918, burned midnight oil trying to keep up with the Signal Corps' wartime demands for the "trench set." This transceiver was comprised of a crystal detector, tuning coil, spark coil and key — all in a waterproof box — complete with carrying strap and weighing but 10 pounds. The barbed wire, with



W1MPP and K4RO — The Century Kids (photo courtesy W1ARA)

which all front-line trenches were protected, would serve as the antenna.

Prior to WW I, AMRAD had erected a radio station, 1XE, on the Tufts College campus. Armistice Day found the management planning for 1XE to again become active. Since radio amateurs were about the only ones in possession of broadcast receivers at the time, an appeal was made for their assistance. They were offered the use of revamped spark coils from the trench sets and then the quench-gap. The 200-meter wavemeter, lightning switch, T-R switch, variometer and finally a complete rf receiver, the "S" tube and first electrolytic condenser (Mershon), followed.

Eunice continued with her job as tracer throughout all these changes. Had a female become accepted in this male domain? Not yet! Undaunted, Eunice survived the snakes planted in her desk drawer, and the elimination of the lock on the common toilet. The turning point came on the day when, accepting a dare, she climbed AMRAD's 300-foot radio tower. Acceptance suddenly was hers.

Eunice's tracing job expanded to include responsibilities at 1XE, where she learned much. With experience being the best teacher, and having the opportunity to do everything from throwing switches, monitoring meters

and fielding complaints to developing a microphone personality, she grew along with 1XE's audience. She became renowned for her nightly broadcasts of children's bedtime stories.

"Wireless" had become a definite part of her life. Through enrollment in a course at Massachusetts Radio Telegraph School, Eunice became a licensed Amateur Radio operator in 1920. She set up her first station in Mattapoisett, where she operated during weekend visits. Irving Vermilya, 1ZE (1HAA at the time), whose QTH was in neighboring Marion, couldn't believe the strange noises he began to hear. With determination, he tracked them. His first statement upon learning that the first behind the sparks belonged to a YL? Slowing his key way down, he said, "I am married." Upon meeting Eunice and deciding she was in earnest about Amateur Radio (she'd already shinned a tree and hung an antenna), he then offered help. His advice, which she pursued, was for her to take courses to learn the ins and outs of radio. To his peers he advised: "Don't flirt with Eunice, for she hasn't the time. Treat her as one of us; a sister operator."

The time came when AMRAD was doomed to close. Market-minded manufacturers had developed. In 1929, Eunice became an employee of N. E. Power Company, where once again she faced the pioneering responsibility of a YL in a predominantly male environment. Once again, she proved just how responsible YL power can be.

Throughout the years "The Century Kids," as many hams well know, have been active radio amateurs. They frequent the Barnyard Net on 3960 early each morning, when opportunity permits. Irving Vermilya's story about Eunice entitled "ORX for a New OW" appeared in July 1921 *QST*. OOTC's *Spark Gap Times* published "The Story of W1MPP," as told by her husband, W1PS, in February 1964. Excerpts from both articles made this article possible.

Eunice's own words sum it up nicely. What was it like being a ham in the good old days? "The drone of the gap — the smell of ozone — a wonderful experience."

## KELLI TURNER, KA0IHH

There is great intrigue in Amateur Radio. You never know who you'll find on the other end of a radio signal. Mike Kenley, KA8IAZ, of Detroit, Michigan had a most memorable QSO on 15-meter cw on July 2, 1980. Mike found Kelli Turner on the other end of a radio signal and was most impressed.

Kelli, with a good fist, sent her age as 9 years old. Mike received her fine handmade QSL card a few days later.

Kelli writes: "My dad, mother and brother are all amateurs. Our local repeater club held a ham class last winter. My brother and I attended. The part that I like best is sending cw, making contacts and getting QSL cards."

Kelli may not be the youngest licensed YL, but one look at her smiling face proves her to be one of the cutest cw operators you'll ever QSO. Get out your keys and look for KA0IHH.



Kelli Turner, KA0IHH



These YLs are the pride of the Dakotas. The Dakota Division is ARRL's only division that has had all YL Section Communication Managers. Shown here at last year's Division convention at Sioux Falls are Lydia Johnson, W0KJZ, then South Dakota SCM; Helen Haynes, WB0HOX, Minnesota SCM; and Lois Jorgensen, WA0RWV, North Dakota SCM. (photo courtesy W0JHS)

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# Strays



## AMATEUR RADIO STAMPS

□ Vic Clark, W4KFC, offers this list of Amateur Radio stamps as an aid to interested collectors. While none of these stamps is expensive, all are unlikely to be stocked by any single stamp dealer, and it may take a few letters or phone calls to find them all. As more amateurs collect

these stamps, they may become more difficult to locate, so now is the best time to assemble a collection. Sometimes foreign amateurs can assist. In attempting to complete a collection use either the Scott or Minkus stamp catalog numbers — this will enable dealers to quickly tell if they are on hand. NYA means number not yet available.

| Date Issued | Country          | Face Value   | Scott Catalog | Minkus Catalog | Subject                         |
|-------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 6/26/61     | Poland           | 2.5 zlotys   | 993           | 1320           | One of set of three. PZK.       |
| 6/26/61     | Poland           | 3.5 zlotys   | 993A          | 1321           | 3-stamp souvenir sheet.*        |
| 12/15/64    | USA              | 5 cents      | 1260          | ---            | 50th anniversary of ARRL.       |
| 5/23/66     | Jugoslavia       | 85 paras     | 809           | 1443           | 20th anniversary of SRJ.        |
| 8/8/72      | German Dem. Rep. | 25 pfennigs  | 1391          | 1682           | One of set of five.             |
| 4/6/73      | Colombia         | 60 centavos  | 813           | 1269           | 40th anniversary of LCRA.       |
| 4/15/75     | Poland           | 1.5 zlotys   | 2088          | 2453           | IARU Reg. 1 conference.         |
| 4/16/75     | Costa Rica       | 1.00 colones | C633          | 1185           | Set of three airmails.          |
|             |                  | 1.10 colones | C634          | 1186           | Sixteenth convention of         |
|             |                  | 2.00 colones | C635          | 1187           | Fed. of Amateur Radio Clubs.    |
| 10/8/76     | Dom. Republic    | 6 centavos   | 773           | 1283           | Regular; 50th anniv. RCD.       |
|             |                  | 10 centavos  | C246          | 1284           | Airmail; 50th anniv. RCD.       |
| 9/24/77     | Japan            | 50 yen       | 1312          | 1394           | 50th anniv. of Amateur Radio.   |
| 11/5/77     | Brasil           | 1.30 cruz.   | 1533          | 1742           | Amateur Radio Day, Brasil.      |
| 1/25/79     | Dom. Republic    | 10 centavos  | NYA           | 1358           | Beata Island DXpedition.        |
| 2/23/79     | USSR             | 4 kopecks    | 4733          | 4932           | RS-1 and -2 amateur satellites. |
| 3/26/79     | Bolivia          | 3 pesos      | NYA           | NYA            | 38th anniversary of RCB.        |
| 9/6/79      | Switzerland      | 70 centimes  | 679           | NYA            | 50th anniversary of USKA.       |
| 3/28/59     | Czechoslovakia   | 60 h         | 910           | 1258           | 10th anniversary Radiosport.    |
| 5/20/73     | USSR             | 4 kopecks    | 4084          | 4234           | Ernst Krenkle, RAEM.            |
| 1979        | Germany          | 60 m         | NYA           | NYA            | WARC stamp; shows KWM-2.        |

\*Contains 2.5 zlotys Amateur Radio stamp (993/1320) and two other stamps.

In addition to the above, at least two countries are currently issuing postage stamps that carry the photographs of regents who are radio amateurs — King Juan Carlos, EA0JC, of Spain, and King Hussein, JY1, of Jordan. Listed below are a few of the several stamps available.

King Carlos — 1976 Minkus 2381-2386, Scott 1927-1930.

King Hussein — 1963 Minkus 538-543, Scott 407-412.



In recognition of amateur services and to help publicize Field Day, Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi declared June 22 to 28 "Amateur Radio Week" for the City and County of Honolulu. At the presentation were (left to right) Carter Davis, KH6FV, RACES coordinator; Mayor Fasi; Warren Munro, KH6WM, president, Honolulu ARC; and Al Hubbert, KH6ILR, president, Emergency ARC.

## OPERATION NAB

□ West Palm Beach, Florida, area amateurs recently combined their resources and talents to help fellow amateur Bill Stoddard, WB4SCJ, recover a stolen rig. The morning after Bill's 2-meter transceiver was stolen, a new and suspicious-sounding station showed up on the local 07/67 repeater. Bill and his friends figured out what area the "bandit" was transmitting from and managed to locate the house. The amateurs then confronted the suspect and persuaded him to return Bill's rig. — E. G. "Manny" Papandreas, W4SS, Lake Worth, Florida

## INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

□ Teresa Garcia, who lives in Cochabamba, Bolivia, was recently in Atlanta, Georgia, for brain surgery. Javier Cremer, CP5NI, who is Teresa's fiancé, remained in Bolivia and wanted very much to keep in touch during Teresa's absence. He enlisted the aid of his brother Carlos, CP5KY, who speaks English, to establish contact with Atlanta. Just a few days before Teresa's surgery, Carlos made contact with Glenn Clark, W4LCB, in Riverdale, a suburb of Atlanta.

Phone patches were made before and after the surgery between Teresa and the family and loved ones back home in Bolivia. Teresa was talking with Cochabamba via Amateur Radio less than

five hours after her surgery. After her convalescence, Teresa returned home and is now very happily continuing her studies at the university in Cochabamba.



Left to right are Javier, CP5NI, Carlos, CP5KY and Glenn, W4LCB, in Glenn's ham shack in Riverdale, Georgia.

The story does not end at this point. During their many schedules Carlos and Glenn have become close friends. The friendship extends to the entire Cremer and Clark families, both 100% licensed amateurs. Carlos and Javier's father is CP5GS and their mother is CP5KZ. Glenn's wife is WN4WDR. Last summer Carlos and Javier visited Glenn and Syble in Riverdale. Glenn and Syble are looking forward to a visit in the Cremer home in Cochabamba.

Teresa's father said in a letter to Glenn: "One more time we have evidence on the sensibility of the radio amateur group that anonymously and disinterestedly cooperates in building a united and brotherly world." — Glenn Clark, W4LCB, Riverdale, Georgia

# Results, Third ARRL UHF Contest

There is life above 2 meters!

By Tom Frenaye,\* K1KI

Uhf enthusiasts where are you? A total of 120 entries was received for the August 2 and 3, 1980, running of this annual event, which is now in its third year. The 1978 contest saw 118 entries received, while the 1979 contest, with its 159 official entries, seemed to signal that there was an increased interest in uhf contesting and participation might grow as the years passed. What happened?

Seems that at just around the 650 mark, the same number of different call signs showed up in the logs of the contest participants as in 1979. Maybe summer doldrums, vacation time and nice long, warm afternoons at the beach contributed toward a reluctance for doing UHF Contest paperwork.

Not all the Contest news is downbeat though. N6NB, again the top single operator in the UHF Contest (with a new contest record single-operator score, of course), found just about the same number of QSOs in his log as in 1979. The 3 kilopoint difference in Wayne's higher 1980 score over his 1979 effort is because of the nine additional 1980 multipliers — thanks, in part, to the efforts of the AA6DD contest expedition, which provided N6NB with nine additional latitude-longitude block multipliers.

Eight new single-operator division records also came out of the 1980 contest from the following ARRL Divisions: Canadian, Atlan-

tic, Central, Dakota, Delta, Hudson, Southeastern and Southwestern. It might be noted that no entries were received from the Rocky Mountain Division and the N6TX still holds the Pacific Division all-time single-operator record from the 1978 contest — the only record not broken in 1979 or 1980.

The W2SZ/1 group is again the top multioperator station, breaking their own 1979 36,465-point all-time multiop record by more than 12,000 points. K2XR, meanwhile, took second-place multiop honors for 1980 with an impressive 32,238-point showing by operators K2OWR and WB2WIK.

"Best DX" by band among those stations whose operators hothovered to record their best DX in miles looks something like this: 220 MHz — W1XP/1, 350 miles; 432 MHz — W2SZ/1, 540 miles and K2XR, 475 miles; 1215 MHz — N6NB and XE2BC, 350 miles and W0VB, 295 miles; 10 GHz — W2SZ/1, 57 miles.

A few people have suggested rules changes that might stimulate increased UHF Contest activity, including a multiplier for longer-distance QSOs, a change in the band segments either to allow 440-MHz fm or not allow 223.5-MHz fm, or a change in dates to avoid the midsummer vacation season.

A serious evaluation of the contest rules will be made in the next month or two in order to make any changes deemed desirable in time for the scheduled August 8 and 9 running of the 1981 UHF Contest. Make sure your ideas are

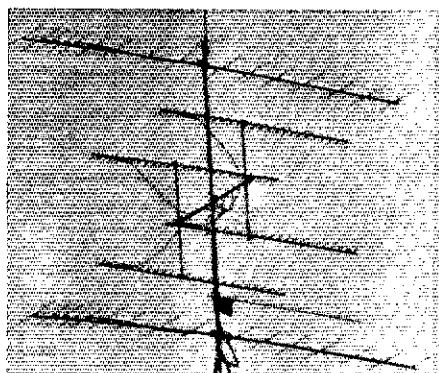
## Multiplier Leaders

| 220 MHz    | 432 MHz    | 1296 MHz   |
|------------|------------|------------|
| N6NB 19    | K2UYH 45   | N6NB 12    |
| K1FO 16    | K6WW 38    | W3HQT 11   |
| W2EIF 14   | K2RIW 35   | K2UYH 10   |
| W1JR 14    | WB8BKC 30  | WA3AXV 10  |
| W3IY4 14   | W3IY4 27   | K1PXE 9    |
| K1PXE 13   | K9KFR 26   | W2VC 9     |
| WB8BKC 12  | (four)     | KA1GT 9    |
| W2SZ/1* 28 | W2SZ/1* 35 | W2SZ/1* 13 |
| WA2SNA* 21 | W4ATC* 26  | K2XR* 10   |
|            | WA2SNA* 26 |            |

| 2300 MHz  | 3400 MHz | 5700 MHz |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| W7TYR 1   | W7TYR 1  | W7TYR 1  |
| K7AUO* 2  | K7AUO* 2 | K7AUO* 2 |
| 10 GHz    |          |          |
| VE3CRU 1  |          |          |
| VE3QF 1   |          |          |
| WA2ANZ 1  |          |          |
| W2SZ/1* 5 |          |          |

\*multioperator stations

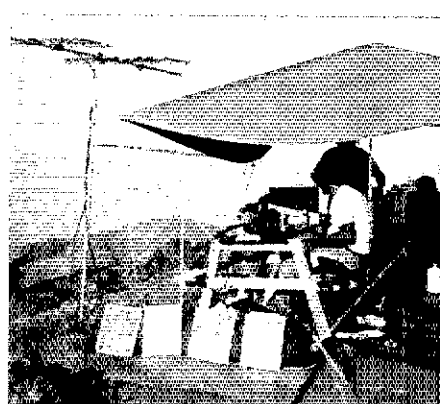
heard by sending them to the ARRL for distribution to the Contest Advisory Committee members. Those of you who have the equipment to get on in the contest and for one reason or another did not are especially encouraged to supply some ideas. Can anyone schedule a good tropo opening?



The VE3QF antenna farm includes two 16-el' 144 MHz Yagis, four 27-element 430-MHz Yagis, and a 28-element, 1296-MHz loop Yagi with the transverter on the boom. (photo by VE3AND)



(Left to right) WA6VNN, David, WB6ACU, WB6HOZ, WA6OUZ and WA6MBZ, members of the Santa Barbara ARC, went to a lot of work to backpack their gear, including a solar-panel power supply, to the summit of Diablo Peak on Santa Cruz Island off the California coast.

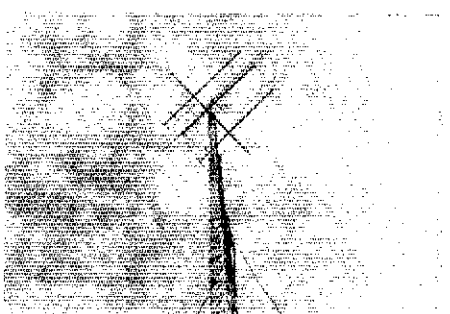
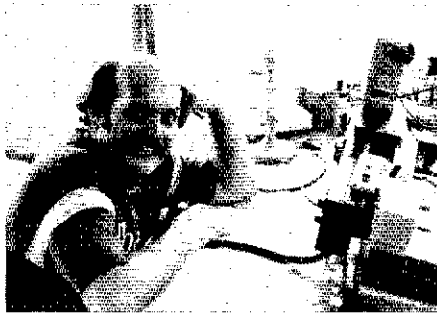


# SOAPBOX

Why could multiop groups make contacts with their own members above 2304 MHz in the June contest, but not in the UHF Contest? The UHF Contest seems a natural for that rule! Many contacts lost on 1296 MHz because of some stations not firing up on that band until the last hour. We have found hf liaison (i.e. 3815 kHz) very valuable in the past. Hope to see more activity there (WA6EJO). The 1296 operations were hindered slightly by a loss in receiver sensitivity. The 50 watts available on ssb didn't help much either, since most others were only running a couple of watts also. Most of the stations that were QSO'd were well over 300 miles away. One of the more frustrating aspects of contesting from here in Mexico is that we don't get to work our own section/latitude-longitude block. Indeed, in the past three years of travelling into Mexico for the contests, we have yet to work XE on 1296. This may require that we bring another rig along in the future (WB6NMT/XE2BC). It seems to me that August is not the best time for our UHF contest because the number of logs submitted, and the number of stations on the air during the contest are far

below the number of stations that I know to be active on the bands. Maybe the problem is that August is vacation time for many. Maybe it is because the weather is generally too hot in August to either be in the shack or to produce good uhf propagation. I would suggest the possibility of an October date for the UHF Contest (WIGXT). I was very disappointed with the low activity on 432 MHz this year. What can be done to encourage the noncontesters to make some noise on our rather sparsely populated uhf bands? For one thing, it would help to show everyone the often overlooked DX potential of the uhf segments, making the bands ultimately more attractive for contesters and noncontesters alike (AJ6T). This was our first UHF Contest and we did not set up the big stations we would have normally used for a VHF QSO Party. But the two of us (K2OWR and WB2WIK) did have fun and we kept pretty busy! Our QTH was incredible: Sunrise Mountain, the second highest point in the State of New Jersey, ground elevation — 1653 feet above sea level. We were really in the woods. Our portable crank up tower was borrowed from N6NB and it really came in handy. Had to crank it up and down several times: Up in nice weather and down when the

horrendous thunderstorms blew through, which was every couple of hours (K2XR/WB2WIK). I have called one of the few 70-cm nets in the country now for almost a year and feel fairly well acquainted with propagation and conditions. I feel that the contest weekend was nothing special, enhanced far more by increased concentration of activity than tropo, inversion, etc. Our contest QSOs ranged from Massachusetts to southern Georgia, with almost all the highly populated blocks represented between these two areas. Interestingly enough, we didn't work anyone in our own block, around Raleigh, North Carolina. Everyone either forgot about the contest or was out of town (W4ATC/W4MBK). All that I can say for the contest this year is that I hope this combination of bad conditions and pitiful activity doesn't happen again soon, or all the interest in this event is going to die out (WB9SNR). This was my first crack at the UHF Contest, and I enjoyed it so much that it may be a long time before I get my 6- and 2-meter gear back on the air. I had to take down my 6- and 2-meter antennas to make room for 220 and 1296. Unfortunately, the 1296 system bombed out quite badly, but we'll make it work — eventually (W31Y/4).



K2OWR (left) and WB2WIK operated multiop station K2XR with help from the borrowed portable 80-foot crank-up tower.

## Scores list

Call sign, total score, QSOs, multipliers, bands operated (C = 220 MHz, D = 430 MHz, E = 1215 MHz, F = 2.3 GHz, G = 3.4 GHz, H = 5.8 GHz, I = 10 GHz).

| Canadian Division  |  | Central Division       |  | Northwestern Division   |  | Southwestern Division                        |  |
|--|--|------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| VE3CRU   | 4452-12-8-C-ONT<br>28-16-D<br>4-3-E            | WB9SNR                 | 6510-11-9-C-ILL<br>-29-22-D<br>6-4-E       | W7TYR   | 1056-10-4-C-OR<br>-6-3-D<br>-2-1-E                   | N6NB   | 22,842-115-19-C-SB<br>-37-16-D<br>-13-12-E                 |
| VE3QF  | 1218-4-0-C-ONT<br>-13-4-C-ONT<br>4-3-E         | K9KFR                  | 5670-6-5-C-IND<br>-40-26-D<br>4-4-E        | K7HSJ   | 870-20-5-C-OR<br>-7-4-D<br>-1-1-E                    | AC6C   | 5418-83-10-C-OR<br>-13-7-D<br>-5-4-E                       |
| VE3FN  | 630-18-14-D-ONT                                | WB9NTL                 | 312-2-2-C-IND<br>-8-5-D<br>-1-1-E          | K7KOT   | 288-6-3-C-WA<br>-6-5-D                               | W6ABW  | 1755-65-9-C-LA<br>-1176-49-8-C-LA                          |
| VE2BBK   | 585-8-4-C-QUE<br>-10-9-D                       | KA9ASH                 | 294-9-4-C-IND<br>-3-2-D<br>-1-1-E          | K7AUG/2(K7UUM/W7S GFP<br>UDM,opr)                               | 792-5-1-C-OR<br>-2-2-F<br>-2-2-G<br>-2-2-H<br>-1-1-I | W6BIJZ                                       | 792-12-8-C-SB<br>-12-6-U<br>720-40-6-C-LA<br>576-24-8-C-LA |
| Atlantic Division  |  | Delta Division         |  | Pacific Division  |  | West Gulf Division                           |  |
| K2UYH  | 20,532-8-4-C-SNJ<br>-82-45-D<br>-13-10-E       | AA4ZZ                  | 1800-13-6-C-TN<br>-17-14-D                 | AJ6T  | 195-13-5-D-5CV                                       | K6TZ(WA6S GNY MBZ VNN,<br>WR6S ACU) HOZ OUZ) | 840-14-6-D-NT<br>7-4-E<br>486-20-3-C-NT<br>7-3-D           |
| WA3AKV   | 13,455-24-7-C-EPA<br>-61-22-D<br>-18-10-E      | WB4JGG                 | 297-11-9-D-TN                              | W6SFH/7(+WA6KOD,<br>108-6-6-D-NEV                               | 108-6-6-D-NEV  | W5TLA  | 840-14-6-D-NT<br>7-4-E                                     |
| K3IUV  | 8460-33-9-C-EPA<br>-41-14-D<br>-10-7-E         | W5UKQ                  | 270-8-6-D-LA<br>-1-1-E                     | W3IY4   | 8364-21-14-C-VA<br>-57-27-D                          | WASVJB                                       | 486-20-3-C-NT<br>7-3-D                                     |
| W3HQT  | 8436-19-9-C-EPA<br>-34-17-D<br>-14-11-E        | Great Lakes Division   |  | WA4ZIA  | 4092-10-7-E-NC<br>-34-24-D                           | W5JTA  | 45-3-3-D-NT<br>3-1-1-D-NT                                  |
| W3CXU/2  | 8160-10-4-C-SNJ<br>-13-8-E                     | WB8BKC                 | 7434-15-12-C-MI<br>-44-30-D                | WA4SBC  | 3024-5-5-C-V-A<br>-37-19-D                           | DX   |  |
| W2EIF  | 6696-31-14-C-SNJ<br>-27-13-D<br>7-4-E          | K8WW                   | 7182-63-38-D-OH<br>3741-10-5-C-KY          | WA4FJ   | 966-23-14-D-VA<br>798-19-14-D-NC                     | XE2BC(WB6NMT,opr)                            | 4347-29-7-C<br>-24-10-D<br>8-4-E                           |
| W3IP   | 5148-10-9-C-MDC<br>-42-24-D                    | WA41PI                 | 31-23-D<br>-1-1-E                          | WA4GL   | 585-2-2-C-6C<br>-13-11-D                             | DXpeditions*                                 |  |
| W2PQC  | 5049-14-10-C-WNY<br>-29-20-D<br>4-3-E          | WA8VPD                 | 3042-10-8-C-MI<br>-17-8-D                  | WA4LDU  | 585-2-2-C-6C<br>-13-11-D                             | AA6DD(+KC6A)                                 | 732-16-11-C-6V/LA-SB<br>(9 locations) -16-11-D<br>-5-6-E   |
| WB3CZG   | 2448-10-3-C-EPA<br>-24-21-D                    | KD8Z                   | 1080-20-18-D-OH<br>-10-7-D                 | WA4WZQ/4(+KA4HK,<br>WA4WZP,WA4HIE,WD4GQU)                       | 4293-28-10-C-NC<br>-25-17-D                          | VE3FHM/3(2 locations)                        | 153-10-9-D-ONT   |
| N3MW   | 2220-14-7-C-EPA<br>-23-13-D                    | WA8ZCO                 | 231-5-3-C-MI<br>-6-4-D                     | WA4TC(AA400,WA4S BPI OFP,<br>WB4S ILW TQD,WD4S MBK MZX,<br>opr) | 3960-7-4-C-NC<br>-37-26-D                            | Check Logs                                   |  |
| WA3JUF   | 1998-5-3-C-EPA<br>-11-8-E                      | Hudson Division        |  | W4OYH(+WA4YWK)  | 585-15-13-C-GA                                       | WA2ECH,K4EJQ,K9SLQ                           |  |
| W3CL   | 1887-23-8-C-EPA<br>-14-9-D                     | K2RIW                  | 9240-88-35-D-NLI                           | Southeastern Division   |  |  |  |
| WA2DKB   | 1734-16-7-C-SNJ<br>-18-10-D                    | W2VC                   | 6696-44-22-D-NNJ<br>-14-9-E                | WB4NMA  | 2100-5-5-C-GA<br>-23-20-D                            |  |  |
| LA4LNV/W3<br>K3AKR   | 1620-27-20-D-WPA<br>1482-7-6-C-MDC<br>-19-13-D | WB2WIH                 | 1680-18-8-C-NNJ<br>-17-8-D                 | WA4CQG  | 162-9-6-D-ALA  |  |  |
| W3XO   | 1092-26-14-D-EPA<br>K3QG/3                     | WB2TFH                 | 1008-28-12-D-NNJ                           | WB4BSZ  | 3-1-1-D-NFL  |  |  |
| K3VYG  | 285-19-5-C-EPA                                 | K2SHB                  | 975-25-13-D-ENY                            |   |  |  |  |
| W4NVW/3  | 165-5-2-C-MDC<br>-6-3-D                        | WAZANZ                 | 587-27-9-D-NLI<br>180-1-1-I                |   |  |  |  |
| W3MSN  | 12-2-2-D-MDC                                   | K2XR(K2OWR,WB2WIK,opr) | 32,238-87-19-C-NNJ<br>-80-25-D<br>-16-10-E |   |  |  |  |
| W3GNR/3(+K3TFL,K3S AWL<br>DWR,WA3S BUC FFC JBV,<br>WB3IQE) | 3441-7-7-C-WPA<br>-30-24-D                     |                        |  |   |  |  |  |

\*Combined scores from all locations.

# Rules, 1981 ARRL International DX Contest

It may be hard to believe, but another ARRL DX Contest season is not too far off. February 21-22 for cw and March 7-8 for phone are the weekends to mark on your calendar.

Note that the basic contest format has been returned to that of 1979, with W/VE stations working the world and everybody else working W/VF stations only. A considerable amount of deliberation went into evaluating the changes made for the 1980 contest and while the DX-to-DX format proved to be quite controversial, the changes to single-band categories and the expanded awards program proved very popular and will remain.

Conditions may not top those of the 1980 contest, but remember that the downside of a sunspot cycle isn't as steep as the upside, so there should be plenty of goodies to catch. The number of amateurs worldwide continues to climb at a steady rate so there should be more stations available than ever. Even the 1980 records could be topped.

Don't forget to send an s.a.s.e. (or two IRCs for overseas airmail) to ARRL hq. for contest forms. Most scoring and logging mistakes can be traced to homemade forms. For those of you using computers to log or check for duplicates, some type of alphanumeric print out per band is required in lieu of regular dupe sheets.

If you have plans for a DXpedition, drop us a note with the particulars so we can distribute the information via the W1AW DX Bulletin. Never heard our on-the-air bulletin? Send an s.a.s.e. and ask for the W1AW DX Bulletin schedule. Good luck!

## Rules

- 1) **Eligibility:** Amateurs worldwide.
- 2) **Object:** W/VE amateurs to work as many amateur stations in as many DXCC countries of the world as possible on 1.8 to 30 MHz. Foreign amateurs work as many W/VE stations in as many states and provinces as possible.
- 3) **Dates:**
  - (A) **CW** — Third full weekend in February (February 21-22, 1981).
  - (B) **Phone** — First full weekend in March (March 7-8, 1981).
- 4) **Contest period:** 48 hours each mode (separate contests). Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2400 UTC Sunday.
- 5) **Categories**

(A) **Single Operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets (operator arrangements involving assistance through DX-alerting nets, etc.) is not permitted.

(1) All band.

(2) Single band (one only). It is recommended that single-band entrants who make contacts on other bands submit logs for checking purposes.

(B) **Multioperator:** More than one person operates, checks for duplicates, keeps the log, etc.

(1) **Single transmitter:** one transmitter on any one band during the same time period. Stations must remain on a band for 10 minutes once a contact is made on that band, with one exception. *One* other band may be used during the 10-minute time period if the stations worked are new multipliers only.

(2) **Multi-transmitter:** no limit but only one signal per band.

(C) **QRP:** single operator only. QRP is defined as 10 watts input or less (or 5 watts output or less).

## 6) Contest Exchange:

(A) W/VE stations (includes 48 contiguous United States and does not include Canadian islands of St. Paul and Sable) exchange signal report and state or province.

(B) DX stations: signal report and power (three-digit number indicating approximate transmitter input power).

## 7) Scoring:

(A) **QSO points:** W/VE stations count three points per DX QSO. Foreign stations count three points per W/VE QSO.

(B) **Multiplier:** W/VE stations — sum of DXCC countries (except U.S. and Canada) worked per band. Foreign stations — sum of U.S. states (except KL7/KH6) and VE1-7, VO, VE8/VY1 worked per band. Maximum of 57 per band.

(C) **Final score:** QSO points × multiplier = final score.

## 8) Miscellaneous:

(A) Call signs and exchange information must be received by each station for a complete QSO.

(B) Your call sign must indicate your DXCC country (KM6FC/1 in Maine; FG0AAA/FS on St. Martin, etc.).

(C) One operator may not use more than one call sign from any given location during the contest period.

(D) The same station may be worked only once per band. No crossmode, crossband or repeater contacts.

(E) Aeronautical and maritime mobile stations outside the U.S. and Canada may be worked for QSO credit only by W/VE stations.

(F) All transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500-meter diameter circle, excluding directly connected antennas. This prohibits the use of remote receiving installations. Exception: Multioperator stations may use spotting nets for multiplier hunting only.

## 9) Reporting:

(A) All entrants are encouraged to use forms available from ARRL (s.a.s.e. or one IRC) in reporting contest results.

(B) Logs should indicate times in UTC, bands, calls and exchanges. Multipliers should be clearly marked in the log the first time

worked. Entries with more than 500 QSOs must include cross-check sheets (dupe sheets).

(C) All operators of multioperator stations must be listed.

(D) Entries must be postmarked within 30 days of the last contest weekend (April 7, 1981). All stations are requested to send their entries as early as possible. Entries received after mid-July may not make QST listings.

10) **Awards:** Plaques will be awarded in the following categories for both the cw and phone contests.

(A) Top W/VE scorer in each entry category — single operator-all band, single operator-single band (1.8-28 MHz), multioperator-single transmitter and multioperator-multitransmitter.

(B) Top scorer in the single operator-all band category worldwide and on each continent. In addition, worldwide leaders in the single operator-single band, multi-single and multi-multi categories will receive plaques.

(C) Top W/VE and top DX QRP scores.

(D) Additional special plaques will be awarded as sponsored. See October 1980 QST for the current list and February 1981 QST for any additions.

(E) Top W/VE and top DX QRP scores.

(F) Certificates will be awarded to top single-operator, all-band entries from each country and ARRL section; top single-band entries in each U.S. call area and each country; top multioperator entries (both single and multi-transmitter) in each country, U.S. call area and in Canada. DX entrants making more than 500 QSOs on either mode will receive certificates.

11) **Club Competition:** ARRL-affiliated clubs compete for gavels on three levels: unlimited, medium, and local clubs. Details will be listed in January 1981 QST.

## 12) Conditions of entry:

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions, as well as the intent, of this announcement, by regulations of his licensing authority, and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) **Disqualification:** An entry may be disqualified if the overall score is reduced by more than two percent. Score reduction does not include correction of arithmetic errors. Reductions may be made of unconfirmed QSOs or multipliers, duplicate QSOs or other scoring discrepancies. An entry will be disqualified if more than two-percent duplicate QSOs are claimed for credit. For each duplicate or miscopied call sign removed from the log by ARRL, a penalty of three additional QSOs will be deleted. The penalty will not be considered as part of the two-percent disqualification criterion. If a participant is disqualified, that operator will be barred from entering the contest on that mode the following year. The calls of all disqualified participants will be listed in the QST contest results.

# Rules, January VHF Sweepstakes

While mountaintopping is a popular activity during the June and September VHF QSO Parties, the VHF SS is a different game to play. You need only work multipliers once, regardless of the band. Your concentration should be more on QSO totals in this one.

Remember that you will get more points per QSO as you go higher in frequency, so don't ignore the uhf bands if there is activity in your area. Judging by last year's totals, a new multiplier might increase your score by 5%, so take the time to dig those weak signals out of the noise and your score will certainly benefit.

As usual, logs should contain complete QSO details, including exchanges sent and received. An s.a.s.e. to ARRL will get you the basic set of contest forms needed to ensure a complete entry.

The VHF SS represents the one vhf contest during the year in which ARRL-affiliated club competition (see January 1980 *QST*, page 90) for gavels in three club-size categories takes place. All it takes is a minimum of three entries from your club to make the listings, with the club member making the largest score receiving a nice certificate. Any questions?

## Rules

1) **Object:** To work as many amateur stations in as many ARRL sections and countries as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 50 MHz. Foreign stations work W/VE amateurs only.

2) **Contest Period:** Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, January 17 and ends at 0400 UTC Monday, January 19.

### 3) Categories:

(A) **Single Operator:** One person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions.

(B) **Multioperator:** Those obtaining any form of assistance such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

4) **Exchange:** W/VE amateurs exchange signal report, ARRL section and a consecutive serial number (starting with 001). Foreign stations give country name instead of ARRL section (U.S. Caribbean possessions are in the West Indies section; Hawaii and other U.S. Pacific possessions are in the Pacific section). Multioperator stations (only) may use blocks

## Scoring Example

| Band (MHz) | QSOs    | QSO points |
|------------|---------|------------|
| 50         | 25(x 2) | 50         |
| 144        | 40(x 2) | 80         |
| 220        | 10(x 4) | 40         |
| 432        | 15(x 4) | 60         |
| 1215       | 5(x 8)  | 40         |
| 2300+      | 1(x 16) | 16         |
| Totals     | 96 QSOs | 286        |

Final score = (QSO points) x (ARRL sections + 10).

of consecutive serial numbers on each band.

### 5) Scoring:

(A) QSO points: Count two points for complete two-way QSOs on 50/144 MHz; four points on 220/430 MHz; eight points on 1215 MHz; and 16 points on 2.3 GHz or higher.

(B) Multiplier: ARRL sections, plus VE8/VY1, plus foreign countries worked during the contest, plus ten (10) — *not* sections per band.

(C) Final score: Multiply QSO points by multiplier total. See scoring example.

### 6) FM Restrictions:

(A) Retransmitting either or both stations, or use of repeater frequencies, is not permitted.

(B) Only these recognized simplex frequencies may be used: 144.90 to 145.10, 146.49, .52, .55 and .58, and 147.42, .45, .48, .51, .54 and .57 MHz. This restriction prohibits the use of all repeater frequencies, including 146.76 and .94.

(C) Use of the national calling frequencies 146.52 and 223.50 MHz is restricted to four hours of total operating time on each frequency, in increments not to exceed one hour each (mark clearly in log). An off period of at least 15 minutes must follow each operating period.

### 7) Miscellaneous:

(A) The same station may be worked on different bands or in different sections for QSO credit.

(B) Crossband QSOs are not permitted.

(C) Only one signal per band (50, 144, 220 etc.) is permitted at any given time; single-

operator stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.

(D) Multioperator stations must locate all transmitters and receivers within a 500-meter diameter circle, excluding directly connected antennas.

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

(F) A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under any other call during the contest (except for family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by FCC/DOC — and then for family members only).

(G) Multioperator stations may not count QSOs with their own operators except on 2.3 GHz and up, and a complete different station must exist for each QSO under these conditions.

### 8) Reporting:

(A) Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest. Use ARRL VHF SS forms or a reasonable facsimile.

(B) Logs should indicate times in UTC, bands, calls and complete exchanges. Multipliers should be numbered clearly in the log the first time they are worked. Entries with more than 200 QSOs must include crosscheck sheets (dupe sheets).

### 9) Awards:


(A) Top single-operator stations in each ARRL section or foreign country.

(B) Top multioperator station in each section (three or more entries minimum), or where exceptional effort has been displayed.

(10) **Club Competition:** ARRL-affiliated clubs compete for gavels on three levels — unlimited, medium and local clubs. Details will be listed in January 1981 *QST*.

### 11) Conditions of Entry:

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions, as well as the intent, of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) **Disqualifications:** For excess duplicates and call sign/exchange errors. See January 1981 *QST* for complete details. 

## Wanted: More Workers in the Traffic Vineyards

It's about five minutes to eleven in the morning. The rig is all warmed up. Beam is pointed west. Conditions sound good. Check the frequency. Seems clear. Let's give a call and see if Ralph is on frequency early. W6JXX W6JXX DE W1XX AR. Back he comes and we're off and running for another successful Delta sked of the Transcontinental Corps of NTS. The four eastbound messages will later be transmitted on phone on the Eastern Area Net (Daytime). What's so unique or unusual?

Nothing except that the eastern participant in the above scenario is new to the game. Also, this third-party traffic, which originated in the evening the night before on cw, will be relayed by phone and likely be picked up by a phone net participant (perhaps even on a local fm net) for delivery; and, the relative "newness" of the participants is related to the mode of relay.

The National Traffic System (NTS) sponsored by ARRL and originated in 1949 is the offspring of the cw-traffic-oriented amateur — especially the higher levels of traffic relay. Those who were of the microphony persuasion were looked upon with some disdain. This in spite of the fact that the majority of section- and local-level traffic nets of NTS were voice modulated.

After several futile efforts at conducting phone sessions at the region level, in 1972, ARRL unveiled a daytime-version traffic system designed to appeal to phone operators in greater numbers. The objective was to attract housewives, as well as retired and second/third shift workers, into the joys of handling traffic, especially those who looked at cw with a somewhat jaundiced eye. Initial efforts were successful. So much so that the System underwent a number of not-so-smooth evolutionary improvements. It started out almost to resemble a separate NTS for phone. But the vision of a single, unified NTS, with cw and phone operators alike joining hands for

singleness of purpose, prevailed.

Thus, the goal of unity has been reached. And the expeditious handling of traffic with an effective emergency-response capability has resulted. This integration has opened the doors to many new participants. Those who are now just discovering an interest in traffic handling are solicited to participate in a systemized, disciplined approach to the handling of third-party traffic. The jobs available are many. You do not have to be long on experience. On-the-job training is encouraged. Who do we seek?

Are you retired and looking for a way to pay back the public for the privilege of having a ham ticker? We need you. Are you a student available to play radio in the late afternoon? We need you. Are you a YL who could care less whether Ma Perkins' illegitimate son runs off with Stella Dallas, and thus prime for daytime traffic net operation? We need you. Are you the breadwinner who works second or third shift? We need you. Sure, we can make use of the radio talents of others available during the more traditional nighttime hours. But this is a special invitation for participation by those who have previously felt left out. This appeal is to those who may operate exclusively on phone and feel they have been neglected. Some have failed to participate in the past because of the misconception that one must earn his or her stripes only through many years of pounding brass to the midnight oil. Not so. This is directed to those who want to have fun in their ham radio activities while serving the public need.

There are positions open now for those with little experience right up through the Transcontinental Corps. The vineyards beckon for many workers. You don't have to be a 1938-vintage chablis to qualify. This is your invitation. As with the Uncle Sam caricature . . . the finger is pointed at you. We want you.

What are some of the tasks that await you? Suppose you're a W0 retiree living in Carter

Lake, Iowa. The code is not your forte and you're president of the Richard Dawson fan club. After indicating your interest in daytime traffic-handling to the manager of the Tenth Region Net (TEN), you are assigned as liaison to the Central Area Net (which meets at 2:30 P.M. Central time on sideband). Your function is to pick up all traffic going to the tenth region and bring it back to TEN later in the afternoon. It's fun, you enjoy the challenge, and you don't miss "The Family Feud."

Scenario two. You are basically a phone daytime operator living in Story, Wyoming. You volunteer for a uniform sked to pick up eastbound traffic from the daytime phone session of the Pacific Area Net. Later on in the day you meet an eastern station on a pre-arranged schedule to pass the traffic on a frequency and mode of mutual choice. You volunteer to perform this important job only once a week. FB!

Notice it's not a closed shop. Multiply each function by seven days of the week to indicate the number of participants needed. Therein lies the strength of NTS, i.e., many hands sharing the joy of the workload. It's a cooperative effort integrating those daytime phone operators with those of the nighttime cw cycle. And you don't have to be an expert to get into the program, as the opening scenario illustrates.

How do you get started? We recommend listening to your section and region nets to find out who to talk to to get started. If you have no idea of where and when they meet, we'll be happy to send you a copy of the ARRL *Net Directory*. If you need a name and call to contact, write ARRL hq. and we'll put you in touch with the proper party. Just write to us and say, "I've read your QST article on daytime traffic handling and I'm ready to pick grapes in the NTS vineyard." We'll point you in the right direction. But you have to make the first move.

### SCM APPOINTMENT

In the Nebraska Section, Shirley M. Rice, KA0BCB, has been appointed to complete the term (until December 31, 1980) of Rex P. Greenwell, K0KPK (resigned).

### FREQUENCY MEASURING TEST

Frequency shifting occurred during the early 20-meter FMT on September 14, with stability attained near the end of the period. Late 20-meter signals suffered the fate of poor propagation and were not copied by the umpire. The umpire measured frequencies for the early run at 14,076.241, 7010.999 and 3550.415 kHz. The late run checked out at 7014.292 and 3560.422 kHz. A total of 80 entries were received, representing 825 individual measurements.

Sixty-six of the 80 who submitted entries measured within 100 Hz, an annual requirement of OO "precise frequency measurement." They are listed as follows, with average error preceding their call signs: (0 Hz) W1JH W1PL W2AXT W4AXA W4IBU W4NTO W4SNOM W5ZTN W6IQL W67CRU W8CU1 W8OK W9LCK K0KV W0USL, (1) W1BGW W3BFY W3WD W5FMO ex-7HM W8NWU, (2) K2RG

K7AW, (3) WA3RXE W6RQ (4) K1VYQ WA4CAW W1EDH W6CBX K7CC, (5) K6MZN, (7) W3FYX, (8) W8LX W9HPG, (10) W2AIO, (11) K9AUB, (12) W4DRF AJSP, (13) K5FSA, (15) W2ND W0GW, (16) W4HU W89VUO, (17) W0SS VE3FCU, (20) W4PKD, (22) N0ST, (24) W6DLI. N8AU, (25) W3KEK W9TGN, (28) VE2JN, (29) W3KCM, (37) K8X, (44) W47DUY W7SC, (49) W43FC, (51) W6SSB, (63) N6PE, (72) VE4ZX, (75) W42MID W6GNQF, (77) W7SK, (82) W4UCL, (88) W9KEZ and (97) W8ZRL. All entries measuring over 100 Hz have been notified individually.

### Excerpts

The equipment used here for the tests consisted of a Heath SB-300 receiver using a 400-cycle band-pass filter. The VFO, i-f and het osc. frequencies were brought out of the receiver and went to a mixer unit, which in turn went to a homemade 8-digit counter. The counter was checked against WWV to four points (W2AXT). I enjoy the FMTs and am looking forward to the next one. Keep up the good work (W4AXA). I enjoy getting set up for the FMT nearly as much as the actual FMT itself (W4IBU). I "cheated" and borrowed an HP-3586 wave analyzer from work. It's really an FMTer's dream in that it is fully synthesized to 0.1 Hz resolution. It has a 20-Hz i-f filter and a built-in counter to measure the exact frequency of any

signal in its band-pass (K0KV). My plans to use all homemade equipment for this test did not get accomplished. Perhaps by the next test, I will have the receiver working well enough to use (W3WD). Any interest in an article on "How to" for frequency measuring? (W0USL). [Sure! — W1CKK] I use the NBS "transfer oscillator" method, using a Heath 1B-1100 counter with modified time base (K1VYQ). I enjoy participating in the FMT and hope they continue for years to come (W2ND). Thanks for this event. Sometimes I even come close (W4UCL).

### Feedback

W4NM measured 13 Hz average error for the May FMT instead of 72 Hz error as reported (sorry 'bout that).

November 15 (UTC) is the date set for the next FMT. Be sure to check the "Contest Corral" column in November QST for full details. Good luck! — *Janine DeMaw, W1CKK*

### WIAW NOTE

The complete WIAW winter operating schedule appears in October QST, page 90. A WIAW schedule also is available on request from ARRL headquarters. Please enclose an S.A.S.C. See the "Contest Corral" section of QST for times and dates of WIAW Code Proficiency Runs. [QST]

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## OSCAR Operating Schedule

| OSCAR 7    |           |                |                      | OSCAR 8   |       |                |                      |
|------------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-------|----------------|----------------------|
| DATE (UTC) | Orbit No. | Time UTC HR MN | Eqx W. Long. Degrees | Orbit No. | Mode  | Time UTC HR MN | Eqx W. Long. Degrees |
| 1 Dec.     | 27,653    | 0020           | 79.7                 | 13,969    | A     | 0018           | 60.5                 |
| 2 Dec.     | 27,666    | 0114           | 93.2                 | 13,983    | A + J | 0023           | 61.7                 |
| 3 Dec.     | 27,678    | 0014           | 78.1                 | 13,997    | X     | 0028           | 62.9                 |
| 4 Dec.     | 27,691    | 0108           | 91.7                 | 14,011    | A     | 0033           | 64.2                 |
| 5 Dec.     | 27,703    | 0007           | 76.5                 | 14,025    | A + J | 0038           | 65.4                 |
| 6 Dec.     | 27,716    | 0101           | 90.1                 | 14,039    | J     | 0042           | 66.6                 |
| 7 Dec.     | 27,728    | 0001           | 75.0                 | 14,053    | J     | 0047           | 67.8                 |
| 8 Dec.     | 27,741    | 0055           | 88.5                 | 14,067    | A     | 0052           | 69.0                 |
| 9 Dec.     | 27,754    | 0149           | 102.1                | 14,081    | A + J | 0057           | 70.3                 |
| 10 Dec.    | 27,766    | 0048           | 87.0                 | 14,095    | X     | 0102           | 71.5                 |
| 11 Dec.    | 27,779    | 0143           | 100.6                | 14,109    | A     | 0106           | 72.7                 |
| 12 Dec.    | 27,791    | 0042           | 85.4                 | 14,123    | A + J | 0111           | 73.9                 |
| 13 Dec.    | 27,804    | 0136           | 99.0                 | 14,137    | J     | 0116           | 75.2                 |
| 14 Dec.    | 27,816    | 0036           | 83.8                 | 14,151    | J     | 0121           | 76.4                 |
| 15 Dec.    | 27,829    | 0130           | 97.4                 | 14,165    | A     | 0126           | 77.6                 |
| 16 Dec.    | 27,841    | 0029           | 82.3                 | 14,179    | A + J | 0131           | 78.8                 |
| 17 Dec.    | 27,854    | 0123           | 95.9                 | 14,193    | X     | 0135           | 80.1                 |
| 18 Dec.    | 27,866    | 0023           | 80.7                 | 14,207    | A     | 0140           | 81.3                 |
| 19 Dec.    | 27,879    | 0117           | 94.3                 | 14,220    | A + J | 0002           | 56.7                 |
| 20 Dec.    | 27,891    | 0016           | 79.1                 | 14,234    | J     | 0007           | 57.9                 |
| 21 Dec.    | 27,904    | 0111           | 92.7                 | 14,248    | J     | 0011           | 59.1                 |
| 22 Dec.    | 27,916    | 0010           | 77.6                 | 14,262    | A     | 0016           | 60.4                 |
| 23 Dec.    | 27,929    | 0104           | 91.2                 | 14,276    | A + J | 0021           | 61.6                 |
| 24 Dec.    | 27,941    | 0003           | 76.0                 | 14,290    | X     | 0026           | 62.8                 |
| 25 Dec.    | 27,954    | 0058           | 89.6                 | 14,304    | A     | 0031           | 64.0                 |
| 26 Dec.    | 27,967    | 0152           | 103.2                | 14,318    | A + J | 0035           | 65.2                 |
| 27 Dec.    | 27,979    | 0051           | 88.0                 | 14,332    | J     | 0040           | 66.5                 |
| 28 Dec.    | 27,992    | 0145           | 101.6                | 14,346    | J     | 0045           | 67.7                 |
| 29 Dec.    | 28,004    | 0045           | 86.5                 | 14,360    | A     | 0050           | 68.9                 |
| 30 Dec.    | 28,017    | 0139           | 100.0                | 14,374    | A + J | 0055           | 70.1                 |
| 31 Dec.    | 28,029    | 0038           | 84.9                 | 14,388    | X     | 0059           | 71.4                 |
| 1 Jan.     | 28,042    | 0133           | 98.6                 | 14,402    | A     | 0104           | 72.6                 |
| 2 Jan.     | 28,054    | 0033           | 83.5                 | 14,416    | A + J | 0109           | 73.8                 |
| 3 Jan.     | 28,067    | 0127           | 97.1                 | 14,430    | J     | 0114           | 75.0                 |
| 4 Jan.     | 28,079    | 0027           | 82.0                 | 14,444    | J     | 0119           | 76.2                 |
| 5 Jan.     | 28,092    | 0121           | 95.6                 | 14,458    | A     | 0124           | 77.4                 |
| 6 Jan.     | 28,104    | 0021           | 80.5                 | 14,472    | A + J | 0129           | 78.6                 |
| 7 Jan.     | 28,117    | 0115           | 94.1                 | 14,486    | X     | 0134           | 79.8                 |

Orbit predictions by Project OSCAR, P. O. Box 1136, Los Altos, CA 94022. 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, 145.950 MHz on Mode B, and 435.160 MHz on 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 lsbk; international net at 1800 UTC Sundays on 14,260 kHz usb and 1900 UTC Sundays on 21,280 kHz).

○ 7 progresses an average of 28.7373° W. per orbit in a period of 114.9417 minutes.

○ 8 progresses an average of 25.8013° W. in a period of 103.1974 minutes.

○ 8 modes of operation are Mondays and Thursdays — Mode A. Tuesdays and Fridays — Mode A + J. Saturdays and Sundays — Mode J. Wednesdays are for experimental use on Mode A or J or recharge Mode D. Mode A + J is simultaneous operation of both transponders.

### Spacecraft Frequencies

| Spacecraft | Uplink              | Downlink            | Beacon      |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| ○ 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 |
| ○ 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 |

Formulas for calculating approximate downlink frequencies.  $x$  = downlink frequency.

#### OSCAR 7

Mode A  $x$  = uplink frequency - 116.450 MHz ± Doppler shift  
 Mode B  $x$  = uplink frequency - 578.100 MHz ± Doppler shift

#### OSCAR 8

Mode A  $x$  = uplink frequency - 116.458 MHz ± Doppler shift  
 Mode J  $x$  = uplink frequency - 581.106 MHz ± Doppler shift

Note: A minus sign in front of the downlink frequency indicates that the passband of the satellite is inverted in that mode. This means that signals transmitted up to the satellite at the low end of the uplink passband will appear at the high end of the downlink passband.

Additionally, upper-sideband signals transmitted on the uplink will appear as lower-sideband signals on the downlink.

#### Mode J Club

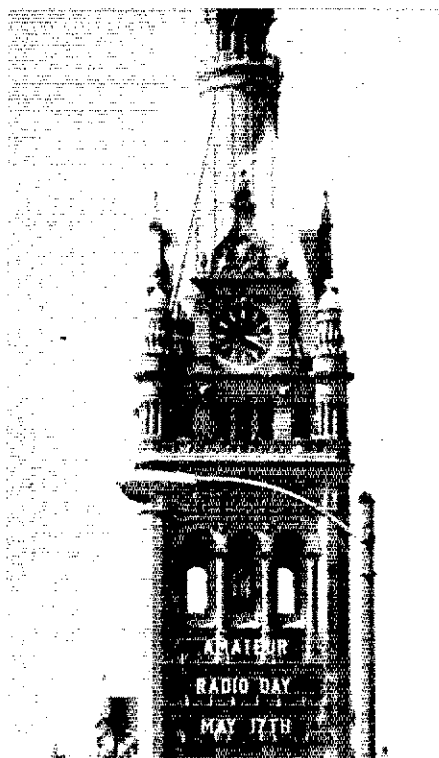
Become a member of the Mode J Club. Complete eight Mode-J contacts. QSL cards are not required. Just list the call sign of each station worked, date, orbit number and station equipment used. Send this information along with \$3 in U.S. funds, a one-time charge to cover the certificate and newsletter costs, to Mode J Club, c/o Larry Roberts, W9MXC, 3300 Fernwood, Alton, IL 62002.

#### OSCAR 8 QSL

To receive an OSCAR 8 QSL card, send a copy of the telemetry from the 29.402- or 435.095-MHz beacons. Please send your report, along with an s.a.s.e., to ARRL hq.

Further information on the radio amateur satellite program can be obtained free of charge from ARRL hq.

## Strays



May 17 was a red-letter day for the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, Inc. Wisconsin Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus, whose trademark is a red vest and the red pen he signs documents with, proclaimed May 17 Amateur Radio Day in Wisconsin. This notice was displayed on the Milwaukee City Hall. How's that for publicity? (photo courtesy W9SNK)

### VISITING JAPAN?

Probably all amateurs visiting Tokyo, whether on business or for pleasure, visit the electronics paradise in the Akihabara section. But they would also do well to take the time to pay a call on the headquarters of the Japan Amateur Radio League in the Sugano section. Easily accessible by subway, JARL occupies several floors in the CQ building. When we dropped in we were given a very warm greeting. JM1RYK, of the JARL Foreign Affairs Office, gave us a tour, the highlight of which was JARL's newly opened radio museum. The time spent meeting the JARL staff was truly memorable, giving us a better appreciation and understanding of our fellow amateurs in JA-land. — Paul R. Ryuck, WIETH, South Hadley, Massachusetts



WIETH (center) on a tour of JARL's radio museum and headquarters. Also shown (left to right) are JM1RYK, JARL Foreign Affairs staff; JH1HNN, Publicity Manager; JA1CO, Chief of Technical Information Section and JI1RGM, JARL General Manager.

## Amateur Radio and the Tall Ships

Jubilee 350 is a year-long series of events marking Boston's 350th anniversary. One of the events was the arrival of the Tall Ships on May 30, and their subsequent stay through June 3, when they would begin a transatlantic race to Oslo, Norway. This article describes the part played by Amateur Radio in the Tall Ships festival.

With the arrival of over 50 sailing ships, ranging from the 370-foot topsail schooner *Juan Sebastian de Elcano* from Cadiz, Spain, to the 39-foot schooner *Blue Maid* from Staatsburg, New York, as well as the aircraft carrier *JFK*, it was obvious that large crowds could be expected to view their arrival and even board some of the ships. The Boston chapter of the American Red Cross planned to set up and man first-aid stations around the harbor as the ships arrived and on the piers, where the ships would dock. It was with this agency that amateurs first became involved.

### The Planning

Amateur Radio operators had recently renewed liaison with the Boston Red Cross by participating in the 1979 Simulated Emergency Test from the downtown Boston Red Cross headquarters, where a well-equipped radio room was in place. This activity initiated further meetings, which resulted in the establishment of a technical committee to proceed with putting up a wide-coverage, 2-meter repeater for emergency communications. Liaison with the Red Cross was through NIALS, who is in charge of communications for their disaster services organization. WA1IDA was to coordinate plans from the amateur standpoint. Having had experience with large public service activities before (namely Boston's bicentennial celebration), he was the logical choice for this activity. NIALS and WA1IDA attended meetings with the city's organizing committee ("operation sail"), and formulated plans for the communications effort. WA1IDA also held meetings with leadership officials of the Eastern Massachusetts ARRL section — SEC WA1BLG, STM WA1TBY, DEC KA1AQE, local ECs and others.

The plan was to use simplex for communications among first-aid stations, because of their close proximity along the pier. In addition, a repeater was to be used on the first day as an emergency channel to link us with the city's police communications center where the ambulance-service dispatcher was located. Thus, two channels would be available. The first would be administrative (low priority), and the second would be an emergency channel for high-priority ambulance calls *only*. One

assumption made was that most people would have synthesized radios covering 2-meter fm. This turned out to be true, and was a great advantage when we were forced to modify the plan during the event.

Recruiting personnel was a major effort prior to the event because the activity would run from a Friday through a Tuesday. Except for the weekend, workdays would be involved. Also, full days would be required of the volunteers because the only access to the piers for people with equipment would be via Red Cross vehicles — which arrive once in the morning and leave once at night. Many announcements were made on the local repeaters, and a notice was put in the Eastern Massachusetts section newsletter (circulation 3000). This filled the bill.

WA1IDA decided to pursue PR well in advance of the event, rather than at the last minute. Accordingly, AB1Z was designated our PR officer; he produced and distributed news releases prior to the event, and for the most part was free to pursue radio, TV and press coverage for Amateur Radio during the activity. This worked out well, especially on the first day, when he was free to roam around and take photos of hams in action. Largely because of his efforts, we enjoyed excellent radio and television coverage — some of it live!

### The Big Day

May 30, 6 A.M. The weather was clear and warm; 36 hams arrived at the Boston Red Cross headquarters. WA1IDA held a briefing, and as soon as each Red Cross vehicle was ready to depart for its position, an amateur was assigned to accompany it. The plan was to use the 146.985 repeater for the emergency (ambulance) frequency, and .91 direct for administration, under the direction of W1UVE, who was positioned high above the waterfront in the Coast Guard station. KA1HG was designated to coordinate with the Red Cross headquarters on the administrative channel.

All field stations were instructed to use the emergency channel only for summoning an ambulance when directed to do so by Red Cross personnel; otherwise they were to monitor the administrative channel. Permission of net control would not be necessary to leave the frequency for an ambulance call, as this would only slow the process, particularly when the channel was very busy. This system worked well throughout the operation, with a minimum of confusion.

At 8 A.M., *Old Ironsides* (the U.S.S. *Constitution*) left the harbor to lead the parade of ships. The crowds lining the harbor were huge. At 10 A.M., the *Constitution* reentered the harbor, cannons booming, with the magnificent sailing ships following under full sail. The

largest fleet of sailing ships ever to visit Boston entered the harbor. The crowd became swept up in the excitement of the moment. Cheers erupted spontaneously from the throng, as cannons roared and sailors from all over the world exchanged excited waves and wishes of friendship and welcome. It was an all-encompassing flow of emotion that would have been impossible to predict, and would last for precious few hours. And what better group of volunteers to participate in such an event than hams who already know the meaning of international goodwill.

By this time, most of the hams were quite busy. The administrative channel sounded normal enough, with supplies being moved from here to there and status reports being transmitted to keep Red Cross officials informed. The emergency channel was hopping. In a three-hour period, KA1AQE received over 10 calls for ambulances. These included responses for an epileptic seizure, a cardiac arrest and a case of appendicitis.

The only flaw in the communications plan was the use of the direct frequency. The net control could work everyone, but it was clear that the operation could be improved if everyone could hear each other. This was the problem at the Red Cross headquarters, which was out of range of most of the communications. As a result, the ensuing days saw the use of repeaters almost exclusively. Repeater trustees and normal users were most cooperative on short notice, and things ran smoothly.

### The Results

Over 3 million people came to see the Tall Ships (including 10,000 sailors). This exceeded predicted crowd sizes by 1.5 million. More than 65 hams, ranging in age from 79 to 13, participated in the event, some for all five days. As a result, the Red Cross was very well supported and most appreciative of our efforts. Although the prime Amateur Radio activity was with regard to the Red Cross activities, we also ran a message center for sailors and the general public. In addition, we helped coordinate ship-position information during the transatlantic race (Amateur Radio communications had been set up by a group of hams from Virginia). Ham radio got almost daily radio and TV exposure over Boston's WBZ during this period.

We learned some things along the way. For example, no matter how well and how long you plan, the best thing to build in is *flexibility*. Also, even in large operations, fully synthesized rigs can be counted on. And, I'm glad to say, so can the amateurs in the area, who again demonstrated an ability to get the job done. — Rick Beebe, K1PAD, SCM EMass/Vice Director-elect, New England Division

\*Assistant Communications Manager, ARRL

## ATTENTION NET MANAGERS

For details on a unique traffic-handling training program, contact Pete Skorupsky, WB2IQJ, 274 Lowell Ave., Trenton, NJ 08619. Pete is manager of the New Jersey Slow Net, which meets on 3735 kHz at 2330Z daily, and has had excellent results in the recruitment and training of newcomers to the traffic-handling world.

## PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Cheyenne, Wyoming — December 4, 1979. During strong winds, a motor home was blown across the median of Interstate 25 and flipped over, injuring one of the occupants. AG0B braved the cold, winds and snow, offering first aid. He then used 2 meters to contact the Wyoming State Patrol and an ambulance. (AG0B)

□ North Oxford County, Maine — June 25-26. Hams helped in the search for two handicapped teenagers who became lost in the woods. Communications were maintained between the ranger station and the search party via Amateur Radio until both youths were found. (W1RWG, SCM Maine)

□ Gila Bend, Arizona — July 8. While a radar test range in a remote area of the southern Arizona desert was being inspected, a 4-wheel-drive vehicle became stranded in loose sand. W7GZ, a passenger in the vehicle, contacted W7KOY via 2 meters. W7KOY called the Air Force and requested assistance. After nine hours, the victims were rescued. (John R. Scott)

□ Liverpool, Ohio — July 16. During a severe storm, hams reported information regarding downed trees and power lines to local fire department and power company personnel. (K8HGY)

□ Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts — August 18. When normal communications circuits aboard a U.S. Navy vessel failed, a ham used 2 meters to contact a hospital in nearby Newport, Rhode Island, to report a serious injury onboard. (N5BGR)

□ Columbiana County, Ohio — August 18. When flash flooding caused extensive damage to Salineville and Wellsville, members of the Triangle ARC were called in to assist the Red Cross, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol. WR8AJL was used for the operation, with special equipment for cleanup requested via autopatch. (K8HGY)

□ Martin County, Kentucky — August 22. When a flood damaged over 100 homes and disrupted telephone service to the remote community of Beauty, hams provided Department of Emergency Services (DES) headquarters in Frankfort with communications via 75 and 2 meters. (WD4BUB)

□ Coronado National Forest, Arizona — September 20. After two hikers were lost, hams used 2 meters to notify the deputy and park rangers, and to coordinate search teams. Both hikers were located a short time later. (K9IHV)

## AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Weirton, West Virginia — January 19. ARES/RACES members were placed on alert when 2 gallons of potentially dangerous ethylene ether were discovered in a construction building. The group monitored WR8AQA until demolition experts disposed of the material. (K8QEW, SEC West Virginia)

□ Southeastern Virginia — February 2-3. Chesterfield County ARES members provided communications and information for the Virginia Office of Emergency and Energy Services (OEEES) when a blizzard threatened the area. Hams used 2-meter Emergency Nets "B" and "C" to provide up-to-the-minute weather reports for OEEES. (W4NWM, EC Chesterfield Co.)

□ Hemet, California — February 19. When extensive flooding threatened the town, ARES members were called in to assist in setting up disaster shelters and help with the evacuation of the nearby town of San Jacinto. (WA6QMW, EC District 1)

□ Enterprise, Utah — February 21-22. Washington Co. ARES members provided emergency communications on 40 and 2 meters when a dam was in danger of breaking. (K7WG, EC Washington Co.)

□ Daviess Co., Kentucky — March 1. The Owensboro ARES supplied administrative communications for 100 to 150 firemen fighting a warehouse fire. (W4OYI, Asst. Dir., Great Lakes Div.)

□ Cullman Co., Alabama — March 1. Amateurs assisted civil defense officials when a severe ice storm struck the area. The hams used WR4ASY to keep track of road conditions and provide communications



Here's part of the group attending the NTS Eastern Area Staff meeting in Syracuse (see August 1980 QST for a summary). From left: WA4CCK, W2ZJO, KB6FRI/3, WA1VEI, K1BA, W1QYY, VE1WF, VE3GOL. (K2KIF photo)

for 135 people in a temporary shelter. (AK4B, EC Cullman Co.)

□ Forsyth Co., North Carolina — March 2-3. ARES members assisted the Red Cross and other emergency agencies when a snow storm trapped many people in their homes. Hams used 2 meters to coordinate the delivery of food and fuel to stranded families. (WB4ZKE, EC Forsyth Co.)

□ Greenwood Co., South Carolina — March 1-3. When an ice and snow storm made travel dangerous, hams assisted the county disaster preparedness service in transporting key personnel to the local hospital. The hams used simplex and the Western Carolina Emergency Net on 2 meters to dispatch the vehicles. (K4VIA, DEC Zone 4)

□ Southeastern Virginia — March 1-3. ARES members generated hourly weather reports for the Virginia Office of Emergency and Energy Services and provided communications for the local hospital when a blizzard struck the area. (WB4UHC, DEC Yorktown)

□ Cullman Co., Alabama — March 20. Hams established a net on WR4ASY to monitor weather conditions for the county civil defense when a tornado watch was issued. (AK4B, EC Cullman Co.)

□ Farmington, Connecticut — March 22. The Red Cross requested communications assistance when flooding forced 150 families to evacuate their homes. Local ARES members set up communications on 2 meters and 220 MHz between the Red Cross Center, the police department and the threatened areas. (W1SY, SEC Connecticut.)

□ Prospect, Ohio — June 4-5. When flooding forced 42 families to flee their homes, ARES members were called in to maintain communications between the Red Cross Chapter House and an emergency shelter. Hams handled more than 125 messages via WB8SEC/R during the two-day period. (WD8NEE, EC Marion and Wyandot Cos.)

□ McLean County, Illinois — June 7. A tornado caused heavy damage, and hams provided communications for the power company when high-tension lines were downed. (K9ORP, EC McLean Co.)

□ Owensboro, Kentucky — July 1. ARES members linked Coast Guard, DES and local police officials during the search for a drowning victim in the Ohio River. (W4OYI, Asst. Dir. Great Lakes Div.)

□ Staten Island, New York — July 9-10. Local hams used WA2RXQ/R to help with communications during the search for a missing 10-year-old girl. (KA2CNN, Asst. SCM, NLI)

□ Rushville, Indiana — July 9-11. As severe tornado activity struck the area, ARES members activated a 2-meter weather watch net, tracking the storms across the state. Using K9POP/R, they also assisted local authorities by obtaining status reports of those injured as a result of the severe weather. (K9PQP, EC Rush Co.)

□ Pelican Narrows, Saskatchewan — July 10-11. As a large forest fire approached the town, the Saskatchewan government contacted VE4BO, requesting that he set up a communications link to relay information in and out of the disaster area. During the ordeal, hams relayed supply and equipment requests for the over 1000 fire fighters and victims who had been evacuated to an island just off the coast of Pelican Narrows. (VE4BO, DEC Northern Manitoba)

□ Olmstead County, Minnesota — July 12. A storm with winds greater than 100 mi/h moved through the area, causing \$1 million in damage. Local hams provided emergency power and 2-meter communications via WR0AFT for Byron City Hall and the Olmstead/Rochester EOC. (K0IS, EC Olmstead Co.)

□ Lake Erie — July 19. While vacationing on the lake, N8II saw four people on an uninhabited island waving a white flag attached to an oar. Their boat had a hole in the hull and was taking on water. N8II used his 2-meter hand held to alert the Coast Guard, and help arrived almost immediately. (K8AN, SEC Ohio)

□ Danville, Illinois — July 20-21. ARES members used K9PD/R to handle traffic for the Emergency Services and Disaster Agency during the search for a drowning victim. (WB9YJF, EC Vermilion Co.)

□ Muldraugh, Kentucky — July 26. When a train carrying vinyl chloride derailed and sent a toxic cloud into the air, local ARES members activated a net on WR4AIQ. They located a group of Boy Scouts camping in the woods and arranged for their evacuation. The hams also provided communications for the Red Cross. (WA4YPQ, EC District 5)

□ San Diego County, California — July 28-29. ARES members provided 2 meter communications between Ranger Unit Headquarters and a remote fire camp when lightning started a series of wild land fires. (W6INI, SEC San Diego)

□ Temple, Texas — August 6-8. When Hurricane Allen hit the Temple area, members of the Triangle ARC set up and maintained an emergency communications liaison with the Refugee Evacuation Center, handling weather, road and health-and-welfare information. (KD5Z, EC Bell Co.)

□ Athens, Georgia — August 12. When a severed telephone line disrupted Teletype service between the NWS forecasting office in Atlanta and the regional radar station at the airport in Athens, ARES members set up a vhf-to-hf link, relaying periodic surface condition reports. (AA4U, EC Athens)

□ Davenport, Iowa — August 20. After a severe windstorm hit the Davenport/Bettendorf area, ARES members assisted the local police and fire departments by providing emergency power and additional security for a large concert. The hams also assisted in clean-up operations, utilizing W0BXR/R. (K0MST, EC Scott Co.)

□ Fargo, North Dakota — August 6. As a hailstorm pelted the town with baseball-sized hail, hams established an hf link between DES headquarters in Bismarck and the disaster sight. Over 30 messages were handled as a result of the eight-hour ordeal, during which the town was left without power, water or telephone service. (WB0BIN and WA0RWM)

□ Rochester, Minnesota — August 28. When the town's telephone service was interrupted, hams provided communications support for fire, hospital and police personnel. (WD0HEB, Asst. EC Rochester)

□ Delaware County, Indiana — September 13. During an eight-hour power outage, ARES members supplied backup communications for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS), which provides ambulance service to the entire county. For over an hour, Amateur Radio was the only communications link between the ambulances and the dispatcher. (K9UJK, EC Delaware Co.)

□ Minot, North Dakota — September 15. When the main switchboard for the community malfunctioned, hams set up stations at the three area hospitals and City Hall. (WB8BZH, DEC Ward Co.)

□ Champaign County, Illinois — September 16. ARES members coordinated a 2-meter tornado watch over a 14-county area, during which two actual touchdowns were confirmed. Fortunately, nobody was injured. (KB9BB, EC Champaign Co.)

□ Manchester, Tennessee — September 23. After emergency telephone service to the communications center was disrupted, ARES members provided a radio link between an outside telephone and the center, relaying calls for local emergency services. (W4WJH, EC Coffee Co.)

□ Lincoln, Nebraska — September 25. After a police officer was abducted by two armed fugitives, the Lancaster ARES was requested to assist in the search. Hams manned observation points throughout the city until the fugitives were captured, in Iowa, two days later. (K0GND, EC Lancaster Co.)

□ Modesto, California — September 26. WB7JAZ, the pilot of a small aircraft, experienced a complete electrical failure while on an instrument flight rules (IFR) flight plan to Modesto, leaving him without communications with flight control. He contacted N6VS (also a pilot), who relayed the aircraft's position to the FAA. As the light was nearing Modesto, WB6UMT provided a phone patch to the Modesto tower, giving the pilot direct communications with the flight controllers. (N6VS, EC San Francisco)

□ Potsdam, New York — October 4. The St. Lawrence Valley ARES was called in to assist REACT in communications for a walk-bike-a-thon. Hams provided communications to areas not accessible by CB. (WB2NAO, EC St. Lawrence Co.)

**REPEATER LOG**  
For QST's Public Service Column  
**PLEASE PRINT**

Repeater call sign \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting period: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

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The Repeater Log section of this column has evolved into a very popular feature, with repeater clubs and groups "going public" with their significant emergency and public-safety activities. To streamline the reporting procedure and encourage even more repeater clubs to send in such information, form CD-258 has been created. This form can be used to report your repeater's service to the community, for ultimate recognition in "Public Service." A supply of the cards can be requested from the ARRL Communications Department. Just send in an s.a.s.e. and ask for CD-258.

**ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS**

For September, 27 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARRS membership of 15,333. Sections reporting were Ala, Alta, Ariz, Ark, Colo, Del, Ill, Ind, Kans, La, Mar/Nfld, Mich, Minn, Nev, NFla, Ohio, Ont, SV, SDgo, SJV, SCV, SFla, SNJ, Va, Wa, WVa, WMass, WPa.

**COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OF THE MONTH**

Radio handling has long been an exciting and rewarding aspect of Amateur Radio, particularly when an emergency situation occurs. A recent experience of mine, which involved meeting the urgent need of a hospitalized patient in Brazil for a cardiac medication, brought the unusual reward of a personal note of thanks and a moving account of the episode from the patient himself.

I ate in the evening of June 1, while in QSO on 15 meters with Evis, PY1FO, I was asked to help obtain medication for a cardiac patient at Silvestre Hospital in Rio de Janeiro. The particular medication requested is readily available in the U.S., but not in Brazil. I agreed to try, but went to bed wondering how to accomplish the task promptly enough to be of any use to a critically ill patient in Rio.

The following day, I started off to my morning rounds at Middlesex Memorial Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut. On the drive to work, I turned on my 2-meter rig to the Selden, Long Island, repeater, WR2AHR, and mentioned that I had emergency traffic. When Ralph, N2AHL, asked if he could help, I explained that I was looking for someone who could assist in arranging to deliver medication to J.F.K. International Airport in New York for shipment to Brazil. Using both the mobile and hand-held 2-meter rigs in his car, Ralph arranged an impromptu link between the Selden machine and the K2KLN repeater in New York City.

Through this link-up, I spoke with Mike, WA2JRC, in Manhattan, who in turn contacted Sam, WB2JZN, in Brooklyn. Sam offered to take time off from work to pick up the medication at a local pharmacy and deliver it to the airport.

Pan American Airlines, through the efforts of Miss Janet Weeks in the Special Services Office, agreed to fly the medication that same day to Rio de Janeiro, without charge. In Rio, Evis, PY1FO, received the medication at the airport and hand-carried it to

Silvestre Hospital to the room of the patient, Antonio Almeida.

A little over a month later, I was delighted to receive a thank you letter from Antonio. His note ends with a moral, and a tribute to Amateur Radio: "What human solidarity, what abnegation spirit of men [who] without knowing each other did everything to help a person who was in the hospital. At a time when everybody is worried with assaults, vengeance, death for silly matters, of war among nations, divisions of embassies, until now considered sacred, we still find people [who] will get together forming a true chain of kindness. What . . . secret code maintains these people together, as true friends, only to do what is good, without knowing each other, not even the people whom they are helping? May governments propagate this special code that we may have, within our generation, the peace that so many desire." — (Dr. David P. Johnson, WA1OVK, Middletown, Connecticut)

**THIRD-PARTY TRAFFIC AGREEMENTS**

The United States has made special arrangements to permit U.S. amateurs to exchange third-party traffic with amateurs licensed by any of these 28 other countries:

*North America:* Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama.

*South America:* Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

*Europe:* 4U1TU — Geneva

*Asia:* Israel, Jordan

*Africa:* Ghana, Liberia

Canada has made special arrangements to permit Canadian amateurs to exchange third-party traffic with amateurs licensed by any of these 19 countries:

*North America:* Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, United States

*South America:* Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela

*Europe:* No countries.

*Asia:* Israel

*Africa:* No countries

**REPEATER LOG**

According to reports received between September 21 and October 21, the following repeaters and simplex frequencies were involved in the delineated public service events.

|         | Weather Emergency | Medical Activity | Vehicular Emergency | Public Safety Search and Rescue | Public Safety Events | Power Failures | Total |
|---------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------|
| K1LT    |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 1                    |                | 1     |
| W3UER   |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 3                    |                | 3     |
| WA3JDX  |                   |                  |                     | 4                               | 1                    |                | 5     |
| K4HEX   |                   |                  |                     | 1                               |                      |                | 1     |
| K4HY    | 1                 |                  |                     |                                 |                      |                | 1     |
| K4IGB   |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 1                    |                | 1     |
| WR4AXO  |                   |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 1     |
| WR4AZD  |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 3                    |                | 3     |
| K5HCJ   |                   | 2                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 2     |
| WA5FYI  |                   | 1                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 1     |
| WR5ABA  |                   | 3                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 3     |
| WR5ABE  |                   | 3                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 3     |
| WR5ABI  |                   | 5                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 5     |
| WR5ABY  |                   | 4                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 4     |
| WR5APK  |                   | 1                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 1     |
| WR5APN  |                   | 2                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 2     |
| VE5SCA  |                   |                  | 2                   |                                 |                      |                | 2     |
| N6BAE   |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 1                    |                | 1     |
| W6FNO   |                   | 1                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 1     |
| W6IYY   |                   | 4                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 4     |
| WR6AEN  |                   | 1                | 3                   | 1                               |                      |                | 5     |
| WH6AOX  |                   | 3                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 3     |
| K7CC    |                   | 1                | 6                   | 1                               |                      |                | 8     |
| W7WGW   |                   | 1                | 4                   | 1                               |                      |                | 6     |
| WR7AEL  |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 1                    | 1              | 2     |
| K8BO    |                   |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 1     |
| K8LG    |                   |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 1     |
| K8VXH   |                   |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 2              | 2     |
| WA8ULB  |                   | 1                | 1                   |                                 |                      |                | 2     |
| WB8UIN  |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 1                    |                | 1     |
| WD8IEI  |                   | 3                |                     |                                 |                      |                | 3     |
| WR8ABO  |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 1                    |                | 1     |
| WR8ABZ  |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 4                    |                | 4     |
| WR8AES  |                   |                  |                     |                                 | 4                    |                | 4     |
| K9ORP   | 1                 |                  |                     |                                 |                      |                | 1     |
| W9EQU   |                   | 1                |                     |                                 |                      | 10             | 12    |
| W9ILO   | 1                 |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 2     |
| WA9JXT  |                   |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 1     |
| WB9CMC  |                   | 1                | 3                   | 1                               |                      | 1              | 6     |
| WB9SBH  | 1                 |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 2     |
| WR9AET  |                   |                  |                     |                                 |                      | 1              | 1     |
| Simplex |                   |                  | 2                   |                                 | 9                    | 1              | 12    |
| Total   | 5                 | 9                | 9                   | 22                              | 5                    | 23             | 73    |

**NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM**

Pursuant to due notice, the Central Area Staff (CAS) of the ARRL National Traffic System met in Oklahoma City, July 26, 1980. Present were W9QLW, W5GHP, W5KLV, W5NKKD, K5RG, W9FC, W9JLJ, W0AM, W0HL, W0HOX. Observers were W5EDZ, N5TC, N0IN, K5GN, N5BB, W5RB, W5REC, W5NKC. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

1) Cycle Manager Responsibility — the Staff recommended to the communications manager that for NTS Plan A/B, responsibility for Cycles 1 and 2 be assigned to the daytime manager, and Cycles 3 and 4 to the evening manager. Measurement Criteria — CAS recommended the Eastern Area Staff (EAS) measurement criteria (for the one-year trial period) one through five, and the deletion of categories six and seven. Creation of Central Canada Region — the Staff moved that CAS defer to Central Canadian amateurs (VE4/VE5), and to support their desire for a Central Canada region net.

2) Terms of Reference — the Staff approved the T.O.R. and the EAS modifications, with an addendum of the CAS T.O.R., regarding those items only of interest to the Central Area.

3) The Staff expressed its sorrow on the death of WAS1QU, former RNS-E manager and long-time friend.

4) CAN-E 40-meter frequency — CAS recommended that the CAN-E manager investigate the possibility of a different alternate 40-meter frequency than the current alternate, 7067 kHz.

5) CAS assistance to Section Nets — Suggestions put forth in the matter of section level activities were: a letter from members-at-large to SCMS, SIMS and NMS, explaining CAS objectives, desires to assist, etc.; presentations to conventions, being recognized by convention committees, soliciting invitations to traffic forums; more financial support for St.M efforts to expand section nets, more on-the-air meetings, and CAS and headquarters support for section net newsletters. It was unanimously carried that CAS reaffirm its support of paragraph three, section I, of the NTS staff's T.O.R.

6) The Staff voted unanimous support for the formation of a region level RTTY traffic net to coordinate RTTY traffic interests within the area.

7) The Staff unanimously approved a motion that the ARRL Long-Range Planning Committee consider NTS within its deliberations with support from CAS, in relation to advancements in the communications state-of-the-art — ASCII, OSCAR, packet radio, 2-meter repeater linkups, coherent cw, adaptive filters, spread-spectrum communications, micro/mini computers — and the effect of these advancements on long-range planning for NTS. Staff Matters — W9QLW and W0AM were both re-elected as members-at-large, and KSRG was elected to succeed W9QLW as CAS chairman.

8) Numbered Radiograms — discussions on the new CD-3 encompassed areas such as membership awareness of the forthcoming change, number of minor revisions to date and the need to have a trial or check-out period to eliminate these problems. The Staff unanimously endorsed the new CD-3.

9) Central Area Operational Problems — This item was a major area of CAS concern, centering on CAN-D noncompliance with the NTS restructuring plan approved by the Inter-Area Staff, November 1979. W9QLW initiated the discussion by reviewing the process that led to the adoption of the plan. The ensuing discussion was lengthy. With CAN-D in a pivotal situation to make the plan operational, W5KLV, as manager of CAN-D, agreed to conform to the plan (one session per day at 1430 hours local time). CAS affirmed its total support and offered to assist W5KLV in clearing TCC traffic even if liaison schedules to the evening cycle were required. Pacific Area Staff (PAS) resolution of this problem was urged.

10) Membership Input — The ways and means of enhancing membership involvement with the creation of new NTS policies and procedures was introduced by W5KLV. Discussion followed. It was the opinion of all present that more input should be solicited from NTS members and more lead time allowed before new NTS policies are created or initiated by the communications manager — unanimously approved.

GN MEN NFPN PBTN PEN QFN QFNS SBEN SPARC TPTN (FL), ARES CQVHFTN CONYERS GGN GSN GSSBN GTFCN CVEN (GA), I75M TLOC (IA), IMN (ID/MT), ILN (IL) ICN ITN QIN (IN), KPN KSBN QKS (KS), ADARES BARES KPN KYN PAWN (KY), LAN LRN LSN (LA), EM2MN EMPI EMRIPN EMRISN HHTN NEEPEN WMA WMPN (MA/RI), MEPPN MNN MTN WRIN (MB), MDD (MD), AEN MPNN MPN PTN SGN SPSN (ME), MACS MITN MNN QMN USN (MI), MWXN MSN MSPN MSSN (MN), ACE MEOW NEMOE (MO), APN (MR/NF), MTN (MS), CMN CN CNCTN CNN JFQ M2MEN NCSBPN PCTN THEN (MC), GSFM NHH (NH), JSARS NJN NJPN NJSN NJVN OBTTN UCETN (NJ), NSN (NV), GDN CNYTN ESS HVN NYAPON NYS OGTEEN SDN STAR (NY), BN OSN (OH), AN OFON OLZ ONON OPEN OTWN (OK), OSNE1 CMN LN NBN OLN OPN OSND OSNE2 (ON), BSN JCARES LBARES LBLARES MPCARES OREARES OSN PDXARES PTTN SOFM (OR), ATN EPA EPAPT NWPATMTN PFN PTTN PTTN WPA WPATMTN (PA), WQV/UHF (PQ), SCSSBN (SC), SDEN SDMMN SDN SOW (SD), PWXN RARA SATN SK2MN SPN (KS), TNVHFTN (TN), TEX TSN TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), YLN VV VNTN VSN VSN (VA), WINS (WV/IN), BEN BWN NWTN WIN WNN WBSN (WI), WVN (WY).

- 1 — NET  
2 — SESSIONS  
3 — TRAFFIC  
4 — AVERAGE  
5 — RATE  
6 — % REP.  
7 — % REP. TO AREA NET

### Transcontinental Corps

TCC/c2 certificates were issued to the following in recognition of two years continuous service: W5KLV, WABBF, WAINJ, WBSNKC, WBSNKC, New Certificates were issued to: W4QGG, K5KJN, K5PE, KA5BSN, W5HHK, W9WGD, W9FDB

| Cycle             | 1   | 2    | 3    | 4 | 5    |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|---|------|
| <b>Cycle Two</b>  |     |      |      |   |      |
| TCC Eastern       | 120 | 94.1 | 1035 |   | 514  |
| TCC Central       | 90  | 93.3 | ---  |   | 371  |
| TCC Pacific       |     |      |      |   |      |
| Summary           | 210 | 93.7 | 1035 |   | 885  |
| <b>Cycle Four</b> |     |      |      |   |      |
| TCC Eastern       | 90  | 96.7 | 1285 |   | 422  |
| TCC Central       | 60  | 91.7 | 549  |   | 254  |
| TCC Pacific       | 120 | 83.3 | 1366 |   | 689  |
| Summary           | 270 | 93.9 | 3200 |   | 1406 |

- 1 — AREA  
2 — FUNCTIONS  
3 — % SUCCESSFUL  
4 — TRAFFIC  
5 — OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC

### TCC Roster

The TCC Roster (September) Cycle Two — Eastern Area (N2YL, Director) — W1s GYY X, K1XA, K2PL, N2YL, W2s CQB ZQJ, N3SJ, W3GZU, AK4L, W4JK, WA4CK, WB4PNY, AF8V, K8OZ, W8PMJ, WB8YZ, VE3s ATU CWA GOL, Central Area (W9JUU, Director) — W4QGG, WD4HIF, W5KLV, W5AINJ, W5s NKC, NKD YDD, W5HHK, K5s KJN PE, KA5s AZK BSN, W9s JUJ NXG, W9WGD, W9FDB, Cycle Four — Eastern Area (W4SDQ, Director) — W1s KX NJM, GYY, K1s BA EIR GN SSH XA, WA1ZA, W2s CS FR GKZ, MTA RQ, K2NY, WA2s ICB SPL, W3s FAF PQ, K3s KW NGN, WA3WQP, W4s MEE UQ, K4s BKX KNP YX, KB4N, WB4PNY, N4s KB NK, W6PMJ, WB6WTS, VE3s ATU CWA GOL SB, KB6FR/VE3, Central Area (W5GHP, Director) — N4MD, W4ZJY, W5s RB SBE, K5GM, N5s RB TC, W5s CXY DND NXG, W5s AM HI, K9CW Pacific Area (W5KH, Director) — K5MAT, N5NG, W5s JOV KH, N6s GW PZ, W6s EOT OA SZ VZT, WB6PVH, K7s HLR KSA MC, W7s DZX EP GHT LYA, KA7CPT, KB7JW, WA7GYQ, K0s BN DJ, W0LQ, VE7ZK.

### Independent Nets (September 1980)

|                                 | 1   | 2   | 3    | 4 |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|------|---|
| Amateur Radio Telegraph Society | 30  | 788 | 324  |   |
| Central G.L.I. Coast Hurricane  | 30  | 116 | 2009 |   |
| Clearing House                  | 30  | 135 | 412  |   |
| Early Bird                      | 30  | 632 | 354  |   |
| Empire Slow Speed               | 29  | 73  | 381  |   |
| Hit and Bounce                  | 30  | 345 | 547  |   |
| Hit and Bounce Slow             | 30  | 98  | 288  |   |
| IMRA                            | 26  | 439 | 1052 |   |
| Mission Trail                   | 30  | 221 | 1313 |   |
| North American SSB Traffic      | 26  | 74  | 270  |   |
| Piconet All Day Watch           | 172 | 262 | 2790 |   |
| West Coast Slow Speed           | 30  | 107 | 299  |   |
| 20-Meter ISSB                   | 26  | 434 | 512  |   |
| 75-Meter ISSB                   | 30  | 522 | 921  |   |
| 7290 Traffic                    | 46  | 443 | 2911 |   |

- 1 — NET  
2 — SESSIONS  
3 — TRAFFIC  
4 — CHECK-INS.

### Public Service Honor Roll

#### September 1980

This listing is available to amateurs whose public service performance during the month indicated qualifies

for 60 or more total points in the following nine categories (as reported to their SCM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into cw nets, 1 point each, max. 30; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max. 30; (3) NCS cw nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max. 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max.; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max.; (8) Serving as emergency coordinator or net manager for the entire month, 5 points, max. 5; (9) Participating in a public service event, 5 points, max. 5. This listing is available to Novices and Technicians who achieve a total of 40 or more points.

760 KA9CPA, 220 AF8V, 164 WD4COL, 142 WB2HJU, 140 W9JUU WB3GZU, 138 WB4FVU, 136 WD8LRT, 134 WA4PFK W1GUX, 132 K9P9G, 131 VE3GOL, 126 W2ZQJ, 125 WA25PL, 122 VE3KK WD4HIF WA4C9Y, 121 W5JQV, 118 KA8CPS WB5NKK WD4AWN, 116 K2AK VE3HTL W7LNE, 115 N4ET, 114 AA2H, 113 KA1BJY KA4LNA KC6Z WB2IQJ, 112 KB3DT WB88RY, 111 K2GCE K2VX VE3FGU W2BPUJ WD8NUN, 110 W4MEE, 109 WA2MPV WA2UWA WA4JDH WB2ZCM, 108 AP2L KB5TC, 106 K7GXZ WA1UGJ, 105 KB2HM W4GPL WA4CCK WA4STO WB2TQC, 104 N6AWH WA4SRD WB1HIH, 103 AF400 N2YL WA3PX WA3BFEH, 102 K4SCM W2MTA WA1TBY WB7WOW WD9IUU, 101 AG2R AK1E VE3ATU VE5WM WB0YH W40GG, 100 KY4K WA5RYT, 99 WA8HGH WB2EAG, 98 N9AUG, 97 KA1BTU KA2CTU KA4ASZ KB9IT N5TC W5KLV W6NTN WB5YDD, 96 K4DZM KB5EK W7GHT, 95 K3JSZ KA8EPK W1TN W5DPH W5HMR, 94 K0PZ KATEO W2UEZ W2X W3EGJ W5EUE, 93 KA4GFU N2BNN VE3DPO, 92 WA0TNN WA7MEL WB6PVH WD8KZX W1WF, 91 K3JL WB5TAY N2APB, 90 W0FT W1RWG W4JK WANWM, 89 K4ECS W6XJK WA3WY WB4WYG, 88 W2ACQ, 87 K4EV N5BT WB8JGW WB8MTD, 86 AJ3R K0EZ K1JHC W8VPW WA2ZJP, 85 W2TCA, 84 W9NXG, 83 KB3LF KB5XN N4AXN W2CC WB2IDS WB7TQJ WB9WGD, 82 KA1FE KA3T KB7JW N8ABA WA2KQJ WA4EYU, 81 VE5HG NYAKX 80 KA4BBA VE3GT W9DM, 79 KB4QW K6SL N5RB W1EOF, 78 K6YD W2AHV WA8PIM WB3JYZ, 77 AE2T K7JY K8OZ KF8J N2BXB, 76 W7FJZ WA4EIC, 75 K8BDJZ N4PL W2AET WA8GMT, 74 KA6A W4ANK WD4CQJ, 73 AF1L KA2CLS N3EE N4AZI W8OTF W3BBN W5CZT WA5QFD WA7LGN, 72 KA7AQB W5VMY, 71 N2GR WA1MJE WA2CUW WA2MVO WB1DXR, 70 K4ZN KA2CNN K80MB K8MB N6GW WB3GUR WB5JZP WB7OEX WB8SYA WB9SR WD5GKH, 69 K0SI KB2GT KB4OZ W8GXG WD8KBW, 68 K1BSO K4VHT KA4NXG KN6C W6RNL WA3DUM, 67 AA3B AG9G N6ANL N6WP VE3DUK W4FMM W8UE KC4MM, 66 N3AKC W1TM W4HON W7JMH W9JL WB6QBZ WD8DYW WB8UBR, 65 KA2GQK KA5AVJ KB6FC WA1IG WD9DVA, 64 K5DY W4ODE WA2MFW WA3VIL WD4CNR WD5FLM, 63 KB2KW KB5UL N4BZH WA0TFC WA2EQW WA2SEL WB8WRC, 62 K5TL KA1KP K0T VE3JLL WB3GZV WD6CSL, 61 KA1CGP/T KB6OT N2BDWT N2BKK WD6BMR, 60 VE3BVG W4NOL WB1HGQ WB5MMI WD5DOR WD5DIB WD8QMP, 56 WB2RMTJ WD8ILXT, 55 KA2GTE/IT, 53 KA1CMX/IT, 51 WD5YJ/IT, 50 WD4JTO/IT, 45 KA4IKH/N, 44 W5EAE/N, 43 WA2WULIT 42 WD4CFZ/IT, 41 KA4ADUR/N, 40 N2BGR/IT.

### Brass Pounders League September 1980

BPL Medallions (see April 1979 QST, page 77) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: WA2MVO, N6ANL.

The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and U.S. possessions who report to their SCM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in standard ARRL form.

|        | 1   | 2   | 3    | 4   | 5    | 6 |
|--------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|---|
| W3CUL  | 714 | 901 | 1233 | 49  | 2897 |   |
| W0WYX  | 51  | 889 | 356  | 533 | 1829 |   |
| N8BOP  | 0   | 828 | 284  | 323 | 1433 |   |
| W9JUU  | 16  | 499 | 488  | 24  | 1027 |   |
| AF8V   | 273 | 301 | 252  | 131 | 957  |   |
| WA4JDH | 1   | 487 | 458  | 3   | 949  |   |
| WB3GZU | 59  | 356 | 419  | 39  | 873  |   |
| W7DZX  | 29  | 350 | 349  | 5   | 731  |   |
| KB7JY  | 90  | 240 | 302  | 10  | 642  |   |
| W4MEE  | 5   | 321 | 272  | 21  | 619  |   |
| WD4AWN | 2   | 316 | 282  | 17  | 617  |   |
| W3VR   | 184 | 156 | 261  | 7   | 608  |   |
| VE3GOL | 34  | 230 | 304  | 30  | 588  |   |
| WD4HIF | 4   | 271 | 274  | 26  | 575  |   |
| W7VSE  | 8   | 301 | 221  | 32  | 567  |   |
| WA4PFK | 109 | 179 | 213  | 36  | 537  |   |
| W5KLV  | 2   | 265 | 231  | 18  | 536  |   |
| WA7LGN | 26  | 239 | 264  | 3   | 532  |   |

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:  
W4LX 188 WA4CFI 108  
WA7LGN 138 W3EGJ 105  
K8KMQ 119 WD4COL 105  
N8AUL 115 K4TH 102  
WA8PIM 114 VE3HTL 100  
KA8CPS 111 WA0RWM 100

- 1 — CALL  
2 — ORG.  
3 — RCVD.  
4 — SENT  
5 — DEL.  
6 — TOTAL

### September Reports

|                    | 1                | 2   | 3    | 4    | 5     | 6     | 7 |
|--------------------|------------------|-----|------|------|-------|-------|---|
| <b>Cycle Two</b>   |                  |     |      |      |       |       |   |
| <b>Area Nets</b>   |                  |     |      |      |       |       |   |
| EAN                | 30               | 899 | 29.9 | .755 | 91.7  |       |   |
| CAN                | 30               | 622 | 20.7 | .387 | 78.9  |       |   |
| PAN                | 30               | 301 | 10.3 | .245 | 100.0 |       |   |
| <b>Region Nets</b> |                  |     |      |      |       |       |   |
| 1RN                | 56               | 202 | 3.6  | .285 | 65.0  | 96.7  |   |
| 2RN                | 52               | 204 | 3.9  | .290 | 78.7  | 90.0  |   |
| 3RN                | 55               | 183 | 3.3  | .217 | 78.8  | 76.7  |   |
| 4RN                | 60               | 582 | 9.8  | .370 | 76.4  | 100.0 |   |
| 4NS                | 30               | 293 | 9.8  | .298 | 93.7  | 80.0  |   |
| HN6                | 60               | 378 | 6.3  | .260 | 70.8  | 100.0 |   |
| RN7                | 60               | 480 | 8.0  | .302 | 100.0 | 100.0 |   |
| 8RN                | 60               | 256 | 4.3  | .457 | 62.0  | 90.0  |   |
| 9RN                | 60               | 298 | 4.9  | .241 | ---   | 80.0  |   |
| TEN                |                  |     |      |      |       | 76.7  |   |
| E CN               | 30               | 84  | 2.8  | .266 | 55.6  | 96.7  |   |
| TWN                |                  |     |      |      |       | 100.0 |   |
| <b>TCC</b>         |                  |     |      |      |       |       |   |
| TCC Eastern        | 113 <sup>1</sup> | 514 |      |      |       |       |   |
| TCC Central        | 84 <sup>1</sup>  | 371 |      |      |       |       |   |
| TCC Pacific        |                  |     |      |      |       |       |   |

|                       | 1                | 2      | 3    | 4     |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------|------|-------|
| <b>Cycle Four</b>     |                  |        |      |       |
| <b>Area Nets</b>      |                  |        |      |       |
| EAN                   | 30               | 1649   | 54.9 | 1.337 |
| CAN                   | 30               | 747    | 24.9 | .715  |
| PAN                   | 30               | 1077   | 35.9 | .961  |
| <b>Region Nets</b>    |                  |        |      |       |
| 1RN                   | 60               | 565    | 9.4  | .477  |
| 2RN                   | 60               | 706    | 7.9  | .534  |
| 3RN                   | 60               | 460    | 7.7  | .575  |
| 4RN                   | 60               | 675    | 11.3 | .414  |
| 4NS                   | 60               | 514    | 8.6  | .378  |
| HN6                   | 60               | 633    | 10.6 | .444  |
| RN7                   | 60               | 691    | 11.5 | .947  |
| 8RN                   | 60               | 530    | 8.8  | .400  |
| 9RN                   | 60               | 512    | 8.5  | .395  |
| TEN                   | 60               | 276    | 4.8  | .287  |
| E CN                  | 60               | 390    | 6.5  | .500  |
| TWN                   | 60               | 443    | 7.4  | .297  |
| <b>TCC</b>            |                  |        |      |       |
| TCC Eastern           | 87 <sup>1</sup>  | 422    |      |       |
| TCC Central           | 55 <sup>1</sup>  | 295    |      |       |
| TCC Pacific           | 100 <sup>1</sup> | 689    |      |       |
| Sections <sup>2</sup> | 9486             | 23,989 | 2.5  |       |
| Summary               | 10,830           | 39,534 | 3.7  |       |
| Record                | 6964             | 40,819 | 15.4 |       |

<sup>1</sup>TCC functions not counted as net sessions.  
<sup>2</sup>Section and local nets reporting (205): ABN ACN ASN SSN (AK), AEND AENJ AENM AENS (AL), APN ARN (AR), ATN (AB), SWN (AZ), NCN NCTN SBARESN (CA), CWN HNN (CO/WY), CN CPN RASON WESCON (CT), DEPN DTN (DE), BEN FAT FMSN FMFN FPON FPTN

# Contest Corral

## A Roundup of Upcoming Operating Events



Conducted By Tom Frenaye,\* K1K

### DECEMBER

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**West Coast Qualifying Run** (W6QWP prime, W6ZRJ, alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0500Z Dec. 3 (9 P.M. PST Dec. 2). Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090. 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/endorsement. The complete WIAW schedule appears on page 90 of Oct. QST, or is available for an s.a.s.e. to ARRL.

6-7

**ARRL 160 Meter Contest**, Nov. QST, page 92.

**EA-DX Contest**, phone

**Connecticut QSO Party**, Nov. QST, page 98.

**North Carolina QSO Party**, sponsored by the Alamance ARC, from 1900Z Dec. 6 until 2359Z Dec. 7. Exchange signal report and state/province/country (county for North Carolina (NC) stations). NC stations multiply QSO total by sum of states/provinces/countries for final score. Others multiply NC QSOs by NC counties for final score. NC mobiles multiply score by the number of counties operated from for final total. Suggested frequencies: phone — 3900 7270 14,290 21,390 28,590; cw — 60 kHz from low end; Novice — 3720 7120 21,120 28,120. Mail by Jan. 10, 1981 to Alamance ARC, 2822 Westchester Dr., Burlington, NC 27215.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-40 wpm at 0300Z Dec. 12 (10 P.M. EST Dec. 11). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See December 2 listing for more details.

13-14

**ARRL 10 Meter Contest**, November QST, page 92.

**EA-DX Contest**, cw

**HA DX Contest**

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**Canada Contest**, sponsored by the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation, from 0001Z to 2359Z Dec. 28. 160 through 2 meters, phone and cw combined. Single operator (all band and single band) and multioperator single-transmitter categories. Cw contacts in the cw bands only. Work stations once each band, each mode. Exchange signal report and serial number (VE1 stations also send province). Count 10 points per Canadian QSO, one point for others. Ten bonus points for QSOs with VE stations using TCA or VCA suffix. Multipliers are Canadian provinces/territories per band and mode (VO1/VO2, VE1-NB, VE1-NS, VE1-PEI, VE2, VE3, VE4, VE5, VE6, VE7, VE8, VY1). Final score is QSO points multiplied by multipliers per band and mode. Suggest phone on the even hours (UTC); cw on the odd hours (UTC). Suggested frequencies: phone — 1810 3770 3900 7070 7230 14,150 14,300 21,200 21,400 28,500 50,100 146.52; cw — 1810, 25 kHz from the low end and 50.1 144.1. Postmark entries by Jan. 15, 1981. Send s.a.s.e. for results to CARF, 203-1946 York Ave., Vancouver, BC V6J 1E3 Canada.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 wpm at 1400Z (9 A.M. EST). See Dec. 11 listing for more details.

### JANUARY

Dec. 31-Jan. 1

**ARRL Straight Key Night**, 24-hour period

UTC (from 7 P.M. EST Dec. 31 until 7 P.M. EST Jan. 1). This is a friendly meeting on the air using straight keys. Suggested areas of operation on 80, 40 and 20 meters are 60 to 80 kHz from the lower band edge and 10 kHz from the lower edge of the Novice bands. When participating use SKN instead of RST, preceding the three-digit report, to clue in "passers-by." Following SKN send in a list of the calls of the stations worked plus your vote for the best fist heard during that period (not necessarily one you've worked). This is not a contest; quick contest-type exchanges are discouraged. Vote, too, for the most interesting QSO. Mail your report by Jan. 10 to ARRL.

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**ARRL CD Party**, phone, for ARRL officials and CD appointees. Details in Winter QCD.

**Zero District QSO Party**, sponsored by the Mississippi Valley RC, from 2000Z Jan. 3 until 0200Z Jan. 5. Work Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Brunswick, North Dakota, South Dakota stations once per band and mode, except mobiles each time they change counties. Exchange signal report and ARRL section (plus county for 0 stations). Zeros score by adding ARRL sections, 0-district counties and DXCC countries, multiply by QSOs for final score. Others add 0 states worked plus 0 counties worked, multiply by 0-district QSOs for final score. Suggested frequencies: phone — 3900 7270 14,300 21,370 28,570; cw — 60 kHz from low end; Novice — 3725 7125 21,125 28,125. S.a.s.e. for results. Mail by Feb. 15 to W0SI, 3518 W. Columbia, Davenport, IA 52804.

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**West Coast Qualifying Run**, 0500Z Jan. 7 (9 P.M. PST Jan. 6). See Dec. 2 listing for more details.

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**ARRL CD Party**, cw

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 wpm at 0300Z Jan. 13 (10 P.M. EST January 12). See Dec. 11 listing for more details.

17-18

**ARRL VHF Sweepstakes**, this issue, page 93.

**FRACAP Worldwide Contest**, sponsored by FRACAP (Central America), 24 hours UTC on Jan. 18, phone only. Single operator (all band or single band) only. Work HP HR TG TI YN YS amateurs for five points each; others for one point each. Multiplier is each FRACAP country plus each call area (watch for special prefixes for extra multipliers). Final score is multiplier times QSO points. Certificates for minimum of 20 FRACAP QSOs. Mail entry by Feb. 28 to FRACAP, Box 2412, San Jose, Costa Rica.

**International 160-Meter Phone Contest**, sponsored by 73 Magazine, 48 hours UTC. Single-operator stations operate maximum of 30 hours. Multioperator single-transmitter or single-operator categories. Exchange signal report and state/province/country. Count five points per QSO. Multiplier is 48 states, 13 Canadian provinces and DXCC countries (each country counts three multipliers), except USA and Canada. W/VE stations avoid transmitting in the DX window 1825-1830 kHz. Mail entry by Feb. 21 to Dan Murphy, WA2GZB, Box 195, Andover, NJ 07821.

**QRP Winter Contest**, sponsored by AGCW-DL, from 1500Z Jan. 17 until 1500Z Jan. 18. 160-10 meters, cw only. Categories: Class A — single operator, less than 3.5 W input; Class B — single operator, less than 10 W input; Class C — multioperator, less than 10 W input; Class D — more than 10 W input (work QRP stations only). Class C stations operate full 24 hours; others must take nine-hour break. Exchange signal report, serial number and input power. Count one point for QSOs with your own country, two points your continent, three points for different continent. Multiplier is DXCC countries, plus JA PY VE VK W and ZS call areas, plus one extra multiplier for each DX QSO. Multiply QSO points by multiplier for each band and add band totals for final score. Double your score if

crystal controlled. One IRC for results. Entry must be received by March 2. Send to Siegfried Hari, DK9FN, Spessartstrabe 80, D-6543 Seligenstadt, Federal Republic of Germany. The Michigan QRP Club offers a separate competition in conjunction with AGCW-DL's contest for top scorers. Mail copy of log to Chris Hethorn, WD8RY, Michigan QRP Club, 281 Crescent Dr., Portland, MI 48875.

**QRP ARC SSB QSO Party**, sponsored by QRP ARC International, from 2000Z Jan. 17 until 0200Z Jan. 19. Exchange signal report, state/province/country and power input or QRP number if a member. Count three points for QSOs with QRP ARC members, two points for nonmembers, and four points for non-W/VE QSOs. Score equals QSO points times sum of states/provinces/countries. Multiply score by 1.5 if 25- to 100-watts input; by 2 if 5- to 25-watts, by 3 if 1- to 5-watts; or by 5 if less than 1-watt input. Also, add 100 points if station powered by emergency power, except 300 points if solar or wind powered. Suggested frequencies: 1810 3985 7285 14,285 21,385 28,885 50,385. S.a.s.e. for results. Logs should be received before March 25 by QRP ARC Contest Chairman, Edwin Lappi, WD4LOO, 203 Lynn Dr., Carrboro, NC 27510.

**West Virginia QSO Party**, sponsored by the West Virginia (WV) State Amateur Radio Council, from 1700Z Jan. 17 until 1700Z Jan. 18. Single operator only. Exchange signal report, serial number and country (WV only), state or country. WV stations multiply total by sum of WV countries, states and countries worked. Others multiply WV QSO total by WV countries worked. Multiply score by 1.5 if you run 200 watts or less. Suggested frequencies: phone — 10 kHz from lower edge of General SSB-band; Cw — 35 kHz from low end; Novice — 35 kHz from low end. Repeater contacts are permissible. Mail logs by Feb. 15 to N8AJC, 933 Glen Way, South Charleston, WV 25309.

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**REF Contest (France)**, cw

**CQ 160-Meter Contest**, cw

**Classic Radio Exchange**

**Texas QSO Party**

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**

### FEBRUARY

Jan. 31-Feb. 8

**ARRL Novice Roundup**

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**New Hampshire QSO Party**

**Two-Land QSO Party**

**RSGB 7-MHz Contest**, phone

**North American Sprint**

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**ARRL Frequency Measuring Test**

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**PACC Contest (Netherlands)**

**YL-OM Contest**, phone

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**ARRL International DX Contest**, cw

### MARCH

Feb. 28-March 1

**CQ 160-Meter Contest**, phone

**RSGB 7 MHz Contest**, cw

**YL-OM Contest**, cw

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**ARRL International DX Contest**, phone

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# Section Activities

A-1 OPR ✕ EC ✕ DXCC ✕ RCC ✕ WAS ✕ STM ✕ OES ✕ OTS ✕ NNJ  
SCM ✕ ARES ✕ OVS ✕ SEC ✕ OBS ✕ TCC ✕ OO ✕ NTS ✕ WAC ✕ CP ✕

## CANADIAN DIVISION

**ALBERTA:** SCM, E. Roy Ellis, VE6XG — SEC: VE6XG. NMs: (APSN) V6EAF0 (ATN) V6AABC. The reorganizing of the province into zones that are covered by a 2-meter repeater with an EC in charge is progressing favorably. When completed, a full report will be forwarded to Alberta Disaster Services who requested it. ATN: sessions 30, QNI 172, QTC 20. Traffic: VE6HO 88, VE6ABC 30, VE6AAT 10.

**MANITOBA:** SCM, Peter Guenther, VE4PG — Asst SCM: VE4JP. SEC: VE4TR, STM: VE4RO. NMs: VE4s VJ NM AEJ TE. Once again the guys took care of the annual car rally. Nice work fellows. The cw net is back on a dailyiked again and QNI is already improving on this and other nets. Our congratulations to VE4AG on his appointment as Assistant ARRL Director for Manitoba. VE4ADS is taking on the duties as PR for Western Canada for CRRL. Both are aggressive and have the ability. Nets: MERN QNI 862, QTC 39, sess 30; MTN QNI 94, QTC 37, sess 17; MMN QNI 325, QTC 30, sess 30; WRIN QNI 87, QTC 1, sess 4. Traffic: VE4EJ 37, VE4PG 37, VE4TE 32, VE4JA 31, VE4ADS 15, VE4CR 13, VE4NM 9, VE4AD 8, VE4ID 7, VE4NE 6, VE4XN 6, VE4FK 5, VE4LB 4, VE4AAU 3, VE4LN 3, VE4JP 2.

**MARITIME — NFDL:** SCM, D. R. Welling, VE1WR — ASCM: VO1FG. NMs: VO1JN VE1WF. SEC: VE1EJ. STM: open. Silent Key: VE1YO. He will be sadly missed by all VE1EJ appointed SEC effective October 1, 1980. Congrats VE1OC attended Antique Wireless Convention in Rochester, NY. VO2WL won the SONRA Field Day awards. Congrats VO1FZ new editor of SONRA news. Changes have been announced for WAVO Award. SCM would appreciate being placed on mailing list of all club bulletins. Need info for the column, etc. Need volunteers for various appointments in the section. All queries answered. Have supply of Net Directories for the asking. APN 30 sess, QNI 146, QTC 54, time 328. Traffic: (Sept.) VE1WF 223, VE1CR/RO 75, VE1ZB 3B, VE1XF 27, VE1BMN 15, VE1BXA 10, VE1CH 9, VE1AUL 8, VE1KR 5, VO1AW 4, VE1OC 2. (Aug.) VE1OC 3.

**ONTARIO:** SCM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — A/SCM: VE3GOL. SEC: VE3GV. STM: VE3ATU. NMs: VE3FPI. VE3GFN VE3GNW VE3ISW VE3JK VE3BMG has stepped down as A/SCM with VE3GOL taking over the appointment in order to handle section — Red Cross liaison duties only. VE3ATU becomes the section's new STM. RSO's annual convention was very successful. While there, it was a great pleasure to evaluate some of the section's top traffic handlers such as VE3ATU AWE VE3B CWA CYR DVE GDI and ISW among others. At the same time our new SEC, VE3GV, and a number of ECs were present, such as VE3S DUK GDN HOI IHX ILP IXB and WM. Incoming RSO president is VE3DWH and next year's convention will be hosted by the KWARC. Complete details have appeared in TOA. VE3EFX, whose station was hit by lightning, is very active on OSCAR. New Life Members are VE3S FSN and JTV. The following have been reported as Silent Keys: VE3s AEX and AZV. The CRRL Amateur Radio licensing manual has been very well received — it's in its third reprinting. An Advanced section will be available sometime this month. Peterboro ARC recently received the certificate as top Canadian multi-op station in the ARRL VHF contest. Quinte ARC has established a "Triple H" (help handicapped hams) committee to assist amateurs who are sponsoring, or wish to sponsor, physically limited persons to obtain Amateur Radio status. KB6FR/VE3 new OTS appointee. OLN certificates have gone to VE3s ATU LNN MK4 (XB) and KQO. VE1APY now VE3YA; VE3GEO moved to VE4-Land; VE3IVE is VY1CL; VE3HCM is in Thunder Bay; VE3ISG has moved to Guelph. May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all the section's officials and appointees, to extend our best wishes to everyone everywhere, for a very merry and happy Christmas. Traffic: (Sept.) VE3GOL 598, VE3BK 488, VE3ATU 410, VE3HJ 289, VE3HL 288, VE3GNW 206, VE3DPO 195, VE3GT 155, VE3ISW 144, VE3GNW 116, VE3FGU 95, VE3BB 83, VE3CYR 74, VE3DUK 69, VE3JAG 68, VE3BE 51, VE3BVG 40, VE3EBC 37, VE3DVE 34, VE3EJ 24, VE3EHL 22, VE3KXB 22, VE3FPI 21, VE3AJZ 14, VE3ANJ 13, VE3EWD 13, VE3JFP 13, VE3IXB 12, VE3WM 12, VE3MKJ 8, VE3WG 8, VE3EJF 6. (Aug.) VE3KXB 82, VE3BZB 51, VE3ATU 29, VE3EBC 28, VE3CYR 19, VE3ABG 16.

**QUEBEC:** SCM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP — SEC: VE2DFA. STM: VE2FFE. Few clubs have started code and theory classes with good attendance. With the coming of winter, we should have more traffic activities and more cw traffic handlers are needed. VE2BYW maintenance actil sur 80 metres. La source de VE2RMB obten une permis a plusieurs de se reconvertir. J'ai vu vous annoncer le décès de Marcel VE2ALB. Traffic: VE2BP 71, VE2FFE 27, VE2EC 26, VE2EKC 14.

**SASKATCHEWAN:** SCM, Norm Walther, VE5AE — STM: VE5KC. SEC: VE5VM. NMs: VE5DC, VE5HG, VE5SF, VE5WM. SATN 30 sess, 315 QNI, 22 QTC; SPN 30 sess, 1104 QNI, 43 QTC; SA2N 30 sess, 250 QNI, 1 QTC; RARA 2-M 30 sess, 379 QNI, PWXN 30 sess, 440 QNI. Our sympathy to the family and friends of VE5CJ who recently became a Silent Key. Welcome back to SCM, VE5AE, who returned from north pole country and good DX with the 20-M monobander. Congratulations to VE5HP on being awarded the first Life Membership in SARL for his many years of contributions to Amateur Radio in SK. The RARA Amateur Radio demonstration at the public library was well attended. Traffic: VE5KS 27, VE5WM 24, VE5HG 21, VE5XC 15, VE5KZ 9, VE5NJ 6, VE5BDD 4.

## ATLANTIC DIVISION

**DELAWARE:** SCM, Roger E. Cole, W3DXK — SEC: W3PQ. STM: W3A3VY. PSHR: (Sept.) K3JL 91, W3A3VY 89, W3ADUM 68, N3AKC 66, W3DXK 56. (Aug.) N3AKC 83, W3A3LS and W3AQPX gave an excellent program on repeaters complete with demonstration at the Oct. AWARE Club meeting. W3A3VY wishes to thank all Delaware Net members for cooperation and participation and especially NCS and liaison stations. W3BDPJR 222.40 MHz/224.00 MHz has expanded range and im-

proved quality by raising the antenna. KB3BQ is a patient at Hiddle Hosp. WA3ZBI is running a 2-meter net on SARA repeater 147.075/875 Wed. 9 P.M. local time. DTN: QNI 346, QTC 6. DEPN QNI 54, QTC 5. Traffic: W3PO 190, W3QO 105, N3AKC 56, W3A3VY 54, K3JL 48, W3DKX 45, W3BDUG 39, W3BFCQ 23, W3ADUM 20, AC3T 10, WA3YTB 9, KA3DPR 8, WA3ZBI 7, W3WVD 3, W3FEG 2.

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SCM, Karl W. Pfeil, W3VA — SEC: WA3PZO. STM: WB3JZY

| Net     | Freq | Time         | QNI | QTC | Sess | Mgr.   |
|---------|------|--------------|-----|-----|------|--------|
| EPAEPTN | 3917 | 6 P.M. Dy    | 472 | 183 | 30   | AJ3R   |
| EPA     | 3610 | 7:10 P.M. Dy | 509 | 294 | 59   | AA3B   |
| PFN     | 3956 | 5 P.M. M-S   | 253 | 262 | 26   | WA3WQP |
| PTTN    | 3510 | 6:30 P.M. Dy | 263 | 100 | 30   | AG3R   |

Local and vhf nets reporting: ATN LVN WB3JOC/R total QNI 198, QTC 70, sess 25. QBS reports: W3TI W3AVJ WB3FVJ WB3CAI WB3JZY W3ID K3EBZ 0D reports: K3KEK W3GVR W3FAF. OVS reports: W3GQA KA3DZD WB3AZE. PSHR reports: WA3VIL K3RHI W3DP WB3FEH K3YD N3AZT K3BFL K3J5Z WA3WQP A3C W3ID WB3GUR AJ3R WB3GZV A3B WB3GDE WB3JZY KA3DZD. New appointments: AF3Z N3AZT and N3BDC to OTS; W3EEK Dist 3, WB3CUF Dist 7, and KA3DZD Dist 10 to DEC. KA3DZD upgraded to Gen. K3SIO now KB3LR. New officers for Schuykill Amateur Repeater Assn: W3EEK, pres.; K3KVK, vice pres.; WB3FVJ, secy.; WA3LOK, treas.; K3SLJ. PR New gear dept: WB3FEI tri-band beam: K3YD a TS520; KA3A new TS830; WB3FYT a IC-2A; WB3FKP new TS120 using battery power. KB3LF & N3BEH experiencing RFI gremlins. WA3CAK working on cw DXCC. PTTN welcomes WA3EHD WB3EFL and N3AZT. EPAEPTN welcomes K3QXC KA3DZD N3AVZ WB3HTW and W3YVZ. Murgas, K3TTL, and Hazdon gals were active on vhf for Franklin/Jilligan County. K3BAO attending school at State College. KA3AQF has WAC and WAS. WA3WQP/3 experiencing ant problems. Murgas ARC recently celebrated 75th anniversary of demonstration of wireless communication between Wilkes Barre and Scranton by Father Joseph Murgas, inventor. WA3VIL enjoying cw on PTTN. WB3FPL reports Reading ARC supplied communications for 5 foot races this past summer and local groups turning to hams for almost all events in Berks County area. K3J5Z enjoyed operating in the PA OSO Party. W3EU all set for winter with antennas pruned, tubes tested and kept oiled up. K3QXC and W3GVR reports for first time. The vhf net in Phila. Area, WB3JOC/R 148.00 A3C reports need call sign for Red Rose ptr is W3EUP/R and that Lancaster County has over 50 ARES members. W3ID QRL grading and planting grass, no new antenna yet. WB3CAI making lots of noise on nets with new antenna. W3KEK working on antennas. WA3EHD reports Warminster ARC has new ant for 147.69/09 repeater and new home brew repeater to be completed shortly. AA3B reports Penn Wireless Assn planning a club station. W3FAF trying lv on 160. WB3GDE glad to be back on nets again. All local and vhf nets are invited to send traffic totals and news items to this office. Traffic: W3AVJ 258, KB3LF 223, K3J5Z 203, W3FAF 149, AA3B 128, WB3FEH 128, WB3GUR 118, N3CD 108, W3BI 104, WB3JZY 96, WA3WQP 94, AJ3R 90, WB3GZV 85, W3VA 79, WA3EHD 51, K3EIP 48, W3ADE 47, W3ID 40, WB3CUF 39, N3BFL 37, W3DP 31, N3AZT 30, WA3VIL 30, AF3Z 23, WB3KPH 20, W3CL 19, WB3FVJ 18, WA3OFD 16, WA3CKA 15, K3YD 14, N3BHF 10, WB3CAI 10, W3IPX 9, K3NB 8, W3BNR 7, K3RHI 6, K3EBZ 4, K3NGN 3, K3QXC 2, WB3AZE 1, AA3C 1, KA3DZD 1.

**MARYLAND — DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** SCM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — WA3TAI is our SEC. FAR's

Gaithersburg Hamfest a big success with more sellers and rich buyers! W3ECN was there. W3CDO liked the old radio gear at the Antique Wireless conference. W3ZNV is singled out as a most consistent reporter especially of ARES. KA3T has been NCS of both ssb and cw nets. He has in W3A3VY had an "SBA" and Hui-chang Charlie W3JPT spent a quiet month on the radio, but made many business trips. WB3LTA WA3BMM and KA3DXZ are deputies to RO WA3UQF, helping him do the job for Montgomery County RACES. They sponsored a successful Nat. WX Service training program. W3CVE is conducting a radio survey of SOWP members. Everybody's traffic count is going up. KB3AP has 128 confirmed for DXCC. WA3BPC is the 1980 BARC proxy. N3AGM reported the amateur help for the annual crop walk in Frederick was supplied by WA3LFD WB3WFO W3FOA AR3W WA3GQU WB3FWE W3UCT and N3AGM. In Myersville by WB3DSF WB3HWH KB3EJ. K3GCP WA3SC. W5JVA WA3WU and WB3FV W3WNV provided the telephone link. BARC will be full bore in the SET. W3FZY keeps MDC in the QSO parties. AK3X is making some improvements. W3EAX U of Md., is showing new signs of life with KA3T activity there. W3LDD has been helping the daytime traffic nets. WB3CSE maintains his regular MERN NCS job. W3DQI will not give up on the outside grilling! WB3GZU's fall and winter schedule permit him to visit statewide. N4DR is helping with liaison on both the ssb and cw nets. KA3ESC is the new editor of the Ham Arundel News. So. MD. ARC has an Octoberfest planned. Goddard ARC is publishing a news sheet and the FAR minutes were received. Thank you. With the nets: Netmanager, sessions/traffic/ONL average: WR. POW/W3P 22/34/17, MDC. POW/W3OY 4/1/22. PON meets on 3905 kHz every Sunday at 5:15 P.M. local. MERN/WB3GZU 31/125/25 1. Toppers KA3ARRH and WB3GZU. Others W3ADQ N3AGM W3DKX WA3JHW and WA2YFM. MERN meets daily at 6 P.M. on 3920 kHz. MDD/W3PQ 60/27/18.8 Top Brass W3FA and WB3GZU. MDD meets daily 7 and 10 P.M. local on 3643 kHz. Traffic: WB3GZU 873, W3CVE 295, W3FA 235, KA3T 87, W3EAX 37, K3LDD 31, W3FZV 28, AK3X 26, W3DQI 25, N4DR 21, W3ECN 14, WB3JRW 14, W3ZNV 6, KB3AP 4, WB3CES 2, KA3DXZ 2, WB3LTA 2.

**SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SCM, Bill Luebke, WB2LCC —

September was a slow month. Traffic totals and participation were generally down. Work did progress on the SNJ/NNJ two-meter linking scheme, with testing being done between several SNJ stations and NNJ repeaters. The path is generally a good one, and no major problems are expected in propagating a 144 signal over this distance. The computer that will control the SNJ terminus of the linked repeater system was installed and promptly removed when it was discovered that the 24 conductor interface cable had the plug at one end wired backwards!! We goofed, but expect to make another try shortly. The COSMAC based system will allow us to link with up to three other repeaters, as well as handle up to four remote inputs. This, in addition to the basic repeater operation, autopatch, clock, remote functions, fully redundant control circuitry and three modes of backup power. Provisions have been made for future modifications to permit telemetry of repeater vitals, voting of the inputs and several other features. We expect to shortly have a complete backup repeater installed with a separate duplexer and antenna, which will mean that our emergency capability is backed up in EVERY way!!! Traffic: WB2JQJ 342, AA2H 138, WB2LCC 69, WA2DNW 68, WA2CUW 51, KC2A 43, KA2GE 42, K2YBN 28, KB2OE 22, K2UL 20, WA2WUL 16, KF2U 12, N2AEP 11, W2ZO 11.

**WESTERN NEW YORK:** SCM, Lonnie J. Keller, WA2AOG — STM: W2MTA. SEC: W2BCH. Net data for Sept. (all P.M. local times):


| Net     | Freq  | Time  | QNI | QSP | Sess. | Mgr.   |
|---------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| NYS (e) | 3877  | 7:00  | 527 | 244 | 30    | W2ZOJ  |
| NYS (f) | 3677  | 10:00 | 387 | 219 | 30    | W2ZOJ  |
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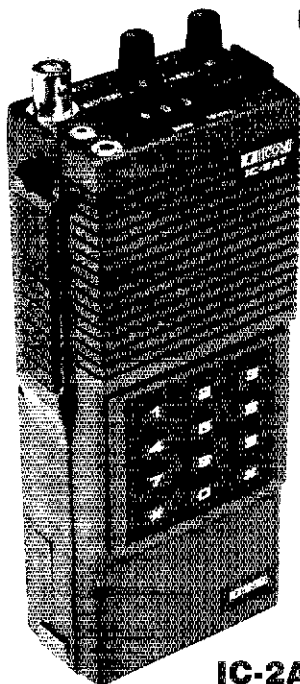
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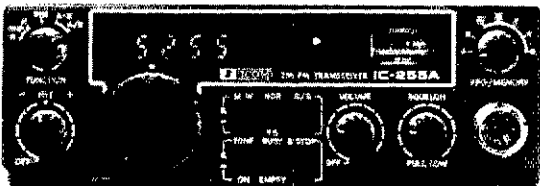


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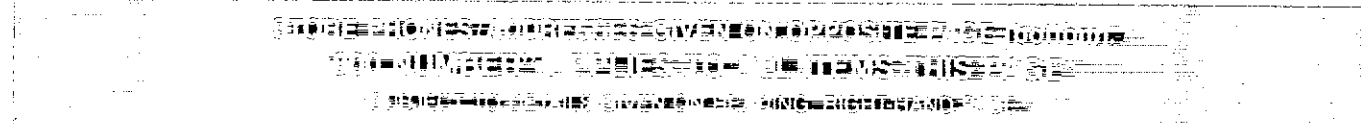
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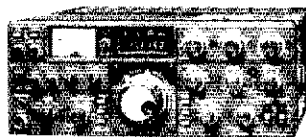
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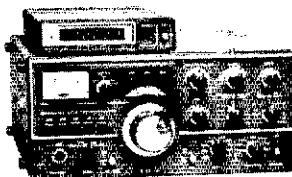


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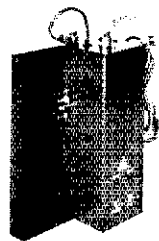
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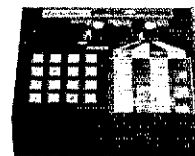
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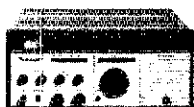


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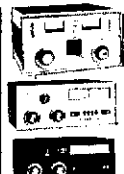
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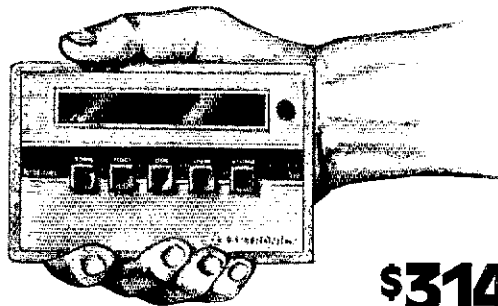
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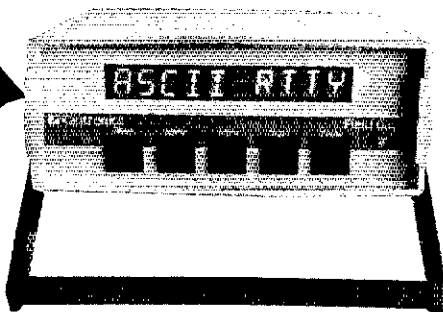
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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SCM, Otto L. Schuler, K3SMB — ASCM: N3FM SEC: WA3JBO DFC: WB3JDI STM: N3EE. Nms: W3NEM W3MML WA3PXA.

| Net      | Sess. | QNT | OTC | KHz      | Time/Day |
|----------|-------|-----|-----|----------|----------|
| WPACW    | 30    | 305 | 131 | 3585     | 7:00PD   |
| WPAPT    | 30    | 437 | 142 | 3983     | 8:15PD   |
| WPA2MTN  | 30    | 618 | 90  | 146.28/8 | 8:00D    |
| NWPA2MTN | 26    | 252 | 10  | 146.04/4 | 9:30PD   |

The annual WPA Section meeting at Cook Forrest was well attended by members of the nets in the section. ARES also was represented; WA3JBO and WB3JDI among those attending. The SEC and our first DEC, WB3JDI, will be our liaison in the northern counties of the section. We hope to have two more DEC's: one in the central and one for the southern part of the section. Finally was able to travel Eric, Lower Burrell, Oil City, Butler and Cook Forrest to meet with net and ARES members in the different areas. I also answered many questions about the NTS and ARES. Steel City Officers for 1980 are: K3RYA, pres.; W3JUH, vice pres.; WB3DOV, treas.; WA3FY, sec. secy.; W3JUL, corr. secy.; W3SVJ, trustee. WA3YAI in Brazil & WB3HJD is living in W2-land. W3KWH has achieved its WAS on 50 MHz. Upgrades: KA3CUO & WB3GXF to Advanced, KA3FKK to General, WB3GXF to Technician and a new Novice KA3ETC, congrats. to all. Some bad news, I'll be SCM for two more years and hope I can do a good job and keep the section up in operations. Traffic: W3EGJ 270, KB3DT 219, WA3PXA 183, W3AS 140, N3EE 138, N3FM 116, N3WS 95, W3SMV 82, AC3N 78, K3CR 66, W3KUN 44, W3MMU 41, K3SMB 48, W3KMZ 40, W3NGD 37, WA3JUN 34, WB3GUK 33, W3TDW 32, W3RUL 17, W3JDI 16, K3HCF 15, WB3JGD 15, W3UHL 15, W3SN 14, KA3BGC 13, WB3IAB 11, K3VQV 8, K4HWL 4, N3KB 4, AB3X 4, AF3E 2, W3LOD 1.

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**ILLINOIS:** SCM, Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN — Asst. SCM: W9RYU SEC: W9OBH Nms: WA9KFK and WB9JSR. Cook County EC: W9HPG.

| Net       | Freq.    | Times/Days    | Tlc. | Sess.  |
|-----------|----------|---------------|------|--------|
| ILN       | 3690     | 0030/0400 Dy  | 257  | 60     |
| Ill Phone | 3915     | 2130 Dy       | no   | report |
| ICPN      | 3915     | 1200/1700 M-S | 77   | 27     |
| ICN       | 3940     | 1400 Su       | 19   | 4      |
| W9VEY     | 2 meters |               | 12   | 30     |
| Mem Stn.  |          |               |      |        |

N9TN took the coveted QLF trophy of the ILN home from the Peoria meeting of that net. WB9PUK is now an Extra with call of KB9X. The Lincoln, Illinois repeater has been on the air for short testing and should be permanently on the air now. WB9VLW reports that the Streator Emergency Net provided communications for the horse show, the 20 mile Walkathon, the 10000-meter Run for Fun and the 30 mile Bike-a-thon. W9LNQ has received his 5 Band WAS certificate. The 9th Region Daytime Net had a message count during 60 sessions and Illinois participation was 100% with W9NKG, WB9WGD, W9FDB and W9JUL participating. The Danville Hamfest, the Rockford Hamfest, Radio Expo, Peoria Hamfest and the Sangamon Valley Radio Club Hamfest at New Berlin were well attended. The Southern Illinois University Amateur Radio Club station, W9UIH/repeater W9AKT, is on 146.13/73 and is located on top of the 17-story Smith Towers. The faculty advisor is W9CJW. They operate Slow Scan TV and teletype. The CAND had 622 messages during 30 sessions and Illinois had a 100% participation with stations W9JUL, W9NKG, WB9WGD and WB9FDB. New call heard was KA9IYY, 1L of N9AMY. WB9FOP has a new 16 element on 432 MHz at 70 ft and 16 element on 144 MHz at 65 ft and a 11 element on a 30 ft boom, 50 MHz. Lorraine Emergency ARG has named W9YS its first honorary member. He holds the oldest amateur license in McDonough County and was originally licensed as 9YS. The Great Lakes NTC Amateur Radio Club station (K9NGH) is back on the air on 80-10 and 2-mtr. Contact WB9MII for details, WB9MII is back at Great Lakes after an absence of 4 years in W6-Land. K9EID is the author of Ten Meter FM Handbook, a new publication available from him at P.O. Box 26, Marissa, IL 62557. KA9E, PI upgraded to Technician. The Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs will hold their WCRA Hamfest on January 25, 1981. New officers of the Illinois Repeater System, Inc. are WB9AFB, WB9YLO, W9FBC, K9AJ, W99YJ, and W99YJE. KA9GAN now N9BWW. Yandals struck the Macdon County repeater (147.10/70) and after repairs, it is running on low power. N9ANP has been named editor of the Hamfesters publication, Ham Gab. The Rockford Amateur Radio Association provided communications for the Blackhawk Area Council Annual Explorer Gance Derby. Traffic: (Sept.) W9NKG 356, WB9WGD 267, K9PNG 225, W9JUL 191, W9FDB 135, KB9X 98, WB9JSH 94, WA9KFK 70, W9OK 69, K9EEA 68, KN9RAM 46, W9LNQ 46, W9HOT 38, KA9ALR 34, W9HBI 34, W9TLU 33, W4IZI 27, K9BE 25, W9KR 22, W9PRN 20, K9SW 15, W9DHF 9, WA9ACN 8, N9TN 7, K9HVS 3, W9EDQ 3, AA9RC 1, (Aug.) K9SW 20.

**INDIANA:** SCM, Bruce Woodward, W9UMH — SEC: W9JMU. STM: W9JUL Nms: ITN W9QYI QIN W9GKW ICN N9AEI VHF W9PMT IPN W9DLF. September net reports:

| Net  | Freq. | Time/UTC/Daily | QNT  | OTC | Sess. |
|------|-------|----------------|------|-----|-------|
| ITN  | 3910  | 1330/2300      | 2273 | 321 | 60    |
| QIN  | 3656  | 1430/100/1400  | 837  | 431 | 90    |
| ICN  | 3708  | 0014           | 97   | 21  | 29    |
| IPN  | 3910  | 2130           | 1278 | 148 | 30    |
| IPON | 3910  | 1300           | 104  | 0   | 4     |

VHF nets report for September: QNT 4865, QTC 226, Bulletins 18, Time 4864 for 19 nets, Indiana, 100% for September. D9RN stations: W9JUL K9CGS W9QLW W9JRC W9JUL 100%. 9RN stations: W9E1 W9GKW N9HZ W9JUL W9AOCF W9W W9TK W9XK W9JYU W9B9J N9AEI N9PS K9WVJ. 100% CAND stations: W9QLW W9JUL K9CGS W9DLF. EC reports: W9CWI W9JUL W9TIZ W9MU; W9BEKA KB9JK W9WVB W99VW W9DVA, Lightning Bolts: W9OGH W9RAXA W9JMU. Appointments: OTS W9WEI OBS K9SBW EC K9BLK Clay County. Silent Keys in September: K9FOV W9JSV W9KYQ. My apology to these Silent Keys who have not been listed in this column or in QST: W9ACW W9AMH W9NFK W9GTL W9ORN W9PWF K9OFU W9UHV. Thanks to these stations that made the Indiana Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. Indiana Race a success: W9ZPL W9BORM W9RTH N9AST KB9IT W9WEI W9CLY W9UKG W9NJU W9GFL K9YEW K9WU

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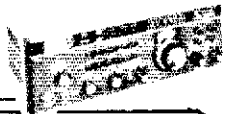
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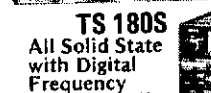
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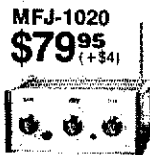
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MFJ-304 **\$59<sup>95</sup>**  
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Another MFJ "first," these low cost mobile SWL converters provide new excitement and variety for your driving/listening pleasure.

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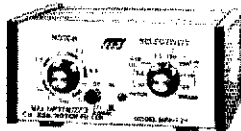
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measures just 5¼W x 1¼H x 4"D to fit anywhere in your vehicle (the 8-band version is just 1" wider and 1" deeper). Two dual-gate MOSFETS give these converters excellent sensitivity and selectivity when combined with your automotive receiver.

**Easy to use, easy to install.** Push a converter button to choose the band, tune in stations with your regular car radio. To install, just plug the car antenna into the converter and insert the converter cable into your car radio antenna jack; connect the power lead to 12 VDC.

**Listen to the world on the road.** Get the new MFJ mobile SWL converters — "World Explorers I & II."

### NEW MFJ Active CW/SSB/Notch Filters



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**Enjoy pleasant listening and improved readability** with one of these new MFJ filters.

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**Air Cooled, non-inductive 50-ohm resistors** in perforated metal housings with SO-239

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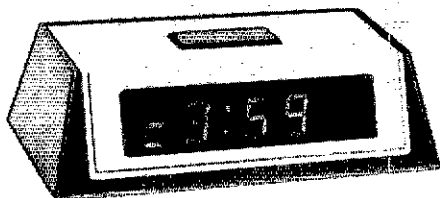
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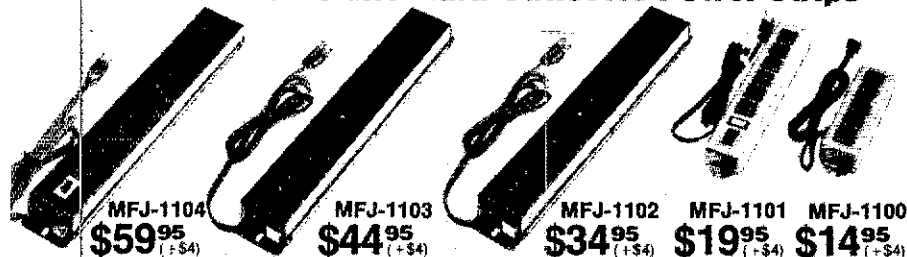
### NEW MFJ VHF SWR/ Wattmeter/Field Strength Meters



MFJ-812 \$29<sup>95</sup> (+\$4) MFJ-810 \$24<sup>95</sup> (+\$4)

New low cost VHF operating aids. MFJ-812: Reads SWR from 14-170 MHz to keep you informed about antenna/feedlines. SO-239 coax conn. Reads forward & reflected power at 2 Meters (144-148 MHz) 2 scales (30 & 300W). Reads field strength levels from 1-170 MHz. Binding posts provided for antenna. Easy push-button switch operation. MFJ-810, similar less field strength function.

### Five NEW MFJ Deluxe Multi-Outlet AC Power Strips



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Deluxe heavy-gauge .063 aluminum case, finished in black, has easy mounting slots. Measures 18"Lx2 3/4"Wx1 3/8"H. MFJ-1103, similar but 12 sockets (2 unswitched), one RFI filter for all. MFJ-1102, similar to 1103 but no RFI filter. MFJ-1101: 6 sockets, all 3-prong type. Fuse protected, 15A, 125VAC. On-off switch. Lighted "On" indicator. 3-wire 6' power cord. Steel case, finished in gray hammer-tone, has mounting slots. measures 13 1/2"L x 2 3/8"Wx1 1/2"H. MFJ-1100, similar to 1101 but 5 sockets, less switch, light, and is 8 1/2"L.

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### NEW MFJ Compact 3 KW Antenna Tuner Has Roller Inductor



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3 KW PEP — the power rating you won't outgrow. (250 pf-6K V caps). Roller inductor with a 3-digit turns counter plus a spinner knob for precise inductance control to get that SWR down to minimum every time. Built-in 300 watt, 50 ohm dummy load. Built-in 4:1 ferrite balun. Built-in lighted 2% meter reads SWR plus forward and reflected power in 2 ranges (200 & 2000 w). 6-position antenna switch (2 coax lines, through tuner or direct, random/balanced line or dummy load). SO-239 coax conn., ceramic feed-throughs, binding post ground. Deluxe aluminum low-profile cabinet with sub chassis for RFI protection, black finish, black panel with raised letters; tilt bail; requires 12 VDC for meter light.

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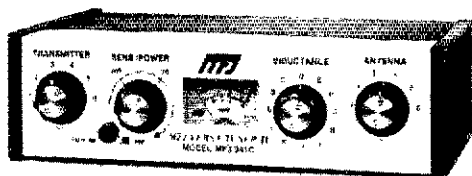
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## MFJ 941C Versa Tuner II

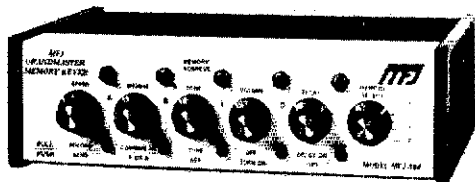


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**Fastest selling MFJ tuner . . .** because it has the most wanted features at the best price. **SWR + dual range wattmeter** (300 & 30 watts full scale, forward and reflected power). **Sensitive meter** measures SWR down to 5 watts output. **More flexible antenna switch** selects 2 coax lines, direct or through tuner, random wire/balanced line, or tuner bypass for dummy load. **12 position efficient airwound inductor** for lower losses, more watts out.

**Built-in 4:1 balun** for balanced lines. 1000v capacitor spacing. **Matches everything** from 160-10 meters: dipoles, inverted vees, random wires, verticals, mobile whips, beams, balanced and coax lines. **Easy to use, anywhere.** Measures 8x2x6", has SO-239 connectors, 5-way binding posts, finished in eggshell white with walnut-grained sides. **MFJ-945, \$79.95**, like model 941C but less ant. switch. Optional mobile bracket for either model is \$3.

## MFJ 484 "Grandmaster" Memory Keyer

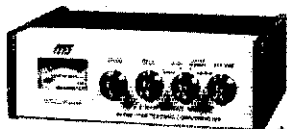


MFJ-484  
\$139<sup>95</sup>  
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**Up to twelve 25 character messages plus 100, 75, 50 or 25 ch. messages** (4096 bits). **Repeat any message continuously or with pauses** of up to 2 min. LEDs show use. **Record, playback, or change messages instantly** at touch of a button. Memories are resettable with button or touch of the paddle. **Built-in memory saver** — 9 V battery takes over when power is lost. **Iambic operation** with squeeze key. Dot-dash insertion. Optional BENCHER paddle \$42.95 + \$4. **Dot-Dash memories**, self-completing, jam-proof spacing, instant start.

**Panell controls:** Speed (8-50wpm)/Record; Weight/Memories Combined; Tone/Tune; Delay (0-2 min.)/Repeat; rotary Vol/On-Off; Memory Select; Message Buttons select desired 25 ch. messages; Memory Reset button. **Ultra reliable solid state keying:** grid block, cathode, solid state transmitters (-300 V, 10 mA max; +300 V, 100 mA max). Operates 12-15 VDC or 110 VAC with optional adapter, \$7.95 + \$2. Size 8x2x6". **MFJ-482, \$99.95**, four 25 or 50 + two 25 ch. messages; **MFJ-481, \$89.95**, two 50 ch. messages. **Get the best seller keyers-MFJ "Grandmasters."**

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**Dual filters** give unmatched performance. **The primary filter** lets you *peak, notch, low pass or high pass* with extra steep skirts. **Auxiliary filter;** 70 dB notch, 40 Hz peak. **Both filters tune from 300 to 3000 Hz** with variable bandwidth from 40 Hz to nearly flat. **Constant output** as bandwidth is varied; linear frequency control. **Switchable noise limiter** for impulse noise. **Simulated stereo sound** for CW lets ears and mind reject QRM. **Inputs for 2 rigs,** switch selectable. Plugs into phone jack. Two watts for speaker. OFF bypasses filter. 9-18 VDC, 300 mA or 110 VAC with optional adapter \$7.95 + \$2. 10x2 x6". **MFJ 751, \$69.95**, similar, primary filter only, less high pass & noise limiter.

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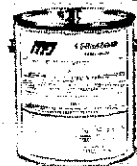
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## 300 Watt Antenna Tuner



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**Does it all!** Built-in dummy load, SWR, forward and reflected power meter, antenna switch, balun, matches everything from 1.8-30 MHz (coax, random wires, balanced lines), coax conn., binding post, 10x3x7".

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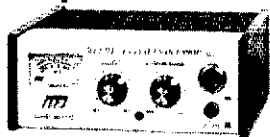
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MFJ-525 RF Speech Processor gives you up to 4 times more average SSB power on all bands. Powerful, natural sounding speech punches through QRM and DX piles ups. A true RF processor, the 525 works with any rig, any mic. No internal connections needed. Two color VU meter aids in setting clipping. Full controls: clipping level, output level, On-Off/Bypass switch, LED indicator. Shielded cable with PTT line, 4-pin mic. jack & plug, RFI protected. 12-18 VDC

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MFJ-250 1 kW load with oil only \$29.95! Rated 1 kW CW or 2 kW PEP for 10 min., half ratings for 20 min., cont. at 200 W CW,

400 W PEP. VSWR under 1.2:1 to 30 MHz; 1.5:1 to 300 MHz. 7 1/2" h x 6 3/8" diam. New MFJ "Dry" Loads. Air cooled 50 ohm non-inductive resistors in perforated metal housings; rated full load for 30 seconds, de-rating curves to 5 min. inc. Low VSWR: MFJ-260 (300W) 1.1:1 to 30 MHz, 1.5:1 to 160 MHz; 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 x 7"; MFJ-262 (1kW) 1.5:1 to 30 MHz. 3x3x13"

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MFJ-624 Telepatch II hybrid phone patch with unmatched performance and quality.

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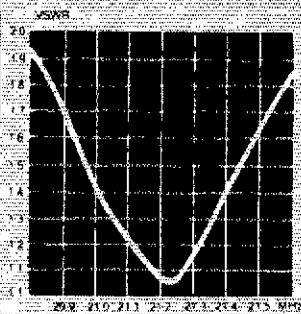
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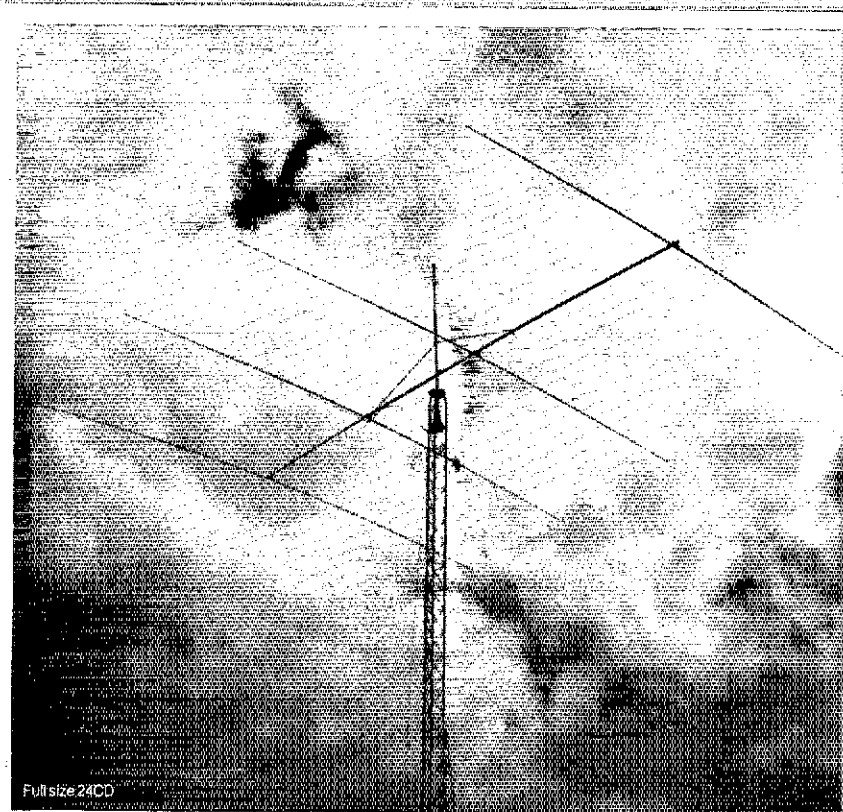
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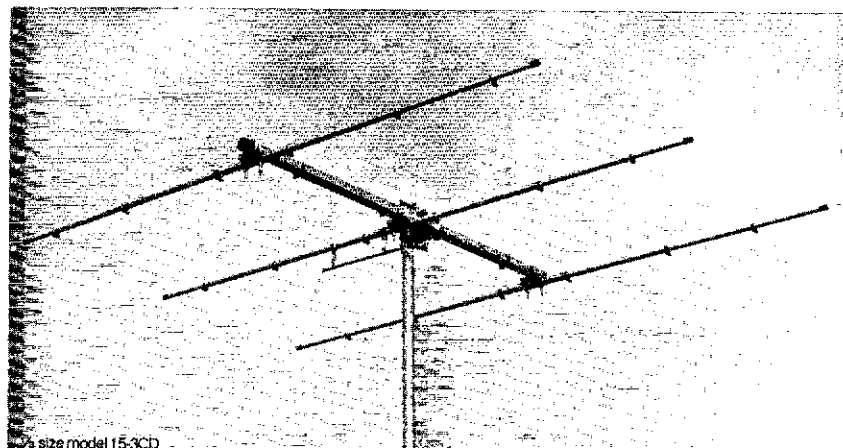
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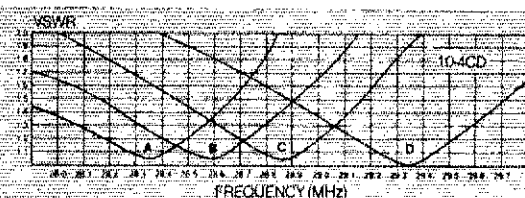
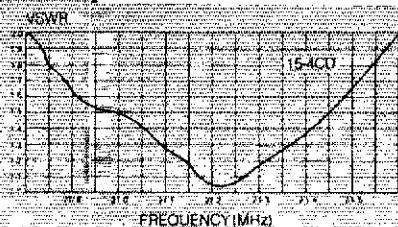
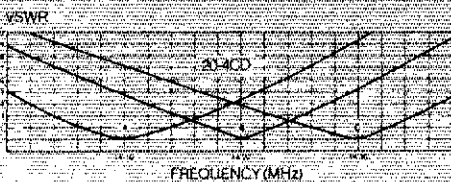
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| Frequency range (MHz)       | 14.0-14.35                | 14.0-14.35                | 21.0-21.45              | 21.0-21.45                | 28.0-29.7                 | 28.0-29.7                 |
| Forward gain (dBd)          |                           |                           |                         |                           |                           |                           |
| Front to back ratio (dB)    |                           |                           |                         |                           |                           |                           |
| Boom length (ft) (m)        | 32 (9.75)                 | 18 (5.49)                 | 20 (6.10)               | 14 (4.27)                 | 17 (5.18)                 | 12 (3.66)                 |
| Boom dia. (in) (cm)         | 2 1/2" - 1 1/2" (5.4-4.8) | 2 1/4" - 1 1/2" (5.4-4.8) | 2" - 1 1/2" (5.1-4.1)   | 1 1/2" - 1 1/2" (4.8-4.1) | 1 1/2" - 1 1/2" (4.4-3.8) | 1 1/2" - 1 1/2" (4.1-3.8) |
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| E-plane B/wth (deg)         | 60                        | 56                        | 67                      | 56                        | 57                        | 56                        |
| Side lobe attenuation (dB)  | 40                        | 40                        | 40                      | 40                        | 40                        | 40                        |
| 1.5:1 VSWR Bandwidth (KHz)  | 300                       | 800                       | 500                     | 500                       | 600                       | 700                       |
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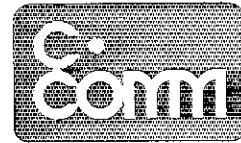
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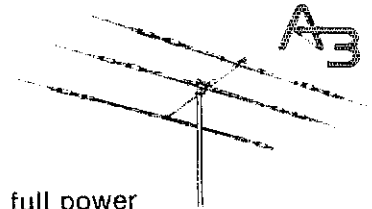
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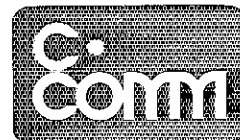
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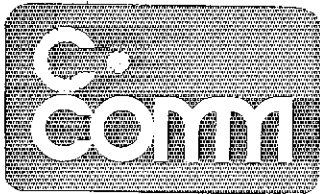
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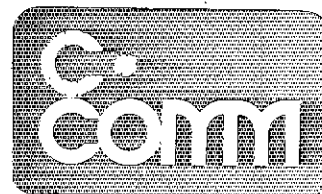
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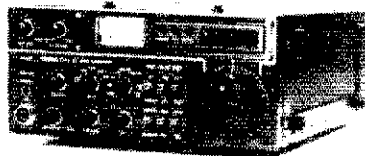
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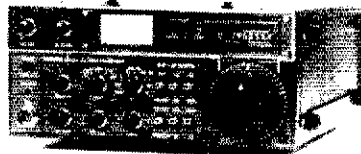
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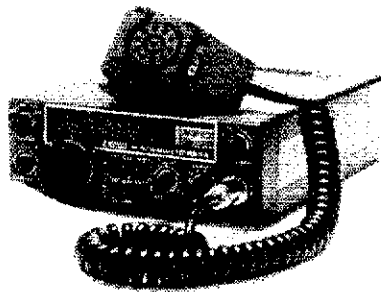


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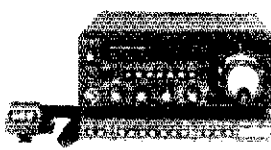
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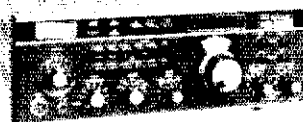


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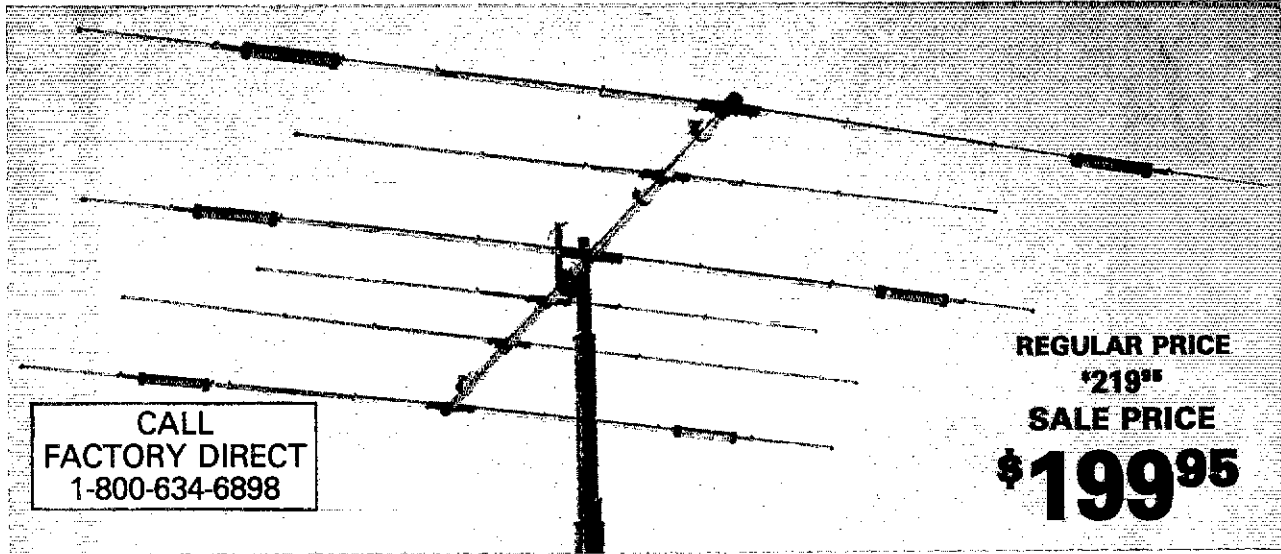


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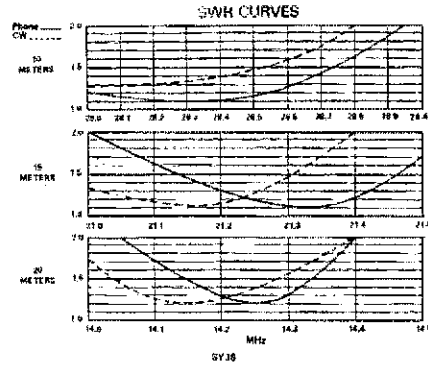
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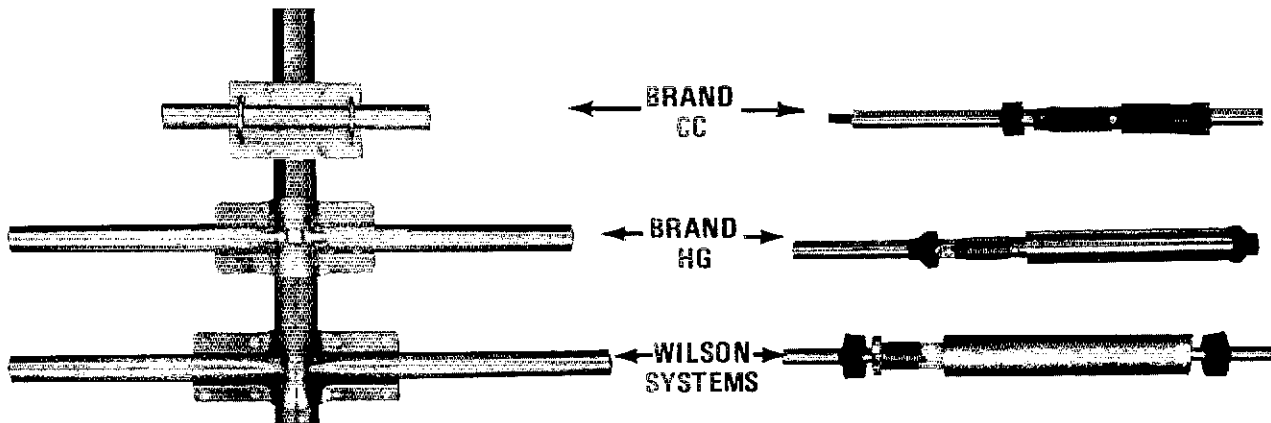
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- Impedance ..... 50 ohm
- F/B Ratio ..... Call Factory
- Boom (O.D. x Length) ..... 2" x 24' 2 1/4"
- No. of Elements ..... 6
- Longest Element ..... 28' 2 1/4"
- Turning Radius ..... 18' 6"
- Maximum Mast Diameter ..... 2"
- Surface Area ..... 8.6 sq. ft.
- Matching Method ..... Beta
- Wind Loading @ 80 mph ..... 215 lbs.
- Maximum Wind Survival ..... 100 mph
- Feed Method ..... Balun (Supplied)
- Assembled Weight (approx.) ..... 53 lbs.
- Shipping Weight (approx.) ..... 62 lbs.

## Compare the SY-36 & SY-33 with others...



Compare the size and strength of the boom to element clamps. See who offers the largest and heaviest duty. Which would you prefer?

Wilson Systems traps offer a larger diameter trap coil and a larger outside housing, giving excellent Q and power capabilities.

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# WILSON SYSTEMS TOWERS

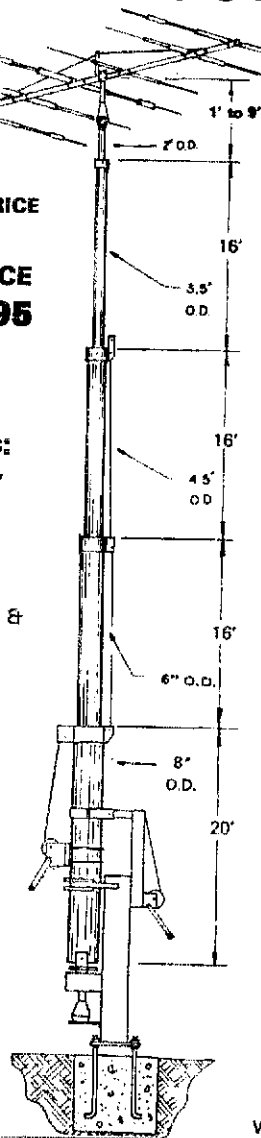
— FACTORY CHRISTMAS SALE —

REGULAR PRICE  
**\$1104<sup>95</sup>**  
SALE PRICE  
**\$994<sup>95</sup>**

## ST-77B

### Features:

Max. Height: 77'  
Min. Height: 24'  
Weight: 700 lbs.  
Winch: 1500 lbs.  
Cable: 6400 lbs.  
Requires RB-77B & will be totally freestanding



| WIND LOADING |        |         |                                     |
|--------------|--------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Tower        | Height | Sq. Ft. |                                     |
| ST-77B       | 69     | 18      | Square Footage Based on 50 MPH Wind |
|              | 77     | 30      |                                     |
| MT-61B       | 53     | 18      |                                     |
|              | 61     | 12      |                                     |
| TT-45B       | 37     | 18      |                                     |
|              | 45     | 12      |                                     |

REGULAR PRICE  
**\$619<sup>95</sup>**  
SALE PRICE  
**\$579<sup>95</sup>**

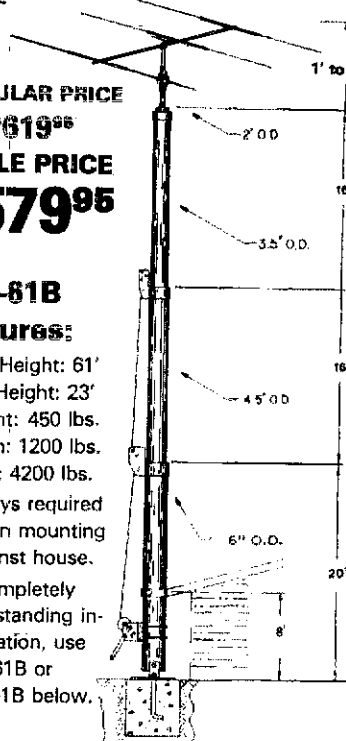
## MT-61B

### Features:

Max. Height: 61'  
Min. Height: 23'  
Weight: 450 lbs.  
Winch: 1200 lbs.  
Cable: 4200 lbs.

No Guys required when mounting against house.

For completely freestanding installation, use RB-61B or FB-61B below.



REGULAR PRICE  
**\$395<sup>95</sup>**  
SALE PRICE  
**\$349<sup>95</sup>**

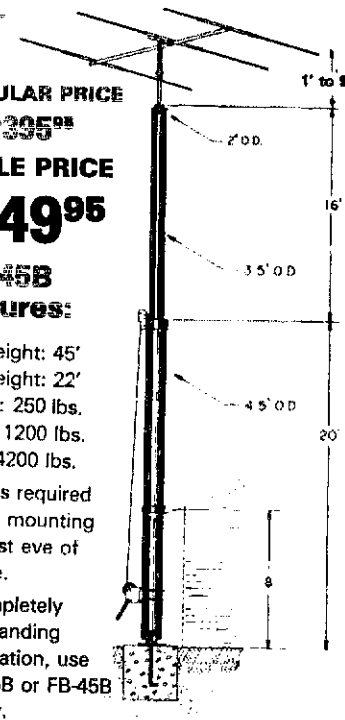
## TT-45B

### Features:

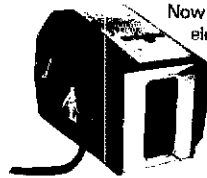
Max Height: 45'  
Min. Height: 22'  
Weight: 250 lbs.  
Winch: 1200 lbs.  
Cable: 4200 lbs.

No Guys required when mounting against eve of house.

For completely freestanding installation, use RB-45B or FB-45B below.



## NEW! Wilson Electric Winch



Now you can raise and lower your Wilson Tower electrically. The electric winch will replace the hand operated winch. Available for use on the TT-45, MT-61 and ST-77 towers.

EW-45 (TT-45) **\$249<sup>95</sup>**  
EW-61 (MT-61)  
EW-77 (ST-77)

Remote Switch . . . **\$24<sup>95</sup>**

| BASE CHART |                 |        |
|------------|-----------------|--------|
| TOWER      | WIDTH           | DEPTH  |
| TT-45B     | 12" x 12"       | 30"    |
| FB-45B     | 30" x 30"       | 4 1/2' |
| RB-45B     | 30" x 30"       | 4 1/2' |
| MT-61B     | 18" x 18"       | 4'     |
| FB-61B     | 3' x 3'         | 5 1/2' |
| RB-61B     | 3' x 3'         | 5 1/2' |
| ST-77B     | See Below       |        |
| RB-77B     | 3 1/2' x 3 1/2' | 6'     |

Wilson Systems uses a high strength carbon steel tube manufactured especially for Wilson Systems. It is 25% stronger than conventional pipe or tubing. The tubing size used is: 2" & 3 1/2" .095; 4 1/2" & 6". 125; 8" - 134. All tubing is hot dip galvanized. Top section is 2" O.D. for proper rotor and antenna mounting.

The TT-45B and MT-61B come complete with house bracket and hinged base plate for against-house mounting. For totally freestanding installation, use either of the tilt-over bases shown below.

The ST-77B cannot be mounted against the house and must be used with the rotating tilt-over base RB-77B shown below.

# TILT-OVER BASES FOR TOWERS

## FIXED BASE

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.

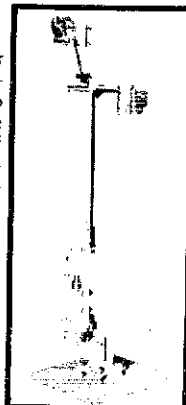
**FB-45B... 112 lbs... \$169<sup>95</sup>**  
**FB-61B... 169 lbs... \$244<sup>95</sup>**



## 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-45B... 144 lbs... \$234<sup>95</sup>**  
**RB-61B... 229 lbs... \$309<sup>95</sup>**  
**RB-77B... 300 lbs... \$463<sup>95</sup>**



Tilting the tower over is a one-man task with the Wilson bases. (Shown above is the RB-61B. Rotor is not included.)

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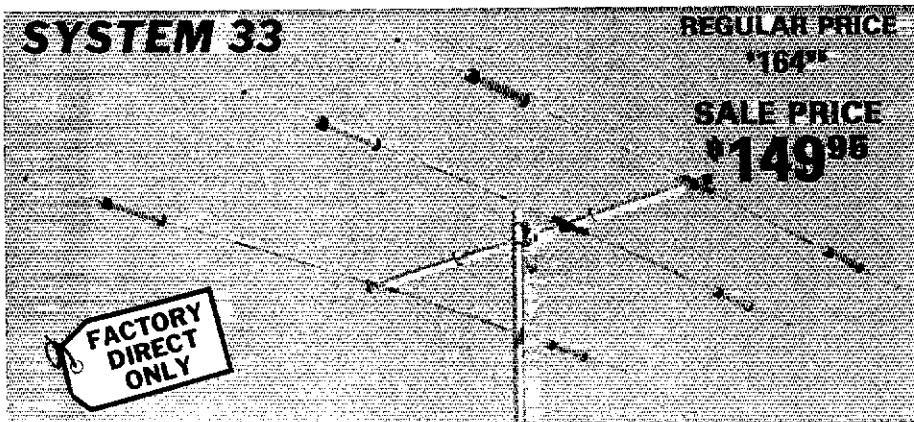
## SYSTEM 33

REGULAR PRICE

\*164\*\*

SALE PRICE

\*149<sup>95</sup>



Capable of handling the Legal Limit, the *SYSTEM 33* is the finest compact tri-bander available to the amateur.

Designed and produced by one of the world's largest antenna manufacturers, the traditional quality of workmanship and materials excels with the *SYSTEM 33*.

The boom-to-element mount consists of two 1/8" thick formed aluminum plates that will provide more clamping and holding strength to prevent element misalignment.

Superior clamping power is obtained with the use of a rugged 1/4" thick aluminum plate for boom to mast mounting.

The use of large diameter High-Q Traps in the *SYSTEM 33* makes it a high performing tri-bander and at a very economical price.

A complete step-by-step illustrated instruction manual guides you to easy assembly and the lightweight antenna makes installation of the *SYSTEM 33* quick and simple.

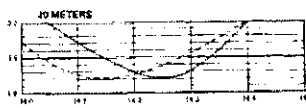
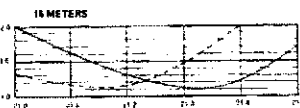
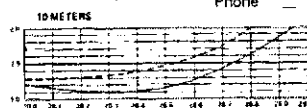
### SPECIFICATIONS

Band MHz. .... 14-21-28  
Max power input. ... Legal limit  
Gain (dbd) ..... Call Factory  
VSWR at resonance. .... 1.3:1  
Impedance ..... 50 ohms  
F/B ratio. .... Call Factory

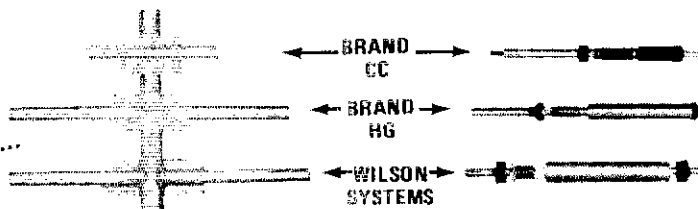
Boom (O.D. x length) 2" x 14'4"  
No. elements ..... 3  
Longest element ..... 27'4"  
Turning radius ..... 15'9"  
Max. mast diameter. ... 2" O.D.  
Surface area ..... 5.7 sq. ft.

Wind load @ 80 mph .. 114 lbs  
Assembled Wt. .... 37 lbs  
Shipping Wt. .... 42 lbs  
Direct 52 ohm feed  
no balun required  
Max wind survival ... 100 mph

### ACTUAL SWR CURVES



COMPARE THE SY33 WITH OTHERS...



Compare the size and strength of the boom to element clamps. See who offers the largest and heaviest duty. Which would you prefer?

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## ADD 40 METERS TO YOUR TRI-BAND WITH THE 33-6 MK - IN STOCK -

Now you can have the capabilities of 40-meter operation on the *SYSTEM 36* and *SYSTEM 33*. Using the same type high quality traps, the 40-meter addition will offer 150 KHZ of bandwidth. The 33-6 MK will fit your present SY36, SY33, or SY3 and use the same single feed line.

The 33-6 MK adds approximately 15' to the driven element of your tri-bander, increasing the tuning radius by 5 to 6 feet. This addition will offer a rotatable dipole at the same height of your beam.

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**WV-1A**

4 BAND

TRAP VERTICAL  
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No bandswitching necessary with this vertical. An excellent low cost DX antenna with an electrical quarter wavelength on each band and low angle radiation. Advanced design provides low SWR and exceptionally flat response across the full width of each band.

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Easily assembled, the WV-1A is supplied with a base mount bracket to attach to vent pipe or to a mast driven in the ground.

NOTE:

Radials are required for peak operation or above ground mounting. (See GR-1 below)

### SPECIFICATIONS

- 19' total height
- Self supporting - no guys required
- Weight - 14 lbs.
- 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**

GROUND RADIAL KIT

REGULAR PRICE

\*14\*\*

SALE PRICE

**\$12<sup>95</sup>**

The GR-1 is the complete ground radial kit for the WV 1A. It consists of 150' of 7/14 aluminum wire, heavy duty egg insulators and instructions. The GR-1 will increase the efficiency of the WV-1 by providing the correct counterpoise.

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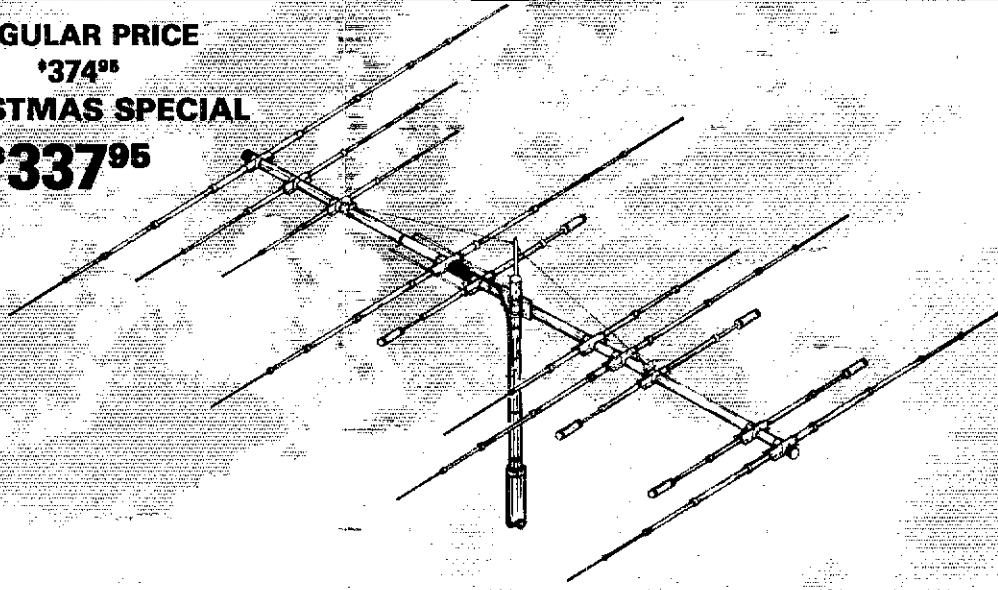
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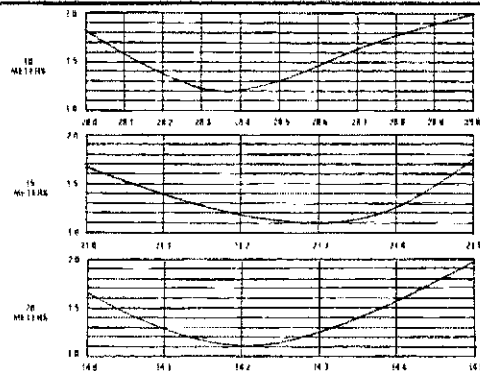
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— SPECIFICATIONS —

|                       |                |                             |              |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Max. Pwr. Input ..... | Legal Limit    | Longest Element .....       | 36'          |
| VSWR @ Res. ....      | 1.2:1          | Turning Radius .....        | 22' 6"       |
| Impedance .....       | 50 ohm         | Boom .....                  | 26'          |
| Feed Method .....     | Balun Supplied | Surface Area .....          | 12.1 sq. ft. |
| Matching Method ..... | Modified Beta  | Wind Loading @ 60 mph ..... | 309 lbs.     |
| F/B Ratio .....       | Call Factory   | Assem. Weight .....         | 75 lbs.      |
| Gain .....            | Call Factory   | Shipping Weight .....       | 99 lbs.      |



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**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SALE**

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| Qty. | Model       | Description  | Shipping | Price   | Qty. | Model  | Description                                  | Shipping | Price  |
|------|-------------|--|----------|---------|------|--------|--|----------|--------|
|      | SY40        | 10 Ele. Tribander for 10, 15, 20 Mtrs.                           | UPS      | 337.95  |      | RM-1   | Remote Switch for EW                         | UPS      | 24.95  |
|      | SY36        | 6 Ele. Tribander for 10, 15, 20 Mtrs.                            | UPS      | 199.95  |      | TT-45B | Freestanding 45' Tubular Tower               | TRUCK    | 349.95 |
|      | SY33        | 3 Ele. Tribander for 10, 15, 20 Mtrs.                            | UPS      | 149.95  |      | RB-45B | Rotating Base for TT-45B w/tilt over feature | TRUCK    | 234.95 |
|      | 33-6 MK     | 40 Mtr. Mod Kit for SY33 & SY36                                  | UPS      | 59.95   |      | FB-45B | Fixed Base for TT-45B w/tilt over feature    | TRUCK    | 169.95 |
|      | WV-1A       | Trap Vertical for 10, 15, 20, 40 Mtrs.                           | UPS      | 59.95   |      | MT-61B | Freestanding 61' Tubular Tower               | TRUCK    | 579.95 |
|      | GR-1        | Ground Radials for WV-1A   | UPS      | 12.95   |      | RB-61B | Rotating Base for MT-61B w/tilt over feature | TRUCK    | 309.95 |
|      | M-420A      | 4 Elements on 20 Mtrs.   | UPS      | 174.95  |      | FB-61B | Fixed Base for MT-61B w/tilt over feature    | TRUCK    | 244.95 |
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|      | ACCESSORIES |  |          |         |      | GK-45B | Guying Kit for TT-45B                        | UPS-TRK  | 69.95  |
|      | TX          | Tail Twister Rotor   | UPS      | 274.95  |      | GK-61B | Guying Kit for MT-61B                        | UPS-TRK  | 79.95  |
|      | HD-73       | Alliance Heavy Duty Rotor  | UPS      | 109.95  |      | GK-77B | Guying Kit for ST-77B                        | UPS-TRK  | 99.95  |
|      | RC-8C       | 8/C Rotor Cable  | UPS      | 18¢/ft. |      | WTB-1  | Thrust Bearing for Top of Rotating Towers    | UPS-TRK  | 59.95  |
|      | RG-8U       | RG-8U Foam Coaxial Cable — Ultra Flex center conductor, 11 gauge | UPS      | 28¢/ft. |      |        |  |          |        |
|      | EW-45       | Wilson Electric Winch for TT-45B                                 | UPS      | 249.95  |      |        |  |          |        |
|      | EW-61       | Wilson Electric Winch for MT-61                                  | UPS      | 249.95  |      |        |  |          |        |
|      | EW-77       | Wilson Electric Winch for ST-77                                  | UPS      | 249.95  |      |        |  |          |        |

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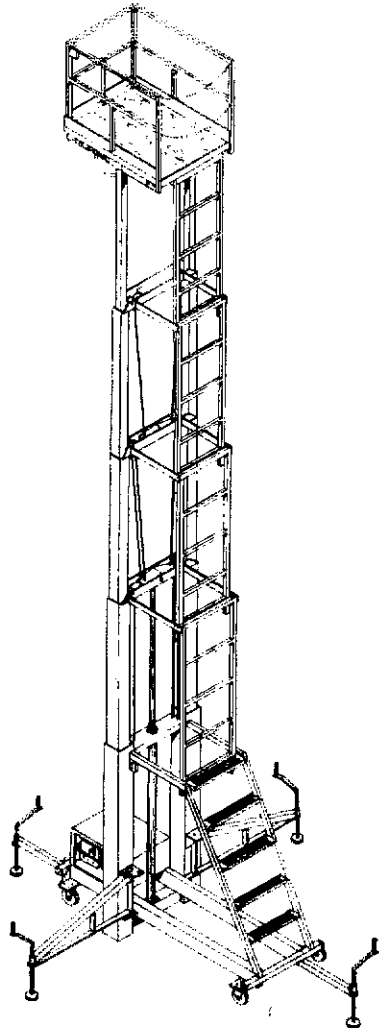
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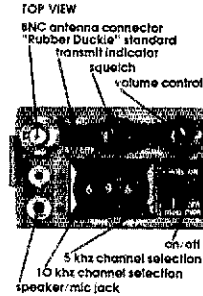
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K9TF W9RVM N9TV K9BLK W9HIW K9VMG W9UMH W9BZHL. Congratulations to the Randolph County ARES and EC W9VJX for their activity during the telephone emergency. Stations were: K9DZU W9UZZ WA9CFW KA9CPH WD9FPZ W9GJG KA9GRM W99SYL K99CXV K9OIM WD9AIT KA9DMJ WD9GBH W88EBY K99GB W99PGV W99WXP W99GQL. Congratulations to K9UJK and the Delaware County ARES for their help with the Endstation and EMS antulance service. Stations were: W9OIM W99ICS KA9CXV W99RSE K9LXH W99HFG. To encourage Public Service Honor Roll here is how it is done courtesy W9JUL: 30 points for cw nets, 30 points for phone nets, 12 points for NCS on cw, 12 points for NCS on phone, points for NCS liaison, 24 points for messages delivered, 15 points for handling emergency messages, 5 points for STM, total 140. I participated this month with NAFE ARC in covering a horse jumping contest. It was exciting, helpful, and FUN. A wonderful public service activity. Here is to W9SLCN. may he win the Murphy's Law Award, given by the W9VARC. Traffic: W9JUL 1027, W9FC 214, WD9GXW 137, N9AEI 102, W9PMT 83, W9GLW 75, WD9DA 63, K9BIT 60, W9970E 52, W99WKM 50, W9EJ 49, W9DLF 41, N9PS 41, WA9OHX 37, WA9QCF 36, W9UEM 35, W9OKK 33, W9UHQ 33, W9XD 33, W9LGN 30, W9SOTX 30, W9DZC 23, K9FXZ 22, WA9JNC 22, W9BZHL 21, WA9GJZ 18, K9KIT 18, K9DIY 17, K9WVV 16, K9CGS 14, W9BAWI 10, W9RTH 10, W9D9CIS 9, W9IOH 8, W99AY 8, W9WEI 7, W9VAY 6, W9ZV 6, W99GIV 5, W9KMY 5, K9TKF 5, W99ART 4, W9BDP 4, K9DCX 4, W9DKP 4, W9HUF 4, W99OP 4, K9OUP 4, W9OZJ 4, W9LKU 3, W99IJS 3, W99PI 3, N9ACG 2, N9AST 2, W99PF 2.

**WISCONSIN:** SCM Roy A. Pedersen, K9FHI — SEC: W90AK 5TM; K9UTG; BWN: W997Y, QNI 923, QTC 985, BEN: W995M 498, QTC 1122, W99BN; W99ICH, QNI 1058, QTC 223, W99N; N9AUG, QNI 184, QTC 38, WIN-E, W9DM, QNI 352, QTC 84, WIN-L: K9LJU, QNI 258, QTC 77, W9XPO: WA9NIX, QNI 402, QTC 35. New manager for BWN is W997Y. Thanks to W9AYK for this past service as manager. K9QXV won the FLARC hidden transmitter hunt held Sept. 2. WNA meeting was successful, W99IUX, pres.; W99EM, treas.; W99AYK, secy. W99AYK's corn roast was superb. Next year WNA picnic is slated for North Wood County Park, the conveniences there are excellent, shelter house, kids' playground, ball diamond, camping all real close by. Sorry to report K9YIB W9GKO W9PTN Silent Keys. New Novice Prentice area, KA9JFK, OM of W99IUX, West Allis ARC SWagfest, January 10, 1981, at Waukesha County Exposition Center, KA9CPA made BPL W99IUX, acting manager of D9RN, reports 1 handled 238 messages. Wisconsin stations were well represented on D9RN and CAND. Green Bay area 2 meter net had 10 QNI, 2 QTC, NWTN had 528 QNI, 58 QTC. Glad to see all the new members joining our nets, welcome to the group. We hope we can help you. Traffic: KA9CPA 1783, W99IUX 431, W99CXV 181, W997Y 152, N9AZI 151, N9AUG 113, K9FHI 110, W99ESZ 104, W99CV 92, K9AKG 86, W99DM 71, W99WYS 67, W99ESM 57, W99DM 56, W99NRK 53, W99ICH 47, W99EM 46, A99G 45, W99AY 44, W99OO 43, K99LU 40, W99JCL 40, K99U 40, N99CP 39, W99W9X 34, K99JPS 33, W99QJ 32, W99FDY 32, W99OJ 31, AD9X 31, W99BRE 29, K99B 29, N99BCK 26, WA9ZLY 26, K99DF 25, W99IHW 23, W99CF 22, K99BF 22, W99CZ 22, W99VY 14, W99QJ 21, W99AJA 19, W999CM 18, K99SA 16, W99UW 16, K99CPM 13, K99UT 12, W99PAW 11, W99GJV 6. (Aug.) W99OJ 25, K99SA 21, K99JPS 18, W99SQJ 17.

### DAKOTA DIVISION

**MINNESOTA:** SCM, Helen Haynes, W89HOX — Our sincere sympathy goes out to K9EWA and family in the loss of K9CRO who became a Silent Key in Sept. and to the family of WA9CU who became a Silent Key in Oct. Our thanks go out to K9PLZ who has managed the MSN 2 for the past 3 years. He is soon leaving Radio by his sharing part of his time now with his family, who are bowlers. Join our nets when you can and thanks for a job well done. K9JCF of St. Charles, is our newly appointed manager of MSN 2. He is a DX hound, a pilot, a farmer, works at the clinic and is interested in public service, which traffic is. We are all with you. Traffic: WA9TFC 427, K9PLZ 115, AF9ZQ 115, W99CGM 106, K99Z 93, K99MB 86, K99T 78, W99DFX 75, W99UKT 61, WA9AIN 44, W99RI 40, W99OHX 38, W99NZB 31, K99JCF 30, K99CE 27, W99GPN 20, W99SCN 20, N99RC 20, WA9VY 14, W99TX 13, K99TS 10, W99WXL 8.

**NORTH DAKOTA:** SCM, Lois A. Jorgensen, WA9RWM — SEC: W99TEE, OBS: W99DM, NM: W99CRH, OO: W99CLB. Dakota Division convention in Fargo was dedicated to W99SN, past ARRL and the present pres., W2HD, was the main speaker. The Fargo Radio Club was the host and it was well attended by 400 NC Emergency Traffic Net of Minot was activated Sept. 16 as telephone communications for the entire city were out as a result of an air conditioning malfunction which resulted in the main switchboard computer to malfunction and was asked by c.d. director for their assistance. Congrats to KA9JGL as Novice. Congrats to K9RHX and W99ECC on their new harmonic. K9ATK went to VA to visit his brother. New hams in Grand Forks are WA9VRS and AA9TZ. Traffic: WA9RWM 107.

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** SCM, Erwin Heimbuck, K9OTZ — SEC: WA9TNN, NMS: W99OJ, W99VE, WA9TNN. Congrats to WA9TNN and W99BMR on their new ham again. New hams are N99ZP and K99RG in Yankton and KA9JGO in ideal, congrats. K99QA operated K9OTZ for the CAN-AM CW Contest, hope he did well on that. AA9F is building a 432 moon bounce array. South Dakota School of Mines Ham Club reports a very large membership and good attendance at their code and theory classes. K99DDS gave a talk about ham radio at the Lead Kiwanis. Let's hear about more of this. I want to take this opportunity to say hello to all of you out in the state and I hope to get to visit with all of you in the next year. Let's hear from all of you about your activities, contesting, VHF, FTTY, the whole hobby. Traffic: W99BMR 138, K99RE 93, W99DVB 82, WA9TNN 70, W99QMF 31, W99VRE 4.

### DELTA DIVISION

**ARKANSAS:** SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5UAU — SEC: K5TML, NMS: WA5LGN W5MYZ W5POH W5AUZV. Nets: ARN 3 995 0030/4y 1058 47 WA5LGN; OZK 3 760 0100/4y 177 39 W5MYZ, APN 3 937 1200/M-S 647 36 W5POH; M-6 3 928 2230/M-F 854 23 WA5WZV; SGARC 28 765 0230/M&T 36-12 WA5VSV. Thanks to WA5VNV KA5DFT & KA5DQG for radio booth at Ark State Fair. W5SSQJ & VF proud parents of twin boys. Our sympathy to family



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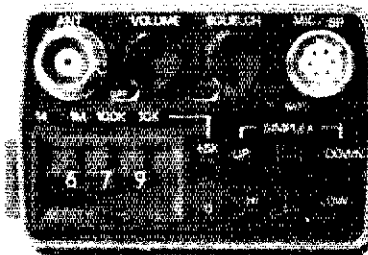


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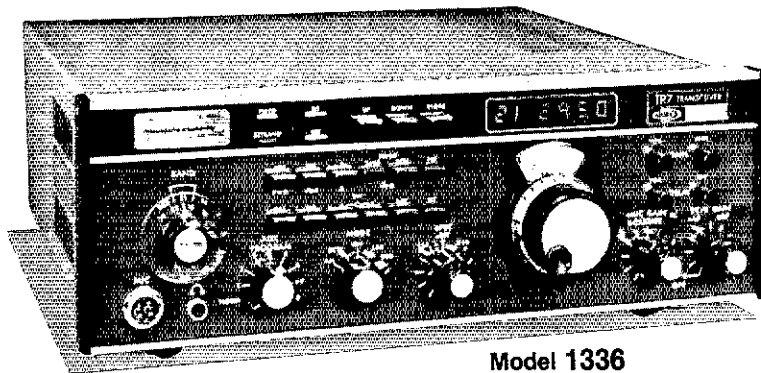
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# TR7

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continuous coverage  
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**Continuous Frequency Coverage**—The TR7 provides continuous coverage in receive from 1.5 to 30 MHz. Transmit coverage is provided for all amateur bands from 160 through 10 meters. The optional AUX7 Range Program Board allows out-of-band transmit coverage for MARS, Embassy, Government and Commercial services as well as future band expansions in the 1.8 through 30 MHz range.\* The AUX7 Board also provides 0 through 1.5 MHz receive coverage and crystal-controlled fixed-channel operation for Government, Amateur or Commercial applications anywhere in the 1.8 to 30 MHz range.

**Synthesized/PTO Frequency Control**—A Drake exclusive: carefully engineered high-performance synthesizer, combined with the famous Drake PTO, provides smooth, linear tuning with 1 kHz dial and 100 Hz digital readout resolution. 500 kHz up/down range switching is pushbutton controlled.

**Advanced, High-Performance Receiver Design**—The receiver section of the Drake TR7 is an advanced, up-conversion design. The first intermediate frequency of 48.05 MHz places the image frequency well outside the receiver input passband, and provides for true general coverage operation without i-f gaps or crossovers. In addition, the receiver section features a high-level double balanced mixer in the front end for superior spurious and dynamic range performance.

**True Passband Tuning**—The TR7 employs the famous Drake full passband tuning instead of the limited range "i-f shift" found in some other units. The Drake system allows the receiver passband to be varied from the top edge of one sideband, through center, to the bottom edge of the opposite sideband. In fact, the range is even wider to accommodate RTTY. This system greatly improves receiving performance in heavy QRM by

allowing the operator to move interfering signals out of the passband, and it is so flexible that you can even transmit on one sideband and listen on the other.

**Unique Independent Receiver Selectivity**—Space is provided in the TR7 for up to 3 optional crystal filters. These filters are selected, along with the standard 2.3 kHz filter, by front panel pushbutton control, independent of the mode control. This permits the receive response to be optimized for various operating conditions in any operational situation. Optional filter bandwidths include 6 kHz for a-m, 1.8 kHz for narrow ssb or RTTY, and 500 Hz and 300 Hz for cw.

**Broadband, Solid State Design**—100% solid state throughout. All circuits are broadbanded, eliminating the need for tuning adjustments of any kind. Merely select the correct band, dial up the desired frequency, and you're ready to operate.

**Rugged, Solid State Power Amplifier**—The power amplifier is internally mounted, with nothing outboard subject to physical damage. A Drake designed custom heat sink makes this possible. The unique air ducting design of this heat sink allows an optional rear-mounted fan, the FA7, to provide continuous, full power transmit on SSTV/RTTY. The fan is not required for ssb/cw operation, since normal convection cooling allows continuous transmit in these modes.

**Effective Noise Blanker**—The optional NB7 Noise Blanker plugs into the TR7 to provide true impulse-type noise blanking performance. This unit is carefully designed to maximize both blanking and dynamic range in order to preserve the excellent strong-signal handling characteristics of the TR7.

\* NOTE: Transmitter coverage for MARS, Government, and future WARC bands 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 Aux7 Range Program Board. Prices quoted from the factory. See Operator's Manual for details. (Not available for services requiring type acceptance.)

# TR7

## ACCESSORIES

\*\*Aux7 must be used with either Model 1546 RRM-7 Range Receive Module, or Model 1547 RTM-7 Range Transceiver Module. Use one module per 500 kHz range. Modules plug directly into Aux7.

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Model 1336</b>     | Drake TR7 General Coverage Digital R/O Transceiver   |
| <b>Model 1338</b>     | Drake RV7 Remote VFO   |
| <b>Model 1502</b>     | Drake PS7 120/240V Ac Supply for continuous duty operation (25 amps)                           |
| <b>Model 1570</b>     | Drake PS75 120/240V Ac supply for intermittent duty (15 amps continuous, 25 amps intermittent) |
| <b>Model 1553</b>     | Drake SP75 Speech Processor  |
| <b>Model 1230</b>     | Drake LA7 Line Amplifier   |
| <b>Model 1533</b>     | Drake CS7 Coax Switch  |
| <b>Model 7077</b>     | Drake Desk Microphone  |
| <b>Model 1520</b>     | Drake P75 Phone Patch  |
| <b>Model 1536</b>     | Drake Aux7 Range Program Board **  |
| <b>Model 1531</b>     | Drake MS7 Matching Speaker   |
| <b>Model 1537</b>     | Drake NB7 Noise Blanker  |
| <b>Model 1529</b>     | Drake FA7 Fan  |
| <b>Model 7021</b>     | Drake SL-300 Cw Filter, 300 Hz   |
| <b>Model 7022</b>     | Drake SL-500 Cw Filter, 500 Hz   |
| <b>Model 7023</b>     | Drake SL-1800 Ssb/RTTY Filter, 1.8 kHz   |
| <b>Model 7024</b>     | Drake SL-6000 A-m Filter, 6.0 kHz  |
| <b>Model 1335</b>     | Drake MMK-7 Mobile Mounting Kit  |
| <b>Model 7037</b>     | Drake TR7 Service Kit/Extender Board Set   |
| <b>Model 385-0004</b> | Drake TR7 Service/Schematic Book   |

## TR7 SPECIFICATIONS

### GENERAL

#### Receive

Without Aux7 1.5 to 30 MHz, continuous, no gaps.  
With Aux7 Same, plus 0 to 1.5 MHz at reduced performance.

#### Transmit

Without Aux7 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 Aux7\* Above ranges, plus any eight 500 kHz segments from 1.8 to 30 MHz.

#### Modes of Operation

Usb, Lsb, Cw, RTTY, A-m equiv. (A-3H).

#### Frequency Stability

Less than 1 kHz first hour. Less than 150 Hz per hour after 1 hour warm up. Less than 100 Hz for  $\pm 10\%$  line voltage change.

#### Frequency Readout Accuracy

Analog Better than  $\pm 1$  kHz when calibrated at the nearest marker point.  
Digital 15 ppm  $\pm 100$  Hz.

#### External Counter Mode

Maximum Input Freq. 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

#### Sensitivity

Ssb, Cw Less than  $0.5 \mu\text{V}$  for 10 dB (S+N)/N.  
A-m (30% Mod.) Less than  $2.0 \mu\text{V}$  for 10 dB (S+N)/N.

#### Selectivity

2.3 kHz at -6 dB and 4.4 kHz at -60 dB (1.8:1 shape factor).

#### Ultimate Selectivity

Agc Greater than 100 dB.  
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 spacings of 100 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  $1 \mu\text{V}$  equivalent, except  $3 \mu\text{V}$  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 FA7 Fan—33%, 5 min. transmit, max.  
with 1529 FA7 Fan—100%.

#### Wattmeter Accuracy

$\pm 5\%$  @ 100 watts (50 ohm load).

#### Carrier Suppression

Greater than 50 dB.

#### Microphone Input

High Impedance.

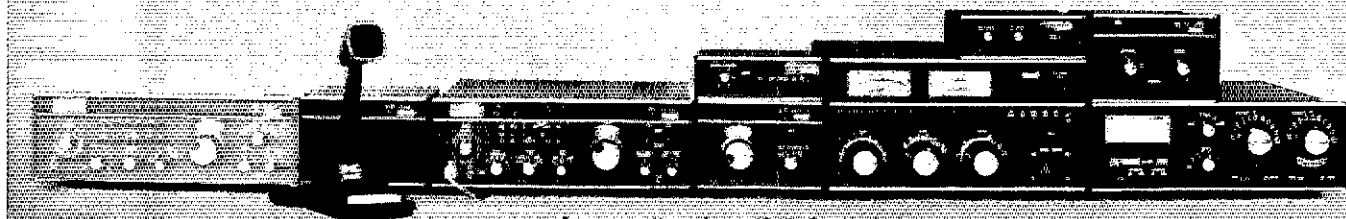
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## R7

### Synthesized General Coverage Receiver

**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 Drake TR7.

- **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 the 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 TR7 transceiver are included, along with separate R7 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 TR7. 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 R7 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, 200, 240 V-ac, 50/60 Hz, or nominal 13.8 V-dc.
- **The R7 includes a built-in speaker**, or an external Drake MS7 speaker may be used.
- **Built-in 25 kHz calibrator** for calibration of analog dial.
- **Low level audio output** for tape recorder.
- **Up to eight crystal controlled fixed channels** can be selected. (With Drake Aux7 installed.)
- **Optional Drake NB7A Noise Blanker** available. Provides true impulse type noise blanking performance.

# R7

## Accessories available

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| <b>Model 1531</b>     | Drake MS7 Speaker                              |
| <b>Model 7021</b>     | Drake SL-300 Cw Filter, 300 Hz                 |
| <b>Model 7022</b>     | Drake SL-500 Cw Filter, 500 Hz                 |
| <b>Model 7023</b>     | Drake SL-1800 Ssb/RTTY Filter, 1800 Hz         |
| <b>Model 7024</b>     | Drake SL-6000 A-m Filter, 6.0 kHz              |
| <b>Model 7026</b>     | Drake SL-4000 A-m Filter, 4.0 kHz              |
| <b>Model 1532</b>     | Drake NB7A Noise Blanker                       |
| <b>Model 1536</b>     | Drake Aux7 Range Program/Fixed-Frequency Board |
| <b>Model 1548</b>     | Drake R7/TR7 Interface Cable Kit               |
| <b>Model 385-0005</b> | Drake R7 Service/Schematic Book                |
| <b>Model 3506</b>     | Drake RP700 Receiver Protector                 |
| <b>Model 1230</b>     | Drake LA7 Line Amplifier                       |

## R7 SPECIFICATIONS

**Frequency Coverage, continuous tuning** 0.01 to 30.0 MHz

**Plus any eight additional 500 kHz segments** between 0 and 30 MHz when programmed into Aux7 Board.

**Crystal Controlled Fixed Frequencies:** Up to eight crystal-controlled fixed frequencies within the 0-30 MHz range with Aux7 Accessory Board. Proper 500 kHz range for desired fixed frequency is also programmed into Aux7.

**Frequency Stability:** Less than 1 kHz first hour. Less than 150 Hz per hour after 1 hour warm up. Less than 100 Hz for  $\pm 10\%$  line voltage change.

**Digital Readout Accuracy:** (DR-7 installed) 15 PPM  $\pm$  100 Hz

**Analog Dial Accuracy:** Better than  $\pm 1$  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, 4.4 kHz at  $-60$  dB (1.8:1) shape factor. Optional 300 Hz, 500 Hz, 1800 Hz, 4 kHz, and 6 kHz filters are available as follows:

### 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

**Ultimate Selectivity:** Greater than 100 dB

### Intermodulation:

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 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 100 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 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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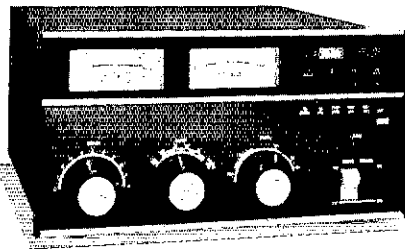


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# DRAKE 7-Line Family



A pacesetter since 1943, Drake led in 1963 with 9 MHz I-F transceiving, and now with 48 MHz I-F "Up Conversion". Drake brings you tomorrow's state of the art today.



**Model 1528**  
**Drake L7**  
 Continuous Duty  
 160-15\* Meters  
**2kW Linear  
 Amplifier**

Temperature-controlled design for "key-down" operation over a wide frequency range.

2 kW PEP, 1 kW cw, RTTY, SSTV operation—all modes full rated input, continuous duty cycle.

160-15\* 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 L7 utilizes a pair of Eimac 3-500 Z triodes for rugged use, and lower replacement cost compared to equivalent ceramic types.

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.

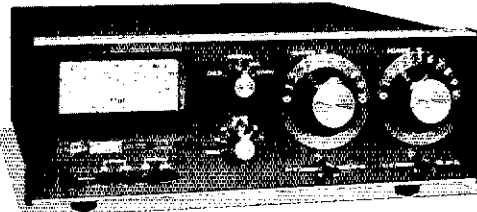
Operates from 120/240 V-ac, 50/60 Hz primary line voltage.

### DRAKE L7 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 a-m. 1000 watts dc on cw, RTTY, and SSTV.
- **Drive Power Requirements**: 100 watts PEP on ssb and 75 watts on cw, a-m, 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, ± (5% of reading + 3 watts). 3000 watts forward, ± (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 880Z/3-500Z 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.

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**Model 1539**  
**Drake  
 Matching Networks  
 MN7 and MN2700**  
 Models 1538 and 1539

- **Frequency Coverage**: 1.8 - 30 MHz
- **Antenna Choice**: Matches antennas fed with coax, balanced line (use optional B-1000 Balun), or random wire.
- **Antenna/By-Pass Switching**: Allows matching unit by-pass regardless of antenna in use, and selects various antennas.
- **Extra Harmonic Reduction**: Employs "pi-network" low pass filter type circuitry for maximum harmonic rejection.
- **Built-in Metering**: Accurate Rf Wattmeter and VSWR Reading, pushbutton controlled from front panel.
- **Input Impedance**: 50 ohms resistive.
- **Power Capability**: MN7—250 watts average continuous duty (0-300 W scale), MN2700—1000 watts average continuous duty (2000 watts PEP), (0-200 or 0-2000 W scale).
- **Dimensions**: MN7—13.1"W x 4.53"H x 8.5"D excluding knobs and connectors (33.26 x 11.5 x 21.6 cm). MN2700—13.1"W x 4.53"H x 13"D excluding knobs and connectors (33.26 x 11.5 x 33 cm).
- **Weight**: MN7—10 lbs (4.5 kg). MN2700—11 lbs (5 kg).

### Drake MN7 and MN2700 Specifications

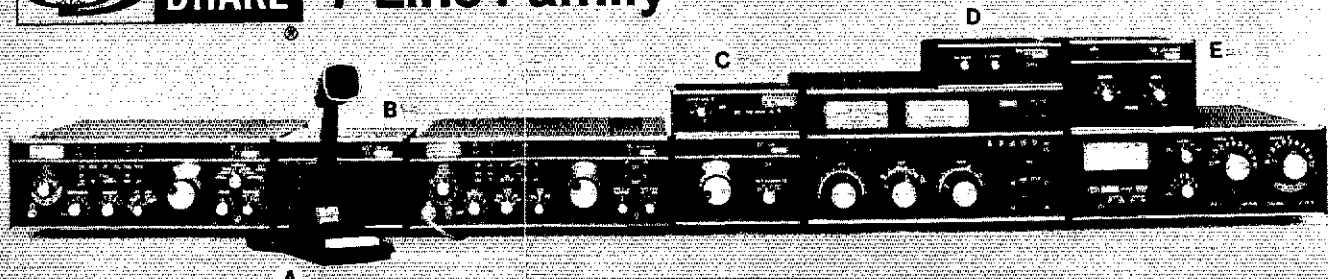
- **Frequency Coverage**: 1.8 to 30 MHz. Band Switch marked for 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter amateur bands; however, frequency coverage between amateur bands is possible by using the nearest band positions with a small reduction in matching capability.
- **Input Impedance**: 50 ohms (resistive).
- **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 referenced to 200 ohms with the Drake B-1000 accessory balun (3:1 on 10 meters).
- **Meter**: Reads VSWR or forward power.
- **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 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.

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## ACCESSORIES

### A Model 7077 Dynamic Desk Microphone

- Audio and level characteristics custom designed to match the transmit audio requirements of the Drake TR7.
- Features both VOX and PTT operation without modification.
- High Impedance • Includes coil cord and plug wired for direct connection to the Drake TR7.
- 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). Weight 1 lb 7 oz (650 g).

### C SP75 Speech Processor

Provides an increase in average power/ readability of a single sideband voice signal during weak signal, high interference conditions. The SP75 is connected between the microphone and microphone input of the ssb transmitter, requiring no modification of existing transmitter or transceiver. A front panel switch allows the processor to be switched in or bypassed. Two additional inputs, such as a tape player or phone patch, may be front panel selected.

Rf envelope clipping adjustable between zero and twenty decibels. LED indicates proper audio input level.

Muting circuitry reduces gain during speech pauses, allowing VOX operation with the processor on.

**SPECIFICATIONS • Processing Type:** Preclipping audio compression followed by rf envelope clipping at the processor intermediate frequency. • **Rf Clipping Range:** Adjustable 0 to 20 dB from front panel control. • **Input Level (Microphone Input):** 3.5 mV minimum for full processing. Gain adjustable to accommodate up to 300 mV maximum. • **Input Level (Tape and Patch Inputs):** 15 mV minimum for full processing. 30 mV maximum. • **Input Impedance (Microphone):** 1 megohm. • **Input Impedance (Tape and Patch):** 50 kilohm. • **Output Level w/Processing:** 0-50 mV adjustable into 50 kilohm load. • **Output Impedance:** 50 kilohm. • **Muting (Microphone Input Only):** 10 to 20 dB attenuation during speech pauses. • **Frequency Response:** 400-6000 Hz @ 6 dB. • **Distortion:** Less than 5% T.H.D. @ 1kHz, 20 dB clipping. • **Power:** 11-16 V-dc @ 95 mA. • **Size:** 7"L x 6 1/4"W x 2 1/4"H (17.3 x 15.9 x 5.4 cm). • **Weight:** 1.4 lbs. (.63 kg).

### D P75 Phone Patch

Hybrid Phone Patch for use with 7-line or other receiver/transmitter combination. • In/out Switching • Adjustable TX and RX level controls.

### E Model 1535 CS7 Coax Switch

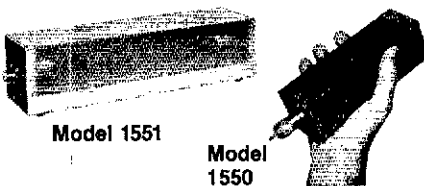
- Switches up to five coax-fed antennas via one main feed line.
- Allows selection of up to five radios at other end of main feed line.
- Minimizes amount of coax needed for multi-antenna installation.
- Grounds unused inputs (both local and remote).

**DRAKE CS7 SPECIFICATIONS • Maximum Input Power:** 2000 watts PEP • **Frequency Range:** Up to 30 MHz, insertion of Switch changes VSWR no more than 1.05:1. From 30 MHz to 150 MHz, insertion changes VSWR no more than 1.5:1 (both switches). • **Operating Temperature Range:** -40°F. to 150°F. • **Supply Voltage:** 120 V-ac or 240 V-ac selectable, 50/60 Hz, 50 watts. • **Dimensions & Weight: Console** —5.25"H x 6.81"W, 7.06" cabinet depth (13.3 x 17.3 x 17.9 cm); 4.33 lbs (1.96 kg); **Remote Antenna Switch**—7.13"H x 5.88"W x 4.39"D (18.1 x 15.0 x 11.1 cm). 8.19" (20.8 cm) center to center mounting; 5 lbs (2.27 kg).

### B Model 1531 MS7 Matching Speaker

- Size: 7.5"D x 6.9"W x 4.6"H excluding feet (19 x 17.5 x 11.6 cm).
- Weight: 2.5 lbs (1.13 kg).

### "Dry" Dummy Loads —no oil required

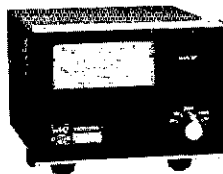


### Model 1551 Drake DL-1000

- 1000 watts for 30 seconds, with derating curve to 5 minutes. Accepts Drake FA7 cooling fan for extended high power operation.
- VSWR of 1.5:1 max. 0-30 MHz • SO-239 coax connector
- Rubber feet for desk or bench use • Size 14" x 3.6" (35.6 x 9.1 cm). Weight: 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). Weight: 11 oz (310 g).



### WH7 Directional Rf Wattmeter Model 1514

- Directional, in-line wattmeter.
- Removable coupler provides remote metering.
- Three calibrated scales (0-20, 0-200, and 0-2000 watts).
- Fourth scale provides direct reading VSWR.

**SPECIFICATIONS: • Frequency Coverage:** 1.8-30 MHz. • **Line Impedance:** 50 ohm resistive. • **Power Capability:** 2000 W continuous. • **Jacks, Removable Coupler:** Two SO-239 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).

### Model 1230 LA7 Line Amplifier

Line output, 1 mW nominal into 600 ohm balanced, adjustable by internal pre-set level control.

### TV Interference Filters High Pass Filters for TV Sets

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 easy installation.

### Model No. 1610 Drake TV-75-HP

For 75 ohm TV coaxial cable; TV type "F" connectors installed.

### Low Pass Filters for Transmitters

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 if interference, as well as harmonic interference.

### Model No. 1605 Drake TV-42-LP

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.

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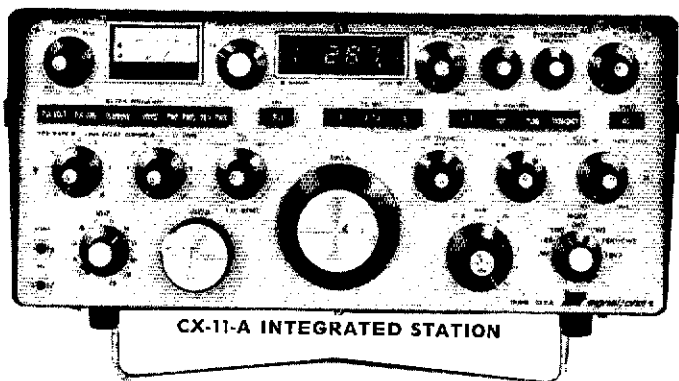


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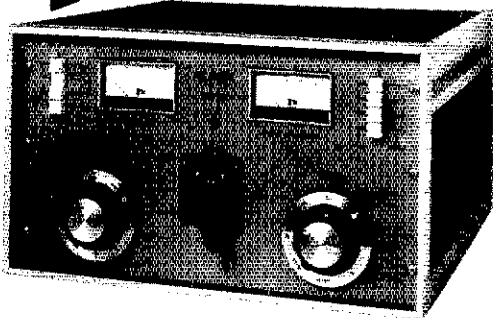


signal/one CX-11A



- **POWER OUTPUT:** 150 watts CW/SSB output all bands (2) MRF 422 Finals.
  - **OPTIONAL POWER OUTPUT:** 200 to 225 watts CW/SSB output.
  - **SYNTHESIZED FREQUENCY COVERAGE:** All amateur bands 1.8-30 MHz in full 1 MHz bands, plus 4 additional 1 MHz bands for future expansion.
  - **TWO PTO'S:** Dual receiving, transceive on either, or split operation
  - **QSK CW:** Full break in, vacuum relays.
  - **SELECTIVITY:** Two 8 pole plus one 4 pole filter deliver 20 pole 1.4:1 shape factor (6dB/60dB), plus post detection 1.5, 1.0, .4 and .1 KHz band width.
  - **BUILT-IN:** A/C supply, 115/230V, 50/400 Hz, Hypersil @ transformer.
  - **IF shift, noise blanker, RF clipping, CW keyer, notch/peak filter.**
  - **SERVICING:** Self service easiest of any transceiver by using gold-plated sockets for transistor and IC replacement.
  - **RELIABILITY:** Less than 1% failure. 99% of problems resolved in field.
  - **QUALITY:** All military and computer grade. 100% American made.
  - **PRICE:** \$5900, mfg by Signal/one Corp., Phoenix, AZ 85021.
- LIMITED WARRANTY: 12 MOS.

ETD ALPHA 77DX



- **Alpha 77DX:** The ultimate amplifier for those who demand the finest.
- **Tube:** Eimac 8877 - 1500 watts of plate dissipation
- **Transformer:** 4.4 KVA Hypersil @, removable, plug-in
- **Filter Capacitor:** oil-filled, 25 mfd
- **BANDSWITCH:** 20 AMP-6KV
- **TEFLON — INSULATED TOROID INDUCTORS**
- **QSK CW:** Full break-in, (2) vacuum relays
- **TUNING CAPACITOR:** Vacuum
- **Cooling:** Ducted air, large, quiet blower, computer grade
- **Price:** \$4495, limited warranty 24 months, tube by Eimac
- **OTHER ALPHAS:** 78-28295, 76CA-\$2195, 76PA-\$1995, 76A-\$1695, 374A-\$2195 77 SX-\$5395 (EXPORT ONLY)

Phone Don Payne, K41D, for SPECIAL PRICES, Brochure, and OPERATING EXPERIENCE on the CX-11A and Alphas.

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**PAYNE RADIO**

of W5HF, he was professor at U of A Law School and also at U of A Medical Sciences, KA5BSW now General, KASHPX new Tech, KC5AO now Extra, also 2nd Radiotelephone, KA5JTR & KA5JV new Novices. NOTE: all nets will be one hour later Zulu time same time local. OBS WA5LGN 2 W5UAI 3 Traffic: W5QFU 50, W5POH 28, KA5CFB 15, W5GQH 15, W5BLP 14, W5UAT 14, K5DW 6, W5EIJ 5.

**LOUISIANA:** SCM, Jim Giammanco, N5IB — Congrats to N5AVV, who is new EC for Calcasieu Parish, and to W5VBX, new bulletin station for the New Orleans VHF Club. 24 LARC members used 3 repeaters to gather election returns in Lafayette Parish. The results were used by 3 TV and 2 radio stations. The MTA ARC held a successful disaster drill in mid-July, making a good impression on local officials. The Baton Rouge Chapter of CQWA toured a 1000-AC station near Grangeville. W5FLM and SPARC set up an exhibit ham station at the Toledo Fall Festival in Many. Ten hams operated the station and handled traffic for the public. New CELARC officers are: W5QDJ, pres.; K5ANK, vice pres.; K5CSX, treas.; K5XV, secv.; W5VXG W5CWX K5KTV, bd mem. The Exxon ARC is a new member of the LA Council of ARC. At this writing, GNOARC station, W5UK, should be on the air. SELARC is planning a hamfest for the third weekend in January, in Hammond. Welcome aboard to a new ARRL affiliated club, the Acadiana DX Assn.

| Net | Freq       | TIME           | QNI | QTC | Mgr.  |
|-----|------------|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| LAN | 3615 kHz   | 7 & 10 P.M. Dy | 242 | 90  | N5BH  |
| LTN | 3910 kHz   | 6:30 P.M. Dy   | 244 | 37  | N5EK  |
| LSN | 3703 kHz   | 7:30 P.M. M-F  | 89  | 41  | W5EAF |
| LRN | 3587.5 kHz | 6:30 P.M. Su   | 20  | 30  | N5BB  |
| LEN | 3910 kHz   | 8:00 P.M. Su   |     |     |       |

Traffic: (Sept.) N5RB 167, W5VMY 79, N5BFV 63, K5TL 42, W5EAF 38, W5FLM 38, W5JZP 32, W5QDJ 24, N5IB 24, W5CWX 22, K5WOD 15, W5K1T 5, W5EMZ 2, (Aug.) W5GHP 138, W5EAE 52, KA3BER 15, (July) W5GHP 126

**MISSISSIPPI:** SCM, E. Ed Robinson, W5XT — SEC: W5BFXA. The rains have come and the days of 100° + temperatures have been broken. With a break in the weather, school back in session and vacations ended, more of us will be increasing our ham activities. Fall hamfests are upon us and hopefully eyeball QSO's will be taking place the next few weeks. Increased activity reported from the Jackson area clubs as well as the MS coast area clubs. Support your state and local activities and please send in your reports to make this your column. GAND (W5K1V) sess 30, QTC 622, DRN5 rep. 100% by MS station N5AMK, DRN5 (W5NKKD) sess 30, QTC 393 with MS rep. 100% by KA5AF1 N5AMK W5EDT KA5BPJ W5EYM W5SHAS, CGCHN (K5CM) sess 30, QNI 1920, QTC 128, MSBN (W5EYFM) sess 30, QNI 2022, QTC 40, MTN (K5OAF) sess 30, QNI 2016, QTC 120, MSN (KA5GGG) sess 13, QNI 74, QTC 6, MN (K4JSB) sess 30, QNI 551, QTC 4, RACES (N5AMK) sess 4, QNI 154, QTC 3, Capital AEN (KA5HED) sess 4, QNI 110, QTC 4, GCEN (K85W) sess 22, QNI 528, QTC 17, Traffic: N5AMK 165, K5OAF 101, W5EDT 93, K85W 78, W5SNB 40, W6X1 23, W5WZ 19, KA5AFT 15, W5EYM 8, W5DCSU 5, W5RIM 4.

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**KENTUCKY:** SCM, Joseph E. Miller, K4DZM — STM: K24G. SEC: W4ZML. Nets Reporting (section):

| Net   | QNI  | QTC | Net    | QNI | QTC |
|-------|------|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| KRN*  | 449  | 74  | PAWN   | 490 | 42  |
| MKPN* | 896  | 60  | CARN   | 204 | 22  |
| KTN*  | 1202 | 151 | FRI-ST | 371 | 43  |
| KNTN* | 344  | 126 | D-9RN  | 83% | 284 |
| KYN*  | 286  | 116 | BARES  | 92  | 10  |
| KSN*  | 179  | 35  | 4ARES  | 41  | 4   |
| KPON  | 64   | 6   | 6ARES  | 50  | 2   |
|       |      |     | 7ARES  | 154 | 10  |

WA4SWF new DEC for District 9. Still need new organization reports from Districts 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, and 14. DEC's from these districts PSE. Note: Dist. 13 ARES has been handling emergency communications all over the state, our thanks to them. Traffic: K4DZM 92, WA4SWF 88, WD4LXX 78, K54V 73, KA4GFU 69, KB4OZ 57, KA4MBF 56, WA4JTE 50, WD4JTO 50, WA4GAL 44, WD4CQF 43, WA4AVV 38, K24G 38, KA4AZT 33, K4YZJU 33, W4PKX 29, WA4EBN 22, KA4IKH 22, WB4AIU 21, WD4EKZ 21, KA4MZ 21, WB4APC 17, K4AVX 16, WA4YPO 15, WD4LTD 14, WD4CJO 13, WA4AGH 11, K4MHL 10, WD4BSC 9, N4AOF 8, WA4NOG 6, W4CDA 2.

**MICHIGAN:** SCM, James R. Sealey, W8RMTD — ASCM: W8BDB. SEC: W8BFFK. STM: W8BYBY. DECS: W8BFLK, K8BRT, W8VWV. Nts: W8DBHE, W8DBHE, K8LNE, K8KMQ, W8BLRT, W8BPM, W8BRN, W8BRN, W8SCW, A8B, W8BYDZ, W8YIQ, K8ZJU.

| Net    | Freq   | Time/Day     | QNI | IFC | Sec. |
|--------|--------|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| QMN*   | 3683   | 1800/2200 Dy | 906 | 423 | 60   |
| MITN*  | 3953   | 1900 Dy      | 613 | 411 | 30   |
| GLETN  | 3932   | 2100 Dy      | 985 | 295 | 30   |
| MACS*  | 3953   | 1100 Dy      | 719 | 276 | 30   |
| MNN*   | 3722   | 1730/2000 Dy | 484 | 126 | 60   |
| UPN*   | 3922   | 1700 Dy      | 623 | 100 | 34   |
| SEMTN* | 146 64 | 2045 Dy      | 157 | 69  | 29   |
| BH     | 3930   | 1730 M/S     | 415 | 48  | 25   |
| W5SSB  | 3935   | 1900 Dy      | 522 | 25  | 30   |
| MEN    | 3930   | 0900 Su      | 160 | 7   | 4    |

VHF Activity 13 reports 1173 41 104  
\*NTS nets, Times local, 3932 kHz, is the Michigan emergency frequency. Traffic workshop Sundays, 3953 kHz, 1600. ARES net Sundays, 3932 kHz, 1730. ARES (J.P.) Thursdays, 3922 kHz, 1800. OO reports: K8JH K8NKB W8QO W8BRUO AG8U KB8X. OBS reports: KA8EPK W8BIIA K8NKB W8HRN. New ECs: W8BJRT, Cheboygan & Presque Isle Cos. (Many thanks to W8BPRN for his long service); W8LNB, Eaton Co.; N8BBR, Bay Co. New QO: W8DT, W8BPM is new general manager for QMN; W8SCW air manager for QMN Fast Net, and W8BRN for QMN Slow Net. Silent Keys: K8HWK W8JTW W8VWV. New officers for Delta Co. ARS: W8DBH, pres.; W8BOIY, vice pres.; KA8JD, secv.; W8BIIA, treas. For Delta Co. Repeater Assn: W8LSZ, pres.; W8BOIY, vice pres.; K8RGT, secv/treas. For Hiawatha ARC (Marquette Co.): W8LSX, pres.; W8BOIY, vice pres.; W8BAKE, secv.; W8OIC, treas.; W8MAR W8JXJ W8B8JA, board. For Motor City RC: K8CK, pres.; N8BIB, vice pres.; KA8IKC, secv.; W8B8WF, treas. N8AG will be on as ZF-2AG December 3 to 20. The "experimental" ARPSC workshop in Gaylord was well worth the effort, 36 in attendance, and much good work accomplished. A lot was accomplished at the Lansing workshop as well. September was a banner month for traffic and reporting. Five BPL awards were earned: N8AU, K8CPS, K8IKO, W8BII, and AF8V. I enjoyed the Adrian Hamfest. Many good "eyeballs", and sitting next to the FCC was a new twist for me! Traffic: AF8V



# New Automatic Antenna Tuner Auto-Track Model AT-2500



## Check these state-of-the-art specifications

- Power Capability: 2500 W PEP.
- Frequency Range: Continuous 3.0 to 30 MHz (Including WARC Bands).
- Impedance Matching: 10 ohms to 300 ohms to 50 ohms resistive.
- Direct Reading SWR Meter: 1:1 to infinity.
- Direct Reading Power Meter: Two meter scales from 0 W to 250 W and 0 W to 2500 W; front panel switch selects FWD or Reflected Power (*Illuminated panel meters*).
- Power meter displays RMS with continuous carrier and automatically displays PEAK when driven with SSB signal.
- Average "Automatic" tune-up time: 15 seconds or less.
- Tune-up time not affected by power level; can be as low as 1 W (5-10 W preferred).
- A unique "Linear Disable" circuit automatically switches companion linear amplifier to standby within milliseconds whenever SWR exceeds a threshold preset on front panel, thus protecting the linear from excessive SWR.
- Toroidal bridge coupler provided in separate enclosure, permitting it to be installed directly at the output of the transmitter for meaningful SWR measurements.
- Power requirements are 115/230 VAC 50-60 Hz, 10 W operating/5 W standby, or 13.5 VDC, 1 A operating/.5 A standby.
- Antenna tuner packaged in cabinet 17"W x 5 1/4"H x 14"D (Front panel handles or rack mount optional).

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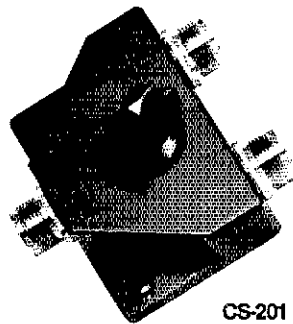
# Communications Essentials From J. W. Miller



## Automatic Antenna Tuner Model CNA-1001

Frequency Range: 3.5-30 MHz (Including WARC Bands)  
Power Rating: 500 Watts PEP  
Internal Dummy Load: 50 Watts/1 Minute  
Impedance Matching: 15-250 Ohms to 50 Ohms Resistive  
Input Power Required for Automatic Tune: 1, 5 or 10 Watts  
(Set by rear panel switch)

Tune-up Time: 45 Seconds Max  
Power Requirement: 13.8 VDC/2 Amp



CS-201



## RF Speech Processor Model RF-440

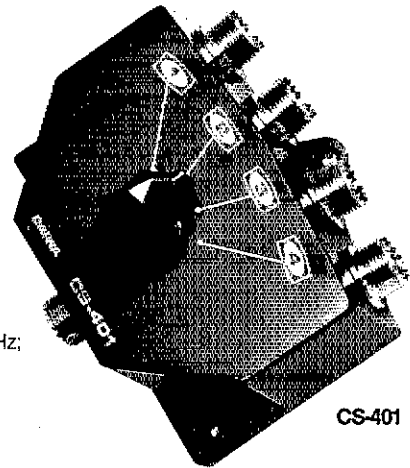
Increases talk power with splatter free operation. RF clipping assures low distortion. Simply install between microphone and transmitter.

Talk Power: Better than 6 dB  
Clipping Threshold: Less than 2 mV at 1 kHz  
Panel Meter indicates clipping level  
Bandwidth: 2200 Hz at 6 dB down  
Frequency Response: 300-3000 Hz at 12 dB down  
Distortion: Less than 3% at 1 kHz, 20 dB clipping  
Output Level: More than 50 mV at 1 kHz  
Power Requirement: 115V AC, 60 Hz, 1 W, for self contained AC power supply; or 13.5 V DC, 55 mA for alternate external power  
Dimensions: 150 x 70 x 150 mm; 6 x 2.5 x 6 in.

## Coaxial Switches 2 Position/Model CS-201 4 Position/Model CS-401

Professionally engineered cavity construction.

Power Rating: 2.5 kW PEP, 1 kW CW  
Impedance: 50 Ohms  
Insertion Loss: Less than .2 dB  
VSWR: 1:1.2  
Maximum Frequency: 500 MHz  
Isolation: Better than 50 dB at 300 MHz;  
better than 45 dB at 450 MHz;  
adjacent terminal  
Unused terminals grounded  
Connectors: SO-239



CS-401

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inquiries invited.

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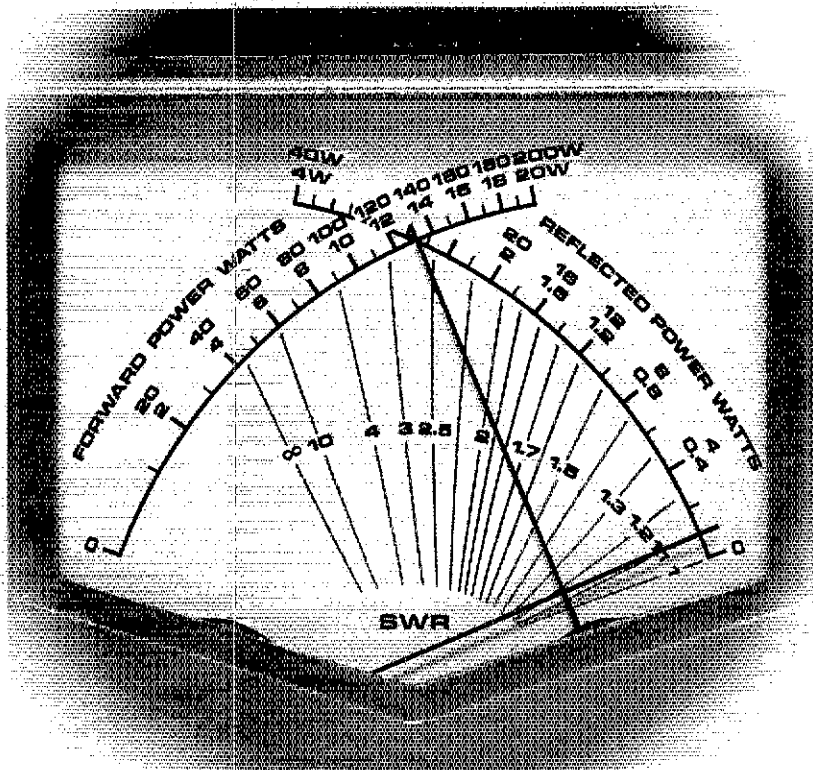
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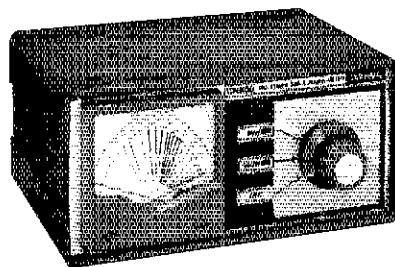
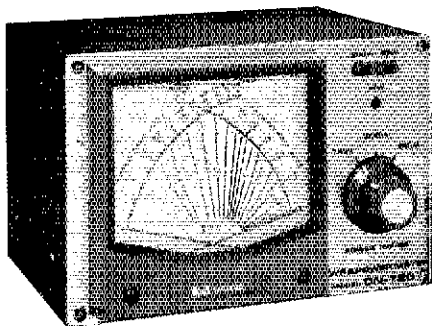
# DAIWA Cross Needle Meter

INDUSTRY CO., LTD.



## Simultaneous SWR/Forward & Reflected Power Readings

CN-720



CN-630

### SWR & Power Meter Model CN-630

Simultaneous direct reading SWR, Forward Power and Reflected Power.

Frequency Range: 140—450 MHz  
 SWR Detection Sensitivity: 5 Watts min.  
 Power: 2 Ranges (Forward, 20/200 Watts)  
 (Reflected, 4/40 Watts)

Tolerance:  $\pm 10\%$  full scale  
 Input/output Impedance: 50 Ohms  
 Connectors: SO-239  
 Dimensions: 180 x 85 x 120 mm;  
 7.12 x 3.37 x 4.75 in.

### SWR & Power Meters Models CN-720 and CN-620

Simultaneous direct reading SWR, Forward Power and Reflected Power.

Frequency Range: 1.8—150 MHz  
 SWR Detection Sensitivity: 5 Watts min.  
 Power: 3 Ranges (Forward, 20/200/1000 Watts)  
 (Reflected, 4/40/200 Watts)

Tolerance:  $\pm 10\%$  full scale  
 Input/output Impedance: 50 Ohms  
 Connectors: SO-239  
 Dimensions: 180 x 120 x 130 mm;  
 7 x 4.75 x 5 in.  
 165 x 75 x 97 mm;  
 6.5 x 3 x 4 in

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## TS-830S

"Top-notch"... VBT, notch, IF shift, wide dynamic range

The TS-830S has every conceivable operating feature built-in for 160-10 meters (including the three new bands). It combines a high dynamic range with variable bandwidth tuning (VBT), IF shift, and an IF notch filter, as well as very sharp filters in the 455-kHz second IF. Its optional VFO-230 remote digital VFO provides five memories.

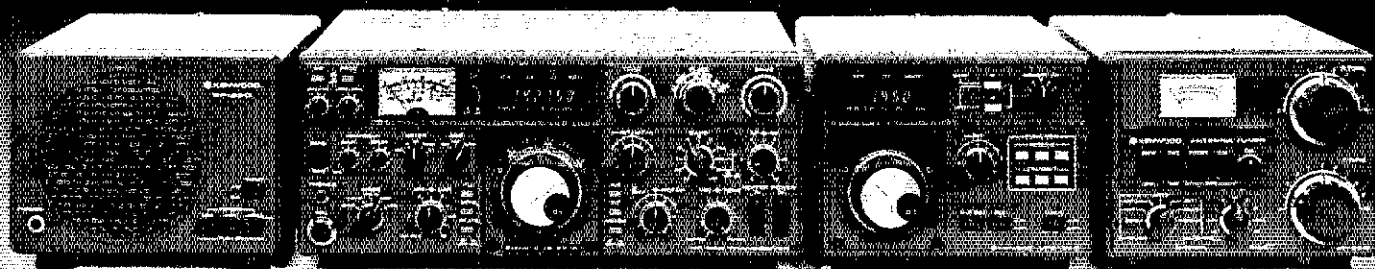
### TS-830S FEATURES:

- LSB, USB, and CW on 160-10 meters, including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV.
- Wide receiver dynamic range. Junction FETs in the balanced mixer, MOSFET RF amplifier at low level, and dual resonator for each band.
- Variable bandwidth tuning (VBT). Varies IF filter pass-band width.

- Notch filter (high-Q active circuit in 455-kHz second IF).
- IF shift (passband tuning).
- Built-in digital display (six digits, fluorescent tubes), analog subdial, and display hold (DH) switch.
- Noise-blanker threshold level control.
- 6146B final with RF negative feedback. Runs 220 W PEP (SSB)/180 W DC (CW) input on all bands.
- Built-in RF speech processor.
- Narrow/wide filter selection on CW.
- SSB monitor circuit to check transmitted audio quality.
- RIT (receiver incremental tuning) and XIT (transmitter incremental tuning).

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- SP-230 external speaker w/ selectable audio filters.
- VFO-230 external digital V with 20-Hz steps, five memories, digital display.
- AT-230 antenna tuner/SWP and power meter/antenna switch; 160-10 meters, including three new bands.
- YG-455C (500-Hz) and YG-455CN (250-Hz) CW filters for 455-kHz IF.
- YK-88C (500-Hz) and YK-88CN (270-Hz) CW filters for 8.83-MHz IF. (VFOs for TS-830S, TS-130 Series, and TS-120S are compatible with all three series of transceivers.)



SP-230

TS-830S

VFO-230

AT-230

## TS-130S/V

"Small wonder"... processor, N/W switch, IF shift, DFC option

The compact, all solid-state HF SSB/CW mobile or fixed station TS-130 Series transceiver covers 3.5 to 29.7 MHz, including the three new bands.

### TS-130 SERIES FEATURES:

- 80-10 meters, including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV.

- TS-130S runs 200 W PEP/160 W DC input on 80-15 meters and 160 W PEP/140 W DC on 12 and 10 meters. TS-130V runs 25 W PEP/20 W DC input on all bands.
- Built-in speech processor.
- Narrow/wide filter selection on both CW (500 Hz or 270 Hz) and SSB (1.8 kHz) with optional filters.

- Automatic selection of side-band mode (LSB on 40 meters and below, and USB on 30 meters and above). SSB REVERSE switch provided.
- Built-in digital display.
- Built-in RF attenuator.
- IF shift (passband tuning).
- Effective noise blanker.

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

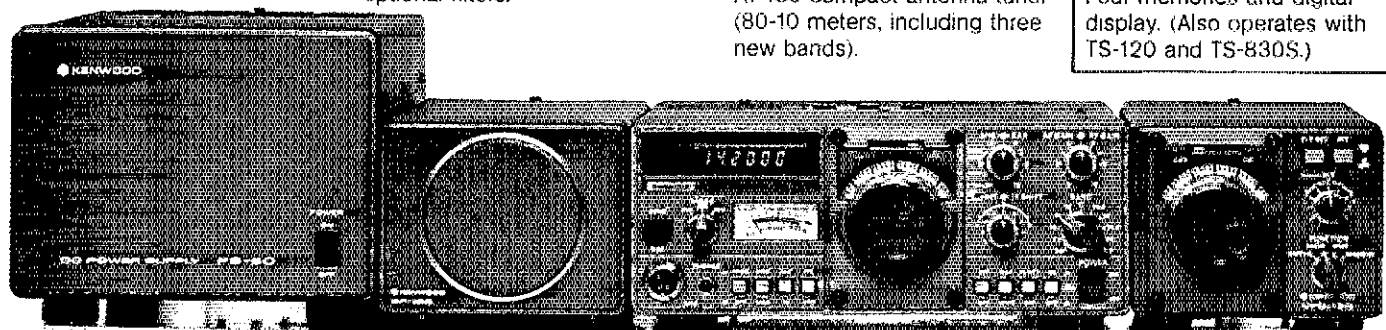
- PS-30 base-station power supply.
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filters.
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter.
- AT-130 compact antenna tuner (80-10 meters, including three new bands).

- SP-120 external speaker.
- VFO-120 remote VFO.
- MB-100 mobile mounting bracket.
- PS-20 base-station power supply for TS-130V.



### Optional DFC-230 Digital Frequency Controller

Frequency control in 20-Hz steps with UP/DOWN microphone (supplied with DFC-230). Four memories and digital display. (Also operates with TS-120 and TS-830S.)



PS-30

SP-120

TS-130S

VFO-120

# TS-180S with DFC

High quality...top performance,  
with optimum features

The top-of-the-line TS-180S all solid-state HF SSB/CW/FSK transceiver with DFC (Digital Frequency Control) provides maximum performance and efficiency for every amateur.

### TS-180S FEATURES:

- All solid-state, 200 W PEP/160 W DC input on 160-15 meters, and 160 W PEP/140 W DC on 10 meters. Adaptable to three new bands.

- Dual SSB filter (optional) to improve selectivity, reduce noise, and improve RF speech processor operation.
- Digital Frequency Control (DFC), including four memories with digital up/down paddle-switch tuning in 20-Hz steps. Memories operate in transceiver or split modes. (Also available without DFC.)
- RF shift (passband tuning).

- Built-in digital display with differential function. Shows actual VFO frequency and difference between VFO and "M1" memory (or "hold" without DFC) frequencies.
- Selectable wide and narrow CW bandwidth.
  - Tunable noise blanker.
  - RF AGC.

- Automatic selection of upper and lower sideband (with SSB NORMAL/REVERSE switch).
- Dual RIT (VFO, memory/fix).

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- PS-30 base-station power supply
- SP-180 external speaker with selectable audio filters.
- VFO-180 remote VFO
- AT-180 antenna tuner/SWR and power meter/antenna switch.
- DF-180 digital frequency control (for TS-180S without DFC).
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88ON (270 Hz) CW filters
- YK-88S SSB filter for dual IF filter system.



PS-30

SP-180

TS-180S

VFO-180

# TS-520SE

"Cents-ability" in a quality 160-10 meter  
SSB/CW rig

The TS-520SE is an economical, full-featured 160-10 meter transceiver, found in more ham shacks than any other rig.

### TS-520SE FEATURES:

- 160-10 meters... and receives WWV on 15 MHz.
- 200 W PEP (SSB)/160 W DC (CW) input on all bands.

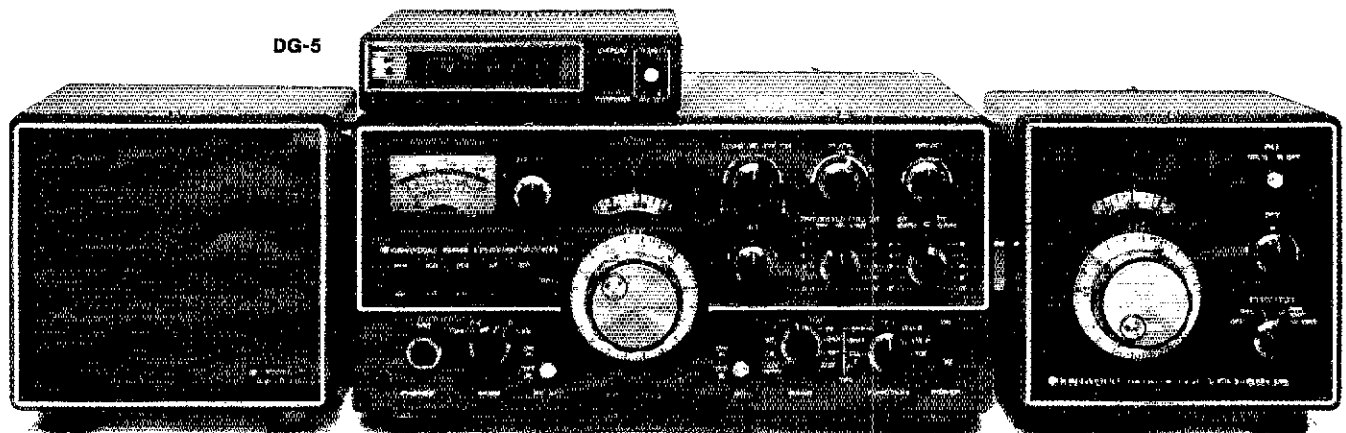
- CW WIDE/NARROW bandwidth switch for use with optional 500-Hz CW filter.
- Speech processor for extra audio punch.
- Effective noise blanker.
- 20-dB RF attenuator.
- RIT (receiver incremental tuning) control.

- Digital display with optional DG-5, showing actual operating frequency while transmitting and receiving.
- Eight-pole crystal filter for excellent selectivity.
- Built-in 25-kHz calibrator, adjustable to WWV.
- VOX and semi-break-in CW with sidetone.
- Built-in speaker.
- Solid-state, with tube driver and final.

- Amplified-type AGC circuit.
- Amplified-type ALC.
- Front-panel carrier level control.

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- SP-520 external speaker.
- DG-5 digital frequency display and 40-MHz counter.
- VFO-520S remote VFO.
- CW-520 500-Hz CW filter.
- AT-520 antenna tuner/SWR and RF power meter/antenna switch.



SP-520

TS-520SE

VFO-520S



## TR-7800

**"Easy selection"... 15 memories/offset recall, scan, priority, DTMF (Touch-Tone®)**

Frequency selection with the TR-7800 2-meter FM mobile transceiver is easier than ever. The rig incorporates new memory developments for repeater shift, priority, and scan, and includes a built-in autopatch Touch-Tone® encoder.

### TR-7800 FEATURES:

- 15 multifunction memory channels, selected with a

rotary switch. M1-M13 ... memorize frequency and offset ( $\pm 600$  kHz or simplex). M14 ... memorize transmit and receive frequencies independently for nonstandard offset. M0 ... priority channel, with simplex,  $\pm 600$  kHz, or nonstandard offset.

- Internal backup for all memories, by installing four AA NiCd batteries (not Kenwood-

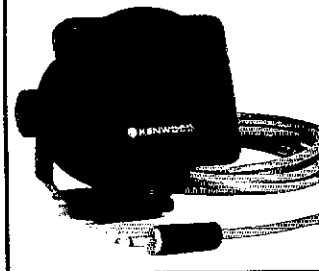
supplied) in battery holder.

- Priority channel (memory "0") and priority alert.
- Covers 143.900-148.995 MHz, in 5-kHz or 10-kHz steps.
- Built-in autopatch DTMF (Touch-Tone®) encoder.
- Front-panel keyboard for selecting frequency, transmit offset, and autopatch encoder tones, programming memories, and controlling scan.
- Automatic scan of entire band (5-kHz or 10-kHz steps) and memories.
- Manual scan of band and memories, with UP/DOWN microphone (standard).

## SP-40

Compact, high-quality mobile speaker

- Matches all HF, VHF, and UHF radios for mobile operation.
- Only 2-11/16 inches wide by 2-1/2 inches high by 2-1/8 inches deep.
- 4-ohm input impedance.
- Handles 3 watts of audio.
- Mounting bracket with ferrite magnet. Adhesive-backed steel plate supplied for mounting virtually anywhere.



- Repeater REVERSE switch.
- Selectable power output. 25 W (HI)/5 W (LOW).
- LED S/R/F bar meter.
- TONE switch to actuate subaudible tone module (not Kenwood-supplied).

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- KPS-7 fixed-station power supply.

## TR-8400

**"Go synthesized on 440 MHz FM"... 5 memories, memory/band scan**

The TR-8400 synthesized 70-cm UHF FM mobile transceiver covers 440-450 MHz in 25-kHz steps and includes five memories, automatic memory and band scan, UP/DOWN manual scan, and two VFOs.

### TR-8400 FEATURES:

- Synthesized coverage of 440-450 MHz in 25-kHz steps.

- Five memories and memory backup terminal on rear panel.
- Two VFOs.
- Offset switch for  $\pm 5$  MHz transmit offset and simplex operation. Fifth memory allows any other offset by memorizing receive and transmit frequencies independently.

- Automatic scan of memories and of 440-450 MHz band (in 25-kHz steps). Locks on busy channel and resumes when signal disappears. HOLD or mic PTT button cancels scan.

- Up/down manual band scan in 25-kHz steps with UP/DOWN microphone supplied with TR-8400.

- Only 5-3/4 inches wide, 2 inches high, and 7-5/8 inches deep. Weighs only 3.75 pounds.

- TONE switch to activate subaudible tone device (not Kenwood-supplied). DTMF (Touch-Tone®) terminal on rear panel.
- Four-digit frequency display and S/R/F bar meter. Other LEDs indicate BUSY, ON AIR, and REPEATER operation.

- HI/LOW (10 W/1 W) RF-output power switch.

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- KPS-7 fixed-station power supply
- SP-40 compact mobile speaker



# TR-9000

**"New 2-meter direction"...compact rig with FM/SSB/CW, scan, five memories**

The TR-9000 combines the convenience of FM with long distance SSB and CW. It is extremely compact... perfect for mobile operation. Matching accessories are available for optimum fixed-station operation.

**TR-9000 FEATURES:**

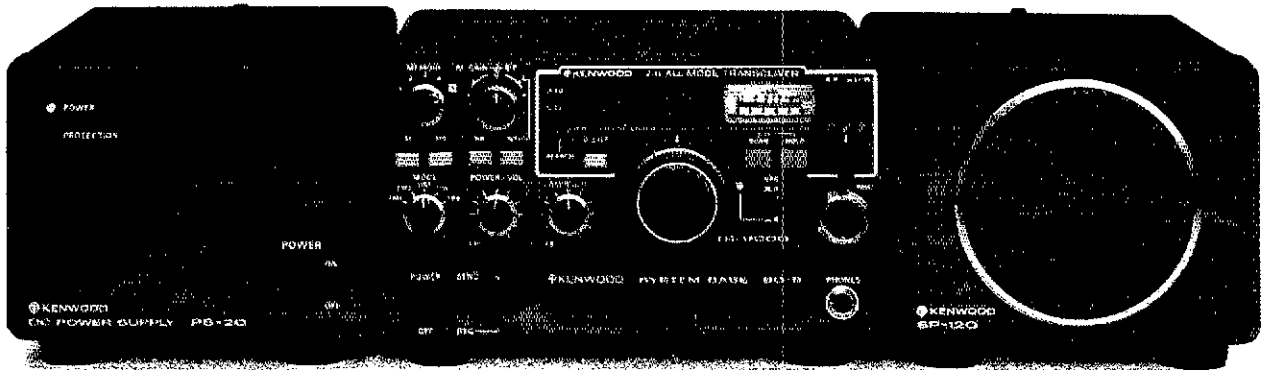
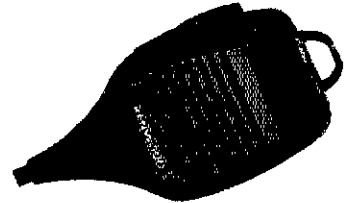
- FM, USB, LSB, and CW.
- Only 6-11/16 inches wide, 2-21/32 inches high, 9-7/32 inches deep.

- Two digital VFOs, with selectable tuning steps of 100 Hz, 5 kHz, and 10 kHz.
- Digital frequency display. Five, four, or three digits, depending on selected tuning step.
- Covers 143.9000-148.9999 MHz.
- Band scan... automatic busy stop and free scan.
- SSB/CW search of selectable 9.9-kHz bandwidth segments.

- Five memories... four for simplex or  $\pm 600$  kHz repeater offsets and the fifth for a non-standard offset (memorizes transmit and receive frequency independently).
- UP/DOWN microphone (standard) for manual band scan.
- Noise blanker for SSB and CW.
- RIT (receiver incremental tuning) for SSB and CW.
- RF gain control.
- CW sidetone.
- Selectable RF power outputs... 10 W (HI)/1 W (LO).
- Mobile mounting bracket with quick-release levers.
- LED indicators... ON AIR, BUSY, and VFO.

**OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:**

- PS-20 fixed-station power supply.
- SP-120 fixed-station external speaker.
- BO-9 System Base... with power switch, SEND/RECEIVE switch (for CW), memory-backup power supply, and headphone jack.



PS-20

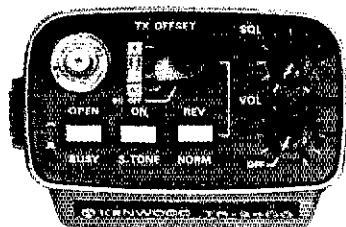
TR-9000

BO-9

SP-120

# TR-2400

**"Hand-shack"...synthesized, big LCD, scan, 10 memories, DTMF (Touch-Tone®)**



CONVENIENT TOP CONTROLS

The TR-2400 has the most convenient operating features desired in a 2-meter FM hand-held transceiver.

**TR-2400 FEATURES:**

- Large LCD digital readout. Readable in direct sunlight (virtually no current drain) and in the dark (lamp switch). Shows receive and transmit frequencies and memory channel. "Arrow" indicators show "ON AIR," "MR" (memory recall), "BATT" (battery status), and "LAMP" switch on.

- Keyboard selection of 144.000-147.995 MHz in 5-kHz increments. No "5-UP" switch needed.
- UP/DOWN manual scan in 5-kHz steps from 143.900 to 148.495 MHz.
- 10 memories. Retained with battery backup. "M0" memory may be used to shift transmitter to any frequency for nonstandard-split repeaters.
- Built-in autopatch DTMF (Touch-Tone®) encoder, using all 16 keyboard buttons.
- Automatic memory scan.
- Repeater or simplex operation. Transmit frequency shifts  $\pm 600$  kHz or to "M0" memory frequency.
- Reverse switch. Transposes receive and transmit frequencies.
- Subtone switch (tone encoder not Kenwood-supplied).
- Two lock switches to prevent accidental frequency change and accidental transmission.

- External PTT microphone and earphone connectors.
- Rubberized antenna with BNC connector, NiCd battery pack, AC charger, PTT and mic plugs, handstrap, and earphone included.
- Extended operating time with LCD and overall low-current circuit design. Only draws about 28 mA squelched receive and 500 mA transmit (at 1.5 W RF output).
- High-impact case and zinc die-cast frame.
- Compact and lightweight. Only 2-13/16 inches wide, 7-9/16 inches high, and 1-7/8 inches deep. Weighs only 1.62 pounds (including antenna, battery, and hand strap).

**OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:**

- ST-1 Base Stand (provides 1.5-hour-quick, trickle, and floating charges, 4-pin microphone connector, and SO-239 antenna connector).
- BC-5 DC quick charger.
- LH-1 leather case.
- BH-1 belt hook.
- PB-24 extra NiCd battery pack.
- NEW SMC-24 speaker/mic.



## R-1000

"Hear there and everywhere"...  
easy tuning, digital display

The R-1000 is an amazingly easy-to-operate, high-performance, communications receiver, covering 200 kHz to 30 MHz in 30 bands. This PLL synthesized receiver features a digital frequency display and analog dial, plus a quartz digital clock and timer.

### R-1000 FEATURES:

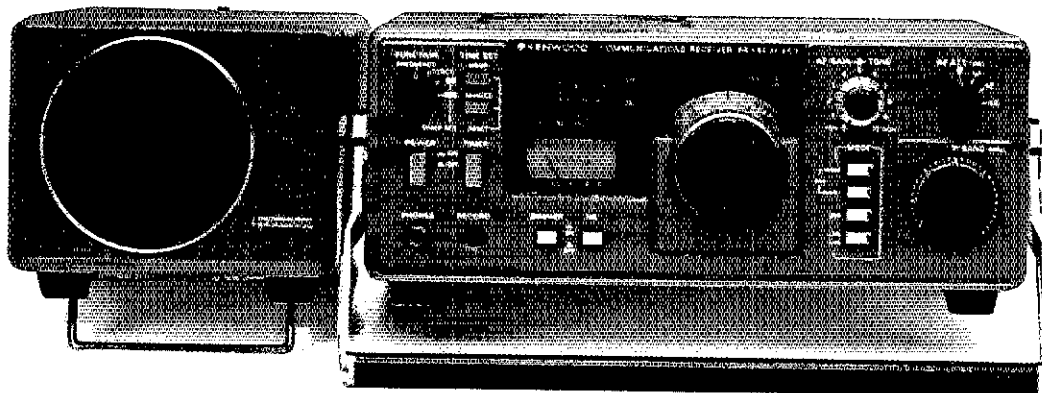
- Covers 200 kHz to 30 MHz continuously.
- 30 bands, each 1 MHz wide.
- Five-digit frequency display with 1-kHz resolution and analog dial with precise gear dial mechanism.
- Built-in 12-hour quartz digital clock with timer to turn on radio for scheduled listening or control a recorder through remote terminal.
- Step attenuator to prevent overload.

- Three IF filters for optimum AM, SSB, CW, 12-kHz and 6-kHz (adaptable to 6-kHz and 2.7-kHz) for AM wide and narrow, and 2.7-kHz filter for high-quality SSB (USB and LSB) and CW reception.
- Effective noise blanker.
- Terminal for external tape recorder.
- Tone control.
- Built-in 4-inch speaker.
- Dimmer switch to control intensity of S-meter and other panel lights and digital display.

- Wire antenna terminals for 200 kHz to 2 MHz and 2 to 30 MHz. Coax terminal 2 MHz to 30 MHz.
- Voltage selector for 100, 120, 220, and 240 VAC. Also adaptable to operate on 12 VDC with optional DCK-1.

### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

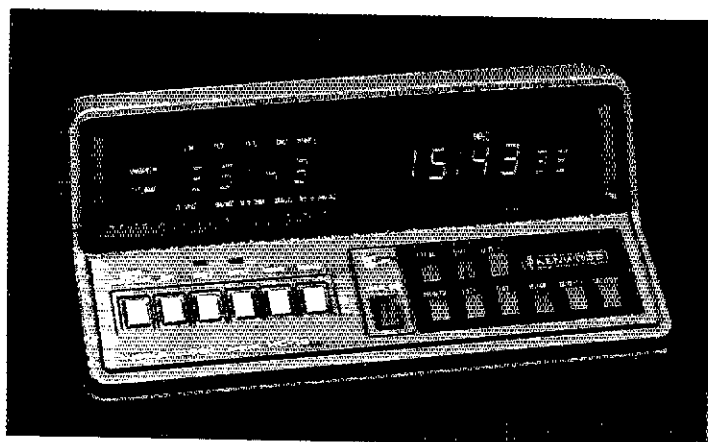
- SP-100 matching external speaker.
- HS-5 and HS-4 headphones.
- DCK-1 modification kit for 12-VDC operation.



SP-100

R-1000

HS-5



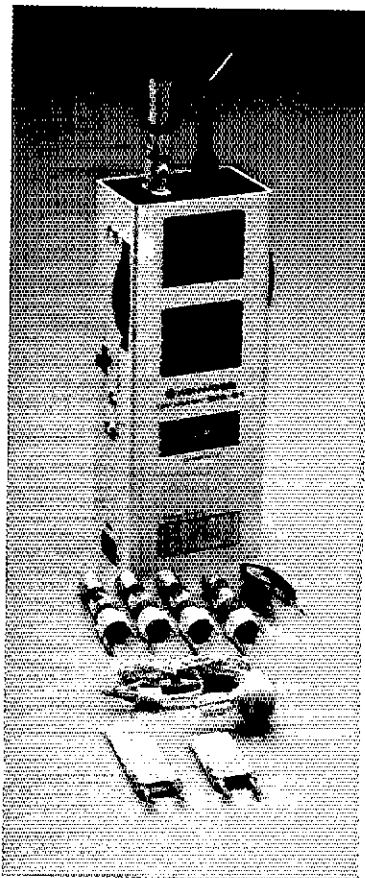
## HC-10

Digital world clock with two  
24-hour displays, quartz time base

The HC-10 digital world clock with dual 24-hour display shows local time and the time in 10 preprogrammed plus two programmable time zones.

### HC-10 FEATURES:

- Two 24-hour displays with quartz time base. Right display shows local (or UTC) hour, minute, second, day. Left display shows month, date, world time in various cities, memory time (QSO starting time), and time difference (in hours from UTC).
- Preprogrammed time in 10 cities around the world, plus two programmable time zones.
- "TOMORROW" and "YESTERDAY" indicators.
- Memorization of present time. Can be recalled later, for logging purposes.
- High accuracy ( $\pm 10$  seconds/month).



## DM-81

Dip meter  
performs many R  
measurements

The DM-81 dip meter is highly accurate and features, in addition to the traditional inductive coupling technique, capacitive coupling for measuring metal enclosed coils and toroidal coils.

### DM-81 FEATURES:

- Measuring range of 700 kHz to 250 MHz in seven bands.
- Built-in storage compartment for all seven coils, capacitive probe, earphone, and ground clip lead.
- All solid-state and built-in battery.
- HC-25U and FT-243 sockets for checking crystals and marker-generator function.
- Amplitude modulation.
- FET for good sensitivity.
- Absorption frequency meter function.
- Earphone for monitoring transmitted signals.
- Capacitance probe for measuring resonant frequencies without removing coil shields, and also for measuring resonant frequencies of toroidal coils.





## TL-922-A

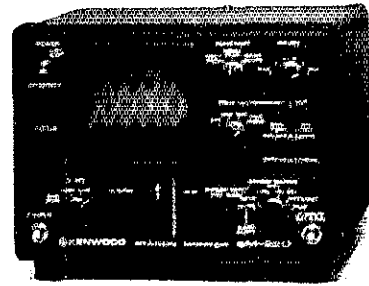
### Maximum legal power on 160-15 meters

The TL-922A linear amplifier provides maximum legal power on the 160-15 meter Amateur bands.

#### TL-922A FEATURES:

- 2000 W PEP (SSB)/1000 W DC (CW, RTTY) input power on 160, 80, 40, 20, and 15 meters, with 80 W drive
- Excellent IMD characteristics.
- Pair of EIMAC 3-500Z high-

- performance transmitting tubes.
- Safety protection.
- Blower with automatic turnoff-delay circuit.
- Variable threshold level type ALC.
- Two meters, one indicating plate current, and the other indicating grid current, relative RF output, and high voltage.



## SM-220

### High-performance oscilloscope for various monitoring functions

The SM-220 Station Monitor provides a variety of waveform-observing capabilities, and an optional pan display.

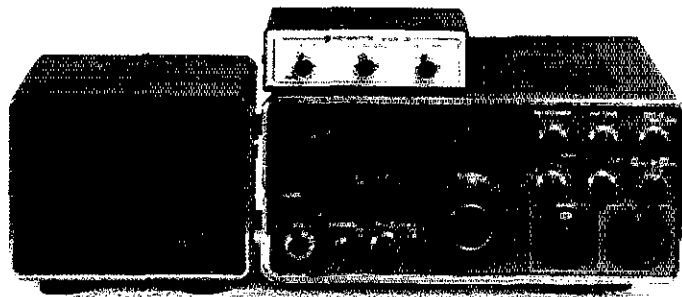
#### SM-220 FEATURES:

- Monitors transmitted SSB and CW waveforms from 1.8 to 150 MHz.
- Monitors signal waveforms in receiver's IF stage.
- Functions as high-sensitivity, wide-frequency-range (up to 10 MHz) oscilloscope.
- Tests linearity of linear amplifiers (provides trapezoid pattern).

- Allows observation of RTTY tuning points (cross pattern).
- Built-in two-tone (1000-Hz and 1575-Hz) generator.
- Expandable to pan-display capability for observing the number and amplitude of stations within a switchable  $\pm 20$  kHz/ $\pm 100$  kHz bandwidth.

#### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- BS-8 pan-display module for TS-180S, TS-830S, and TS-820 Series.
- BS-5 pan-display module for TS-520 Series.



SP-70

TS-600 W/VOX-3

## TS-600

### All-mode, all solid-state 6-meter transceiver

The TS-600 is a 6-meter, all-mode, all solid-state transceiver with VFO (and crystal-controlled) coverage of the entire band.

#### TS-600 FEATURES:

- SSB (20 W PEP input), FM and CW (10 W output), and AM (5 W output).
- Operates on 120/220 VAC, 50/60 Hz or 13.8 VDC.
- VFO coverage of 50-54 MHz in four bands, with two-speed dial mechanism. Favorite frequencies may be crystal-controlled.
- Effective noise blanker.
- VOX operation with VOX-3

accessory (standard).

**TS-700SP** 2-meter, all-mode, all solid-state transceiver is also available... with similar features, plus:

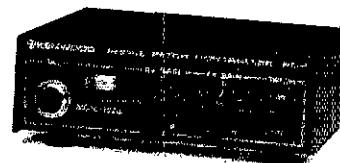
- Digital frequency display, with 100-Hz resolution.
- VFO coverage of 144-148 MHz in four bands.
- Simplex and repeater operation, including all repeater subbands. REVERSE switch.

#### OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES:

- VFO-700S remote VFO (for TS-700S/SP).
- SP-70 external speaker.

## ACCESSORIES

A wide selection of optional accessories is offered for optimum operating flexibility. In addition to the optional items listed with each piece of equipment described in this catalog, the following accessories are also available:



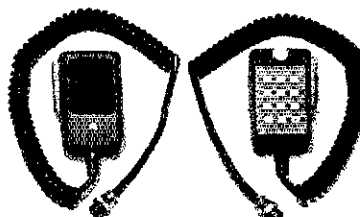
**MC-50** dynamic dual-impedance (50 k $\Omega$ /500 $\Omega$ ) desk microphone.

**MC-30S** (500 $\Omega$ ) and **MC-35S** (50 k $\Omega$ ) dynamic noise-canceling hand microphones.

**HS-5** deluxe 8 $\Omega$  headphone set.

**HS-4** 8 $\Omega$  headphone set.

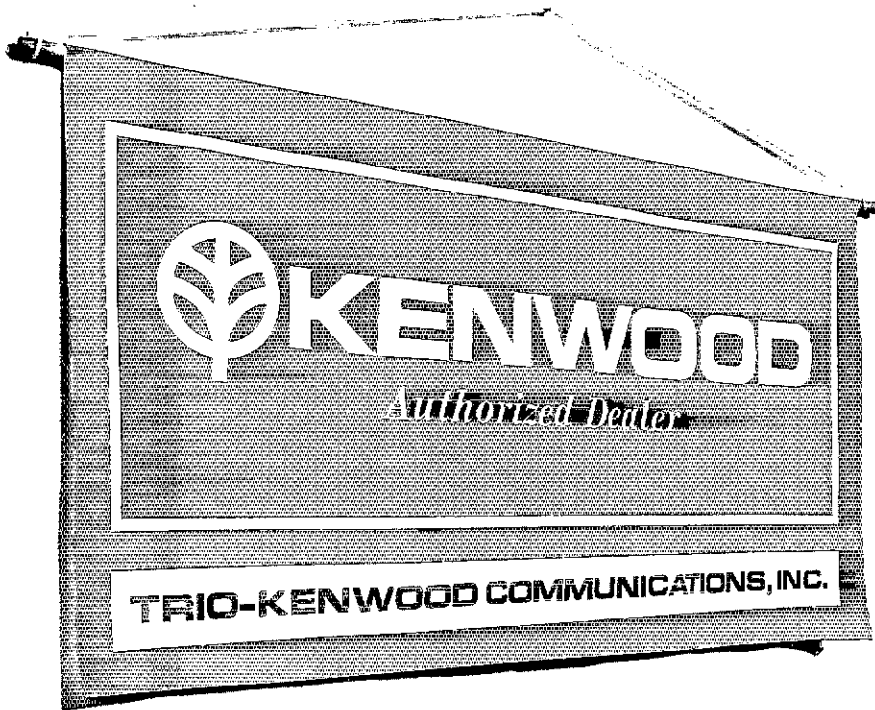
**PC-1** phone patch with hybrid circuit and VU meter for null and audio gain measurements.



**MC-45** Touch-Tone<sup>®</sup> (with automatic transmit) microphone.

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OHIO: SCM, Harold C. Chapman, WB8JGW — Asst SCMs: W8MOK AF80, SEC: K8AN, NMs: K8AAZ WD8KBW WB8KWD K8OZ WD8QMP WB8YGW. Net reports:

| Net   | QNI  | QTC | Sess. | Time (local)              | Freq.  |
|-------|------|-----|-------|---------------------------|--------|
| BN    | 323  | 201 | 45    | 6:45/10 P.M.              | 3.577  |
| BNR   | 115  | 10  | 28    | 6 P.M.                    | 3.605  |
| ONN   | 90   | 36  | 23    | 6:30 P.M.                 | 3.708  |
| OSN   | 230  | 164 | 30    | 6:10 P.M.                 | 3.577  |
| OSSBN | 2532 | 930 | 90    | 10:30 A.M. 4:15 8:45 P.M. | 3.5725 |

06mN 342 46 30 9 P.M. 50.160  
If you are a regular check-in to a certain net and the NCS asks you to act as liaison to a higher net (in event regular rep didn't show, or in case of overloads), go ahead — volunteer. If you can handle OSSBN you can handle D8RN; if you can handle OSN you can handle BN; if you can handle OSN you can handle 8RN. The biggest change would be from 8RN to EAN but if WB8JGW handled it, so can you. To those of you holding station appointments keep in mind that those appointments must be endorsed by your SCM every two years. If you hold an appointment and have not been forwarding the required monthly reports, expect to hear from your SCM; the reports are necessary to maintain your appointment and to keep the SCM advised of your activities. Thanks to all of you in the section for your assistance, cooperation, patience and help during the past two years. Without your efforts the section would not have done as well as it did. It's the individuals and their efforts that determine the end result; the SCM is only a figurehead. Good luck to each of you and to AB8P in the years to come.

| Local Nets  | QNI | QTC | Sess. |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|
| BARF        | 96  | 47  | 24    |
| BRTN        | 315 | 130 | 30    |
| COARES      | 76  | 3   | 3     |
| FRN         | 72  | 21  | 4     |
| LCINWAORES  | 340 | 54  | 26    |
| MASER (AUG) | 72  | 7   | 4     |
| (SEPT)      | 76  | 7   | 4     |
| TSRAC       | 587 | 70  | 29    |

Upgrades: W8EPI/Extra, WB8MMK/Adv, KA8CTC/Gen, KB8DK/Gen, KA8JE/Gen, KA8LAB/Nov, (last 3 in N8FI) household. Appointments: EX: WD8DIR/Preble Traffic: WA8GMT 302, WB8PMJ 287, KB8YR 286, K8OZ 252, WB8JGW 240, WA8HGH 215, WB8JMF 174, WD8KBW 171, KB8SC 170, WB8KWD 166, WB8JUR 164, WB8MCK 160, WB8WTS 148, WB8KFN 134, KB8HK 128, WB8EIN 122, WB8CZK 118, WB8GX 110, WB8MOK 108, WB8EIM 100, KA8A 95, WD8HDZ 88, AB8P 78, WA8RSI 78, KA8DJZ 71, WB8JMD 67, WB8OMP 61, WB8SIO 59, KB8AN 52, WD8NEC 51, N8JR 47, KB8L 46, WD8LX 46, WB8MZ 44, WD8RYW 43, WB8RSM 40, WB8AWM 36, KA8CTC 34, WB8UQ 33, WD8DDE 30, WB8TKU 30, WB8HL 28, N8CW 28, K8RC 27, WB8PIY 26, WB8WEG 26, WB8YGW 26, WB8MRL 25, WA8MAZ 22, K8CKY 21, WB8MA 21, WB8ITQ 21, WB8INK 20, WD8QAC 20, WD8OYK 17, WD8OY 16, WD8PMW 15, WB8OXN 12, WB8CJU 11, WD8EKI 11, WB8QHU 11, WB8VLR 11, WB8SRG 10, WB8VAV 10, WD8DTG 8, WD8LZW 8, AB8P 8, WB8RG 8, WB8BOV 6, WB8VA 5, WB8TRK 5, WB8YUS 5, WB8EK 4, WB8PQ 4, WB8CHV 4, WB8YH 4, WB8I 4, WB8HU 3, WB8OJ 3, WB8WNH 3, WB8NHV 2, WB8NTR 2, N8AJU 1. (Aug.) KB8UZ 264, WB8EK 11.

**HAUJON DIVISION**  
EASTERN NEW YORK: SCM, Paul S. Vydareny, WB2VUK — SEC: KB2TM STM: WA2SPL, ASCM, K2AV W2IT KB2KW NM: W2WSS WA2HZM N2BDW WB2ZCM WB2EAG WA2SPL. Nets: EPN 6 P.M. 3902; NYPON 5 P.M. 3913; ESS (slow) 6 P.M. 3590; NYSPTEN 6 P.M. 3925; NYS 7 P.M. 10 P.M. 3677; CDN (Troy) 6:30 P.M. 3494; HVN (Beacon) 7:30 P.M. M-F 37-97; SDN (White Plains) 9:30 P.M. S/T/T 6606; MWF 615015; WA2SPL, STM, net manager of the new Eastern New York Division. SCM, net manager of the new Eastern New York Division. Let's do it really well. Much time and effort went into development. Let's all give it the support it deserves. Schenectady area ham's provided communications for the cross country marathon at Lake Placid per Bob Lopez's request. Remember him from the Olympic Torch Relay Run? W2YJR running ORP — 2 wats while rig is being overhauled. W2WSS suggests some traffic be routed thru ESS for training of members. Great idea! Rip Van Winkle elected new officers — WA2F1T WB2UEB W2F5I KA2JIF. Mt. Beacon officers — WA2UGO K2PDL W2G1J WA2JIF. W2DW busy monitoring as OC. The 1980 HARC Convention is history. Good, but missed bouquet and speaker. Note: PSHR is 60 points for all except Novices and Techs. Reports must be in by 10th or will not appear in column. PSHR: W2ACQ N2BOW WB2EAG WA2EQW WB2HDI KB2KW WA2SPL N2YL WB2ZCM. Traffic: WA2SPL 403, N2YL 285, W2EFU 214, WA2JBO 175, WB2EAG 158, WB2HDI 152, WB2ZCM 105, W2ACQ 96, KB2DW 95, W2IQK 74, N2BDW 57, AA2Y 42, KA2CLX 40, WA2EQW 40, W2YJR 35, WA2CY 34, WB2MGO 30, N2JK 29, K2MI 29, WB2SON 18, WB2GOJ B, W2IT 8.  
NEW YORK CITY — LONG ISLAND: SCM, Paul A. Lindgren, WA2UWA — Asst SCM: Stephen H. Bloom, WB2DP. Asst SCM NYC: Dwight Ernest, KA2CNN. The following are traffic nets in and around the section.  
Net, Time/Day, Freq, NM  
NLI, 1900/2200 Dy, 3.630, WB2TQC  
NSPN\*, 1815 Dy, 3.928, WA2SEL  
BAVTN\*, 2030 M-F, 147.315, KA2DBW  
ESS, 1800 Dy, 3.590, W2WSS  
Nets denoted with an asterisk are NTS section nets. High QNI: NSPN — WB2TQC KG2S WA2SEL K2GCE; NLI — WB2TQC W2AHV KA2CLY K2GCE. EC reports

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|--|------------|
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| 32-19    | 19-El. 2 mtr. "Boomer"          | \$ 75 |
| 214B     | 14-El. 2 mtr. "Boomer"          | \$ 59 |
| 214FB    | 14-El. 2 mtr. "Boomer"          | \$ 59 |
| 228FB    | 28-El. 2 mtr. FM "Power Pack"   | \$188 |
| 220B     | 17-El. 220 MHz "Boomer"         | \$ 69 |
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| A144-10T | 10-El. 2 mtr. "Oscar" Ant.      | \$ 37 |
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|           |   |        |
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| HDX-538   | 38 ft. Self Supporting-Extra Heavy                                | \$799  |
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| FK2568 | 68' 25G Foldover Tower         | \$799  |         |     |         |
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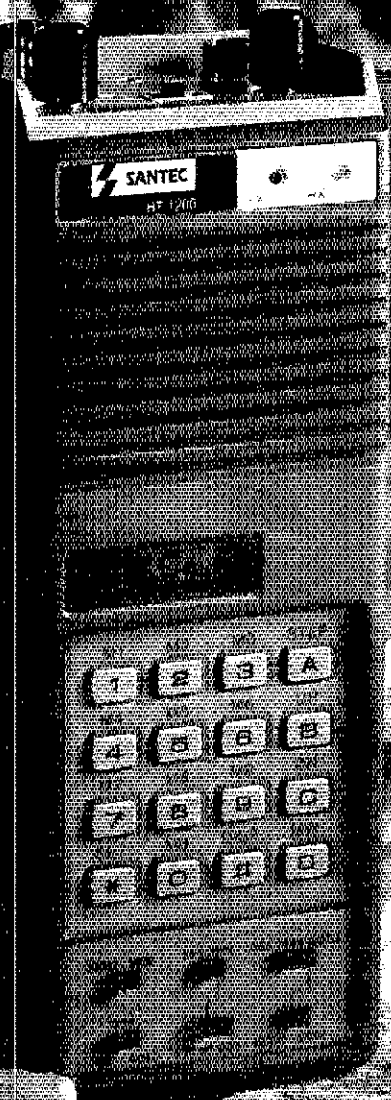
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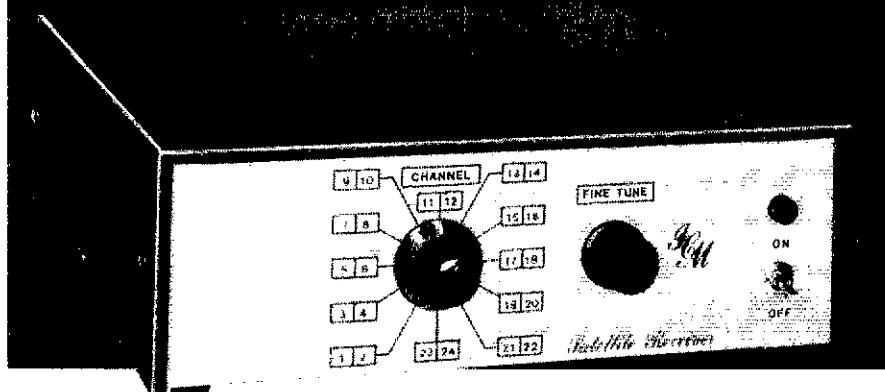
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received from WA2ZHA and N2EM. The Grumman ARC provided communications for the Juvenile Diabetes Walkathon. Congratulations to new Novices KA2JXF and DA2KEI and new General KA2EPY. WB2BNV gave talk on traffic handling at September meeting. SIARA had exhibit at Staten Island Mall. Congratulations to WB2SCG who was honored by CUNY as professor emeritus retroactive to 1978. Radio booth at Riverhead County Fair manned by WB2AH, WA2LBJ, WB2EUF, WA2UWA, KA2IEX and W2LYH. WB2IDP named National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. N2BKK moved from Staten Island to Northport. Hope everyone in the section has a happy holiday. Correction: WB2QOI (present holder), reported as a Silent Key, is very much ORV. Traffic: WA2UWA 187, KA2CNN 131, WB2TQC 102, K2GCE 91, W2AHV 83, WB2EUF 67, N2BKK 61, W2MLC 59, WB2BNV 56, KA2CZ 43, W2DBT 34, W2BKT 28, WA2SEL 19, N2BGR/T 13, WB2IDP 11, WA2KXET 4, WB2BNA 1.

**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SCM, Robert Neukomm; WA2MVQ — SEC, WB2VUF 51M; W2XND NMS; N2CR KB2HM W2PSU KA2GOQ W2ICA W2UEZ & WB2IQJ.  
 Net Mgr. Freq. Time/Days Sess. QNI QSP  
 N.J.N/E W2UEZ 3695 7 P.M. Dy 30 426 195  
 N.J.N/L W2UEZ 3695 10 P.M. Dy 30 348 154  
 N.J.SN WB2IQJ 3735 8:30 P.M. Dy 30 224 82  
 N.J.PN N2CR 3950 6 P.M. Dy 34 468 186  
 N.J.VN W2ICA 4949 10:30 P.M. Dy 30 226 102  
 P.B.T.N KB2HM 72112 8 P.M. Dy 30 480 101  
 UCFTN KA2GOQ 985/885 7:30 P.M. Dy 29 172 42

Fairfax ARC had a very successful demonstration at the Bergen Mall. They had a radio station, code demonstrations and a nice QSL card display and received a number of messages for the New Jersey Phone Net. QO reports received from the following: W2NFR, WA2QZD, W2TPJ and WA2MVO. A lot of very chirpy signals and some out-of-band operation during "rare DX" working split-frequency. Club news: Sussex County ARC had a very successful hamfest. The WX was with them at the fairgrounds setting. WA2LHX won the Tempo S-1 hamfest door prize. Their annual dinner is set for November 7 at the "Still" in Tranquility. Holmdel ARC election: W2XD, chmn.; Ed Underwood, vice chmn.; Randy Nash, secy/treas. Tri-County Radio Association reports W2AEC is now operational on "Mount Olympus." Clubs not calling the following are running for office: W2OJ, pres.; W2HWV, vice pres.; WB2RMH, secy.; W2DQA, treas. They have 80 "paid" members. That is a good club to take your next upgrade ticket as they have continual classes. Bergen Amateur Radio Association held a very successful flea market at Bergen Community College and it was well attended despite some much needed "wet weather." Ramapo Amateur Radio Association plans to hold a "Field Day" at Camp Tamarack for the Jamboree of the Air the 3rd weekend of the Air is held. Congratulations to WA2SLG, new W2EUC and N2EQO who is WB2TY. Old Bridge ITN celebrated its second anniversary and now "claims" to be the most active 2-meter traffic net. N2BNB and others from Sussex County ARC provided communications for a recent bike race. W2XD passed first lone with radar endorsement and gave traffic talks at Holmdel, S. Plainfield and Ramapo Radio Amateur Association. WA2MVQ was in the hospital again — this time with pericarditis and this report somewhat late getting up to the League! Traffic: (Sept.) W2UEZ 332, W2COB 237, K2VX 237, AG2R 201, W2XD 126, AF2L 105, KF2I 99, W2TCA 96, KB2HM 78, W2CC 77, N2BNB 69, N2CR 67, WB2RMH 48, N2XJ 48, WA2MVO 46, K2FH 45, KA2SDPT 39, W2SDPT 35, KA2GOQ 29, W2DQZ 14, WA2DPK 12, W2UH 12, N2BCL 9, WB2KLF 9, KA2EEO 6, WA2UPH 6, W2CVW 3, W2E2P 2. (Aug.) W2CVW 2. (July) N2BNB 47, W2CVW 8.

**MIDWEST DIVISION**

**IOWA:** SCM, Bob McCaffrey, K0CY — SEC: W0RPK. NMS: W0AVW W0YLS K0HYH new EC for Jefferson Cnty. W0CPD new OBS District I. Still looking for a few to fill EC and DEC positions. Congrats to upgrades K0BGG, W0VVF, W0QAI, W0BBC, W0DOK, K0ICU, K0DNB. Mobile W0QJB has "worked back home from 45 states." W0BJL has 2nd Commercial. W0SR keeping busy with DX. Thanks for all the newsletters. Pleasan Old Threshers Reunion totaled 117 from 11 states. Central Iowa DXers meet each Sun at 8 P.M. on 146.071.67. W0SVD "roasted" by the DMRAA. 31st annual Operation Santa Claus in Des Moines Dec 16th. Aug/Sep TEN 100%/98% with W0SS W0YLS AE0R K0GP N0SM K0X WB0UPF K0EVH. CAND/DTRN 95% with WA0AUX and KA5DBV. Hats off to those who consistently represent Iowa NTS. 500land Repeater Assn assuming Novice classes led by WB5MKT, WB0RNM, K0AAR, K0PCG, WB0JG, WB0WKQ keeping Iowa SSTV hopping. Another great CVARC Hamfest, Mason City added 101 feet to antenna of 16176. New Spencer repeater 367.96. WB0MEZ working on RTTY repeater. W0RPK, K0GIS and K0CY can be found on OSCAR. QO reports from W0ZAZ, WB0VL and W0HUU. W0FOY has 6-m WAS. Have a great Holiday Season.  
 Net Time/Days Freq. QNI QTC Sess.  
 Iowa 75M 1830 M-S 3970 1221 60 26  
 Iowa 75M 2330 M-S 3970 1032 60 26  
 TLCN 0030/0400 Dy 3560 320 110 60  
 Traffic: WA0AUX 532, W0YLS 97, W0SS 87, AE0R 86, WB0KHO 86, K0GP 85, K0CY 49, KA0X 28, W0LFF 10, WB0AVW 8, W0RPK 6, WB0UPF 4.

**KANSAS:** SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0RFX — SEC: W0RL. Net Mgrs: W0OYH, W0FT. This being a catch-up month due to the listing of the EC's last month. PSRR: (Aug.) W0QY 17, K0EZ 20, W0FT 73. Net reports: (Aug.) K0I QNI 827, QTC 505; QKS 255/97; K5BN 98/133; K0I 308/34; CSTN 1440/146. Just received word that the 1981 Midwest Division Conv. will be held first weekend of October at Salina, Kansas, watch for more details. Hiawatha ARC officers for 1981 are: W0DEC, pres.; W0PB, vice pres.; WA0SRR, secy/treas.; W0DMV, activities mgr. QKS, QKS, QKS de K0BFX. All stations are welcome to CHECK INTO net daily on 3610 kHz at 7 and 10 P.M. It's not a secret organization, it's a PROUD but small group providing a public service. You are encouraged to find out more about QKS! Net reports: (Sept.) QKS QNI 277, QTC 107; KWN 808/504; CSTN 1510/120; K5BN 1014/133; KFN 323/32; W0RL would like to see AER's total members by bands. How about helping him attain his Xmas present? Traffic: (Sept.) W0FIR 103, W0OYH 103, K0EZ 80, W0LYT 68, W0FT 67, W0ACG 52, K0BFX 50, W0AM 45, W0KL 33, W0PB 26, K0YTA 21, W0RBO 16, W0BLKA 7. (Aug.) W0AM 127, W0OYH 123, W0HI 95, W0ACG 86, W0FIR

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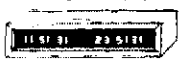
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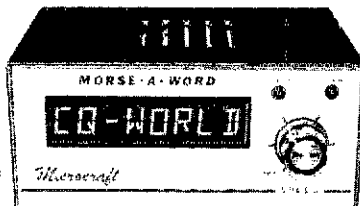
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**MISSOURI:** SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — Asst SCM; Joe Flowers, W0DTE, SEC; W0BFKY. The most recent news, of course, is the ARRL Midwest Convention. According to sources in Lincoln, the convention was a big success. The KC DX Club was well represented in their hospitality suite. Slides were shown of their recent DXpedition to Belize and a recent DXpedition to St. Kitts. The Q-Land QSL Bureau had a booth at the convention. Just a reminder — if you are a DXer, make sure you have envelopes on file with the QSL Bureau. They have stacks of cards for many Missouri stations but no envelopes. These people really do a good job for you, so don't forget to send them. Congratulate stations to the following upgrades: 1ech — KA0IST; General — W0D0GK; Extra — KB0DM. Congratulations and best wishes go out to W0LT upon retirement from MOPAC after 31 years.

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| NEMOE | 113 | 0   | MOSSBN | 549 | 93  |
| HBN   | 384 | 43  | MON    | 137 | 132 |
| ACE   | 16  | 1   | MON2   | 131 | 61  |

The Ozark Amateur Radio Society is presently conducting Novice classes. W0JU is now sporting a new 15-8305. W0B0LY is using a new 40 meter wire beam and W0VWV is going back up with another quad. Could all this activity indicate that contest season is upon us once again? Some of you Missouri stations get on the air and tune in the world. Our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of W0JJI WA0ITA and KA0AGB who joined the ranks of the Silent Keys. Traffic: (Sept.) K0ONK 498, W0BMA 224, W0UUD 137, W0WBV 133, K0SI 125, K0PCK 120, W0DTE 58, KA0E 35, KA0P 16, K0RWL 10, 1AUG, K0ONK 528, K0SI 353, K0PCK 352, W0BMA 206, KA0E 242, W0UUD 166, W0B0EV 157, W0DTE 77, W0B0IE 10, K0RWL 10.

**NEBRASKA:** SCM, Shirley M. Rice, KA0BGB — SEC; WA0ASM. Sept 10, W1XX regretfully accepted the resignation of K0KP as SCM. Good luck to him in his new job. As your new SCM, I will be listening for any suggestion. Please let me know if I can HELP! TNX for the smooth transition of reports. Our sympathy to W0JUF over the loss of his XLV. W0LJO will be one of the first YL hams. Congrats to W0B0N & KA0BWM for upgrade to General. KA0ASD for NM of the Platte Valley 2-Mtr Net. W0FQB reports W0UFD of Omaha has been an amateur over 60 yrs. Full page article in Hastings paper about W0LJO and ham radio is great public relations!

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|----------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net            | Freq.  | UTC   | NM     | QNI    | QTC    |        |
| NE Cornhusker  | 3980   | 1830  | Dy     | WB0GMO | 784    | 81     |
| Morning Phone  | 3982   | 1330  | Dy     | WB0GWR | 1286   | 92     |
| NE P.M.        | 3978   | 2130  | Dy     | WA0AJX | 114    | 1      |
| NE Storm       | 3982   | 0030  | Dy     | WA0LOY | 960    | 234    |
| NE 75 ARES     | 3982   | 1430  | Sf     | W0RZ   | 157    | 5      |
| Pawnee 2-Mtr   | 04164  | 1230  | M-F    | WB0MKD | 119    | —      |
| PV 2-Mtr       | 3484   | 0000  | M      | KA0ASD | 71     | 2      |
| QCWA           | 3980   | 1500  | S      | W0LCU  | 55     | —      |
| Western NE     | 3950   | 1400  | Dy     | W0NIK  | 478    | 5      |
| Traffic: W0FQB | 462    | W0VUD | 309    | W0B0GQ | 140    | KA0IE  |
| 108            | W0C0D  | 67    | KA0BGB | 58     | W0EUT  | 39     |
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|-------------------|--|-------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Net-NM            | Freq.  | UTC         | Sess.                      | QTC | QNI |
| CN-K1EIR          | 3640   | 1900 + 2200 | 59                         | 227 | 283 |
| CPN-K1EIC         | 3965   | 1800/1000   | Su                         | 30  | 116 |
| NENN-WB1CPF       | 3720   | 1815        |                            |     |     |
| Nutmeg-WA1ELA     | 3888   | 2130        |                            | 30  | 95  |
| RASON-WA1FSM      | 1373   | 2100        | MWF                        | 13  | 16  |
| WESCON-WB2PJU     | 7818   | 2030        |                            | 30  | 79  |
| HI QNI CN: W1EFW  | WB1ESJ   | WB2PJU;     | CPN: K1A0E                 |     |     |
| KA1KD             | KA1KP  | HI QTC      | Nutmeg: W1EFW, Tr-City ARC |     |     |
| and RASON members | provided communications for the East Lyme marathon. W1AIE repeated for the Stamford Friendship Yacht Race and WA1SDIRPT did the same for the Greenwich Road Race. The Bethel Middle School ARC is now ARRL affiliated. T was a good Connecticut turnout at W1HHR's Public Service Corp meeting in Newington. Also, a lot of Nutmeggers attended the Boxboro convention. New appointees: DEC's — K1DFS (Farmington area), K1WGO (Torrington area) and W1X1 (Middlesex County); EC — WB1CWT (Waterford). To get involved in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) contact your area EC or DEC (if you don't know who he is, ask your SCM). The Greater Fairfield ARA has agreed to exchange slide presentations with the Norfolk College of Arts and Technology Radio Club in King's Lynn, England. Upgrading KA1FHQ now N1BDY, KA1FK — N1BDQ and KA1FFL — N1BDR. Novice classes at Southington High School instructed by N1NZ. KA1BEJ recuperated from hospital hiatus by chasing DX on 28 MHz. K1POE is the new net manager of the Clearinghouse Net. W1CQ celebrated golden wedding anniversary. Handle traffic? ... then send a monthly report to your SCM; your call sign and traffic count will be listed at the end of this column and you will help assist the ARRL in arriving at a more accurate statistical analysis of the National Traffic System. Traffic: K1GF 194, WB2PJU 157, K1XA 85, W1NJM 84, W1BDN 72, K1DM 70, K1GMX 58, W1BES 57, W1CQ 57, KA1FK 56, KA1KP 49, W1A1Q 49, W1B1C 29, W1A1WQ 27, WA1CJU 25, W1KV 21, K1EV 18, KA1BT 17, KA1FZU 12, K1EUW 9, W1CUH 7, W1QV 7, KA1DV 5, W1CF 2. |             |                            |     |     |

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I hope everyone had a good time at the convention in Boxboro. The weather cooperated for the flea market and the program was quite good as usual. Congrats to the committee. W1PAD home from hospital. Middlesex Club members call the FCC in Maine (207-338-4008) and Maryland (301-725-3474) when they get tied up with 97. Shows centers at WA1KJ, WA1LQ and WA1TB did the planning for amateur communications during the Boston 350 Parade. W1YTB retiring to Florida (winters) and Maine (summers). Chelmsford Club



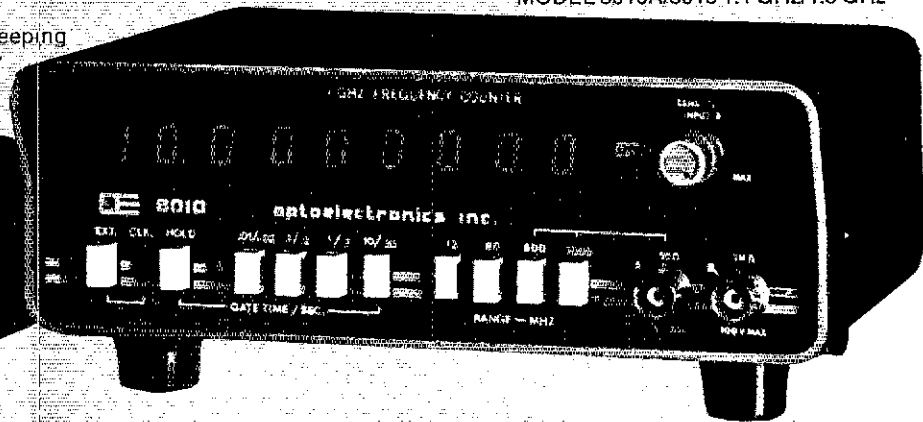
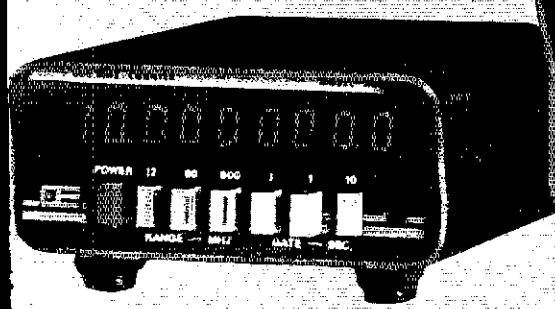
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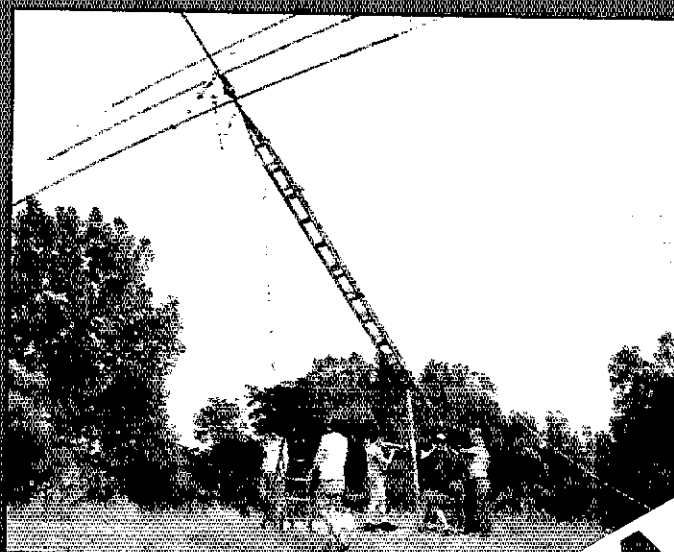
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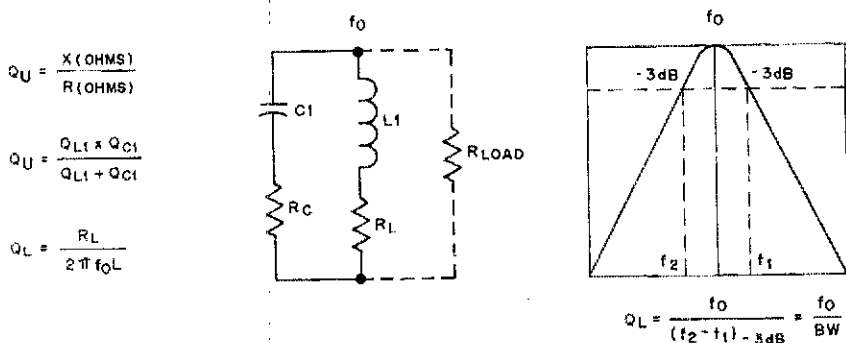
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## AMPLIFIER TANK-CIRCUIT Q AND HARMONICS



There are some specific level requirements spelled out by the FCC for the suppression of harmonics and other out-of-band spurious responses exiting at the output terminal of manufactured Amateur Radio transmitters and amplifiers. For operation at most power levels in the medium- and high-frequency bands it is required that all such responses be 40 dB or greater below peak output power. For the vhf spectrum the rules are somewhat more rigid: All spurious products must be 60 dB or greater below peak output power. The 40-dB rule is easy for us amateurs to realize with homemade equipment, and most of the manufacturers have complied with or exceeded the requirement in recent years. The 60-dB-down rule at vhf is not so easy to address without high-quality filtering at the amplifier output. Even though the FCC rules about spectral purity don't apply to amateur-built equipment, they are good rules for us to follow in helping to reduce TVI and potential interference to other services. All of the transmitting gear designed by the League technical staff exceeds the FCC requirements for spectral purity before the circuits are published.

Most amateurs are aware that the higher the network  $Q$  the greater the selectivity, or the narrower the bandpass characteristic of the tuned circuit. We can envision this simply by placing an inverted ice-cream cone alongside a grapefruit half. The cone would symbolize the response of a high- $Q$  LC circuit and the grapefruit would represent a low- $Q$  circuit. The skirts (bottom right and left extremes) of the response curve would be broad in terms of frequency, whereas the cone skirts would be pulled in closer to center frequency, greatly narrowing the bandwidth of the transmitted energy. Hence, the narrower the tuned-circuit response the greater the attenuation of unwanted energy (responses) outside the band of interest.

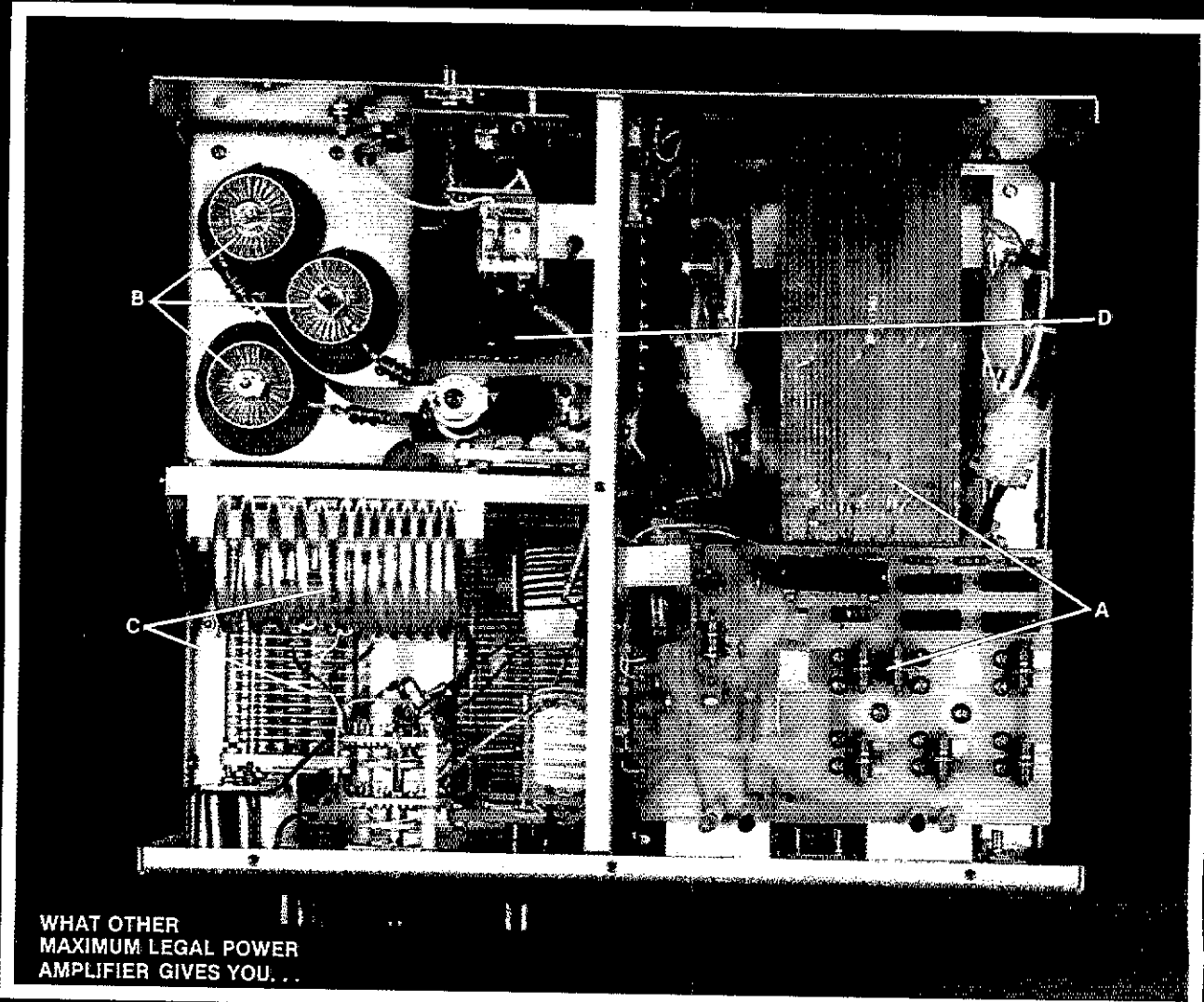
An acceptable range of  $Q$  for tube-type transmitter tank circuits is 10 to 15. (Higher  $Q$ s lead to excessive circulating currents and heating.) This rule of thumb applies to pi networks (low-pass response) as well as to conventional parallel-tuned circuits (bandpass response). Conversely, solid-state amplifiers call for lower  $Q$ s (1 to 5, typically) in the interest of amplifier stability. As a result, fairly elaborate harmonic filtering is required at the output port of a solid-state amplifier to compensate for the low- $Q$  output networks or broadband transformers.

The  $Q$  of a tuned circuit is dependent upon the quality of the L and C components in terms of their resistances. In the case of a capacitor the resistance is considered to be in series with the capacitor, hence  $Q = X_C + R$ . The greater the  $X_C$  to  $R$  ratio the higher the  $Q$ . The same is true of coil resistance ( $R$ ) versus  $X_L$ . The  $Q$  characteristic just discussed is the *unloaded*  $Q$ , or  $Q_U$ . In designing a transmitter tank circuit we are interested in the *loaded*  $Q$  ( $Q_L$ ). Although the traits that determine  $Q_U$  are important, we must take into account the load connected to the tuned circuit (amplifier tube or transistor and antenna load) when designing for a  $Q_L$  of 10 to 15. This is because the load resistances are in *parallel* with the tuned circuit, thereby *loading* it. From this we can see that the loaded  $Q$  will always be lower than the unloaded  $Q$ . Capacitors with high dielectric quality, and coils with large conductor diameters, reduce the series- $R$  component, thereby providing high values of  $Q_U$ .

Expanded information of this subject is contained in the early chapters of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* for 1981. There is an excellent practical example of a high- $Q$  tank circuit in W1VD's 6-meter, 4CX1000A, 2-kW PEP linear amplifier in the vhf transmitting chapter. To optimize the tuned-circuit  $Q$  and reduce the circulating tank currents he eliminated the plate tuning capacitor and designed a slick high- $Q$  silver-plated copper-tubing tank coil. A unique mechanical system is used to compress or expand the coil for tuning the circuit to resonance. There is also a circuit for an effective 6-meter harmonic filter. You will also find in the '81 *Handbook* some easy-to-use tables for designing your own pi- and pi-L networks over a range of recommended  $Q$ s. No amateur, student or practicing engineer should be without the revised and updated 1981 edition of the *Handbook*. — Doug DeMaw, W1FB

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presented WB1GMT with citation for his work as hospitality chmn. Acton-Boxboro Club running Novice classes. WA1UEH reports that the fee for call letter license plates are going up to \$20. W1AEC repeater in N. Dartmouth was hit by lightning and damaged. The K1BAJ repeater on 145.23 is now working time atop the old John Hancock Bldg in Boston. This is a public service machine and is open to all related activities. Along this line, there is an early session of The Heavy Hitters Traffic Net at 6:15 P.M. local on this repeater. Until now, hts had been impossible because all other repeaters are too busy with commuter QSOs at that time. Kudos to WB1E2T WB7TPY KA1CGP K1BA and others for their efforts on this project. K1BA was also the recipient of the 2nd annual EMAS Public Service Award for 1980. W1JR improved 144 EME array and now all vagis point to the moon at the same time. W1GXT reports an all time low for conditions on the vhf bnds in Sept. Arlington Town Dav had amateur help. KA1CGP new net manager for WM2MN. Many trx to WA1IRE, retiring after years of faithful service. By the time you receive this, the holidays will be upon us so - Happy Holidays! Traffic: (Sept.) WA1TBY 434, WA1UGJ 190, KAYX 173, K1GN 168, WB1DHW 158, KA1BJY 139, WB1DXR 101, WB1E2T 89, KA1CGP 65, N8TM 59, K1BSO 42, WB1GWS 34, W1XA 34, W1CZB 32, WA2ORV 28, K1BZD 14, WA1DXT 14, W1CE 12, WB7TPY 10, WB1ANT 6, K1PJ 6, WA1FNM 4, W1MJ 4, W1PJ 4, KA1CC 3, W1LE 3, KA1BTV 2 (Aug.) WB7TPY 23.

**MAINE:** SCM, Cliff Laverty, W1RWG — STM: W1KX. SEC: KL7JG. Attended the ARRL Convention at Boxboro with a large representation of ME hams. Arrostook and Central ME Emergency Nets submitted reports on activity in state-wide CEP simulated emergency; both successful. PSRR: KA1EO 94, W1RWG 90, AF1L 71, Sess/ONI/QTC, PTN 30/96/286, SCM 26/105/108, CMEN 14/12/110, M4 13/10/10, M3 6/40/95, M2 6/40/95, BN 5/27/75, RACES 5/5/4: MPSN 5/20/50, W1KX and KL7JG have been actively preparing for SET. Need information on club activities, elections, public svc. projects. Traffic: W1RWG 105, W1BJ 95, W1JTH 65, WB1BYR 61, W1HDC 53, W1KX 51, N5YX/1 42, AF1 31, W1AYNZ 30, WB1GLH 24, KA1EO 24, KA1EKT 19, W1AHH 18, W1CTR 18, WA1JZP 18, W1BMX 14, W1NGO 10, W1GKJ 9, W1OTO 5, WA1JZL 5, WA1JCN3.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** SCM, Robert C. Mitchell W1NH — SEC: K1RSC. STM: W1TN. NMS N1NH AK1E. This report from the convention at Boxboro NH hams are everywhere. Seen on Hyways & Byways. WA1EFN WB1FGV & KA4FDY. It is sad to report WA1AYH a Silent Key. The NHN had 139 QNI, 132 QTC, W1GUX vacationing in Florida. W1GUX's XYL, now KA1FMG. The D1E 134. Hobbies are WB1HGW AK1E W2QY KA1CXP WA1WRS W1TN W1GUX. Three GSFM Net had 432 QNI, 113 QTC. N1NH relocated his shack and active OO again. KA1FFX, Sunapee High School, is holding ham classes. Our thanks to W1QYV & XYL for an excellent time during the NH traffic handlers meeting. N1ABA has the first New Hampshire Fox Hunt Award. The Nashua club meets on 13/73, Tues at 8 P.M. Just found out K1JUL ran out of gas last year. W1JY recuperating after eye surgery. K1MFQ has new IC-2AT. The King Ridge Hamfest had excellent weather and lots of goodies in the flea market. The very best seasons greetings to all. Traffic: W1GUX 320, W1QYV 215, W1K1FMG 210, W1E 134, N1NH 77, W1MNH 50, K1OSM 50, WB1HGO 42, K1YMH 36, W1ALE 23, N1ALM 22, K1UOX 12, N1BAP 10, W1NH 9, WA1PEL 8, W1CUE 7, KA1JA 5, W1BYS 3.

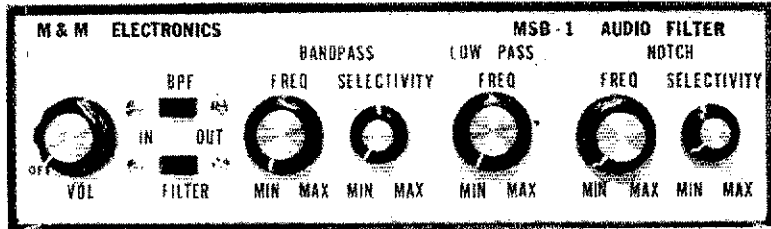
**RHODE ISLAND:** SCM, J. Titterton, W1EOP — WA1QSL reports RIEM 2-m Tic Net in 22 sess had QNI 266, TFC 35, N1RI spent vacation on 6 day bicycle trip thru Utah & Arizona. ARES Net now operates on 146.5 simplex. K1DS & K1PAM working hard to keep state on the vhf map. Apple Valley has 12 new Novices — KA1s EUJ, ELB, EMD, EMF, ENX, EOD, EXO, FDN, FEF, FJZ, FKA & FKG. New Advanced — KA1BAR, N1ASR, N1AVZ & N1AOK. New Generals — N1BDS, KA1CAD, KA1CNY WA1UZZ, KA1FEG, KA1ELK, KA1DNB, N1BDJ, N1BAA, KA1BML, & new Tech — WB1AGS. Apple Valley has a great record for developing new hams and upgrading those people in rapid style. Your SCM wishes all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's make 1981 a bigger and better year in RI. Traffic: (Sept.) KA1BTU 224, W1EOP 64, KA1FE 45, N1RI 4, (Aug.) N1RI 16.

**VERMONT:** SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — SEC: W1VSA. WA1HSG repeater group is starting code and theory classes. By the time this comes out, the Green Mountain Wireless Society may be ARRL affiliated — sure hope all goes well along these lines. 146.34/94 repeater has been having moving problems — work of the min. BARC trying best to get it back in good shape & its past coverage. GMN 26/492/48; Carrier 26/470/52; VSB 28/455/101; V1HFD 4/707; VPN 4/546. Nice to hear new mbrs coming into the nets. — VT & others. Everyone is welcome, traffic minded or not! Many handling tic do not report — would like reports from them whether one piece or more handled. Those on GMN or in my area know how to contact me on the air! Catch as catch can! But I'm usually caught! Traffic: K1BOB 91, N1ARI 85, W1RNA 7.

**WEST MASSACHUSETTS:** SCM, Art Zavarella, W1KX — ASCMs: K1BE W1BRV. STM: W1TM. SEC: W1JP. Nets: WMN/W1UD, Dy 7 P.M. 3562; WMPN/WA1MJE, M-F 4:30 P.M. 3935; WMEN/W1UPH, Sun 8:30 A.M. 3937 with 9 A.M. interface six local 2-m repeater nets. W1UD repeater now 147.460 input/output. 146.460. Montachusett ARA covering Fitchburg Blind walkathon with WB1EWS WB1FCV WA1DWS WB1FXJ WA1GXN N1AZG W1UD KA1AHC KA1CYP K1JHC/NCS Berkshire DX hounds W1GG W1ZT K1AU KA1ARO all beaming tri-banders W1OA WA1OUZ W1KZU on the mend after recent hospital improvements. PSRR: WB1HH, 104, K1JHC 86, WA1MJE 71, W1TM 66. Traffic: WA1MJE 244, K1SSH 176, WB1HH 138, W1TM 115, W1EFC 58, W1KX 49, K1JHC 44, W1OPN 40, W1ZPB 33, W1JP 15, W1YI 13, W1UPH 10, W1BRV 9, WB1CWH 6.

**NORTHWESTERN DIVISION**  
**ALASKA:** SCM, Fred Wegner, KL7HFM — The tragic fire on board the Prinsendam was the impetus for maximum Amateur Radio traffic out of Alaska. AL7AW, Anc. EC, quickly organized efforts of Alaskan and lower 48 hams. KL7BLZ, Sitka City Mgr, was very GRL with messages and taking care of survivors. KL7JFT, Juneau EC, was up all night coordinating skeds and KL7GQ spent the weekend in Valdez with \$7 in his jeans. KL7C protected the environment by bailing KL7GQ out of Valdez. The Anc ARC 9th annual Flea Mkt was best ever. KL7CQ extracted record amounts from unwary customers with his expert auctioneering. I want to personally thank the

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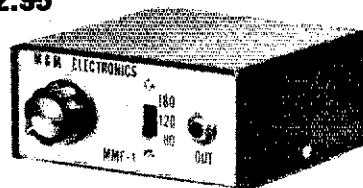
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**IDAHO:** SCM, Lam Allen, W7JMH — The Pocatello Club had an interesting film on the Teton Disaster. Report on W7JMH was given, as well as the Seattle Convention. One member visited W7AW and gave an interesting report. The PARC news advises us of new hams KA7ISH and KA7ISK — congrats and welcome to hamdom! We are glad that W7HZL is home and recovering nicely from open heart surgery and is actively chasing DX again.

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|------|----------|---------------|------|------|-----|
| Net  | Freq.    | Time          | Seas | QNI  | QTC |
| FARM | 3935 ssb | 8 P.M. Dy     | 30   | 1235 | 15  |
| GD   | 3990 ssb | 8:10 A.M. M-F | 23   | 628  | 16  |
|      | 3635 cw  | 9 P.M. M-F    | 21   | 213  | 90  |

Send a greeting message for your neighbor during the holidays. Traffic: W7GHT 275, AC7P 84, K7JV 40, W7JMH 35, N7APC 26.

**MONTANA:** SCM, Robert Leo, W7LR — IMN: QNI 224, QTC 92; WB7UTJ Net QNI 254, QTC 13. W7BQE toured VES, 6-land. W7IDK two-mtr sim at c.d. hg. W7DZX QNI 81 net sessions, QTC 85 herts. — FB. W7AOB reports 2 mtr Dy 2 mtr 9 p.m. for MT at SD. Net reports: WB7UTJ, NM, N7AGP, EG, W9NFW (Lolo), EG: KATILA (Lolo, Tooc), OO; WB7DZX, QTS, WB7TNH, IMN net certificate, W7OIO sends list of hams that helped in Dillon Parade air crash accident: N7AOV, WB7BUA, WB7SMI, W7JMX, WA7CAC, W7CT, K7CGZ, W7TYN, W7JPD, W7AFS, WA7FLG, W7OIO. Traffic: (Sept.) WB7DZX 51, W7LR 4, W7NEG 4, W7LBK 1. (Aug.) W7IXD 46, WB7DZX 25.

**OREGON:** SCM, Dale T. Justice, K7WWR — SEC: K7OLN STM: W7VSE Section nets:

|          |           |            |     |     |        |
|----------|-----------|------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Net      | Time/Days | Freq       | QNI | QTC | Mgr.   |
| BSN      | 0145Z Dy  | 3908       | 584 | 45  | WB7POU |
| OSN      | 0230Z Dy  | 3587       | 532 | 404 | KB7JW  |
|          | 0600Z Dy  |            |     |     |        |
| OARES    | 0230Z Dy  | 3993.5     | 357 | 77  | W7HLF  |
| W7CN     | 0300Z Dy  | 3702 (Aug) | 299 | 107 | K7ZIG  |
| PTTN     | 0300Z Dy  | 3930       | 593 | 17  | W7LFB  |
| FLARES   | 0330Z Dy  | 146.79     | 686 | 6   | WB7QOH |
| PixAARES | 0330Z Dy  | 147.32     | 628 | 43  | K7WWR  |
| JCARES   | 0315Z Dy  | 147.06     | 131 | 10  | W7VSE  |
| MPCARES  | 0300Z Mo  | 146.85     | 323 | 3   | WA7ZAF |
|          | 0300Z Th  | 147.02     |     |     |        |
| SCFM     | 0230Z Mo  | 146.64     | 104 | 1   | W7FDU  |

N7DB operated in the VHF Contest. OTVARC saw the new ARRL film, N7BIJ made WAS Salem ARC annual dinner had 86 present, including Vice Dir. K7BT and SCM K7WWR. Videotapes of FD and a coffee stop over Labor Day were shown. WB7UXN is moving to a new Salem QTH. KA7EHS is now Tech. Traffic: (Sept.) KB7JW 642, W7VSE 562, WA7GN 340, K7NTS 298, WB7OEX 16, KA7AOB 157, W7LNE 69, K7WWR 31, (Aug.) W7FDU 15, W7DAN 1 (July) W7DAN 3, (June) W7DAN 4.

**WASHINGTON:** SCM, Bob Klepper, W7IEU — STM: W7DZX, SEC: WA7RWK. Nets reporting this month are: NTN QNI 1350, QTC 72; WARTS QNI 3188, QTC 199; NWSSBN QNI 711, QTC 46; WSN QNI 562, QTC 211; PSTS QNI 138, QTC 90; EWTN QNI 112, QTC 33; SCARES QNI 69, QTC 1. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. WA7YCM has changed his code practice schedule to 9 P.M. Tues and Thurs. Whidbey Island Repeater Group (WIRG) holds weekly net at 8 P.M. on 147.82/22. Items of interest to Amateur Radio will be discussed. It has been suggested that I start the "mini" sessions on traffic handling again, but I would like to see each net conduct some framing sessions. Also, would you be interested in a slow speed session of WSP? If so, let me know and we'll see what can be done. K7DBA gave West Seattle ARC a demonstration on constructing and testing a 2-mtr Yagi antenna at symposium on antennas at 12th Annual National Association for S&R Conference. BEARS training chairman, WA7ACQ, will not have fall classes due to extensive revision of training material. N7BER running phone patches from Icebreaker Polar Star, Island City ARES net has moved to the Island City Rptr 147.22 8 P.M. Wed. W7GMC and Yakima ARC operated club stn W7AQ from Central Washington Fair, also provided communications for grand parade, 145.24 Rptr. K7KNZ/R, now operating from Cannon Peak, W7LPC and W7ALC, have become SKAs. W7RWJUS is the new National Director of 1981. Bancouver Hamfair, North Seattle ARC officers and trustees looking for suggestions to improve attendance at club mtgs. Clallam City ARC provided communications for 6 mile race during Derby Days activities in Port Angeles. Radio Club of Tacoma had display at Puyallup Fair. W7OS and members of Radio of Tacoma initiated nearly 275 amateurs into the Royal Order of Wouff Hong at SEANARC '80. RASC enjoyed 2nd annual rptr party at the QTH of KL7JEB and KB6AL in Concrete. WA7KGT/R has been increased in power by addition of an amplifier. WB7SWW is new EC for Skagit City and KA7CN is new EC for Yakima City. SEC: WA7RWK working on Weather Net to assist National Weather Bureau in Seattle. HAMS Club donated Ringo Ranger II to be mounted on Marysville Police bldg. Traffic: W7DZX 731, WB7TQF 427, K7GKZ 336, WB7WOW 308, W7FJZ 210, K7CTP 122, W7IEU 117, W7GB 71, N7AFY 67, N7AFZ 60, WA7BDD 45, WB7CFH 42, W7BUN 39, WA7RCR 26, W7APS 15, K7RBT 14, W7LG 9, N7CT 8, W7CDM 1, W7ERH 1.

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

**EAST BAY:** SCM, Bob Valio, W6RGG — Asst SCMs: W6ZF, VE2AQV/W6, SEC: WB6KJU, H6WJK's (deleted) antenna ever gets up, he thinks it will work. KA6EHS has been inactive of late. BEARS (Berkeley Emergency Amateur Radio Service) holds a net each Wednesday at 1930 local on 146.43 MHz. LARK is running a 12 week training course for Technician/General Class. KA6LEW recently upgraded to Tech. WB6CFD and XYL were blessed with a child. MDARC membership at 312! They were awarded the first annual Pacific Division Club of The Year Award, large club category, for 1980. Congratulations to all 312 of you! EBARC meets the second Friday of each month at the Salvation Army Center, 36th and Rheem, Richmond, at 1930 local time. Traffic: WB6JXK 353, WB6UZX 35, KB6UGS 33, WA6BOB 16, KA6ERF 4.

**NEVADA:** SCM, Ralph E. Covington, W7SK — ASGM: N7RH SEC: WA7KCD. We are saddened at the passing of W7IUD. He was a good friend to all and will be missed very much. It appears that all clubs are planning Christmas social programs. Contact the club in your area and help make each gathering a success. SAARC in Las Vegas in January. WA7KX has new Trition IV and TS700. Sagebrush Net meets nightly 7:30 P.M. on frequency of 3906 kHz. W7BS is net manager. Items for

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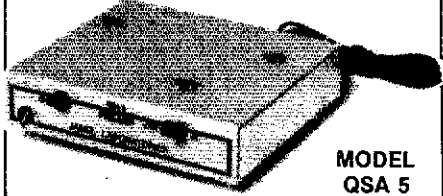
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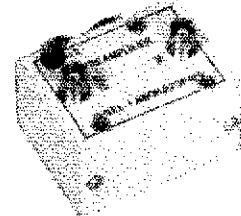
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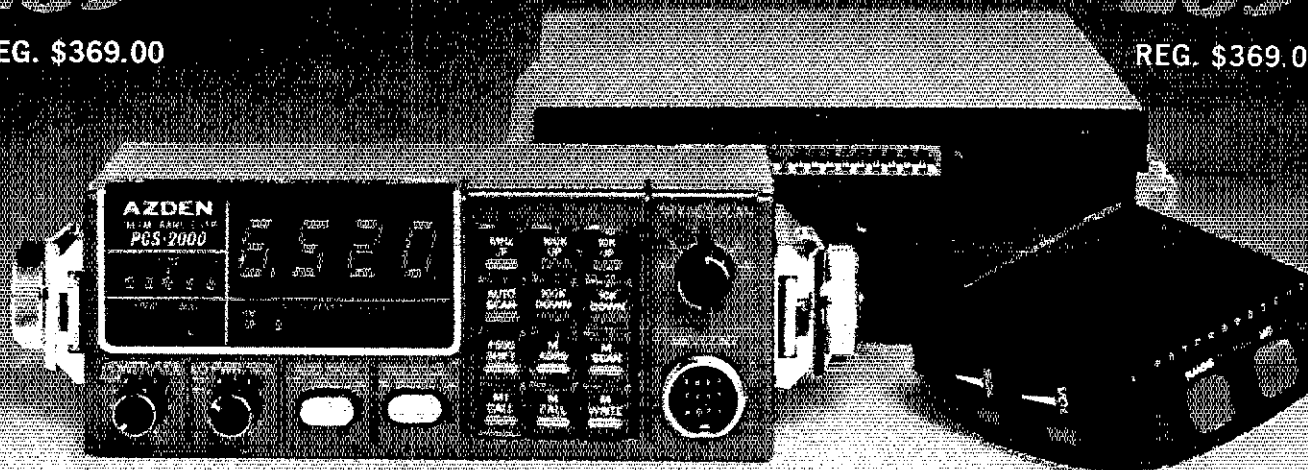
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publication in this column due by first of the month. Traffic: (Sept.) N7AKX 289 W7BS 109, (Aug.) N7AKX 330, W7BS 123, W7CX 8.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY:** SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV — SEC: W6BGFJ. ASCM: A16T. W6BGFJ has returned from his operation as F00FB after 1500 QSOs. Those interested in a weather watch please contact the SEC. W6BPFM is the acting president of the El Dorado Co. ARC. The Golden Empire ARS held their annual Steak Bake in Chico. The Telephone Pioneer Radio Newsline is available for information on activities and will also record your input. Call 484-7388. Please have all club newsletters of your personal input for this column to the SCM by the 7th of the month. It's hard to slutter on a typewriter. K6ZY has been busy making printed circuit boards for electronic keyers. Traffic: W6SX 45, W6DF 10, W6RSP 3.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** SCM, Art Samuelson, W6VV — SEC: W6BZK. STM: K6TP. The new EC for San Francisco is N6VS, who assisted in providing communications for an aircraft piloted by WA7JAZ that had lost its regular communications due to an electrical failure. W6BUMT provided a phone patch between the aircraft and the control tower. Well done! San Francisco RC provided communications for bridge to bridge run. N6D5Z active on 8 meters. Sonoma County radio amateurs held in March of Dimes run. K6JWC/R and Humboldt ARC/Far West Repeater Association report successful picnics. An Amateur Radio booth was set up at the Boonville Fair Apple Show. P5HR: W6RNL. Traffic: (Sept.) W6PL 186, W6RNL 128, K6TP 103, W6QXV 9, W6GGR 8, (Aug.) W6NL 165.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:** SCM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: W6YAB. Asst SCMs: W6TRP W6YAK W6AHN. New officers of the Tulare County ARC are: KA6HAY, pres.; WD6FUF, vice pres. KB6UK is new vp of the Fresno ARC. All SJV clubs are asked to inform the SCM and the ARRL Club and Training Dept of changes in officers. WD6BJK and KA6LGG have General. W6BUDU is Advanced. KA6LGN has a new tower and beam. KB6DH is K6QC. W6YAB has a RM 76. W6WRY has a PCS 2000. KB6DJ works DX occasionally. All clubs should send a representative to the Public Information Workshop at the 1981 ARRL Pacific Division Convention and 39th Fresno Hamfest to be held May 15-17, 1981 at the Hacienda. All ECs and SECs are invited to attend the Emergency Communications Forum that is a part of the GD appointees meeting at the convention. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL!!! Traffic: N6AVH 110, W6YAB 24, W6BTP 13, K6RAU 6, W6FRS 6, W6DPD 3, W6AJDB 2.

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY:** SCM, Jettie Hill, W6RFF — SEC: W6BZF. The Williams Hill ARRS' 4th annual Smoked Hamfest was a huge success with 135 in attendance and an excellent barbecue. W6BZF and his group did an excellent job. W6KZJ off for a month's vacation. W6AUC active on 75 and 15 meters. Most clubs are in need of instructors for theory and code for their classes, if you can help out, they would appreciate hearing from you! SCCARC held a hidden TX hunt, preparing to elect officers and ready for annual banquet. KD6BD, EC Santa Cruz, and group are preparing the old county RACES station, and looking for more operators. K6UD presented a slide show "As A Guest Of China" to PAARA and other clubs are scheduled. PAARA's annual auction and flea market was its usual success. New PAARA members are K6XO and N6AUV. SLVAGC's W6AOK now has battery back-up and is good for 24 hours; they are also purchasing a vht rpr. LERA ARC provided communications for the LERA Fun Run. W6OLD spoke to LERA ARC and Sonoma RC on "Whatever Happened to Project Moonraker". SMRC had a showing of movies of their 1980 Field Day operations, a picnic at SLAC, and their license course is in progress. An interesting talk and demonstration by AA6PZ and WD6FMG was given to FARS members and several different receivers were tested for performance. FARS Flea Market had a good turn out and lots of "stuff" changed hands. New upgrades for NPSARC members are W6BXR and W6BGM Extra and N7AGU Advanced. A club station is being put together by the Memorex ARC. W6RFF presented FARS with a Charter of Affiliation for ARS in SCV Section. Traffic: W6BV 212, W6KZJ 55, W6AUC 53, W6RFF 32, W6BZF 2.

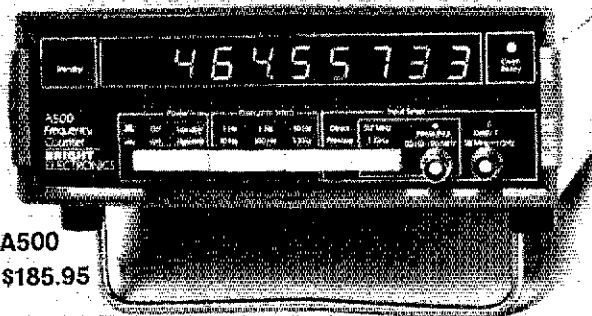
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**NORTH CAROLINA:** SCM, Bill Parris, AA4R — Asst SCM: N4UE. STM: WD8NYN. SEC: WA4BFT. NMs CN AB4S, CMN WDRNY, THEN WD4CNR, JFK WD4CNO, NCSSBN WB4CES, CNN WD4JJK. Congrats to WD8NYN the new STM for NC effective Nov 1. Many thanks to K4VHT for an outstanding job as STM for the past year. K4TP now providing numerous clubs with the program on "Ham Radio Memories." K4JW has turned author with nice stories on power supplies in the Cape Fear ARS newsletter. Carry ARC recently sent AMSAT a club donation. — any others doing the same? Alamance ARC and Mecklenburg ARS now have Novice & General classes going. WD4FTR has recently reactivated the Aralea Coast ARC cw net on 28.150 each Wed @ 9 P.M. Congrats to Centralina ARC now an affiliated club of ARRL in the Newton/Conover area. 3D Raleigh ARS members recently coordinated the transfer of 170 patients on 20 vehicles from the old to the new Rex Hospital in Raleigh. Recent upgrades to General include KA4NBY & KA4NOR who is now N4DSF. WA4EXW & N4DSF put together nice demo station at Fair for the Brightest ARC of Greenville, New appointees. This month include WD4NAO & N4CJL both as OTS. Traffic: (Sept.) K4GNC 328, K4WD4CNO 296, WD8NYN 278, WA4UTC 191, WB4WII 178, AB4S 172, W4EAT 144, WD4GNR 127, WA4SRD 125, W4RCYN 118, K4VHT 101, K4UW 99, W4HKB 82, WA4OBR 58, K4FTB 57, KZ4A 49, AA4R 48, WD7NAO 47, WA4OJU 38, N4CJJ 32, W4ACY 28, N4ARY 24, KF4R 24, K4VHO 23, WB4RGS 19, N4UE 19, W4FMM 17, WA4CUD 14, WB6OTS 10, K4XE 10, W4VTP 8, WD4PDU 7, WD4CFZ 6, K4HF 6, WB4HRR 4, WA4IHG 4, WD4LOO 4. (Aug.) W4VTP 13.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** SCM, Richard McAbee, W7MTK. SEC: WD4HLZ. STM: W7ANK. Congrats to new Novices & upgrades. KY4S NA4I NC4F KY4B KC4KZ N4DJ. The Blue Ridge ARS provides room for Greenville County ARPSC involving c.d. Red Cross, 4 hospitals, 2 fire departments, local law enforcements. The North Augusta-Belvedere ARC had exhibit at Aiken Makin on Sept 27. 61 pcs traffic were passed. Congrats to York County ARS for winning Field Champion Plaque. Trx to all who participated. A good time was had at the 29th Rock Hill Hamfest. Check ins/traffic: SC SSBN 1456/241; Blue Ridge 2-Meter Net 1022/50; SCNTN 326/87.

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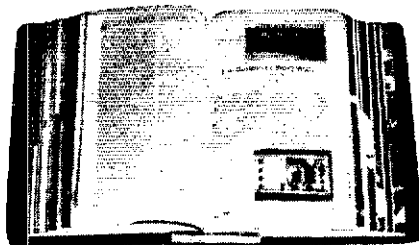
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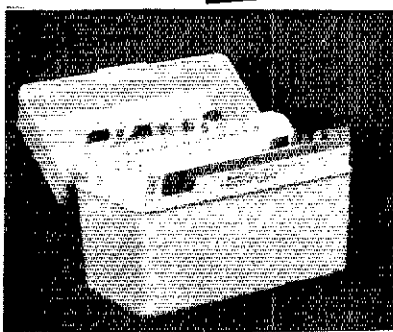
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|------|------|---------|------|-----|--------|
| VSBN | 3947 | 6:00    | 30   | 32U | KY4K   |
| VSN  | 3680 | 6:30    | 29   | 122 | WBKSG  |
| VN-E | 3680 | 7:00    | 30   | 185 | KB4N   |
| VN-L | 3680 | 10:00   | 30   | 102 | KB4N   |
| VLN  | 3947 | 10:15   | 26   | 122 | WA4YIU |
| VNTN | 3907 | Noon    | 30   | 114 | N4LE   |

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well done and good luck to WD4FTK. WA4YIU, after serv-  
ing as mgr. on the VSN and presently as mgr. of the VLN  
will be turning over the paperwork to KY4K. He will re-  
main active on the nets as usual and will continue as the  
DEC for the Southside VA ARES District. Many thanks  
for your contributions. On Dec. 1, KY4K will add the VLN  
to his list of duties. With both the VSBN and the VLN, he  
is going to be quite busy; let's all give him our full sup-  
port. WA4FC attended the SW Div. Conv. and Wichita  
Hamfest; also DXPO. K0JH spent all of July and August  
op. at sea, but is on vacation for Sept. & Oct. which  
means on the air! NA4CL is building Loudoun County  
VA ARES. WA4E is looking for more OI's applications.  
W4NWM is working hard on the 10m W4VAs, especially  
since K1AW now has hers. WB4PNY was awarded the  
Division Award from Director Phil Wicker (WA4CY).  
K4GR is building a new Heath hand-held freq. counter.  
This year's recipients of the Virginia Section  
Distinguished Achievement Award were K7EJ KY4K  
K24K and WA4LJ. As many of you know, WA4CY is retir-  
ing as Roanoke Division Director. WA4UG will become the  
new vice-director. Traffic: WA4GCK 478; WB4PNY 439;  
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172; K24K 143; WB4FTK 134; N7AZ1 125; WASQO 116  
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WA4RFS 73; WA4NCL 51; WB4KSG 61; WB4UHC 59;  
WA4YIU 53; WB4DOZ 51; WA4FTG 41; N4IF 41; K4KDJ  
38; WA1VRL 38; WA4YV 38; NA4IC 36; WA4ZTJ 35;  
WB4BAT 33; WB3BO 32; WA4QWC 32; K4GR 31; AA4CK  
23; N4CJL 21; N4BJX 18; WB4RWY 18; N4LE 15;  
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12; K4JST 11; K4OHB 10; K4JHN 10; WA4Y 10; WD4DU  
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KD8G. SEC: K8QEW. NMs: K8MHR WBZFZ KD8G. (Chas  
hams assisted with 1st annual Scarlet Oaks Golf  
Classic. WB4LAI is trying to work all counties on 2M.  
Good luck WB4DU and WB4DUU now living in FL, were  
quest of W4M and WB4LAI. K4SLI is now on the air on  
10m. Form C code prac. to be started on  
146.0767 in Hixley by WB4USO.

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| Traffic   | KD8G 106, N8AIC 42, W8FZP 32, K8QEW 32,<br>W8HZA 23, A8I 21, K8MHR 20, K8BX 15, W8GKX 13,<br>W8CAL 10, W8JM 8, W8GMJE 7, W8BUDY 6. |         |       |     |       |

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO: SCM, Robert W. Poirier, K0DJ — SEC:  
W0AGD. STM: W8MCLV. NM: K0GNV W0HE W0HXB  
KB0Z WD0AIT. Loveland repeater now able to operate  
on full emergency power. PAS meeting in Seattle provid-  
ed a compromise solution to the NTS restructuring con-  
troversy. Newly appointed TCG Directors out of the  
meeting were W0HXB for daytime cycle and yours truly  
for the evening. SET plans were being formulated in  
several CO districts for the annual event in October.  
SEC: W0AGD reports ARES activity is reaching an all  
time high statewide. Plans being made to provide direct  
communications to Denver district Red Gross head-  
quarters from all state local chapters and a full time link  
from Denver to regional headquarters in San Francisco,  
CA. PPFMA and PRRAA provided much needed com-  
munications for a motorcycle endurance near Woodland  
Park. Nets: Columbine 26 sessions, QNI 1030, QTC 102,  
Informals 192, QNF 1015; CWN 30 sessions, QNI 200,  
QTC 108, DNF 754; HNN 29 sessions, QNI 1445, QTC  
156; Informals 211, QNF 1390. Traffic: W0WXY 1829,  
N8BOP 1433, K0DJ 228, WD0AIT 129, W0LAE 125, K0BN  
111, KB0Z 88, W0D 82, W0RE 32, N0BLU 19, K0DM 15.  
NEW MEXICO: SCM, Joe L. Knight, W5PDY — SEC:  
W5ALR. NMs: W5BNG, K5SL, K5OMB southwest Net  
(SWN) meets daily on 3583 kHz, at 1930 local and han-  
dled 234 msgs with 277 stations (7 new Mexico  
Roadrunner Net (NMRN) meets daily on 3939 kHz at  
1800 local and handled 177 msgs with 1074 stations in.  
New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3940 kHz at  
0700 local, handled 137 msgs with 693 checkins. Yucca  
2 Mtr Net handled two local 541 checkins, 6-Mtr SSB Net  
50.11 or higher, 7:00 P.M. local Tue. WA5MYI serving  
after hosp. stay. Good SARA newsletter. Congrats to  
W5EAW for handling emergency ship tic. Good NME5C  
mtg at Los Angeles. Many inx to W5BNG & K5GMB as  
new NMs. 325 colorful hot air balloons brought many  
visiting hams to NM. Traffic: W5U9 393, W5BD 284,  
W5JOY 177, K5SL 150, W5ENI 131, K5DDW 87, K5MAT  
82, N5SJ 52.  
UTAH: SCM, Royce Henningson, K7OEO — SEC:  
W87FCB. STM: W7OCX, WA7MEL reports good DX  
openings to Europe on 20 meters. W7OCX reminds us  
that the BUN reverts to standard time at the end of Oc-  
tober. WB4NVO, OQ, reports 146.31/91 from Little Moun-  
tain in Ogden. W7GNPR, now on the air and 146.2282 to  
be on the air from Kayville Peak by Oct. 11. KA7IBR  
K7AHD W7KFZ W87RQP and WB4NVO operated com-  
munications for Peach Days Marathon in Brigham City.  
Traffic: K7HL R 172, WA7KHE 136, WA7MEL 71, WA7JRC  
43, W7OCX 24.  
WYOMING: SCM, Chester C. Stanwary, W7SDA — Con-  
gratulations to N7BVX, new General in Buffalo, to  
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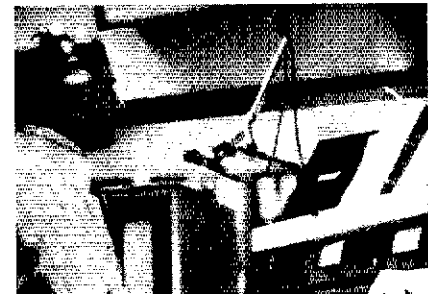
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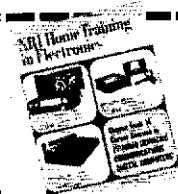
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| Desk cgr for HI-146          | SR-400A Cyclone III  | 399   | C-6500 SW Rcvr     | \$189               |       |
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| Vista XXRD 20A 12v ps        | HR-1680 Ham Rcvr     | \$199 | 100MX Xcvr         | 379                 |       |
| Vista XXXR 30A 12v ps        | <b>HY-GAIN</b>       |       | 102BX Xcvr         | 749                 |       |
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| 75S-1 Ham Rcvr               | <b>ICOM</b>          |       | PSU-6 AC ps        | 139                 |       |
| 75S-3 Ham Rcvr               | IC-701 Xcvr/ps       | \$849 | SS-200A/SS-16      | 349                 |       |
| 75S-3B Ham Rcvr              | IC-22 2m FM Xcvr     | 109   | PS-20 AC supply    | 95                  |       |
| 75S-3B Rcvr (round)          | IC-202 2m SSB port   | 175   | 160X 160m Xcvr     | 269                 |       |
| 51S-1 Rcvr (round)           | IC-211 2m Xcvr       | 449   | 260 Xcvr           | 289                 |       |
| 52S-1 Transmitter            | IC-215 2m FM port    | 149   | 350B Xcvr          | 299                 |       |
| 32S-3 Transmitter            | IC-215/BC-20 batts   | 179   | 350D Xcvr          | 379                 |       |
| 32S-3 Xmtr (round)           | IC-245 2m FM Xcvr    | 269   | 500 Xcvr           | 289                 |       |
| 30L-1 Linear                 | IC-245/SSB 2m Xcvr   | 329   | 500CX Xcvr         | 319                 |       |
| 312B-4 Console               | IC-260A 2m Xcvr      | 349   | 500CX/SS-16        | 399                 |       |
| KWM-2 Xcvr                   | IC-280 2m FM Xcvr    | 279   | HF-700S Xcvr       | 379                 |       |
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| 351D-2 Mobile mt             | ITH-230 TT handset   | 29    | 117X Basic AC ps   | 65                  |       |
| 516F-2 AC supply             | <b>JOHNSON</b>       |       | 117XC AC ps/spkr   | 99                  |       |
| MP-1 DC supply               | Kw matchbox/SWR      | \$149 | 230CX 110/220 ps   | 95                  |       |
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| <b>DENTRON</b>               | Multi-2700 2m Xcvr   | 399   | 14X DC module      | 49                  |       |
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| DR-3KA Tuner                 | <b>KANTRONICS</b>    |       | DD-76 Dig display  | 19                  |       |
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| SW-4A SWL Rcvr               | SP-120 Speaker       | 29    | 250 6m Xcvr        | 199                 |       |
| SSR-1 SW Rcvr                | IS-520 Xcvr          | 499   | 250C 6m Xcvr       | 269                 |       |
| 7B Ham Rcvr                  | TS-520S Xcvr         | 549   | NS-1 Silencer      | 29                  |       |
| 2B0 Spkr/Q-mult              | TS-820S Xcvr         | 799   | <b>TPL</b>         |                     |       |
| 2C Ham Rcvr                  | TV-502 2m Xvtr       | 189   | 702 2m 10/70w amp  | \$ 89               |       |
| 2C0 Spkr/Q-mult              | TV-502S 2m Xvtr      | 199   | 802B 2m 1/60w amp  | 79                  |       |
| 2LF Low freq conv            | TS-700A 2m Xcvr      | 429   | 1202 2m 5/80 amp   | 99                  |       |
| R-4 Ham Rcvr                 | TS-700S 2m Xcvr      | 489   | 3A13AD 12A 12v ps  | 49                  |       |
| R-4A Ham Rcvr                | TR-2200A 2m FM Xcvr  | 139   | <b>TEMPO</b>       |                     |       |
| R-4C Ham Rcvr                | TR-7400A 2m FM Xcvr  | 289   | Tempo One Xcvr     | \$289               |       |
| MS-4 Speaker                 | TR-7500 2m FM Xcvr   | 189   | AC One AC ps       | 89                  |       |
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| MS-7 Speaker                 | TR-7625 2m FM Xcvr   | 249   | TEN-TEC            |                     |       |
| SC-2 2m rev conv             | RM-76 Programmer     | 59    | KR-40 Keyer        | \$ 49               |       |
| SC-6 6m rev conv             | PS-6 3.5A 12v ps     | 49    | 208 CW filter      | 24                  |       |
| CPS-1 Conv ps                | KPS-7 7A 12v ps      | 59    | 243 Remote VFO     | 99                  |       |
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| TR-3 Xcvr                    | R-1016 2m 10/160w    | \$199 | CC-1 DC charger    | 14                  |       |
| TR-4 Xcvr                    |                      |       | SM-2 Speaker/mic   | 19                  |       |
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| FDX-570 Xcvr         | 449              | <b>FG-901 Tuner</b>        | 139                      | <b>CPU-2500RK 2m FM</b>     | 319                     |     |
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| FL-101 Transmitter   | 349              | <b>FP-107E Ext AC ps</b>   | 99                       | <b>FRG-7 SW Rcvr</b>        | 239                     |     |
| FL-101/processor     | 399              | <b>SP-107 Speaker</b>      | 19                       | <b>FRG-700D SW Rcvr</b>     | 450                     |     |
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| FT-101EE/ran Xcvr    | 579              | <b>FV-107 Remote VFO</b>   | 119                      | <b>YC-355D Counter</b>      | 129                     |     |
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| FT-301S DIG 20w Xcvr | 399              | <b>FI-221R 2m Xcvr</b>     | 379                      |                             |                         |     |
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| FT-301 DIG Xcvr      | 599              | <b>FT-227R 2m FM Xcvr</b>  | 219                      |                             |                         |     |
| FP-301 AC ps         | 99               | <b>FT-227RB 2m FM Xcvr</b> | 269                      |                             |                         |     |
| FT-301D Deluxe ps    | 159              | <b>FT-620B 6m Xcvr</b>     | 299                      |                             |                         |     |

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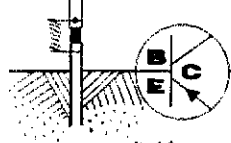
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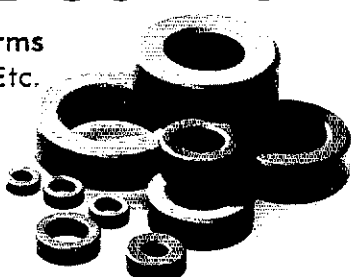
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Technicians in Cokeville. W7PT is on a short vacation the west coast. W7SDA has a new HF 200A. WB7NH reports the Wyoming Cowboy Net held 22 sessions with 622 QNI and 12 QTC. WA0PFJ reports the Wyoming Jackalope Net held 24 sessions with 371 QNI and QTC. Traffic: WSQT 634, W7LYA 323, WA7GYQ 24, K7VWA 83, WB7NHR 82, K7SLM 9.

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**ALABAMA:** SCM, James M. Bonner, KAUMD — SE WA1BU. The Anniston first annual hamfest was held Sept. 28, all had a good time, best of luck in coming years. AENI had 39 QNI in four sess. AFND 192 QNI, sess. 80 messages handled. The 1980 SET was a great success, and will be better next year. W4XI reports new officers of TARC are: W4XI, pres.; W4TKX, vice pres.; WB4LLO, secy/treas. New members of BARC: KB4J and KC4MT. EARS new officers: WB4ZPS, pres.; WD4KWM, vice pres.; WB4YSJ, secy. Chattanooga ARC is making plans to start a Ala. QSO Party. Anyone interested or think it's a good idea, contact CVR MSARC did hold their first annual transmitter huddle sometime in Oct. Local hams from MSARC helped traffic control when President Carter talked in Tusculum on Labor Day. Those helping were WB4NGW, WB4JYR, WA4JPK, WA4WNV, KB4CB, WA4HRV, WB4ZVH, KC4K4JX, WA4ITB & WA4LBX. New members BAR: N4DLG, KA4PPD, N4DJW. HARC will hold Novice classes; if you are in the area contact WB4EKJ for details. N4CCT reports he now has his Extra. KC4MT justly proud of his Extra. Ala. participated in Gulf Coast Emergency Net 100% by NAAZO, W4CTK, KA4D, KA4EE, KB4GA, WD4LYE, WD4LYX, KA4NSV, WD4OD, WA4USB, WA4VDI. CAND manager reports 622 messages in 30 sess. DRN5 was 100% by W4CK5, WA4JL, KA4MKH, WA4RA, AEBB, QNI 214, QTC 84, QTR 67 minutes. AENM QNI 2538, 208 sess. Traffic: WA4JDH 949, W4CK5 65, K4AOZ 62, WA1BU 62, WA4ZP7 31, N4DMA 25, KAUMD 22, AA4I 18, KA4XJ, KA4NXG 14, WD4DHI 12, N4CCT 5, N4CSX 4, WB4EKJ, WB4TVY 2, WA4VEK 1.

**GEORGIA:** SCM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL — ASC. K4VHC. SEC: K4SWJ. ASEC: WB4HXE. STM: W4WX. Chief OBS: W4BIA.

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|-------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
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| GTN         | 3718  | 1815 Dy         | Vacant |
| GSSBN       | 3975  | 1830 Dy         | WB4ZVX |
| ARES        | 3975  | 1700 Su         | WD4ADV |
| GA TFC "A"  | 7243  | 1200 Dy         | W4GH   |
| GA TFC "B"  | 3957  | 1830 Dy         | W4GH   |
| GERN "RTTY" | 3620  | 2130 Ft         | WA4ZHC |

K4DMK, Georgia's 1980 Amateur of the Year, K4DN honored with testimonial for his many years of service to the Georgia Cracker Net. Lanterland's Hamnet brought rain, but did not hurt the attendance. ARES program continues to grow. Would like any interested amateurs to contact their EC's and register. WA4ZT still needing RTTY checkins on Fri evenings. He is offering a beautiful certificate for those who qualify BGMRC, Newnan, contingents with fine programs public service work. Fine PR article published in Inland Paper Coastal Society of Savannah no longer affiliated club. W4LGB & W4WAD did splendid job with phone patches & other aid with Bolivia while young lady was in Atlanta hospital undergoing brain surgery. A real plug for the hobby. Club bulletins indicate more & more public service work being done the section. K4OUB commences his 21st year as NC for the GSSB Net. Congrats. Many thanks to K4SWJ WA4P2D for the fine SET program that they set up. Dallas NWS meteorologists were in Atlanta during SET observing the FB program we have. This is the month that all people get together to celebrate Christmas. Happy Holidays to all. Watch for announcements on the lists from K4VHC about time, etc. that will be on the air from the North Pole. Traffic: (Sent) W4WXA 13, W4PIM 126, WB4LBM 84, K4JNL 62, WB4RUJ 52, K4E 51, WD4ADV 46, W4GH 46, W4ELO 42, N4UZ 21, K4VH 20, W4HON 18, AA4EI 15, K4AZM 13, K4BAI 13, KA4AT 12, AK4T 12, W4AAY 6, WB4KYL 6, K4PKI 4, W4CMX (Aug.) WA4PUP 6, AA4EI 1.

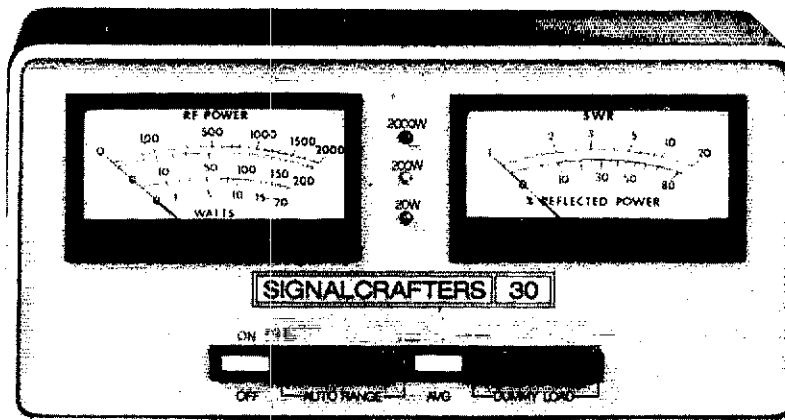
**NORTHERN FLORIDA:** SCM, Billy Williams, N4UF — STM: N4WA. SEC: W4ZGIN. NM: N4BZB, WD4NDC. FM: Medium Speed CW Net active on 3.651 kHz, at 2230 Daily. WA4OEM, WB4EXA and K9AJN set up traffic station at Spring Hill Chicken Picking contest. Ft. Sheriffs Bnys Ranch held open house and WD4DN along with K4RE activated traffic station. 34994 repeat also active from Bnys Ranch. Lake County AR is one of the few clubs in the state which owns its clubhouse. I enjoyed my visit there in October. AA4ES is now AK4I. OPARC had club auction and good turnout. KA4KL and KL7WS running Novice class in OP. Hallifax DCW now has weekly net at 9 A.M. local time on 3.897 kHz. W3EFG demonstrated Slow Scan TV at Oct. DBAP meeting. DFARA sponsoring a Worked All Florida Counties Award for period Oct. 15 — Feb. 1. Details available through WA4CRI. K4HDC upgraded to Extra. WB4NYK and GCARC working on communication trailer. Tallahassee Red Cross and TARS will work closely to improve emergency communications capability. TARS now over 100 members. K4HDC closing in on DXCC. In Jax, hams helped Red Cross in test disaster. N4DOW was first on scene with N4BFX project chairman. WD4BI now Editor of RANGE Squelch Talk. NOFARS auction very successful with K4OAC as auctioneer. Jax ARES and Duval Co. Civil Defense renewed agreement. W4JL recovering after stay in hospital & a five again on QFN and RN5. WD4HIF made PSHR and BPLI WA4EYU gave Amateur Radio demo to a church group of 100. Please send me any documentation. Amateur Radio public service activity Traffic: WD4H 575, N4PL 393, WA4CRI 227, W4SIZ 209, WB4FJY 9, WD4HO 80, N4BZH 73, W4C 69, W4MGO 58, WA4L 5, WB4ZTR 55, W4BSP 40, W3IDO 39, WA4STZ 38, KB4T 1, K4RNS 18, N4UF 17, N4AXN 15, KF4U 15, WB4QBB 1, WB4DTS 12, WB4YKV 8, KA4KMP 5.

**SOUTHERN FLORIDA:** SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — Asst SCM: W4KGJ. SEC: AA4WJ. STM: K4T. Our congrats to Friendship ARC, Miami/Hollywood are upon becoming a newly affiliated club. They are having a Charter Party Oct. 21 in which Vice Director Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, will present the charter and show ARRL films. Brevard County Radio Amateurs provide communications for 6 hours. Sept. 27th, for Leukemia Society Swim Classic. ECs WB4WYG, North Brevard and KB4QW, South Brevard, coordinated amateur activity. Partial list of those active includes W4LYA, K4FC, WB4POL, K4VNO, WB0NSI, N4COY, KB4OW, and



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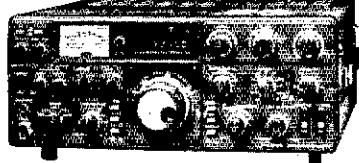
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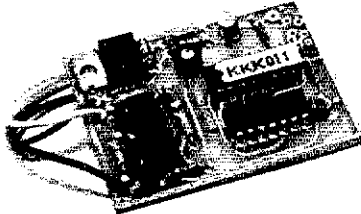
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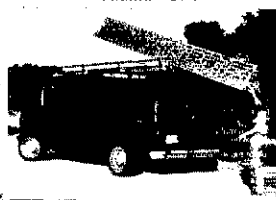
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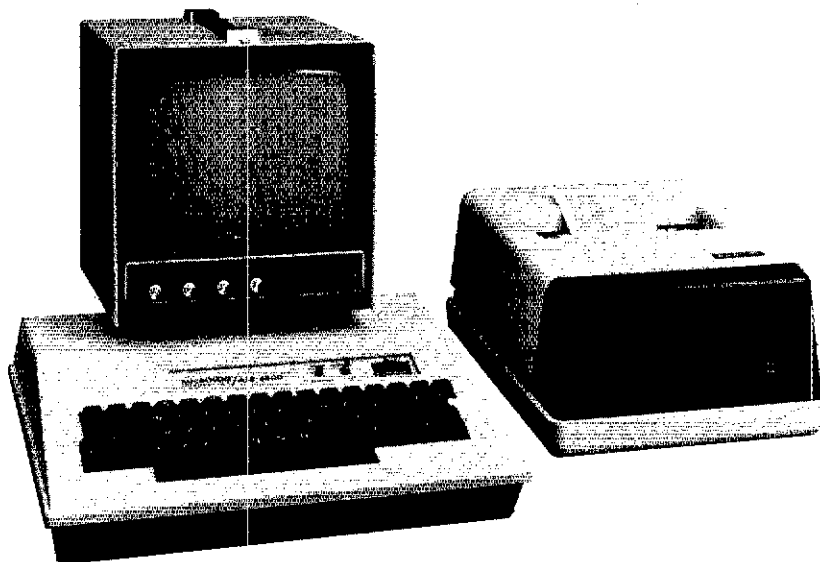


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so extensive as to require the entire nation mobilize  
but this is what we are testing. In addition to long-ha  
NTS communications, the last few years have seen a  
plosive growth in our capability to provide short-ran  
emergency communications in the local areas, using v  
and uhf im. Recognition of Amateur Radio and its impo  
tant capability has been growing. The SET gives us a  
opportunity to test, not only our own capability to co  
municate by radio, which we already have a pretty good  
knowledge of, but also our capability to make ourselves  
known to the local governments and service agencies  
which will have need of us in disasters. It is indeed sa  
to hear a local government official lament, after  
disaster is over, "I needed you, but I didn't realize you  
had that capability." Most typically, when our services  
are offered, a busy official, hit suddenly by a disaster,  
large or small, trying to figure out what happened and  
what to do about it, doesn't want to be bothered  
Amateur Radio. Few of them know our capability n  
how to use us to help with their problem. We don't wa  
to be "pushy" and force ourselves onto anybody, but w  
wish there were some way the various agencies cou  
automatically consider Amateur Radio as part of the  
problem-solving resources. We think an excellent exam  
ple of how this may be done is the agreement between  
Seventh District Coast Guard Operations Center, Miami  
LCDR J. E. Bowersox, and Dade County Emergency  
Planning Committee, Andy Clark, W4IYT, in which  
Amateur Radio provides back-up emergency com  
munications. I understand the Op. Center lists Amateur  
Radio contacts on their emergency check-off lists  
any Duty Officer knows how to proceed. This ha  
resulted in the C. G. Center requesting Amateur Rad  
assistance 7 times in 8 months. The system is workin  
to the mutual satisfaction of all! Traffic: (Sept 1) W3CJ  
2897, W4MEE 519, W4GVB 608, WA4PR 608, WA4PR  
537, K4SCL 349, K4TH 349, W4LY 339, K4ZJ 33  
WB4FVU 298, W4CQJ 267, W4GPL 251, W4NFK 25  
WB4WYG 175, KA4LNA 136, WA4FIC 122, N4ET 11  
W4IRA 97, K4EUK 79, W3TLV 72, W4PBP 71, KB4QW 3  
WB4GCK 33, KA4BBA 32, WA4HXU 24, KA4AS7 2  
WA4UQO 18, W4WYR 18, W4DVO 14, W4SMK 1  
WA1IOG 12, WB4NJU 11, W4LWT 4. (Aug.) W4NFK 14  
**WEST INDIES:** SCM, Julio Negroni, KP4CV — Followin  
unqualified success of WINS, STM, NP4D, is planning  
2 mtrs traffic net under NCS KP4EMX. WINS will pa  
ticipate on SET next Oct. 19 on 7110 kHz. SE Direct  
Frank Butler, W4RH, has approved application for  
West Indies Section Convention to be held April 25-  
1981 in conjunction with the PRARC Convention. A  
plication will be considered by the Board of Directors  
of the Club station at Playaqui, Dept. of Electric  
trical Engineering, KP4VA is getting set for OSCA  
KP4EMY getting set for 4RN. Early session condition  
for 4RN are getting better. Weekend sessions on  
mtrs. for 4RN are a boon for this area. Traffic: NP4D 12  
KP4DJ 64, KP4U 52, WP2ABQ 30, KP4EMY 11, KP4EM  
9, KP4FBT 5.

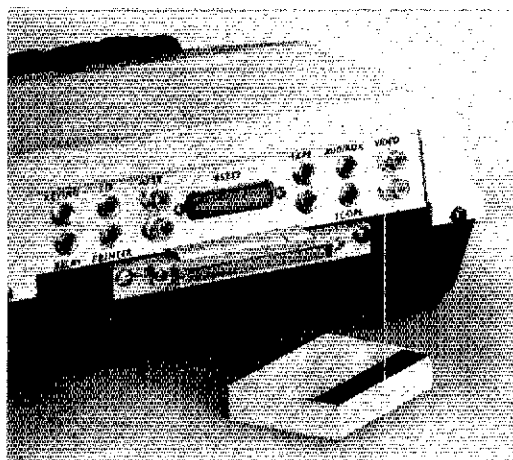
**SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION**  
**ARIZONA:** SCM, W. L. Haskell, AC7D — SEC: N7E  
STM: W7EP. Many msg, formal and infor. have been re  
by your SCM for the proposal of sep opr. on 70.75 to 71  
18. This had several uses for RTTY and for  
tic. Nets, also NTS operations utilize these freqs. (S  
pg 51 of Sept. QST for details). Most comments rev'd  
in discord with this proposal!! Make your feeling  
known to ARRL ASAP! W7EAM and K7VXS are und  
doc's care at this writing — speedy recovery! The Arr  
Guard Net (4.030) is expanding, look for new units  
Sierra Vista, Lake Havasu City., Williams, Bullhead C  
Fredonia, Cottonwood, Wickenburg, Page Showlow ar  
Tucson. Ham of the Year Award for AZ was W7KDY. F  
their awards not known at this time are: Special Achiev  
ment for Training and Support of Handicapp  
K7ABUT KB7BQ K7ESA. For Dedication to Ham Radio  
Classes: W7YS WB7DTJ WB7DGP. Assisting Felic  
Hams and the Advancement of Ham Radio: WB7NJ  
Advancement of Repeater Communications: WB7DR  
Check into the Thurs. nite IFA Net for the latest ARRL  
Bulletins. 7.30 P.M. 22/82. AF7M wkcd over 240 countri  
in the 15 months! (cw)! Good show! Stork delv'd lem h  
monic to AG7H and WA1VAM! Nets: SWN QNI 270, Q  
234; A-10 QNI 932, QTC 200, Cactus QNI 867, QTC  
Keep mts coming! Traffic: W7EP 91, WA7KDE  
K7RMO 44, K7JKM 41, K4SDW 34, W7WB 6, K7HA  
WA7JCK 6, WA7NXL 6, WA7WEB 5, W7DOM 3.  
**LOS ANGELES:** SCM, Stan Brokl, N3YO — ASC:  
NGUK. SEC: WB6FAT. STM: W6EJ. We have six new a  
comments this month NM K5DY, EC WB6YIZ, EC NZ  
EC WA6DUB, EC K6IYK, and Asst. DEC W6RND  
welcome aboard — your help in the section is  
valuable, N6VI worked the Sept. VHF QSO party from  
Pinos with multi-op station AE6E. They broke t  
multip record. W6NKE just moved from an apartme  
to a new home with 1/3 acre. He's planning an anten  
farm for 80 thru 10. The TRW ARS W6TRW holds a sw  
meet every month on the last Saturday of the mont  
Call in, freq. is 147.51 simplex and the swapmeet is be  
in lot 17 on Aviation Blvd. in Redondo Beach. All a  
welcome. WB6VID CQ, made 17 reports during Aug. a  
Sept. K6CL made 5 00 reports during Aug. and 26 report  
and K6KA made 75 00 reports during September. Ke  
up the good job. I received club bulletins from the So C  
ATV Club, the Pasadena Radio Club, SGVH  
("Loudspeaker"), Western ARC ("Feedback") and t  
Northrop ARC W6VPZ. Traffic: (Sept.) W6INH 1;  
K6EOT 109, K5DY 105, K6EFC 91, K6OWA 85, N6PZ 2  
WB6RO 49, WA6LVO 42, KA6CTI 39, K6CL 20, W6BVM  
26, WA6OCM 20, W6NKE 18, WB6MKA 4. (Aug.) K6E  
100.  
**ORANGE:** SCM, Fried Heyn, WA6WZO — ASC:  
WB6WZN, STM: KA6A, SEC: WB6BQ DEC's: K6GG  
WB6KN WB6TLE WB6YZY. EC's: WB6DQ WB6TD W6G  
WB6FD, WA6ZYV, W6ZZY, WB6JSE, WB6BY, WA6P  
WB6ZD, WA6RQ, WB6DGI, WA6TFE, WB6GB, WB6V  
WB6ANL, WB6WPP, WB6JBI, WA6TLE, W6RE. Congrats  
new EC's WB6BNG for San Bernardino County RAC.  
Dist. #7 (Barstow area) and AIBI for liaison to CA  
Department of Forestry. All EC and NM SET reports d  
by the end of the year. WB6BZW appointed AEC. A  
OES as ARS liaison from Orange County ARC. N  
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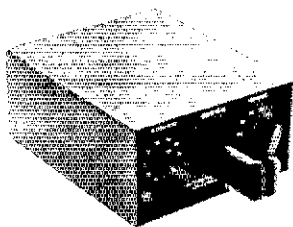


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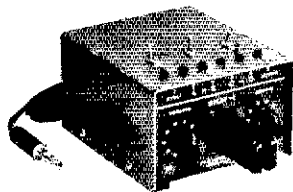
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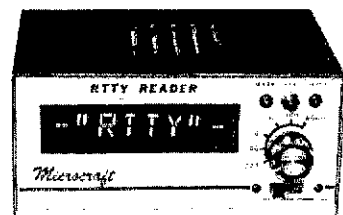
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SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — STM. N6GW SEC. W6INI, Asst SEC. N6RD, White on vacation, W6IUF witnessed eruption of Mt St Helens. Alphy's on La Mesa Blvd is gathering place for hams on Saturday mornings. Newly appointed to OTS is KA6DNF. WA6COE visited the Tijuana Radio Club, XE2TBC. During recent ARES activity with the Calif. Dept. of Forestry, W6BTQF and N6BUK discovered W6SRK piloting a CDF helicopter. North County Traffic Net reports Aug activity of 30 sessions, 30 messages. In Sept it was 28 sessions, 46 messages. This net on Palomar ARC's 146.13/73 MHz provides excellent opportunity to break into traffic handling. It operates nightly at 2000. ARC of El Cajon boasts a membership of 122. For info on club classes contact WA6MHZ (286-9785). Upgraded to Extra: W6MNO W6TZV. Tower height limitations are in the wind for Oceanside. Poway ARC nets: Mon at 2000 on 28.7 MHz and Wed on 147.225/825 MHz at 2000. Traffic: WA6PVH 364, N6GW 153, W6HUJ 153, KA6DNF 88, N6AT 78, K6HAP 62, K6BI 54, WB6MLB 50, K6GZ 14, WA6COE 6, W6BFTY 4, WA6UFY 3.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, Robert N. Dyruth, W6POU — SEC: WB6BWZ, STM: N6WP, October SET — annual mating ritual between locally-oriented ARES and nationally-oriented Palomar ARC's two good services and yet unable to effectively cooperate, coordinate, communicate efficiently with each other. Some good signs in SLO and Ventura Co's. S. W. Div. unable to organize this year. Poinsettia boasted 100% ARRL member turnout at new hall. Talented editor N6BPF, WD6ARQ culled Callbook for all 1500 calls. Ventura Co. ARC (K6MCP) won contest plaque — is DX oriented. SBARC member WB6QDS/ELWAY/mm works from west of VK, K6PHY Cambria new SCN-2 head. PSHR: K6YD 78, N6WP 67, N6YH 46. Traffic: N6WP 155, N6YH 115, K6YD 67, WB6TRP 66, K6DZT 12, W6ARDI 10, W6POE 9.

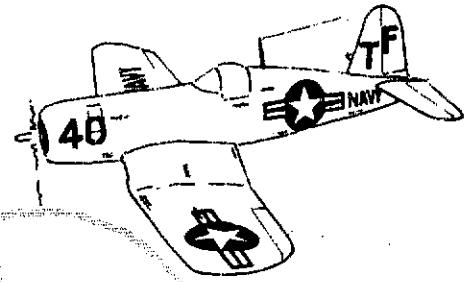
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NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Phil Clements, K5PC — SEC: W5GPO, STM, W5VMP, Asst SCM: A5CS, NMs: AA5J, AE5I, N5BT, W5HMR, K5KB. Our feature club for the month is the Panhandle ARC of Amarillo. The club meets the first Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Officers are: W5V5J, W4YID, W5JUBM, K5ZFS, W5SIZH, W5SVF, W5MDJ, N5AOS and W5SSBN. W5V5J is chairman. The club newsletter, "The Local Oscillator", tells of all past news items, current events, and future activities. This fine organization sponsors many public service activities, a novice class, and lots of socializing. The Panhandle ARC also sponsors the Panhandle Emergency Net, which meets daily @ 0000Z on 3933 kHz and invites your participation. The club is heavy into ARES activities and emergency preparedness under the stern leadership of W5CBT. The ARES unit participated in a drill with the local Red Cross Chapter on Sept. 9th. For further info on the PARC, write to: Panhandle ARC, P.O. Box 1022, Amarillo, TX 79106. PSHR: W5CTZ, W55YI, N5BT, W5HMR, W5QFD, W5EJF, K5JUL, K5AVQ. Traffic: W5TI 321, N5BT 193, W5E5U 129, K5QKM 115, W5CZT 93, W5HMR 66, W5DFY 51, W5QFD 48, W5BKM 39, W5SH 38, W5BYK 21, K5JUL 18, W55YI 15, K5AVQ 13, K5CFP 11, AJ5F 9, K5PC 9, K5HKN 4, W5AKHE 4, W5RAH 4.

OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA6FSN — According to my calendar, it is time to thank each and every one of you for your help this past year, and to wish you the best of Season's Greetings and a Wish for a Happy and Peaceful New Year. On Sept. 17th, I presented W5DRZ with a line plaque from the League in recognition of the FB work that he has done over the years for Amateur Radio. Would that we all take heed of his "Preachins" and be better operators. KA5AJU and WA6FSN have new beams. K5E5K working on 11U plus DXCC. W55J spent most of Sept. visiting in CO & Utah. Reports received from all section NMs, 2 OBSS, 2 OOs, 1 OVS and 31 OTS reflect a lot of activity traffic-wise. Many code and theory classes operating; should have many new and upgraded operators. Remember that QAN is the FB place for code practice as well as traffic handling experience. KA5JHQ, KA5JHR, KA5JJP, KA5JLY, KA5JLZ, KA5JPG, KA5JZS & KA5KAV new calls on the air. Shawnee ARC and c.d. operated booth at county fair. Amateurs and Red Cross operated booth and demonstrations from Texas County Fair Traffic: WB6NC 266, WB6NKD 226, W5REC 201, W5RB 170, K5E5K 128, K5GXP 105, W5DRB 104, K5FA 102, W5BDYJ 94, K5OWK 74, W5ICL 73, W5LIYH 73, WA6FSN 59, WA5QJY 58, W5SIBB 48, K5TEY 48, W5VXU 45, W5E5AY 40, W5SFB 37, K5GAY 33, W5VW 28, W5E5TB 26, W5DR 26, W5AS 24, W5SUG 16, W5RFU 15, W5DIRR 14, W5FKL 12, W5A5UO 7, N5IN 6, W55J 1.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Roger Codav, N5FN — SC/MSTM: N5TC, SEC: A5KN, OD reporting this month. WA3OV/C5, STX stns making PSHR are KB5TC, WA5RVY, W5KLV, N5TC, W55YDD, W55TAY, K5BNX, W55GKH, W55MMI, W55DOR. Congrats to the following upgrades: Extra — K551B, W55BSB, Advanced — N5CFM, KA5BYF, N5BXU, KA5DYO; General — N5CDN, N5CCO. The Cleveland 31/91 repeater has been moved to a new 200-ft tower at QTH of WA5SNL. W55TAY has a new Omni C on order. W55AAH, OES, attended training sessions in

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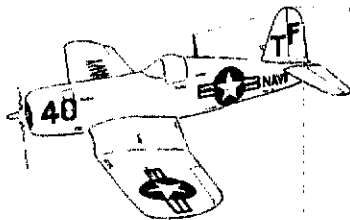
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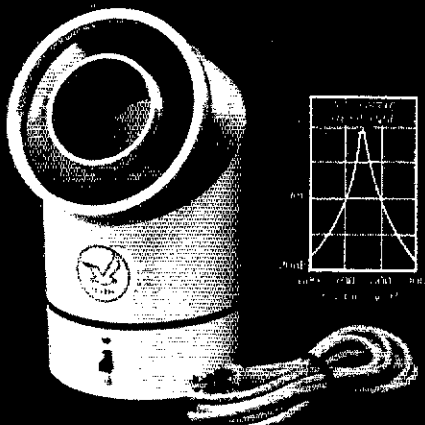
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Houston in preparation for SET. The Alvin Comm. College RC doing some work of late on the equipment at the National WX Service ham station. KA5BSN W5KLV W5SHN and W5YDD still are carrying the load for STX on GAND. KC5M reports that W5AYZ has confirmed DXCC #250 and his total now stands at #125. KC5M's antennas are inverted vees at 29 and 27 feet for 2U and 15 meters — nice going. New officers for the 7290 Tlc Net are W5FYJ, NM: W5TJK, ANM: K5BNH, secv.: KA5AZK, treas. W5FGY has been off the air of late due to illness in family. KA6GSM back in Texas for awhile. K5W has worked all countries for USA #275. K5RG now the owner of a Yaesu FT207R. K5RV reports South East Texas hams supplied communications for an air show at the Jefferson County Airport, Williamson Cty. ARC has an emergency net on 4164, 2000, Thursday evenings. Traffic: W5KLV 536, W5YDD 396, N5TC 143, K4HZR 116, W5MMI 110, W5SHN 87, K5STC 65, W5TAY 56, KA5BSN 50, K4RG 43, W5GKH 41, W5YRV 40, W5RVT 33, K4PE 31, K5NX 30, W5RGF 26, W5DOR 19, AK4M 18, W5BSA 15, K17P/5 8, K5DG 7, W5EFJ 7, W5UYV 6, KA6CSM 2, W5FGY 2, K5RVF 2.

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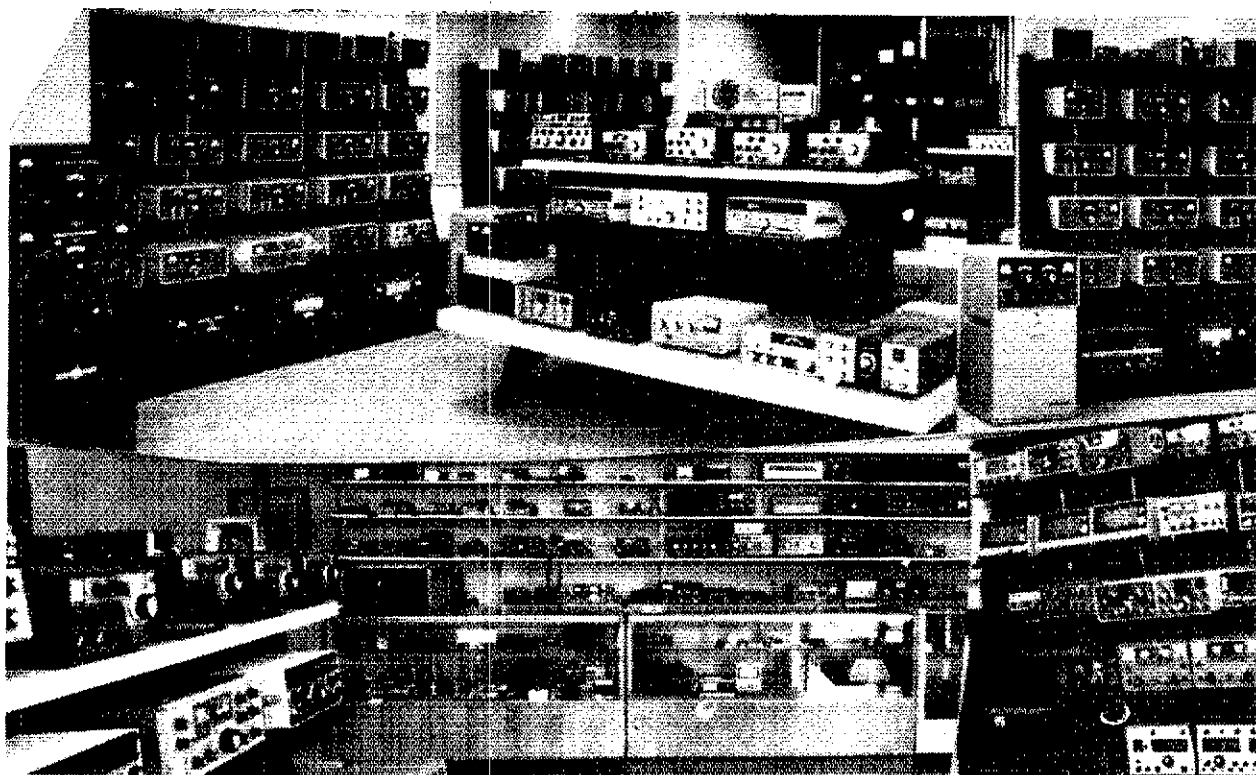
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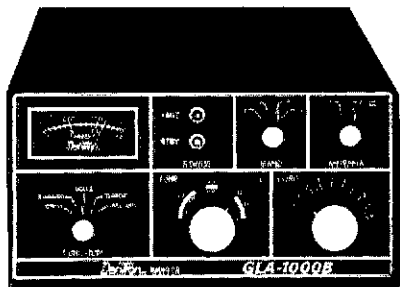


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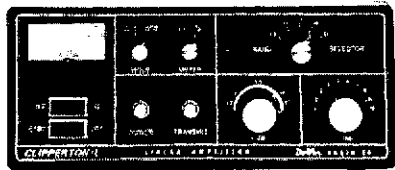


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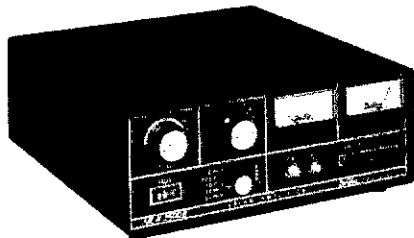
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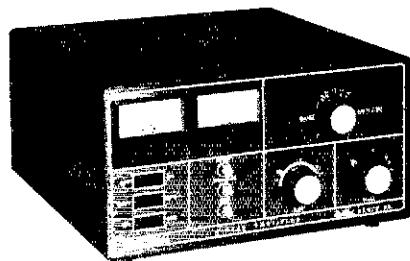
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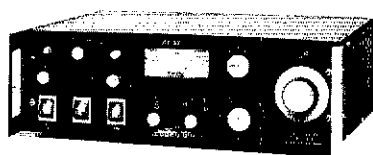
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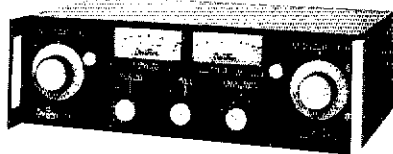
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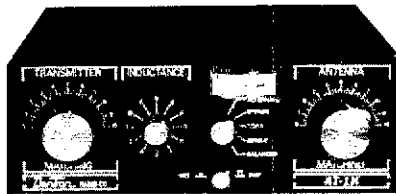
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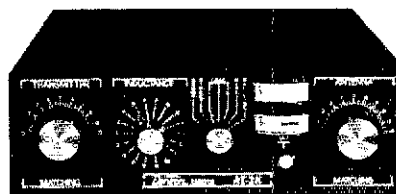
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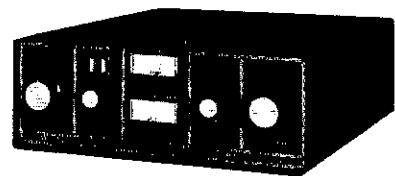
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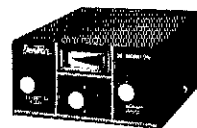
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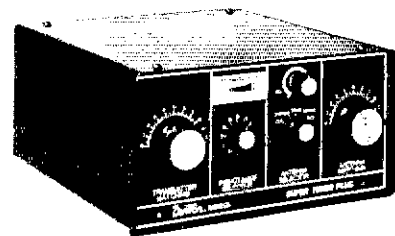
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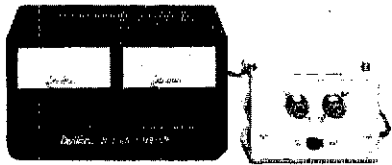
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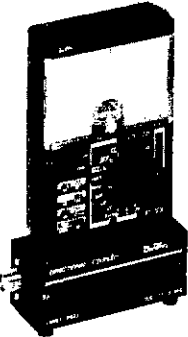


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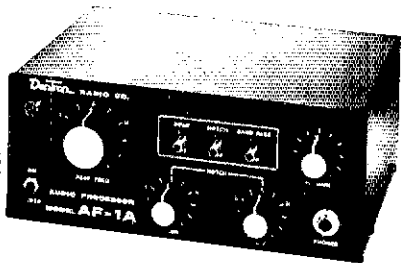


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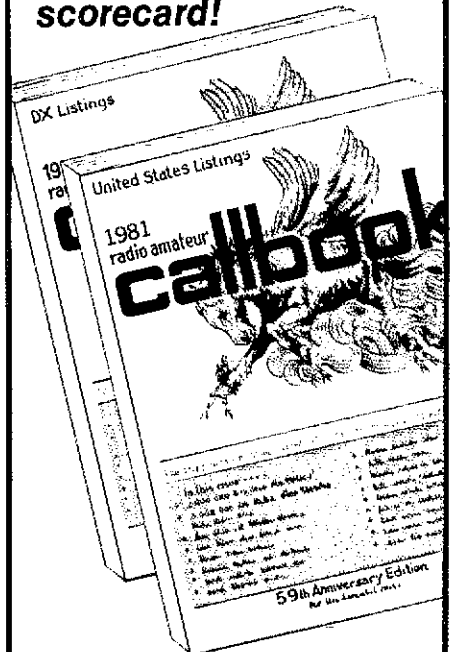
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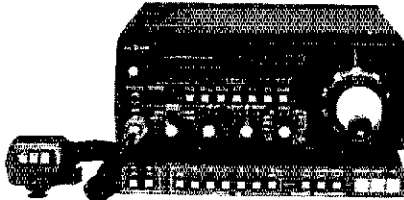
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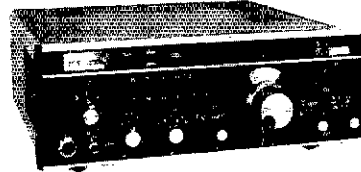
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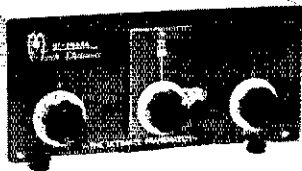
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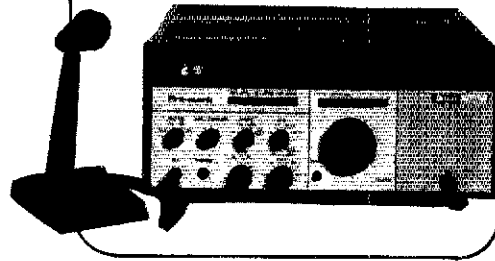
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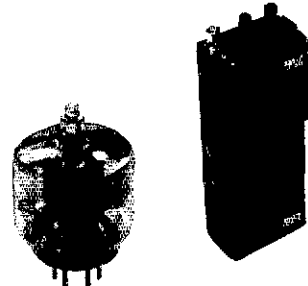


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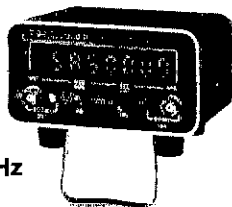
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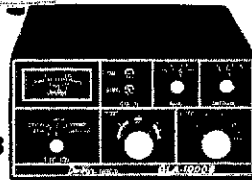
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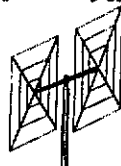
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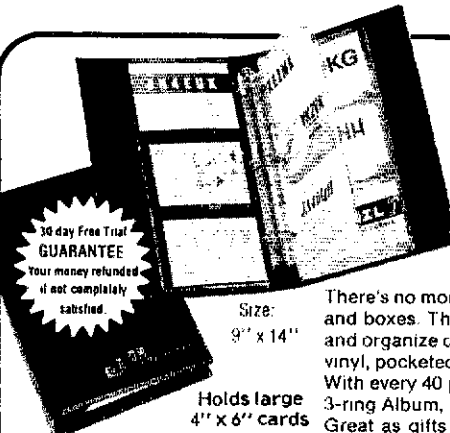
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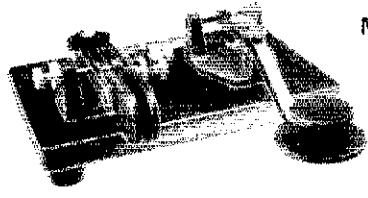
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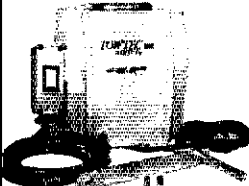
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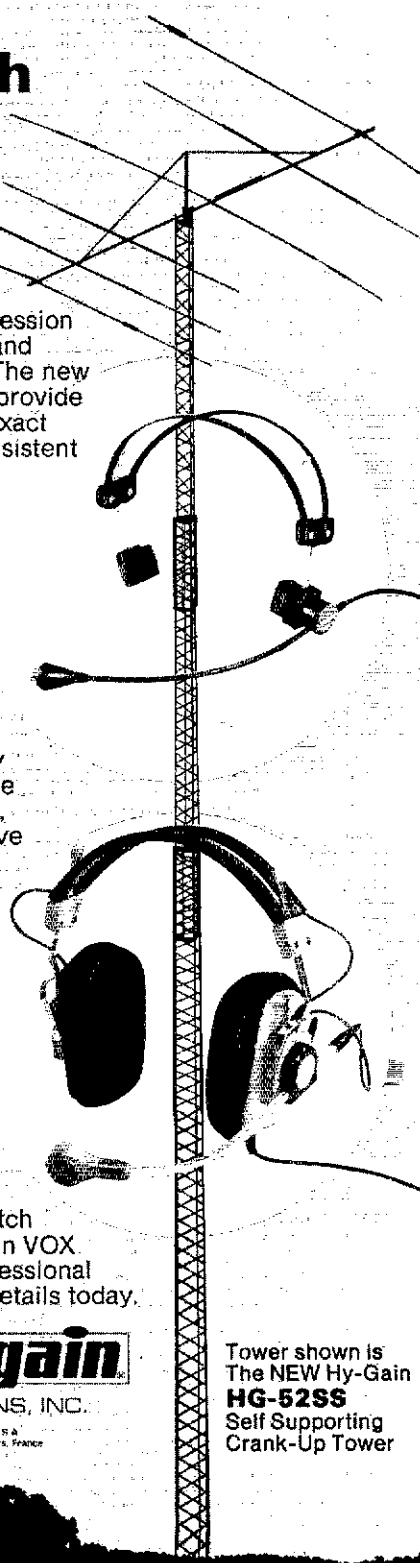
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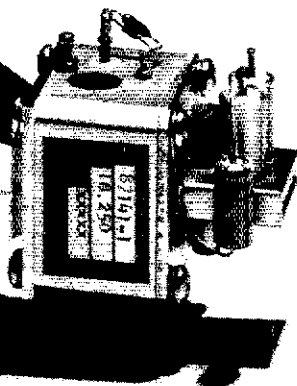
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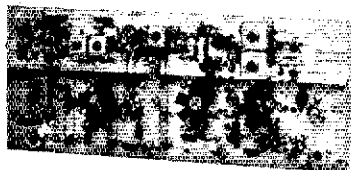
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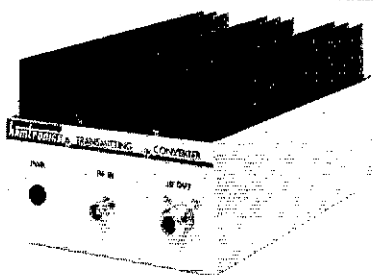
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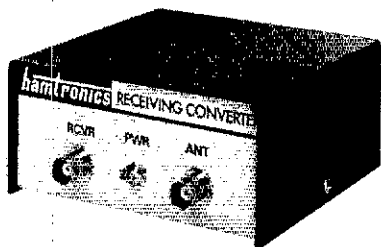
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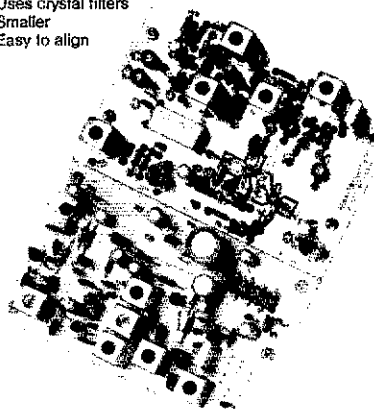
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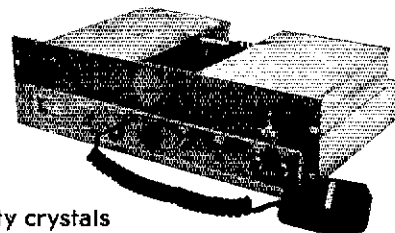
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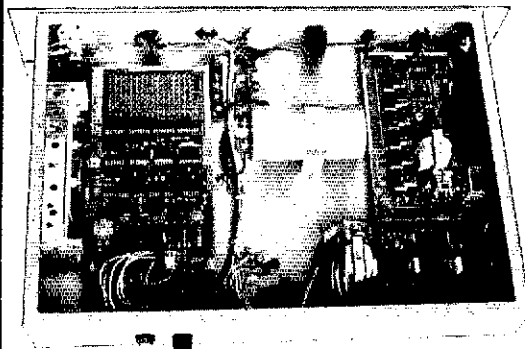
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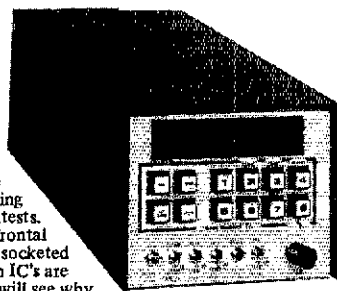
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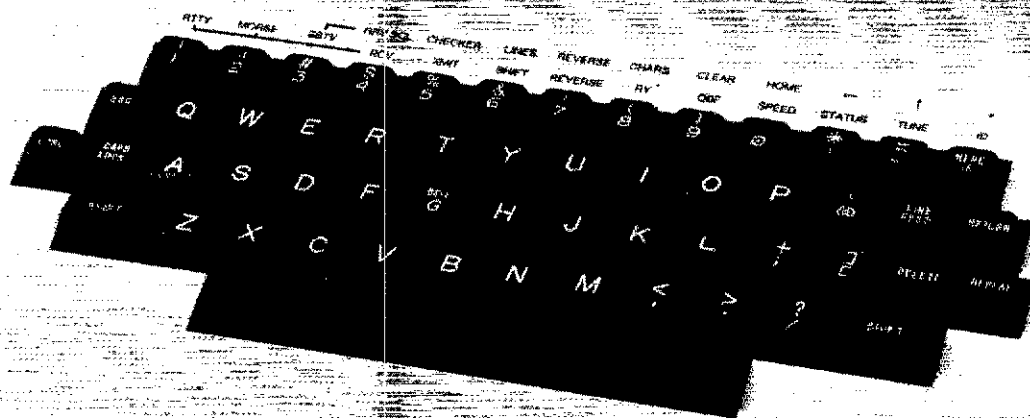
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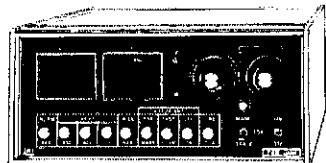
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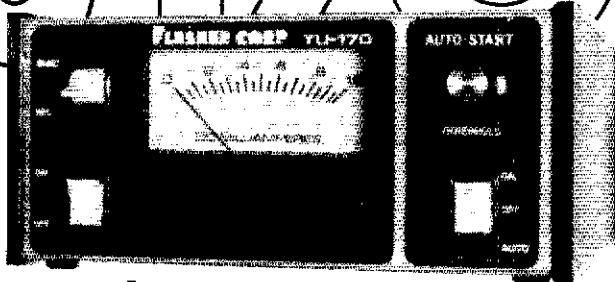
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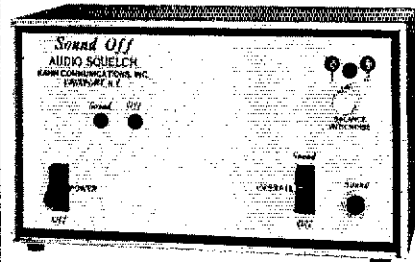
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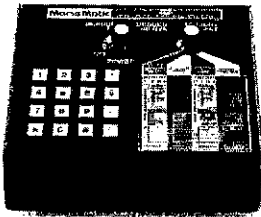
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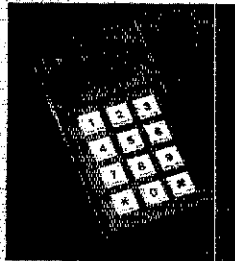
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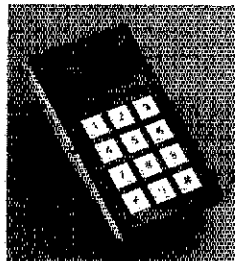
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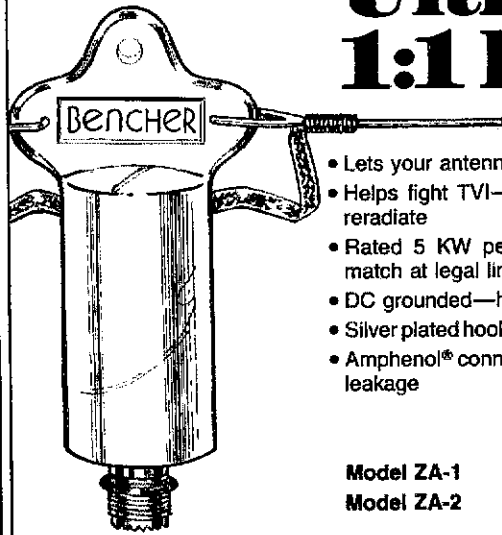
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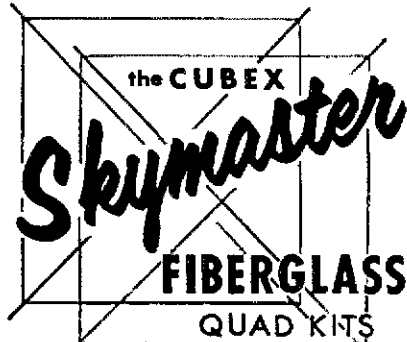
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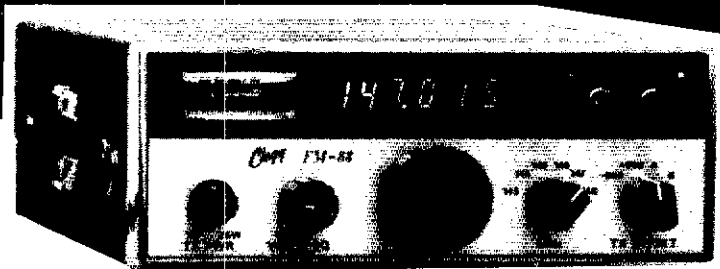
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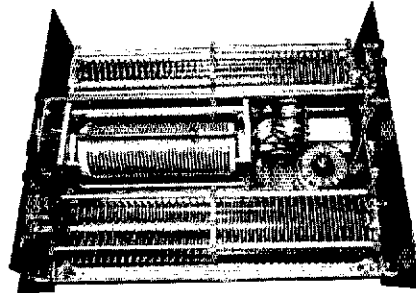
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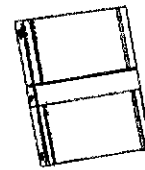
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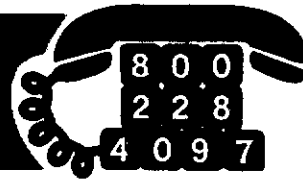
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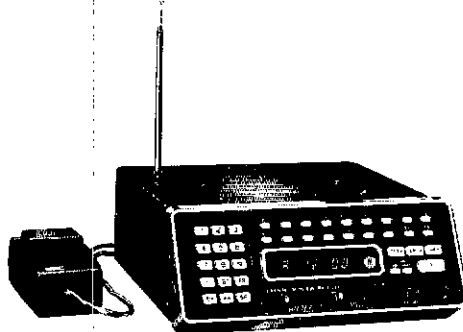
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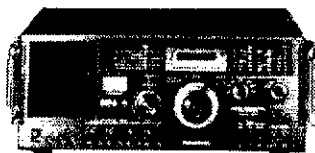
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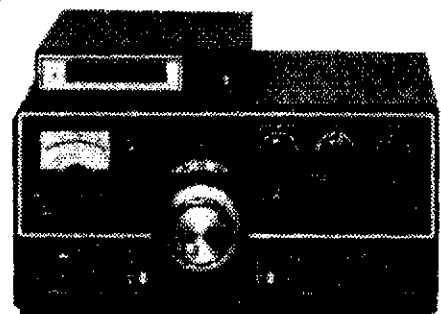
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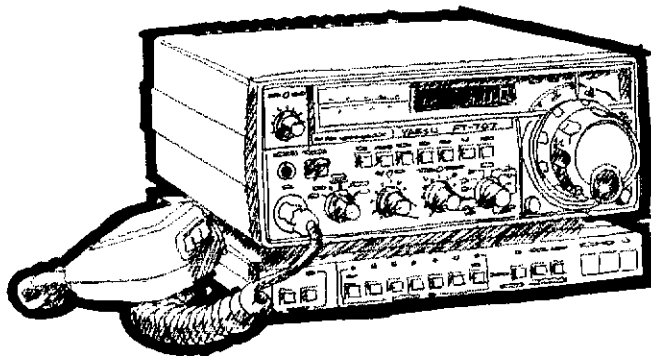
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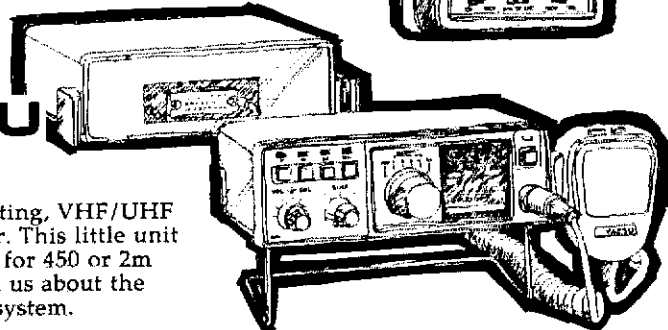


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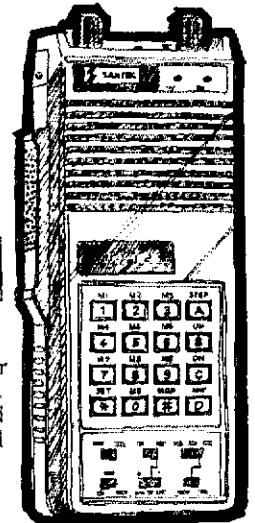
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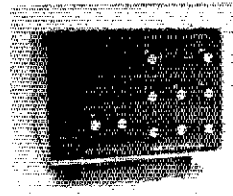
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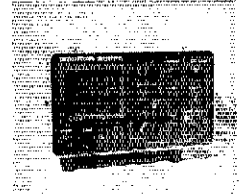


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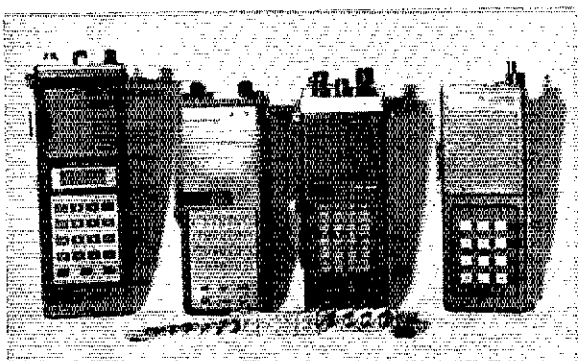
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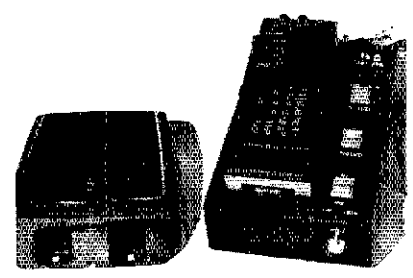


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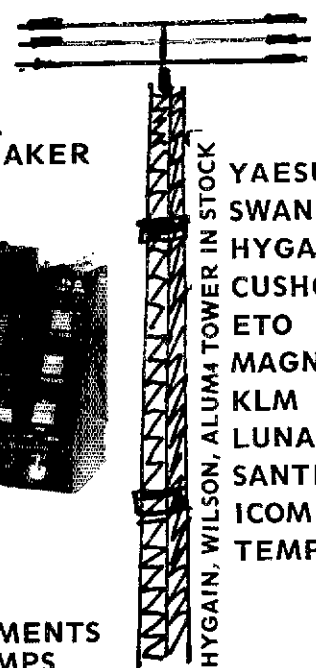


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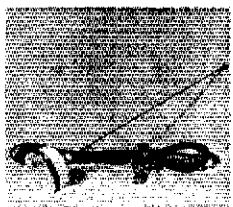
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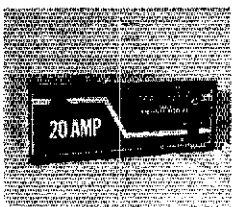
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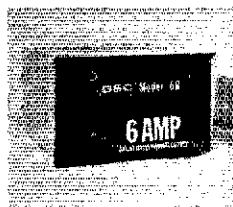
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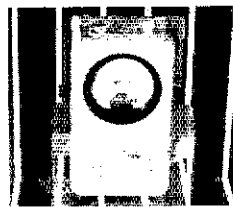
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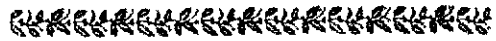
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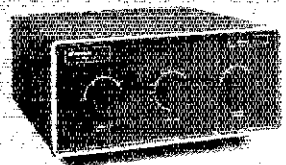


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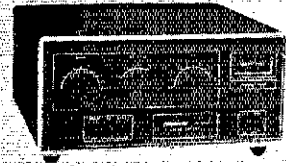
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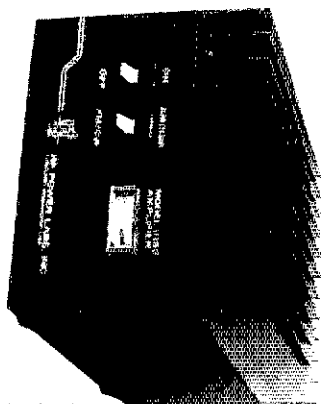
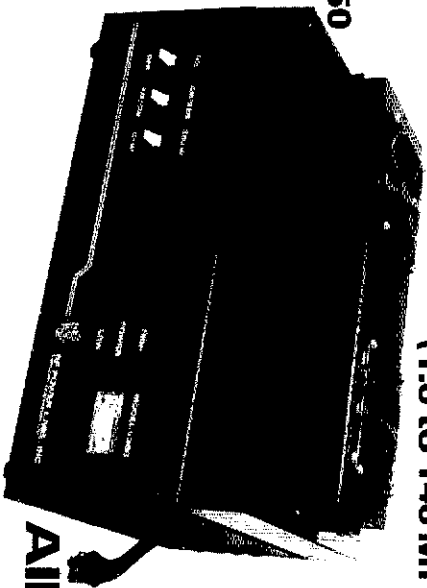
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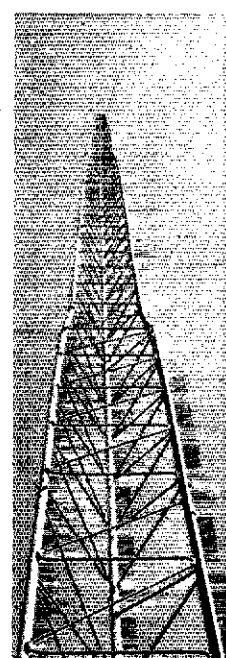
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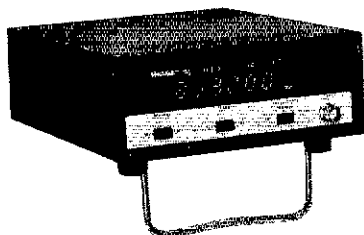


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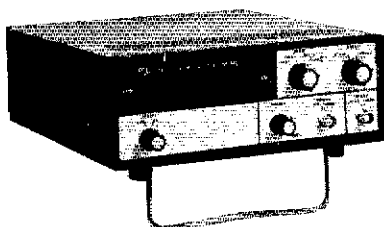
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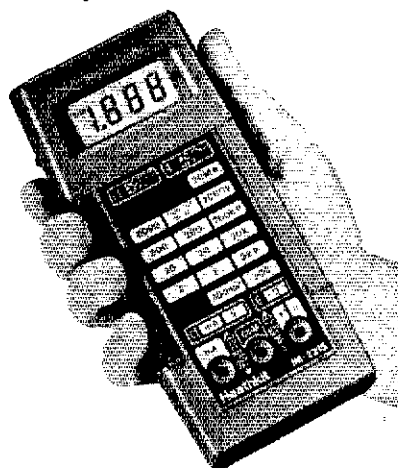
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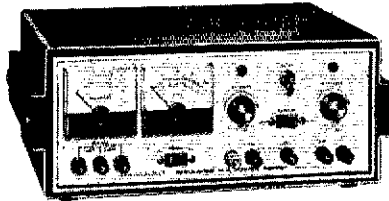
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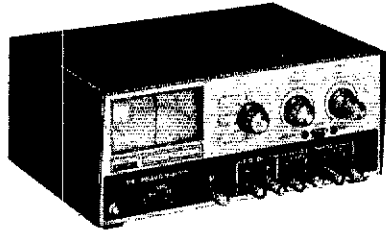


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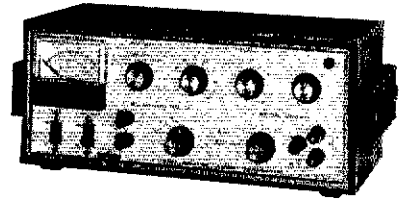


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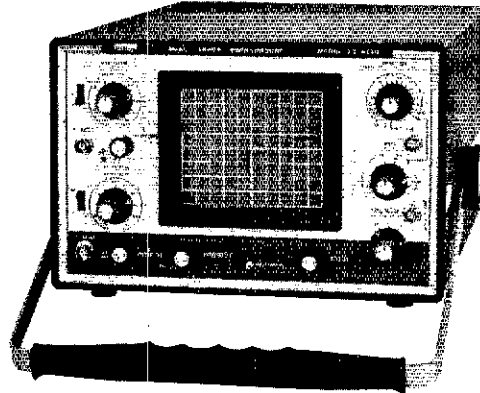
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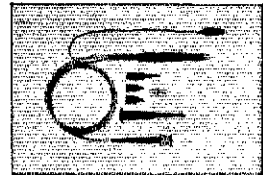
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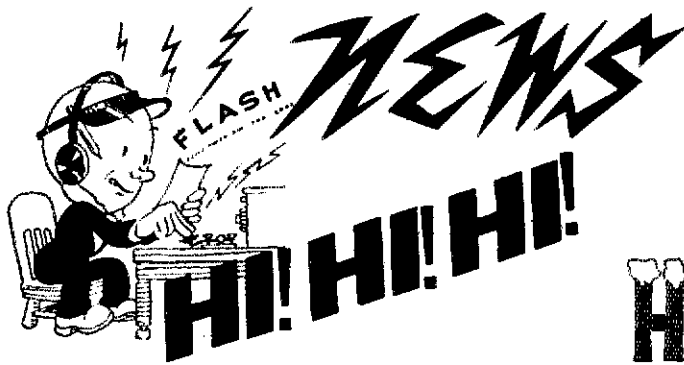


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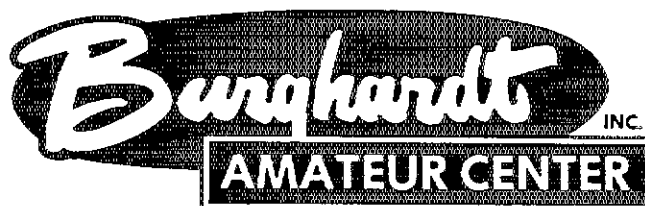
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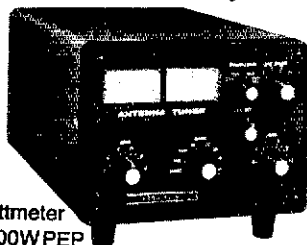
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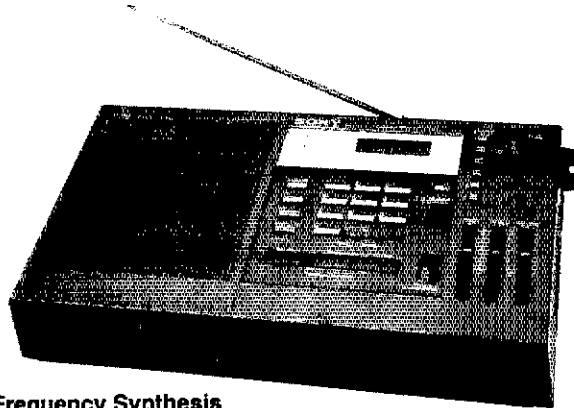
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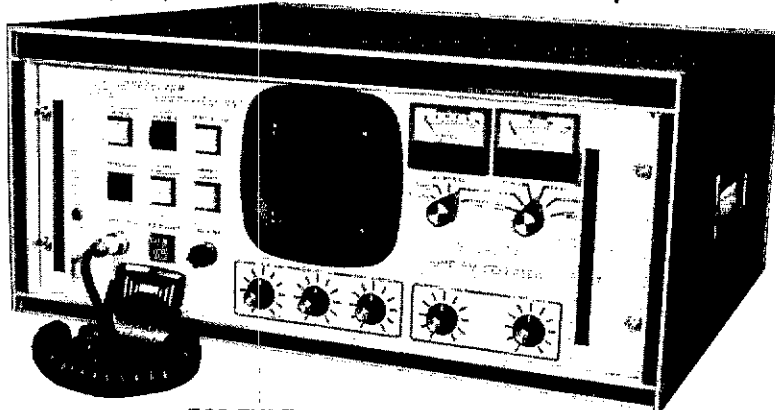


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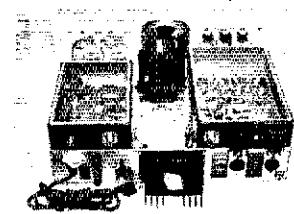
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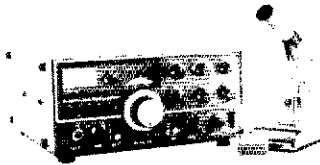
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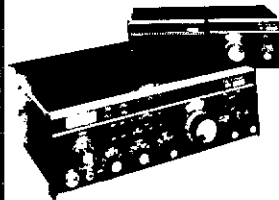
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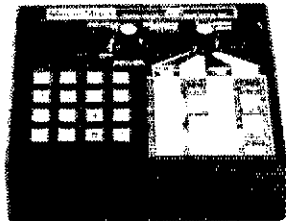
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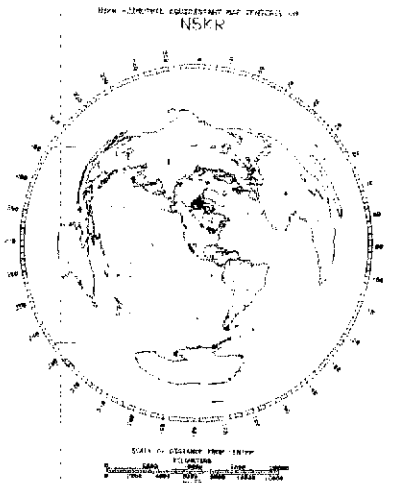
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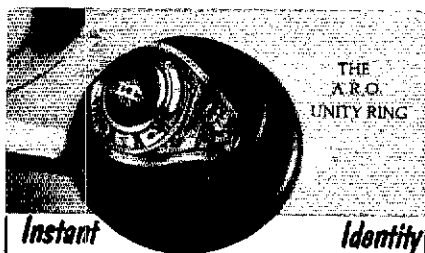
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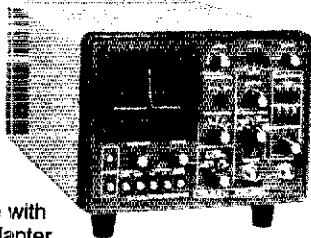
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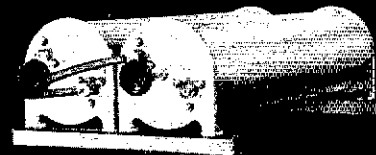
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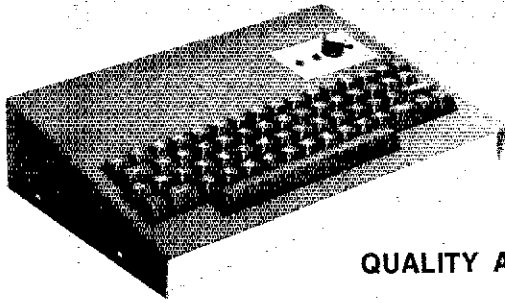
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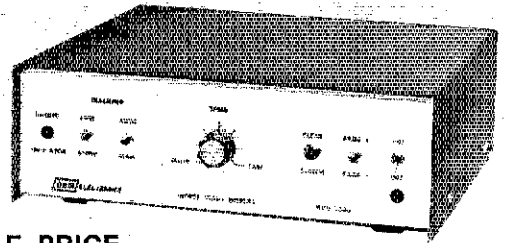
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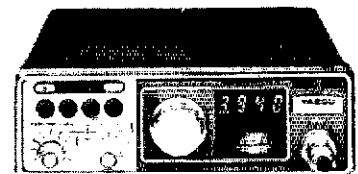
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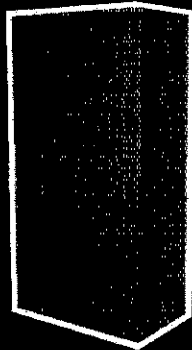
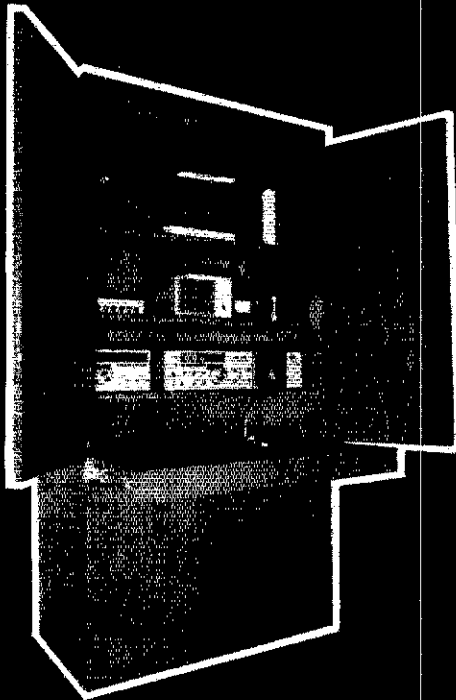
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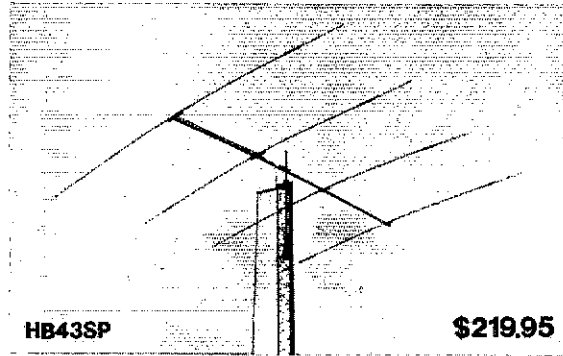
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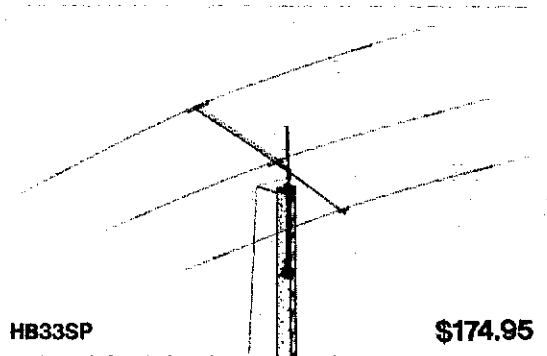


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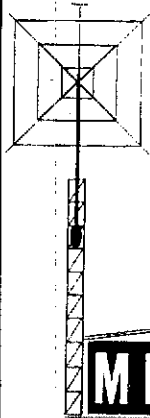
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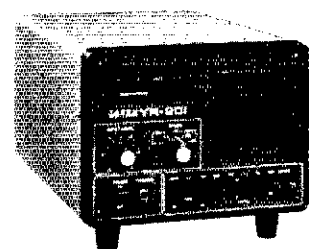


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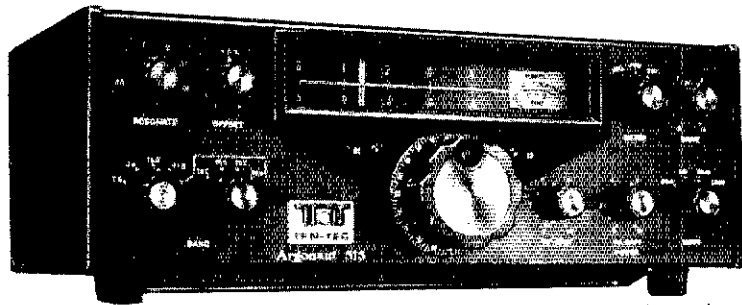


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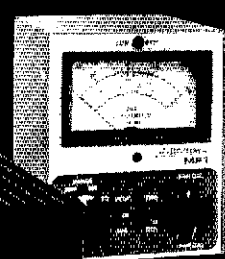
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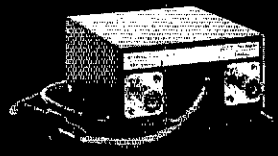
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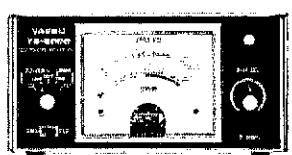
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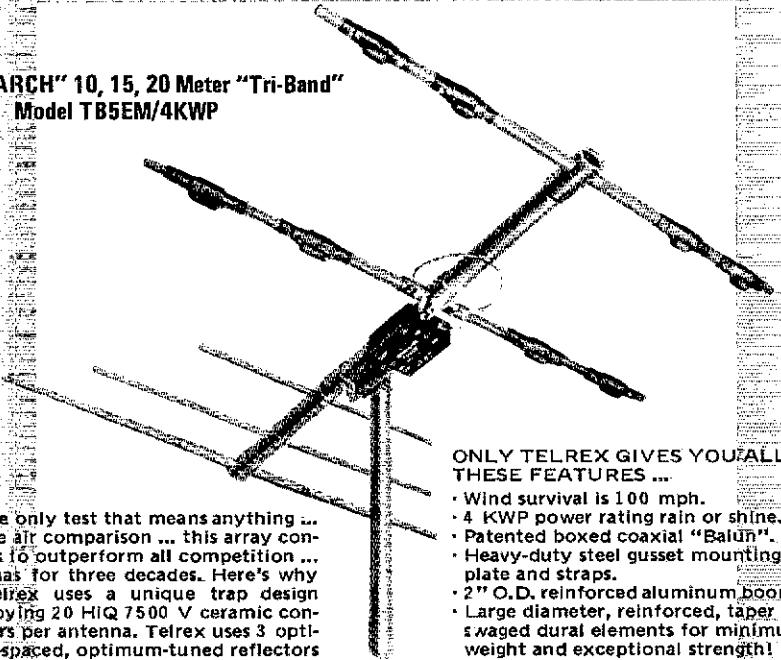
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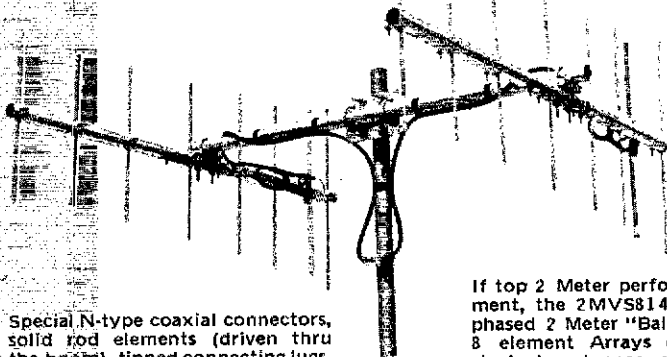
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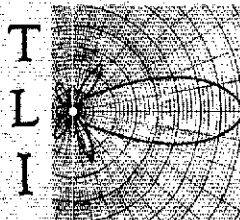
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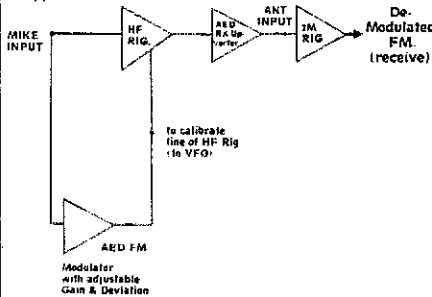
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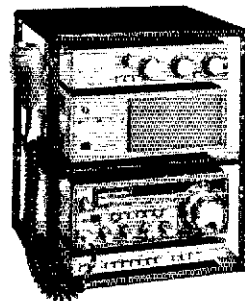
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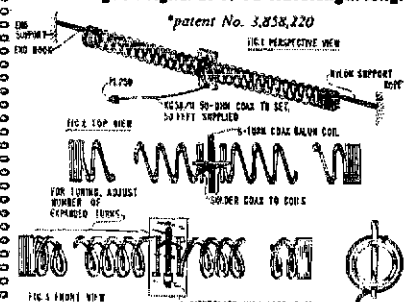
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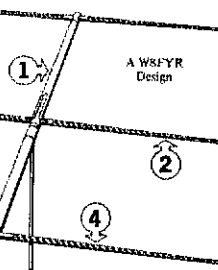
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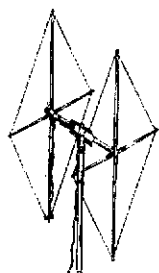
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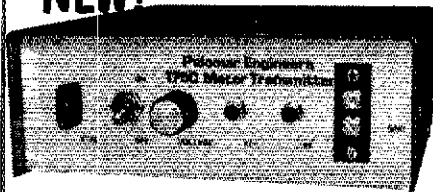
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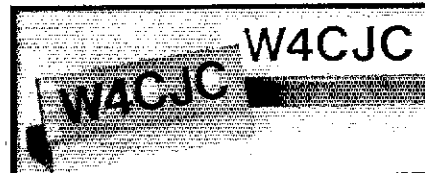
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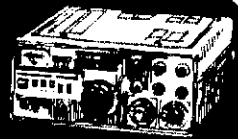
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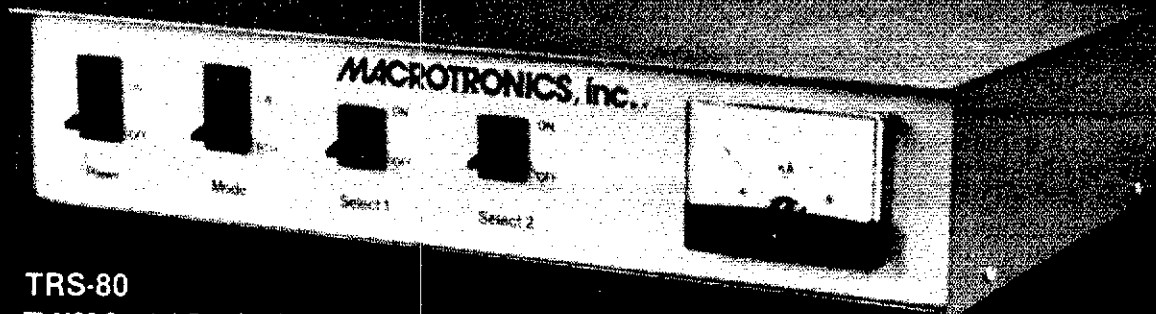
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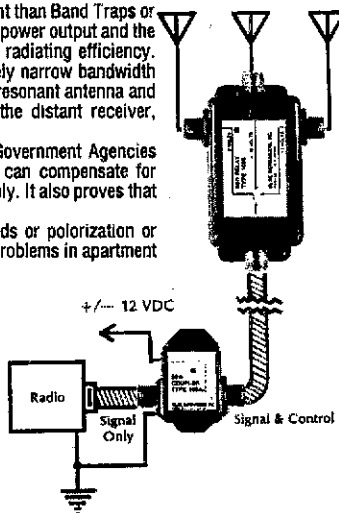
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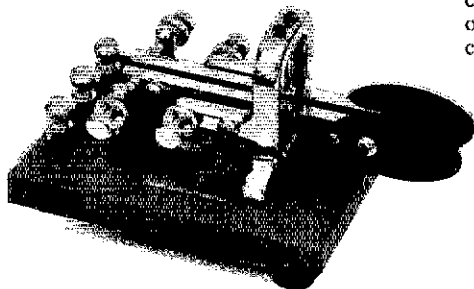
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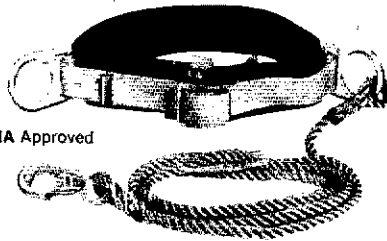
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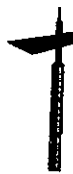
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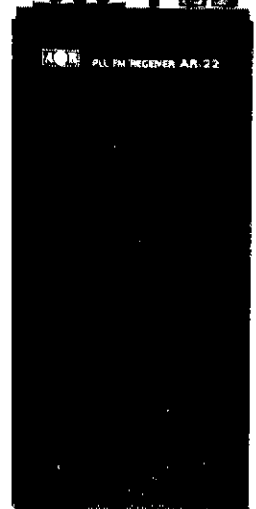
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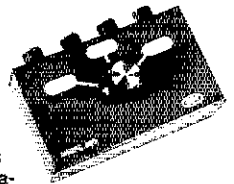


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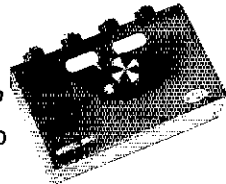
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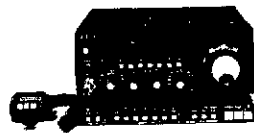
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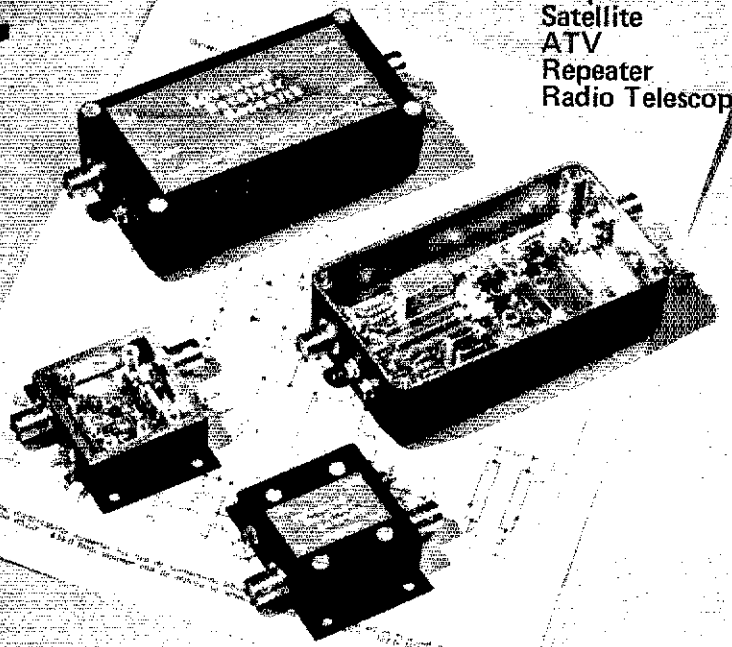
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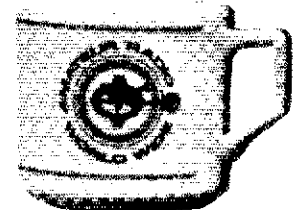
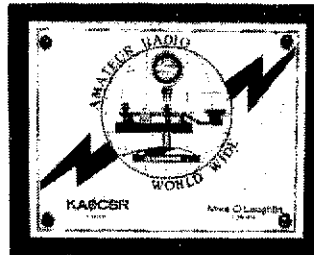
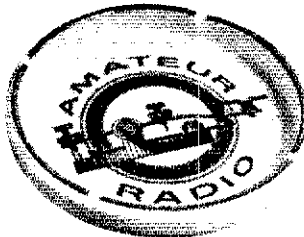
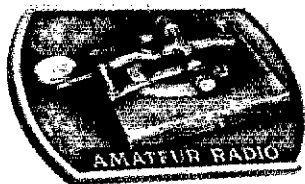


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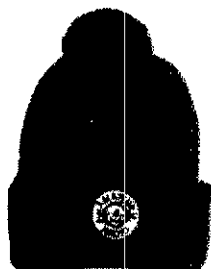
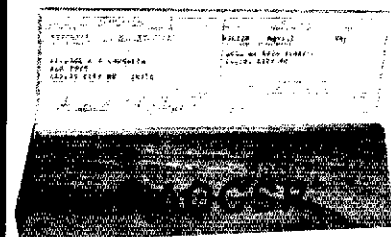


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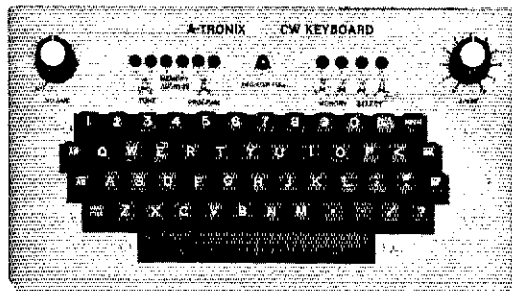
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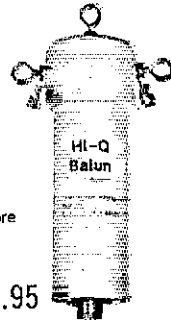
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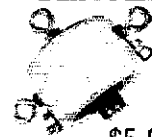
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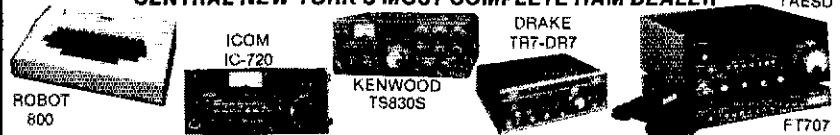
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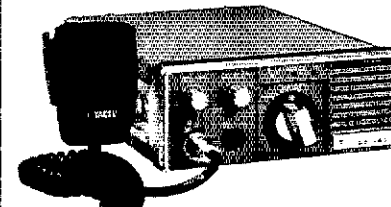
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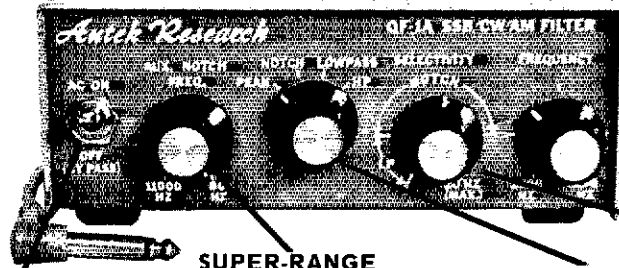
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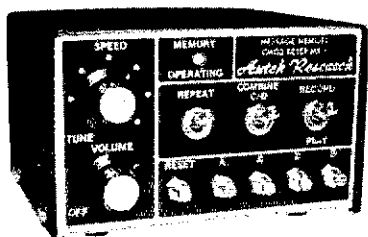
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| <input type="checkbox"/> YM-24    | speaker microphone      | <input type="checkbox"/> NC-3  | 4-hr. quick charger               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LCC-7    | leather case            | <input type="checkbox"/> NC-9B | wall charger                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSP-1    | external speaker        | <input type="checkbox"/> PA-2  | mobile battery eliminator/charger |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MMB-10   | mobile mounting bracket | <input type="checkbox"/> FBA-1 | battery sleeve                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FTS-32E  | CTCSS/burst encoder     | <input type="checkbox"/> NBP-9 | battery pack                      |
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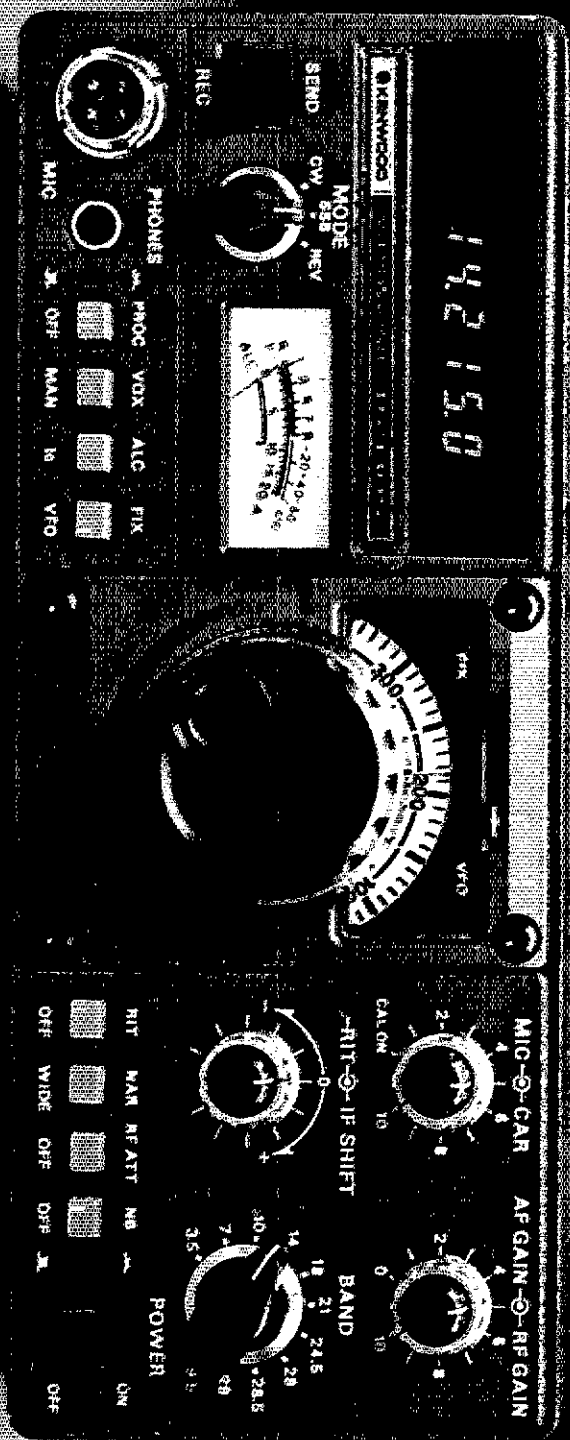
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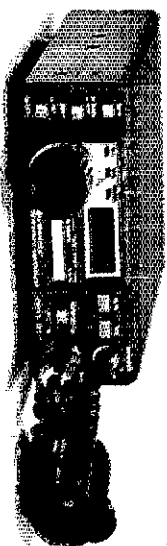
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