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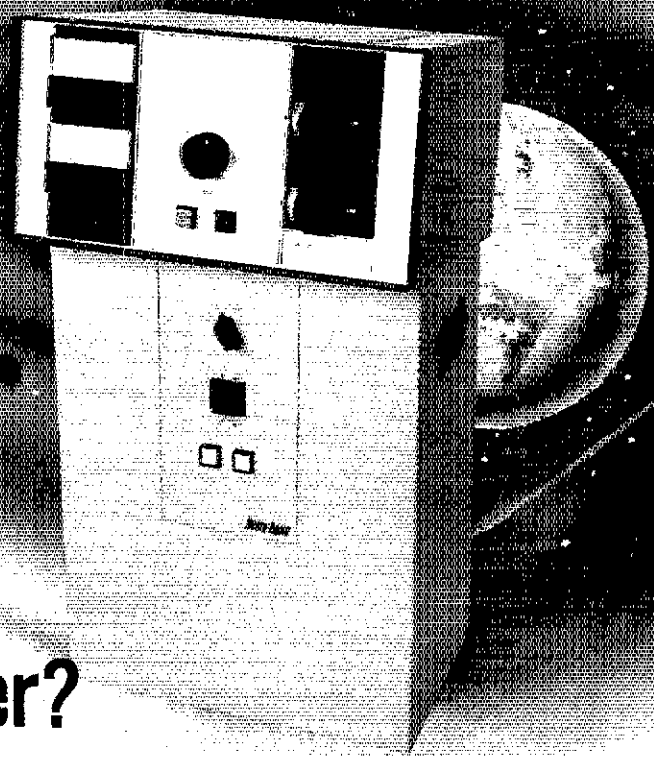


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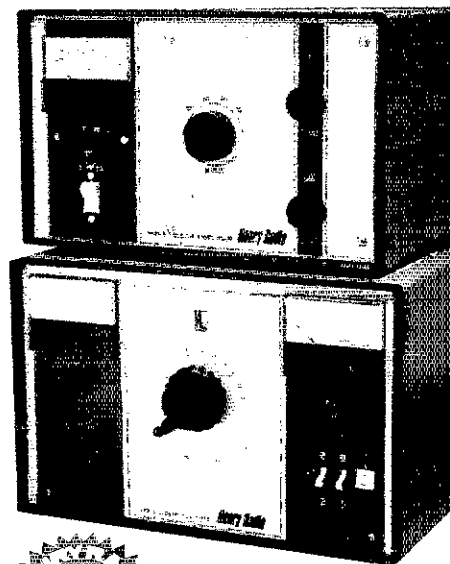
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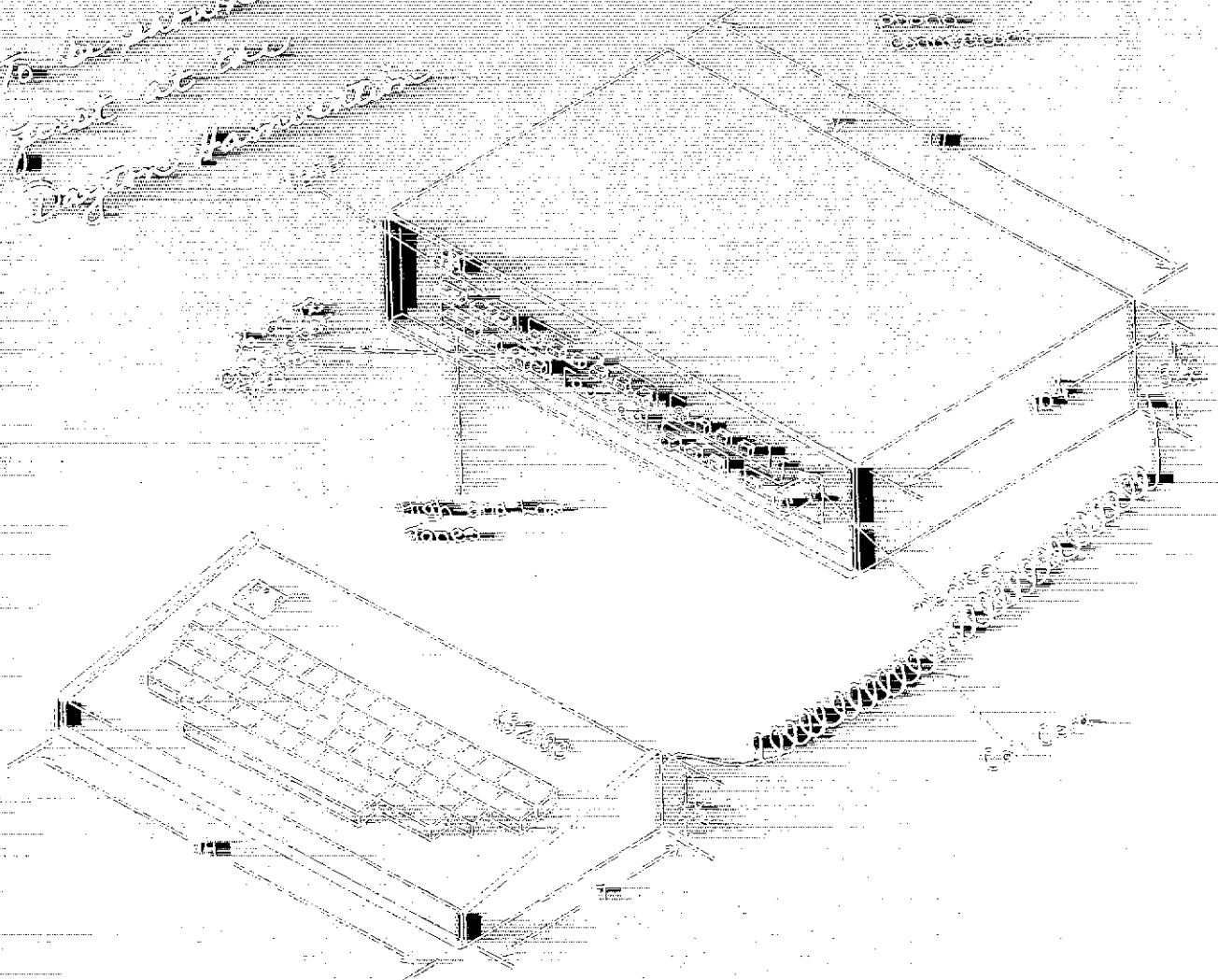
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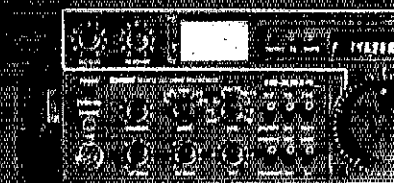
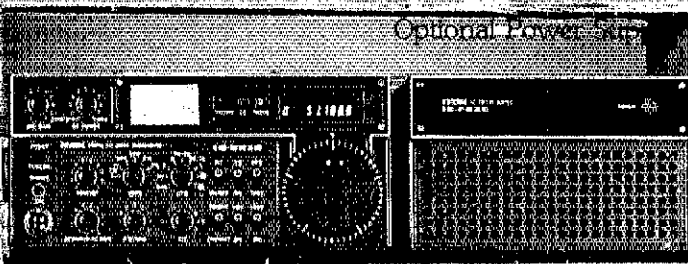
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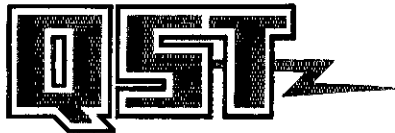
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Whether you have the space for the 3.2 λ 32-19 or the compact 2.2 λ models, two meter Boomers are your best choice. They offer the maximum gain available for their boom length (See NBS no. 688). They feature Trigon reflectors for additional front-to-back ratio and clearer patterns. All stainless steel hardware and heavy gauge heat treated aluminum are used throughout. Whatever your choice of two meter amateur activity, the Boomer will fill your needs. For FM use the 228FB or 214FB. For CW/SSB on the low end use 32-19 or 214B, in EME, DX or just reliable QSOs Boomer will perform for you.

Six Meter Boomer

The new six meter Boomer offers more boom and more gain from its new element spacing. The six meter Boomer has Cushcraft's typical attention to detail, including T match feed with balun, and extra heavy duty mechanical construction. The Key to this Boomer's super performance and relatively lightweight is special element spacing and boom length.

Specifications

Model No	32-19	214B	214FB	228FB	617-6B
Frequency range (MHz)	144-146	144-146	144.5-148	144.5-148	50.0-51
Forward gain (dBd)					
Front to back ratio (dB)					
E-plane B/wdth (deg)	2x14	2x17	2x17	2x17	2x19
H-plane B/wdth (deg)	2x17	2x18	2x18	2x9	NA
Side lobe attenuation (dB)	> 60	> 60	> 60	> 60	> 60
SWR less than (typ)	1.2:1	1.2:1	1.2:1	1.2:1	1.2:1
Impedance (ohm)	50	50	50	50	50
Recommended stacking distance					
E-plane (ft)	14	10	10	10	NA
E-plane (m)	4.27	3.05	3.05	3.05	NA
H-plane (ft)	12	10	10	10	22.5
H-plane (m)	3.66	3.05	3.05	3.05	6.86
Weight (lbs.)	12	8	8	22	26
(kg)	5.44	3.63	3.63	9.98	11.79
Length (ft)	22	15	15	15	34
(m)	6.71	4.57	4.57	4.57	10.36
Longest element (in)	40%	40%	39%	39%	113%
(cm)	102.5	102	100.3	100.3	289
Turning radius (ft)	11	7.5	7.5	9.5	17.7
(m)	3.35	2.29	2.29	2.90	5.39
Windload (sq ft)	3.5	1.7	1.7	4.0	4.8
(sq m)	33	16	16	37	45

Stacking Kits

For stacking two Boomers, use the following coax harness and power divider kits.

32-19 = 32-SK 214B = 22-SK 617-6B = 617-SK

When stacking four Boomers, use the following complete stacking kits. They include H frame, harness, hardware and complete instructions.

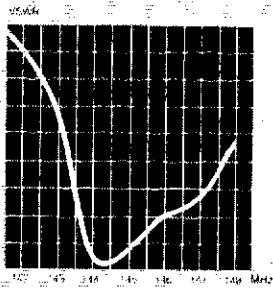
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Specifications, Stacked Boomers

Antenna	2x214-B	2x32-19	2x617-6B	4x214-B	4x32-19
Forward gain (dBd)					
Front to back ratio (dB)					
E/H plane beamwidth (deg)					
E-plane	34°	28°	35°	17°	12°
H-plane	19°	17°	20°	19°	15°
Stacking dist Vert (ft)	10	12	34	10	12
(m)	3.05	3.66	10.36	3.05	3.66
Horiz (ft)	---	---	---	10	14
(m)	---	---	---	3.05	4.27
Wt approx (lb)	18*	26*	62*	69	97
(kg)	8.16	11.79	28.12	31.30	44.00
Turn radius (ft)	9	11	18	9	13.4*
(m)	2.74	3.35	5.49	2.74	4.06
Wind Area (F2)	3.4*	7.0*	9.6*	8.3	15.2
(sq m)	.32	.65	.89	.77	1.41

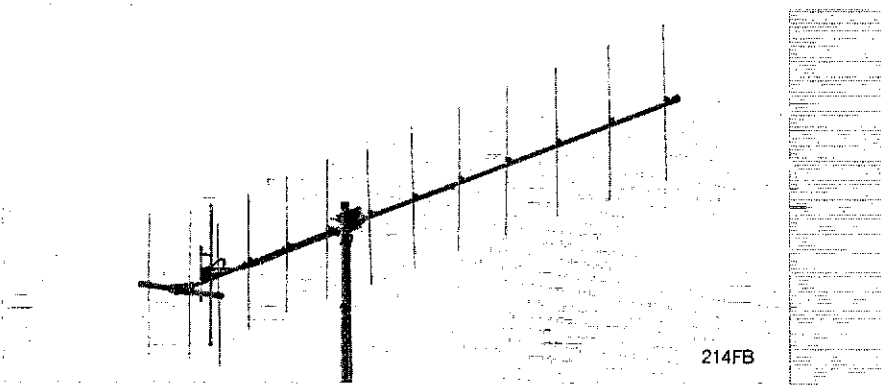
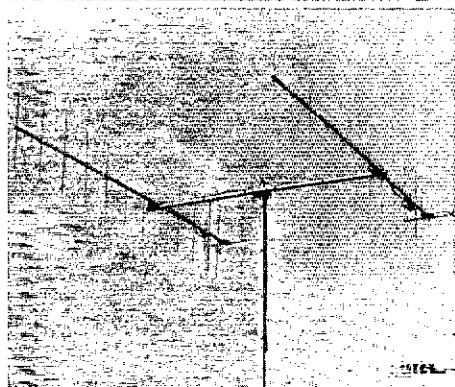
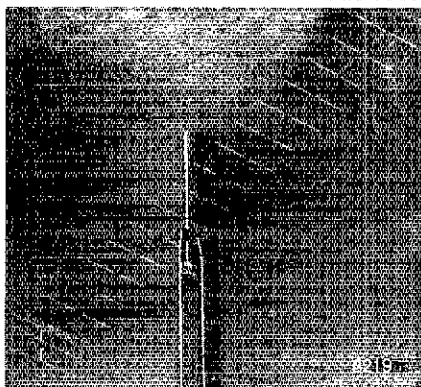
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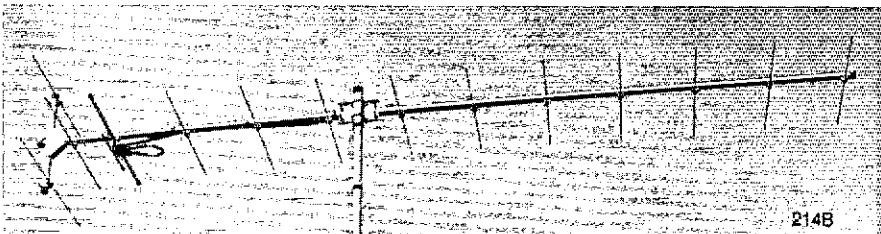


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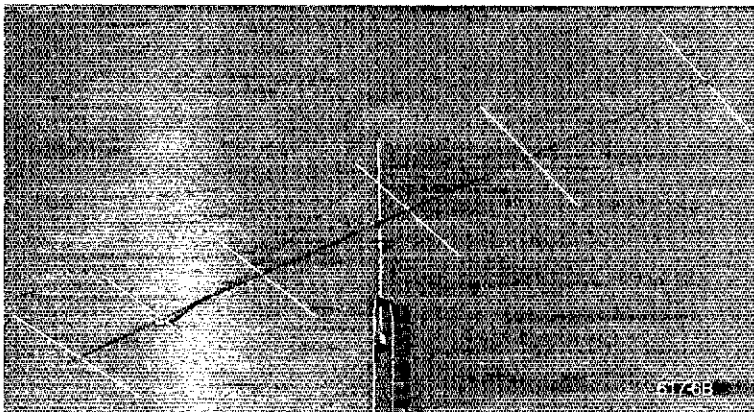
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- SP-230 external speaker with selectable audio filters
- VFO-240 remote VFO
- AT-230 antenna tuner/SWR and power meter
- MC-50 desk microphone

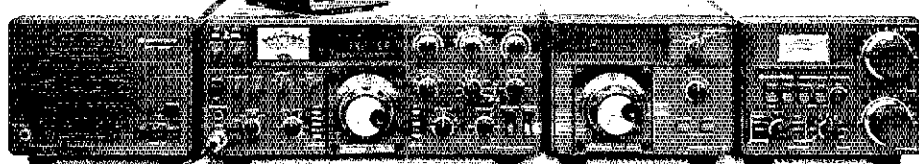
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- TL-922A linear amplifier
- SM-220 Station Monitor

- VFO-230 remote digital VFO with 20-Hz steps, five memories, digital display
- KB-1 deluxe VFO knob
- PC-1 phone patch
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Election Procedures

If you're looking for another of those sparkling editorials that usually flow from the pen of this writer, forget it. But if you're interested in seeing how the ARRL Board of Directors has taken further steps to strengthen the League, read on. And why should you be interested? Because the American Radio Relay League is a membership association, whose policies are established by a Board of Directors elected by and from the membership. You have a stake in how *your* representatives are chosen.

At this year's annual meeting of the ARRL Board, held in March, the directors made a number of changes in the procedures relating to the election of directors (and vice directors). The intent of these changes is to provide better information on the candidates for those members who will be voting, to spell out more clearly the conditions under which lists of members would be provided to those candidates who wished to mail campaign literature, and to outline certain standards which ought to apply to those who would be candidates for office or who would serve as director. In addition, the Board adopted a procedure which permits the recall of a director who is judged by his division membership not to be serving their interests properly.

In the months ahead in *QST*, and in an updated edition of the booklet *Articles of Association and By-Laws (AABL)*, available for the asking, we'll be providing the details of these several changes. This month we wanted to talk only about the procedures for nominating a candidate for director (or vice director) in order to give you plenty of advance warning on a somewhat different procedure.

Henceforth, nominating petitions signed by 10 or more full members of a division, naming a full member of

that division as a candidate for director, must be received at the Hq. no later than the first day of September. Each petition must be accompanied by information (on a form provided by the Hq.) which will allow the Executive Committee to determine the eligibility of the candidate in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws, and by a statement of not more than 300 words, setting forth the candidate's qualifications, which will be included with the ballot mailed to members. There must also be a signed statement that the submitted information is true to the best of the candidate's knowledge and belief. (Each candidate for office will also be required to execute and be bound by a covenant not to sue.) The candidate's statement shall be reprinted without content editing. No candidate will be allowed to make any derogatory statement about any person or entity. Any willful violation of the signed statements concerning accuracy and suit shall be grounds for disqualification by the Executive Committee, whose decision is final and may not be appealed except to the full Board of Directors.

It is expected that the inclusion of the 300-word statement with the ballot to each member will reduce the necessity for campaign mailings by individual candidates. Because of the expense of postage and printing these days, these new procedures should reduce the financial hardship on some would-be candidates.

That's enough for one month, but we did want you to have early warning on the new deadline for filing nominations and on the new informational requirements that must accompany nominating petitions. As usual, the official call for nominating petitions will be contained in the July and August issues of *QST*. — *Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU*

League Lines...

New third-party message agreement. The United States and The Gambia (prefix C5) have agreed to permit the exchange of third-party messages, but not phone patches, by their amateurs effective April 15, 1981. The messages must be of a technical or personal nature not important enough to justify transmission by the public telecommunications network. An exception permits the handling of messages related to the safety of life or property when an emergency has disrupted the public system.

The FCC has adopted an Order which will establish a Quiet Zone for Amateur Radio repeater stations in certain areas of Virginia and West Virginia, purportedly to minimize possible harmful interference at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia, and the Naval Research Laboratory at Sugar Grove, West Virginia. Details of the proposal appeared in January 1979 QST, page 62, and a full report of this action will appear in next month's "Happenings." The new rules become effective May 13, 1981.

The FCC has denied a petition for reconsideration of its action abolishing the licensing of new club, military recreation and RACES stations. Presently existing club, military recreation and RACES station licenses may be renewed or modified. However, the petition attempting to reverse the Commission's decision regarding new club station licenses failed, and Docket 21135 has been closed. This latest attempt was filed by the Capitol Hill Amateur Radio Society.

The Atlanta Radio Club has announced its third annual competition for two \$500 cash scholarships. Each scholarship will go to a licensed radio amateur entering college in the fall of 1981. Deadline for application is May 31, 1981. For information and an application, write to the Atlanta Radio Club Scholarship, 259 Weatherstone Pkwy., Marietta, GA 30067.

The CRRL is proud to announce that RAQI, Radio Amateur du/of Quebec, will be translating QST technical articles into French, for publication in the RAQI Journal.

On June 17, the IEEE International Conference on Communications will hold an Amateur Radio session at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado. The session will be conducted in the evening, and all radio amateurs are urged to attend.

Effective immediately, no mailing labels will be supplied by League Hq. under any circumstances, unless the request has already been received in writing. Such letter must clearly state the purpose of the request. No telephone request for labels will be honored regardless of who makes the request. ARRL membership lists are not available to anyone unless access is permitted under the Bylaws of the ARRL.

Are you interested in serving on an ARRL Hq. Communications Department Ad Hoc Committee on vhf/uhf contesting? This committee will study the entire range of vhf/uhf objectives and how the League's contest program can best meet those needs. If you are interested, contact John Lindholm, W1XX, at ARRL Hq.

Do you have enough postage on file with your QSL Bureau? Radio amateurs are reminded that increased U.S. postage rates for first class mail are now in effect. The new rates are 18 cents for the first ounce and 17 cents for each additional ounce. Please be sure that you have envelopes with proper postage on file with your QSL Bureau. Need their addresses? Turn to page 68 in this issue.

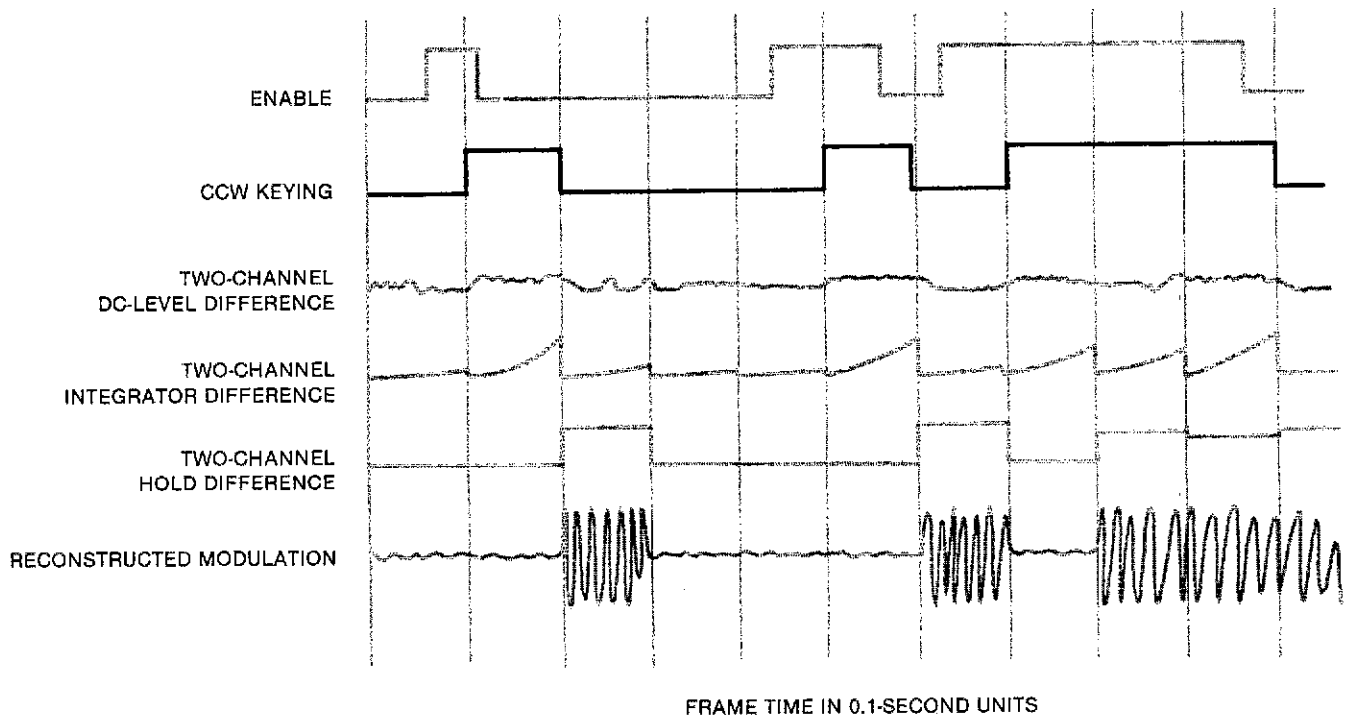
Mark S. Fowler, a Washington, DC, attorney, has been nominated by President Reagan to the FCC and is expected to succeed Charles Ferris as chairman. Mr. Fowler, 39 years of age, is a partner of the law firm of Fowler and Meyers.

League members and other interested persons are always welcome during regular business hours for tours of the ARRL Administrative Headquarters and the Maxim Memorial Station, WIAW. Visiting hours for both are Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Large groups should make arrangements one week in advance. WIAW is open until 1 A.M. on weeknights and from 3:30 P.M. until 1 A.M. on Saturdays and Sundays. An FCC-licensed amateur may operate the station in between bulletin and code-practice sessions. All facilities will be closed Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day); Monday July 6 (Independence Day observance); Monday, September 7 (Labor Day); Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day); and Friday, December 25 (Christmas).

Coherent CW — The Concept

Part 1: Would you think that you could *decrease* your transmitter output power by a factor of 10 and *increase* signal readability by the same amount — simultaneously? It's being done now.

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The more we know about something we seek, the easier it is to find. This principle applied to Morse cw communications is called coherent cw or cew. On-the-air trials of this technique have shown it will provide an improvement of more than 20 dB in communications effectiveness over ordinary cw methods. This same principle can be used with RTTY, ASCII

and fsk signals, but this discussion will focus on cw keying.

Cw signals may be analyzed as a series of digital units, all of which have (at least approximately) a unit of time in common. For convenience, I'll call this time unit a "frame." Each frame contains either a "mark" (key down) or a "space" (key up). Fig. 1 illustrates this concept.

Ordinary cw dots, dashes and spaces begin at somewhat arbitrary times,

depending on when the operator happens to press the key. Thus, the frame length varies to a considerable degree, and you can't predict when each frame starts and ends. With cew, all dots, dashes and spaces are exact multiples of the basic time unit and occur within predictable time frames. This includes any pauses during transmission. When received, cew signals sound like any other cw signal except that they are being sent very precisely, as with

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Fig. 1 — The elements of cew communication. Frames, in 0.1-second units, are shown on the horizontal axis. The enable (top waveform) shows the closure of a manual key by the operator. When referenced to the precise frame times, it can be seen that the dots, dashes and spaces of the enable are not accurate in length. Note that with the ccw-keyer waveform a mark or space is begun only at the beginning of the frame period and continues for the full period(s). As received, the signal is mixed with QRM and QRN. The difference between the dc voltages from the switching mixers of the two channels (third waveform) is a function of the desired, but weak, signal. An integrator sums the power (voltage) received over the frame period. This sum is sampled at the end of the period and held until the beginning of the next period. The recovered modulation is used to key an audio signal for detection by ear.

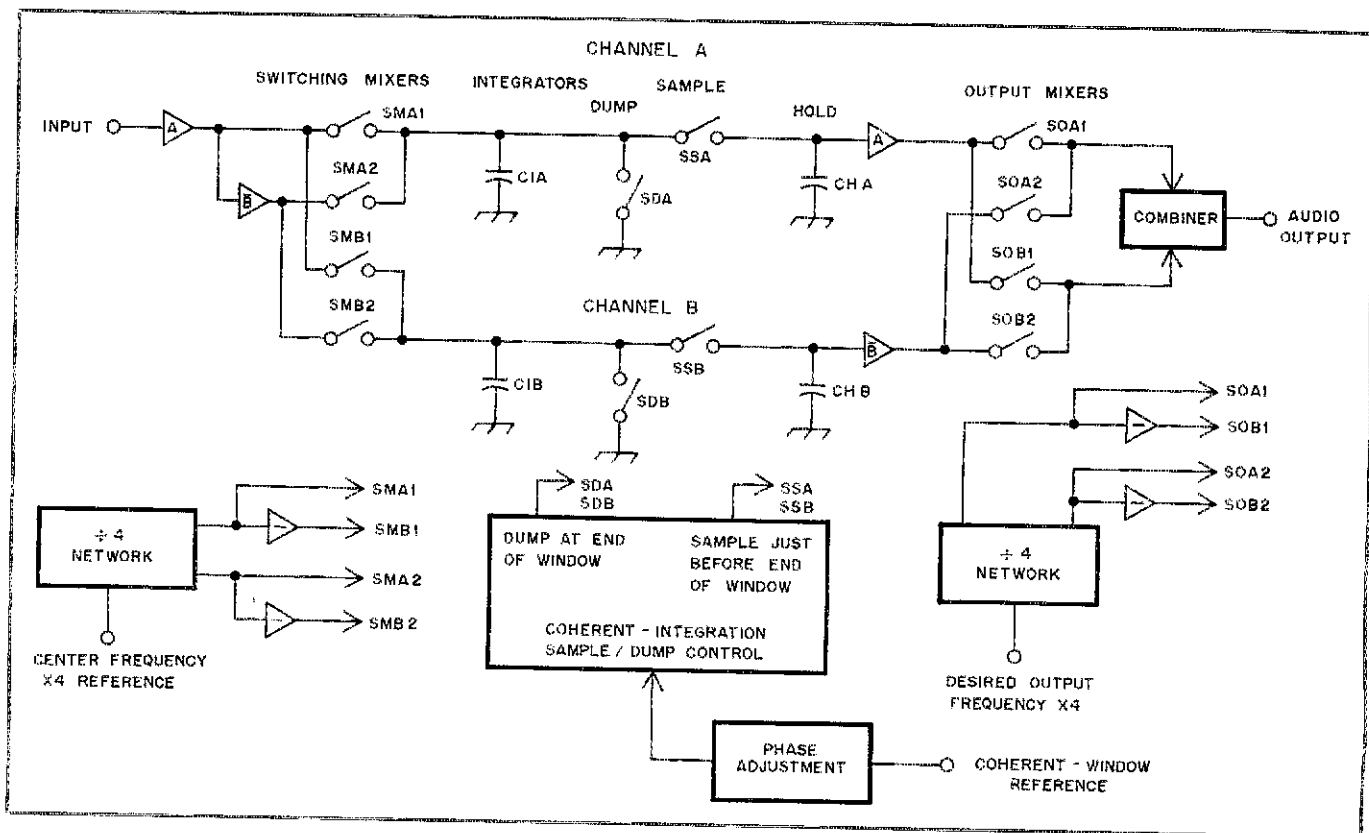


Fig. 2 — Block diagram of a cw filter

a perfect "list." This characteristic is utilized to permit the use of very narrow bandwidth filters.

CW Filters

In general, receiver filters with bandwidths much wider than that of the desired signal are less effective because they allow reception of additional noise and undesired signals. At 12 wpm a cw signal occupies about 10 Hz of the spectrum, yet 500- or 2300-Hz-wide filters are frequently used for cw reception. With a 500-Hz filter, one hears the 10-Hz-wide desired signal and 490 Hz of noise and QRM! By analogy, an ssb operator using a similar approach would listen to 100 kHz of the band at one time!

High-Q analog cw filters are not useful at the narrow bandwidths approaching the bandwidth of a 12-wpm cw signal. Such filters, with bandwidths less than 500 Hz, tend to "ring" or produce an output after the signal ceases. The human ear is confused by such ringing. Also, the receiver stability and resetability required in conjunction with the filter, on the order of a few hertz, is difficult to achieve.

Phase-locked loop (PLL) filters with time constants long enough to produce bandwidths of only a few hertz unfortunately take tens of seconds to achieve lock. PLLs also tend to lock on the strongest signal in the passband and are, therefore, sensitive to QRM. PLL filters have their place of importance, but not

with the bandwidths required here.

The filter we need will provide a bandwidth of only a few hertz without ringing and without a tendency to lock on the QRM. Such a filter improves the signal-to-noise ratio dramatically. A 1-W signal copied through a 10-Hz bandwidth filter is comparable to a 50-W signal heard through a 500-Hz filter or a 230-W signal heard through a 2300-Hz filter.

The CCW Station

Typically, cw stations agree on an operating frequency (e.g., 14,049,000 Hz ± 2 Hz) and a frame length (usually 0.1 second, the speed of 12 wpm), and acquire the "framing" — when each frame starts and ends — as part of the signal-tuning process. Thus, the frequency, frame length and frame phase are all known at the receiving end and are used to advantage in the detection process.

To achieve the necessary frame-length accuracy and to get on the operating frequency within the narrow tolerance of the filter, all frequency-determining oscillators in both the transmitter and receiver of the cw station must be highly stable and accurate. The stability and accuracy requirements are obtainable by using carefully built crystal oscillators which are compared to a reference frequency such as WWV. Time discipline for the transmitted signal is determined by a reference oscillator which is divided to provide a 10-Hz synchronizing signal for

the transmitter keyer. The cw filter at the receiving station uses timing signals derived from the station reference oscillator. These timing signals tell the receiver filter when to expect a frame to begin and end.

The Coherent Integrating Filter

Fig. 2 shows a block diagram of the filter which makes possible the efficient reception of a cw signal. The major blocks of each of the two filter chains are: input mixers, integrators, sample-and-hold circuits, output mixers and the timing and control circuitry. The reason for the two chains will be examined later; for now, we'll follow the signal through one chain.

The Mixer: The first part of each filter chain is a switching mixer where the desired signal (along with adjacent QRN and QRM) is mixed with a reference signal of the same frequency as the desired signal. (Solid-state switching is performed in the actual circuit, but for simplicity, mechanical contacts are shown in Fig. 2.) The reference signal is obtained from a stable source such as the timing and control circuitry, and it determines the center point of the cw filter. A signal at the desired frequency comes out of the mixer as a dc voltage — the stronger the signal, the larger the voltage. An off-frequency signal, however, comes out of the mixer as a low-frequency ac voltage. We mix the incoming signal right down to zero beat. Undesired signals will be distinguished

from the desired signal because they are not exactly zero beat.

The Integrator: An op-amp integrator comprises the second part of each filter chain. We use the integrator to distinguish the desired signal (the zero-beat dc voltage) from the undesired signals (low-frequency ac voltages) coming from the mixer. The integrator may be thought of as a moderately large capacitor. A synchronizing "dump" signal from the timing and control circuitry shorts out this capacitor at the start of each time frame. Any desired signal (dc voltage) during the time frame causes the capacitor to charge. The resulting voltage at the end of the time frame is a function of the strength of the desired signal received during that frame.

QRM and QRN, being off frequency, appear as ac signals to the integrator capacitor. These charge the capacitor for part of the time frame, but discharge it for other parts of the same period. Consequently, signals off frequency do not have as great an effect on the integrator output as do signals exactly on the desired frequency. That is how the ccw filter achieves its selectivity.

As an example, consider an interfering carrier which is 10 Hz above or below the desired signal. Following the switching mixer, this QRM appears as a 10-Hz ac voltage. If the filter is set to the cw standard frame length of 0.1 second, then the 10-Hz interfering signal goes through one complete cycle during the integrating period. At the end of the time frame, the QRM-produced voltage at the integrator output is zero. Thus, the ccw filter has a null just 10 Hz above and below its center frequency. There are also similar nulls at other 10-Hz multiples.

Sample-and-Hold and Integrator Reset: At the end of each time frame, a "sample" signal from the timing and control circuit transfers the voltage at the integrator output to the sample-and-hold circuit. That circuit "remembers" that voltage for the following interval. Once the sample-and-hold has acquired the in-

tegrator output voltage, a dump signal from the timing and control circuitry shorts out the integrator capacitor. It does this by means of a CMOS analog switch connected across the capacitor. This allows the integrator to start over again with zero voltage at the start of the next time frame.

Resetting the integrator at the end of each time frame lets the ccw filter avoid the ringing (or intersymbol interference) common to other narrow-bandwidth filters. Note that this is possible only because the ccw filter "knows" when each time frame begins and ends. It is here that the time discipline of the transmitted signal is used to advantage in the detection process.

Output Mixer: This last block of the filter chain is much like the input mixer; it functions as an amplitude modulator, using the sample-and-hold output voltage to control the amplitude of a sidetone. The purpose of this mixer is to construct a sidetone for the human operator to hear.

Why Two Channels?

If the incoming signal is in phase with the center reference, then the mixer output is always positive. The integrator which follows will see a positive dc voltage. If the signal is out of phase with the reference, then the mixer output is always negative. The integrator will see a negative dc voltage. The positive or negative dc voltage charges the integrator capacitor, the sample-and-hold "remembers" that charge during the next time frame, and the output mixer generates a sidetone whose amplitude is proportional to the voltage on the sample-and-hold capacitor. But if the signal is 90° out of phase with the reference frames, then the mixer output will at times be positive and at other times be negative during a given input cycle. This output will be averaged to zero by the integrator. The result is no filter output from this

channel.

The situation is different for each channel because the A channel input mixer is operated by a reference which is 90° out of phase with the B channel reference. Thus, if a signal is 90° out of phase with the A channel, it will be in phase (or 180° out of phase) with the B channel. At all phase differences between the two channels, the product of the two channels is always the desired signal despite the phase relationship between the center frequency reference and the incoming signal.

If the desired signal is graphed as a phasor (as in Fig. 3) one might say that the B channel picks up the X component of that phasor, and the A channel picks up the Y component of the phasor. The two-channel output mixers are also driven with signals 90° out of phase. That way, the output tones combine vectorially. The result is that the combined output is a tone whose amplitude reflects the amplitude of the desired signal, regardless of the signal phase. The phase of the output tone also reflects the phase of the desired signal.

The theoretical response curve of the filter may be developed. We won't go into the mathematical details except to say that the amplitude response is a sin X/X curve, like that in Fig. 4. For a 0.1-second frame length, the nulls in the filter response occur every 10 Hz either side of the center frequency. The 3-dB points on this curve are 9 Hz apart; the 6-dB points are 12 Hz apart.

Fig. 5 compares the ccw filter (0.1 second frames) with an ordinary 500-Hz cw filter and a 2700-Hz ssb filter. On this scale it is impractical to show the numerous nulls in the ccw-filter response; shown instead is the envelope of the primary response.

How Much Improvement?

One way of comparing ccw with the ordinary cw method is to consider the filter noise bandwidth. This is the bandwidth of

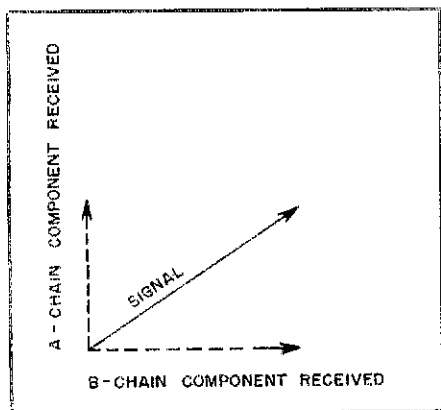


Fig. 3 — The desired signal considered as a phasor.

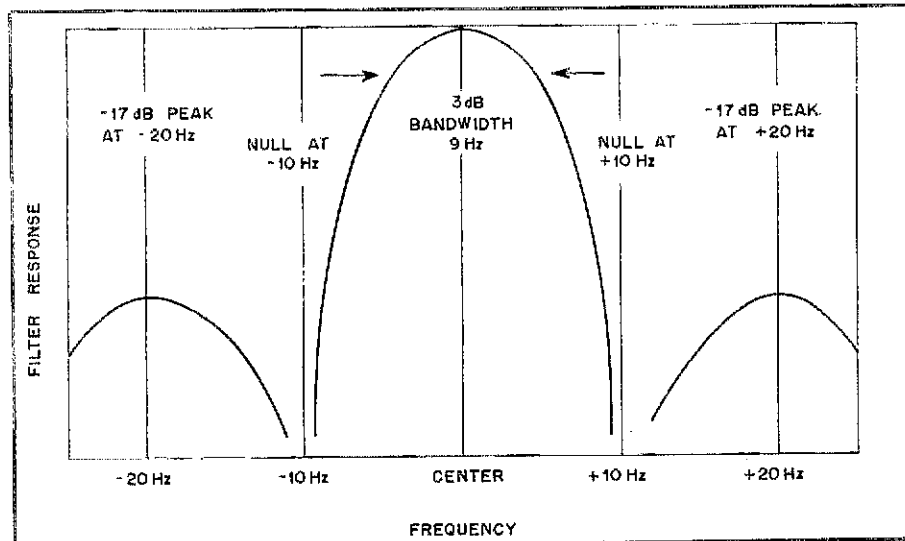


Fig. 4 — Filter-response curve for a 10-Hz bandwidth ccw filter.

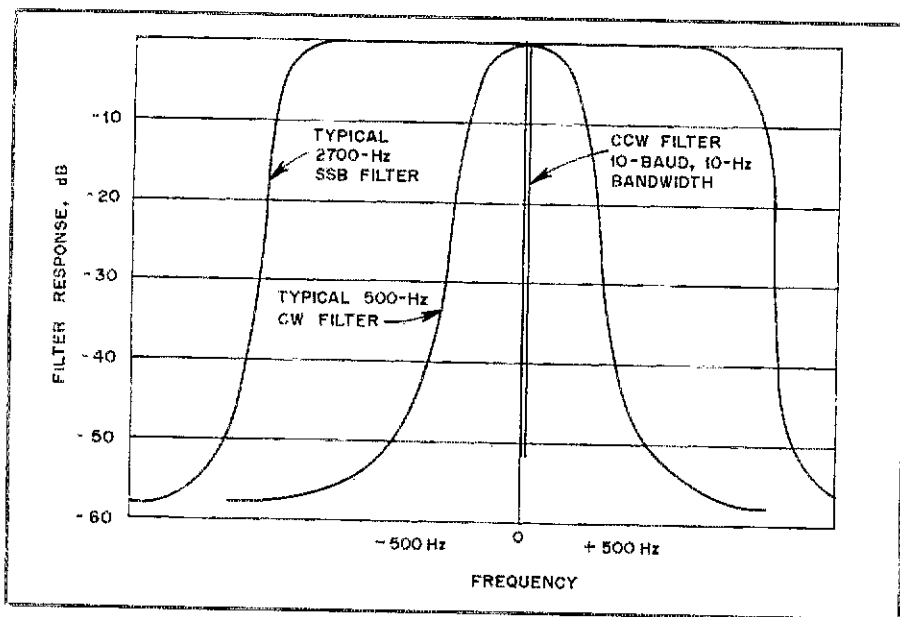


Fig. 5 — A comparison of three filter-response curves.

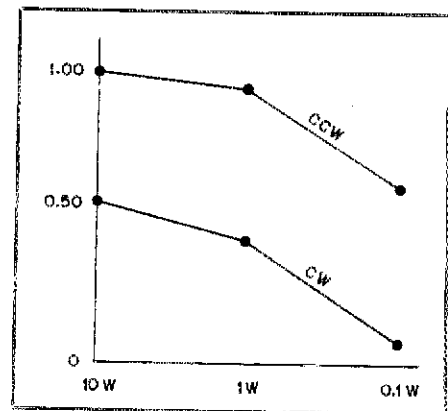


Fig. 6 — A graph of the average proportion of copy made by four operators of simultaneously sent cw and ccw signals. Three different power levels were used. See text.

an ideal steep-sided filter which would pass the same amount of random noise as the filter being considered. For 0.1-second frame length cw, the filter noise bandwidth is 10 Hz. This equates to an approximate superiority of 17 dB over a 500-Hz cw filter and about 24 dB over a 2300-Hz filter. Such estimates should be reasonably accurate with respect to noise, but when QRM is present, the ccw filter probably does even better. Using a cw system of 0.1-second frames with ground wave in the presence of natural noise, and adjusting power for matching readability, I have measured an approximate 16-dB improvement over a 470-Hz crystal filter; this is close to the theoretically expected value.

Narrowing the cw bandwidth by using longer frame times provides an additional signal-to-noise advantage at the price of slower information transmission rates. A 0.1-second integration period gives about 24 dB improvement over a 2300-Hz crystal filter; a 1-second integration period (1.2 wpm), 34 dB; a 10-second period, (0.12 wpm), about 44 dB. These speeds are slow, but the improvement in effective communication with lower power is quite fascinating.

The improvement gained by long-frame cw is limited by phase modulation introduced by the propagation path. For 14-MHz signals, motion in the F layer typically produces 2 or 3 Hz of phase (or frequency) modulation for a JA to W6 path. (We have also observed what ap-

pears to be propagation time delays under poor band conditions.) When the filter passband becomes so narrow that this modulation exceeds the filter bandwidth, further improvement in signal-to-noise ratio cannot be obtained by narrowing the filter passband.

In evaluating filter effectiveness, noise bandwidth does not tell the whole story; there are psychological considerations, too. The human ear is frequency sensitive, and the human brain can focus on particular cw signal frequencies amid the noise and QRM. Skillful cw operators use this capability well. My observations have led me to conclude that this skill is worth at least a 6-dB margin when using a 2300-Hz filter. QRM, however, is often a confusion factor and therefore causes more degradation of copy than an equivalent amount of random noise. These psychological factors are difficult to quantify, but probably reduce the advantage of cw over ordinary cw.

Fig. 6 shows graphically the results of on-the-air comparisons between cw and ccw made in 1975. Transmissions were made on 14,049,000 Hz from JR1ZZR at power levels of 10 watts, 1 watt and 0.1 watt using cw and a vertical ground-plane antenna on a four-story building. A three-element beam was used for reception at W6BB. The ccw signals were received simultaneously as cw and ccw signals, and were recorded on separate channels of a stereo cassette recorder. We selected sample periods from the cassette recording and played back the signals to four moderately experienced cw operators. The average proportion of copy shown on the graphs is based upon words considered copied. The copy con-

tent was taken from radio journals. Extrapolation of these data indicate an estimated 13-W cw signal as equivalent to a 0.1-W ccw signal in communications effectiveness, or a 24-dB superiority for ccw.

Concluding Remarks

The ccw technique appears to be most promising, especially where signals are weak compared to the noise and QRM. Under high absorption and QRN conditions (as often experienced on 80 and 160 meters) the additional selectivity of ccw would be helpful; we don't have data on that yet however.

Cw might be used for EME communication, but the problem is complicated because of lunar-motion Doppler effects. One might need a computer to calculate the frequency at which the signal is expected to return. Also, achieving the necessary frequency stability of 1 or 2 Hz is more difficult at the higher frequencies used for EME.

Some of the simplest rigs are the easiest to convert for cw operation. To obtain the full advantage of the ccw mode, however, receiver quality should be high. In Part 2, I will describe the equipment and methods used for communicating by ccw.

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[Editor's Note: The amount of "signal spreading" is determined in large measure by the earth's geomagnetic activity (A-index), which is more severe under disturbed conditions.]

Coaxial Cable Antenna Traps

These traps are neat, compact, cheap and easy to assemble. If you're a ham, that's got to sound interesting!

By Robert H. Johns,* W3JIP

Both the coil and capacitor of a parallel-resonant antenna trap can be made from the same length of coaxial cable. This type of trap construction offers several electrical advantages and is easy for the home builder to construct.

The Concept

Parallel-tuned circuits, such as shown in Fig. 1A, are common. An inductance, L , is tuned to resonance by means of a capacitor made from a piece of coaxial cable. The capacitor is formed by the capacitance existing between the inner and outer conductors of the cable. By proceeding one step further, both the inductor and capacitor of the resonant circuit may be made from the same length of coaxial cable. This is shown in Fig. 1B where the cable is formed into a coil. The upper end of the braid (X) has become the right side of the inductor and the lower end (Y) has looped around and joined the antenna wire and inner conductor from the other side of the coil to become the left end of the inductor. Note that the inner conductor is cross-connected to the outer braid at the opposite end of the coil; this is essential. Were it joined to the braid at X, there would be no capacitor formed, since there would be no voltage difference between the conductors at X and by transformer action, all points along the cable would be at the same potential.

To help visualize the inductors and capacitors formed by this connection, the inner conductor and outer braid coils are separated as shown in Fig. 1C and placed end to end. The cross connection is joining the two in series, X to Y, in the middle. The capacitors indicated by the dashed lines are representative of the distributed capacitance between corresponding points of the two coils and the capacitance between the inner and outer conductors of the cable. Antenna traps made this way have excellent Q. High Q is desired for a trap in a multiband antenna because at frequencies lower than the one

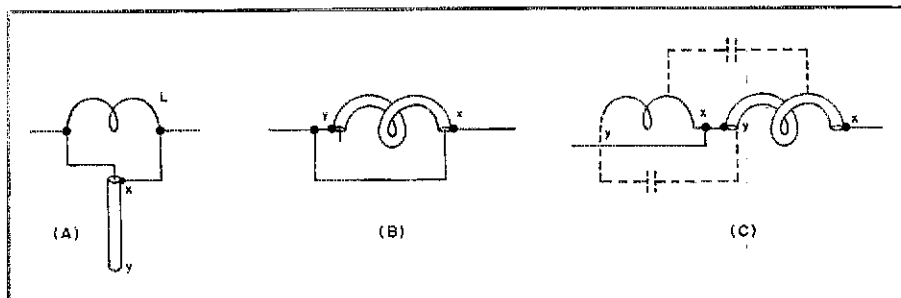


Fig. 1 — The simple trap at A uses a length of coaxial cable for the network capacitor. At B, a single piece of coaxial cable serves as both the coil and capacitor. The presentation at C is explained in the text.

to which it is tuned, it becomes a loading coil.

Coaxial cable capacitors have good high-voltage ratings and don't change capacitance with temperature. Assuming the impedance at the end of a dipole to be as high as 8000 ohms, a kilowatt of power in the antenna would develop 3000 volts rms at the end of the dipole to drive the resonant current in a trap located there. While it is difficult to estimate the actual coaxial cable trap ratings, I have tested

traps made with RG-58/U at a 1-kW input power level and they held up nicely. High Q, conservatively rated traps could be made from RG-8/U cable with some increase in construction difficulty and weight. The weakest point (at which the cable might arc over if not insulated properly) is at the free end of the inner conductor, point Y, in Fig. 1. Any sharp points exposed to the air at that location require attention.

Traps for Wire Antennas

Figs. 2 and 3 show a trap made for use

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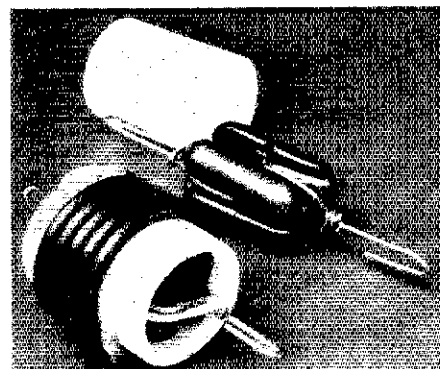


Fig. 2 — The construction of a coaxial-cable trap. Copperweld wire loops are first attached to the egg insulator. Holes are drilled in the polyethylene form to pass the cable leads as described in the text. The form is a snug fit around the insulator.

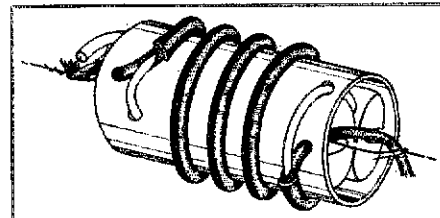


Fig. 3 — The braid of the coaxial cable is used to form the trap coil; it is soldered to the no. 14 Copperweld wire which is looped through the insulator and used for attachment to the antenna wire. At the right-hand side of the trap, the inner conductor is separated from the braid and passed through the inside of the trap. At the left end of the trap it is soldered to the braid and antenna wire, forming the cross connection. The inner conductor emerging from the coax at the left of the trap is held in place merely by means of a hole drilled through the coil form; no solder connection is made.

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with a dipole, inverted V or other wire antenna. The coaxial cable, RG-58/U, is wound on a 1/8-in. (3.2 mm) wall polyethylene tube coil form 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) in diameter that is force fit over a plastic egg insulator. This assembly is lightweight, strong and inexpensive, and also helps in making the necessary cross connections. The thick-walled tubing aids in insulating the free end of the coaxial cable inner conductor.

To make a trap, several inches of the cable jacket are removed, the braid loosened, and the inner conductor and dielectric fed through a hole in the loosened braid. Two pieces of Copperweld wire should be attached to the egg insulator (Fig. 2); they furnish tie points for the antenna wire and traps, and the capacitance between them will be part of the completed trap. As shown in Fig. 3, the cable braid is passed through a hole in the polyethylene tubing at the right-hand side of the coil and is soldered to one piece of the Copperweld wire on the insulator. The center conductor passes through another hole in the coil form 90 degrees beyond the first hole and is routed through the egg insulator beside the other piece of Copperweld wire and soldered to it at the opposite end. (This is the cross connection shown in Fig. 1B.) The required number of turns of cable may be determined from Table 1. Wind them tightly onto the coil form. Once again, separate the braid and center conductor. Pass the braid through a hole in the form and solder it to the Copperweld wire (as shown in Fig. 3) at the left of the coil. A diagonal hole is drilled into the wall of the coil form and the free end of the inner conductor of the cable placed into it to provide some degree of mechanical stability and electrical isolation; this end is left unattached.

When constructing a trap, one should keep in mind that both a coil and capacitor are being formed. The cable should be handled carefully, especially the dielectric between the inner and outer conductors. The mechanical arrangement

does not require soldering close to the dielectric, which shouldn't be harmed if unnecessary heating from a soldering iron is avoided. It's better to heat a joint quickly with a large iron than cook the work for a long time with a small iron.

The coaxial cable is available with either a stranded or solid-center conductor. Stranded conductor cable is more flexible and is preferred. If solid-center conductor cable is used, it will require more care and patience in separating the braid from the dielectric and center conductor because of the stiffness of the cable. The lengths of cable given in Table 1 are measured between the holes in the tubing through which the braid passes. These lengths are about 0.4 in. (10 mm) longer than that required by a close-wound coil of the same number of turns. The coils can be tuned to the proper frequency with the aid of a GDO by spacing the coil turns on the form. An adjustment range of 5 to 10% is possible.

Once the traps are tuned to the desired frequency, they should be secured in position. Tape could be used, but I suggest covering the entire trap with a weather-proofing and insulating layer such as the silicone rubber coating produced by Dow Corning. This compound is brushed on and will set overnight. It is intended as a roof-mending product, but has excellent insulating properties as well. It is available in quart (0.95 liter) sizes at most discount stores. The trap shown in Fig. 4 has been coated with this material. Silicone rubber caulking material that is widely available

in tubes may also be used.

Fig. 5 contains the dimensions of a five-band trap dipole for 75 through 10 meters. It may prove to be a bit short on 75 meters since the antenna with which the measurements were made was only about 20 ft (6 m) high at the center and drooped to about 8 ft (2.4 m) at the ends. Notice that the antenna is not as short or as heavily loaded by the traps as some trap dipoles. The coaxial traps are relatively small and do not offer much loading inductance on the lower-frequency bands. This provides an advantage in antenna bandwidth, each dipole exhibiting a low SWR over almost as broad a range as a normal half-wave dipole. Trap antennas which are heavily loaded by the trap coils display a narrow bandwidth.

The reason for this loading coil behavior can be seen in Fig. 6, where the sum of all the distributed capacitance is shown as C. The inductance of the circuit is comprised of the inner and outer conductors of the coil in series. The antenna connections are "tapped down" on the outer braid half of this coil. At resonance, the trap still presents a high impedance. Below the resonant frequency of the trap, the loading coil inductance is much less (perhaps 25%) of the total inductance, producing a very small loading coil at below-resonant frequencies.

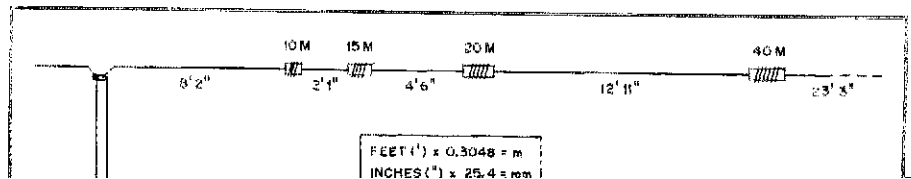
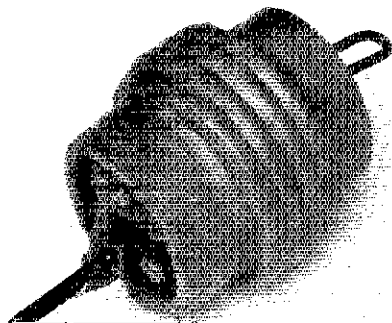
Traps for Verticals and Beams

The coaxial cable trap can be incorporated into antennas made from tubing by wrapping the cable on an insulating

Table 1
Construction Data for the Traps

Band of Resonance (meters)	On 1-1/2 in. (38 mm) form		On 7/8-in. (22 mm) form	
	Number of turns	Coil length (mm)	Number of turns	Coil length (mm)
10	3-3/4	30	6-1/2	50
12	4-1/2	30	7 1/2	55
15	5	35	8-1/4	55
17	5-3/4	35	9-1/2	60
20	6-3/4	45	12	80
30	9-3/4	60	17	100
40	12-3/4	75		

In. x 25.4 = mm



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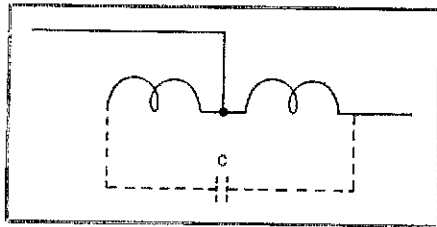


Fig. 6 — The entire coil formed by the inner and outer conductors in series is contributing to the trap inductance at resonance. Below resonance, when the trap is acting as a loading coil, only the outer braid is active, producing a much smaller effective loading inductance than that normally encountered with other types of traps.

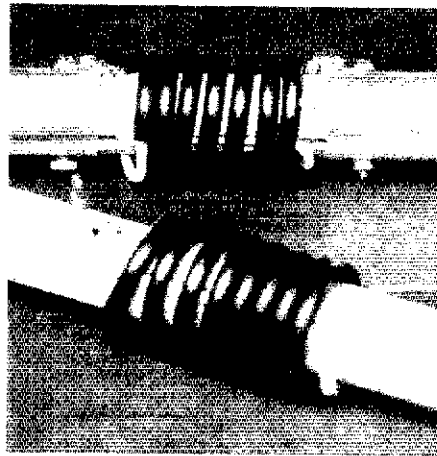


Fig. 7 — These coaxial-cable traps are wrapped on wooden dowels. The inner conductor of the cable at the right-hand side completes the cross connection at the left end by passing beneath the turns of the coil through a slot made in the dowel. The free end of the inner conductor at the left-hand end is tucked into a hole in the dowel.

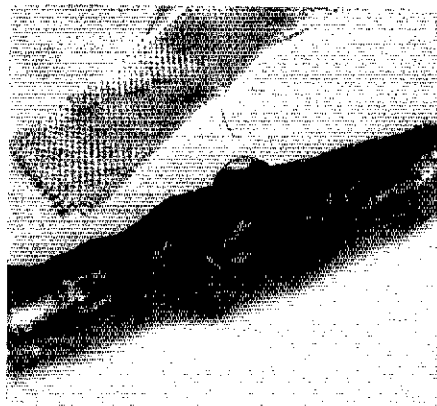


Fig. 8 — This trap has been reinforced by a fiberglass sleeve, as described in the text.

section between the tubes. A wooden insulating section may be made from rock maple dowels, which are sold in most hardware stores. Wood is a perfectly good insulating and support medium for antennas when it is protected from moisture. With modern materials like potting plastics or silicone rubber to coat the dowels, we don't have to boil them in paraffin like grandpa did.

Fig. 7 shows a trap mounted on a 7/8-in. (22 mm) dia dowel placed between two lengths of 1-in. (25.4 mm) dia aluminum tubing. Dowels that are 1/8-inch (3.2 mm) smaller in diameter than the tubing will telescope nicely, provided the tubing wall thickness is 0.058-inch (1.5 mm). Dowels can also be used to join sections of 3/4-inch (19 mm) diameter aluminum tubing and 1-1/4-inch (32 mm) diameter TV masts.

A lengthwise slot is sawed in the dowel to pass the inner conductor of the cable beneath the coil turns to make the cross connection. The braid of the cable trap is soldered to a lug that is held to the tubing by means of a bolt passed through the tubing and the dowel. Tuning of the trap is done by spacing the cable turns on the form. This should be done before attaching the tubing, as the presence of the tubing will lower the apparent trap frequency, and resonances in long lengths of tubing can be coupled to the GDO, producing confusing results.

While a hardwood insulating section secured between lengths of tubing is strong enough for beams and most verticals, it might not be strong enough to use when a 10-meter trap is mounted near the base of a large, unguyed vertical antenna. In such a case, additional strength may be obtained by building up a fiberglass sleeve around the trap and ends of the tubing, as shown in Fig. 8. Fiberglass repair kits for automobile bodies are available in auto parts stores. If you aren't familiar with the use of these materials, make a practice trap first. Since the resin is messy and has an obnoxious odor, the work should be done outdoors.

Approximate lengths for a vertical antenna can be taken from Fig. 5. Lengths

for triband beam elements proved to be almost the same as those of a half-wave dipole. Start with those lengths and make the elements shorter as required. A simple 40-, 15- and 10-meter vertical using a single (10-meter) trap has been described.

Amateurs are encouraged to build these traps for their own use. Manufacturers are cautioned that a patent application has been filed for these traps and all rights under the patent code will be enforced. Kits are also available from the author to aid in assembling the traps described in this article. QST

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R. H. Johns — Scientific Instruments, 3379 Papermill Rd., Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006. Parts and coaxial cable to construct two traps for wire antennas: W10, W15, W20 — \$4.90; W40 — \$5.40. Parts and cable for one trap for antennas made with tubing: T10, T15 — \$3; T20, \$3.50. Please add \$1 for postage. The ARRL and *QST* in no way warrant this offer.



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Crystal Filter Design with Small Computers

Thinking of making a crystal filter? This computer program will provide excellent results. It even allows calculations for filters that provide large bandwidths.

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Crystal filters are being used where superior selectivity is required and the specific bandwidth may be anywhere from a few hundred hertz up to 100 kHz. Crystal filters, as generally offered, are of the Chebyshev design. These filters, however, frequently exhibit bad ringing and group-delay distortion. A natural question at this point would be, "Is there an alternative and, if so, what is it?" In answer, this article provides information on the use of a small BASIC computer to aid in building more suitable crystal filters. The actual program is shown, along with computer results. In addition, attenuation graphs are provided to illustrate the effects of additional filter poles. The program is written in such a way that it allows the calculations of large-bandwidth crystal filters. Such information has not been available previously.

Standard Filter Design

A half-lattice crystal filter with one crystal appears in Fig. 1. Filters of this type have been designed into receiver circuits, but with rather poor results. By tuning the neutralizing capacitor, C1, a pole can be moved in order to influence the bandwidth and the notch depth.

Fig. 2A presents the attenuation perfor-

mance of a single-crystal 300-kHz filter. The notch at the right is set by the neutralizing capacitor. Attenuation in excess of 100 dB is possible.

The close-in performance of the single-crystal filter can be seen in Fig. 2B while Fig. 2C is a graph of the overall performance. If the pole is removed far enough, as in Fig. 2C, the selectivity improves greatly on the left side and the filter action becomes symmetrical. In reality, though, such filters do not offer outstanding performance. Consequently, they are seldom used today.

A typical ssb filter has a total of six crystals. How a filter of this type behaves is indicated by Fig. 2D. In practice, the ultimate rejection would be limited to 120 dB.

Crystal filters are found frequently in up-conversion receivers like the DJ2LR HF-1030. Fig. 2E shows the performance

of a typical circuit of this nature. If the filter is improperly tuned, a performance similar to that in Fig. 2F can be expected. At times, such an adjustment may be useful to suppress a mixing product or an image if a 60-dB attenuation on the other side is sufficient.

In practice, we should evaluate those performances when we are working with a crystal filter design and then calculate the parameters of the particular crystal filter in which we are interested. This can be done with the aid of the program.

Table 1 contains a list of program information covering a wide variety of possible bandwidths for a universal crystal filter. The basic configuration for such a crystal filter appears in Fig. 3. It consists of three tuned transformers constructed with small pot cores suitable for high-frequency application. A pot core recommended for this application is Siemens' type 4.6 x 4.1 (mm), no. B65495-K0005-A017 for lower-frequency use. For the region around 10 MHz, the core material K65495-K00016-A001 is satisfactory.¹

Computer-Aided Design of a Crystal Filter

Lines 1 through 20 in the program of

¹Details on Siemens' pot cores are found in the Siemens book, *Ferrites Soft-Magnetic Material Data Book 1979/80*, p. 98. This book is available from the Siemens Corporation, 186 Wood Ave. S., Iselin, NJ 08830, tel. 201-494-1000.

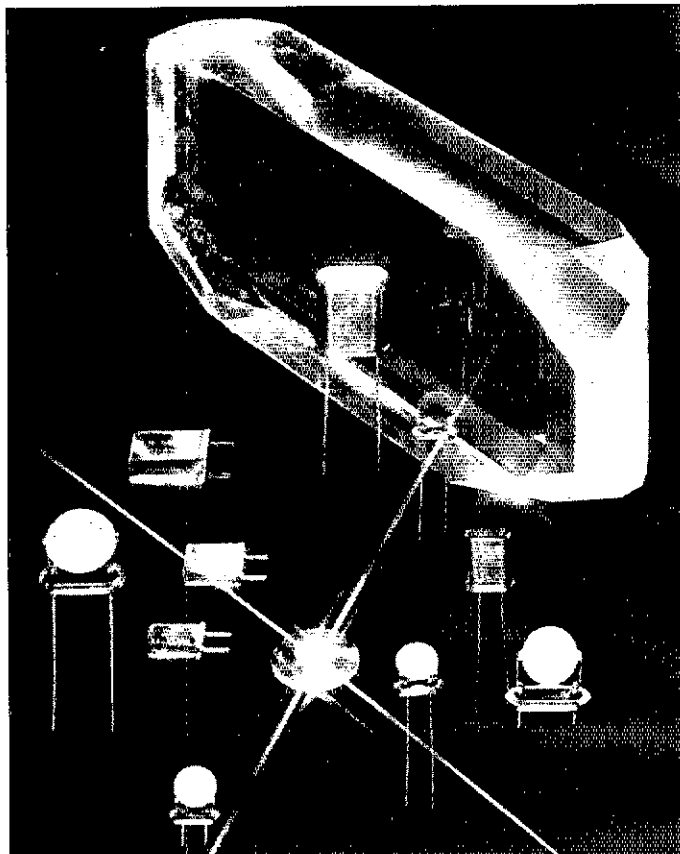


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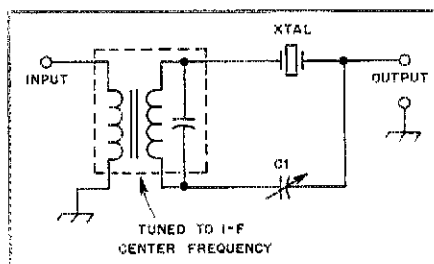


Fig. 1 — A half-lattice crystal filter circuit.

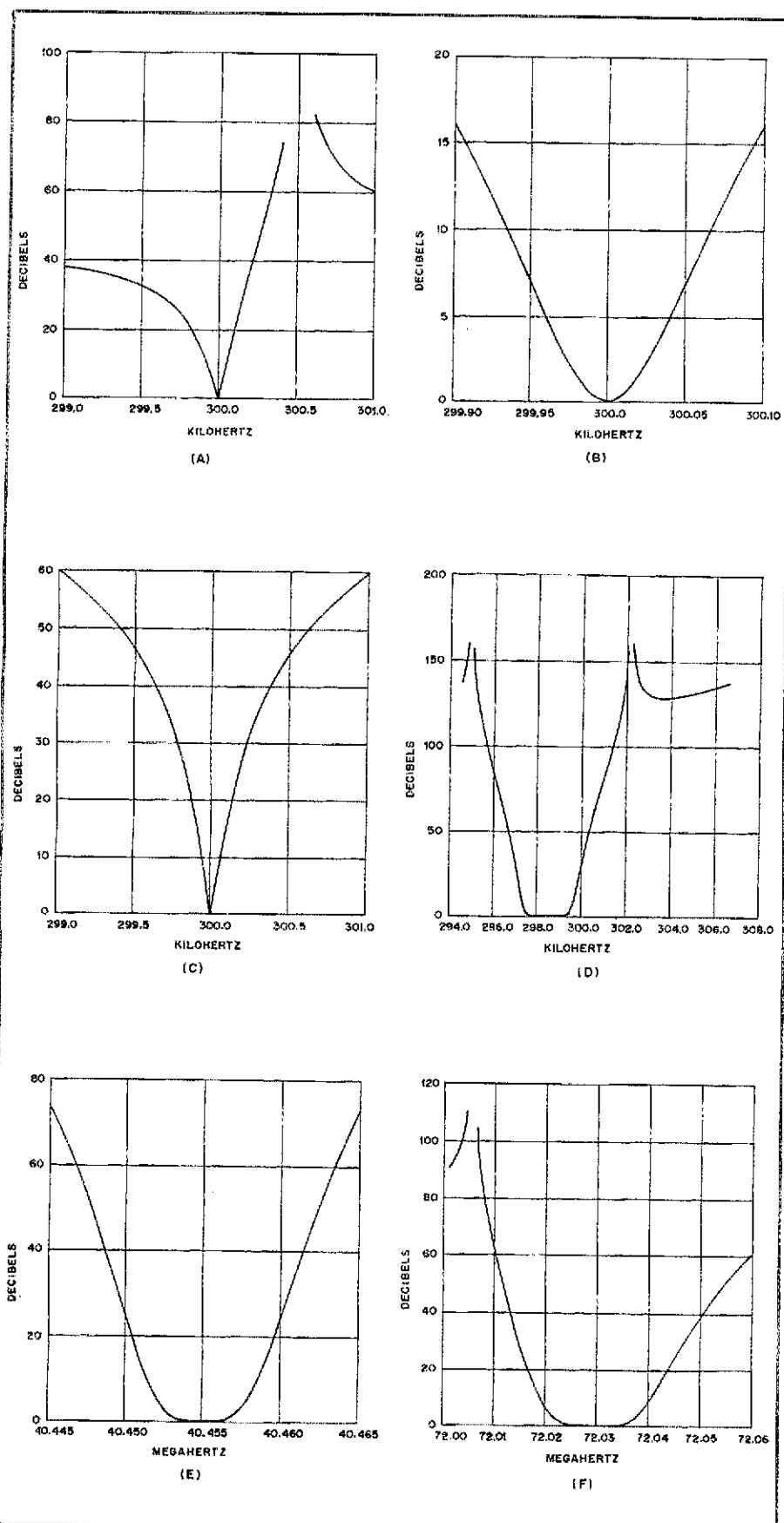


Fig. 2 — Crystal filter responses. The amplitude response of the crystal filter in Fig. 1 with C1 set to generate a pole 500-Hz above center frequency is shown at A. The close-in performance of this same filter is indicated at B, while the overall response is represented in C. In the latter case, the pole is tuned considerably away from the center frequency. At D the amplitude response of a six-crystal single-sideband filter at 300 kHz. A Chebyshev six-crystal filter at 40.455 MHz is represented by the curve at E. The curve at F is for the amplitude response of a 72.03-MHz crystal filter with an attenuation pole on the left side.

Table 1 activate the user-definable keys available on the Tektronix 4051/52 computers. After initiation of the program, it will start on line 100 and ask whether the results should be displayed on the screen or on the printer. Most of the hobby computers on which this program will run have printer-definable ports that have to be addressed. The address to which the information is routed is V5.

In line 200, the computer will ask the center frequency. In line 230, it will ask the bandwidth while in line 250 it will request the crystal inductance.

Fig. 4 shows the inductance in relation to a function of frequency for a crystal that can be manufactured. The highest possible inductance for L1 should always be selected without sacrificing performance in a manner that would lead to spurious response. A minimum Q of 80,000 (100,000 is better) for the crystal is desired for narrow bandwidths. If you start building a crystal filter and order the crystal from a company like Bliley, a firm experienced in crystal and filter manufacturing, you will do well to have them verify these two parameters.

At line 260, the computer will ask you for the capacitance of the holder. You can generally presume that the HC-18/U holder is rated at 1.5 pF, with the larger HC-6/U unit having a capacitance of 6 pF.

On line 280, you will finally be asked what filter response you desire. Various types of responses are available. If selectivity is the prime object, a Chebyshev filter should be chosen. Where constant group delay and therefore low fm distortion are required, a flat delay is important. For perfect pulse response, either the linear phase filter or the Gaussian response should be chosen.

Amateurs who desire additional general information on filter theory will find Zverev's *Handbook of Filter Synthesis*, published by John Wiley and Sons, particularly useful. The "look-up" tables I refer to in this computer program are taken from his book. In this publication, Zverev briefly elaborates on the difficulties in building crystal filters that have a large bandwidth in comparison to the center frequency. A typical problem, for instance, is one concerning a 10- to 20-kHz-bandwidth filter designed for 10 MHz. Because Zverev seems to avoid giving clear design rules for such filter circuitry, additional guidelines are needed. This is where the computer program fills in, for it incorporates the necessary "spreading inductance" which will cure the problem.

Another good source of general filter information is the ITT book *Reference Data for Engineers*, fifth edition, chapters 7, 8 and 9. Inasmuch as many readers may be less interested in precise theory, preferring just to build some filters, none of the mathematics is repeated. Fig. 5 is a graph

with the different response curves shown in comparison with each other.

Computerized Tuned-Circuit Information

After you have responded to the query in the filter program concerning the type of filter you wish to have, the computer will use the "look-up" table as provided by line 890 and 1290. The aim of this part of the program is to calculate the component values of lines 380 through 580. You can delete lines 140 and 590, a screen-erase command for the Tektronix computer. Lines 600 through 840 transfer the characteristic values to the printer or the screen. Lines 600 to 650 print, respectively, the header, the center frequency, the bandwidth, the inductance, the internal impedance and the external reference capacitance. Other information includes the input impedance that is printed in line 660 with the required inductance, the capacitance in line 700, and the output values in line 670 together with line 710.

Lines 680 and 690 determine the tuned circuit for the middle of the range. In order to obtain the right crystal from the manufacturer, the four frequencies required are printed on lines 720 through 750. A six-digit accuracy is desirable when these crystals are ordered. Line 800 gives the reference input voltage for a second computer program to determine the actual band-pass characteristic. Lines 820 through line 840 verify that all tuned circuits are on the center frequency.

When aligning the filters, do realize that any mistuning of the input stages will result in poles as shown in Figs. 2A, 2D and 2F. In order to get sharper skirts at times, it is desirable to use poles like these. They can always be determined experimentally. The procedure is to set all three tuned circuits precisely on the center frequency with the crystals inserted.

For those amateurs who do not have a computer, some calculations of interest also are shown in the tables. Table 2 shows the Butterworth, Chebyshev, flat-delay crystal filter, linear-phase crystal filter and Gaussian response filter for a 250-Hz bandwidth. The Chebyshev response should really be avoided because of ringing. The optimum choice probably is the flat-delay or linear-phase approach.

As we take a look at the filters of Table 2, we see that 9 MHz has been selected for the center frequency with a 250-Hz bandwidth. The present inductance is 200 mH. All other values are self-explanatory.

My calculations for single-sideband filters for both upper and lower sidebands are shown in Table 3. For perfect low distortion, the flat-delay versions should be preferred.

In cases where further selectivity is required, two of those crystal filters can be cascaded either directly with a 1-dB resistive matching pad in between or a transistor stage with 3 to 4 dB gain and heavy feedback. Finally, for those in-

Table 1
Wide Bandwidth Filter Design Program

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1 GO TO 100
4 RUN 280
8 PAGE
9 GO TO 200
20 LIST 1290, 2000
100 INIT
110 SET KEY
120 DIM C(13)
130 CS=""
140 PAGE
150 PRINT "*** CRYSTAL FILTER PROGRAM *** J__J__"
160 REM COPY-RIGHT RESERVED
170 REM ULRICH L. ROHDE, PH.D., SC.D.
180 PRINT "DO YOU WANT OUTPUT AT SCREEN (32) OR PRINTER (41)?"
190 INPUT V5
200 PRINT "WHICH CENTER FREQUENCY DO YOU WANT?"
210 INPUT F0
220 PRINT "WHICH BANDWIDTH DO YOU WANT?"
230 INPUT B0
240 PRINT "WHICH INDUCTANCE DO YOU HAVE?"
250 INPUT L
260 PRINT "WHAT HOLDER CAPACITANCE DO YOU HAVE?"
270 INPUT C(9)
280 PRINT "WHICH FILTER TYPE DO YOU WANT, BUTTERWORTH,"
290 PRINT "CHEBYSHEV, FLAT DELAY, LIN. PHASE, GAUSS RESP. (B,C,F,L,G)?"
300 INPUT AS
310 IF AS="" THEN 1290
320 IF AS="B" THEN 890
330 IF AS="C" THEN 970
340 IF AS="F" THEN 1050
350 IF AS="L" THEN 1130
360 IF AS="G" THEN 1210
370 RETURN
380 R0=PI*L*B0
390 C0=1/(2*B0*PI*F0*L)
400 Q0=150000*B0/F0
410 R1=R0*(K2+2+(1/Q1-1/Q0)*2)/(1/Q1-1/Q0)
420 R2=R0*(K2+2+(1/Q4-1/Q0)*2)/(1/Q4-1/Q0)
430 C(1)=C0*K2/(K2+2+(1/Q1-1/Q0)*2)-2*C(9)
440 C(8)=C(1)+2*C(9)
450 GO TO 1300
460 C(2)=C0*K2/(K2+2+(1/Q4-1/Q0)*2)-2*C(9)
470 C(10)=C(2)+2*C(9)
480 GO TO 1340
490 C(11)=C0/K2-4*C(9)
500 C(3)=1/(2*PI*F0*L)+C(11)
510 F1=F0-B0/2*(K2+K1)
520 F2=F0-B0/2*(K2-K1)
530 F3=F0-B0/2*(K2+K3)
540 F4=F0-B0/2*(K2-K3)
550 C(4)=1/(4*PI*F1*2*L)
560 C(5)=1/(4*PI*F2*2*L)
570 C(6)=1/(4*PI*F3*2*L)
580 C(7)=1/(4*PI*F4*2*L)
590 PAGE
600 PRINT @V5:F0;"J__"
610 PRINT @V5:F0="";F0
620 PRINT @V5:B0="";B0
630 PRINT @V5:L="";L
640 PRINT @V5:R0="";R0
650 PRINT @V5:C0="";C0
660 PRINT @V5:R1="";R1
670 PRINT @V5:R2="";R2
680 PRINT @V5:CK="";C(3)
690 PRINT @V5:LK="";L1
700 PRINT @V5:CS;L1;"CIN="";C(12)
710 PRINT @V5:DS;L2;"COUT="";C(13)
720 PRINT @V5:F1="";F1
730 PRINT @V5:F2="";F2
740 PRINT @V5:F3="";F3
750 PRINT @V5:F4="";F4
760 PRINT @V5:CS1="";C(4)
770 PRINT @V5:CS2="";C(5)
780 PRINT @V5:CS3="";C(6)
790 PRINT @V5:CS4="";C(7)
800 V0=(R1+R2)/R1
810 PRINT @V5:V0="";V0
820 W0=1/(2*PI*SQR(L1*(C(12)+C(1))))
830 W1=1/(2*PI*SQR(L2*(C(13)+C(2))))
840 PRINT @V5:"POLE FREQUENCIES ARE ";W0;" ";W1

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850 CALL "WAIT",1
860 PRINT @V5:"J _J _J _"
870 GO TO 280
880 END
890 Q0 = 100
900 FS = "BUTTERWORTH RESPONSE 4TH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTERJ_"
910 Q1 = 1.0457
920 Q4 = 1.0457
930 K1 = 0.7369
940 K2 = 0.5413
950 K3 = 0.7369
960 GO TO 380
970 Q0 = 1000
980 FS = "CHEBYSHEV RESPONSE 4TH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.01DB RIPPLEJ_"
990 Q1 = 1.8258
1000 Q4 = 1.8258
1010 K1 = 0.6482
1020 K2 = 0.5446
1030 K3 = 0.6482
1040 GO TO 380
1050 Q0 = 1000
1060 FS = "MAXIMALLY FLAT DELAY 4TH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTERJ_"
1070 Q1 = 0.2334
1080 Q4 = 2.2404
1090 K1 = 2.5239
1100 K2 = 1.1725
1110 K3 = 0.6424
1120 GO TO 380
1130 Q = 1000
1140 FS = "LINEAR PHASE 4TH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.05DEG PHASE ERRORJ_"
1150 Q1 = 0.4934
1160 Q4 = 0.7182
1170 K1 = 1.632
1180 K2 = 0.7181
1190 K3 = 0.7391
1200 GO TO 380
1210 Q0 = 1000
1220 FS = "GAUSSIAN RESPONSE 4TH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTERJ_"
1230 Q1 = 0.2747
1240 Q4 = 0.4083
1250 K1 = 2.2792
1260 K2 = 0.7553
1270 K3 = 0.9896
1280 GO TO 380
1290 END
1300 CS = "TUNED INPUT L1 = "
1310 C(12) = 1.0E - 11 * 1.0E + 8 / F0
1320 L1 = 1 / ((2 * PI * F0) ^ 2 * (C(12) + C(1)))
1330 GO TO 460
1340 DS = "TUNED INPUT L2 = "
1350 C(13) = 1.0E - 11 * 1.0E + 8 / F0
1360 L2 = 1 / ((2 * PI * F0) ^ 2 * (C(13) + C(2)))
1370 GO TO 490

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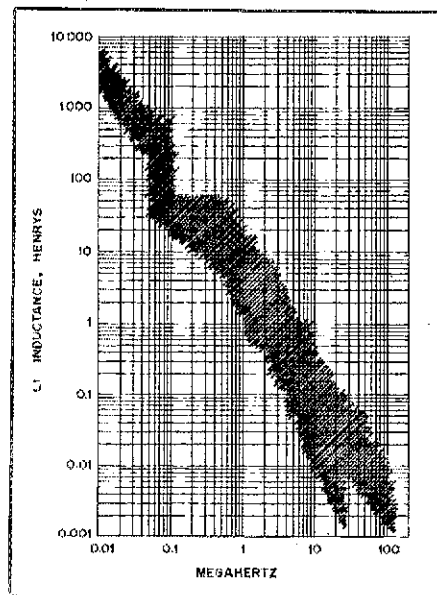


Fig. 4 — This graph shows the relationship of inductance and frequency for a particular crystal selected as a test example.

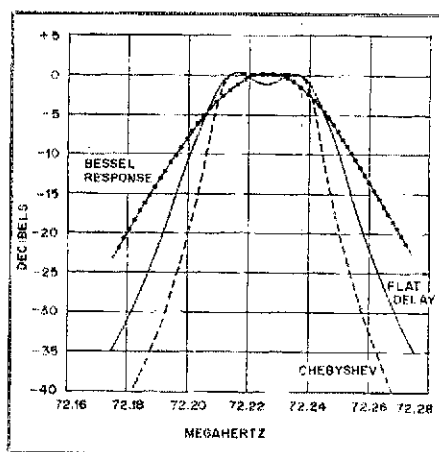


Fig. 5 — The Bessel, flat-delay and Chebyshev responses are represented by this composite graph. The Chebyshev response provides the steepest skirts, while the Bessel response has the poorest amplitude curve.

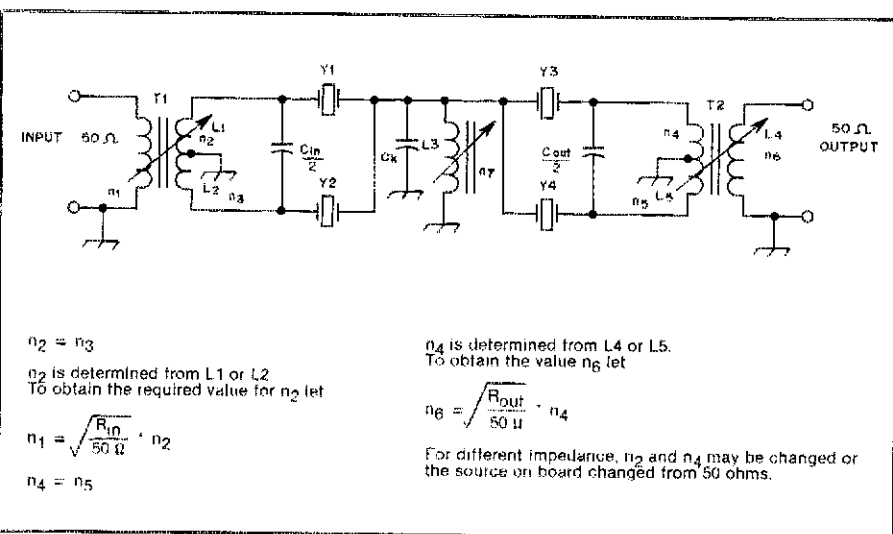


Fig. 3 — A four-crystal filter circuit. The Input and output impedances are determined by the turns ratio of the input and output transformers. Also shown are the calculations for this filter.

terested in constructing a double-conversion receiver, the parameters for a 41-MHz crystal filter are provided in Table 4. Table 5 is a Gaussian response filter designed for use in a radar receiver.

In Summary

This short presentation on how to design and build crystal filters with the aid of a small computer should encourage experimentation with various types of filters. In the past, wideband filters like the 72.225-MHz, 31-kHz bandwidth filter of Table 5 required special computer programs. Now this unique program can solve the design problem for an extremely wide bandwidth range.

Table 2

Calculations for Some Large-Bandwidth Filters

	BUTTERWORTH RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER	CHEBYSHEV-RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER (0.01dB RIPPLE)	MAXIMALLY FLAT DELAY FOURTH-ORDER FILTER	LINEAR PHASE FOURTH ORDER ORDER CRYSTAL (0.05° PHASE ERROR)	GAUSSIAN RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER
F0 =	90000000	90000000	90000000	90000000	90000000
B0 =	250	250	250	250	250
L =	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
R0 =	157.079632679	157.079632679	157.079632679	157.079632679	157.079632679
C0 =	1.125790929E-10	1.125790929E-10	1.125790929E-10	1.125790929E-10	1.125790929E-10
RIN =	176.770073394	199.739282207	688.699716017	325.996645717	560.476789007
ROUT =	176.770073394	199.739282207	1078.92346935	251.304525198	387.579899958
CK =	3.856888033E-10	4.655256668E-10	2.055712309E-10	2.806860945E-10	2.581716487E-10
LK =	1.702249344E-6	1.180935302E-6	2.706242448E-6	2.407155723E-6	2.716479143E-6
TUNED INPUT					
L1 =	1.702249344E-6	1.180935302E-6	2.706242448E-6	2.407155723E-6	2.716479143E-6
CIN =	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10
L2 =	1.702249344E-6	1.180935302E-6	1.553941872E-6	2.057891921E-6	2.527836771E-6
COUT =	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10	1.11111111E-10
F1 =	8999840.225	8999850.9	8999537.95	8999706.2375	8999620.6875
F2 =	9000024.45	9000012.95	9000168.925	9000114.2375	9000190.4875
F3 =	8999840.225	8999850.9	8999773.1375	8999817.85	8999781.8875
F4 =	9000024.45	9000012.95	8999933.7375	9000002.625	9000029.2875
CS1 =	1.563654031E-15	1.563650322E-15	1.563759072E-15	1.563700591E-15	1.56373032E-15
CS2 =	1.563590017E-15	1.563594013E-15	1.563539819E-15	1.56355882E-15	1.563532327E-15
CS3 =	1.563654031E-15	1.563650322E-15	1.563677343E-15	1.563661806E-15	1.563674303E-15
CS4 =	1.563590017E-15	1.563594013E-15	1.563621537E-15	1.563597001E-15	1.563588337E-15
V0 =	2	2	2.5666094297	1.77088070844	1.69151819943
POLE					
FREQUENCIES	90000000 90000000	90000000 90000000	90000000 90000000	90000000 90000000	90000000 90000000

Table 3

Single-Sideband Filter Calculations

	UPPER SIDEBAND CHEBYSHEV RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.01dB RIPPLE	UPPER SIDEBAND MAXIMALLY FLAT DELAY FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER	LOWER SIDEBAND CHEBYSHEV RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.01dB RIPPLE	LOWER SIDEBAND MAXIMALLY FLAT DELAY FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER
F0 =	90021.00	9002100	8997900	8997900
B0 =	2100	2100	2100	2100
L =	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
R0 =	197.920337176	197.920337176	197.920337176	197.920337176
C0 =	8.932764334E-11	8.932764334E-11	8.93693393E-11	8.93693393E-11
RIN =	215.822217917	906.264311969	215.821952659	906.266750613
ROUT =	215.822217917	733.98082547	215.821952659	733.962678696
CK =	3.520472927E-10	1.836453586E-10	3.522137182E-10	1.837352494E-10
LK =	1.611014457E-6	2.754931668E-6	1.611772269E-6	2.756184362E-6
TUNED INPUT				
L1 =	1.611014457E-6	2.754931668E-6	1.611772269E-6	2.756184362E-6
CIN =	1.110851912E-10	1.110851912E-10	1.111370431E-10	1.111370431E-10
L2 =	1.611014457E-6	1.779138943E-6	1.611772269E-6	1.779960146E-6
COUT =	1.110851912E-10	1.110851912E-10	1.111370431E-10	1.111370431E-10
F1 =	9000847.56	8998218.78	8996647.56	8994018.78
F2 =	9002208.78	9003518.97	8998008.78	8999318.97
F3 =	9000847.56	9000194.355	8996647.56	8995994.355
F4 =	9002208.78	9001543.395	8998008.78	8997343.395
CS1 =	1.042202704E-14	1.042811741E-14	1.043176016E-14	1.043785906E-14
CS2 =	1.041887546E-14	1.041584337E-14	1.042860416E-14	1.042556783E-14
CS3 =	1.042202704E-14	1.042353989E-14	1.043176016E-14	1.043327513E-14
CS4 =	1.041887546E-14	1.042041582E-14	1.042860416E-14	1.043014668E-14
V0 =	2	1.80989708607	2	1.80987468308
POLE				
FREQUENCIES	9002100 9002100	9002100 9002100	8997900 8997900	8997900 8997900

Table 4

Calculations for a Double-Conversion Receiver 41-MHz Crystal Filter

	CHEBYSHEV RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.01dB RIPPLE	CHEBYSHEV RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.01dB RIPPLE	CHEBYSHEV RESPONSE FOURTH ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER 0.01dB RIPPLE
F0 =	4.0455E + 7	4.1E + 7	7.0455E + 7
B0 =	7000	7000	7000
L =	0.01	0.01	0.01
R0 =	219.911485751	219.911485751	219.911485751
C0 =	1.78895746E-11	1.769177415E-11	1.027212746E-11
RIN =	240.069542975	240.08611077	241.401505946
ROUT =	240.069542975	240.08611077	241.401505946
CK =	6.609534562E-11	6.511358011E-11	3.465894436E-11
LK =	3.943635932E-7	3.893569691E-7	2.341082409E-7
TUNED INPUT			
L1 =	3.943635932E-7	3.893569691E-7	2.341082409E-7
CIN =	2.471882338E-11	2.43902439E-11	1.419345682E-11
L2 =	3.943635932E-7	3.893569691E-7	2.341082409E-7
COUT =	2.471882338E-11	2.43902439E-11	1.419345682E-11
F1 =	4.04508252E + 7	4.09958252E + 7	7.04508252E + 7
F2 =	4.04553626E + 7	4.10003626E + 7	7.04553626E + 7
F3 =	4.04508252E + 7	4.09958252E + 7	7.04508252E + 7
F4 =	4.04533626E + 7	4.10003626E + 7	7.04533626E + 7
CS1 =	1.548051812E-15	1.507165686E-15	5.10349971E-16
CS2 =	1.547704578E-15	1.506832117E-15	5.10284239E-16
CS3 =	1.548051812E-15	1.507165686E-15	5.10349971E-16
CS4 =	1.547704578E-15	1.506832117E-15	5.10284239E-16
V0 =	2	2	2
POLE			
FREQUENCIES	4.0455E + 7 4.0455E + 7	4.1E + 7 4.1E + 7	7.0455E + 7 7.0455E + 7

Table 5

Calculations for a 31-kHz Bandwidth Filter

	GAUSSIAN RESPONSE FOURTH-ORDER CRYSTAL FILTER
F0 =	7.2225E + 7
B0 =	31000
L =	0.013
R0 =	1266.0618394
C0 =	1.740514567E-12
RIN =	4788.47944845
ROUT =	3377.92904618
CK =	7.245912256E-12
LK =	4.438005914E-7
TUNED INPUT	
L1 =	4.438005914E-7
CIN =	1.384562132E-11
L2 =	4.39519567E-7
COUT =	1.384562132E-11
F1 =	7.217796525E + 7
F2 =	7.224862045E + 7
F3 =	7.219795405E + 7
F4 =	7.222863165E + 7
CS1 =	3.740138126E-16
CS2 =	3.732826402E-16
CS3 =	3.738067416E-16
CS4 =	3.734892759E-16
V0 =	1.705428327
POLE	
FREQUENCIES	7.2225E + 7 7.2225E + 7

Strays



John Schmale, K2IZ, N.Y.C./Long Island SCM, towers behind members of the Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club (Queens, New York) after presenting Public Service Commendations to many of them for their dedicated efforts during the recent Italian earthquake disaster. Club members received, relayed, answered or directed more than 1000 messages during the around-the-clock operation that lasted nearly two weeks. (photo by Fred Kahn, WB2TBC)

FIRE AT SEA

□ Last October, the Dutch ship *Prinsendam* caught fire in the Gulf of Alaska, and 533 passengers and crew were forced to abandon ship. Through poor sea conditions, people were lifted by helicopter from their lifeboats to the rescue ships. Alaskan Amateur Radio operators monitoring the situation quickly realized

that their services would be needed. Health-and-welfare nets were organized, and liaisons with the Red Cross, Alaska State Troopers and the Coast Guard were set up.

As the passengers and crew safely arrived on shore, the expected communications crunch developed. Shifting band conditions were a problem. Another

obstacle was passing traffic to foreign countries with whom the U.S. had no third-party agreement. As a result of outstanding cooperation among amateurs and their good on-the-air conduct, over 300 pieces of traffic were successfully passed. Fortunately, there were no fatalities during the rescue; the ship, however, sank. — *Don Bush, KL7JFT*



From left to right stand Jack van der Zee, radio officer of the *Prinsendam*, Jim Pfister, N6CF, and David Ring, N1EA, radio officers aboard the *Williamsport*, one of the tankers involved in the rescue effort. Jack maintained vital communications in the smoke-filled radio room despite melting cables and dwindling emergency power. Providing an essential link in the communications, Jim and David relayed positions and estimated time of arrivals and kept the distress frequency clear. (photo courtesy David J. Ring Sr.)

The Vertical-V Antenna

“Rabbit ears for hf? Heresy!” you declare. Or is it? Let this article tempt you to find out what the “ears” can do for you!

By Dr. Lawrence B. Owen,* WB6HNQ

Most amateurs undoubtedly are familiar with the properties of inverted-V hf antennas. The inverted V is simple, is inexpensive to build, provides a good match to a 50-ohm coaxial line and produces a quasi-omnidirectional horizontally polarized radiation pattern when used at its fundamental frequency. It occurred to me recently that a vertical-V (an inverted V rotated 180 degrees in the vertical plane) might also have some interesting performance characteristics. In terms of appearance, the vertical-V is reminiscent of an indoor TV rabbit-ears antenna (Fig. 1).

A cursory literature review revealed that rigorous analysis of basic V-antenna performance had been completed by the late

1940s.^{1,2} In fact, Wells³ can probably be credited for the invention of the inverted V in 1944. Kraus, in the introductory chapter of *Antennas*,⁴ points out in a generic sense that a cylindrical vertical-V can be expected to yield a broader usable bandwidth than the corresponding dipole. In considering the relative merits of vertical-V versus other common types of wire antennas, it seems clear that the vertical-V offers the potential for significantly improved performance. I am surprised, therefore, to find that in *QST*, at least, there has been no description of a practical vertical-V for amateur hf use.

The classical inverted V, while providing excellent performance, does suffer from several deficiencies. Ground effects

undoubtedly degrade radiation efficiency and influence feed-point impedance. If the antenna is supported from a metallic structure, additional parasitic losses can occur. Since the antenna is center fed, unbalanced currents may be induced on the transmission line even if a balun transformer is used at the feed point. Finally, sloping the elements downward increases the likelihood of parasitic losses in nearby ground-mounted structures.

Vertical-Vs would be affected to a much lesser degree by the factors described above. In addition, vertical-Vs provide the additional advantages of increased effective antenna height, simpler construction (only one central support required when self-supporting aluminum elements are used) and a capability for rotating the antenna. My experiments indicated that a vertical-V exhibits a 6-dB

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†Notes appear on page 25.

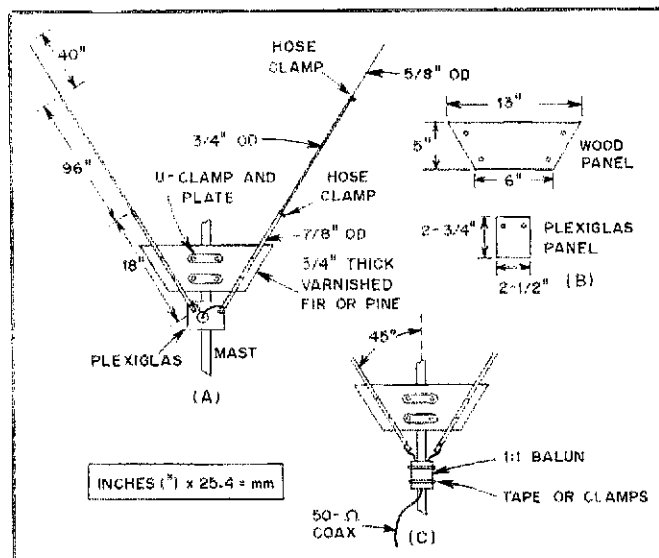


Fig. 1 — Construction details for the 15-meter vertical-V antenna. As indicated in section A, each element is bolted to the wood and Plexiglas panels. For the wooden panel use 1/4 x 2-1/4-inch bolts. For the Plexiglas panel use 1/4 x 1-1/2-inch bolts. Panel dimensions are shown at B. Part C shows the angle for the elements and the position for the balun. Both elements are individually adjusted to a length of 135.7 in (3.446 m) for resonance at 21.225 MHz.

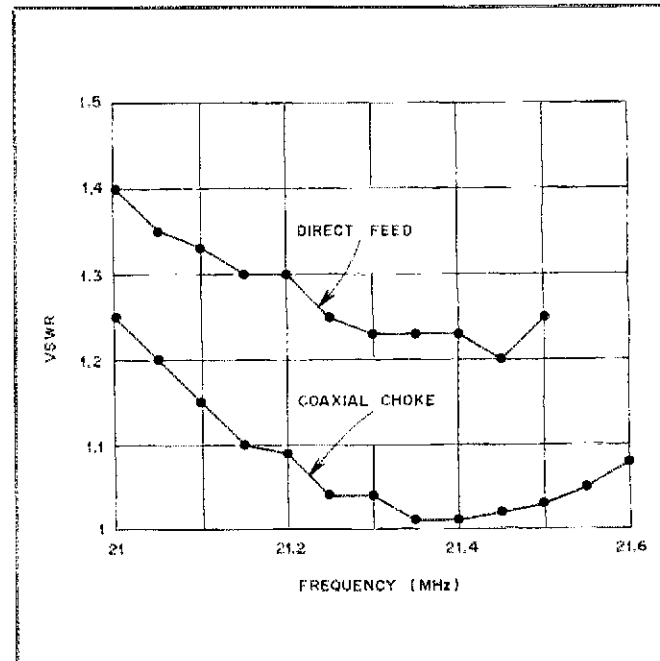


Fig. 2 — The VSWR performance of the 15-meter vertical-V antenna with and without the coaxial cable choke.

front-to-side ratio, suggesting that the ability to rotate the antenna might be advantageous under certain operating conditions.

Making a comparison of the mechanical properties of a vertical-V with those of an equivalent single-element delta loop or quad also proves to be instructive. A rather obvious point is that the vertical-V is lighter and offers lower wind loading than either a quad or delta loop cut for the same fundamental frequency. My experiments indicate that the length in feet of a resonant half-wave vertical-V constructed from aluminum tubing is approximated by $480/\text{frequency (MHz)}$. The length in meters is $146.3/\text{frequency (MHz)}$. A 1/4-wave vertical-V element is, therefore, about 28.5% and 4.5% shorter than single legs of corresponding equilateral delta loops and quads, respectively. You can conclude that the vertical-V offers the advantages of reduced construction cost, lower wind loading and weight. Besides being simpler to construct, it permits direct matching to a 50-ohm coaxial transmission line.

Construction

The basic design for a single-element 15-meter vertical-V is shown in Fig. 1A. Telescoping sections of aluminum tubing are used for the elements, which have outer diameters of 7/8 in. (22 mm), 3/4 in. (19 mm) and 5/8 in. (16 mm). One end of each of the two 7/8-in. and 3/4-in. element sections are slotted with a hacksaw to a depth of about 1 inch (25 mm). Since the elements must be insulated from each other and from the support bracket, the 7/8-in. dia element sections are mounted on a wood base. The wood (fir or pine) has several coats of varnish to ensure reasonable service life. The 3/4-in. OD elements are telescoped into the base section and secured with stainless steel hose clamps. The same procedure is used to secure the 5/8-in. OD sections to the 3/4-in. OD elements. A standard "coax" male connector is mounted in a piece of Plexiglas that is secured directly to the base-element sections.

The input impedance of the antenna is a function of the apex angle. My prototype employed an apex of 100° . As shown by the SWR curves in Fig. 2, excellent bandwidth and low SWR were attained. The data suggest, however, that an even better match to 50-ohm coaxial cable could be obtained by reducing the apex angle slightly to between 90° and 95° .

Initially, the antenna was fed directly by RG-8/U coaxial cable. With this arrangement the upper SWR curve shown in Fig. 2 was obtained. The SWR seemed too high and my Century 21 transceiver was bothered by severe distortion in the keying monitor. Rf feedback, traced to rf flowing along the shield of the transmission line, takes the blame for this condition. A coaxial choke installed at the antenna feed point solved the difficulty. This choke is constructed by simply forming a 5-in. (130-mm) dia coil consisting of four turns of transmission line that is taped to the mast.

Setting the resonant frequency of the antenna requires loosening the two base-element clamps and adjusting the telescoping elements as necessary for the lowest SWR. The initial 1/4-wave element length (11.3 feet or 3.45 meters for 21.225 MHz) was obtained from my empirically derived expression: length in feet for a quarter wavelength = $240/\text{frequency in MHz}$. To determine the length in meters the equation is $m = 73.2/\text{frequency in MHz}$. The solder joints and the coaxial cable were subsequently sealed with a rubber repair compound obtained from a local hardware store. Any one of several commercial or homemade 1:1 baluns may be used to eliminate the need for separate Plexiglas coaxial connector mounts and coaxial chokes.

Performance of the 15-meter vertical-V was excellent during a six month period from October 1979 to March 1980 while I was using a Century 21 transceiver with 25 watts of rf output. All operations took place from a QTH located about 50 miles east of San Francisco. A total of 103 stations were worked. DX included contacts with Canada (6), Mexico (3), Hawaii (2),

Japan (24), Australia (9) and New Zealand (1). The remaining 58 contacts included all contiguous U.S. call areas.

A second series of tests was carried out after the vertical-V elements had been shortened to 8.9 ft (2.7 m) for CB operation. CB tests, using a Radio Shack ssb rig, were conducted as a simple means of evaluating the major polarization mode of the antenna. Several local CB operators used quad antennas that featured instantaneous selection of either horizontal or vertical polarization. Tests indicated that the V was about 12 dB stronger when horizontal polarization was selected by the other operator. This suggests that a significant element of vertical polarization was produced by the V. Thus, the vertical-V offers a reasonably good compromise between quasi-omni-directional radiation and bipolarization performance.

There seems little doubt that the vertical-V is an excellent performer. Construction of single-element monoband versions for operation from 14 to 30 MHz (or higher) is certainly feasible. Multiband operation should be relatively easy to achieve by making use of various concepts developed over the years for conventional dipoles and verticals. A more intriguing thought, however, would involve appropriate modifications for producing a vertical-V beam antenna. As a starting point, I would suggest using conventional element spacing parameters developed for horizontal Yagi arrays. Input impedance, however, will probably be lower than for the equivalent Yagi. The advantages of increased effective height, shorter turning radius, reduction of adverse boom and tower interactions on beam performance, and the potential for increased bandwidth should be sufficient to justify further experimentation.

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Strays



AMATEURS NEEDED TO ASSIST IN CONTAINING CALIFORNIA FIRES

Amateurs in San Bernadino County have been asked to assist the California Department of Forestry during wildland fires. Two-meter communications will be provided for reconnaissance from the fire scene to central headquarters. Logistical

support traffic will be passed from the fire camps to headquarters. Messages for the National Traffic System will be accepted for out-of-county and out-of-state firefighters. Interested volunteers please contact Thomas L. Markley, WA6IKH, 17400 Valley Blvd., No. 70, Fontana, CA 92335 or tel. 714-350-2194.

QST congratulates . . .

Stuart Meyer, W2GHK, who was recently elected President of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Vehicular Technology Society.

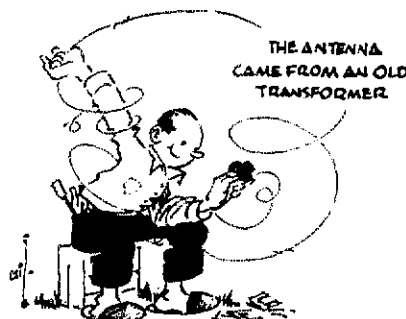


Some participants in the ARRL-sponsored IEEE SOUTHCON/81 professional program (Session 15) in Atlanta, Georgia, were, left to right, Dr. Ulrich Rhode, DJ2LR; Bill Allen; Marian Anderson, WB1FSB; Doug DeMaw, W1FB; and Tom Hayes. For further details see April 1981 QST, page 39. (photo courtesy W1FB)

Which Antenna to Use?

Many beginners ask the ARRL staff, "What's the best antenna I can put up?" Well, there is no "best" antenna, but here are some pointers for the newcomer.

By Doug DeMaw,* W1FB



"**Y**our *Antenna Book* and the *Handbook* confuse me. They don't tell me which antenna works best." Statements like that are common in letters sent to ARRL Hq. by new amateurs, and understandably so. But, it's a question that has no specific answer because of the many factors that must be considered when making a choice. Generally, the criteria are based on usable property, economics, materials available, operating frequency, attitudes of neighbors, desired communications distance (local or DX) and restrictions and zoning ordinances. All of the foregoing must be considered when selecting an antenna for amateur use. In order to avoid being long-winded in this discussion, let's assume that the following conditions prevail: no restrictions, no problems with neighbors, the house is on a standard city lot, the materials are available locally and we want to work DX and close-in stations. This is a typical scenario for a new radio amateur, and we will key our discussion to this setting of the stage.

Some Basic Requirements

In order for any antenna to perform to the best of its capability it must be as high in the air as possible, and preferably 1/2 wavelength or greater above ground at the chosen operating frequency. Thus, for operation in the 40-meter Novice band

(7.1 MHz), our antenna should be 69 feet (21 m) or more above ground. This can be approximated by dividing 492 by the frequency in MHz, or $492/f(\text{MHz})$, which provides the height in feet. If our 40-meter dipole were only 30 feet (9 m) above ground, it would still work okay, but it would be less useful for DXing. This would be caused by the *angle of radiation* being higher at reduced antenna heights. We can understand this phenomenon by referring to Fig. 1. The outgoing wave from an antenna strikes the ionosphere obliquely and reflects back to earth. This might be compared to a pool shot, where the ball is banked. Therefore, the lower the radiation angle in degrees, the greater distance the ball or signal will travel.

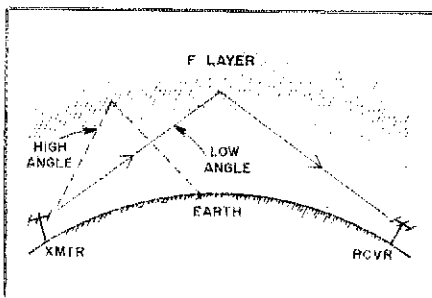


Fig. 1 — Illustration of how radio waves are reflected from the ionosphere. The low radiation angle is preferred for long-distance communications. If high-angle radiation (dashed lines) prevails, the skip distance will be much shorter.

Under some conditions of propagation the signal may take two hops (double-hop skip), and the distance covered will be even greater. The radiation angle will, however, still determine the actual distance of the communication. The angle of radiation is shown in simple form versus antenna height in Fig. 2 at B and C.

We can see from the foregoing discussion that an antenna which is relatively close to the ground can work in our favor for short-haul contacts. The higher radiation angles will return the signal to earth much closer to the transmitting station than in the case of DX work, and local contacts out to a few hundred miles will be enhanced by virtue of our stronger signals. When antennas are very high above ground (one wavelength or more) it is not uncommon to have "dead zones" a few hundred miles from the transmitter; but, at great distances the signal will be much louder than when the transmitting antenna is close to the ground. Some operators have identical antennas for a given band, with one close to the ground and the other quite high up. The antennas are then chosen for the desired communications distance versus band conditions at a given time. This discussion applies only to high-frequency communications. At vhf and higher the antennas should be as high above ground as possible for *line-of-sight* work. In other words, our discussion deals mainly with signals that are reflected from the ionosphere.

The height of an hf antenna has an effect also on the *radiation resistance*, par-

*Senior Technical Editor

ticularly with respect to horizontal dipoles. This effect is shown graphically in Fig. 3. For a typical amateur hf-band antenna installation, however, the mismatch will not pose a problem of great consequence unless the feed line is quite long (more than 100 feet or 30.5 m). The longer the feed line (especially coaxial cable), the greater the losses in the line. These losses increase as the operating frequency is made higher. For example, if

the feeder caused a 3-dB loss of the rf energy and the transmitter was putting out 50 watts, there would be only 25 watts of power delivered to the antenna. There would be a similar loss during receive. A 3-dB loss is one half an S unit (if they are accurate). The smaller the diameter of the coaxial cable, the greater the losses per foot. For this reason we should try to use RG-8/U or RG-11/U rather than RG-58/U or RG-59/U types of cable at the higher frequencies. Surplus coaxial cable should be avoided, for aging causes contamination of the dielectric material and makes the cable very lossy. It is wise to start with new cable and replace it every few years.

We should strive to keep the radiating portions of our antenna well removed from trees, power lines, phone wires, downspouts or other conductive objects. Close proximity will cause distortion of the radiation pattern and absorption of the signal energy, which will make our

antenna less effective than it might be otherwise. Metallic objects that are close to the antenna (a few feet or less) can detune the antenna and cause a mismatch at the feed point. From all of the foregoing we can extract a basic rule: *keep the antenna as high and as in the clear as possible.*

Wire Antennas are Easy

Not many amateurs are willing to invest in towers, rotators and beam antennas at the beginning. We can apply the "crawl before walking" concept, and obtain good results with wire types of antennas. Plenty of DX has been worked with simple antennas, so let's see what options are open to us.

Random-Length Wires: A random length of wire can be used to explore the hf bands, but it represents the least effective of the wire antennas unless it is erected high and has considerable length [1/4 wavelength or greater, derived from $234/f(\text{MHz})$, which yields the approximate length in feet]. Long spans of wire do not constitute a "long-wire antenna," although they are called that rather frequently. A classical long wire is 1 wavelength or more in electrical dimension.

The "random" antenna is one that is strung from a point near the ham station to some supporting structure a convenient distance away. It will exhibit a variety of feed impedances over the range of hf amateur bands. If it approaches a 1/4-wavelength condition (or odd multiple thereof), the impedance will be low — probably between 15 and 100 ohms, depending on a variety of factors. But, at other frequencies it may be close to 1/2 wavelength or multiple of that electrical length. This being the case, the feed impedance will be very high — 1000 ohms or more. If we are to provide an impedance match between our 50-ohm transmitter/receiver combination and the end of the antenna, it will be necessary to use an antenna-matching device (Transmatch, antenna coupler or antenna tuner, as they

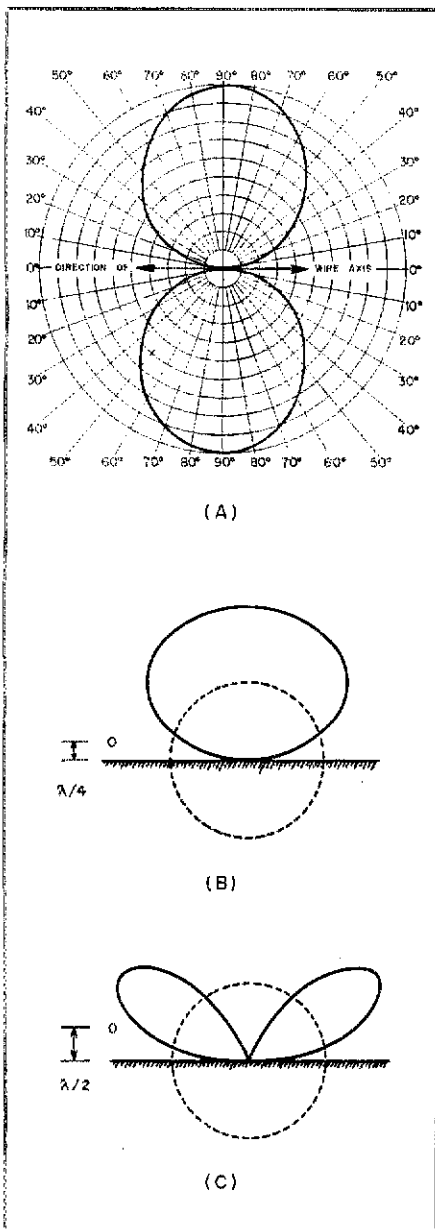


Fig. 2 — If we could rise above our dipole antenna and observe the radiation, we would see the figure-8 pattern at A. This would be seen if the horizontal dipole was 1/2 wavelength or greater above ground. The lobes are off the broadside of the dipole. At B we can see the effect of having the dipole only 1/4 wavelength above ground. There is no apparent directivity, and the radiation angle is very high. At a height of 1/2 wavelength (C), the dipole exhibits two major lobes and has a much lower radiation angle (desired for DX work).

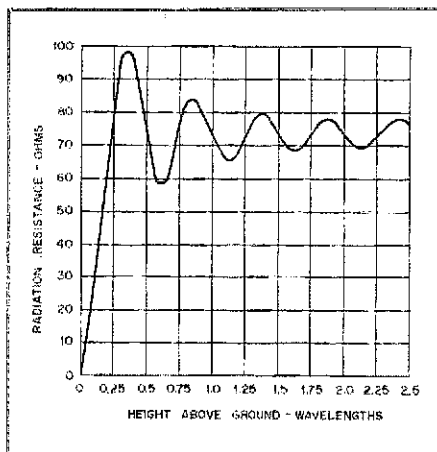


Fig. 3 — The radiation resistance of the antenna feed point varies with the effective height above ground. Here we see the effects of height for a dipole at various elevations above a theoretically perfect ground. At a height of 1/2 wavelength the antenna can be matched nicely with 72-ohm feed line.

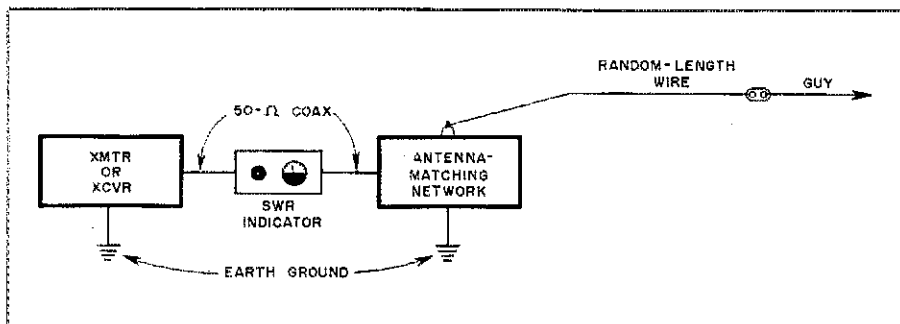


Fig. 4 — Method for using a random-length antenna for multiband operation. The wire is matched to the transmitter by means of a coil and capacitor network (Transmatch). Proper tuning of the network is determined by observing an SWR indicator and adjusting the network for minimum indicated SWR.

are called). This will enable us to change bands and maintain maximum power transfer to the antenna, which will happen when a matched condition exists. Our SWR indicator will show a ratio of 1:1 when the tuner is adjusted correctly. A setup of this kind is shown in Fig. 4.

The shortcoming of this type of antenna system is that rf energy can easily appear on the station equipment. A "hot" key, microphone or transceiver panel will be noted. Also, unwanted rf energy can get into the keyer or the rig and raise havoc. This is most apt to occur when the antenna operates close to a half wave-

length or multiple thereof. When the feed impedance is low, rf will probably be absent on the station equipment. In either case, a *short* earth ground is necessary to minimize the hot-chassis problem. The shield braid from a discarded piece of coaxial cable will serve nicely as a ground conductor. It should be as short and direct as possible, running from the chassis of the rig and antenna matcher to a cold-water pipe and/or pipe driven into the ground just outside the shack. Ham shacks that are on the second or third floor of a dwelling are notorious for exhibiting the hot-chassis syndrome. This is because it is difficult to effect a good earth ground from so high up. Sometimes 1/4 wavelength of wire can be laid around the baseboards of the room to serve as a counterpoise ground, and often it will prevent rf from getting on the station equipment.

End-fed Hertz antennas, and some end-fed Zepp antennas, create similar problems with stray rf energy, owing to their relatively high feed impedances (high rf-voltage point). When this problem can't be solved, it is wise to use a coaxial-cable feed system with an appropriate low-impedance antenna, such as a dipole or doublet.

Dipole Antennas: The most common of the beginner antennas is the standard half-wavelength dipole. It is fed at the center by means of low-impedance line, such as coaxial cable, TV Twinlead or open-wire feeders. Some amateurs have even used plastic zip cord (ac line cord) with considerable success! The dipole can be

erected horizontally, as a "sloper" or as an "inverted V." The latter was derived from the Quadrant antenna which was used in the early days of radio. Fig. 5 illustrates the various formats for a dipole antenna.

Dipoles are bidirectional (figure-8 pattern) off the broad side of the antenna, but only when the dipole is 1/2 wavelength or more above ground. The closer the antenna is to the earth, the less directional it becomes and the higher the radiation angle will be (Fig. 2). The sloper and inverted-V configurations produce essentially vertical polarization, which is excellent for ground-wave and DX contacts. The sloper, if not mounted on a metallic support, will be omnidirectional in response, as will the inverted V. If either antenna is supported on a steel mast or tower, there will be some directivity (not gain) in the direction of the wire slope.

The advantage of the dipole antenna is its simplicity. The disadvantage is its single-band performance (unless tuned feeders and a Transmatch are used to provide multiband operation, as in Fig. 6). The length of a dipole in feet is determined from $468/f(\text{MHz})$. Hence, a dipole for 3.7 MHz would be 126 feet, 6 inches (38.5 m) long. Some final adjustment of the leg lengths is usually done to bring the VSWR as close to 1:1 as possible. This can be achieved by inserting a VSWR indicator (sometimes called a "bridge") in the coaxial feed line at a convenient point, then cutting or adding wire in equal amounts to the ends of the dipole until the lowest reflected voltage is noted on the in-

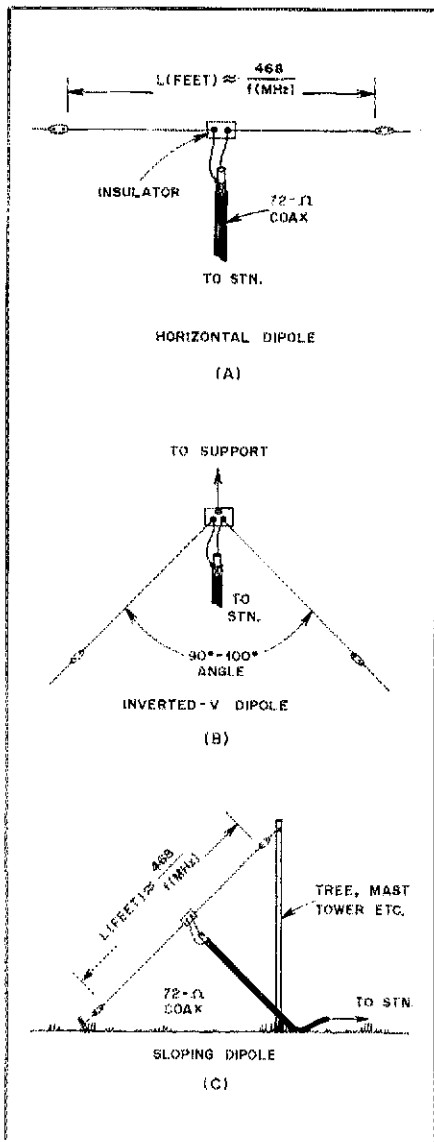


Fig. 5 — Examples of simple but effective wire antennas. A horizontal dipole is shown at A. The legs can be drooped to form an "inverted V," as seen at B. A sloping dipole (sloper) is illustrated at C. The feed line should come away from the sloper at 90° for best results. If the supporting mast is metal, there will be some directivity in the direction of the slope. The antennas at B and C provide vertical polarization and are predominantly omnidirectional if they are supported on a non-metallic mast.

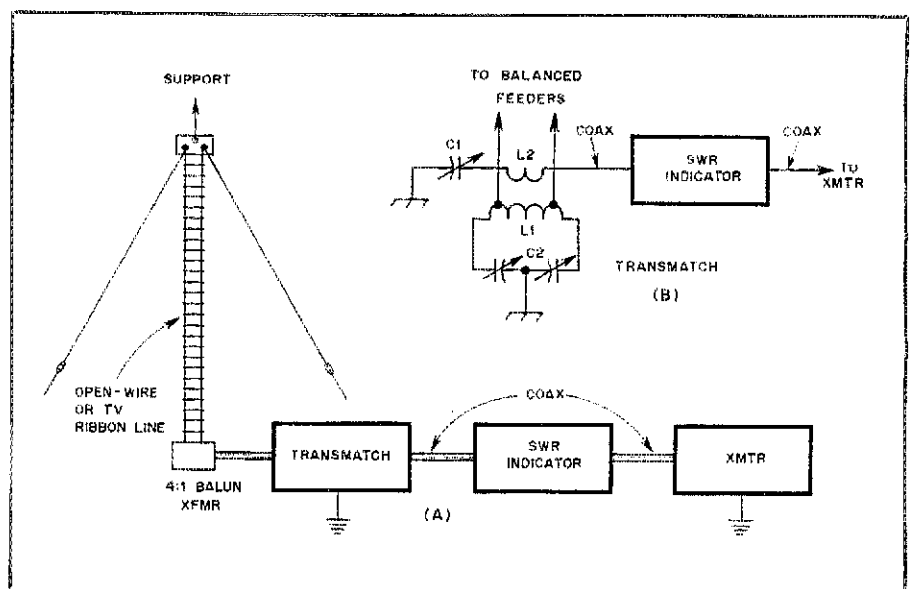


Fig. 6 — Fundamentals of a multiband inverted-V dipole. Balanced, low-loss feeders are recommended (see text). A Transmatch is used to maintain an SWR of 1:1 over the operating range of the antenna. At A we have a balun transformer (to convert from a balanced to unbalanced feed line), a Transmatch and an SWR indicator. Typically, these components are located near the operating position. At B we see the circuit of a Transmatch that is well suited to use with balanced feed lines. The balun at A can be eliminated when using the network at B, and generally the overall system will be more efficient with this style of Transmatch.

dicator. This will usually be a value less than 2:1, in terms of the forward/reflected voltage ratio respective to a half-wavelength dipole that is fed with coaxial cable.

All antennas have a specific useful bandwidth. Dipoles are no exception. The lower the operating frequency, the narrower the antenna bandwidth over a specified VSWR range. Therefore, the antenna should be optimized for the part of the band we use the most. Novices should tune the antenna for the center of the Novice band when using coaxial-cable feed line. At 80 and 40 meters the bandwidth will be especially narrow between the 2:1 VSWR points (Fig. 7), with 100 kHz being typical on 80 meters, and 200 kHz an average expectation on 40 meters. For this reason it is common to hear an amateur say, "I don't work 80-meter cw because my dipole is cut for the ssb portion of the band." In such cases the antenna won't load (accept power) because of the high VSWR in the opposite end of the band. A Transmatch could be utilized to *disguise* the SWR condition, and fair performance would result. But, the mismatched condition at the dipole feed point could not be remedied by that means. A Transmatch merely effects a match between the transmitter and the station end of the feed line — this is important to remember. If it were connected between the antenna feed point and the feed line, it *could* correct the mismatch, but this would be impractical.

Multiband Operation

In Fig. 6A we have what is called a multiband inverted-V antenna. It could just as well be a horizontal dipole if the builder preferred that format. Balanced open-wire or TV-ribbon feeders are specified. The open-wire line is preferable, because the losses will be lower than with TV ribbon. The overall length of the dipole is determined by $468/f(\text{MHz})$ at the lowest intended operating frequency. If it is dimensioned for use on 80 meters, operation will be possible from 80 through 10 meters by using a balun (balanced to unbalanced) transformer and a Transmatch, as illustrated. Some Transmatches come equipped with a built-in balun, which is included for use with balanced feeders.

A more effective method for matching the transmitter to a balanced feeder system is shown in Fig. 6B. In this example the feeders are brought to the operating position and tapped on L1 of the matching network. The length of L1 (effective inductance) must be changed for each band of operation, and this is possible by means of a switch or clip leads. The feeder tap points on L1 must also be changed in accordance with the band of operation. The E. F. Johnson Matchboxes were based on this kind of matching network.

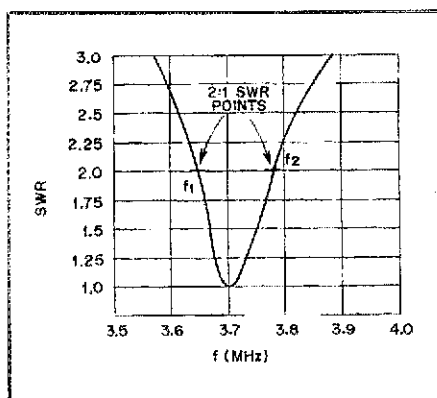


Fig. 7 — Typical SWR curve for an 80-meter dipole with coaxial-cable feed. The antenna should accept the transmitter power quite well when the SWR is less than 2:1 (3650 to 3750 kHz in this example). The bandwidth of an 80-meter dipole may be greater than that indicated here, depending on how it is built.

The shortcoming of a multiband dipole is its declining performance as the operating frequency is increased: an 80-meter antenna of this type will perform rather well on 80 and 40 meters. It will give fair results on 20 meters, and may yield mediocre performance on 15 and 10 meters in terms of DX work. However, the multiband inverted V is a very popular all-around antenna despite the compromises. Once erected, it need not be trimmed. The Transmatch will compensate for the SWR "seen" by the transmitter.

The tuned-feeder concept can be applied to the antennas in Fig. 5 as well. The classic name for a straight dipole with tuned feeders is the "Center-Fed Zepp." The inverted-V format is preferred by many because it requires only one support, is essentially omnidirectional and is vertically polarized. The center should be erected as high as possible above ground for best results.

What Kind of Wire is Best?

There is confusion among beginners about what kind of wire is suitable for the radiator of an antenna. Some have asked, "Can I use wire that has plastic insulation?" Others have wondered, "What size wire must I use?" In both cases there is no particular answer. Bare wire and insulated wire both work fine in the range from 1.8 to 30 MHz. The insulation will not degrade the radiation of the antenna. The wire size can be the largest you can acquire or afford. Generally, 12-, 14- or 16-gauge sizes are used. But, very fine wire, such as nos. 20 through 26, is satisfactory if there is not too much stress on the legs of the antenna. The smaller wire will break easily in wind and ice, and this must be considered when making a choice.

Hard-drawn copper or Copperweld

wire is the most rugged, and is not subject to stretching with stress versus time. No. 12 or 14 plastic-coated house wiring is excellent for dipole antennas if it is available. Stranded copper works just as well as solid copper for amateur antennas. Some amateurs use insulated hookup wire and report good results. The primary consideration is that we use strong enough wire to ensure that the antenna stays aloft once it is erected.

The end insulators can be made from any good grade of material such as glass, plastic or phenolic. If you don't want to buy insulators, you can make them from pieces of glass-epoxy pc board (copper removed) or Plexiglas. Some amateurs have used the white, plastic six-pack retainers as strong insulators. Others report fine results with plastic clothespins and hair curlers. The center insulators for dipoles can be fashioned from Plexiglas or similar material. Always be sure to seal the open end of the coax cable with epoxy cement or Silastic compound to keep the dirt and moisture from entering the cable.

Homemade open-wire line can be built easily. The line spacing and wire size aren't important for a multiband dipole. A good compromise is to use no. 16 wire for the two conductors, spaced 3 to 4 inches apart. The spacers can be made from plastic clothespins, hair curlers or even a 1/4-inch (6-mm) diameter wooden dowel rod that has been boiled in paraffin wax. We must be innovative if we are to save money!

Trap Dipoles

"Can't I use a trap dipole?" Sure, if you don't mind buying a commercial product. But, a homemade trap dipole is hard to design and to tune if one is a beginner to radio, so the commercial product might be the best to consider.

A trap dipole permits multiband operation without a Transmatch. It uses a coaxial feed line which can be connected directly to the transmitter and receiver. It can be erected as shown in Fig. 5. The trade-off is in performance. The bandwidth will be narrower than with a full-size dipole, and there will be some losses in the traps. However, in an actual on-the-air situation it may be hard to tell the difference between a trap dipole and a single-band, full-size one. Nearly all multiband antennas represent a compromise between convenience and performance.

The best plan is to try various antennas and learn which one will work best for you. Identical antennas often yield different results at separate locations. This is because of the terrain, conductivity of the earth below the antenna and other factors. It won't take long to determine how effective your antenna is, once you start contacting stations near and far. If the performance is dismal, try another style of antenna. Experimenting is part of what Amateur Radio is all about!

Computer Control of the IC-255A

Ready for the computer age in Amateur Radio? It won't be long before many hams tie their computers to their radios. Here is an example of what we may all be doing one of these days.

By Curt Terwilliger,* KI6J

If you want unlimited scanning ability, or a chance to try spread spectrum techniques, or even an automated logger, build this simple interface and connect your ICOM IC-255A 2-meter fm transceiver to your computer. No modifications to the rig are required — just plug the interface into the accessory socket on the rear apron! The interface lets your computer set the frequency, check the squelch, read the frequency and activate the PTT line — all from one parallel input port and one parallel output port. And if you add a modem or TU, you have an automated ASCII station.

Inside the IC-255A

The secret of the IC-255A's versatility is its internal microcomputer. The tuning, offset and frequency memory of the radio are controlled by information that its internal central processing unit (CPU) gives the synthesizer. Normally, this information is read from the front panel knobs and switches, but ICOM also provided for a remote data input from the accessory socket. The CPU periodically scans the socket to see if a remote control device is active, and then reads or writes data as re-

quested. The program that is stored in its CPU specifies the exact timing format for data exchanges. I obtained a timing sketch by writing to the factory; unfortunately, the explanatory notes were in Japanese! However, Mr. Don Specht of ICOM provided a most helpful translation. Anyway, computer signals are an international language.

The message format is shown in Fig. 1. The first character transmitted is the destination address. The possible destinations are 435 MHz, 144 MHz, 50 MHz hf and Idle. These are represented by numbers 11 through 15 (hexadecimal B through F). Because the destination in this case is the IC-255A, the address is 12 (C₁₆). The rig responds with its address as acknowledgment. Then four digits of data are transferred, most significant first. These are equivalent to the digits displayed in the LED readout on the front panel. The remote interface may read or write each digit as desired. For example, if the remote interface were to set the frequency to 147.360 MHz, it would write 7 3 6 0 after the address exchange. If it were to verify the frequency it would read the four digits after the address exchange.

Control Signals

The three signals that control data

transfer are DATA BUS CONTROL (DBC), REMOTE (RT) and NOT DATA VALID ($\bar{D}V$). DBC controls the direction of data transfer; a high level signals data from remote to the rig. To send an address, the data bus is loaded, DBC is raised and then

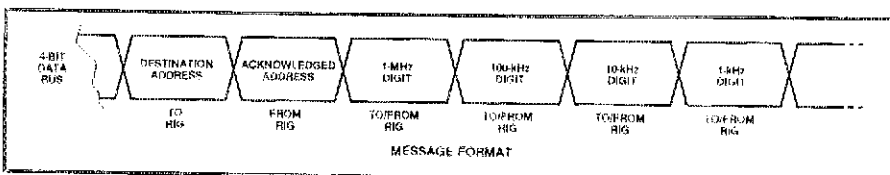


Fig. 1 — Message format required by the IC-255A internal CPU.

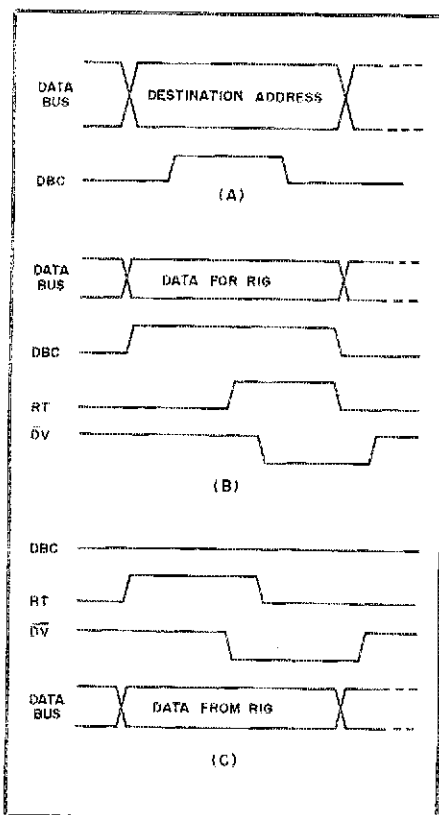


Fig. 2 — Timing diagrams for IC-255A/interface data exchange; at A, address transmission; at B, data sent from interface to IC-255A and at C, data sent from IC-255A to interface.

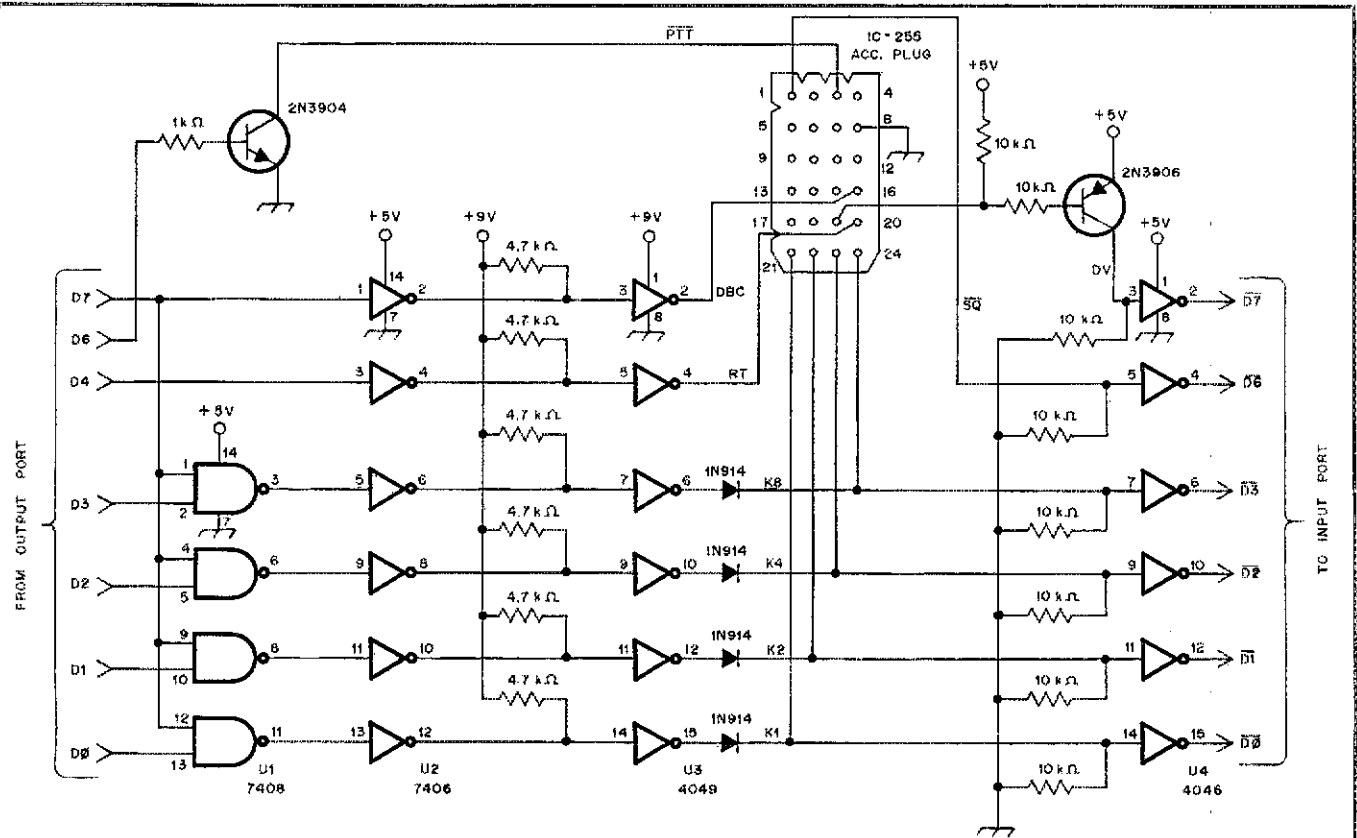


Fig. 3 — Schematic diagram of IC-255A interface. Resistors are 1/4 W, carbon-composition type. Resistance values are in ohms; k = 1000. Construction may be by any convenient technique. Lead lengths are not critical.

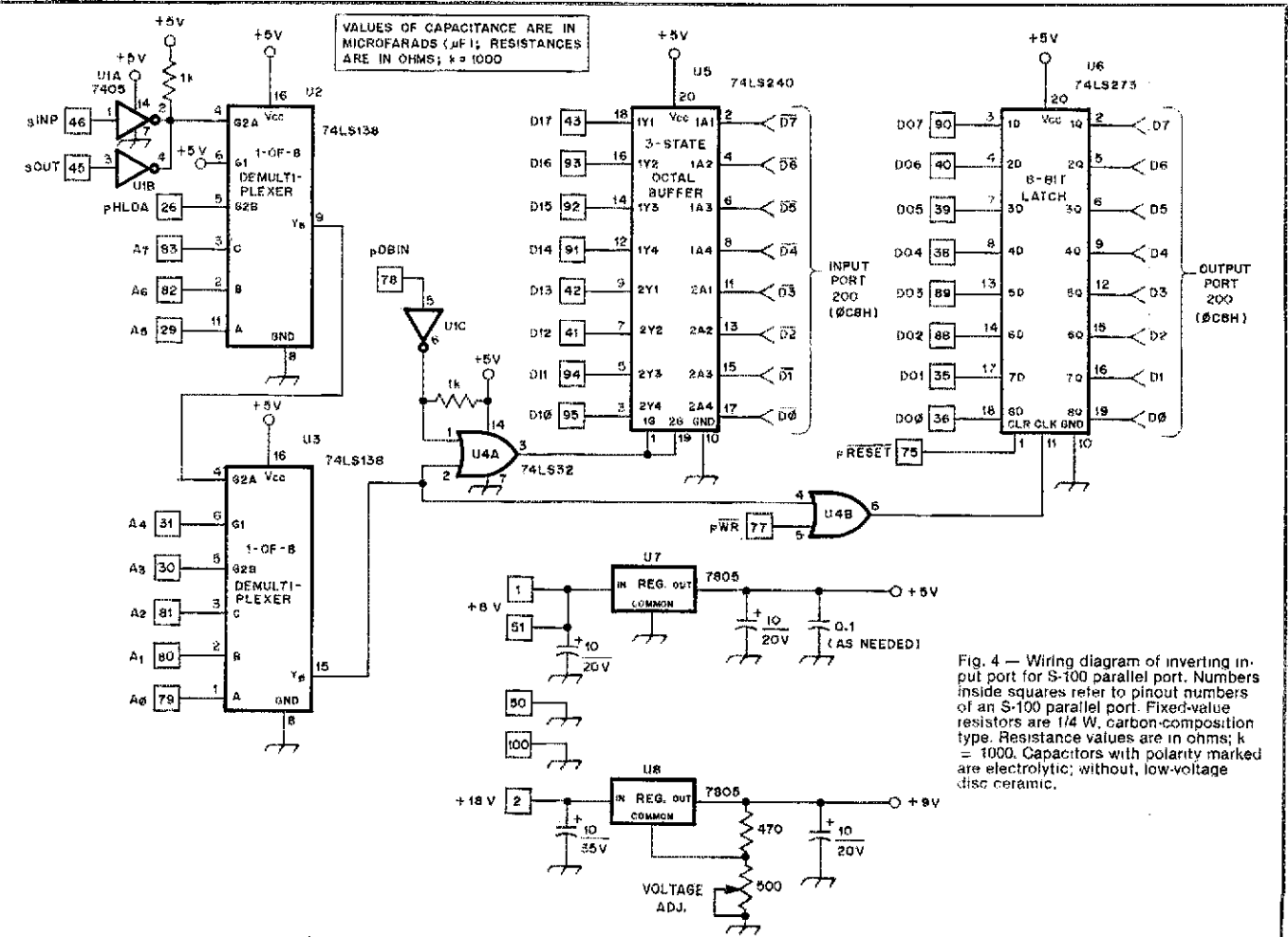


Fig. 4 — Wiring diagram of inverting input port for S-100 parallel port. Numbers inside squares refer to pinout numbers of an S-100 parallel port. Fixed-value resistors are 1/4 W, carbon-composition type. Resistance values are in ohms; k = 1000. Capacitors with polarity marked are electrolytic; without, low-voltage disc ceramic.

DBC is lowered. This procedure is shown in Fig. 2A.

The lines RT and \overline{DV} regulate the transfer of subsequent data. The remote interface writes a digit by raising DBC and placing data on the bus. It then raises RT to signal data availability. The rig lowers \overline{DV} to indicate it is reading the data. The remote interface lowers RT to signal the end of that digit, and the rig raises \overline{DV} to indicate readiness for a new digit. This sequence is shown in Fig. 2B.

The remote interface reads a digit by lowering DBC and raising RT. The rig places the digit on the bus and then lowers \overline{DV} . The interface reads the digit and lowers RT. The rig then raises \overline{DV} . This sequence is shown in Fig. 2C. This type of

"handshake" allows the slowest device to control the transfer, whether it is the rig or the remote interface. Thus we needn't worry about the type of computer used for remote control.

The Control Circuit

The control circuit basically shifts logic signals between CMOS levels (for the ICOM) and TTL (for the computer). The four data bus signals are fed to the input port through 4049 CMOS inverters. Output signals to the data bus are enabled by the DBC line. When DBC is high, the four AND gates pass output port data through two inverters and a series diode to the data bus. The series diode allows the inverter output to pull up but not to pull down.

The resistors to ground (both on the interface and inside the rig) form a passive pulldown. A similar output stage is used inside the rig. It is set to a low state when DBC is high, allowing the interface to control the data bus without any interference.

When DBC is low, the interface data is set to all zeroes, and the data drivers in the rig are enabled. The rig can pull any line up if desired or let the lines sink low through the pull down resistors. The diodes in the output lines of the interface prevent its inverters from shorting the data bus to ground.

The \overline{DV} output from the rig can only pull down. It is shunted by a pulldown resistor, which makes it inconvenient to

Table 1

Program Listing for IC-255A SCAN

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5 REM THIS IS CROMEMCO 32K STRUCTURED BASIC
10 PRINT"ICOM SUPER SCAN"
20 PRINT
30 := 1
40 INPUT"ENTER SCAN FREQ. IN HERTZ (0 TO TERMINATE) = ",F(I)
50 IF F(I)=0 THEN GOTO SCAN1
55 FLAG=0
60 IF(F(I)>= 143800.0) AND F(I)<= 148195.0 THEN FLAG = 1
70 IF NOT FLAG THEN PRINT "OUT OF RANGE." : GOTO 40
80 I = I + 1
90 GOTO 40
100 *SCAN1
110 REM SCAN ROUTINE
120 LASTI = I - 1
130 FOR I = 1 TO LASTI
140 F = F(I) - 140000.0
145 NOESC
150 GOSUB SET'FREQ
154 ESC
155 COUNT = 125
156 GOSUB DELAY
160 GOSUB LISTEN
170 IF NOT ACTIVE THEN GOTO SS200
175 DCOUNT = 0
180 GOSUB LISTEN
190 IF NOT ACTIVE THEN DCOUNT = DCOUNT + 1
200 IF DCOUNT = 100 THEN GOTO SS200 : REM NEXT CHANNEL
210 IF ACTIVE THEN DCOUNT = 0
220 GOTO 180
230 *SS200
240 REM NEXT SCAN VALUE
250 NEXT I
260 GOTO 130
700 REM ICOM DRIVERS
710 REM
720 REM THIS IS AN SBASIC VERSION OF THE ICOM DRIVERS
730 REM WHICH CONSISTS OF READ AND WRITE ROUTINES
740 REM WHICH ARE CALLED FROM SBASIC BY GOSUBS.
750 *HEAD'FREQ
760 REM READ'FREQ RETURNS THE FREQUENCY IN A BYTE
770 REM RANGING FROM 38000 TO 80000
780 GOSUB TXADR
790 GOSUB IRCV
800 REM GET FIRST DIGIT
810 GOSUB IRCV : F = A*1000
820 REM SECOND DIGIT
830 GOSUB IRCV : F = F + A*100
840 REM GET THIRD DIGIT
850 GOSUB IRCV : F = F + A*10
860 REM GET LAST DIGIT
870 GOSUB IRCV : F = F + A
880 REM FINISHED
890 RETURN
900 *SET'FREQ
910 REM SET FREQ SETS THE ICOM TO THE FREQ SPECIFIED
920 REM by 140000 kHz PLUS FREQ F
930 GOSUB TXADR
940 GOSUB IRCV
950 REM FIRST DIGIT
960 A = INT(F/1000) : GOSUB ISEND
970 F = F - A*1000
980 REM SECOND DIGIT
990 A = INT(F/100) : GOSUB ISEND
1000 F = F - A*100
1010 REM THIRD DIGIT
1020 A = INT(F/10) : GOSUB ISEND
1030 F = F - A*10
1040 REM LAST DIGIT
1050 A = INT(F) : GOSUB ISEND
1060 RETURN
1070 *TXADR
1080 REM TXADR SEND THE 144 MHz ID TO THE ICOM
1090 OUT 200,128 + 12 : REM SET DBC AND SEND 0CH
1100 COUNT = 32 : GOSUB DELAY
1110 OUT 200,12
1120 COUNT = 18 : GOSUB DELAY
1130 RETURN
1140 *I RCV
1150 REM IRCV READS A BYTE FROM THE ICOM
1160 OUT 200,16 : REM BIT 4 IS RT
1170 J = INP(200)
1180 IF J<128 THEN GOTO 1170
1190 J = BINAND(J,15)
1200 A = J
1210 OUT 200,0
1220 J = INP(200)
1230 IF J>= 128 THEN GOTO 1220
1240 RETURN
1250 *I SEND
1260 REM ISEND TRANSMITS A BYTE TO THE ICOM
1270 OUT 200,128 + A : REM FIRST SIGNAL WITH DBC
1280 COUNT = 18 : GOSUB DELAY
1290 OUT 200,128 + 16 + A : REM ADD RT
1300 J = INP(200)
1310 IF J<128 THEN GOTO 1300 : REM WAIT FOR DV
1320 OUT 200,A
1330 J = INP(200)
1340 IF J>= 128 THEN GOTO 1330
1350 RETURN
1360 *DELAY
1370 REM ABOUT 2 MILLISECOND PER COUNT
1380 FOR C = 1 TO COUNT
1390 NEXT C
1400 RETURN
1410 *LISTEN
1420 REM RETURNS ACTIVE = 1 IF SQUELCH BROKEN
1430 MASK = BINAND(INP(200),64) : REM BIT 6 IS SQUELCH
1440 ACTIVE = NOT MASK
1450 RETURN

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SUBROUTINE FLOWCHARTS

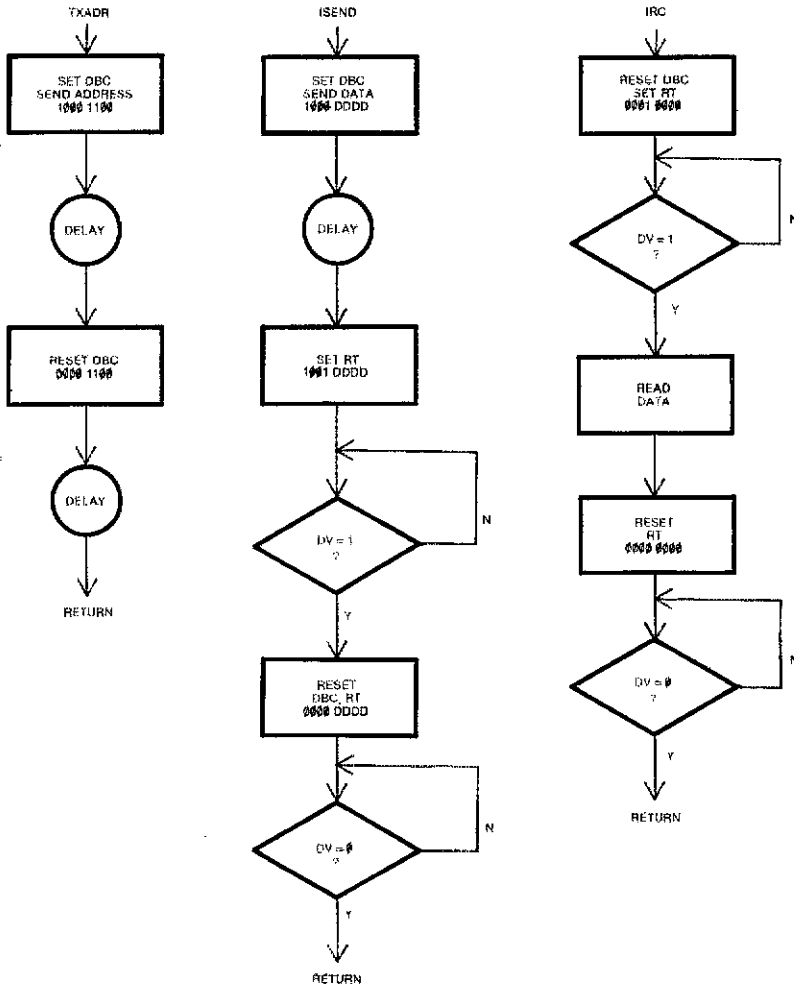


Fig. 5 — Flowcharts for subroutines used to make up various programs.

drive a CMOS input. Therefore, a discrete transistor is used; this extra inversion causes the input port to read DV (active high) rather than \overline{DV} (active low).

The circuit in Fig. 3 can be connected to any parallel port with latched output data. Seven output bits and six input bits are required. The output bits are active high while the input bits are active low; the input bits may be complemented in software or by an inverting input port. A suggested circuit for an S-100 parallel port is shown in Fig. 4. This circuit was used in a Cromemco machine to develop the software to be described.

Some Software Examples

The BASIC program in Table 1 is a demonstration program of a 10-channel scan routine. The scan stops on an active channel and resumes about three seconds after activity stops. One advantage of having a large number of scan entries is weighting the scan sequence. For example, suppose you wanted to monitor the club repeater on frequency A, and you also wanted to check the simplex frequencies B and C occasionally. The scan sequence might then be AAAABAAAAC to monitor A 80% of the time and B and C 10% each.

This program is made up of three fundamental subroutines: transmit address, receive data and send data. Using these it is possible to then write elaborate programs. Flowcharts for these subroutines are shown in Fig. 5. With these few bytes of software, some very trivial outboard hardware and a little imagination, you will be bringing your shack into the computer age. A couple of more pieces of equipment and you have an automated ASCII station. Packet or spread spectrum, anyone?

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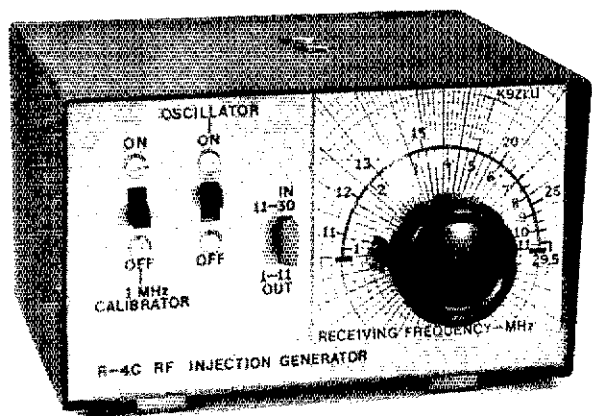
□ Graham MacLachlan, VE3HDU, of Willowdale, Ontario, who despite having suffered a stroke, was "determined not to let that stroke deprive me of a useful life." MacLachlan organized and maintains a stroke-unit fund for the Sunnybrook Medical Centre in Toronto, works dedicatedly for the Ontario Heart Foundation and still finds time for his hobby, Amateur Radio.

□ Margaret (WB8CLG) and Sam (WB8FNR) Noblet of Middletown, Ohio, who recently were honored with a "Ham of the Year Award" by the Dial Radio Club for their services to Amateur Radio.



Members of the Livonia (Michigan) Amateur Radio Club prepare for a test run of their vertical DXpedition, Operation Skylark, to be held at 10,000 ft over Livonia on Sunday, May 24, on 146.58 MHz simplex. Deciding that the only unexplored regions left were up, the club christened this to be the first Aerpedition. All 2-meter hand-held operators are encouraged to participate in this QRP DX adventure. Contacts will be limited to those using 5 watts or less. Could this be amateurs' "A small step for man . . . ?" (photo courtesy Harry G. Wayne, W8RYH)

General-Coverage Reception with the Drake R-4C Receiver



With this low-cost adapter, you now can enjoy the full capabilities of the R-4C. The basic idea is adaptable to other such receiver types as well.

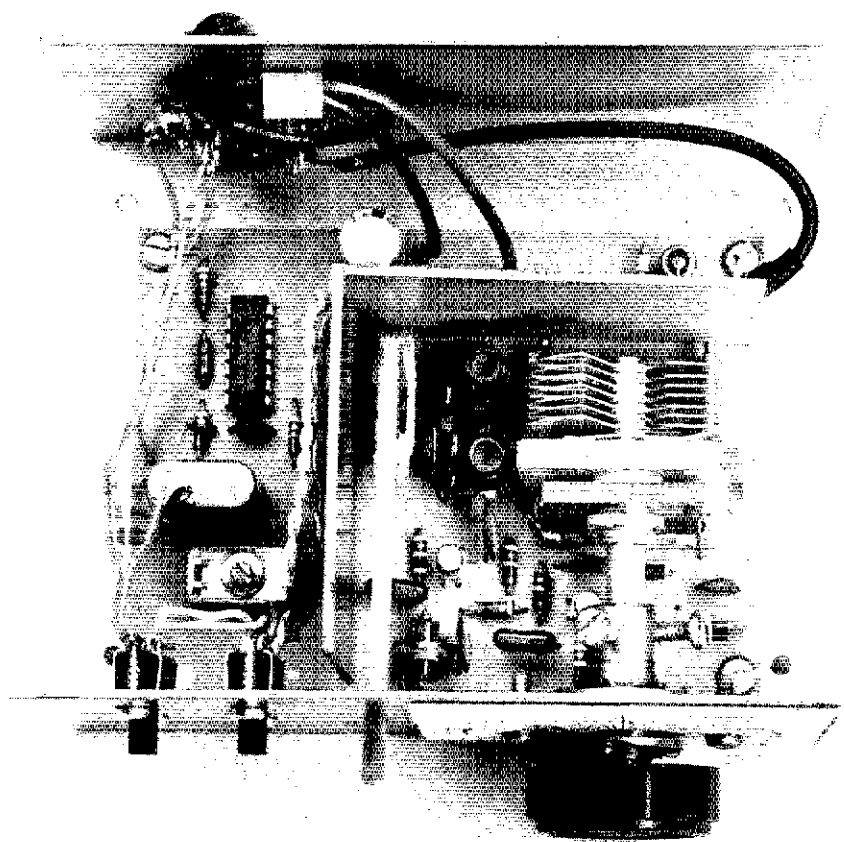
By Robert H. Luetzow,* K9ZLU

This rf injection generator is designed as a general coverage receiving adapter for use with the Drake R-4C receiver and may also be used with the R-4B series. The output of the generator is connected to an unused auxiliary crystal socket at the rear of the receiver chassis and provides the rf voltage required to permit reception on frequencies between 1.5 and 30 MHz. Operation between 5 and 6 MHz is *not* recommended because of the i-f arrangement of the receiver. If all new parts are used for construction of the unit, the total cost of this project should not exceed \$40. The basic design may be altered as required to be used with other types of receivers.

The Circuit

An injection frequency between 12.6 and 40.6 MHz with an amplitude of approximately 1.3 volts is required at the auxiliary crystal socket. Injection frequencies needed for specific receiving frequencies are shown in Table 2-1 of the R-4C manual, and the preselector settings may be found in Fig. 3-2.

The generator circuitry is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of a band-switched, grounded-drain Colpitts oscillator coupled to a source follower to provide isolation from the R-4C. Band switch S1 selects coils L1 and L2 for oscillator fre-



The crystal calibrator may be seen at the left of the photo, with the power supply components arranged along the top of the pc board. Phono jacks, mounted on the rear panel, are used for the antenna input/output and rf output connections. The supply voltage lines and ground strap pass through a grommet and are secured by a cable clamp attached to the rear panel.

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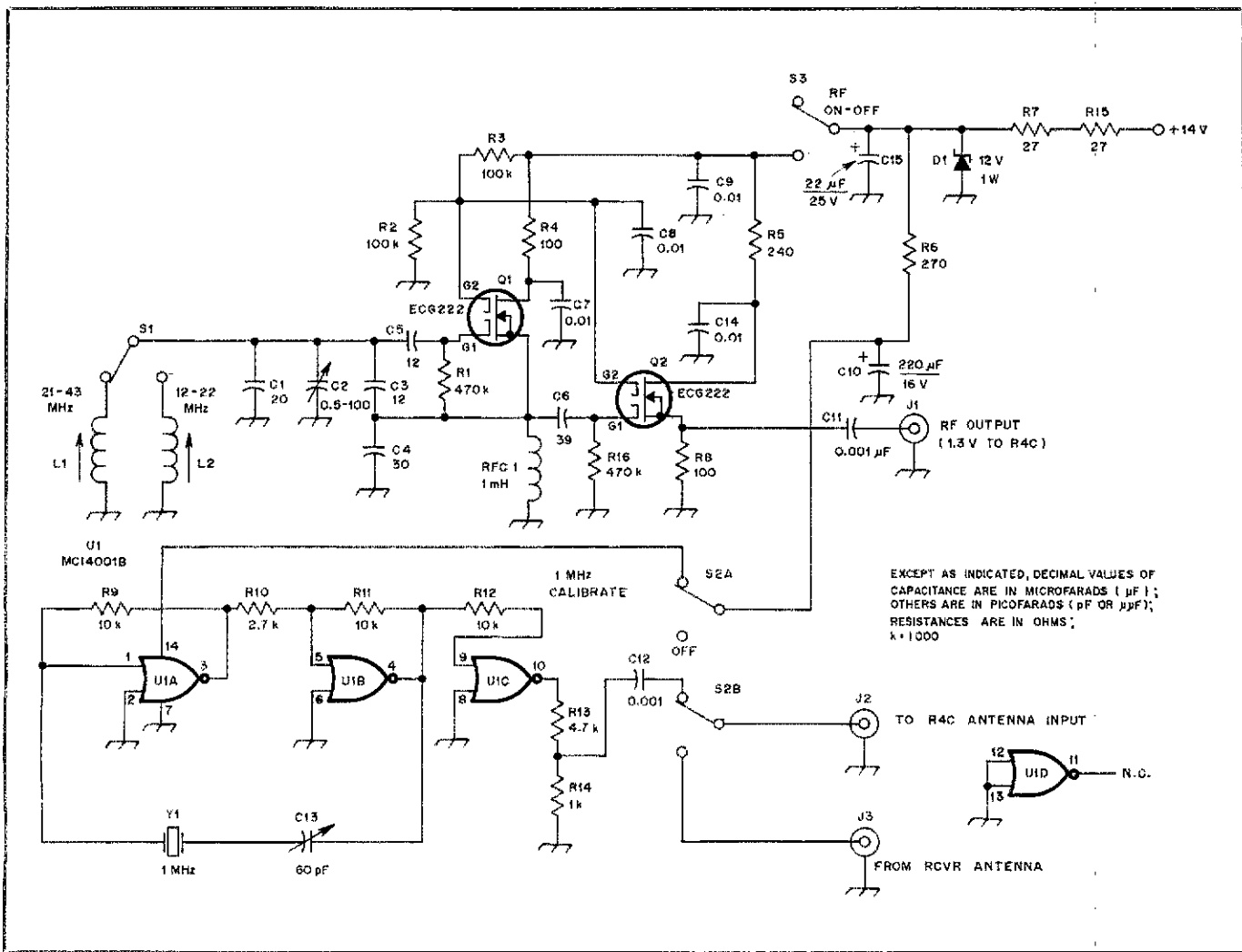


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the rf injection generator. All resistors are 1/4-watt types, 10% tolerance.

- C1 — 20 pF silver mica, 100 V.
- C2 — 0.5-100 pF air variable.
- C3, C5 — 12 pF silver mica, 100 V.
- C4 — 30 pF silver mica, 100 V.
- C6 — 39 pF silver mica, 100 V.
- C7, C8, C9, C14 — 0.01 µF disc ceramic, 50 V.
- C10 — 220 µF, 16-V electrolytic.
- C11, C12 — 0.001 µF disc ceramic, 50 V.
- C13 — 60 pF compression trimmer.
- C15 — 22 µF, 25-V electrolytic.
- D1 — 12-V, 1-W Zener diode.
- J1-J3, incl. — Phono jacks.
- L1 — Adjustable 0.5-0.7 µH, slug-tuned phenolic form, pc mount, 1/4-in. (6 mm) dia, 7 turns no. 24 enam. (see text).
- L2 — Adjustable 1.5-2.6 µH, same form as L1.
- 12 turns no. 24 enam.
- Q1, Q2 — N-channel, dual-gate MOSFET, 12,000 µmos, ECG222 or equivalent.
- S1 — Spdt slide switch (see text).
- S2 — Dpdt slide switch.
- S3 — Spdt slide switch.
- U1 — Quad NOR gate, MC14001B or equivalent.
- Y1 — 1-MHz crystal. HC-6/U holder.

EXCEPT AS INDICATED, DECIMAL VALUES OF CAPACITANCE ARE IN MICROFARADS (µF); OTHERS ARE IN PICOFARADS (pF OR µµF); RESISTANCES ARE IN OHMS; x = 1000

quencies of 21 to 43 MHz or 12 to 22 MHz, respectively. Approximately 1.6 volts at 12.6 MHz and 1.3 volts at 40 MHz is available from the generator when it is connected to the receiver. A crystal calibrator (U1) uses a quad NOR gate CMOS IC to generate a good, clean calibration signal for use between 1 and 30 MHz. S2, the calibrator ON/OFF switch, is wired to supply the calibrating signal to the R-4C antenna circuit when the calibrator is turned on, and connect the receiving antenna to the circuit when the calibrator is off.

Generator Construction

The most stringent construction requirement of the generator is the mechanical rigidity required to secure

oscillator stability. All components are mounted on a pc board; the overlay is shown in Fig. 2. An L shaped shield encloses the tunable generator circuitry. It is fashioned from pieces of single-sided pc board and connected to the main board by means of short lengths of bare wire. These wires (soldered to the copper foil of the shield pieces) are passed through small holes in the main pc board (not evident in the pc layout) and soldered to the ground foil of the main board.

C2, the tuning capacitor, is secured to the main pc board by means of an L shaped bracket made from sandwiched pieces of circuit board material. This bracket is mounted so it will align the tuning capacitor shaft with the vernier dial mechanism mounted on the front panel.

The vernier mechanism was removed from a readily available 8:1 reduction drive dial assembly (Calectro E2-744).† A piece of clear plastic, salvaged from an electronic parts package, is used as dial pointer. If the construction described is followed closely, the dial layout shown in Fig. 3 can be used. Any change in parts values in the VFO circuitry will cause a corresponding change in the tuning dial layout. The markings are used only to locate the correct calibration signal. If you wish to make your own dial layout, do so only after the generator has been completed and installed in the cabinet with the cover

†[Editor's Note: Various types of reduction drives are available from Radiokit, Box 411, Greenville, NH 03048.]

in place. A shadow front 3 × 5 × 4-inch (76 × 127 × 102-mm) metal box (Calce-tro H4-746) was used for the unit shown in the photographs.

The band switch is made from a slide switch (mounted on the main pc board) that has a piece of unclad circuit board material notched to fit the switch actuator and epoxied to it. This arrangement

results in a push-pull switch that is activated by the extension arm through an elongated slot in the front panel. The coil forms used for L1 and L2 are 1/4-inch (6.4 mm) slug-tuned pc-mount units from a Radio Shack assortment.

This receiving adapter is designed to use the +14 V supply available at the R-4C ACCESSORY socket. It has been observed

that some receivers have a high amount of ac ripple in the accessory supply, which causes ac modulation of the received signal. If an excessive amount of ac ripple is present in your receiver supply, the simple ripple filter shown in Fig. 4 may be constructed on a small piece of perf or pc board and attached to the rear of the oscillator compartment shield. Zener diode D1 and resistors R7 and R15 should be removed. The output of the ripple filter is then connected to the point on the circuit board that was formerly the junction of D1 and R7.

You should also check C166, C167 and C201 in the receiver accessory supply if it has a high ripple content. Note that the R-4C accessory supply is rated only for 50 mA and is not protected by a fuse. So make sure there are no wiring errors in the receiving adapter circuit!

Interconnection

A short piece of RG-174/U coaxial cable is used to interconnect the rf generator and the R-4C. One end of the cable is terminated with a plug made from the bottom section of an HC-6/U crystal holder. The center conductor of the cable is connected to one pin, the other pin is left empty and the braid of the cable is attached to the body of the crystal case which is then filled with epoxy. When connecting the generator to the receiver, the crystal holder plug is arranged so that the center conductor of the cable from the generator is connected to the *top* hole of an auxiliary crystal socket at the rear of the R-4C. *Nothing* is connected to the bottom pin of the socket. A partial diagram of the R-4C circuitry involved is shown in Fig. 5. A ground lead (made

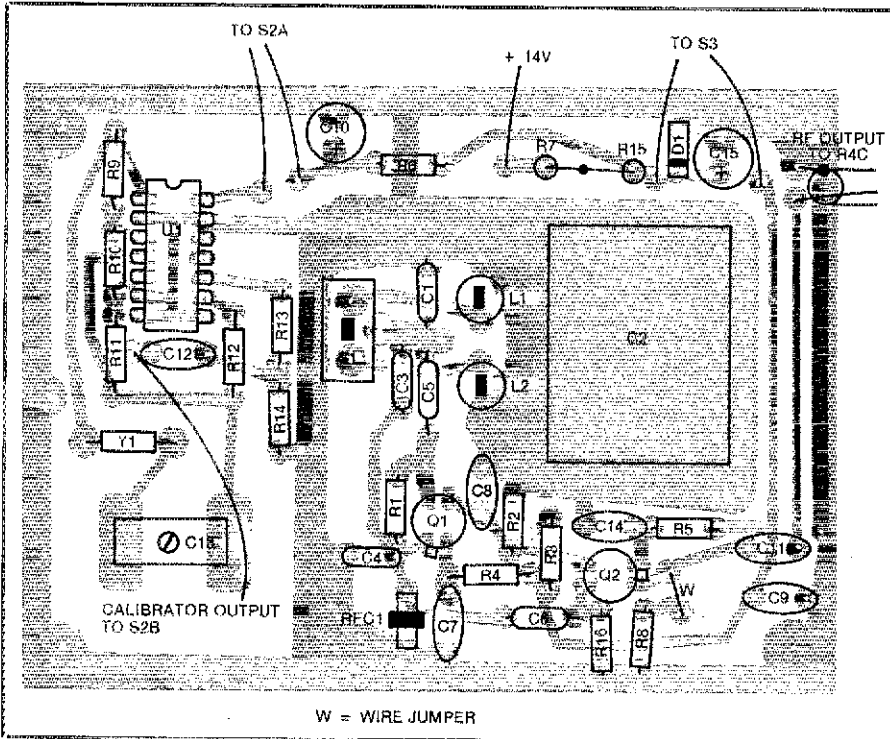


Fig. 2 — Parts-placement guide for the general-coverage receiving adapter. Parts are placed on the unclad side of the board; the shaded area represents an X-ray view of the copper pattern.

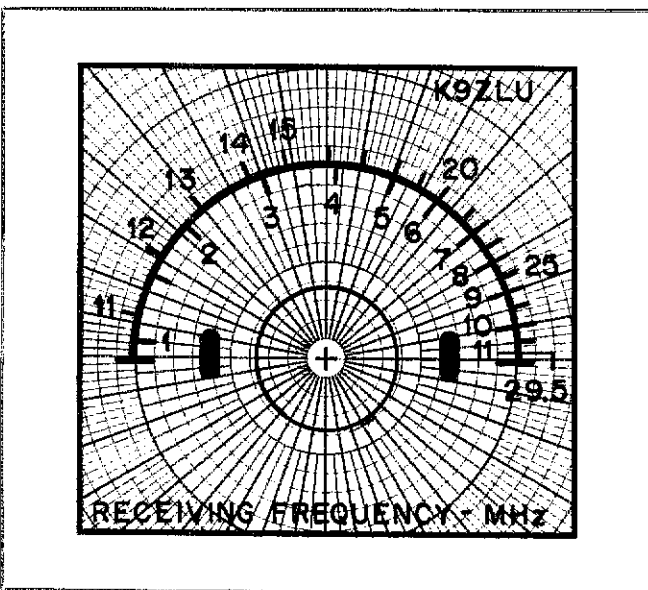


Fig. 3 — The dial layout for the general-coverage receiving adapter. If the VFO circuit parts values do not vary widely from those given in Fig. 1, this pattern may be used directly. Refer to the text for further information.

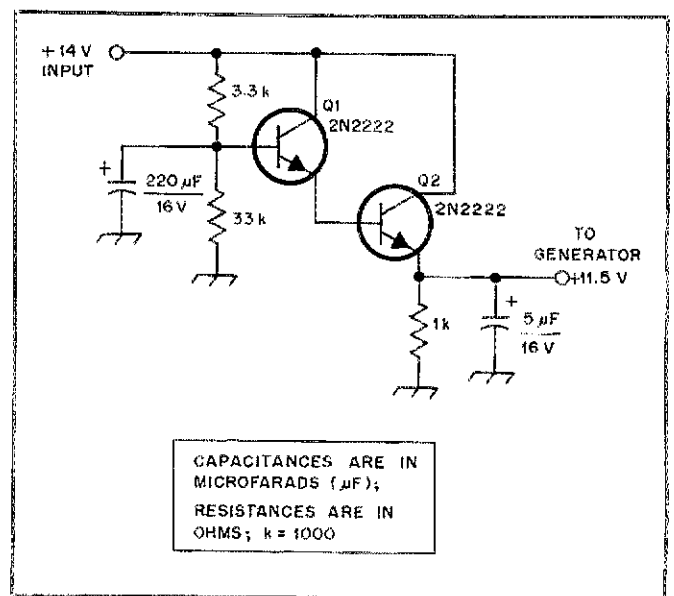


Fig. 4 — This optional ripple filter may be constructed on a piece of perf or pc board. Its use is discussed in the text.
Q1, Q2 — Npn silicon bipolar transistor, general purpose type, 500 mW, 2N2222 or equivalent.

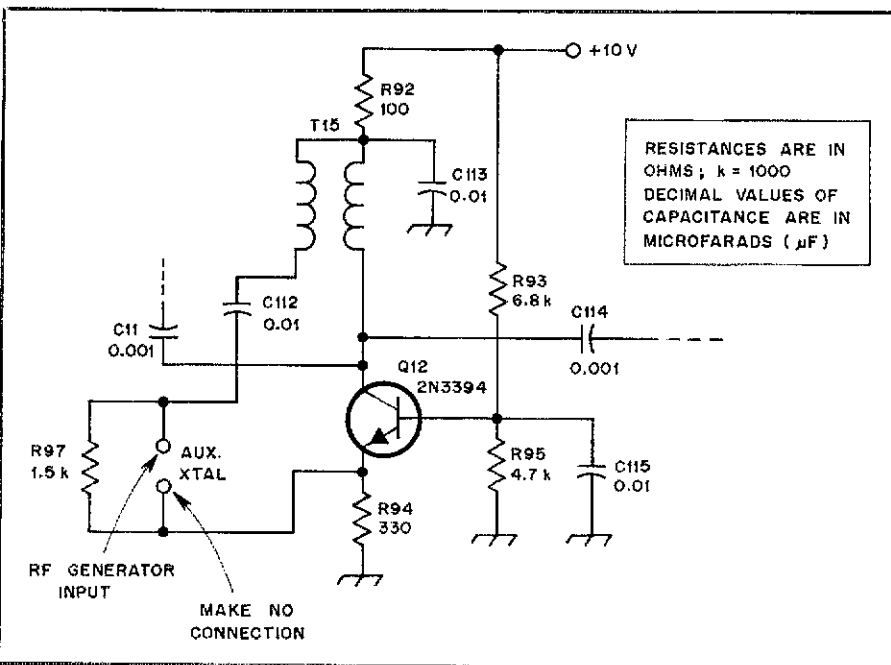


Fig. 5 — A partial diagram of the R-4C crystal oscillator circuitry. Component designations are those of the manufacturer.

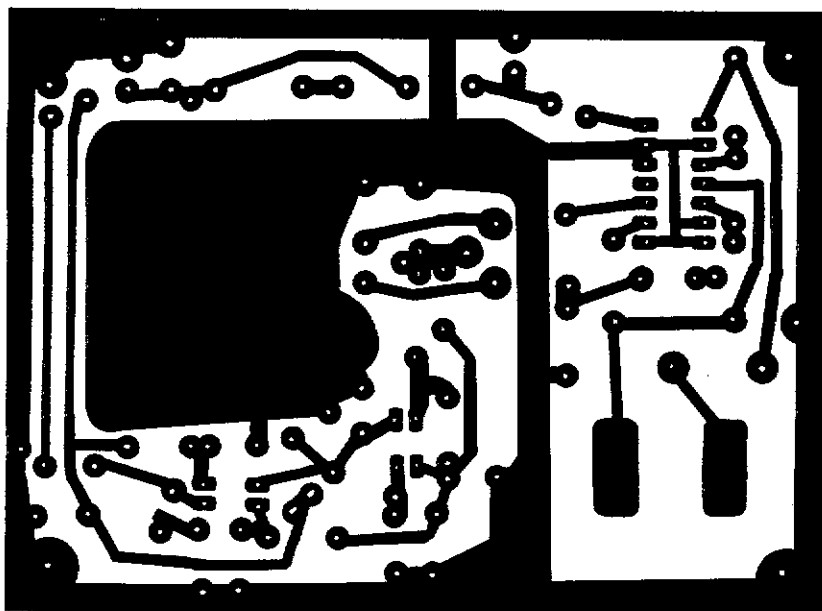


Fig. 6 — Circuit-board etching pattern for the general-coverage receiving adapter (see the parts layout of Fig. 2). Black represents copper. The pattern is shown at actual size from the foil side of the circuit board.

from a piece of coaxial cable braid) is connected between the ground foil of the generator circuit board and the receiver chassis. This additional ground lead helps reduce the detuning effects of hand capacitance. Keep all connecting leads as short as possible.

Preliminary Checks

After making the proper generator/receiver interconnections, turn on the receiver, generator and 1-MHz calibrator. Check for a calibrator signal at 4, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz. Once calibrator operation has been ensured, check to see if the rf generator is working properly. With the generator band switch in the 1 to 11 MHz position and the generator oscillator tuned to 14 MHz, a 14 MHz signal should be audible in the receiver (XTAL switch in NORMAL position.) Remember, with the generator band switch in the 1 to 11 MHz position, the generator produces an rf signal between 12.1 and 22.1 MHz. With S1 in the 11 to 30 MHz position, a 22.1 to 40.6 MHz signal is generated. A 28 MHz signal should be located with S1 in the 11 to 30 MHz position.

Calibration

The enclosure cover must be in place before calibration can be completed. Start by tuning the R-4C to a 7-MHz signal with the XTAL switch in the NORMAL position. Then tune the generator to 7 MHz and adjust L2 so the 7-MHz signal can be received. Next, locate a signal at 4 MHz. Adjust the generator dial pointer and coil L2 to locate the 4- and 7-MHz calibration points as accurately as possible. Set the R-4C to receive WWV at 10 MHz and adjust C13 in the calibrator circuit for zero beat. You may need to readjust coil L2 and the dial pointer to ensure the 4- and 10-MHz dial settings are accurate. The 11- to 30-MHz band is calibrated in a similar manner by adjusting coil L1 and using the 20-, 15- and 10-meter bands for alignment purposes.

While the R-4C was not designed for receiving signals below 1.5 MHz, I have been able to receive strong broadcast stations at frequencies as low as 1 MHz while using the rf injection generator. Three units have been built according to the information given here and all three have worked flawlessly. Have fun and many enjoyable hours of listening!

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ANOTHER ATLANTIS?

The Bowie (Maryland) Amateur Radio Club will be operating a mini-DXpedition from Tangier Island, Virginia, May 23 at

0000Z to May 25 at 1500Z. Each year, the club operates from a remote island on which no amateur activity has previously taken place; Tangier Island, it has been predicted, will eventually disappear from Chesapeake Bay because of erosion. To receive an Island Certificate, amateurs working the station, N3GR/4, should

send a large s.a.s.e. and a QSL card to John Rouse, KA3DBN, P. O. Drawer M, Bowie, MD 20715. Cw — about 40 kHz up from the bottom of 80 through 10 meters; Novice — 7125, 3725, 21,125 and 28,125 kHz; ssb — 3895, 7245, 14,305, 21,380 and 28,590 kHz. — John Rouse, KA3DBN, Bowie, Maryland

Product Review

Conducted By Paul K. Pagel,* N1FB

Kenwood TS-830S HF Transceiver

Intense interest? That would be an understatement of the atmosphere created at Hq. by the announcement and subsequent arrival of the TS-830S. Why? Well, some of its more salient features are a double-conversion receiving system, a choice of a number of cw filter options at *both* intermediate frequencies, the inclusion of independent variable bandwidth tuning (VBT), and *IF SPLIT* with a tunable i-f notch as well as receiver and transmitter incremental tuning (RI, STI). Fixed-frequency control (FIX), ssb off-the-air monitoring (MON), a 20-dB receiver front-end attenuator, noise blanker and transmitter rf-type speech processor are all push button selectable. The display hold (DH) switch will maintain digital readout of a chosen frequency while the VFO is tuned to another frequency — like an electronic note pad. There's also a built-in 25-kHz marker generator, manually selectable age functions (OFF, FAST, SLOW), and LEDs which indicate the operator's choice of RI, STI, RI ATTENUATOR, VFO, FIX and NOTCH.

Connections to and from a linear amplifier, monitor scope, and transverter are provided for on the rear panel by means of one 7-pin and two 8-pin DIN jacks. The 1/4-inch (6.4 mm) key jack, 1/8-inch (3.2 mm) external speaker jack, anti-VOX, bias, and rf output voltmeter controls, antenna and ground connectors, fuse, screen voltage on/off switch, and a very quiet PA cooling fan are also on the rear panel. The two-conductor (ungrounded) power cable is permanently wired into the unit; no multi-pin connector is used. Two predrilled holes are provided for additional phono jacks if required for some added function. All of the previously mentioned "goodies" are contained in a package smaller than that of the TS-820. Unlike the '820, no provisions have been made for use with a 13.8-V dc supply or fsk.

Some Features

A PLL circuit and programmable divider are used in the TS-830S which eliminates the need for separate heterodyne oscillator crystals for each band. This circuit uses a single 10-MHz crystal and with the 5.5- to 6-MHz VFO provides all the injection frequencies required by the transceiver.

QRM may be fought by using the variable bandwidth tuning (VBT), *IF SPLIT* and i-f notch controls of the '830. These features may be used independently or in conjunction with one another. VBT permits the operator to vary the i-f passband width within limits determined by i-f filters installed. With only the stock 2.4-kHz filter in the transceiver, an effective bandwidth of 500 Hz may be obtained at the narrowest setting of the control. The *IF SPLIT* moves the i-f passband frequencies higher or lower without upsetting the frequency to which the receiver is tuned, and it has an adjustment range of approximately ± 1.2 kHz. An interfering carrier within the passband of the filter may be reduced or eliminated by the notch filter in the receiver second i-f.

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Age is manually switched. Three switch positions are provided: FAST, SLOW or OFF. This is a welcome feature, especially for cw operators. Age action is smooth with no evidence of popping.

One attraction of the '830 for many amateurs is the use of reliable 6146B tubes in the final amplifier stage. They're proven performers and are still preferred by many operators. The '830 provides a bit more output than was available from the '820, too.

Operational Notes

One word could be used to sum up the on-the-air behavior of the '830 — smooth. The review unit was put into service in several "shacks" over a period of months. Contest operators commented favorably about the control locations. Audio-level balance between the internal speaker and headphones is excellent; tweaking the audio gain during such a

changeover is unnecessary. The audio quality of the internal 3-inch (76 mm) speaker is quite good, better than that of many units I have heard.

The digital frequency display will show the proper receive or transmit frequency, including the cw offset. It is fully operational beyond the 500-kHz frequency segments (unlike the TS-120), and the analog dial is like that of the TS-120. Analog-dial linearity error never exceeded approximately 800 Hz.

VFO stability is excellent both electrically and mechanically. To test the mechanical stability, I used the gravitational-attraction and manual-persuasion methods — dropping the front of the transceiver about 3 inches (76 mm) to the desk top and pounding on the top of the cabinet with a clenched fist. A considerable amount of physical abuse was required to shift

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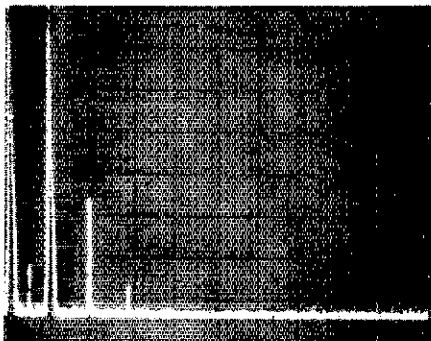


Fig. 1 — Spectral display of the TS-830S on 160 meters (worst case). Vertical divisions are 10 dB each; horizontal divisions, 2 MHz. Second harmonic output is approximately 45 dB below the peak of the fundamental. The TS-830S complies with current FCC regulations regarding spectral purity.

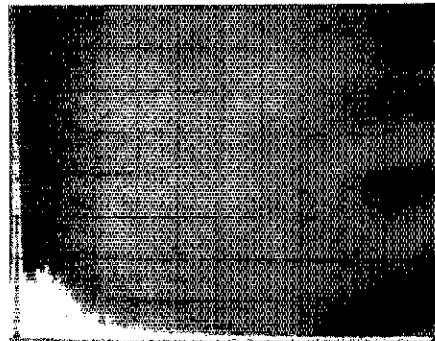


Fig. 2 — Spectral display of noise about the carrier frequency of the TS-830S. The carrier is at the left. Output power is 100 watts at a frequency of 14.25 MHz. Vertical divisions are 10 dB each; horizontal divisions are 20 kHz each. The bottom line of the trace is the analyzer noise floor at 80 dB below peak output.

the VFO frequency even slightly.

Receiver "birdies" are at a bare minimum and very weak; in no instance did one cause the S meter to move. With an antenna connected to the transceiver, none was discernible. Only one response was noted to be in-band (1.843 MHz), two are out of band (7.343 and 7.464 MHz), and all others occur at frequency segment edges (0 or 500 kHz).

Many airborne pulse-type noises were effectively reduced or eliminated by the noise blanker. The effectiveness of the blanker is dependent on the frequency of operation and the noise source itself. In some instances, it was found to work well against the "woodpecker."³ The blanker threshold is adjustable from the front panel. Care should be taken to avoid excessive blanker gain, especially with crowded band conditions, because distortion products will become evident within the receiver — you'll hear QRM you ordinarily wouldn't.

The receiver and transmitter incremental-tuning controls (RIT/XIT) are useful in avoiding interference and also in snagging that hard-to-get DX station in a pileup. The range is somewhat limited, approximately ± 2 kHz, and I felt a range of ± 5 kHz would be more suitable.

WARC, AUX and FIX

In the stock transceiver, the three WARC bands (10, 18 and 24.5 MHz) are operational during receive only, but a simple modification outlined in the manual enables transmission. The bands may be added singly (by removing individual diodes) or simultaneously (by cutting a wire). The latter method is far easier because the diodes are somewhat inaccessible.

An auxiliary (AUX) position on the BAND switch permits the user to install components to provide for receive only operation on yet another frequency range of choice. The FIX button selects a single, user-supplied crystal for operation on a specific frequency (MARS or AUTOSTART, for instance). To gain access to the crystal socket, the bottom cover of the '830

[Editor's Note: The "woodpecker" is a pulse transmission frequently heard in the 20-meter amateur band, occasionally in others. The pulse duration and repetition rate create a woodpecker-like sound when the signal is tuned in a receiver.]

³Baldwin and Sumner, "The Geneva Story," QST, February 1980, p. 53.

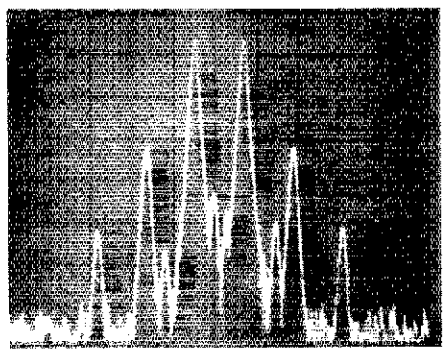


Fig. 3 — Two-tone, third-order transmitter IMD spectral display of the TS-830S. Operating frequency is 14.250 MHz; power input, 110 watts average; vertical divisions, 10 dB; horizontal divisions, 1 kHz. The third-order distortion products are approximately 32 dB below PEP output; individual tones are 6 dB below PEP output. All measurements were made in the ARRL lab.

Table 1

Kenwood TS-830S Transceiver, Serial No. 1020313

Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage: 160-10 meters, WARC bands included.
 Modes of operation: ssb/cw.
 Readout: analog and digital; 6-digit, fluorescent-blue digital display.
 Resolution: analog, 1 kHz; digital, 100 Hz.
 kHz/turn of knob: not specified.
 Backlash: not specified.
 RIT/XIT range: ± 2 kHz.
 I-f notch depth: >40 dB.
 Receiver attenuator: 20 dB.
 S-meter sensitivity ($\mu\text{V/S9}$): not specified.

dB/S unit: not specified.

Receiver sensitivity: 0.25 μV for 10 dB S + N/N.

Audio power output (8-ohm load): 1.5 W
 Power consumption: receive (heaters off), 32 W; transmit, 295 W.

Transmitter rf power output: not specified.
 Spurious suppression: better than 60 dB.
 Harmonic suppression: better than 40 dB.
 Carrier suppression: better than 40 dB.
 Third-order IMD: better than -36 dB.
 Key-down time limitation: cw — 1 minute.
 Frequency stability: within 1 kHz during the first hour after 1 minute of warmup; within 100 Hz during any 30-minute period after warmup.

Size (HWD): 5.3 x 13.3 x 13.3 inches (133 x 333 x 333 mm).

Weight: 29.8 lb (13.5 kg).

Color: gold-brown gray.

Measured in ARRL Lab

As specified plus approximately 70 kHz beyond upper and lower band edges.

As specified.
 0.25-inch (6.4 mm) digits

As specified.

25

Nil

-1.5, +1.9 kHz

30 dB

As specified.

160 m, 56; 80 m, 56; 40 m, 56; 30 m, 100; 20 m, 56; 17 m, 48; 15 m, 75; 12 m, 54; 10 m, 67.

From S5 to S9, 5 dB; below S5, non-linear and less than 5 dB/unit.

Receiver dynamics measured with optional YK-88C and YG-455C 500-Hz i-f filters installed.

	80 m	20 m
Noise floor (MDS) dBm:	-136	-136
Blocking DR (dB):	129	noise limited
Two-tone 3rd order		
IMD DR (dB), high- and low-frequency products:	83 (h) 89 (l)	82 (h) 89 (l)
Third-order input intercept	-13.5 (h) -5 (l)	-13 (h) -5 (l)

As specified.

Not measured.

>100 W every band.

-62 dB

Approximately -45 dB on 160 m (worst case).

As specified.

-32 dB (see spectral photos)

<10-Hz drift from a cold start to 30 minutes later. (Measured with transmitter operating at 80-W input, key down.)

must be removed, but the crystal trimmer can be reached by means of an access hole in the cabinet bottom.

SSB

DX-station reports repeatedly attested to the effectiveness of the speech processor; it is an rf type and utilizes the 8.83-MHz i-f filter to "scrub" the signal. Therefore, substitution of the narrower YK-88SN (1.8-kHz) optional filter is not advised in an attempt to narrow the receiver passband; the VBI (variable bandwidth tuning) function may be used instead. Some of the natural voice quality is lost when the pro-

cessor is used, but this is characteristic of these devices. In addition to the use of the transceiver metering system, operation of the processor can be readily verified by observing the output waveform displayed on the station monitor scope (what do you mean, you don't have one?) and by using headphones (to avoid feedback) with the monitoring feature of the '830. Some "talk-back" was noted during ssb operation while wearing headphones (MONI switched off), but it was not noticed when using a speaker.

The operator should ensure that the DRIVE control of the '830 is properly peaked. Otherwise the ale meter indications will be low. This might lead to improper adjustment of the MIC gain or PROCESSOR LEVEL controls and earn you a bad on-the-air reputation. When the controls are properly adjusted, the meter ale indications are sharp and reliable.

Both high- and low-impedance microphones may be used with the TS-830S. With low-impedance types, the MICROPHONE gain will simply be set at a higher level. A four-pin microphone connector is used.

CW

Early in the review period, cw operation was undertaken with only the 2.4-kHz ssb filter in the transceiver. By using the VBI, B SHIFT, NOTCH and TONE controls to advantage, I was quite satisfied with the receiver performance. It

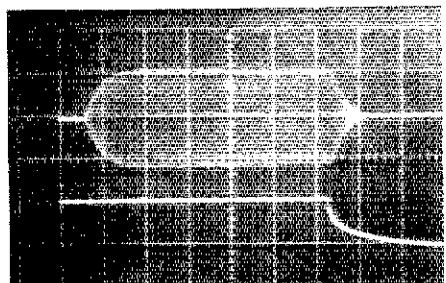


Fig. 4 — Keyed cw waveform of the TS-830S. The CAR control has been adjusted for no ale indication as described in the text. This waveform is essentially click free.

is conceivable that the occasional cw operator might never need to add the sharper cw filters; you can always install them at your leisure. But dyed-in-the-wool cw operators will rejoice at the choice of options afforded them. The review unit was later operated with 500-Hz filters in both i-fs and then with the 250-Hz filter in the second i-f. My opinion (and that of many other operators) is that the combination of the two 500-Hz filters provides sufficient selectivity for all but the most critical situations. There's even an optional 270-Hz filter for the first i-f, if you're not satisfied! Filter installation takes only about 10 minutes. I'm sure someone is bound to offer a filter-switching addition for the '830. Perhaps a post-filter amplifier stage will also be included since there is none supplied with the '830 to make up for the additional filter loss, although this created no great difficulty.

The cw-output waveform is well-shaped. Care must be taken to ensure that the CW level control is adjusted to the point where no alc reading is indicated on the meter. This manner of adjustment is not pointed out in the operator's manual, but should be observed in order to prevent making the wavefront too sharp, which would result in the generation of key clicks.

When using VOX keyed cw (so-called "semi break-in") the initial code element is shortened, and a steep wavefront is created that definitely will produce a click. This is characteristic of all transceivers which use similar VOX-keyed T-R systems for cw operation. Also, the VOX will drop out between words at slow cw speeds even with the DLY V control set at maximum. One way to avoid both these situations is to use the SEND REC switch or PTT operation; a foot switch may be connected by means of the accessory jack if desired. I modified the VOX delay circuitry for a longer delay time constant to suit my operating tastes. The procedure is outlined in the "Hints and Kinks" section of this issue.

In the cw positions of the MODE switch, a low-pass filter is switched into the audio chain to attenuate the higher audio frequencies and make copying a bit less tiring. Use of the TONE control will also help.

RTTY, SSIV and ASCII

To operate these modes, interconnections are made to the MIC and SENDER jacks. There is no RTTY position on the MODE switch, and operation takes place with the ssb filter in place on Isb. Here, the VFO and H STUN functions will come in handy during reception. The manufacturer recommends that the final-amplifier input power be reduced to less than 100 watts during these modes of operation. However, the measured efficiency at that power-input level is poor — about 20%.

The instruction manual contains a number of errors of different types, and some information I felt would be helpful is lacking. The description of the location and means of access to the final-amplifier neutralizing capacitor is incorrect. This capacitor may be found mounted in an inverted position beneath the plate tuning capacitor with the shaft protruding near a notch in the final-amplifier tube-socket mounting board. Switches S19 and S21, which appear on the schematic, are not mentioned in the text, but are part of the SWR and EXT VFO jacks, respectively. When the appropriate plug is inserted into the jack, the switches are automatically activated.

A 7-pin DIN plug is supplied for use with the

REMOTE jack, but no 8-pin plug for the VSWR jack. These 8-pin plugs may be obtained directly from Kenwood.

Some TS-830S owners have reported an intermittent shift in display and operating frequency (no such problem was experienced with the review unit). The cause may be traced to a loose self-tapping screw on the V-SWR unit (X49-1140-00). Kenwood service bulletin no. 840 recommends placing a toothed lock washer between the pc board and heat sink at two screw locations.

Conclusions

Did I like its performance? You bet! So did everyone else who had a chance to use it. The '830 is an ideal unit for fixed-station operation and small enough to grab by its built-in handle and take on vacation with you. Whether your operating style is casual or contest, the TS-830S has a lot to offer you.

Among the extra "goodies" available to accompany the '830 are two VFOs, the VFO-230 and VFO-120. The '230 is a 20-Hz-step digital VFO with five memories while the '120 is the analog unit which also mates with the TS-120 transceiver. The TS-830S is available from Trio-Kenwood Communications, Inc., 1111 W. Walnut St., Compton, CA 90220. Price class: TS-830S, \$930; VFO-120, \$160; VFO-230, \$300. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

CUSHCRAFT A3 TRIBAND ANTENNA

The arrival of the A3 had been perfectly timed — just before the beginning of a spring holiday weekend — and the prospect of good weather was encouraging. Three hours (and a couple of big insect bites) after the box was opened, the A3 was ready to have the coaxial feed line attached. No parts were missing except the weatherproof connector boots which the enclosed literature stated were supplied for use with the PL-259 connectors. I was later informed by the manufacturer that no such boots are included in the A3 package and that the paperwork had been mistakenly packaged with some of the earlier A3s.

Mechanical Aspects

A 3-16 inch (4.8 mm) thick, 6 inch (152 mm) square plate is used for the boom-to-mast

adaptor. Solid aluminum V blocks are used for the plate-to-mast clamping pieces, not a type of plastic as found on some antennas. The element ends are slotted to provide a good mechanical and electrical connection between the sections of telescoping tubing, but no conductive grease is supplied.

The 12 traps are rated for full-legal-power handling capability, separate traps being used for the 10- and 15-meter bands on each element. All parts are rugged and of good quality. I would have preferred stainless-steel worm-gear clamps at all the required positions; that type is used only at the boom splice and on the center section of the driven element. The other clamps are those which employ a machine screw for tightening the clamp.

If any newcomers may be contemplating the assembly of the A3, remember to check the trap labels, keep the arrows on the labels pointing toward the boom, and keep the drain holes in the traps pointing downward. Otherwise, you'll have the traps reversed, and in the second instance, you'll not allow for proper drainage of accumulated moisture from the traps.

Three sets of element-length measurements are suggested by the manufacturer for different portions of the bands; phone, cw and mid-band. A glance at the manufacturer's VSWR charts for the A3 and some thinking about which mode you most often use will help you make your choice. I used center-band lengths. Some touching up of element lengths may be required at any one particular installation. In my case, I elected to lengthen the element tips by 1/2 inch (13 mm) to move the 20-meter VSWR curve slightly to favor the cw portion of the band. This resulted in the curve being shifted approximately 50 kHz lower, still providing good coverage of the whole band without an excessively high VSWR. The SWR curves shown in Fig. 5 are the results obtained at these settings.

Fig. 6 shows a close-up of the driven element. The center section of the driven element is a piece of fiberglass tubing 1/8 inch (4 mm) thick, 10 inches (254 mm) long and 1 inch (25.4 mm) in diameter. This insulates the feed point from the boom. The coaxial feed line has the braid and center conductor separated for a length of 4 inches (102 mm) for attachment to the feed point. An 8-turn, 6 inch (152 mm) diameter feed-line choke is formed from part

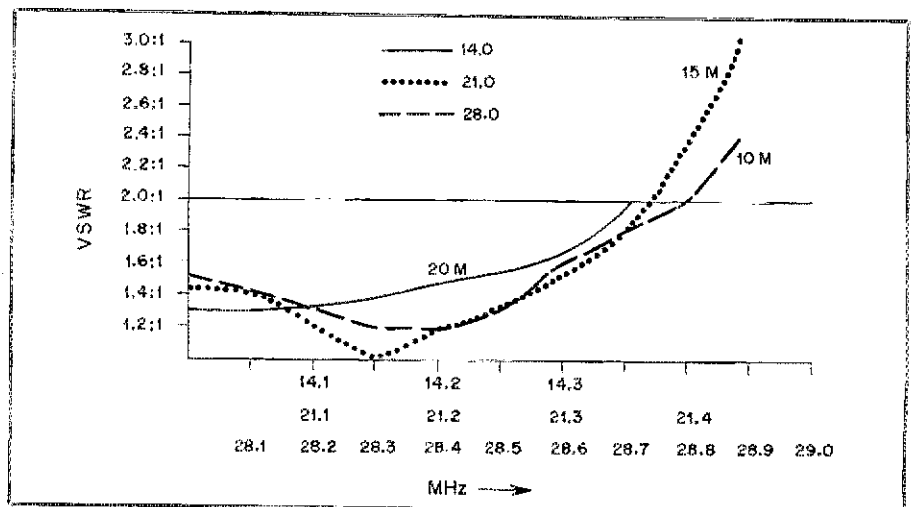


Fig. 5 — SWR curves for the Cushcraft A3 installed at N1FB. Midband settings were used and the beam installed at a height of 30 feet (10 m).



Fig. 6 — A piece of fiberglass tubing serves as a driven element insulator. The clamps, screws and bolts have been coated with a clear waterproof sealant for weatherproofing.

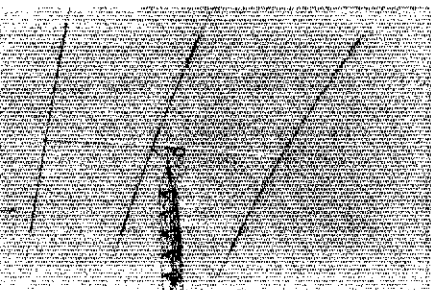


Fig. 7 — The Cushcraft A3 triband beam is shown here ready for action on 20, 15 or 10 meters. The feed-line choke is attached to the boom.

of the feed line. I taped and clamped the choke to the boom with a stainless-steel hose clamp. This choke may be seen in Fig. 7.

The A3 has been a good performer during the many months it's been in service. Good front-to-back and front-to-side ratios have been observed on both DX and local signals on all three bands. No "cold" numbers are available for such ratios. The ARRL does not have an antenna testing range to accurately measure such parameters, and measurements performed at different station locations with the same antenna would likely produce varying results. No structural failures have occurred since the antenna was installed despite some rough New England weather conditions.

The low values of SWR encountered have made operating with broadbanded transceivers a pleasure. Changing bands becomes a simple matter of flipping the band switch to the desired band of operation. It would be somewhat ridiculous to use a "no-tune" transceiver and have to use a Transmatch!

The Cushcraft A3 is available from: Cushcraft Corp., 48 Perimeter Rd., P. O. Box 4680, Manchester, NH 03108. Price class: \$220. — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB*

MIRAGE B-23 2-METER, 30-WATT, ALL-MODE AMPLIFIER

If a piece of equipment has a lot of knobs and switches, a reviewer can go on ad nauseam listing every detail of operation. But what do you say about something that has no switches or knobs to fiddle with? Well, it is certainly simple to operate. In fact the B-23 is so simple to use that one can easily install it out of sight (under the dash?) and forget about it.

The active device in the circuit is a Motorola MRF-240, which is a relatively new 40-W vhf device that is capable of being operated in a linear mode. The circuit is designed so that the

The ARRL Antenna Book, thirteenth edition, pp. 115-116.
The ARRL Antenna Anthology, pp. 145-148.

Table 2

Mirage B-23 Serial No. 868-980

Manufacturers Claimed Specifications

Frequency range: 144 to 148 MHz
Power input: 100 mW to 5 W maximum
Power output: 30 W for 2-W input
Modes: fm, cw and ssb
DC power input: 13.6 V dc at 5 A nominal
Size: 2.25 × 4.75 × 4 in. (57 × 120 × 102 mm)
Weight: 1.25 lb (0.57 kg).

Measured in ARRL Lab

144 to 148 MHz
100 mW to 5 W
30 W for 5-W input, 25 W for 1.5-W input
3.5 to 3.8 A at 13.8 V dc (varies with drive).

amplifier is limited to about 30-W output when operated within specifications, thus contributing to the safety margin and longevity of the MRF-240. With about 1-1/2 W drive (fm carrier), the amplifier produces an output power of 25 W. Under these conditions, it draws about 3.5 A from a 13.8-V source. If the driving power is raised to 5 W, the output power increases to 30 W and current consumption to 3.8 A. The MRF-240 is designed to withstand high VSWR without self-destruction, but at reduced output. When operated into a load with a VSWR of 2:1, the B-23 output power was reduced by about 20%.

I used the amplifier strictly with a low-powered fm driver — it certainly seems to be ideal for that. But there is another side to the B-23; it can be used as a linear amplifier for low-level ssb signals. Spectral examination indicates that its linearity is as good as any other solid-state, 2-meter linear power amplifier that we have checked in the lab. It would appear that the B-23 is also a good choice for those having a low-powered, 2-meter ssb unit.

The B-23 has adequate output filtering to ensure that spurious signals outside the passband are attenuated more than enough to meet current FCC specifications. Part of this filter, including two harmonic traps, is always in the circuit whether the B-23 is powered or not. This is significant because the amplifier has a T-R relay that is actuated by an rf-sensing circuit. A small portion of the signal present at the input is diode rectified and triggers a transistor relay driver. A diode is a nonlinear device that does an excellent job of generating harmonics. Therefore, if all the filter sections were switched out of circuit when the amplifier was not powered, the resultant output could contain harmonics with amplitudes well above the maximum allowed. A number of amplifiers currently being sold suffer from this design problem — they are not advertised in *QST* because of this. Happily, the B-23 passed this check with flying colors.

With dc power applied and with no signal present at the input, the B-23 draws less than 4 mA. Theoretically, a typical automobile battery could be expected to last for several thousand hours under this current drain without need of recharging. However, my personal inclination is to turn everything off when I get out of my car (actually, a heavy-duty relay energized by the ignition switch does this for me). I would recommend that the user install a toggle switch of adequate rating so that he may turn the amplifier on and off at will. An LED and a current-limiting resistor could be added as a visual indicator of the status of the amplifier. In a mobile installation, the switch, LED and resistor could be placed conveniently near the operating position with the amplifier mounted safely out of sight.

A few words about the B-23 construction are

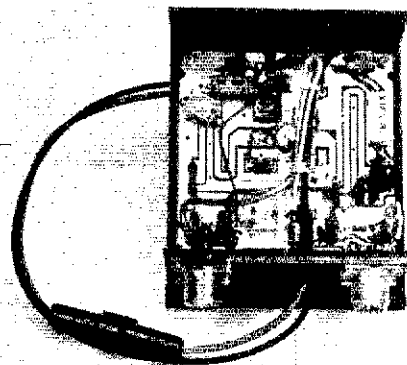


Fig. 8 — Neat, compact layout of the B-23 amplifier. This package can easily be tucked out of sight — even in today's compact cars.

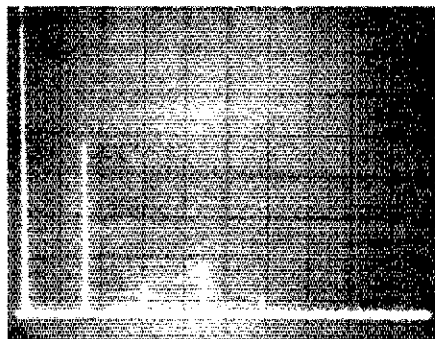


Fig. 9 — ARRL-lab spectral photograph of the output of the Mirage B-23 amplifier. Vertical divisions are 10 dB each; horizontal divisions, 100 MHz. The fundamental frequency at 144.05 MHz has been attenuated approximately 32 dB by means of a two-cavity notch filter in order to prevent overload distortion in the spectrum analyzer. The B-23 complies with current FCC specifications regarding spectral purity.

in order. The circuit board is the usual glass epoxy, silver-plated stripline style that has become the vhf standard. The case and heat sink are made of heavy-duty, black anodized aluminum which contributes to durability and heat dissipation. It appears that quality components have been used throughout. A reverse-polarity protection diode is connected across the dc line after the fuse.

In short, I am pleased with the performance, construction and design of this amplifier. Anyone looking for an amplifier to go with his hand-held should give consideration to the B-23 — particularly if low-power ssb operation is contemplated. Further information may be obtained from Mirage Communications Equipment, Inc., Box 1393, Gilroy, CA 95020. Price class: \$90. — *Peter O'Dell, KB1N*

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5-A JOAFER FEEDBACK AND UPDATE

All voltage regulators are not created equal! After our article appeared last November¹ we received a letter from Virgil Leenerts, W0INK. He warned us that he had experienced difficulty with some 3-terminal, 1-A monolithic regulators when employed, as we suggested, with diodes in series with pin 3 (common). The circuit arrangement is depicted in Fig. 1. His experience was that the regulator would self-destruct if the output of the regulator were shorted to ground. He suggested that we experiment with the 5-A variety and determine if the same problem existed for the higher-current models.

First we connected the common and input of a Fairchild 78H12 regulator to a 20-V supply and shorted the output to ground (common). The chip became quite warm; as soon as the short was removed, the output returned to 12 V. We then installed the diodes between pin 3 (common) and ground as shown in Fig. 1. Again the output was shorted to ground (not to common). After a few seconds, the case became quite hot. We removed the short and checked the voltage at the output — now 20 V! The regulator had failed; had there been 12-V equipment connected to the output, chances are that it would have been damaged. We then duplicated the tests with a National Semiconductor LM-340-K; it did not fail.

We contacted Fairchild and were told that they were unaware of any such problem, but that they would check into the matter and get back to us. A few days later the engineer from Fairchild called back and told us their laboratory had confirmed that the regulator could fail in this manner. He said that not every chip failed, but that enough did to suggest avoiding this circuit. Apparently the constant voltage drop of the diodes can reverse bias a transistor inside the regulator. This forces the internal pass transistor to turn on when it should be shut down.

Fairchild recommends a voltage divider approach for those circuits requiring a higher output voltage than the nominal voltage of the regulator chip (Fig. 2). Suppose that U1 is a 12-V regulator, and that we desire an output of 13.8 V. R1 is arbitrarily chosen to be 560 Ω. The value needed at R2 is calculated based on the formula

$$R2 = R1 \frac{V_N}{V_U}$$

where V_U is the nominal output voltage of the regulator chip and V_N is the difference between the desired output and V_U . From the formula, we determine that R2 should have a value of $560 \times 1.8 = 12$ or 84 Ω. A standard-value, 82-Ω resistor should work quite well. Because there is a constant potential of 12 V across R1, it will have a continuous current of 21 mA. This

*O'Dell and Shriner, "5-A Joafer," November 1980 QST, p. 43.

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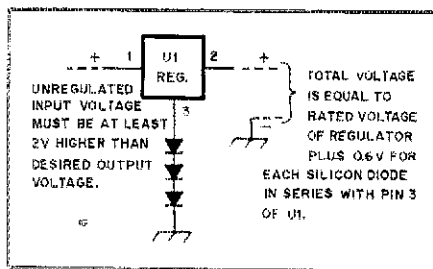


Fig. 1 — A common circuit for boosting the output voltage of a 3-terminal, voltage-regulator chip. Fairchild has determined that, under certain conditions, this circuit can cause failure of the regulator, resulting in the full input voltage appearing at the output terminal. If you use this circuit, the diodes should be removed for safety (see accompanying text).

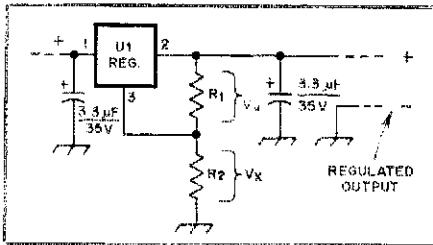


Fig. 2 — If you must raise the output voltage of a 3-terminal regulator, this is the circuit that Fairchild recommends. It would be wise to test the regulator by shorting the output to ground for a few seconds. If the output returns to normal after the short is removed, it should be safe to attach equipment.

means that the resistor will have a constant power dissipation of about 260 mW. A 1/2-watt resistor should provide an adequate safety margin for R1. A 1/2-watt resistor for R2 will also be adequate.

The circuit in Fig. 2 should be immune to the shortcomings of Fig. 1. It is now our recommendation, however, that you use 3-terminal regulator chips at their nominal output voltage just to be on the safe side. If it is necessary to raise this voltage, then use the circuit in Fig. 2. Nevertheless, it would be advisable to test your particular regulator chip by shorting the output to ground for a few seconds and then by checking the output with a voltmeter. If the circuit is safe, the chip should not be damaged; if it is not safe, it is better to find out now instead of later when several hundred dollars' worth of equipment may be connected to the supply.
Peter O'Dell, K8LN, and Bob Shriner, WA0UZO

COMPONENTS FOR MORSE READOUT DIGITAL DIAL

I would like to pass along to QST readers some information about obtaining components for the digital-dial Morse readout.¹ The 1981

Alliston, "A Morse Readout for Your Digital Dial," November 1979 QST, p. 33.

Jameco catalog (Jameco Electronics, 1355 Shoreway Rd., Belmont, CA 94002) lists the 74C915 7-segment to BCD decoder IC that many builders have had trouble locating. In fact, this catalog lists *all* of the ICs used in the project. — *Bill Alliston, W3ICB, 4880 Greensburg Rd., Murrysville, PA 15668*

FINE POINTS ON MODULATION SYSTEMS

The article on modulation systems in August 1980 QST is most interesting and informative. I would suggest only one change in the article. Mr. Greaves uses the term *deviation ratio*, D , as the ratio of the peak carrier-frequency deviation to the corresponding maximum-frequency component of the message. Most modern textbooks on the subject call this ratio the *modulation index*, β , and use the term *deviation ratio* to mean the peak carrier-frequency shift divided by the carrier frequency. The modulation index is usually defined in the way indicated for purely sinusoidal audio. This may be a small point, but I feel that modern terminology should be used to keep confusion from occurring when other articles are read. — *James N. Thurston, W4PPB, 322 Woodland Way, Clemson, SC 29631*

I read the article by Wayne Greaves, W0ZW, on modulation systems with great interest. I have worked with and designed modulation systems professionally for many years, and would like to point out that the noise performance of different systems can be obtained only by assuming that the same peak transmitter power and the same type of message signal exist in all systems. If this is done, dsb is 6 dB better than a-m, and ssb is 9 dB better than a-m. It is this 9 dB, plus the availability of good, low-cost band-pass filters, that has killed a-m in Amateur Radio systems.

As far as fm is concerned, it all depends on the deviation ratio. If this ratio is unity, the system is about 5 dB better than a-m because of the triangular noise spectrum. One can, of course, get better noise performance by increasing the deviation ratio, as Greaves explains in the article. — *Leland E. Thompson, K6SR, 14851 Devonshire Ave., Tustin, CA 92680*

RADIOTELEPRINTER CODES

In the September 1980 issue of QST, the article "ASCII, Baudot and the Radio Amateur," by G. W. Henry, Jr., K9CWT, perpetuates the misuse of two terms which have caused confusion for a long time. The terms are Baudot in reference to the teleprinter code, and baud rate in reference to signaling or pulsing rate.

The code shown in Table 1 of Henry's article is in reality the CITA alphabet no. 2 derived from Donald Murray's work at the turn of the

Greaves, "Modulation Systems and Their Noise Performance," August 1980 QST, p. 23. See reference 3.

century to free the telegraph operator from requiring a knowledge of the code structure. Baudot's work some 15 to 20 years earlier on multiplexing telegraph signals produced a different code structure (the real Baudot code) which resulted in the CCITT alphabet no. 1. Alphabet nos. 1 and 2 are similar only in having five elements per character, but the codes are otherwise entirely different, since they were developed to serve different requirements. Even the idle condition is different, Murray's idling on continuous marking and Baudot's idling on continuous spacing.

Baudot's code has never been used commercially in North America. When Messrs. Krumm developed the start-stop teleprinter in the U.S. in the 1910s, they chose a slightly modified version of Murray's code, and this has been used for five-level machines, essentially unchanged, ever since. In short, there is a Baudot code, and it is *not* used in North America. A very good reference on these codes is chapter 2 of *Telegraphy* by J. W. Freebody (Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, Ltd., London, England).

One often sees the term *baud rate* thrown about in current literature. Baud is, by definition, a rate. Therefore to talk of baud rate is to talk of the rate of a rate, which mathematically implies the rate of change of a rate. With care and attention, careless or uninformed use of terminology and the resulting confusion can be avoided. — Ernest J. Moore, VE3CZZ, 37 Ashgrove Cres., Nepean, ON K2G 0S1

TUNING AND CONSTRUCTING BALANCED TRANSMISSION LINES

In the December 1980 issue of *QST*, O'Dell illustrates the popular T-match circuit for tuning unbalanced coaxial transmission lines, and he describes a more complicated circuit for tuning balanced lines. If the T-match is a good circuit for unbalanced lines, then a balanced version of the T-match (see Fig. 3) could be used for tuning balanced lines. The balanced feeder itself could be made from equal lengths of coaxial cable suitably connected (see Fig. 4), thus forming a shielded balanced line to facilitate routing it between the antenna and the transmitter.

The balanced T-match, Fig. 3, requires fewer elements to tune and is easier to construct and adjust than the circuit described by O'Dell. T1.

O'Dell "Antennas and Grounds for Apartments," December 1980 *QST*, page 40.

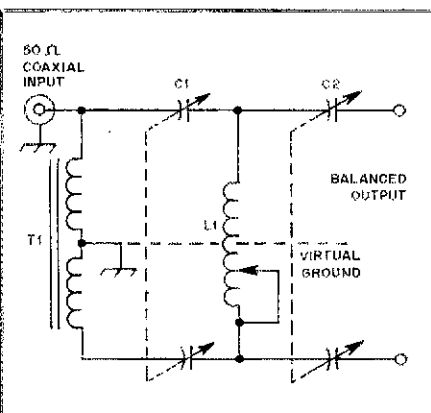


Fig. 3 — A balanced T-match for antenna transmission lines. T1 is a standard 1:4 toroidal balun. See text for values of C1, C2 and L1.

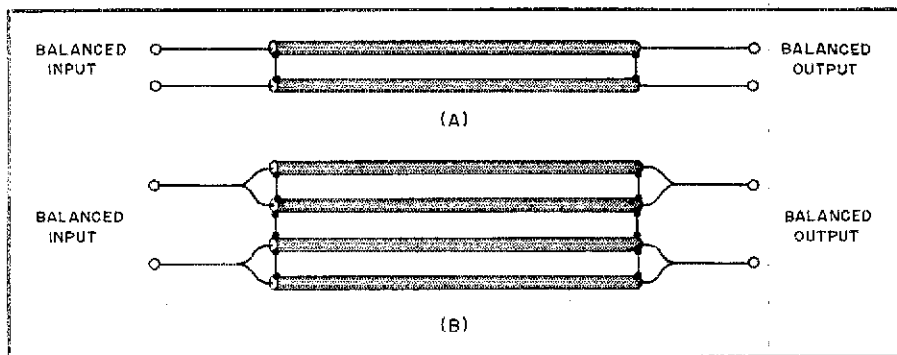


Fig. 4 — Shielded balanced transmission lines utilizing standard small-size coaxial cable, such as RG-58/U or RG-59/U. These balanced lines may be routed inside metal conduit or near large metal objects without adverse effects.

the balun transformer, provides the required unbalanced (transceiver output) to balanced transformation. Since it is on the *input* or matched side rather than the output unmatched side typical of most Transmatch circuits, its losses are minimized. Harmonic generation by the balun, which could be a problem for high SWR and power, is also avoided. The balanced T-match can be thought of as two unbalanced T-sections symmetrical with respect to "virtual" ground (the dashed line in Fig. 3). The load impedance to be matched is divided and balanced with respect to this ground. Thus for the same impedance match, balanced with reference to unbalanced, the series capacitive reactance values and the shunt inductive reactance value each side of virtual ground will be halved. The total inductance is twice its halved value, or the same value. In the circuit shown, T1 is a 1:4 balun and the load is matched to 200 ohms balanced instead of 50 ohms unbalanced. Therefore the component values used for the coaxial T-match should be satisfactory for its balanced cousin, except that dual-section capacitors are needed.

Shielded balanced lines are more useful than open-wire lines. Since there is no noise pickup on long lines they can be buried and they can be routed through metal buildings or inside metal piping. Shielded balanced lines having impedances of 140 ohms or 100 ohms can be constructed from two equal lengths of 70- Ω or 50- Ω cable (RG-59/U or RG-58/U would be satisfactory for amateur power levels). The shields are connected together (see Fig. 4A) and the two inner conductors are the balanced line. At the input, the coaxial shields should be connected to chassis ground; at the output (the antenna side), they are joined but left floating. A high power, low loss, low impedance 70- Ω (or 50- Ω) balanced line can be constructed from four coaxial cables. Again the shields are all connected together. The center conductors of the two sets of coaxial cables which are connected in parallel provide the balanced line. — John S. Belrose, VE2CV, 3 Tadoussac Dr., Aylmer, PQ J9J 1G1

HARDLINE CONNECTORS AND CORROSION

I read with interest the article in Hints and Kinks, September 1980 *QST*, "Connectors for CATV 'Hardline' and Hefax." The construction details for the 1/2-inch hardline were, to me, timely and very easy to follow.

I modified the adapter sleeve, however. Instead of the 1/2-inch ID aluminum sleeve to join the coaxial connector with the aluminum

jacket, I used copper tubing, slotted and tinned on the inside. My reasoning was based on the compatibility of metals. The EMF (volts) for copper is -0.20 , for tin-lead solder -0.50 and for aluminum -0.60 . I felt there would be less corrosion between the tinned copper surface and the connector or the aluminum jacket than between the aluminum sleeve and the connector. I also felt the aluminum oxide on the aluminum sleeve and the aluminum jacket would increase contact resistance. Further, the stainless steel clamp (the EMF is -0.20 volt, the same as copper) is more compatible with the copper sleeve adapter. — Dennis Pochmerski, WA2DBV, RD 1, Box 155, Freehold, NJ 07728

Feedback

□ "Receiving with Plessey ICs," April 1981 *QST*, page 13, did not carry a credit line for J. M. Bryant, G4CLF. The authors wish to acknowledge his part in developing the 80-meter receiver; he built the test model.

□ In Wetherhold's "Modern Design of a CW Filter Using 88- and 44-MHz Surplus Inductors," December 1980 *QST*, Fig. 1B should show a connection across the top two terminals of the left-most inductor in the lower stack.

□ The correct address for author Jim Pitts, KE4Y, whose article, "A QRP Transmitting Converter," appears in April 1981 *QST*, is 4113 Dienes Way, Louisville, KY 40216.

□ In "Results — 1980 Simulated Emergency Test," April 1981 *QST*, local activity listings for Michigan and Ohio were accidentally interchanged. Cheboygan/Presque Isle is actually in Michigan, while Columbiana and Montgomery/Greene Counties are actually in Ohio. The correct totals for these two ARRL sections are Michigan — 4148, Ohio — 9406.

□ CARRC (Canadian NewsFronts, March 1981 *QST*) have advised that although it is hoped that a second balloon package will be carried as a passenger on a scientific flight during 1981, no firm commitment has yet been negotiated. Present or future club participation in the space shuttle project should not be assumed. — James Barrie, VE4FK, Pinawa, Manitoba

Hints and Kinks

Conducted By Stuart Leland,* W1JEC

TS-830S VOX DELAY MODIFICATION

A number of TS-830S owners have commented that they felt the maximum VOX delay time offered is a bit too short when operating cw; this becomes quite apparent at slower keying speeds. This VOX circuit differs a bit from the ordinary in that it has been designed to offer two different delay time constants: a longer one for ssb and a shorter one for cw.

As shown in Fig. 1A, two capacitors, C48 and C49, are involved. During ssb operation Q14 shorts out C49, placing C48 in the circuit alone. When operating cw, C48 and C49 are in series, reducing the total capacitance from 3.3 μF to half that value.

To negate Q14 action, I removed C48 and C49 and replaced them with a single capacitor as shown in Fig. 1B. The AF unit pc board (X49-1140-00) must be removed to accomplish this. Five screws hold the board and associated heat sink in place on the chassis (do not remove the screws holding the board to the heat sink). No wires or connectors need be undone. Using a low-wattage soldering iron and wicking material, remove the two capacitors. Replace them with a single capacitor which has its positive terminal inserted into the pc board hole formerly occupied by that of C48; the negative end of the capacitor is soldered to the pad which held the negative terminal of C49 (ground foil). This leaves Q14 isolated and without effect on the VOX circuit delay.

I personally preferred a longer time constant than that originally afforded by the circuit and used a 6.8 μF Tantalum capacitor as a replacement. With front panel control of the delay time constant, I find there is sufficient range to suit my operating requirements. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB, ARRL Hq.

SOLAR PANEL CHARGES BOAT BATTERY

At trolling speeds the alternator on my boat does not rotate fast enough to charge the battery. As a result, the charge would become depleted over a period of five or six weeks. The sun's free energy provided an ideal solution to the problem.

I procured a 36-cell solar panel mounted on an aluminum T section that's about 4 feet (1.2 meters) long. The cells are so connected that they produce 0.5 A at 15 V. I bolted the panel to the stern of the boat in a position that is clear of the motor when the latter is in the tilt-up position. See Fig. 2. I wired the panel circuit in parallel with the alternator as indicated in Fig. 3. A diode protects the cells from fluctuating alternator voltage and from the battery voltage during noncharging hours. A 500-mA meter monitors the charging rate.

Results so far have been excellent. Over a year's time the battery did not run down nor was there any need to add water. The panel produces nearly 200 mA on a sunny day, while on dull days the output drops to 50 mA. If the battery is fully charged, the rate is automatically cut to a mere trickle.

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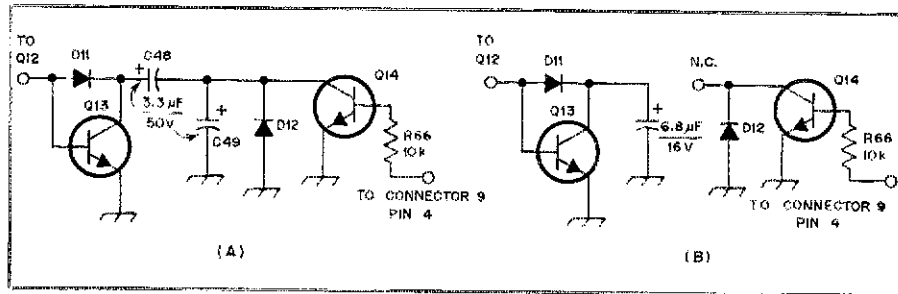


Fig. 1 — At A, a portion of the TS-830S VOX delay circuitry. The modified circuit is shown at B. Component designations are those of the manufacturer. Resistances are in ohms; k = 1000

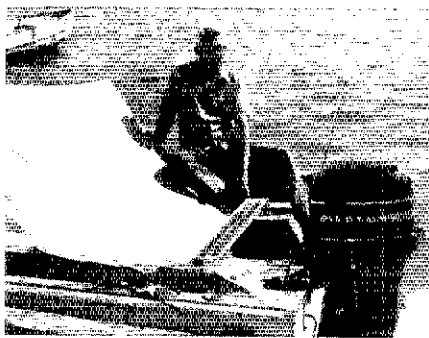


Fig. 2 — Walter Wright, WB5MQX, uses solar power to keep his boat battery fully charged. The 36-cell solar panel is positioned to clear the motor in its tilt-up position.

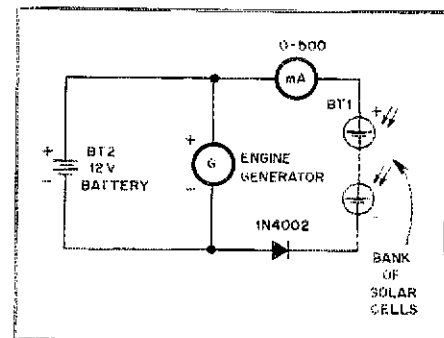


Fig. 3 — With this circuit, a storage battery can be kept fully charged with the help of sunlight. On a sunny day a 36-cell panel will provide a charging current of 200 mA.

A member of our radio club, Felix Campbell, K5DMU, simultaneously used the same idea for his boat. Neither of us was aware of the other's experiments. In view of our success, I am submitting my plan to *QST* in response to suggestions that I publicize it for the benefit of other amateurs. — Walt Wright, WB5MQX, Santa Fe, New Mexico

MAKING DOUBLE-SIDED CIRCUIT BOARDS

Perhaps one of the most difficult tasks in constructing double-sided photosensitive pc boards in the home is the alignment of the negatives (or positives) before exposing the board. A very simple and inexpensive method is used in the ARRL lab. It requires a piece of sheet glass the same thickness as the pc board to be used. The size depends on how large the pc pattern happens to be.

A scrap of pc board is butted against the edge of the glass. One negative is then placed on the top of the glass and the edge of the negative is taped to the scrap pc board with masking tape. See Fig. 4. The glass is then flipped over so that the other negative can be mounted in a similar manner and aligned with the first negative. Look straight down on the negatives to avoid parallax. After alignment, the glass sheet is removed and replaced by the sensitized pc board. A piece of tape can be used to hold the negatives against the board while

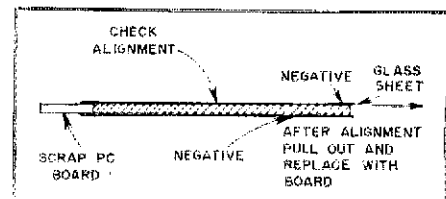


Fig. 4 — A method of checking negative alignment for double-sided alignment for double-sided circuit boards.

making the exposure. — Gerry Hull, AK4L, ARRL Hq.

CONVERTING A VIBRO-KEY INTO A KEYSER PADDLE

Modifying a Vibroplex-type key into a paddle for use with an electronic keyer involves only a few changes. The first step is to make a new bar from steel, brass or copper. Having the bar chrome plated will give it a professional appearance. There are specialty shops in many areas where such plating is done.

Dimensions for the bar are shown in Fig. 5A. The bar should be drilled and tapped to accept a machine bolt for adjusting the paddle. I used a 4-mm (5/32-inch) dia bolt equipped with a 16-mm (5/8-inch) dia screw nut that locks the bolt in position.

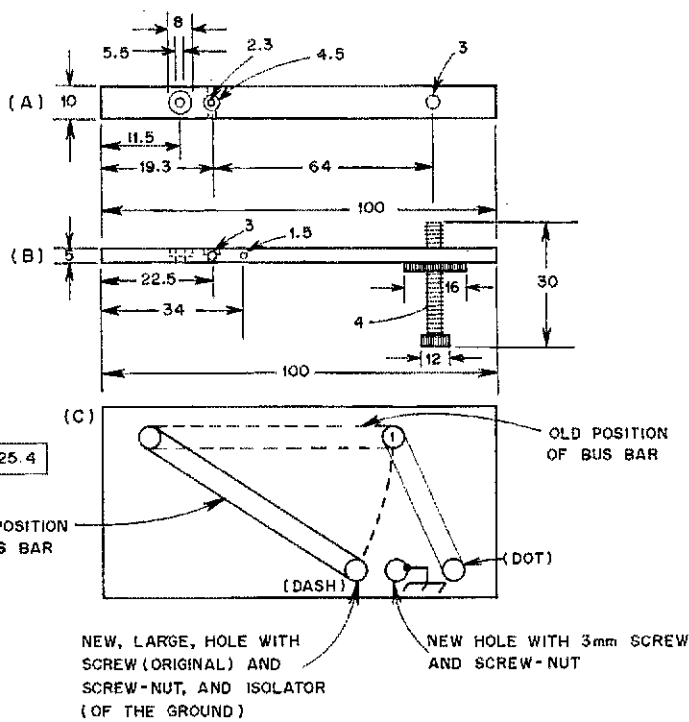


Fig. 5 — These simple modifications are for converting a Vibroplex-type key into a paddle for use with an electronic keyer. Dimensions for the new bar required for this modification are shown in A and B. On the bottom of the key the bus bar shown in heavy lines is moved to the position indicated. The output terminals are at the lower right in the drawing at C. Holes for the original terminals may have to be enlarged to accommodate insulating sleeves, which can be made from plastic tubing or other material. A new hole must be made for the ground connection. Measurements are in millimeters.

The terminals on the base are modified as needed so that the dot and dash circuits are insulated from the base. The original holes may be enlarged to accommodate sleeves for insulating the terminal bolts from the base. An additional hole, bolt and nut must be provided for a ground terminal. This hole may be placed midway between the two original holes. The ground connection on the key is to be connected to the ground on your electronic keyer.

As indicated by the drawing, the left-hand terminal on the key is for dashes while the right-hand terminal is for dots. Notice also that one of the bus bars (Fig. 5C) is moved to a new position so that it connects directly to the dash terminal.

After all the components have been installed as illustrated, simply adjust the setscrews for good operation. "But, how well does it work?" you may ask. To that question I'd say, "Hear me on 20 meters!" — *Fernando Cereja, CT1ZQ, Lousan, Portugal*

PREVENTING WIND DAMAGE TO MATCHING STUBS

My Hy-Gain quad was constantly being subjected to breakage of the matching stubs as a result of strong winds. The force of the wind would move the stub in a front-to-back direction while the mounting lug was held rigidly. Replacements are expensive and quads are not always readily accessible at a nearby store. Three small insulating blocks solved the problem. Now the element cannot move as before. The detail in Fig. 6 illustrates the mechanical cure. I am sure many hams will appreciate the

idea of this simple addition, which eliminates replacing the damaged parts. — *Merell Hess, Sr., W0MLT, Westminster, Colorado*

NUT STARTING WITH NEEDLE-NOSE PLIERS

Needle-nose pliers can be converted into a useful gadget for starting nuts in those places that are difficult to reach with your fingers. See Fig. 7. The handle bearing against the knurled screw head is drilled for a loose fit while the opposite handle is tapped with a 6-32 thread. A bolt with a knurled screw head is inserted through both the drilled and tapped holes. Adjustment of the bolt permits the pliers to become a small vise that will hold a nut firmly at various angles, resulting in a less "profanogenic" situation. Clearly, the screw may be removed for normal use of the pliers. — *Frank Noble, W3MT, Bethesda, MD*

DIMENSIONS FOR THE K7HNM BENCHER DUST COVER

Amateurs who wish to make a copy of Chet McClellan's dust cover for the Bencher key (see Hints and Kinks, *QST*, February 1981) will find the following dimensions helpful for preparing the clear plastic (Lucite) panels. For A and A1, cut two pieces $3/16 \times 1-7/8 \times 4-1/8^*$ inches ($4.76 \times 47.63 \times 104.78$ mm). For B and B1, cut two pieces $3/16 \times 1-7/8 \times 4-1/64$ inches ($4.76 \times 47.63 \times 102$ mm). For C, one piece is required with dimensions of $3/16 \times 4-1/8^* \times 4-3/8^*$ inches ($4.76 \times 104.78 \times 111.13$ mm). Four pieces are needed for D and these have dimensions of $3/16 \times$

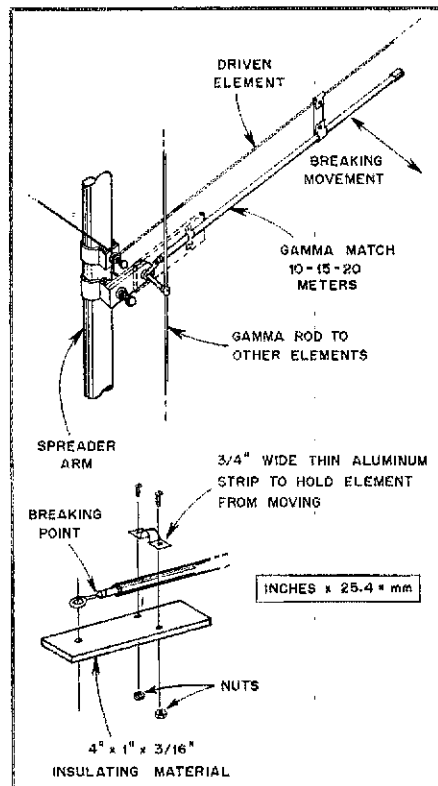


Fig. 6 — Addition of the insulating strip shown in this drawing is advised by Merell Hess, Sr., W0MLT, as a means of preventing wind damage to the stubs on a Hy-Gain quad antenna.

$3/8 \times 1-5/8$ inches ($4.76 \times 9.53 \times 41.28$ mm). Tolerances indicated by the asterisk (*) are $+1/64$ inch and -0 (0.397 mm and -0). — *Stu Leland, W1JEC, ARRL Hq.*

A TOUCH-TONE IMPROVEMENT

I am employed in commercial broadcasting as a chief engineer for WDUZ. For years I have

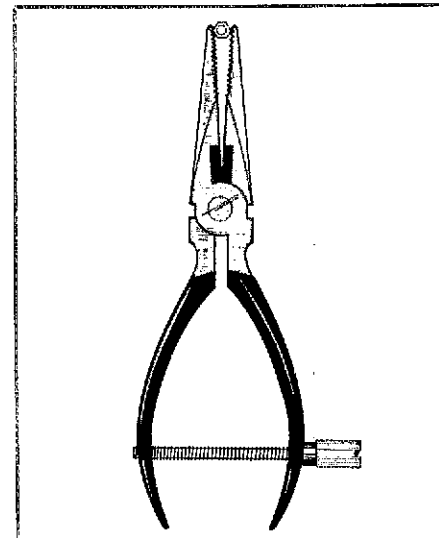


Fig. 7 — A pair of pliers may be converted into a vise-like gadget for nut starting by drilling a hole in each handle and tapping one hole. A 6-32 bolt with a knurled nut on one end serves to adjust the clamping action of the tool.

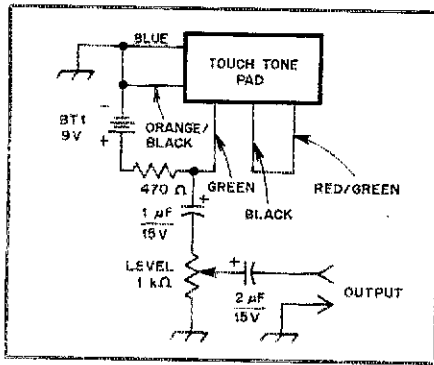


Fig. 8 — Stephen Konopka suggests this modification of the Touch-Tone pad circuit illustrated on page 439 of the 1977 *Handbook*. He indicates the change improves keying and frequency stability.

used the *Handbook* as a reference.

I would like to offer an improvement on a circuit described in the 1977 edition. Page 439 shows connections for making a standard Touch-Tone pad operable. While the unit does function as described, I find that oscillation starts somewhat slowly and the frequency tolerance is below that of the capability of the pad. My offering is the result of experimentation and studying a Bell System manual concerning the subject.

A simple connection change will result in proper operation. I am providing a revised diagram (Fig. 8). The change results in sharper keying and better frequency stability. — *Stephen A. Konopka, Green Bay, Wisconsin*

THE HW-8 AND THE ACCU-KEYER — A GOOD CW TEAM

□ In the process of modifying my HW-8, I built and installed an Accu-Keyer inside this QRP rig. The circuit is taken from the *Handbook*. To begin this addition, take off the front panel of the transceiver. Remove the bandwidth switch and in its place insert the speed control potentiometer for the keyer. Mark the size of the potentiometer on the inside of the chassis. Then, remove the potentiometer. Just to the left of the band switch there is space for a toggle switch. Mark the location for the switch hole, replace the panel and carefully drill the hole. Then once again remove the panel. Mount the speed control and the switch on the chassis with nuts and lock washers. These provide the correct spacing between the chassis and front panel. Tighten them securely and replace the front panel. Use an additional nut on each new control. Connect the leads from the bandwidth switch to the new toggle switch, positioning the wires carefully. Use up for wide and down for narrow.

Drill a hole and mount a 1/4-inch (6 mm) 3-conductor phono jack on the rear panel. Make two small holes for mounting the keyer board. Leave ample room for clearance between the keyer board and the "caus" standing up on the main circuit board. Connect the dot, dash and ground input leads from the keyer to the 1/4 inch (6 mm) jack. Install the wires from the speed control potentiometer to the hand-key jack.

The +5 V needed for the keyer may be taken from the power switch in the HW-8. To regulate this voltage, I installed a 5 V, 1 A voltage regulator which I mounted on the rear

wall of the HW-8. The wall serves as a heat sink and a chassis ground.

A 2500:8-ohm output transformer, inserted in the audio output of the HW-8, provides enough audio to drive a loudspeaker that can be heard even when operating mobile. This addition does not prevent the use of headphones.

My modification plans also include the RIT/QSK circuit changes described in July 1977 *QST*. By moving the preselector peaking capacitor to the rear panel, the mounting hole left vacant by the capacitor provides a suitable location for the RIT control. There is also room on the panel for a spotting switch. I prefer to use an spdt push-button type for this purpose.

If you wish to refinish the panel of an HW-8, paint can be prepared by a paint dealer so that it will closely match the light Heathkit green. New labels are easily made with dry transfers. When refinished, the set should look as good as new. — *Bill Inkrote, Jr., K2NJ, Flemington, New Jersey*

[Editor's Note: Carl Youngs, W3NWS, notes that a wrinkle-finish paint closely matching the Heath panel color is packaged in a spray can by the Illinois Bronze Powder and Paint Company, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. The color is Celestial Blue, No. 338. Many local hardware stores carry products from this firm. Attention is also called to the painting idea suggested by Carl Nebelsky, AA1U, in Hints and Kinks, *QST*, March 1979.]

OLD TIMER'S NOTEBOOK: A THREE-ELEMENT WONDER BAR FOR 10 METERS

□ When the Wonder Bar antenna was reintroduced in Hints and Kinks (April 1980 *QST*) in response to reader inquiries, I recalled how I adapted the Wonder Bar design to a 3-element beam. Because this antenna performed so well

on 10 meters, I thought some *QST* readers may wish to try my scheme. Essentially the antenna consists of three bow ties arranged and spaced as indicated in Fig. 9. Only the middle element is driven with the end elements parasitically operated.

Each element is constructed with aluminum tubing in a similar manner to that described in Hints and Kinks. The center insulator for each element is made from Plexiglas and is mounted to the boom by an aluminum angle. A two-turn link, connected to the transmission line, is placed at the center of the middle radiator coil.

Use of a dip oscillator will enable the builder to check the resonant frequency of the antenna. Element tuning is accomplished by spreading or compressing the coils to obtain resonance at the desired frequency.

Because this antenna is effective yet inexpensive, it should appeal to 10-meter enthusiasts. Connections and the terminating end of the transmission line should be weatherproofed. — *Frank Masho, W3CBM, Springfield, Pennsylvania*

NEUTRALIZING HINT

□ An ordinary vacuum-tube voltmeter, coupled by means of an rf probe to the output circuit of a transmitter, serves well as a sensitive "feed-through" indicator while neutralization adjustments are being made. With excitation and filament voltage applied to the final amplifier tube (be sure to kill the plate and screen voltages), adjust the neutralizing capacitor for minimum reading on the VIVM.

If the transmitter is completely shielded and coupled to a coaxial output line, insert a coax T-coupler between the amplifier and the line to provide a tap point for rf probe. — *V. L. Clark, W6ZW, La Crescenta, California, Hints and Kinks for the Radio Amateur, 1959.*

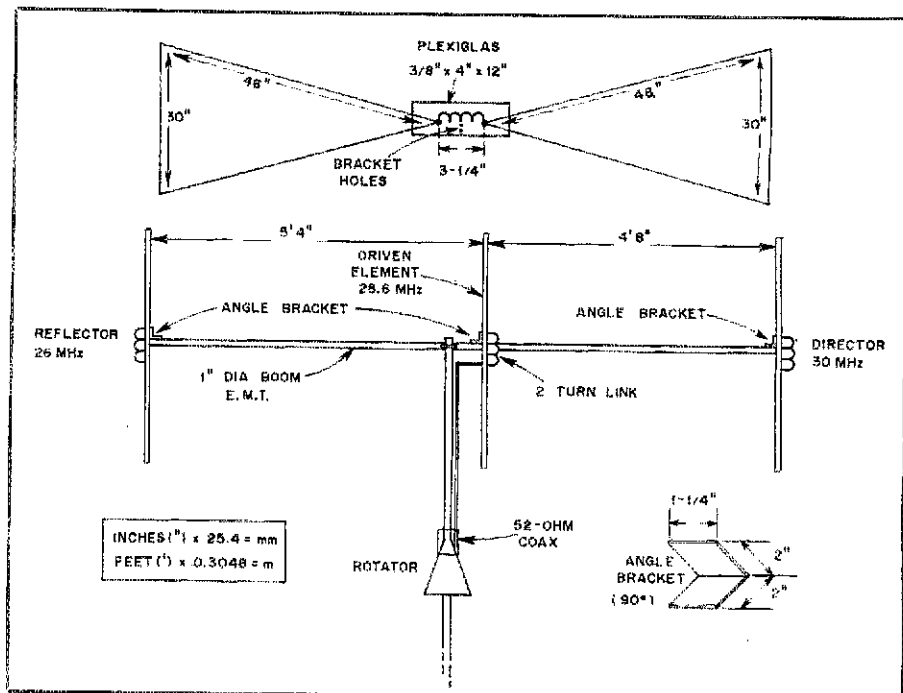


Fig. 9 — This version of the Wonder Bar antenna was originally used at W3CBM back in 1957. Construction of the elements is similar to the method described in Hints and Kinks, April 1980. The tuning coils are made with no. 12 aluminum wire. Coil dimensions are: Reflector — 14 turns, 1 inch (25 mm) dia. Driven element — 12 turns, 1 inch (25 mm) dia. Director — 10 turns, 1 inch (25 mm) dia. Coil length — 3-1/4 inches (83 mm). Angle Brackets — Three 1-1/4 in. long brackets are required and can be made from 2-inch aluminum angle stock.

RFI Assistance List Update

Do you lose sleep when your garage door opens and closes itself at 3 A.M.? Does your organ "speak" to you in CB? This list of manufacturers will show you how to remedy these — and other — types of RFI problems.

By Harold R. Richman,* W4CIZ

The following is an update of the ARRL RFI Task Group's RFI Assistance List.¹ The quest to eliminate RFI continues, spurred on by the increased use of electronic devices that are subject to the problem. The status of RFI solutions remains unchanged, however. The first RFI bill was introduced in Congress in 1972,² but none has yet been passed. This leaves RFI problems, for now at least, to be dealt with at the individual consumer level, not at the manufacturing

level. Aside from writing your Congressman to urge adoption of an RFI bill that would put the burden on manufacturers to produce RFI-free equipment, you can take direct action to combat radio frequency interference through the services provided by these manufacturers. They have made this information available voluntarily, and a note of thanks goes to them and to Harold Richman, W4CIZ, who compiled this useful list.

Admiral

No longer in business. For parts, tel. 800-447-8361.

Akai America (C)

Akai products include audio tape recorders, video tape recorders, a-m/fm receivers, speaker systems and related accessory products. Inquiries related to RFI should be addressed to the Customer Service Department, 800 W. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90220, or to P. O. Box 6010, Compton, CA 90224, tel. 213-537-3880. "Upon receipt of these inquiries, we will investigate the situation and, to our utmost, try to resolve the customer's problems."

Allen Organ Company (C)

When a complaint is received via the dealer, Allen Organ Co. sends the dealer an informational service bulletin on RFI and sufficient components to cover all amplifiers in the affected instrument. This service is offered at no cost to the customer. Refer RFI problems to the local Allen dealer. Inquiries may be made to Mr. David L. George, National Service Manager, Macungie, PA 18062, tel. 215-966-2200.

Altec Lansing International (NC)

Customer RFI problems are referred to the authorized Altec warranty stations located nationwide and denoted by an information card furnished with each piece of equipment. Unusual situations are, at the option of the warranty station, referred to Altec Customer Service, 1515 W. Katella Ave., Anaheim, CA 92803, tel. 714-774-2900, or to the Engineering Department, 1515 S. Manchester Ave., Anaheim, CA 92803, Attention: Chief Engineer, Electronics.

Apple Computer, Inc. (N)

"Our products include business, profes-

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- (N) New listing as contributed by manufacturer.
 - (C) Item includes changes as reported by manufacturer or corporate representative.
 - (NC) No change from February 1978 listing, supported by direct reference to manufacturer.
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sional, educational, scientific, industrial and home computers, peripheral devices, and software. These products are designed to be compliant with the FCC guidelines covering Class A and Class B computer devices. Inquiries related to RFI should be addressed to any of our more than 800 dealer-operated Level One service centers. If the service technicians there are unable to solve the situation, they will contact our Corporate Engineering Services Group."

Arvin Industries, Inc., Consumer Electronics Division (C)

Customer problems involving RFI should be referred to Mr. John Currey, Manager Engineering Support Group, E. 15th St., Columbus, IN 47201, tel. 812-372-7271.

Audio Research Corporation (C)

In the event of an RFI problem, the customer may write to Mr. Richard Larson, Chief Engineer, 6801 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Minneapolis, MN 55430, tel. 612-566-7570.

Baldwin Piano and Organ Company (C)

"RFI complaints are usually handled by the local Baldwin service technician. Factory personnel are available to assist a technician when needed. Baldwin maintains its own staff of technical representatives who travel in the field and may be called upon to assist a dealer technician with difficult problems, including RFI. Several Baldwin Technical Manual Sup-

plements are available with specific instructions for RFI suppression on specific models. This information is readily available upon request. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Gilbert C. Carney, Manager Organ Technical Service, Baldwin Piano and Organ Co., 1801 Gilbert Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45202, tel. 513-852-7838."

Bogen Division of Lear Siegler, Inc. (N)

"Bogen Division manufactures professional, commercial and industrial sound equipment. In the event of an RFI problem with any Bogen unit, write for the division's free Field Service Bulletin No. 59 about RFI signal interference, or contact Allen Guthman, Service Manager, Bogen Division/LSI, Box 500, Paramus, NJ 07652, tel. 201-343-5700."

Carver Corporation, Inc. (C)

Carver Corporation manufactures high-fidelity components. "Problems pertaining to RFI should be directed to our service manager, Mr. Philip Fenner, P. O. Box 664, 14304 N.E. 193rd Pl., Woodinville, WA 98072, tel. 206-487-3483."

Conn Keyboards, Inc. (C)

RFI complaints should be referred to the local Conn dealer, whether instrument is in or out of warranty. Factory assistance is available to the dealers who are unable to correct the RFI. RFI problems encountered within the term of instrument warranty are usually corrected by the selling dealer without cost to the organ owner. Contact Mr. Thomas A. Umbaugh, National Service Manager, 350 Randy Rd., Carol Stream, IL 60187, tel. 312-653-4330.

Crown International (N)

"Crown International is the manufacturer of high-end audio products. RFI suppression is incorporated in the design of the product. If a customer should encounter an RFI problem, he may contact the Technical Services Department of Crown International, 1718 W. Mishawaka Rd., Elkhart, IN 46517."

*ARRL TA, 3908 Lake Blvd., Annandale, VA 22003

¹Notes appear on page 50.

Curtis Mathes (C)

Curtis Mathes products include color TVs and stereos (100% solid state) in portable, console and combination configurations. Customer complaints involving RFI should first be resolved at the retail-dealer level. If not satisfied, then the complaint should be made in writing to the Consumer Relations Department giving all details of the problem, along with the model information, serial number, date of sale, dealer and service history. Each complaint will be handled individually. Write to Curtis Mathes Manufacturing Co., Curtis Mathes Pkwy., Athens, TX 75751, tel. 800-527-7646, Texas only tel. 800-492-9543.

Delco Electronics, Division of GM Corporation (see GM Corp.)

Dumont (see Emerson Quiet/Kool Corp.)

Electra Company, Division of Masco Corporation of Indiana (N)

Electra Co. asks that RFI problems with "Beacat," its automatic scanning radio, be referred to its service department at 300 E. County Line Rd., Cumberland, IN 46229, tel. 317-844-1440.

Emerson Quiet/Kool Company (C)

Mr. Jerome Roth reports that his company has not made TVs or audio devices since 1972. As a continuing gesture of goodwill, however, Mr. Roth suggests that customers may refer RFI problems with equipment previously marketed by Emerson Quiet/Kool Co. to him for recommendations, at the mailing address below. *Do not confuse* this company with Emerson Radio Corp., which is an entirely different publicly owned corporation. Contact Emerson Quiet/Kool Co., P. O. Box 300, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, tel. 201-381-7000.

Emerson Radio Corporation (N)

Customers may refer RFI inquiries related to Emerson Radio Corp. TV and radio problems to Mr. Dave Buda. Emerson Radio does not supply filters. The new address is: Emerson Radio Corp., One Emerson Way, Scituate, NJ 07094, tel. 201-865-4343.

Epicure Products, formerly Elpa Marketing Industries, Inc. (C)

"Complaints are handled with respect to parts and labor on an individual basis. Necessary modifications for RFI are made on a no-charge basis for parts and labor during the term of instrument warranty. Beyond warranty, modification parts are available free of charge. The customer then pays for labor involved in the installation of the parts. Refer RFI problems to Mr. John F. King, National Service Manager, 25 Hale St., Newburyport, MA 01950, tel. 800-225-7932."

Fisher Corporation (NC)

Fisher Corporation asks that RFI problems involving a Fisher product be handled as follows: request assistance from the local selling dealer or request assistance from the local Fisher authorized service station (a list is packed with every Fisher unit). Contact with local Fisher agencies is the preferred method of handling. Fisher's service coordination group maintains close communications with Fisher authorized service stations and Fisher's Engineering Department, and works under the supervision of the office of the National Service Manager. If the problem cannot be solved

at the first two service levels, contact Service Coordination, 21314 Lassen St., Chatsworth, CA 91311, tel. 213-998-7322.

Garrard/Plessey Consumer Products (C)

Garrard advises the consumer on methods that may eliminate RFI. In unusual cases where the suggestions are ineffectual, customers should refer the RFI problem to Mr. Al Prancevicius, National Service Manager, 85 Sherwood Ave., Farmingdale, NY 11735, tel. 516-293-2400.

General Electric Company (C)

RFI problems involving G.E. television receivers should be referred to the nearest General Electric Customer Care Service Operation. If G. E. Customer Care Service is unable to correct the RFI, the customer should refer the problem to General Electric Co., Mr. J. E. Hopwood, Manager of Consumer Affairs, Appliance Park, Louisville, KY 40225, tel. 502-452-3754. All RFI problems involving G. E. radios, record players and other audio products should be referred to Manager of Consumer Counseling, Mrs. Patricia C. Cleary, Electronics Park, Bldg. 5, Syracuse, NY 13221, tel. 315-456-3388.

General Motors Corporation (N)

"From time to time you may have questions concerning the electromagnetic compatibility of mobile transmitters when installed on General Motors vehicles. To help avoid such questions from arising, it is urged that care be taken to follow any applicable GM service procedures. The local GM Service Manager for the Car or Truck Division whose vehicle is involved should be contacted for information about such service procedures. If you are unable to obtain such assistance locally or if questions nevertheless arise, we have established a central contact point for all such inquiries. Accordingly, you should direct your inquiries to: Mr. Henry J. Lambertz, GM Service Research (GMSR), Service Development Center, 30501 Van Dyke, Warren, MI 48090, tel. 313-492-8448. He will direct your inquiries to the appropriate divisions or staff within GM and follow up to see that appropriate action is taken."

Gulbransen, Division of CBS Musical Instruments, Inc. (C)

Gulbransen cooperates with dealers and customers in offering suggested solutions to RFI. Gulbransen does not reimburse the consumer for servicing. When extreme cases are encountered because of the proximity of the transmitter and relative power, however, the dealer may sometimes absorb the cost of servicing RFI problems. Customers should refer RFI problems to the local dealer. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. J. A. Iacono, Consumer Service Supervisor, 100 Wilnot Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015, tel. 800-323-1814.

Hammond Organ Company (C)

"RFI difficulties are usually handled by the local Hammond dealer service technician. Hammond maintains a staff of technical service representatives who travel in the field and may be called upon to assist local dealer technicians with difficult or unusual service problems, including RFI." Hammond states that the services of the Engineering and Technical Field Service Departments under its control are provided to consumer and dealer without charge. RFI problems should be referred to the

local Hammond dealer. Inquiries may be directed to the Hammond Technical Service Department, 4200 W. Diversey Ave., Chicago, IL 60639, Attention: Jerry J. Welch.

Harman/Kardon, Inc. (C)

RFI problems should be directed to Harman/Kardon at 240 Crossways Park West, Woodbury, NY 11797, tel. 516-496-3406, Attention: Customer Relations Dept.

Heath Company (C)

Heath Co. suggests that, for fastest service on matters related to RFI regardless of the product line involved, customers may now reach the Technical Consultation Department by either writing directly to that department at Heath Co., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, or by using a new direct-line telephone system to the department by calling 616-982-3302. Do not write to an individual.

Hitachi Sales Corporation of America (C)

"Our primary products are TVs, radios, tape recorders, hi-fi components and video tape recorders. Hitachi Sales Corp. of America attempts to cure each RFI problem on an individual basis. Customers should provide model number and information concerning the nature of the problem. RFI problems should be referred to the nearest Hitachi Regional Office." *Eastern Regional Office*, 1200 Wall St. West, Lyndhurst, NJ 07011, tel. 201-938-8980, Attention: Service Dept. *Mid-Western Regional Office*, 1400 Morse Ave., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007, tel. 312-593-1550, Attention: Service Dept. *Western Regional Office*, 612 Walnut, Compton, CA 90220, tel. 213-537-8383, Attention: Service Dept. *Southern Regional Office*, 510 Plaza Dr., College Park, GA 30349, tel. 404-763-0360, Attention: Service Dept.

J. C. Penney Company, Inc. (NC)

J. C. Penney Company asks that customers with RFI problems contact their nearest J. C. Penney store for personal assistance. J. C. Penney Company, Inc., 1301 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

Kenwood Electronics, Inc. (C)

Kenwood asks that customers with RFI problems take the affected unit to an authorized service center where an adjustment will be made at no cost to the customer if the product is properly registered with Kenwood and is within warranty. It is suggested that prior authorization for the return be obtained from Mr. Toshi Furutaki, 1315 E. Watsoncenter Rd., Carson, CA 90745, tel. 213-518-1700.

Lafayette Radio Electronics Corporation (C)

"Customers should refer RFI problems involving Lafayette products to the local dealer. If the dealer cannot alleviate the problem, the customer may contact Mr. Charles Tamer, Vice President Administration, 111 Jericho Pk., Syosset, NY 11791, tel. 516-921-7700."

Lowrey Division of Norlin Music, Inc. (C)

"Lowrey customers should refer RFI problems to the local Lowrey dealer or certified Lowrey technician. Lowrey provides all technicians with technical literature regarding RFI and will provide assistance to local service organizations through its staff of field technical representatives when needed. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Larry R. Thomas, Director of Product Service, 707

Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015."

Magnavox Consumer Electronics Company (C)

"RFI problems are usually handled by the local Magnavox Authorized Service Center. Technical assistance in resolving such problems is provided by the Magnavox Field Service Staff through four Area Service Offices. Technicians or customers may refer unusual RFI problems involving Magnavox products to their nearest Area Service Center." In the *New York area* contact Magnavox Consumer Electronics Co., 161 E. Union Ave., East Rutherford, NJ 07073. In the *Chicago area* contact Magnavox Consumer Electronics Co., 7510 Frontage Rd., Skokie, IL 60077. In the *Atlanta area* contact Magnavox Consumer Electronics Co., 1898 Leland Dr., Marietta, GA 30067. In the *Los Angeles area* contact Magnavox Consumer Electronics Co., 2645 Maricopa St., Torrance, CA 90503.

Marantz (see Superscope)

McIntosh Laboratory, Inc. (C)

"McIntosh has a number of authorized service agencies located throughout the country. Customers will be assisted to receive prompt help. RFI and other service-related problems can be directed to Mr. John Behory, Customer Service Manager, 2 Chambers St., Binghamton, NY 13903, tel. 607-723-3512."

MGA Mitsubishi Electric Sales America, Inc. (C)

MGA is the new sales and service representative for the Mitsubishi Electric Corp. RFI reports from the field, beyond the dealer's capability to resolve and in which MGA becomes involved, are handled on an individual basis, as in the past. "All attempts will be made to give customer satisfaction." MGA suggests that requests for assistance be addressed to 3030 E. Victoria St., Compton, CA 90221, or the Service Department may be contacted by telephone, toll free, at 800-421-1132. Mr. Ken Kratka is the new National Service Manager.

Midland International Corporation (C)

Midland policy remains the same. If any RFI problems are encountered with Midland portable black-and-white and color TVs or audio and radio products, individuals should contact Mr. Dennis Oyer, Vice President Customer Service, P. O. Box 1903, Kansas City, MO 64141, or at 1690 N. Topping, Kansas City, MO 64120, tel. 816-241-8500.

Montgomery Ward (C)

Service for RFI should be obtained from the nearest Montgomery Ward location. If service is not obtainable locally, the customer may write to: Customer Service Product Manager, Corporate Offices, Montgomery Ward Plaza 4-N, Chicago, IL 60671. The Montgomery Ward field service organization can call upon factory and corporate engineering talent for assistance in handling difficult RFI problems.

Morse Electro Products Corporation (C)

"RFI complaints related to Morse entertainment products may be referred to Mr. Phillip Ferrara, Service and Parts Dept., 3444 Morse Dr., Dallas, TX 75221, tel. 214-337-4711 or 800-527-6422."

Nikko Audio (C)

"Nikko's line of products includes stereo

receivers, tuners, amplifiers, combination pre-amp and main-amp pairs, tape decks and signal processors. For information and assistance with any Nikko products, inquiries should be made to Mr. Robert Fontana, National Service Manager, Service Dept., 320 Oser Ave., Hauppauge, NY 11787, tel. 516-231-8181."

North American Phillips Corporation

This corporation no longer manufactures its own RFI-prone products. (See Sylvania.)



Nutone Division (C)

"Refer RFI problems to Mr. Norman W. Aims, Field Service, Scovil Housing Products Group, Madison and Red Bank Rds., Cincinnati, OH 45227, tel. 513-527-5415."

Panasonic Company (C)

When instances of RFI occur, the customer should contact Panasonic at the following address: Panasonic Co., Division of Matsushita Electric Corp. of America, One Panasonic Way, Secaucus, NJ 07094, Attention: Supervisor of Quality Assurance Group, tel. 201-348-7000. The customer should provide model number, serial number and information concerning the problem. Upon review of the problem, the customer will be contacted and advised where to return the unit for corrective repair. "Panasonic will absorb both parts and labor costs in these instances."

Phase Linear Corporation (N)

"RFI problems should be directed to Phase Linear Service Dept., Rick Bernard, Service Manager, 20121 48th Ave. West, Lynnwood, WA 98036, tel. 206-774-8848. In-house articles regarding RFI cures are available upon request at no charge."

Quasar Company (Matsushita Corporation of America) (C)

For a high-pass filter, the consumer should contact Quasar Co., Consumer Relations Manager, Mr. George Datillo, 9401 W. Grand Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131, tel. 312-451-1200. Model and serial number of the receiver and frequency of the interfering signal, if known, should be included with the written request, as well as whether sound or picture or both are affected. The Quasar distributor serving the local area should be contacted relative to any other interference problem that is unique to Quasar products.

Radio Shack (C)

"Customers who encounter unique interference problems involving Radio Shack audio products may write to Mr. Dave Garner or Mr. Al Zuckerman, Product Development Engineers, National Headquarters, 1100 One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102, tel. 817-390-3205."

RCA Consumer Electronics (C)

"RFI problems involving both TV and audio products may be referred to Mr. J. J. Sanchez, 600 N. Sherman Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46201, tel. 317-267-6448. Requests for filters should include model number and serial number of the RCA television receiver. Filter installation charges will be the customer's responsibility."

Rodgers Organ Company, Division of CBS Musical Instruments, Inc. (C)

RFI problems involving the Rodgers Organ may be referred to Custom Organ Test Department, 1300 N. East 25th Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97223, tel. 503-648-4181.

Rotel of America, Inc. (C)

Stereo receivers, amplifiers, tuners and tape decks are made by Rotel. RFI problems should be referred to Michael Gregory, National Service Manager, 13528 S. Normandie Ave., Gardena, CA 90249. "RFI problems will be handled according to the terms of our limited warranty."

Sansui Electronics Corporation (C)

"RFI problems should now be directed to Mr. Frank Barth, Vice President Frank Barth, Inc., 500 5th Ave., New York, NY 10110, tel. 212-398-0820. Frank Barth, Inc. is the new advertising and public relations agency representing Sansui. Mr. Barth will direct the customer to an appropriate Sansui Service Center." A Sansui representative has previously stated that all Sansui products are carefully checked prior to final engineering commitments for susceptibility to RFI. "Units are often taken to high-rt-level areas such as New York City to determine any design flaws."

Sanyo Electric, Inc. (C)

"In the event an RFI problem should occur, the customer is requested to take the set to the nearest Sanyo authorized repair station. Transportation to and from the shop is the responsibility of the customer. Should the shop not alleviate the problem, either the customer or the shop should contact Mr. Brad Coulter, Consumer Relations Manager, Sanyo Electric, Inc., Electronics Division, 1200 W. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90220, tel. 213-537-5830."

Scientific Audio Electronics, Inc. (C)

"Refer RFI inquiries to Mr. Michael L. Joseph, National Marketing Manager, or contact Mr. Robert Hunt, National Service Manager, 701 E. Macy St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, tel. 213-489-7600."

H. H. Scott, Inc. (C)

This manufacturer offers a simple instruction sheet to aid customers in resolving problems involving pickup. The information includes suggestions about suitable equipment grounding, power-line bypassing and hints and suggestions on how to determine where it is entering the equipment. "Customers should refer any RFI problems to Mr. D. F. Merryman, Engineering Dept., 20 Commerce Way, Woburn, MA 01801, tel. 617-933-8800."

Sears, Roebuck and Company (NC)

Sears asks that customers with an RFI problem involving a Sears product contact the nearest Sears service department for assistance. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. R. C. Good, Manager Marketing Communications, Home Appliances, Dept. 703, Sears Tower, Chicago,

IL 60684, tel. 312-875-8366.

Sharp Electronics Corporation (C)

"Sharp Electronics will, with proof of purchase, supply customers with a Drake TV-300 high-pass filter at no cost. Audio rectification problems are handled on an individual basis by the Service Department. Refer RFI problems to Service Manager, 2 Keystone Pl., Paramus, NJ 07652, tel. 201-262-9000."

Sherwood, Division of Inkel Corporation (C)

Customers with interference problems should contact Mr. David Daniels, Vice President Marketing, 17107 Kingsview Ave., Carson, CA 90746, tel. 213-515-6866.

Shure Brothers, Inc. (C)

The manufacturer recommends the use of balanced-line, low-impedance microphones and cables. If an RFI problem persists after the above measures have been taken, the customer should contact Shure Brothers, Inc. with specifics so that they may be able to help solve the problem. Refer RFI problems to Customer Services Dept., 222 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, IL 60204, tel. 312-866-2553.

Sony Corporation of America (C)

"Our primary products are color television, black-and-white television, video tape recorders, stereo equipment, audio components and word-processing equipment. RFI assistance is provided through regional service managers of Sony Factory Service Centers through the Customer Care Dept. An RFI booklet is available from the company on request. Sony Corp., 47-47 Van Dam St., Long Island City, NY 11101, tel. 212-361-8600."

Sound Concepts (N)

"We handle all RFI complaints at our main laboratories at 27 Newell Rd., Brookline, MA 02146, tel. 617-566-0110. We request that the offending unit be accompanied by a description of the nature of the RFI; there is no charge for this service."

Soundesign Corporation (C)

"Soundesign Corp./Acoustic Dynamics requests that all service problems relating to nonstereo merchandise be referred to Mr. Thomas R. Greene, Administrative Vice President, 34 Exchange Pl., Jersey City, NJ 07302, tel. 201-434-1050. All service problems on stereo merchandise are to be referred to our authorized service centers. The nearest one can be found by calling toll free in the continental U.S., 800-631-3092."

Superscope/Marantz Corporation (C)

Superscope/Marantz manufacturers a-m/fm receivers, tuners, amplifiers, tape recorders, record players and audio systems. In the event of special RFI cases resulting from extremely high fields, contact the Technical Services Dept. at Superscope corporate offices. "Modifications necessary to resolve such RFI problems are provided to customers on an individual basis." Superscope/Marantz Corp., 20525 Nordhoff St., Chatsworth, CA 91311, tel. 213-998-9333. For Service Dept., call toll free, 800-423-5224, Attention: Mr. Albert Almeida, Technical Service Manager.

Sylvania/Philco, Division of North American Phillips Corporation (C)

Sylvania policy remains as follows: "Factory field service and field engineering personnel

work together to solve many of the TVI and audio rectification problems. If the consumer has an interference condition, he should contact his local dealer. He is in touch with the manufacturer's services that will help resolve it." Consumers should contact the dealer and work through his services first. RFI problems are handled on an individual basis. Sylvania has available for their technicians an excellent pictorial TVI training manual titled, *Diagnosis, Identification and Elimination of TVI*, Sylvania/Philco, Mr. Jack Berquest, Manager Service Training, Consumer Electronics Division, 700 Ellicott St., Batavia, NY 14020, tel. 716-344-5000.

Tandberg of America, Inc. (C)

When RFI occurs in Tandberg products, the manufacturer suggests that the unit be returned to them. "We will do any modification possible to eliminate the RFI." Authorization should be obtained from Mr. Tor Sivertsen prior to return of the unit. Mr. Tor Sivertsen, Technical Vice President, Labriola Ct., Armonk, NY 10504, tel. 914-273-9150.

Thomas International Electronic Organs, Division of Whirlpool Corporation (C)

"RFI is usually resolved at the dealer level. If the manufacturer's field service is made aware of a consumer complaint regarding RFI, they contact the seller and advise him on how to eliminate the problem." Thomas has six field service engineers. In the event of a call for assistance, an engineer personally contacts the consumer by telephone and makes an appointment to visit the home of the consumer to correct the RFI condition, with or without the dealer's technician. "We do not charge the consumer for this service." Refer RFI complaints to the dealer. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. Daniel E. Hofer, Manager Field Service, 7300 Lehigh Ave., Chicago, IL 60648, tel. 312-647-8700 or 800-323-4301.

Toshiba America, Inc. (C)

Customers should contact the nearest regional office, an updated listing of which appears below, for obtaining assistance in solving RFI problems involving Toshiba televisions, radios, tape products, amplifiers, tuners and receivers. Mr. Stanley Friedman, National Service Manager, 82 Totowa Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470, tel. 201-628-8000. Mr. Sy Rosenthal, Eastern Regional Service Manager, 82 Totowa Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470, tel. 201-628-8000. Mr. Ray Holich, Mid-West Regional Service Manager, 2900 MacArthur Blvd., Northbrook, IL 60062, tel. 312-564-5110. Mr. C. B. Monroe, Southwest Regional Service Manager, 3300 Royalty Row, Irving, TX 75062, tel. 214-438-5814. Mr. S. Ito, Western Regional Service Manager, 19515 S. Vermont Ave., Torrance, CA 90502, tel. 213-538-9960.

U.S. JVC Corporation (C)

"Inquiries related to RFI involving JVC products may be referred to Mr. T. Sadato, Chief Engineer, 41 Slater Dr., Elmwood, NJ 07407, tel. 800-526-5308."

U.S. Pioneer Electronics Corporation (C)

"Contact: Mr. Andrew Adler, Eastern Region, 75 Oxford Dr., Moonachie, NJ 07074; Mr. John Noa, Southern Region, 1875 Walnut Hill Ln., Irving TX 75062; Mr. Clarence Skroch, Western Region, 4880 W. Rosecrans Ave., Hawthorne, CA 90250; Mr. Daniel Brostoff, Mid-West Region, 737 Fargo Ave.,

Elk Grove Village, IL 60007."

Wells-Gardner Electronics Corporation (C)

"Wells-Gardner is a private-label manufacturer of consumer products. Inquiries related to RFI should be referred to our private-label customers whose address appears on the model-number label attached to the product. Special problems which may be encountered by private-label customers are usually referred to Wells-Gardner, Mr. Harry McComb, Service Manager, 2701 N. Kildare Ave., Chicago, IL 60639, tel. 312-252-8220."

Wurlitzer Company (C)

"The Wurlitzer Company makes available a toll-free telephone line, 800-435-2930, to assist any technician or customer in any and all needs pertaining to the Wurlitzer product. The Wurlitzer company maintains a staff of field service managers who can assist should an RFI problem arise." Wurlitzer Co., 403 E. Gurler Rd., DeKalb, IL 60015.

Yamaha International Corporation (C)

The Yamaha organization attempts to cure each RFI problem on an individual basis. Yamaha supplies all necessary technical information at no charge. If interference is caused by design error, Yamaha takes steps at its own expense to remedy the problem. Refer RFI problems to the local dealer. The dealers are kept well informed and current on RFI countermeasures. Inquiries may be directed to Mr. William Perkins, Electronic Service Manager, Electronic Service Dept., P. O. Box 6600, Buena Park, CA 90622, tel. 714-522-9351.

Zenith Radio Corporation (C)

"Zenith gives consideration to handling and providing relief for RFI problems on a case-by-case basis. RFI problems should be referred to Service Division, 11000 W. Seymour Ave., Franklin Park, IL 60131, tel. 312-671-7550. RFI referrals should include model and serial numbers of the affected unit. Customers with a unique, difficult problem may direct a letter to Mr. Richard Wilson, National Service Manager, at the same address."

Other Manufacturers

Ms. Sally Browne, Director of Consumer Affairs, Consumer Electronics Group, Electronic Industries Association, 2001 Eye St., N.W., Washington, DC 20006, tel. 202-457-4900, may be contacted for assistance or recommendations in the handling of RFI problems involving manufacturers not listed here, or for assistance when the product is no longer manufactured.

Notes

¹Richman, "RFI Assistance List," *QST*, February 1978, p. 43.
Lowry, et al., *Radio Frequency Interference*, ARRL, 1978.

The author is a former FCC Engineer in Charge and is well versed on the subject of RFI. Hal is a member of the ARRL RFI Task Group, and has presented numerous papers on RFI and RFI correction at club meetings, seminars and technical symposia. He was also the recipient of the ARRL Roanoke Division Service Award. His special efforts have been recognized by the ARRL and the FCC, which included Richman's original RFI assistance list in its RFI publication, How to Identify and Resolve Radio-TV Interference Problems. [RE]

Orlando Rendezvous

After fallen roofs, WARC anxiety, searing heat, WARC jubilation, volcanic show and blizzard — a Board Meeting that catches up on “housekeeping” in pleasant Florida spring weather.

By Perry Williams,* W1UED

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the ARRL Board of Directors Annual Meeting, held March 11 and 12, 1981 at the Howard Johnson's Hotel-Florida Center, in Orlando, was its lack of remarkability. Oh, much was accomplished at the meeting — the minutes run 129 paragraphs — but in contrast to several of its predecessors it was not a Headline Happening. Rather, the Board was able, finally, to turn its attention to “housekeeping” — to fine tuning of the corporate machine, to ensure its control by the members, to keep it running smoothly. More on that, later.

The toughest decision the Board had to make has already been reported, in the editorial for April *QST*: the decision to raise the dues to a new rate of \$25 per year (which becomes effective July 1). Getting that editorial into the April issue was a story in itself. At its meeting February 5 and 6, the Management and Finance Committee knew it had to seek the dues increase at the March meeting; quoting from its report: “Deliberations included consideration of the continuing inflation, increasing air fares, hotel and room rates, printing, postage, gasoline, . . . adjustments in salaries to retain and attract a competent staff . . . the probable need for additional revenue . . .”

Knowing that the M&F committee would make the recommendation, the Editor prepared in advance, so he could give notice to members at the earliest possible time, should the measure receive the 12 votes (of 16) needed for a By-Law change. The printer was warned that the

editorial and table of contents pages would be late; overtime was authorized to cope. An alternative editorial of timeless nature was prepared should the dues increase be postponed or fail to pass.

And the difficult time was still ahead: each director had to study the facts, ask questions — and make his or her own decision. It happened at Minute 34 as recorded in “Moved and Seconded,” which follows this article. A new By-Law was written, too, setting the dues of Full Members over 65 at 80% of normal. Affiliated clubs acting as ARRL's agents in accepting and forwarding membership dues may retain (for their own treasury) \$2 after July 1, compared to \$1.50 at present. A motion to raise Family Member dues (without *QST*) from the present \$2 to \$4 was defeated, 3 to 8 (see Minute 127). Members may sign up for three years in advance, buy Life Membership at \$450 or enroll in a “Life Quarterly” plan (eight payments over two years leading to Life Membership) at current rates if they act before July 1. Meanwhile, readers missing the April editorial might wish to look it up for its insights into the “why” of the increase.

Regulatory, Legal and Legislative Matters

Turning away from internal affairs for a moment, the Board unanimously adopted a policy toward PR Docket 80-729, FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking leading to “plain language” rules for amateurs. Beginning with the statement that, “. . . radio amateurs have proven themselves capable of understanding (and obeying) the rules for the Amateur Service as they are presently

Committee Work

Not everything could be finished during the meeting. Here's a sampling of the many matters that were assigned to committees for study:

- Should FCC be asked to allow General class licensees to use 3825 to 4000 kHz? (Plans and Programs Committee)
- Should free services continue to be furnished to nonmembers and nonaffiliated clubs? (Membership Affairs Committee)
- Should there be an “Emergency Operating Fund” at Headquarters, receiving contributions that could be used to reimburse amateurs incurring special expenses during emergency communications episodes? (Membership Affairs and Emergency Communications Advisory Committees)
- Should the insurance administrator's offering of club liability and legal reimbursement insurance be adopted? (Management and Finance Committee)
- Should there be changes in DXCC awards for single-mode operation? (DX Advisory Committee)
- How can the bulletin service to members, offered by W1AW and certain volunteer stations, be improved? (Membership Affairs Committee)
- What standards should the Amateur Radio community adopt for handling digital communications? (Special “Ad Hoc” committee to be nominated by President Dannals)
- Should there be an official ARRL wind-breaker available for purchase by members? (Membership Affairs Committee)
- What should be done about regional differences in “split channels” on the 2-meter band? (Plans and Programs Committee)
- How can amateurs deal with interference caused by scanners? (RFI Task Group)

Do you have answers? Write the Committee Chairman with your suggestions.

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Participants in the 1981 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors enjoyed Florida sunshine along with many hours of discussion, both formal and informal. Left to right, front row, are: K5DPG, W7QGP, W9PRN, W1HHR, W0FIR, K2SJO, W2HD, W1RU, W0BWJ, VE3CJ, W4UG, VE3OT, K0GA and W8RC. Second row: N2YL, W4WYR, K7AOZ, W1QV, W0BUO, K9EN, W4RA, K1LLU, W5EDZ, W0JCP, W1FB, W4KFC, WB6UIA, W8AP and W3KT. Third row: W6ZM, WA4GLS, N3AKD, W1UED, N5TC, AG0X, W1XX, W4RH, W3ABC, N4MM, K1ZZ, K0PGM, K0TO, K1PAD, VE2VW and W6EJJ.

written," the policy goes on to say that the League does not desire "to oppose legitimate attempts to improve and strengthen . . . the amateur rules." It will therefore concentrate on the substance of the Docket. A few areas of concern already identified include the "Basis and Purpose" section, which seems to be restated in a way which reduces the traditional scope of the service; the deletion of any specific references in the proposed rules to net operation; and an apparent error in Proposed Rule 30 regarding permitted antenna heights. Comments on the rules from ARRL officials and members will be collected at Hq. The League will seek a meeting between FCC and ARRL under the "ex parte" rules to explain its findings, and then file comments offering, where appropriate, constructive alternatives to the Commission proposals. (Details at Minute 77).

A controversial ARRL decision of last summer, under which ARRL would have petitioned FCC for a phone "DX window" on 40 meters, was put on hold pending review by the Plans and Programs Committee (Minute 91). A controversial FCC action will be brought back to the Commission as ARRL seeks (Minute 67) issuance of club licenses to amateur groups not presently holding one. (Those clubs which presently have licenses in their own name may renew them and may change trustees as may be necessary, under current rules.) Some perceived breaches of hospitality by amateurs operating here with reciprocal operating permits — occasionally compounded by language barriers — has led to a decision at Minute 92 in which the League will ask that reciprocal operator privileges not include the handling of international third-party traffic. During debate it was clear that the Board welcomes visiting amateurs to our shores

and wants them to have a full range of operating modes and frequencies on which to chat with us. Abuses of the phone patch in particular, however, had become an obvious problem, which this action could help solve. ARRL is to continue efforts toward full privileges in the 1.8- to 2.0-MHz band, now that the U.S. has stopped operating Loran in the 160-meter band (Minute 108). On the local legal scene, the Board has called for prompt production of revised kits, one for laymen, one for attorneys, which reflect recent court decisions (Minute 104). Finally, ARRL directors publicly thank Representative William E. Dannemeyer, R-California of Fullerton, for introducing HR 2203, Minute 126. This bill would allow FCC to use volunteers in its licensing and enforcement processes and provide for an exception to the Secrecy Clause (Section 605 of the Communications Act) so that amateurs may work together at solving interference problems. The Board also urged members of ARRL to write to their representatives in support. See "Happenings," April 1981 *QST*, for more information, including a list of subcommittee members who must first approve the bill.

International Affairs

Moving on to international affairs, the Board at Minute 58 encourages observance of the voluntary band plan adopted by the 1980 Region 2 Conference of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) for the new 10.1- to 10.150-MHz band. When that band becomes available — we hope at the beginning of 1982 — IARU calls for F1 emissions such as Teletype to use the upper edge, 10.140 to 10.150 MHz. Another policy of IARU toward that band was adopted by ARRL at Minute 66: Contest operation and operating awards credits will not be en-

couraged in the new 10.1- to 10.15-MHz band as long as amateur use of this band is on a secondary shared basis. A third policy concerns adherence to principles of phone patch operation adopted by the IARU group (Minute 71). Actually, most of these policies are contained in the League's free pamphlet, "Autopatch and Phone Patch Use — ARRL Guidelines," which can be obtained upon request accompanied by an s.a.s.e. And the Board endorsed, at Minute 73, the proposal to designate April 25 as International Amateur Radio Day. The idea came from the Liga dos Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emissao, IARU Member Society for Brazil, which chose the date to commemorate the founding of IARU on April 25, 1925.

General Actions

The amateur satellite program got another boost from the Board at Minute 82; the ARRL Foundation will receive an additional matching fund up to \$10,000 to support construction of Phase III spacecraft. ARRL will join other organizations around the world in recognizing the International Year of the Disabled Person. The resolution at Minute 60 also notes that while Amateur Radio is valuable to disabled people, disabled amateurs are of great utility to the amateur service, often being the available operators for emergency messages and for daytime net control spots. A pamphlet will be prepared for potential *QST* authors, of both technical and general material, explaining deadlines, corrections and alterations and the like (Minute 57). ARRL and its QSL Bureaus, outgoing and incoming, will encourage use of QSL cards at least 2-3/4 in. high but not taller than 4-1/4 in.; at least 4-3/4 in. wide but not broader than 6-1/4 in. Metric ranges are 7 to 11 cm high by 12

to 16 cm wide (Minute 84); odd sizes are difficult to handle in the Bureau. There will be a new Hq. slide collection available to affiliated clubs by July 1 (Minute 95), and assistant directors and public information assistants will soon be able to buy pale blue ARRL pins designating their office (Minute 96).

League Affairs

Back to the organizational matters: After the ARRL elections last autumn, during which some weaknesses in the process became apparent, the President appointed a special Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics charged with three tasks — to develop an orientation program for new directors, to examine the conduct of elections and make recommendation for change, and to suggest standards of ethical conduct for directors and officers. Vice President Larry Price, W4RA, was appointed chairman; he and General Manager Baldwin were the only members of the committee presently serving on the Board. Others were Past Director Richard Egbert, W8ETU; Past General Manager John Huntoon, W1RW; and Past Vice Director John Sanders, WB4ANX.

Committee recommendations on control of mailing lists and preparation of ballot material were adopted by the Board at Minute 14. It is expressly agreed by all candidates that the determination of the Executive Committee as to eligibility can be appealed only to the full Board; each candidate will sign a covenant not to sue. The biographical sketch for each candidate will be provided by that candidate in 300 words or less; it will not mention any other person by name or inference; and it will be printed separately from the ballot, without editing as to content.

Standing Committees

Membership Affairs Committee — Mr. Sullivan, Chairman; Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Nathanson, Mr. Carey, Mr. Price. **Plans and Programs Committee** — Mr. Bieberman, Chairman; Mr. Oubre, Mr. Milius, Mr. Holladay, Mr. Smith. **Management & Finance Committee** — Mr. Wangler, Chairman; Mr. Metzger, Mr. Grauer, Mr. Butler, Mr. Arnold. **The Executive Committee:** President Dannals, Vice President Smith, General Manager Baldwin; Directors Anderson, Powell, Stevens and Zak.

A new booklet, just for director and vice director elections, will be prepared, to include rules for use of mailing lists and mailing permits and suggestions for ethical conduct (Minute 15). A summary of guidelines will also be placed in the "Directors' Workbook" (Minute 16). Article 11 was amended at Minute 17, removing the "laundry list" of occupations which might make one ineligible for membership on the Board, and substituting a clear statement on conflict-of-interest: "No person shall be eligible . . . whose business connections are of such a nature that he could gain financially, through the shaping of the affairs of the League . . ." The directors also voted for the first time to install procedures for recall of a director, amending Article 7 and adopting a new By-Law to accomplish this (Minutes 18 and 20). Finally the Board changed the deadline for nominations, from September 10 to September 1, to allow more time for the candidates to prepare ballot information (Minute 21).

But that wasn't quite the end of the "housekeeping" actions: More came from another Ad Hoc group, the Com-

mittee on Committees comprised of chairmen of each Standing Committee with Vice President Arnold as chairman. On its recommendation, the Board cut the number of Standing Committees from five to three, keeping Management and Finance, Membership Affairs and Plans and Programs. The work of the International Affairs Committee was transferred to the Vice President for International Affairs, and the tasks of the Legal and Regulatory Committee were specified as duties of the Executive Committee. The membership of each standing committee was set at four directors and one vice president; directors serving on the Executive Committee will not be eligible for a standing committee. And By-Law 39 was amended to make it clear that the Articles and By-Laws apply equally to men and women (Minutes 22 through 27). Other motions made the Treasurer a member of the Board without vote; changed the Board meetings from January and July to March/April and September/October with flexibility to accommodate religious holidays; and provided that, in the future, every director making a motion for a program would have to furnish an estimate of its cost and suggest ways of funding. Directors Anderson, Stevens and Zak were reelected to the Executive Committee; Canadian Director Powell was newly chosen for that group. Honorary Vice President Chapman was elected a "public" director of the ARRL Foundation; the League directors elected to its Board are Messrs. Metzger, Grauer and Holladay.

These are mere highlights; please continue on to "Moved and Seconded" for digests of officer reports and full texts of motions. □

Moved and Seconded

MINUTES OF THE 1981 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC., March 11-12, 1981

1) Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met in annual session at the Howard Johnson's Hotel, Florida Center, Orlando, Florida on March 11, 1981. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. with President Harry J. Dannals, W2HD, in the Chair, and the following directors present: Garfield A. Anderson, K0GA, Dakota Division; Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, Atlantic Division; Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH, Southeastern Division; Lys J. Carey, K0PGM, Rocky Mountain Division; Paul Grauer, W0FR, Midwest Division; Jay A. Holladay, W6FL, Southwestern Division; Mary E. Lewis, W7QP, Northwestern Division; Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, Central

Division; Clay E. Milus, Jr., W4UG, Roanoke Division; Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC, Great Lakes Division; Lionel A. Oubre, K5DPG, Delta Division; A. Mitchell Powell, VE3OT, Canadian Division; William J. Stevens, W6ZM, Pacific Division; John C. Sullivan, W1HHR, New England Division; Raymond B. Wangler, W5EDZ, West Gulf Division; Stan Zak, K2SJO, Hudson Division.

Also in attendance, as members of the Board without vote, were Carl L. Smith, W0BWJ, First Vice President; Larry E. Price, W4RA, Vice President; Noel B. Eaton, VE3CJ, International Affairs Vice President; and Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, General Manager. Also in attendance, at the invitation of the Board as non-participating observers, were the following vice directors: Richard P. Beebe, K1PAD, New England Division; Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC, West Gulf Division; Claire Richard Dyas, W0JCP, Midwest Division; Kenneth A. Ebnetter, K9EN, Central Division; Mel C. Ellis, K7AOZ, Northwestern

Division; Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL, Hudson Division; Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, Southeastern Division; George H. Goldstone, W8AP, Great Lakes Division; John C. Kanode, N4MM, Roanoke Division; O. D. Keaton, WA4GHS, Delta Division; Peter F. Matthews, WB6UA, Southwestern Division; Fod Olson, K0TO, Dakota Division; Marshall Quar, AG0X, Rocky Mountain Division; and Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC, Atlantic Division. There were also present Honorary Vice Presidents Robert York Chapman, W1QV, Victor C. Clark, W4KFC, and Charles Compton, W0BUO; Treasurer James E. McCobb, Jr., K1LLU; Canadian Counsel B. Robert Benson, QC, VE2VW; Chris Imlay, N3AKD, assistant to General Counsel Booth; Assistant General Manager David Sumner, K1ZZ; Technical Department Manager Doug DeMaw, W1FB; Communications Department Manager John F. Lindholm, W1XX; and Washington Area Coordinator Perry F. Williams, W1JED.

2) The assembly observed a moment of silence in



Caucusing — from left: W0BWJ, K0GA, AG0X, K0PGM, W8AP. Back to camera: W8RC.



"My point is . . ." W6EJJ, observed by K5DPG.



Surrounded by Californians: W8RC overshadowed by W6EJJ (!) and WB6UIA.

recollection of Donna Hesler, VE1YX, wife of past director Ron Hesler, VE1SH; past director Franklin K. Matejka, K5RS; past director George Steed, W5BLX; and other ARRL members who had become silent keys since the July meeting of the Board.

3) The Chair welcomed new Directors Carey, Lewis, Metzger and Millus; Vice Directors Beebe, Ellis, Ferdinand, Kanode and Quat to the meeting.

4) The Board next considered the agenda for the meeting. On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Powell, it was unanimously VOTED that agenda item 6a, Committee on Director Election Ethics be made item 6a; that item 6m, Committee on Committees be made agenda item 6b; and that the remainder of the matters in item 6 be relettered accordingly. On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Holladay, it was unanimously VOTED that the report of the CRRL President be listed as item 5h on the agenda.

5) On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was unanimously VOTED that the Minutes of the 1980 Second meeting of the Board of Directors are approved in the form in which they were issued by the Secretary.

6) Reports of the officers were presented here. The President orally highlighted certain sections of his written report. An important activity of the League during the past year has been the work of the Long Range Planning Committee. Hundreds of radio amateurs corresponded with the LRPC and provided input, some of which was directly associated with the particular specialty interests of the contributor. There are so many distinctive interest groups with so many variations that it is always difficult to address an entire subject adequately. This point has for years plagued the editors of *QST* because our journal must be representative of the members' interests! The first report of the LRPC at this meeting will provide many subjects for Board action; the program of long-range planning is an ongoing one which must be continued in active form. The League is many faceted, functioning as a service organization, a representative of Amateur Radio, and above all it belongs to its members. The President also summarized his comments from the written report on the economic condition of the League; on Amateur Radio in space; the affairs of the International Amateur Radio Union; and our contact work in and around Washington, DC, including work on Capitol Hill by our two registered lobbyists, General Manager Baldwin and Washington Area Coordinator Williams. Conditions on the bands, wide use of spectrum, a growth rate for the amateur service which does not endanger its traditions, and the extreme importance of the work done by volunteers within ARRL were also highlighted in the President's remarks.

7) On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Price, it was unanimously VOTED at 10:06 A.M. that the Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing legal matters. At the request of the Chair, those present who were not directors or officers left the room. At 11:21 A.M. the Committee arose and reported to the Board. The assembly then was in recess until 11:37 A.M., at which time staff members and observers returned to the meeting. On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, unanimously VOTED that the report of the Committee of the Whole is accepted.

8) First Vice President Smith presented his written report, highlighting orally the problem of interference, as it is being addressed by the Interference Task Force, as being of major importance to all amateurs individually and collectively. Among tasks it has begun to perform are the development of effective leadership at the local level, increased liaison between designated ARRL personnel and the Washington, DC, office of the Federal Communications Commission, and educational program updating material of

the Club & Training Department and correcting misunderstandings about the nature of the work which can be performed by FCC field offices. The written report also touched on committee assignments with Plans & Programs, transfer of the RFI Task Group assignment to Vice Director Turnbull, communications between members, directors and staff, International Amateur Radio Union affairs, the results of WARC-79 and the importance of the Intruder Watch program. Vice President Price in presenting his written report called attention to the sections on the Long Range Planning Committee, the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics, and some thoughts on the financial future of the League. The written report also covered other committee work and membership contact travel. In the absence of Vice President Arnold, his report was placed on file; it touched on committee work, travel at hamfests and conventions, and the membership survey performed for ARRL by the Florida State University with the assistance of the ARRL Long Range Planning Committee. International Affairs Vice President Eaton, who also serves as President of the International Amateur Radio Union, reported on four trips to Europe, one to Santo Domingo, one to Peru, the Region 1 Radio Direction-finding Championships in Poland and various meetings in the United States. There was also the Triennial Conference of IARU Region 2; and meetings of Study Group 8 of the International Radio Consultative Committee held in Geneva. Plans for travel in 1981 were also covered.

9) General Manager Baldwin reported that the financial results of 1980 were very good, but tempered by the fact that staff positions remained vacant and accordingly reduced services were being offered to the members. Continued high inflation would quickly erode current surpluses unless additional resources are arranged. Headquarters activities in support of IARU; postal rates, especially those outside the U.S.; a proposal from our insurance administrator; a new League display booth for conventions; and plans for the new computer, expected in house by July, were other matters reported on extensively by the General Manager. The Board was in recess for luncheon at 12:40, reassembling at 1:37 P.M. with all persons hereinbefore mentioned present.

10) Treasurer McCobb's report described a new cash management system which had been established, under which funds in excess of the day's cash requirements are automatically invested for periods as short as overnight; during 1980, yields on these investments averaged in excess of 15%. On recommendation of the League's auditor, Price Waterhouse & Co., custody and control of investment securities has been transferred to the Shawmut Bank of Boston. The Treasurer's report also told of activities within the portfolio during the year.

11) In the absence of General Counsel Booth because of illness, Chris Inlay placed his report on file. It covered budget and staff reductions at FCC, the expected closing of a number of FCC offices, and the effects these events will have on the Amateur Service. The legislative program for 1981 has been presented to appropriate people at Capitol Hill. Representative William L. Dannemeyer, R-39th District of California, introduced the FCC volunteer bill, H.R. 2203. It would amend the Communications Act allowing the Commission to employ voluntary services for monitoring violations of the Act and for preparing and administering examinations for certain amateur operation licenses. General Counsel Booth also reported on antenna problems, some legal breakthroughs during 1980, and some serious cases which are still pending. Mr. Inlay amplified the written report with oral comment on interference to and from cable TV systems, aggravated by leaks in the cable, and the present state of the 10-meter amplifier band. Associate General Counsel for Canada Benson

read a report on his activities, especially highlighting the work which led to the reduction of tariffs on Amateur Radio equipment. There was also a summary of legal activities on behalf of members in Canada.

12) ARRL Foundation President Chapman read the report of that organization, covering changes in the Board of Directors, studies of fund-raising techniques, sums pledged and received by the Foundation during the year, and its plans for the current year.

13) The report of the Canadian Radio Relay League, Incorporated, was presented by its President, Canadian Director Powell. CRRL's President represents the Canadian amateur to Government agencies and is official Canadian representative to the IARU. Government activities included meeting with the Department of Communications to discuss the outcome of the World Administrative Radio Conference, liaison with the Canadian Radio Technical Planning Board, participation in five government/industry working groups preparing for future international conferences, and development of a new syllabus for amateur examinations. Petitions had been submitted to the Government for third party traffic with Australia, for improvements to television receivers, for assignment of the 10.1-10.15 MHz band to amateurs on a primary basis in Canada, for issuance of special call signs and for authorization of repeaters on the 10-meter band. CRRL is jointly sponsoring a request by Ottawa Packet Radio Experimenters for time and space on the experimental satellite Anik-B II. Permission has been granted for the publication of *QST* articles in French to the Radio Amateurs du Quebec, Incorporated; the same organization is translating CRRL's *Licensing Manual* into that language, as well.

14) Vice President Price, as Chairman, reported on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics. It was moved by Mr. Oubry, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, that the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics is ADOPTED by the Board and the General Manager is directed to implement the recommendations contained therein with regard to control of mailing lists and the preparation of ballot materials; a summary of those actions shall be printed in *QST*. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Powell, VOTED to amend the motion so that there be an addendum to page 7, paragraph B of the report, which will require each candidate for office to execute and be bound by a covenant not to sue. It is expressly agreed by all candidates that the determination of the Executive Committee as to the eligibility of that person to be a candidate shall be final and unappealable except to the full Board of Directors. Moved by Mr. Carey, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that the matter is laid on the Table, but the motion to Table was LOST. Moved by Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to divide the motion to consider separately mailing lists and ballot materials, but the motion to divide was LOST, 6 in favor to 10 opposed. Moved, by Mr. Bieberman, to amend the report, page 3, paragraph A, so that if any candidate requests a set of mailing labels, all other candidates for the same office be immediately notified of this request and be informed on how to also request labels, together with the cost of the same. There being no second, the motion to amend the report was LOST. Whereupon, the question being on the main motion as amended, the same was ADOPTED. Mrs. Lewis requested to be recorded as voting opposed. During the course of the above, the Board was in recess from 3:37 to 3:54 P.M.

15) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Grauer, after discussion, VOTED that the General Manager is directed to prepare an informational pamphlet for candidates for director/vice director which outlines the substance of the pertinent Articles and By-Laws pertaining to the office as well as the rules for use of mailing lists, mailing permits, and sug-

gestions for ethical conduct, along the lines of the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics. The pamphlet shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to initial distribution. Mrs. Lewis requested to be recorded as voting opposed.

16) On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, VOTED that the General Manager is directed to prepare for insertion in the Director's Workbook a summary of guidelines for ethical conduct for directors/officers consistent with the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics; the guide shall be reviewed by the Management & Finance Committee prior to distribution.

17) Moved, by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Milius, that Article 11 be amended by striking the text of the second sentence and substituting therefor: "No person shall be eligible for, or hold, the office of Director, Vice Director, President or Vice President whose business connections are of such nature that he could gain financially through the shaping of the affairs of the League by the Board, or by the improper exploitation of his office for the furtherance of his own aims or those of his employer. The primary test of eligibility under this Article shall be the freedom from commercial or governmental connections of such nature that his influence in the affairs of the League could be used for his private benefit." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, all of the directors voting in favor.

18) Moved, by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Zak, that Article 7 be amended by the insertion of the word "recall" in the third line of the first sentence after the word "resignation." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE; all directors voted in favor except Messrs. Carey and Grauer.

19) Moved, by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Zak, that the text of present By-Law 19 be added to By-Law 18 as the last sentence of that By-Law. A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE; all the directors voted in favor except Messrs. Bieberman and Carey.

20) Moved, by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Holladay, that a new By-Law 19 be added with the text as follows: "19. In accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of the Articles of Association, members of a territorial division may petition for recall of the director of their division. The recall petition shall be presented to the secretary not later than June 1st of the second year of the term of office. A valid petition shall contain the signatures of not less than 10 percent of the number of full members residing in the division of which

vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor.

25) Moved, by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Zak, that By-Law 32 be deleted and replaced with the following: "32. Each standing committee shall consist of at least four directors and a vice president. No elected member of the Executive Committee shall serve as a member of a standing committee. Appointments shall be made by the President and shall be for a term of 1 year. The President shall designate the chairman of the committee. Standing committees shall make written annual reports at least 30 days prior to each annual meeting of the Board of Directors. At the beginning of the term of each committee, it shall review any pending items and report to the next meeting of the Board." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor.

26) Moved, by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Milius, that By-Law 36 be deleted; that By-Law 37 be renumbered as new By-Law 36; and that a new By-Law 37 be adopted as follows: "EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 37. Pursuant to Article 6, the Executive Committee is assigned specific responsibility for: Monitoring progress of Board actions and recommendations in order to see they are expeditiously accomplished. Monitoring expenditures for legal assistance. Providing assistance to the staff and general counsel in connection with Board recommendations for petitions to the Federal Communications Commission and other governmental agencies. Evaluating for the Board proposed rule and regulatory changes." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor except Mrs. Lewis.

27) Moved, by Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, that By-Law 39 be amended by insertion of the following between the first and second sentences: "Any reference in these By-Laws to words 'he, his or him' is understood to mean 'he/she, his/her and himself/herself.'" A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor except Mr. Carey.

28) On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zak, unanimously VOTED that Standing Order #57 is amended by striking all after the first line and substituting, "Committees up to \$6000 annually. Special Board appointed committees shall be budgeted as specifically directed by the Board of Directors."

29) On motion of Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Butler, unanimously VOTED that Standing Order #53 of the Standing Orders to the Board is deleted. At 5:49

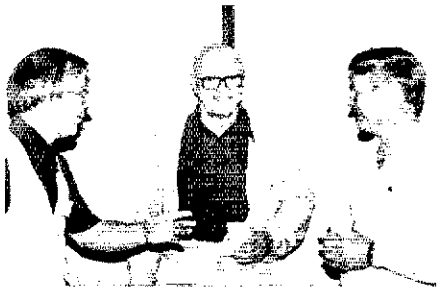
Radio Conference in Geneva. The Chairman of the Committee had been asked to attend the Region 2 Triennial Conference in Lima, Peru; he did so, and his report on that meeting is incorporated in the Committee report.

32) Mr. Holladay, as Chairman, presented the report of the Plans and Programs Committee, expressing approval of RM-3788 in which ARRL requested FCC to permit amateurs to use digital modes on frequencies above 50 MHz; suggesting that the League should provide leadership in digital and packet work; and requesting that the articles in QST concerning the organization of ARRL should be made into a booklet.

33) Mr. Sullivan, as Chairman, presented the report of the Membership Affairs Committee, concerning the Hall of Fame, membership application envelopes, the listing in QST of articles which have been accepted for the magazine but not yet published, special membership rates for handicapped amateurs, QSL bureau matters, the ARRL Technical Excellence Award and club bulletins.

34) Mr. Stevens, as Chairman, presented the report of the Management & Finance Committee. On his motion, seconded by Mr. Milius, at 8:57 P.M., the Board resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purposes of discussing By-Law 4. At 11:30 P.M. the Committee arose and reported to the Board. Moved, by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Milius, that By-Law 4 be amended effective July 1, 1981, by striking "\$18" and substituting therefor "\$25." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor except Mr. Carey. The Board recessed at 11:34 P.M., reconvening at 8:30 A.M., March 12, in the same place with all persons heretofore mentioned present except Mr. Clark.

35) Moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Smith, that By-Law 20 is amended by the following changes: 1) In the first sentence by striking the words "on the third Thursday in January" and substituting therefor "in March or April." 2) In the second sentence by striking the words "on the third Thursday in July" and substituting therefor "in September or October." 3) By adding to the third sentence a new section (3) as follows: "or (3) the exact dates to be determined annually by the Executive Committee." After discussion, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Oubre, the motion was AMENDED by striking all after the words "sixty days previous to the date proposed for the meeting" in the proposed By-Law. The question then being on the motion as amended, a roll-call vote being required, it was decided in the AFFIR-



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42) Mr. Olson, as liaison, delivered the report of the Contest Advisory Committee, noting that a very satisfactory working relationship existed between the committee and the headquarters staff.

43) Mr. Kanode, as liaison, delivered the report of the DX Advisory Committee, which noted that changes in DXCC Rule 12 had been made during the year as a result of the committee's recommendations to the Communications Manager.

44) Mr. Sullivan, as liaison, reported for the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee, which is working on an updated version of the emergency coordinator's workbook.

45) Mr. Zak, as liaison, delivered the report of the Public Relations Advisory Committee. The report included several recommendations which the General Manager was asked to consider.

46) Mr. Holladay, as liaison, reported for the VHF/UHF Advisory Committee, including the pending 902-928 MHz allocation, the need for a revised 6-meter band plan, the possible need for a band plan for the 1240-1300 MHz band, and interest in a locator system to pinpoint the location of vhf stations such as is presently in use in Europe.

47) Mr. Holladay, as chairman, also delivered the report of the Amateur Satellite Service Council, in which he noted the increasingly international nature of the Amateur Satellite Program.

48) Mr. Sullivan, as Chairman, reported on behalf of the Official Availability Committee on possible candidates for the Board of Directors of the ARRL Foundation.

49) Mr. Anderson, as Chairman, delivered the report of the Interference Task Force, which noted a number of ongoing efforts to combat this serious problem.

50) Mr. Turnbull, as Chairman, reported for the REF Task Group, which has renewed its activity in recent months.

51) Mr. Wangler, as Chairman, reported on behalf of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Biological Effects of RF Energy. The committee plans to continue its monitoring of government activity in this area and its compilation of data and technical reports which may be applicable to Amateur Radio.

52) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Stevens, unanimously VOTED to accept the reports of the officers and directors. The Board was in recess from 10:25 to 10:51 A.M.

53) The Chair announced that the Board would now proceed to the election of four directors to the Executive Committee for the ensuing year. Messrs. Ebner and Matthews were appointed as Tellers. Mr. Powell nominated Mr. Stevens. Mr. Metzger nominated Mr. Grauer. Mr. Anderson nominated Mr. Zak. Mr. Zak nominated Mr. Anderson. Mr. Grauer nominated Mr. Metzger. Mr. Holladay nominated Mr. Powell. Mr. Stevens nominated Mr. Mihus. Mr. Grauer asked that his name be withdrawn. On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Butler, unanimously VOTED that nominations are closed. The Tellers announced the result of ballot as follows: Mr. Anderson with 14 votes, Messrs Stevens and Zak with 13 votes and Mr. Powell with 12 votes were elected. Mr. Metzger received 6 votes and Mr. Mihus received 5 votes.

54) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Butler, unanimously VOTED that Vice President Price is appointed Parliamentarian of the Board for the year 1981.

55) At this point the following Committee appointments were announced:

Membership Affairs Committee — Mr. Sullivan, Chairman; Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Nathanson, Mr. Carey, Mr. Price.

Plans and Programs Committee — Mr. Bieberman, Chairman; Mr. Oubre, Mr. Mihus, Mr. Holladay, Mr. Smith.

Management & Finance Committee — Mr. Wangler, Chairman; Mr. Metzger, Mr. Grauer, Mr. Butler, Mr. Arnold.

56) The Chair announced the opening of nominations for director of the ARRL Foundation, other than directors of the League, there being one position to fill. Mr. Sullivan nominated Mr. Chapman. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, it was unanimously VOTED that nominations are closed and that a single ballot be cast for Mr. Chapman. The Chair then announced the opening of nominations for director of the ARRL Foundation from among the directors of the League, there being three positions to fill. Mr. Sullivan nominated Messrs. Metzger, Grauer, and Holladay. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Zak, unanimously VOTED that nominations be closed, and that a single ballot be cast for each of the nominees.

57) On motion of Mr. Bieberman, seconded by Mr. Holladay, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager prepare a guideline pamphlet for authors of both technical and non-technical articles, and for columnists, explaining QST policies for articles and columns, including deadlines, corrections and alterations, requirements for drawings and diagrams, and any other pertinent data, this pamphlet to be made available upon request to any prospective writer.

58) On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Zak, unanimously VOTED that the ARRL encourages observance of the voluntary band plan adopted by the 1980 IARU Region 2 Conference regarding use of the frequencies 10,140-10,150 kHz for E1 emissions when the 10,100-10,150 MHz band becomes available for amateur use.

59) Moved by Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Anderson, that the use of the ARRL non-profit postal privilege on directors' mailings be restricted 90 days previous to the deadline for filing of nominating petitions, such restriction to continue until counting of ballots is completed. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Stevens, unanimously VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

60) On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Grauer, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio has long been recognized as a window on the world for the handicapped and

WHEREAS, handicapped radio amateurs have used their time and talent in the public interest, convenience and necessity in such ways as serving in net control spots for nets and in handling emergency traffic, and

WHEREAS, 1981 is the International Year of the Disabled Person (IYDP), now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Radio Relay League at its Annual meeting March 11-12, 1981, does hereby recognize the value of Amateur Radio to the handicapped, and the value of handicapped amateurs to the Amateur Radio Service. It commends the staff for its Blind and Handicapped program and urges continuation and enhancement of this program. It further urges enrollment of ARRL and CRRL in the national programs in the U.S. and Canada supporting the International Year of the Disabled Person.

61) On motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that there be referred to the Management and Finance Committee the study of the issuance of a bumper sticker, the proceeds of which would be attributed to a legal fund which shall be a source of money to finance and aid legal expense of the members in appropriate cases.

62) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors instructs the President to serve as ARRL member of the IARU Region 2 area B Committee established by action of the 1980 IARU Region 2 Conference.

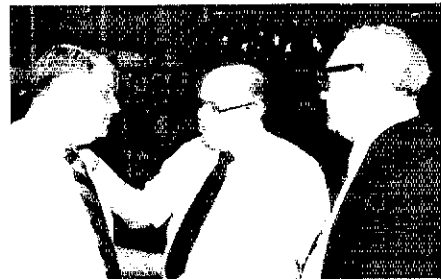
63) Moved by Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that headquarters be directed to petition the FCC to extend the limits of the 80-meter General Class phone subband to 3825-4000 kHz. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Zak, VOTED that the matter is referred to the Plans and Programs Committee for study. Mr. Grauer requested to be recorded as voting opposed to the referral.

64) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the Executive Committee consider eligibility requirements and election procedure for honorary officers and report back to the Board at its second meeting in 1981.

65) On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED that the second ARRL Board of Directors meeting of 1981 shall be held September 10-11 in the area of Hartford or Newington.

66) On motion of Mr. Mihus, seconded by Mr. Stevens, unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors endorse the policy adopted by the 1980 Region 2 IARU Conference whereby contest operation band operating awards credits will not be encouraged in the new 10.1-10.15 MHz band as long as amateur use of this band is on a secondary shared basis.

67) On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr.



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Oubre, VOTED that the General Manager is instructed to petition the FCC to reinstitute the issuance of new club licenses. Mr. Powell abstained.

68) On motion of Mr. Wangler, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the Membership Affairs Committee is directed to review the conditions under which League services are furnished to non-ARRL members and non-affiliated clubs and to develop suitable recommendations to the Board not later than the second 1981 meeting of the Board. The committee shall include in its study consideration of differential pricing of League services to non-members and non-affiliated clubs.

69) Moved by Mr. Bieberman, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that the WIAW schedule be printed in every issue of QST. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

70) On motion of Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the Membership Affairs Committee make a study of publishing material to distribute free of charge to interested prospective amateurs.

71) On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager, through the medium of QST and other ARRL publications, is instructed to promulgate and encourage adherence to principles concerning phone-net operation as adopted by the 1980 IARU Region 2 Conference.

72) On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Anderson, unanimously VOTED that item 8 of the Policies Governing the Availability from Headquarters of lists of ARRL members and affiliated clubs be expanded to provide that one copy of materials mailed shall be sent to each director concerned.

73) On motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Zak, unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors endorse the proposal of the Liga De Amadores Brasileiros de Radio Emisso (LABRE) to designate April 25 as International Amateur Radio Day, and authorizes the Vice President for International Affairs to communicate this position to the IARU.

74) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the Membership Affairs Committee, with input from the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee, study the feasibility of establishing an "Emergency Operating Fund" at Headquarters to receive contributions. This fund would be used to reimburse those stations that have direct expenses attributed to a bona fide emergency, i.e., telephone calls, equipment parts, etc.

75) On motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Mihus, unanimously VOTED to refer the proposed insurance program to the Management & Finance Committee for their consideration and evaluation. The Committee is to report to the Executive Committee prior to the second meeting of the Board in September.

76) The Board was in recess for lunch from 12:27 to 1:16 P.M., coinciding with all persons hereinbefore mentioned present except Mr. Clark.

77) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Butler, unanimously VOTED the adoption of the following policy statement regarding the FCC proposal for the adoption of so-called plain-language rules for the amateur service:

1) ARRL believes that radio amateurs have proven themselves capable of understanding (and obeying) the rules for the amateur service as they are presently written.

2) However, the League does not desire to oppose legitimate attempts to improve and strengthen the manner of presentation of the amateur rules.

3) Therefore, the League supports the concept of plain-language rules and will concentrate its comments on the substance of the proposal contained in Docket 80-729.

4) In its study of the proposed rules the League has already identified several areas of concern where it is

believed that substantive changes are being introduced. For example, a few areas of concern already identified include:

A) The basis and purpose of the Amateur Service appear to be restated in a way which reduces the traditional scope of the rationale for the service.

B) The deletion of any specific references in the rules to net operation.

C) An apparent error in proposed Rule 30 regarding permitted antenna heights.

5) The League's plan for dealing with Docket 80-729 is to:

A) Collect comments from ARRL officials, members, and other interested parties.

B) Seek a meeting between ARRL representatives and FCC staff and/or commissioners to discuss areas of concern in accordance with Commission rules for ex-parte contacts.

C) File comments offering, where appropriate, constructive alternatives to the Commission proposals.

78) Moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Holladay, that the General Manager is directed to establish a Court of Honor at an appropriate headquarters location. The purpose of the Court of Honor is to commemorate the sacrifice of those radio amateurs who have lost their lives while engaged in public-service activities. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, VOTED that the matter is referred to the Membership Affairs Committee for study. Mr. Holladay requested to be recorded as voting opposed to the referral.

79) Moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Zak, that By-Law 9 is modified by adding the word "Treasurer" in the second sentence after the "Vice President." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor.

80) On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Oubre, VOTED that the DXAC review the guidelines for single-mode DX awards, including confirmation procedures and operating ethics, and report to the fall meeting of the Board of Directors.

81) On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the Membership Affairs Committee is directed to study the methods and procedures currently used to disseminate ARRL Official Bulletins and to recommend ways of improving this service to our members.

82) On motion of Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Oubre, unanimously VOTED that in continuation of its support for the Amateur Satellite program, the ARRL donate the sum of \$10,000 to the ARRL Foundation on a matching-fund basis.

83) At this point the chair recognized Mr. Baldwin, who announced his decision to retire as General Manager and Secretary of the League in June 1982.

84) On motion of Mr. Bieberman, seconded by Mr. Zak, unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors endorses the recommendations of the 1980 IARU Region 2 Conference regarding QSL card dimension tolerances and instructs the General Manager to promulgate this standard to U.S. amateurs employing ARRL QSL bureau facilities.

85) On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Holladay, unanimously VOTED that the President is directed to form an ad hoc committee to recommend standards for digital communications in the Amateur Radio Service.

86) Moved by Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that By-Law 10 is amended to add language that the treasurer serves without vote by inserting the word "Treasurer" after "Vice Presidents." A roll-call vote being required, the question was decided in the AFFIRMATIVE, with all directors voting in favor.

87) Moved by Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that the club bulletin be replaced by a column in QST quarterly. Moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Holladay, the matter is laid on the Table; but the motion to Table was LOST. After further discussion, moved by Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that the matter is referred to the Membership Affairs Committee for study. After further discussion, on motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Oubre, VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

88) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the Membership Affairs Committee is instructed to consider establishment of a suitable award to ARRL members achieving sixty-year membership tenure.

89) On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Milius, unanimously VOTED that, in cooperation with the efforts of the IARU Region 2 organization to achieve international agreement and harmony in the assignment of vhf/uhf repeater frequencies, copies of ARRL Repeater Directories be routinely sent to each Region 2 IARU member society and to each member of the IARU Region 2 Executive Committee.

90) Moved by Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Butler, that the ARRL make all League publications available at discount prices to clubs and convention/hamfest

committees, when purchased in quantities, for resale at club meetings, conventions and hamfests so that the purchasers may derive a small profit therefrom by selling them at list prices. After discussion, moved by Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Butler, that the matter be referred to the Management & Finance Committee for study. Moved by Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Carey, that the matter is laid on the Table; but the motion to Table was LOST. The question then being on the referral, the same was ADOPTED.

91) On motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Holladay, unanimously VOTED that the present proposal of the 40-meter window frequencies now ready for presentation to FCC not be filed at this time, but be reconsidered by the Plans & Programs Committee.

92) On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager is directed to prepare for filing by the General Counsel with the FCC a petition for rulemaking seeking the addition of the following provision to subpart G of Part 97 of the Commission's Rules: "Except in emergency situations involving the immediate safety of life or property, the operation of an amateur station by an alien amateur under a permit issued by the Commission shall not include international third-party traffic as defined in Section 97.3(v) of the Commission's Rules."

93) On motion of Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors reaffirms its support of the ARRL Foundation and directs that the General Manager provide administrative support for the Foundation comparable to that presently provided the CRRL and IARU.

94) Moved by Mr. Bieberman, seconded by Mr. Oubre that a list be published in QST of the members of the Committees in the Senate and the House of Representatives who have jurisdiction over the FCC, together with the States and Congressional Districts which they represent. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Zak, VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

95) On motion of Mr. Powell, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager is directed to prepare the slide and cassette tape program ordered at Minute 66 of the 1980 Annual meeting for distribution by July 1981.

96) On motion of Mr. Metzger, seconded by Mr. Anderson, unanimously VOTED that an emblem pin of appropriate size and design be made available to assistant directors at a small fee.

97) On motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that a report of the cur-

rent status of Project Goodwill be prepared by the General Manager and that it be presented to the Board not later than the Board meeting of September 1981.

98) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager investigate the feasibility of sponsoring "Industry Seminars" between the Amateur Radio Industry and the ARRL on a periodic and geographical basis to serve as a common meeting ground and interchange of ideas.

99) On motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED to rescind a motion relating to the appointment of Bonn A. Gilbert, Jr., as Group Insurance Administrator for ARRL as adopted July 1977 by Minute 45.

100) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the judging for the ARRL Technical Excellence Award be by a panel of Technical Advisors who should report to the Membership Affairs Committee 90 days prior to the second Board meeting. The General Manager is to appoint a Hq. coordinator.

101) On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mr. Carey, unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors expresses to Director Butler and Vice Director Cozens of the Southeastern Division, and to the many League members in the Orlando area, its sincere appreciation for the warm hospitality and the many courtesies extended to the officers, directors and staff members of the ARRL and their spouses on the occasion of this meeting in Orlando.

102) Moved by Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Wangler, that the President is directed to appoint an ad hoc committee of amateurs knowledgeable in the field of membership organizations to study the current League organizational structure and make recommendations for improvement. This committee shall work with the Long-Range Planning Committee in developing recommendations for presentation at the 1982 annual meeting of the Board of Directors. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

103) On motion of Mr. Wangler, seconded by Mr. Holladay, unanimously VOTED that a summary of the Washington Representative's report be added at least monthly as part of Directors' Letter List "A."

104) On motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, unanimously VOTED that the existing legal packet be updated to provide information on antenna height, towers, interference and other legal problems of concern to radio amateurs and that it be referred to the Executive Committee for approval. The Board was in recess from 3:20 to 3:42 P.M.

105) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager study the feasibility of publication and distribution of a catalog listing all items available from Headquarters, i.e., pins, banners, awards, books, etc.

106) Moved by Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Powell, that the General Manager cause to be published in QST from time to time a list of future articles and their authors which will appear in future issues. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Zak, VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

107) Moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that the General Manager inquire of prospective QST authors, the possibility of having their articles appear in other ARRL publications if not selected for QST. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

108) On motion of Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Milius, unanimously VOTED that the ARRL continue to press the FCC to return full amateur privileges in the 1.8-2.0 MHz band.

109) Moved by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Milius, that prior to presenting a motion at a Board meeting that requires funding of any amount, it shall first be presented to the Management & Finance Committee at least 30 days prior to its Board presentation, so that the cost of the action contained therein can be determined and a means of funding can be decided upon. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED that the matter is laid on the Table.

110) On motion of Mr. Milius, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, VOTED that the Membership Affairs Committee consider the designing and marketing of an official ARRL windbreaker.

111) On motion of Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Oubre, VOTED that the Plans & Programs Committee review the findings of the VRAC regarding a band-plan for 2-meter 15-kHz "splinter channel" repeater frequencies and present a recommendation for a band plan to the next Board meeting. Mrs. Lewis requested to be recorded as voting opposed.

112) On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse the division directors for actual expenses incurred by them



"As bad as that?" — W0BJW (L), VE3CJ



Coffee break: W7QGP, K0PGM

during the year 1981 in the proper administration of ARRL affairs in their respective divisions, up to the amounts as follows: Canadian Division — \$8000, Atlantic Division — \$7000, Central Division — \$7500, Dakota Division — \$2500, Delta Division — \$6500, Great Lakes Division — \$5500, Hudson Division — \$4000, Midwest Division — \$5000, New England Division — \$5800, Northwestern Division — \$5400, Pacific Division — \$7800, Roanoke Division — \$8000, Rocky Mountain Division — \$3600, Southeastern Division — \$7500, Southwestern Division — \$7500 and West Gulf Division — \$6500.

113) On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bieherman, unanimously VOTED the following authorizations for continuing committees other than standing committees for the year 1981: RFI Task Group — \$2500, Biological Effects of RF Energy — \$2500 and Interference Task Force — \$1000.

114) On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Metzger, unanimously VOTED that to continue the Board's policy of reimbursing Section Communications Managers for certain travel in furthering ARRL organizational activities, the General Manager is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1981 a total amount not to exceed \$12,000 under terms prescribed by the Communications Manager, following the general pattern established by the Board.

115) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that to continue the Board's policy of reimbursing QST Managers of the League for certain travel in furthering ARRL organizational activities, the General Manager is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1981 a total amount not to exceed \$4000 under terms prescribed by the General Manager, following the general pattern established by the Board.

116) On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Anderson, unanimously VOTED that to continue the Board's policy of reimbursing Section Emergency Coordinators for certain travel in furthering ARRL organizational activities, the General Manager is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1981 a total amount not to exceed \$12,000 under terms prescribed by the Communications Manager following the general pattern established by the Board.

117) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, unanimously VOTED that to continue the Board's policy of reimbursing National Traffic System officials above the section level for certain approved travel in furthering ARRL organizational activities, the General Manager is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1981 a total amount not to exceed \$13,000 under terms prescribed by the Communications Manager following the general pattern established by the Board.

118) On motion of Mr. Oubre, seconded by Mr. Wander, unanimously VOTED that to continue the

Board's policy of reimbursing Section Traffic Managers for certain travel in furthering ARRL organizational activities, the General Manager is hereby authorized to pay during the year 1981 a total amount not to exceed \$12,000 under terms prescribed by the Communications Manager following the general pattern established by the Board.

119) On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Stevens, unanimously VOTED to remove from the Table the motion concerning Standing Order #222. On motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Mihus, unanimously VOTED to amend the motion by striking the reference to the Internal Revenue Service and substituting therefor "a rate of reimbursement equivalent to that permitted U.S. Government employees." The question then being on the motion as amended, the same was unanimously ADOPTED.

120) On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grauer, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager purchase envelope-type membership applications and make them available for use as appropriate. The Board was in recess from 4:50 to 5:07 P.M.

121) On motion of Mr. Bieherman, seconded by Mr. Anderson, unanimously VOTED that the RFI Task Group study the problem of the interference caused by many makes of vhf and uhf scanners to reception of weak signals in the vhf and uhf amateur bands, and report at the next Board meeting.

122) Moved by Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, that Mr. Clarence Tuska be inducted into the ARRL Hall of Fame. After discussion, moved by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Grauer, that the motion is amended to add the name of F. E. Handy, W1BDL. After further discussion, on motion of Mr. Nathanson, seconded by Mr. Butler, VOTED that the amendment is angaged so as to place in nomination the names of all seven candidates submitted to the Executive Committee by the Membership Affairs Committee. The question then being on the motion as amended the same was ADOPTED. The Board was in recess from 5:51 to 8:30 P.M. for dinner, reconvening with all persons heretofore mentioned present except Messrs. Clark and Olson.

123) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Powell, unanimously VOTED that the Board resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of considering nominees to the ARRL Hall of Fame at 8:43 P.M. The Committee rose at 8:48 P.M. and reported to the Board. On motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Butler, unanimously VOTED that the report of the committee is adopted. On further motion of Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Zak, unanimously VOTED that Mr. Clarence D. Tuska is elected to the ARRL Hall of Fame (applause).

124) On motion of Mr. Zak, seconded by Mr. Nathanson, unanimously VOTED that the qualifications for submission to the ARRL Hall of Fame be re-

examined by the Membership Affairs Committee and that a moratorium of one year be placed on further nominations.

125) On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, unanimously VOTED that each director offering a motion requiring the expenditure of funds for implementation shall include with the motion his estimate of the costs involved and the suggested method of funding those costs.

126) On motion of Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Butler, unanimously VOTED that the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League extends thanks to U.S. Representative William E. Dannemeyer for his support of the Amateur Radio Service. The Board urges all ARRL members to express their written support for House Bill H.R. 2203 to permit the use of volunteers by the Federal Communications Commission so as to facilitate the administration of FCC services to radio amateurs.

127) Moved by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, that By-Law 5 be amended by replacing the text with the following: "Provided that a member is without sight he may at his request pay dues of \$2.00 per year in advance but without the right to receive QST. If a member is the husband or wife, brother or sister, son or daughter, father or mother of another member living at the same address and either a Life Member or one paying dues in accordance with By-Law 4, he may at his request pay dues of \$4.00 per year in advance, but without the right to receive QST, said Family membership to be concurrent with that of the member receiving QST. A roll call vote being required, with 12 votes necessary for passage, the motion was DEFEATED; 8 directors voted in favor, and 8 opposed. Those voting opposed were Messrs. Carey, Grauer, Holladay, Lewis, Metzger, Nathanson, Oubre, and Powell; all others voted in favor.

128) On motion of Mr. Baldwin, seconded by Mr. Powell, unanimously VOTED that the General Manager is hereby authorized to reimburse actual expenses incurred in the administration of CRRL Headquarters during the year 1981 a total amount not to exceed \$4000.

129) All those present were given the opportunity for informal closing comments. There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Grauer, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, the Board adjourned, *sine die* at 11:05 P.M. Total time in session as a Board 16 hours, 8 minutes; as a Committee of the Whole 3 hours, 8 minutes; total direct authorizations \$209,100.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU
Secretary

50 Years Ago

May 1931

1) The two-day Hudson Division Convention is to be held at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City. The banquet promises to be a bang-up affair, with Broadway caterers and, for dancing, Ed Berlin's Society Orchestra. Convention-banquet tickets are \$5, \$3 for YLs or OWs.

2) "Amateur Radio As an Aid to Terrestrial-Magnetic Research" by S.L. Seaton, W3BWL, tells how hams relayed traffic from the research vessel *Carnegie* during the voyage from Washington, D.C. to Apia, Samoa. Ham radio was also a link from the observatory, YK6MO, near Watheroo, Western Australia, and the headquarters in Washington. Another ham station is being installed at the observatory at Huancayo, Peru, in the Andes Mountains.

3) George Grammer, W1DP, heralds the arrival of "The Variable-Mu Tetrode" in a six-page article describing the physical construction and electrical action of this new development. Advantages include good extended gain-control action and the reduction of "cross talk."

4) Paul Schwern of the Perryman Electric Co. describes "A Full-Wave Mercury-Vapor Rectifier" designed to replace the type '80 thermionic rectifier and provide greater power-handling capability. The new 80-M has been used to replace a pair of '81s in a ham transmitter for a 22% power gain.

5) Vivian O'Meara, Z1ZAC, talks about "New Zealand's Tragic Earthquake" and the brilliant job ZL did in providing communications when all wire

services failed during the earthquake and fires that killed 350 and injured thousands. (The full QST page of text was sent by radio from Z1ZAC to Managing Editor Clark Rodimon, W1SZ.)

6) "A Home-Made Photocell" made from an '01-A is Harley Iams' topic. Heating a part of the tube envelope volatilizes the internal "getter" coating and leaves a clear window. The "getter" condenses on the plate of the tube to provide the photocell cathode, and grid and filament tied together form the anode. The light from a 100-watt lamp a foot away can provide a photocell current of about two microamperes.

25 Years Ago

May 1956

1) The cover and lead article is "An Experimental All-Transistor Communications Receiver," by Carl Heinen, W0MGN. This 7-transistor, 80- through 15-meter superhet is believed to be the first amateur-built multi-band super using available solid-state components. W0MGN tried 10 meters but the '5B-100 mixer was too noisy for acceptable operation. "Store-bought" i.e. transformers were too broad for ham use, so tube-type transformers were modified and used. The band-switched receiver is housed in a 10 x 5-1/2 x 3-inch chassis.

2) Murray Crosby, W2CSY, introduces the readers to "Reception with Product Detectors" and points out the advantages for c.w. and s.s.b. reception. Two circuits are shown, one using a pentagrid converter tube and another (patented by Crosby in 1949) with three triodes.

3) Will Herzog, W9FSK, describes his "Cathode-Follower T-R Switch," which has to be the ultimate in simplicity. It uses a 6C4 tube, three fixed capacitors and two resistors. There are things to watch out for, however, according to "Variations in T-R Switch Performance" by Laird Campbell, W1CUT. His tests with two commercial T-R switches show the effects at 28 Mc. of frequency, transmitter tuning and connecting-cable length on receiver sensitivity.

4) The "Contest Man's Receiver-Tracking VFO for 7 Mc." of A. D. LaRue, W1HAP, is a well-designed conversion exciter using the 5.0 output of his Collins 75A 2 receiver. Features include a balanced mixer and band-pass tuned circuits.

5) "The Great Flood — West Coast Version" is an extensive report by George Hart, W1NIM, of the emergency communications provided by amateurs during the December floods. Northern California and southern Oregon saw the most damage. More than six pages are used to record the great work done by hams.

6) Albert Magazian, W8RWW, shows how to build "A Dual Quad for 15 and 10." Elements are in the same planes, so the wavelength spacing is greater on 10 than it is on 15.

7) *Quint Quic* introduces (to become) classic problem, submitted by Dr. Earl Weston, W8BKO. It involves two boxes connected together by two wires. One box has two switches and an a.c. input, and the other box has two lamps. One switch controls one lamp; the other switch controls the other lamp. What's the circuit?

8) W1DX presents a brief history of "Radio Astronomy" and an account of his visit to the Ohio State University radio telescope. The OSU project head is Dr. John Kraus, known the ham world over for his WRK close-spaced beam and his antenna text book. — Byron Goodin, W1DX

AMRAD Gets Special Waiver for Spread-Spectrum Experiments

The Federal Communications Commission has granted 28 Amateur Radio stations permission to conduct spread spectrum (SS) experiments on Amateur Radio frequencies. The radio amateurs involved are members of the Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation (AMRAD), a nonprofit corporation and ARRL affiliated club comprised of over 350 members whose primary interest is developing skills and knowledge in radio and electronic technology. Spread spectrum is an unconventional form of modulation that uses 10 to 100 times the bandwidth needed to carry the same information via more conventional modes. However, its advantage lies in the fact that an SS signal's energy is spread throughout a band of frequencies so that the amount of energy at any particular frequency is much less than that produced by conventional narrow-band signals.

There are four basic ways an SS signal can be "spread": *direct sequence*, which is produced by modulating a carrier with a digitized code stream; *frequency hopping*, which is produced by jumping the signal to a number of different frequencies in an agreed sequence; *pulse-fm (chirp)*, where the carrier frequency sweeps over a wide band of frequencies at a known rate; and *time hopping*, which is a form of pulse modulation using a time-coded sequence to control the pulse. *Hybrid* spread spectrum systems use a combination of the four basic systems.¹

AMRAD's application to the Commission for the special temporary authority (STA) emphasized that spread-spectrum modulation techniques can conserve radio spectrum because different SS code sequences, or synchronizing SS signals at various points within one long code sequence, will permit many simultaneous communications free of interference from each other. Spread-spectrum receivers with the wrong code and conventional narrow-band receivers will be unable to demodulate the SS signal and may not even be able to detect the presence of the signal. In fact, depending on the transmitter power level and the receiver's distance from the transmitter, the spread-spectrum signal may be below the noise level.

The FCC's STA gives AMRAD the authority to conduct four experiments. The first experiment will be conducted with commercially available hf frequency-hopping transceivers so that the group can quickly gain on-the-air experience with the technique. Test paths will be between Washington, DC, and Rochester, New York, on 3675-3775 kHz, 7050-7150 kHz and 14,100-14,200 kHz. Because of the crowding on these bands, particularly at certain times of the day, AMRAD plans to make prior announcements of the tests on these bands.

¹See "Spread Spectrum and the Radio Amateur," by Paul L. Rinaldo, in November 1980 QST, p. 15.

*Deputy Manager, Membership Services, ARRL



FCC Private Radio Bureau Chief Carlos V. Roberts (2nd from right), presents a Special Temporary Authority to experiment with spread-spectrum transmissions to Hal L. Feinstein, WB3KDU (far left) and Paul L. Rinaldo, W4RI. Dr. Michael J. Marcus (far right), chief, Technical Planning Staff of the Commission's Office of Science and Technology, witnesses the ceremonial occasion at the Commission's offices. Messrs. Feinstein and Rinaldo are two of the amateurs affiliated with the Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation granted the STA. (FCC photo)

WIAW will carry these announcements to the general Amateur Radio community.

The second experiment involves 10-meter frequency-hopping tests. To keep the costs low, the AMRAD group plans to modify several Citizens Band single-sideband transceivers for frequency hopping in the 28.1- to 29.3-MHz frequency range. The group will also investigate frequency hopping of the Inoue Communications Equipment Corporation (ICOM) IC-701 hf transceiver, one of a few amateur transceivers capable of external digital control. Because more spectrum is available in the 10-meter band than in those bands proposed for the first experiment, AMRAD will not have to make prior announcements of its tests via WIAW.

The third experiment involves the 420- to 450-MHz (70-cm) band for direct-sequence spread-spectrum tests. The group's initial plan is to use inexpensive television color-burst crystal modulators as the foundation for producing a phase-shift keyed (PSK) signal with shifts of 0° and 180°. One part of the experimentation, in cooperation with the Metrovision Amateur Television (ATV) Club in Alexandria, Virginia, is to operate SS concurrently with ATV transmissions to assess mutual interference potentials. Another part is to determine the feasibility of using an ATV repeater to pass SS signals, thereby obtaining the range advantage of a repeater. Also, the wide bandwidth of an ATV repeater assures small time delays for synchronizing SS signals sent through it.

The fourth and final experiment involves spread-spectrum techniques for enhancing earth-moon-earth (moonbounce) communications. Under the supervision of David Phillips,

W3PJM, AMRAD will use an 84-ft parabolic dish antenna located at Cheltenham, Maryland. The AMRAD group believes that by spreading signal information over many different frequencies, it will eliminate the deep nulls that occur over narrow-band channels. The SS receiver, it is hoped, by correlating the SS transmitter's signal contributions across the band, will deal with the problems of libration fading and fading caused by wide-space reflections from the moon, rapidly adding to and then cancelling the reflected signal.

The Federal Communications Commission took the occasion of its granting the STA to AMRAD to encourage other Amateur Radio experimenters. In a news release, the Commission stated that it realized that in certain instances proposed experiments may conflict with existing amateur rules. It emphasized that it is willing to grant rule waivers for many different experiments, including: spread spectrum, packet-switching networks, radio-teletypewriter codes (other than ASCII and Baudot, which are already permitted under the present rules), beacons for propagation studies, medium-scan television, frequency and/or amplitude companding, digitized voice techniques, digitized video techniques, trunked repeater systems and EME communications.

According to the Commission, radio amateurs wishing to conduct experiments within the amateur bands should first refer to the Commission's rules to determine if a rule waiver is required. If a proposed experiment will conflict with any of the Commission's rules, the licensee conducting the experiment must write to the Commission requesting a waiver of the specific rule(s). Waiver-request

letters should be addressed to: Federal Communications Commission 334 York St., Gettysburg, PA 17325, Attention: Technical Section.

The waiver-request letter should cover complete details of the proposed experiment, including all technical parameters, specific frequencies to be used and a justification for the project. The Commission will approve or deny any request in writing, and no experimentation may begin until the written approval is received.

SLEEPER CASE RECEIVES UNFAVORABLE RULING

The Massachusetts Appeals Court has ruled against Donald H. Sleeper, W1ONK, in his legal battle with the Regional Historic District Commission on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. One sentence on the front page of the opinion sums up Don's problems: "It is his misfortune that his home is located in the Old King's Highway Regional Historic District."

In 1977, the commission denied Don's application for a certificate of appropriateness for his 68-ft-high amateur antenna located in his backyard in East Dennis, Massachusetts. Don appealed the decision to the regional commission and, after receiving an adverse decision there, appealed to the Second District Court of Barnstable. That court affirmed the commission's decision, and Don appealed again, this time to the Appellate Division. After another adverse decision, Don appealed to the Supreme Judicial Court; however, it transferred the case to the Appeals Court. It is the Appeals Court that has released this latest decision, affirming the lower courts.

The Appeals Court recognized that Don's house is not itself historic. The house is located in a subdivision of 109 lots occupied by one-story, ranch-style houses built in the late 1960s. Fifty-six of the houses have television antennas on their roofs and five have pole or whip Citizens Band antennas that stand 17 to 20 feet above the roof line. Nevertheless, the court refused to overturn the commission's conclusion that the antenna "is not evocative of what section I of the Act [the Historic District Act] says is to be promoted: 'the aesthetic tradition of Barnstable County, as it existed in the early days of Cape Cod.'"

The court also found that Don's being prevented from engaging in his hobby to the fullest, while undoubtedly a blight on his spirit, is not a hardship in the statutory sense. Furthermore, in response to Don's argument that the matter is preempted by the federal government, the court held that "[a]lthough the Federal Communications Act of 1934 [sic] . . . preempts local regulation of radio transmission, including assignment of frequencies, interference phenomena and the content of broadcast material [citation omitted], it does not purport to regulate the manner in which physical structures involved in radio transmission have an impact upon local land-use considerations."

The ARRL has been closely involved with the Sleeper Case through its General Counsel, Robert M. Booth, Jr., W3PS, of Booth and Freret, Washington, DC. Don Sleeper is represented by Duane P. Landreth, of LaFauzi, Spaulding and Landreth, Orleans, Massachusetts. (Mr. Landreth is the son of

Harry W. Landreth, W8NZC, of Cleveland, Ohio.) As *QST* went to press, no decision had yet been reached on whether a further appeal would be made to the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

PETITIONS DISMISSED BY FCC

FCC Will Not Ban A-M

The Federal Communications Commission has dismissed a petition calling for the prohibition of amplitude modulation on the amateur bands. RM-3665, filed by Robert W. Stankus of Easton, Connecticut, proposed that a-m be prohibited after January 1, 1985, because amateurs should make better use of the radio spectrum and progress in the state of the art by abandoning an obsolete method of communications.

The Commission dismissed the petition because it felt that Mr. Stankus' motives conflicted with the Commission's goals for the Amateur Radio Service. The Commission's aim, according to the dismissal order, is to provide Amateur Radio operators with diverse modes of communication for experimentation rather than restricting them to certain methods of communication. Furthermore, numerous comments on the proposal indicated that a-m communications provided operators with their introduction to Amateur Radio. A-m equipment is easier to build, and has provided many operators with the necessary incentive to become interested in more advanced areas of Amateur Radio. Other comments indicated that for the Commission to phase out amplitude modulation would deprive many operators of their hobby because their equipment would become obsolete, and they could not afford other equipment.

According to the Commission, Mr. Stankus provided unpersuasive arguments for his petition. He stated that he conducted an impartial survey and found fewer than 5000 amateurs still using a-m. However, he provides no data to support his conclusions. Also, he claims that manufacturers no longer produce a-m transceivers. On the contrary, current Amateur Radio catalogues show several Amateur Radio transceivers available for sale with a-m capability. If Mr. Stankus' claims were valid, there would be little reason for the Commission to impose a ban on a mode which was rarely used, the Commission concluded.

Accordingly, the Commission dismissed the petition as not being in the public interest. The Commission received 83 comments in this proceeding. Only one comment supported the petition.

Typewriters Not Generally Permitted at FCC Exams

The FCC Private Radio Bureau has dismissed, under delegated authority, a request for rulemaking which would have permitted amateur applicants to use typewriters during FCC exams. The petitioner, Michael R. Reynolds, justified his request partially on the basis that applicants for First Class Radiotelegraph licenses are allowed typewriters. The FCC pointed out that it administers about 50 "First Telegraph" examinations a year compared with 30,000 Amateur Radio tests, usually in groups. The distraction caused by typing to other applicants was cited by the Commission as the reason for turning down the request without even assigning it a rulemaking number. The Commission will, however, continue to permit the use of

typewriters by the handicapped, with advance notice.

No Autopatch Business Calls — Even if They are Important

The Private Radio Bureau also dismissed RM-3562, a petition that proposed allowing the use of autopatch facilities to make "important" but nonemergency business calls via Amateur Radio when a telephone was unavailable. The Commission summarized its action by saying that the proposal "is in serious conflict with the nature and purpose of the Amateur Radio Service." The petition was filed by Raymond Dopmeyer, NØBGP, at P. O. Box 228, Willmar, MN 56201.

FCC SUMMARIZES ACTION TAKEN IN SF BAY AREA JAMMING CASES

The FCC's regional director for the San Francisco Region has issued a public notice to inform the amateur community of the results and status of several cases of malicious interference involving amateur repeater operations in the Bay Area. The following is a summary of the FCC's updated information released February 26, 1981.

Traumann, KA6KXF

June 9, 1980: Official Notice of Violation was issued to *Marsha R. Traumann, KA6KXF*, 7525 Belle View Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472, for alleged violation of Sections 97.7(e) — operation on frequency not authorized, 97.82 — unavailability of license during inspection, 97.84(a) — unidentified transmissions, 97.103 — nonmaintenance of station log and 97.121 — use of false call sign, as a result of monitoring and inspection performed May 21 and 22, 1980.

May 29, 1980: FCC's Private Radio Bureau set aside the recent grant of Ms. Traumann's license by telegram, thus returning her earlier application to pending status.

Latest known action: The Private Radio Bureau issued a letter February 3, 1981, stating its intent to designate Ms. Traumann's license application for hearing. If PRB receives no reply within 20 days, it will dismiss the application under Section 1.962 of the Commission's Rules.

Traumann, KB6IL

August 6, 1980: A certified letter was sent to *Pete D. Traumann, KB6IL*, 7525 Belle View Ave., Sebastopol, CA 95472, making inquiries about the May 21 and 22, 1980 operations involving Marsha R. Traumann, KA6KXF.

September 17, 1980: FCC issued Mr. Traumann an Official Notice of Violation, alleging violation of Sections 97.84(a) and 97.121, partly since he had later claimed to be the "control operator" during his wife's cited operations. (In view of the action being taken against KA6KXF, it does not appear that the Private Radio Bureau will take further action against KB6IL solely for the identical operations.)

Gilbeau, N6OZ

June 5, 1980: The FCC issued an Official Notice of Violation to *Donald E. Gilbeau, N6OZ*, 645 North Argonaut St., Stockton, CA 95203, for alleged violation of Sections 97.84(a) — failure to transmit call sign, 97.123 — unidentified signals and 97.125 — causing malicious interference, as a result of monitoring and inspection performed May 28, 1980.

**Sleeper v. Bourne*, Massachusetts Appeals Court, No. 80-471 (March 13, 1981).

Latest known action: The Private Radio Bureau released an order February 13, 1981, looking toward revocation of Mr. Gilbeau's station license and suspension of his operator's license. The Bureau has ordered Mr. Gilbeau to file a written request within 30 days if he wants a hearing. (The Order is a public document, and limited copies may be requested from the FCC Office of the Regional Director, 211 Main St., Room 537, San Francisco, CA 94105.)

Unlicensed Individual

August 14, 1980: The FCC sent a certified warning letter to a person residing in a single-family dwelling located in Antioch, California, concerning unlicensed operation on 147.66 MHz, as a result of monitoring and inspection attempts during the evening hours of July 15, 1980. The female resident at the located address did not hold an amateur license and has not been seen fit to reply to the warning letter. Although a major investigative case was opened in this matter, no subsequent operation is known to have taken place, and no additional sanction action is anticipated, barring further unlicensed operation. (Identification of the person involved is not now being released by the FCC.)

Rhoads

August 15, 1980: The FCC sent a certified warning letter to *Donald L. Rhoads*, 1214 Polk St., No. 232, San Francisco, CA 94109, concerning alleged unlicensed operation and rule infractions on 146.22 MHz as a result of monitoring and inspection performed July 23, 1980. Alleged rule infractions include: 97.84(a) — identification, 97.113 — broadcasting, 97.115 — music, 97.119 — indecent language, 97.121 — false call sign and 97.123 — unidentified signals. While Rhoads has no amateur authorization, he does hold a valid restricted radiotelephone operator permit.

Latest known action: On February 11, 1981, the FCC issued to Rhoads a Notice of Apparent Liability of Forfeiture in the amount of \$750, pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Communications Act. As of the day the FCC's public Notice was released, Mr. Rhoads' 30-day response period had not yet passed.

Kerr, WA6JY

September 3, 1980: FCC issued an Official Notice of Violation to *Gary W. Kerr*, WA6JY, 1511 North Carlton, Stockton, CA 95203, or 130-1/2 East 3rd, San Dimas, CA 91773, for alleged violations of Sections 97.78 — not operating in accordance with good amateur practice, 97.113 — broadcasting and 97.125 — causing interference to normal repeater operations, as a result of monitoring performed August 6, 7, 8 and 10, 1980.

September 16, 1980: FCC's Private Radio Bureau set aside the recent grant of Kerr's five-year renewal application by telegram, thus returning his application to pending status.

Latest known action: On February 18, 1981, the Private Radio Bureau issued a Designation Order for a hearing on his renewal application. Kerr was ordered to file a written request within 30 days if he wants to appear at the hearing. If Kerr waives his right to a hearing, his renewal application will be dismissed with prejudice. (The Order is a public document, and limited copies are available from the San Francisco Regional Office, FCC.)

Vance, K6MMZ

September 5, 1980: FCC issued an Official

Notice of Violation to *Allen R. Vance*, K6MMZ, 1718 High St., No. 3, Oakland, CA 94601, for alleged violation of Section 97.119 (indecent language) as a result of monitoring and inspection performed August 30, and September 4, 1980.

Latest known action: The FCC's Private Radio Bureau has apparently decided to take no further action in this manner, pending Vance's subsequent behavior.

McQuien, KA6KWN

November 18, 1980: FCC issued an Official Notice of Violation to *William R. McQuien*, KA6KWN, 127 Casey Dr., South San Francisco, CA 94080, for alleged violation of Sections 97.7(e) — operation on unauthorized frequency and 97.123 — unidentified signals, as a result of monitoring and inspection performed November 16 and 17, 1980. Because of certain misbehavior under CB station license KPC-7501 in 1978, McQuien had, as noted in a Private Radio Bureau letter of September 17, 1980, been issued a "short-term," one-year Novice license, pursuant to Section 1.110 of the FCC Rules. Mr. McQuien's amateur and CB licenses both expire later this year. Should he see fit to file a renewal application, the Private Radio Bureau may designate the matter for hearing.

FCC "CENSURE-Y" CLUB

K6EOA Revocation Proceeding

[The following is a report of the findings of fact by FCC Administrative Law Judge Lenore G. Ehrig in the revocation of license proceeding against John W. Munson, Jr., K6EOA. These factual determinations are subject to appeal for 30 days from the Decision's public release dated March 23, 1981. If no appeals are filed, the Decision becomes effective 50 days after its public release.]

According to the Decision, on October 21, 1980, the Chief of the FCC's Private Radio Bureau issued an Order directing Munson to show cause why his license for amateur station K6EOA should not be revoked. The Order alleged that Munson made radio transmissions in apparent violation of the Commission's rules and of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

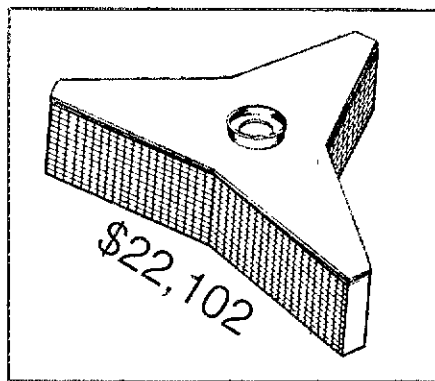
On October 2, 1979, according to the Decision, FCC engineers approached Munson's residence "within 15 minutes after monitoring and taping unidentified radio signals" emanating from his antenna. Munson "refused to allow the engineers to inspect his station" and told them to "leave the premises, which they did." According to the Commission Order, immediately after Munson's refusal the engineers monitored Munson transmitting "threats to kill the engineers." Munson, the Commission indicated, said that "he would kill the engineers if they came back to his home and that, if they did not return, he would go looking for them and kill them." The Order further indicated that as a result of Munson's threats, an arrest warrant and a search-and-seizure warrant were issued against Munson by the U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles. When Munson appeared at the Long Beach FCC office with a typed letter of apology, he was arrested and a search of his residence yielded a stolen transceiver, a loaded rifle, marijuana plants and transmitting equipment, all of which were seized. In The Decision, on March

19, 1980, Munson was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for the threats. On May 23, 1980, however, the "Federal indictment was dismissed due to a finding by a court-appointed psychiatrist that Mr. Munson was psychotic and legally insane . . ." On September 15, 1980, a four-count Information was filed in the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles alleging that Munson, in his attempt to refrain FCC engineers from doing acts in the performance of their duties, threatened unlawful injury on them. The Order indicated that Munson pleaded guilty on November 26, 1980, and on January 8, 1981 was sentenced to 3 years probation, fined \$500, directed to undergo psychotherapy and ordered not to use his station. Munson, according to Ehrig's Decision, testified that he had stated, "I would love to shoot be a couple of feds," and "maybe if I jam for four hours, they'll come back" at which point, "you gonna find some heavy metal in your belly . . ."

The Commission concluded: "In sum, Mr. Munson has been convicted of the felony of threatening, over Amateur radio, to kill Commission personnel. He has been found by a federal court-appointed psychiatrist to be legally insane. . . . He has willfully violated the Commission's Rules. Accordingly, Mr. Munson does not possess the necessary qualifications to be or remain a Commission licensee." — *Richard Palm, K1CE*

TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AMATEUR SATELLITE FUND DRIVE

The ARRL Foundation, in recognition of the need for further development of the Amateur Satellite program, recently initiated the Twentieth Anniversary Amateur Satellite Fund Drive. Last month in "Happenings" we reported the status of funds received and included a list of contributors of \$100 or more. Every month, we'll continue to monitor the progress of the Foundation's satellite drive in the pages of *QST*. Why not become a part of Amateur Radio's tomorrow by sending your contribution today to ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.



Recent contributors of \$100 or more include: Richard C. Thompson, WA6NOL; James W. Goodwin, WB5JAO; Columbia (Maryland) Amateur Radio Association; Bellbrook (Ohio) Amateur Radio Club; Russell T. Lund, Jr., WB0LNG; C. Spencer Powell, W9FSD; Peter W. Glaser, W6OKG. — *Richard Palm, K1CE*, Assistant Secretary, ARRL Foundation

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THE WORLD WRITES BACK

□ I read with interest VE2FSM's letter in QST Correspondence for March 1981. First, the expression "Canadian Sub-band" is a tongue-in-cheek reference to the fact that many VE hams historically used them to avoid "U.S. QRM." Concerning the rest of the letter, I think that Michael is the one who is not being considerate or thinking of others. He insinuates that the QRM in the rest of the band is because of the presence of U.S. hams. Do only U.S. hams use the "U.S. Sub-bands"? It would seem that U.S. hams are being told that they have to be excluded to preserve the scenic beauty of these frequencies. His point about amplifiers is well taken but accounts for only a fraction of the problems caused by sheer overcrowding. Moreover, why should only U.S. hams be discriminated against? Why not exclude JA (who outnumber U.S. hams), VE, G, F and all the other technologically advanced countries that have access to gear the equal of U.S. hams and leave these frequencies for the third-world countries that have a legitimate beef? There is no FCC regulation against U.S. phone-band expansion; the sub-band is a relic from the past. Although I personally don't care if we expand or not, the days when VE's (and most of the rest of the world) need to be "protected" from "U.S. QRM" are, much to their credit, over. — *Kevin Olson, K3OX, Ridgefield Park, New Jersey*

□ Mr. Masella bemoans the Americans, complaining about the cw use of the 20- and 40-meter bands. On more than one occasion, I have been on 10 meters, above the Novice bands, but below 28.5 MHz. After listening for several minutes and sending several QRT's and getting no response, I sent CQ. Several times, a ham speaking perfect English came back and proceeded to call me everything except late for dinner. He rudely informed me that this section is not for cw use, that I am not a gentleman and would I QSY. So, after moving back down below 28.200 MHz, and having not been given the other "informant's" call sign, I proceeded to conceal my frustration and anger.

Not to make it seem as if I take full offense to Mr. Masella's letter, I happen to agree with him about inconsiderate operators. I also (as 99% do) value my operating privileges very highly.

Not all U.S. hams are bad. To be sure, we have some, but so does every other country. Also, many of my finest QSO's have been with VE's. I ask that we exercise just a bit more caution on the air. — *Ed Pataky, K05X, Houston, Texas*

WHERE ARE YOU?

□ The new call-sign system has removed whatever QTH information there was in a call. Frankly, it was never very helpful. Yet, a little QTH information is often a help.

Instead of going to the FCC who will correctly tell us to mind our own business, I suggest that we "regulate ourselves."

My suggestion is that the ARRL encourage U.S. amateurs to add the two-letter state abbreviation to our calls when we call CQ. That is not hard, and it would really help those who want to work all states or tell where the band is open. This practice would be voluntary as it should be. During some contests we probably wouldn't want to use it. — *John Aules, KS4D/VA, Fairfax, Virginia*

[Editor's Note: We would not want to confuse state abbreviations with country prefixes. N1AKB/CT could be in Connecticut or Portugal.]

LESS GLARE SAVES GREEN STUFF

□ I have been mulling over your editorial, "Difficult Decisions in Difficult Times," March 1981 QST. I am in business and have been facing problems of a similar nature for a long time. Here are a few suggestions to help the League save money.

I have been annoyed by the glare from the coated paper used to print QST. It seems no matter where I read it I get reflections. Using a less expensive paper would surely save money and, as a side benefit, make me happier. Then, perhaps QST could reduce the technical articles by one each month and eliminate the QST Profiles column.

The Directors may believe these are impractical ideas; but I'm thinking, and perhaps better ideas will come forth. — *Karl Schworer, KA2BUF, Schenectady, New York*

A VIDEO ALTERNATIVE

□ Last Saturday, February 14, I had the pleasure of viewing *The World Of Amateur Radio* on our local PBS TV station, and was impressed with the fine quality of the production. Please accept my compliments for a job well done. I am sure that many "non-Amateur Radio folks" were watching and now have a different, broader understanding of what Amateur Radio is all about. My thanks for the highly professional undertaking. I was proud of your efforts. — *Ted Yearsty, W3TY, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

RULE CHANGES

□ This is in reference to proposed rules changes to Sub-Part 97 (Docket 80-729). I urge you, with all due haste, to rally our membership against the proposed change to rule 97.1. The change itself, to better define the Amateur Radio service, is good and quite acceptable; but the exclusion of the Basis and Purpose of the service from the rules eliminates the very reason and need for our existence. It is these five principles which make us different and provide the essence of the Amateur Radio Service. Excluding them from a revised document would open the door to misunderstanding the service by any uninformed source, for whatever the reason.

The principles as they are now written are not difficult to understand; I would not be opposed to rewording, provided they (the principles) continue to be included in the sub-part.

I will make my comments known to the commission, and I sincerely hope that you will ad-

vised our membership to do likewise. — *Robert P. Erk, W3XN, New Britain, Pennsylvania*

□ I write about the so-called plain language nonsense proposed by the FCC for all us undereducated, functionally illiterate, low-IQ folk who operate Amateur Radio or who would like to. Where does the FCC think we are from — Dullsville? Even through all the deregulation of recent years, we managed to maintain a certain pride in the fact that we could read (or understand, if it was read to us) on the eighth-grade level. Shall we try for the third grade?

When your ARRL advises you of proposed changes and when you are invited to express your comments, express them. You can bet your sweet rig that nobody else out there will do it for you. — *John B. Black, WD4CVR, Spartanburg, South Carolina*

HISTORY CAN HURT

□ Some very valuable information is still missing from the ARRL *Handbook*. It seems that in 1753, in an attempt to measure the speed of electricity, the Abbe Mollet caused an electric charge to be administered to a circle more than 1.5 kilometers in circumference, in which 200 Carthusian Monks were linked together by lengths of iron wire. Since they all jumped simultaneously, the Abbe concluded that electric propagation was rapid indeed.

Later, Don Francisco Salva, of Barcelona, modified the system to a multi-wire arrangement in which screams of different pitches were used as a sort of shorthand telegraphy. We surmise that 73 wires and 73 monks were used in this experiment, giving rise to the expression "Best Regardses."

Final stroke, however, was made on a brilliant intuitional flash by an experimenter named Pithball Morris. He simplified to a two-wire system, in which a tall, skinny monk and a short, fat monk were connected to form dots and dashes. This was copied visually; but by raising the voltage, it could also be copied aurally. Thus, the Morris code was born. — *Keith Olson, W7FS, Belfair, Washington*

CALL SIGNS

□ The new call-letter scheme put out by the FCC is ridiculous. The multitude of prefixes and configurations must be confounding to non-U.S. operators. Permitting licensees who change call-sign districts to keep their old calls will eventually make the "district digit" meaningless. Also, I intend to keep by W### call and operate under my Advanced class privileges, even though my Group C call sign may mislead some into thinking I am a General class licensee. Has the FCC got this programmed into their computer, or will I be issued a "pink slip"? Under difficult receiving conditions, all sorts of errors can occur. KA#x can be read as A#xK, or NG#xx can be read as G#xxN. If the call signs were limited to W#xx, W#xxx, and Wx#xxx, there would be 425,228 calls available for each district, leaving plenty of calls for licensees who are inactive or about to be cancelled! — *Ralph McFadden, W0OMJ, Lakewood, Colorado*

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Malicious Interference — FCC Enforcement

Last month, we examined some of the regulatory aspects of the blight that is malicious interference. Because of the serious nature of the problem, we're continuing our discussion this month with a look at the various kinds of interference and a conspectus of recent FCC enforcement actions.

Q. What are the different kinds of interference?

A. According to an ARRL Interference Task Force report, "The term 'malicious interference' is really a misnomer, for it characterizes only one of the varieties of amateur-to-amateur interference. Such interference can be in one of four categories. It can be inadvertent; one can cause interference without meaning to do so. It can be careless; one can cause interference by not using a dummy load to tune up. These two categories, inadvertent and careless, account for over 90% of the QRM on the amateur bands. In-

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terference can also be harassing if the intent is to disrupt communications deliberately, or it can be malicious if the intention is to do damage or to harm another seriously. . . . Amateurs, through local interference committees, should be able to handle virtually all cases of inadvertent and careless interference, and some cases of harassing interference, while seeking the Commission's help with only the more serious cases."

Q. Well, that's fine, but just what is the FCC doing about these "hard-core" offenders?

A. Table I presents a partial conspectus of FCC enforcement actions in recent malicious interference cases. Currently, the Commission is conducting active investigations in other serious cases. *QST* will continue to report these actions in "Happenings" FCC Censure-y Club.

Q. Is there anything brewing on the legislative front that may help amateurs and FCC in cases of interference?

A. Yes. Volunteers would be permitted to

assist FCC in monitoring violations of amateur rules under a bill recently introduced into the House by U.S. Representative William E. Dannemeyer (R-California). The bill, known as H.R. 2203, is intended to give support to the hams' effort to combat malicious interference on the amateur bands. For more information on this bill, see April 1981 *QST* "Happenings" for a report by ARRL's Washington Area Coordinator, Perry Williams, WIUED.

Q. What is the single, most-effective means for an individual amateur to deal with malicious interference?

A. In a word — Ignore! In many cases, well-meaning operators are their own worst enemies by acknowledging or attempting to fight back the interference on the air. By ignoring offenders, you deprive them of their one need — infantile attention. Additionally, from an FCC Monitoring Station standpoint, you make their job easier by keeping your operation above reproach. □

Table 1
A Sampling of FCC Enforcement Actions

WD8NLS Revoked

FCC Administrative Law Judge Edward Luton has revoked the license of Alexander G. Sullivan, WD8NLS. FCC monitored Sullivan transmitting in the 40-meter amateur band and, as a result, cited him for violation of §97.119 of the rules: Obscenity, Indecency and Profanity. The Commission also cited Sullivan for violations of Sections 97.113 and 97.115; Sullivan had rebroadcast a commercial fm station which contained music.

Sullivan claimed he was intoxicated at the time of his August 1, 3 and 5, 1978 transmissions. He also testified that his transmissions were made during a period when he was a member of an informal group which called itself the "anti-communist free thinkers net."

The Commission concluded that "Sullivan's conduct was contrary to the public interest, and he does not possess the qualifications to remain a Commission licensee."

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."

*§97.117 has since been redesignated §97.119.

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*

KA1AQ Cited, Fined

James H. Rafuse Jr., KA1AQ, of Scituate, Massachusetts, paid a fine of \$50 for violation of §97.121 (false signals). The Commission's attention was drawn to the operation of Rafuse by complaints of interference to several nets along the east coast. As a result of close FCC surveillance, Rafuse was cited for violation of §97.78 (good amateur practice) and fined for violation of §97.121. Rafuse was observed to call other stations between 5:57 P.M. and 6:05 P.M. on 3965 kHz without allowing time for answers between calls. He was further observed transmitting tape recordings of other stations without their authorization (the fine was levied for false call-sign transmission by way of these recordings).

WB2QHC Fined \$2000

Steven M. Spicer, WB2QHC, from Niagara Falls, New York, has pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to charges that he used Amateur Radio airwaves to broadcast obscene and indecent language and to threaten another person with injury. The incidents took place during the months of December 1979 and January 1980. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael R. Lindburg prosecuted the case for the Government, and U.S. Magistrate Edmund F. Maxwell imposed the \$2000 fine. Spicer was found to be in violation of Section 97.116 of the FCC Rules, which states, "The transmission of radiocommunication or messages by an Amateur Radio station for any purpose, or in connection with any ac-

tivity, which is contrary to Federal, state or local law is prohibited." Under Title 18, U.S.C., §502 (The Communications Act), the maximum penalty is \$500 per day for each violation. The investigation of Spicer was handled by the FBI and was made possible through the cooperation of local Amateur Radio operators.

WB6LHB Station License Revoked

In February 1979, Scott Lookholder, WB6LHB, was convicted in U.S. District Court after he pleaded guilty of violating Sections 97.119 (use of obscene, indecent or profane language) and 97.125 (intentional interference) of the Commission's Rules. No appeal has been taken from Lookholder's conviction and the time for filing an appeal has expired.

Accordingly, the FCC has revoked station WB6LHB. In its decision, the Commission said that "the transmission of radio communications containing certain explicit words or forms thereof . . . are patently offensive to listeners. . . . Consequently, these expressions are prohibited by Section 97.119 of the Commission's Rules." The Commission also expressed concern that over 350,000 Amateur Radio licensees, plus shortwave listeners and those studying for an Amateur license, are constantly tuning in and out of the radio bands and are subjected to unexpected contents of the communications. Like the broadcast in the case of *FCC v. Pacifica Foundation*, 438 U.S. 726 (1978), "Lookholder's transmissions were uniquely accessible to children and could have enlarged a child's vocabulary in an instant, unlike written messages."

The Commission also noted that Lookholder's actions have outraged the amateur community. Therefore, it wants to assure the amateur community that it is prepared to act severely when FCC rules and regulations are blatantly disregarded by amateur licensees such as Lookholder. In light of Lookholder's criminal conviction, FCC has concluded that the license of station WB6LHB must be revoked.

Canadian NewsFronts

Conducted By Harry MacLean,* VE3GRO



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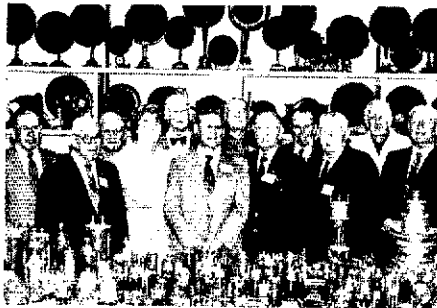
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Happenings

Tom Wong, VE7BC, of Burnaby, British Columbia, frequently makes business trips to mainland China. In January, the League sent Tom 18-1/2 tons of books to present to Chinese authorities on Tom's next trip to that country. In the shipment were 13,430 1979 and 1980 *Radio Amateur's Handbooks*, 6888 copies of *A Course in Radio Fundamentals*, and over 8000 copies of other League publications — 28,568 books in all. They are a gesture of goodwill, the gift of U.S. and Canadian League

members to the people of China. They were being shipped to China at League expense, and were expected to arrive in the Peking area before Tom's visit to China on April 3. It is expected that by now Tom will have personally presented the books to the Institute of Radio Communications of China and the Chinese Radiosport Association, both educational and information-gathering organizations which may become instrumental in re-establishing Amateur Radio in China.

Fred Hammond, VE3HC, has moved his extensive collection of radio equipment to a new, larger museum in the recently opened Hammond Manufacturing plant, on Curtis Drive, in Guelph, Ontario. The 1800 square-foot museum features displays of early radio parts, Fred's vast tube collection, early broadcast receivers and amateur equipment, including a working spark-gap transmitter, and a Paragon RA-10 receiver — the same model that Paul Godley took to England for the League's 1921 transatlantic test. The museum is open weekdays from 8 to 5. Fred will make special arrangements for large groups and after-hours or weekend visitors. Visiting amateurs may operate the museum station, VE3BJ, or look in down the hall, where Hammond Manufacturing builds its fine line of linear amplifiers and antenna tuners for the amateur market.



Fred Hammond, VE3HC; his wife Izzy; Marshall Kullen, VE3KK; and 10 other friends, at the opening of Fred's new radio museum in the Hammond Manufacturing plant, in Guelph, Ontario.



This mobile OSCAR station, built and operated by Bert Anderson, VE4AP, is a real drawing card at Manitoba hamfests. Bert is 73 years young, active on all bands from 160 meters to 23 cm, and project manager for CARRC's new, portable EME station. Still, Bert finds time to help new hams. Bill Bowman, VE4AFO, writes, "If ever there was an award for 'Elmer of the Year,' this man would leave all others behind."

CRRL NEWS

RAQI, Radio Amateur du Québec, has chosen the CRRL *Canadian Amateur Radio Licensing Manuals*, by Ralph Zbarsky, VE7BIC, to be translated into French, for adoption by their organization as the training manuals for French-Canadian amateurs. Details of the project are being worked out. It is expected that costs, distribution and profits will be shared by RAQI and CRRL, as both carry on their good work on behalf of Canadian Amateur Radio.

CRRL counsel Bob Benson, Q.C., VE2VW, has been in touch with the Tariff Division of Department of Finance again. This time to discuss how tariff item 44534-2 is being applied to amateur equipment with general-coverage receive capabilities. Tariff Division has assured Bob that it wants to permit duty-free entry of such equipment, but that this could require a rewording of the tariff item and possibly a new budget proclamation. Bob has suggested other courses of action, and a favorable outcome is expected soon.

CRRL Assistant Director Bill Loucks, VE3AR, presented amateurs at a meeting of CRIPB's Electromagnetic Interference Committee in Toronto in February. The committee discussed RFI created by devices such as home computers, and the susceptibility of home-entertainment equipment to such RFI. The committee proposed that C.S.A. write RFI standards for such equipment. Electrical equipment would have to meet these standards before being marketed in Canada. Bill judged the proposal to be of great potential benefit to radio amateurs.

Sid Jones, VE7FDR; Bill Gillespie, VE6ABC; John Gowron, VE4ADS; and Andy McLellan, VE1ASJ are new ARRL-CRRL assistant directors. Use them kindly, but use them. They are your League contact people. They have accepted these appointments

because they want to serve you.

John, VE4ADS, is also CRRL's Executive Public Information Officer. He is looking for new PIAs (public information assistants), in all parts of Canada. If you would be willing to take on 10 to 12 mini-projects a year: visiting a club or group, lining up a news story on Amateur Radio, setting up a library book display and the like, write to John at 229 Kisel Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J8.

Dr. William Skidmore, VE3AUJ, is the new IARU Region 1 Intruder Watch Coordinator for Canada. Bill would like to get in touch with former members of Intruder Watch, and others, who would be interested in the new program. Please write to Bill at RR 1, Hyde Park, ON N0M 1Z0, outlining your experience with Intruder Watch and indicating how much time you might be able to devote to Intruder Watch in the future. Intruder Watch will become increasingly im-



CRRL and CARF representatives meet with DOC in Ottawa on January 26, to discuss a new, revised, TRC-24. Seated around the table, clockwise from lower right, are CARF's VE3NR, VE3IDW, VE3AHU and VE3ZS. Next, DOC's Lloyd Nelson and Jean-Jacques Rousseau; CRRL's VE7BTG; and Jean's Peter Fitzgerald; CRRL's VE3OT; and DOC's Larry Greetham. Also in attendance for CRRL: VE3GRO.

portant in the next few years, as we begin to gain access to our new WARC bands.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS AND CONVENTIONS

Here's a list of the events we know about at press time.

June 13: Central Ontario Amateur Radio Fleamarket and Computer Fest, at Regal Hall, Guelph. Contact VE3DGA for information.

July 4-5: Maple Ridge Hamfest, at the fairgrounds, Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Contact VE7HI for information.

July 10-12: Ontario Hamfest, at Milton Fairgrounds, Milton. Contact VE3DUF for information.

August 1: Northern Alberta and Lakeland ARC Hamfest, at Andrews Fairgrounds, Lakeland. Write to Box 2049, Leduc, AB T9E 2Z3 for information.

August 22-23: Maritime Old-Timers' Club Convention, at Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick. Contact VE1SH for information.

October 2-4: Radio Society of Ontario Convention in Kitchener. Contact VE3AVY for information.

And, finally, mark your calendars now! The Saskatoon Amateur Radio Club will be hosting the ARRL-CRRL Midwest Convention, to be held next year, July 2-5, 1982, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. It promises to be a good one.

CRRL AMATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominations for CRRL Amateur of the Year should be in by June 30, 1981. The CRRL Board will vote on the final ballot shortly after that date. The award will be presented at the 1981 RSO Convention, in Kitchener, on October 3. Submit your nominations, with documentation, to CRRL, Box 7009, Station L, London, ON N5Y 4J9.

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India Liberalizes Amateur Equipment Imports

Radio amateurs in India have achieved a breakthrough in their efforts to solve the problem of obtaining equipment. The manufacture of communications equipment in India is a government monopoly, and demand is such that even the needs of the government itself cannot be fully met. At the same time, import controls have severely limited the amount of equipment brought into the country from abroad.

Prominent Indian amateurs had been making representations to the government for several years, requesting relaxation of import controls. Until recently, however, their efforts had not met with success.

Last year, an improvement in the foreign-exchange position enabled the government of India to make concessions to certain groups, such as scientists and professionals, who were allowed to import equipment for their personal

use to a value of Rs.10,000 (about U.S. \$1200). Indian amateurs saw an analogy between the scientists and the amateur community, and convinced the Electronics Commission that the extension of similar privileges to amateurs was the only solution to the equipment problem. The communications link set up at Morvi by Indian amateurs in 1979, after the bursting of a dam had killed an estimated 30,000 people, provided convincing evidence of the utility of Amateur Radio to the nation.

Relentless representations to the various ministries finally resulted in the inclusion of radio amateurs in the category of scientists, and they were allowed the privilege of importing test equipment up to a value of Rs.10,000 per year. There were more representations, and

the momentous decision was announced to permit the import of "Amateur Radio communication equipment including kits, accessories (including antenna rotator motors, feed lines and standing-wave-ratio bridges), instruments, spares and components" up to the same limit, without the need for a formal import license.

Indian amateurs are not resting on their laurels. They are continuing their efforts to have the manufacture of simple amateur equipment thrown open to private industry, so that it can be made available to the less-affluent amateur at prices expressed in hundreds of rupees instead of thousands, which is the case with imported equipment. It is hoped that another breakthrough is on the way, which will help Amateur Radio in India to become more accessible to the common man. — *K. Rama and D. H. Rankin*

*"Public Service," *QST*, Dec., 1979, p. 106.

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NEW ZEALAND AMATEURS CAN USE 7100-7300 KHZ

Before WARC-79, New Zealand amateurs requested and were granted permission to operate in the segment 7100-7300 kHz on the condition that harmful interference was not to be caused to the broadcasting service operating in that portion of the 40-meter band. The New Zealand Post Office has now confirmed that this arrangement will be continued in view of the fact that WARC-79 did not resolve the problem of broadcasting at 7100-7300 kHz.

PHILIPPINES TO RELEASE 10-MHZ BAND TO AMATEURS

The National Telecommunication Commission of the Philippines has confirmed that it intends

to permit its Amateur Radio licensees to operate in the new 10.1-10.15 MHz band effective January 1, 1982. Present thinking in the Philippine Amateur Radio Association (PARA) is to recommend that single-sideband operations be permitted in the band, but only in the upper 25 kHz. PARA notes that in parts of the world where there are relatively few amateurs, limiting the band to cw and RTTY operation is not as attractive an idea as it is in countries with large amateur populations.

PARA also has expressed optimism at the prospect of amateurs in the Philippines being permitted to operate in the 220-225 MHz band. The band is not allocated to the Amateur Service in Region 3, but a country may permit operations outside the international Table of Frequency Allocations provided that harmful interference is not caused to stations operating in accordance with the Table. QST

Strays



AMATEURS PROVIDE OLYMPIAN COMMUNICATIONS

Limira will be the host city of the New York State Special Olympics to be held on June 12 to 14 at Southside High School. Last year more than 100 Rookies Amateur Radio Association members from the area provided such effective and reliable communications that Limira was, in an unprecedented decision, chosen as host city for the second year in a row. Area amateurs interested in participating in this year's event should contact Jack A. Daugherty, WA2DGS, 318 W. Lenox Ave., Limira Heights, NY 14903.



West Gulf Division Direx for Raymond Wangler, W5EDZ (right) presents a plaque to Noel Martin, WA6FSR, for his service to Amateur Radio through the SKYWARN program in conjunction with the National Weather Service. (photo courtesy of W5EDZ)

ARRL BULLETINS

ARRL bulletins are being printed on the Portland Apple Bulletin Board System and may be accessed by calling 503-224-6409. *Jeff Friedman, K2JF*

I would like to get in touch with . . .

amateurs interested in establishing a net to exchange video recordings and information about video equipment. Howard A. Sine, WB4WNE, K17, P. O. Box 88370, North Pole, AK 99705.

anyone having contacts with amateurs in or near Berne, Switzerland. John Herman, K9WMD, 411 Woodland Ave., Bloomington, IL 61701.

The New Frontier

The World Above 1 Gig

Conducted By Bob Atkins,* KA1GT

Microwave Contests

Charlie Suckling, G3WDC, the RSGB microwave columnist, and his wife Petra, G4KGC, visited the KA1GT QTH recently. Among the many subjects that came up for discussion was that of microwave contests. During this discussion it was suggested that stations in the USA might like to enter this year's RSGB microwave contest. The organization of this contest has a number of features which might be new to many readers — features which bear careful consideration in plans that may be made in the future concerning the organization of a microwave contest in the USA. For this reason I will go through a number of these rules and the rationale behind them.

The first question to be asked about any contest is why have the contest at all? Exchanging numbers and winning certificates does not seem to me to be a good reason to hold a contest. On the bands above 1 GHz activity is low and equipment is usually of a home-constructed and experimental nature. It seems reasonable that any microwave contest should be geared to promoting activity on a long-term rather than a one-shot basis, and to giving an opportunity to test out new equipment and ideas. How can a contest achieve these goals?

The RSGB microwave contest is what is called a "cumulative contest." This means that the contest is split up into a number of relatively short operating periods. In the case of the 10-GHz event there are six operating periods of 11 hours each, spaced at monthly intervals. The contest score is taken as the sum of the scores of the best three operating periods. This means that you don't have to enter all six operating periods to win the contest (though, obviously, the more you enter the better your chances will be of getting three high scores). The operating periods are short (let's face it, there aren't that many stations to work) so this means that large amounts of time do not have to be committed to radio operating in the face of conflicting domestic requirements. The contest is evenly spread out over six months, which sustains a level of activity and allows changes and experimentation in equipment design between operating periods. There are six operating periods, which increases the chances of at least one of them coinciding with enhanced propagation conditions (and lowers the chances of portable stations' operation being hampered by bad weather for the whole contest). The scoring system for this contest is based on distance. Distance is hard won on the microwave bands and the only equitable scoring system is one that awards more points for longer-distance contacts. This brings up the subject of locator systems for determining the distance between stations. This subject has been aired a number of times by Bill Tynan in "The World Above 50 MHz" and requires no further comment here (see his September 1979,

September 1980 and February 1981 columns). You may also note in the rules of this contest that crossband contacts are permitted (for half points). In developing equipment for the microwave bands, it is often the case that a receive converter is the first piece of equipment to be built; and since we are trying to encourage activity with the contest, it seems only logical that it be allowed to be used in cross-band contacts in the hope that perhaps next time a transmitter will be constructed for a full two-way QSO.

Listed below are the dates, operating times and bands for the 1981 RSGB microwave contest. You may note that there are really five different contests under one heading. The 10-GHz contest (six operating periods, best three scores count), a 24-GHz contest (two operating periods, all scores count), a 5.7-GHz contest (two operating periods, all scores count), a 3.4-GHz contest (one operating period) and a 2.3-GHz contest (one operating period). The operating periods are from 9 A.M. to 8 P.M. local time on the following dates and bands: April 19 — 10 GHz and 3.4 GHz, May 17 — 10 GHz and 24 GHz, June 21 — 10 GHz and 5.7 GHz, July 19 — 10 GHz and 2.3 GHz, August 16 — 10 GHz and 24 GHz, and September 13 — 10 GHz and 5.7 GHz. Unfortunately the April date will have passed by the time you read this, but there are plenty more operating periods to go!

Rules, 1981 RSGB Microwave Contest

- 1) Contest exchange is RST plus sufficient information on QTH to enable score to be calculated, as in rules 2 and 3 (e.g., lat. and long. to nearest minute).
- 2) Score 1 point per kilometer for completed 2-way QSOs on any band.
- 3) Score 1/2 point per kilometer for 1-way (crossband) QSOs.
- 4) Portable stations may change site once during any operating period. A move of less than 5 km does not count as a change of site. If a station is worked twice during one operating period (from different sites) only the larger scoring contact will be counted.
- 5) Portable stations may change site between operating periods.
- 6) The final score is the sum of the best three operating periods for the 10-GHz contest; for the 2.3-, 3.4-, 5.7- and 24-GHz contests all scores count.
- 7) All stations, whether or not ARRL or RSGB members, may enter.
- 8) Final log entries should be submitted before September 30 to KA1GT c/o ARRL, and they will be forwarded to the RSGB.
- 9) An award will be made to the leading U.S. station(s).

So there you have it. If you want a microwave contest to enter, you now have one! Unfortunately there is no 1.3-GHz operation, but perhaps in the future we can do something about that, too.

CONFERENCES

Here are more details on the Eastern VHF/UHF Conference (see last month's column). Pre-registration for the conference (\$13.50) and the banquet (\$13.75) is required by May 10. Registration will be \$20 at the door. Pre-registration may be made with Rick Commo, K1LOG, 3 Pryor Rd., Natick, MA 01760.

Details of the West Coast UHF Conference arrived a little late, but news is that it will be held May 1-3 at the Sunnyvale Hilton, 1250 Lakeside Dr., Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

LOW COST GaAs FET PREAMPLIFIER

The use of GaAs FETs in preamplifiers is often desirable for two reasons. First, GaAs FETs often have a lower noise figure at microwave frequencies than bipolar devices and, second, GaAs FETs usually have a much wider dynamic range than bipolar devices and are thus much less susceptible to intermodulation problems when used in a strong-signal environment. The preamplifier described in this column in January shows both a very low noise figure and good dynamic range but uses a relatively expensive transistor. Though it provides a somewhat higher noise figure, the 3SK97 GaAs FET can be substituted in this circuit with the modifications shown in Fig. 1. The 3SK97 is a dual-gate device. The signal is applied to gate 1, and gate 2 is biased as shown by 10-kΩ resistors to ground and to the positive supply. The 5.1-volt Zener shown in the circuit in the January column may be changed to a 7-volt device. The source resistor is changed from 100 ohms to 68 ohms or may be adjusted to give an I_D of about 15mA. Under these conditions the preamplifier shows a noise figure of around 2.5 dB and a gain of 10 to 12 dB with high stability. This preamplifier has shown good resistance to intermodulation problems in a local, high- f environment, where an NEC 64535 bipolar preamp was almost unusable without a cavity filter because of intermodulation problems from nearby commercial broadcast transmitters. Though its noise figure is not particularly low by today's state-of-the-art standards, it should still provide improved performance when used with any of the commercially available receive converters or transmitters. At the time of writing, the 3SK97 is available at a price of \$5 from Lunar Electronics, 2785 Kurtz St., No. 10, San Diego, CA 92110. Since the 3SK97 is a relatively inexpensive device and has an inherently higher noise figure than the NEC 24483, which was used in the original circuit, some circuit economies may be desirable. BNC-type connectors are quite acceptable on the input and output of this preamp, and ceramic piston trimmers may be used to tune the input and output lines without too serious an effect on circuit performance. It isn't cost effective to use four \$6 trimmers with a \$5 transistor, though of course, they will work very well! [D57]

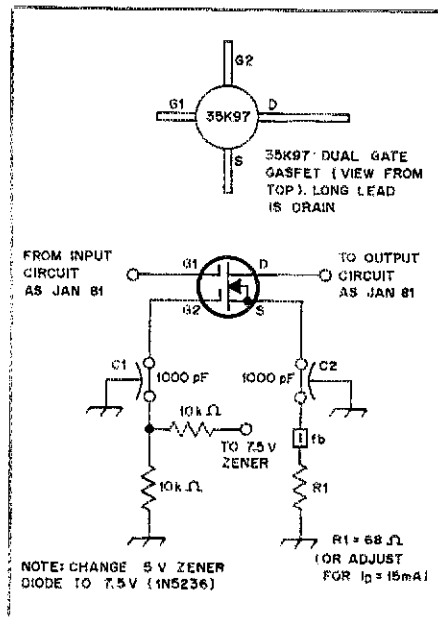


Fig. 1 — Modifications to the WB5LUR preamp (see January 1981 column) to use 3SK97 dual-gate GaAs FET.

*c/o ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111



DXing On the Human Side

March "How's" elicited an interesting letter from Mary, KA7FEF, reminding us that our comment on "easy" in reference to certain countries was, perhaps, editorially simplistic. In truth, your writer should have indeed prefaced that remark with another one indicating that "easy" depends on lots of factors, not the least of which is *where* you're located. Generally speaking, West Coast amateurs have an easier time of it with paths to the Pacific and Asia, while West Coasters claim that East Coasters find Europe as easy as shooting fish in a barrel.

What is difficult and what is simple is a very personal thing. Think back to your earlier DXing days and reflect on how "hard" those first countries were and how your experience, con-

fidence, station (and perhaps sun spots!) have made them "easy" DX today.

Mary added something very special to her letter — a copy of a note to her from a JA. We reproduce the note below to refresh the perspective we've all shared from time to time — the special quality of DXing allowing us to share personal insights into a different country, a different culture — what DXing is really all about. When was the last time *you* shared a little of your way of life with a new friend a "country or more" away?

Dear my friend Mary:

Thank you very much for the fine QSO and the opportunity to QSL direct to you. I received your band made QSL today. And I'm so glad to receive from you. I prefer to QSL direct because I feel it helps bring people together as friends.

As I said I'm a research student at university. I'm making special study of physics. I've been a radio amateur for five years and active on 15 m band and like to QSO with U.S.A. Because it's my wish to foster friendship and build up international understand through amateur radio.

How many do you have in your family? I've parents and one elder brother but no sister. In hi My father keeps a small office which is concern in news paper co. Elder brother has already graduated from graduate school in university and he now working for a company. My other hobbies are reading, sports (Judo, baseball, etc.) and wander in the mountains near by on a holiday.

Mary's pen pal winds up asking her to ask questions and apologizing for his lack of proficiency in the English language.

Amateur Radio: the unique ability to foster and enhance international goodwill. Do *your* share!



Here's what the J20/A Abu Ail crew looked like (obviously *before* their hectic operation). From left to right: Pierre, J28AZ; Franz, DJ9ZB; Didier, TU2IR; Dave, K6LPL; and Joe, F6ATQ. Right photo: A shot of Abu Ail. Catch K6LPL's early spring Fernandez operation? QSL via W6ORD. In the meantime, stand by for receipt of documentation by the ARRL DXCC crew (K6LPL, DJ9ZB photos)



already has "just to flex his muscles."

Another writer, not caring to be identified but justly irate nevertheless, angrily wrote that following his recent return to hf his modest signal was stomped on repeatedly by "tuners-up." He feels these thoughtless individuals appear to have moved straight from 27 MHz onto our DX hands and observes that a dummy load is a minor investment. His final observation dwelt upon a missing item in FCC testing: the how-why-what of *courtesy*.

So, problems begin to become delineated. But how so solutions? Is it enough to say we've got problems and let the *other* guy go ahead and do something about it? Does the shoe fit?

TIMELY TIPS

□ A planned March start-up by 9Y4CDR will, hopefully, last till the middle of September with Mike, NS5DR, principally active on the lower end of the 10- and 15-meter phone bands. He also will be trying out his beginning fist with patient tyros in the Novice portions of the bands — speed demons take note! Times to watch are from 2000 to 0400Z daily. His station in Trinidad will be a TS-830S, SB-201, and Wilson System-33 Tribander plus a 40-meter dipole. QSLs sent to his manager, WD5JOL, will get speedy replies, particularly if accompanied by an s.a.s.e.

□ VE3BCZ has been getting numerous cards from U.S. hams for 4S7CF contacts. K1ZZ reminds us that the place to send those cards is VE3BOZ.

□ Last month should have seen operation from Hawaii, Palmyra and possibly Kingman from AD0S, W6TPH and KB7NW. All cards go to George Carleton, AD0DS, Box 43, Merrifield, MN 56465.

□ TL8CN's logs have not as yet arrived, reports NS1M. Please, when filing your QSLs with this manager, to be patient while you AS.

□ The Amsterdam DX Club offers the Amsterdam DX Certificate (ADXC) upon submission of proof of two-way QSOs with 10 club members (who have to have received *your* card). Counts are valid from January 1, 1957, any mode, and may be supplied in the form of a log extract signed by yourself and two

fellows. The application should be accompanied by 6 IRCs (or \$3 U.S. or Dfl. 5). Send your entry to ADXC, Box 9, 1000 AA, Amsterdam, Netherlands. When the band is open to Europe keep this list in front of you and have some fun working their club members: PA2S JSL MAX RPC SWL, PA3S AAF AAR ACC ADI AJW ASD ASE ASI AUB AWX BAC BAV, PA0S, ANH ASD AWJ BEA CHN CT O DOG FLD END FCM IMK GAR GPA HAI HIL HPO H IWO JAC JEL JPC JVB JWA KHR KJH KSTI GHI GR LRK MEC MIR MJA NIC NLC NMM OI PAN PAU PER PJE PRY RCA RHA TAP TKS YDW WEB WIK WIL WS, PD0S BAK BAI CBII DLI GDZ HAV HHW HKM HVP HXZ HP IND JBL JHN JKD JMG JMH IOI JOV, PE1S AMI BMX BVI CDK CRT CSW DGZ DTY EXR FFV FIS HF EKF, PK4ASD. (Note: PD/PE stations operate vhf/uhf only.)

□ The Wiesbaden Amateur Radio Club will sponsor its sixth annual DXpedition to Liechtenstein on May 23-31 using the call DA1WA/HB0. Operating modes will be cw, phone and RTTY on all bands; OSCAR Mode A; cw and ssb on 160 meters; and 6-meter to 10-meter crossband operations. For American Novices, cw operations will be attempted on 3.725 and 21.120 MHz, ± 5 kHz, between 1900-2100 hours EST. The QSL manager is DJ01 C, Dr. Hugo Jakoblievich, Am Weinburg 10, 6200 Wiesbaden-Auringen, West Germany. Stateside QSLs may be sent, along with an s.a.s.e., to Mr. Stephen Hutchins, Box 4573, APO New York 09109.

RECORD KEEPING REVISITED

WA4NEU uses a Rolodex with dividers for each alphabetical section. On the little cards he notes stations worked in pencil, inking the call in upon receipt of the DX QSL. A notation on the card designates the band, zones and sometimes beam headings. This system could also be used to note the operator's name, etc. Bud also reminds acolytes of VE3GCO's *Towards Directory of the World*, which contains good formats for DXCC record keeping.

On the other hand, VE3BIQ/W4 likes the notebook approach, listing prefixes vertically down the page on the left and ruling the remaining section of the page into columns for bands and zone. Each of the new columns is again bisected vertically for phone and cw. Jack then fills in the call letters of the station worked on band/mode using colored pencils/pens, which indicate QSL disposition. For example, he uses a blue pen for *QSL sent* and a red one for *QSL received*. VE3BIQ finds that 13 pages will comfortably handle all the listings on the ARRL Country Compilation, all placed within a school-type binder for neatness and ease of use. The system has worked just fine for him for the past five years.

WA4QZX's method is simple and inexpensive; using the DXCC List as a score card. Bob uses a color to indicate how he QSL's (pencil for bureau, blue for direct, green for manager, red for confirmation in hand). In addition, circles indicate 10 meters, triangles

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

One respondent to our plea for column input wrote thoughtfully about contributing problems plaguing hf DXing today. He feels, and his feelings are shared by many, that malicious interference continues to be a grave cause for concern. It is a tough problem, one best addressed by not lowering yourself to the level of those perpetrating the nonsense. If you succumb to the human temptation, it not only demeans you, but it also increases the impression that more persons are involved in the antics than there really are.

On an auxiliary tack, this well-experienced radio amateur feels that some phone stations continue to abuse speech-processing accessories — enough said. Our writer has an evident strength of character we could all use — he keeps a current card file of countries worked, confirmed and has enough self-discipline to keep from jumping into a pileup for a country he

15 meters, squares — 20, etc. An inspection of his checklist might find that opposite country A3 is a green square and a red triangle. This would indicate that he has A3 confirmed on 15, plus a card on the way to the manager for a 20-meter QSO.

DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY

Continuing along with this story and keeping in mind KATIEP's cautions, we find those countries with a small resident amateur population. Often, DXpeditions plus the good propagation we've been enjoying make them good possibilities for addition to your own DXCC totals. These difficult prefixes include: 3A 3B6 3B9 3C 3C0 3S 5V 6C 8U 9M8 9U 9X A3 A5 A6X A7X BV C2 CE0Z CR3/15 CR9 D2 D6 FA9 FP F-B8 FB8Z FH FK FR(Glorioso Is.) FR(Juan de Nova) FR(Tromelin, Wallis & Futuna) H4 HC8 HK0(Baja Nueva) HK0(Malepo Is.) HV JD(Minami Torishima) (O)Oasawara) JW JX KB/KHI KC4/KPI K66(Eastern Caroline Is.) KC6(Western Caroline Is.) KH7 K/H KH3 KM/KH4 KP3/HK0 KP4(Desecheo Is.) KP6/KH5 K/W/KH9 OJ0 P2 PY0(Fernando) PY0(Frindade) S2 S1 S10 SU SW(Crete) SV(Dodecanese Is.) SV(MI, Athos) FA 119 TN TR TY UA(Eritanz Joseph Land) UG6 UHR UB UJ8 VJ(HSable Is.) VK9(Lord Howe Is.) VK0(Macquire Is.) VK9(Cocos Is.) VK9(Christmas Is.) VPR(South Georgia Is.) VPR(South Orkney Is.) VPR(South Sandwich Is.) VPR(South Shetland Is.) YR6 YS5 YF4 X1 Y1 YV0 ZD7 ZD9 ZL(North Cook Is.) ZK2 ZL(Auckland & Campbell) ZL(Charham Is.) ZL(Kermadec Is.) ZM7 ZS2.

foreign countries. These "incoming" bureaus are staffed by volunteer workers. The service is free and ARRL membership is not required.

How it Works

Most countries have "outgoing" QSL bureaus that operate in much the same manner as the ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service. The member sends his cards to his outgoing bureau where they are packaged and shipped to the appropriate countries.

A majority of the DX QSLs are shipped directly to the individual incoming bureaus where volunteer workers sort the incoming QSLs by the first letter of the call sign suffix. One individual may be assigned the responsibility of handling from one to three letters of the alphabet.

For detailed information on the operation of the bureau serving your district, please send an s.a.s.c. for a prompt reply.

Claiming Your QSLs

- 1) Send a 5- x 7-1/2-in. s.a.s.c. to the bureau serving your district.
- 2) Neatly print your call sign in the upper left hand corner of the envelope.
- 3) A preferred way to send envelopes is to affix an 18-cent stamp. If you expect to receive more than 1 oz. of cards, please affix postage accordingly.
- 4) When requesting *any information* from the bureau serving your district, always include an s.a.s.c. for a prompt reply.

Some incoming bureaus sell envelopes or postage credits in addition to the normal handling of s.a.s.c.'s. They provide the proper envelope and postage upon prepayment of a certain fee. The different stages of presorting and sorting cards take time. A period of 6 to 8 months, or longer, may take place before you receive your cards.

Helpful Hints

Good cooperation between the DXer and the bureau is important to ensure a smooth flow of cards. Remember that the people who work in the area bureaus are volunteers. They are providing you a valuable service. With that thought in mind, please

pay close attention to the following DOs and DON'Ts.

DOs

Do keep self-addressed 5- x 7-1/2-in. envelopes on file at your bureau, with your call in the upper-left corner, and affix at least one unit of first-class postage.

Do send the bureau enough postage to cover envelopes on file and enough to take care of possible postage-rate increases.

Do respond quickly to any bureau request for envelopes, stamps or money. Unclaimed card backlogs are the bureau's biggest problem.

Do notify the bureau of your new call as you upgrade.

Do include an s.a.s.c. with any information request to the bureau.

Do notify the bureau *in writing* if you *don't* want your cards.

Do be appreciative of the fine efforts of these volunteers.

DON'Ts

Don't expect DX cards to arrive for several months after the QSO. Overseas delivery is very slow. Many cards coming from overseas bureaus are over a year old.

Don't send your outgoing DX cards to this bureau (see "ARRL-Membership Overseas QSL Service" in this column every other month).

Don't send envelopes to your "portable" bureau. For example, WA1SOB/2 sends envelopes to the W1 bureau, *not* the W2 bureau.

ARRL DX QSL Bureau System

First Call Area: all calls* — Hampden County Radio Association, Box 216, Forest Park Station, Springfield, MA 01108.

Second Call Area: all calls* — North Jersey DX Assn., P. O. Box 8160, Haledon, NJ 07538.

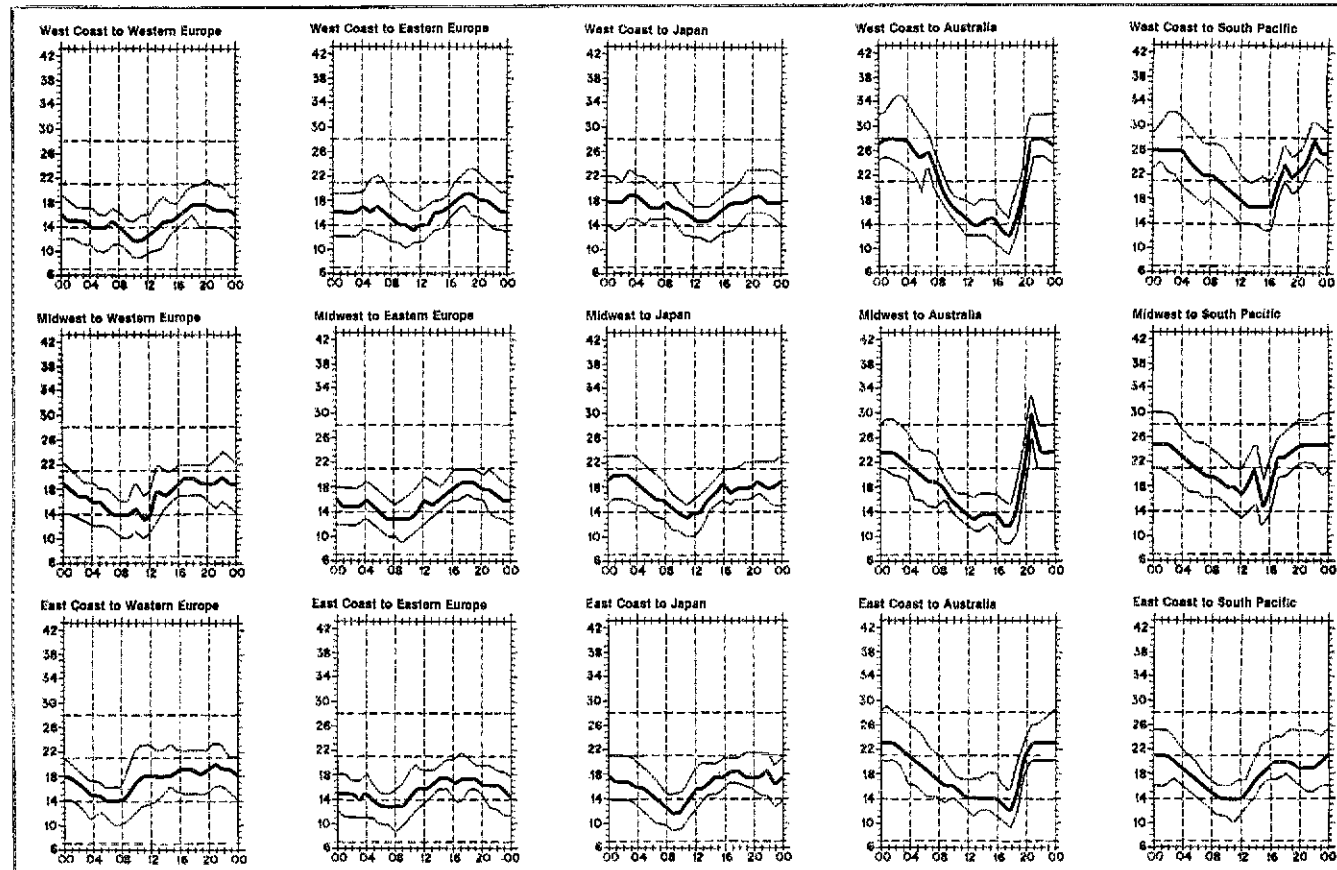
Third Call Area: all calls* — Leon Lapkiewicz,

QSL Corner

Administered By Joan Becker

The ARRL DX QSL Bureau System (Incoming)

Within the U.S. and Canada, the ARRL DX QSL Bureau System is made up of call area bureaus that act as central clearing houses for QSLs arriving from



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

K3GM, P. O. Box 6238, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

Fourth Call Area: single-letter prefixes — Mecklenburg ARS, P. O. Box DX, Charlotte, NC 28220.

Fourth Call Area: two-letter prefixes — Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 599, Sterling Park, VA 22170.

Fifth Call Area: all calls* — ARRL W5 QSL Bureau, Box 1690, Sherman, TX 75090.

Sixth Call Area: all calls* — ARRL Sixth (6th) District DX QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 1460, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

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

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

Ninth Call Area: all calls* — Northern Illinois DX Assn. Box 319, Elmhurst, IL 60126.

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

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

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

Canal Zone: all calls — EPRA, P. O. Box 9A-175 Panama 9A, Republic of Panama.

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

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

Guam: AH2, KH2, WH2 and KG6 calls — Joseph J. Frekot, AH2G, P. O. Box 7227, Tamuning, Guam 96911.

SW1 — Terry Waite, 39 Hannum St., Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

QSL Cards for Canada (VL and VO) may be sent to: CRR1 Central QSL Bureau, Kemebecas Valley Amateur Radio Club, Box 51, St. John, NB E2L 3X4. Or, QSL cards may be sent to the individual bureaus.

VE1* — L. J. Fader, VE1FQ, P. O. Box 663, Halifax, NS B3J 2J3.

VE2 — A. G. Daermen, VE2UJ, 2960 Douglas Ave., Montreal, PQ H3R 2E3.

VE3 — The Ontario Edlums, P. O. Box 157, Downsview, ON M3M 3A3.

VE4* — W. A. Stunden, VE4BJ, 578 Oxford St., Winnipeg, MB R3M 3J9.

VE5 — A. Lloyd Jones, VE5JJ, 2328 Grant Rd., Regina, SK S4S 5E3.

VE6* — G. D. Holton, VE6AGV, 4003 First St., N.W., Calgary, AB T2K 0X2.

VE7* — Burnaby ARC, Box 80555, South Burnaby, BC V5H 3X9.

VE8* — Rolf Ziemann, VE8RZ, 2888 Lanky Ct., Yellowknife, NT X1A 2G4.

VO1, VO2 — CRR1 VO QSL Bureau, P. O. Box 6, St. John's, NF A1C 5H5.

VY1 — ARRL QSL Bureau, W. L. Champagne, VY1AU, P. O. Box 4597, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2R8.

*These bureaus sell envelopes or postage credits. Send an s.a.s.e. to the bureau for further information.

QSL MANAGER VOLUNTEERS

WD9HWY

WD9H/ZK

WA2PMW

KB2KM and KB2KN are not the QSL manager for YJ8NPS.

Here is some QSL information for those of you who would like to QSL direct to the station location. It is passed along as we receive it and therefore may not be entirely accurate. The QSL manager's call sign is in parentheses.

CT1AXW (K5ODD)

EM6CX (UF6CX)

EM6FAO (UF6FAO)

FG0YO/H/S (W2KN)

FG0FOK (YASMI)

HV3SJ (00DU) QSOs beginning Nov. 11, 1979 only; otherwise (W6KNH)

K5QPT

KB9TA

KC4MJ

H44AP (KO6KF)

I87BU (W1HP)

KH3AB (KB7MO)

K2F1/E/A9 (K2I J)

L12Z (LA6Z/W)

SV0AU (WA3WY1)

1L8CN (N5JHM)

VE3HD/C6A (VE3HD)

VP2E (K8ND1)

VP2MX (G6HC)

VP2VPG (W0DVZ)

VP5JDT (W1HCS)

VP5TDX (W1HCS)

VP5KPS (WA1KPS)

VQ9NN (AA6AC)

YB1AEE (VE7DZR)

YS9YS (W8RRGU)

ZD7WT (ZD8 QSL Bureau)

1A0KM (0MGM)

4N7SP (YU7AL)

6W8IH direct to Box 3024, FVL, Dakar, Senegal

9K2AH (JA8BI)

9U5JM (F3LQ)

Reminder

Because of increase in postal rates, please be sure to send extra postage to cover your s.a.s.e.'s on file with your Incoming Bureau.

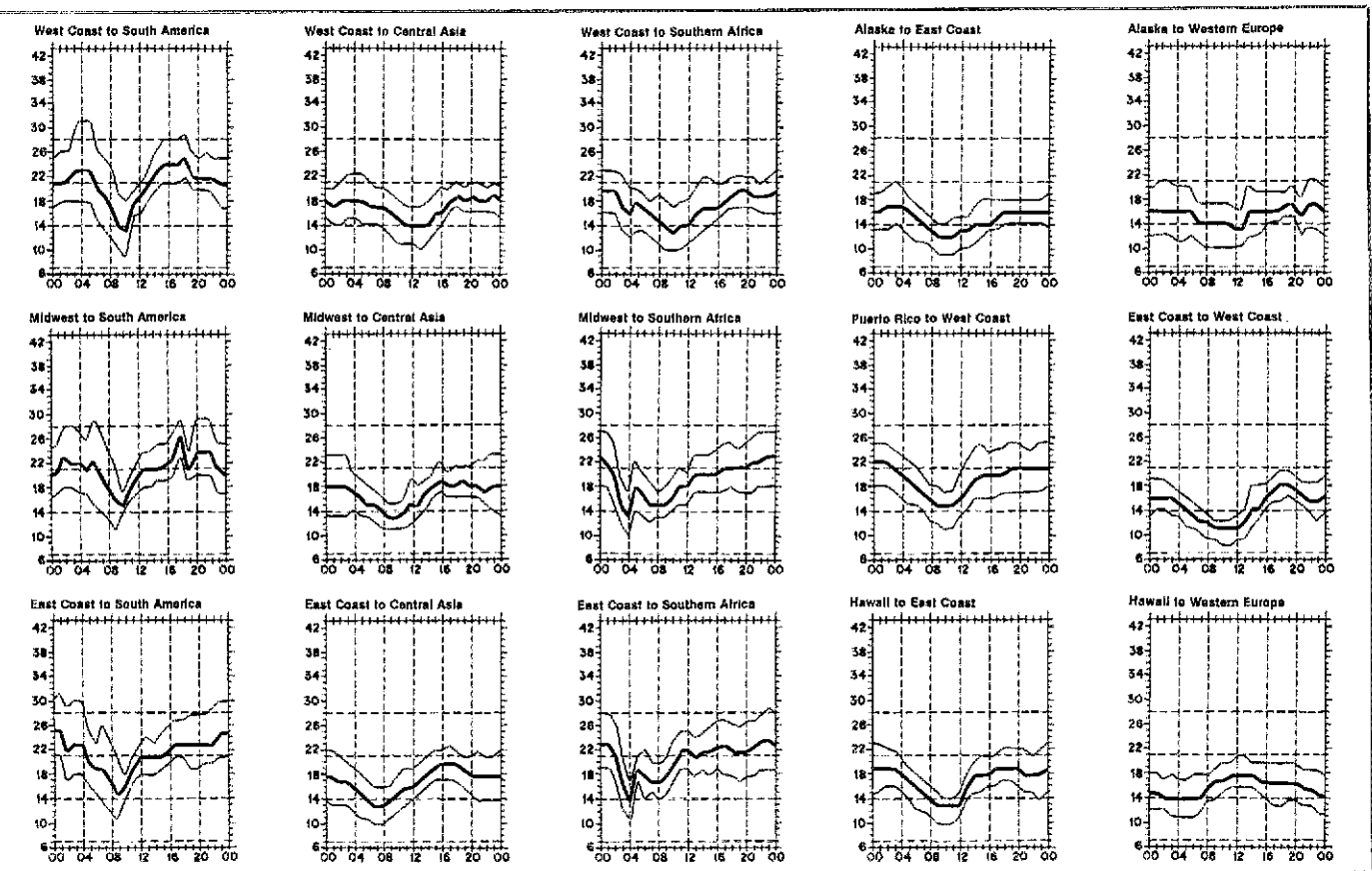
Note

A new regulation by the German Government has caused some trouble with direct QSL requests. Suggestion — mail to Berlin; write Berlin, followed by WEST or EAST. Mail to other points should be addressed either to the Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) or to the German Democratic Republic (East).

All QSLs for HP5 prefix may be sent via HP5FI, Box 153, Chitre, Republic of Panama. Apparently, other HP5 stations have experienced postal delivery problems, and they asked Paco to provide his private box for HP5 bureau services.

WB0PYD would like to be a DX QSL manager for Central and South American or South Pacific stations. Since he has upgraded recently, watch for new call of K10 or K10.

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lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or fof2). 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 May 15 to June 15, 1981, assume a sunspot number of 135, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 180.

DX Century Club Awards

Administered By Don Search, W3AZD

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC List. You may also submit cards to endorse your award in 25-country increments through 250, 10-country increments through 300, and in 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from January 22 through February 19, 1981. An s.a.s.e. will bring you the full rules for participation in the DXCC, the DXCC list and application forms.

New Members

Mixed

DF3TL/124	JA1GRH/105	PA6XSA/107	WB1AAP/103	W3ENL/101	AC5G/132	N6VO/109	KABFAL/106	KC9R/102
DK9IM/130	JA1HEH/106	VE1BPU/107	WB1GKT/104	W3HIK/100	KA5FLX/104	W6MTV/107	KN8COQ/207	W9BBB/101
EATAXA/181	JA1NTK/126	VE2FMH/106	WB1GLJ/107	KA4BFU/110	KA5CCO/111	W6ZID/220	N8MK/103	AK0B/104
EP2FR/101	JG1HND/228	VE3BAK/104	AF2O/254	KA4DLG/103	KB9EK/103	WA6IRN/118	N8SL/107	AK0J/272
F5DE/130	JA2BOV/157	VE3FS/103	K2NT/214	KA4MNT/110	KO5C/127	WA6NHP/103	WB8YK/106	K0HCW/110
F6ARN/118	JA2LMY/157	VE7BD/322	KC2X/129	KC4HR/102	W5HKA/102	N7WS/205	W8HYO/111	K0MPH/109
G4EXD/106	JA4COF/112	VE7S/282	KF2F/102	KS4K/100	WA5WDB/101	W7OAX/220	W8VK/108	K0BSH/150
G4JCC/150	JA4ED/277	ZL3POC/136	N2AJV/101	W4NCC/162	W85PKH/106	WB7PAP/104	W8SAE/208	W0BF/114
GM4GR/100	JH8ED/277	424JS/103	N2CGB/101	W4TL/150	K6OX/129	W8KEC/104	W8SCE/104	W0LP/106
GU3MBS/107	JH8MFS/110	K1OQG/101	WA2FK/110	W4NRO/112	KJ6F/114	W8TAW/106	K9AYK/104	W0WV/102
HB98Z/126	LA5L/1132	N1AJQ/240	WA2EK/107	WB4RXB/103	N6DHY/103	WB7VUF/110	K9DES/102	W0VHE/174
H89WZ/169	ON6T/119	W1JNZ/109	WB2RAJ/122	W4DAS/101	N6FL/160	AD8C/101	K9DIS/100	W0PEKL/103
I8LPR/152	PA6FDJ/129	W12V/102	K3OX/106	WD4MPC/108	N6OC/297	KA8DZ/1105		

Radiotelephone

CT1ABI/116	EA9IB/154	OZ1BHQ/171	KB2UC/109	KA4EKQ/100	KB5EK/100	WA6IRN/113	WA8VPU/108	W9NUD/100
CT1APF/111	G4JCC/149	SMRJOH/118	N2ADT/109	KF4M/108	KB5QQ/109	WB8NBR/104	WD8AW/102	WA9B7W/125
DF1NP/113	GM4HJO/106	VE2FMH/103	N2AIF/106	KS4K/100	WB5LSV/102	KB7MP/143	W8DE/155	WB9GTC/112
DF3SF/117	IC8EA/124	VE3BAK/100	W2HAP/167	N4AYJ/100	WB5POY/101	N7WS/205	W8DKC/101	W8RECU/112
DF3TL/106	IC8XIS/104	YU1SM/102	WA2GRC/106	W4BIM/249	WDSQC/110	W7OAX/208	W8LTC/155	AD8I/103
DK8IF/131	JA1NTK/124	9Q5GB/108	WA2ZFL/105	W4NCC/154	N6AFI/129	WA7MAP/101	A4G9S/214	K0HCW/100
EA3BD/102	JA4COF/111	N1AJQ/240	WA2GN/102	W4NCC/154	W4NCC/103	WB7SGU/123	K9IML/105	W8ENO/102
EA3CFW/117	JH6JT/110	W1TNT/165	WA2KGN/VE3/102	W4DZWH/100	W6DRV/105	KN8COQ/195	K9JDF/101	W80JYW/207
EA5BCX/121	JT1BG/117	WB1AAP/101	WB2IUP/103	K5RCP/141	W6MTV/105	W8MCO/103	K9YBC/152	W80VHE/173
EATAXA/180	ON6T/1114	K2JLA/158	K3NB/103	K5AQR/101	W6NAC/103			

CW

DJ7IT/107	HB9WZ/144	LA5L/121	K1OQG/101	AG3D/110	N5UR/163	N6AN/193	K7L AY/102	WB8ZRL/103
OK9NH/105	JG1HND/220	LBRCA/106	W5COON/101	A1E/113	WB5COON/101	N6DHY/102	K7NO/168	AD9B/100
F5DE/110	JA3BQE/240	PA0VLB/220	W1TNT/104	K3JG/105	K6XT/102	W6LEN/102	KA7BD/104	A60K/200
G3VT/107	JE3FSD/105	SM6JHO/149	KA2EWT/103	K8BZL/102	K6BZL/102	W6OUL/126	KA7CDQ/101	K0INR/102
G4EXD/100	JARAE/191	VE3KUC/117	KG2A/107	K6XK/104	K6XK/104	W6ZID/201	KA8DZ/115	W0LL/100
GM3YTS/173	JARCYU/121	Y0ICA/101	W2SR/177	KA5V/100	KM6N/107	K7GM/121	W8ELE/105	W80YLP/106

RTTY

DK5WJ								
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5BDXCC

DA2DC	K9TUS	K3FN	W0PUP	KE4I	OH3XT	K7ZR	WB4OSS	W6GO
W880	W6PT	VE3JI	W1BL	SM7DZZ	SM4EMO	F6CUK	K8CX	W2LZX

Endorsements

Mixed

DF2ED/212	LA3XJ/309	K1OXD/128	W2HG/251	K4RD/311	K5TA/251	KF5A/250	K8VYV/290	K9TI/250
DJ1BV/310	LZ1AZ/202	K1STY/290	W2HKE/225	K4WJT/244	KA5ACQ/252	N6AFI/140	K8KAE/298	N9AL/200
DJ0LC/223	OE7UDH/327	KA1EI/150	W2LZX/307	K4XG/326	KA5V/285	N6AW/325	K8MNG/274	N9ALC/209
DL1DA/282	PA9BE/217	KA1HJ/156	W2JR/280	KA4S/305	K65WQ/175	N6ST/273	K8RA/320	W9AND/306
DL7WL/240	SL9AS/190	N1UN/290	W2SR/216	KB4FO/141	K5CM/177	W6GMF/343	K8VUV/271	W9KBV/279
EA2HW/279	SM4ARQ/316	W1BFA/324	W2JVN/334	KB4LX/197	W6MFI/217	W6LEN/188	K8WD/263	W9LJ/343
EA4MY/300	SM5API/330	W1DOH/290	W2XLI/225	KJ4L/150	W6MY/210	W6MOR/308	K8ZO/261	W9NUD/157
G3GM/139	SM5BFJ/303	W1ETH/186	WA2CWP/155	N4MA/181	W6MYP/210	W6OUL/184	K8BP/129	W9A9E/250
G3VT/120	SM6DBR/271	W1HSP/272	W2GTB/174	N4VZ/306	W6OUL/184	W6RLB/233	N8BK/178	W9NAY/130
HB9AMO/309	SM6JHO/199	W1PVP/262	W2LNI/207	N4XX/325	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	N8TT/266	W9NUD/157
HB9KQ/285	SM7BIP/317	W1RED/309	W2BOH/276	N4ZS/261	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W8LZ/282	W9A9E/250
KC1HV/225	SM8JH/252	W1SP/341	AD3RI/201	W4BYO/362	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W8LZ/282	W9NAY/130
H8LC/290	TG4AN/283	W1TNT/194	A13R/265	W4CLO/161	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W8LZ/282	W9NUD/157
HK9BKX/310	VE2AGP/252	W1VH/282	K3A0/301	W4FLA/320	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	K8ZIF/302	W9NUD/157
I5UA/349	VE2FOU/127	WA1NSJ/225	K3K/332	W4PRX/259	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
I0MMI/224	VE4U/225	W1ZDW/120	K3VU/166	W4YJ/357	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
I19AU/331	VE5JQ/151	W81DQC/283	KA3BFX/245	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA1AA/327	VE6HT/275	KB2ON/219	KA3BV/155	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA1SEK/252	YU1BCD/340	K2OV5/161	KA3CMR/125	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA1OUJ/272	YU1DZ/305	K2OWE/182	KA3R/181	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA1OQJ/309	YU2CAL/271	K2QF/250	K3R/181	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA7BAL/250	YU2CDL/261	K2TV/286	W3MPN/203	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA2IU/221	YU3G/279	K2UFMI/308	W3Y/272	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA3AAW/324	YU3TR/160	K2UKO/327	W3YV/252	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA3DY/345	5W1AU/257	K2YGM/298	W3YV/252	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA5EN/311	AA1K/299	KA2EWT/156	W3YV/252	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA5JG/245	AB1A/253	KA2K/250	AA4CK/294	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA5PUL/302	AB1P/251	KG2A/149	AA4M/300	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA6RL/282	K1B/291	N2AIF/174	AA4S/323	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
JA6BZF/269	K1F/121	N2KA/302	AG4L/283	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
NL7/150	K1HZ/302	W2FZY/353	K4KUZ/263	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157
LA1ND/234	K1KQ/125		K4OMU/179	W4YK/300	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W6SOS/225	W9NUD/157

Radiotelephone

CN8AK/284	JA5JGY/191	ZP5RS/260	WA2VCM/152	K4XG/298	KF5X/144	W6TPC/255	WB7RGN/210	N9AIB/161
CT1AUF/190	JA5PUL/296	5W1AU/257	WA2VJ/125	KB4CL/204	N5AEB/175	W6TXL/283	K8EK/150	W9DMH/260
DF15U/303	JA6RI/270	AA10/226	WB2GTB/164	N4BHJ/226	N5IH/261	W6BDT/262	K8VUV/270	W9HJ/302
DF55L/163	JA7BAL/226	K1MIJ/201	WB2JFH/178	N4XX/320	W8NLB/214	W6BVI/176	K8WD/263	W9LJ/316
DJ1BV/299	JA7JH/319	K1ST/272	WB2SZH/260	W4BOY/313	W8PLN/209	W6BVI/176	K8ZO/260	W9RKP/281
DK9K/281	JA8BAF/308	KA1AWH/168	WB2VPV/199	W4LCL/254	W8RJC/185	W6BVI/176	K8BP/128	W9XMK/300
DL1HH/332	KB8ZF/266	KA1EI/150	AD3R/180	W4LW/240	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8CBA/272	W9XMK/300
DL2KC/240	LA1ND/225	KA1HJ/156	K3IXD/137	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
E3ALD/299	LA3XJ/309	W1BFA/302	KA3BFX/243	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
EA4DQ/331	LA5WN/205	W1DO/323	W3DQJ/261	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
EA8OZ/297	LJ7MAJ/191	W1ETH/179	W3FPD/292	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
G3YJ/260	UE1SKG/200	W1HSP/272	W3MPN/203	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
GM4CUB/126	UE1SKG/200	W1HSP/272	W3MPN/203	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
HGEA/324	UE1SKG/200	W1HSP/272	W3MPN/203	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I1TBE/300	OE7UDH/327	W1SP/340	AA4CK/294	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I2PFW/200	PA9GC/199	WB1DQC/283	AA4M/300	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I5AUF/274	PA9KB/294	W1DPC/140	AA4S/323	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I5AUF/274	PA9KB/294	W1DPC/140	AA4S/323	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I5AUF/274	PA9KB/294	W1DPC/140	AA4S/323	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
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IC8EG/281	S6AA/200	AG2K/151	AG4L/283	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
IC8OGS/133	TG4AN/283	K2TV/286	AG4L/283	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I9OLK/309	VE1AVX/305	K2UFMI/308	AG4L/283	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
I9QAI/333	VE3K/175	K2UKO/327	AG4L/283	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
JA1AA/7325	VE5QY/225	N2KAW/295	AG4L/283	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
JF1SEK/231	VE6RP/244	W2IOO/305	AG4L/283	W4WJ/354	W8SPL/185	W6BVI/176	W8JJK/261	W9XMK/300
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QST Profiles

Russell S. Ohl, Father of the Modern Semiconductor Industry



Most active in the early days of radio, Russell S. Ohl, N6DJG, of Vista, California, was instrumental in many developments in amateur and commercial radio.

became the basis of the solar cell.

Having received 82 U.S. and 50 foreign patents, Mr. Ohl has also published five scientific papers. He is a life member in the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and is listed in "Who's Who in Engineering." Having held the calls 2BHN, 2XBA, 2XBD and 3BFU, he again enjoys Amateur Radio as N6DJG.

Before the solar battery was developed, however, the ion implantation method of producing photovoltaic surfaces was developed. In the early days, when the photovoltaic effect in silicon was considered, the efficiency of sunlight conversion was accurately measured by E. F. Kingsbury using cells that I manufactured. At that time, speculative calculations were made for using large areas of cells in batteries for power generating purposes. Experiments indicated the superiority of performance in a high vacuum, as well as at a temperature of molten tin. Many future applications for silicon photovoltaic cells were envisioned and have since come to be fact.

QST: We have heard rumors of some early radio development in your three-room Bronx apartment.

Ohl: In 1924 I conducted some transmission experiments, at approximately 2 meters, in my New York apartment. At the time we were uncertain of the transmission properties at this wavelength. We found that the signal could be detected easily with amateur silicon detectors. The signals were quite strong and they bounced from steel objects several miles distant.

QST: Your daughter, Sylvia, WB7VRK, has shown you her modern 2-meter rig. Any comments comparing the operation of the old and new gear?

Ohl: The early 2-meter experiments, licensed with the call 2XBD, were performed with a crudely built transmitting tube transmitter. The receiver was an equally crude crystal detector. Comparing this to new gear and operation is like comparing two different worlds. □

During this period, semiconductors were applied in many critical circuits.

In 1932 Mr. Ohl undertook exploratory research into the microwave radio field. The object of his work was to find ways and frequency limits for the use of high-frequency radio waves. This project was begun under adverse conditions because neither receiving nor transmitting equipment existed at that time! After more than a half decade of experimenting with substances and methods for use at very high frequency ranges, it became evident that a silicon device with a tungsten contact was the preferred combination to respond to frequencies as great as 100 nanohertz. This work was immediately classified as secret and remained so until after 1947. Based on those research results, manufacturing specifications were written for diodes needed throughout WW II.

While studying the anomalous behavior of a bur of silicon cut from an ingot of purified silicon, Mr. Ohl discovered a photovoltaic effect in the bulk material. It was found that the photo sensitivity occurred at a junction of two types of silicon. He named these types N and P, and the junction is now known as the NP junction. This was the breakthrough that made the invention of the transistor possible, and also

demonstration was set up in my office in which I illuminated the junction with a flashlight bulb so that, with suitable circuitry, oscillations took place. William Shockley saw this and suggested that an electrode attached to the junction might make it possible to realize a solid-state amplifier. I had already thought of this but did not have the facilities to try it. A few years later I had the opportunity to attempt the construction of a solid-state amplifier. Some initial successes indicated that an amplifier could be made.

QST: Your early experiments with silicon also led to what we now know as the solar battery. In fact, many people credit you with inventing the solar battery. Could you tell us about some of your experiments?

Ohl: I invented the solar battery in its early form. This was later developed and perfected in another section of the Bell Laboratories. When the photovoltaic effect in silicon was discovered, studies indicated that the natural barrier was made up of multiple striations. It soon became evident that the photovoltaic barrier should exist on the surface. Surface effects were first produced by slicing the silicon along the barrier and thus exposing the photovoltaic silicon surface. The first photovoltaic barrier surface was produced by heating a polished slab of silicon sealed in a quartz tube in the presence of yellow phosphorous. Heat treatment at about 1000° centigrade caused the phosphorous to diffuse into the surface and produce a photovoltaic battery. By following through with this diffusion approach chemists later developed the highly advertised solar bat-

A native of Macungie, Pennsylvania, Russell S. Ohl, N6DJG, earned in 1918 a BS degree in electrochemical engineering from Penn State University. That was the beginning of what was to be an illustrious and prolific career which would have far-reaching effects on Amateur Radio and the field of electronics.

Following his college graduation, Mr. Ohl joined the U.S. Army and was assigned to test radio transmitters during flight. In 1922, he accepted a position in the budding field of radio communications — doing research for AT&T. During this time, he initiated interest in the use of quartz crystals to stabilize frequencies of a-m broadcast transmitters for improving the quality of received voice frequencies. He also demonstrated the advantages of heater-type cathodes in vacuum tubes.

In June of 1927, he was transferred to the newly formed Bell Telephone Laboratories where his research was carried on in a field radio lab. He was principally concerned with the quality of voice signals received from transatlantic communications. He was able to demonstrate single-sideband reception and single- or double-sideband reception with greatly reduced carrier. This was made possible by the use of quartz crystal filters which were then in an initial experimental stage. During

QST: What is your most memorable Amateur Radio related incident?

Ohl: I believe it was the reception of NAA (the spark transmitter located at Arlington, Virginia) signals with a crystal detector and headset, early in 1918, when all Amateur Radio transmissions were silenced.

QST: Did you have any idea what your early experiments with high-purity silicon wafers would lead to?

Ohl: Yes. The early work with diodes as applied to microwaves was considered theoretically. It was indicated that high-purity silicon wafers were needed to reduce backward current and increase the front-to-back ratio of the diode. The first high-purity silicon was imported from Germany. It was fused in a quartz container with an oxygen/gas flame. A small sample of this material gave an indication of the improvement to be expected. It was my objective to produce silicon diode wafers of uniform surface characteristics in large quantities at a reasonable cost. The use of high-purity silicon was no accident, but was planned in an effort to use silicon diodes in the low-wavelength microwave spectrum where vacuum tubes were no longer practical. The program was very successful.

QST: Similarly, did you have any idea that the transistor would have such an impact on the world?

Ohl: Yes. When I discovered the NP junction it was evident to me that this would enable the development of a solid-state amplifier. Shortly after the photovoltaic junction was found, a

Lo, the Kerchunker!

As sure as there is a repeater in your neighborhood, someone is going to kerchunk it.

Let me say right here that I am not talking about the deliberate repeater trasher, the deviate who destroys repeater QSO's. That person is beyond the scope of this discussion. I'm talking about the innocuous soul who likes to kerchunk his local repeater occasionally — or more often.

As Jon Mitchell could have written, "I've looked at kerchunking from both sides now..." I am a repeater owner as well as a repeater user, and that has affected my perspective on kerchunking. Instead of gnashing my teeth and thinking about the innocuous soul who likes to kerchunk his local repeater occasionally — or more often.

The first solution is the way I designed the control system of my repeater. It includes a "kerchunk detector." Anytime the repeater is keyed up after the repeater transmitter has been off for more than a few seconds, a "kerchunk timer" is activated to time the key-up. If the key-up is less than 1.2 seconds, there is a half-second squeal tail and then the transmitter turns off. If the key-up is longer than 1.2 seconds the VOX circuit is activated, the tail is extended to five seconds, the repeater identifies after the user has released his mike PTT button and a PI tone is transmitted for four seconds to alert the control operator, monitoring with a PI'd receiver, that the repeater is on. The control operator then switches off the PI in order to monitor the QSO in progress. This feature lets the kerchunkers do their thing, while sparing the control operator from the frustration of having to listen to all those kerchunkers out there.

The second solution to kerchunking is this article. So, let's consider kerchunking for a moment. I think that once people understand why kerchunking is so prevalent, we could go a long way toward solving it.

I can imagine the average repeater user who gets up, showers, shaves, eats breakfast and kerchunks the repeater (and not necessarily in that order). If the rig is in the car all of the



time, kerchunking the system is as much a part of starting the car as setting the choke. You might say that in hamdom, kerchunking has replaced fastening your seat belts.

You see, it's a little part of the kerchunker's world in which he has control. The repeater does his bidding. He has power over several thousand dollars worth of equipment.

Don't laugh at this theory. Of course, Joe Ham isn't thinking in those terms when he presses and releases the mike PTT button without a word, let alone a legal identification. But let the repeater be off for one day and watch what happens. Joe is, at least, disappointed; more likely, he is dismayed, especially if he is a member of the repeater's technical committee. He feels a loss of control and power. Often, if you're listening to the input frequency of the machine during such a crisis, you'll hear several Joes frantically kerchunking away without success. At a time like this, Joe and all of us learn that repeaters can be like anything else in our lives — imperfect. Think about that the next time it happens to you.

Another perspective — that most of us consider kerchunking to be one of the Seven Deadly Sins of Hamdom is attested to by its anonymity. No one will "fess-up" to ever

doing it. I vividly remember a meeting of a big Chicago area repeater club, where the chair asked for a show of hands of anyone who had never kerchunked the system. Amid the forest of arms that shot skyward, the motion was made to rename the group "The Liar's Club." It brought down the house.

As a repeater owner and control operator, I often long to find out who and where is that nameless, unknown operator behind that fast mike button. On occasion, I will call him back — "QRZ from K9XI" — without response. Nothing.

Hey, guys and gals, I'm really not upset with you! And I won't send the Wouff Hong after you. I'm only curious as to who you are and where you're located. From the sounds of some of the signals, some of you are really out in the boonies. My repeater is not large and I would like to know how well it covers and, believe it or not, you kerchunkers are my best means of finding out. Seriously!

I hope you get the picture. I really don't mind kerchunkers. I designed my repeater to accommodate them. If I don't want to hear them, I PI my receiver and that's that. Often, however, I'd love to find out who's listening and where they are to indicate to me that my system is operating. That's my peace of mind. So, if you're ever in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and you kerchunk the repeater on 222.1/223.7, just give your call, your location and say, "checking the system." I'll understand. That tells us all that you don't have the time for a QSO, but that all is right with you and the repeater. It's a tradeoff, you see. I find out how well the system is working and you get to kerchunk the system.

Carefully considering all of this has changed my operating practices. I never kerchunk a repeater without identifying and giving my general location. Whatsay we all do the same?

Lo, the kerchunker! You are really more valuable than you think you are. If only you knew (and now you do). — Art Reis, K9XI, Crystal Lake, Illinois

[Editor's Note: The preceding article originally appeared in the Bulletin of the McHenry County Wireless Association.]

SURVEY RESULTS

In the last installment of FM/RPT, I stated that, "If all goes well, the next installment of this column will have the results of the (January) survey." Well, all went too well! The response to the survey was tremendous. Completed surveys are still arriving in the mail.

Thus, the job of compiling and analyzing the results goes on. Hopefully, next time we meet I'll have the results on hand and will share them with you.

BLACK HOLE ON 2 METERS

In the March installment of this column, I presented an annotated 2-meter spectrum-usage chart. W6VON pointed out a gaping hole

in the chart between 145.49 and 145.80 MHz.

The reason I left out that part of the spectrum is that, to my knowledge, nothing much goes on there. There may be some simplex work, but it certainly isn't a hotbed of activity and has never been designated for any particular use in the band plan. Since there wasn't much to say about it, I said nothing. The omission does make the chart incomplete, however, so please insert "145.49-145.80 — unused, in general" in the chart.

YL News and Views

Conducted By Jean Peacor,* K1JIV

Happy Birthday WRONE

On May 2, 1981, Storowton Tavern in West Springfield, Massachusetts will be the scene of a gala luncheon celebration. Women Radio Operators of New England (WRONE) will celebrate its 25th year as an organized club.

As early as 1950, there were reports of licensed-YL gatherings in New England, but it was not until 1955 that a formal club was discussed. In April of 1955, 64 YLs attended a luncheon at Boston's Sheraton Plaza Hotel. Barbara Harrington, W1TRE, who had organized this meeting, announced that plans were underway to organize a club for New England YLs. The initial meeting was scheduled for the fall of 1955.

The fall meeting was held as planned at Boston's Hotel Kenmore. W1TRE was Chairman of the affair. A club, named Women Radio Operators of New England, was formed, and annual dues were set. The following Executive Board was elected: Chairman, Barbara Harrington, W1TRE; Secretary/Treasurer, Mildred Doremus, W1SVN; Eleanor Wilson, W1QON; Esther Routhier, W1RYJ; Marjorie Snow, W1VOS. A spring luncheon meeting was scheduled, and it was voted to start a YL Net in October 1955, with Chata Swenson, W1RLQ, as Net Control. This would allow all YLs to keep in touch. Because only 31 YLs attended this first meeting, Charter Membership in WRONE was extended to the next meeting in the spring of 1956.

The spring meeting found 61 YLs in attendance. Here it was agreed to have another meeting at Boston's Hotel Touraine the following May in 1956. It was also decided that two meetings would be held each year, in the spring and fall, with the Executive Board deciding the



Charter members at WRONE meeting in the fall of 1956. Some of the first Executive Board officers are: front row (l-r) — W1VOS, 1st YL, and W1TRE, 3rd YL; back row (l-r) — W1QON, 1st YL, and W1SVN, 7th YL.



Jean Thompson, K1TVT, from Mechanic Falls, Maine, is President of WRONE for 1981.

location for the meetings. At the May meeting, membership certificates were awarded to all YLs who had paid their dues; this included 68 YL Charter Members. WRONE was officially born.

Miss Wrone has become the club's emblem.

Kuehl, W1EYS; Bonnie Grant, WA1GQZ (ex-K2DKL); Millie Doremus, W1SVN; Tisha Young, W1NUO; Eunice Gordon, W1UKR; Marcie Snow, W1VOS; Gladys Chase, W1VPE; Onie Woodward, W1ZEN; Margaret Teid, ex-W1WJA; Charlotte Stafford, W1ZPR; Leona Peacor, W1YPH; Chata Swenson, W1RLQ; Malva Gray, W1FFY; Agnes Warington, W1YQI; May Heflinger, W1ZEJ; and Sylvia Winton, W1SLQ. This has been an active group with many having served as officers for WRONE and YLRL. Many are now members of QCWA and Charter Members of QCWW.

WRONE CERTIFICATE RULES

Work six WRONE members with representation from at least three of the New England States — after May 1, 1959 — on any band. Repeater contacts and WRONE Net contacts are not valid. Contacts must be made from one location except for Maritime Mobile stations, which need only work the specified number of contacts while Maritime Mobile

Application may be made by sending a list of six

In 1959, she was used in the corner of the club's newsletter; shortly thereafter, the letter became "Miss Wrone's Charter." She adorns Wrone stationery and certificates; there are even Miss Wrone pins for members. Recognizable by her acorn head (acorns can be found in all of New England), by her skates (depicting a popular New England sport), and by her skating outfit, Miss Wrone's colors are green, brown and gold.

Throughout the years, WRONE meetings have been held in all six New England states.

They continue to be held twice each year in the spring and fall. Membership, which now numbers more than 200, is open to all licensed women radio operators. Officers for 1981 are: President, Jean Thompson, K1TVT; Vice President, Judy Townsend, WA1TZX; Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Phillips, WB1FIQ; Hospitality, Norma Mellen, WA1WWA, and WB1ACQ; Donna Shotwell; Net and Membership, Millie Doremus, W1SVN, and Rita Essigman, WB1API. Dues are \$2 payable to the Treasurer at 235 Ames Rd., Hampden, MA 01036.

WRONE NETS — The Yankee Lassie Net meets each Wednesday at 1330 UTC on 3910 MHz; the cw net meets each Wednesday at 1900 UTC on 3720 MHz. Both nets welcome all YLs.

Heather Hall, WB1ABF, is in charge of the 1981 spring luncheon reservations. Storowton Tavern, situated on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition and home of New England's largest annual fair, will be inundated in May with YLs from all over New England as WRONE celebrates its silver anniversary. Happy Birthday, WRONE.

CHARTER MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Records indicate there are about 16 original Charter Members with 25-year continuous membership. They have all had the opportunity to see WRONE grow. All were licensed in the early 1950's. Comments as to what created their interest in becoming licensed radio amateurs varied greatly. "No television set until you become a licensed radio amateur." "The faraway places were beckoning as my OM worked more and more DX." "As a bride, I thought my OM's hobby was strictly for men. I quickly learned that I needed to know more about this hobby." "My OM wanted to practice Morse code with someone, and I was standing nearby." "If you can't fight it, join it." "It all began while helping my two sons learn Morse code." "After having talked to some of my OM's contacts, I heard, 'No more talking until you get your own license.'"

This exclusive group of 16 members includes: Faye

contacts showing call, date, frequency and state. Have the list certified by an officer of a radio club or two radio amateurs. (A certified list shows the information shown on the QSL cards from WRONE members — the signatures of the radio amateurs certify that they have seen the QSL cards that correspond with the list submitted.) The list and \$.50 should be sent to: Custodian, Carol Anderson, AD1P, 430 Diamond Hill Rd., Warwick, R.I. 02886. There is a Gold Sticker issued when another list is submitted with contacts listing the other three New England states.

YLRL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 1981 YLRL Scholarship are being accepted by the Foundation For Amateur Radio during the month of May. The YLRL Scholarship pays \$300 to a YL studying for a degree in electronics/communications or a related science. Preference is given to a handicapped person, but need and potential are major considerations. Applicants are also considered for any of the seven scholarships offered by the Foundation.

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The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted By William A. Tynan,* W3XO



Calling Frequencies

The subject of vhf/uhf calling frequencies and how to use them seems always to be with us. The topic has been addressed in this column on a number of occasions over the past few years. But, as we are entering another summer season of enhanced propagation, this seems to be an appropriate time for a review of what frequencies are employed for calling and how to use them to gain the maximum benefit for the most people. I will confine this discussion to cw, ssb and a-m calling frequencies. Fm-simplex calling and working frequencies are covered in the *ARRL Repeater Directory* and elsewhere.

Since 6 meters is our lowest frequency vhf assignment, and because the selection and optimum use of calling frequencies for this band seem to be more controversial than for the higher bands, it should be a good place to begin. Ever since the FCC set aside the first 100 kHz of the 50-MHz band for cw about 20 years ago, 50.110 MHz has been the most popular spot in the entire 4 megahertz. To hear it when the band is busy, one would almost conclude that half of the stations on 6 meters are crystal controlled or are using transceivers with broken dial cords. One of the reasons for this behavior is, I am sure, that the band is so variable in its propagation characteristics. After all, this is one of the reasons many of us find the 50-MHz band so fascinating. Much of the time it is like 2 meters, offering consistent coverage out to perhaps 150 to 200 miles. Under this "dead hand" condition, there are usually few stations to be heard and hence little potential for QRM when QSOs take place on 110. But, when Mother Nature goes to work and presents 6-meter buff's with aurora, Es or F2 propagation, all you-know what breaks loose around that part of the band!

This extreme crowding could be alleviated if we could just learn to use the calling frequency only for calling and then move off as soon as contact is established. It is hard to remember to do, I agree. Certainly W3XO has been guilty of not QSYing on too many occasions, but I intend to try harder. It has been argued by some that holding QSOs on the calling frequency is good practice because it provides signals for distant stations to hear so they can be alerted to the existence of enhanced propagation conditions. This may be true; but, on the other hand, several loud locals holding forth on a calling frequency can obscure a distant station that may be putting out a CQ. Even if one hears such a distant station under the locals, there is a tendency not to respond, because of hesitation to break up a contact. So the CQ may go unanswered and activity suffers.

Another aspect has become more important

over the last few years with the advent of new equipment incorporating squelch on ssb and cw. Many of us have adopted the habit of parking the receiver on the calling frequency with the squelch set to open when even a weak signal pokes its head up. A short CQ or two by an S9-plus local can be tolerated without upsetting household activities, but a prolonged QSO usually prompts one to go into the shack and turn the thing down before the family gets upset. Chances are that our DX chaser will then become engrossed in a TV show or the latest copy of *QST*, and forget to turn the audio gain back up again. Is he upset when he finds out the next day that the band opened to the Caribbean and he missed an H18 and an FM7! Also, if a QSO is in progress on the calling frequency, others who wish to use it to initiate a call will usually not do so. Thus, they are denied the use of this common meeting point at least for the duration of the contact, which can be quite some time.

So please, let's use calling frequencies for calling, either CQ or a specific station. Once contact is established, move off far enough so that sideband splatter won't prevent others from listening for weak signals. Often, 5 kHz is not a sufficient QSY — a better minimum might be 10 kHz. Of course, the need to move off a calling frequency depends on the level of activity on the particular band. Since activity is considerably lower on 6-meter a-m than is currently the case on ssb, it would not appear as important to vacate 50.4 MHz to engage in an a-m QSO. The same applies to the 144.4-MHz spot where a revival of 2-meter a-m operation is beginning to take hold. The relatively low activity on 1-1/4 meters and 70 cm also makes for different considerations with respect to these bands. But in the case of 6- and 2-meter ssb, QSYing to another frequency is certainly indicated.

The selection of 50.110 MHz as the 6-meter ssb calling frequency has long been criticized by some of the band's most experienced operators, but habit is a strong human trait shared by most of us. As a result, it has been difficult to convince many that a change would be beneficial. This is despite the fact that it is clear that concentrating so much activity within 10 kHz of the band edge results in a great deal of QRM. On 2 meters, there were, until a few years ago, two ssb calling frequencies — 144.110 and 145.025 MHz. When Technician class licensees were given operating privileges on the entire band in 1978, there was a great debate as to what calling frequency should be adopted in the face of the expanded activity

that the 144-MHz segment of the band was about to experience. Some Technicians expressed great glee in finally being able to set up shop on 144.110 MHz. But thanks to a recommendation from the ARRL VHF-UHF Advisory Committee (VUAC) and the support of SWOT, a calling frequency of 144.200 MHz was proposed and all but universally adopted by 2-meter ssb operators. Imagine the chaos that would exist if all the activity that is so nicely spread up and down the band from 144.200 were concentrated near 144.110 MHz! Certainly operation on 2 meters is more pleasant and productive as a result of the choice of a calling frequency made by the inhabitants of this popular band.

Noting the success of 144.2 MHz on 2 meters, those attending the Operating Forum at last year's Central States VHF Conference proposed that a "domestic calling frequency" of 50.2 MHz be established for 6 meters. Realizing that spreading the word of the change to foreign 6-meter operators would be difficult, as well as seeing the advantage of setting aside a portion of the band for working DX, the assemblage proposed that 50.110 MHz remain the calling frequency for DX operation. This approach is in line with the attempt by a number of south Florida stations over the past few years to reserve 50.100 to 50.125 MHz for use while engaged in DXing. The idea of establishing a new calling frequency at 50.2 MHz for general calling was picked up by the VUAC. That group, under the chairmanship of W4WD/7, is presently giving the idea careful study. But we need not wait for a VUAC recommendation before acting. After all, most of the proposals made by that group are based on current band usage with due consideration to expected future developments. We can begin to use 50.2 MHz for most of our 6-meter calling right away and to check the area around 50.110 MHz when contacts out of the U.S. and Canada appear possible. This conductor plans to make extensive use of the 50.2-MHz portion of the band beginning this Es season. I hope to have lots of company.

For the 1-1/4 meter band the group meeting at the Central States VHF Conference, seeing how well the use of 432.1 MHz has helped reduce QRM to EME operation on 70 cm, proposed that 220.1 MHz be established as the calling frequency for cw and ssb operation for this emerging band. Using the same reasoning, it was also proposed that 1296.1 MHz be used in lieu of 1296.0 MHz on 23 cm.

By proper selection and use of calling frequencies we can all work more and have a better time doing it.

A DX OPPORTUNITY

With the approach of the summer Es season, Tom, K4GFG, wishes to call attention to a propagation mode capable of supporting some interesting and

unusual contacts on 2 meters, and possibly higher bands, out to about 1100 miles (1800 km). The mode to which Tom refers is connected with Field Aligned Irregularities in the E region of the ionosphere. Contacts on 2 meters via this FAI mode were reported in this column for August 1979. The effect seems to form on a fairly high percentage of those evenings on which 6 meters is open for Es propagation, and the location of the propagating medium tends to be that corresponding to the midpoint of most of the 6-meter

paths. Stations trying to take advantage of this mode on 2 meters or higher should aim their antennas to the north of the direct path to the area which they are trying to work and in the general direction of what they would conclude should be the reflection point for much of the 6-meter propagation. Tom urges that they not give up as soon as 6 meters closes. He notes that experience has shown that FAI propagation often takes place an hour or so after 50-MHz Es has ceased. Until further details are published, why not go to it,

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and see what can be worked with this fascinating mode. It will be particularly interesting to know whether 1-1/4-meter and 70-cm contacts can also be made via FAI. Let me know how you make out, and I will present a report of results early in the fall.

CENTRAL STATES VHF SOCIETY AWARDS PROGRAM

At its 1980 conference, The Central States VHF Society members established an Awards Committee under the chairmanship of Lance Collier, WA1JXN/7. Committee members include WB6NMT and W0VB. This group has arrived at recommendations for a series of awards to recognize vhf and uhf achievement and to solicit comments from those active on these bands. The awards they propose are as follows:

VUCC — The VHF/UHF Century Club Award would be available to anyone having worked 100 or more different stations on 144 MHz or above using any mode and by any means of propagation, except that the signal must not be retransmitted by any repeater, terrestrial or airborne/orbiting. Crossband contacts would not count. Endorsement stickers would be available for additional contacts via any one mode of propagation such as EME, aurora or m.s., etc. This is to serve not only as an entry-level award in areas of the country with high levels of activity but also as continuing incentive and challenge for all. It is designed to be achievable, yet nevertheless a challenge, for those with stations of various complexities and capabilities.

Grid Award — This award would be available to those making contact with stations located in 100 different one-by-one degree squares on 144 MHz or higher. Stickers would be available for additional squares in increments of 25. Contacts could be by any nonrepeater mode.

IK Coverage Award — This award would combine the number of stations contacted with distance and consistency of operation. The intent is to provide a method of equalizing the difficulty of its attainment between those located in different parts of the country, and to reward the more active operators. The award would be available for operation on 144 MHz and above to those accruing 1000 QSO points or more during any 2-month period on a particular band.

QSO points would be accumulated by identifying the one-by-one degree square of each station worked. Contacted stations in the same square as the participant would not count; stations one square away would count 1 point; stations two squares away would count 2 points, etc. Points would be added to arrive at the score for the month.

Please send comments on these proposed awards as soon as possible to: Lance Collier, WA1JXN/7, P. O. Box 243, Frenchtown, MT 59834.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — F2 DX continued briskly well into March, that is, if one looks at reports on a worldwide basis. In some areas, however, like the eastern portion of the U.S., openings grew quite few and far between. Nevertheless, even in these deprived parts of the world, the ionosphere was kinder this year than during the same period of 1980. One of the better days during the mid-February to mid-March reporting period was February 28. The eastern part of the country was treated to a short but pleasant West Coast opening around 1700Z — quite unusual so late in the F2 season. Just prior to that, beginning at 1540Z, EL2AV nabbed VP2VGR, WIQXX/KP4, DL3ZM/YV5, 8P6KX and 9Y4JA. At about 1720Z some of the western states got a crack at Africa, as EL2AV was worked by K0AYK Colorado, K7ICW Nevada and several Arizona stations. The following day, March 1, the Pacific Northwest was treated to a brief but intense opening to Argentina. One of those active from the southern end of this circuit, LU3EX, worked a total of 11 stations in Oregon and Washington during a 20-minute period. Earlier the same day the path from South Africa to Europe provided many crossband, and a few two-way, contacts for ZS6LN. Jack lists 6- to 10-meter QSOs with such familiar calls as DK6JL, SM6PU, ISCTE, PA6CRA and G5KW. Also crossbanded were HB9BZ, DL9SH, G3APY and FZ/W. A two-way was completed with EL6AS, and the 15T DJ beacon on 50.319 MHz was heard. This was probably one of the best of many openings in that part of the world during that time of the year. In the Far East, regular north-south openings were also taking place between Japan and the South Pacific. Why there is so much north-south propagation in other parts of the world and so little between North and South

America, I do not know. Does anyone have any thoughts on this? The best day we in the Mid-Atlantic states experienced during the report period came on March 6. As in early February, 28 days before, this opening occurred the morning after an aurora. Although in this case the aurora was a full 24 hours before during the morning of March 5. The 6th began with backscatter about 1335Z with W8HXT/4 being worked on cw by this conductor. Following that came a good ssb QSO with T12NA in which signals were not particularly strong but very readable. In the course of this contact, Eric noted that my signal was best when he aimed his beam more to the east than north, so backscatter was apparently at work here, too. Next heard were the Colombian fm repeaters with extremely strong signals. HK4EB must have been alerted by the racket on the repeaters, because it wasn't long before he was on working the pileup. The other high spot of that morning was reception by a number of us in the eastern part of the country of the PY2AA beacon on 50.055 MHz. Incidentally, the operators of this beacon are very anxious to receive reports from anyone hearing it. Address: PY2AA Beacon Project, P. O. Box 22, 01000 Sao Paulo, SP Brazil.

March 7 around 1400Z brought two-way contacts by 15T DJ with ZS5TR, ZS6BMS and ZS6BGG. Pete also heard on this occasion the beacons of ZS6PW and ZS3E. On the 9th EL2AV worked a number of East Coast stations including VE1AVX, WB2C/B, WB2MAI and W4CKD. The evening before, from 0000 to 0100Z south Florida experienced a TE opening into Argentina. Not much has been reported relative to TE this year. I guess that mode is considered routine by those lucky enough to experience it regularly. KP4EOR says that 6 meters has been open to southern South America a few evenings every week since last September, except for a hiatus during December! David has also experienced a number of 2-meter openings to the same area. Another with a fortunate location for TE, XE1GE south of Mexico City, notes that he has been working 1U8MBI nightly in recent weeks on 6 meters.

March 11 produced a real surprise for VE1ASJ when Andy worked about 25 JAs beginning around 2130Z. Earlier that day, between 1700 and 1800Z, a number of stations in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th call areas reported hearing LU8WAT. WB8BKC in Ohio is said to have worked the Argentine station, which should be in the extreme southern part of the country, according to the "W" in the call. About the same time that VE1ASJ was experiencing his field day to Japan, WAS1YX was working ZL3NE. Incidentally, Pat is back home recuperating from surgery. It's nice to have him back on. What he terms "the best day he has seen to New Zealand" came on the afternoon of March 13 for WAS1YX, with seven ZLs being heard at his San Antonio QTH. ZL openings began about February 25 in south Texas, according to information received from W5UWB south of Corpus Christi, with the appearance of ZL1s QS, MQ and AVZ, and ZL2s QS and KT. Numerous openings from the western part of the country to the South Pacific have occurred since just before that time, but reports have been somewhat sketchy so I can't provide many details. I guess the gang is too busy working DX to pass along much information. One exception is WA6BYA in central California. Bob reports five ZL QSOs on February 20 and one more on the 25th. But the really big day for him came on the 27th when the band was open to New Zealand for seven hours beginning at 2021Z. This session netted WA6BYA seven QSOs with six different stations. Signals ran to 60 dB over S9! Even after QSing to 51 MHz, the signal from ZL2KT remained at that level, and ZL1AUM registered S7 on 52 MHz. On March 2, WA6BYA got in on the Caribbean opening in the morning working DL3ZM/YV5, PJ2DEW and T12NA, and later in the day snagged JA8RC and JH1ECU as well as ZL2KT, KG6OX and VK4PU (on 6 to 10 crossband). Bob comments that he worked eight countries that day and could have added two more if he had been able to be home the entire day!

Several other major openings are worthy of note. One of these took place March 3 from just before 0000Z until 0530Z and involved KH6IAA and a number of Caribbean stations including VP2VGR, T12NA, 8P6KX, FM7AD as well as Ecuador station HC1BI. Another session reported by KP4EOR, occurred on the 6th at about 2300Z. On that occasion David, along with KP4AAN, worked several JAs with their beams aimed southeast. At the same time LU3EX, whom they were also hearing, contacted 127 Japanese stations over a 3-hour period.

A group along the East Coast, sparked by W3IWU, is planning to mount a concerted attempt to work G stations crossband 6 to 4 meters during this summer's Es season. To maintain liaison with the gang across the pond, two frequencies are proposed for use when 28.885 MHz drops out for the season. They are 14.345 and 21.400 MHz. In addition to maintaining a general watch on these frequencies, it is proposed that a net be

held at 1900Z on Saturdays. The 15-meter frequency will be primary, with 14.345 MHz as a backup. It is further proposed that stations on this side with 4-meter receiving capability operate automatic keyers between 50.000 and 50.020 MHz whenever they are in the shack and not otherwise occupied. Tune to the 3821-KHz, Tuesday-night net beginning at 2359Z for additional information.

Word has come that the PA0 stations have received 6-meter operating privileges of sorts. For the next year, they are allowed 25-Wrp on three spot frequencies of 53.875, 53.925 and 53.975 MHz! At least it may be a step in the right direction.

QSL cards for DL3ZM/YV5 and ZS3E may now be sent to KRFFS.

2 Meters — VE7BQH, the latest 2-meter operator to amass all 50 states, says that he is not resting on his laurels. Lionel has plans for a bigger and better antenna. He notes the ever-increasing cadre of DX stations coming on 2-meter EME, and wonders if DXCC can be too far away. Achievement of such a feat will certainly be a landmark in the history of the world above 50 MHz. Who will be the first to cop this prize? Another who extols the level of 2-meter EME activity is VE2DFO. Don comments that things are much different now than back in 1972 when he first got on. He says that there were no more than five or six stations active in those days. Now the band sounds like the low end of 20 meters! The new array at VE2DFO consists of twelve 14-element Junior Boomers and seems to be working very well indeed. A new convert to the 2-meter moonbounce contingent, W7HAH of Montana, puts in a plea for retention of the Standings Boxes. Shep contends that the 2-meter box is useful to him in learning who is on in the states he needs so he can request schedules. In addition, he suggests establishment of a One Hundred Stations on EME Award. He notes the need for something to keep people active once they have completed WAS. The EME Annals, which I have been trying to get off the ground for several years, might form the basis for such an award. I must say, however, that very few moonbouncers have submitted the necessary information for listing. Drop me an s.a.s.c., and I'll send the forms for use in submitting reports.

A lot of the 2 meter news seems to come from the West this month. N7BHC of Hunter, Utah, reports his success to date. Over the winter Dave managed to work Green River, Wyoming, stations WB7QBC and WB7QEB on tropo as well as W0SD in South Dakota and WB7TYU/7 in Oregon via m.s., but his major goal is EME capability. It is expected that an array of four Boomers will be in operation soon, and a kilowatt won't be far behind. You should be very popular, Dave, but not completely alone. W4WD has moved from Florida to Utah and is due to be active also.

As this is being written in mid-March, word is expected soon of 2-meter contacts across the Equator from the Caribbean to Ascension Island. ZD8TC has already reported hearing the 144.3-MHz transmissions of KP4EOR while using a 6-meter beam on the receiver. He has also heard PY signals. Ted now has a 2-meter beam installed so he can transmit. We may be hearing of some epic 2-meter contacts shortly!

70 Cm and Down — According to the K2UYH 432 and Above EME News, new stations now operational on 70-cm EME include KL7WE Alaska, K4PKV North Carolina, WB4IZR Georgia, ZS6NG and SM5CFD. Also, WB5LUA has joined the ranks of 23-cm moonbouncers with a 24-foot dish.

On the terrestrial scene, VE3FN reports a very good aurora on February 6 that was intense enough to reflect 70-cm signals. Ray nabbed VE2DFO and K2YCO via the "buzz" mode on that occasion.

Enjoy vhf and uhf contests? How would you like to try an ATV contest? Sounds challenging indeed! The rules for last year's affair excerpted from the Belgian magazine *CQ-QSO* provide some indication of just how challenging it could be!

Rules: a) Bilateral contact (sound es image received on both sides) on 70 cm, 2 points/km (as till now our PT1 does only permit us to use 70 cm for ATV, 23 cm es 3 cm is illegal for ATV in Belgium).

b) Reception from ATV stn only: 1 point/km.

Log: The following information must be received by both stations —

a) Call sign, IMAGE or SOUND.
b) QTH-locator, IMAGE or SOUND.
c) Signal report (B0 to B5) with serial number (001 to start with).

d) A code number consisting of four non-consecutive figures, transmitted only with the image transmitter (e.g. 1785 or 9753).

The log must be completed with following information: total points per QSO, total points, call sign, name, address, QTH-locator and best DX.

Hamfest Calendar

[Note: Sponsors of large ham gatherings should check with League headquarters for an advisory on possible date conflicts before contracting for meeting space. Dates may be recorded at ARRL HQ, for up to two years in advance.]

Arizona: The White Mountain ARA is sponsoring a hamfest June 5-7 at Blue Ridge High School, Lakeside. Dealer exhibits, technical sessions and demonstrations, contests, prizes, and activities for the ladies. For further information write to Paul Smith, WB7ULN, Box 148, Snowflake, AZ 85937. Talk-in on 146.11/761 and 146.04/764.

Arkansas: The Northwest Arkansas ARC, Inc. will hold its 1st annual hamfest/swappfest on Saturday, May 16, at the Siloam Springs Community Building, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Commercial exhibitors free tables; flea market tables \$2 each. Prizes, refreshments, parking. Talk-in on 146.76/52 simplex. For more info write to Bob Harmon, W5FFP, Rte. 1 Box 13F, Elkins, AR 72727 (include s.a.s.c.).

California: The 9th annual Sacramento Valley Radio Ham Swap sponsored by the North Hills Radio Club will be held Sunday, May 31, from 9 to 3 at the Machinists Hall, 3081 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Table rentals, food, book auctions and prizes. Admission free. Talk-in on K6LS, 144.59/145.19 and 223.18/224.78.

Colorado: The Rocky Mountain VHF Society will hold the annual spring hamfest on Sunday, May 17, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the Boulder National Guard Armory, 4750 N. Broadway, Boulder. Admission \$2 per family. No sellers' charge; bring your own tables. Setup at 8:30 A.M. Prizes and ham swap. Technical demonstrations and seminars. Food and drink available. Talk-in on 146.16/76 and 146.52. For more information, contact Richard Ferguson, K4DXXM, 1150 Albion Rd., Boulder, CO 80303, tel. 303-499-2871.

Connecticut: The Norwich Tech Ham Radio Club will sponsor a hamfest on Saturday, May 9, at the Norwich Regional Vocational Technical School, 590 New London Pk., Norwich, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Admission \$1, vendors \$7 (some tables available). For more info write to the school or tel. 889-8453. Electronics Dept. Talk-in on 146.13/73 and 146.52.

Florida: The annual "Conchfest" sponsored by the Key West ARC will take place May 16-17. Tickets \$25/person (\$15 for harmonies under 12) include dinner, beverages, continental breakfast, book of discount coupons to Key West attractions, awards. Special rate at Sportsman's Inn. For more info write to K4CDD, Key West ARC, P. O. Box 2371, Key West, FL 33040.

Georgia: The Toccoa/Hartwell Campfest will be held May 30-31 at Group Campground, Hwy. 29, north of Hartwell Dam, Hartwell. Free camping (no hook-up), free flea market. Talk-in on 93/33 and 146.895/295.

Idaho: Kootenai Amateur Radio Society's Hamfest '81 will be on Saturday, May 9 at the North Idaho Fairgrounds, Coeur D'Alene. Commercial displays, free swap tables (while they last), many awards. Snack bar and free overnight parking (no hook-ups). Friday night get-together from 7 to 9 at fairgrounds with entertainment. Talk-in on 146.37/97. For information write to KARS, 1614 Montana Ave., Coeur D'Alene, ID 83814.

Illinois: The Starved Rock Radio Club will hold its hamfest on June 7 at the Bureau County Fairgrounds, Princeton. Registration \$2 before May 20, \$3 at the gate. Parking, refreshments and prizes. Free coffee and doughnuts from 8:10 A.M. to 9 A.M. Swap and Shop, ARRL forum, and dealers' booths. Talk-in on 147.12/72, 146.07/67 and 146.52. Send s.a.s.c. for more info to George E. Keith, W9QJZ, RED 1, Box 171, Oglesby, IL 61348.

Indiana: The Tri State ARS (TARS) will hold their annual hamfest on May 17 at the Vanderburgh 4th Center, Evansville. Grounds open at 6 A.M. CSDT. Admission \$1. Indoors, air-conditioned, 70 tables available. Outdoor flea market. Talk-in on 147.75/15 or 146.19/79. Contact Tom, WA9QDZ, 2851 Wayside Dr., Evansville, IN 47711.

Indiana: The Wabash County ARC will hold its 13th annual hamfest on Sunday, May 17, from 6 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Wabash County 4H Fairgrounds,

Wabash. Admission \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at the gate. Plenty of food and parking. Camping spaces available for Saturday night. Talk-in on 147.63/03 or 52 simplex. For tickets or more info send an s.a.s.c. to Dave Spangler, N9AID, 45 Grant St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Kentucky: The Northern Kentucky ARC Ham-O-Rama will be held on May 31 at the Boone County Fairgrounds in Burlington. Flea market, exhibits, prizes. Admission \$4, children under 12 free. For more information write to Ken Miller, WD8BC, P. O. Box 257, Erlanger, KY 41018.

Louisiana: The BRARC annual hamfest is May 16-17 at Catholic High School in Baton Rouge. Banquet Saturday night, swap tables both days. Many prizes, excellent food, ladies' activities, dealers. Talk-in on 19/79 and 34/94. For more information call hamfest chairman, Herb Ramey, KB5AQ, tel. 504-344-6746, or write Box 4104, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

Maine: The Portland Amateur Wireless Association and the University of Southern Maine/Gorham, will sponsor an Amateur Radio flea market from 8 to 5 May 30 in the gym and parking lot of the university campus at Gorham. Admission \$1. Food and drinks available. Contact John Taylor, N1SD, tel. 207-773-2651 for information.

Maryland: The 7th annual Faston ARS hamfest is May 17, rain or shine, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the Faston Senior High School cafeteria on Rte. 50 south of Faston at mile marker 66. Hamfest signs will be posted at Rte. 50 north and south. Talk-in on 146.445/147.045 and 52. Donation \$2, with additional \$2 for tables or tailgaters. Write R. C. Thompson, K3BBW, P. O. Box 1473, Faston, MD 21601, or Easton ARS, Inc., Box 781, Easton, MD 21601.

Maryland: The Maryland FM Association's annual hamfest-computer show is on Sunday, May 31, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, from 8 to 4. Donation \$3, tailgating \$2, tables \$6. Talk-in on 146.16/76. For more information, write MFMA, c/o Fern Walmsley, Post Office, Harmans, MD, tel. 301-766-3545.

Massachusetts: The seventh annual Eastern VHF/UHF Conference will be held May 15-17, at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, 1-495 at Rte. 111, Boxboro. Featured will be technical talks by well-known VHFers, a banquet, noise-figure and antenna-gain measurements, and other activities. Pre-registration is \$13.50 from K1LOG, Rick Commo, 3 Pryor Rd., Natick, MA 01760 before May 10. Registration at door is \$20.

Massachusetts: The 7th annual hamfest and flea market sponsored by the Eastern Connecticut Area will be held on May 17, at Point Breeze Restaurant, Webster, rain or shine. Info via Richard Spahl, K1SYI, Lake Parkway, Webster, MA 01570, tel. 617-943-4420 after 8 P.M.

Michigan: Cadillac's 21st annual "Swap Shop & Flea Market" will be from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. on Saturday, May 16, at the Michigan National Guard Armory, Haynes St., Cadillac. Prizes, plenty of parking, lunches available. Tickets \$2, \$3 per 8-ft table. Talk-in on 146.37/97. Further info via Wexauque Amateur Radio Association, P. O. Box 163, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Michigan: The Chelsea Swap and Shop will be held on Sunday, June 7, at the Chelsea Fairgrounds. Gates will open for sellers at 5 A.M.; open to the public from 8-2. Admission \$1.50 in advance, \$2 at the gate. Children under 12 and nonham spouses free. Talk-in on 146.52 simplex and 147.855 Chelsea repeater. For more info, write to William Altenberndt, 1132 Timberline, Jackson, MI 49201.

Michigan: The Grand Rapids Swap and Shop sponsored by the Independent Repeater Association will be held on Saturday, June 6, at the National Guard Armory, 44th St., one quarter mile west of U.S. 131. Prizes, refreshments, dealers, forums, indoor swap area and trunk sales. Reserved dealer area available. Doors open at 8 A.M. Tickets \$2, indoor tables \$5. Talk-in on 147.765. Information: David Jenista, WD8NZZ, 437 Airview St., Wyoming, MI 49508.

Minnesota: The Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club will hold their annual spring swapfest May 9, at the First United Methodist Church, 230 East Skyline Pkwy., Duluth. Doors open at 10 A.M. Advance admission \$1.50 (s.a.s.c. requested), \$2 at the door. Prizes, auction, programs, displays, food and beverages, free parking. Talk-in on 34/94. For table reservations or further information write or call Duane Lynn, KB0L C, 4907 Peabody St., Duluth, MN 55804, tel. 218-528-4580.

Minnesota: The North Area Repeater Association will sponsor the state's largest swapfest and exposition for radio amateurs and computer hobbyists on May 30 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds, St. Paul. Free overnight parking for self-contained campers on May 29. Exhibits, booths, prizes. Admission \$3. Talk-in on 167/6 and 52. For information or reservations, write

Amateur Fair, P. O. Box 30054, St. Paul, MN 55178.

Missouri: Indian Hills ARC 6th annual hamfest is Sunday, May 17, at the Saline County Fairground Building, Marshall. Advance registration 4 for \$5, \$2 each or 3 for \$5 at the door. Coffee and lunch available. No charge for tables; reservations requested. For information and advance tickets contact Phyllis French, W0WIE, Rte. 4, Box 168, Sedalia, MO 65301, tel. 816-826-8319 after 5 P.M. or K0BVB, tel. 816-886-2837.

New York: LIMARC — The Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc. will sponsor Hamfair '81 at the Islip Speedway, Islip, Exit 43 south of the Southern State Parkway (Islip Ave., Rte. 111), from 9 to 4 May 17 (rain date May 24). No reservations needed. General admission \$2, exhibitors \$5. ARRL info, dealers, swap and shop, prizes, ample parking. Refreshments available. Computers, TV, satellite communications, VHF Tune-up Clinic. For additional information call at night only, Hank Werner, WB2ALW, tel. 516-484-4322 or Sid Wolin, K2LJH, tel. 516-379-2861.

New York: The Rome Radio Club, Inc. is having its 29th annual "Ham Family Days" on June 7. Activities start at 9 A.M. at Beck's Grove, 10 miles west of Rome, just off Rte. 49 adjoining Beck's Grove Airport. Fleamarket, displays. Talk-in on 146.26/88, 146.34/94 and 146.52.

North Carolina: The Durham FM Association announces Durhamfest '81, May 16-17, at South Square Mall, U.S. 15-501 south. Prizes, large covered flea market, rental tables available. Free tailgating or dealer spaces, \$3 admission. Talk-in on 147.825-225, 146.52, 222.34/223.94. Advance tickets and further information from Durham FM Association, P. O. Box 8651, Durham, NC 27707.

North Carolina: A regional meeting of the Antique Wireless Association will be held in Winston-Salem at the Ramada Inn Downtown on May 23. Interesting displays of antique radios, flea market and talks by outstanding collectors. An evening banquet followed by Pitcairn Island program presented by Tom Christian, W6R6C. Registration fee. For further details contact L. W. Elias, W4DBT, 3919 Piedmont Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106.

North Carolina: The Gaston County ARS will sponsor a hamfest on Saturday, May 23 starting at 9 A.M., at Karyac Park, Gastonia. Advance admission \$2.50, at the gate \$3. Flea market, prizes, hams, dealers. Food service available. Tables for rent or tailgating permitted. Talk-in on 147.72/147.12. For information and tickets write to Glenn Varner, W4PBO, 1332 Poston Cir., Gastonia, NC 28052.

Ohio: The Athens County ARA annual hamfest will be held on Sunday, May 17 at the Athens City Recreation Center, East State St., from 8 to 4. Free flea market for electronics-related items on large paved area; some indoor space available on first-come-first-served basis. Setup at 7 A.M. Food, free parking. Adjacent to Athens Mall, several restaurants and recreation area. Tickets \$1 advance, \$1.50 at gate. Talk-in on 34/94. For further info send s.a.s.c. to AC ARA, c/o Jeff White, WD8QXK, P. O. Box 767, Athens, OH 45701, or tel. Joe Follrod, WB8DOD, 614-797-4874.

Ohio: The fourth annual King of the Pumpkin Hamfest, sponsored by the Trays Amateur Radio Club, will be held 9-5, Sunday, June 7, at the fairgrounds coliseum, Circleville. Indoor and outdoor flea market, new and used equipment, prizes, refreshments, parking. Tables available at \$3 per 8-ft space. Tailgate \$2. Advance admission \$2, at the door \$3. For advance reservations and information, contact Dan Grant, W8UC1, 22150 Smith Hulse Rd., Circleville, OH 43113, tel. 614-474-6305.

Oklahoma: The 3rd annual BARC Swapfest will be held in the Oklahoma National Guard Armory, 637 E. College, Broken Arrow. Doors open at 10 A.M. Registration is \$1. Talk-in on 31/91 and 52.

Ontario: The Central Ontario Amateur Radio Fleamarket and computerfest, sponsored by the Guelph ARC, will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 8-4, at the Centennial Arena, College Ave., West, Guelph. Admission \$1, 12 and under free. Vendors additional \$2 (please bring your own table). Some tables available (3 x 8) at \$5 each. Displays indoors and outdoors. Computer software and hardware. Talk-in on 52, 37/97 and 96/36. Contact Dennis Gore, VE3DGA, tel. 519-836-6226 or Andy Janosik, VE3GDY, tel. 519-824-3227.

Pennsylvania: The 27th annual Breeze Shooters Hamfest is May 17 from noon to 5 at the White Swan Park, Rte. 60 (Parkway West) near the Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. Free flea market, prizes, contests, family amusement park. Registration \$2 or three for \$5. Under-cover tables for vendors by advance registration only. Talk-in on 28/88 or 28.0 MHz. Contact Don Myslewski, K3CHD, 359 McMahon Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

Pennsylvania: The Famaqua Transmitting Society

and the Anthracite Repeater Association will hold its annual hamboeze train or shine, Sunday, May 17, starting at 9 A.M., at the L.O.P. grove, 1 mile south of Tamaqua, off Rte. 309. Pavilions and tables available for vendors, plenty of space for tailgaters. Food, prizes, contests, gabfests, free parking. Donation \$3 per call, tailgaters \$1 extra, wives and harmonics free. Talk-in on 146.07/67, 147.705/105 and 52. For more information contact Tony Sarli, W3CMA, 164 Spruce St., Tamaqua, PA 18252.

Pennsylvania: The Third Annual Reading Hamfest sponsored by the Reading Radio Club will be on May 24, at Hamburg. Indoor and outdoor facilities. Doors open at 8 A.M. (EST), 7 A.M. for tailgaters. Many prizes. Adult donation \$2, space outside \$2, table inside \$3. Talk-in on 146.31/91 and 146.52. Write Box 124, Reading, PA 19603 for reservations.

Pennsylvania: The 10th annual MARC (Milton Amateur Radio Club) Hamfest will be held from 8 to 5, on June 14, rain or shine, at the Allenwood Firemen's Fairgrounds, U.S. Rte. 15, 4 miles north of I-80. Advance registration for sellers \$2.50, at the gate \$3, wives and children free. Flea market, auction, contests, prizes, free portable and mobile-lm clinic, supervised children's activities, food and beverages. Talk-in on 37/97 and 52. For further details, call on site Harold C. Dennis, AC3C, c/o Milton Amateur Radio Club, P. O. Box 235, Milton, PA 17847, tel. 717-538-5455.

Rhode Island: The Newport County Radio Club will hold an auction on Monday, May 18, at 7 P.M., at the club headquarters, Seamen's Church Institute Building, 18 Market Square, Newport. Talk-in on 147.96/36.

South Carolina: The Columbia Amateur Radio Club will sponsor the 4th annual "Columbia Hamfest" on Saturday, May 30, at Midlands Tech College, Bellline Campus. Doors open at 9 A.M. Outdoor flea market on south parking lot, indoor dealer displays. Food available. Talk-in on 34/94. For more information write or call Bob Burks, KC4JB, C.A.R.C., P. O. Box 5802, Columbia, SC 29250, tel. 803-776-9054.

Tennessee: The Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville presents the Greater Knoxville Hamfest May 23-24, at Bearden High School, from 9 to 5 on Saturday and 10 to 4 on Sunday. Doors open at 7 A.M. Saturday for dealers. Admission \$2, table \$5 one day or \$8 both days. Refreshments, forums, code contest, prizes. Reservations: Ron McKean, WDSJUN, 12108 W. Kingsgate Dr., Concord, TN 37922, tel. 615-966-2619. Other info: Larry Poore, KA4HM, 4320 Lely Dr., Knoxville, TN 37918, tel. 615-687-3154. Talk-in call W4BBB — 3,980, 90/30, 13/73.

Tennessee: The Humboldt ARC annual hamfest will be held on Sunday, May 31, at Shady Acres City Park in Trenton. Flea market, prizes, ladies' activities, light lunches, restaurants nearby. Talk-in on 37/97. For further info contact Ed Holmes, W4IGW, 501 N. 18th Ave., Humboldt, TN 38343.

Texas: The Texas Signal Core will sponsor "Hamcom '81" June 6-8, at the North Park Inn Convention Center, 9300 Central Exp., Dallas. Exhibits, flea market, forums and seminars. Single pre-registration \$5, \$6 at the door; family pre-registration \$7.50, \$8.50 at the door; DARC banquet \$18.50; flea market reserved tables \$5 each. Talk-in on 146.28/88. For time schedule, registration and tickets, general info, write to Hamcom, Inc., Box 64, Richardson, TX 75080, tel. 214-867-6766.

Virginia: The Roanoke Valley Amateur Radio Club Mayfest is scheduled for Sunday, May 24, at the Roanoke Civic Center Exhibit Hall, from 9 to 4. Advance registration \$3, at the door \$5.50. ARRL forum, cw contest, ladies' and kiddies' functions. Motels, camping, hotels available. Talk-in on 146.385/985 and 52.

Virginia: The Ole Virginia Hams ARC of Manassas announces its 7th annual hamfest on June 7, from 8 to 5, at the Prince William County Fairgrounds, located off Rte. 734, one-half mile south of Manassas. Admission \$3, children under 12 free, \$2 additional for tailgaters (setup at 7 A.M.). Dealers, flea market, manufacturers, food, prizes, parking. Talk-in on 37/97 and 52. For further information and reservations, write to Bruce Keller, WD4ODM, 4636 Angus Dr., Leesville, VA 22065, tel. 703-754-2635.

Washington: The Clark County ARC presents the Fort Vancouver Hamfair on Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, at the Clark County Fairgrounds, 7 miles north of Vancouver on I-5 (Exit 9). Doors open both days at 8 A.M. Admission \$4.50, Saturday night buffet dinner: adults \$5.50; kids, 12 and under \$2. Seminars, dealers, swap and shop, hidden-transmitter hunts, prizes. Talk-in frequencies: 147.84/24, 146.13/73, 52 and 49. Make checks payable to Clark County ARC. For further information and registration, write to Ken Westby, W7DYX, 606 Alifan Ct., Vancouver, WA 98664.

Washington: The Amateur Radio Association of Bremerton will hold a hamfest on Annual Forces Day,

May 16, at the Holiday Inn in Bremerton. Prizes, swapshop, displays, tour to the U.S.S. *Missouri* on Puget sound and more will be featured. Ticket registration \$4; banquet \$10 for tickets and information, contact K7EV/N7C CH, 2150 Shamrock Dr., Bremerton, WA 98310.

Washington: The Tri-City Hamfest and Computer Fair will be sponsored by the Tri-City Hamfest Council May 30-31 at the Richland Community House, Richland. Doors open 9 to 6 on Saturday, 9 to 2 on Sunday. Banquet at Red Lion Motor Inn, Pasco, WA, Saturday evening. Admission \$3, under 15 free. Dealers, seminars, swap shop, computer displays, contests, prizes, refreshments. Campground (self-contained). Talk-in on 04/64, 16/76 and 52. For further information, contact John Herb, W7D1, Box 533, Richland, WA 99352.

Wisconsin: The Green Bay Mike and Key Club swapfest will be held Sunday, May 17, from 8 to 3, at the Ashwaubenton Recreation Center, Anderson Drive just west of Oneida St. Food and beverages, prizes, table space available. Admission \$2. Talk-in on 72/12 and 52. For further information, contact Robert Duescher, 1011 13th Ave., Green Bay, WI 54304. — Marjorie C. Tenney, WB1SN, Convention/Travel Coordinator, ARRL 105-

Huron St., Buffalo, NY 14204. Indicate "Rochester Hamfest, Rochester, NY" in Section II-B of the form.

Programs include an NIS Forum with Bob Halprin, K1NA, ARRL Asst. Communications Manager, a League Forum with President Harry Daniels, W2HD, Directors Jesse Bieberman, W3K1, Stan Zak, K2SJO, and others. Other programs will be on antennas, transmitters and vhf; for the beginners programs will be presented by Bill Myers, K1GQ, Pete O'Dell, K3BN, and Ray Heaton, WA0BYZ. There will also be an ARES forum and section and local net meetings. A highlight of the day will be the 2nd annual W2RU1 Memorial Code Contest. Ladies' programs will be presented all day at hamfest hotel headquarters, the Marriott Thruway. Bus transportation will be provided from the fairgrounds to the hotel and to shopping malls.

The annual awards banquet will be Saturday evening at the Marriott. At midnight the Wout Hong ceremony will be presented. All are welcome to participate.

Registration \$4 in advance, \$5 at gate. Banquet \$11. Flea market permits, \$2 per parking space. For tickets write Rochester Hamfest-Tickets, 237 Latra Rd., Rochester, NY 14612. For other info write P. O. Box 1388, Rochester, NY 14603, or call 716-424-1100.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

May 16-17, 1981, Birmingham, Alabama

The Birmingham Amateur Radio Club will host the Southeastern Division Convention at its annual hamfest. Birmingham Hamfest '81 will be held at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center and will feature a wide spectrum of attractions from our multi-faceted hobby.

Some of the hamfest/convention highlights include tech forums, ARRL meetings, a DXer's forum and on-the-spot checking of cards for DXCC. The FCC will administer Technician through Extra Class exams; computer bulbs will be treated to forums centered around both the APDF and IRS-80 machines. Bargain hunters can browse the large, air-conditioned flea market or visit the exhibits of all the latest commercial gear displayed by manufacturers and dealers including some things from the electronics and computer world that nonham family members will enjoy seeing.

Our prize list is sure to send several hams home with a dandy new addition to the shack. Wives' and kids' programs have been planned to make the whole family's hamfest visit an enjoyable one. The Saturday night banquet will have good food, fellowship and fine entertainment. Newcomers to the hobby will be interested in a display on getting started in ham radio without investing a fortune.

Parking, lodging and restaurants are available adjacent to the Civic Center. Concessions are located in the main exhibit area. Tickets good for both days of the hamfest are \$5. Nonham family members will be admitted at the special price of \$1; children under 12 are free. For talk-in purposes use the 146.34-.94 repeater or 146.52 simplex. For more information write to Birmingham Hamfest '81, P. O. Box 603, Birmingham, AL 35201.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

June 5-7, 1981, Seaside, Oregon

The ARRL Northwestern Division Convention will take place on the beautiful north Oregon coast at Seaside. It will be held June 5-7 at the spacious and modern Seaside Convention Center. All events and exhibits will be under one roof and on one level.

There will be forums covering a wide range of subjects from the ARRL, DX, and antennas to computers and many other subjects. Dealers and manufacturers will have displays of the latest in ham equipment and accessories. The hams will have a large flea market and swap-est. There will be contests in home-built equipment, cw, and others for the novice to the expert. Many surprises for the hams, nonhams and children. On the evening of the 6th there will be a banquet with a choice of prime rib or a seafood-corioba plate.

Come and enjoy the beautiful north Oregon coast and take part in the clam digging (there will be a prize for the largest clam dug), beach combing, gift shops, amusement parks, salmon fishing and many more activities besides an excellent convention.

Convention registration is \$5 a person or \$7 for the family. Swap-est tables are \$5 each for the length of the convention. Banquet tickets are \$12.50. For information or pre-registration write ARRL Northwestern Division Convention, P. O. Box 920, Seaside, OR 97138. 051-1

Coming Conventions

May 15-16
Atlantic Division/New York State, Rochester

May 15-17
Pacific Division, Fresno, California

May 16-17
Southeastern Division, Birmingham, Alabama

June 5-7
Northwestern Division, Seaside, Oregon

June 12-13
Ohio State, Cincinnati

June 20-21
Georgia State, Atlanta

July 4-5
West Virginia State, Weston (Jackson's Mill)

July 12
Indiana State, Indianapolis

July 24-26
West Gulf Division, Oklahoma City

August 1-2
N. Florida Section, Jacksonville

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

July 23-25, 1982
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

October 7-9, 1983
Houston, Texas

ATLANTIC DIVISION/NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

May 15-16, 1981, Rochester

The Atlantic Division/New York State Convention combined with the Rochester Hamfest will be Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds, Rte. 15A, Rochester. Commercial exhibits will be open from 1 to 9 P.M. Friday and from 8:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturday. Huge outdoor flea market opens 1 P.M. Friday and runs continuously until closing Saturday evening.

FCC exams will be conducted on Saturday, May 16. Send new Form 610 before May 1 to FCC, 111 W.

Club Corner

Conducted By Sally O'Dell,* KB10

EXHIBITIONISM FOR FUN AND PROFIT!

Like frosting on the cake or sugar in your coffee, exhibits add that extra touch. Exhibits are the sugar in Amateur Radio. Just a little bit of contact with the outside world and suddenly you have a whole new collection of people waiting for the next Novice class that your club is sponsoring. How sweet it is!

Many clubs around the country put on Amateur Radio displays any place they can find the space. Usually they set up indoors, though some groups have been brave enough to prepare and set up a display outside.

The Southern Chester County ARC (Malvern, Pennsylvania) put on an exhibit inside a local mall. They posted a sign proclaiming "See Amateur Radio in action! We talk around town and around the world!" The five stations in action contacted 20 states and 10 countries and sent over 200 Mother's Day greetings. The club felt they had accomplished something important and valuable, while providing good training for the operators. Over 200 people had some form of contact with an active group of Amateur Radio operators in a positive way. Hams were doing them a favor. Hams were helping them keep in touch.

Exhibits are the best place to display class announcements. If someone is interested in studying for an amateur license, he or she can contact those who have the most to say about it — namely, hams. The main point in preparing an exhibit for the public is planning. *Plan Ahead!* Prepare yourself and your club. Think through the whole commitment in people-hours and cost to yourselves and your club. If your club has not participated in an exhibit before, see if you can talk to someone locally who has. An exhibit can be very inexpensive, but it will cost something. Posters should be prepared well in advance — posters that put your club in a good light! Plan out your display table. Will you be there with or without equipment? If without, will you have photographs of



Central Ohio AREC/RACES booth at the Ohio State Fair.

a complete station? If you will be setting up a station, will you demonstrate a contact locally or across the continent? Are you prepared to send messages? How about using a prepared message form which says "check one" and lists a number of different prepared messages, ARRL or ones customized for the occasion? Learn how to handle "book" messages properly. Just be sure the messages you invent are *brief*.

Are there MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) members in your club? MARS members can refile amateur messages and pass them to military personnel overseas. Either Army, Air Force or Navy MARS members can accept messages for any branch of the service which can then be routed to the proper destination.

Clubs, councils and other groups across the country have been and will be preparing displays for the general public year-round. From the Hampden County Radio Association (Springfield, Massachusetts) who have been negotiating since November for space

at the Eastern States Exposition next September, to the Orange County Council of Amateur Radio Operators (Costa Mesa, California) displaying at the Orange County Fair in July, to the Ohio Council of Amateur Radio Clubs who display at the Ohio State Fair — all these groups and others across the country are planning months in advance to prepare exhibits that will be attractive and inexpensive to the group, and that will draw attention.

Where are these exhibits? Where do you "set up"? The locations are limitless. Some places to consider are: science-fiction conventions; library science week or school science fairs; open house at an astronomy club; Rotary, Lions or Masons gatherings; local, general flea markets sponsored by anyone; *anywhere* large numbers of people will gather.

We offer, in limited amounts that you may copy, an exhibit kit containing some handouts — sample certificates, a map to arrange your QSL cards around, and so forth. Write to the Club and Training Department, Dept. 101, requesting an "exhibit kit" for your next exhibition. Be sure to request your kit at least three weeks before you need the materials.

When preparing your exhibit, consider composing a handout about *your* club in *your* neighborhood. When Ford Flungwhump stops by to see what is going on, he will be more interested in Amateur Radio next door rather than Amateur Radio across the country. Send an s.v.c. to the Club and Training Department, ARRL, requesting "Amateur Radio in Tompkins County" for a sample handout you can adapt for your club. One excellent type of local PR could be originating a message from your mayor to your governor or congressman. Photograph the mayor at the mike. Your local paper may even choose to cover the event.

Remember, an exhibit is a good place to advertise your club and ham radio. Put up some posters announcing your next Novice class and be prepared to start that class shortly after your display. You and your club can be responsible for a positive reaction to Amateur Radio in your community.

*Club Program Manager, ARRL

Silent Keys

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

WICTS, John E. Gibson, Jr., N. Berwick, ME
WHYC, Peter J. Young, West Roxbury, MA
WINFK, Daniel L. Byrd, New Canaan, CT
WINNN, Charles F. Bortano, Swansea, MA
W2AKC, Paul F. Durhan, Penn Yan, NY
K2ILO, Henry J. Boer, Wyckoff, NJ
K2IV, Harry B. Braun, Dolgeville, NY
K2JKJ, Mario T. Rodriguez, Sag Harbor, NY
W2LPJ, Albert E. Furrich, Miller Place, NY
W2LYC, William D. Tietz, Schenectady, NY
K2POI, Irvin R. Weir, Jacksonville, FL
WB25QK, Sammy Wasscraft, Swan Lake, NY
W3DOD, Elmer J. Graub, Clearwater, FL
W3GE, Charles G. Crider, York Haven, PA
W3GYN, Sheldon S. Davenport, Salisbury, MD
W3HCU, Aiche Roberts, New Kensington, PA
W3IIV, John W. Hammond, York, PA
W3OB, John G. McKinley, Pittsburgh, PA
W3PMY, John F. Nordin, Jr., Gardners, PA
W3JQG, Theodore J. Piotrowicz, Erie, PA
W4CMZ, Roy E. Chapman, Decatur, GA
W4GV, Harry L. Penn, Atlanta, GA
WA4IPP, Dr. David Robinson, Tybee Island, GA
K4IU, Melville W. Chen, Redington Beach, FL
WD4JBB, Fred W. Jobe, Longboat Key, FL
W4JYX, Howard K. Weber, Jeffersonstown, KY
K4KHP, S. Ray Reisinger, Orlando, FL
*WB4KYL, Daniel F. Morris, Ellenwood, GA
WB4LUF, Dewey E. Eubanks, Gaffney, SC
W40EJ, Charles W. Foush, Graham, NC
K4QH, James B. Strang, Iyvon, NC
K4SGO, Marvin H. Graham, Bristow, VA
W4SIX, Charles M. Woodman, Orlando, FL
WB4SML, William H. Taft, Cameron, SC
W4SN, Stacy W. Norman, Charlottesville, VA
W4TGK, Curtis A. Luke, College Park, GA
WB4TLI, Edwin P. Hosking, Sr., Key West, FL
W5CTX, Bernard B. Thorn, Cuero, TX
K5CWB, Charles K. Stahl, Welforth, TX
ex-K5DQN, Fred Murtough, Corpus Christi, TX
W5KCC, Bert S. Parker, Texarkana, AR

W5KYV, Robert G. Sharp, Wake Village, TX
W5QHH, Leland E. "Buzzy" Brooks, Midwest City, OK
W5OMY, Ferrel A. Rowe, Savage, MS
W5RSP, William D. Smith, Texarkana, AR
W5T1, Milo Novotny, Onalaska, WI
K5VZO, Robert C. Gant, Duncan, OK
W45WNA, Clyde E. Kerr, New Braunfels, TX
W5ZOK, Richard Brown, Lubbock, TX
W6BBV, Maurice J. Blais, Loma Linda, CA
W6BYY, Evelyn J. Beall, Modesto, CA
KB6EW, Jefferson G. McKee, Ellensburg, WA
WD6GEG, Ulysses M. Culver, Escondido, CA
K6IQX, Donald I. Brown, Palmdale, CA
W6IFU, George R. Stray, Hemet, CA
W6LB, Harold M. Wollam, Casimaha, CA
K6LFO, Irvin H. Sartwell, Santa Barbara, CA
WA6LZG, Harlow F. Cudline, San Diego, CA
W6OZZ, John G. Thompson, Forestville, CA
W6LUF, Kenneth H. Steward, Hayward, CA
WB6WIU, William N. Hayton, Redding, CA
W7AAD, William O. Hammond, Hillsboro, OR
KA7ADR, Orville E. Rider, Sidney, MI
W7AUX, Richard H. Ward, Liverpool, NY
WB7BGS, Roland D. Shearer, Kennewick, WA
KA7CML, Barbara J. Shatila, Seattle, WA
KA7EQI, Ransom E. Haing, Caldwell, ID
W7AJQ, Henry F. Bray, Tucson, AZ
W7JIX, Frank A. Barry, Sun City, AZ
W7JUL, Walter Froeben, Lake Stevens, WA
W7KGI, Edward G. Brown, Billings, MT
WD7RXN, Joseph R. Jarrett, Deer Park, WA
W8APC, Sanford J. Dye, Columbus, OH
K8CMY, Adam R. Tuttle, Dearborn Hgts., MI
WD8CTF, Adam J. Shapie, Amherst, OH
K8JED, Arthur B. Dewey, Ludington, MI
WRNDV, Earl R. Schneider, Dayton, OH
WRNOQ, Victor D. Beale, Livonia, MI
WD8PCC, James E. Hanna, Marietta, OH
K8PXM, Leo J. Atwell, New Port Richy, FL
W8ZDJ, Alan F. Jabor, Royal Oak, MI

KA9ANY, Elisha Chestnut, Jr., Jasper, IN
W9CVU, Thomas F. Runyon, Richmond, IN
WD9DMA, Kenneth G. DeVilbiss, Blue Island, IL
K9DPC, George B. Bellingier, Park Forest, IL
W9KZN, Earl J. Green, Evansville, IN
WA9LGY, Robert M. Oberlin, Wolcottville, IN
WB9OBN, Joseph A. Jenkins, Sr., Indianapolis, IN
WB9OY, C. Harold Jordan, Ely, MN
W9QHM, August C. Meier, Hoffman, IL
W9RAR, Stephen A. Urbanczyk, Reusseler, IN
WB9RTE, Arthur M. Thiele, Park Forest, IL
W9UM, M. Wales Maey, Syracuse, IN
W9VJZ, Albino Lovato, Wauwatosa, WI
W9VUC, Jack M. Lawrence, Carthage, MO
W0AGJ, Dedrick B. Bullmeier, Wapello, IA
WD0FWU, Raymond A. Reid, Cedar Rapids, IA
W0GPI, Lyle L. Leach, Pueblo, CO
W0HEN, Charles D. Marcy, Anoka, MN
KA0HNT, Robert L. Egan, Brainerd, MN
WB0LOS, Clayton C. Sargent, Austin, MN
W0OZE, William W. Wheeler, Littleton, CO
K0WVE, John A. Cook, Omaha, NE
VF1HM, A. E. Cochrane, Sussex, NB
VE2VZ, Maurice Bourque, Longueuil, PQ
VE3ELZ, Clarence G. Plummer, Owen Sound, ON
VE6DR, Joseph J. Dobry, Calgary, AB
VE6QH, Otto H. Meghinor, Medicine Hat, AB
VE7GO, William Jones, Surrey, BC
OKJADP, Frantisek Mensl, Decin, Czechoslovakia
ex-VK5AX, AH Trauger, Corryton, Australia
F6BXS, Col. Gerard "Jerry" Swarthout, Venice, France

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Note: All Silent Key reports sent to Hq. must include the name, address and call sign of the reporter as well as the name, address and call of the Silent Key in order to be listed in the column. Please allow several months for the listing to appear in QST.

Rules, 1981 IARU Radiosport Championship

The Radiosport enjoys very good participation from around the world, and many very hard-to-work countries are often QRV for this one. To run up a big score, you'll need to strike a balance between a large QSO total and a large multiplier total. While 10 meters doesn't have the best propagation in July and 80 and 40 meters are often very noisy with QRN, patience and good operating there will reward you with some extra multipliers.

For those not familiar with ITU zones around the world, a map of ITU zones is available from ARRL/IARU Hq. Send an s.a.s.c. or one IRC for the proper forms (including the map) early so you'll have them in time for the contest. Good luck!

Rules

- 1) **Eligibility:** All licensed amateurs worldwide.
- 2) **Object:** To contact as many other amateurs in as many parts of the world as possible using 1.8 through 148 MHz.
- 3) **Date:** Second full weekend of July (July 11-12, 1981).
- 4) **Contest period:** 0000 UTC Saturday until 2400 UTC Sunday, with single-operator stations operating a maximum of 36 hours.
- 5) **Categories:**
 - A) Single Operator: Phone-only, cw-only and mixed-mode sections. One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use

of spotting nets is not permitted. Off times must be at least 30 minutes long.

B) Multioperator: Single transmitter, mixed mode only, must remain on a band at least ten minutes at a time.

6) **Contest Exchange:** All stations send signal report and ITU zone.

7) **Valid Contact:** The same station may be worked once per frequency band. Cross-mode, cross-band and repeater QSOs do not count.

8) QSO Points:

A) Contacts within your ITU zone count one point.

B) Contacts within your continent (but different ITU zone) count three points.

C) Contacts with a different continent count five points.

9) **Multipliers:** ITU zones worked on each band.

10) **Scoring:** Multiply total number of QSO points by the sum of ITU zones worked on each band for the final score.

11) Reporting:

A) All entrants are encouraged to use forms available from IARU/ARRL Hq. (s.a.s.c. or one IRC).

B) Logs should indicate times in UTC, bands, calls, complete exchange. Multipliers and off times should be clearly marked in the log. Cross-check sheets (dupe sheets) are required if more than 500 QSOs are made.

C) Entries must be postmarked within 30

days after the contest (by August 12, 1981). Any entry received after mid-October 1981 may not be in time to be included in the printed results.

12) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the high-scoring cw-only, phone-only, mixed-mode and multioperator entrant in each ARRL section, each ITU zone and each DXCC country. In addition, achievement-level awards will be issued to those making at least 250 QSOs (1000-QSO sticker also) or having a multiplier total of 50 or more. Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each country's IARU society.

13) Conditions of entry:

A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions of this announcement, by the regulations of his licensing authority and by the decisions of the IARU/ARRL Awards Committee.

B) Disqualifications: an entry may be disqualified if the overall score is reduced by more than two percent. Score reduction does not include correction of arithmetic error. An entry will be disqualified if more than two percent of duplicates are left in the log, or if the log shows excessive operating time (single-operator stations). A penalty of three QSOs will be assessed for each duplicate QSO found during ARRL/IARU log checking or for each miscopied call sign. See January 1981 *QST*, page 79, for complete details.

Prefix/ITU Zone

A2	57	FH	53	W1	08	PY	13, 15	UH8		VS6	44	3D2	56
A3	62	FK	56	W2	08	PY0	13	UH8H	30	V59	41	3D6	57
A4	39	FM	11	W3	08	PY0	15	UJ8, UK8	30	V59K	39	3V	37
A5	41	FO	10, 63	W4	08	PZ	12	UJ8	30	VU	41	3X	46
A6	39	FP	09	W5	07	S2	41	UK8J/R	30	VU7	49	3Y	47
A7	39	FR	53	W8, 7	06	S7	53	UL7, UK7	30	VU7	41	4S	61
A9	39	FS	11	W8, 9	08	S9	47	UM8		XE	10	4U1ITU	28
AP	41	FW	52	W0	07	SM	18	UK8M, N	31	XF4	10	4U1UN	08
BV	44	FY	12	KC4	67, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73	SP	28	UO5		XT	46	4W	39
BY	42, 43	G	27			ST	48	UK5O	29	XU	49	4X, 4Z	39
C2	65	GD	27			SU	38	UP2		XV	49	5A	38
C3	27	GI	27	KC6	65	SV	28	UK2B/P	29	XW	49	5B, ZC	28
C5	46	GJ	27	KC6	64	T2	65	UQ2		XZ	49	5H	53
C6	11	GM	27	KG4	11	T30-1	62	UK2G/Q	29	Y2-9	29	5N	46
C9	53	GU	27	KG8/KH2	64	T32	61	UR2		YA	40	5R	53
CE	14, 16	GW	27	KH0	64	TA	39	UK2R/T	29	YB	54	5T	46
CE0A	63	H4	51	KH1	61, 62	TF	17	VE1	09	YI	39	5U	46
CE0Z	14	HA	26	KH6	61	TG	11	VE2	04, 09	YJ	56	5V	46
CE0X	14	HB	26	KJ/KH3	61	TI	11	VE3	04	YK	39	5W	62
CM, CO	11	HB0	28	KL	01	TI9	11	VE4, 5	03	YN	11	5X	48
CN	37	HC	12	KM/KH4	61	TJ	47	VE6, 7	02	YO	28	5Z	48
CP	12, 14	HC8	12	KP4	11	TL	47	VE8	02, 03, 04, 75	YS	11	60	48
CR9	44	HH	11	KP8/KH5	61, 62	TN	52	VK1,2,3, 5, 7	59	YU	28	6W	46
CT	37	HI	11	K56/KH8	62	TR	52	VK4, 8	55	YV	12	6Y	11
CT2	36	HK	12	KV/KP2	11	TT	47	VK6	58	YW	11	70	39
CT3	36	HK0	11, 12	KW/KH9	65	TU	46	VK9	60	ZA	28	7P	57
DX	14	HL, HM	44	KX	65	TV	46	VK9	60	ZB	37	7Q	53
D2, 3	52	HP	11	KZ	11	TZ	46	VK	60	ZD7	66	7X	37
D4	46	HR	11	LA	18	UA, UK, UV UW1, 3,4,5	19, 20, 29, 30	VK9	60	ZD8	66	8P	11
D6	53	HS	49	LU	14, 16	UA2, UK2F	29	VK9	54	ZD9	66	8R	12
DJ	28	HV	28	LX	27	UA, UK, LIV, UW9-0	20-35	VK9	55	ZE	53	8Z4	39
EA	37	I, IT	28	OA	12	UB, UK, UT, UY5	29	VK0	60	ZF	11	9A(M)	28
EA6	37	IS	28	OD	39	UC2, UK2A/ C/A, O/S/W	29	VK0	60	ZK1	62	9G	46
EA8	36	J2	48	OE	28	UD6, UK6	29	VK0	60	ZK2	62	9H	28
EA9	37	J3	11	OH	18	C/D/K	29	VP1	11	ZL	60	9J	53
FI	27	J5	46	OH0	18	U/G/W, UK6F/ O/G/W	29	VP2A	11	ZM	62	9K	39
EL	46	J6	11	OJ0	18	UG6	29	VP2V	11	ZP	14	9L	46
EP	40	J7	11	OK	28	UG6	29	VP2M	11	ZS	57	9M2	54
E1	48	J8	11	ON	27	U/G6	29	VP2K	11	ZS3	57	9M6, 8	54
F	27	JA	45	OX, XP	05	U/G6	29	VP5	11	1S	50	9N	42
FBRZ	68	JD	45	OY	18	U/G6	29	VP8	16	3A	27	9O	52
FBRW	68	JT	32	OZ	18	U/G6	29	VP8	73	3B6, 7	53	9U	52
FBRX	68	JW	18	P2	51	U/G6	29	VP9	11	3B8	53	9V	54
FC	28	JX	18	PA	27	U/G6	29	VQ9	41	3B9	53	9X	52
FG	11	JY	39	PJ	11	UK6G	29	VR6	63	3C	47	9Y	11
								VSS	54	3C0	52		

Field Day Rules

As you read this, there are almost two whole months until Field Day weekend. That's plenty of time to put the finishing touches on your FD plans or more than enough time to plan a FD outing even if you haven't thought about it before.

If there has been a Field Day operation or two in your past you've probably got the routine down pat. If you're a newcomer to the Field Day scene, welcome to one of the few organized activities in Amateur Radio where a premium is placed on operator ingenuity and innovation. Field Day participants make Field Day work, not vice versa. Because of the nature of the event, there is no standard set of instructions on how to plan and execute a successful Field Day operation. Everyone starts out on equal footing by reading the Field Day Rules, listed below, and sending a large s.a.s.c. (with 35¢ postage) to ARRL Hq. for the FD package which includes a Field Day Summary (reporting form) sheet, dupe/check sheets (form CD-77B) and a public-relations suggestion packet. These forms are available now; send early to receive them in time for Field Day.

New in rules for 1981 (see FD rule 5) is the relaxation of the 15-minute rule at frequencies above 30 MHz. This means that, unlike a transmitter used on frequencies below 30 MHz, a transmitter used on vhf *does not* have to remain on a band for a 15-minute period after making a QSO and can be moved to any other vhf/uhf band as desired.

A few quick notes. The "free" Novice station is meant to be an enticement to introduce the Novice/Technician types to the fun of Field Day. To that end it's a good idea to use *one* of the call signs of the Novice or Technician participants as the call for the Novice station. The Novice station sends the same exchange as the stations in the rest of the FD operation. *Carefully* read rule 9 on reporting. Be sure to include *all* the required enclosures with your Field Day report, and be sure to observe the mailing deadline.

If you've got any Field Day-related questions, get in touch with us here at Hq. — that's what we're here for.

Good Luck!

Rules

1) **Eligibility:** Field Day is open competitively to all amateurs in the ARRL Field Organization (plus Yukon and NWT). Foreign stations may be contacted for credit but are not eligible to compete.

2) **Object:** To work as many stations as possible and in so doing, to learn to operate in abnormal situations under less-than-optimum conditions. A premium is placed upon skills and equipment developed to meet the challenge of emergency preparedness and acquaint the public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

3) **Dates:** June 27 and 28, 1981 (traditionally, the last full weekend of June).

4) **Field Day Period:** From 1800 UTC Saturday until 2100 UTC Sunday. Class A and Class B (see below) stations who do not begin any setting-up operations at the Field Day site until 1800 UTC Saturday may operate the entire FD period of 27 hours. Others must begin their setup no earlier than 1800 UTC Friday, and may operate no more than 24 consecutive

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Starts	Ends
Saturday, June 27 1800 UTC	Sunday, June 28 2100 UTC

W1AW Field Day Bulletin Schedule

In addition to the regular bulletin schedule detailed on page 94 of April QST, extra cw bulletins will be run at 1400 UTC (10 A.M. EDT), and extra phone bulletins at 1500 UTC (11 A.M. EDT) both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

hours; i.e. once on-the-air FD operation has started it must end 24 hours from that point.

5) **Entry Categories:** Field Day entries are classified according to the maximum number of transmitted signals simultaneously on the air during the FD period, followed by the designation of the nature of the individual or group participation. Below 30 MHz, once a transmitter is used for a contact on a band, it must remain on that band for at least 15 minutes. During this 15-minute period, the transmitter is considered to be transmitting a signal, whether it is or not, for purposes of determining transmitter class. Switching devices prohibited.

(Class A) Club/nonclub portable: Club groups (or nonclub groups with three or more licensed amateurs) set up specifically for Field Day. Such stations must be located in places that are not regular station locations, and must use no facilities installed for permanent station use, nor any structures installed permanently for FD use. Stations must be operated under one call sign (except when the Novice/Technician position is used) and under the control of a single licensee or trustee for each entry. All equipment (including antennas) must lie within a circle whose diameter does not exceed 300 meters (1000 feet). All contacts must be made with transmitter(s) and receiver(s) operating independent of commercial mains. Entrants who, for any reason, operate a transmitter or receiver from commercial mains for one or more contacts will be listed separately at the end of their class.

Any class A group whose entry classification is two or more transmitters (non-Novice) may also use one Novice/Technician operating position without changing its basic entry classification. This station (including antennas) should be set up by Novice and Technician licensees, though assistance, guidance, advice or instruction from higher-class licensees is encouraged. Such assistance serves to pass along hints from those more experienced and to prevent a potentially unsafe situation. The Novice position may only be used for QSOs in the Novice bands and operated only by Novice/Technician operators, who must keep their own log and check sheets. QSOs made at the Novice position will count toward the FD group's final point total.

(Class B) One- or two-person portable: Nonclub stations set up and operated by not more than two licensed amateurs will be placed in Class B. Other provisions are the same as for Class A.

(Class C) Mobile: Stations in vehicles

capable of operation while in motion and normally operated in this manner, including antenna. This includes maritime and aeronautical mobiles.

(Class D) Home station: Stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations, not portable or mobile, using commercial power. Class D stations may count contacts only with Class A, B, C and E Field Day groups for points. The exchange received from each station will tell you whether or not the QSO counts.

(Class E) Home stations — emergency power: Class E is the same as Class D, but using emergency power for transmitters and receivers. Work stations in Class A, B, C, D or E.

6) **Exchange:** Stations in the United States, U.S. possessions and Canada will exchange their Field Day operating class (1-A, 5-A, 2-B, 1-D, etc.) and ARRL section (see page 8 in any QST). For example, if your club group was planning to operate in the three-transmitter, Class A category from Missouri, you would send "3 A Missouri." If it turns out that you don't get all three transmitters on the air, or you get an extra one going, feel free to change your exchange to 2-A or 4-A if necessary. Valid contacts with stations outside of an ARRL section require you to transmit your normal FD exchange and to receive a signal report and the QTH of the foreign station.

7) Miscellaneous rules:

a) Operators participating in FD may not, from any other station, contact for point credit the FD portable station of a group with which they participated. This is intended to outlaw any kind of manufactured contacts.

b) A station used to contact one or more FD stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the FD period. This rule is intended to outlaw multiple contacts on the same band with the same station, using different calls. It is not, however, intended to prohibit the use of jointly owned stations which are normally used under different calls by members of the same family.

c) Each phone and each cw segment is considered as a separate band. All voice contacts are equivalent and RTTY/ASCH is counted as cw. A station may be worked once on each band. Crossband contacts are not allowed. The use of more than one transmitter at the same time in a single band is prohibited, except that a Novice/Technician position may operate on any Novice band segment at any time. Contacts made by retransmitting either or both stations do not count for scoring purposes, i.e. no repeater contacts.

8) **Scoring:** Scores are based on the number of valid contact points times the multiplier corresponding to the highest power used at any time during the FD period, plus bonus points. Phone contacts count one point each, and cw contacts count two points each. Power multipliers: If *all* contacts are made using a dc input power of 10 watts (20 W PEP) or less (or 5-W dc output/10-W PEP output) *and* if a power source other than commercial mains or motor-driven generator is used (e.g. batteries, solar cells, water-driven generators, etc.), multiply by five. If any or all contacts are made using a dc input power of 200 watts or less on cw and 400 watts PEP or less on ssb, multiply

Rules, 1981 IARU Radiosport Championship

The Radiosport enjoys very good participation from around the world, and many very hard-to-work countries are often QRV for this one. To run up a big score, you'll need to strike a balance between a large QSO total and a large multiplier total. While 10 meters doesn't have the best propagation in July and 80 and 40 meters are often very noisy with QRN, patience and good operating there will reward you with some extra multipliers.

For those not familiar with ITU zones around the world, a map of ITU zones is available from ARRL/IARU Hq. Send an s.a.s.c. or one IRC for the proper forms (including the map) early so you'll have them in time for the contest. Good luck!

Rules

- 1) **Eligibility:** All licensed amateurs worldwide.
- 2) **Object:** To contact as many other amateurs in as many parts of the world as possible using 1.8 through 148 MHz.
- 3) **Date:** Second full weekend of July (July 11-12, 1981).
- 4) **Contest period:** 0000 UTC Saturday until 2400 UTC Sunday, with single-operator stations operating a maximum of 36 hours.
- 5) **Categories:**
 - A) Single Operator: Phone-only, cw-only and mixed-mode sections. One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use

of spotting nets is not permitted. Off times must be at least 30 minutes long.

B) Multioperator: Single transmitter, mixed mode only, must remain on a band at least ten minutes at a time.

6) **Contest Exchange:** All stations send signal report and ITU zone.

7) **Valid Contact:** The same station may be worked once per frequency band. Cross-mode, cross-band and repeater QSOs do not count.

8) QSO Points:

A) Contacts within your ITU zone count one point.

B) Contacts within your continent (but different ITU zone) count three points.

C) Contacts with a different continent count five points.

9) **Multipliers:** ITU zones worked on each band.

10) **Scoring:** Multiply total number of QSO points by the sum of ITU zones worked on each band for the final score.

11) Reporting:

A) All entrants are encouraged to use forms available from IARU/ARRL Hq. (s.a.s.c. or one IRC).

B) Logs should indicate times in UTC, bands, calls, complete exchange. Multipliers and off times should be clearly marked in the log. Cross-check sheets (dupe sheets) are required if more than 500 QSOs are made.

C) Entries must be postmarked within 30

days after the contest (by August 12, 1981). Any entry received after mid-October 1981 may not be in time to be included in the printed results.

12) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the high-scoring cw-only, phone-only, mixed-mode and multioperator entrant in each ARRL section, each ITU zone and each DXCC country. In addition, achievement-level awards will be issued to those making at least 250 QSOs (1000-QSO sticker also) or having a multiplier total of 50 or more. Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each country's IARU society.

13) Conditions of entry:

A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions of this announcement, by the regulations of his licensing authority and by the decisions of the IARU/ARRL Awards Committee.

B) Disqualifications: an entry may be disqualified if the overall score is reduced by more than two percent. Score reduction does not include correction of arithmetic error. An entry will be disqualified if more than two percent of duplicates are left in the log, or if the log shows excessive operating time (single-operator stations). A penalty of three QSOs will be assessed for each duplicate QSO found during ARRL/IARU log checking or for each miscopied call sign. See January 1981 QST, page 79, for complete details. QST

Prefix/ITU Zone

A2	57	FH	53	W1	08	PY	13, 15	UH8	44	V56	44	3D2	56
A3	62	FK	56	W2	08	PY0	13	U8B	30	V59	41	3D5	57
A4	39	FM	11	W3	08	PY0	16	U8, UK8	30	V59K	39	3V	37
A5	41	FO	10, 63	W4	08	PZ	12	U8,		VU	41	3X	46
A6	39	FP	09	W5	07	S2	41	UKB/JR	30	VU7	49	3Y	67
A7	39	FR	53	W6, 7	06	S7	53	UL7, UK7	30	VU7	41	4S	41
A9	39	FS	11	W8, 9	08	S9	47	UM8,		XE	10	4U1ITU	28
AP	41	FW	62	W0	07	SM	18	UK8M, N	31	XE4	10	4U1UN	08
8V	44	FY	12	W0	70, 71,	SP	28	UQ5,		XT	46	4W	39
8Y	42, 43	G	27	KC4	72, 73	ST	48	UK50,		XU	49	4X, 4Z	39
C2	65	GD	27			SU	38	UP2,		XV	49	5A	38
C3	27	GI	27	KC6	65	SV	28	UK2B/P	29	XW	49	5B, 2C	28
C5	46	GJ	27	KC6	64	T2	65	UC2,		XZ	49	5H	50
C6	11	GM	27	KG4	11	T30-1	62	UK2G/Q	29	Y2-9	28	5N	46
C9	53	GU	27	KG6/KH2	64	T32	61	UR2,		YA	40	5R	50
CE	14, 16	GW	27	KH0	64	TA	39	UK2R/T	29	YB	54	5T	46
CE0A	63	H4	51	KH1	61, 62	TF	17	VE1	09	YI	39	5U	46
CE0Z	14	HA	28	KH6	61	TG	11	VE2	04, 09	YJ	56	5V	46
CE0X	14	HB	28	KJ/KH3	61	TI	11	VE3	04	YK	39	5W	62
GM, CO	11	HB0	28	KL	01	TI9	11	VE4, 5	03	YN	11	5X	48
CN	37	HC	12	KM/KH4	61	TJ	47	VE6, 7	02	YO	28	5Z	48
CP	12, 14	HCB	12	KP4	11	TL	47	VE8	02, 03, 04, 75	YS	11	60	48
CR9	44	HH	11	KP6/KH5	61, 62	TN	52			YU	28	6W	46
CT	37	HI	11	KSB/KH8	62	TR	52	VK1,2,3,		YV	12	6Y	11
CT2	36	HK	12	KV/KP2	11	TT	47	5, 7	59	YV0	11	70	39
CT3	36	HK0	11, 12	KW/KH9	65	TU	46	VK4, 8	55	ZA	28	7P	57
CX	14	HL, HM	44	KX	65	TY	46	VK6	58	ZB	37	7Q	53
D2, 3	52	HP	11	KZ	11	TZ	46	VK	60	ZD7	66	7X	37
D4	46	HR	11	LA	18	UA, UK,	19, 20, 29, 30	VK9	60	ZD8	66	8P	11
D6	53	HS	49	LI	14, 16	UV, UW1,		VK9	54	ZD9	66	8R	12
OJ	28	HV	28	LX	27	3,4,6		VK9	55	ZE	53	8Z4	39
DU	50	HZ, 7Z	39	LZ	28	UA2, UK2F	29	VK0	68	ZF	11	9A(M)	28
EA	37	I, IT	28	OA	12	UA, UK, UV,		VK0	60	ZK1	62	9G	46
EA6	37	IS	28	OD	39	UW90	20-35	VP1	11	ZK2	62	9H	28
EA8	36	J2	48	OE	28	UB, UK,		VP2E	11	ZL	60	9J	53
EA9	37	J3	11	OH	18	UT, UY5	29	VP2A	11	ZM	62	9K	39
EL	27	J5	46	OH0	18	UC2, UK2A'		VP2V	11	ZP	14	9L	46
EL	46	J6	11	OJ0	18	CJ/L		VP2M	11	ZS	57	9M2	54
EP	40	J7	11	OK	29	OSW	29	VP2K	11	ZS3	57	9M6, 8	54
ET	48	J8	11	ON	27	UD6, UK6		VP5	11	IS	50	9N	42
F	27	JA	45	OX, XP	05	ODK	29	VP8	16	3A	27	9O	52
FB8Z	68	JD	45	OY	18	UP6, UK6F'	29	VP8	73	3B8, 7	53	9U	52
FB8W	68	JT	32	OZ	18	OUV	29	VP9	11	3B9	53	9V	54
FB8X	68	JW	18	P2	51	UG6		VR6	63	3C	47	9X	52
FC	28	JX	18	PA	27	UK6G	29	VSS	54	3C0	52	9Y	71
FG	11	JY	39	PJ	11								

Stations Broadcasting the Message of the Secretary of Defense

Transmitting Station	Frequency (kHz)
NAM — U.S. Navy Communications Area Master Station, Norfolk, Virginia	4005, 7645, 14,400
NPG — U.S. Navy Communications Station, Stockton, California	4010, 7365, 13,927.5
NAV — HQ Navy-Marine Corps MARS Station, Cheltenham, Maryland	7385, 13,975.5
WAR — HQ U.S. Army Radio Station, Fort Meade, Maryland	4030, 6998.5, 14,403.5
AIR — 2045th Communications Group, Andrews AFB, Washington, DC	6995.5, 13,997.5

is listening. Duration of the contact should be limited to 3 minutes.

CW Receiving Test — The cw receiving test will be conducted at 25 wpm. The broadcast will be a special Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense to any amateur or SWL desiring to participate. A 10-minute call for tuning purposes will begin May 17 at 0300 UTC. The Secretary's message will be transmitted May 17 at 0310 UTC from these stations and frequencies listed in the table.

RTTY Receiving Test — The radioteletype

(RTTY) receiving test will be transmitted at 60 wpm. Radio Station AIR will transmit using 850-Hz (wide) shift. All other stations will transmit using 170-Hz (narrow) shift. A 10-minute call for tuning purposes will begin May 17 at 0335 UTC. The special Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense will be transmitted May 17 at 0345 UTC. This test is to exercise the technical skill in aligning and adjusting equipment by the amateur operator. Transmission will be from the same stations and frequencies as previously

listed for the cw receiving test.

Submission of Test Entries — Transcriptions of the cw and/or RTTY receiving tests should be submitted "as received." No attempt should be made to correct possible transmission errors.

1) Time, frequency and call letters of the military station copied as well as the name, call sign and address (including ZIP code) of the individual submitting the entry must be indicated on the page containing the message test. Each year, a large number of acceptable copies are received with insufficient information, or the necessary information attached to the transcription was separated, thereby precluding the issuance of a certificate.

2) Entries must be postmarked no later than May 23, 1981, and submitted to these military commands: (a) stations copying *NAM*, *NAV* or *NPG* send entries to — Armed Forces Day Test, HQ, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, 4401 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20390; (b) stations copying *WAR* send entries to — Armed Forces Day Test, Commander, 7th Signal Command, ATTN: CCN-PO-OM, Fort Ritchie, MD 21719; (c) stations copying *AIR* send entries to — Armed Forces Day Test, 2045th CG/DONJM, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, DC 20331. □

Rules, June VHF QSO Party

Just think how awful you'd feel if, when you read the results of this upcoming June VHF QSO Party, you saw that a station in the last state you needed for 50-MHz WAS made over 300 QSOs and you weren't one of them. Just think how left out you'd feel if all the locals on 2 meters started talking about that monster tropo opening during the contest, and you weren't on. The answer to both is — you'd feel lousy! But there's no reason to take those kinds of chances. The 1981 June VHF QSO Party is scheduled for June 13-15, and everyone is invited to participate.

Official entry forms are now available, and are recommended, for an s.a.s.e. to ARRL Hq. Complete contest rules follow. Good Luck!

Rules

1) **Object:** To work as many amateur stations in as many different ARRL sections and countries as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 50 MHz.

2) **Contest period:** Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, June 13 and ends at 0600 UTC, Monday, June 15. Operate no more than 28 out of the 35 hours. Off time must be in increments of 30 minutes or more. Listening time counts as operating time.

3) Categories:

(A) Single Operator

(B) Multioperator. Multioperator stations must locate all equipment (including antennas) within a circle whose diameter does not exceed 300 meters (1000 feet).

4) **Exchange:** Name-of-section. Must be acknowledged by both operators for credit by either. A one-way exchange does not count.

5) Scoring:

(A) Score 1 point for 50 or 144 MHz QSOs;

2 points on 220 or 420 MHz; 3 points for higher uhf bands. Multiply the sum of these points by the total number of different ARRL sections plus different DXCC countries (not included in an ARRL section) worked *per band*. Note that KP4, KP2/KV4 and KG4 are in the West Indies section; KH6, KH2, etc. are in the Pacific section. Crossband QSOs do not count. Aeronautical mobile stations may not be counted for section multipliers.

(B) Stations may be worked once per band, regardless of mode. Example: W6XJ (San Diego) works A16V (San Joaquin Valley) on 50, 144 and 220 MHz. This gives W6XJ 4 points (1 + 1 + 2) and also three section multipliers. W6XJ may contact other SJV stations on these bands for contact points, but no additional section multipliers.

(C) Foreign stations may only work stations in ARRL sections, giving their country name in the exchange.

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 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 4 hours total operating time on each frequency, in increments not to exceed 1 hour each (mark clearly in log). An off period of at least 15 minutes must follow each operating period.

7) Miscellaneous:

(A) Fixed, portable or mobile operation under one call from one ARRL section only is permitted. A transmitter used to contact one or

more stations may not be used subsequently under any other call during the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by FCC/DOC); one operator may not give out contest QSOs using more than one call sign from any one location. The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who must share a rig, not to manufacture artificial contacts.

(B) Only one signal per band (6, 2, 1-1/4 etc.) at any given time is permitted.

(C) While no minimum distance is specified for contacts, equipment should be capable of real communications (i.e., able to communicate over at least a mile).

(D) Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.

(E) Above 300 GHz, contacts are permitted for contest credit only between licensed Amateurs of Technician Class or higher using coherent radiation on transmission (e.g. laser) and employing at least one stage of electronic detection on receive.

8) **Reporting:** Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest. Use ARRL VHF QSO Party forms or a *reasonable* facsimile.

9) Awards:

(A) Top single operator station in each ARRL section.

(B) Top multioperator station in each section from which three or more entries are received or where exceptional effort has been displayed.

10) **Disqualifications:** See January *QST*, page 79. □

Results, 1980 ARRL November Sweepstakes

Special section on how the top scorers do it!

By Tom Frenaye,* K1KI and Bill Jennings,** K1WJ

Participants in the 1980 ARRL November Sweepstakes probably noted, after much hard work, that making a clean sweep on both modes was even harder than finishing in the Top Ten. It wasn't as if all sections weren't on the air, since a few did manage to find all 74 sections, but there were some very tough ones, most notably in western and northern Canada. Of the 2344 entries received (1242 — phone, 1102 — cw), Alberta was missing from our own records on both modes.

On the whole, final scores were down from last year's contest, perhaps indicating that DX-ing during these days of high sunspot numbers is taking away a few competitors. For those left trying to run up the big scores, the competition is even tougher. A few QSOs really made a big difference in the final outcome in many cases, and miscopied call signs were a mistake no one wanted to have. More than ever, the operator with the ability to search out the new station to work by carefully listening and changing bands appropriately or by "friendly CQing" is the one with the advantage. Your operating had to be very flexible in order to be competitive this time.

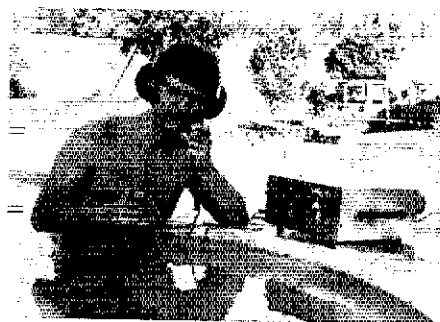
The best person to tell you how to improve your score next year is probably the one who finished ahead of you. After you've scanned the listing for your own score or that of a friend, take some time to digest the information in the section titled "Keys to Success," compiled from surveys sent to the top finishers.



Perennial "top-tenner" in the SS, K3UA. Phil fought his way to number six on the 1980 cw list.



N6RO was the number eight single op on phone and number nine on cw to be the second of only two ops (W0UA was the other) to make both "Top Ten" lists. FB, Ken.



K7JA, operating N7DD, became the top op on phone, coming up just short of 2100 QSOs. Chip found that old habits are hard to break. It took him three hours of soaking to be able to relax his muscles enough to let go of the mike after the SS.

The old one-two punch from Colorado — W0UA piloted K0RF to a first-place finish on cw and a second-place showing on phone in 1980. Well done, George.

Keys to Success

Following the 1980 Sweepstakes, a survey was sent to the top 15 finishers on each mode. The survey was designed to provide some insight about the equipment and operating strategy used by the top operators. Responses were received from all but one of those polled.

Equipment Used

RX/TX: R4C with T4XC (or TR4C/T4XB) — 8, TS-820/830 (some with R-820) — 7, 32S-3 with 75S-3 — 2, FT-901DM — 3, CX-11A — 1, KWMM-380 — 1, 75S-3/SB102 — 1.
Amplifier: SB-220 — 8, Alpha 77DX — 4, Homebrew 4-1000 — 3, Henry 2K — 2, Homebrew 8877 — 1, Homebrew 4-4CX250B — 1, Collins 30S-1 — 1, Drake L-4B — 1, BTI — 1.
Microphone: Mentioned more than once — Shure 444, Astatic D-104, Superex boom. Also mentioned — Collins, Astatic 10-D, Turner CB, Radio Shack, Heath Electrovoice, Electrovoice 664, Yaesu YE-7A.
Headphones: Mentioned more than once — Telex, Radio Shack, Superex boom, "cheap." Also mentioned — Kenwood HS5, Vanco, Sony, "military," Plantronics, Yaesu YH-77.
Keyer: Most often mentioned — Homebrew Accu-Keyer/Accu-Memory. Also mentioned — CW Sending Machine, MFJ Grandmaster, Autek, Curtis, Morsematic, homebrew.

Antennas

80M: most common — Dipole @ 75 ft, also common — quad/delta loop(s), smallest — inverted V @ 35 ft.
40M: most common — 4-el beam @ 100 ft, also common — 2-el beam @ 90 ft, smallest — inverted V @ 35 ft.
20M: most common — 5-el @ 100 ft, also common — 4-el @ 75 ft, smallest — tribander @ 40 ft.
15M: most common — 4-el @ 90 ft, also common — 3/5-el @ 75 ft, smallest — tribander @ 40 ft.
10M: most common — 6-el @ 80 ft, also common — 7-el @ 90 ft, smallest — no antenna.

Operating Strategy

Used a tape loop (for CQing?) Phone: Yes — 5, no — 10.
Used a memory keyer? cw: Yes — all.
Used memory keyer for CQing? Average — 65% of the time.
Used memory keyer for the exchange? Average — 75% of the time.
Kept a dupe sheet during the contest?
 Phone: yes — 8, no — 6. Cw: yes — all.
What was your strategy for the first hour or two? Phone: **Don't waste a single syllable —

*Important
 **Very important

operate like a machine — use the highest band open (except use 40 meters in the East) — CQ exclusively (until the rate drops below 100/hour) — change frequency within the band frequently.

What was your strategy for the last hour or two? Phone: Alternate answering CQs with calling CQs — **call slow CQs, attract non-contesters with friendly voice — change frequency/band often.

What was your strategy for the first hour or two? Cw: **Varied considerable from exclusive CQing to exclusive answering of CQ — quick band change/QSYing essential.

What was your strategy for the last hour or two? Cw: **Varied considerably, generally opposite of first-hour strategy — slow CQ — look for needed multipliers.

How long did you sleep? Phone: varied from 1 to 4 hours — average 2.8. Cw: varied from 1 to 4 hours — average 2.2.

What was the best time-off strategy?
 Phone: Early morning (3 or 4 A.M.) — stop when rate is one-half that of first three hours — plan meals to off time, not the opposite — it is always slower on Sunday — take as many in 30-minute segments as possible.

What is the best time off strategy? Cw: Go till 0800Z straight through — save as much off time as possible for Sunday — take in 30-minute segments — last hour is either very good or very bad (know your local conditions).

What do you do best in your operating (that others may not)? Phone: **Confidence! — clean crisp audio — don't go too fast — get call/exchange the first time — have backup rig ready — call CQ only if you can keep the rate high — *keep up-to-date dupe sheet — *use every second (efficiency) — persistence — flexibility on antenna switching — better antennas — *know when and how to call (timing). Cw: **Confidence! — endurance/efficiency — use memory keyer to allow catching up on dupe sheet — be aggressive — don't worry about multipliers — only a few extra QSOs makes a difference — listen on second band with stereo headphones (have next QSO ready) — send/listen faster — know your limits — don't spend all day trying to hold the frequency — eliminate every extra "dit" in the exchange.

What was your biggest mistake? *Time-out strategy — *didn't QSY enough — call sign was too long — not familiar enough with station (guest operator) — not consistent — antennas too high — hadn't been on the air recently (check out conditions for a couple days ahead of time) — *station not prepared adequately — mismanagement of off times — not enough confidence/concentration — too much listening for missing multiplier(s).

What is your biggest complaint about the

operating techniques of those you worked?
 Phone: **Exchange was repeated (only repeat if asked) — **duplicates! especially from those with fewer than 200 QSOs — too much mike gain — exchange not in proper sequence — stations calling CQ too much (getting too few answers) — not signing complete call signs — CQing w/o asking if frequency in use. Cw: **exchange repeated (only repeat if asked) — stations answering too far off frequency — duplicates — slow sending — not copying the first time — the weaker they are, the longer they send — frequency stealing not as much of a problem as it was a few years ago.
How would your overall strategy have differed if you had a station that ran 200 watts, inverted Vs on 40/80 at 45 ft and a tribander at 45 ft?
 **More QSYing and answering CQs, less CQing — *concentrate more on 10-15 meters — CQ at the end of contest, or high in the band — more night time-off periods — keep accurate dupe sheet — practice tail-end timing — move to rarer section — pray for an amplifier.

Other Data

How long have you been licensed? Range was from 7 to 28 years, average was 15 years.
Occupation? Student (several) — civil engineer (two) — airline pilot — heating/air conditioning contractor — chief engineer-commercial radio — electrical design engineer — electrician — physician — research engineer — purchasing/prod. control — land title examiner — R&D manager — electronics engineer — manager telephone/microwave dispatch center — software engineer — engineer — marketing specialist — electronics, avionics engineer — electronics sales manager — purchasing agent — software/timeshare vendor.

A Final Comment

"I think the comments you publish may have a significant influence on the operating techniques of the top 500 scorers. When their techniques change, mine will also, in order to maintain a top position. Conclusion: Simply by publishing some of the winning techniques you will invalidate them. For example, when it is discovered that all of the high scorers (phone) do nothing but CQ for most of the contest, many medium scorers will attempt to do that, making CQing less productive than previously. CQing will diminish as a winning technique. It everyone used my VE8/VY1 technique, it wouldn't work for me. I'm sorry, I can't afford to talk about it... I'm sure other high scorers have secrets they don't feel they can share either. It is interesting to see how many high scorers own and operate their own station. If you can afford a good station, you are too old to operate it..."

Table 1
Division Leaders — Phone

Division	High Power	Low Power	Multipoperator
Atlantic	W3FA (WA3ZAS)	K3TM	WB3EPC
Central	K9HMB (K9GL)	N9AGC	W9YB
Dakota	K0JLJ	K0FRP	AK0T
Delta	W5WU*	N4TG	WA4UCE
Great Lakes	K8MJZ	W8JWN	K8ND
Hudson	W2PV (K1AR)	WA2STM	K2XR
Midwest	KB0X	W0RR (WB0LFY)*	K0DG
New England	K1PR	K1LL*	K1IK
Northwestern	K7RI (W7WA)	K7SS*	W7ZR
Pacific	WA7NIN	WA6DIL	AA6G
Roanoke	N8II	AA4FF	K4KDJ
Rocky Mountain	K0RF (W0UA)	AA5B*	WB0CMM
Southeastern	K7TBT/4 (WB4QBB)	KB4I (K2PO)*	N4WWW
Southwestern	N7DD (K7JA)*	AK6U	K6HRT
West Gulf	K5RC (K5ZD)	KM5H	K5RX
Canadian	VE7IN	VE3GD	VE5OM

Operator (if any) in parentheses.
 *Indicates new division record

Division Leaders — CW

Division	High Power	Low Power	Multipoperator
Atlantic	K3UA	W2TZ*	N2ME
Central	W9RW	WD9DCL	W9YB
Dakota	AA4MD/0	N0NO	N0BG
Delta	K5GO	K4XU	K5SA
Great Lakes	K8NZ	W8KRR	WB8JBM
Hudson	W2YV (N2NT)	AC2U	KA2ACM
Midwest	N0SS	K0LJZ	K0WA
New England	K1AR	W1ZT*	K1VTM
Northwestern	W7NI	K7SS*	AG7M
Pacific	N6RO	AD7K*	W6BIP
Roanoke	K4PQL	KD8G	N4EA
Rocky Mountain	K0RF (W0UA)	W0CP	KC0D
Southeastern	N4KG (WN4KKN)	KB4I (K2PO)	W4DOC
Southwestern	N6TR	K6WI	WB6SHL
West Gulf	K5TM (K5ZD)	W5MYA	N5AF
Canadian	VE1QST (AK4L)	VE3DAP	VE3ART

**Table 2
Top Ten**

Phone	Score
N7DD (K7JA)	309,320-2090-74
KØRF (WØUA)	284,604-1923-74
WA7NIN	282,828-1911-74
K5TA	279,572-1889-74
N7DF	268,768-1816-74
K6MYC (N6IG)	251,896-1702-74
K7RI (W7WA)	251,452-1699-74
N6RO	250,416-1692-74
W5WMU	249,232-1684-74
W6XX	243,460-1645-74
CW	
KØRF (WØUA)	176,268-1191-74
K5TM (K5ZD)	167,684-1133-74
N6TR	166,858-1143-73
K1AR	166,586-1141-73
K6LL/7	166,148-1138-73
K3UA	164,834-1129-73
K1KI	164,448-1142-72
K5GO	164,104-1124-73
N6RO	161,320-1090-74
K1TO	159,692-1079-74

**Table 3
Top Ten Low Power**

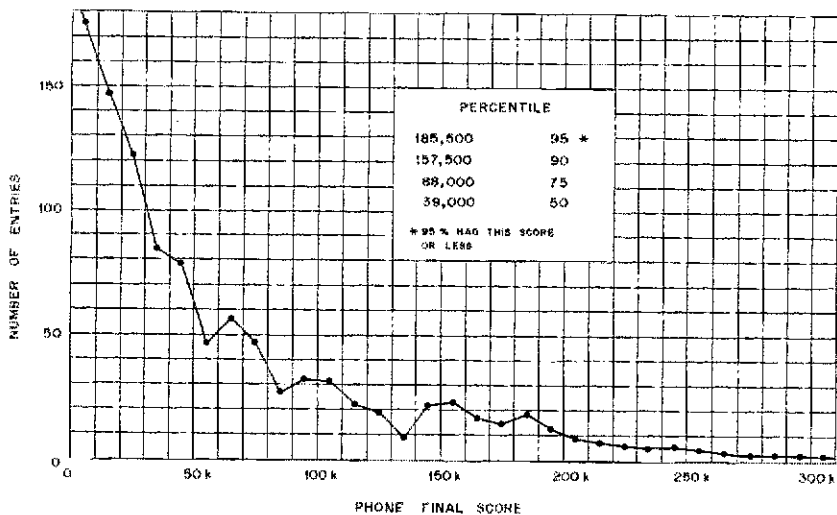
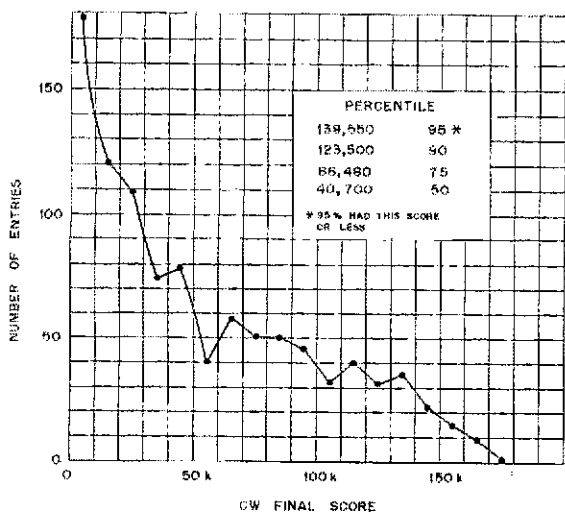
Phone	Score
K7SS	211,788-1431-74
AA5B	207,612-1422-73
WØCP	183,816-1242-74
K1LL	172,568-1166-74
W7XN	167,092-1129-74
AK6U	158,508-1071-74
WA6DIL	158,064-1068-74
KØAB (WBØIWL)	155,744-1097-71
KB4I (K2PO)	151,548-1038-73
KM5H	147,168-1008-73
CW	
W1ZT	139,392-968-72
AD7K	135,780-930-73
K4XU	135,050-925-73
K7SS	133,792-904-74
NØNO	132,048-917-72
W2TZ	131,760-915-72
WØCP	131,760-915-72
W5MYA	128,880-895-72
K7MX (KB7G)	128,160-890-72
KØLUZ	125,866-874-72

**Table 4
Top Five Multiop Scores**

Phone	Score
W7ZR	233,692-1579-74
AKØT	218,448-1476-74
N4WW	217,708-1471-74
AA6G	216,086-1460-74
WØSA	206,460-1395-74
CW	
K1VTM	147,744-1026-72
AG7M	143,080-980-73
KØWA	140,400-975-72
WB8JBM	137,232-953-72
K7QA	130,640-920-71

**Table 5
Clean Sweeps — Both Modes**

K1TO, W1RM, N2NT, K4PJ, K5TA, K5ZD, WA3ØVC/5, N5DU, N6RO, K7JA, W6YX*, N6AUV*, W7WA, K7SS, WØUA
*Multioperator



While some people really had the big hardware to back them up, one top-ten finisher on each mode managed to make it with either dipoles and/or delta loops on 40/80 and a tribander for 10/15/20. Big antennas do help, but they certainly can't be a substitute for operating ability. See if you can fine tune your own effort before the 1981 Sweepstakes and move up a few notches!

Looking closely at the Top Ten scores you may see that the West Coast engineered a "clean sweep" of all 10 positions on phone, while on cw the leaders were spread out pretty evenly. Only the upper midwest and southeast were left out in the cold this year. Interestingly, the southeast and upper midwest were represented in the low power and multiop top scorers.

Chip, K7JA, made it as number one for the 10th time, this year on phone, showing that his recent stay in Japan certainly didn't take the edge off his domestic contest-operating techniques. On cw, George, WØUA, outdistanced the competition by a good margin (not to mention his number two phone effort). Seems like the low-power scores edge closer and closer to the high-power scores each year. Another George, W1ZT, finally made the top spot on low power cw after several years of trying, while Dan, K7SS, put in an excellent effort on phone to grab the first spot, in addition to number four on cw. Operating a multioperator Sweepstakes station must be one of the toughest things to do. It's been many years since a top multiop effort has equaled a Top Ten single-operator score. Perhaps the competitive intensity just can't be developed, or maybe most people use multiop efforts to train new operators. Congratulations to the groups at W7ZR (phone) and K1VTM (cw) for their fine efforts.

Club competition continued to be an essential ingredient with almost exactly 50% (1163) of the entries participating for a club. The big winner again was the Northern California Contest Club in the Unlimited category, though the Potomac Valley Radio Club is inching closer. In the Medium category, the organizers in the



Pat, W5WMU, put in a lot of hours on antenna work, which paid off with a ninth-place single-op finish on phone.



AKØT (sitting), and, l-r, WBØYIB, KCØW and WAØCYW teamed up to operate AKØT to the number two position for multioperator stations in the 1980 phone SS.

Texas DX Society did a truly impressive job, more than doubling their score from last year to vault from fifth to first place! In the Local category, the number one spot goes to the crew from the Willamette Valley DX Club, who moved up from last year's third position.

New to the writeup this year is a graph showing the distribution of scores on both modes, and a table showing where the 50-, 75-, 90- and 95-percentile marks are. Perhaps next year if a little more time and interest is expressed, scores could further be broken down by high- and low power categories. Thanks to K3WT for this idea.

Estimating the number of participants in the contest isn't an exact science, but judging from the calls in the logs received the best guess is that perhaps 3500 or 4000 made more than 10 QSOs on cw and something like 6000 or 7000 did on phone. Thanks to all who sent in logs or check logs and to those who helped by giving out QSOs to the competitors!

SOAPBOX

Do away with the minimum half hour off times. If you are drinking a lot during the phone contest, it sure is

**Table 6
Club Competition**

Unlimited Category	Score	Entries	Phone Winner	CW Winner
Northern California Contest Club	10,821,317	113	WA7NIN	N6RO
Potomac Valley Radio Club	7,207,750	85	N8II	W3LPL
Medium Category				
Texas DX Society	5,346,694	48	K5RC (K5ZD)	K5GA
Ill-Wind Contesters	3,932,924	47	K9HMB (K9GL)	W9RW
Murphy's Marauders	3,777,951	43	K1PR	K1TO
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	3,605,198	39	W2PV (K1AR)	K1AR
North Texas Contest Club	2,649,732	31	KA5Q	N5CR
Western Washington DX Club	2,372,650	27	K7RI (W7WA)	W7WA
Mad River Radio Club	2,085,494	18	AD8P	K3LR
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	1,711,594	10	KØRF (WØUA)	KØRF (WØUA)
Central Michigan ARC	1,524,596	22	WD8JFE	N8BIK
Wireless Institute of the Northeast	1,365,506	19	W2RQ	W2RQ
Frankford Radio Club	1,129,968	15	K3ZA	K3WW (KA3BLP)
Connecticut Wireless Assn.	1,109,044	10	W1XX	W1RM
Eastern Iowa DX Assn.	1,044,816	13	WØEJ	WØEJ
Kansas City DX Club	997,956	10	KBØX	WBØUXI
Murgas ARC (PA)	986,008	20	WB3FAA	KA3A
South Jersey Radio Assn.	916,608	29	WA2KOK	W2PAU
Mississippi Valley DX & Contest Club	836,534	13	K9BGL	KBØRC
Ft. Wayne Radio Club	707,974	13	K9UWA	K9UWA
Point Radio Operators Society	690,792	12	K3UA	K3UA
Norwood ARC (MA)	674,534	12	WA1EOT	K1CB
Penn Wireless Assn.	630,990	14	WB3DJF	K3PA
OH-KY-IN AR Society	620,182	15	WA6EZV/8	AA8Z
Rockford ARA (IL)	575,130	22	AK9N	WD9DBC
Kettle Moraine RA (WI)	479,080	17	N9KS	N9KS
Lynchburg ARC (VA)	469,816	11	AA4FF	AA4FF
Northern Ohio ARS	335,924	11	N8TN	AA8S
West Allis (WI) RAC	281,720	12	K9WTF	K9KR
Reading (PA) RC	250,656	12	WB3AAK	
Local Category				
Willamette Valley (OR) DX Club	944,346	7	W7NI	
Machine Contest Club (MI)	910,718	9	K8MJZ	A18D
South Jersey Contest Coalition	900,746	8	W2KI	N2CQ
Lincoln (NE) ARC	787,008	6	KØSCM	
Arrowhead RAC (MN)	603,766	7	KØJIL	KØJIL
Fraternal Order of Radio Contest Enthusiasts (MN)	593,244	5		
Overlook Mountain (NY) ARC	587,880	10	WA2STM	W2XL
Central Florida DX Assn.	579,386	6	N4SA	N4SA
Buffalo Area DX Club	553,142	7	K2ZJ (WA2LCO)	N2CU
Texas Assn. of Contest Operators	498,404	4		
Western ARA	474,139	8		

difficult to wait until one of those few off times to go the bathroom (N2MF). I've got a keyer with a memory, but somewhere along the line it developed a mind of its own, too! Darned thing kept sending things other than what I'd intended (KCØW). An absolute electronic orgy! (WD5GSL/WBØTEV). . . then on Monday, Murphy got nasty — did a number on the power transformer on my Hammarlund HQ-145 revr. It went up in smoke while the wife and I were at work (that's the brownish stain on my entry). Fortunately, the transformer opened up before any fire damage occurred to the house (WB9ECM). Unfortunately, I used "W1" for my section in many of my exchanges . . . I realized that "W1" might also be considered as West Indies what with new call sign regulations/allocations (W9YCV). Greetings to the inmates at QST. Enclosed, please find the efforts of

several efficient operators and one moderately cooperative APPLE II mini-computer that did our logging and duping (WA9AWO). Highlights of the 1980 phone SS . . . Having VY1AC call me and then listening to him call CQ (without an answer) for 10 minutes . . . Working VE1CCC for a "clean sweep" with only seven minutes to go in the contest (WB2VFT). Murphy struck in the form of a broken water line. So I spent some of my precious contest time digging for pipes instead of points (KX4V). The starting moments of the contest always amaze me as the bands change from the casual cw QSO to the competitive madness of Sweepstakes. I hope the phone boys have as much fun (W3CEI). This contest is my fourth this year and I have yet to work Maine — that's over 400 hours of operating. Did someone "pull the plug" on Maine or did their squirrel die? (W3GNR).

Arapahoe (CO) RC	470,132	5		K0BN	
Eastern Connecticut ARA	440,152	6		K1YRP	
Wisconsin Valley RA	422,682	7		W9NA	
Saginaw Valley (MI) ARA	411,064	9	W9NA	WB8AYW	N8RW
Motor City RC (MI)	396,530	10	W8MRM (WB8RNY)	K8RV	
DX Assn. of Connecticut	384,700	8	K1WJ	WA1CCR	
Indy DXers (IN)	365,264	3			
Schenectady (NY) ARA	359,008	7	K2AE (WB2CFP)	WB2CFP	
Columbus (OH) ARA	357,448	8	W8LNO	W8ETU	
Central Arizona DX Assn.	340,536	3			
Providence (RI) RA	335,232	6	WA1TAQ		
Canton (OH) ARC	320,562	8	AK8W	W8iM	
Poughkeepsie (NY) ARC	318,204	8	WA2YSM (WB2KMY)	K2GBH	
Splitrock (NJ) ARA	296,426	6	K2RF	K2BLA	
Southeastern DX Club	291,758	5	AAANC		
Northrop RC	283,026	6	W6CN		
Twin City DX Assn. (MN)	279,524	3			
IBM Owego (NY) ARC	276,496	6		K2MQY	
RC of Tacoma (WA)	269,296	7	W7LKG		
Ozarks ARC (MO)	254,236	7	WB0QV	WB0QV	
Mid-Missouri ARC	253,152	4			
Mitre-Bedford (MA) ARC	243,178	8	W1FM	W1FM	
Fox River (IL) RC	237,736	3			
Harlan County (KY) ARC	237,556	8	ND4Y	WD4NWW	
Ventura County ARC	236,500	8	WA6DJS		
Eastern Michigan ARC	232,756	7	K8DD	K8DD	
St. Charles (MO) ARC	232,174	5		AG0U	
Foothills ARS	225,088	7	K6MA	W6ASH	
Southern California					
Contest Group	223,586	3			
West Park Radiops (MI)	214,078	7	W8IMF	K8AAZ	
Great South Bay					
(NY) ARC	202,946	4	WB2TCQ		
Natchaug (CT) ARA	197,136	5	KA1CI		
Ramapo Mountain ARC (NJ)	194,538	7	WB2ARS	WB2ARS	
Ohio Valley ARA	187,832	3			
Gloucester County ARC (NJ)	183,106	6		K2HPV	
Onalaska (WI) Wireless					
Assn.	169,718	5		KA9BJO	
L'anse Creuse (Mi) RC	160,798	9	K8RO	WA8VEB	
Southeastern Michigan ARA	150,582	3			
Atlanta Radio Club	148,770	5	WB4VSP		
Utica (NY) ARC	147,504	6	K2SOT	K2XU	
Wichita (KS) ARC	145,190	4			
Valley Radio Club					
of Eugene (OR)	137,820	4		A17W	
San Diego DX Club	130,624	3			
Lockport (NY) ARA	122,668	6	KA2EGC	AE2T	
Granite State ARA (NH)	115,714	4	WB1FNO		
Wild Rivers (Wi) ARC	105,604	4	N9BMK		
Flyweight (TN/VA)					
DX Group	103,774	3			
Hazleton (PA) ARC	90,200	3			
Long Island Mobile ARC	89,122	7	N2RQ		
COMSAT ARC (MD/VA)	88,550	5		K4JSI	
Central Wisconsin ARA	87,708	6	WD9ESX	KA9ACC	
Lake Success (NY) RC	74,844	7	WA2ISH	WA2ISH	
Cuyahoga Falls (OH) ARC	69,408	5	W8DXT		
Lebanon Valley (PA)					
Society of RA	65,916	7	WA3NTJ	WB3AKI	
Chicago Radio Traffic Assn.	58,026	4	W9HPG		
Syosset (NY) High School					
AR & TV Club	47,912	3	WB2OEU		
Hamfesters (IL) RC	46,786	3			
Iolani School RC (HI)	38,862	3			
Fresno (CA) ARC	27,228	3			



N2CU lost a little sleep and paid the price in his successful quest to be number one on cw from the Western New York Section. Is there an eye doctor in the house?



N7DF is shown cleaning up his "Sweep-Stakes-Logs." We wonder if Larry knew when he took this picture that he would end up with the number five score for single ops on phone of his own accord.

humorous phonetics; WA1 Great Big Apples, WA0 White, Bald and Ugly, etc. Then I decided to try WA0 Pineapples, Bananas and Lemons (WA0PHL). The number of stations who duped me was very discouraging. I kept a running dupe sheet by suffix and did not deny any QSO based on suffix duping but just marked the log as a possible dupe. The entire log was reduped by prefix and only about 10 of the possible "dupes" were found to be the same suffix with a different prefix. This was only .51% of the total contacts representing only 7.28 minutes of operating time. At this rate the value of suffix duping over prefix duping becomes about equal. The total dupes were about 3.03% of the total number of contacts or about 2.5 per hour. In the first three days after the contest, I have received over 200 QSL cards. The "penalty" for being in a rare state, I guess. In fact, there were five cards waiting in my box Monday morning; I didn't know the Postal Service was so fast. (N7DF). I would like to encourage 5BWAS (5 Band Worked All States) to work the Open CD Party where credit is given for a QSO with the same station on different bands. Would be nice to see the SS be 20 hours out of 30. It's hard on us old timers (34) (K7QD). Found defending my 1979 section and division title more difficult than expected. Michigan deer-hunting season opened the same day as SS. Made the decision to hunt and defend the title. Got buck at 6:30 A.M., got home at 7:30 A.M., then rested and got into the contest with extreme confidence. Now the long wait to see if this "hunt" was successful (W8IWN). [Sure was successful, Tom — tops in low power in Michigan and in the Great Lakes Division — Ed.] The way the QSO rates drop off on

Too many East Coast ops give up on 15 meters too soon after dark . . . spent final contest hour on 15 and picked up four new multipliers! (WA2SEL). Although I thought that the contest seemed long, it's nowhere near as long as your task of checking all those logs! (W9UVM). [Roger that, Jim — Ed.] The second annual trip by the Rochester (Minnesota) ARC to North Dakota, still find it a popular section from which to contest (W0SA). Why am I asked to repeat my "ck 35" so often? Us "Old Timers" still enjoy operating even if we do have trouble keeping up with the "young squirts." Believe me, "CK 35" is correct! (W4XD). Biggest thrill for me was working VE8HB four minutes before the end of the contest. So much QRM that I almost didn't make it (N9ALC). I was very delighted to have a "clean sweep" in my first attempt at SS (K8BEI). Site was embarrassed the next

day when I discovered that I had operated for 24-1/2 hours. Goodbye 18 hard-to-find QSOs! (K1KI). My new call sign confused several ops. One chap from Florida replied "No DX, please." When I told him that I didn't know that Maine was on the DXCC countries list, he said in a slow drawl, "The funny way yew Yankees talk made it sound like DX." Hi! (AK1W). Just knew that *this time* I could go the full 24 hours. Sure enough, I dropped dead after 18 hours (N4TY). [R.L.P. — Ed.] Recipe for SS: 2000 log spaces (never filled), 1/2 cup of pencils, 2 pounds of crasers, 1 rig, 1 extra set of finals, 7 elements up 100 feet, and 2 gallons. Broil for 24 hours and check for dupes (K3FMH). I heard about a guy who was so tired that he answered his own memory keyer. After CW SS, I believe it (A17W). Believe it or not — the most *courteous* SS yet! (AA6DX). I enjoyed the

Sunday, why not make it a QSO once per band? Imagine, a 24-hour sprint! (WB8JBM). Oklahoma was easy pickins for everyone — except me. Only worked one Oklahoma ... better than none (KM5H — Oklahoma Section). I think that SS is still the greatest contest going. Sure it can get boring, but it is the only contest where the little guy can compete with the big gun on almost an even level. While kilowatts and a big antenna system give one a definite advantage, operator ability is quite equally important (K6QMB).

FEEDBACK

On cw, N4AWZ should have been credited with 32,612 points in Georgia. We missed counting KE4I as one of the few with a clean sweep on both modes. W9RE was inadvertently credited with the Central Division record on phone, which K9CT should have been credited with. N4SA was the Northern Florida leader on phone as N4WV (+K8OO) should have

been listed as the Southeastern Division multioperator leader. The Hudson Division phone record still belongs to K2TR (78), not W2PV; in the Southwestern Division W7KW was the all-time leader (N7DD now), and W6AM the cw leader. The Fresno ARC should have been credited with 79,410 points (5 entries), and the Northern California Contest Club with a total of 15,184,266 points (145 entries). Finally, K2BLA, not K2RF, should have been listed as the club cw-certificate winner for the Split Rock ARK.

The scores are listed by call area, ARRL section and in order from highest to lowest score. The single operators are listed first and the multioperator scores are listed at the end of the section listings. The line number reads: call score — number of multipliers — number of hours of operation — power indicator. A power indicator 200 watts or less (ID) used at all times, and B power means that a dc input of greater than 200 watts was used. Example N6TR 173,752-1174-74-2-B means N6TR had 173,752 points, 1174 valid QSOs; a clean sweep of all 74 possible ARRL sections in 24 hours of operation, and used a dc input of over 200 watts.

CW Scores

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Connecticut

KIKI	364,448	1142-72-24-B
KITO	189,692	1079-74-24-B
KIPR	11,372	1066-71-24-B
W1ZM(K1ZM)	13,148	1001-74-24-B
W1RM	13,344	928-74-24-B
K1XA	135,072	938-74-24-B
W1WFF	133,882	917-73-24-B
K1WH	131,108	896-73-24-B
W1YX	124,818	879-71-24-B
W1B1H	124,392	852-73-24-B
AA2Z/1	110,096	834-73-24-B
W1JCCR	110,960	780-73-24-B
K1RT	106,328	749-71-19-A
W1EHC	105,264	731-72-24-B
K1JIO	94,792	697-68-27-A
W1TCJ	94,392	684-69-21-A
W1YEC	83,436	588-71-27-B
K1RMB	80,088	564-71-15-B
K1YRP	76,728	556-69-22-A
W1GNC	71,184	531-67-12-A
W1WEC	65,216	565-67-19-B
W1DWC	67,728	498-68-18-A
K1WJ	61,248	464-66-15-B
W1KFK	50,274	399-63-10-B
K1NDPS	32,270	70-29-2-A
K1DD	37,572	303-62-13-A
A1DD	33,396	242-69-10-A
N1CC	32,400	270-60-6-A
K1GBR	28,704	208-64-9-A
Q1T	26,670	235-61-9-A
K1DZV	27,060	268-63-23-A
K1DW	21,312	206-51-8-A
K1YK	19,140	174-55-7-A
K1DYT	16,922	177-48-17-A
AR1U	14,798	151-49-4-A
K1GLV	11,340	126-46-18-A
K1JQE	8810	109-31-11-A
N1JW	6950	89-35-3-A
K1BMB	5348	73-38-6-A
K1THD	3270	70-29-2-A
Q1DD	1088	34-16-1-A
K1VMT(K1CJ,K1WBJ,VA)	147,444	1029-72-24-B
W1TGBA(+W1HYN)	100,110	705-71-23-B
A1JG(+W1BCJ)	59,182	597-68-7-A
K1DBK(+K1DIT)	2408	43-28-20-A

Eastern Massachusetts

N1EE	118,406	811-73-24-B
K1CB	99,968	704-71-23-B
W1FM	83,944	576-72-24-A
K1WU(W1BLN)	79,016	581-68-16-B
W1JZH	67,670	509-67-15-B
W1JOLV	63,756	462-69-20-B
K1LCL	63,360	495-64-18-A
N1RC	62,472	449-64-17-A
AD1C	56,648	396-69-19-A
K1XXM	48,512	374-64-13-A
W1TEG	49,824	326-63-7-B
W1KEE	37,674	299-63-22-A
W1BCNM	32,520	271-60-17-B
W1AX	24,000	200-60-24-A
W1D1V	18,020	170-53-6-A

N1AU	10,530	117-45-11-A
W1ITGP	9200	100-46-7-A
W1SP	8190	91-45-3-A
W1PLJ	7476	89-42-10-B
K1EPD	6408	89-36-21-A
W1LXFX	5148	56-39-1-B
K1MFP	1476	41-18-12-A
W1R	1300	30-20-4-A
W1EIDL	986	29-17-6-A
W1RSC	672	24-14-11-A
W1CFC(W1LXK,opr)	500	25-12-1-A
W1TUM	180	10-9-3-A
W1ZF1	80	5-5-2-A

Maine

K1PV	72,588	526-69-18-A
W1KX	43,282	32-36-711-A
W1RGLH	40,666	299-67-20-A
K1SA	17,740	33-69-9-B
K1KW	10,080	109-48-19-B
W1FS	7752	76-51-7-A

New Hampshire

K1AR	166,586	1141-73-24-B
K1RX	127,604	874-73-24-B
K1LL	119,428	818-73-24-B
K1AIA	103,376	728-71-24-B
W1JOCQ	89,460	639-70-24-A
W1HCS	86,868	602-72-24-A
C1J2	81,736	601-68-22-A
W1JY	40,362	331-61-24-B
W1JUN	29,522	272-63-7-B
N1SE	20,962	166-61-14-A
K1GW	20,240	230-44-7-A
AC1J	9000	100-45-7-A
K1TR	4522	72-33-20-A
K1ABBI	3808	56-34-8-A

Rhode Island

K1HU	139,576	956-73-24-B
N1RA	73,830	539-69-20-A
W1LXVF	57,408	416-69-18-A
K1DS	8400	100-42-4-A
W1RFQ	6068	74-41-5-A
W1GWS	680	22-15-5-A
W1QPK(K1DT,K1ALWS,N1S AKO)	30,256	608-65-22-B
HBM,W1GWS,W1S RKL TAQ, W1BCVV(ops)	31,842	261-61-20-A

Vermont

W1R1GQR(WB2J5J,opr)	233-64-22-B	
W1GUV	166-64-22-A	
W1GUV	166-64-22-A	
K1BKW	15,322	163-47-10-A
W1KQ	12,364	146-42-9-B

Western Massachusetts

K1BW	147,606	1011-73-22-B
N1TZ(K1EA,opr)	143,080	980-73-24-B
W1TJ	139,392	968-72-24-B
K1DPS	46,342	397-69-11-B
W1B1H	23,484	208-57-7-B
K1JJO	20,520	180-57-7-A
W1JP	8400	109-40-6-A

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Eastern New York		
W2YV(N2NT,opr)	158,656	1072-74-24-B

W2XL	98,420	703-70-23-A
W2STM	90,596	638-71-24-A
W2CFP	79,764	578-68-22-B
K2NA/2	68,782	478-65-10-B
K2GBH	41,990	323-65-9-A
WA2TJE	38,808	294-66-19-A
KA2ZEM	38,566	306-63-24-A
W2DW	38,412	291-66-8-B
K2ZL	34,224	276-62-21-A
N2EK	30,120	281-60-10-A
KA2KGG	29,600	228-57-14-A
AA2V	29,600	200-64-9-A
W2ARQ	20,092	143-70-23-B
W2ABXT	17,880	149-60-21-A
W2NRD	17,770	150-58-18-A
W2DHS	11,000	732-69-29-B
W2PKY	7800	100-39-1-A
KE2O	432	19-12-1-A
WB2KMY(+KAZA,CB)	47,950	366-65-19-A

New York City - L.I.

K2SX	124,830	855-73-21-B
N2GC	103,234	727-71-24-A
K2AU	99,308	671-74-19-A
WB2TCQ(WB2RNT,opr)	29,666	622-72-24-B
KA2CLQ	58,940	438-66-24-A
WB2DHY	43,188	354-61-24-B
WB2JAY	37,028	233-58-10-A
K2GNY	36,048	202-69-29-B
K2QD	23,520	210-56-13-A
WB2QEU	21,452	173-62-10-A
KA2CLY	12,420	210-61-11-A
K2GNY	11,204	166-67-13-A
K2NTH	18,110	171-55-13-B
K2HVN	9522	69-69-7-A
KA2ELB	7650	86-45-7-A
K2GNY	7580	83-40-8-A
WA2EYV	4356	66-35-5-A
N2BZK	2240	40-28-6-A
N2RQ	2360	23-16-6-A
W2GZ	192	12-8-2-A
K2KGH	32	4-4-2-A

Northern New Jersey

W2RQ	158,544	1101-72-24-B
W2PA	119,138	859-71-23-B
A2EA	115,200	823-70-20-B
N7TT/2	114,736	808-71-20-B
AC2U	112,774	769-73-24-A
W2JHM	101,016	673-69-18-A
W2XZW	95,488	682-70-20-B
W2GD	93,100	665-70-11-B
W2QV	90,720	648-70-13-B
W2DVE	80,458	637-71-15-B
K2LW	81,500	629-70-19-A
WB2FUE	68,586	497-69-23-B
AF2L	66,000	500-66-14-B
K9CW/2	50,820	363-70-15-A
K2BLA	47,320	364-65-15-A
WB2NGT	48,418	358-68-15-B
WB2AR5	46,970	385-61-21-B
WB2IKL	35,642	267-64-12-A
WA2JAX	32,004	234-67-18-A
K2RF	27,600	230-60-13-A
W2HR	9240	105-44-6-A
W2TPJ	8910	99-45-7-A
W2ZEP	7020	30-27-5-A
W2T1	6480	108-30-4-A
W2NPT	4368	31-24-15-A
WB2JON/2	4026	61-33-8-A
W2WV	3160	45-26-15-A
W2B0W	1118	43-13-6-A
KA2ACM(+WB2KJE)	76,254	537-71-24-B
K2GQINBQ,K2ZVH,W2XNWX, WB2S KGN R1L,ops)	23,642	19-59-16-B
KA2INC(+K2R1V)	17,236	134-46-23-A

Southern New Jersey

N2CQ	137,242	953-72-24-B
W2YV	106,260	739-70-22-B
AB2E	104,974	719-73-22-B
KB2FD	97,300	695-70-24-A
W2KI	87,720	643-65-14-B
W2PAU	74,124	522-71-19-B
N2UU	62,016	456-68-13-B
KA2BOP	56,682	424-67-16-A
WA2KDK	47,734	319-63-23-B
WB2SUT	41,580	330-63-23-B
K2HPV	41,470	319-69-18-A
K2OSV	31,842	251-61-16-B
WA2NEM	26,088	220-56-13-A
WB2UVB	22,000	200-55-13-B
WB2PHD	16,018	154-52-10-A
KA2ZY	14,712	127-56-13-A
W2EYV	14,112	126-56-16-B
W2JGZ	6354	85-37-9-A
N2AWG	330	15-11-5-A
KA2ZY	286	13-11-3-B
KA2CQX	60	5-5-1-A
N2MCE(+WB2YOF)	64,610	497-65-15-B

Western New York

N2CU	139,536	969-73-24-B
W2T2	131,760	915-72-24-A
W2RR(WB2ARD,opr)	111,024	771-72-24-A
AE2T	89,280	730-69-24-B
K2ET	79,888	576-69-20-B
N2DE	76,020	543-70-24-A
K2MQY	61,202	431-71-19-A
W1MDE/2	57,336	426-68-18-A
W2REYA	43,582	438-64-19-A
N3GD/2	64,912	429-64-24-A
N2SUJ	23,164	327-66-18-A
W2E2	20,656	323-63-15-A
W2VU/2	40,260	305-66-11-A
K2RN	40,052	323-62-16-A
W2UP	39,060	310-63-5-B
K2KLU	39,466	299-66-14-A
K2KIR	35,844	309-58-4-B
W2PSJ	29,890	243-61-11-A
W2IMO	29,432	243-47-17-A
K2VF	25,134	214-66-13-A
KA2CGV	19,872	184-54-18-A
WB2YQH	19,800	155-60-9-B
WA2DFM	13,300	133-80-9-A
KE2K	11,748	89-66-17-A
K2J1Y	9660	112-40-9-A
W2SJC	5472	72-38-13-A
WA2SJC	4970	71-39-6-A
K2JUN	4080	75-27-6-B
K2HLC	2288	52-25-13-A
K2KR	1968	41-24-1-A
N2DM	770	35-11-3-A
N2GJ	342	13-8-1-A
W2MVF	1	1-1-1-A
WA2SDY(KA2EUC,WB9THY,ops)	63,512	467-68-18-A

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Delaware

K3HBP	32,004	254-63-9-B
N8NA/3	17,472	168-52-9-B
KA3CMR	2700	50-27-4-A

Eastern Pennsylvania

K3PNA	138,450	975-71-24-B
K3WW(KA3BLP,opr)	120,680	862-70-23-B
W3RJ	98,736	726-68-12-B
K3PNU	95,900	649-70-20-B
K3WJ	80,268	595-67-15-B

AA3B	69,960	530-66-17-B
KA3A	65,320	460-71-11-B
K3BOD	64,240	504-61-7-A
K3B	43,400	38-64-16-A
W3MA	47,810	363-66-12-B
K3VW	46,540	358-65-7-A
KA3BKY	45,312	354-64-23-A
WB3CAJ	45,202	348-72-4-A
N3EY3	42,456	366-58-16-B
K3WJ	41,400	309-67-11-A
WA3MVP	40,578	317-64-15-B
KA3JUG	38,896	174-52-18-A
W3CNS		

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Table with columns for state abbreviations (e.g., N6RO, N6KV) and numerical values. Includes sections for East Bay, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento Valley, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara Valley, and Pacific.

Table with columns for state abbreviations (e.g., K6LL/7, W7ZMD) and numerical values. Includes sections for Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Michigan, and Kansas.

Table with columns for state abbreviations (e.g., K8BDF/JN, N8AL) and numerical values. Includes sections for Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois, and Indiana.

W9CM 1610-35-23-2-A
 WB9UYT 748-32-17-10-A
 W9YH(KA9CCB,K9KJ,K9AL,
 N9E LI,N9 NC,W9BQ,OLY,ST,D,
 W9BUA,G,oprs)
 112,180 790-71-24-B
 KA9JZH(+W9P)
 14,840 140-63-15-B

Colorado

K9RFW9UA,oprs
 13,268 1191-74-24-B
 W2VZ 144,102 987-73-24-B
 W9YK 141,620 965-73-24-B
 W9CP 131,760 915-72-24-B
 K9AB 121,764 834-73-24-B
 K9B 130,274 847-71-24-A
 W9BT 118,224 821-72-24-A
 K9BN 79,570 558-70-23-A
 A9DQ 60,800 478-64-22-A
 W9RSR 68,890 454-65-17-A
 A9GL 28,080 234-60-6-A
 KA9CLS 25,536 224-57-14-A
 W9WME 25,194 221-47-13-A
 KA9AIA 19,178 188-61-16-A
 W9DSJ 8,000 100-42-9-A
 KC9DIKA9BRU,K9UY,oprs
 112,032 778-72-24-B

Iowa

W9CJ 130,176 904-72-24-B
 W9LJZ 125,856 874-72-24-B
 W9L 114,126 827-69-21-A
 W9DFG 96,986 683-73-24-A
 W9WY 68,742 613-67-14-A
 A9ER 50,652 402-64-13-A
 N9BB 41,138 307-67-18-A
 A9KM 38,022 310-63-6-A
 A9DM 36,580 310-65-14-A
 W9JTC 25,560 213-60-12-A
 N9AYM 23,142 203-67-9-A
 W9L 21,816 193-66-9-A
 W9DHUJ 21,228 183-68-20-A
 K9CY 21,112 203-62-12-A
 W9YSE 13,950 144-45-8-B
 W9GVY(+KA9EL)
 13,420 122-55-18-A

Kansas

K9BG 87,636 554-67-24-A
 K9B 67,063 486-99-22-B
 W9L 46,116 378-61-12-B
 W9AB 33,000 275-60-17-A
 W9UB 24,960 208-60-6-A

W9AGFQ 1558-41-19-3-A
 KA9IKD 1550-31-25-1-A
 W9DHAG 1-1-1-4
 K9WA(+A9BS)
 140,400 976-72-24-B

Minnesota

N9NO 132,048 917-72-24-A
 K9IJL 87,860 699-70-20-A
 K9IHG 97,270 685-71-24-A
 K9MPH 94,392 684-69-21-A
 K9CZG 84,592 622-68-22-A
 K9FRP 82,030 631-65-21-A
 AA4MDW 73,700 540-67-23-B
 K9BH 73,598 619-71-24-A
 W9PI 68,156 434-67-13-A
 K9BM 52,716 382-69-21-A
 N9AGW 40,320 315-64-17-A
 W9BF 28,320 235-60-6-B
 W9DFL 25,330 205-63-14-A
 K9C 23,040 159-64-17-A
 W9WVW 19,152 171-56-14-A
 W9TIV 18,740 167-56-7-A
 KA9FSJ 12,420 135-46-18-A
 W9ADFX 12,325 99-37-9-A
 K9TMM/Q 9976 83-36-7-A
 N9ADJ 2964 87-26-4-B
 N9BG(+K9TG,W9ABW)
 13,250 875-71-24-B
 K9TK(+K9S FVW,W9BQD)
 12,120 884-70-24-B
 W9CJU,W9AJS ACF TQT,
 W9GKH,oprs)
 53,676 426-63-18-A

Missouri

N9SS 132,368 947-72-24-B
 N9BCR 121,836 858-71-21-B
 W9LUXI(+K9VBL,oprs)
 121,360 820-74-24-A
 N9IT 108,230 785-72-34-B
 A9GI 103,078 706-73-24-A
 W9LFY 101,684 706-72-24-B
 K9DEQ 83,376 579-72-18-B

Nebraska

K9LUP/Q 77,840 556-70-20-A
 W9BK 8342 97-43-8-A
 A9DH 7448 98-38-7-A
 W9BN 3306 57-29-4-A
 K9DII(+K9NB)
 130,498 919-71-24-B

North Dakota

W9Z 41,724 347-61-6-A
 K9BA 41,378 328-63-13-A
 K9WV 23,072 206-56-10-A
 W9BUKI/Q 7600 100-38-6-A
 W9HSC(+W9VY,W9DAJS,oprs)
 19,030 173-56-16-A

South Dakota

KA9CWS 25,742 211-61-12-A
 W9BWBH 12,000 125-48-9-A
 W9PBL 4206 61-33-8-A
 K9QA(+W9DQX)
 118,128 856-69-23-B

Canada

Maritime - Newfoundland
 VE1GSI(AK4L,oprs)
 139,870 985-71-24-B

W9RNG 63,618 461-69-14-A
 W9BVHN 57,800 425-68-22-A
 W9BQV 49,128 364-66-21-A
 W9BHC 39,864 348-64-14-A
 K9BM 28,560 204-70-6-A
 W9DSY 21,172 182-58-13-A
 W9RVK 16,284 138-59-13-A
 KA9D 15,182 133-57-6-A
 KA9RO 15,158 143-53-16-A
 W9BAX 11,844 126-47-19-A
 W9KCG 10,600 106-50-6-A
 K9B 8,000 100-50-6-A
 W9CZH 5110 73-39-17-A
 K9UW(+K9FU)
 102,900 735-70-24-B

Quebec

VE2AC 99,400 700-71-21-B
 VE2WA 72,240 616-70-21-A
 VE2FFE 1656 36-23-4-A

Ontario

VE3AD 96,600 700-69-24-A
 VE3JTP 77,586 579-67-2-A
 VE3IT 63,618 461-69-11-A
 VE3MFT 63,360 495-64-6-B
 VE3A TO 61,512 466-66-19-B
 VE3CPU 61,012 466-66-21-B
 VE3QTV(30T,oprs)
 96,232 426-66-13-B
 VE3RLE 33,408 288-98-20-A
 VE3ARL 32,208 244-66-15-A
 VE3MLV 3520 58-32-16-A
 VE3BMV 179 15-9-3-A
 VE3ART(VE3A ARI,D4Y,FHI,
 GA5,oprs)
 98,946 717-69-19-B
 VE3BIX(+VE3HGE)
 58,616 431-68-24-A

Manitoba

VE4RI 37,406 317-69-11-B
 VE4RF 29,158 279-61-13-A
 VE4AV 11,500 115-50-14-B

Saskatchewan

VE5TT 14,016 146-48-10-A
 VE5AD 11,070 135-41-5-A

British Columbia

VE7IN 87,100 650-67-20-B
 VE7IQ 47,464 349-68-22-B

Yukon - N.W.T.

VE1DD 1764 42-21-2-A

Wisconsin

W9NA 110,192 776-71-18-B
 W9WDE/9 94,780 677-70-23-B
 K9BN 83,684 632-74-15-B
 K9YA 86,498 636-68-23-A
 N9KS 80,730 621-65-19-B
 W9GHY 77,050 575-67-20-A
 W9GJR 72,420 510-71-23-A
 K9DE 71,008 544-66-15-A
 W9HE 70,380 510-69-15-A
 AK9T 56,718 411-69-22-A
 W9SJE 51,840 405-64-21-A
 W9TO 40,788 398-68-18-A
 W9RRU 32,984 266-62-16-A
 K9JF 32,640 255-64-6-A
 K9HVL 32,110 247-65-24-A
 W9AW 28,188 243-52-8-A
 KA9AC 25,164 234-54-22-A
 K9KR 23,178 199-61-15-B
 KA9CHP 23,364 198-39-15-A
 N9EZ 21,836 190-53-6-B
 W9BKP 20,480 174-60-9-A
 K9WTF 17,472 168-52-13-B
 KA9KIO 17,300 173-50-8-A
 K9NNM 16,200 150-51-1-A
 W9DKO 15,300 150-51-1-A
 W9BQV 14,592 152-48-9-A
 A9PK 11,200 112-50-6-A
 KA9FO 11,136 104-46-11-A
 W9BHO 10,472 119-44-12-A
 W9BZP 9540 106-45-8-A
 W9WGD 9348 123-38-13-A
 W9YCV 86,472 6-6-6-A
 W9BCC 5016 70-33-5-A
 N9HR 3120 52-30-5-A
 W9RESX 79 6-6-6-A
 W9BSI(+KA9U,N9ARX)
 84,840 606-70-24-B
 WA9AW(+W9WQ,WA9UJ,K)
 53,520 446-68-23-A

U.S.A.

1 Connecticut

K1PR 229,548 1551-74-24-B
 K1KI(AA2Z,oprs)
 317,960 1270-74-24-B
 W1XX 185,592 1254-74-24-B
 K1TO 182,188 1231-74-22-B
 K1CC 171,236 1157-74-24-B
 W1WFE 166,000 1125-74-23-B
 W1BFVS 166,032 1153-72-23-B
 W1AW(WA2O,oprs)
 159,944 1111-72-20-B
 K1RM 155,400 1050-74-18-B
 W1RM 147,280 995-74-20-B
 WA1T/W 128,794 607-71-23-A
 K1ET 126,836 687-74-21-B
 K1Z 123,808 648-69-15-B
 K1RT 88,330 605-73-13-A
 K1KCY 86,620 610-71-21-B
 K1LEI 83,482 632-67-14-B
 W1VY 84,232 634-74-10-B
 KA1BMS 62,376 452-89-19-A
 KA1BRD 61,628 434-71-10-A
 W1AYEC 60,836 424-77-15-B
 K1W 54,464 369-74-15-B
 W1BLYE 53,944 444-63-11-B
 K1DW 51,830 365-71-12-A
 N1JW 47,764 362-66-10-A
 K1CE 44,928 492-54-7-B
 W1D 42,440 330-64-9-B
 K1YRP 41,076 326-63-10-A
 KA1DZV 40,832 332-58-24-A
 W1ECH 34,080 340-69-15-B
 KA1JZ 39,032 287-68-21-A
 AB1U 33,280 256-65-7-A
 K1NYK 32,280 269-60-9-A
 K1BV 27,568 227-54-7-B
 K1WA 26,288 212-62-9-B
 AA1K 26,280 180-73-6-A
 N1CC 15,300 150-51-3-A
 W1BH 14,856 97-74-15-B
 K1WB 81,928 64-64-9-A
 K1OP 8064 64-63-4-A
 W1BCC 8230 89-35-6-A
 AB1LO 8480 66-66-4-B
 W1WPR 8170 77-23-A
 W1BFKU 1044 29-18-A
 WA1GBA(+K1AS,WA1S DWF)
 48,000 1000-74-24-B
 W1BLDR(+KA9R)
 27,312 642-68-24-A
 A1IP(+W1ASH)
 53,784 469-63-15-B
 N1ADE(+KA1DQ,W1DQD)
 41,706 331-63-14-A

2 Eastern Massachusetts

W1AUZH 171,680 1150-74-23-B
 N1AU 147,408 996-74-24-B
 K1GSK 140,156 947-74-20-B
 W1AEOT 103,368 708-73-12-B
 W1RM 102,916 713-67-23-A
 K1CR 94,742 658-72-20-B
 N1RC 79,378 559-71-21-A
 KA1CC 56,240 433-66-14-A
 W1JL 31,408 279-60-4-B
 W1BLANT 31,480 279-60-4-B
 KA1CLV 23,180 190-61-20-B
 W1UIM 19,722 173-57-13-A
 W1DOLV 14,002 152-46-9-A
 W1PL 16,200 150-50-9-B
 W1SR 15,708 154-51-8-A
 K1XM 15,600 158-50-4-A
 A1JI 15,188 149-51-4-A
 KA1FEG 14,924 153-48-7-A
 KA1EP 14,500 145-50-18-A
 W1AIRFF 13,230 135-49-7-A
 K1RB 9672 93-52-17-A
 KA1BY 1320 30-22-1-A
 W1WMH 176 11-8-1-B
 W1R 24 4-3-1-A
 W1TQP(+K1HD,KALCEI,
 WA1ILX)
 106,680 720-74-19-B

Maine

N1AFC 58,680 451-69-18-A
 KA1JX 38,272 324-63-3-A
 KA1DZ 36,352 294-64-24-A
 K1PV 34,560 270-64-9-A
 AK1W 28,060 230-61-21-B
 W1OTQ 2068 206-11-9-A
 W1BIGE 22,045 208-53-7-B
 N1SD(+K1IX7)
 136,710 935-73-21-B
 KA1AIF(+W1LQ,H)
 46,020 384-65-20-A

New Hampshire

N1EE 192,548 1301-74-24-B
 K1LL 172,568 1166-74-22-B
 A1ITZ 169,120 1208-70-24-B
 WA1TZ 130,464 806-72-24-B
 AF1T 49,640 365-66-11-B
 KA1IM 41,272 308-67-13-A
 W1IFNO 41,210 317-66-19-A
 N1OM 37,548 298-62-14-A
 W1 24,960 241-68-6-A
 N1BEE 18,884 152-62-12-A
 AG1C 13,600 135-60-6-A
 W1UN 5622 77-43-2-B
 W1GCS 3848 68-58-1-B
 K1GW 832 26-16-1-A

Rhode Island

WA1TFF 190,328 1295-74-24-B
 WA1TGA 146,076 987-74-20-B
 WA1CVF 80,268 448-68-16-B

3 K1VSI

60,208 424-71-20-A
 W1RFQ 40,320 315-64-13-B
 K1DS 30,866 253-61-7-A
 K1HMO 28,616 266-73-10-B
 KA1JR 10,200 115-47-15-B
 KA1JWS 8800 100-44-11-A
 K1DT 2700 50-27-2-A
 W1DQK(+DT PLX,KALVW,N1A,
 AKO,BBM,W1GS,WA1RKL,
 W1B1CVY,oprs)
 96,740 691-70-24-B
 N1ASH(+KA1S,RH,DLI,
 K9L)
 91,290 672-68-24-A
 WA1VQ(+WA1YJ)
 37,454 307-61-21-A

Vermont

W1GQR(WB2J,oprs)
 158,310 1115-71-22-B
 K1IK(+AE1K,K1XR,KA1DE,
 WA1UINN,W1B1ELC,WB2FO)
 308,236 1407-74-24-B
 K1QI(K2QZV,W2J1T,WA2S CZR,
 HHL(MG,oprs)
 41,416 434-62-22-A

Western Massachusetts

K1BW 124,024 838-74-14-B
 W1SP 107,018 733-73-24-A
 K1KNQ 40,040 308-65-4-B
 N1ADX 12,190 115-53-12-B

4 Eastern New York

W2PV(K1AR,oprs)
 236,504 1598-74-24-B
 W2YV(N2NT,oprs)
 212,232 1434-74-24-B
 K2GL(WA2D,oprs)
 182,062 1247-73-23-B
 KA2E(WB2CP,oprs)
 177,938 899-71-19-B
 WA2PTM 107,018 733-73-24-A
 W2XL 106,288 728-73-24-A
 WA2YSM(WB2KMY,oprs)
 91,140 651-70-20-A
 K2L 47,444 373-64-24-A
 W2BTHN 61,586 447-69-18-B
 W2BHY 59,360 424-70-18-A
 WA2UA(WA2VW,oprs)
 47,444 373-64-24-A
 W2BKHE 31,850 245-65-19-A
 W2DW 31,470 235-67-13-B
 N2BIN 26,244 243-54-19-A
 KA2EAY 26,160 218-60-21-B
 W2W 26,040 210-62-5-B
 WA2RNX 25,724 218-59-9-A
 N2BHP 25,172 203-63-9-A
 WA2TJE 24,644 202-61-10-B
 K2NA/2 22,064 197-56-8-B
 WA2BXT 21,060 162-65-18-A

5 New York City - L.I.

W2BTCG 90,170 635-71-22-A
 K2AU 80,798 568-71-19-B
 N2CG 53,900 385-70-11-A
 WA2SEL 34,564 294-68-9-A
 K2SX 33,664 263-64-5-B
 KA2EXU 32,512 254-64-10-A
 N2KQ 29,520 246-60-10-B
 W2PKM 25,920 235-56-9-A
 WA2ISH 26,078 221-59-10-B
 W2E2G 24,624 216-57-5-A
 WA2DZ 19,604 168-58-13-A
 WA2JXC 19,192 168-67-9-A
 W2PXA 18,600 158-60-8-B
 WA2ZCI 3408 90-49-5-B
 K2VNH 6272 56-56-3-A
 W2PAB 1364 47-21-1-B
 W2BRT 4608 25-32-2-A
 WA2LTP 3660 122-30-4-A
 K2ZT 2784 48-29-3-B
 KA2MV 1364 47-21-1-B
 WA2ARC 960 30-16-1-B
 W2CZ 162 9-9-1-A
 AD2S(+WA2BOT)
 158,994 1089-73-23-B
 WA2JASKA2S,CL,Q,U,ELB,
 HUG,HTH,ISA,KGH,KFK,
 WA2SLC(WA2KQ,oprs)
 30,550 236-65-20-B

Northern New Jersey

W2RQ 199,948 1351-74-23-B
 W1GDZ 84,840 606-70-21-B
 W2PARS 74,384 529-71-20-B
 AC2F 49,714 371-67-12-A
 K2FU 42,568 313-68-8-A
 K2RJK 34,840 240-67-15-B
 W2GNN 30,472 231-66-16-A
 W2BHM 30,380 236-62-5-A
 KA2CQL 26,100 225-58-15-A
 W2SQ 24,440 235-62-3-B
 W2DQA/2 24,384 229-66-16-A
 WA2UD 19,920 186-60-13-A
 W2RKL 18,998 161-59-7-A
 W2BTO 11,656 124-47-6-A
 K2R 8686 101-43-4-A
 K2F 8400 98-69-11-A
 W2T7Z 6708 86-39-2-B
 K2H 5634 88-32-3-A
 W2G 3048 49-31-6-B
 W2AQU 2900 50-29-9-A
 K2R(KB2M,KC2X,K2CWR,
 K2R)
 152,000 985-71-24-B

Western New York

N2MF 192,720 1320-73-24-B
 K2ZJ(WA2LCC,oprs)
 165,908 1121-74-22-B
 N2NW 81,192 597-68-18-A
 K2BDE 72,100 515-70-11-A
 W2SH(WA2AWX,oprs)
 70,006 494-71-17-A
 W2RR(WB2ABD,oprs)
 61,508 453-68-13-A
 K2SOT 50,618 342-74-18-B
 W2IMO 48,280 355-68-20-B
 K2KUL 44,038 334-66-12-B
 W2ARG 39,176 322-56-7-A
 N2CU 36,074 344-67-4-H
 W2VDX 34,048 266-74-15-B
 W2YQYH 23,200 200-68-7-A
 N2RJR 23,172 199-64-10-A
 W2GDN 23,840 207-60-12-A
 KA2EGL 13,932 129-54-9-B
 W2PAA 12,672 144-44-9-A
 W2DWH 12,064 104-46-8-B
 KA2DFM 6890 63-53-17-A
 W2BPLR 2940 40-37-7-A
 KA2ET 2360 45-26-4-A
 W2D 1804 41-22-6-A
 WA2LEZ 305 30-5-1-A
 W2W(KF2X,KG2Y,N2S BXC HR,
 K2R)
 152,000 985-71-24-B

Table with multiple columns listing state abbreviations (e.g., WA2FDN, ORS), alphanumeric codes, and numerical values. The table is organized by state and includes sections for various regions like West Indies, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Northern Texas, and others.

Public Service

Conducted By Robert J. Halprin,* K1XA

From the Mailpouch

The following excerpt from a letter written by a West Coast section communications manager expresses an interesting viewpoint, not necessarily that of the conductor.

"I understand and agree with your 'Recruiting Station' (March 1981 QST). Guess I'll have to contact W2XD because we have the same problem in our section. But I see it from a different perspective.

"For the entire term that I've been in office, I have yet to get any cooperation from National Traffic System officials in terms of bringing ARES and NTS together. My section traffic manager is a nice guy who hasn't come to any meetings where Amateur Radio Emergency Service people were present. All NTS operators here are only interested in working their schedules. While ARES members know little about NTS, those in NTS seem to have little interest in coupling the traffic system to ARES for any potential emergency use. SETs are a mess. The few ARES operators who can be induced to bend in the direction of traffic and NTS are not met halfway. They are not even acknowledged unless, of course, they put

a piece of traffic into the system.

"After talking to others outside the section as well, I have formed an opinion: the National Traffic System, as we know it, is dying.

"While Teletype never did make a dent in the traffic system, the computer is starting to make inroads into the information-handling end of Amateur Radio. It will continue to grow, and the few good traffickers who 'get with it' will make the transition, while the old-timers will continue to enjoy their mode as a-m ops did (do) theirs.

"If we can convert enough progressive traffic people to operate terminals before NTS suffers some kind of mortal blow, portions of the message traffic could begin slowly to be handled within the existing structure (grid system) and increase as time passes.

"I have mixed emotions when I see a good cw operator who says, quite truthfully, that he can run circles around a Teletype net in volumes passed. While the statement is true today, it reminds me of the fabulous abacus trying to compete with an equally competent computer operator.

"There will always be a place in the hobby for good cw people and good phone people and the messages they choose to pass, just as it's a pleasure to watch a salty skipper navigate a boat over thousands of miles of unfamiliar water. But bulk transportation has changed, and bulk information and message handling will also.

"I regret to say that from my observations the National Traffic System operates effectively everywhere the emergency ain't! In general, its aficionados are not interested in emergency work, are not practicing for emergencies, and don't know what to do when an emergency arises. Although one might debate whether ARES and NTS should be separate services, it's doubtful they could ever have become one — all personalities considered.

"So, as we prepare to establish technical and operational standards for data communications, we'll be searching for the very few operators who can be enticed to become data handlers rather than programmers, equipment builders and so on, all of whom will be needed for their skills."

NET DIRECTORY DEADLINE — JUNE 1

The deadline for registering all public service nets for inclusion in the new ARRL *Net Directory* is June 1, 1981. In an effort to increase accuracy and completeness, each ARRL section traffic manager (or section communications manager) has already been asked to register every section and local net that is in existence in the section. Most likely, the STM has already forwarded this information to headquarters — if not, the STM has until the first of June to collect the vital statistics and send them in. Make sure your net has been registered with the STM or SCM. Independent nets (along with NTS area/region nets) will continue to be registered by the individual managers concerned on form CD-85 or equivalent. CD-85 can be obtained from headquarters for an s.a.s.c., but since time is short, it is reproduced here for convenience. Remember, the books close on June 1, 1981.

MIDWEST RTTY NET FORMED

For traffic handlers who are active (or want to be) on RTTY, and for RTTY ops who want to get into traffic, the Midwest RTTY traffic net is for you. MRN meets daily at 0330 UTC on 3630 kHz, with 7090 kHz as the alternate frequency, and accepts check-ins from amateurs anywhere in the country who are interested in RTTY message handling. For more information contact the manager, Bill Wright, K4YZU, 1758 West Gaubert St., Louisville, KY 40310.

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Lincoln County, Montana — December 25, 1980. When severe flooding struck the area, members of the Richland County ARES were on hand to help. Using 2 meters and other hf frequencies, amateurs supplied communications for DFS and remained at critical areas monitoring water level conditions. (WA7PDC and WB7UTJ)

□ Westchester County, New York — February 11, 1981. When an aircraft went down in severe weather, amateurs became involved with the search. Using 2 meters, members of the Westchester Emergency Communications Association assisted the county DFS office by providing communications for the search teams. After a three-hour search, the downed craft was found. (K2RRK)

□ Hancock, New York — February 11-12, 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE NET	
ARRL Net Directory Registration	
1. Net Name:	
2. Net Abbreviation (if any):	3. Freq.
4. On what days, based on UTC, does net meet each week?	
5. During the winter, net meets at the following time(s) UTC: UTC	
6. Purpose: <input type="radio"/> Traffic <input type="radio"/> Weather <input type="radio"/> Emergency <input type="radio"/>(specify)	7. National Traffic System? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, check one: <input type="radio"/> Local Net <input type="radio"/> Section Net <input type="radio"/> Region Net <input type="radio"/> Area Net
8. Direct Coverages:	
9. Liaison(s):	10. Manager's Call:
11. Date Submitted: 19.....	12. Sender's Call:
CD-85(1076) Return to ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111	

When ice floes damaged local telephone equipment, amateurs supplied the only means of communications for the town. Using several 2-meter repeaters and simplex frequencies, the hams assisted in the evacuation of 250 residents and serviced supply requests for Red Cross personnel at evacuation shelters. (W2MTA and WB2SON)

□ Los Padres National Forest, California — February 13, 1981. Amateur Radio proved valuable recently when an eight-year old sustained head injuries in a fall. Forest Service radio equipment was unable to reach headquarters, so W6KIC and WD6DMK used 2 meters to call the Ventura County Fire Department, ordering a helicopter to evacuate the child. (W6KIC)

□ Litchfield County, Connecticut — February 25, 1981. An automobile hit an ice patch and plunged over a 100-foot embankment. K1BOP witnessed the accident and immediately reported it via 2 meters. Thanks to his quick response, the driver's life was saved. (K1BOP)

□ Ranger Mountain, Colorado — February 25, 1981.

When an automobile became stuck in a remote area near a cliff, ADØR used 2 meters to notify the State Patrol. (ADØR)

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Bay Minette, Alabama — February 10, 1981. Local ARES members activated to assist local municipal and c.d. personnel when a tornado and severe weather struck the area. Amateurs used 2 meters to relay information to the Mobile (AL) Weather Service. (WB4BXM, EC Mobile County)

□ Crawford County, Pennsylvania — February 20-21, 1981. When severe flooding occurred in Crawford County, ARES members passed evacuation and water-level information to the county c.d. office. The operation was secured on the afternoon of the 21st when water levels began returning to normal. (WB3JDI, EC Crawford County)

*Assistant Communications Manager, ARRL



In the Los Angeles section, the San Fernando Valley ARES staged a demonstration of the emergency communications capability of Amateur Radio in conjunction with "earthquake awareness week." Shown here are (left to right) Emergency Coordinator N6ZH, District Emergency Coordinator WB6VHS, Section Emergency Coordinator WB6FAK and Los Angeles City Councilman Hal Bernson. (W6VGQ photo)

ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

[] For February, 38 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 19,152. Sections reporting were: Ala. Alta, Ariz, Ark, Colo, Conn, EBay, EPa, Ill, Ind, Iowa, Kans, La, Me, Mich, Nev, NH, NLI, NFla, NTex, Ohio, Org, SV, SDgo, SF, SJV, SBar, SCV, Sask, SC, SFla, SNJ, VA, WNY, WVa, WMass WPa, Wis.

COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE OF THE MONTH

On the evening of Sunday, November 16, 1980, Santa Cruz County Assistant Emergency Coordinator K6HJU received a call for Amateur Radio communications assistance from the Felton District Headquarters Office of the California Division of Forestry (CDF). CDF reported that a fire was in progress near the headquarters of the Big Basin State Park, that it had consumed approximately 15 acres at that time and that the fire was burning out of control. ARES assistance was requested to begin Monday morning.

K6HJU immediately contacted Santa Cruz Emergency Coordinator, KD6BD, and it was agreed that a net would be commenced Monday morning to provide whatever communications assistance was requested. KD6BD contacted WB6JZF, Santa Clara Valley Section Emergency Coordinator, and put out a general call on 52 simplex and the K6BJ repeater (19/79) in Santa Cruz.

By 8 A.M. Monday, a communications link had been established between Felton-CDF and the main fire camp at Sandy Point, via 2-meter fm. The fire and fire camp were located deep in a canyon of the Santa Cruz mountains, and direct vhf communications were difficult, if not impossible. Relay stations were used on the high ridges for the first few hours.

At about 11 A.M., K6TEH arrived from distant Salinas, California, with his portable repeater for 34/94. That repeater was put into operation at Eagle Rock lookout within an hour and served as the primary ARES frequency. The repeater continued to provide essential, high-quality and totally reliable communications between Felton-CDF and the base camps, and various amateur groups, throughout the entire emergency.

EC KD6BD arrived at Felton-CDF at noon, and spent the rest of the day and evening improving the CDF station antenna system, organizing work schedules and volunteers and establishing liaison with CDF personnel, along with several other hams on the scene.

By 10 P.M., volunteer schedules had been established for coverage of the CDF net control and Sandy Point fire camp stations, as well as a third station at the Huckleberry Creek Fire Camp. All stations were manned by at least two amateurs on a continuous basis at the special request of CDF.

Message traffic was handled primarily through the net control at CDF, with some traffic between fire camps handled directly on the net frequency or 52 direct. K6BJ/rpt and WR6AOK were used extensively for auxiliary links and for recruiting and organizing volunteers.

Felton-CDF net control was equipped with two complete 2-meter fm stations at all times, one on the net frequency and the other used on additional repeaters for organizing, relaying and reporting. Sandy Point and Huckleberry Creek each had at least one operating station at all times, and were usually equipped with back-up equipment, such as hand-helds and so on.

More than 140 fire-related messages were handled. These messages related primarily to logistical matters for the fire-fighting effort including repairs to trucks and equipment, locating lost trucks and equipment, locating mechanics and servicemen and coordinating transport for infrared photographic sensing equipment. Although messages were handled in tactical format, fairly detailed notes were maintained for the vast majority of them, and complete notes are still in the possession of KD6BD.

Traffic was generally light, but everyone agreed that the event provided an excellent training opportunity for all the hams involved. CDF personnel were very pleased with the help we gave them and with the dedication and perseverance of the hams. This was the first time in recent memory that amateurs had worked with CDF personnel on an actual emergency, and CDF was frankly not aware of all that Amateur Radio could do. The three main amateur stations were in continuous operation for approximately 77 hours until the fire, which eventually burned about 400 acres and required 500 CDF personnel to fight, was brought under full control on Thursday, November 20.

Hams responded with time and equipment, many from as far away as Salinas, Monterey, King City, San Mateo and other places. Approximately 32 hams participated on location, and probably about 15 others helped from their home stations. It was estimated that approximately 700 man-hours were contributed by hams who travelled to and worked on location.

I would like to give particular thanks to the many hams who responded willingly and cheerfully to our request for assistance from outside the immediate area, and to my fellow EC's in the Santa Clara Valley section, almost all of whom offered their help and personnel. When you're on the front lines, it's great to know the reserves are there and are with you. Thanks to CDF for some good grub, too! — Ron Shannon, KD6BD, ARRL Emergency Coordinator, Santa Cruz County

REPEATER LOG

According to reports received between February 21 and March 21, the following repeaters and simplex frequencies were involved in the delineated public service events.

	Weather Emergency	Criminal Activity	Vehicular Emergency	Public Safety	Search and Rescue	Fire	Power Failures	Drift Alerts	Total
W1PW									1
K2OC	1								1
K2OOD									1
W2VL				17					17
WA2JOX									1
WR2ABL									1
WR2AGH									1
WR2AIS			2	1					3
N3AIA				3	1				5
N3AQ									1
W3EEK				3					4
WA3ZGX				1		2	4		9
WR3AGZ									1
WR3AEC									1
WR3AES									1
WR3AGU									1
WR3AHN									1
WB3YOT								1	1
WR3ATN				2				4	6
WB3VFF				1					1
K6TZ			3	9	4				16
K6GRN							1		1
W6IYY				6			1	4	11
W6PVR				1	1			4	6
W6EJZ				5					6
W6BNN								1	1
W6BWT			1	4					6
W6BVS			4	2			1	4	11
WR6ABD			1						1
K7CC				2	9				11
WR7ACE									1
W8BUB									2
WR8ADO								3	4
WR8AES								3	3
WR8AJL								1	1
WR8ARB								3	3
WB9JL								2	2
WR0AMX	38								38
Total	52	9	4	60	7	1	6	31	176

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

Personnel department: Dot Black, WD4CNO, has been appointed manager, 4RN/c2, replacing Warren Gibson, WA4CCK, who is now assistant manager, 4AN/c2. W0HXB has removed the word "acting" in front of his title of TCC Director-Pacific Area/c2, following an endorsement by the NTS Pacific Area Staff.

Section department: The Quebec Section Net (QSN) has been reactivated with VE2PI as Net Manager. It meets nightly on 3643 kHz at 0030 and 0245 UTC. The Vermont Net (VIN) meets on 3614 kHz at 0000 UTC seven days a week. WB1ABQ is the Net Manager. Amateurs in those two sections are cordially invited to participate in their NTS section nets.

February Reports

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cycle Two							
Area Nets							
EAN	28	1507	53.8	1.129	95.2		
GAN	28	934	33.4	.496	100.0		
PAN	54	623	11.5	.381	100.0		
Region Nets							
1RN	55	470	8.5	.303	87.5	100.0	
2RN	52	635	12.2	.624	83.2	100.0	
3RN	28	385	13.7	.520	93.8	92.9	
4RN	56	1101	19.7	.707	85.7	96.4	
RN5	28	536	19.1	.438	98.7	100.0	
RN6	81	377	4.6	.221	88.0	96.4	
RN7	56	448	8.0	.516	98.0	96.4	
8RN						100.0	
9RN	62	491	7.9	.376	100.0	100.0	
TEN	28	224	8.0	.177	76.0	100.0	
ECN						79.3	
TWN	51	227	4.5	.287	58.2	96.4	
TCC							
TCC Eastern	104 ¹	546					
TCC Central	76 ¹	395					
TCC Pacific	94 ¹	373					

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cycle Four							
Area Nets							
EAN	28	2161	77.2	1.822	96.4		
GAN	28	1014	36.2	1.045	99.4		
PAN	28	1163	41.5	1.288	97.6		
Region Nets							
1RN	56	843	15.1	.584	90.8	100.0	
2RN	84	966	11.5	.740	97.1	100.0	
3RN	56	516	9.2	.632	97.6	92.9	
4RN	56	935	16.7	.928	95.4	92.9	
RN5	56	686	12.3	.524	94.9	100.0	
RN6	56	737	13.2	.492	—	98.2	
RN7	56	788	13.7	.996	99.7	94.6	
8RN	56	619	11.1	.517	98.2	92.9	
9RN						98.2	
TEN	56	398	7.1	.398	92.9	100.0	
ECN	56	219	3.9	.419	91.1	100.0	
TWN	56	538	9.6	.908	97.5	100.0	
TCC							
TCC Eastern	103 ¹	535					
TCC Central	76 ¹	409					
TCC Pacific	110 ¹	815					
Sections²							
Summary	5987	36,095	6.0				
Record	7378	58,689	8.0				
	6996	51,585	24.3				

¹TCC functions not counted as net sessions.
²Section and local nets reporting (218): APSN ATN (AB), AENB AEND AENJ AENK AENM AENR (AL), ATEN HARC (AZ), BCEN (BC), NCN NCTN SCN (CA), CN CPN NVHFTN RASON WESCON (CF), BEN FAST FMSN FMTN FPON FPTN MEN PEN QFN SBEN SPARC SWFTN TPTN (FL), OGVN CVEN GON GSN GSSBN GTFCN GTN OREN (GA), 75MN IGN ITEN TLGN (IA), ILN (IL), ICGN ITN QIN (IN), KPN KSBN QKS (KS), KYN (KY), LAN LRN (LA), EM2MN EMRI EMRPN EMRISN HHTN NEEPEN RIEM2MTN WMFN WMN (MA/R), AEN MP5N MSN PTN SGN SPSN (ME), MACS MITN MNN QMN SEMTN UPN (MI), MNAMWXN MSN MSPN (MN), ACE NEMOE (MO), APN (MR/RF), MTN (MS), MPEP MMN MTN WRIN (MT), CMN CNCTN JFK M2MEN P22N RARS THEN TRN (NC), CN CNN (NC/S), DATA FORX YLWX (ND), CC2MN MM2MN MNARES NCHN NE180 NE40 NE75 NMPN NP2MN NPMM NQCN NSN P2MN PV2MN WNN (NE), GSFM GSPN NHN NHPN JSARS (NH), NJN NJPN NJSN NJVN NWNJVN OBTN SOCTN UCETN (NJ), NSN (NV), CN2YN LIMARC NLI NLIPLN NLISCVHTN NLIVHFN NYPN NYCTN STAR WDN (NY), ALERT BN FPCN LCNWOARES OSMN OSN OSBSN TATN VWCARES (OH), OFGN OLZ OPEN OTWN STN (OK), BSN OARES OSN PTTN SOARES VHF WCN

(OR), D3ARES EPA EPAETTN HARC NWPATMTN
 WPA WPAPTN WPATMTN (PA), QSN WGVUHF (PQ),
 BR2MN CSLN D6MM LC2MN NCARES SC2MSSBN
 SCNTN S5BN TARCARES WSCEN YC2MN (SC), PWXN
 RARA S2MN SATN SPN (SK), TN TNVHFTN TPN TSN
 (TN), DFW TEX TSN TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), VLN VN
 VNTN V5BN V5N (VA), VTN (VT), PSTS W5N (WA),
 WINC WINO WINS (WI/IN), BEN BWN NWTN WIN
 WNN W5BN W5SN (WI), WVFN WVN WVVN (WV).

1 --- NET
 2 --- SESSIONS
 3 --- TRAFFIC
 4 --- AVERAGE
 5 --- RATE
 6 --- % REP.
 7 --- % REP. TO AREA NET

Transcontinental Corps

The following received certificates (years of service in parentheses) by virtue of activity at TCC-Pacific/4: KT6A (1), W7AK (1), K7MC (1), W0HXB (1), K0BN (5), VE7ZK (6), K0TER (7), W7EP (8). For TCC-Eastern/4: W2FR (18), W3FAF (4).

Cycle Two	1	2	3	4	5
TCC Eastern	112		92.8	1095	546
TCC Central	84		90.5	651	395
TCC Pacific	112		83.9	747	373
Summary	308		89.1	2499	1317

Cycle Four	1	2	3	4	5
TCC Eastern	125		82.4	1641	535
TCC Central	84		90.5	795	409
TCC Pacific	114		96.5	1612	815
Summary	323		89.8	4048	1759

1 --- AREA
 2 --- FUNCTIONS
 3 --- % SUCCESSFUL
 4 --- TRAFFIC
 5 --- OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC

TCC Roster

The TCC Roster (February) Cycle Two — Eastern Area (N2YL, Director) — K1XA, N1BHH, W1s QYY XX, N2YL, K2PL, W2s CQB RQ XO ZO, WB2IQJ, K3J5Z, WB3GZU, W4s JK SQQ, WA4CCK, WB4PNY, AF8V, W8PMJ, WB8YDZ, VE3s ATU CWA GOL, Central Area (W9JUU, Director) — W4OGG, WD4HIF, K4VM, W5KLV, K4SBSN, K5SUL WA5s INJ RRU, WB5s NKC YDD, K5s BNH KJN PE, W9s JIJ JUJ XG, W8WGD, WB0CID, Pacific Area (W0HXB, Director) — W5JUV, KA5DDW, WB6EIG, KM6I, KT6A, W7s DZX GHT TGU VSE, W0s EJD HXB RE, WA0OYI, WB0s FV LFR MTA, WD0AIT, K0DJ, K0DM, N0BDE, Cycle Four — Eastern Area (W4SQQ, Director) — W1s KK NJM, K1s BA EIR GN SSH XA, WA1ZAZ, W2s CS FR GKZ MTA RO, K2NY, WA2s ICB SPL, W3s FAF PQ, K3KW, WB3GZU, W4s JK MEE SQQ UQ, K4s BKX KNP, KB4N, WB4PNY, N4s KB NK, W8PMJ, WB8WTS, K8KMQ, KC8C, VE3s ATU CWA GOL SB, Central Area (W5GHP, Director) — W4ZJY, W5s RB SBE, N5s BB BT RB TC, K5TL, W9s CXY DND NXG, W89UYU, W0s AM HI, K0s CW EVH EZ, Pacific Area (K0DJ, Director) — N5NG, W5KH, N6s GW PZ, W6s EOT OA VZT, WB6PVH, KN6C, KT6A, K7s HLR KSA, KB7JW, W7s DZX EP GHT LYA VSE, WA7GYQ, K0s SN DJ TER, W0HXB, WD0AIT, VE7ZK.

Independent Nets (February 1981)

1	2	3	4
Amateur Radio Telegraph Society	28	768	352
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	28	2852	244
Clearing House	28	310	384
Early Bird	28	930	348
Hit and Bounce	28	506	576
Hit and Bounce Slow	28	134	338
IMRA	24	472	1103
Mid-West RTTY	18	141	170
Mission Trail	28	217	1266
New England Novice	25	70	190
New England Teleprinter	9	23	39
Piconet All Day Watch	180	237	3570
Southwest Traffic	28	119	1313
20-Meter ISSB	24	1331	853
75-Meter ISSB	28	596	1102
7290 Traffic	44	2841	610

1 --- NET
 2 --- SESSIONS
 3 --- TRAFFIC
 4 --- CHECK-INS

Public Service Honor Roll February 1981

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.

869	WD9NYN	89	76
KA9CPA	WB2EAG	KA2GSL	K5DY
234	WB7DZX	N4AXN	N3EE
N4EDH	107	N5CEK	N6BT
215	K2VX	VE3GT	W5CGT
W7LRB	KA1FBG	W0PT	W3VA
205	KA4LNA	W7GHT	WA7HS
N1BHH	KU4W	WA0TNM	WB9SR
198	N3AZT	WA5RKC	WD5JYI
WD8LRT	WA3WYH	WB3CAI	WD8BHE
176	WA4JDH	WB8SYA	75
WB3GZU	WA4STO	WD4CNR	K0EZ
175	106	88	KA5AVQ
WB2TQC	WA2UWA	WA7LGN	W9DM
171	WA3EHD	WD8IBY	WB6QBZ
KA1CMR	103	87	WD4CNQ
161	KT6A	K12D	74
KZ3K	N9AUG	VE5AE	AJ5F
150	W0OYH	W0KJZ	K8OZ
WA4PFK	WB2BNY	WA3DUM	KA2CLO
147	102	WB5MMI	KA9HPQ
WD0AIT	AJ3R	WD0CID	N2BDW
146	K3J5Z	86	N6ANL
WD4COL	K8AAZ	KK5B	73
140	KN6C	W0RE	AG2R
WB2MCO	W4NWM	W9QLW	W8EK
138	W5DTR	WA2KOJ	WB5LAT
W2ZQJ	101	85	72
135	AK1W	KA4ASZ	KA9GBE
W2AHV	KA1BTU	N7AKC	N3AKC
134	KB8MX	N8CVC	W5C7Z
W1TIN	W1BJ	W5VMP	WD4HIF
130	W12D	WB2DS	WA6MBZ
W7VSE	WA4JK	WD4JKK	N1BHH
K1OSM	WB8MTD	71	KB6FR/VE3
133	84	KA2GHH	W9JLJ
WB4FVW	KB0MB	KC5FX	VE3CWA
132	W8VPW	N2BLX	WA4STO
NG4J	N6AWH	W0VW	WA2UWA
131	K4EV	WB5NKD	W0ZWL
KA5CL	K5TL	WA6LVO	WB8DMF
KY4K	KA2HNN/T	70	WA1TBY
124	N5RB	K0JJD	WB4FVW
KB5TC	W7BS	K8D7D	W7VSE
97	W9NXG	W0OTF	WD8LRT
123	K4DZM	W1TIN	KA8CPS
W7LNE	KB2KW	WA4LB	W7SQT
WA3PXA	W2UEZ	WA4EYU	W4NFK
121	WB4WYG	WB7DFI	K0ONK
96	K4S0FP	69	W4JK
W4GPI	K4BA	K3RZR	WA4GCK
WB8JGW	KB7JW	K7JV	K3J5Z
95	N2CR	N2BNB	AF8V
W1RWG	VE5WM	N4PL	KA5CL
W4NFK	WB7OEX	N4UJ	W9NKG
119	WB8YDZ	W8GGZ	K4TH
W9YCV	KB4MW	W9JLJ	W1E0F
118	N1NH	81	N4EDH
KARCP5	94	K9PNG	WB4EXA
117	K3JL	KA4MZ	WB8UBR
WA4UTC	KA4GFU	K8X	W3ATQ
KB3DT	KB5NX	WB4AJD	N4PL
115	W4CK5	WB5UVX	KZ4K
AF8V	W4E1C	80	NG4J
114	W4OGG	NE4L	WA2HSB
W2GLH	93	VE3GOL	N7AKX (Dec.)
113	K4JST	W4FMN	
W5VMY	KA1FE	WA1YNZ	
N8ABA	N9BYK	79	
WB1ESJ	WB1ESJ	82	
92	KA8DJZ	66	
KA2CTU	KF8J	65	
KG5L	N3BKV	64	
VE3DPO	N4AZI	63	
W2AET	N8GW	62	
WD4ALY	78	61	
91	KB4OZ	60	
N9AEI	VE3HTL	59	
WD8RNQ	W6RNL	58	
90	W9QBH	57	
KB5UL	WD8KBY	56	
N4BZH	77	55	
W2MTA	AF0O	54	
AA4FG	AG9G	53	
109	W2TCA	52	
WB1HIH	WA3NAZ	51	
	WA8GMT	50	
	WB6BZZ	49	

WB8SIQ	KF4U	60	50
WD8DYW	N2BXB	K4IWW	WB2AIUT
WB8KFN	N3BFL	K4ZB	48
K7NTG	W0WYX	KA4FDX	KA8DEZ/N
K4EJ	W1YNE	VE3BVG	47
N2BGR/T	WA8DHB	VE3DUK	KA4BBA/T
VE3KK	WB2PKG	VE5HG	KA4KH/N
WA2EQW	WD9IUX	W2GJ	43
WB2IXR	AKIE	W4HON	WD8PMW/T
83	61	WA2CUW	42
KB4OW	AK1J	WA7DPK	KA1CGP/T
WB5NKC	K6YD	WB2MVC	KA4KH/N
WD8RHU	KA7IPS	WD5AAH	41
	KB2T	WD8QMP	40
	KB8TA	W4ZJY	
	VE3JLL	51	
	VE3LNN	KA5IWF/T	

Brass Pounders League February 1981

BPL Medallions (see April 1979 QST, page 77) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: WB1E2T, WB2EAG, K3JSZ, WB4FVV, W4GPL, AK4L, WA4LJL, W4SIZ, N5AMK, WB6QBZ, VE7FB, W7LYA, KA8CPS, AF8V, K9BVE, N0AOL, W0HXB, W0HZZU, AF0O.

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	513	2997	2481	38	6029
N0BQP	29	1275	302	674	2280
KA9CPA	41	964	235	763	2003
W0WYX	54	846	304	542	1746
WA4JDH	0	747	647	5	1400
W9JLJ	5	583	587	20	1205
WA6HJZ	28	695	63	449	1205
WB2IQJ	4	629	506	23	1122
W7DZX	21	549	547	5	1122
WA3WQP	0	566	542	6	1114
W3VR	235	319	510	10	1074
WD4HIF	7	501	511	17	1036
WA6MBZ	10	493	493	10	1005
N1BHH	7	457	413	104	981
KB6FR/VE3	0	488	485	3	978
W9JLJ	14	452	437	15	918
VE3CWA	13	413	457	6	889
WA4STO	6	480	400	1	867
WA2UWA	0	427	417	0	854
W0ZWL	0	371	1	445	817
WB8DMF	5	374	365	1	739
WA1TBY	72	280	321	31	704
WB4FVW	0	348	294	32	677
W7VSE	0	351	268	45	662
WD8LRT	31	307	225	97	690
KA8CPS	80	236	275	55	646
W7SQT	0	445	1	160	606
W4NFK	24	264	277	36	601
K0ONK	3	473	115	9	600
W4JK	4	279	300	1	584
WA4GCK	0	280	281	15	576
K3J5Z	0	270	298	6	574
AF8V	2	291	267	14	574
KA5CL	1	299	247	15	562
W9NKG	0	272	275	5	552
K4TH	11	243	178	115	547
W1E0F	0	251	280	13	544
N4EDH	9	200	175	153	537
WB4EXA	229	37	236	30	532
WB8UBR	185	76	245	16	522
W3ATQ	3	258	247	12	520
N4PL	14	230	255	15	514
KZ4K	2	264	184	60	510
NG4J	11	238	216	27	502
WA2HSB	12	252	231	11	506
N7AKX (Dec.)	3	231	295	21	650

Multioperator Stations:

W4DUG	3715	77	3761	5	7558
K4KDJ	560	43	561	27	1191
WD4IIO	306	50	306	50	712

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:

W7LRB	276
N4AET	249
AB4J	164
KA1CMR	124
WA4PFK	108
WA4EQW/Im (Dec.)	101

1 --- CALL
 2 --- ORIG.
 3 --- RCVD.
 4 --- SENT
 5 --- DEL.
 6 --- TOTAL



Operating News

Conducted By John F. Lindholm,* W1XX

Keeping A Log

Despite FCC relaxation of log-keeping requirements in 1974, maintaining a detailed log has not become a lost art. We were recently reminded of this by KA4LNN, who urged we continue to stress the value of maintaining a log. The practice will not die because it is a matter of great personal pride with the active radio amateur. Before enumerating other reasons for maintaining a detailed station log, let's first review the few FCC requirements that remain.

Information required is limited to the call sign of your station, your signature, location, start and finish dates of operation and, when necessary, similar information for portable operation. There are no mobile log requirements at all, except in the case of handling third-party message traffic. If you operate a station other than your own, you must enter the times and dates you operated the station, plus your own signature and call sign in the log of the station you're operating. If any third-party traffic is sent or received, you must log the names of the third parties and a brief description of the message. Maintaining a file of such messages in their entirety, of course, meets this requirement. The station log must be kept for a period of one year from the date of last entry and be made available to the FCC for inspection if required.

Additional entries must be made for auxiliary and remotely controlled stations, as well as with some repeater operation. More detailed information on this can be found in chapter 6 of the ARRL *License Manual*.

Many have generally not been satisfied with the above "bare bones" logging, especially those licensed previous to 1974 who keep a detailed log simply out of habit. Many will remember logging every "NST" and CQ. Although most amateurs no longer log every single contact and transmission, keeping a detailed log of activity has many virtues to newcomers and old-timers alike.

ARRL Sweepstakes										
CALL USED... <u>K1TO</u>					ARRL SECTION... <u>CT</u>					
SENT					RECEIVED					
PREC	CALL	CR	SEC		PREC	CALL	CR	SEC		
B	K1TO	72	CT							
					C.W. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/>					
Separate logs and summary sheets required for each mode.										
BAND	DATE	TIME ON/OFF	TIME	NR	NR	PREC	STATION WORKED	CR	*SECTION	POINTS
7			2019	251	82	A	WA4GRL	75	GA	50
			20	82	72	A	W3TGM	77	OH	50
			22	83	87	A	W3KAF	77	VA	50
			23	84	84	B	K4PS	77	TN	50
			24	85	80	A	N1RC	73	PA	50
			25	86	82	A	SLIK	73	PA	50
			26	87	139	A	SLAV	72	ME	62-
			27	88	62	A	K3BBMU	72	VA	50
			28	89	15	A	K3TA	72	VA	50
			29	90	18	A	K3EE	72	VA	50
			05	91	92	A	W4LJY	70	SCV	50
			06	92	173	A	K7LWS	63	ORE	50
			07	93	67	A	W3RZ	62	NDI	50
			08	94	82	A	K6EAL	52	LA	50
			09	95	130	A	K3SOA	38	STV	50
			10	96	229	A	K3TA	68	NM	50
			11	97	84	B	N5EA	75	ST	50
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Dan, K1TO, keeps a neat running log sheet during contests like Sweepstakes, while maintaining a rate shown here in excess of 50 contacts per hour on cw.

Besides the personal pride mentioned earlier, there are some practical reasons for maintaining an accurate and neat station log. The final courtesy of confirmation still involves the QSL, which can only be documented by a station log. With the popularity of such awards as DXCC and WAS, which require submission of QSLs, a log is a necessity. When you work a new one in a DX pileup, it is certainly comforting to know that you're "in the log." All contest activities and Field Day require that accurate logs be kept as final proof of contact. Some less obvious justification for keeping a log is to facilitate the investigation of any potential unauthorized "hootleg" use of your call, and possible RFI/TVI complaints. But the most compelling rationale continues to be that amateurs by and large simply prefer to have an accurate record of their station activities.

We may not have seen the end of FCC

relaxation of logging requirements. The Commission's proposal to revise the Amateur Radio Service Rules into plain language may effectively eliminate all logging requirements. Although this is seen as easing an "unnecessary record-keeping burden," we feel that amateurs will continue to recognize the need for keeping a station log for their own purposes.

I suppose we would be remiss if we did not suggest you consider the *ARRL Universal Logbook* as your means to better operating record keeping. The horizontal-format log has adopted a new look that we think you will find appropriate for ragchewer, contester and DXer alike. It is the result of consolidating the log "wish list" of a number of active amateurs into one attractive and utilitarian format. We think it's the best log around, tailored to today's operating.

See you later on down the log.

JANUARY CD PARTY

Leaders in the January CD Party are listed below. Competition on cw was extremely heated, with many close scores near the top. Top scorer on phone, AG7M, is an Official Observer and Official Relay Station, while the cw leader, W2GD, serves as Assistant Director in the Hudson Division. — Tom Frenaye, K1KI

CW

W2GD	34,320-572-60-10-NNJ
K2KIR	33,489-549-61-10-WNY
K7NHV	32,096-544-59-10-ID
N6TR	32,037-543-59-10-SB
K6LL7	31,903-523-61-10-AZ
WN4KKN	30,840-514-60-10-AL
W2RQ	30,740-530-58-10-NNJ
N7DF	29,520-492-60-10-UT
K1XA	29,500-500-59-10-CT
N4ZZ	29,500-500-59-10-TN
W5XX	29,280-480-61-10-MS
AG7M	28,320-472-60-10-WA

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WA6OTU	26,100-450-58- LA
N4SA	25,429-431-59-10-NFL
N6NF	24,072-408-59-10-SCV
K4BAI	23,026-397-58-10-GA
W6BIP	22,715-385-59-10-SF
W6UQF	21,417-363-59-10-SDG
KA1R	21,395-389-56-10-EM
KN5H	20,184-348-58-10-STX
WB2SJK	20,068-346-58- 7-NLI

Phone

AG7M	14,688-272-54-10-WA
KB6FR/VE3	13,988-269-52-10-ONT
WB1HIIH	12,428-239-52-10-WM
KA1R	11,025-225-49-10-EM
K5CM	10,900-218-50- 9-OK

SCM ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Southern Texas, Colorado, San Francisco, British Columbia, Sacramento Valley, Los Angeles, Georgia, West Virginia and Washington sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Communications Manager. A petition, to be

valid, must contain the signatures of five or more full ARRL members residing in the section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures on that petition. No member may sign more than one petition. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition.

Petition forms (CD-129) are available on request from ARRL headquarters but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)
Communications Manager, ARRL,
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned full members of the . . . ARRL Section of the . . . Division, hereby nominate . . . as candidate for Section Communications Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office. (Signature . . . Call . . . City . . . ZIP).

An SCM candidate must have been a member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years and a licensed amateur of General class or higher (Canadian Advanced Amateur Certificate) immediately prior to receipt of petition at Headquarters.

Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 5:30 P.M. Eastern Local Time, June 5, 1981.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on July 1, 1981 and returns counted August

18, 1981. SCMs elected as a result of the above procedures will take office October 1, 1981.

If only one valid petition is received for a section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning October 1, 1981.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in October QST and an SCM elected through the resolicitation process will serve a term of 18 months.

Vacancies in any SCM office between elections are filled by appointment by the communications manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.

John F. Lindholm, W1XX
Communications Manager

SCM ELECTION RESULTS

The following were elected for two-year terms of office beginning July 1, 1981:

Uncontested: Nebraska — Shirley M. Rice, KA0BCB; New Hampshire — Robert C. Mitchell, W1NH/W1SWX; Northern New Jersey — Robert E. Neukomm, KB2WI; Rhode Island — Gordon Fox, W1YNE; San Joaquin Valley — Charles P. McConnell, W6DPD; Alberta — E. Roy Ellis, VE6XC; MD-DC — Karl R. Medrow, W3FA; Nevada — Ralph E. Covington, Sr., W7SK.

FREQUENCY MEASURING TEST

Ninety-eight participants submitted a total of 1430 individual measurements for the February 15 FMT. The umpire measured frequencies for the early run at 14,063.834, 7056.089 and 3501.203 MHz, and the late run at 7128.922 and 3553.410 MHz. The late "twenty" was not heard. Eighty-two were able to measure within 100 Hz of the umpire, an annual requirement of Official Observer "precise frequency measurement." They are listed as follows, with an average error preceding their call signs: (0 Hz) W1PLJ K2RG W51WJ AH6D W6BEW K6MZN W6RQ W6GZHN WA7DUY WA7PHD W8CJZ W8OK W0USL VE3FVU D10SG ex-7HM. (1) W1JH WA3RXE WA4AXA WA4CAW W4JBU W4NTO W5FMO K5JV W4SNOM K6JNF K7CC W8UCI W9E1 K0BRS. (2) WB2YZI W5SG KRAXL W8RRSQ VE7AC. (3) W2YTO W3WD KB4WI AJ5P. (4) W8HFMG W8ZM. (5) W7SC W0D1V. (6) K3DI K7AW WB8STQ. (7) WB6CBX W0PBP. (8) WA7CYQ. (10) W2SBI (11) N7BCS. (12) W4PKD. (14) W4QN W00EKP. (15) W3FYK WB8LUPN. (17) W2ND. (18) W3KEK. (21) K5FA. (22) W4HU. (26) K6SNX VE3FCL. (28) W01JY. (29) W8LX W0GW. (31) N1QY. (35) AA0L. (34) KH6CZ. (38) K9WMP VE3GIV. (40) K4AO. (41) WA3YTI. (46) W8ZRL. (48) W3BFF. (50) KA0DWX. (53) N0AJP VE7FDR. (67) W4UCL. (73) K6SUO. (75) K5KQG. (91) W3GVR. (93) AG3H. All entries measuring over 100 Hz have been notified individually.

Excerpts

This is my first attempt in the FMT, and I enjoyed it very much. I used a digital mixer on the Collins 75S3C as well as a scope/audio oscillator to measure the audio-frequency difference (AH6D). My measurements were made with a Ramsey CT-50 frequency counter which measured the frequency of the exciter output of my Heath SB-400 (final off, of course, and antenna disconnected from the transmitter). The signal from the transmitter was adjusted to be the same as the W1AW signal by feeding the receiver audio (beat note) to the vertical deflection channel of a scope and a constant audio tone to the horizontal. A 1:1 Lissajous pattern from both signals indicated equal frequency for the reading. No effort was made to calibrate the counter, which has been kicking around the shack for at least two years without any adjustments (W2SBI). My procedure was to adjust the marker frequency on my well-warmed Collins 75 A.4 to WWV at 15 MHz, then determine the error of my frequency counter at the nearest 100-kHz marker spot on each band, then find the W1AW signal. I zero beat the W1AW signal with a transmitter in tune position and measured the frequency of the transmitter VFO. I took three or four measurements of each signal, averaged them and applied the counter correction (AA0L). The next scheduled FMT will be on May 9 (UTC). Please check the "Contest Corral" column in April QST for full details. — Jeannie DeMaw, W1CKK

W1AW NOTE

The complete W1AW summer operating schedule appears in April QST, page 94. A W1AW schedule also is available on request from ARRL headquarters. Please enclose an s.a.s.e. See the "Contest Corral" section of QST for times and dates of W1AW Code Proficiency Runs.

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 May	29,545	0050	90.8	16,076	A + J	0013	63.4
2 May	29,558	0144	104.2	16,090	J	0018	64.6
3 May	29,570	0044	89.0	16,104	J	0022	65.8
4 May	29,583	0138	102.6	16,118	A	0027	67.0
5 May	29,595	0037	87.5	16,132	A + J	0032	68.2
6 May	29,608	0131	101.0	16,146	X	0036	69.4
7 May	29,620	0031	85.9	16,160	A	0041	70.7
8 May	29,633	0125	99.5	16,174	A + J	0046	71.9
9 May	29,645	0024	84.3	16,188	J	0051	73.1
10 May	29,658	0118	97.9	16,202	J	0055	74.3
11 May	29,670	0018	82.8	16,216	A	0100	75.5
12 May	29,683	0112	96.3	16,230	A + J	0105	76.7
13 May	29,695	0011	81.2	16,244	X	0109	77.9
14 May	29,708	0105	94.8	16,258	A	0114	79.1
15 May	29,720	0005	79.6	16,272	A + J	0119	80.3
16 May	29,733	0059	93.2	16,286	J	0123	81.5
17 May	29,746	0153	106.8	16,300	J	0128	82.7
18 May	29,758	0053	91.6	16,314	A	0133	84.0
19 May	29,771	0147	105.2	16,328	A + J	0137	85.2
20 May	29,783	0046	90.1	16,342	X	0142	86.4
21 May	29,796	0140	103.6	16,356	A	0004	61.8
22 May	29,808	0040	88.5	16,369	A + J	0008	63.0
23 May	29,821	0134	102.1	16,383	J	0013	64.2
24 May	29,833	0033	86.9	16,397	J	0018	65.4
25 May	29,846	0127	100.5	16,411	A	0022	66.6
26 May	29,858	0027	85.3	16,425	A + J	0027	67.8
27 May	29,871	0121	98.9	16,439	X	0032	69.0
28 May	29,883	0020	83.8	16,453	A	0036	70.2
29 May	29,896	0114	97.4	16,467	A + J	0041	71.5
30 May	29,908	0014	82.2	16,481	J	0046	72.7
31 May	29,921	0108	95.8	16,495	J	0051	73.9
1 June	29,933	0007	80.6	16,509	A	0055	75.1
2 June	29,946	0102	94.2	16,523	A + J	0100	76.3
3 June	29,958	0001	79.1	16,537	X	0105	77.5
4 June	29,971	0055	92.6	16,551	A	0109	78.7
5 June	29,984	0149	106.2	16,565	A + J	0114	79.9
6 June	29,996	0049	91.1	16,579	J	0119	81.1
7 June	30,009	0143	104.7	16,593	J	0123	82.3

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, 145,960 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 Isb); International net at 1800 UTC Sundays on 14,280 kHz usb and 1900 UTC Sundays on 11,280 kHz.

O 7 progresses an average of 28.7372° W per orbit in a period of 114,9415 minutes.

O 8 progresses an average of 25.8006° W in a period of 103,1921 minutes.

O 8 modes of operation are Mondays and Thursdays — Mode A, Tuesday and Friday — 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.

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, W9MXX, 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.

Spacecraft Frequencies

Spacecraft	Uplink	Downlink	Beacon
O 7			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400-29.500 MHz	29.502 MHz
Mode B	432.125-432.175 MHz	145.975-145.925 MHz	145.972 MHz
O 8			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400-29.500 MHz	29.402 MHz
Mode J	145.900-146.000 MHz	435.100-435.200 MHz	435.095 MHz

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.

Further information on the radio amateur satellite program can be obtained free of charge from ARRL, HQ.

Contest Corral

A Roundup of Upcoming Operating Events



Conducted By Tom Frenave,* K1KI

MAY

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County Hunters SSB Contest, April *QST*, page 96.
Alexander Volta RTTY DX Contest, April *QST*, page 96.

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West Coast Qualifying Run, (W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0400Z May 6 (9 P.M. PDST May 5). 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.

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ARRL Frequency Measuring Test, April *QST*, page 96.

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ARRL International EME Contest, part II, March *QST*, page 76.

World Telecommunications Day Contest, phone, April *QST*, page 96.

CQ-M Contest (USSR), April *QST*, page 96.

10 Meter RITY Contest, March *QST*, page 82.

Rocky Mountain Division QSO Party, April *QST*, page 96.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 35-10 wpm at 0200Z May 12 (10 P.M. EDST May 11). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See May 5 listing for more details. A complete WIAW schedule appears on page 94 of April *QST*, or is available for an s.a.s.e. from ARRL.

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Armed Forces Day, this issue, page 81.

World Telecommunications Day Contest, cw, April *QST*, page 96.

Michigan QSO Party, sponsored by the Oak Park ARC, from 1800Z May 16 until 0300Z May 17, and 1100Z May 17 to 0200Z May 18. Exchange signal report, serial number and QTH (county for MI stations; state/country for others). Suggested frequencies: phone — 1815 3905 7280 14,280 21,380 28,580 50,125 145,025; cw — 1810 3540 7035 14,035 21,035 28,035; Novice — 3725 7125 21,125 28,125. Count one point per phone and two points per cw QSO. MI stations multiply by sum of MI counties, U.S. states and DX countries worked for final score. Non-MI stations multiply by number of MI counties worked (max. 83). Contacts with club station W8MB count 5 points each. Vhf-only entries; add multiplier per band, no repeater QSOs, five points per OSCAR QSO. Club competition for MI clubs. Mail entry by June 30 to Mark Shaw, K8ED, 3810 Woodman, Troy, MI 48084.

*Assistant Communications Manager, ARRL

Massachusetts QSO Party, sponsored by The Greater New Bedford Contesters, from 1600Z May 16 until 0200Z May 18. Exchange signal report and QTH (county for MA stations; state/province/country for others). Suggested frequencies: phone — 1820 3960 7260 14,290 21,390 28,590 50,110; cw — 1810 and 60 kHz from low end; Novice — 7120 21,120 28,120 (cw in the cw bands only). Count two points for phone and four points for cw QSOs. MA stations multiply QSO points by sum of MA counties, states and provinces (not countries) worked. Others multiply by total MA counties worked. Club competition for MA stations. Mail entry by June 30 (35¢ postage for results) to Larry Purcell, N1AS, 146 Armour St., New Bedford, MA 02740.

Florida QSO Party, sponsored by Florida Skip, from 1400-1900Z May 16, and 0001-0500Z and 1500-2300Z May 17. Separate phone and cw contests. Two entry classes for FL stations: (A) portable or mobile using emergency power running 200 W or less outside home county, (B) everybody else. Exchange signal report and QTH (county for FL; state/province/country for others). Suggested frequencies — phone 3945 7279 14,319 21,379 28,579 50.2 146.52; cw — 55 kHz from low end. FL stations: Count one point per QSO, multiply by sum of states (max. 49), provinces (max. 12), countries (max. 27) worked for final score, others: Count two points per FL QSO, multiply by FL counties worked. FL Class A stations multiply by 1.5 for final score. FL club competition. Entries must be received by June 15. Send to Florida Skip Contest Committee, Box 501, Miami Springs, FL 33166.

23-24

Iberoamerican Contest, sponsored by Union Radioaficionados Espanoles, from 2000Z May 23 until 2000Z May 24. 80-10 meters, phone only. Work Iberoamerican countries: CE CO CT CT2 CT3 CP C9 CX C31 EA EA6 EA8 EA9 HC HI HK HP HR KP4 LU OA PY TG TI XE YS YV ZP. Exchange signal report and serial number. Count one point per QSO. Multiplier is sum of Iberoamerican countries worked per band. Participation award for 50 QSOs. Entry must be received by July 15. Mail to URE, Box 62, Moller del Valles, Spain.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm at 2000Z (4 P.M. EDST). See May 11 listing for details.

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CQWW WPX Contest, cw, March *QST*, page 82.

JUNE

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 0400Z June 4 (9 P.M. PDST, June 3). See May 5 listing.

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New York State QSO Party, sponsored by SUNY-Buffalo, from 1700Z June 6, until 0500Z June 7, and 1200-2359Z June 7. Exchange signal report, serial number, and QTH (county for NY stations; state/country for others). Suggested frequencies: phone —

3900 7275 14,285 21,375 28,550; cw — 1810 and 60 kHz from low end; Novice — 3725 7125 21,125 28,125. Count five points per QSO. NY stations multiply QSO points by sum of states, provinces, countries. Others multiply by NY counties worked. S.a.s.e. for results. Mail logs by July 10 to Scott Bauer, WA2LCC, 816 E. Fillmore Ave., East Aurora, NY 14052.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-40 wpm at 0200Z June 10 (10 P.M. EDST June 9).

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ARRL VHF QSO Party, this issue, page 82.

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All Asia Contest, phone
S.M.I.R.K. QSO Party

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WIAW Qualifying Run

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ARRL Field Day

JULY

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IARU Radiosport Championship

AUGUST

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ARRL UHF Contest

Standard Contest Guidelines

1) Make sure your log details the date, time, band, call sign and complete exchange sent and received, for each QSO claimed for the contest credit.

2) Your summary sheet should indicate your score, including how you figured it, and a declaration that you followed FCC/DOC regulations and the contest rules. Your name, call sign and complete address should be typed or printed in block letters.

3) Crossband, crossmode and repeater contacts are usually not permitted. Contacts with the same station on different bands are usually permitted.

4) Your log should be checked carefully for duplicate QSOs and, if more than 200 QSOs are made, duplicate sheets should be included with your entry.

5) Your log may be considered a checklog or disqualified if it is incomplete or if too many errors are detected by the contest committee.

6) Avoid standard net frequencies.

7) International contests generally offer awards to top scorers from each U.S. call area and each country; state QSO parties to each state/province.

8) Your summary sheet should include the following statement: "I have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations established for Amateur Radio in my country." The declaration should be signed and dated.

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Strays

GOOD NEWS TRAVELS FAR

□ The birth announcement of Anthony Nicolas Laubach traveled over 11,000 miles via Amateur Radio. Bill McCoy, KD6GP, put through a phone patch from the Point Mugu (California) Radio Club Station and mother Liz' hospital to new father FIG James M. Laubach, stationed in Antarctica. Though the happy news didn't come as a complete surprise, it

did leave Lt. Laubach "a little incoherent" — a condition that this time probably couldn't be blamed on poor band conditions!

RUN FOR THE ROSES

□ The 1981 Kentucky Derby will be commemorated by the special-events station operation, W4CN, to be held from 1100Z April 30 to 0400Z May 1, by the Amateur Radio Transmitting Society of Louisville, Kentucky. Approximate frequencies used will be 21.115 MHz — cw: 14,285 and 7,240 MHz — phone. Send a large s.a.s.e. to ARTS, W4CN, 5504 Datura Ln., Louisville, KY 40258.

QST congratulates . . .

□ Cameron Pierce, K6RU, who was named "1980 Contestor of the Year" by the Northern California Contest Club. Now 63 years old, Cam has reason to be proud — the average age of NCCC members is under 30!

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ anyone having photos and brief outlines of teen-aged and younger hams' beginnings in Amateur Radio for a children's book I am writing on the subject. Call Woodcock, WA2KWW, Rising Sun Tavern Rd., Clarksburg, NJ 08510.

Section Activities

A-1 OPR X EC X DXCC X RCC X WAS X STM X OES X OTS X NM

SCM X ARES X OVS X SEC X OBS X TOC X OO X NTS X WAC X CP X

CANADIAN DIVISION

ALBERTA: SCM, E. Roy Ellis, VE6XC — SEC: VE6XC, A/SCM: VE6AMF, ST/M: VE6ABC, NMs: (ATN) VE6ABC, (AFSN) VE6AFO. Congrats to VE6ABC on his appointment to Asst Dir of CRRL for this area and to VE6JJ, an ardent ARES man, on passing his Advanced. CARA put on an excellent demo of RTTY and computers at their monthly meeting. Yours truly attended to gain some know how for a possible ARES net. Looking for volunteers for the Boy Scout Jam to be held in Edmonton July 1-13. Preparations for the Alberta Hamfest to be held July 31 to Aug 2 at Andrew Fairbank and Andrew Alta continue. Traffic: VE6CHK 176, VE6ABC 51, VE6XC 18.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: SCM, H. E. Savage, VE7FB — British Columbia Emergency Net 3650 kHz at 0300Z has a new Net Manager, VE7CSI. We all wish to say thanks to VE7COA for his years as NM and welcome our new NM, British Columbia Public Service Net 3650 kHz at 0200Z activity check-in High 185, Low 105 average 150, total for 28 days, 4,194, Vancouver ARC held a unique ceremony last meeting by presenting those that passed the DOC examines with a certificate awarded by the instructors Group. They also set up simplex on two and were awarded first contact certificates by working the president, VE7APT, across the room. Traffic: VE7ZK 67, VE7FB 51, VE7COA 30, VE7BLD 26, VE7CCJ 23, VE7EDN 19, VE7BN1 14, VE7ZL1 11, VE7BLK 6.

MANITOBA: SCM, Peter Guenther, VE4PG — Asst ASM: VE4JP, SEC: VE4TR, Asst SEC: VE4HK, ST/M: VE4RO, NMs: VE4S, VE4T, AEJ, NM: Dues lack of snow several winter events were canceled. VE4FK is holidaying in southern USA and is heard from time to time. VE4GJ is back home from the hospital and doing FB. VE4HK has been appointed as Asst SEC and will help as a backup for VE4TR, MPPN QNI 1047, QTC 18, sess 28, MNM QNI 524, QTC 28, sess 28, MTN QNI 253, QTC 91, sess 28, WRIN QNI 144, QTC 1, sess 4, Traffic: VE4AEJ 59, VE4PG 53, VE4RO 44, VE4TE 33, VE4YE 22, VE4AD 15, VE4JA 15, VE4ID 14, VE4AJ 10, VE4LN 10, VE4AFO 6, VE4NM 6, VE4NE 5, VE4L 4, VE4ADS 3, VE4AP 3, VE4AAT 2, VE4OR 2, VE4JP 2, VE4AAE 1.

MARITIME—NFLD: SCM, D. R. Welling, VE1WF — A/SCM: VO1FG, NM: VO1JN, VE1WF, SEC: VE1EI, ST/M: open, VE1LGR rev'd CARE AWARD for outstanding Public Service. VE1LGR/RO made Hon. Life Member of Armdale Fairview Rorkingham Lions Club, Congrats. Several new Asst Dir apps incl. VE1ASJ, VE1QC and VE1VF. Congrats to OBS program working well. NBARA is sponsoring an EMO seminar in Fredericton on May 23. All amateurs are invited to attend. Watch for further announcements on various nets. Hospital — VE1AH, Silent Key — VE1YX, APN, 28 sess, QNI 186, TFC 62, time 320 mins. APN is looking for more traffic handlers anyone welcome. Traffic: (Feb.) VE1WF 20, VE1LGR/RO 57, VE1XF 20, VE1BX 17, VO1AJ 11, VE1BHS 5, VE1AUL 4, VE1BPM 3, VE1OC 2, (Jan.) VE1AUL 8.

ONTARIO: SCM, Larry Thwiger, VE3GT — A/SCM: VE3GOL, SEC: VE3VG, ST/M: VE3QL, The MacLachlan Stroke Unit at the Sunnybrook Medical Centre is named after VE3HDU who was instrumental in raising funds to establish the centre after suffering a serious illness. Using various types of 2 meter gear and battery power the following members of the Scarborough ARC were receiving awards: G. KOH, H. ING, R. BAU and K. XB, provided communications for the Kawartha Nordic Ski Club during competitions. The Wise Owl Net sponsored by the OVMRC and meeting on repeater VE3TWO, 147.9030 MHz Fri at 2000 local is one year old. With regret I announce the following have become Silent Keys: VE3S, ADX DM GUU JAX KYI MDB and PR. Congrats to VE3JPP who is the first Canadian to win Holland's Zealand Award. He was also busy with VE3IRB, holding a public service demo at the Pickering Village Retirement Centre where they offered correspondence service for senior citizens via Amateur Radio. Each Wed at 10:20 A.M. at the Longhorn restaurant in Waterloo, a group meets to talk about Amateur Radio. There are 20 members of the VE3ARC Cutler Club, numbering some 20 amateurs. Most are retired, coming from all walks of life. VE3CEA is the prez. Niagara Peninsula ARC will be in attendance at the special Bi-Centennial Boy Scout jamboree to be held at Niagara-on-the-Lake July 2 to 6th. Special prefix CJ3VM has been authorized for the occasion. Field apps: VE3s FN GRO and IBV as OBS and VE3HKW as EC for North Bay, VE3OT, president of the CRRL will be the guest speaker at the May 12th meeting of the Peterboro ARC. VE3GCE who is busy working on his 5B9DXC has been doing a fair amount of OSCAR work and expects to have a station fully capable of Phase III in time for launch. Traffic: (Feb.) VE3GT 876, VE3VQA 889, VE3JLL 258, VE3GOL 250, VE3KJK 216, VE3DPO 176, VE3JL 167, VE3GT 145, VE3GNW 144, VE3HJG 140, VE3CYH 89, VE3LNN 52, VE3ISW 47, VE3JRT 40, VE3DZK 34, VE3DVE 29, VE3FPI 28, VE3KCM 28, VE3BVG 27, VE3WM 27, VE3KXB 23, VE3FGV 22, VE3TFC 19, VE3VAE 17, VE3IXB 16, VE3VG 16, VE3AJN 11, VE3AYZ 14, VE3DJK 14, VE3XGM 12, VE3ANJ 11, VE3GVD 9, VE3EFX 7, VE3DZH 1, (Jan.) KB6FR/VE3 40, VE3AW 37.

QUEBEC: SCM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP — SEC: VE2DEA, ST/M: VE2FE, NM: VE2PJ. New appointment: VE2PJ, as NM for the QSN. VE2YU plans to be on 144 MHz, moonbounce by the spring. VE2s FSA DEA AQJ and FRV provided comms at the Laurentian loppet x-country ski marathon. We all wish VE2LH speedy recovery after two weeks in hospital. VE2QST logged close to 200 contacts at the APRIL Dec International contest (w/1 association). Radio-Amateur de la Mauricie a plusieurs activities pour les prochains mois, dont le Field Day, les on 5 repetitives, des DXers, techniciens, tournois d'echecs et en plus, un bel esprit de fraternite, leur Pres. est VE2ZG. Traffic: VE2PJ 90, VE2FKI 80, VE2BP 41, VE2EC 38, VE2FFE 36, VE2FSA 19, VE2EKC 16.

SASKATCHEWAN: SCM, Bill Mundav, VE5WM — ST/M: VE5XG, SEC: VE5H, NMs: VE5DC, VE5HG, VE5SF, VE5TT

VE5WM, Net reports: SATN, 28 sess, 350 QNI, 24 QTC; PWX, 28 sess, 1456 QNI, 25 QTC; PWXN, 28 sess, 555 QNI; SKTN, 28 sess, 210 QNI; RARA, 28 sess, 467 QNI, 4 QTC; RPPCC, 3 sess, 16 QNI. It is with regret that I announce that VE5AC has become a Silent Key. The Rock Point Repeater Club has started an information net on the VE5XW network. Code practice is sent Monday thru Saturday by VE5NF and VE5TT on 37.25 kHz at 0845 Cst. Traffic: VE5HG 37, VE5WM 28, VE5KS 21, VE5CN 20, VE5T 15, VE5AE 15, VE5XK 14, VE5AA 8, VE5TT 4, VE5PR 3, VE5KY 2.

ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SCM, Roger E. Cole, WD3KX — SEC: W3PQ, ST/M: WA3WY, PSRR: WA3WY 107, K3JL 94, WA3UDM 87, N3AKC 72. Our sympathy to W3MDJ on the loss of her OM, W3HGA. Lower Delaware amateurs furnished communications for a parade in Seaford, DE held in honor of Greg Persinger, returned hostage. DEPNN QNI: 62, QTC 8; DTN QNI 361, QTC 61; DSSN (Jan) QNI 35, QTC 8. Traffic: W3AKC 110, WA3WY 90, K3JL 40, NBNM 35, W3BFC 30, W3DUG 26, WA3UDM 20, K3ZXP 9, W3WLD 5, WA3ZBL 5, N3AXH 4, WA3RXT 2, WA3PWT 1.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SCM, Karl W. Piel, W3VA — SEC: WA3WT, ST/M: WB3JY

Net	Freq	Time	QNI	QTC	Sess	Mgr.	
EPA	3610	7/10 P.M.	464	347	55	AA3B	
EPAEPTN	3917	6 P.M.	469	262	28	AJ3R	
PFN	3958	5 P.M.	M-S	305	728	26	WA3WQP
PTTN	3610	6:30 P.M.	Dy			AG3R	

Local and vht nets reported: D3ARES, HARTCN, Luzerne Ctv, ARES, WARGOVIN and WB3JOE/Rpt with a total QNI 352, QTC 96 in 29 sessions. BPL: K3JUS, WA3WQP, OBS reports: K3JEB, W3AVJ and W3VA OO reports: W3GVR and K3CB, QVS reports: W3GOA and K3AZDZ, PSRR reports: K3JEB, W3VJA, W3GOA, W3YZW, WB3FYT, K3JSE, W3BGA, N3AZ, N3BJ, WA3JH, WB3HIW, WA3EHD, K3CB, AJ3R, K3AZDZ, W3B3XG, W3AA3C, and WB3YZ. New appointments: WB3QZA, EC for K3QXC, new OBS and WB3JY, EC for Cumberland Ctv. Upgrades: WB3FEI to big E, K3AGXB to A, N3BJJ to Gen and K3AEYV to Tech. Congrats. New officers for FCC: W2LT, pres.; W3GN, v.p.; K3JV, secy.; W2DPU, treas. New gear dept: K3ANT and N3AXT (CATs), K3EBZ a new TA-33 tri-band beam and WB3FKP a new Dentron tuner. WBARA will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. WB3FKP reports for first time. K2BPP gave a very interesting talk and showed slides of his recent trip to the North Pole at the EPA VHF Society banquet. New Novice ops in Hazleton area are K3GSK and K3AGS, and K3AGUP, K3AGUS and K3AGUT in the Westminster area. WB3AL is new NM for Luzerne Ctv. ARES net: W3GVR reports electronic fence ORM driving him up a wall — anyone offer him some help to cure this? Mt Airy VHF RC now celebrating its Silver Anniversary. New affiliate is the Phila. ARC, welcome aboard. Lancaster ARES group hoping to get a "GO" vote on the Standard Tone Alert System. N3BAY reported the part hams played in the recent Matamoros flood. EPA CW Net welcomes N3AZT and nice to hear OTS W3AKA and W3JKX back again. Congrats to N3AZT and KYL on new harmonic.

WB3FP, reports as EC for Berks Ctv that they have more than 12 Public Service events scheduled for the summer months. WB3JZ took 1st chair at Penna. Music Education Region Band Festival. W3SKA completed CW DXCC. ARES awaiting the cards. WB3FYI on 220 m. AF3Z reports this is his worst time for ham radio. WA3PZO reports EPA has a total of 350 ARES members with 30 local emergency nets active and 28 with NTS liaison and a total of 120 net sessions, drills or tests. All NCS please try to get your QNS to your NM ASAP so he can get his report to this office by the 10th of the month. Watch this column for details on a section picnic planned for the coming summer. Traffic: WA3WQP 1114, K3JSE 574, AJ3R 235, WA3HE 215, WB3CAL 176, W3LX 174, N3AZT 121, W3VA 108, WB3GGV 102, A2 101, K3CB 76, N3CZ 72, K3EJ 70, WB3GGV 62, W3D 62, N3BFL 58, WB3JZ 56, N3BFL 49, W3VJL 49, K3WPL 38, WA3GUK 33, WB3FKP 32, N3BMM 26, W3ADE 19, W3AVJ 18, K3ARR 16, K3AFKD 16, W3YZW 16, K3QXC 13, W3CL 12, K3EBZ 10, WA3CKA 5, W3AXA 4, K3RH 4, AA3C 2, WB3FYT 2, WB3HTW 1, AF3Z 1.

MARYLAND — DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: SCM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — SEC: WA3ATL. Help, MDD needs a few good cw men on main liaison spots. KB3AP listens to K3RA bulletins weekdays at 0730 local 14607/167. K3ADAG sends a ZFE2Q card. KB3NL is exWB3CES, and W3FCN becomes KC3D. Good show. The OOs have been active: K3DI K3MR and K85YH. KB3LV is planning to join them. N3BMB has upgraded, congrats. WB3LT has a fine new membership folder for the ECSSN C/N and in Montgomery. K3ADJG is proud on the ARES/STL and K3EJ made Ltr. W3DFW, N3BNY, W3BEYS and W3EY in Takoma. W3ZNV is not looking to daylight time. N3AFM has an Arizona postmark on his report. K3DCQ is looking for a transmatch to cover both ends of 80 meters. K3RA W3HYI, WA3ARL and W3RUN are instructing the BARC Novice/Generals. Fox hunters are K3EJ, WB4EQZ, K3EVQ, W3HYH, WB3DJU, W3QYL and WB3JLL. KS6X will be remembered as WB3APN. WB2TJR, AK3X has a work sked that knocks him off the traffic nets. K3KMC is ORP DXing on 80 meters. W3LDD is looking for the rare ones. Today W3GYI can forget his snow blower. K3GCOX was NCS for the Laurel ARC Beltville/Washington Day Run. AJ3X vows to upgrade all Cumberland hams. W3DFW, N3BNY, W3BEYS and W3EY in Takoma. K3ADYR and N3BTY advanced. Congrats to all. WB3BKF puts a lot of MARS traffic on the ham bands. N4DR3J has K2ZGXH experimentally on 10 MHz. W3BGZU gets to eyeball everyone with the Balto Symphony. W3DQI writes many columns. W3FZY is a MOD regular. K3CRW is back in business. K3ACT makes weekend trips. W3CDD has info on the Gathersburg Super '81 Hamfest September 13. With the nets: Net/Manager. Sessions/Traffic/QNI average. MDC: PON/W3OY 4/13/27. Jan MDD/W3PQ 62/275/62. Brass:

W3FA K3JL and N3AKC, Wash County 2M/WB3GUEJ 3/1/16. WR PON/W3DFW 10/32/23.8. MPPN/WB3ZJU 31/28/29.3. Net contributors: KA3ARH, W3G3E, W3VA, WA3DUM and K3ORW. Traffic: (Jan.) WB3ZJU 872, W3FA 235, KA3CDQ 151, K3AT 85, N4DR3J 63, W3FVZ 61, K3ORW 50, WB3BKF 40, K3KMO 28, W3DQI 15, W3LDD 12, K3ADUC 11, K3B9N 6, W3ZNV 2, (Jan.) KA3CDQ 91, (Dec.) KA3CDQ 58.

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Bill Luebke, WB2LCC — SEC: W2HOB, ST/M: WB2LCC. A very significant milestone was reached this month on the RTTY repeater, the ordering of the new 4 cavity duplexer. It will be installed at the repeater site in Waterford Works. The coverage on 147.945/345 will increase greatly and is something all RTTY, ARES and traffic people have been looking forward to for a long time, as it provides excellent RTTY coverage from one end of the section to the other. An important happening in New Jersey is the case of K2AHL in Springfield, who was ordered off the air by a superior court judge due to his interference with his neighbor's home sound system. Although both parties agreed that better shielding of the sound equipment would do the trick, the judge determined that he should cease operating and that if he didn't his FCC license would be revoked! This is a dangerous legal precedent and could mean lots of trouble in years to come. Show your support by contacting K2AHL and by writing ARRL and asking what they are doing to help New Jersey hams. An appeal will cost thousands of dollars. Are you willing to support or would you rather give up your license??? Traffic: WB2JQ 1162, KA2GSL 288, K2CA 177, AA2H 174, W2ZQ 142, K2YBN 103, WA2HEB 58, WA2CUW 55, WB2PKG 43, WB2LCC 49, N2AEP 38, WA2ONW 38, N2CEG 35, WA2TKW 35, KB2OE 30, WB2HUV 22, KA2GTE 18, WA2GTJ 10, WA2WUL 4.

WESTERN NEW YORK: SCM, William W. Thompson, W2MTA — SEC: W2BNO, ST/M: N2AEP, A/SCM: W2ZJ, DECS: WA2DHZ, W2BNO, NMs: N2AEL, W2R, K2KIR, WA2ZJP, QVS reports: W2AT, K2DZ, N2WN, Appointment: (EC, Delaware) WB2VSJ, (OES) K2DQI, K2MH, W2TE, WB2KWF, (OO) N2WN, (QVS) K2DNN, WB2EXL, W2SEU, WA2TCC, (ORS) N2ARD, K2DNN, K2ZGW, BPL to WA2HSB. Net reports:

Net	Freq	Time/Day	QNI	QSP	QND	Mgr.
NYSCN	3677	1000/Sun	50	22	4	W2MTA
NYPON*	3913	1700/Dy	628	517	28	K2KQC
NYSPEN	3925	1800/Dy	938	99	28	AA2Y
ESS	3580	1800/Dy	463	104	28	W2WSS
OOTEN*	3494	1815/Dy	383	108	28	WA2MFV
STARIE*	325/925	1830/Dy	236	90	28	WB2AZW
O NET	3191	1830/Dy	476	12	28	K2CMM
BSN	9333	1900/Dy	324	15	28	WA2WGX
NJYE*	3677	1900/Dy	587	447	28	W2ZJO
NVARES	3191	1930/Sun	47	2	4	WB2NAO
JCARN	1070	2000/Dy	301	17	24	WA2WAX
WNYECN	3955	2000/3d Sun				W2BCH
QARCN	2585	2015/Wed	84	4		K2VTT
CNYTN*	9030	2115/Dy	466	209	28	WA2PLU
WDN*	0464	2130/Dy	665	176	28	N2APB
NARASEN	2282	2130/Sun				WA2JPM
NYSL*	3677	2200/Dy	449	411	28	W2ZJO
STARL*	325/925	2215/Dy	182	66	27	WB2AZW

*Part of NTS. STAR FEB 7 JC Mail ran special, 13 QNI, 47 QSP, PSRR: W2ZJQ 138, W2GHL 114, W2MTA 110, N2BKB 108, WA2ET 92, KA2CTU 92, K1D 87, WA2KJO 86, N2APS 84, WA2ZJF 87, WB2IDS 72, N2BLX 71, KA2GHM 71, WB2NAO 66, WB2AZW 65, WB2WQO 65, N2BKB 61, KB2GT 61, W2GJ 60, WB2MVC 60, Walton area suffered double loss with both W2FMU and W2WQU going Silent Key. Well done: K2DQO and WA2VLV seven years of Traffic Watch in Southern Tier. K2AGT good info on battery powerchargers; W2AET on Lion Hunt; Fulton ARC Key Award WB2LBE and N2AWP. New officers: RAWNY — WA2FKV, WB2OKB, WB2WQO, WA2OJV, W2HB; RARA — WB2RJB, W2E2B, N2AOB, WB2UT1, W2ICE, K2RL; TIGAR — WA2UD, K2DQO, K2OH, WB2EXL; Fulton ARC — K2BRK, WA2KJ, W2KJ, WB2JQJ, Skyline ARC — W2B2N, WB2JNV, W2LZ, RAGS — W2ZJOD, WB2TA, WA2FXS, WA2PLU, WA2LV, WB2NCK, WB2ELM; GRAM — WB2ODH, K2IAU, WA2ODD, KA2ATB; Chenengo Valley ARA — WB2WN, WA2DZO, W2RME, K1ZY. WNY has 3300 League members and 100 appointees (only 3 percent), join up! Uncle John needs you! Rochester Hamfest May 15-16, program looks FB. Don't miss it. Coming events: Batavia Hamfest at Alexander July 12; Rome Ham Family Day June 7; Owego STARC Hamfest May 2. Traffic: (Feb.) WA2HSB 505, W2MTA 492, W2ZJO 394, WA2EL 271, K1D 233, WA2KOJ 176, W2GLH 169, WB2DS 165, KA2CTU 163, WB2WQO 162, WA2ET 161, N2APS 151, WB2AZW 141, KA2ZGT 140, W2BLX 89, AF2A 65, WA2ZJF 65, KA2GHM 70, WA2AV 54, K2GD 52, W2GJ 52, WA2MFU 44, WA2PLU 42, KB2GT 41, WB2MVC 33, N2ARD 30, W2RQF 29, W2R 27, KA2GOH 24, W2PPS 23, WB2OIX 22, WB2NAO 21, K2VTT 21, WB2LX 18, WB2TXK 18, AF2K 15, WA2RKO 12, K2DNN 8, K2VR 4, WB2VSJ 3, KA2FYF 2, KA2DDB 1, (Jan.) WA2ANU 16.

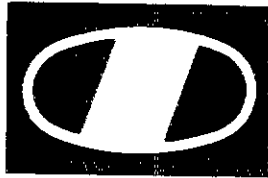
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Net	Sess.	QNI	QTC	kHz	Time/Day
WPACW	28	439	283	3585	7:00 P/Dy
WPAPT	28	651	314	3983	8:15 P/Dy
WPA2MTN	28	595	215	146.28/83	5:00 P/Dy
NWPA2MTN	28	397	36	146.04/64	3:00 P/Dy

I am sorry to announce that WB3WH is a Silent Key. Remember, June 27-28 Field Day will be here and I hope to set up in zones for the DEC appointments, at present we will have four. All of our counties do not have ECs. The following need ECs. Butler, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Potter and Somerset. The EC duties are not hard and you might help save your own family in case of a disaster. STORMS AND FLOODS CAN STRIKE ANYWHERE. The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Am. Red Cross is now at 225 Boulevard of the Allies in Pittsburgh. It has an amateur station on hf and 2 meter. Im. W3YBR

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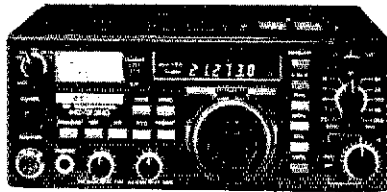
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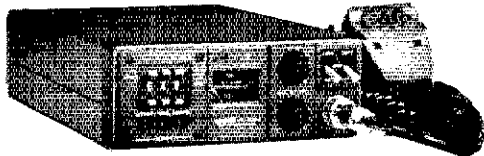
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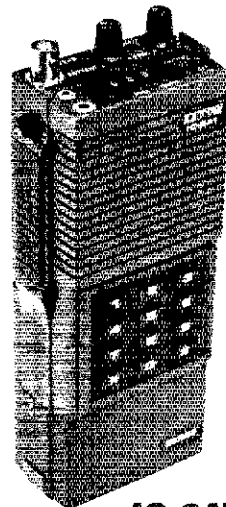
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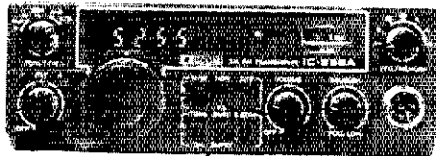
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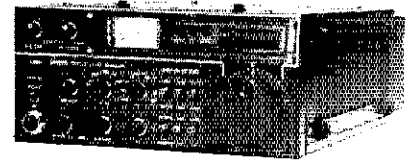
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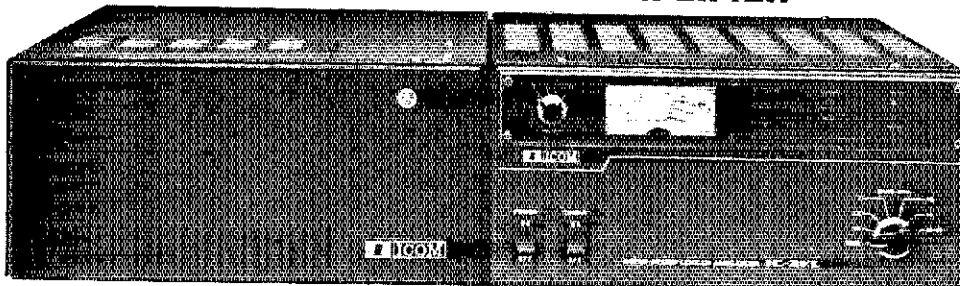
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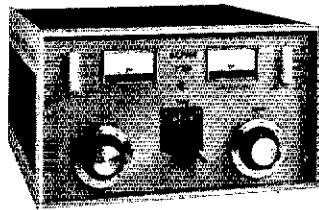
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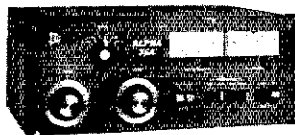


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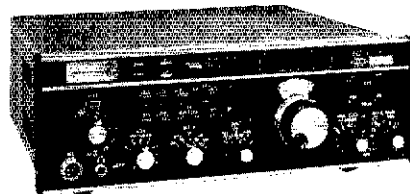
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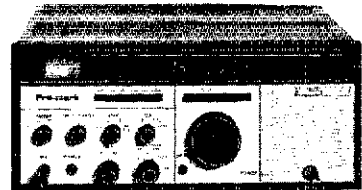
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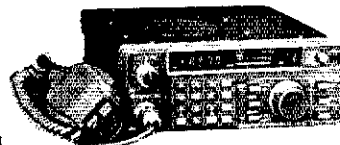


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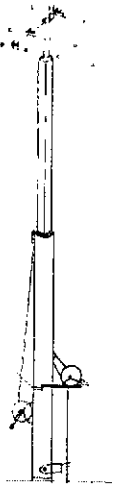
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Those interested in helping on the May 9th Cerebral Palsy Walk-a-thon in the Sterling-Rock Falls area should contact KA9JMF on the 23-85 repeater there. On Feb. 13-14, 18 members of western Ill. ARC participated in Police Expo 81, operating on all bands, as communications support of the Adams County Civil Defense Police. A slide show by K9IKR and WA8MFP, who toured the far east, was the highlight of the CIRC's annual cherry pie and ice cream social on Feb. 25th. Several area of the state have active participation in organized weather spotting: Lisle, Deerfield, Sauk Village, Bloomington, West Frankfort, Clinton, DeKalb, Quincy as well as others have held weather related training sessions with many having National Weather Service representatives officiating. For further information: contact your Emergency Coordinator. It is a good time to formalize your plans for Field Day while you are checking out your generator. The Operation Red Cross Message Relay held during April was a chance to establish contact with local chapters and maintain them through the year. On March 7-8th, W9BRXL combined two hobbies by using 10-meter ssb while in motion skiing at Brule Mountain, quite a few DX stations worked the ski-mobile. Congratulations go to KA9JMG who is the new Lake County EC. The following amateurs have upgraded to Extra. K9CZB: to Advanced, N9BCV W9JUT KA9BYB; to General, KA9DYZ KA9IOB KA9GST KA9CTM; to Technician, KA9HHC and KA9JEN. The Argonne Amateur Radio Club's president was incorrectly stated in the March OBT and should be K9CZB and the treasurer is W9SKD. Some W9BSJ will run a daytime ARES net on 10-61 Wheaton at 11-11:30 A.M. Tuesdays. There will be a Knox County RTTY net in Galeburg on 28 0900 MHz. Sincere sympathies to W9OOJ on the loss of his wife on Feb. 4th. Silent Key: W9ASG Chicago, Hamfests: DeKalb May 3rd at a new location, The Fieldhouse, talk-in 13-73, 94, 52; Sullivan May 3rd at Moultrie Co. Fairgrounds; Remember, meet your ARRL representatives at the Starved Rock Radio Club Hamfest at Princeton on June 7th. W9JJJ and W9NXG are the BPL recipients for Feb. great job fellows. The Southern Ill. Amateur Radio Society provided communications for the organizers of the 3rd Annual B&W of Makanda Civil War Reenactment on April 12th. 9RND, 100 percent Indiana stations with Illinois 100%, represented by W9NXG K9BYE W9JJI W9HO1 W9TLU W9DFDR W9BWD. CAND reported 28 sessions and 934 messages and Illinois 100% in 8RNR with W9BWD W9NXG W9HOT W9DFDB W9JJI W9QBH had 397 amateurs check in on the tornado preparedness test March 3rd. Traffic: W9JJI 918, W9NXG 552, K9BVE 302, W9HOT 249, W9BSJR 170, W9OYL 143, K9PNC 114, KB9X 103, W9QK 99, W9QBH 88, KN9BAM 56, W9EUV 51, W9LNQ 42, W9HBI 33, W9BQFC 25, N9BJJ 22, W9KSL 14, W9HPG 14, N9PFA 13, W4ZL 7, W9DFEBQ 5, W9DFH 4, W9SSP 4, W9BU9A 2, WA9XW 2.

INDIANA: SCM, Bruce Woodward, W9UMH - SEC; W9UHM - STIM (W9JJI, W9JLI, W9JNY, IEN W9QGXW, IGN N9AE, YHF W9PMT, IWN K9DCK, ION W9DLF, IPON K9RGE. Net reports:
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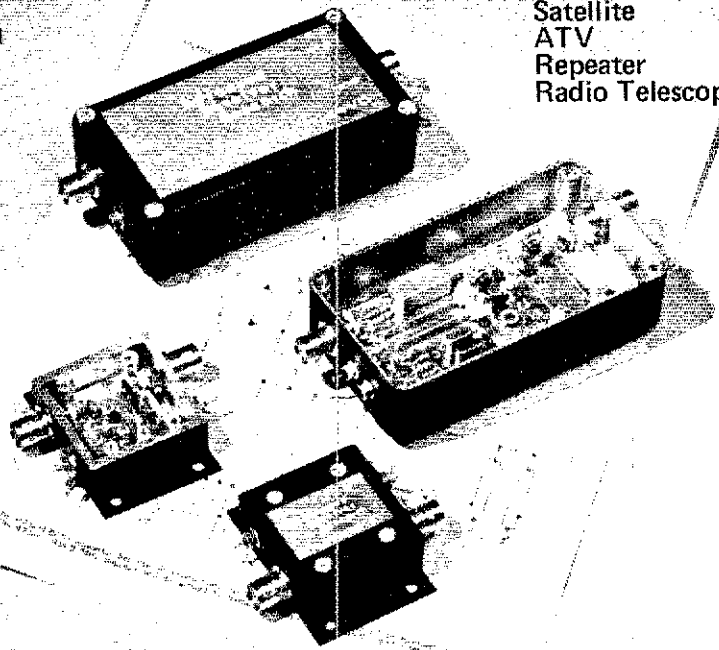
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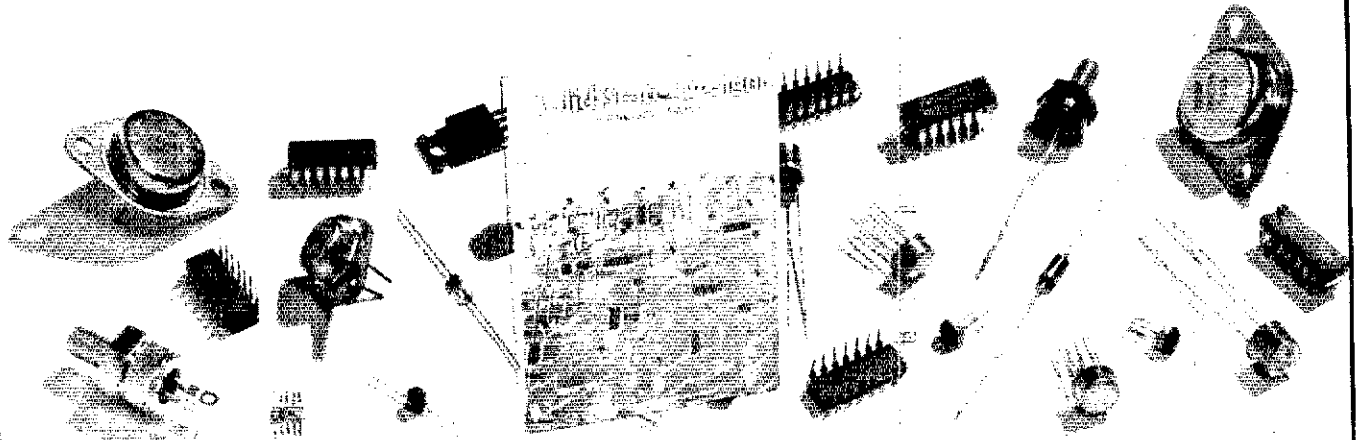


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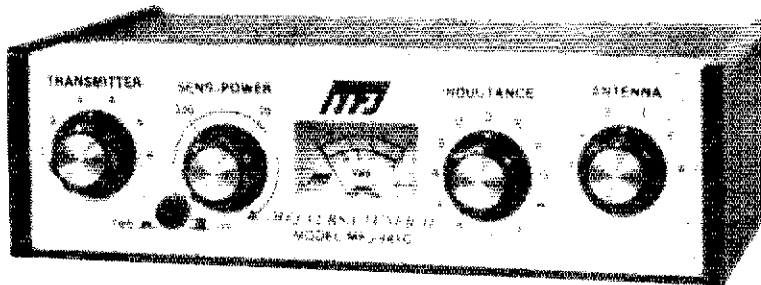


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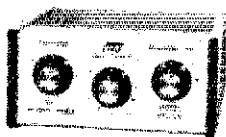
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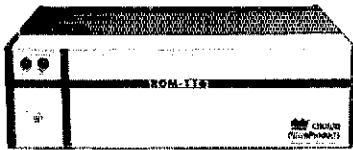
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WISCONSIN: SCM, Roy A. Pedersen, K9FHI — SEC: W9OAK STM: K9UTQ, BAIN 1245Z 3985, QNI 884 QTC 892, WB9PY, BEN 1800Z 3985, QNI 763, QTC 192, WB9ESM, W9BN 2300Z 3985, QNI 1078, QTC 489, WD9ESZ, WNN 3723 0000Z, QNI 244, QTC 51, N9AUG, WIN-E 3662 0100Z, QNI 348, QTC 137, W9YCV WIN-L 3662 0400Z QNI 259, QTC 89, K9LJU, XPO 3925 1801Z QNI 452, QTC 36, WA9NIX, NWTN, 341.94 0030Z QNI 393, QTC 36, WB9PPY, Gr. Bay, 7212 0230Z Wed., QNI 8, WB9NRK, WSSN 3662 0030Z, QNI 52, QTC 15, N9BYK, WSSN 3662 NWF 0030Z, QNI 17, N9BYK (Jan.) N9AZI has Advanced, WD9AUX now Tech. Sorry to report W9HHG a Silent Key. WB9PAW now KE9C. WB9NYG has 93 confirmed, waiting for 7 more. KA9DCB now KB9UI. Now is the time to get your 2-meter rig and antenna in good working order. Watch and be prepared to relay severe weather forecasts. Lake area 2400 is now affiliated with APRL contacts. WB9YSA is now W9ACE having moved to St. Croix in U.S. Virgin Island. KA9EYI now N9BZB, KA9DFX now N9BZC, WD9CYR now N9BYX, all from Baraboo. K9BIL has Extra. WB9EJW had a good time operating portable KP2. KA9CPA made BPL. New Novice Madison, KA9KFF. Dane County ARES meets on Tues on 341.94 6:50 P.M. local. Traffic: (Feb.) KA9CPA 2003, N9AUG 371, WD9ESZ 296, WA9WYS 241, W9YCV 204, W9CXY 198, WB9PPY 190, WD9IUX 189, K9FHI 183, WD9DH 145, W9UCL 142, N9AZI 129, K9AKG 103, W9SO 102, N9BYK 99, W9DND 96, K9GDF 85, WB9NRK 66, W9HWH 60, WB9ESM 59, W9LDC 48, KA9A 47, N9BDC 44, W9G9 43, K9JPS 40, W9JLI 39, K9PDM 37, KB9NG 38, KA9EMF 34, K9CJE 32, WD9BKT 29, K9HDF 29, WA9JA 28, K9BCV 28, WB9HGO 28, WB9WHQ 28, WB9ICH 27, K9UTQ 27, WB9ABF 25, K9VSY 25, WA9GGH 24, W9LIW 23, WB9JSW 23, N9CP 17, KB9FM 17, WB9YPZ 17, KA9HPO 16, KB9TC 15, KA9GBE 14, KA9IHR 14, K9ANV 10, KE9C 8, (Jan.) KA9GBE 15.

DAKOTA DIVISION

MINNESOTA: SCM, Helen Haynes, WB0HOX, StC: WA0QIT, STM: AF00, Net reports:
Net Time Freq. QNI QTC Mgr.
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The congrats of the section go to KN0KCW of Wilmar, who conducted a Novice Class from October to December of last year, under the sponsorship of the Wilmar Area Emergency ARC and Wilmar Community Education, and came up with the following crop of new Novices: KA0KGZ, KA0KHA, KA0KHJ, KA0KHE, KA0KIL, KA0KIZ. Among the upgrades are KA0IEP, Novice to General, now call N0COC; KA0IVC, Novice to Tech. New call for WB9ZAF is KB0SU. The following stations have received Tenth Region Net Certificates from W8SS, TEN Mgr., K0JCF AF00 K0PIZ W0RIQ. A special event station celebrating the 125th Birthday of the city of St. Cloud, will be in operation on all bands from April 24-26, under the call of W0SV. All contacts who submit an s.a.s.e. will receive a certificate for their scrapbooks. The 2nd Annual John Beargrease Sled Dog Race, which the Arrowhead ARC was looking forward to handling, was cancelled...the reason??? NO SNOW IN MINNESOTA IN FEBRUARY! Better luck next year. Traffic: (Feb.) WA0FC 298, K00MB 287, W0HUI 182, AF00 102, WD0CGM 93, WA0ONE 93, W0DFX 88, K0BT 64, N0BUJ 72, K0JCF 68, WB0NZB 58, W0PET 55, WA0AIN 48, W0BTHZ 46, K0PIZ 42, K0CSE 28, KA0EY 26, W0GRW 25, K0Z 21, N0BRC 16, K0TS 9, KN0CW 6, N0JP 4, W0GLX 2, (Jan.) K0JCF 72, WB0SCN 12, N0AXU 11.

NORTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lois A. Jorgensen, WA0RWM — SEC: W0TEE, NM: WA0CRH, OC: WD0CLB. Congrats to new Novices KA0KIR KA0KJG, WD0BRL is now K0E, WD0VWJ is KB0UJ. FARC election: WD0AQY, pres., KA0AYR, vice pres.; KA0CLH, secy.; KE0A, treas. WD0AQY is also EC. Mayville Club will hold their hamfest and auction on June 7, there are camping facilities. For more information contact WA0CSL. April 1 was the end of YL WX Net, thanks to everyone who participated — we had a good net and wyl AK0S has been real busy giving out to those who need ND home ism't the only call in ND to have. Congrats to W0GQD on his 31 decades of service to rural America with REC. Congrat to K0ALL and XYL on their new harmonic. Traffic: WA0RWM 205, KB0IP 97, WA0CRH 44, K0GGI 32, N0AFP 27.

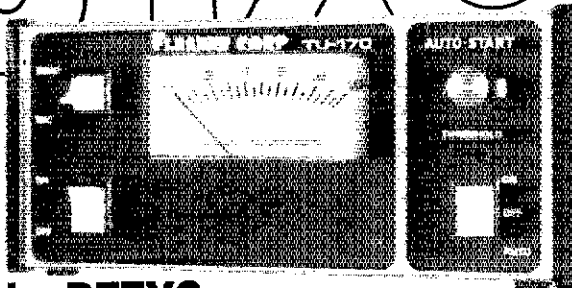
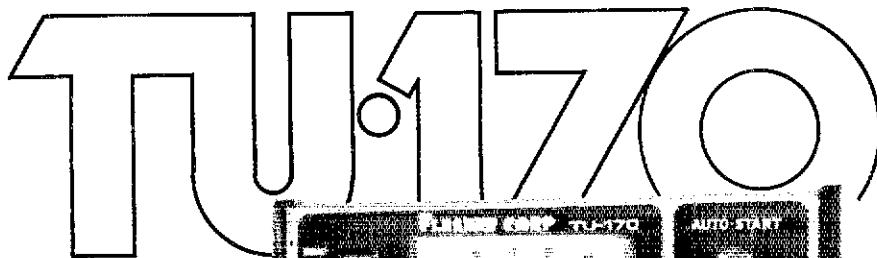
SOUTH DAKOTA: SCM, Erwin Heimbeck, K00TZ — Congratulatory to W0ZWL for making BPL this month. Signal Hill ARC reports election of officers for this year: WB0VHI pres.; KA0DDS, v.p.; W0DVB, secy.; W0KJZ treas. Congratulatory on your election, Black Hills ARC again provided race communication for the Badlands Baja. Reports indicate they did a fine job for officials. Rapid is getting a new 100 watt solid state 3494 repeater this summer. NJO Net elections have returned WA0VRE to the position of net manager. Good luck. Net reports: NJO 700, 25 28; WX 809, 75, 29; N11 80, 29; Evans 1355, 59, 28; TrSt 39, 5. Traffic: W0ZWL 87, WD0BMR 208, K0AIE 120, WA0UEN 119, K0FRE 113, W0HOU 112, W0KJZ 110, WA0TNM 106, W0BVR 105, N0BVW 83, WA0VRE 82, W0RWE 24, WB0OMF 21.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SCM, S. M. Pokorny, W5UAU — SEC: K5TML, NMs: WA5LGN W5MYZ W5POH WA5ZWZ. Nets: ARN 3.995 0030dy 1032 51 WA5LGN, OZK 3.760 0100dy 258, 59 W5MYZ, APRN 3.937 1200M-S 647, W5POH 3.928 2300M-F, 235 20 WA5LGN, SCARC 2.765 0230/M&T, 66 8 K5HZ. New officers: Ft Smith ARC: WB5SXR, pres.; KB5BV, vice pres.; W5FFY, secy/treas.; N5BRD, act.; W5JM KA5JVJ KB5DO, dir. Silent Keys: W5QEK & WB5IY. Our sympathy to their families. March 6th, AR held a tornado drill and the Ark WX Net was activated, with many area stations being active. QBS K5DW 4, W5UAU 2, Traffic: W5QFU 85, KB5IL 54, KB0UX 26, W5UAU 13, WB5KUI 6, WB5GQH 5.

LOUISIANA: SCM, Jim Giammanco, N5IB — N5FK reports that on March 6 a simulated disaster drill was

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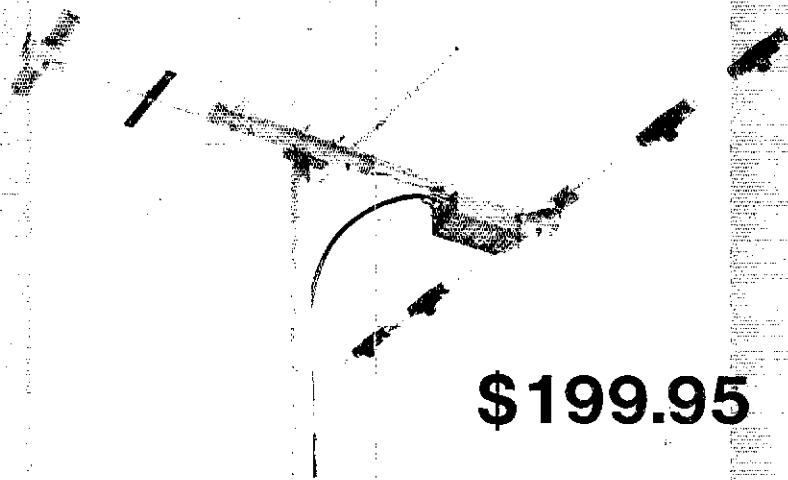
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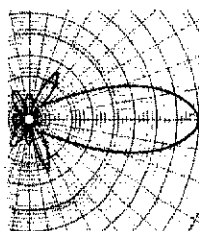
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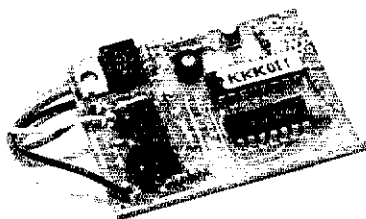
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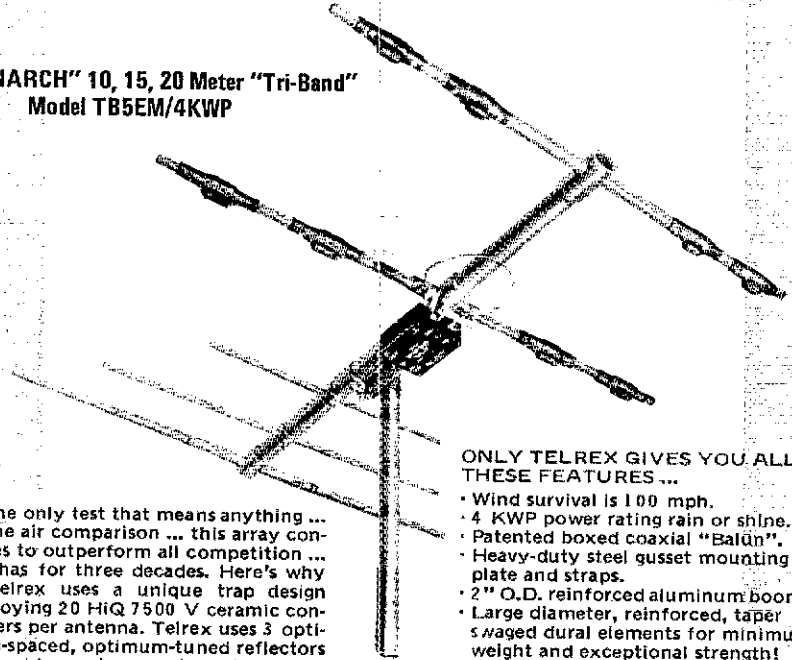
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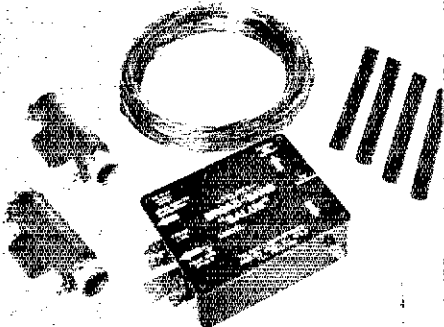


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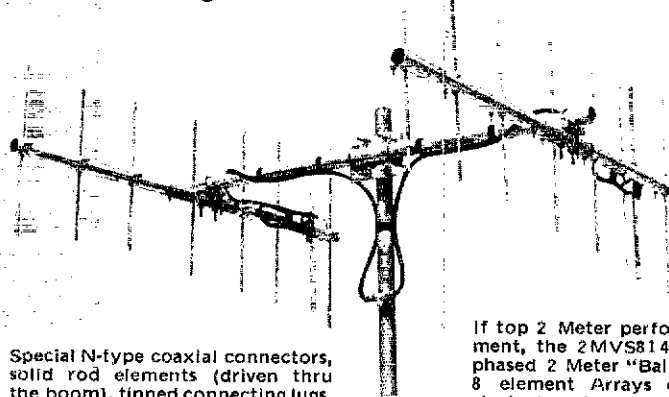
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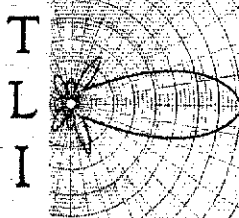
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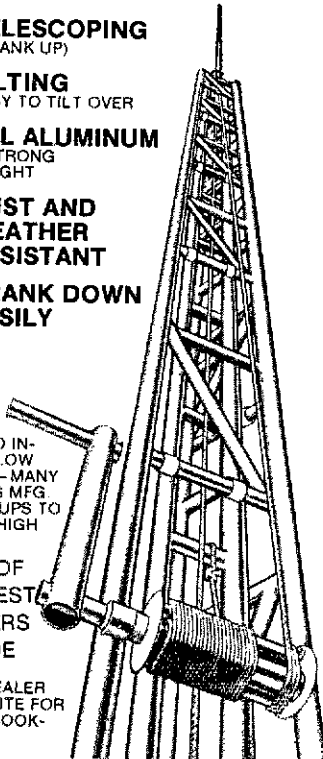
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held in Lake Charles, including a flood, a derailed tank car, and a tornado. Ham operators were used to pass emergency traffic. Welcome to new ARRL affiliated club, the SOWELA ARC, with WB5ITX as president. This June 28, the Jefferson ARC will be celebrating its 25th anniversary of incorporation. N5RB awarded 16 LAN certificates last month, congrats to each recipient. Congrats to K5PO who just received her DXCC. Operation Red Cross Message Relay is coming up in May. Contact your SCM for details. We just received a copy of the FCC newsletter "Feedback" and almost had a heart failure opening the envelope. They print the darn thing on PINK paper! Clubs especially, please note that the deadline for comments on the FCC proposed "plain language" rules for hams is mid-June. And send a copy to ARRL HQ as well. Don't forget the Baton Rouge Hamfest on May 16 and 17. Hope to see many of you there.

Net	Freq.	Time	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
LAN	3615 kHz	7 & 10 P.M.	Dv	224	87 N5RB
LTN	3910 kHz	6:30 P.M.	Dv	595	169 N5EK
LSN	3703 kHz	7:30 P.M.	My	180	49 WD5EAE
LRN	3587.5 kHz	6:30P Su.	8P W	9	0 N5RB
LEN	3910 kHz	6:00 P.M.	Sun	---	---

Traffic: (Feb) W.D.M. 150, N5RB 142, K5TL 106, WB5LUV 63, WD5GKP 61, W5VMY 56, WD5EA 42, N5IB 28, WB5ODJ 27, WD5GJB 26, WD5CWX 21, K5WOD 9, WB5JZP 6, WB5IKT 5, KA0CSM 4, (Jan.) KA3BER 1.

MISSISSIPPI: SCM, E. Ed Robinson, W5KT --- SEC: W55FXA. With some sadness and happiness I write this month's column. The sadness is that this is the last SCM column for me to write. Happiness is turning it over to a more capable person, your new SCM, W55SNB, Paul Kemp. He will do an outstanding job! Congrats! QCWA has chartered the Magnolia Chapter (#133) Jackson, with 13 charter members. Congrats to upgrades KA5AGD KA5AEN WB5OUC N5BTG to Advanced. New officers Vicksburg ARC: KA5AEN, pres. KA5AGG, v.p.; W55ADC, 2nd v.p.; K5VXV, secy/treas. Remember, support your nets and report to W55SNB. CAND (W55) QI sess 28, QTC 534, with 100% by MS stations W5EFL, N5AMK, DRN5 (WB5NKK) sess 28, QTC 536, with MS up 100% by KA5AFT, N5AMK, KA5BPJ, W5EDT, K5EY, W5EYM, W5HKW, W5VMC, KB5W, W5YD, WB5YMO, KB5ZO, CG5HN, (KB5N) sess 28, QNI 2852, QTC 244, M52N (WD5EYM) sess 28, QNI 2103, QTC 77, MTN (K5OAF) sess 28, QNI 125, QTC 35, MN (WB5RMW) sess 28, QNI 448, QTC 9, MSN (KA5GGG) sess 7, QNI 16, QTC 1, PACES (N5AMK) sess 4, QNI 170, QTC 3, CAEN (KA5AGD) 3, QNI 80, QTC 3, G5EN (KB5W) sess 20, QNI 472, QTC 19, Traffic: KB5W 242, N5AMK 173, K5OAF 115, W5EDT 85, W55SNB 62, W5KT 35, WD5EYM 33, W5RM 17, N5XA 1.

TENNESSEE: SCM, Earl Leonard, KB4G --- STM: WB4PRF, SEC: W4N2W. The hottest topic of discussion these days is the "Plain Language" rules change proposal. I have heard a lot of discussion and there seems to be a controversy. So I urge every amateur to put your comments on paper and send them to the FCC and also send a copy to the League so they will know how you feel about these important issues. Comments must be received by the FCC by the 19th of June so times-a-wasting. Let them hear from you. Nets reporting: Phone nets --- LF 84 sessions, QNI 4553, QTC 291, VHF 107 sessions, QNI 2526, QTC 596, CW 48 sessions, QNI 668, QTC 236, CW Net Honor Roll: TN N4EAM WB4PWF W4DDK W4ZJY W4WXH NG4J W4HMD KB4G and W5LV. TSN W44CMS W4DDK KA3DUC N4DZW N4EAM NG4J W44XP K4AMW KA4NWF KA4DWU KA4RJG KA4LIE KC4UH and WB4SYN. The Tennessee State Net (TSN) now meets seven nights a week. K4EAM is assistant manager. Frequency is still 3710 kHz, time is still 2300Z (7 P.M. EDT). Traffic: NG4J 502, W4OGV 211, WB4BK 195, W4WXH 126, W4ZJY 125, K4VM 85, W4DDK 89, W4MRD 48, WB4ZSZ 30, WB4PFF 23, KY4L 21, W4VS 21, WD4NRJ 20, W4PFP 18, K4WOP 17, K4AGSS 15, W4C5Y 14, K44MW 13, K44MC 12, K4YOL 12, W4ACGK 9, W4PSN 8, KA4BSG 2, W4DPO 2.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY: SCM, Dave Vest, K24G --- Feb nets:

Net	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
KRN	516	35	B-ARES 64
MKPN	1167	89	S-ARES 78
KTN	1353	174	SEKEN 20
KNTN	392	161	CAEN 171
KYN	279	111	P-ARWTN 319
KSN	164	34	TRI-ST 397
KYPON	55	8	EWPEN 239
D-9RN	100%	491	MRN 170

Many thanks to the Bullitt ARS for turning out more Novices. New calls KC4VB and KC4VNS are KA4AZT and WD4QNV. Thanks to K4AMZY and WD5SC, their help on D-9RN made KY 100%. Traffic: K4YL 187, KA4MZ 123, K4DZM 112, K4JLJ 86, K4AOZ 75, WB4ZDU 73, K4AGFU 67, WD4LXX 65, KC4VN 60, K5AV 57, WB4LF 49, WA4AVV 41, WD4BSC 41, WA4EBN 41, WA4AGH 40, WD4IY 35, WA4JTE 33, WD4JTO 31, KZ4G 28, KA4IKH 28, KA4SAA 28, KC4VB 27, KA4MBF 25, WD4CQF 21, WA4GAL 21, K4HOE 18, W4CDA 15, WB4AUN 14, W4PKX 14, WB4APC 13, KA4FJR 10, KU4A 8, WA4YPO 8, WD4CJQ 6, WA4NOG 6, KA4AV 5, W41PB 4.

MICHIGAN: SCM, James R. Seelley, WB8MTD --- AS/CM: W8BDHB, SEC: W8BEFK, STM: AF8V, DECS: W8BFLK, K8RCT, WB8VWY, NMS: W8DBHE, W8BDHB, K8LNE, K8KMQ, W8BLRT, W8BNKT, W8BPM, W8SCW, W8ARNB, W8BRNQ, W8BYDZ, K8ZJJ.

Net	Freq.	Time/Day	QNI	Tic	Sess.	Mgr.
OMN*	3663	1800 Dy**	1401	583	84	50 W8PIM
MTN*	3913	1900 Dy	323	474	28	W8LRT
GLETN	3932	2100 Dy	1271	204	28	K8DGT
UPN*	3922	1700 Dy	783	141	32	W8BDHB
MACS*	3953	1100 Dy	709	135	28	K8LNE
MNN*	3722	1730 Dy**	534	122	56	W8BHE
SEMNTN*	146.84	2045 Dy	243	44	28	W8ARNB
BR	3930	1730 M/S	331	25	21	W8HN
MEN	3930	0900 Su	6	4	---	W8HN
WSSBN	3935	1900 Dy	(N/A)	---	---	W8POZ

VHF Nets 14 reports 748 48 64 W8BNKT
 *NTS Nets Times local. **OMN late net, 2200; MNN late net 2000. 3932 kHz in MI emergency frequency. Traffic workshop Su 3953 kHz, 1600. ARS 5 net Su 392 kHz, 1730 ARS 922 kHz, 1800 Net Sun. OBS: N8BJD K8LUV, QI reports: K8H, W8VMW, W8OQ, AC8Y, OBS reports: W8MPD, K8NKB, W8ARNB, N8ABA, Silent Keys, with deep regret: WA8AHY, K8YJO, W8CO, K8NWH (Dec. '80) W8LYL, K8ZKM, N8BFJ, now K8EZ, K8RDU, now K8BAJ, soon to change again. Chelsea Communications Club 1981 officers: W8BHSN, managing dir.; K8FPM, secy/treas.; N8AYY, act. chmn. K8LUV becomes our first and only Tech license to be appointed ORS, joining our lone Novice, W8BQEP, in this category.

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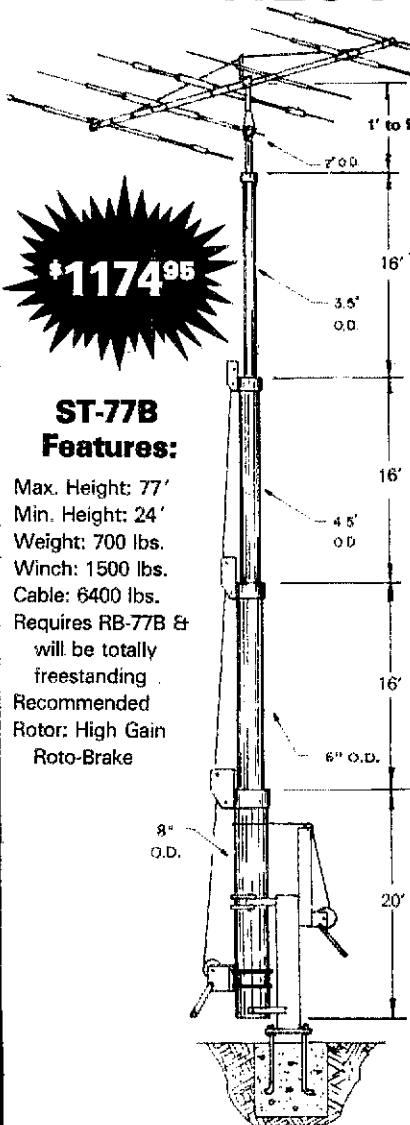


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ST-77B Features:

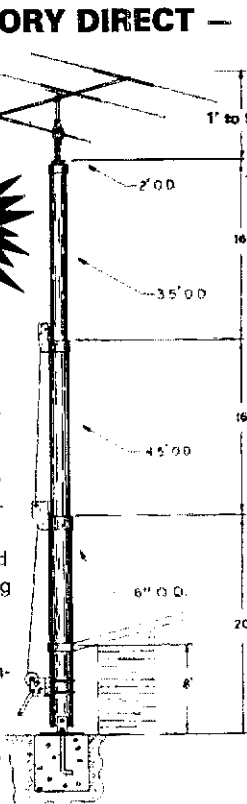
Max. Height: 77'
Min. Height: 24'
Weight: 700 lbs.
Winch: 1500 lbs.
Cable: 6400 lbs.
Requires RB-77B & will be totally freestanding. Recommended Rotor: High Gain Roto-Brake



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MT-61B Features:

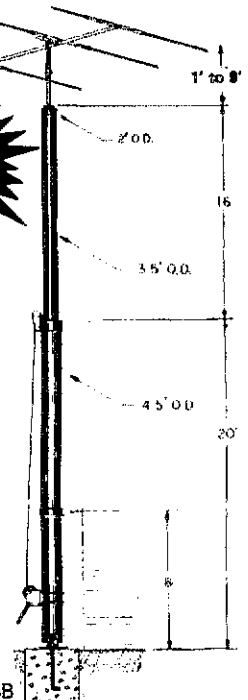
Max. Height: 61'
Min. Height: 23'
Weight: 450 lbs.
Winch: 1200 lbs.
Cable: 4200 lbs.
No Guys required when mounting against house.
For completely freestanding installation, use RB-61B or FB-61B below.



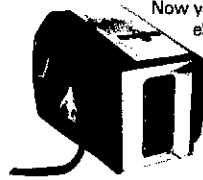
\$409⁹⁵

TT-45B Features:

Max Height: 45'
Min. Height: 22'
Weight: 250 lbs.
Winch: 1200 lbs.
Cable: 4200 lbs.
No Guys required when mounting against eave of house.
For completely freestanding installation, use RB-45B or FB-45B below.



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EW-61 (MT-61)
EW-77 (ST-77)

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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'

Tower	WIND Height	LOADING Sq. Ft.	Square Footage Based on 50 MPH Wind
ST-77B	59	16	
	77	10	
MT-61B	61	18	
	37	18	
TT-45B	45	17	

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.

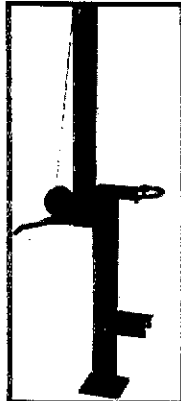
The ST-77B cannot be mounted against the house and must be used with the rotating tilt-over base RB-77B shown below.

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.

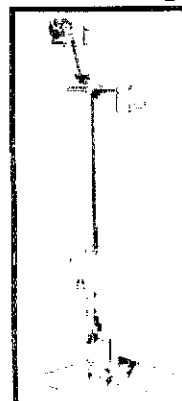
FB-45B... 112 lbs... **\$209⁹⁵**
FB-61B... 169 lbs... **\$299⁹⁵**



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... **\$289⁹⁵**
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RB-77B... 300 lbs... **\$569⁹⁵**



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Featured is the Wilson large diameter High-Q traps which will maintain resonant points with varying temperatures and humidity.

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. (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 \$14⁹⁵

The GR-1 is the complete ground radial kit for the WV-1A. It consists of 150' of 7/14 stranded aluminum wire and heavy duty egg insulators, instructions. The GR-1 will increase the efficiency of the WV-1A by providing the correct counterpoise.

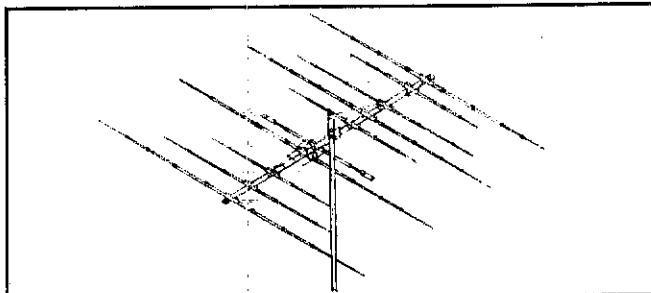
33-6 MK \$64⁹⁵

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 at less than 2:1 SWR. The new 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 an effective rotatable dipole at the same height of your beam.

**SY-40
\$349⁹⁵**

- ★ 3 MONOBANDERS on 1 Boom
- 4 elements on 20 mtrs FULL SIZE
- 4 elements on 15 mtrs
- 5 elements on 10 mtrs

The System 40 is the answer to the DXer who does not have space to stack mono-banders yet wants the advantages they offer. Through the use of our split beta matching method, only one feed line is required and complete coverage of both the phone and cw bands are available with only one setting.

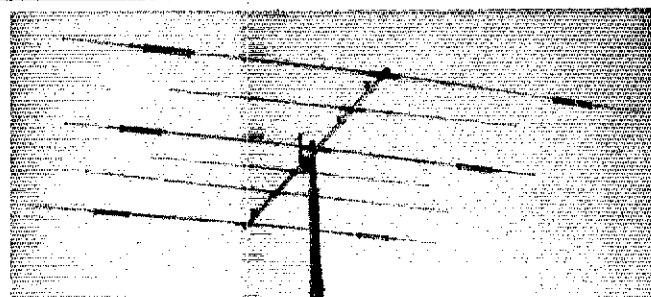


SPECIFICATIONS

Max. Pwr. Input.....	Legal Limit	Matching Method.....	Split Beta	Surface Area.....	12.1 sq.ft.
VSWR @ Res.....	1.2:1	F/B Ratio.....	Call Factory	Wind Loading @ 80 mph.....	309 lbs.
Impedance.....	50 ohm	Boom.....	2" x 26'	Assem. Weight.....	75 lbs.
Feed Method.....	Balun Supplied	Longest Element.....	36'	Shipping Weight.....	97 lbs.
Gain (dBd).....	Call Factory	Turning Radius.....	22'6"		

**SY-36
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A trap loaded antenna that performs like a mono-bander! That's the characteristic of this six element three band beam. Through the use of wide spacing and interlacing of elements, the following is possible: three active elements on 20, three active elements on 15, and four active elements on 10 meters. No need to run separate coax feed lines for each band, as the bandswitching is automatically made via the High-Q Wilson traps. Designed to handle the maximum legal power, the traps are capped at each end to provide a weather-proof seal against rain and dust. The special High-Q traps are the strongest available in the industry today.

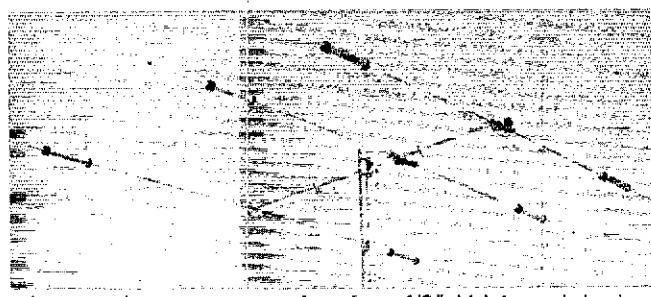


SPECIFICATIONS

Band MHz.....	14-21-28	Boom (O.D. x Length).....	2" x 24'2 1/2"	Wind Loading @ 80 mph.....	215 lbs.
Maximum Power Input.....	Legal Limit	Number of Elements.....	6	Maximum Wind Survival.....	100 mph
Gain (dBd).....	Call Factory	Longest Element.....	29'6 1/2"	Feed Method.....	Coaxial Balun (Supplied)
VSWR @ Resonance.....	1.3:1	Turning Radius.....	18'6"	Assembled Weight (approx.).....	53 lbs.
Impedance.....	50 ohm	Maximum Mast Diameter.....	2"	Shipping Weight (approx.).....	62 lbs.
F/B Ratio.....	Call Factory	Surface Area.....	8.6 sq. ft.		

**SY-33
\$159⁹⁵**

Capable of handling the Legal Limit, the SYSTEM 33 is the finest compact tribander 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. New 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 performance 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	Boom (O.D. x Length).....	2" x 14'4"	Wind Loading @ 80 mph.....	114 lbs.
Maximum Power Input.....	Legal Limit	Number of Elements.....	3	Assembled Weight (approx.).....	37 lbs.
Gain (dBd).....	Call Factory	Longest Element.....	27'4"	Shipping Weight (approx.).....	42 lbs.
VSWR @ Resonance.....	1.3:1	Turning Radius.....	15'9"	Direct 52 ohm feed.....	No Balun Required
Impedance.....	50 ohm	Maximum Mast Diameter.....	2" O.D.	Maximum Wind Survival.....	100 mph
F/B Ratio.....	Call Factory	Surface Area.....	5.7 sq. ft.		

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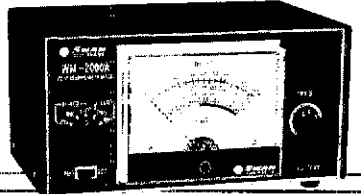
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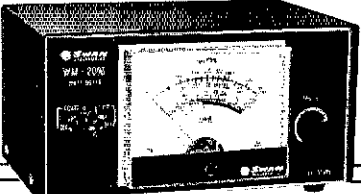
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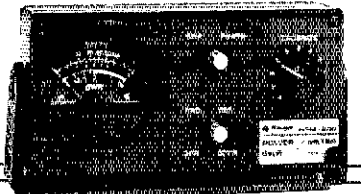
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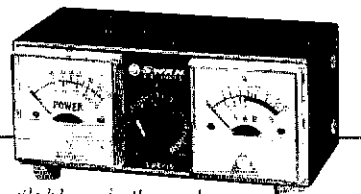
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The Ohio State ARRL Convention, slated for June 12 & 13 (not 13 & 14 as previously stated here) is shaping into a really outstanding affair under the skillful leadership of KB8E and KB8BY. Harry Dannels, W2HD, will represent League Headquarters, and Ohio Representative John Ashbrook is scheduled as the banquet speaker. Complete convention details are available elsewhere and I hope this reminder will log you into making plans to attend. You still have time. If you want to hear an inspiring story, corner WB8TTO (Lucas County EC) and ask him about the Lucas County ARES communications van. It is absolutely amazing what a dedicated public service group under creative leadership can accomplish with an old bookmobile, small sums of foundation money, and large amounts of grit, perseverance, talent and knowledge. I'm hoping that by the time this column appears many of you will have seen the van and congratulated Paul and the Lucas County crew in person. Upgrades in one family: WB8JOU to Extra, KB8YZ to Advanced and N8CKA to General.

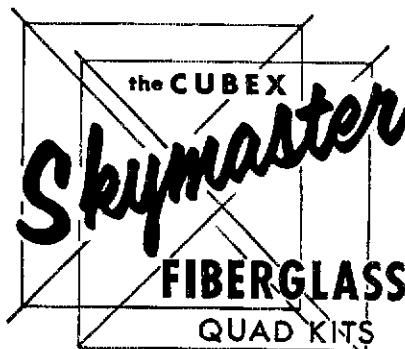
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May issue WILL have PD4 results! SCRPN had some antenna problems — hopefully all taken care of by now. Sullivan EOC has new all mode 2in rig and new antennas. Ulster RACES called up 11 Feb and 20 Feb for flooding in Kingston. Crew included W2GJF, W2U8I, W2AKLV, W2XL, N2AVN, K2HA, W2M8B, W2ZQLI, W2BAGU, KC2L, K2IYQ, W2AEQW now Life Member at ARRL. Congratulations to KA2DVM, now County Coordinator for Schenectady Law Enforcement Radio District. Would appreciate if all clubs would mail me copy of their newsletter. Thanks! PSHR, N2BDW, W2EAG, W2AEQW, W2HJU, W2BIXR, N2JK, KB2DW

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References: 5BDXCC country check-off list, ARRL Numbered Radiograms, Table of Allocations of International Call Signs, Spanish Phonetics, Q Signals, CW Abbreviations, ARRL Station Appointments, RST System, ARRL Field Organization, DX Operating Code.

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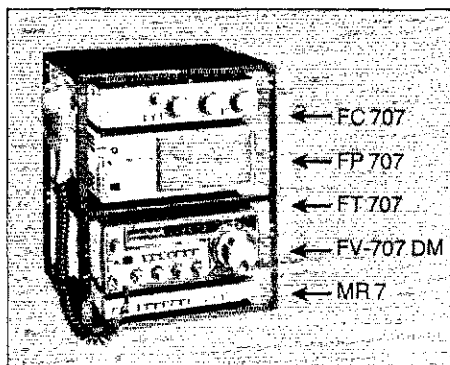
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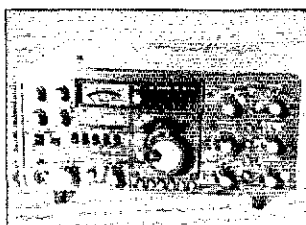


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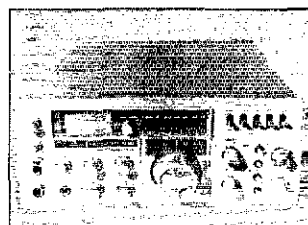
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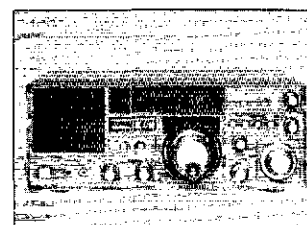
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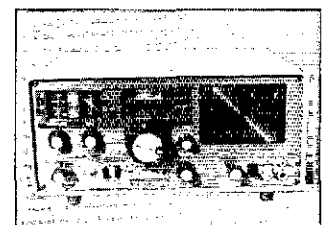
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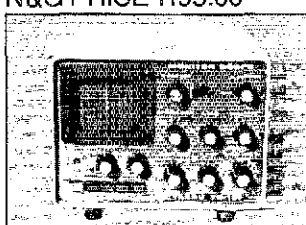
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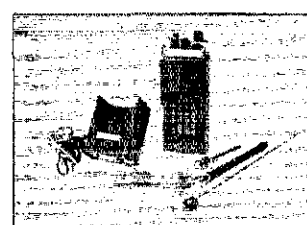
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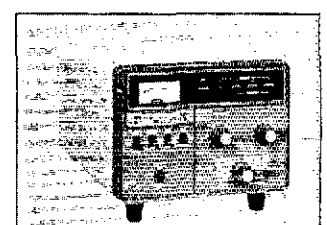
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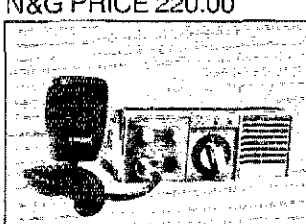
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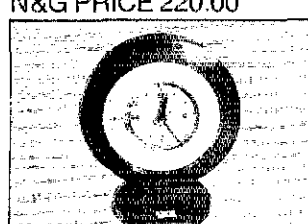
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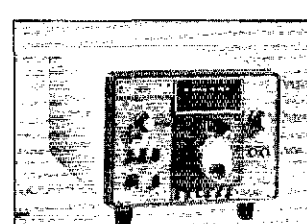
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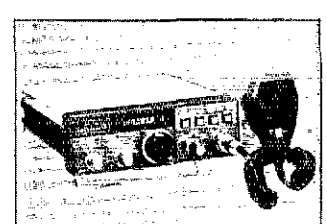
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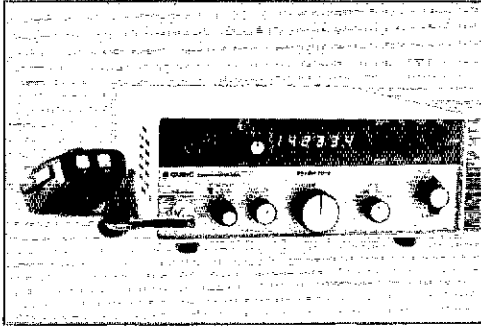
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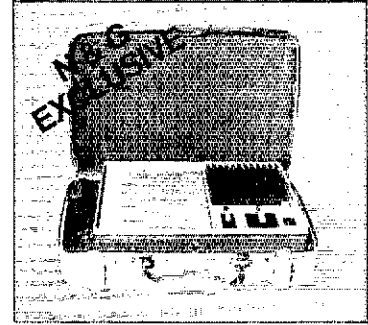
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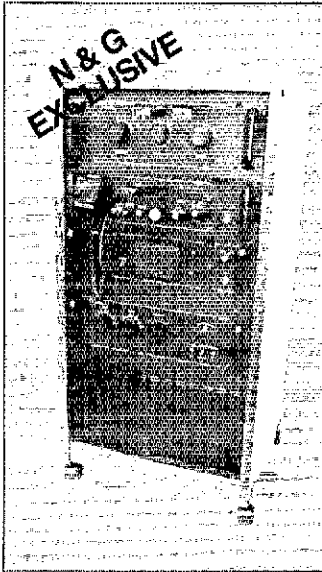
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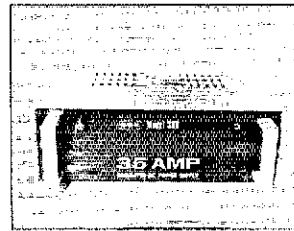
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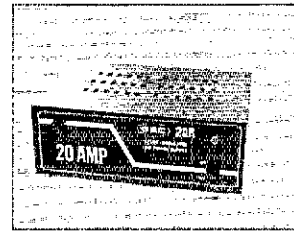


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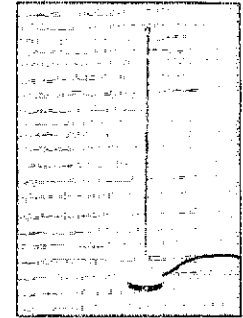
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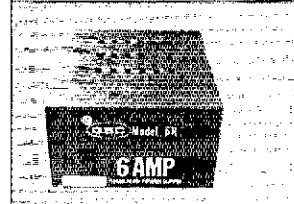
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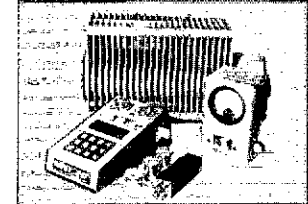
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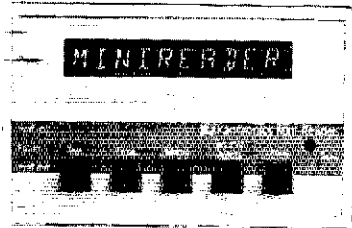
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NEW YORK — LONG ISLAND: SCM, John Smale, K2IZ — Assl. SCM, Dwight Ernest, KA2CNN, SEC: WA2KKJ, STM: WB2BNI. The following are traffic nets around the section, please check in: NLI CW 3630 kHz 1900/2200 WB2TQC mgr; NLI Phone 3928 kHz 1815 WA2SEL mgr; Nassua VHF 146.04/64 2100 M, W, Sun 2100 WA2SOE mgr; Big Apple VHF 147.915/315 2000 KA2DWB Mon-Fri; Suffolk VHF M-F 144.74/145.37 2030 N2BKK. All times are local, please try and help out. For those clubs looking for a speaker's spot to fill for a club meeting, WA2DHF has an outstanding program and slide show on the 1980 Winter Olympic Torch Run to Lake Placid, contact him for further details. New EC for Smithtown is WB2HTW. The new LEO Amateur Club Net meets on Thursdays at 2000 local on 145.37 for XMIT is down 600, all are invited members or not, NCS is KA1NH, who used to be WB2DCJ. The FCC confirms that this is his new call, KA1NH, maybe Long Island is starting to drift north in the view of the FCC? LIMARC Flea Market is May 17, at Islip Speedway. KA2CLO is now NCS on NLIPLN on Fridays, NLIPLN also welcomes KA2ELB, KA2CLO is closing in on DXCC, he needs fewer than ten QSLs to qualify, KE2N has started a H.R. Club at Rockaway Beach JHS in Rockaway Park, anyone wish to donate books, parts, etc., contact KE2N. Welcome to newly affiliated clubs: I.S. 206B in the Bronx and Seaside School Amateur Radio Club (PS 225Q) in Rockaway Park Queens WB2TBC has upgraded his apt. bringing his new antenna height 305ft, and we here on the island struggle with 40 ft above sea level. K2IZ was at the March Hal of Science meeting to present Public Service awards to those stations who helped with disaster communications during the Italian earthquake. WB2EUF is the new NM for the NLS Net, which meets on 3710 kHz at 1800 local, if you are interested in finding out about traffic, why not give it a try. Traffic: (Feb.) WA2LUWA 854, W2AHV 316, KA2CLO 253, WB2TQC 212, W2GKZ 160, WA2MCO 100, K2GCF 95, KA2CNN 90, N2BGR1 78, WB2BNI 63, WB2EUF 63, KA2ELB 38, W2DBO 26, WA2SEL 28, WB2IDP 21, K2IZ 18, KA1NH 14. (Jan.) WA2SEL 24.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SCM, Robert Neukamm, KB2WI, SEC: WB2VUF, STM: W2JZ, NMS: N2CR, N2BOP W2PSU KA2GQO W2TCA W2UW & WB2CJY

Net	Freq.	Time/Days	Secs	QNI	QSP
NJNE	3695	7 P.M. Dy	28	432	265
NJNL	3695	10 P.M. Dy	28	289	191
NJPN	3950	6 P.M. Dy	31	574	318
NJSN	3735	6:30 P.M. Dy	28	211	70
NJVN	4949	10:30 P.M. Dy	38	290	196
OBTN	7242	8 P.M. Dy	28	633	208
UCEN	085/685	7:30 P.M. Dy	28	205	98
NWNJWN	90730	8:30 P.M. Wed	4	35	1
NJRTTY	147-51	Autostart Dv	28	102	24

From the Ka-Chucker. JSARS reports completing the Notice training class with 10 students taking the FCC exams. A DX trophy is given in memory of K2UJX. Nutley ARC reports the following Extras: KA2JJA now KJ2F and KB2UQ now KJ2C. KJ2O has received his cw-WAS award. Eight members toured WOR Radio in February 18th visiting both the transmitter site and the studio. NARS now has a net on 147.57 Wednesdays at 8 P.M. METROPLEX reports upgrades: WB2TBC to Extra, WB2JUN 1st Class Commercial and KA2GHD to General. They have 2 repeaters now operational on 440 it's 446.750/441.750 (4A PL needed to access) and 223.100/224.700 no tone — both are stand alone and anyone can use them. HAMAPO FORTY NINER: April 1st started their hamfest hunts and the Annual Spring Fling on April 4th. N2AZA heads up the vhf contest and WA2WFF has Field Day. RMAAG will cover the first 20 km of the Passaic County Community College Mini-Marathon on April 5th. They will also cover the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon on April 26th around both Pequannock and Garrett Mountain. WA2MVQ after 10 years changed his call to KB2WI, and he gave a talk on Amateur Radio to the Ridgewood "Old Guard" at Westside Presbyterian Church. KB2EI was on the John Garner show (Ch. B1) talking on traffic and emergency service in Amateur Radio. TCRA news, upgrades: W2NEH to Advanced and KA2GSD to General. TCRA's annual Harvest/Flea Market to be held on 3rd (see GST Happenings for place). From BARA BERGEN upgrades: W2ISA to General, K2TWI N2BSG and N2BGL to Advanced and N2BPW to Extra, new call signs: KA2KYM & B2VM (was N2BQP) KJ2Z (was WA2RHO) and N2CFJ. BARA Flea Market is April 5th at Bergen Community College. SARA — Split Rock repeater has voted to accept the linking proposal of NNJ and SNJ on 2 meters. OO reports from W2TPJ WA2ZD & WA2MVQ. RAVEN now has a newsletter and KA2FXA has proposed the use of his 450 repeater. They report that c.d. is now known as "Emergency Management." Sussex County QSC reports a new repeater will soon be on 233. They were active during the flood of 1-12th. Jarvis: Traffic: W2UZF 541, W2RQ 446, K2F2T 331, W2RQ 371, AG2P 291, N2CR 218, K2VX 201, N2BOP 193, A2L 176, KB2HM 164, KA2CYZ 133, W2TCA 126, KA2HNO 102, W2XDF 83, WB2KLF 80, KB2WI 77, KB2TY 62, N2BNB 55, KA2FXA 52, WB2RMJT 50, KA2GQO 49, WA2DPK 42, N2ATJ 40, N2SU 39, N2BC 32, W5DTH 32, WB2HSS 20, K2UH 19, N2BQL 18, WA2CLP 17, WA2NHZ 14, W2NKD 12, AB2AIU 10, W2CC 10, K2WM 6, KA2XA 4.

MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SCM, Bob McCathey, K0CY — SEC: W0RPK, STM: KA0X, NMS: WB0AVW W0LW W0GHND. Congrats to K0GP for being named "Iowa ARRL Amateur of the Year." He is involved with the Elmer program as well as an instructor at Camp Courage active with TLON. HARK, a civic leader and a worthy recipient. A plaque will be presented. Hope all are getting Field Day preps made, make it an ARES project. W0DHD and I0N crew doing a FB job, why not join them. New officers in Cedar Rapids are KB0PR WB0VSM WB0GN WB0VWZ. New Novice calls: KA0KKR KA0JZF KA0KAD KA0KAE KA0KAF KA0KAG KA0KAK. Looks like alot of good section DX scores during contest. I need an OBS in your area. Thanks to Newton and HARK for nice reception. Spring season is upon us, cooperate with the ECs with Skywarn, need your help. D1RN and I1N rep 100% again. Excellent participation for traffic. WB0VSV moving so can have a new tower boy! New calls: WB0URB now KB0VI, KA0SAM now KB0VT, WA0DWL now KB0VC, WB0JTG now KB0VE. Watch for another Fun-pedition from the Podunk Center Gang. Keep reports coming!!!

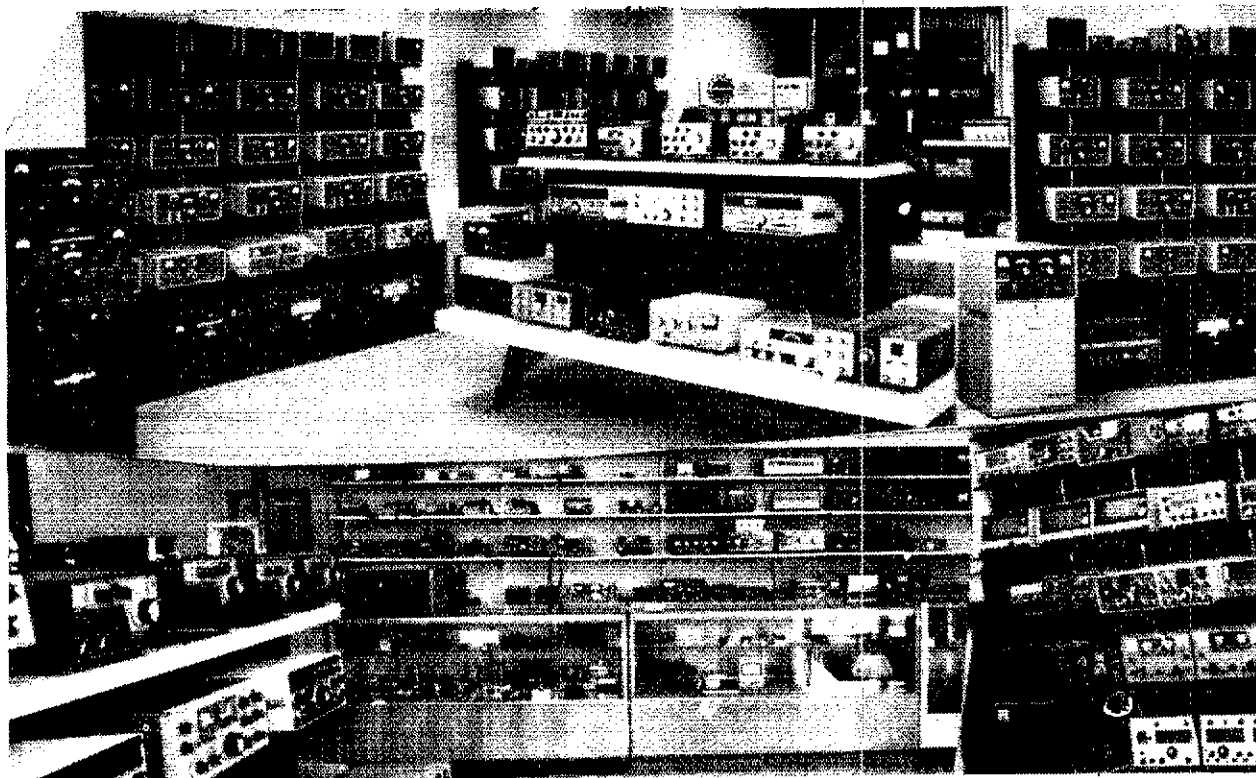
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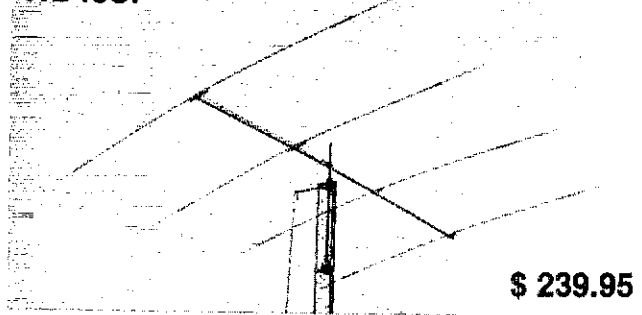
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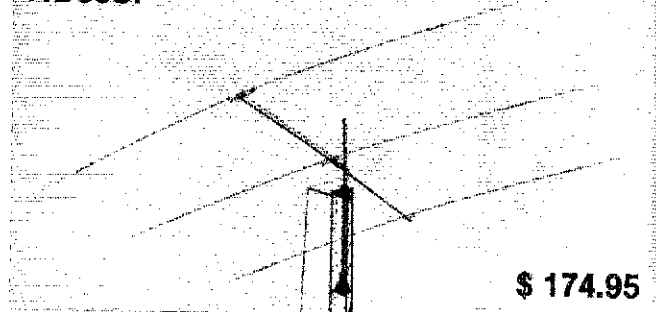
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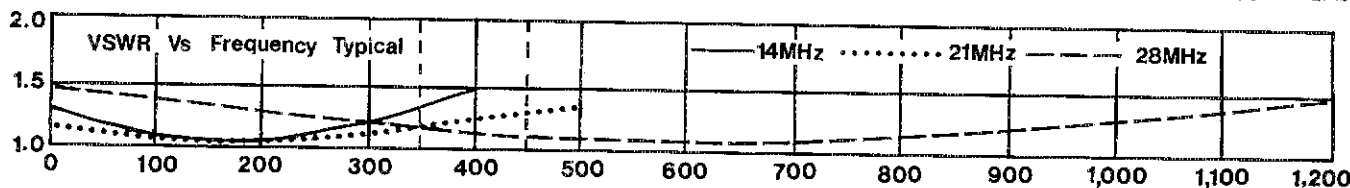
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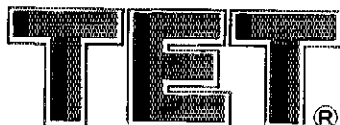
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HB15F5	21	5	50	1.2:1	2KWpwp	23'4"	23'9"	41.2	199.95
HB20F3	14	3	50	1.2	2KWpwp	34'9"	18'3"	35.6	185.95
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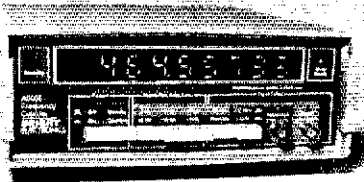


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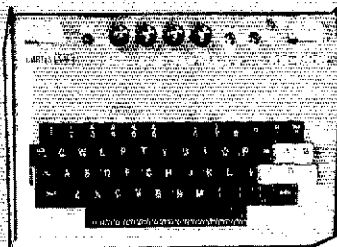
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KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BXF - SEC: W0KL NMs: W0OYH phone, W0FT cw and we must not forget WA0SZS for vhf even if we do not have any actual state traffic network set up at the present time. We are thinking about same. If you are interested in such, contact WA0SZS. WBAM now has added RTTY to his shack. Congrats to W0HI on receiving his 50 year certificate from CQWA. Tnx to an SCM's report way back in 1931. Net reports: KPN, QNI 303 and QTC 28. QKS QNI 129, QTC 123, with a number of new stations beginning to check in. All cw NCS should now remember to keep the speed at a pace the newcomers can feel comfortable with until they sprout their wings. KSBM QNI 1183, QTC 131. Tnx also to W0QMT for the rep job on DTRN. W0KL back into the swing of things again, right in time to get involved in another communication exercise involving the American Red Cross. Received club papers from DCARC, PAARC, WARC, PKARC, CKARC and Pittsburg Rptr Org. this month. Does your club put out a bulletin? It is possible you might see it to your SCM and Dir. Directors on the mailing list. Tnx to K0X's traffic: W0GMT 187, W0AMT 123, W0YLS 107, K0EZ 83, W0HI 82, W0FT 68, W0ACG 52, W0FIR 60, W0BYL 60, K0BXF 47, W0PB 36, W0CHJ 40, AC0E 37, W0ASY 34, W0RBO 19, K0YTA 19, W0KL 3, W0NYG 1.

MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL - Asst. SCM: Joe Flowers, W0TF. AB0I had a multifield and a multisingle effort in the recent ARRL contests involving a number of Missouri operators. Look for good scores on the combined weekend totals. It was also noted during the contests that the smoke from the amplifiers exited the house in large amounts along with all of the operators. The Heart of America Radio Club is now conducting Novice classes. It is hoped that this class will be as successful as the last. Preparations are under way for Field Day. Clubs are again gearing up for a big effort and it promises to be another great Field Day weekend. Get yourself involved.

Net	QNI	QTC
MEOW	294	256
HBN	378	71
ACE	49	3
NEMOE	136	5

Congratulations to W0AR who again this year won the KCDCX Club's W0AAA award for most countries worked during 1980 with a total of 270 countries. Congratulations to the following Novices from the Jefferson City Radio Club: KA0S JYJ, KAP JYM, KGG KFU and JYI. Congratulations to the following upgrades: Tech: KA0VCG General-W0AZZ, W0YLS, W0NBJN and KA0AVG and Extra-K0GY Traffic: K0BNC 600, W0UOD 149, W0BMA 118, K0SI 108, W0OTE 64, KA0P 26, W0GCG 25, KA0E 13, K0RFL 10.

NEBRASKA: SCM, Shirley M. Rice, KA0BCB - SEC: W0ASAM, STM: W0D0G. Congrats to Anni, couples K0CXI 66 yrs & W0FQB 55 yrs. New upgraders are KA0JYZ Novice, KA0IG KA0FK KA0GON WB0WYI Tech, W0B0K W0B0MX KA0JGF Gen, WA0HWR Extra, New EGs appointed: WA0BHT Chadron, W0B0M Scottsbluff. Received emergency plans from N0AIF Omaha, A0A Grand Island, tnx for F0 job! K0BRS has been a dedicated OBS and will take the summer off. Will be looking for your reports next fall. Thanks to Chadron Hamfest June 8 & 7 see you there! North Platte ARC planning special event station: Nebr. Land Days June 20 & 21. GL Traffic: W0B0G 159, W0B0XM 117, W0C0D 114, K0BRS 85, KA0BCB 33, W0EUT 29, W0ZNI 23, W0AHV 18, W0FQB 18, WA0QEX 16, W0B0GMQ 12, W0B0GB 12, W0B0GWR 11, W0B0SXN 11, W0NJK 10, WA0DXY 6, K0SFA 4, K0TUH 4, K0ODF 4, W0LJO 3, W0WZR 3, W0DJU 2, WA0PCC 2, W0YFR 2.

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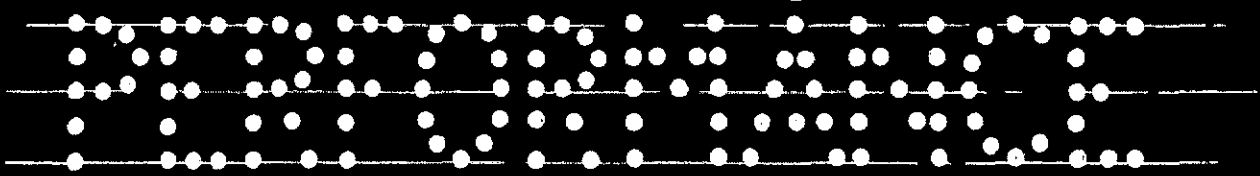
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NVTN	28/88	2130	26	83	302 WA1ELA
RTN	13/73	2100 M-Sa	24	90	242 WB1CPF
WCN	78/18	2030	28	138	386 W1DPR

High QNI CN: WB1ESJ W1OJM WB2PJJ K1UQE, CPN: K1AQE KA1KD WA1LOU WB2PJJ. High QTC Nutmeg: W1EFW. Candlewood ARA's Novice course will be on Danbury's Cable TV Channel 6 starting March 11. W1AW is now repeating on 144.85/145.45 MHz. KA1CWB and KA1CY are club projects receiving awards of merit. Outstanding volunteer service to the Greater Fairfield ARA. The Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Club Amateur Radio Group and the Salisbury School ARC are new ARRL affiliates. KA1GKU and 8-year old (!) KA1GKT are new Novices. N1BFU (ex-KA1EFJ) is new General. KB1H (ex-WA1DWF) and KB1I (ex-WA1GBA) are new Extras. Eastern Connecticut ARA Flea Market will be held May 17 at the Point Breeze Restaurant in Webster, Mass.; contact K1SYI for details. N1AN has proposed that 147.48 MHz be the simplex frequency for the Meriden ARC. Southington ARC heard K1WJL's presentation about quad antennas. South Meriden Amateur Group has begun a club project converting cb rigs to 10-meter fm. K1OQG became new DXCC member. NM W1DPR published new issue of WESC0N Newsletter. Greater Fairfield ARA Net meets Tuesdays on 146.55 MHz, at 8 P.M. Transplanted Nutmegger W1YL4 now writing QST's "How's DX?". Annual CN/CPN Dinner, April 25, at Fortin's Restaurant, Naugatuck. BCNU with my new IC-720A. Traffic: WB1CPF 408, K1GF 251, WB2PJJ 242, W2ZFW 226, WB1ESJ 124, K1AQE 123, WB1GXZ 108, KA1BHT 93, WB1CRH 93, K1DM 85, WA1W0G 81, W1BDN 82, W1DPR 51, KA1DZV 50, W1XX 48, WA1LOU 41, KA1KD 40, KA1KP 36, K1CE 33, K2UCU 29, K1EJY 17, W1IIF 15, W1VK 12, KA1COC 7, W1CUH 6, K10GG 4.

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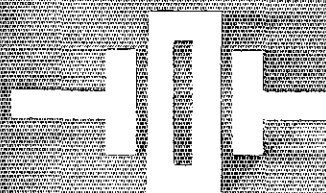
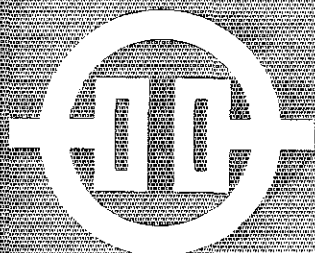
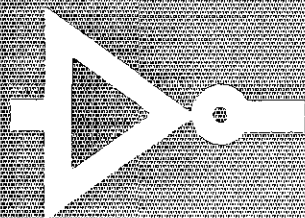
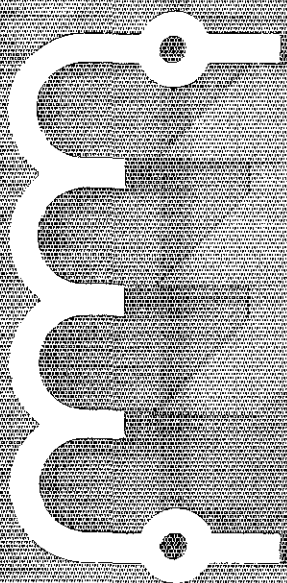
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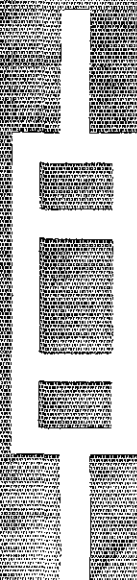
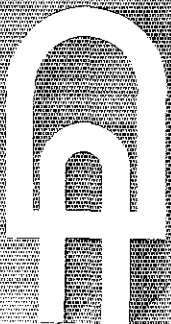
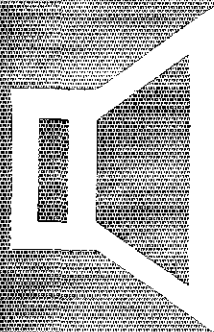
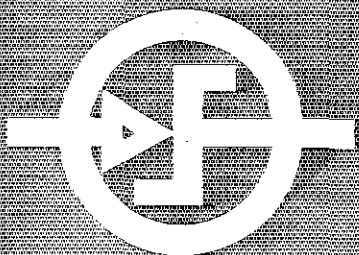
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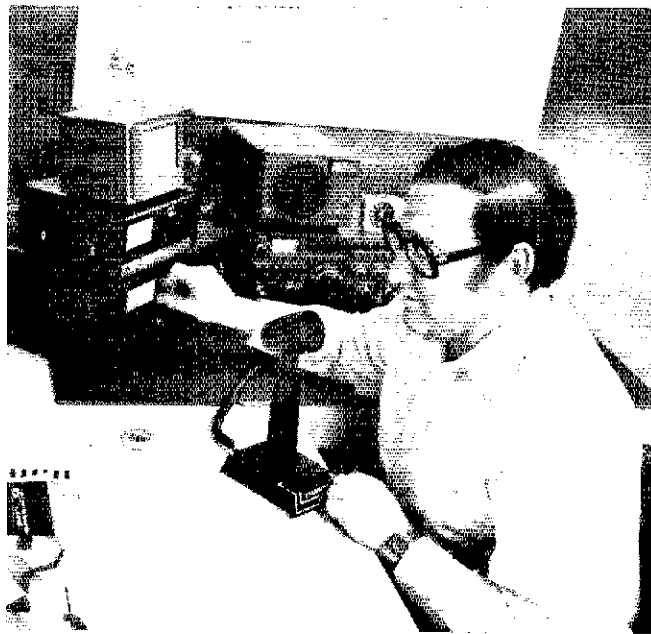
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MAINE: SCM, Cliff Lavery, W1RWG — STM, W1BJ. SEC: KL7JG. W1BJ is handling the Red Cross message relay. KL7JG seeking cooperation with Maritimes on emerg procedures. Aroostook hams furnished comms for Caribou Winter Carnival, led by WA1YNZ. SEC needs more volunteers for EC. PSHR: AK1W 101, W1RWG 95, W1BJ 85, WA1YNZ 80 Sessions/QNS/QTC: PTN 28/386/156; SGN 24/1248/126 SPSN 11/119/81; RACES 4/58/19; MSN 12/88/11; MPSN 5/89/8; AEN 4/57/2; BN 24/81/10. Participation in Civil Defense monthly drills by hams improving. Traffic: W1BJ 154, W1RWG 121, AK1W 110, W1XK 86, WB1BYR 75, AF1L 56, W1HDC 43, W1BXM 23, W1JTH 27, W1TEK 23, WA1YNZ 21, W1AHN 17, W1GK 17, K1TYT 14, W1C1R 12, KA1E 11, W1COT 10, WA1JL 8, KA1CFU 6, KA1ENL 6, KA1E1W 4, WA1JCN 1.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: SCM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1NH — STM: W1TN. SEC: AK1E NMs: N1NH K1OSM. Greetings from Bermuda. AK1E looking for Emergency Coordinator in a few counties. Do you know where your EC is and where he is tonight? If not, contact AK1E for information. The GSFN Net had 696 check-ins and 281 traffic. Plan ahead says KA1BWE to attend the 16/76 hamfest at King Ridge on Sept. 27th from 9 to 5. W1GUX's class of Novices at Laconia HS will add six new calls to our state. Congrats to W1AM who is now on DXCC Honor Roll. KB1A will be Red Cross Relay Coordinator for our state. W1JY and W1QWJ are latest NH hams to join QGVA. K1MFQ vacationed in California. Good grief! KB1A was only EC to report this month. Benjamin's great High winds and rain. One day of sunshine so far. Mobile on money trucks. Traffic: (Feb.) W1TN 295, N1NH 222, KA1CXF 209, K1OSM 202, W1GUX 195, WB1DKX 156, KA1BJ 112, AK1E 82, W1MXX 55, KB1A 50, W1VTP 32, W1CUE 32, KA1BBI 31, N1ALM 30, W1ALE 20, W1NH 12, WA1PEL 8, K1NH 4 (Jan.) W1QY 330, W1GUX 176.

RHODE ISLAND: SCM, J. Titterington, W1EOF — RIEM 2-Mtr. Tic Net — sess. 20, ONI 188 and tic 58. KA1JR pulls up stakes and moves to West Coast. KA1BHY upgrades and is now KA1NO. We send condolences to AJ10 whose wife passed away. WA1YUH is a Silent Key and will be sorely missed. Newport CRC, Sub Signal ARC and Bristol County ARC of Fall River planning joint Field Day effort at Battleship Cove in Fall River. KB1G is new QRS. Congrats, KA1FBF waiting for new call. We will be participating in national message relay celebrating 100th anniversary of American Red Cross. We need more people for the EMRI radio nets. Traffic: W1EOF 544, KA1BTU 206, W1YNE 203, KA1FE 115, KA1FBF 63, KB1G 35, N1RI 22.

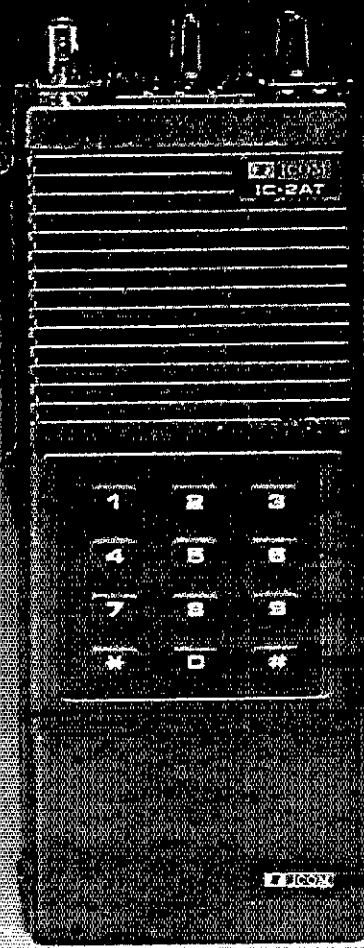
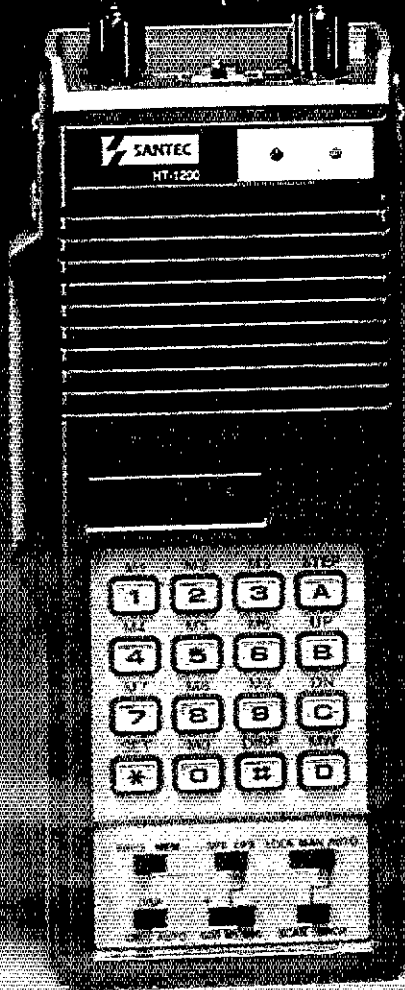
VERMONT: SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — STM: WB1ABQ. SEC: W1VSA. GMN 24/492/41, SSB 28/448/113, Carrier 24/492/41, VTN 26/82/28, RFD 4/478/17, VFN 4/72/5. The VTN is getting a few more check-ins who are fairly regular. It is a short net and mainly tic with 1RN reps. Your participation is invited with or without tic: 3514 plus/minus, 1900 hours, daily. Net mgr suggests, try it, you might like it! We lack some response re stations wishing official appointments. Any ARRL membership needed for openers. Current appointments are under review with some due for non-renewal due to inactivity along appointment requirements. Tic handlers are many more than showing, but without reports they are missing from this column. Traffic: K1BOB 192, N1ARI 107, WB1ABQ 53, W1RNA 31, AE1T 17.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Art Zavarella, W1KK — ASCM: K1BE. STM: W1TM. SEC: W1JP. NMs: W1UD W1UP WA1ITL WB1DBN. Newly started: a 6-meter Mt. Greylock fm repeater net Sun 9:15 A.M. 52.23/53.23, and a 2-meter HCRA sideband net Mon 8 P.M. 144.160. Recent new WMTNers: WB1GLZ KA1GDV WA1ZKT WB1DON KA1GND. WA1MJE on skeds with Hampshire County. WB1TKN. Kudos: WA1HTL, AEC Hampshire County. WB1TKN. AEC Franklin County. W1DDY Comm chief 10k Square Worcester. W1WF regular ch skeds with W1BKG/4. PSHR: WB1H1H 109, W1TM 70. Traffic: (Feb.) W1UD 369, WB1H1H 212, W1TM 203, W1KK 155, WB1FXJ 72, WA1YYW 70, K2SSH 61, W1YI 48, K1JHC 35, W1EFC 32, K1NWE 14, WA1OPN 10, WA1MJE 8, W1JP 6, WB1HKN 4, W1UPH 4. (Jan.) K1JUV 65, K1NWE 27.

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ALASKA: SCM, Fred S. Wegner, K17FM — ASCM: AL7AC. KL7BG. SEC: KL7EWO. STM: AL7O. EOCs: AL7AW Anchorage, KL7JF Juneau. Alaskan hams are busy getting ready for the 1981 Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race which officially starts on March 7 with 53 mushers and their dogs heading for Front Street in Nome, 1049 miles away. Approximately 100 hams from all over Alaska will be involved in the support communications for the three to four week period. Each check-point along the way offers conditions not usually found in Field Day or SET exercises. Good training for emergency readiness. KL7FD is to be congratulated for his hard

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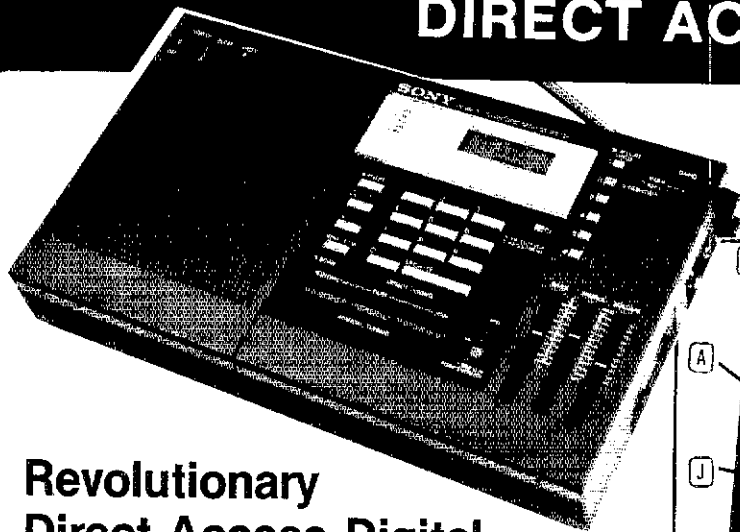
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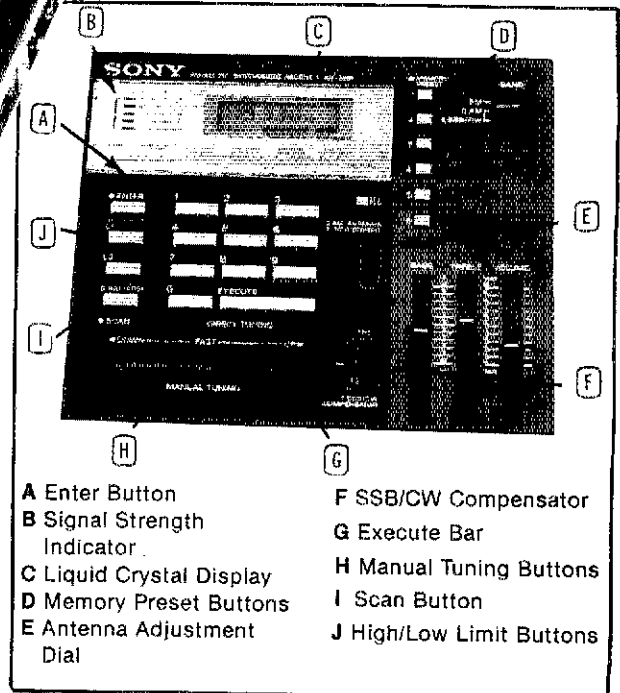
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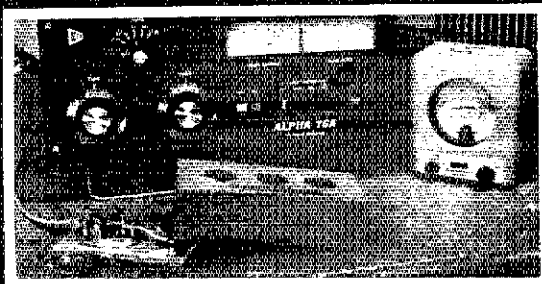


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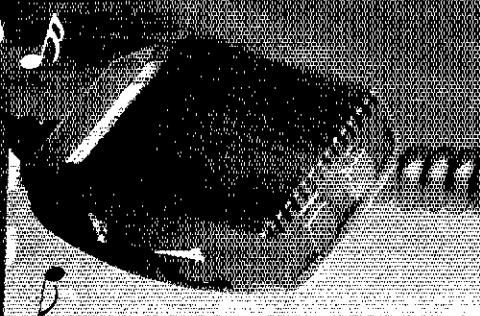
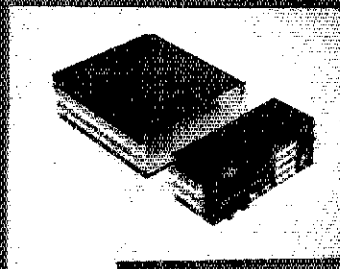
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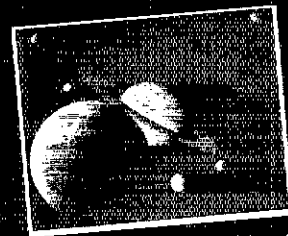
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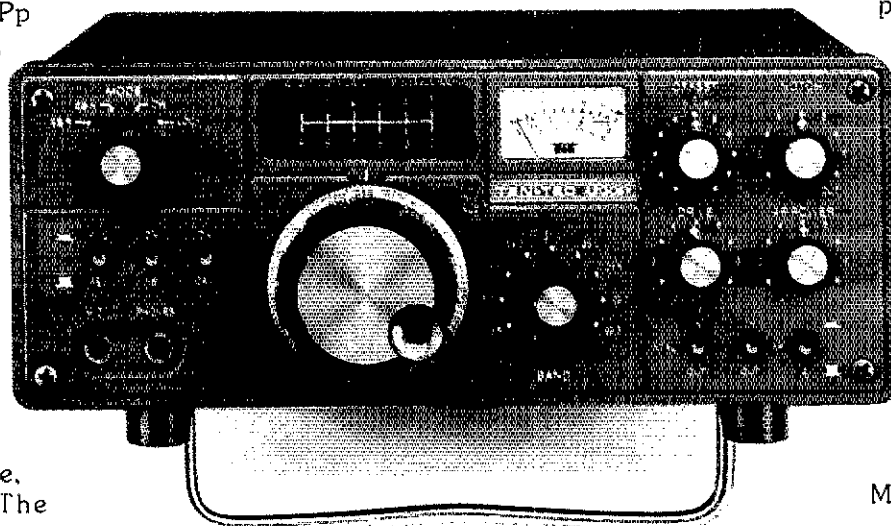
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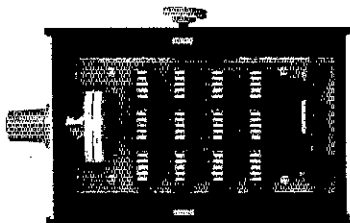
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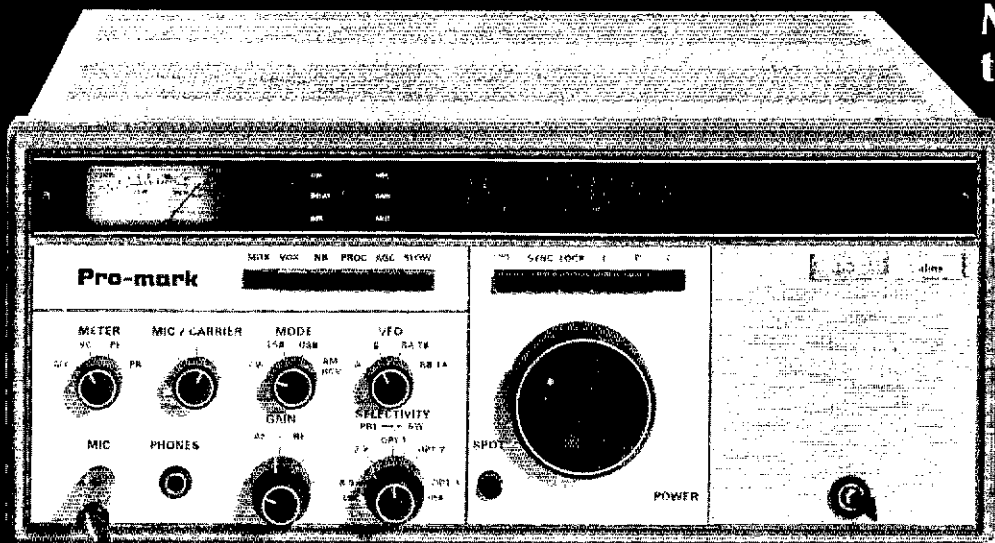


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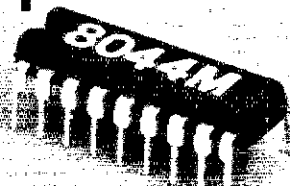
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work as this year's coordinator. Another very interesting exercise will be the ham involvement in the Peak District Alaskan Expedition to the Matanuska Glacier on May 15. GM4FZH and G8PQQ will accompany the expedition which will be supported by Alaskan hams. With the approaching summer, Alcan Highway traffic will increase, travelling hams are invited to check-in on 14,292 anytime, and the Alaskan Bush Net on 7250 at US30Z. Congrats to KL7YL on his reaching 10-Meter FM WAS!

IDAHO: SCM, Lem Allen, W7JMH — WB7RES & W7MRA are co-chairmen for the fourth annual TVRA Hamfest at Pavette Mini-Dome June 20-21. Plan to attend. WA7LGN has new IMN Net certificate. VK3DGO flies for Quantas, skiing at Sun Valley three days this month. W7IWW plans California trip. Will take HW-8. KA7EGV recovering nicely from major surgery. K7PEZ at Elks Convalescent Center in Boise, will appreciate visitors. Welcome to KF7F from Calif. Net reports:

Net	Freq.	Time	Sess.	QNI	QTC
FARM	2935 ssb	7 P Dy	29	1505	39
IMN	3635 cw	8 P M-F	20	208	74
CD	3990 ssb	8-10 A M-F	20	628	18

Spring is a good time to inspect & improve antennas. Traffic: W7GHT 279, W7KDB 94, AC7P 87, W7JMH 40, K7JV 24.

MONTANA: SCM, Robert Leo, W7LR — I want to thank all of those hams that have given such fine support during my two terms as SCM. It has been a pleasure working with all of you, and I've enjoyed being SCM and hope to do this again some day. N7AII, the new SCM, will welcome the same kind of support. Welcome aboard Les! IMN QNI 208, QTC 74. Hamfests: Sidney, June 20-21, contact N7BMR; WIMU, W Yellowstone, July 31, Aug. 1, 2, N7AII; Coeur D'Alene May 9; Glendive Centennial stn July 4, 16 to 23 Z, 7240, 14280, s.a.s.e. KB7BO for commemorative QSL. K9PP: Anaconda 19/79 2-mtr rpt will return; new EC Deer Lodge County, KB7O: 6-mtr openings Feb 1, 7, Es Aurora F2 QSO 5 states 5 countries. KB7O KB7BJ working on moonbounce system. Eaglehead Rptr Assn directors: KF7R KF7T KB7BJ KA7AZR W7LR, K7CPC QSY to Utah. WB7DZX on PSRR section, F2, W7KDB. King of the Hill, Overlook Park MTN Jan QNI 1193, QTC 135. YARC newsletter tells how they solved cable RFI problems. 7240 Net QNI 197, QTC 9. N7AFE 2-mtr ARES Net QNI 52, W7LKB and W7PSX receive section net certificates from K7JV, IMN NM. Traffic: (Feb.) WB7DZX 124, W7IXD 56, W7NEG 14, W7LKB 5, W7LR 3, (Jan.) W7IXD 74.

OREGON: SCM, William B. Shrader, W7OMU — SEC: K7OLN STM: W7VSE. Section nets:

Net	Time/Day	Freq.	QNI	OIC	NM
BSN	0145Z Dy	3908	807	53	K7WPC
OSN	0230/0600 Dy	3587	359	382	KB7JW
WGN	0300Z Dy	3706			K7ZIG
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RdxARES	0300Z Dy	146.75	555	237	W7LRR
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MPARES	0300Z TTh	147.02	218	5	WA7ZAF

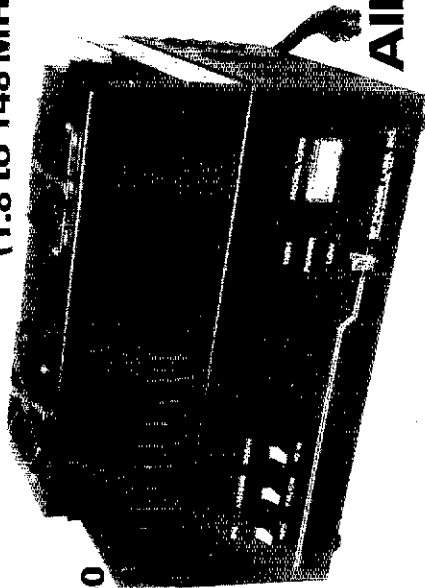
W7LFB made a record 215 points in Public Service Honor Roll. W7TC has only Delaware left for QRP WAS with 0.1 watt cw output. New calls: KA7CPP, Roseburg; KA7JOH and KA7JRC, Medford; KB7RW and KB7NZ, Salem. Upgrades: WA7TDU (Extra), N7COB (Tech), and KA7GHS (Gen). Congratulations to all!! Special congrats to KA7JCY for new Technician. He is blind. We need Official Observers in Oregon Section. Let SCM know your availability and interest. Traffic: (Feb.) W7VSE 682, W7LBB 398, KB7JW 321, K7NTS 235, W7LNE 170, WA7LGN 152, WB7OEX 125, WA7HS 114, KA7IPS 90, WA7WBE 82, W7OMU 75, KA7CZG 32, W7HLF 32, WB7OFI 71, K7QPW 42, K7IWD 27, W7LT 17, KA7DBS 13, W7FDU 12, W7TC 9 (Jan.) K7QPW 28, KA7CZG 14, W7LT 8.

WASHINGTON: SCM, Bob Klepper, W7IEU — SEC: WA7RWK. STM: W7DZX. Nets reporting this month are: NTN, QNI 1192, QTC 80; WARTS, QNI 3233, QTC 195; NWSSBN, QNI 894, QTC 41; WSN, QNI 645, QTC 193; EWITN, QNI 81, QTC 104; IETN, QNI 191, QTC 55; PSTS, QNI 154, QTC 100; SCARES, QNI 129, QTC 13. Sorry to report that W7ETO and W7MCGV have become SKs. K7OZY was presented the 1980 Pacific Inspirational Award for 1980 at Radio Club of Tacoma meeting. A very interesting discussion of the current status of ARES in King City was presented to the West Seattle ARC. Clallam Cty ARC's "The Boondocker" reports W7RHRT can be found operating IT9WPO from Sicily, 0900 PST on 21.307. BEARS Club has set up a Slow Scan TV Committee. Clark Cty ARC reports KA7DIZ KA7DWW and KA7FLI have upgraded. KB7G has 13 states on OSCAR 8. WA7ETH is editor/publisher of HAMS Club paper "The Feedline." PSCARC is looking for input and delegates from clubs in the Puget Sound area. Is your club represented? Spokane Dial Twisters Shrine Hospital project moving along smoothly. A very interesting program on basics of computers was presented to HAMS Club by K7NCG. Mike and Key ARC enjoyed interesting presentation on integrated circuits and projects using IC's presented by KA7BZL. Mt Baker ARC members will soon be sporting new logo patches. K7CAZ presented an interesting program on keys and a novel direction finder to the North Seattle ARC. Upcoming hamfests are Vancouver Hamfair May 9 & 10, Bremerton May 16, and NW Division at Seaside, OR June 5, 6 & 7, and Tricities May 30 & 31. Radio Amateurs of Skagit Cty (RASC) were out in full force providing communications for the Skagit Runners' Nookachanup Road Run. RASC also out on demonstration and operated from Mt Vernon on George Washington's birthday. Radio Club of Tacoma planning another big hamfair in August. LCARA hosted 40 intellectual quitted school children and their parents on a tour of the local DES and the Club's clubhouse. New officers for Spokane Dial Twisters are: KA7FUS, chief dial twister; WB7DFD, second officer; KA7IDDU, third officer; KA7BQI, secy. New officers of the 147 9030 Longview Rptr are: WA7SJM, pres.; WA7SHN, vice pres.; K7WF, secvtreas. Look for a new NTS net soon on 147.85/26 rptr in the southwest area of the section. Traffic: W7DZX 1122, WB7TOF 292, K7GXZ 230, AD7G 179, N7AFZ 134, K7CPL 127, W7FJZ 124, WA7BDU 86, W7IEU 88, WB7WOW 10, W7EJ 59, W7GIB 33, WA7RCP 28, N7AFY 24, WB7CFH 17, W7ERH 11, W7LGB 8, W7AFS 6, K7RBT 6, W7DG 3, WA7OJ 3, W7AIB 2, W7FQE 1.

PACIFIC DIVISION
EAST BAY: SCM, Bob Vallio, W6RGG — Asst SCMs: W6ZF VE2AQV. SEC: WB6KQU. Welcome to new section ECs: WA6OFL, Pachero; N6DRT, Albany; W9QG, Vacaville. MDARC 1980 license classes had 13 pass the

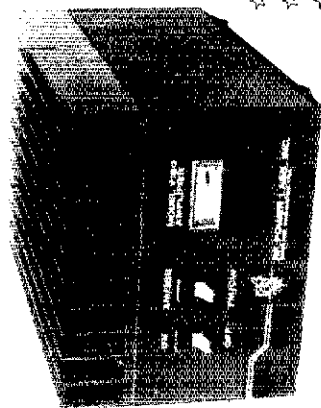
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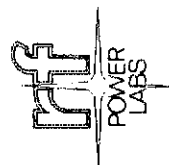
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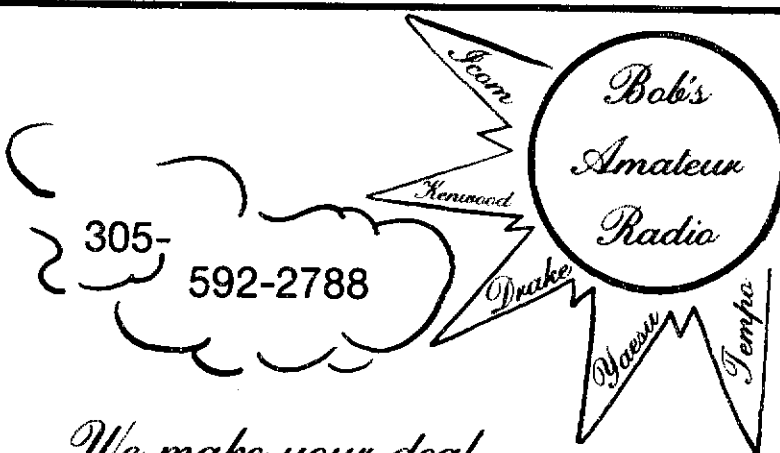
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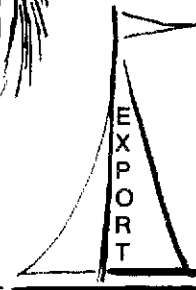
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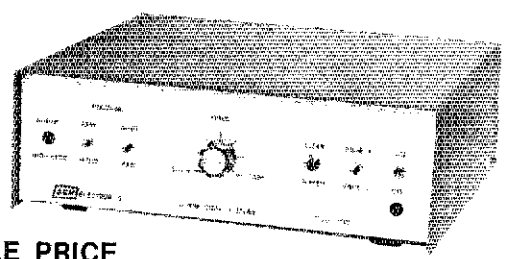
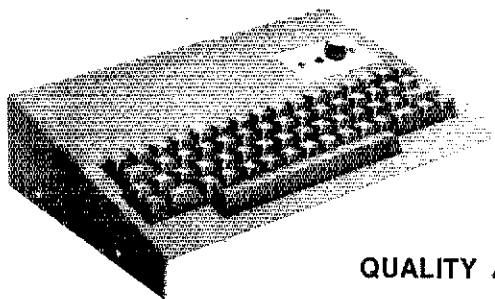
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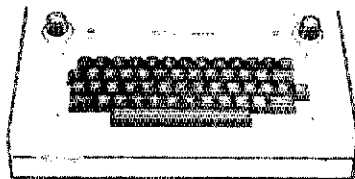
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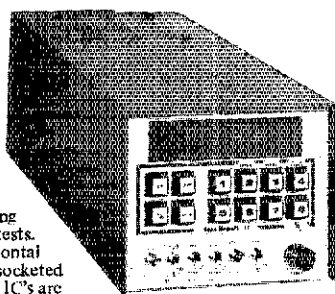
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code test, 12 the written, with 1 still awaiting notification. They are currently running 5 separate courses in the Amateur Radio arts with K8BUY WA6KGI KA6AOC WA6ZFZ KB6PT and K16X (ex-WA6YXY, congrats) as instructors. W6EEN is again Field Day chairman and Jaymie W8B1 is the chairman. K8XC. SBARA's THE GROUND PLANE featured photos of their recent trip to the RCA Global Communications center at Ft. Reyes. EBARC meets 2nd Fridays at 7:30 P.M., Salvation Army, 36th & Heern, Richmond. LARK newsletter distributor, AD6X, has relinquished his duties after years of service and WA6AFP & AA6F have assumed the arduous task. Their recent upgraded members are: N6DOA KA6LEW KA6LSK KA6LSL KA6KZV to Technician; KA6ATV KA6AUB to General; KBYEO to Advanced and KUF6 to Extra — congrats to all. Traffic: W6OA 60, KA6ERF 4.

NEVADA: SCM, Ralph E. Covington, W7SK — SEC: WA7KCD, WB6VEW welcome to Carson City, KA6CPN welcome to Reno. W7BYR still active on OSCAR with Hawaii the latest confirmation. N7FH/R with auto patch now on frequency 9030 low level in Reno area. WA7EGV back on the air with antenna assistance of the W7UIZ K7AZ and K7WLY. NARA group in Reno planning a picnic June 6 at Davis Creek Park, contact K7QOP for information. Las Vegas Radio Amateur Club had a lively fox hunt March 1 with K7SN and KB7OX as foxes. WB7DWB is now KB7TH and WB7UJR is now KF7E. 1981 Sierra Hamfest will be in Reno, August 22, contact W7BS for details. EC for Washoe County is KB7MV and emergency net is conducted Thursday 7 P.M. on 0161. Nevada Sagebrush Net Monday through Friday 7:30 P.M. Pacific Time on 3905 kHz. Traffic: N7AKX 428, W7BS 114.

PACIFIC: SCM, Pat Corrigan, KH6DD — STM: W6KON. SEC: KH6CKJ. EC: KH6LR Honolulu, KH6H Maui. SEC, KH6CKJ, unfortunately suffered a slipped disc and was being treated. A full and speedy recovery is hoped for by all section members. Pac. TF Net still looking for more help. W. Coast stalwart of net, N6WP, feeling better now. KH6HJ doing yeoman service on PTN. ARRL Bulletins are also broadcast on Maui Emerg. Net, Mon. at 7 P.M. on 146.76 and Fri. at 6:30 P.M. on 146.52 for Maui members. The Jan/Feb seasonal storms played havoc with antennas again. W8HTH/KH6 doing a lot on 6-M DX. KH6IJ more and more active. KH7VJ waiting to get better setup again for DX since his return from W6. Receive/hear a lot of complaints about the KH6 listing in with all 6's in Callbook. Write to them direct and let them know your feelings.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV — SEC: N6AUB. ASCM: A6T. WB6GFJ, our SEC for the last few years, moved to the San Area. We all owe him a big debt of gratitude for an outstanding record of public service. He isn't off the hook and will continue in his capacity with the Skywarn System. I am pleased to announce that N6AUB of Grass Valley will be our new SEC. The North Hills RC has scheduled their annual Ham Swap for Sunday May 31, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. The Swap will again be held at the Machinists Hall, 3081 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Clean out that garage. Congratulations to W6GO on qualifying for 5BDXC. Traffic: W6DEF 15, W6SX 10, WB6HEV 2, W6RSP 2.

SAN FRANCISCO: SCM, Art Samuelson, W6VV — SEC: WB6ZBK. STM: K6PT. Officers of Humboldt ARC are: KA6ERE, pres.; W6RNL, vice pres.; W6GGR, secy./treas. Far West Repeater Association is making improvements to their system. WA6RDA and W66VSD are getting active on the air. K6S/E/R had demonstration at Computer Faire. San Francisco RC set up antenna for use at Ralph K. Davies Medical Center. WB6ACI is again conducting emergency drills. W6GGR is working on a cw computer program. PSRR: W6RNL. Traffic: W6PL 406, W6RNL 188, K6PT 119, K6TJW 51, W6GGR 10.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SCM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: WA6YAB. Asst SCMs: WA6YAK, W6TRP. WA6HIN. WA6OYF is new EC for Stanislaus County. All S.I.V.'ers should start planning for Field Day. KB6CC has DXCC. K6YK has 300 countries confirmed. K6PBT and N6AWH are ARRL Life Members. WB6TTP is Extra. KA6CQX is General. KA6JSL is N6DYJ. KA6LGH is N6DTZ. KA6LGC is N6DTX. KA6GCC is K06OM. KA6IRP is N6DUG. KA6LGA is N6DUA. KA6GCB is N6DTY. KA6GCF is N6DGC. KA6BZ is N6DB. KA6MCI is N6DXLJ. WB6LZU is K6LDO. W6BCNL is N6DY. KA6CQX is N6DTC. WB6TIA has a TR 7800. N6XU has a TR 7400A. K9YBM has a FT 101E. N6BWN has a L-4. WA6NIF has a TR 8400. WB6KAD has a TS 130. W7POR has an IC 2A. This is the month for the ARRL Pacific Division Convention in Fresno. I hope to see you there. Traffic: (Feb.) N6AWH 43, WA6YAB 19, W6DFRS 16, WB6TTP 16, K9YBM 7, W6DPD 3. (Jan.) W6DFRS 8.

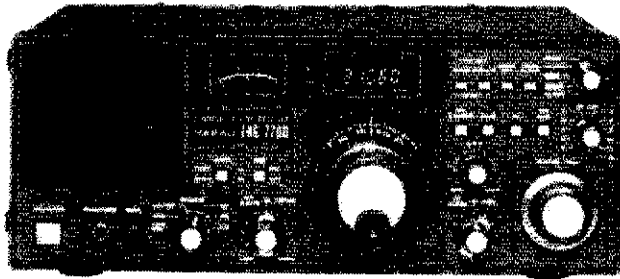
SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SCM, Jettie Hill, W6RFF — SEC: W66ZF. New Curator of Foothill Electronic Museum is 50 year veteran of ham radio, W6KFK, he takes over from W6EGW. Gabilan ARC provided communications for 10km foot race and participated in a local disaster fire drill. San Lorenzo alley and Santa Cruz clubs held another "breakfast" job at breakfast meeting. KQ6E spoke in San Mateo RC on home computers. 5MRC reports WB6DLS as a Silent Key. LERA ARC has their new 220 repeater on the air. REMINDER: Pacific Division Convention in Fresno, May 15-17 — see you there. FARS/EMARC held a joint outing at Sunset Beach State Park. K6RTU spent a few days in the hospital getting his ticker in sync. SPECS Flea Market had a good turn out and a lot of "stuff" changed hands. EMARC's Novice class has a very good turnout. WA6ROM received an Award of Merit from Pac. Div Director. WB6GFJ, a new member of SCM, also rec'd Certificate of Appreciation. Director for W6ZM spoke before the Santa Cruz CABC. SCAARC's Flea Market also was a success. W6RFF presented a talk on emergency communications and traffic handling to the SLVARC. New members of NPSARC are K6ENP, N6DQY and WATGOD, also graduates of their Novice classes are now KA6NRI and KA6NVU. Welcome! Special events station operated at the 18th hole of the Bing Crosby Pro-Am Tournament at Pebble Beach. The W66OQS rpt group provided communications for the March of Dimes Walkathon. They are a very busy Public Service group. SBARA had a great time touring RCA Global Comm station at Ft. Reyes. Traffic: W6YBV 300, W6KZU 100, W6OII 73, W6RFF 37, W6ZRJ 26, W6ASH 14, WA6HAD 7, W66ZF 3.

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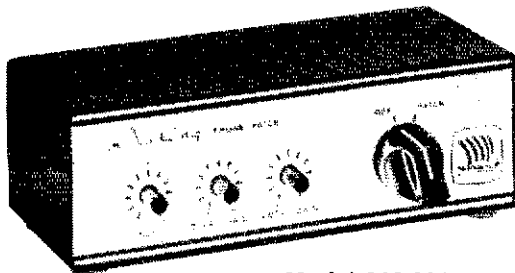
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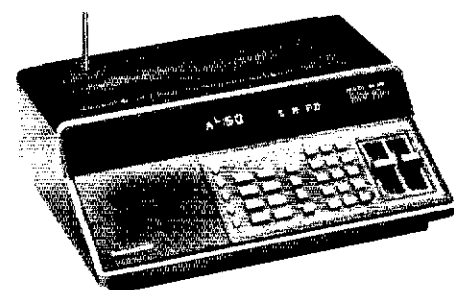
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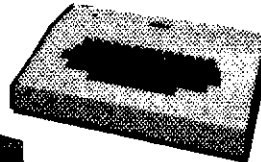
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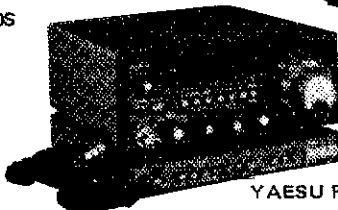
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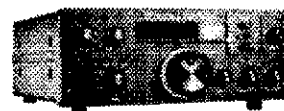
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month: WDBNYN, our STM. Born in Kansas. Got Novice in July, '77 In Mich. WBBYDZ was his Elmer. Checked in to first TFC net just two months after getting first ticket. He was active on Mich. TFC net and 8RN. Moved to our section January, '79, and lives in Hendersonville. WDBNYN has earned BPL in NC. Net of the month: CNN. The Carolinas Novice Net has been the starting place for many active traffic handlers in (and South) Carolina. Any license can check in CNN — 3715 kHz at 6:15 local time. The net is a credit to everyone involved. Please include local news items with your station activity reports, which should reach me by the 8th of next month. Hope to see many of you at the Durham FMA Hamfest. Traffic: (Feb.) WDBNYN 483, WD4CNO 273, WB4WII 268, ABAS 267, WD4GSR 265, N4AET 249, WA4UTC 215, AB4J 164, WA4SRD 158, WD4JJK 156, KU4W 156, W8PJS 140, AB4V 137, W4EAT 115, WB6OTS 101, K4VHT 96, K4DHX 90, K4NLK 86, W4WXZ 64, K4FTB 62, KF4R 59, K2AA 58, WB4UJH 58, WA4OBR 52, W4FNM 49, W4RVE 48, K4IWW 46, KA4ODX 45, W4HKB 42, N4CJJ 34, W4CUD 32, WD4ABZ 25, WB4UJH 20, K4CAM 19, WB4RGS 17, WB4TOP 17, K4XE 15, KA4RZJ 14, WD4AIF 10, WD4PKP 9, W4VTP 8, N4UE 6, W4EHF 4, WA4OJU 4, WA4HG 4, WB4SLF 2 (Jan.) N4ARY 8.

SOUTH CAROLINA: SCM, Richard McAhee, WAMTK — Asst. SCM: WB4UDK. SEC: WD4LZ. STM: WA4NK. NMs: K4PFC W4ODE. Congrats to K4PFC, NM for SC SSBN. Won't you join in and help? Columbia Hamfest May 30. Greenville Hamfest May 2 & 3. Columbia amateurs assisted in Feb 14 marathon. North Augusta-Belvedere amateurs assisted in 10 mile road race. Gov. Riley signed proclamation for Sept. 28-Oct. 4 as Amateur Radio Week. Thanks to all who attended the signing. Check-in traffic: SC SSBN 1462/182; Blue Ridge 2-Meter Net 1532/75; CN 589/403; SC Noontime Net 67/94; Lancaster County 2-Meter Net 180/75; Western SC Emergency Net 101/5; Newberry County ARES Net 67/4; Carolina State Line Net 53/2; Laurens County 2-Meter Net 42/0; CNN (Jan) 271/58 217/46; Trident ARC ARES Net 88/0; York County ARES Net (Jan.) 201/23; Dixie 6-Meter SSBN 10/0; SC 2-Meter SSBN 55/0; SC ARES Net 24/4. Traffic: (Feb.) K4ZN 153, W4ODE 136, W4NTO 106, W4ANK 100, K4ZB 97, WB4UDK 63, K4EAR 48, W4FMZ 44, WA4MAY 41, WD4PM 40, WAMTK 36, K4FRX 33, KA4AUR 32, AF4E 26, WB8TC 24, WD4PKZ 22, N4CF 20, WA4MCG 14, WA4VYS 8, WB4NBK 3, WB4QHF 2, WD4RF 2, KA4OH, N4ATO 1, KB4CO 1, WA4EDH 1, WD4HLZ 1, K4LOQ 1, KB4RA 1, KB4SU 1, W4TVW 1, W4UMW 1, (Jan.) K4ZB 54, WA4MAY 33.

VIRGINIA: SCM, Luck Hurder, WA4STO — SEC: N4AZI. STM: KY4K. Chief Op: WA4U. Chief Ovs: N4CD. Chief Ovs: K3RZR. Net stats.

Net	Time	QNI	NM	QTC
VSBN	6:00	660	K24K	435
NSN	6:30	669	WB4KSG	183
VN	7:10	671	W4SUS	333
VLN	10:15	561	WD4ALY	214
VNTN	Noon	284	WD4FTK	149
WARC	8:30 A.M. Sun.	43	K4JST	4

Not bad for a February! Valentine traffic accounted for 6 BPLs and 13 PSHPs. Kudos to K4KDJ for an outstanding job with the RTTY gear. Northern VA lost a great friend with the passing of WD4AEX — a super control op on the 1979 machine. WA4CCY trying to get RTTY operational. K4JST enjoying liaison duties. K3RZR made first PSHP. K4JIM enjoyed the PLM net. K4JIM — but we suspect she had difficulties keeping Gil under the table! K4IWW trying to find someone to climb tower and get her back on nets. STM KY4K pleading for ORS reports by the 5th. K4BAV and WA4JZR teaching Novices/Techns thru Alex recreation center. OES KM4X seized six new repeater serving the Marion area. W4NO received SEXTNY (!) year ARRL membership award. After a very productive tour of duty as SEC, N4AZI is leaving us for the Louisiana Section to be replaced by very capable K24K. This loss to our fine section is particularly sad since many of us have found not only a superb multi-mode op but a close friend in N4AZI. Our best to Paul as new SEC. K4YK K24K K4JST and WA4CCY going up for VA QSO party. Your SCM would like for all to note how close the QNI figures are for the evening nets. Meaning? Most of the real public service ops in VA are digging in on both modes. Thanks folks, it shows. Congrats to new appointees K4MTX WD4APO WA3LVC K3RZR and KA4IUM. Warm weather's-a-comin! Start thinking about the section picnic and your new antennas! Traffic: (Feb.) K4KDJ 1191, WA4STO 887, W4JK 584, WA4CCY 576, WB3ATQ 520, K24K 510, WB4PNY 342, W4SQC 321, KY4K 230, K4KNP 203, WD4FTK 199, K4JST 179, K4JIM 158, WB4FLT 141, W4SUS 118, WD4ALY 106, W3BBN 106, K3RZR 100, W4LJC 99, W4KWM 88, KA4DTE 84, WB4KSG 83, N4AZI 81, W4VGS 74, WB4WVY 72, W3BBQ 71, N4YQ 64, K4EJ 59, KB4WT 59, WB4FT 57, KC4OL 50, N4NK 46, KBTA 43, WB4KIT 35, WB4UHC 35, N4YE 35, K4MTX 32, WA4QWC 32, WA4YIU 32, KA4IUM 30, W4SJV 30, WA3LVC 27, WA1VRL 27, WD4RDF 27, N4BJX 24, WD4KQJ 24, K4VWV 24, W4CFV 22, KB4PW 21, W4LXB 19, WB4MAE 19, N4IF 17, W4KFC 17, WANFA 17, KA4ETG 16, WB4ODZ 16, KA4EP 15, K4IWF 15, N4CIR 14, WB4ZNB 14, WB4Z1J 14, K4DHB 11, WD4EUV 11, WB4DQZ 10, KB4OF 10, W4PVA 9, W4KXE 8, WA4RTS 8, KC4HN 8, WA4DNR 8, W44FGJ 4, W4KX 4, N4LE 4, W4OKN 4, N3RC 3, W4YE 3, WA4EQW 2, W4JUJ 2, W4TZC 2, WB4FNW 1 (Jan.) WB4SGV 16, KB4PW 14, W4NLG 8, W4KFC 7.

WEST VIRGINIA: SCM, Karl Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEW. STM: K8DG. NMs: K8MH, W8FZP, K8DBG. W8LDY, Fayetteville Hamfest was a nice affair and was very well attended. Congrats to W8WYI and H. F. Committee. K8BFX, Bluefield, is now a Silent Key. N8AJC has been app'd DEC for zone nine. First DEC in WV. New Novice in Oak Hill is K8LXN. W8BKV is now K8BZF. WV Fone Net with 17 mgs, Midday Net, 53 mgs, WVN 55 mgs, Novice Net 17 mgs, Hillbilly Net 48 mgs, Blk. Dia. 2M 6 mgs, and KFC 2M 8 mgs. Traffic: K8DBG 242, W8D8IN 51, K8BETV 38, W8FZP 37, K8QEW 35, N8AJC 33, K8BXM 24, K8FEL 17, W8BPQ 16, K8BX 11, K8BXX 8, W8D8HC 8, W8BQX 8, W8BUDY 8, K8ZPR 8, W8CAL 6, N8CFX 5, W8BZMX 2.

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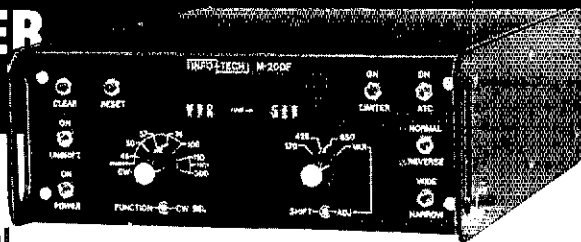
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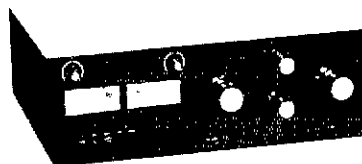
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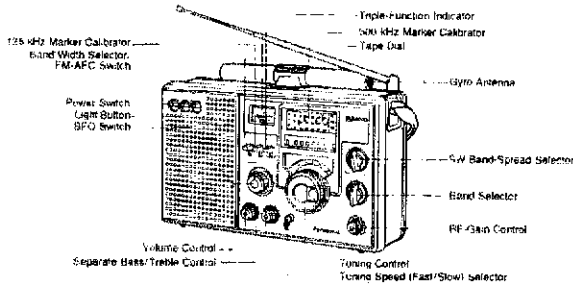
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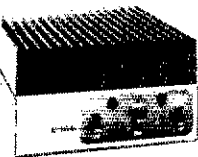
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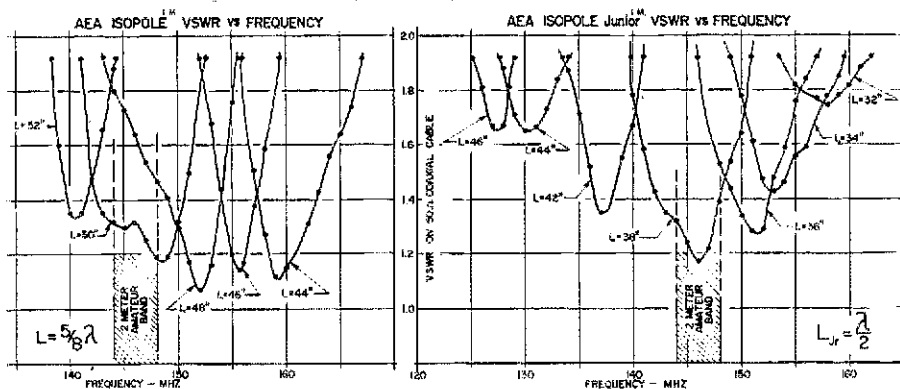


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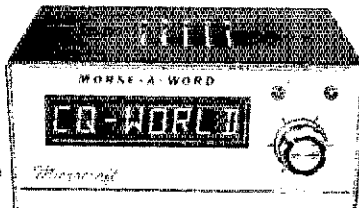
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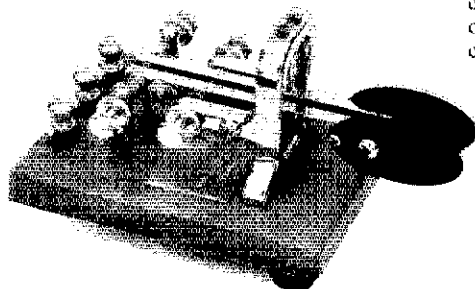
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repeater groups that have machines in the high country are making plans for their summer work parties. There are some long range plans for at least two more 2-meter links between Eastern and Western Colorado. The Sunday morning ARES net on 29.624 MHz has been in operation since 1947, making it one of the oldest nets in Colorado. According to the logs of W0WYX there were times that over 100 station checked in. Give a look at 0900 local time on Sundays. NETS: HNN 28 sess, QNI 1750, QTC 134, Informals 317, ONF 1328, CWN 24 sess, QNI 275, QTC 322, ONF 1398, Colombine 24 sess, QNI 1002, QTC 57, Informals 145, ONF 797, CWN (Jan.) 30 sess, QNI 308, QTC 303, ONF 1213, Traffic: N0B0J 2280, W0WYX 1746, WA0HJZ 1205, W0EJD 310, K0DJ 301, K0GZ 200, N0BLU 193, W0D0AT 173, W0HXB 144, W0RE 141, W0NFW 39, W0GO 24, K0CNY 16, W0UVE 15, W0GW 2.

NEW MEXICO: SCM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY — SFC: W5ALR, NMS: W5NNG, K65L Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 7.083 kHz at 1830 local and handled 193 msgs with 242 stations in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net (NMRRN) meets daily on 3939 kHz at 1800 local and handled 138 msgs with 1115 stations in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3940 kHz at 0700 local, handled 70 msgs with 780 checkins. Yucca 2-Mtr Net handled 24 with 539 checkins. Vy surly to report the passing of W5SBT who was very instrumental in formation of the Socorro ARC. He will certainly be missed. Good to see W5FPB making a good comeback. W5AZP, one of our best SAR men, moving to Table Rock Lake, MO. We will sure miss him! Traffic: W5DAD 316, N5NG 148, W5ENI 103, K6SL 88, KA5DDW 75, WA5MIY 52, KA5CNE 32.

UTAH: SCM, Royce Henningson, K7OEQ — W7BE reports that the Utah VHF Society Weather and Road Net had 1144 checkins during Feb. The Civil Air Patrol presented special awards to the following members of the Utah Electronic Location team for tracing the emergency locator transmitter (ELT) of a downed airplane. W7FIC, Steve Baxter, WA7SHU, John Wagner, WB7VCI, WA7ARK. A group of amateurs and interested non-amateurs met on March 5th in Price to form a new club — The Carbon County Amateur Radio Assn. Rick Quizes was appointed secy. The officers will be elected next month. They are also putting up a repeater on Bruin Peak. It will be 147.66/616. The Beehive Utah Net certificate was earned by K7FY and K7VBO. Traffic: WA7MEL 42, WA7JRC 27, W7OCX 25, WB4NVO 16.

WYOMING: SCM, Chester C. Stanwatt, W7SDA — As this will be my last activities report, I would like to thank all of you for your help and cooperation during my tenure as SCM. I hope you will give your new SCM, WA7WFC, your cooperation also. The Cedar Mountain ARC has a new repeater ordered to replace the old 146.25/85 machine. The repeater to go on the Big Horn Mountains this spring and will operate on 146.07/87. WB7NHI reports the WCN held 20 sessions with 656 QNI and 22 QTC. WA0RF reports the Jackalope Net held 23 sessions with 566 QNI and 0 QTC. Traffic: Feb. W7SQT 606, WA7GYQ 241, WB7NHR 185, W0GHI7 110, K7TFW 67, K7SLM 6, Jan. W0OGR 66, KA7FK 30.

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ALABAMA: SCM, James M. Bonner, K4UMD — SEC: W4IBU. The Birmingham ARC will host the Southeastern Convention on May 16-17 at Jefferson City. Civic Center in Birmingham during their hamfest. The FCC will be there, all plan to attend. Come early for FCC exams. Mobile ARC will hold their annual hamfest on May 2-3 in Mobile AL. If you don't want to miss this one, either Alabama held their Simulated Tornado Warning on March 5th, it was supposed to be a surprise, it came off at 10:15 A.M. local time. All c.d. offices in state and local agencies were involved. Hams throughout the state played a great roll in the exercise. The AENR had QNI 89 in 8 sessions, this is a six-meter net. AENX 2-mtr net had QNI 221 participating in our marathon run, 14 hams involved, AENB 3.575 cw net, QNI 215 in 28 sessions, QTC 108; this net meet daily 1900 local. AENI slow cw net, 165 QNI in 24 sessions, 98 messages. AENM reported by WA4WZ, manager, QNI 2604 with 224 messages handled. W4CKS and WA4JDH continued to represent ALA to DRNS 36.4 percent. All ARC has some increase in membership. BARC new members for Feb. were WA4EU, WD4FN, WA4UYW, K4FCB, WA4LXP, KA4GRB, KA4SWR, KA4EWW, WA8PWF, N4CVV, W4ROW, HARC and BARC are having fine turn out at their code & theory classes. WA4JDH, our STM, asked more stations to originate traffic. CAND reported W4CKS 100 percent into the net with 934 messages. Traffic: WA4JDH 1400, W4CKS 190, K4JIE 67, KC4MT 51, WD4DHI 43, W4IHU 35, KA4UMD 28, K4GXS 20, WB4EKJ 19, WA4LXP 18, NE4L 16, WA4RMP 16, WA4JPK 15, WB4TVY 15, K4HJX 2.

GEORGIA: SCM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL — AS/CM/SEC: K4VHC, ASE/SEC: WA4PUP, STM: W4WXA, Chief OBS: W4BIA.

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GERN (RTTY)	3620	2030 Fri	WA4ZHC

From reports received thus far, our Statewide Tornado Simulated drills were a real success. WA4GVJ & WB4DEB recovering well after having surgery. Condolences from all in the section to W4FCW on the loss of his beloved wife Georgia. WA4PNY & N4DHH in the Atlanta area conducting ground wave cw net on 21.150 most evenings at 9:30 local time. Convers Amateur Radio Group seeking ARRL members so they may become an ARRL affiliated club. WB4UJ invites all to use his 145 19144.59 machine located on Pine Mountain which has excellent coverage. Am pleased with the increase in monthly traffic reports. Section members please send me your traffic counts and any info that might be used in this column. The Sunday afternoon ARES net invites all to check in for administrative information. W4PJ In an exclusive article on "Old-time Amateur Radio" in the Daily Times-Georgian in Carrollton. When an article appears in your local newspaper on Amateur Radio please forward it to your SCM. The League is very much interested in these. Also when you hear of a Silent Key, please send me all information and if possible, the clipping out of the obituary column. Have a good summer. Traffic: WA3NAZ 225, W4PIM 115, W4ELO 97, W4GH 84, KA4ATM 81, KA4AZM 80, K4EV 75, W4FIZ 62, WD4ADV 56, WB4NTW 48, WB4RUJ 47, WB4LBM 38, K4VHC 32, AA4E1 24, KA4PBD 20, K4JNL 14, K4BAI 11, W4HON 11, N4UZ 11, K4PIK 8, W4BIA 7, WA4PUP 1.



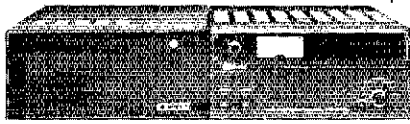
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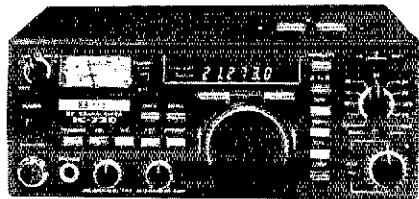


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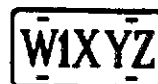
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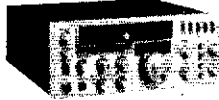
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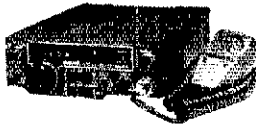
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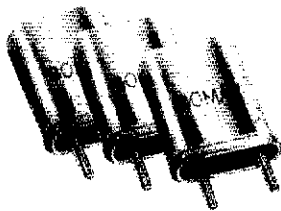
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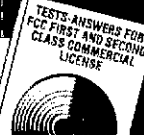


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NORTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Billy Williams, N4UF — WA4ZQY & KB4SR received Public Service commendations for emergency during Daytona 500. WA4SNH now N14D. DBARA held annual banquet with nice turnout. LMARS has several nets on WD4BMN/R including computer, cw practice, ARES, RTTY & traders nets. KB4LY now editor of *Keved Up*, LMARS bulletin. WB4YPS now signs KC4VK and KA4DYU is N4EEB. N4EDH is ex-WA4CRI. New club officers: Pensacola FM Ass'n — WA4OJY, pres.; WB4QML, v.p.; WA4TLM, secy./treas.; KB4RG WB4MUS WB4DHL, dirs.; K4MV, trustee, Orange Park ARC — KL7IWS, pres.; K4K1LO, v.p.; KA4SXJ, secy.; WD4NXY, treas.; WD4KKX WA4UKJ KA4BNG, dirs. Meanwhile HCARA elected K4ZC KA4BNG KA4BNG, v.p.; WD4MLQ, secy.; WD4IXI, treas.; K4GYO WB4EXA WA4SN K1BUM, comm. chm.; HCARA provided comm. for Run in the Sun. KA4FYD now N4EVH. WB4EXA has new tower. KA4TGI is newly license YF of K04Z. GARS received Skip trophy for top '80 FD score at Miami Hamboree and NOFARS took top club honors for FL QSO Party. N4CMP developing call-up system for Alachua Co. ARES. TARS has club antenna equipment for use by members in constructing towers and skyhooks. WD4NIX has new emergency plan for Seminole Co. Lake ARA had nice banquet at Silver Creek Co. Club. KC4QY and a dozen other area hams finishing work on emergency repeater system mounted on trailer for portable use. KBARG is FEMA team of HAM in Pensacola. W4VJ & W4KJL back from AK & ZL-land. The large Jay area clubs NOFARS & RANGE, are each showing for 300 members in 1981. New secy. for NOFARS is WD4RPE. All clubs urged to send bulletins or items of interest to me for publication. If your area is not represented, it is because of lack of input. Traffic: WD4HIF 1036, WD4IIO 712, N4EDH 537, WB4EXA 532, N4PL 514, W4SIZ 427, N4EC 266, W4KIX 148, WA4EYU 144, AA4FG 111, W4MGO 84, KF4U 81, N4BZB 80, N4AXN 57, W4JL 54, N4UF 52, WB4TZF 49, WD4DIU 44, W4BSP 43, KA4ASJ 39, WA4ST 22, W3IDO 20, WB4DTS 19, WA4NMH 19, W4ZGIN 17, N4BOY 14, WB4QBB 12, KB4T 11, K4RNS 9, W88USE 8.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — Asst SCM: W4KJG, SEC: AA4WJ, STM: K4TH. February traffic, swelled by Florida State Fair at Tampa, showed a section total of 21,370 — very near our all-time record of about 22,000. WD4APM, Pres. of TARC, reporting for W4DUG, expresses thanks to W3CUL WA4JDH W4SIZ W4NFK WD4HIF WB4FVV WA4CRI and Florida NTS nets for helping them move out their 3715 originations. Congrats gang! Aside from W4DUG, with their 14 operators, W3CUL handled the most traffic, as usual, with her 6029 total. W3VR reports his brand new Hercules amplifier is still back at the Ten-Tec factory. Apparently there was some basic incompatibility between this and his brand new latest model Omni. WINJM, wintering in Florida, reports he is going "back home" after Orlando Hamcon, March 14-15. W4SUL, ARN Cycle 4 Manager has been spending quite a bit of time at his Florida residence in Wesley Chapel. W4LTY reports his ARPSO Planning Committee "getting things done." Thanks to Andy's pioneering agreement with Coast Guard 7th District last year, W4GPL, E.C. Pinellas County, reports progress on agreement with Coast Guard St. Petersburg for Amateur Radio to help with emergencies. A big area of concern is possible phone line failure of remote coastal stations operated from St. Pete. W4GPL and Pinellas ARES also working with Eckerd College Search and Rescue Team where Amateur Radio will help when needed in their emergency operations. WB4AD reported FMTN operated "split frequency" several times to handle influx of Florida State Fair traffic. This is essentially the same as operating two nets simultaneously, with two Net Control Stations, each specializing in certain categories of traffic depending on the needs of the moment. Al has expressed concern over D4RN and DEAN operating on cw on weekends. FMTN and TPTN, our main liaisons to D4RN, are phone nets, as is D4RN on 5 days per week. It seems a little ridiculous to go into a different mode of operation on weekends and takes a lot of effort to find ample liaison stations willing to go this way. RN5D, staying on phone 7 days per week, does not present this problem. This is the season for lots of public service events, local races, walkathons, golf exhibitions, parades, etc. I get bits of information that these are going on but seldom any definite information I can write about. Please report these events so these activities can get on the record. I would be pleased to get more activity reports, both traffic reports and other things you are doing with Amateur Radio. Traffic: (Feb) W4DUG 7558, W3CUL 6029, W3VR 1074, WB4FVV 677, W4NFK 601, K4SCL 562, K4TH 547, WD4AWN 462, WA4PEK 424, K4EUK 384, K4ZK 369, WD4COL 324, WA4EIC 245, NC4H 214, KA4LNA 203, WB4WYG 194, WB4AD 155, W4GPL 154, W4DVO 142, W4IRA 126, W3CUL 117, WB4PIB 109, W4LX 103, KA4ASZ 89, W3TLV 87, WB4SNX 70, N4KB 62, W4EBS 57, W44HXU 54, VE3BY 50, W4AFK 50, WB4GK 43, WINJM 39, KA4FZJ 38, KB4QW 35, W4Y1T 28, AA4WJ 20, W4SMK 18, KA4BBA 14, WD4AAP 12, W4WYR 10, WD4LWT 8, W4UIO 7, WB4GSV 6, W4JM 2, WD4KPG 2. (Jan) KM4G 110, KA4FZJ 38, W4MML 6.

WEST INDIES: SCM, Julio Negroni, KP4CV — A new phone traffic net started operations in February. WINO (West Indies Net Oeste). WINO convenes every day on 146.228 MHz at 2130Z. KP4DJ retransmits W1AW Bulletins every day on 3710 kHz just before the start of W1W at 2200 Z. KP4U busy organizing message centers at Plaza Las Americas for Radio Amateur Week celebrations the week before the PRARC West Indies Section Convention. PSHR: NP4D 72. Traffic: NP4D 165, KP4DJ 84, KP4U 82, KP4FBT 72, KP4EMY 53, WP4AUF 21, WP4AOK 4.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SCM, W. L. Haskell, AC7D — SFC: N7EH, STM: W7EP. Congrats to N7EH on his recent election to the post of AZ SCM. Eric, will officially assume this position on April 1. I would like to request that all RC's and ARRL members provide him with Amateur Radio activity in your individual areas. In this respect you will receive recognition in the AZ activity reports. So keep him posted! New Novice in Tucson: KA7JVV, WA4DOU, an active member of CCRP, (for those that don't know is now located in N.C.) still changing the new Mountain District is solar powered, a group of ARRL members have been working on the job for over a year and a half. KA7SDY has been in on the design, research and experimental work. Much of the solar pwr system underwent testing at the OTH of WA7ZCZ. This system has avoided the high cost of installing an ac pwr line to the mountain site during the first few months in service. (The system charges batteries and the latter provides pwr to the rpt). Further in-

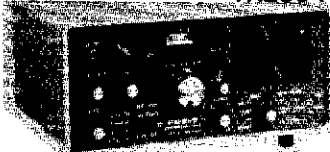
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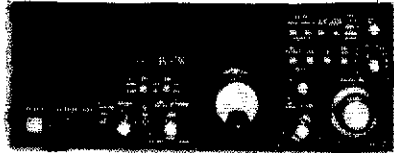
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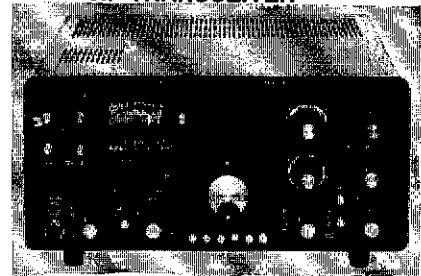
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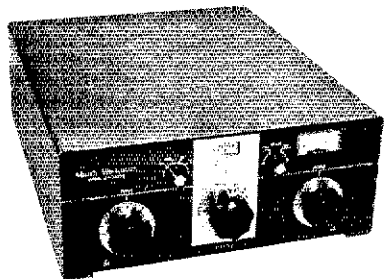
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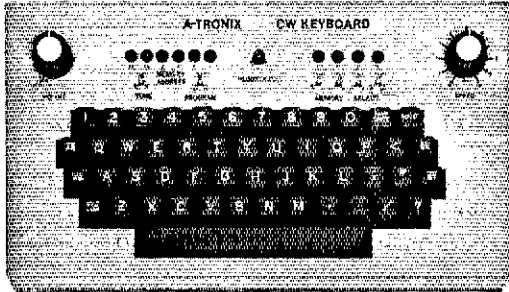
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LOS ANGELES: SCM, Stanley S. Broki, N2YO — ASCM: N6UK, STM: W6INH, SEC: W6BFA, N6OU couldn't operate during the DX contest with high winds taking out his 10-meter beam and 18T Hytower and part of the roof of his home. I hope Maria is better for you. Club bulletins were received this month from K6AA United Radio Amateurs San Pedro; Romona Radio Club in San Gabriel; So Cal. ATV Club; W6QFK San Gabriel Valley RC; W6VPZ Northrop RC; W6KA Pasadena ARC; Western ARC; W6TRW TRW Systems ARC; W6SD San Fernando ARC; W6VIO JPL ARC. Some of the clubs are already planning for Field Day. Mostly the clubs are getting ready for an active new year, nothing yet to report. This month is short due to no inputs. You cannot write a column if no one sends you the data. Three QOs reported this month: K6CL with 2; W6TOG with 35; and K6KA with 60. K6KA sent a tree set of call books by being one of the top QOs in the country. Congrats and keep up the good work. W6NKE reports that he is an A-1 Qp and has been listening to the nets for possible nominee's. So traffic handlers beware, someday you may receive a certificate for your good works, someone is listening. Traffic: W6INH 157, K6OVA 99, K6NK 88, K5DY 95, K6BFC 63, W6BYD 60, N6PZ 41, KT6D 39, K6CL 38, WA6OCM 29, W6NKE 15, KA6ALH 8, W6RO 7.

ORANGE: SCM, Fried Heyn, W6WZO — ASCM: W6WZN, SEC: W6UBO, STM: KA6A, DEC: K6GGS, W6LKN, W6ATLE, W66ZY, NMS: W6AKR, K8J, W6PCB, W6QCA, W6WZO, N6BAE appointed EC for RACES Dist #4 of San Bernardino County with XYL, W6LUV, Asst. EC as well as OES and QES. N6HI appointed OO, N6BAW, appointed OES and OES. N6HI started a new ARES net which meets on the Keller Peak repeater (146.395/985) 8 P.M. the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Once again the Orange County Council of ARO will sponsor a booth at the Orange County Fair July 10th thru 19th; the club responsible this year will be WIC ARC under the leadership of KA6NLY (phone 542-3387). Congrats to OO NCPF for fine showing in Nov FMT. The OCARC net that meets on 28.775 Tues at 7 P.M., is a chapter of Ten-Ten International; for more info contact NC W6AHEL, Contact PIA, WA6JFP for info on ham classes as well as PR (including showing ARRL film "The World of Amateur Radio"). EC WA6WMO reports considerable activity with Riverside Mountain with W6UBO, W6BYX, W6WYC, W6LUV, W7LJ, K6SNO, WA6VXD, W6LKN, W6FEM, N6CBK providing communications support. Listen for the "West Coast Bulletin" 1st and 3rd Mondays at 3540 kHz 8 P.M. transmitted by W6ZF at 22 wpm. W6ATEY of the So Ca T-Hunters donated a perpetual trophy; W6BYVP was the 1st winner of the trophy in the all day T-hunt with W6ATEY hiding the transmitter. SCATS RTTY 223.12/224.72 Repeater (W6IWO/R) is now on Mt. San Jacinto. N6PY hosted Fullerton RC desert meet & star party. RN6D needs PAN liaison stations; if interested, contact NM WA6LVO. Contrats to K5DY becoming Manager and KA6A Asst Manager of the So Ca Net. SCN activity:

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Traffic: (Feb.) K6NC 274, N6ANL 260, KA6A 208, W6BQBZ 153, W6BZZZ 120, KA6FDX 85, W6DCSL 81, W6NTN 78, WA6QMW 46, W6QCA 37, K6WI 12, K6JT 6, WA6WZO 3, (Jan.) W6BZZ 72.

SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — STM: N6GW (222-5575). SEC: W6INI (273-1120). Asst SEC: N6RD (224-1574). North County TFC Net met 27 times, handled 55 msgs. Net meets nightly at 2000 on 146.1373 MHz (Palomar ARC repeater). An excellent net to break into traffic handling. Club off on 1981. SA6DRA — WA6ITB, pres.; WA6AIL, v.p.; WA6URS, sec.; W6BCKD, treas.; Poway, ARS — W6ORP, pres.; K7DCG, v.p.; K6BDK, sec.; W6BMFI, treas.; San Diego Teleprinter Soc — K5WTA, pres.; WA6PBO, v.p.; W6STWK, sec.; W6SSL, treas. WA6JSZ is NCS of RTTY net at 1900 Sun on 223.224.82. Volunteers assisting City of San Diego in its Flood Status Info Center are W6BFP, W6PWF, K6HAP, W6INI, WA6JCG, KA6JEH, KR6K, W6AKUA, KA6LEA, WA6MAE, W6QLJ, W6QYO, N6RD, KM6S, W6TOH, W6BTOF, W6TZV. Call sign change: KA6DWV to N6DYO. Every licensed amateur should have a copy of proposed "Plain Language" rules, Docket 80-729. It's not too late to get one from ARRL. Send \$1 to help defray costs. New QRS is KB6AI. Traffic: K7BA 191, N6GW 170, K6BI 144, KB6AI 36, K6HAP 32, N6AT 29, W6DEY 23, WA6UFY 3.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, Robert N. Dyruff, W6POU — 200 Mi. HF/VHF Officials Net meets Sundays 7235 kHz @ 1300 PT and @ 1330 PT via section-wide linked repeaters. ARES/NITS members included. S. W. Div. Dir's meeting devoted heavily to FCC "Plain Language Rewrite" of A. R. Rules. Affil. clubs urged to study and coordinate responses to FCC, copy to ARRL; OES qualifications stiffened. Ask your EC if you qualify for appointment; Sheriff/ARES agreements reached in Ventura and SBAR Counties; Conejo Valley ARC spearheaded antenna ordinance drive with assist from other clubs and ARRL; Silent Key: WA6IGL, N6WP resigns traffic posn., new STM, tonight W6KPS. To demonstrate "Ultimate Modern" in Sta Maria for ASCII h/mtf radio-linked data communications. New Apple owners are K6DZT and K66PX. Ventura DEC, W6RIC, also data comm. oper. He sprung surprise training quiz on ARES net; Training classes: Satellite ARC — Novice, Mon. & Thurs — W6OLE, KA6HYQ; Santa Barbara ARC — Novice thru Advanced — KA6S, W6BROV, PSHR: K6DZT 10, W6BTRP 31, K6YD 61. Traffic: (Feb.) W6DDEX 218, K6YD 117, W6BTRP 99, (Dec.) WA6MBZ 1,006.

WEST GULF DIVISION
NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Phil Clements, K6PC — Asst SCM: WA6QFD, STM: W6VMP, SEC: W6GPO, NMS: N5BT, AA5, KA5W/F, AE5I, Texas Slow Net (TSN) meets @ 8:00 P.M. local, on 3745 kHz, daily; QNI 278, QTC 60 in 28 sess. New NM is W6SJM, with W6D5YJ assisting. The National WX Service has given the Lubbock Co. ARES unit an award for outstanding service in the Skywarn program. We are in the midst of WX season; if you have a communications emergency, contact W6GPO or myself as soon as possible to get things in

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OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA5FSN — Broken Arrow Swap Meet under way May 9th. Next is Ham Holiday-81, West Gulf Convention, Oklahoma City, July 24-26th. Hope to see all of you there. WD5EGB has new tower and beams in air, 100'. KB5EK working a lot of DX, DXCC may be close. W5SNXO and K5S2U Silent Keys this past month. 26 QRS, 4 PSRR, 2 OBS and 2 OO reports last month. Where was your report? All nets showed plenty of activity, short month affected averages. Our congratulations to American Red Cross 100th Birthday. Another fine group of volunteers doing a wonderful job. With storm season waning (I hope) this was sent in by W5BNKC. All cities and towns should be linked together by participation in a state net, if no station or town participates in a regular net, then that town is isolated. Is your town linked to rest of state? Traffic: W5BNKC 341, W5REC 301, K5CXP 163, WA5RKO 157, KF5A 154, W5RB 152, W5NKD 144, W5DIRB 101, KB5EK 88, W5AS 84, WA5OUV 67, W5EAY 62, W5VXU 60, W5UYH 43, WA5FSN 42, W5DIFB 42, W5SELG 40, W5SUG 40, K5CAY 37, W5VLW 26, W5VOR 24, W5FKL 22, KA5CXW 9, W5AXH 7, N6IN 4, W5JJ 1.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Roger Goday, N5FN — SEC, AK5N, ASCMISIM, N5TC. OO reporting this month. KNSH, Brenham ARC again sponsored their January banquet with Johnny Holmes, W5ALC, as guest speaker. Holmes is DA of Harris County, El Paso ARC (W5LS) started a new Novice class. West Gulf Division Director, W5EDZ, attended the Brazos Valley ARC meeting in February and presented their charter for ARRL affiliation. WA5KZC edits a very nice newsletter for TEX CW Net. Houston ARC is still holding Novice classes every Friday night at their club house at 7011 Lozier St. According to the TDXS "Bull Sheet", N5JJ was the class of the CO 160 Test. K5RC also did very well in the ARRL Ten-Meter Test. The Brazosport ARC operated a demonstration station from a shopping center in Lake Jackson. It was quite a success. It sounds as if WD5JJS has been spending a lot of time on 6-meters lately. WA5OCP, OVS, also reports some 6-meter activity. KA5FPW has upgraded to Extra class and is sporting the new call, K6OY. He also completed WAS. K5RG has added an air filter to his SB303 and built a dwell/tachometer for his portable generator. K5RVF reports his intention of attending the National Convention in Orlando. AB5X has appointed N5APC and N5MB as Assistant ECs. He also attended the 20th annual Emergency preparedness Conference in Austin. Traffic: (Feb.) W5YDD 485, W5KLV 404, W5SHN 246, KB5TC 191, N5TC 178, W5TFB 167, W5SBE 124, W5BGE 107, W5B5M 106, KA5BSN 104, KB5NX 96, W5BYRV 88, W5DJI 88, WA5RYT 64, K5HZR 46, KA5GYJ 45, KM5J 45, N5FN 42, W5HML 42, W5ALH 22, W5KBY 22, AK5M 19, K5RG 18, KA5CM 9, W5DJS 9, W5DOP 5, W5OO 5, AB5X 5, KD5O 4, KB5KZ 1 (Jan.) W55TA 271.

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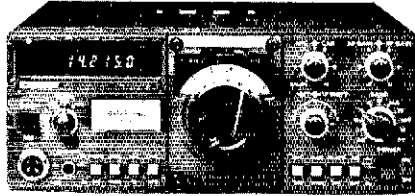


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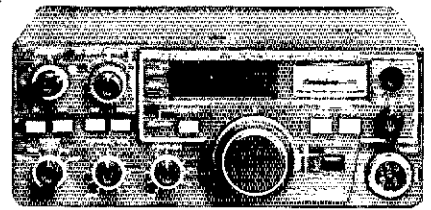
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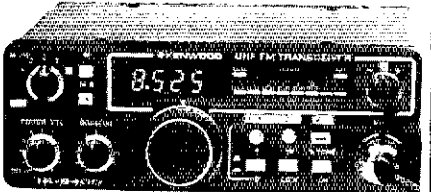
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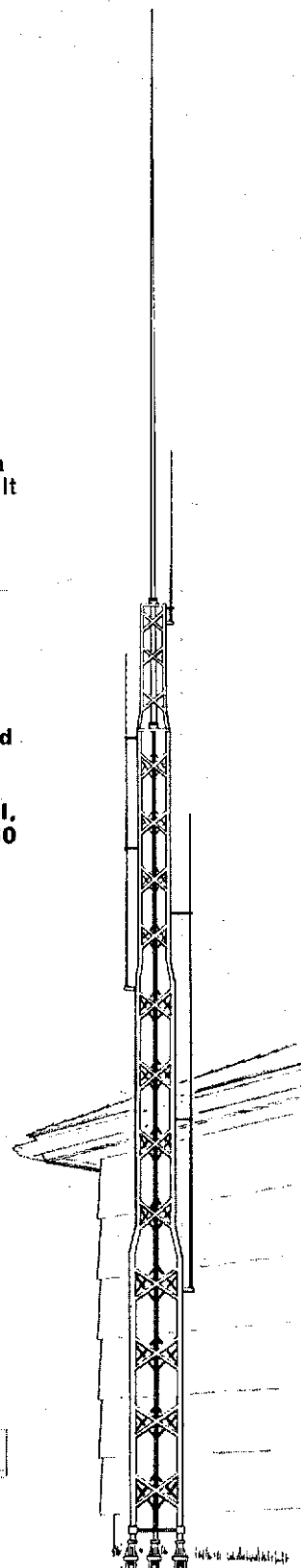
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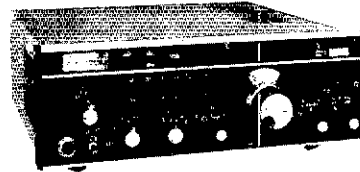
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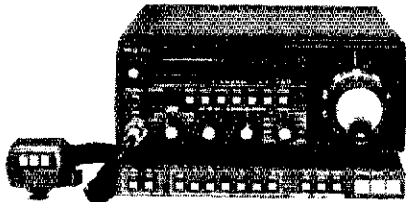
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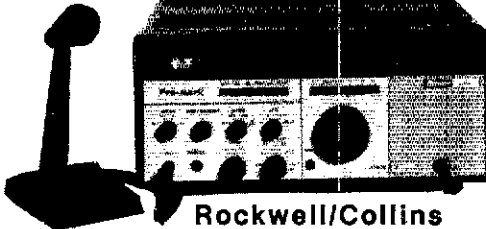


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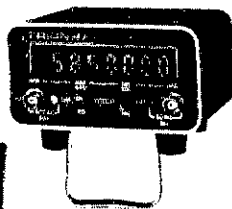
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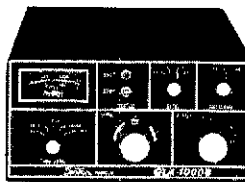


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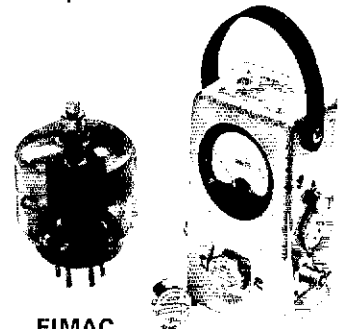
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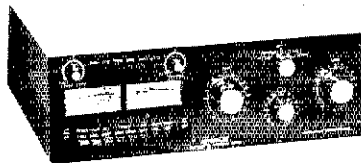
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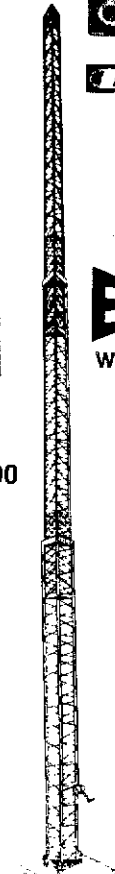


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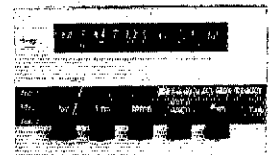


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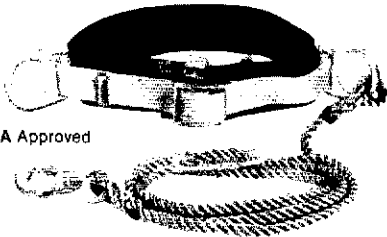
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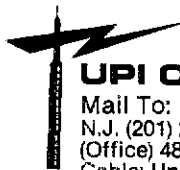


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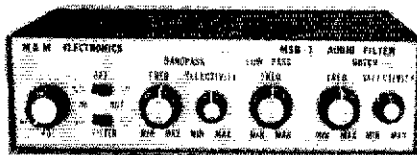
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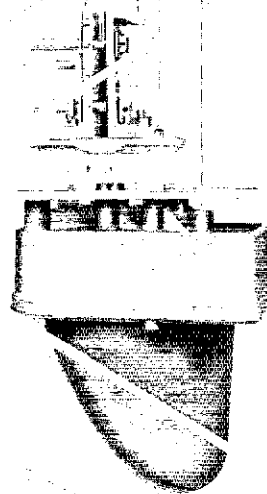
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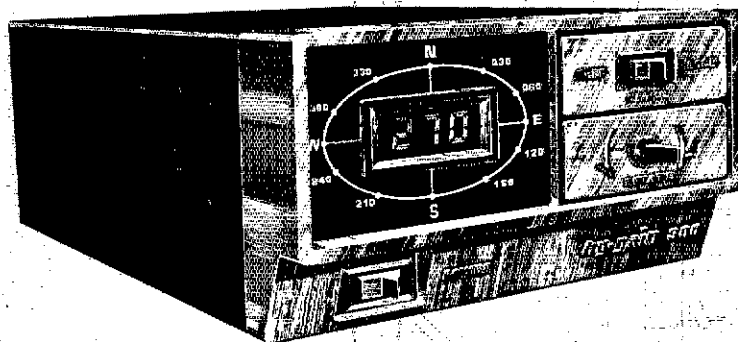
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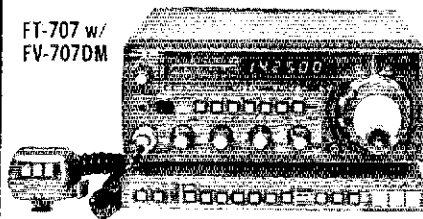
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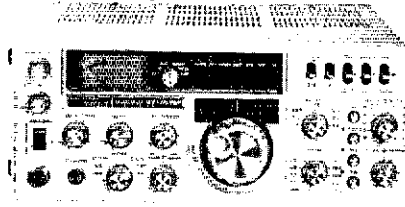
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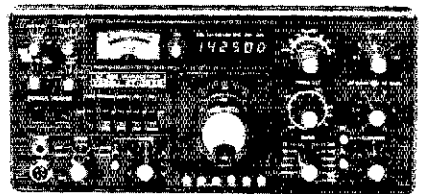
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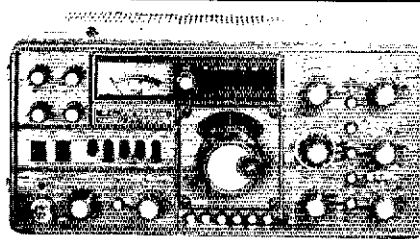
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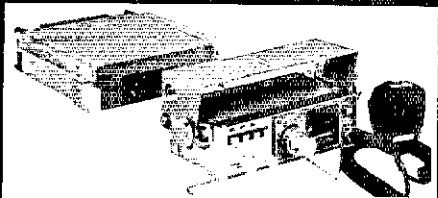
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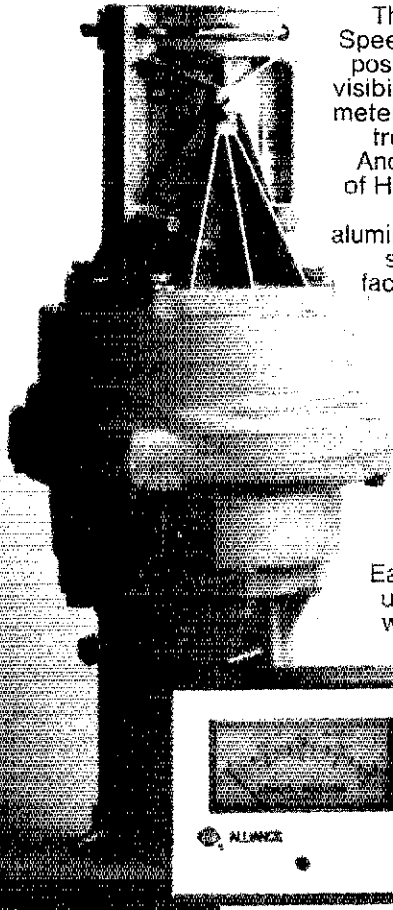
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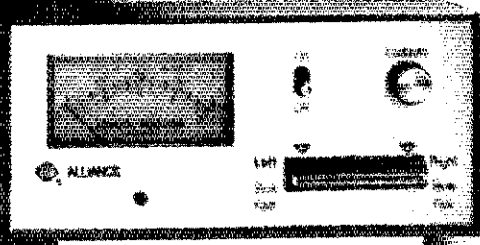
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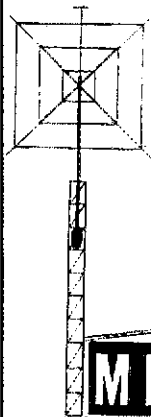
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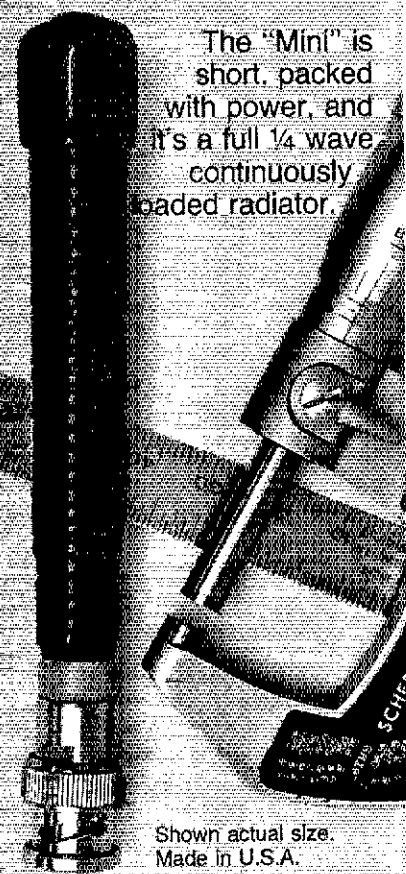
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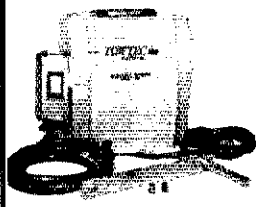
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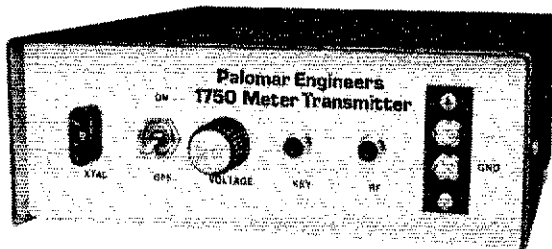
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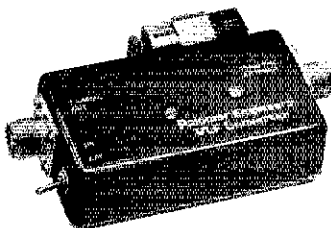
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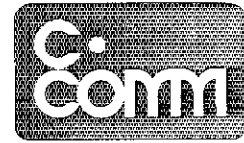


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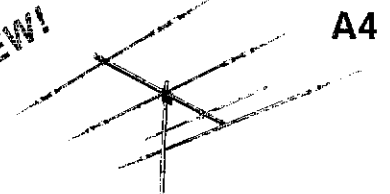


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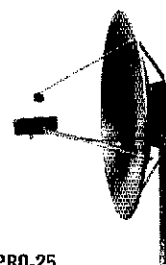
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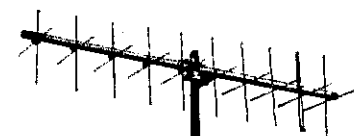
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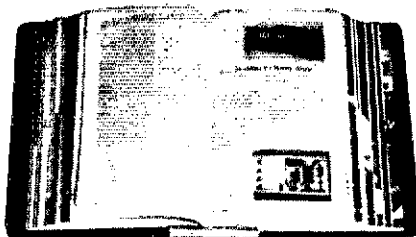
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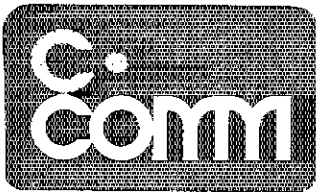
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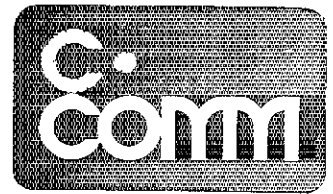
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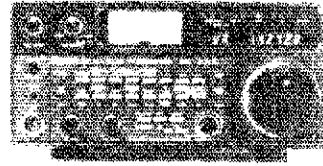


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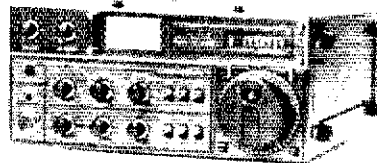
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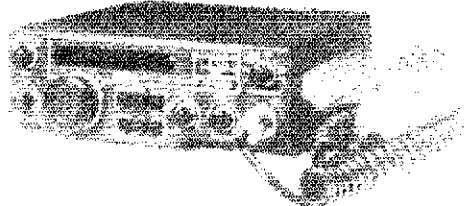
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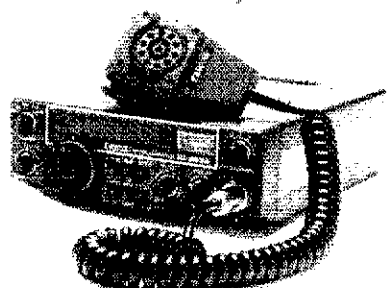
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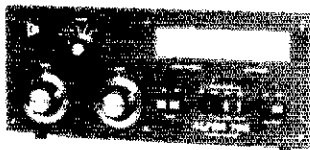
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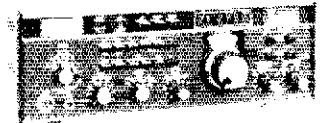
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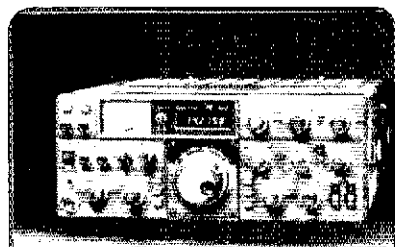
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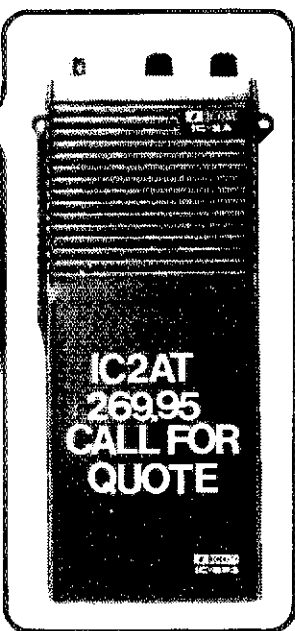


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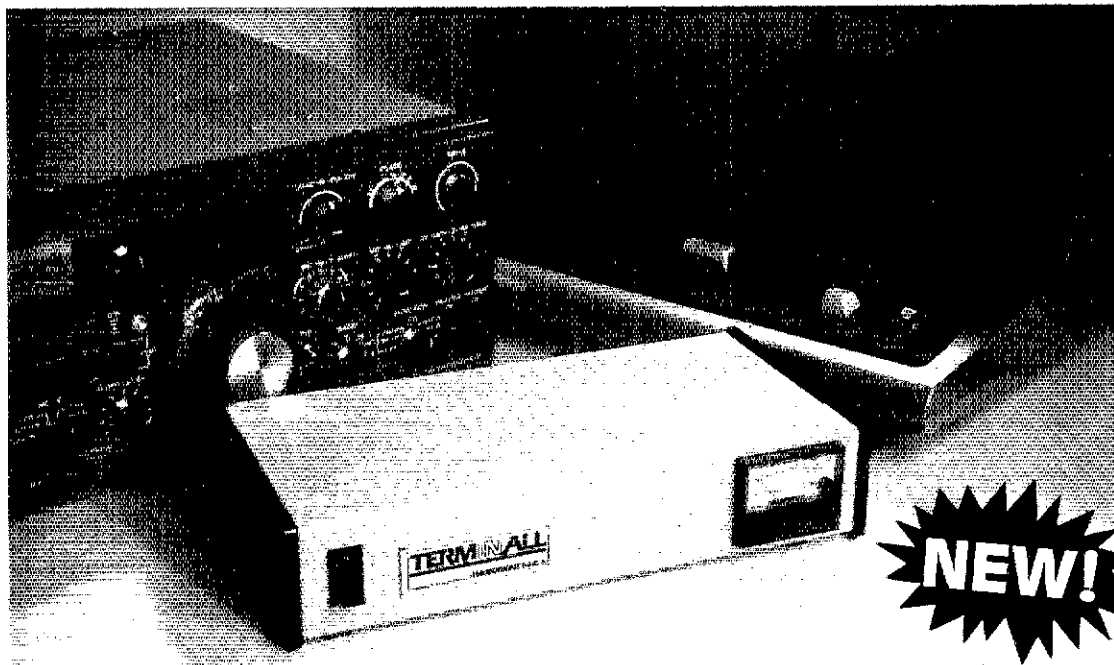
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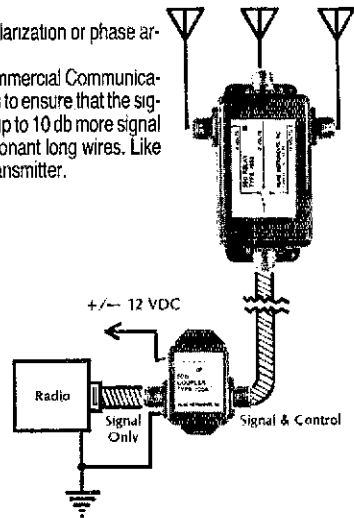
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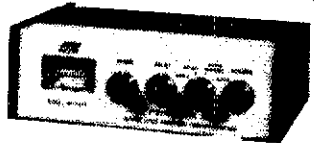
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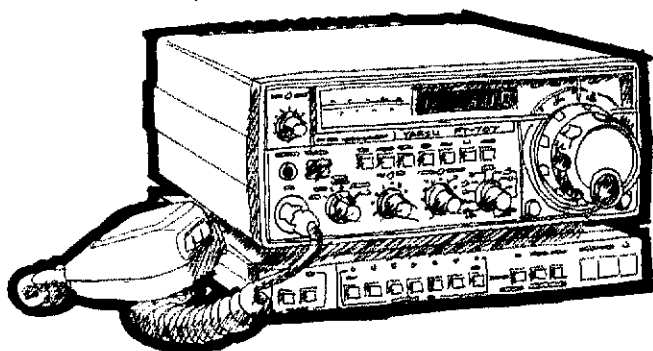
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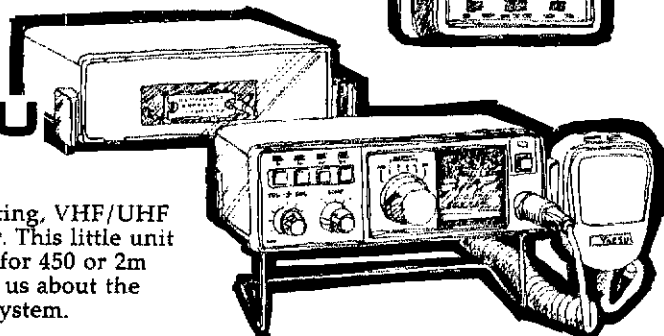


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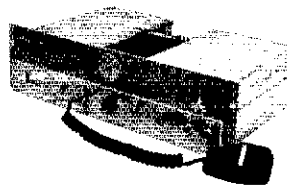
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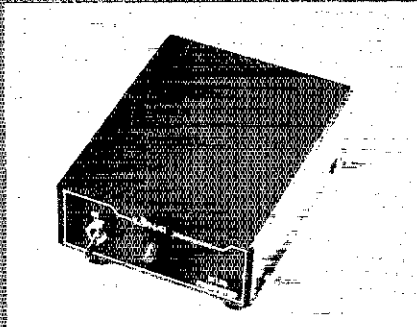
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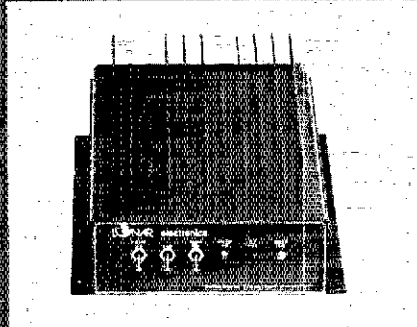
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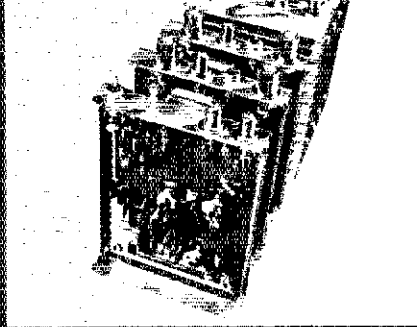
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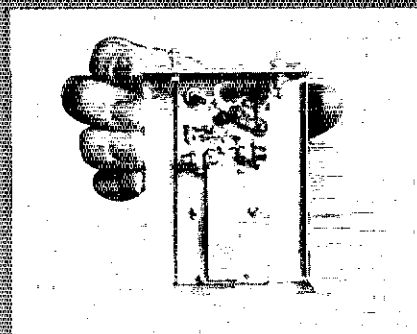
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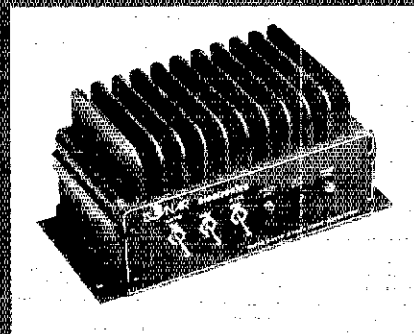
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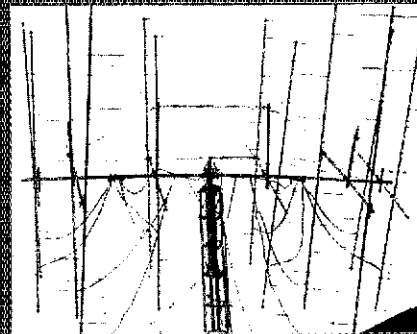


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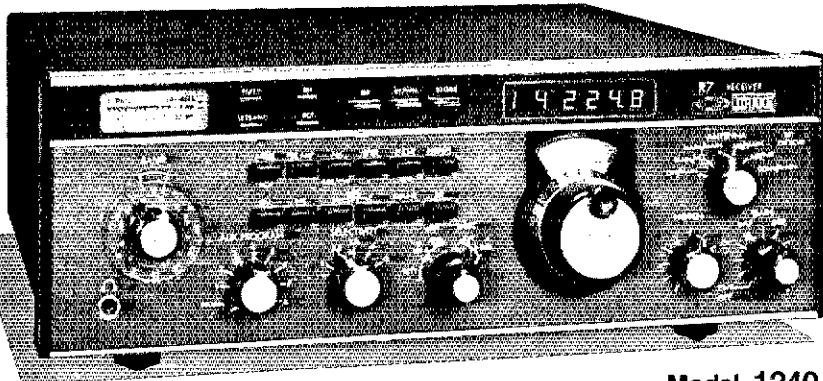
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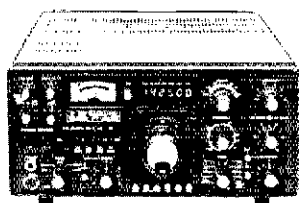
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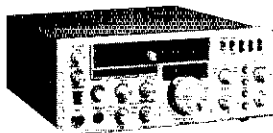
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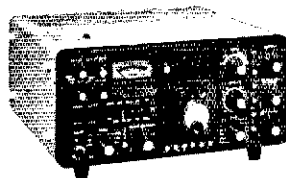
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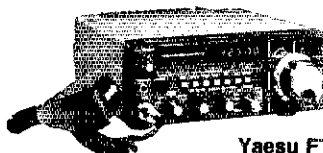
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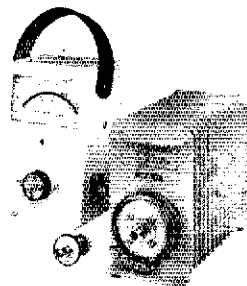
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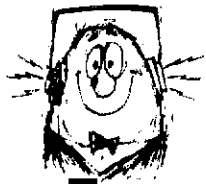
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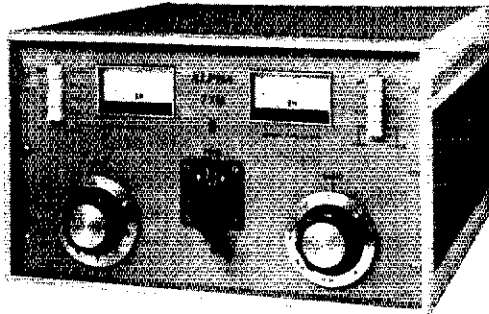


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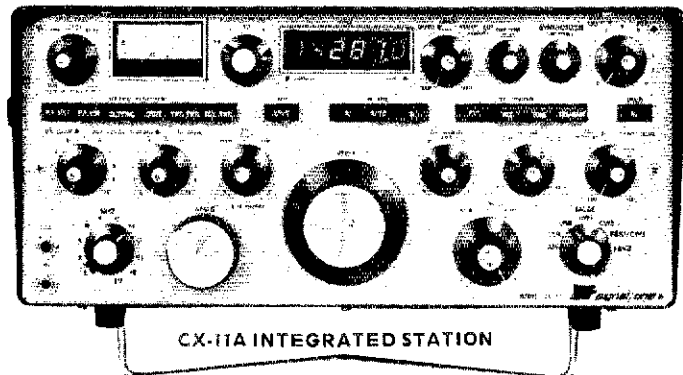


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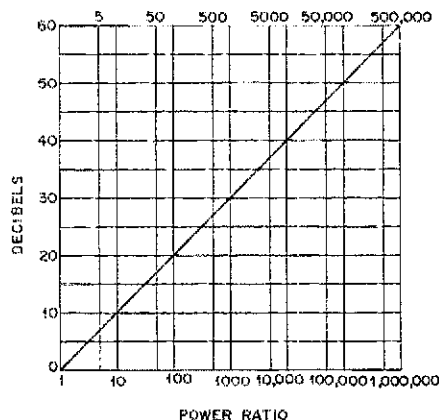
$$\text{dB} = 10 \log \frac{P_2}{P_1}$$

or

$$\text{dB} = 20 \log \frac{V_2}{V_1}$$

or

$$\text{dB} = 20 \log \frac{I_2}{I_1}$$



P = Power (watts)
V = Voltage
I = Current

What might we consider a worthwhile decibel increase for the signal we transmit? Some may argue that an increase of 1 dB can mean the difference between being copied or having one's signal lost in the QRM or QRN. But, most operators agree that a 3-dB increase (doubling the power) represents the boundary for a discernible change in audible level. The actual threshold of observed level change will depend upon the acuity and frequency-response characteristics of the human ear in a given situation. But, let's presume for the purpose of this discussion that a change of 3 dB or greater is significant. Thus, if we increase the power of a cw signal from 10 watts to 20 watts, the audio note from the receiver will sound twice as loud (agc disabled). If we had an accurate S meter, it would register a 3-dB increase in the strength of the incoming signal.

There are many ways we can garner additional decibels in our amateur stations. The most obvious method is to add an rf power amplifier to permit dc-input levels up to the legal limit of 1 kW. The effective signal strength can be increased by employing an antenna that has gain, and this may be less expensive than adding a linear amplifier. An increase in useful radiated power can often be realized by improving the impedance match in an antenna system, and by changing to a transmission line that has lower losses. We can see from the foregoing that an improvement in decibel level is a *cumulative* undertaking.

Let's assume we have a transmitter that provides 60 watts of output on 14 MHz. The antenna is a half-wave dipole (unity gain). We're using 150 feet (46 m) of RG-58/A coax cable as the feeder. The transmission-line loss will be approximately 2.25 dB. First, we can change to 1/2-inch (13-mm) Hardline (RG-231) and cut the loss to 0.45 dB — a gain of 1.8 dB. Next, we can install a 3-element, full-size single-band Yagi beam and increase the signal in a favored direction by roughly 8 dB. Our net gain thus far is 9.8 dB — or equivalent to going from 60 watts of transmitter output to 600 watts! Finally, we can add a linear amplifier and obtain approximately 600 watts of power output (assuming an amplifier efficiency of 60%), to boost the signal strength another 10 dB. Considering all of the above improvements we have gone from an initial erp (effective radiated power) of 36 watts to 3500 watts, with a 19.8-dB increase in our transmitted signal. The signal we receive from the other station will be stronger, too, owing to the 9.8-dB improvement in the antenna system, making the received signal sound about 10 times louder.

Even a 3-dB increase in signal can be helpful when conditions are difficult. Assume that with a given signal level the other station can't copy you because your signal is the same strength as the QRN. You increase your power output to add 3 decibels. Now, your signal is 3 dB above the QRN level and you are being copied Q5. If you had a signal that was, say, 10 dB or greater above the noise, the 3-dB increase would barely be noticed.

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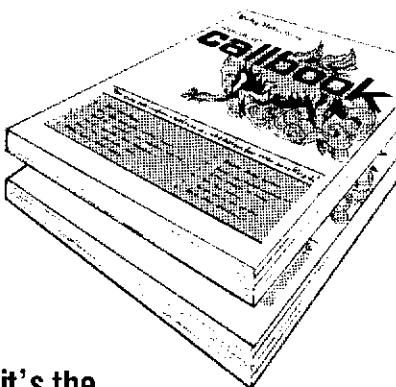
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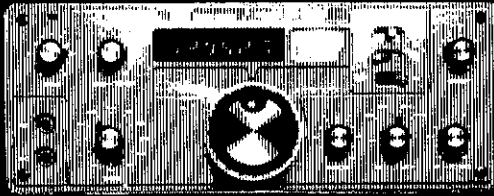
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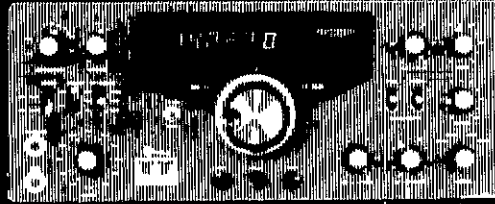
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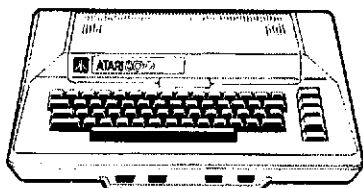
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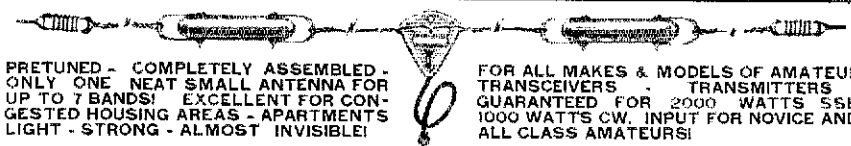
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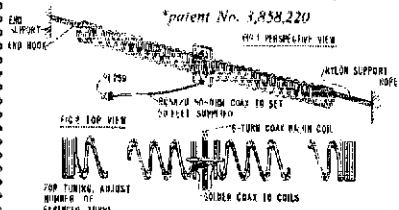
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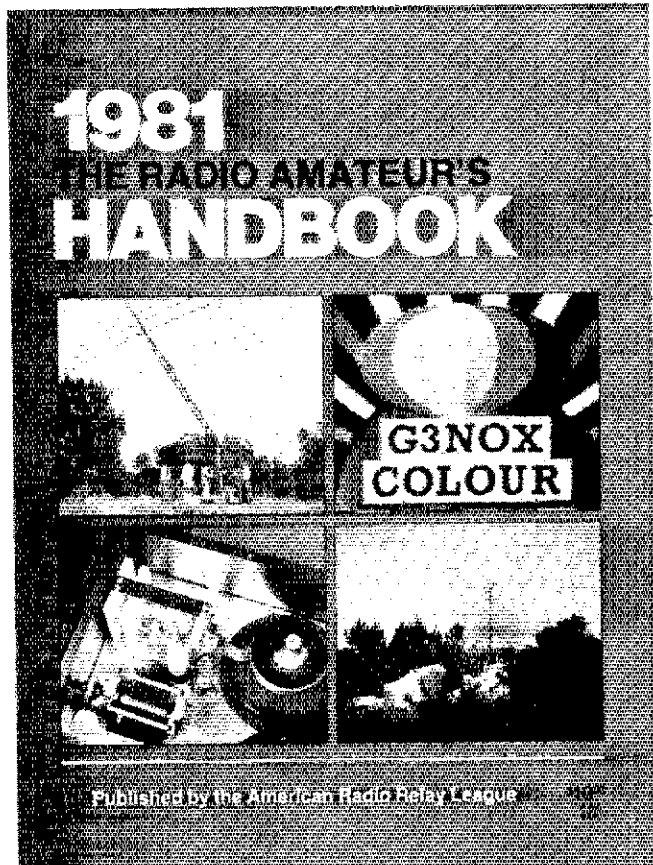
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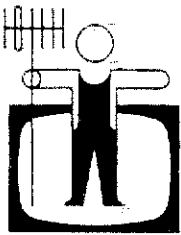
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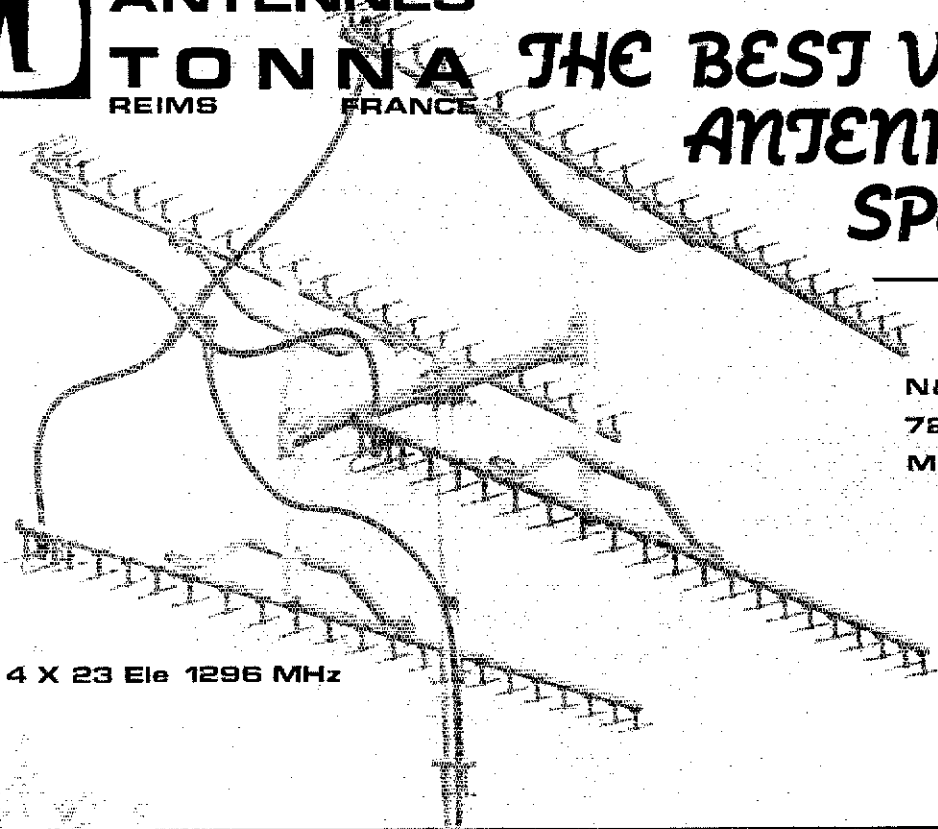
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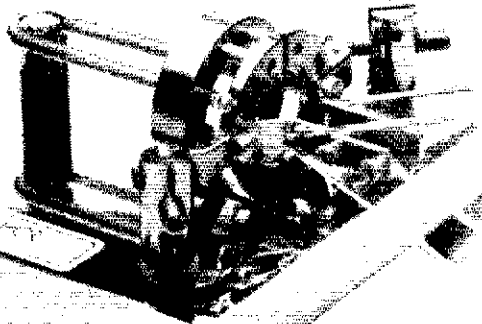
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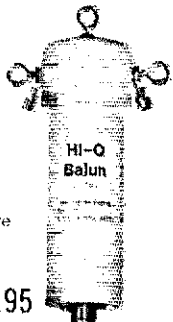
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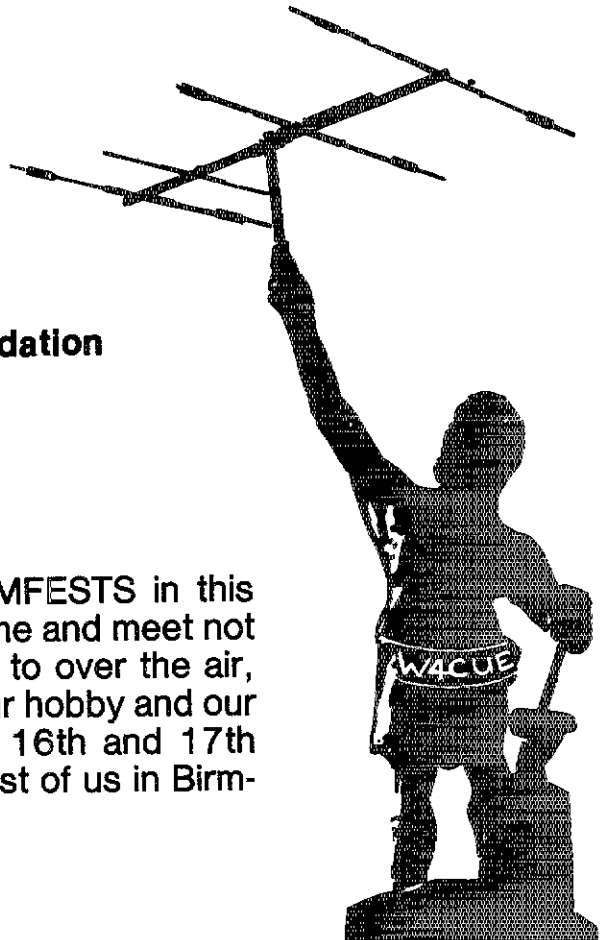
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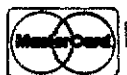
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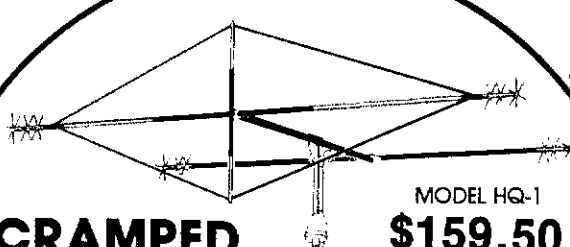
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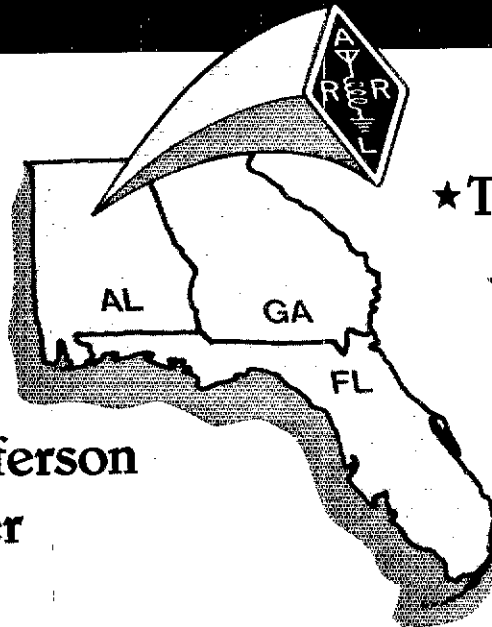
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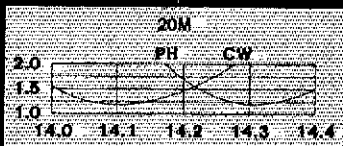
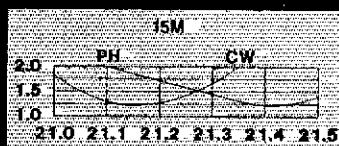
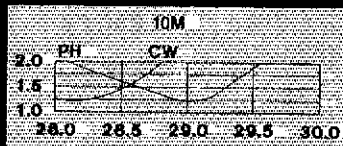
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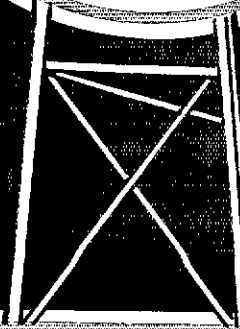
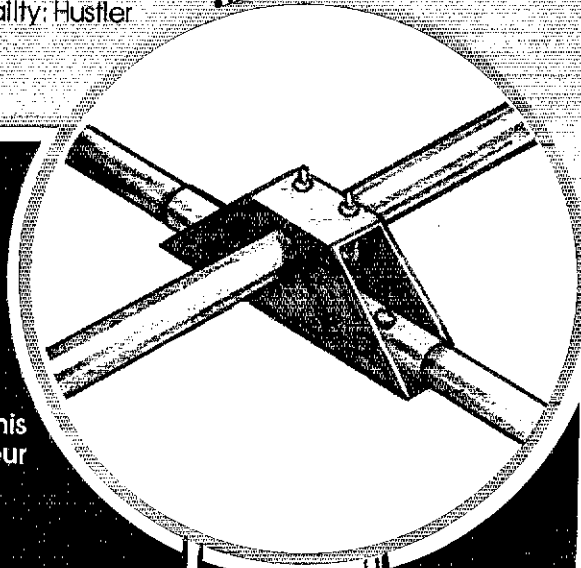


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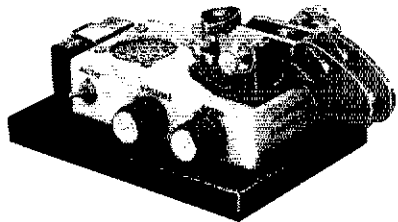
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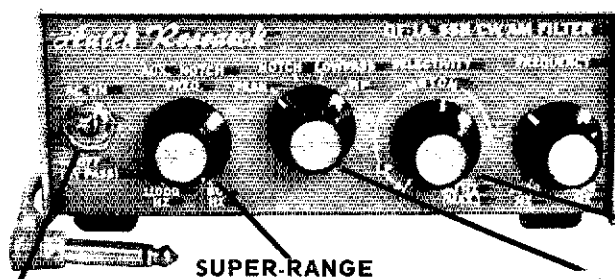
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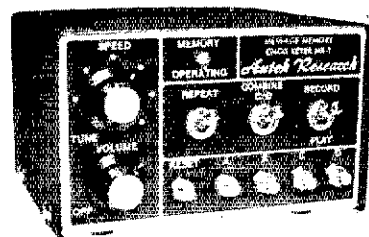
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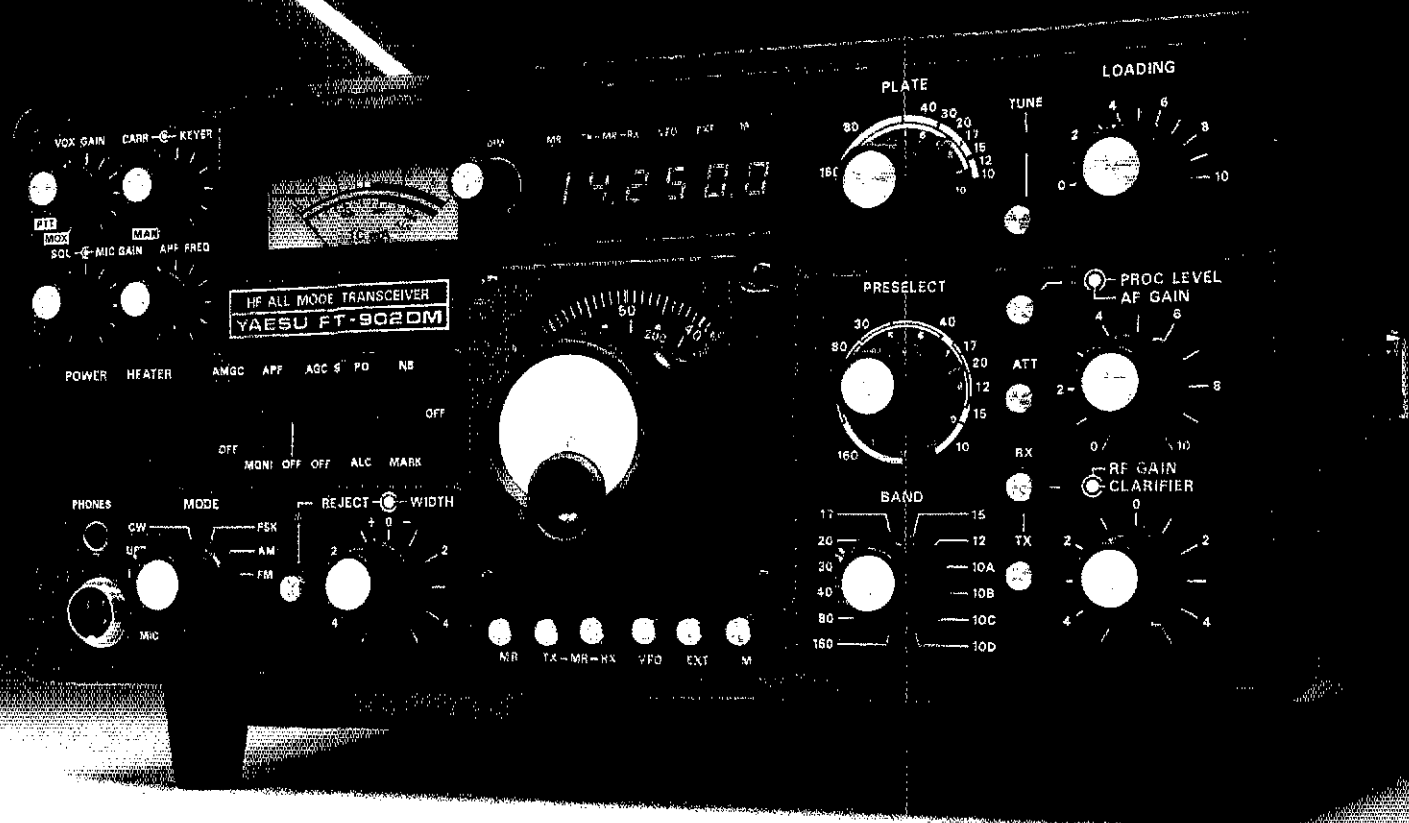
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