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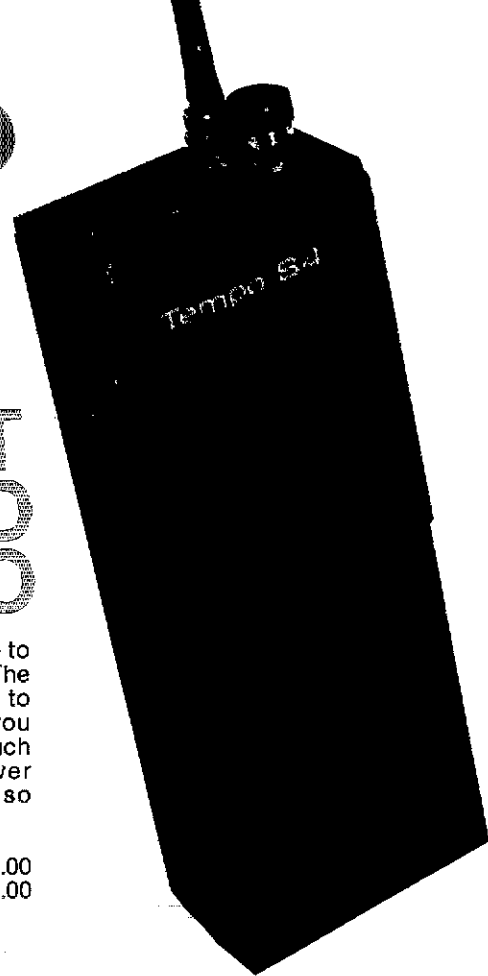
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Antenna Impedance: 50 ohms  
Sensitivity: Better than .5 microvolts nominal for 20 db  
Supplied Accessories: Rubber flex antenna 450 ma ni-cad battery pack, charger and earphone  
RF output Power: Nominal 3 watts high or 1 watt low power  
Repeater Offset: ± 5 MHz

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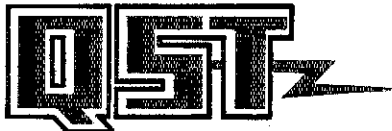
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**THE COVER**

After placing Ballarat on the map last year, a group of enthusiastic California hams will do it again. Project Johannesburg will link the old mining town with its namesake in South Africa. Details are on pages 73 and 79. *photo courtesy WA6NKLJ*



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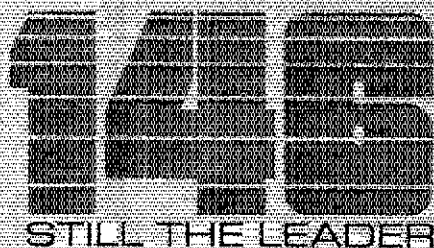
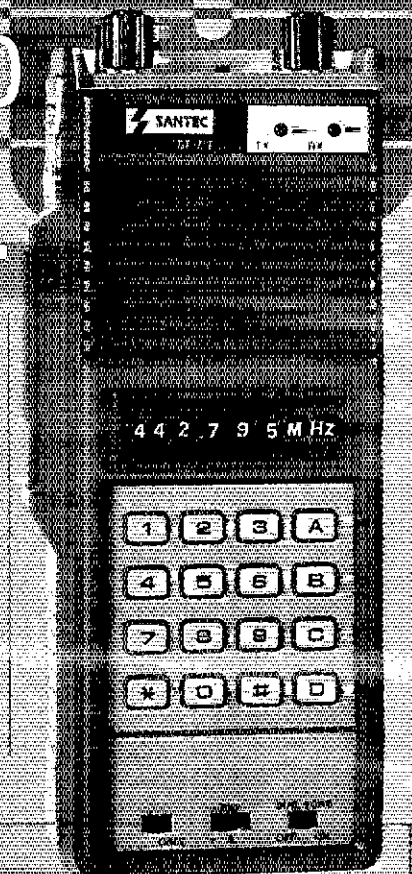
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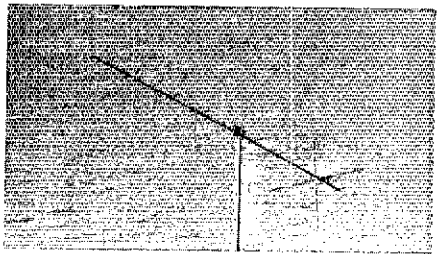
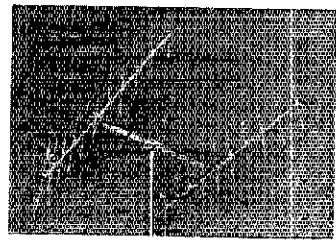
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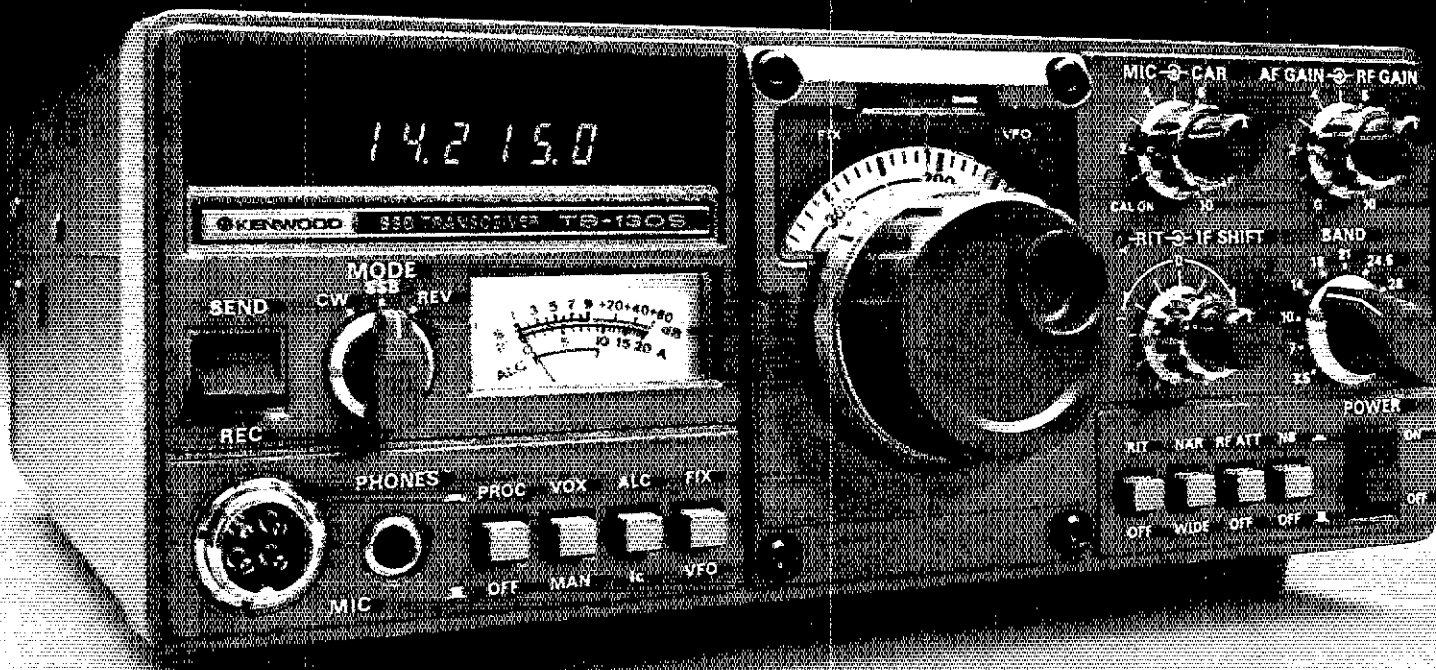
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AR-6	50-54 MHz
AR-2	135-175 MHz
AR-10	28-29.7 MHz
AR-220	220-225 MHz
AR-450	440-460 MHz

### MOBILE ANTENNAS

AMS-147	144-148 MHz	Magnetic Mount
ATS-147	144-148 MHz	Trunk Lip Mount
AMS-220	220-225 MHz	Magnetic Mount
ATS-220	220-225 MHz	Trunk Lip Mount

# Small wonder.



## Processor, N/W switch, IF shift, DFC option

### TS-130S/V

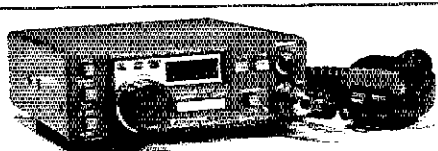
An incredibly compact, full-featured, all solid-state HF SSB/CW transceiver for both mobile and fixed operation. It covers 3.5 to 29.7 MHz (including the three new Amateur bands!) and is loaded with optimum operating features such as digital display, IF shift, speech processor, narrow/wide filter selection (on both SSB and CW), and optional DFC-230 digital frequency controller. The TS-130S runs high power and the TS-130V is a low-power version for QRP.

#### TS-130 SERIES FEATURES:

- **80-10 meters, including three new bands**  
Covers all Amateur bands from 3.5 to 29.7 MHz, including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz. VFO covers more than 50 kHz above and below each 500-kHz band.
- **Two power versions... easy operation**  
TS-130S runs 200 W PEP/160 W DC input on 180-15 meters and 160 W PEP/140 W DC on 12 and 10 meters. TS-130V runs 25 W PEP/20 W DC input on all bands. Solid-state, wideband final amplifier eliminates transmitter tuning, and receiver wideband RF amplifiers eliminate preselector peaking.
- **CW narrow/wide selection**  
"N-W" switch allows selection of wide and narrow bandwidths. Wide CW and

- SSB bandwidths are the same. Optional YK-88C (500 Hz) or YK-88CN (270 Hz) filter may be installed for narrow CW.
- **Built-in speech processor**  
Increases audio punch and average SSB output power, while suppressing sideband splatter.
- **SSB narrow selection**  
"N-W" switch allows selection of narrow SSB bandwidth to eliminate QRM, when optional YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) filter is installed. (CW filter may still be selected in CW mode.)
- **Sideband mode selected automatically**  
LSB is selected on 40 meters and below, and USB on 30 meters and above. SSB REVERSE position on MODE switch.
- **Built-in digital display**  
Six-digit green fluorescent tube display indicates actual operating frequency to 100 Hz. Also indicates external VFO or fixed-channel frequency, RIT shift, and CW transmit/receive shifts. Backed up by an analog subdial.
- **IF shift**  
Allows IF passband to be moved away from interfering signals and sideband splatter.
- **Built-in RF attenuator**  
For optimum rejection of intermodulation distortion.
- **Single-conversion PLL system**  
Improves stability as well as transmit and receive spurious characteristics.

- **Built-in VOX**  
For convenient SSB operation, as well as semibreak-in CW with sidetone.
- **Effective noise blanker**  
Eliminates pulse-type interference such as ignition noise.
- **Compact and lightweight**  
Measures only 3-3/4 inches high, 9-1/2 inches wide, and 11-9/16 inches deep, and weighs only 12.3 pounds.



#### Optional DFC-230 Digital Frequency Controller

Allows frequency control in 20-Hz steps with UP/DOWN microphone (supplied with DFC-230). Includes four memories (handy for split-frequency operation) and digital display. Covers 100 kHz above and below each 500-kHz band. Very compact.

More information on the TS-130 Series is available from all authorized dealers of Trio-Kenwood Communications, 1111 West Walnut Street, Compton, California 90220.

#### Matching accessories for fixed-station operation:

- PS-30 base-station power supply (remotely switchable on and off with TS-130S power switch).
- SP-120 external speaker
- VFO-120 remote VFO
- MC-50 50kΩ/500Ω desk microphone
- Other accessories not shown:
  - PC-1 phone patch
  - TL-922A linear amplifier
  - HS-5 and HS-4 headphones
  - HC-10 world digital clock
  - PS-20 base-station power supply for TS-130V
  - SF-40 compact mobile speaker
  - VFO-230 digital VFO with five memories
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filters
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter
- AT-130 compact antenna tuner (80-10 m, including 3 new bands)
- MB-100 mobile mounting bracket
- MC-30S and MC-35S noise cancelling hand microphones



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# Power up.



## 40 W, 15 memories/offset recall, scan, priority, DTMF touch-pad

### TR-7850

Kenwood's remarkable TR-7850 2-meter FM mobile transceiver provides all the features you could desire, including a powerful 40 watts RF output. Frequency selection is easier than ever, and the rig incorporates new memory developments for repeater shift, priority, and scan, and includes a built-in autopatch touch-pad (DTMF) encoder. A 25-watt output version, the TR-7800, is also available.

#### TR-7850 FEATURES:

- **Powerful 40 watts power output**  
Selectable high or low power operation. High 40-watt output provides reliable signal for wide area coverage.
- **15 multifunction memory channels, easily selectable with a rotary control**  
M1-M13... memorize frequency and offset ( $\pm 600$  kHz or simplex). M14... memorize transmit and receive frequencies independently for nonstandard offset. M0... priority channel, with simplex,  $\pm 600$  kHz, or nonstandard offset operation.
- **Internal battery backup for all memories**  
All memory channels (including transmit offset) are retained when four AA NiCd batteries (not Kenwood supplied) are installed in battery holder inside TR-7850. Batteries are automatically charged while transceiver is connected to 12-VDC source.
- **Extended frequency coverage**  
143.900-148.995 MHz, in switchable 5-kHz or 10-kHz steps.

- **Priority alert**  
M0 memory is priority channel. "Beep" alerts operator when signal appears on priority channel. Operation can be switched immediately to priority channel with the push of a switch.
- **Built-in autopatch touch-pad (DTMF) encoder**  
Front-panel touch pad generates all 12 telephone-compatible dual tones in transmit mode, plus four additional DTMF signaling tones (with simultaneous push of REV switch).
- **Front-panel keyboard**  
For frequency selection, transmit offset selection, memory programming, scan control, and selection of autopatch encoder tones.
- **Autoscan**  
Entire band (5-kHz or 10-kHz steps) and memories. Automatically locks on busy channel; scan resumes automatically after several seconds, unless CLEAR or mic PTT button is pressed to cancel scan.
- **Up/down manual scan**  
Entire band (5-kHz or 10-kHz steps) and memories, with UP/DOWN microphone (standard).

- **Repeater reverse switch**  
Handy for checking signals on the input of a repeater or for determining if a repeater is "upside down."
- **Separate digital readouts**  
To display frequency (both receive and transmit) and memory channel.
- **LED bar meter**  
For monitoring received signal level and RF output.
- **LED indicators**  
To show: +600 kHz, simplex, or -600 kHz transmitter offset; BUSY channel; ON AIR.
- **TONE switch**  
To actuate subaudible tone module (not Kenwood-supplied).
- **Compact size**  
Depth is reduced substantially.
- **Mobile mounting bracket**  
With quick-release levers.

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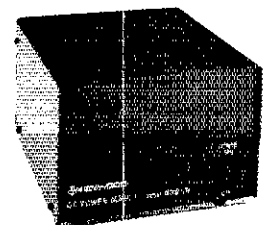
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#### Matching accessory for fixed-station operation:

- KPS-12 fixed-station power supply for TR-7850

#### Other accessories not shown:

- KPS-7 fixed-station power supply for TR-7800
- SP-40 compact mobile speaker



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## The Humanistic Challenge

Challenges are nothing new to the unique collection of individuals that is the amateur community. From the beginning, amateurs have often emerged at the forefront of the art, contributing in profound ways to the betterment of life. Now, a new challenge has presented itself — one that transcends the amateur's traditionally mechanistic role. It is the humanistic challenge put forth by the United Nations General Assembly when it proclaimed 1981 the International Year of Disabled Persons. This global call is for the establishment of goals and programs aimed at improving the lives of the 450 million disabled persons worldwide. The U.N. chose achievement of full participation by the disabled in society as the theme for the year. Enter, Amateur Radio.

This is the year to underscore Amateur Radio's unique and important appeal for the disabled individual and a time for amateurs to unleash that spirit of fellowship by helping the disabled get involved. Amateur Radio, as all of us know so well, is appealing. But for the individual who is limited in mobility, the appeal is inherently greater. For many, radio is the sole means of retreat from loneliness; a way in which they may communicate not only with their friends and neighbors outside of an institution room, but with individuals worldwide, a capability that most people don't have. Amateur Radio often proves that a disability need not always be a handicap.

The challenge lies in bringing radio to the disabled person who wants to improve his or her life through communication. The club is one vehicle by which this can be achieved — for many, a local ham club served as their "Elmer." Another way is through an organization such as the Courage HANDI-HAM System. An international group with headquarters in Minnesota, the HANDI-HAMS (members, student-members, and "verticals") provide special assistance to disabled persons working for their tickets, and to licensees studying for an upgrade. The System also provides a resource of special aids to facilitate station operation. For example, the renowned "Puff N' Sip" keyer allows

the operator to send the code by, you guessed it, puffing and sipping. HANDI-HAM Director Bruce Humphrys, K0HR, recalls a contemporary case:

One of the most interesting projects I've been involved with is getting Bill Savada, KA4DAA, back on the air. Bill developed a universal allergy (he's allergic to everything!) and has been living completely isolated in a porcelain and stainless steel mobile home in Texas. Bill had no way of getting on the air because of his allergy to his rig.

We have designed an all-stainless steel, airtight container for the transceiver using shaft extensions donated by a ham in Missouri, and a "Puff N' Sip" keyer. This is an exciting project — especially when you consider that Bill has a lot more to gain by getting on the air than most of us.

The intrinsic value of Amateur Radio manifests itself in hundreds of cases similar to Bill Savada's in which hams are helping increase social opportunity. For others, the feeling of pride of accomplishment that accompanies personal progress and activity is of tantamount significance.

The ARRL, and IARU, recognize the important benefits of Amateur Radio to the disabled community. In fact, the Board of Directors formally stated on March 11 of this year that "Amateur Radio has long been recognized as a window on the world for the handicapped and . . . handicapped radio amateurs have used their time and talent in the public interest, convenience and necessity . . ." The Board called for continuation and enhancement of the staff's program for the disabled. ARRL heartily endorses the work of organizations such as the Courage HANDI-HAMS, the Hadley School for the Blind and others whose innovative programs promote participation by the disabled. Every year, a Hq. staff member is on hand at the invitation of the HANDI-HAM crew to represent the League at their Radio Camps (see December, 1980 *QST*). Recently, this writer served as a Radio Camp instructor at a Camp Courage, Minnesota, session.

The Humanistic Challenge is also a personal one — the opportunity is beckoning to increase the meaningfulness of Amateur Radio for you. Why not become involved in this International Year, and every year, by helping a disabled person discover Amateur Radio? — *Richard Palm, K1CE*

# League Lines...

At press time, UoSAT, Great Britain's first Amateur Radio satellite, was scheduled for launch from Vandenberg, AFB, California, on September 20. The satellite, to be named UoSAT AMSAT OSCAR 9 after successful launch, is a secondary payload riding piggyback on a NASA mission. The primary payload, Mesosphere Explorer, carries instruments to measure the production and depletion of ozone in the earth's atmosphere on a global scale. Both satellites were to be launched by a McDonnell Douglas Delta 210 and be placed in a sun-synchronous, 336-mile-high orbit. We hope that by the time you read this the world Amateur Radio community will be celebrating the launch of another Amateur Satellite.

The U.S. State Department has advised League Hq. that the U.S. Embassy in Rome and the Italian Government have exchanged diplomatic notes establishing a reciprocal operating agreement. Hq. has not yet received information on the procedure for applications. Until this information is made available, please contact Associazione Radioamatori Italiani, Via D. Scarlatti 31, I-20124 Milano.

The FCC has released a 69-page "working paper" entitled "Deregulating Personal and Amateur Radio," which explores several ideas for improving the personal radio services. Some of the ideas considered by the paper are as follows: (1) a code-free vhf amateur license for technically qualified persons, (2) amateur operations on some CB frequencies, including the present 27-MHz band and the new, proposed 900-MHz band, (3) expansion of hf operating privileges for Technician class licensees, (4) a systematic study to find ways to encourage a more technically innovative Amateur Radio Service, and (5) elimination of certain regulations that restrict third-party traffic and repeater operations, and inhibit new technologies such as spread spectrum. The title page has a disclaimer that "The opinions expressed in this paper are the authors'. They do not necessarily reflect the policies or views of the Federal Communications Commission or any other organization or individual." A limited number of copies of the working paper are available from the FCC Office of Public Affairs, Room 207, 1919 M St., N.W., Washington, DC 20554.

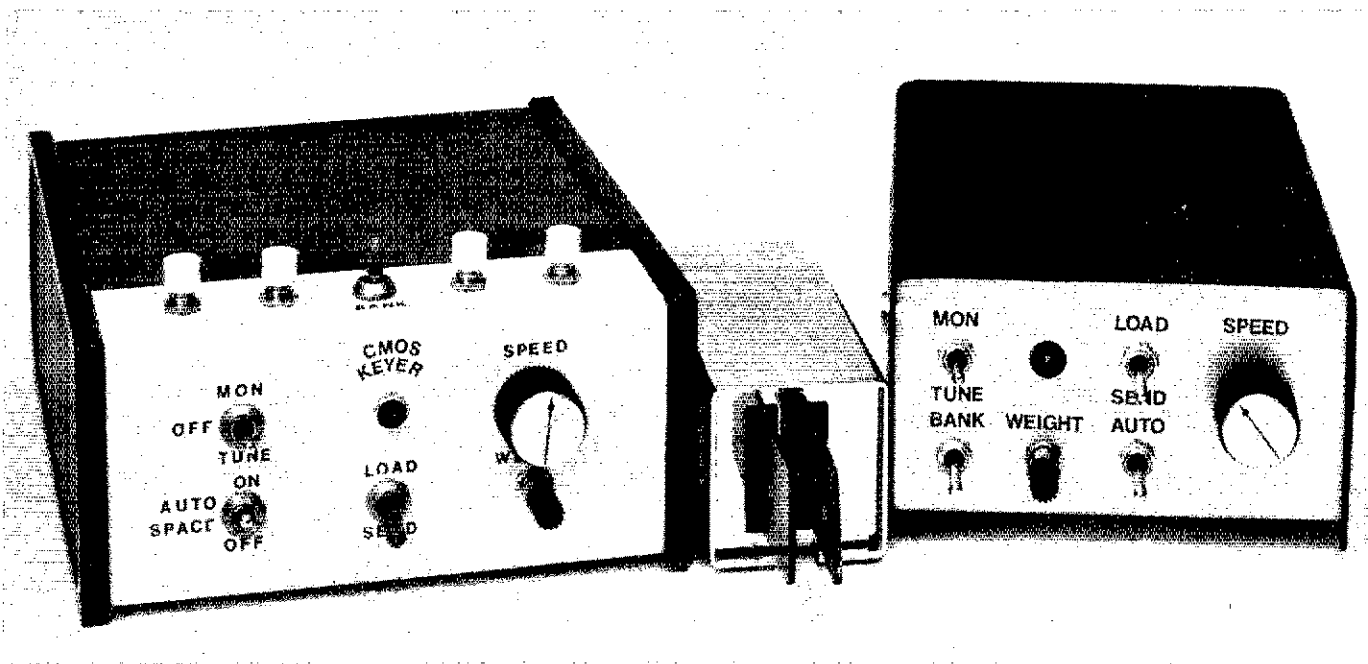
Pitcairn Island traffic. Pitcairn Island (VR6) is one of the most isolated communities in the world. There is, for instance, no commercial telegraph or radio service to the outside world. When there is an urgent need for communications, the island's one amateur station manned by Tom Christian must be used. Thus, since 1970 there has been an "informal and temporary" agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States permitting VR6TC and the U.S. amateurs to exchange messages concerning medical emergencies, urgent need for equipment or supplies, and private or personal matters of island residents. The agreement applies equally to phone patches and written traffic.

Attention repeater enthusiasts! The deadline for registering your repeater for the next edition of the ARRL Repeater Directory is November 1. Please register your repeater on form CD-240, available for an s.a.s.e., to ensure the accuracy of the new edition. Send all information to ARRL Communications Department, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. All repeaters must be registered each year if they are to be listed in the directory.

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According to an FCC report, the average routine processing time for an Amateur Radio license in July 1981 was 51 days. Included in this time are the number of days from receipt of the application to the time the completed license is mailed; however, the time required for postal service in either direction is not included.

# The CMOS Super Keyer



Able to bridge tight pocket books with a single board, this keyer has a features/cost ratio that is hard to beat! It is designed for — and by — cw operators.

By Jeffrey D. Russell,\* KCØQ, and Conway A. Southard,\*\* NØII

**W**hy should *you* build this keyer? Well, let's start by listing its prominent features, and see if you can resist its attraction: (1) Compact and inexpensive; (2) Has eight 50-character message memories; (3) Messages are loaded or aborted by paddle operation; (4) Transmitter not keyed during message loading; (5) Any message may be instantly restarted; (6) Includes a message loading indicator; (7) Incorporates iambic operation; (8) Employs both dot and dash memories; (9) Has switch-selectable, auto-character spacing; (10) Uses a gated clock for instantaneous asynchronous starting; (11) Has ultra-low power requirements; (12) Features continuous message retention; (13) Offers very friendly timing circuitry.

Not only will you have a keyer that you will be proud of, but those interested in

logic design will find this presentation useful and interesting. Several novel features help to reduce the number of ICs used — only 12 readily available ICs are required. CMOS devices are employed, and with no quiescent current paths the keyer draws only 10 to 15 microamperes in standby. It has no ON/OFF switch! A state transition diagram is also included and, as far as we know, it is the first keyer so presented.

## Cost

Certainly this is a factor of primary concern to amateurs. Total IC costs will be about \$10, including an approximate cost of \$7 for the RAM chip. If your junk box is helpful, a total cost of \$20 or \$25 can be expected. If you need to buy all the parts,<sup>1</sup> the keyer could cost \$60 or so. Not bad in light of today's "smaller" dollar. Double-sided pc boards with plated-

through holes are available from either author at a cost of \$15 each (plus \$1 shipping).<sup>2</sup> These boards measure 3.6 × 4.6 inches (91 × 117 mm).

## CMOS Design

The advantages of CMOS technology are apparent in this keyer: low cost, ultra-low power requirements, wide logic swings, "down-the-middle" transfer characteristics, high impedance inputs, lots of "fan out" drive capability and good noise immunity, to name a few. The 6504 RAM can store 4096 bits: that's eight messages of 512 bits each, or about 50 characters per message.

This circuit does not depend on how fast one IC is with respect to another. In some designs you are instructed to swap this or that IC if you have a problem, or R-C networks are added to the circuit to reduce "glitches" or race conditions. There are no R-C de-glitchers in this design. The read-in/read-out memory-

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<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 17.



address transitions are logically synchronized, and all transition states are provided for.

### Functional Keyer Description

There are four basic areas of the keyer: The ASYNCHRONOUS paddle logic and oscillator, SYNCHRONOUS (state machine) section, MEMORY AND MEMORY CONTROL, and the WEIGHTING, OUTPUT and SIDETONE section (discussed under Wiring Options). We'll examine them one at a time.

### Asynchronous Module

Almost all modern keyer designs have dot and dash memories, as does this one. However, many designs don't allow the full time between elements to get off the dash or dot paddle before another element is loaded. The result, for those keyers, is that you may have difficulty with extraneous elements (usually dots) creating, for example, an R for an A or an I for an E. This keyer design allows you the full interelement time to release the paddles, and a special dot reload circuit makes squeeze timing even less critical — it is a super-easy keyer to use.

The ASYNCHRONOUS module derives its name from the fact that paddle manipulation by the operator can be, and usually is, quite irregular and not in phase with any internal keyer clock. Refer to Fig. 1. U8A and U8B are inverters that isolate the dot and dash paddles. U12A and U12B comprise the dot and dash memory FFs (flip-flops). These FFs are set by the action of the paddles and are reset (as described later) by the state module or the SYNCHRONOUS section. U11A is the iambic FF that allows the keyer to provide alternate dots and dashes when both paddles are closed. (Iambic operation seems to be the design preferred by most

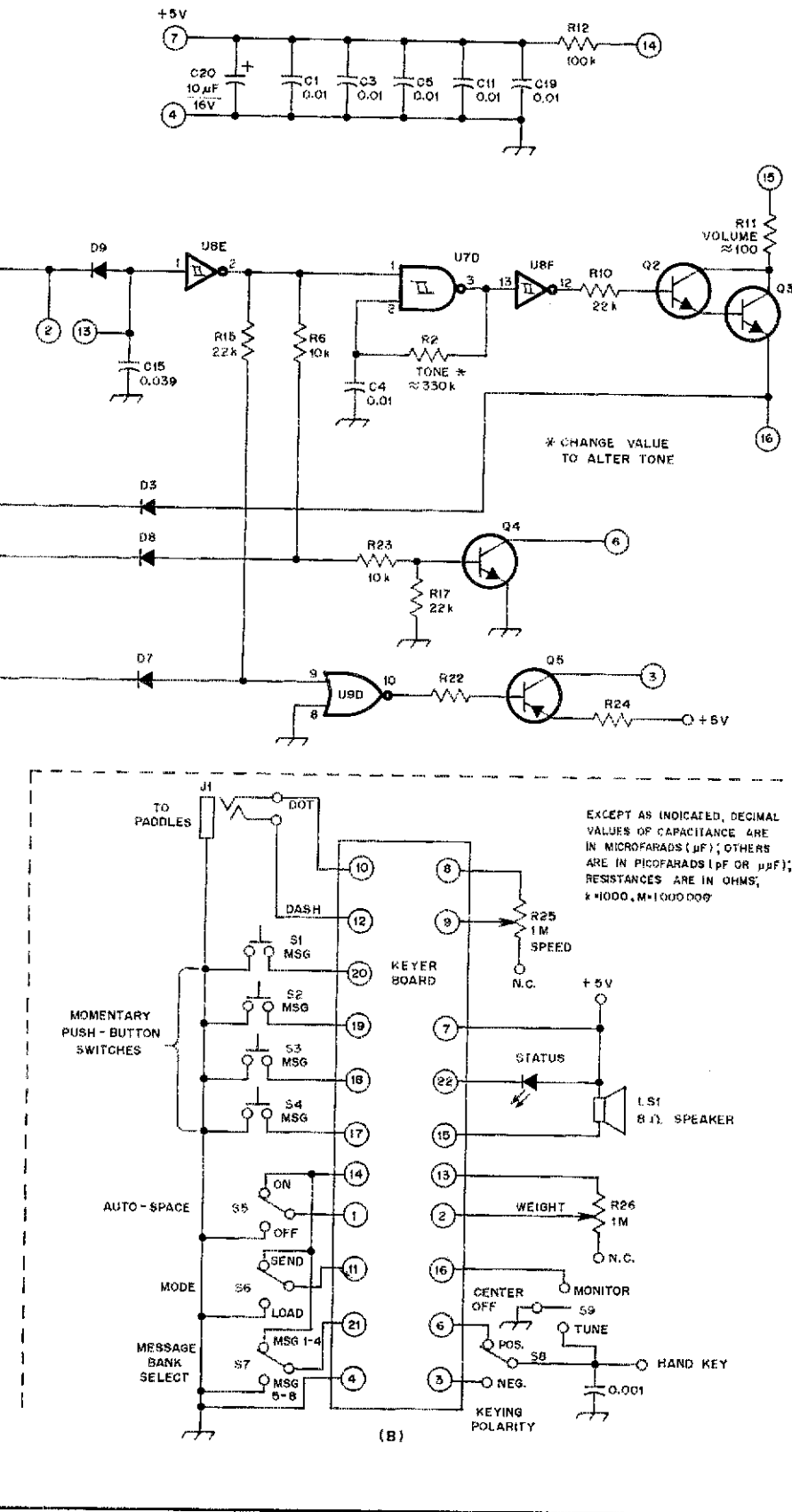


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the keyer. One-eighth- or 1/4-watt carbon resistors should be used. Simplification of the keyer by elimination of features and by component selection is discussed in the text. The circled leads at A correspond to the board edge connector pads shown at B. With the exception of C15, C16 and C20, all capacitors are disc ceramic, 50-V units.

- C15 — Mylar, 0.039  $\mu$ F, 50 V.
- C16 — Mylar, 0.27  $\mu$ F, 50 V.
- C20 — Electrolytic or tantalum, 10  $\mu$ F, 16 V.
- D1-D12, incl. — Silicon, fast-switching diode, 100 PIV, 75 mA, 4 ns, 1N4454, 1N914, 1N4148 or equiv.
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- U1 — CMOS 4k  $\times$  1 RAM, Harris HM6504-9.
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- U5 — CMOS dual shift register, 4015B.
- U6 — CMOS 8-to-1 multiplexer, 4051B.
- U7 — CMOS quad Schmitt NAND gate, 4093B.
- U8 — CMOS hex Schmitt inverter, 40106B, MC14584B.
- U9 — CMOS quad 2-input NOR gate, 4001B.
- U10 — CMOS dual 2-to-4 decoder, 4555B.
- U11, U12 — CMOS dual J-K FF, 4027B.

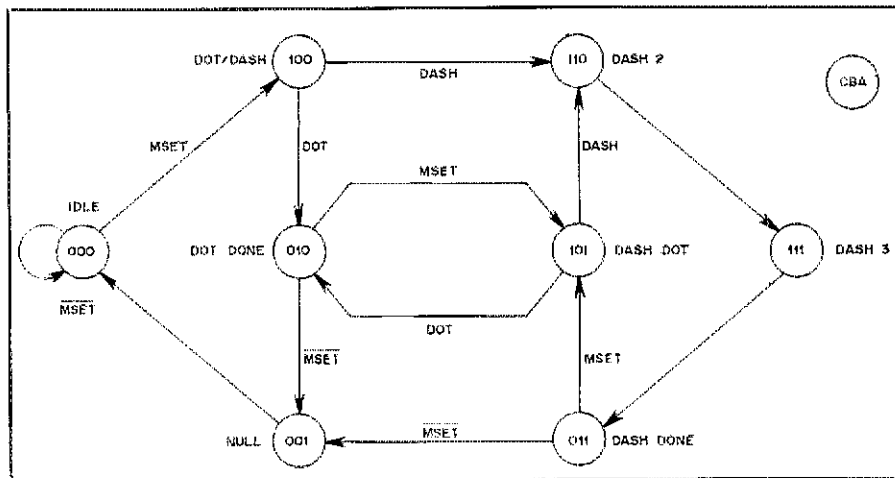


Fig. 2 — State transition diagram of the keyer. Dot = not dash, dash = current output of the iambic FF, MSET = 1 if either the dot or dash memory is set. At the completion of a dot, state 010 (dot done) is always entered. After dash completion, state 011 (dash done) is always entered. A mark is begun in either state 100 or 101. The clock produces short negative-going pulses, and all state transitions occur on the positive-going clock edge. An attempt is made to reset the dot memory on the negative clock pulse edge during the end of state 010 and to reset the dash memory on the negative clock edge during the end of state 011. Setting of the iambic FF to dash on the transition from state 010 to 101 and resetting to dot on transition from 011 to 101 is sought. If the dot reload timing change described in the text is used, a special dot reset pulse is generated at state 110, which tries to reset the dot FF.

Table 1  
Edge Connector Signals

Pad Number	Signal
1	AUTO-SPACE
2	WEIGHT (1)
3	Negative keying output
4	Ground
5	Spare
6	Positive keying output
7	+5 V
8	SPEED (1)
9	SPEED (2)
10	Dot paddle input
11	LOAD switch
12	Dash paddle input
13	WEIGHT (2)
14	Positive high for pull-ups
15	Speaker
16	MONITOR switch
17	Message button 4
18	Message button 3
19	Message button 2
20	Message button 1
21	MESSAGE BANK SELECT switch
22	STATUS LED

operators.) FF U11B is set to turn on the gated oscillator and keeps the oscillator running until it is stopped intentionally.

The oscillator, U7B and U8C, is gated so that a character can start immediately when you close a paddle. Some designs with gated clocks have a first cycle that is not the same length as the succeeding ones. This problem may be solved by using a continuously running clock, but creates another problem: A character may be initiated only at some undetermined time after paddle closure, depending on where the oscillator may be in the cycle at the time. The oscillator in this keyer is

gated, and, when stopped, its output (CLK) is high. Further, the duty cycle is purposely set with a very short negative pulse and a long positive pulse that eliminates the "first-cycle" syndrome. This is crucial to the overall operation of the keyer. D10 serves as a precharge path for the oscillator; it ensures that the oscillator returns quickly to the idle state at the end of the keying cycle.

The dot and dash FFs are set by the paddles, and their outputs are combined in gate U7A. U7A output is the signal called MSET (Memory SET) on the state transition diagram and is a 1 if either or both FFs are set. The MSET signal is an input to the state module. The output of iambic FF U11A is called DOT/DASH and will be a 1 for a dash or a 0 for a dot. The J-K FF used at 11A must have a defined state when both SET and RESET are active — not all FFs are acceptable here.

Dot and dash FFs U12A and U12B are reset by the CLK-NOT (the negative going edge of CLK) on leaving state 010 for a dot or 011 for a dash. These same signals are used to toggle the iambic FF, too.

Clock FF U11B is turned on by a dot paddle closure, a dash paddle closure or a RUN-NOT signal from the memory section. This FF is reset by a high on the K input, which occurs only at state 000, when the keyer has arrived at the idle condition. The oscillator (U7B/U8C) normally does not have a linear speed characteristic, but this is relieved by using a SPEED potentiometer with an inverse log taper. A regular log (audio) taper potentiometer may be used here, but should be wired to

increase speed with a counterclockwise rotation of the control.

### Synchronous Module

This is the heart of the keyer logic. A state transition diagram (shown in Fig. 2) will aid in explaining the sequencing of the keyer. Basically, the circuit operates as a clocked-state machine with eight states. These states are identified in binary code (CBA), and the circle nodes on the diagram are the binary description of the states. States are identified out of a shift register, which is always shifting to the right. For example, the state 000 is the idle state and when either paddle is closed, the state shifts right and a 1 is shifted into the first position (C) — hence the state 100. Keep in mind that whenever the C position is a 1, the keyer will be outputting a MARK. So on closure of either paddle, the keyer sequences to state 100, and a MARK is output.

On the next clock tick, the keyer can move to state 010 or 110, depending on which desired element (dot or dash) is being keyed. Note that the state is shifted right, and a dash will cause a 1 to shift into the register for state 110, or a not-dash (dot) will cause a 0 to produce a state 010.

In general, a state machine must have sufficient memory to determine its past history (to know what state it is in) that, when mixed with input signals (called qualifiers), will exactly determine the next state. The state history for this unit is kept in a 4-bit shift register, U5A. U5A is clocked (shifted right) by CLK, and the left-most bit is loaded into the D input from U6. The state of the keyer is determined by Q0, Q1 and Q2, and these outputs are the CBA node identifiers in the state diagram. The fourth bit of that shift register is ignored, as only three bits are needed to define the eight states of the keyer.

Assume the keyer is in state 000, and a clock pulse occurs. The signal at U6 input X0 (pin 13) will be output at pin 3 and will become the first bit shifted into the register. Since the clock pulse must occur because of a paddle closure, MSET at pin 13 will be a 1, and the shift register is now set at 100.

Because of this action, the keyer will go to state 100 from 000 with any paddle closure. However, the next state will either be 010 or 110 depending on the DASH input (refer to the state diagram in Fig. 1). Which inputs to U6 are coupled to the shift register are determined by the current state of the keyer and these inputs.

A single dot closure of the paddle produces the following states: 000 (idle), 100 (send dot/MARK), 010 (dot done), 001 (null) and back to 000 (idle). A dot in state 100 is sent, and then the keyer inserts three space elements — the AUTO-SPACE feature.

To produce a single dash, the states are: 000 (idle), 100 (send dash/MARK), 110



(send second MARK), 111 (send a third MARK), 011 (dash done), 001 (null) and 000 (idle) again. A dash is three elements long, followed by three spaces for AUTO-SPACING.

The dot-done (010) and dash-done (011) states test for the MSET line and controls the sequence and alternating requirements for iambic operation. MSET indicates that *either* the dot or dash memories have been loaded. The signals DOT and DASH just indicate whether the dot or dash memories have been set.

The state outputs of U5A are fed to U10A, an output decoder. U10A produces an output at pin 12 for state 000, which is used to attempt a reset of FF U11B and to turn off the clock. For state 010, an output at pin 10 attempts to reset the dot FF and/or toggle the iambic FF U11A. An output at pin 9 for state 011 attempts to reset the dash FF and/or toggle the iambic FF.

U9A supplies a reset signal to the shift register U5A. With the AUTO-SPACE on, a reset is never applied. With AUTO-SPACE off, a low on MSET will cause U5A to reset and return immediately to the idle state. This can only occur at dot-done (010) or dash-done (011) if no paddle is closed; the state module will be short-circuited to idle through those two states. All other valid states will have an MSET signal except dot-done or dash-done. AUTO-SPACE OFF prevents the keyer from cycling through the three nulls.

#### Message Memory and Control

The inclusion of message memory is almost a requirement for cw operation. Therefore, message memory was designed

as an integral element of the total design. This circuit includes the RAM (U1), a sequence counter (U2) and some control circuitry — a “which button has been pushed” latch and decoder (U4A, U3B, U4B and U4C), a cross-coupled FF and message-initiate circuit (U7C, U3C), U5B, U10B, and a couple of gates.

U4A/U3B and U4B/U4C are cross-coupled R-S FFs. Pushing a memory button will set these FFs into one of four states, and the outputs are directed to two address lines of the RAM. One address line from the RAM goes to the BANK SELECT switch, which accounts for three of the 12 address lines. The other nine lines come from the counter, which can then count up to 512 bits (about 50 characters) per message.

The tenth line out of the counter is used as an end-of-buffer signal, which resets FF U7C/U3C; this FF is a message-in-progress FF. Decoder U10B is wired so that if the LOAD/SEND switch is in the SEND position and a code element from the keyer arrives on the CODE line, U10B Q1 output will stop the memory. U9B ORS the stop conditions so that the messages terminate by counting up to 512 or when a paddle has been closed. FF U7C/U3C is set through the diode bank (D1, D2, D4, D5) if any button is pushed.

C2 has a special function. If the memory is already running, RUN-NOT will be low, and a pushed button actually forces FF U7C/U3C to a temporary one-shot condition. This provides a pulsed high on the RUN-NOT line and resets the counter to zero. Without this capacitor, restarting a message from the beginning would be impossible.

U5B has a unique function, too. It's

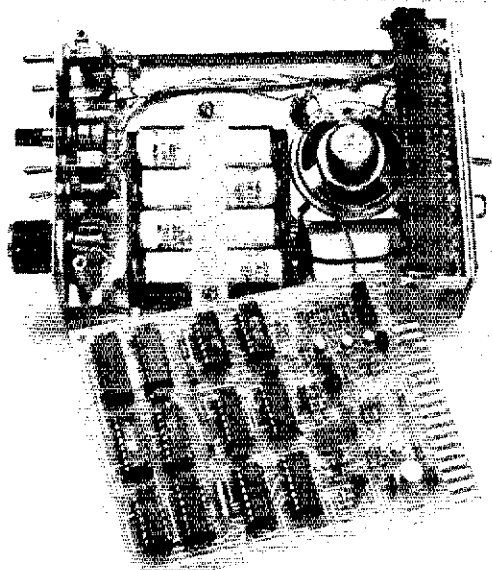
clocked by the CLK line, which is the same signal that is used to enable the RAM. The rising edge of CLK loads U5B with the data read from memory and holds it for the whole cycle. This way, the RAM can return to standby, and any glitches that might occur in the output, as the address lines are changing, are effectively masked. The counter is incremented by the CLK-NOT signal and is therefore positioned and ready for the next read cycle.

#### Construction

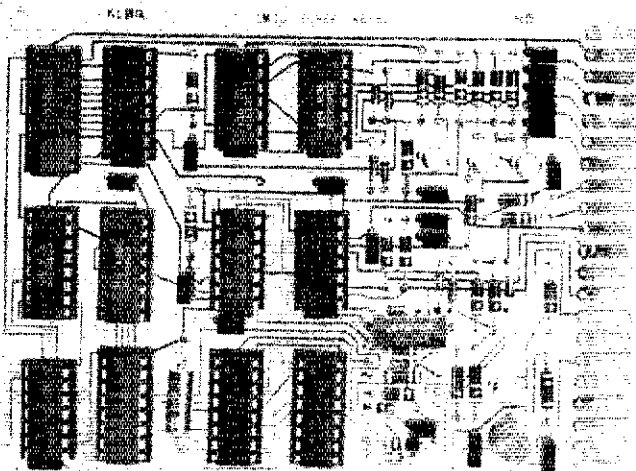
Point-to-point or wire-wrap methods can be used to construct the keyer, but a printed-circuit board is available. With the board, use sockets for the ICs and solder the components to the board while using a low-wattage soldering iron, employing a minimum of heat and solder. The board is laid out with the ICs all oriented in the same direction and with component numbers assigned for easy identification. There are leads between IC pins on the component side of the board, to reduce the physical size of the board. Be careful not to create solder bridges.

This board is designed for use with a standard 22-pin edge connector or solder pads for interconnection to off-board components. Two mounting holes are provided opposite the edge connector. If the edge connector is not used, a third mounting hole can be drilled between pads 4 (ground) and 5 (spare).

It is recommended that you remove the solder flux from the pc board after mounting the components. Radio Shack rosin flux remover (64-2324) is readily available for this purpose. CMOS has



An inside view of the KC0Q keyer. A 10-position switch and associated fixed-value resistors are used for the SPEED control. The 22-pin edge connector is secured to the rear panel by means of a homemade hinged bracket, allowing easy removal of the pc board.



A closeup of the component side of the double-sided pc board. All ICs are oriented in the same direction — a nice touch! If the use of an edge connector is not desired, interconnections may be made by use of holes already drilled at the inside edges of the edge connector pads.

high-impedance inputs. While new, dry solder flux is a good insulator, moisture and other contaminants may create problems later.

### Wiring Options

**Speed Control:** Keyer speed increases as the resistance of R25 decreases. For best operational linearity, the SPEED potentiometer should be an inverse-log taper unit. If counterclockwise rotation of the control is acceptable when increasing speed, a log taper potentiometer will suffice. An alternative to using a potentiometer is the use of a multiposition rotary switch and selected fixed resistance values. Eight or 10 rates of speed are often adequate for normal operation. The resistor values must be chosen experimentally, because the speed is determined by the value of resistance used for R20, R25 and the value of C16; C16 may have a value different from the one marked.

**Weight Control:** Control of weighting is accomplished by means of D9, C15 and R26. A log taper potentiometer is recommended in order to obtain a finer degree of control at the low-resistance end of the range (as might be used at high keying speeds). The maximum amount of weighting obtainable is determined by C15; the value may be changed to suit your preference. If a weighting control is not desired, eliminate R26, C15 and D9, and install a jumper in place of D9.

**Auto-Space Select:** S5 may be eliminated if switch selection of the AUTO-SPACE feature is not desired. To disable AUTO-SPACE, don't use C18; install a jumper instead. To enable AUTO-SPACE continuously, disregard C18 and install a jumper between edge connector pads 1 and 14.

**Message Bank Select:** To limit the number of messages to a bank of four, leave out S7 and C6. Install a jumper in place of C6.

**Monitor On While Loading:** D3 provides a path to turn on the internal monitor automatically while loading messages. If this is not desired, eliminate D3.

**Output Inhibit During Loading:** D7 and D8 serve to inhibit keying output when the MODE switch (S6) is in the LOAD position. These diodes may be omitted to delete that function.

**Monitor Tone and Volume:** The monitor audio frequency can be adjusted by changing the value of R2. Decrease the value of R2 to increase the frequency. If you do not need the monitor, you may exclude LS1, R2, R10, R11, C4, Q2 and Q3, and install a jumper in place of C4.

**Dot Reload Timing Change:** The dot-memory timing can be altered if desired. D11, D12, C17 and R21 delay setting of the dot FF for one baud during the sending of a dash. In the iambic mode, this allows the operator a bit more time to release the dot lever before the dot

memory FF is reloaded. If you wish to delete that function, remove the aforementioned components and install a jumper in place of R21 or D12.

**Output Keying:** Most applications do not require positive and negative keying outputs. Either one may be disabled. For negative keying output only, eliminate S8, D8, R16, R17, R23 and Q4. If positive keying only is desired, omit S8, D7, R15, R22, R24 and Q5, and install a jumper in place of R15.

In the positive keying line, R16, R23 and R17 have been chosen to accommodate a wide range of keying circuits. Q4 must be selected to handle the keying circuit voltage and current requirements demanded by the transmitter.

### Negative Keying Considerations

If negative keying lines are encountered, use the following procedure. Measure the key-up voltage and key-down current of the transmitter keying line. Select a transistor (Q5) that will handle the voltage present (with some margin of safety) and determine the beta of the transistor. Then calculate the values of R22 and R24 using the following formulas:

$$R22 = \frac{0.3 \times \text{beta (Q5)}}{I} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$R24 = \frac{3.5}{I} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where

I = key-down current in amperes.

With some values of R22 and R24, the negative keying line can actually be pulled above ground potential by a small amount. Most transmitters can handle this positive voltage with ease. If you wish, a protection diode may be added between board pad 3 and ground. This will limit the voltage to one diode drop. Orient the diode with the anode at pad 3 and the cathode to ground.

### Troubleshooting

Barring construction problems, bad components or early component failure, few problems (if any) should develop during the life of the unit. An oscilloscope is a useful fault-finding aid, but an analog voltmeter will suffice in many instances. With the analog meter, use the lowest SPEED setting and turn the WEIGHT control off. Higher SPEED control settings are more desirable when using an oscilloscope.

Pay careful attention to which section of the keyer is inoperative. For example, if an output code is present at pin 2 of the edge connector, don't examine the state machine while troubleshooting a monitor problem. If you have troubles in the memory section, check to see that clock pulses are appearing at U1 pin 10, U5B pin 9, and so on. The RAM WRITE line

(pin 8) should be high or low depending on the setting of the LOAD/SEND switch. FF U3C/U7C should be set (U3C pin 6 low) when any message button is pushed, and the memory address lines at U1 pins 2 and 3 should indicate which button has been pushed. Otherwise, examine U4A, U3B, U4B and U4C for difficulties.

Remember, most problems are caused by improper construction or faulty components. If sockets have been used for the ICs, substituting and/or swapping ICs may help in locating the difficulty. Constructing the unit so that you can get to both sides of the board readily will make debugging much easier.

### Operational Considerations

When power is first applied to the keyer, a continuous mark may be sent. This occurs because the current memory state contains a mark. Place the MODE switch in the LOAD position and depress one of the message buttons to clear the condition. It is recommended that all message buffers be cleared initially by setting the SPEED control to maximum and loading spaces into each buffer position.

### Message Organization

The 6504 CMOS memory IC has 4096 bit positions that can be used to store data. Because each character requires approximately 10 bits, there is room for about 400 characters. This memory is organized as eight messages of approximately 50 characters each. Instead of using eight message switches, there are four push-button switches and one MESSAGE BANK SELECT switch, S7. (One husband and wife team actually uses the BANK switch to separate his/her messages!)

### Loading Messages

Position S7 to select the desired message bank. Place the MODE switch in the LOAD position and start entering data from the paddles after pressing the appropriate message button. The STATUS LED will stay on until the memory is full. It is essential that you allow the keyer to continue loading until the LED extinguishes, even if you are not inputting data. On occasion, you may have a message that is too long for the buffer, in which case you will lose part of the message. It is also possible to leave a mark in the very last buffer location, which will condition the keyer to send a continuous mark if that message is played to the end. The latter condition is rarely encountered, but indicates a message that is a trifle long; it should be re-entered. Note: During loading, the internal clock is running continuously, and the message entered will have long character/word spacing if that is the way it was entered.

### Message Playback

To output a loaded message, ensure the

MODE switch is in the SEND position and press the appropriate message push-button. Message output will continue until one of the following conditions occurs: the message buffer empties, a paddle closure occurs, or the same or another message push-button is pressed. Any message may be replayed instantly.

### Power-Supply Considerations

Battery operation is recommended for this keyer because it provides continuous memory retention. You'll never need to reload the memories until a change is desired, a feature highly valued by most cw operators. While some operators have used four series-connected alkaline or zinc-carbon batteries, a better choice is a similar combination of NiCads. Using 450 mAh (milliampere-hour) cells, the keyer should operate for many months. The NiCads should be recharged when the voltage drops to about 4.5, or once every six months, whichever comes first.

If ac operation is contemplated, the voltage presented to the keyer should be approximately 5, plus or minus 0.5 volt. The ripple content of the supply should be low. Note that because this keyer draws so little current during standby (10  $\mu$ A or so), series-connected Zener regulators are difficult to use.

### Other Controls

The TUNE/MONITOR/OFF switch (S9) allows the transmitter to be keyed continuously when placed in the TUNE position and selects operation with or without the internal monitor. Operating with the monitor enabled will demand more power from the batteries. Most operators prefer to use the transmitter sidetone instead.

When the AUTO-SPACE feature is enabled, the keyer will perform precision spacing for you. The end result will be more uniform cw.

The WEIGHT control increases the on-to-off time ratio of the generated characters as the control is advanced in a clockwise direction. In the fully counterclockwise position, 50% weighting is provided. The final setting of this control will depend on the keying circuit time constants of the transmitter used and on personal tastes.

### Speed Determination

The method used to determine the operational speed of the keyer is based on the fact that the buffers are exactly 512 bauds in length. Here's how it's done. Locate an empty buffer (or one you wish to empty) and press the pushbutton while it is in the LOAD mode. Count the number of seconds it takes until the STATUS LED

extinguishes and divide that number into the constant 614.4. That will provide you with the exact speed (in wpm) of the keyer.

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### Notes

<sup>1</sup>Parts and kits may be obtained from The Partstore, 999 44th St., Marion, IA 52302. Harris HM6504-9 RAMs are also available from your nearest Schweber Electronics distributor. The HM6504-9 has a specified standby current drain of 10  $\mu$ A (maximum), with 0.1  $\mu$ A being typical. An HM6504-5 is specified at 500  $\mu$ A (maximum) and should probably be avoided if battery operation is contemplated.

<sup>2</sup>A comprehensive instruction manual accompanies each bare board or keyer kit. The manual is available separately for \$3 postpaid. Please include an s.a.s.e. when requesting information. The ARRL and QST in no way warrant this offer.

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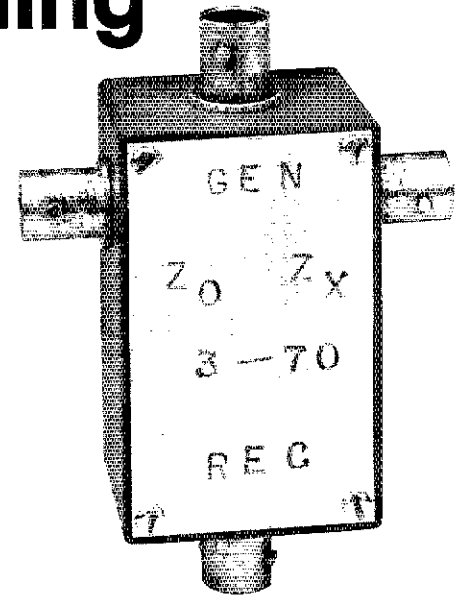
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# A Reflection-Coefficient Bridge — Impedance-Matching Measurements the Easy Way



Need to measure the VSWR of your antenna system? How about the loss in your feed line, or the input VSWR of that new 2-meter preamp? The RCB will do it!

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The reflection-coefficient bridge is basically a Wheatstone bridge that has been adapted for rf use. Unlike the Wheatstone bridge, however, the component values in the reflection-coefficient bridge are fixed: The unbalance voltage is used as a measure of the reflection coefficient of the unknown impedance. See the Appendix for a detailed analysis.

A reflection-coefficient bridge is easier to construct than is a good VSWR meter of comparable accuracy. It has excellent low-power sensitivity and, as will be discussed later, can be used for matching impedances and coaxial cable lengths. It is also handy for measuring coaxial-cable attenuation. Reflection coefficient can be expressed as a return loss in decibels, or related to an equivalent VSWR.<sup>1</sup>

This instrument uses a radio receiver for the bridge detector, enabling it to operate at power levels of  $-60$  dBm or less. This minimizes QRM when you are performing antenna measurements and makes it possible to measure very sensitive circuits, such as the input to a receiver, or a balanced mixer. This low power level also allows you to measure an antenna system, including harmonic filters, at frequencies outside the amateur bands when pursuing RFI problems.

## Construction

As shown in Fig. 1, the reflection-

coefficient bridge consists of four resistor arms that are similar to those of the Wheatstone bridge. Instead of using a galvanometer to detect the bridge unbalance, however, an rf balun is employed to connect the rf unbalance voltage to a sensitive radio receiver. The balun is necessary because the unbalance voltage is not referenced to ground, but rather to the opposite arms of the bridge.

Fig. 2 shows a reflection-coefficient bridge built by the author. It is housed in a  $2\text{-}1/2 \times 1\text{-}1/8 \times 1\text{-}3/8$  inch (mm = in.  $\times 25.4$ ) diecast aluminum box (Pomona Electronics, Inc., Model 2417). The four UG-1094/U BNC connectors are located for electrical symmetry and minimum lead length. The bridge resistors, R1 through R4, are  $51.1\text{-}\Omega$ ,  $1/2$ -watt, 1% tolerance units, while R5 is a  $100\text{-}\Omega$ ,  $1/2$ -watt, 5% tolerance component.<sup>2</sup> R1, R2 and R5 are soldered directly to the terminals of the BNC connectors marked GEN,  $Z_0$  and  $Z_x$ . R3 and R4 are mounted in type UG-88/U BNC connectors and are used as rf terminations for the bridge connectors marked  $Z_0$  and  $Z_x$ .<sup>3</sup> The reason for this type of construction will be apparent when the testing and use of the bridge is discussed.

The rf balun for a 3- to 70-MHz bridge that can also be used in the 2-meter band consists of a bifilar winding on a stack of four Amidon T44-1 powdered-iron toroidal cores. Two no. 30 enameled wires are twisted together, about 10 turns per inch, and 30 turns of the twisted pair are

wound on the stack of cores. Take care to ensure that adjacent turns do not overlap, and leave a gap between the start and finish of the winding.

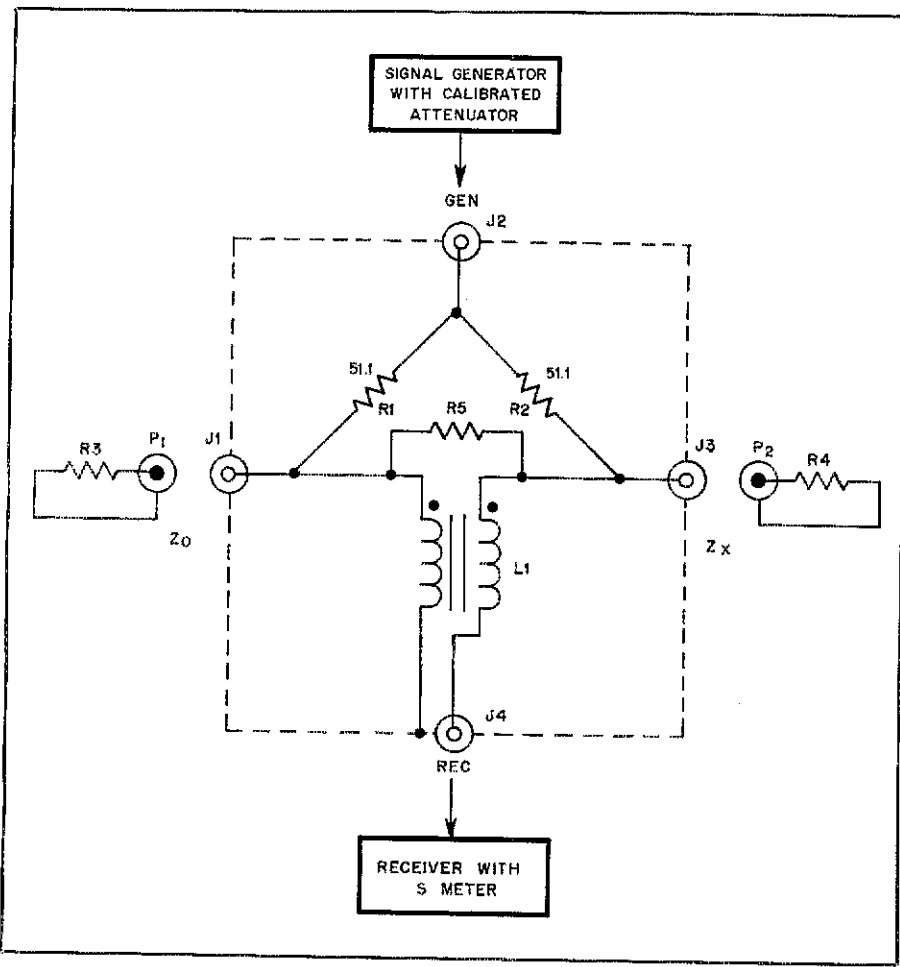
## Testing the Bridge

The performance of the reflection-coefficient bridge can be evaluated with a sensitive radio receiver and a signal generator that has a calibrated output level. One figure of merit for the bridge is the null depth that can be achieved when the bridge is balanced. This is measured easily by first placing an open circuit at  $Z_x$  to unbalance the bridge, and by terminating  $Z_0$  with R3. Adjust the signal-generator output to establish a reference level on the S meter of the receiver for the open-circuit reflection coefficient of 1.0 (or 100% reflection). Now terminate  $Z_x$  with R4, and increase the signal-generator output to bring the S-meter reading up to the reference level for 100% reflection. The decibel increase in signal-generator level is the null depth. Fig. 3 is a plot of the null depth as a function of frequency. The null depth represents the maximum return loss and minimum reflection coefficient that can be measured with the bridge. As is shown, the null depth is 30 dB or more from 3 to 70 MHz and is also good across the 2-meter band.

The measured accuracy is typically better than  $\pm 1$  dB for a return loss up to 15 dB, better than  $\pm 2$  dB for a return loss between 15 and 25 dB, and better than  $\pm 5$  dB for a return loss of 25 dB or more.

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 20.

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is the ratio of the unbalanced voltage for open- and short-circuit conditions at  $Z_x$  with  $Z_0$  terminated. Both open and short circuits have a reflection coefficient of 1.0. Thus, the S-meter reading should not change when  $Z_x$  is open or shorted. The open-short circuit ratio can be measured by noting the decibel increase or decrease in the signal-generator level necessary to return the S meter to the reference level. The open-short circuit ratio depends on the detector (receiver) impedance connected between the two arms of the bridge, and in this case should be  $50 \Omega$  to achieve an open-short circuit ratio of 1.0.<sup>1</sup> The measured open-short circuit ratio, without  $R_5$  of Fig. 1, was found to vary a little less than  $\pm 1$  dB over the 3- to 70-MHz frequency range. The addition of  $R_5$  reduced this variation to less than  $\pm 0.3$  dB.

**Use of the Reflection-Coefficient Bridge**

The bridge can be used to calculate both the VSWR and the return loss of an unknown impedance connected to the  $Z_x$  port. Return loss is the ratio of the incident power to the reflected power and is expressed in decibels. A voltage reflection coefficient of 1.0 (100% reflection) corresponds to a 0-dB return loss (i.e., the returned power is the same as the incident power, or no loss). A reflection coefficient of 0.1 corresponds to a return loss of 20 dB. Table 1 shows the relationship between reflection coefficient, return loss and VSWR.

The bridge, with  $Z_0$  terminated, can be used to measure the reflection coefficient of any impedance connected to the  $Z_x$  port. The procedure is first to open circuit  $Z_x$  to establish a reference level on the S meter for 100% reflection. Second, connect the unknown impedance to  $Z_x$ , and increase the signal-generator level to bring the S-meter reading back to the reference point. The decibel increase in signal-generator output is the return loss of the unknown impedance. The reflection coefficient and equivalent VSWR, referred to  $50 \Omega$ , may be found from Table 1.

Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of the reflection-coefficient bridge. The coaxial connectors are single-hole mounting BNC jacks (UG-1094/U or equiv.).  
 R1, R2 — 51.1  $\Omega$ , 1/2 watt,  $\pm 1\%$  carbon.  
 R3, R4 — 51.1, 1/2 watt,  $\pm 1\%$  carbon mounted in UG-88/U connector.  
 R5 — 100  $\Omega$ , 1/2 watt,  $\pm 5\%$  carbon.  
 L1 — 30 bifilar turns of no. 30 enamel on four T44-1 cores (see text).

The return-loss accuracy was verified with a 1-dB step attenuator and a shorted coaxial connector.<sup>4</sup> The attenuator, with the output shorted, was connected to  $Z_x$ , and the return loss measured as a function of the attenuator setting. The return loss is twice the attenuator setting. A second figure of merit for this bridge

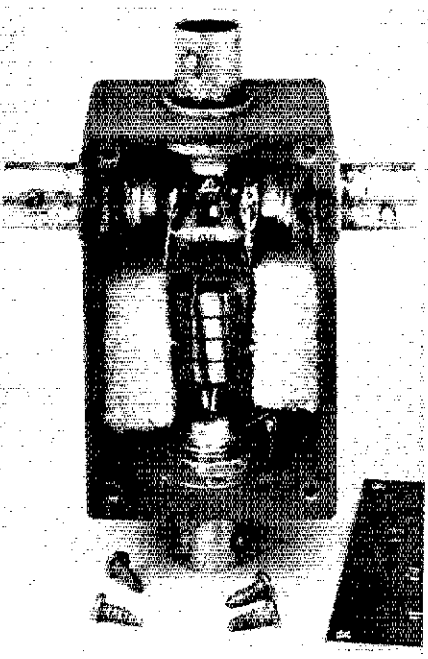


Fig. 2 — Parts placement, as shown in this RCB constructed by the author, should be planned for minimum lead length and maximum symmetry of the bridge components.

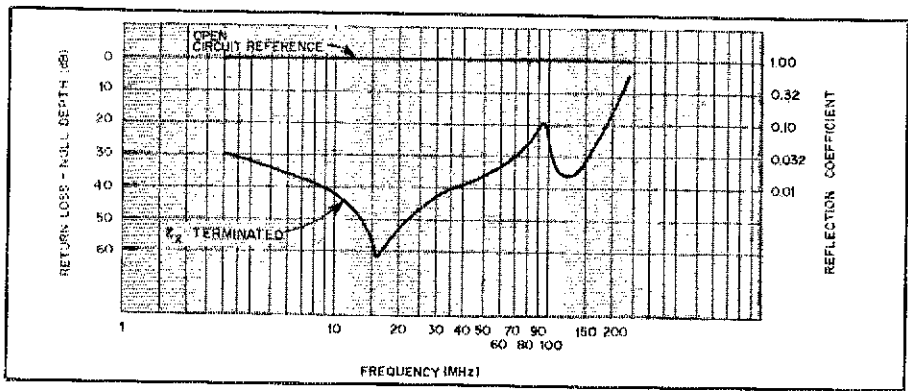


Fig. 3 — The null depth versus frequency characteristics of the reflection-coefficient bridge constructed by the author. The top line of the graph is the 100% reflection reference level. The lower line is the indicated return loss (or reflection coefficient) when  $Z_0$  and  $Z_x$  are both terminated in  $50 \Omega$ .

**Table 1**

**Reflection Coefficient and VSWR Versus Return Loss**

Reflection Coefficient	VSWR	Return Loss, dB
1.00	∞	0
0.89	17.4	1
0.79	8.7	2
0.71	5.9	3
0.62	4.4	4
0.57	3.6	5
0.50	3.0	6
0.44	2.6	7
0.39	2.3	8
0.35	2.1	9
0.32	1.92	10
0.28	1.78	11
0.25	1.67	12
0.22	1.58	13
0.20	1.50	14
0.18	1.43	15
0.16	1.38	16
0.14	1.33	17
0.13	1.30	18
0.11	1.25	19
0.10	1.22	20
0.079	1.17	22
0.063	1.13	24
0.050	1.11	26
0.040	1.08	28
0.032	1.06	30
0.025	1.05	32
0.020	1.04	34
0.016	1.03	36
0.013	1.03	38
0.010	1.02	40

An antenna or the tap on a tuned coil connected to  $Z_x$  may be matched to a 50-Ω line by simply adjusting the antenna or the tap and coil tuning for minimum S-meter reading. The VSWR can be found by measuring the return loss as described in the foregoing text.

The reflection-coefficient bridge can also be used to match impedances at other than the 50-Ω level. In this case, the reference impedance (resistor, capacitor, coil or network) is connected to  $Z_0$ . The impedance to be matched is connected to  $Z_x$  and is adjusted for minimum S-meter reading. Note that the bridge does not measure the reflection coefficient under these conditions.

The above procedure can also be used to match lengths of coaxial cable. The reference cable is connected to  $Z_0$ . The cable to be matched is connected to  $Z_x$  and is then trimmed for minimum S-meter reading. **CAUTION** — *The phase of the reflection coefficient repeats every wavelength on the transmission line.* Be sure that after the cables have been matched, the physical lengths do not differ by one wavelength. The difference in cable length caused by the addition of one UG-914/U adapter to one of two 25-foot RG-58/U cables can easily be detected at vhf when the bridge is near balance.

Cable attenuation can be calculated from the return loss of a length of cable

that is shorted or open at the far end. For this measurement, connect the cable to  $Z_x$  and terminate  $Z_0$ . As an example, the return loss of a length of RG-58/U cable was measured as 4.2 dB. Since the reflected signal has traveled twice the length of the cable, the one-way attenuation is 2.1 dB. The physical length of the cable was 39 feet. The attenuation per 100 feet is  $2.1 \text{ dB} \times (100/39)$  or 5.4 dB. This is a neat way to estimate the loss of an antenna feed cable of unknown length. Simply disconnect or short the antenna, and measure the return loss in the ham shack. This can be done at low power and with minimum QRM.

**Final Comments**

Except for the effects of cable loss, the reflection coefficient, return loss and VSWR do not change with cable length. Thus, the length of cable connecting the bridge and the unknown impedance is not critical. However, cable attenuation will always reduce the reflection coefficient, reduce the VSWR and increase the return loss. Long lengths of lossy cable are to be avoided because they will make the unknown impedance appear to be more nearly matched.

Occasionally, measurements of coaxial cable made with the reflection-coefficient bridge may not be consistent with the operator's casual concept of the situation. For example, three unequal lengths of RG-58/U cable, each with RG-88/U connectors on both ends, were connected in series using two RG-914/U adapters. The return loss, measured at 146 MHz for each of the six possible series combinations of these cables, was found to range from 9.5 dB to 12.0 dB. This appears to be inconsistent, since the length of the cable is constant. However, note that the  $Z_0$  of each of the three cables can be  $50 \pm 2.5$  and that there are eight BNC connectors in the system. Consider also that the reflection coefficient seen by the bridge is the vector sum of the reflections from each impedance mismatch in the system. Since the phase of each reflection coefficient depends on the cable length to the reflection point, the resulting reflection coefficient seen by the bridge will change as the unequal lengths of cable are interchanged. From Table 1 it can be seen that a change in the magnitude of the reflection coefficient of only 0.08 will account for the 2.5-dB spread in the return loss observed. Thus a word of caution — use one length of cable, and keep the number of connectors to a minimum when measuring coaxial cable attenuation.

**Appendix**

Neglecting stray capacitance and lead inductance, the reflection-coefficient bridge shown in Fig. 1 can be drawn as shown in Fig. 4. The unbalance voltage,  $e_0$ , is the difference between the voltage developed across R3 and R4. When R4 is

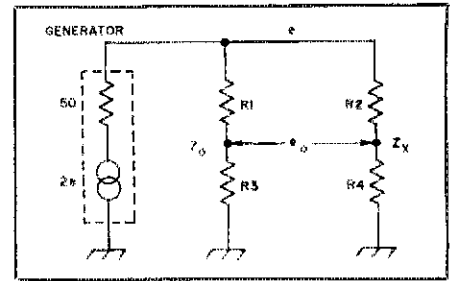


Fig. 4 — Circuit of the RCB, which has been drawn to show the significant electrical features discussed in the text.

replaced by the unknown impedance  $Z_x$ , this voltage is:

$$e_0 = e \left[ \frac{Z_x}{R2 + Z_x} - \frac{R3}{R1 + R3} \right] \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

If  $R1 = R3$  and  $R2 = Z_0$ :

$$e_0 = \frac{e}{2} \left[ \frac{2Z_x}{Z_0 + Z_x} - 1 \right] = \frac{e}{2} \left[ \frac{Z_x - Z_0}{Z_x + Z_0} \right] \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

The definition of the reflection coefficient  $\rho$  is:<sup>6</sup>

$$\rho = \frac{Z_x - Z_0}{Z_x + Z_0} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

The bridge receiver responds to the magnitude of the unbalance voltage,  $e_0$ ; thus the S-meter reading is proportional to the magnitude of the reflection coefficient,  $|\rho|$ .

The VSWR can be calculated from the expression:<sup>7</sup>

$$\text{VSWR} = \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

and the return loss, RL, is defined as:<sup>8</sup>

$$\text{RL} = 20 \log_{10} \left[ \frac{Z_x + Z_0}{Z_x - Z_0} \right] = -20 \log_{10} |\rho| \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup>Editor's Note: The reflection-coefficient bridge is also known as the return-loss bridge. Additional information about the construction and use of the return-loss bridge can be found in recent editions of *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* and in *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur*. Both are available from ARRL.

<sup>2</sup>50.0-Ω resistors are preferred, since this is a standard coaxial-cable impedance. However, 51.1 Ω is within the 5% manufacturing tolerance of most coaxial cables.

<sup>3</sup>Commercially made 50-Ω terminations, such as Texscan Model TF-50 or equiv., may also be used. <sup>4</sup>Hewlett-Packard Model 355A or equiv.

<sup>5</sup>Editor's Note: The open-short circuit ratio also depends on the generator output impedance. See W. Hayward and D. DeMaw, *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur* (Newington: The American Radio Relay League, Inc., 1977), p. 154.

<sup>6</sup>*Reference Data for Radio Engineers* (Indianapolis: H. W. Sams & Co.), 22-6.

<sup>7</sup>See note 6, p. 22-7.

<sup>8</sup>See note 6, p. 30-2.

# A BASIC Approach to Calculating Cascaded Intercept Points and Noise Figure

This circuit-design information you won't want to miss. The computer program offered here makes things easier, too!

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With cascaded stages of a signal-processing system, it is often important to know the distortion products generated by an equal-amplitude, two-tone input signal at each point in the chain. Refer to the example in Fig. 1. In one situation, the individual distortion sources to the right of point X are referred coherently to point X, producing a composite *input* intercept. As well, distortion sources to the left of X produce a composite *output* intercept at X. The distortion products of interest are usually third-order, but second-order product information is often needed, too. Another item of interest is the composite noise figure, looking to the right from point X.

In addition to the distortion and noise generated by the individual stages, blocks or circuit elements, the ultimate load may be noisy and produce distortion, or it may be completely passive. Some of the blocks may also be passive, in which case their available power gains (decibels) are negative, their noise figures (dB) are equal in magnitude to the gain values and the production of distortion is absent. Other elements, such as diode mixers, have negative gain (loss) and noise figures nearly equal to the gain value, but they produce distortion. Here, any stage that produces distortion is considered to be an *active* stage.

The distortion specification for an individual block may be given in dBm as an input intercept point (IIP) or an output in-

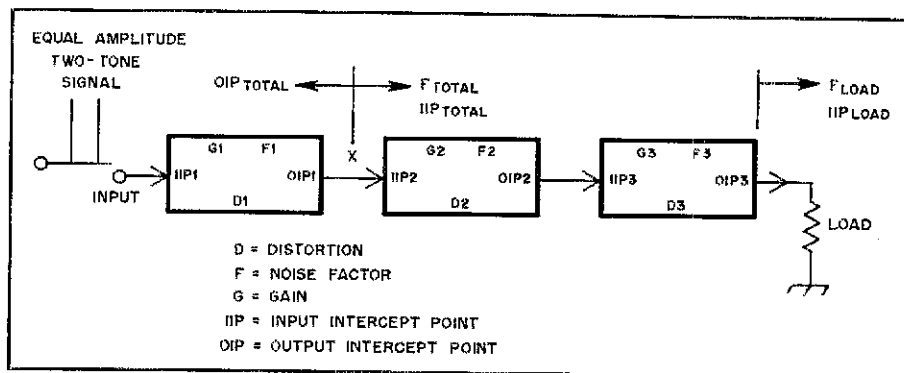


Fig. 1 — A typical signal-processing chain.

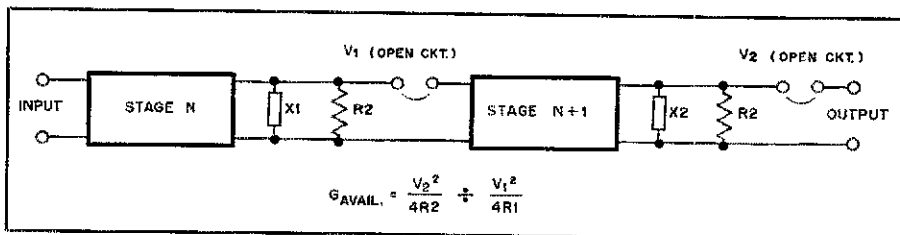


Fig. 2 — Factors involved in the determination of available power gain are discussed in the text. Only the real part of the output impedance (R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>) is involved.

tercept point (OIP). All gain values are specified in terms of available power gain, as explained in Fig. 2. The determination of available power gain can be tricky in practice, because it involves the measurement or calculation of open-circuit output voltage and the real part of the output impedance. (Consult other references for

further information regarding these techniques.<sup>2,3,4</sup> Available gain also needs to be known for cascaded noise-figure measurements. So the usefulness of the techniques described here depends on the ability to make the gain, noise figure and input/output intercept measurements for each stage. Also, circuit elements having

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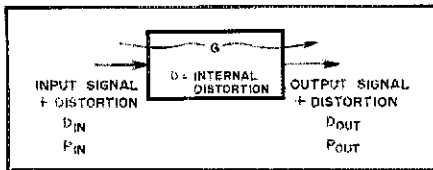


Fig. 3 — An active stage in a signal path contributes to the overall distortion at the output of the stage, as shown here.

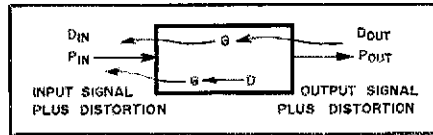


Fig. 4 — Determining the input intercept of a stage is done by working backward from the output to the input. Signal and distortion from the following stages and distortion from this stage are referred to the stage input.

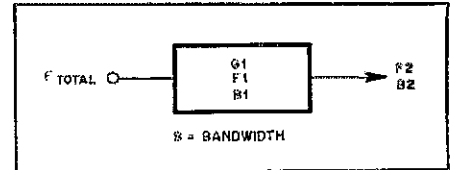


Fig. 5 — The discussed noise figure is that value measured at the signal input port. Bandwidth of each stage must be considered.

intercepts that are sensitive to signal level must be dealt with carefully, ensuring that the measurements are made at the expected signal level.

### Analysis of the Method

Shown in Fig. 3 is a circuit element with

an input power ( $P_{in}$ ) and output power ( $P_{out}$ ) that generates within itself a distortion power,  $D$ . The input signal is also contaminated with distortion ( $D_{in}$ ) from previous stages. These distortion components combine at the output in ways that are sometimes difficult to predict.

They can add or subtract partially or be unrelated. The correlation factor ( $C$ ) is a measure of this relatedness.

Output distortion is given by:

$$D_{out} = D_{in}G + 2C\sqrt{D_{in}GD} + D \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

Table 1

### Intercept Point and Noise Figure Program

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0010 HOME
0020 REM INTERCEPT AND NOISE FIGURE PROGRAM "INTRCP"
0030 REM W. SABIN SEP., 1980
0040 DIM F(21), I1(21), O1(21), G(20), CF(21)
0050 DIM I2(20), O2(20), P(21), D(21), C(20), BR(20)
0060 PRINT "CASCADE IP(3) OR IP(2)"
0070 PRINT "CASCADE NOISE FIGURE"
0080 INPUT "NUMBER OF STAGES="; N
0090 PRINT "TYPE 1 IF LOAD PASSIVE, 2 IF ACTIVE"
0100 INPUT E: IF E=2 GO TO 140
0110 LET CF(N+1)=0: I1(N+1)=500
0120 PRINT "PASSIVE LOAD"
0130 GOTO 160
0140 INPUT "N. F. (DB) OF LOAD"; CF(N+1)
0150 INPUT "I. P. (DBM) OF LOAD"; I1(N+1)
0160 PRINT "TYPE 3 FOR THIRD ORDER I. P."
0170 PRINT "TYPE 2 FOR SECOND ORDER I. P."
0180 INPUT X
0190 LET P(N+1)=30
0200 FOR I=N TO 1 STEP -1
0210 PRINT : PRINT "STAGE NUMBER "; I
0220 PRINT "TYPE 1 IF STAGE IS ACTIVE"
0230 PRINT "TYPE 2 IF STAGE IS PASSIVE"
0240 INPUT K
0250 ON K GO TO 320, 260
0260 INPUT "INSERTION LOSS (DB)"; G(I)
0270 INPUT "BANDWIDTH RATIO="; BR(I)
0280 IF BR(I)<1 THEN BR(I)=1
0290 LET I1(I)=500: O1(I)=500: C(I)=1
0300 LET F(I)=G(I): G(I)=-G(I)
0310 GOTO 490
0320 INPUT "AVAILABLE GAIN (DB)"; G(I)
0330 INPUT "STAGE NOISE FIG. "; F(I)
0340 INPUT "BANDWIDTH RATIO="; BR(I)
0350 IF BR(I)<1 THEN BR(I)=1
0360 PRINT "TYPE 1 IF INPUT I. P. IS SPECIFIED"
0370 PRINT "TYPE 2 IF OUTPUT I. P. IS SPECIFIED"
0380 INPUT Y
0390 ON Y GO TO 450, 400
0400 INPUT "OUTPUT I. P. (DBM) "; O1(I)
0410 LET I1(I)=O1(I)-G(I)
0420 PRINT "INPUT I. P. "; I1(I)
0430 INPUT "CORRELATION FACTOR"; C(I)
0440 GOTO 490
0450 INPUT "INPUT I. P. (DBM)"; I1(I)
0460 LET O1(I)=I1(I)+G(I)
0470 PRINT "OUTPUT I. P. "; O1(I)
0480 INPUT "CORRELATION FACTOR"; C(I)
0490 LET P(I)=P(I+1)-G(I)
0500 IF X=3 THEN D(I)=3*P(I)-2*I1(I)
0510 IF X=2 THEN D(I)=2*P(I)-I1(I)
0520 LET D(I)=.001*10^(D(I)/10)
0530 LET U=10^(F(I)/10)
0540 LET V=10^(CF(I+1)/10)
0550 LET V=V*BR(I)
0560 LET W=10^(G(I)/10)
0570 LET CF(I)=U+(V-1)/W
0580 IF CF(I)<1E-37 THEN CF(I)=1E-37
0590 LET CF(I)=4.3429*LOG(CF(I))
0600 NEXT I
0610 IF X=3 THEN D(N+1)=3*P(N+1)-2*I1(N+1)
0620 IF X=2 THEN D(N+1)=2*P(N+1)-I1(N+1)
0630 LET D(N+1)=.001*10^(D(N+1)/10)
0640 FOR I=N TO 1 STEP -1
0650 LET B=D(I+1)/(10^(G(I)/10))
0660 LET D(I)=D(I)+7*C(I)*SQR(D(I))*SQR(B)+B
0670 NEXT I
0680 PRINT "INTERCEPTS, N. F."
0690 PRINT "STAGE INPUT I. P. N. F."
0700 PRINT
0710 FOR I=1 TO N
0720 IF D(I)<1E-37 THEN D(I)=1E-37
0730 LET D(I)=4.3429*LOG(D(I)/.001)
0740 IF X=3 THEN I2(I)=1.5*P(I)-.5*D(I)
0750 IF X=2 THEN I2(I)=2*P(I)-D(I)
0760 NEXT I
0770 FOR I=1 TO N
0780 LET I2(I)=INT(I2(I)*100+.5)/100
0790 LET CF(I)=INT(CF(I)*100+.5)/100
0800 PRINT I, I2(I), CF(I)
0810 NEXT I
0820 PRINT : PRINT
0830 PRINT "TYPE X TO CONTINUE"
0840 GET A$
0850 PRINT "STAGE", "OUTPUT I. P.": PRINT
0860 LET D(I)*=-500
0870 FOR I=2 TO N+1
0880 IF X=3 THEN D(I)=3*P(I)-2*O1(I-1)
0890 IF X=2 THEN D(I)=2*P(I)-O1(I-1)
0900 LET D(I)=.001*10^(D(I)/10)
0910 LET D(I-1)=.001*10^(D(I-1)/10)
0920 LET B=D(I-1)*10^(G(I-1)/10)
0930 LET D(I)=D(I)+2*C(I)*SQR(D(I))*SQR(B)+B
0940 IF D(I)<1E-37 THEN D(I)=1E-37
0950 LET D(I)=4.3429*LOG(D(I)/.001)
0960 IF X=3 THEN O2(I)=1.5*P(I)-.5*D(I)
0970 IF X=2 THEN O2(I)=2*P(I)-D(I)
0980 IF D(I-1)<1E-37 THEN D(I-1)=1E-37
0990 LET D(I-1)=4.3429*LOG(D(I-1)/.001)
1000 LET O2(I)=INT(O2(I)*100+.5)/100
1010 PRINT I-1, O2(I)
1020 NEXT I
1030 END

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where the powers are given in watts per tone (not dBm per tone).

The circuit element of Fig. 3 has an internal output intercept point (OIP). For third-order products:

$$\text{OIP}^3 (\text{dBm}) = 1.5 P_{\text{out}} (\text{dBm}) - 0.5D (\text{dBm}) \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

For second-order products:

$$\text{OIP}^2 (\text{dBm}) = 2 P_{\text{out}} (\text{dBm}) - D (\text{dBm}) \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

Also, there is a composite intercept point that combines internal distortion and fed-through distortion (Figs. 1 and 3):

$$\text{OIP}_{\text{total}}^3 (\text{dBm}) = 1.5 P_{\text{out}} (\text{dBm}) - 0.5D_{\text{out}} (\text{dBm}) \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

$$\text{OIP}_{\text{total}}^2 (\text{dBm}) = 2 P_{\text{out}} (\text{dBm}) - D_{\text{out}} (\text{dBm}) \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

Starting with a distortionless generator, the signal power and the accumulated distortion power are calculated stage by stage. At each stage a composite output intercept point is calculated, using equations 1 through 5, and the signal and distortion levels from the previous stage as inputs.

Similar to the method shown in Fig. 3, one can start at the output of a stage and work backward, as shown in Fig. 4. Here, the distortion generated in stages to the right is referred (reflected) to the input by dividing it by the stage gain, G. The internal distortion of the stage itself is also reflected. By proceeding stage by stage and by working toward the generator, all of the internal distortions are lumped together coherently. Net distortion at the input of each stage is used to compute the input intercept point at that input, using Eq. 4 and 5. The output load can have an input intercept point, too, and the program allows this to be considered.

Noise factor is calculated using the equation:

$$F_{\text{total}} = F_1 + \frac{F_2 - 1}{G_1} \quad (\text{Eq. 6})$$

where F is the noise factor and G is the available power gain, neither being expressed in decibels. An example is shown in Fig. 5. The program applies Eq. 6 recursively, starting at the load (which may have a noise figure) and working backward, one stage at a time. Sometimes, the noise bandwidth (B) increases as the signal moves to the right ( $B_2 > B_1$ ). In this case, Eq. 6 becomes:

$$F_{\text{total}} = F_1 + \frac{F_2(B_2/B_1) - 1}{G_1} \quad (\text{Eq. 7})$$

In this discussion, noise figure refers to the value that is measured at the signal input port using a noise generator.

The bandwidth ratio for each stage is requested by the program. This value is the bandwidth of the stage under examination, N, divided into the narrowest bandwidth that occurs after stage N. If that ratio is less than one, the program assigns the correct value of one. To ignore this feature, input all ones.

### Discussion of the Program

The program shown in Table 1 is written for the Apple II computer with Applesoft. An example problem involving a four-stage circuit is given in Fig. 6 to demonstrate how the program works. Table 2 lists the program output for the example; the large output intercept point (OIP) for stage one (204) should be ignored. The load at the output is assumed to have a 3-dB noise figure and a 30-dBm input intercept point (IIP). (An output power of 30 dBm is assigned in line 190). Any stage that generates distortion is an active stage, even though it may not be active in the usual sense. A correlation factor, C (I) is assigned for each stage and is usually given a value of +1 for a worst-case analysis. The intercept point for each stage may be known either as an input or output intercept, and the program prompts the designer for this information.

Each input power level, the internal distortion generated in each stage, composite distortion and the input or output intercept points are calculated working right to left or left to right. Cumulative noise figure is also calculated using the output load noise figure and the gain and noise figure values for each stage. A maximum of 20 stages can be analyzed with the dimensioning given.

Note that this analysis assumes that the two equal test tones are completely inside the passband of any filters in the signal path. We are looking at in-band performance. In reality, the tones may be on the skirts of the passband and therefore not equal in amplitude. This program does not cover that situation, which will be discussed later.

### Improving the Design

Suppose that the results listed in Table 2 that were obtained from the example circuit are not satisfactory. How might the design be improved? By an assumptive and iterative process, it is possible to improve the in-band performance or to arrive at economic trade-offs. If we assume the rf amplifier has a noise figure of 6 dB and an IIP of 25 dBm, a composite noise figure of 9.4 dB and an IIP of 13.7 dBm results. Therefore, the time spent improving the noise figure was worthwhile, but the IIP was not affected very much. Next, let the load noise figure be 6 dB instead of 3 dB. The overall noise figure (NF) increases to 9.8 dB, so the time spent getting a 3-dB noise figure at the output was probably not worthwhile. This improvement process can proceed up to the point

Table 2

### Program Output

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CASCADE IP (3) OR IP (2)
CASCADE NOISE FIGURE
NUMBER OF STAGES = ? 4
TYPE 1 IF LOAD PASSIVE; 2 IF ACTIVE
? 2
N.F. (DB) OF LOAD ? 3
I.P. (DBM) OF LOAD ? 20
TYPE 3 FOR THIRD ORDER I.P.
TYPE 2 FOR SECOND ORDER I.P.
? 3
STAGE NUMBER 4
TYPE 1 IF STAGE ACTIVE
TYPE 2 IF STAGE PASSIVE
? 2
INSERTION LOSS (DB) ? 6
BANDWIDTH RATIO ? 1
STAGE NUMBER 3
TYPE 1 IF STAGE ACTIVE
TYPE 2 IF STAGE PASSIVE
? 1
AVAILABLE GAIN (DB) ? - 7
STAGE NOISE FIGURE ? 7.5
TYPE 1 IF INPUT I.P. IS SPECIFIED
TYPE 2 IF OUTPUT I.P. IS SPECIFIED
? 2
OUTPUT I.P. (DBM) ? 28
INPUT I.P. (DBM) = 35
CORRELATION FACTOR ? 1
BANDWIDTH RATIO ? 1
STAGE NUMBER 2
TYPE 1 IF STAGE ACTIVE
TYPE 2 IF STAGE PASSIVE
? 1
AVAILABLE GAIN (DB) ? 20
STAGE NOISE FIGURE ? 8
TYPE 1 IF INPUT I.P. IS SPECIFIED
TYPE 2 IF OUTPUT I.P. IS SPECIFIED
? 1
INPUT I.P. (DBM) ? 20
OUTPUT I.P. (DBM) = 40
CORRELATION FACTOR ? 1
BANDWIDTH RATIO ? 1
STAGE NUMBER 1
TYPE 1 IF STAGE ACTIVE
TYPE 2 IF STAGE PASSIVE
? 2
INSERTION LOSS (DB) ? 3
BANDWIDTH RATIO ? 1

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STAGE	INPUT I.P.	N.F.
1	13.37	11.28
2	10.37	8.26
3	30.88	16.07
4	36	9

TYPE X TO CONTINUE

STAGE	OUTPUT I.P.
1	204.5
2	40
3	26.81
4	20.81

where measurement accuracy and values of improvement reach a practical limit.

### Precautions

The Applesoft-equipped Apple II will produce an error when trying to find the log of a number smaller than about  $10^{-37}$ . This can vary with different machines. Program lines 580, 720 and 940 contain the necessary remedial steps. Also, if output data is presented to the screen, it may scroll off the top and be partially lost. Such action is prevented by program lines 830 and 840; different machines may

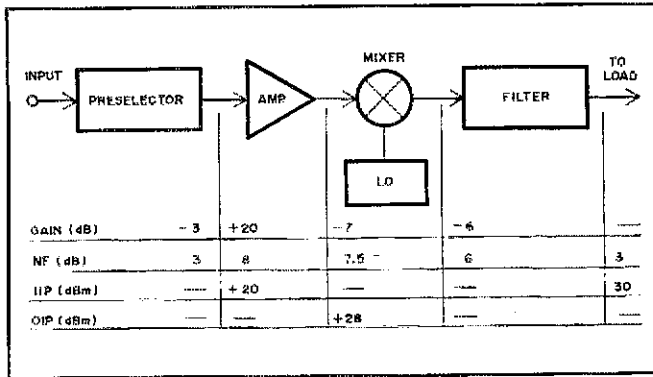


Fig. 6 — A design example. These data are entered into the computer. The corresponding results are given in Table 1.

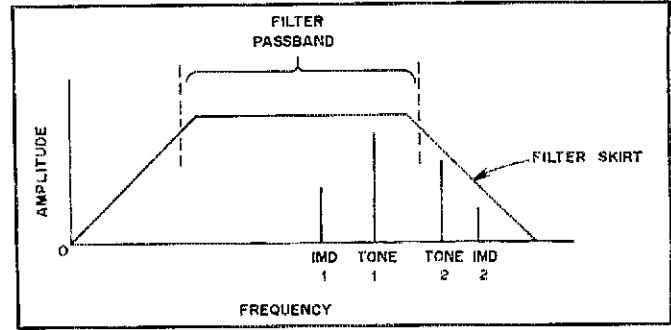


Fig. 7 — A filter response curve showing tone 2 and IMD 2 out of the passband of the filter. The skirt attenuation may be compensated for to calculate correctly the amplitude of the in-band IMD product as described in the text.

require a different procedure.

### Unequal Tones

As shown in Fig. 7, one tone and one IMD product are on the skirt of the filter passband, while the other tone and IMD product are inside the passband. The in-band IMD product generated by each stage after the filter will be reduced 1 dB for each dB of skirt attenuation for both the second- and third-order IMD products. When calculating the intercept point, this information can be used in the following manner: Let the third-order (second-order) IIP or OIP of each individual stage after the filter (as well as the IIP of the output load) be rated 1 dBm

higher for each 2 dB (1 dB) of skirt-tone attenuation. This is fictitious, of course, but nevertheless the effect of the skirt attenuation is correctly accounted for in calculating the amplitude of the in-band IMD product. Composite input intercept points for locations to the left of the filter involved will have the correct values. The partially-out-of-band problem is fairly important in practice, and is worth the extra effort to calculate. Quite often, gain distribution and filter shape-factor changes can produce worthwhile improvements.

### Dynamic Range

Some designers like to use the dynamic-

range concept. For more information about this subject, refer to Hayward's article.<sup>6</sup> The input noise figure and input intercept point can be used to make this calculation, if the bandwidth is specified.

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# New Products

## TRI-EX TOWER CORPORATION ROTATING TOWER

□ Looking to "get there fustest with the mostest"? If so, this late release by the Tri-Ex Tower Corporation ought to attract your attention! The RT-120(37) is a 120-ft (37-m) guyed, rotating tower. According to the manufacturer, though this tower is usually turned by means of an internal, base-mounted rotator, it may be easily turned by hand. The rotating mechanism uses no exposed chain drives or gears, which could be a safety hazard to people who may enter the tower area.

Ball-bearing type guy-attachment rings are set at the 30, 70 and 110-ft (9, 21, and 34-m) levels. The rotating tower allows antennas to be mounted on the sides of the tower and yet permits them to be turned to any desired direction. A mast may also be inserted at the top of the tower to provide support for additional antennas, which could then be rotated independently of the tower rotation and the side-mounted antennas.

If this doesn't prove to be the "ticket"

to snag that long-sought-for DX station, I can't imagine what you'd do next! For further information, contact Tri-Ex Tower Corp., 7182 Rasmussen Ave., Visalia, CA 93291. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

## SILICONIX FET DESIGN KIT

□ Siliconix is offering a new FET designer's kit that consists of a copy of *Designing With Field-Effect Transistors*. Written by Siliconix personnel and published by McGraw-Hill in February 1981, this book has a retail value of \$24.50. It covers the theory and practical applications of FETs and a brief introduction to power MOSFETs; a copy of the *Siliconix FET Design Catalog*, published in July 1981, that includes data sheets and application notes for their entire FET product line; 10 sample FETs — N-channel, P-channel, amplifiers, switches, amplifier/switch combinations, low-leakage FETs and high-frequency FETs and design tips on how to use them.

This kit, which has a retail value of

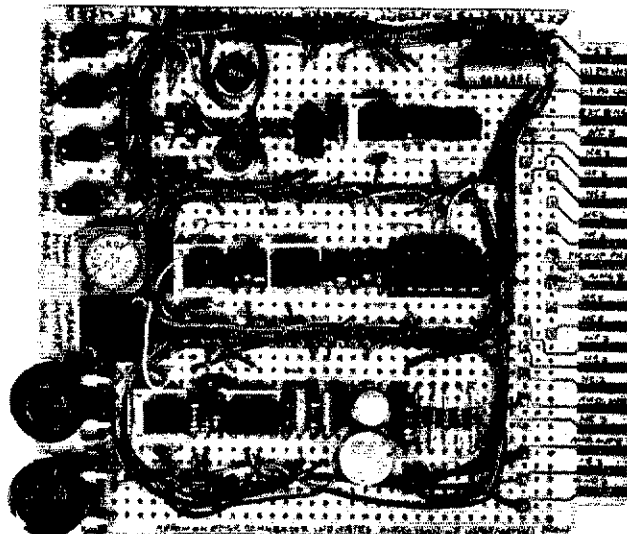
\$42.50, is being offered for \$28 through the end of 1981. To order, send your check and request to: Siliconix Inc., P.O. Box 4777, Santa Clara, CA 95054. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB



# Phone-Line Interface — Do it Solid-State Style

Go modern! Build this compact, active-circuit interface module for connecting the phone line to your repeater. This device is also excellent for standard phone patching at home.

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How about a solid-state, phone-line interface for repeater or phone-patch use? Our repeater at the University of Minnesota (WØYC/R) required a phone line for repeater control and autopatch. We found that traditional phone interfaces were too bulky to be used in the small cabinet that contains our repeater. Thus, we designed an active electronic interface unit that is superior to most and fits on a single 4 × 5-in. (mm = in. × 25.4) circuit board.

The basic telephone company requirements for interface equipment are given in Table 1. The telephone company requires that phone lines be isolated from voltages in the user's system; this is to prevent unwanted noise and voltages on their equipment. Therefore, any equipment connected to the phone line must be dc isolated. Isolation normally requires transformers and relays in a phone interface circuit. In our unit the transformers and relays are replaced by solid-state optical isolators: Each traditional isolation device is traded for a small six-pin IC.

Fig. 1 contains the schematic diagram of the Monsanto MCT-2 Optoisolator. Internally, the optoisolator is an infrared emitting diode that illuminates an infrared-sensitive phototransistor. The diode is similar to the light-emitting diode

**Table 1**

Frequency Range	Voice-Energy Levels
DC	0.5 mA
Voice Range. (300 to 3000 Hz)	-3 dBm*
2450 to 2750 Hz	Should be minimized if long-distance calls are to be made.
3995 to 4005 Hz	18 dB below voice level
4.0 to 10.0 kHz	-16 dBm
10.0 to 25.0 kHz	-24 dBm
25.0 to 40.0 kHz	-36 dBm
above 40.0 kHz	-50 dBm

\*dBm is relative to 1 mW across 600 ohms.

**Loop Signals**

On Hook — minimum 30 kΩ, line to line.  
Off Hook — maximum 200 Ω, line to line.

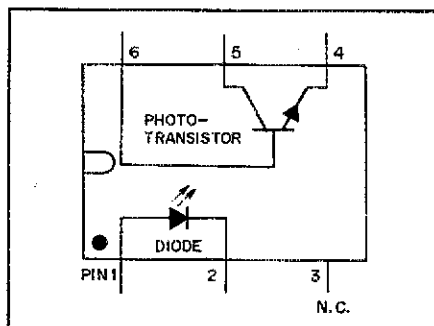


Fig. 1 — Circuit of the Monsanto MCT-2 optoisolator. An etched and drilled circuit board is available from the authors.

(LED) in calculators, except that this diode emits long-wavelength photons (heat) rather than visible light. This is a simple and reliable device that completely isolates the input diode from the phototransistor. Only light couples the input to the output of the optoisolator.

**Circuit Operation**

The circuit in Fig. 2 has three basic sections: ring/connect, transmit and receive. The ring-detector circuit indicates whether the phone line is ringing. This signal is a distorted sinusoidal waveform at about 20 Hz and 90 to 200 volts, peak-to-peak. The detector consists of optoisolator 1 (U4) and the associated rectifier. The ringing waveform passes through C1 (used to block the dc on the phone line) and is rectified by the diode bridge (D1 through D4). Direct current passes through light-emitting diode 1 (DS1), to indicate ring voltage on the line, and the diode of U4, for external electrical sensing. The bridge rectifier is necessary because the LED and diode of U4 cannot withstand reverse voltages in excess of about 3 before they break down; thus the full-wave rectifier ensures that reverse voltage is not applied to these diodes. A half-wave rectifier would not work in place of the bridge rectifier because C1 would charge fully within the first few cycles and remain charged long after the ringing stopped, rendering the detector useless.

When the diode of U4 turns on, the

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associated photo-transistor conducts, discharging C2, bringing the inputs to TTL inverters U1A and U1B low. These inverters electrically indicate the presence of a ring signal on the phone line. The combination of R2 and C2 on the inputs of the inverters provides a long time constant for the ring signal. DS3 on the output of U1B visually confirms the electrical ring signal. The output of U1A is the digital ring signal sent to the external equipment.

The disconnected phone line is normal-

ly provided with 45 volts of dc. When the phone is picked up (that is, connected) the dc resistance drops from greater than 30 k $\Omega$  to less than 200  $\Omega$ . This allows about 20 mA of direct current to flow through the phone line. The interface connection is accomplished by applying a high logic level to the "pick up the phone" input, energizing the diodes of U5, U6 and DS4. The LED visually confirms the input signal. U5 and U6 are connected in series to prevent breakdown of the phototransistors when the ring voltage is present

(typical  $BV_{CER} \approx 100$  V for one transistor). The optoisolator transistors then conduct, causing Q1 to conduct. This turns on Q2, which then has about 20 mA flowing through it. This connects the phone interface to the telephone system.

### Audio Receiver

The second basic section of the interface is the audio receiver. U7 conducts most of the line current through its diode, lighting it to a constant brilliancy. Audio from the telephone system is the modula-

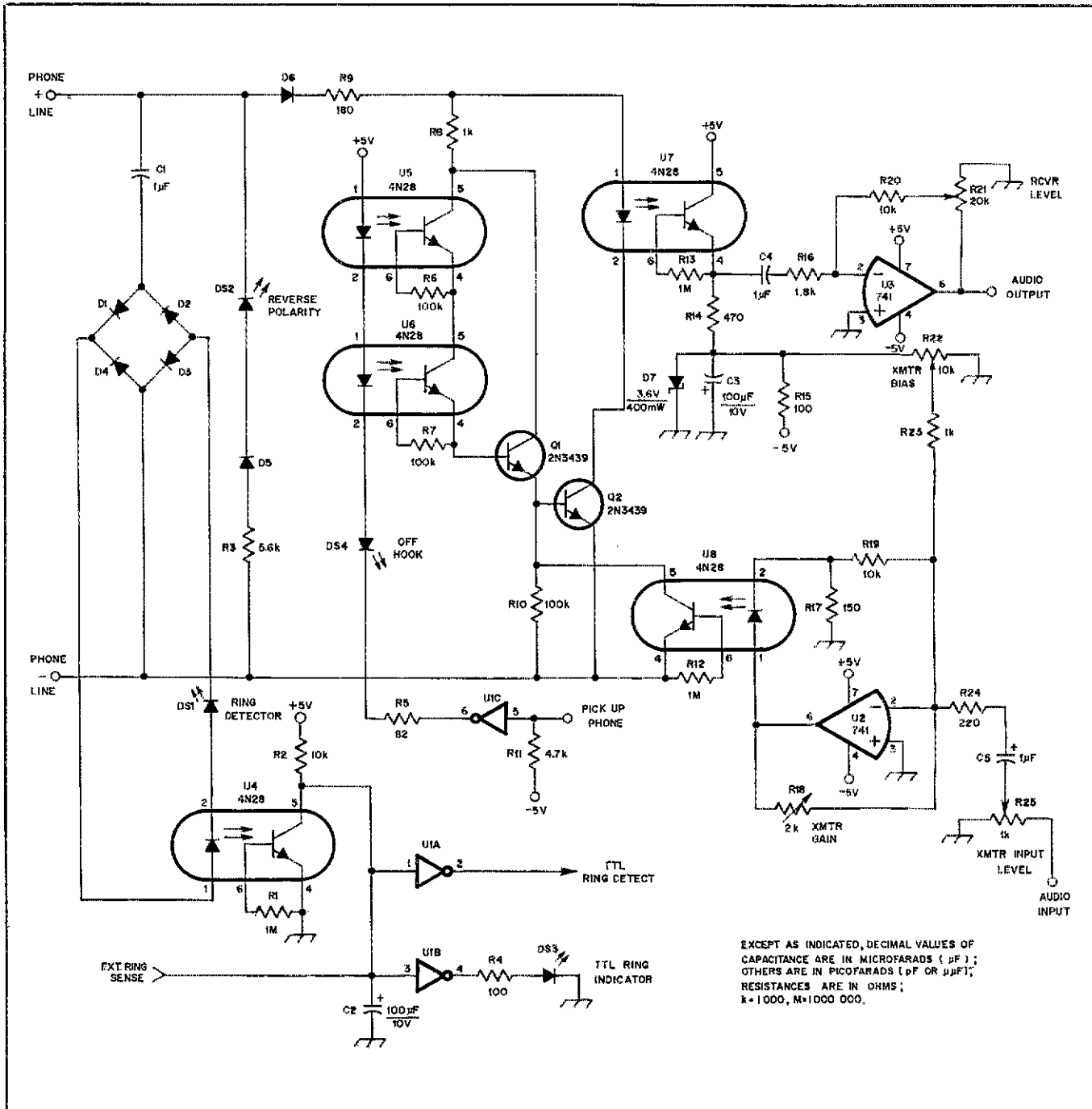


Fig. 2 — Schematic diagram of the phone-line interface circuit. Fixed-value resistors are 1/4-watt metal film or carbon types. Variable resistors are 1/4-watt trimmer units. C1, C4 and C5 are metalized polyester capacitors. C2 and C3 are electrolytic, 10 V or greater. DS1-DS4, incl., are red 10-mA LEDs. U4-U8, incl., are Monsanto MCT2 (4N28) optoisolators. U1 is a 7404 hex inverter.

tion of the dc loop current. This modulates the intensity of the infrared emission from the diode of U7. This, in turn, modulates the collector current of the phototransistor, and this current modulation is then amplified to a useful level by means of op amp U3. Note that no electrical contact is made to the phone line: All coupling is done with light. U3 amplifies the signal to provide a standard 0-dBm audio signal to the repeater. R20 sets the received-audio level, which depends upon the particular phone line being used.

### Audio Transmitter

The final section is the audio transmitter. To inject audio back into the phone line, the loop current is modulated by the audio from the repeater. Since Q2 is in series with the 20-mA current loop, perturbing its base current (by shunting some of this base current to ground through the U8 phototransistor) will modulate the loop current. The collector current of Q2 is proportional to the transistor base current. The circuit driving the diode of U8 is a constant-current source to ensure linear transmission of the audio. Typically, the voltage variation at the phone line terminals is less than 0.5, peak-to-peak, for transmitted and received audio. This low level is insufficient to trigger the ring-detection circuit, which requires about 3 volts to fire.

### Other Features

The circuit has two additional noteworthy features. The reverse polarity LED is to inform you that the line is connected to the wrong polarity (this LED may also light during ringing). Also, the diode and capacitor regulator (D7 and C3) isolate the hash on the -5 volt dc supply to provide a noise-free signal to the input

of U2 and U3. This is especially important if the negative supply is used for other computer components.

### Construction Notes

As shown in the title page photograph, the prototype interface is constructed on a single 4- X 5-in. perforated circuit board, using point-to-point wiring. All connections to external circuits are made through the 22-pin edge connector. Component placement is not critical. The LEDs are lined up along the front edge of the circuit board for easy viewing. The control signals are all at standard TTL levels, but can be interfaced to any digital circuit. In the W0YC repeater, the pick-up and ring-detect signals connect to the C port of an Intel 8255 parallel peripheral interface (PPI), which is controlled by an 8080-based microcomputer. Thus, the phone-interface signals can be sensed and controlled with simple microprocessor input and output instructions.

In our case, long distance calls cannot be made from the repeater phone line. Hence, we need not filter the 2600-Hz disconnect tone (see Table 1). Additionally, the receiver filters audio frequencies above 3000 Hz, so no filters are needed in the interface unit. Other systems may require additional filtering to meet phone company specifications.

### Adjustment

Once constructed, the circuit should be tested on the phone line to be used in the final application, since the impedance and audio levels of various phone lines differ somewhat. The ring-detect, pick up-the-phone and reverse-polarity indicator sections require no adjustment, but they should be checked before proceeding to the adjustment of the audio levels.

Connect the interface receiver audio

output to the audio input of the radio transmitter, apply a pick-up phone signal and use the dial tone to set the proper level into the transmitter. Next, connect the radio receiver to the interface transmitter audio input connection. Hang up the interface (remove the pick-up signal), and dial the phone line from another phone. Apply the pick-up signal, and set the interface input level to 0 dBm. Check the audio level on the phone line, and adjust the transmitter gain and bias until clear, loud audio is heard, with about 20 mA of loop current; the two adjustments will interact. Once the interface transmitter is adjusted, recheck the audio reproduction of the receiver. Its output level may have changed if the magnitude of the loop current has changed.

### Conclusion

This interface is currently in use on the W0YC repeater. The microprocessor control system checks the ring-detect output each quarter second. If a ring signal is sensed, the repeater branches to a subroutine that allows external control of the computer. A signal from the repeater receiver initiates the autopatch function. The computer picks up the phone and passes the dial signals and voice audio to the phone interface during the autopatch.

There are other applications for this interface. The circuit can be used as a phone patch for hf rigs. Similarly, it could provide the connection of a microcomputer system to the phone line, with the addition of a serial-data modulator/demodulator (modem).

The optoisolator can provide a compact, simple replacement for bulky transformers and relays; and as in this application, optoisolators are ideal links between computer-based control systems and the outside world. □

## Strays

### HAPPY ENDING FOR STUDENTS

□ In September 1980, the New York City school system accepted my proposal to teach an Amateur Radio course as a regular part of the Junior High School curriculum. The course was a success, and 120 students were learning about ham radio as part of their everyday program, just like science and math . . . until May 20. On that day our gear was stolen, effectively putting us all off the air. Not ones to give up easily, the students contacted hams they had worked and local clubs to collect money for another station. Thanks

to the generosity of these individuals and clubs, my students at JHS 22 and I will be back on the air this fall. — Joseph J. Fairclough, WB2JKJ

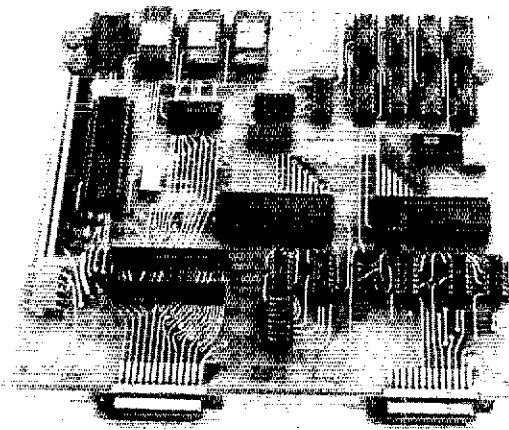
### HAND-KEY SENDING RECORD

□ Harry A. Turner, W9YZE, of Alton, Illinois, appears to own the legitimate hand-key code-sending record. Listed in the *Guinness Book of World Records*, W9YZE sent 175 characters per minute (35 words per minute), the top speed Army machines at that time could send back. This was accomplished with a hand key in November 1942 at the U.S. Army Signal Corps School at Camp Crowder, Missouri. Still pounding brass, Harry has been at it for over 65 years! — Egyptian Radio Club, Granite City, Illinois



Fore! Shown working some of the many contacts made during their special-event operation at the 40th Bing Crosby Pro-Am golf tournament are (l-r) W6OII, N6ALS and N6LLR. The sporting event captured the imagination of the Naval Postgraduate School (Monterey, California) ARC, who overcame natural and legal obstacles to get on the air. (photo courtesy Bill Webb, WD6COR)

# The Making of an Amateur Packet-Radio Network



U.S. and Canadian Radio Amateurs are experimenting with packet radio. Plans are underway for an amateur packet-switched network to be built over the next few years.

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October 16, 1981, is the date set for the ARRL conference on Amateur Radio Computer Networking at the National Bureau of Standards, Gaithersburg, Maryland.<sup>1</sup> This will be the setting for a get-together by North American radio amateurs who are eager to build a packet-switched network.

Store-and-forward packet-switching techniques date back to a 1964 study by the RAND Corporation. The term "packet" was coined in 1965 by D. W. Davies of the British National Physical Laboratory. In that year, the U.S. Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) started working on time-sharing concepts that would lead to the activation of ARPANET in 1969. Since then, a whole new science of packet communications technology has matured, and numerous government and commercial packet-switched networks have emerged. This history and an excellent treatment of packet technology is covered in a recent book edited by Kuo.<sup>2</sup>

Amateur Radio packet experimentation got its start in Canada on September 15, 1978, when the Department of Communications (DOC) announced rules for the Amateur Digital Radio Operator's Certificate.<sup>3</sup> The DOC also established regulations for packet-radio transmissions and designated certain vhf and uhf subbands for packet emission. This kicked off packet activity in Ottawa, Montreal, Vancouver and elsewhere.

In 1975, the availability of microprocessors and inexpensive micro-computer kits gave personal computing a big send-off. Because ASCII was not at that time permitted in the ham bands, the choices for data communications were to convert to Baudot or to use the telephone lines. Couple this with the fact that many computerists do not have ham licenses, and you can see why telephone data communications became popular. In 1978, the Computerized Bulletin Board System (CBBS) was developed by Christensen and Suess.<sup>4</sup> There are now around 200 active CBBS systems in the U.S. and Canada. This picture was changed by FCC action, effective March 17, 1980, that legalized ASCII over the U.S. ham bands. This set in motion some experimentation with serial (start-stop) transmission of ASCII; i.e., just hook up the computer to your ham radio equipment through a modem, and let 'er rip! As only a short time passed, it became clear that packet transmission of ASCII offered some advantages. So, a handful of U.S. experimenters set out to catch up with the

18-month lead enjoyed by their Canadian counterparts.

## Pardon Me, But . . .

What is a packet? A packet is a group of ASCII characters (information) surrounded by control signals and error-detection features. The control signals help recognize the presence of a packet and tell any intervening switching equipment where the packet should be sent. The error-detection feature works so well as virtually to guarantee that bad information will not be observed by the destination station. Table 1 illustrates a typical packet.

As may be seen, a packet is similar to a message format. In fact, it's a lot shorter than the average Amateur Radio or MARS message. Besides carrying smaller payload, the header and trailer components are designed to be read by computer, not by human operators. The computer, in this case, can be either a home computer programmed to perform this function or a packet controller — a single-purpose microcomputer board dedicated

Table 1  
Format for a Typical Packet



SYNC — First packet in a group of packets contains 16 bits of alternating zeros and ones.

FLAG — 8 bits, always 01111110 (7E hex).

ADR — Address of the sending station, either assigned dynamically by the Station Node at sign-on or hard-coded into the Terminal Interface Program (8 bits).

CTL — 8 bits containing control information for handling the packet.

DATA — From 0 (supervisory packet) to 255 bytes of data in ASCII.

FCS — Frame Check Sequence — 16 bits, computed by the sending station and checked by the receiving station.

FLAG — 8 bits, always 01111110 (7E hex).

\*Notes appear on page 30.

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to this task. There are advantages to the packet-controller board approach, such as (a) taking advantage of packet-controller chips on the market, (b) keeping the hardware costs low by not tying up the personal computer and (c) avoiding the necessity of generating new software for every type of computer as changes are made.

Following this philosophy, a typical vhf Amateur Radio packet station would look like that in Fig. 1. The terminal in this case could be either a cathode-ray tube (CRT) or printer and could operate in either ASCII or Baudot code. The Terminal Node Controller (TNC) of the type designed by Doug Lockhart, VE7APU, can be programmed by means of programmable read-only memories (PROMs) to handle serial or parallel communication with a wide variety of terminals, including computers. The other side of the TNC manages the line — sending and receiving packets in High-Level Data Link Control (HDLC) format.

#### Example Packet Transmissions

Assume that the source station wishes to send a two-page message to a destination station using packets. The transmission might be broken up into 48 packets, each containing the address of the source and destination, an information (data) field containing a part of the total message and a frame check sequence (FCS) for error detection. The source station would enter his message into a computer terminal attached to a Terminal Node Controller. The TNC would accept the message as input, break it up into packets, send the packets over the transmission medium (radio, in this case) and receive an acknowledgment of correct reception from the destination station for each packet sent. The destination station would also employ a TNC to receive the packets, acknowledge correctly received packets (ASCII ACK) or request retransmission of any bad packets (ASCII NAK or negative acknowledgment). Bad packets are detected using the FCS. An FCS is appended to each packet by the transmitting station. The receiving station computes what the FCS should be and compares that with the FCS supplied with the packet. If the two agree, the chances are very great that the packet is error free. If the two answers disagree, the destination station knows that the packet is bad and requests retransmission of that packet only.

We have yet to observe the benefits of packet radio. First, a channel can be utilized by a number of users through a time-sharing arrangement known as time-division multiplexing. These different conversations can take place on the same channel, apparently at the same time. In fact, each pair of users believes that the channel is theirs exclusively. Unless a station deliberately tells its TNC to monitor

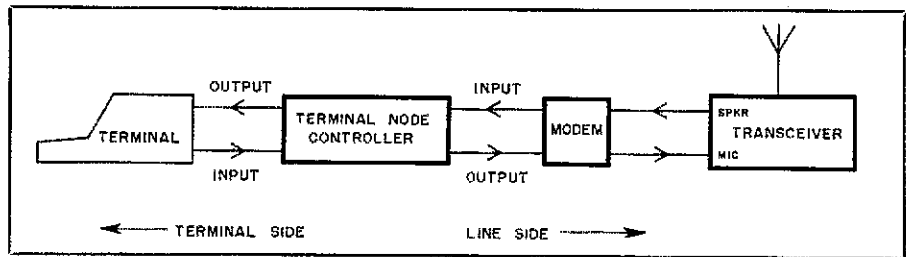


Fig. 1 — Block diagram showing a typical vhf packet-radio station. The arrows indicate the direction of data flow.

everything on the channel, the station will recognize only those transmissions meant for it.

You might ask, "What happens when two users transmit at the same instant?" In ham radio, it's QRM. In packet terminology, it is called a "collision." There are all sorts of so-called contention schemes to avoid collisions, but they happen even in the best packet networks. In this case, the TNC performs a carrier-sense check (to see if anyone is using the channel). Just to reduce the possibility of two TNC boards hearing nothing and bursting packets at exactly the same time, a variable time delay is built in. Because the time delay at each TNC (user) is changing, repeated collisions between the same pair of users should not occur.

#### Local Repeaters

In packet terminology, Local Area Network (LAN) is used to designate a number of terminals within a small geographical area that are able to talk to one another through a common channel. That may be coaxial cable or radio. It is difficult for some people to feel comfortable with the term "packet repeater," because this type of repeater may be quite different from the usual ham 2-meter fm variety. Because local area network packet repeaters are still highly experimental, those now operating or in the construction stage in the U.S. and Canada represent different approaches. As examples of two implementations of local area networks using the same Vancouver TNC boards and HDLC protocol, let us look briefly at San Francisco and Washington, DC.

The KA6M/R local area network packet repeater was activated on December 10, 1980.<sup>1</sup> It is a single-frequency repeater that accepts packets, performs an error check on them and retransmits them when the packets contain no errors. The repeater itself uses a Z-80 microprocessor driving a custom-built board containing a Western Digital 1933 HDLC chip. Bell 202 1200-baud modems are used both at the repeater and by members of the net. Individual stations are using Vancouver TNC boards.

The WD4IWG/R repeater is a straightforward 2-meter fm voice repeater, which is also used by local AMRAD (Amateur Radio Research and Development Corp.) members for data

communications. So, what comes in is repeated on the output frequency at the same time. This approach has the advantages of (1) using an existing repeater and (2) being able to sense the repeater output for presence of carrier before transmitting, avoiding collisions when the other station cannot be heard directly. Like those local networks in Vancouver, San Francisco and Hamilton, Ontario, the Washington, DC group is using the Vancouver TNC boards.

The local area network packet repeater scene is continuing to evolve with new compromises between doing it "right" and making do with what is available.

#### The Wider Network

The eventual goal is to tie these and many other local areas together to form a larger packet network. The focus, at the moment, is on interconnecting the various groups in Canada and the U.S. We are using the acronym AMNET to designate this wider network, which may go much beyond North America. Basic approaches, and possibly some tentative standards, for this network are the topic of the October 16 conference in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

There is general agreement that the bulk of the network traffic will be handled by the vhf or uhf packet repeaters deployed across North America. The spread of these repeaters could be as rapid as seen in past years with fm repeaters, but that depends upon enthusiasm and agreement of how to proceed. One view, perhaps the prevailing one, is that the intercity packet repeaters should be separate from the local area network packet repeaters. Also, it seems that the place for them is 220 MHz, and that they should operate at high signaling rates in the range of 1200 to 48,000 bits per second. The idea is to have the speed as high as practical in order to ensure that there is sufficient capacity to handle all intercity traffic. The higher speeds, however, require both wider bandwidths and greater power. So, the trade-offs are being studied. The lower speed (1200) would be necessary if, for some reason, we are unable to obtain an FCC rules change or waiver.

There is also a preference for the use of satellites for the long-haul circuits needed to "leapfrog" the vhf/uhf terrestrial network. Data communications channels are

## A Glossary of Packet-Radio Terms

**Address** — Element(s) of a packet frame that identify the source and/or destination stations by means of an agreed bit pattern.

**CCITT** — Consultative Committee for International Telegraph and Telephone, a part of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

**CSMA** — Carrier sense multiple access, a contention scheme in which stations listen for the presence of a carrier on the channel before sending a packet.

**HDLC** — High-Level Data Link Control, a packet transmission protocol developed by the International Standards Organization (ISO). It was derived from IBM's Synchronous Data Link Control (SDLC).

**Flow control** — The method used to regulate the rate of data exchange between the end users of the packet network in order to prevent system overloading. In general, the input is slowed down or stopped until the network handles the previous input.

**Packet** — (CCITT definition) A group of binary digits, including data and call control signals, that is switched as a composite whole. The data, call control signals and possibly error-control information are arranged in a specific format.

**Packet switching** — (CCITT definition) The transmission of data by means of addressed packets, whereby a transmission channel is occupied for the duration of transmission of the packet only. The channel is then available for use by packets being transferred between different data terminal equipment.

**Protocol** — A format and set of procedures for achieving communications.

**Protocol layering** — The International Standards Organization (ISO) has divided protocols into seven layers, from the lowest through the highest levels, as follows: Physical, Link, Network, Transport, Session, Presentation and Application. RS-232-C is an example of a Physical level protocol. HDLC a Link level.

**Routing** — A sequence of passing packets through various store-and-forward packet switches in a network to the desired destination.

**Terminal Node** — As used by the Vancouver Amateur Digital Communications Group, a user station in the packet network consisting of a Terminal Node Controller board, a data terminal (or computer), a modem and radio equipment.

assigned to AMSAT Phase III and later satellites in the planning stages. Hank Magnuski, KA6M, is the chairman for the AMSAT International Computer Network (AMICON) system architecture design group.

High-frequency (hf) packet circuits will be needed to fill in the gaps while the satellite capability is still not operational. Also, some hf capability should be maintained as a back-up system. An experimental hf packet circuit is being tested between AMRAD (WD4IWG) in Washington and ARRL (WIAW) in Newington to determine both equipment and software requirements for an operational circuit. Hf propagation restricts practical speeds to the general range of 75 to 600 baud, although 300 baud is the top speed presently permitted by FCC rules. The

speeds of 300, 600 and 1200 baud are possible over ionospheric paths within the limitations of multipath distortion. Generally speaking, a radio signal that is operating on the maximum usable frequency (muf) has only one path, thus no multipath. However, lower frequencies (than the muf) can follow several paths within the same ionospheric layer, and suffer multipath distortion at higher speeds. This is a complex effect that varies by path distance and operating frequency, relative to the muf. The worst circuit distances for multipath are the shortest ones, e.g., under 300 miles — that between Newington and Washington. The best path distance is around 1000 to 1600 miles.

## Getting Started

First, you need to do some reading. In addition to the references at the end of this article, you will find a number of books and magazine articles in many technical libraries. More to the point, you may wish to join one or all three of the following Amateur Radio groups that regularly publish newsletters with substantial packet information:

1) Amateur Radio Research and Development Corp. (AMRAD), monthly *AMRAD Newsletter* (\$12). Gerald Adkins, N4GA, 1206 Livingston St. North, Arlington, VA 22205.

2) Vancouver Amateur Digital Communications Group (VADCG), *The Packet* (\$10). Don Oliver, VE7AOG, 818 Rondeau St., Coquitlam, BC V3J 5Z3.

3) Hamilton and Area Packet Network (HAPN), *I-Frame de VE3PKT* (\$10). Stu Beal, VE3MWM, 2391 Arnold Cres., Burlington, ON L7P 4J2.

If you decide to start with the Vancouver TNC board, you can order them from VE7AOG. The price is \$30 for a bare board and all documentation. You will need to populate it with integrated circuits, resistors, capacitors and the switches required. You then plug in PROM chips containing the appropriate program and begin communicating. The total cost of the TNC is about \$250 when you add up the costs of the board and parts.

Next, you will need a Bell 202 modem. These may be available as surplus at hamfests, but several manufacturers are now making them at affordable prices. If you contemplate only hf operation, your existing RTTY modem (AFSK keyer/demodulator) may be used at the slower speeds of 75 and 150 baud, possibly with some modification.

## Some Cautious Conclusions

Amateur packet radio experimental activity is well under way. Local area networks have been set up in a number of places in Canada and the U.S. Network standards and protocols are beginning to take shape.

You can get involved by starting a local area network with just two (or more) hams within range of each other. One or more of the groups mentioned in this article can help you get started.

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# More Thoughts on the "Confounded" Half-Sloper

Half-sloper antennas don't function well for some amateurs, but others laud the performance. If you've tried them and experienced problems, these practical observations will be of interest.

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"I read the *QST* articles<sup>1</sup> on half-slopers, built one, then found out it was no good!" We've actually received a couple of letters to this effect at Hq. But we've also had correspondence that said, "Thanks for publishing the half-sloper data. I erected one and have picked up 22 new countries on 80 meters with it!" Conflicting reports about performance have trickled in for many months, so we decided to do some testing that might reveal what had gone wrong with those slopers that performed poorly. A number of interesting observations were made, and numerous experiments were conducted at W1FB. This article will outline some of the more significant aspects of the tests that were conducted over an eight-month period.



## What is a Half-Sloper?

The half-sloper is known also as the quarter-wave sloper. It differs from a full-sloper mainly by being half as long. The full-sloper is a half-wave dipole fed at the center with coaxial cable. Conversely, a half-sloper consists of a quarter-wavelength wire conductor, which is operated *in combination with* the metal mast or tower that supports it. Indeed, the tower is an electrical part of the sloper, which means that the height of the support and whatever else is attached to it play a significant role in antenna adjustment and performance (more on that later). The half-sloper is fed with 50-ohm

coaxial cable at the point of attachment to the tower, as shown in Fig. 1. The center conductor of the cable connects to the slope wire, and the shield braid is attached to the tower leg or the mast. An enclosed angle of approximately 45° is used between the tower and the slope wire.

## Half-Sloper Virtues

Inverted-V, full-sloper and half-sloper antennas require but one supporting structure. That's a plus factor. Unlike the full-sloper, the quarter-wave version has the current part of the antenna high above ground (desirable). The feed line can be taped to a tower leg, thereby preventing it from dangling across the property, as would be the case when using a full-sloper.

The half-sloper exhibits directivity (not gain) in the direction of the slope. This can be useful for favoring a particular DX region. In all tests at W1FB the sloper was a quieter antenna than the 55-foot ( $m = \text{ft} \times 0.3048$ ) vertical against which it was

compared. That is, it was less responsive during receive periods to man-made and atmospheric noise than was the vertical.

## Misconceptions

In reading our mail concerning the sometimes dismal performance of half-slopers, we have found that a misunderstanding of basic antenna principles caused much of the difficulty. Some amateurs used a tree or wooden mast to support the antenna. In such cases there was no place to connect the coax-cable braid, so it was left unattached at the feed point! The half-sloper requires a grounded metal mast or tower as a support, since the support is an electrical part of the system. In the most general of terms we can equate the sloper and tower to the two legs of an inverted-V dipole. The current and voltage distribution are not the same, however.

Others said that the VSWR was high, no matter how much pruning of the wire length was done. We'll address this matter

<sup>1</sup>See D. Atchley, W1CF, "Putting the Quarter-Wave Sloper to Work on 160," *QST*, July 1979; J. Belrose, VE2CV (ARRL TA), "The Half-Sloper — Successful Deployment is an Enigma," *QST*, May 1980; and D. DeMaw, W1FB, "Additional Notes on the Half-Sloper," *QST*, July 1979.

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later in the text. Some said that an SWR of 1:1 was easily obtained, but the antenna was very ineffective compared to a horizontal dipole at modest height above ground. It turned out that the tower in those examples was merely set in concrete without an effective ground system. The operators didn't think an earth ground was essential for this style of antenna.

### Initial Investigations

The letters suggesting "black magic" concerning half-slopers arrived as winter was setting in on the East Coast. This ruled out any comprehensive outdoor evaluation of various half-sloper configurations. The practical solution seemed to be in scaling the W1FB tower, triband Yagi and sloper to 144 MHz. This would permit reasonable indoor tests during the bad-weather months. Then, the full-scale tests could be based on 2-meter results when spring arrived. Fig. 2 shows the setup used on 144 MHz to learn which factors affected the tune-up and performance of the antenna in question. Copper tubing was substituted for the Rohn-25 tower. Brazing rod was used to make the scaled-down hf Yagi, and sheet aluminum was extended 1/4 wavelength beyond the base of the short tower to simulate the buried radial system at W1FB, which consists of only 16 wires that range in length from 60 to 110 feet in rather swampy ground. No. 28 enameled wire was employed as the half-sloper wire. The scaling was not precise, but it was close enough to opti-

mum, thereby yielding satisfactory results. A diode type of field-strength meter (calibrated in decibels) provided the instrumentation needed for pattern checks. The SWR was monitored by means of a Bird wattmeter. A Kenwood TS-700 all-mode 2-meter transceiver served as a signal source and was used in the receive mode to observe relative directivity of the half-sloper system while monitoring various repeaters in the area.

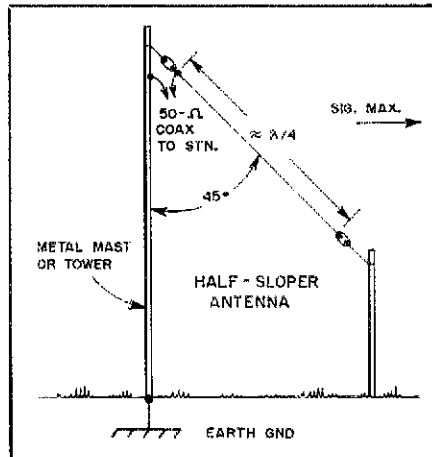


Fig. 1 — Basic half-sloper antenna attached to a metal supporting structure. The feed point is at the top of the wire. Coaxial cable is used for the transmission line, with the center conductor made common to the slope wire. The shield braid is connected to the mast or tower leg. The mast or tower must be grounded at the base. A buried radial system is preferred.

This technique is within the technical and financial means of any amateur, and is highly recommended for scaling one's tower, guy wires and beams when evaluating shunt-fed towers, slopers and other antennas that in some way depend on the tower.

### Test Results

It was not too great a surprise to learn that the data gathered on 2 meters was repeatable at scale, with an accuracy of approximately 10%, the following spring. Similar results were obtained during earlier scaling tests of 80- and 160-meter shunt-fed towers. The system at that time was scaled to 10 meters. W1VD performed similar tests of his 80-foot tower (scaling to 28 MHz), and had results at scale that were accurate within 10%.

These are the significant factors that affect the SWR of a half-sloper.

1) *Height of attachment point on the tower.* The best results were had when this point was approximately 1/4 wavelength above ground.

2) *Enclosed angle of the tower/wire combination.* Varying the angle had a marked effect on the SWR, irrespective of the height of the attachment point.

3) *Other conductors connected to the tower.* The triband Yagi had a large effect on the SWR: Removing it changed the SWR from 1:1 to 4:1, indicating that the beam was related electrically to the overall system. Guy wires and other sloping antennas had a similar effect. An array (4)



Fig. 2 — Photograph of ARRL technical staffer AK4L with the 2-meter scale model used to gather test data for the 40-meter half-sloper at W1FB. The Yagi has an alligator clip soldered to it for easy removal during tests. Aluminum sheeting serves as a ground system (see text).

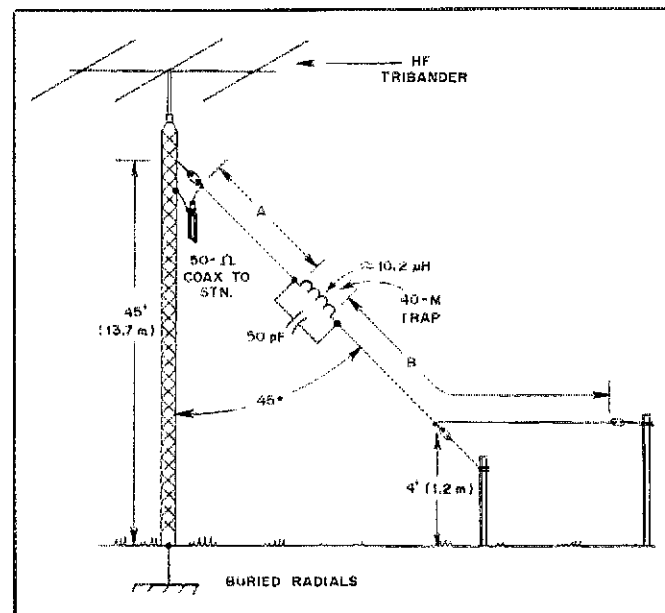


Fig. 3 — Practical circuit for the W1FB 40/80-meter, coax-fed half-sloper antenna. Owing to insufficient tower height, the lower part of the 80-meter extension is bent and routed horizontal to the ground. The feed line should be taped to a tower leg (likewise with rotator cable and other feed lines) at regular intervals, then routed to ground level. This will decouple the cables and prevent unwanted rf energy from entering the shack. The cables can be laid on the ground and brought to the shack, or they can be buried in the soil.

of half-sloper for the same band (spaced at 90° increments) made it impossible to obtain an SWR of less than 5:1 with any given sloper. This interaction was severe with only two half-slopers on the tower. Guy wires had to be broken up at nonresonant intervals and had to be insulated from the tower to eliminate SWR problems and preserve the radiation pattern of the antenna.

4) *Ground system under the tower.* The quality of the ground system (buried radials, on-ground radials or ground rods) affects not only the SWR, but also the effectiveness of the half-sloper. Removal of one half the aluminum-sheet ground system at 2 meters changed the SWR and reduced the field strength off the slope of the antenna.

An SWR of 1:1 could be obtained under most of the foregoing conditions by varying the height of the attachment point and the enclosed angle of the antenna. In all of the tests it was learned that the half-sloper needed to be slightly longer than the computed length obtained from  $l(\text{feet}) = 234/f(\text{MHz})$ . The antenna is not resonant at the operating frequency. Rather, the length is varied until the feed point exhibits a 50-ohm characteristic.

All scaling was done for a 40-meter sloper system. Extrapolation of the bandwidth from 2 meters to 40 meters indicated that the 40-meter bandwidth between the 2:1 SWR points would be approximately 150 kHz. Later tests at scale confirmed that number. As a matter of casual interest, the 2-meter half-sloper turned out to be a very effective fm/repeater antenna. From inside the W1FB QTH (antenna 4 feet above ground level) it was possible to access repeaters as far away as 40 miles when orienting the sloper toward the repeater. Power output from the TS-700 was 10 watts.

The directivity of the antenna produces a lobe that is approximately 5 dB stronger than the points along the otherwise omnidirectional pattern of the antenna. The radiated wave is essentially vertical in polarization.

#### **A Practical Half-Sloper**

Following verification of the scale-model tests in February of 1981, and after many local and DX contacts were made on 40 meters, a two-band version of the half-sloper was tested. It was designed for use on 80 and 40 meters by using a 40-meter trap in the slope wire. The system is illustrated in Fig. 3. The length of the wire A is the same as for a 40-meter single-band half-sloper. Wire sections A and B constitute the 80-meter half-sloper, with the 40-meter trap becoming part of the system. Owing to the loading effect of the trap, sections A and B combined are somewhat shorter than would be the case of a single-band 80-meter half-sloper. There was insufficient tower height at W1FB to permit a continuous slope of the

wire. Therefore, the last 10 feet of the wire was run off at an angle, as shown in Fig. 3.

To permit operation at 1 kW, the trap contains a section of large-diameter Miniductor stock. A surplus ARC-5 50-pF vacuum capacitor was chosen for the trap capacitor. Transmitting ceramic capacitors can be substituted for the trap capacitor specified, but will change value when large changes in outdoor temperature occur. This effect will be noticed especially in regions where severe winters are common. The trap should have a high Q and can be tuned with a dip meter for the center of the chosen operating range before installation. Do not put the vacuum capacitor inside the coil because the metal parts of the capacitor will detune the trap and lower the Q significantly.

A compromise was made when selecting the attachment point of the antenna on the tower. It is somewhat higher than 1/4 wavelength at 7.025 MHz to permit ample height for the overall wire in the two-band format.

The SWR on 40 meters is 1.3:1 at 7025 kHz. Owing to the bent format on 80 meters, plus the less-than-prescribed height of the attachment point, a low value of SWR was not attainable. The best SWR turned out to be 2:1 at 3510 kHz. Line losses are of no consequence at 80 meters, since only 60 feet of RG-8/U is used in the system. The SB-221 amplifier loaded into the system just fine, despite the 2:1 SWR. Phone-band operation is possible by using a Transmatch (at the transmitter) for either band.

#### **Some Precautions**

The continuity of the tower sections is important to good performance, since the tower is part of the antenna system. Similarly, the tower-to-mast continuity should be ensured. This can be achieved by placing short lengths of shield braid across the joints between tower sections. A long, flexible conductor can be used between the mast and tower to provide continuity in that part of the system. If intermittents are present (especially when there is a breeze), the SWR will ramp up and down in an alarming manner! Some operators have solved the problem by merely running a continuous length of heavy conductor from the mast to the base of the tower.

#### **On-the-Air Results**

A shunt-feed arm was attached to the tower to permit using it as an 80-meter vertical. The tower was resonant at 3.8 MHz with the tribander atop it, so getting a match to 50 ohms was not difficult. The tower was rigged in this manner to permit comparisons between it and the 80-meter half-sloper during DX QSOs. A coax switch was used at the operating position to facilitate fast comparisons. It should be

acknowledged that there is significant interaction between the half-sloper and tower. In an ideal situation the two antenna should be well separated from one another. Despite this condition, however, some interesting results were obtained in the spring of 1981.

During a 1-1/2 month period of casual DX chasing, 72 countries were worked by W1FB with the two antennas. The sloper was arranged for maximum directivity to the south because of property limitations. It showed a consistent 8- to 10-dB advantage over the vertical out to approximately 1500 miles in all directions. It was similarly superior to the vertical when working stations in the West Indies and South America. During QSOs with European stations, the sloper and vertical were often neck and neck, but the vertical was predominantly 5 to 6 dB better than the sloper. Had the wire been sloped to the northeast, the sloper would probably have equaled the vertical in performance, and may have exceeded it on occasion.

Since the half-sloper was the quieter of the two antennas, it often provided an advantage in weak-signal reception, even though the received signals were not as strong as when using the vertical.

#### **Recommendations and Summary**

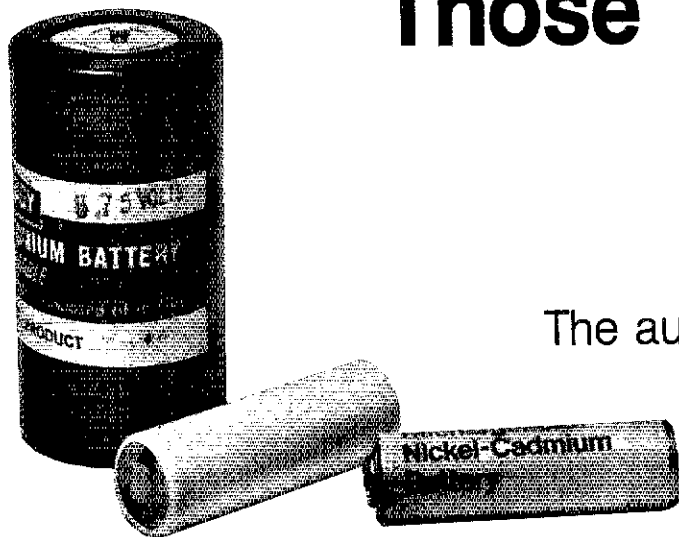
Some amateurs have reported success when using an 80-meter half-sloper on 160 meters. This was done by placing a loading coil and capacitance hat at the lower end of the wire. An 80-meter trap was inserted between the end of the wire and the loading coil. This same technique might be applied to the antenna of Fig. 3 to make it a three-band half-sloper.

The operator should make an effort to install a ground-radial system when using a half-sloper. A practical rule of thumb is to put as much wire in the ground as possible, but not to worry if an elaborate, classical ground system isn't practical. During tune-up, experiment with the attachment point and the enclosed angle of the antenna. If an SWR of 1:1 can't be obtained, don't worry about it. The system will provide good results as long as the transmitter will load into it. If it doesn't, use a Transmatch at the rig.

A multiband sloper can be erected by using open-wire or TV-style 300-ohm line. This was tried at W1FB by cutting the slope wire for 40 meters and by using a Transmatch in the shack. Excellent results were had from 40 through 10 meters, with the sloper at times providing reports as good as those obtained with the tribander out to 1000 miles or more. The 40-meter version with tuned feeders also did a pretty good job on 80 meters.

If you have tried this antenna and found out it was "no good," perhaps you didn't experiment enough. We hope this article will give you some hints toward making your half-sloper do a proper job for you!

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# Those NiCad Batteries and How to Charge Them!

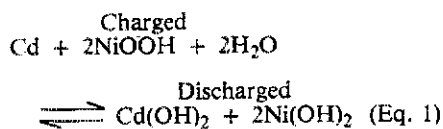
The author explains the nature of NiCad batteries. He also shows how to charge them sensibly with a home-built charger that works better than store-bought units.

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**N**ickel cadmium batteries (NiCads) are remarkable devices! They have been in use for more than 50 years. They can be used and recharged hundreds of times. The internal resistance of NiCad batteries is low and remains low until the end of the discharge cycle, and the output voltage remains fairly constant during the discharge period. Typical voltage is 1.3 for a freshly charged cell. It decreases to about one volt at the end of the discharge cycle. If the discharge continues, the output voltage falls rapidly from this point. Higher-voltage batteries or power packs are realized by connecting one or more cells in series.

Sealed cylindrical cells and batteries that are most commonly found in Amateur Radio equipment are made something like a capacitor. Thin, sintered electrodes of sheet nickel hydroxide and cadmium hydroxide are isolated from each other by a porous separator sheet. A limited amount of potassium hydroxide serves as the electrolyte. The three sheets and the electrolyte are rolled together, then placed in the cylindrical steel case. An insulating seal ring separates the positive cover from the negative case.

The chemical reaction of the nickel cadmium cell is:



Notice that the reaction can go in either direction. If current from a charging

source flows in the proper direction, it will drive the reaction backward toward the charge direction and in effect will recharge the electrodes. What is not clear from the equation, though, is that during the final part of a charge cycle, and during periods of overcharge, NiCads generate gas. Oxygen is generated at the nickel (positive) electrode and hydrogen is generated at the cadmium (negative) electrode as each reaches full charge. If the charging rate is about 1 C (defined later) the pressure and temperature inside a cell will soar at full charge, and the cell will be damaged or destroyed. Since the cells are sealed, the pressure must not become excessive. The cells have vents that will release pressure when it exceeds 150 to 300 psi, but such venting shortens the life of a cell. The manufacturers avoid the generation of hydrogen gas by making the positive electrode smaller than the negative one, so that the positive electrode becomes fully charged first. Oxygen is generated at this positive electrode at full charge, but this gas can migrate back to the negative electrode, with which it reacts, preventing the negative electrode from charging further. This also prevents it from becoming fully charged and producing hydrogen. The NiCad cell can be overcharged indefinitely then, without being damaged, owing to this protective mechanism (well, in theory, anyway).

Another interesting fact about the NiCad that makes it different from other types of batteries is that the terminal voltage is at maximum around 75° F (24° C). The voltage decreases as the temperature goes above or below that temperature. Similarly, the internal resistance is smallest at 75° F, and it in-

creases as the temperature goes above or below that temperature. Because of this characteristic and for other reasons, a NiCad should be operated inside of the temperature range of 32° F to 105° F (0 to 40° C).

## Cell Capacity

The capacity (C) of a NiCad cell is stated in ampere hours or in milliamper hours. A 500-milliamper/hour cell has a C equal to 500. It means, for example, that you may discharge the cell at a 50-mA rate for 10 hours, or at a 500-mA rate for one hour, but the capacity decreases with increasing discharge rates. The term C has another meaning. It can define the charging or discharging current. A 1-C discharge rate means a discharge current of 500 mA for a battery rated at 500 mA/hours, while a 0.1-C charging rate implies a charging current of 50 mA (0.1 × 500). Hence, C defines a certain milliamper/hour capacity, or a charging or discharging current based on that milliamper/hour rating.

## Charging Characteristics

Now that the basic theory of NiCad cells has been reviewed, how can the cell be recharged sensibly so that we can approach a thousand or so recharge cycles? First, the charging rate must be limited to 0.1 C. As the charging rate exceeds 0.1 C, the oxygen generated as the cell nears full charge does not diffuse and react quickly enough at the negative electrode. The internal pressure will build up, and damage will take place. A 0.1-C charging rate implies a 10-hour charging time (0.1 C × 10 = 1 C), but the battery is not 100% efficient. It is necessary to put in 140 to 160%

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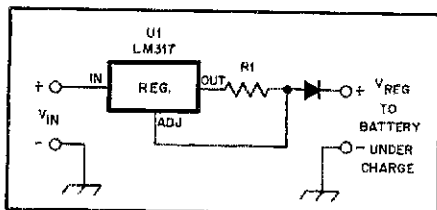


Fig. 1 — Circuit for a simple constant-current battery charger. The series diode can be a 1-A, 50-PRV silicon rectifier. U1 is a three-terminal regulator.

of the charge. Now you can see where the familiar 14- to 16-hour charging time comes from. It is typical for completely charging the NiCad battery.

A battery consists of two or more cells in series. Because no two cells have exactly the same capacity, one cell will become discharged before the rest. When this happens, the weak cell will be *reverse-polarized* by the remaining cells. When this happens, oxygen will be generated at the cadmium electrode and hydrogen at the nickel electrode. Not only will the gas pressure soar, but the internal resistance will increase, and heating will take place. Manufacturers have introduced clever schemes to suppress this generation of gas in the reverse-voltage case, but the protection is effective up to discharge rates of only 0.1 C. Since the discharge rate may be in excess of 0.1 C, you should stop discharging a NiCad battery when the potential drops below 1 volt per cell. Some battery-powered amateur gear has low-voltage indicators. Cease operation when that condition is observed.

NiCad batteries can supply large pulse and dc discharge currents because of their low internal resistance. The inquisitive reader might wonder why a cell may be discharged at rates of several C safely, yet charging them at those rates can be destructive. The reason is related to the gas and heat that is generated at or near the full-charge condition, as we discovered. Quick chargers do exist, but special NiCads are used. The "quick chargers" generally measure the temperature of the cell or battery. As the temperature climbs (near the end of the charge), a temperature sensor turns the charger off or reduces the charging rate to a "trickle" charge. Such chargers and special batteries are not commonly found in Amateur Radio equipment.

### Chargers for the NiCad Battery

If you enjoy building electronic circuits, you can save some money and end up with a better charger than many that you can buy! A charger can be built for a few dollars, plus some components that you probably have in your shack. A simple charger, using a constant current that is equal to 0.1 C, can be realized by using an LM317, which is a three-terminal, adjustable (positive) voltage regulator. The

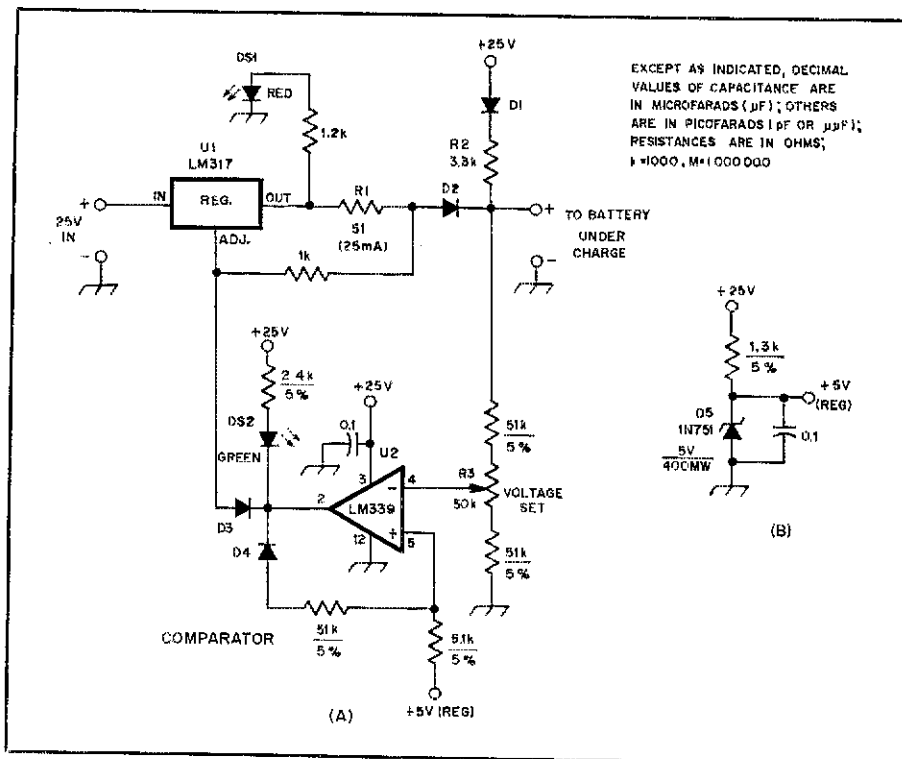


Fig. 2 — Schematic diagram of a constant-current charger with an automatic shut-down feature. R3 is adjusted to provide the maximum desired battery voltage. The capacitors are disc ceramic or Mylar. D1-D4, inclusive, are 1-A, 50-PRV silicon rectifiers. DS1 and DS2 are LEDs (see text). R3 is a linear-taper, wire-wound control. See text for details of the circuit at B.

circuit in Fig. 1 is for a constant-current charger. The regulator is available in several types of cases. Pick your favorite. The input potential should be at least 5 to 6 volts greater than the desired maximum output voltage, and it may be up to 40 volts greater. Therefore, you have a broad range of input dc voltages with which to work. The greater the voltage difference between the input and output, the greater will be the dissipation in the regulator. The charging current in milliamperes is given by:

$$\text{mA} = \frac{1200}{R1} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

If your battery is rated at 250 mA/hr, set the current for a 25-mA charging rate. Similarly, you would set a 45-mA charging rate for a 450-mA/hr battery. These 0.1-C charging rates will require 14 to 16 hours to recharge a fully discharged battery. Overcharging should not damage them with this rate. The series diode in the schematic diagram disconnects the battery from the charger in the event that the charger is turned off, or if there is a power failure.

You can add a simple feature (Fig. 2B) that shuts down the charger when the terminal voltage of the battery reaches some fixed value. A trickle charge equal to 0.01 C to 0.03 C is supplied by resistor R2. This

is the recommended "float" or leveling charging rate. The voltage comparator circuit employs 0.4 volt of hysteresis so that if the battery voltage should fall 0.8 volt below the set point, the full 0.1-C charging rate will be reinstated until the voltage reaches the desired level. A red LED (DS1) indicates that the unit is charging; the green LED indicator (DS2) shows that the battery has reached the desired (fully charged) condition. These LEDs serve only as indicators, and one or both can be eliminated.

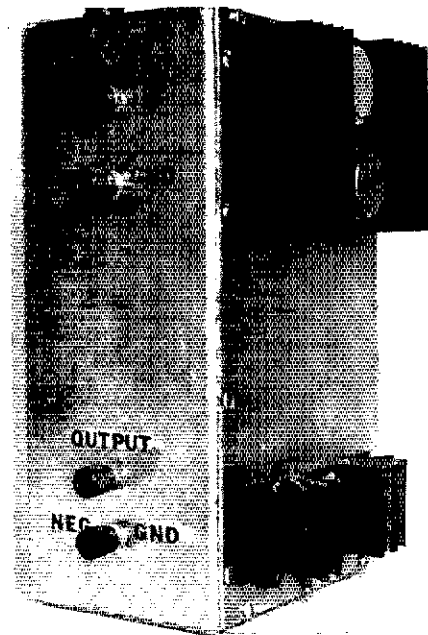
The voltage comparator that I used is an LM339. This version has four comparators in a 14-pin DIP format, which is useful because my charger has the capability to charge several batteries independently at the same time. Just add as many constant-current regulators as you need; one LM339 will control four regulators.

All of my batteries have terminals on the bottom; they do not have connectors. I have fashioned battery supports from wood, and they have screws in the base that contact the battery terminals if the battery is inserted correctly in the blocks. A table-top charger to hold and charge an HT and spare batteries can be made with a scrap of 2- X 4-inch (51 X 102-mm) lumber and a pine board. You can decide how to connect the charger to your battery. Now go to it! Charge sensibly!

# Polarity Inverter

Impossible to run a negative-ground-only rig in a positive-ground vehicle? It can be done! Here's one way.

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We had a unique problem: Most vehicles have negative ground electrical systems, but our motor home (a converted 1954 Greyhound bus) has a *positive* ground system! Most radio equipment these days is designed for negative ground systems. We considered changing the bus generator, regulator and wiring, but the cost was prohibitive. So we isolated the negative-ground from the positive-ground chassis for some of the circuits.

The challenge came when we decided to install a 2-meter fm rig in the bus! It would have been simple enough to isolate the radio from the bus chassis, but not so for the antenna. Besides, we were determined to use the "expansive acreage" of the roof as a ground plane for our antenna. With those constraints in mind, the possibility of damage from an accidental short outweighed the relative ease of isolating the equipment from ground. We searched for another solution.

## The Answer

A polarity inverter seemed like the obvious answer. A basic circuit was decided upon. The problem was in locating a 1:1 transformer of adequate current rating for T1 of Fig. 1. We thought of winding the transformer on a large toroid, but soon abandoned that idea because we could not locate a large enough toroid, so we decided to use the core of an old TV transformer. The primary of T1 consists of 40 turns of no. 10 enameled wire, center tapped, while the feedback windings contain five turns each of no. 30 enameled wire. The secondary has 40 turns of no. 10 enameled wire also (no. 14

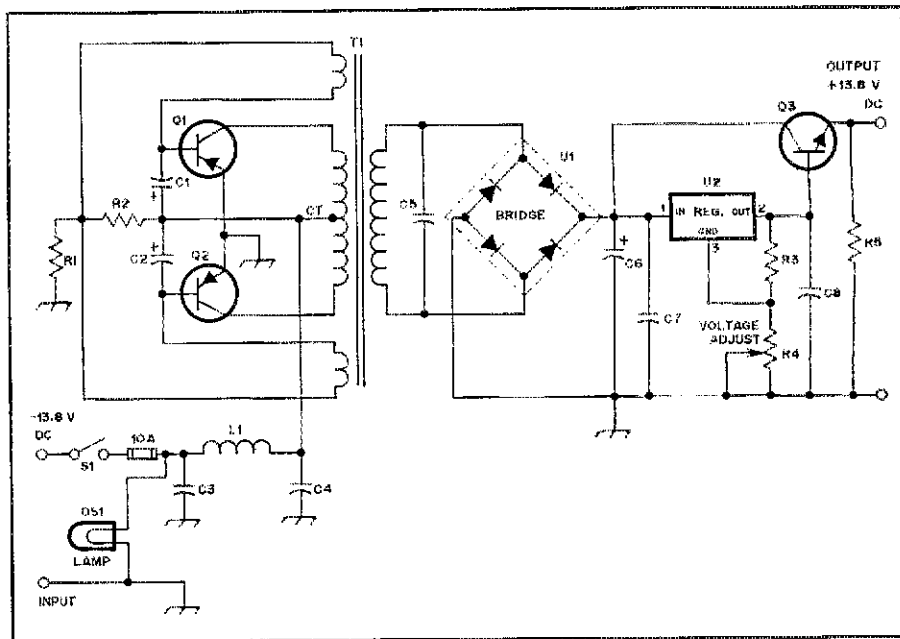


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of polarity inverter. Refer to text for a discussion of component types and values, which are not critical. Layout and construction techniques are not critical either.

- C1, C2 — 25  $\mu$ F, 150 V electrolytic.
- C6 — 5000  $\mu$ F, 50 V electrolytic.
- DS1 — 12-V lamp, Radio Shack 272-332 or similar.
- L1 — See text.
- Q1, Q2 — Silicon pnp audio power bipolar transistor, 100 W, GE-4 or equiv.
- Q3 — Silicon npn audio power bipolar tran-

- sistor, 115 W, REN-130, Radio Shack 276-2041 or equiv.
- R3 — 470  $\Omega$ , 1 W carbon composition.
- R4 — 2-k $\Omega$ , 1-W potentiometer (linear taper).
- S1 — Spst, 10-A toggle switch.
- T1 — See text.
- U1 — Monolithic bridge rectifier, 25 A, 50 PIV, Radio Shack 276-2285 or equiv.

enameled wire should be more than adequate for both the primary and the secondary).

A regulator circuit was added as a safety feature. We used a 1-A, 12-V monolithic regulator chip (type 7812) for

U2. R3 and R4 set the output voltage slightly above the rating of the chip. This results in a drop in dc output voltage from 13.8 to 13.4 when current consumption rises from approximately 700 mA (receive) to 4 A (high-power transmit). Better

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regulation might be had by substituting an adjustable regulator chip and circuit (such as the LM-317) for the 7812. However, for our use the performance of the 7812 circuit is adequate. Q1, Q2 and Q3 are mounted on heat sinks.

### Filtering

The input filter of Fig. 1 (C3, L1 and C4) prevents noise from the bus electrical system from being coupled into the inverter. Component values are not critical. In our case, C3 and C4 are 0.47- $\mu$ F, 200-V dc capacitors, but larger-value capacitors should work. We recommend maintaining the somewhat-high voltage rating to prevent damage caused by voltage spikes. Our L1 carries Motorola part number 24A4/2536-0. If you do not have something comparable in your junk box, you can "roll your own" by winding at least 20 turns of no. 10 enameled wire on a 3/4-in. (19-mm) form. If the output of your inverter contains a "whine" component, increase the number of turns of L1 or increase the capacitance of C3 and C4.

R1 is a 2- $\Omega$ , 25-W wire-wound resistor. You may want to substitute five 10- $\Omega$ , 5-W wire-wound resistors in parallel, because of ease of procurement. R2 is a 75- $\Omega$ , 10-W wire-wound resistor. C5 is a 0.047- $\mu$ F, 50-V dc nonpolarized capacitor. C7 and C8 are 0.22- $\mu$ F, 200-V dc capacitors. The value is not critical, and the voltage rating is probably higher than necessary. But, again, we relied on the contents of our junk boxes. These two capacitors should be located quite close to the regulator chip. R5 is a 1200- $\Omega$ , 2-W carbon resistor: The value is not critical.

### Operation

The operation of the circuit is similar to an astable multivibrator, with the inductance of the primary windings controlling the frequency of oscillation — the greater the core mass, the lower the frequency. The TV transformer that we used provided an output frequency of about 100 Hz.

If the power supply fails to oscillate when first turned on, reverse the direction of the feedback windings on the base terminals of Q1 and Q2. It is easier to determine the proper connection by trial and error than by doing the "mental gymnastics" necessary to wire it correctly the first time. If it is backwards initially, no harm will result when power is applied: The circuit simply will not oscillate. If your transformer gets hot while operating, it is a sign that the core is not of adequate size. If the voltage "sags" under heavy load, the wire used on the primary and secondary of T1 is probably too small.

On-the-air operation indicates that there is no hum or objectionable whine on the output signal of the radio. Besides, we've got our super ground plane, and there is no danger of shorting the rig to ground!

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# New Products

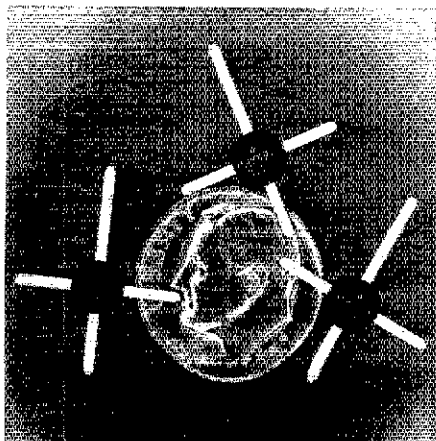
## NEW MOTOROLA SEMICONDUCTOR

□ The slogan is "Performance up, cost down," in new low-power rf transistors, as noted in some recent Motorola promotional literature that describes the MRF559 0.5-watt bipolar transistor, which has a recommended operating range of 250 MHz to 1.5 GHz. Effective emitter ballasting (protection against hot-spotting) is ensured by the current technique in geometry, processing and packaging. This type of design in overlay transistors improves the operating linearity and enhances the reliability of the device. The metalization of the semiconductor "sandwich" uses Nichrome, titanium, tungsten and gold to eliminate the corrosion malady that is referred to in the industry as "purple plague." This is said to improve the transistor longevity by a factor of 10.

The MRF559 is contained in a Macro-X plastic package, rather than in the more familiar TO-39 case. Four 10-mil- (0.25 mm-) thick, silver-plated copper leads extend at 90-degree increments from the case, and aid cooling of the semiconductor junction.

The new transistor has large signal characterization at 470 and 870 MHz for mobile/hand-held fm operation. It should work well at vhf and uhf through 1296 MHz in amateur applications. Its ratings at 870 MHz are:  $P_o = 0.5$  W; gain = 8 dB (min); eff. = 50%;  $V_{cc} = 12$ ; 1-dB compression greater than +20 dBm (typ). The  $f_T$  is rated at 3 GHz and the noise figure at 1 GHz is 4 dB [ $I_c = 40$  mA (3 dB at 500 MHz)].  $P_D$  is 2 watts at a case temperature of 50° C. Price class: \$1.80 in 100 to 999 lots. Available from Motorola distributors or the factory in Phoenix, Arizona 85036. Phone Tom Bishop at 602-244-6394 for additional information.

— Doug DeMaw, W1FB



## CURTIS ELECTRO DEVICES, INC. 8044M CMOS KEYS IC

□ The number of this particular IC may be familiar to you. An 8044M IC forms the core of the Curtis EK-480M keyer, which was described in the June 1980 QST Product Review column, and earlier versions (the 8043 and 8044) have been appearing in *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* since 1977. As you might suspect, the "M" suffix denotes a change. This change is an addition to and not an alteration of the 8044IC.

An 8044 is a 16-pin IC, while the 8044M is an 18-pin device. By connecting a 100- $\mu$ A meter and a few components to the added pins, the operator of a completed 8044M keyer can read the keyer speed directly from the meter. According to the manufacturer, the speed indication is accurate and stable for a speed range of from 6 to 50 wpm using the components recommended in the specification sheet accompanying the IC.

Why the emphasis on addition to and not alteration of the 8044? Neatly, Curtis has arranged the package so that the 8044 and 8044M are compatible despite the 2-pin difference in package size! So, if you already have an 8044 keyer and don't wish to "start from scratch" again, you can plug the 8044M into the existing 16-pin socket, allowing pins 9 and 10 to hang over the end of the socket. Attachment of the speed-meter components may then be made directly to the overhanging pins. Or the 8044 can replace the 8044M simply by leaving the two end-pin connections open and sacrificing the speed-meter circuitry. How about that!

If you're planning to construct a compact, multifeature keyer, investigate the possibility of using this IC. With it, you'll have self-completing dots, dashes and spaces; iambic operation; dot and dash memories; weight control; sidetone; a TUNE and straight key input; selectable speed range; and a keying output level sufficient to drive a keying transistor. Because it is a CMOS device, the 8044M draws a minimum of current during a standby (50  $\mu$ A at 5 V dc). Key-down current is approximately 30 mA, with most of that being required for the sidetone output and drive for the output transistor.

In quantities of one to nine, price classes are: 8044M IC only, \$20; 8044-3 (IC, pc board, socket), \$30; 8044M-4 (limited kit), \$60. These items and further information may be obtained from Curtis Electro Devices, Inc., Box 4090, Mountain View, CA 94040. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

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# Beating Rotten QRM — CW Filtering for the Beginner

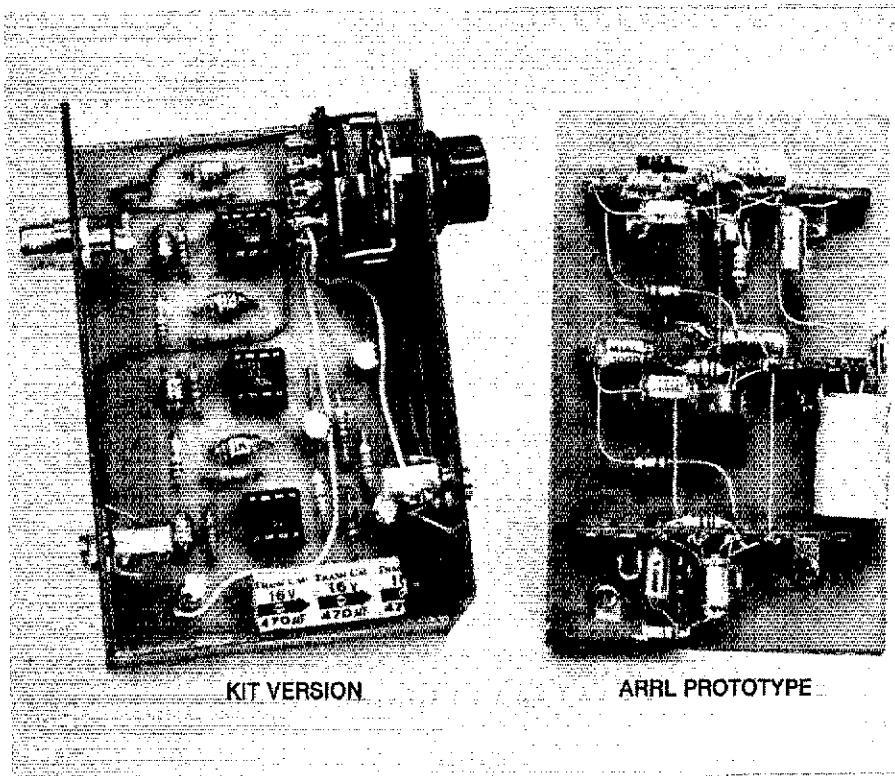


Sorting out those cw signals in a crowded band can drive an inexperienced operator to distraction. Providing cw selectivity for the receiver will help. Here's how.

By Doug DeMaw,\* W1FB

**W**hat's this? You can't operate in the 40- and 80-meter Novice bands because there are too many signals, and you can't sort them out? Perhaps your ham receiver isn't tailored to handle QRM (interference) effectively. Some simple cures may be in order if that receiver just isn't "chopping it" on cw.

But first let's consider the human factor in separating signals that are close to one another in the ham bands. It has been said, and rightfully so, that the human brain and ears form the most effective filter one can utilize. Unfortunately, most of us started out in our prelicense months by learning the Morse with a code-practice oscillator. There wasn't any QRM to spoil our concentration, and we listened to a single pitch (note). When that license finally arrived and we went on the air (gulp) for the first time, things weren't a bit like they used to be! The cw notes sounded quite different in the receiver, and many notes of different pitches



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(audio frequencies) were blending together like a pot of stew. Sure, we could sift a loud one out of the mayhem and perhaps even copy it perfectly, but the weaker signals couldn't be pulled out of the confusing mess because the other signals tended to degrade our concentration. That wonderful ear/brain filter wasn't broken in yet, so it wasn't of much use to us. If we add that to the usual jitters experienced by a new amateur, we may feel like "cashing in our chips" in favor of tennis or some other pastime.

The fact of the matter is that the human filter doesn't become really effective until the cw operator has spent many weeks on the air. He or she must develop the ability to concentrate solely on a single pitch in order to filter out the unwanted beat notes. So what does the poor beginner do to aid reception while that built-in filter is developing its potential? The rapid solution is to employ electrical filtering of some type, and that is the topic of this month's beginner's article.

### I-F Filters

There are a number of receiver filters that we might elect to use in reducing the effects of QRM when operating in the cw mode. First, and perhaps best, is the i-f (intermediate-frequency) filter that we can install immediately after the receiver mixer stage. It has a center frequency that is the same as the receiver i-f. Hence, if the receiver has a 9-MHz i-f, the center frequency of our filter must be 9 MHz. Most modern receivers and transceivers come equipped with an i-f filter, but the stock filter is too wide in response for most cw work and is intended mainly for ssb reception. Many receivers and transceivers have blank positions on the circuit boards to add one or more additional i-f filters, and these are sold as accessories. Each has a different bandwidth for use with a different mode of reception — cw, a-m (amplitude modulation), fm, radioteletype and so on. Generally, these filters are in the \$50+ price class, but the benefits obtained from having the proper filter for a specified operating mode are well worth the expense when we consider, for example, that a \$50 filter for an \$800 rig represents only 0.065 the total cost of the equipment! We can extrapolate the cost of a \$50 filter to 13-1/2 cents per day for 12 months of use. A cup of coffee costs *more* than that nowadays!

### Filter Bandwidth and Shape Factor

When selecting an i-f filter for cw reception we are interested in the center frequency ( $f_c$ ) nose selectivity (-6 dB points on the filter response curve) and the skirt selectivity (-60 dB points on the lower portion of the response curve). Other factors of interest to designers are the insertion loss (signal loss in decibels through the filter), ripple (flatness of the response across the top of the response curve) and

the characteristic impedance of the filter, expressed in ohms. We won't cloud the issue by discussing all of the characteristics of an i-f filter. A detailed discussion of filters can be found in other ARRL literature.<sup>1</sup> We will concern ourselves here with the filter bandwidths (BW) and the filter shape factors. Fig. 1 illustrates how a filter passband would appear on a spectrum analyzer during the testing of a particular filter. In this example we find a -6 dB bandwidth of 500 Hz (0.5 kHz) and a -60 dB bandwidth of 4 kHz. The shape factor is the ratio of the two bandwidths, which in this case is 8:1. The smaller the ratio the better the i-f selectivity of the receiver and hence the greater rejection of signals adjacent to the one we're interested in copying. The more resonators or filter poles we use, up to a practical limit, the better the skirt selectivity and the more spectacular the shape factor. In a crystal filter the poles are the crystals, as seen in the ladder filter of Fig. 2. A 4-pole filter is illustrated. Typical crystal i-f filters have from one to as many as eight poles. Mechanical filters contain resonator discs, which are the selective elements for that kind of filter.

Why is the shape factor important? Well, consider the example in Fig. 3, which has a better response for cw reception than does the example in Fig. 1. The sides of the curve are much steeper for the 8-pole filter of Fig. 3. Imagine that you are listening to a cw signal that is tuned in at center frequency ( $f_c$ ). A strong signal is present 750 Hz lower in frequency (8999.25 kHz on the curve). That signal will be 45 dB weaker than if it were tuned to  $f_c$  on the curve, by virtue of the *attenuation characteristics* of the filter. Now, imagine the same signal combination while using the filter represented in Fig. 1. The unwanted signal would be only 23 dB down on the curve. Hence, the wider the skirt of a filter, the more pronounced the QRM from the interfering signal. An ideal filter would have perfectly straight sides (rectangular response), but this is not attainable with the present state of the art.

We can have good results when using 500-Hz bandwidth cw filters, but some operators like even more i-f selectivity. They install 250-Hz filters in their receivers to help improve the copy when QRM is heavy. The ssb filters that come with most transceivers and receivers have 6-dB bandwidths from 2.0 up to 2.4 kHz. Therefore, no matter how steep the sides of the response curve for an ssb filter, the relatively flat part at the top of Fig. 1 will accommodate all of the signals between  $f_c$  and either limit on the nose of the curve with no more than 6 dB of attenuation. The wider filters are mandatory for ssb reception in order to provide ample fidelity of the reproduced human voice. If we

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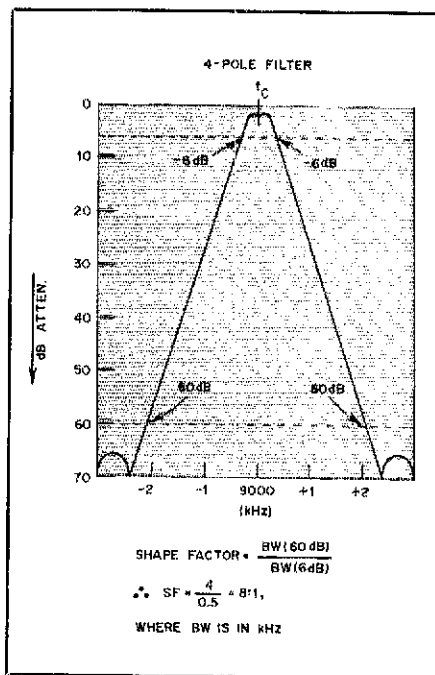


Fig. 1 — Representation of a filter response in terms of bandwidth and selectivity. The filter shape factor is determined by the relationship between the nose and skirt characteristics in decibels, as measured at the -6 and -60 dB points on the curve (see text).

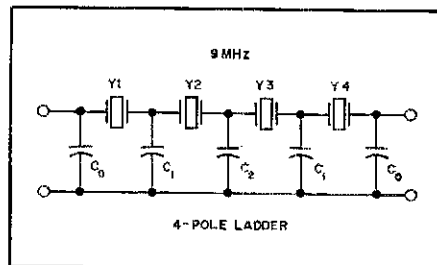


Fig. 2 — Circuit of a 4-pole ladder filter that uses crystals as the selective elements. The capacitors are chosen in accordance with the operating frequency and terminating resistance of the filter. (See J. Hardcastle, G3JIB, "Some Experiments with High-Frequency Ladder Crystal Filters," QST, Dec. 1978.)

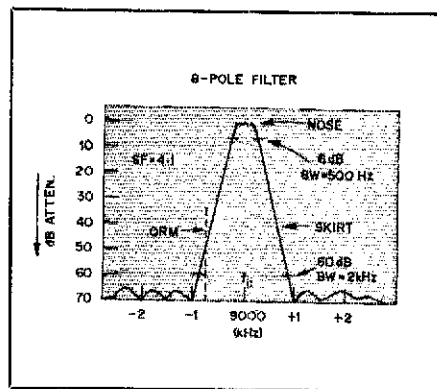


Fig. 3 — A response curve that might be obtained when testing an 8-pole crystal filter for cw reception. Compare the skirt selectivity of this filter with that shown in Fig. 1 for a 4-pole filter.

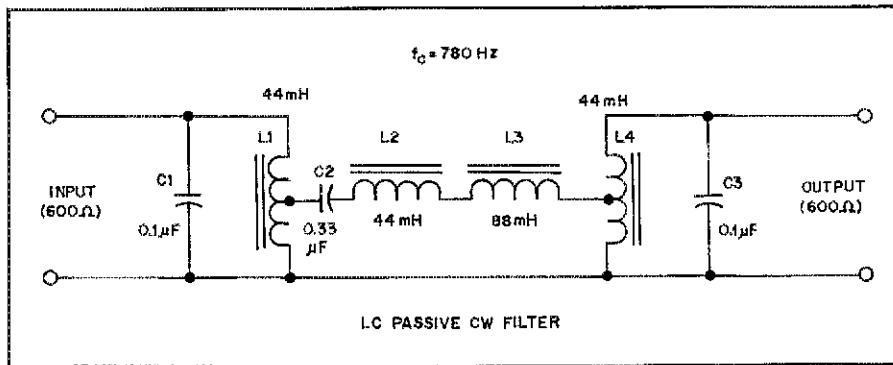


Fig. 4 — Circuit of a passive LC filter for cw reception. Surplus telephone toroids are used for the inductors (see *QST* Ham Ads for suppliers of these toroids).

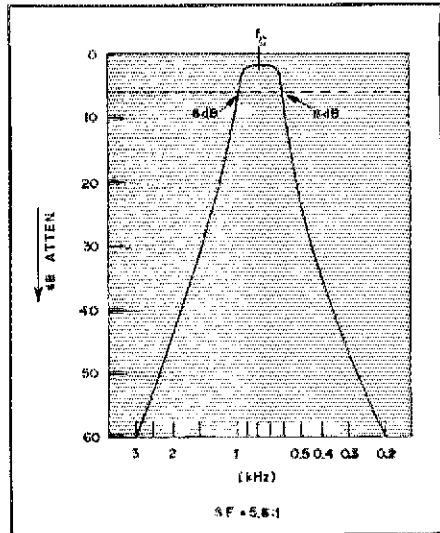


Fig. 5 — Typical response curve for the filter of Fig. 4.

were to tune in an ssb signal with a narrow cw filter, the audio would be restricted to such a narrow band of frequencies that we would be unable to understand what the operator was saying.

### What About Audio Filters?

There seems to be a glut of R-C (resistance-capacitance) active audio filters on the market today. Some have fixed values of Q (selectivity) and frequency, while others contain provisions for varying the Q and the peak frequency. Still others enable us to notch out interfering cw signals that are near in frequency to the one of interest. Some R-C filters are switchable to facilitate band-pass, low-pass and high-pass responses, which makes them more flexible for multimode operation (cw, ssb, a-m and RTTY). But, let's concern ourselves here with R-C active filters that exhibit a band-pass response similar to those shown in Figs. 1 and 3. The principal difference between the i-f filters and audio filters is the operating frequency. There are some distinct advantages in using i-f filtering over audio filtering, but audio filters offer some plus factors, too.

Audio filters are inexpensive to build and to get operating. We need only a small handful of parts to build a practical filter: A couple of op amps, a few 5% resistors and some polystyrene capacitors will do the job. An audio filter can simply be plugged into the headphone jack of the receiver, and it's ready to use. Furthermore, the audio filter will greatly reduce the wide-band noise that is generated in the receiver i-f and audio circuits. This improves the *overall* signal-to-noise ratio of our receiver.

Many of the commercially made R-C active audio filters contain amplifiers that enable us to connect loudspeakers to the filter output, while others have only enough audio-output power to operate headphones. Most of the fancier commercial units cost more than a narrow-bandwidth i-f filter does, but they have the advantage of being usable with any

receiver. Also, these filters provide variable selectivity, variable frequency and two or three response modes. So, the investment can be a worthwhile, lifetime one.

As we add poles (filter sections) to an audio filter, we improve the shape factor, as is true of all types of filters. Generally, two to four poles of audio filtering are used by amateurs to obtain good cw selectivity, although many more poles can be used by skilled designers. One amateur reported building a super cw filter that contained 100 op amps! Such a design is anything but casual!

Actually, there are two popular types of audio filters in use by amateurs. The remaining kind is called a *passive* filter. It contains high-Q inductors (coils — toroids or pot cores) and high-Q capacitors. An example of this style of filter is given in Fig. 4. Surplus telephone toroid coils are used for the inductances (L1-L4). Standard-value Mylar capacitors can be used at C1, C2 and C3. The filter needs a 600-Ω termination to provide the proper response, which is shown by the curve in Fig. 5. This filter was designed by D. C. Rife, WA2PGA, and was described in *QST* (Technical Correspondence) for May 1972. It requires an 8- to 600-ohm audio transformer between the receiver speaker jack and the filter input. Headphones of the 600-ohm variety can be connected to the filter output, or a second matching transformer may be obtained for stepping down from 600 ohms to a pair of 8-ohm hi-fi phones.

The term "passive" means that no operating voltage is required to make the circuit function. On the other hand, "active" devices require an operating voltage. Generally speaking, if we use a passive audio filter we will lose some signal through it (insertion loss, expressed in decibels), but the active audio filter will yield unity gain, or an actual gain in decibels. Unity gain means that we will have no loss or no gain. How much loss (passive) and the amount of gain (active) will depend on the particular design of the

filter and how well it is terminated in terms of the characteristic impedance of the filter (600 ohms for the circuit of Fig. 4, for example).

Either style of filter will "launder" the audio heard in the phones or speaker. This is especially useful to us if we have unwanted hum on the audio-output line from the receiver. The usual 60- or 120-Hz hum will be greatly attenuated by a well-designed band-pass type of cw filter.

### A Practical R-C Active Filter

We can build a fixed-frequency R-C active cw filter at low cost by duplicating the circuit in Fig. 6. Three inexpensive 741 op amps are used in the three-pole filter. A center frequency of 750 Hz has been chosen as a compromise value for most commercial receivers. The filter is used between the phone/speaker jack of the receiver and a pair of headphones.

Best performance will result when the polystyrene or Mylar capacitors are matched in value. If a capacitance meter is available, select six 0.001-μF capacitors that are close in value to (above or below) the marked value. If the set is not exactly on the mark at 0.001 μF, that will be okay. The capacitors should be within 5% of the value in Fig. 6 if a matched set can't be obtained. Performance will still be good over a ±5% spread. Resistors R1 to R9, inclusive, should be 5% types. The more closely matched the capacitors and resistors are to the prescribed values, the narrower the nose of the response curve.

### Construction and Operation

We can build this filter with point-to-point wiring on a piece of perf board, or we can use a pc board (Fig. 7).<sup>2</sup> Some may wish to assemble the circuit on a universal IC breadboard, such as those that are sold at Radio Shack stores. The

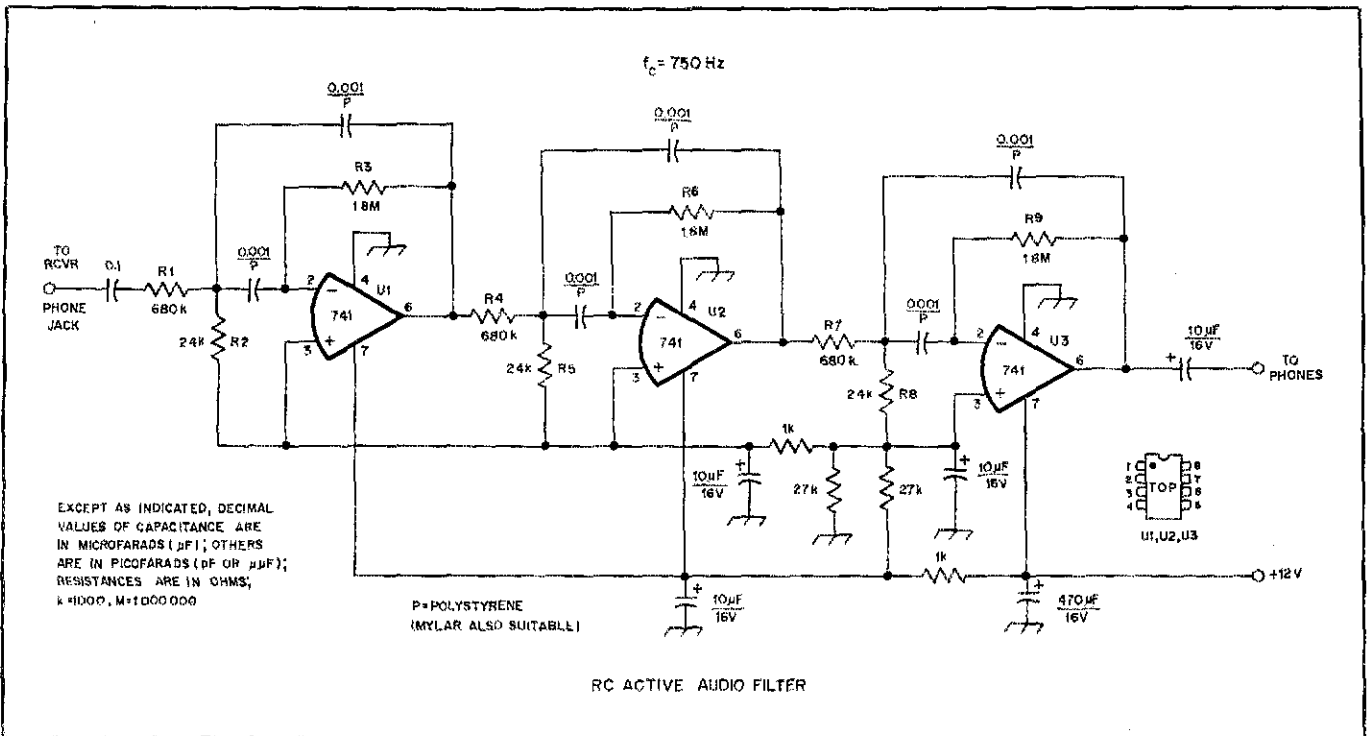


Fig. 6 — Schematic diagram for a practical 3-section R-C active audio filter that uses type 741 op amps as the active elements. See the text for details concerning the choice of capacitors and resistors in the frequency-determining part of the circuit. Resistors are 1/4- or 1/2-watt composition types. Polarized capacitors are tantalum or electrolytic.

important consideration is to lay out the ICs and their associated components in a straight line. This will help to ensure input/output isolation to reduce leakage around the filter. It will also enhance stability. All component leads should be kept as short as possible.

Although a 12-volt dc supply is specified, the filter will operate satisfactorily from a 9-volt transistor-radio battery. If you have a tube type of receiver, chances are that you can obtain sufficient operating voltage for the filter from the cathode of the audio-output tube. Generally, between 6 and 8 volts of clean dc is developed across the cathode resistor of the output tube.

When using the filter, control the headphone audio level at the receiver in the normal manner. Too high an audio level will result in distortion, so be conservative for best results.

Tune in the desired cw signal for peak response (maximum loudness) as heard in the headphones. The response at peak frequency (750 Hz) will be fairly sharp, so tune slowly. It is a good practice to rock the tuning dial back and forth over the signal slowly, observing the point of maximum loudness. After a little experience with the filter it will become a simple matter to tune in a cw signal properly on the first pass across it.

### Summary

The choice between i-f and audio filtering is ours to make. How we approach the

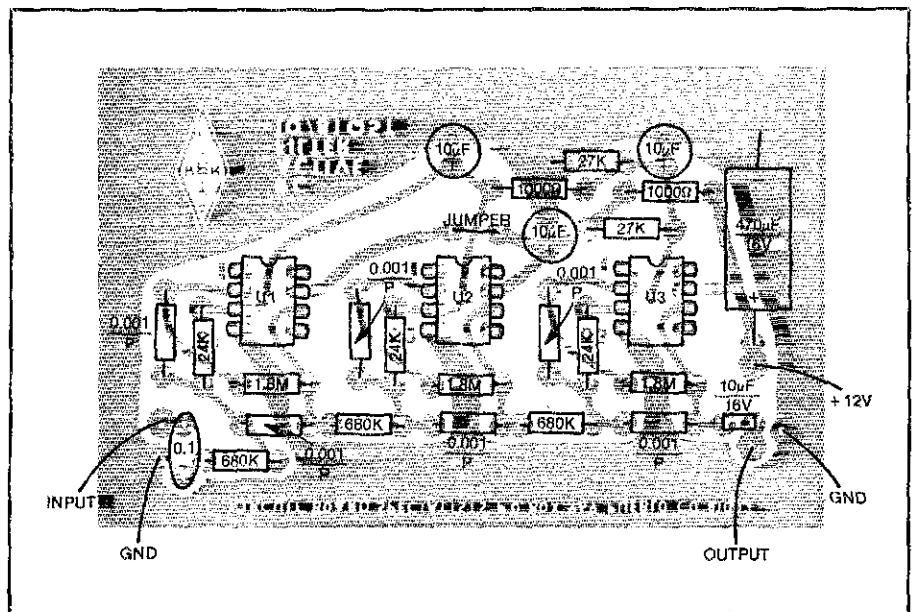
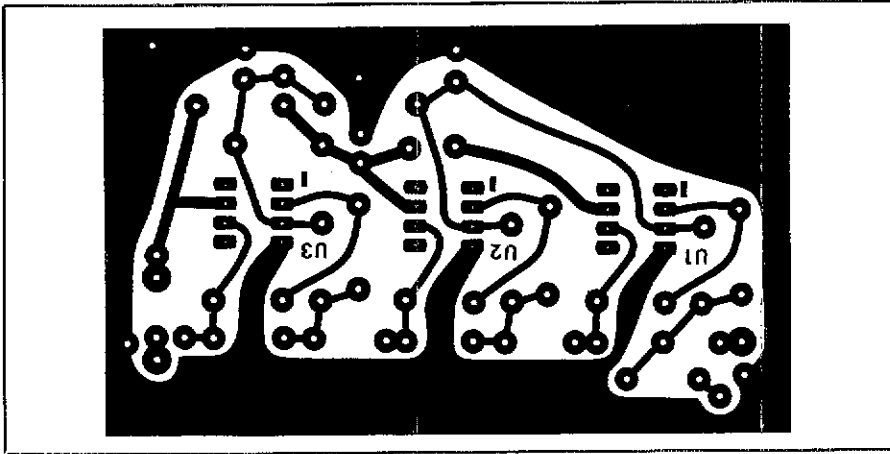


Fig. 7 — Parts-placement guide for the R-C active audio filter. View is from the component side of the board.

QRM problem on cw will depend on the amount of money we are willing to spend for selectivity, whether or not a narrow cw filter is available as an accessory for the rig we're using, and what our operating objectives are. If an audio type of filter is desired, we have the choice of buying one of the many commercial versions that ap-

pear in *QST* ads, or we can build the filter of Fig. 6. We may want to go further and employ a cw-bandwidth i-f filter plus an R-C active audio filter. This has been a highly desirable operating technique at W1FB for a number of years because it not only provides a high degree of QRM rejection, but also launders the audio out-



Scale pattern of the audio-filter board, as viewed from the foil side.

put of the receiver by reducing wide-band noise and hum. Both filters are on line at all times, even when loud signals are being copied.

If you haven't been using selective cw filters, perhaps it's time you did. The signal-laden 80- and 40-meter Novice bands will become fresh vistas if you can reduce the rotten QRM that spoils reception on those bands during night-time operation.

#### Notes

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Circuit boards, negatives and parts kits are available from Circuit Board Specialists, P.O. Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002.

## Strays

### DEBUNKING THE MYTH ABOUT SATELLITE WAC

□ Heavily populated areas of the continent have been resigned to the impossibility of working all continents with satellites because East Coast hams have no satellite communications paths to Oceania and Asia, and West Coast amateurs have none to Africa and Europe. Careful calculations will show, however, that portions of the Midwest can indeed program and expect to work all continents via OSCARs 7 and 8.

The area of mid-America where amateurs can work all continents is shown on the map, which has an odd bullet shape that is the result of parameters indicating coincidence of AOS (acquisition of signal) and LOS (loss of signal) at the very extremes of the desired ranges. Calculations were based on norms and should be considered theoretical. Experience has shown, however, that AOS occasionally is earlier than what is calculated, and LOS occurs more often later than what is calculated. This affords a greater "window" in that given direction. Another variable to consider is the local topography, which can also add or subtract time from the "window."

The western edge of the bullet-shaped area is dictated by the maximum range possible from a known satellite user in Africa, and begins at the junction of the states of Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee. It then travels generally to the northwest just to the east of Kansas City, through Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux Falls and the International Peace Gardens on the North Dakota and Manitoba border. It then travels diagonally across Saskatchewan.

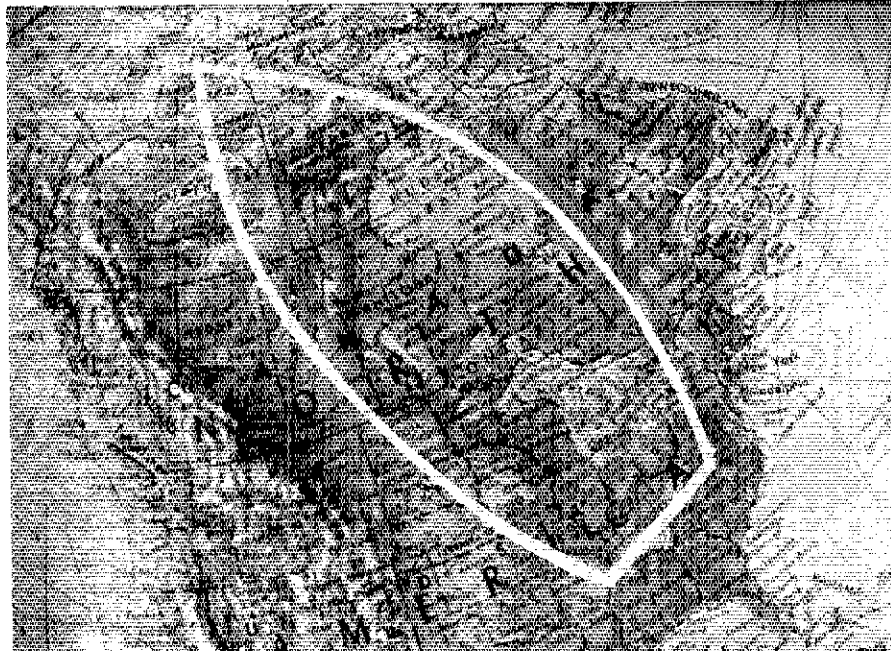
The southern edge of this area responds to the maximum range from a known Asian satellite user located at Cape Chelyuskin (104° east longitude and 78° north latitude). It begins again at the junction of Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee, moving eastward past just north of Nashville to Cumberland Gap National Forest.

The eastern edge of this area is the maximum range possible from Hawaii, the only Oceania area that can be considered at this time; it is again taken from a known Hawaiian satellite user. Starting at Cumberland Gap National Forest and traveling generally northward, the line goes just to the west of Charleston and Wheeling (West Virginia), Buffalo, and to

the east of North Bay (Ontario).

The most northerly point is the apex of the eastern and western borders that meet at 75° north latitude. This is just west of the magnetic North Pole at 118° west longitude, north of Victoria Island.

Satellite communicators operating from within these "possibility" boundaries are in an excellent position to earn WAC, with endorsement, via Phase II satellites. The only additional ingredients necessary are for the operator to have a sharp pencil and to pay attention to details, especially time and timing. But with careful work and diligent application of the knowledge available to us, be assured that "it can be done." — Nick J. Laub, W0CA, Sarasota, Florida



Bullet-shaped area showing section of mid-America where WAC using Phase II satellites is within the definite range of possibilities. (photo courtesy W0CA)

# Hints and Kinks

Conducted By Stuart Leland,\* W1JEC

## TS-830S FINAL-AMPLIFIER CURRENT MONITORING

□ The reason for monitoring individual tube currents of paralleled tube final amplifiers is to ensure that one tube is not loafing and the other doing all the work. Parallel-tube final amplifiers should have near equal (within 10%) currents flowing through them at all times. All the transceivers I've owned have not provided a means of ensuring this was happening. The manufacturer simply specified that the tubes should be balanced and connected in parallel, and provided a means for monitoring the total cathode current drawn by both tubes. The TS-830S is no exception. After many months of hard use, I noticed the power output of the rig had decreased, and cathode current readings ( $I_p$  on the meter) led me to believe one of the tubes was "goofing off." Investigation proved this to be true and prompted me to alter the cathode current monitoring circuit.

Remove the top and bottom covers of the transceiver, the final-amplifier cage cover and the two final-amplifier tubes. Turn the rig upside down. Remove the blue wire to the pin labeled DRV (driver input), and also remove the seven screws securing the final-amplifier pc board to the stand-offs. Invert the board; locate R4, R5, R6 and J2. Using a low-wattage iron (25 W) and wicking material, remove those components.

On the foil side of the board, solder R4 and R5 between V2 pin 2 foil and the ground foil. (One resistor lead may be placed into the hole previously occupied by J2.) Solder a length of wire to V2 pin 4 and another wire to the V1 pin 1 foil at the hole vacated by R6. Solder the short end of R6 to the 1PM ("plate" current meter) foil. Replace the final-amplifier pc board, securing it with six screws; do not replace the screw near the J1/L2/R8 foil yet. Resolder the blue wire to the DRV pin. Mount a

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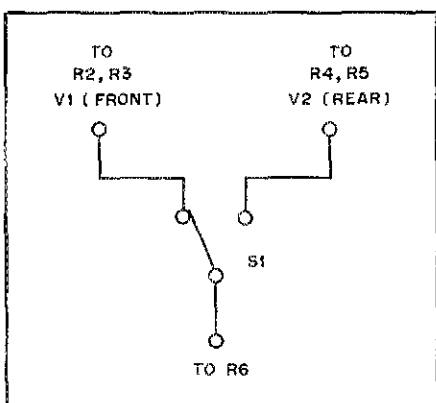


Fig. 1 — Current in each final-amplifier tube of the Kenwood TS-830S can be monitored by installing the switching arrangement shown here. Paul K. Pagel, N1FB, QST New Products editor, suggested this modification. It permits the operator to observe any tube imbalance.

small, four-lug (three-isolated, one ground) terminal strip to the pc board at the mounting hole near the J1/L2/R8 foil; use a lockwasher beneath the screw head.

Wire the circuit as shown in Fig. 1. S1 is a miniature spdt toggle switch (Radio Shack 275-613) mounted in one of the pre-punched 1/4-in. (mm = in.  $\times$  25.4) holes on the rear panel. Route the wires from the terminal strip across the rear of the chassis and up through the clearance hole behind the PLL unit board. Use of two or three tie wraps will make the installation of the wires neat in appearance. Before replacing the covers, make certain you know which position of the switch is used for which tube, and label the switch. You'll now be able to spot easily any imbalance between the tubes and to take corrective measures early. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB, ARRL Hq.

## ELECTRONIC AIDS FOR BLIND TECHNICIANS

□ Two electronic circuits are presented for use by blind technicians. One (Fig. 2A) is a type of voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO) that converts a slowly varying signal voltage to a proportional frequency change. This proportional frequency change is then amplified and fed to a miniature loudspeaker. For example, a 0- to 5-volt signal variation is converted to a proportional frequency change from 200 to 2000 Hz. The other electronic circuit (Fig. 2B) converts a slowly varying signal voltage to a proportional amplitude change of a single-frequency tone. This single-frequency tone is then amplified

and fed to the loudspeaker. Call this a voltage-controlled amplitude circuit (VCA).

Both of these circuits are suitable for various instruments that drive X-Y or strip-chart recorders. The amplitude changes of the recorders are thus converted to an audible frequency change if the VCO is used, or to an audible amplitude change if the VCA is employed. Both of these devices were tested with an NMR Spectrometer, an instrument for determining structure in liquids and soluble chemical compounds.

The heart of the VCO is the 566 function generator, which is itself a VCO. It gives, however, an output frequency at pin 3 that is inversely proportional to its input voltage from pin 5 to ground. In order to make the output frequency of the 566 directly proportional to the input signal voltage, the 741 immediately preceding the 566 is connected as a summing amplifier. It has two inputs, namely the output from the first 741 (the buffered version of the input signal  $V_{in}$ ) and  $-5$  volts. Thus, as  $V_{in}$  varies from 0 to +5 volts, the voltage into the 566 at pin 5 varies from +4 volts to 0. Hence, the frequency of the output voltage at pin 3 of the 566 varies from 200 to 2000 Hz. The 7400 gate can be used to drive the speaker because its input voltage from the 566 varies between +5 volts and ground.

The +5-volt and the  $-5$ -volt supplies must be regulated so that the frequency of the signal does not waiver for a fixed value of input signal voltage. A 7805 and an LM320T provide the needed voltage regulation.

In the VCA circuit, the 555 timer is con-

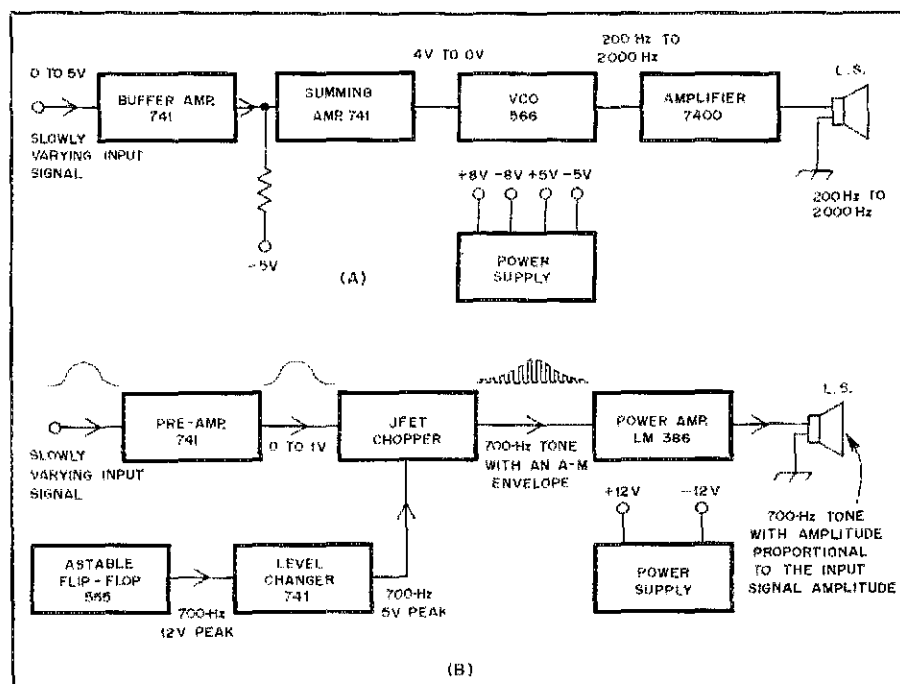


Fig. 2 — Dr. William S. Wagner, AA4WW, of the Physical Science Department at Northern Kentucky University, designed two electronic aids for blind technicians. These are shown in block diagram form. The complete diagrams are available from the ARRL for \$1. Enclose an s.a.s.e.

nected in the astable mode, allowing it to run free as a multivibrator. With the particular component values shown, it produces a 700-Hz, square-wave voltage with a peak value of 12 volts. The 741 operational amplifier immediately following the 555 changes the output level of the 555 circuit to a 0- to -5-volt, 700-Hz square wave. This square wave is applied to the gate of the JFET in order to turn it on and off. The JFET thus acts as a chopper to allow the chopped version of  $V_{in}$  to reach the 386 power amplifier. The signal into the channel of the JFET must be in the range of 0 to 1 volt. The 5-k $\Omega$  potentiometer and the plug-in feedback resistor in the input circuit to the 741 allow for this condition to be satisfied. Both power supplies are regulated. The 7812 must have a heat sink because it supplies power to the 386 power amplifier. — *Dr. William S. Wagner, AA4WW, Physical Science Dept., Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Kentucky*

### MINIATURE KEYING CIRCUIT FITS INSIDE PHONE JACK

[ ] How simple a keying circuit can be is illustrated by Fig. 3. Moreover, it can be mounted in a 1/4-in. in-line phone jack. The parts consist of two 0.01- $\mu$ F capacitors, a transistor and one resistor. These are mounted on the terminal end of a 1/4-in. in-line phone receptacle. With the receptacle cover in place, the components are protected. The arrangement shown in the drawing was for use with an ICOM 551, but may be applied to other transmitting equipment.

Construction consists of cutting an audio cable equipped with a miniature plug (Radio Shack no. 42-2434 or equiv.) to a desired length. Connect a 1/4-in. in-line receptacle to the cable end that is opposite the miniature plug. Remember to slide the Bakelite cover of the receptacle back toward the miniature plug before connecting the cable to the receptacle. Mount the 2N3904, capacitors and resistors on the in-line receptacle terminals using the diagram for guidance. Screw the cover in place, and the circuit is ready to operate. The necessary operating voltage is generally available at the key jack of the transmitter and at the output of an electronic keyer. — *Jay Rusgrove, W1VD, QST Technical Consultant*

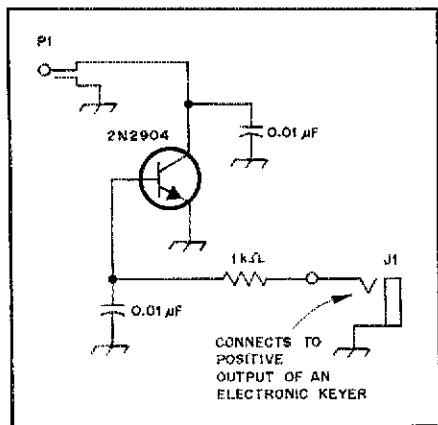


Fig. 3 — If you want an ultra-simple keying circuit that will fit inside an in-line phone-plug receptacle, here it is. You may just want to try this idea for the fun of it. Jay Rusgrove, W1VD, explains in the text how it is made.

### USING A CUSHCRAFT BALUN WITH A MOSLEY TRIBANDER

[ ] When I moved to a new location, I decided to rework my Mosley triband antenna, which had been in use for 12 years. The balun I had been using needed to be replaced. In seeking a replacement I found that many baluns are for use with wire antenna systems, but are not easily adapted to beam use. My search ended while helping a friend install a Cushcraft ATB-34 triband beam antenna. I found that the Cushcraft antenna is furnished with a balun that is suited to my needs. This unit is designed for the 10-, 15- and 20-meter bands rather than 80 through 10 meters. Although the mounting hardware that comes with the unit is for a tubular-boom installation, I adapted it easily to the driven element of my Mosley beam antenna. Fig. 4 shows how the installation was accomplished. — *Don Klesick, WA2VW, Savannah, Georgia*

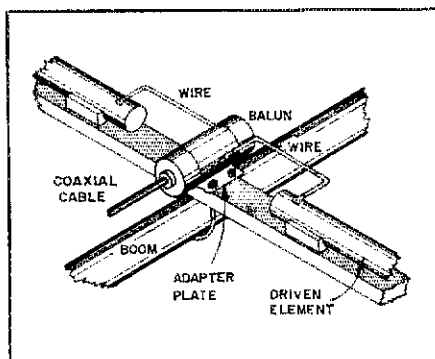


Fig. 4 — Don Klesick, WA2VW, installed a Cushcraft balun on his Mosley triband antenna using the arrangement shown here. The adapter plate of the balun is modified to fit the bolts on the Mosley antenna.

### HEAT CONTROL FOR SOLDERING IRON

[ ] Precise heat control of a soldering iron can be obtained economically by use of a standard dimmer switch. Controllable heat permits safer work on delicate components. With plug-in irons, the controlled heat prevents burning of the tip coating (essential to good soldering). Better heat control with less triggering is obtained for gun types of irons. Satisfactory soldering on light work can be done between 70 and 90 volts, depending on type and size of iron.

The dimmer switch shown in Fig. 5 is a typical SCR, 600-watt unit used in lighting circuits. It is designed for use only on incandescent lighting, but works safely on any resistive load within its wattage rating. I have used the dimmer successfully on a 1/4-in. drill motor, taking care to lock the motor switch closed and to always start and stop the drill at the zero position of the knob.

I've placed the dimmer switch and a ground-type, split-circuit, duplex-plug receptacle on the cover plate of a 4-in. outlet box. The receptacle is split by removing the thin bar connecting the upper and lower terminals on the "hot" side of the receptacle. A connection for the source is made to the upper plug (observing hot and neutral polarities). The dimmer switch is wired between the hot side of the source and the hot terminal of the lower plug. Safe wiring practice calls for grounding the box and recep-

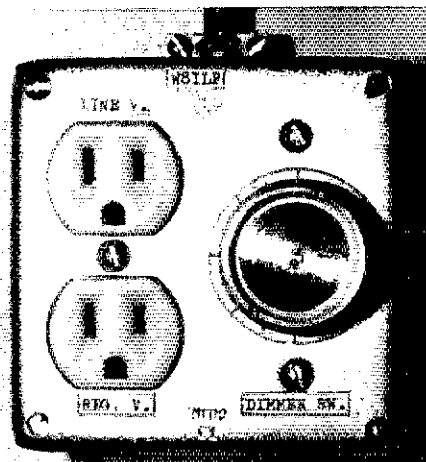


Fig. 5 — A 600-watt light-dimmer switch is mounted in the outlet box shown in this photograph. It offers a convenient means for controlling the voltage to a soldering iron. The author, Gerhard Lampinen, W81LP, has also used the dimmer to control a 1/4-in. electric drill.

tacle through a power cord or cable with a built-in grounding conductor (or grounding a separate wire to a good ground).

The dimmer switch has an internal ON/OFF switch that is operated by pushing the knob. Rotating the knob varies the voltage. The segmented dial plate shown was installed to facilitate positioning the knob, which bears a mark on its edge. The maximum dimmer voltage under load is always several volts lower than the line voltage. — *Gerhard Lampinen, W81LP, Rochester, Michigan*

### COUNTERACTING SALT-WATER CORROSION ON AN ANTENNA

[ ] My doublet antenna for 80 through 10 meters is located only 100 ft ( $m = ft \times 0.3048$ ) from the ocean. As a result it gradually became "victimized" by corrosion. After the antenna had been in use for four years, I replaced the cadmium-plated hardware with stainless-steel equivalents, using silicone grease on the nut and bolt threads. I was not familiar, however, with the galvanic action that takes place between aluminum clamps and copper wire, especially when exposed to salt air. Corrosion on aluminum causes the surface to become very resistive. This deterioration built up over the next three years to the point where at times the SWR reached as high as 4:1. With help and advice from a friend (WB4KGY) the antenna was dropped, and the fault discovered. The corroded aluminum parts were cleaned, burnished and reassembled with the help of NOALOX, a conductive anticorrosive compound for protecting aluminum-to-aluminum or aluminum-to-copper fittings and wire connections. I suggest that when installing an antenna having aluminum and copper connections, an application of NOALOX be made to the connecting points. The stainless-steel hardware, mentioned here, has served the purpose well. — *Otto Freytag, K4QFM, Riviera Beach, Florida*

[Editor's Note: NOALOX is made by Ideal. Penetrox, another anticorrosive product, is manufactured by Burndy. They are available at many electrical supply stores. Both are distributed by General Electric Supply Co.]

## OPTIMIZING FILTER USE IN THE TEN-TEC OMNI-B

□ The Omni-B uses the first stage of its eight-pole cw active audio filter as a selectable filter for ssb reception. This stage has a center frequency of 750 Hz and a 3-dB bandwidth of 450 Hz. One would expect such a filter to distort the voice signals somewhat, but at the same time to reduce QRM from adjacent stations. I find that it is more effective at the former than the latter.

There is very little information-bearing sound power within a band of frequencies centered at 750 Hz in the human voice.<sup>1</sup> The Omni voice filter is, therefore, peaked at the wrong frequency, with the result that, in addition to distorting the desired signal, it also attenuated the signal relative to some types of interference.

These effects can be minimized simply by tuning the Omni notch filter to 750 Hz. Natural-sounding voice, with clarity and crispness, can be had by carefully tuning the notch across the voice filter passband until the desired signal sounds best. In addition to shaping the filter response for a more voice-like characteristic, the filter is made more effective by the addition of this new stopband.

This technique should be applicable to the Ten-Tec Delta and possibly to other rigs that have notch filters as well as onboard audio filters. — Gary Myers, K9CZB, Naperville, Illinois

<sup>1</sup>R. W. Harris and J. F. Cleveland, "A Baseband Communication System," *QST*, Nov. 1978, pp. 11-18.

## TS-520S SWITCHABLE BROAD/NARROW CW FILTERS

□ The addition of a switch to allow selection of the cw or ssb filter during cw operation will make a significant improvement in the operating convenience of the TS-520S. This change is simple and so unobtrusive that it looks like original equipment. The switch operates only in the cw mode and has no effect on USB or LSB mode switch positions.

Obtain a miniature spdt toggle switch, such as Radio Shack 275-662 or equivalent. After making careful note of the position of all knobs and the tuning dial, take them off by loosening the respective set screws. Remove the hex nut holding the transparent meter and dial window, and then take out the window. Both the top and bottom of the cabinet are to be removed next. Check behind the panel just above the phone jack and to the left of the microphone socket. There will be an empty area with a few wires crisscrossing. Move them out of the way. Now, stuff a small rag in the area to catch drill chips. Through the front panels, very carefully drill a 1/8-in. pilot hole, centered 7/8 in. above and 1/8 in. to the right of the center line of the phone plug. Before drilling, check your rig and visualize how the switch will be positioned. Once drilled, the hole is forever!

Next, remove the top and bottom edge flat-head screws holding the front panel. Also remove the front decorative panel. Enlarge the 1/8-in. hole in the main chassis to accept the switch shank. Deburr the edges. A good idea is to poke something hard behind the panel when you drill so that the drill does not blast through and damage something. Continue by carefully enlarging the hole in the front decorative panel. I used a 1/4-in. drill. It provided sufficient

clearance for my miniature switch. Drill carefully, as the panel is die cast and brittle. I darkened the inside rim of the hole with black ink so that it would not shine.

Solder three lengths of small-diameter insulated wire to the switch terminals, and twist them together. Install the switch on the panel, and snake the wires up through the openings and across the filter area. Unsolder the brown filter wire (see page 35 of the TS-520S owner's manual), and connect it to the lead to the common switch terminal. Tape the junction. Then solder one of the two remaining switch leads to the soldering post beside the cw filter marked cw and the other lead to the ssb post between the two filters. I wired mine so that with the switch "up," the brown lead is connected to the cw filter.

Make sure all of the metal chips are removed. Then, replace (in order) the outside panel, plastic meter/dial window and nut, knobs, dial and the cabinet top and bottom. Check to make sure the screws are tight and the dials are positioned correctly. Be careful while you work, keeping track of each operation. You will find that this is an easy change to incorporate and that the switchable filters are a real convenience.

I have not had the opportunity to check the TS-820, but as the mechanical arrangement and circuit diagram are much the same as for the TS-520S, the filter-switch addition may be applicable. You might remove the bottom cover of your TS-820 and see if there is sufficient room. — R. M. Stevens, WISUZ, Winsted, Connecticut

## IMPROVING HIGH-PASS FILTER CONNECTION ON TV SET

□ The reception on channel 17 was degraded noticeably after I installed a Drake TV-300 HP filter on a neighbor's TV set. Connecting the filter after the vhf-uhf splitter (Fig. 6) cured the problem. In this case, the uhf tuner had very good rejection of signals below 54 MHz and did not require further filtering.

The signals from my 6-meter transmitter apparently were entering the TV set through the

vhf tuner and were reaching the i-f amplifier. Shielding in the TV receiver did not seem adequate.

If you install a high-pass filter to reduce TVI, and your transmitter is known to be clean but you cannot eliminate the interference, check the splitter, if there is one. I found that one of these splitters had an open inductor that resulted in the TV-300 filter failing to provide the expected 40-dB rejection. The etched inductor had been trimmed too closely, chopping off a turn. Ohmmeter readings for the splitter are shown in Fig. 6. — Bruce Randall, WD4JQV, Alpharetta, Georgia

## THOUGHTS ON CALIBRATING AN ELECTRONIC KEYSER WITH A POCKET CALCULATOR

□ Jim Pitts, KE4Y, explained in Hints and Kinks, *QST*, May 1980, how to use a pocket calculator to calibrate an electronic keyer. His idea is really neat, especially for being so simple. Instead of punching 1 + 1 before starting the keyer, I suggest that you punch 0 + 1. Then the first pulse from the keyer will produce "1" on the calculator rather than "2." Following this, the code speed can be read directly from the number of dashes counted in a five-second interval. This involves a small approximation (yielding about a half wpm error at 13 wpm) but this approach is much quicker to use.

On my calculator, I disconnected the external dc power jack and rewired it in parallel with the "=" key contacts. This counter input can handle pulse rates of up to 900 per minute. — Tim Wulling, WB0JZX, Roseville, Minnesota

□ A simpler way of calibrating an electronic keyer by means of a pocket calculator than that suggested by Jim Pitts, KE4Y, is to punch 0.04 + 0.04 instead of punching 1 + 1. After 60 seconds, the speed rate can be read directly from the display. Alternatively, you may punch 0.08 + 0.08 and reduce the operating time of the keyer to exactly 30 seconds. The results will be more or less the same. — Jesús A Géliza-Torres, KP4DIN, Aquadilla, Puerto Rico

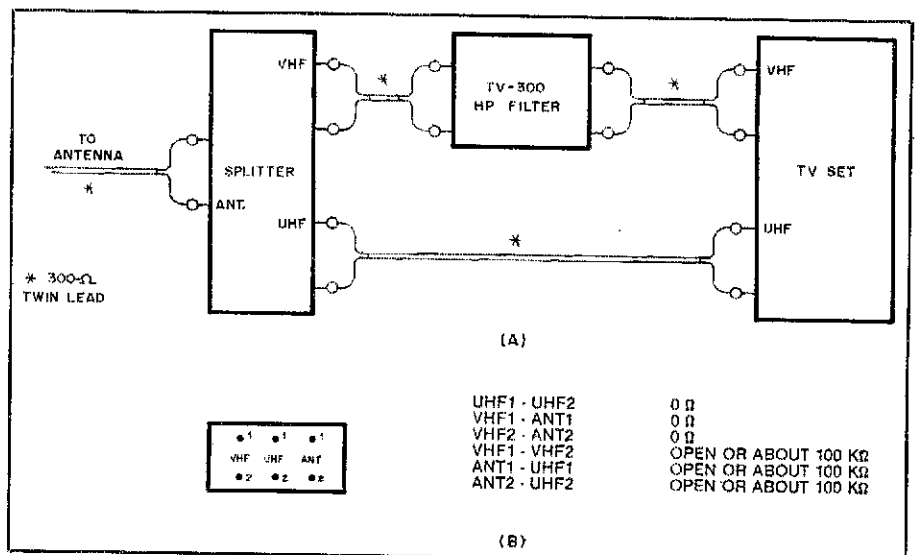


Fig. 6 — When signals from WD4JQV's 6-meter transmitter disrupted a neighbor's channel-17 reception, a high-pass filter placed between the antenna splitter and the TV set cured the problem. The filter was not effective when placed in the line to the antenna. Ohmmeter readings at the terminals of the splitter are shown.

# Product Review

Conducted By Paul K. Pagel,\* N1FB

## Yaesu FT-480R 2-Meter Multimode Transceiver

This is one of a new breed of multimode 2-meter transceivers from Japan. It covers the entire 144-MHz amateur band (and then some) and operates on fm, upper and lower sideband, and cw. A versatile radio, the '480R is equally convenient to use in your automobile or at your home station.

### Frequency Control

The FT-480R operating frequency is determined by a microprocessor-controlled PLL circuit composed of three PLL oscillators, each consisting of a reference crystal oscillator, a programmable divider, a prescaler and a phase comparator. The circuit develops local signal voltages for the receiver and transmitter stages using a synthesis scheme that produces 10-Hz steps. A 4-bit CPU controls the PLL circuitry. This CPU halts transmission and prevents spurious radiation if any VCO is unlocked. A seven-digit fluorescent-blue readout displays the operating frequency.

Aside from the main tuning knob, 13 of the controls are related to frequency selection. The STEP switch controls the 10-Hz, 100-Hz or 1-kHz increments on ssb and cw, and 1-kHz, 20-kHz or 100-kHz increments on fm. The CLAR switch provides a function similar to RIT. When the CLARifier switch is depressed, the operator can use the main tuning knob to move the receive frequency  $\pm 10$  kHz from that indicated by the readout without changing the transmit frequency. The VFO A/B TXA control allows split operation using the two built-in VFOs, receiving on VFO B and transmitting on VFO A. This is especially useful for operating strange splits on fm. Normal +600-kHz or -600-kHz repeater splits and simplex operation are controlled by the RPT switch on the bottom panel of the FT-480R. The F-SET switch on the front panel eliminates the fractional frequencies that might occur if one switches from the low end of the band to the fm portion of the band. For example, if you are operating on 144.213 MHz and wish to QSY to 146.52, you may go up frequency in 100-kHz steps (MODE switch at FM) until you reach 146.513 MHz. Then, press the F-SET switch, and the transceiver operating frequency becomes 146.500 MHz. From there you move in 20-kHz steps to 146.520 MHz.

One of the nicer features is the frequency memory. If you have several favorite repeater frequencies you use often, you can program them into the memory and call them up with the ease of a crystal-controlled radio. The MEMORY control, ganged along with the STEP switch, allows the operator to choose among any four frequencies in memory. To load a frequency, simply set the MEMORY switch to one of the four positions, dial up the desired frequency using the main tuning dial and touch the M (memory) button. When calling up any of the memory channels, touch the MR (memory recall) button, which transfers frequency control from the main dial to the MEMORY switch. To return frequency control to the main dial,



simply press the DIL (dial) button. If you want to retain the frequencies stored in memory after turning off the FT-480R, activate the BU (backup) switch on the rear apron, and the memory will continue to operate as long as dc power is connected to the POWER jack.

A scanning feature is built into the '480R. With the MEMORY switch in the MS position, the rig will scan all four memory channels. Push buttons on the microphone allow the operator to activate and stop the scan function. In addition, these push buttons allow the operator to scan up and down the entire 2-meter band in increments selected by the STEP control. With the mode switch in the FM position, you can use the SCAN switch on the bottom panel to have the rig stop scanning on either the first open or first busy channel it comes to. With the SCAN switch in the MAN position and the MEMORY switch in the MS position, you can switch through the memory channels at your discretion using the push buttons on the microphone. If you are operating from one of the frequencies in memory, the PRI (priority) switch allows you to scan one of the memory channels every five seconds. If the priority channel is in use or clear (your choice using the SCAN switch), the rig will automatically go to the memory channel.

In addition to displaying the operating frequency, one digit of the main readout also indicates which memory channel is in use. In the priority mode, the character P is displayed. A

LED display in the upper left-hand corner of the front panel serves as an S meter on receive and as a relative power output indicator on transmit. LEDs indicate when the rig is transmitting and when the clarifier is activated. The BUSY/MOD indicator has a dual function; on receive, it lights when the channel is occupied, and during fm transmissions it indicates modulation.

### Other Features

The transmitter section is rated at 30-watt input. A H/L switch on the front panel allows operator selection of high- or low-power output. An indicator near the S meter lights when the rig is in the low-power position. The final transistors are VSWR protected; the higher the reflected power, the lower the output power.

Yaesu also recognizes that not all repeaters are carrier access. The T-CALL switch closes the PTT line and transmits an 1800-Hz tone for accessing repeaters. The CALL button on the microphone performs the same function. The TONE-IN connector on the rear apron provides easy access for the optional FTS-64 tone encoder, which synthesizes 32 PL or tone-burst frequencies. Other rear-apron jacks include antenna (SO-239), 1/8-inch (mm = in.  $\times$  25.4) key, external speaker and power connections.

The SAT switch, located on the bottom panel, is used for OSCAR work. This switch allows the operator to move the transmit frequency

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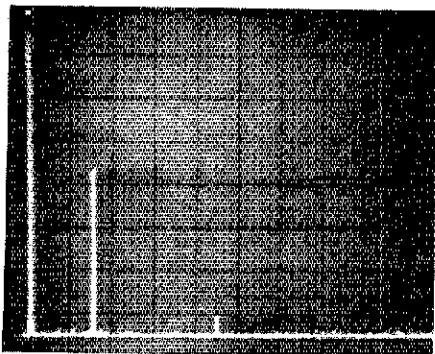


Fig. 1 — Spectral display of the FT-480R. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 100 MHz. The fundamental has been reduced in amplitude approximately 36 dB by means of notch cavities; this prevents analyzer overload. Power output is 10 watts at a frequency of 146 MHz. The third harmonic is visible approximately 70 dB below peak fundamental output. Tests were performed in the ARRL lab. The FT-480R complies with current FCC specifications for spectral purity.

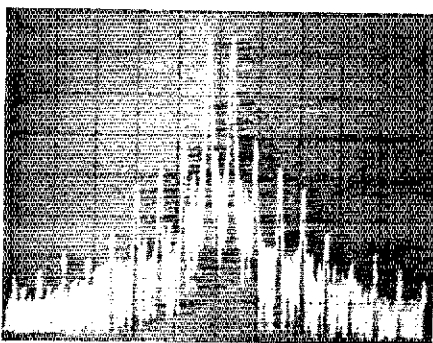


Fig. 2 — Spectral display of the FT-480R output during two-tone IMD test. Third-order products are 32 dB below PEP, and the fifth order products are 37 dB down. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 2 kHz. The transceiver was being operated at rated 15-watts PEP output on the 2-meter band.

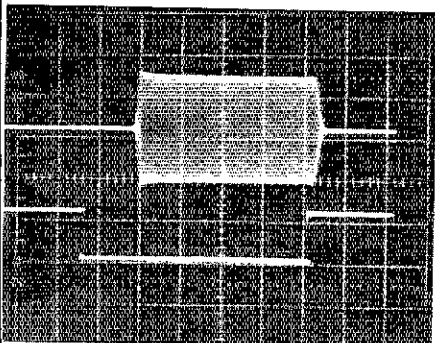


Fig. 3 — Cw keying waveform of the FT-480R. Horizontal divisions are each 5 ms. The upper trace is the output of the transceiver; lower trace is the actual key closure. There is a delay of approximately 6.5 ms between key down and actual output. This waveform will produce key clicks.

(while transmitting) to compensate for Doppler effect. This control should be left in the OFF position during normal operation because neither the VFO A/B TXA nor the CLAR function operates when the SAT switch is activated.

There's also a built-in noise blanker, activated by the front panel NB switch. This noise blanker was reasonably effective against airborne pulse-type noises.

### Installation and Operation

Compact size makes the '480R a natural for mobile installation. Yaesu provides a universal mounting bracket that slides into guide rails on the sides of the transceiver, making it easy to take the rig in and out of the car. Power connections can be made at the fuse panel or the battery. Since I couldn't find a convenient access hole to the engine compartment, I used the accessory connection on my fuse panel. A 5/8-wavelength whip antenna completed my installation.

Mobile operation with the unit was a little difficult until I got used to the positions and functions of the controls. A few days of use solved this problem. When driving, I found it especially useful to program a few frequencies into memory and then to use the push buttons on the microphone to select among them. This feature made mobile operation much easier.

For home installation, Yaesu provides a wire mounting stand that supports the front of the transceiver. This stand performs two functions. It provides easier viewing of the front panel, and it allows audio to escape from the speaker located on the bottom panel. The manual recommends use of a 5-A, 13.8-V/dc power source. We measured the current consumption at 3 A in the ARRL lab, and my 4-A supply ran the radio for extended periods with no problem. I used beam antennas for both fm and ssb/cw operation from home.

Fm operation with the transceiver was a dream once I became familiar with the controls. The receiver is sensitive, the audio clean and the squelch smooth. I experienced no interference problems, even in areas with a repeater on every pair. All transmit audio reports I received indicated that the transmitted signal was clean and that my voice sounded natural. My only complaint is the intermediate

20-kHz fm channel steps. Often I found the 1-kHz steps too slow for easy frequency selection, so I switched to the 20-kHz steps and tuned right past my intended target. Yaesu says that the 20-kHz position may be converted to 5-kHz stepping through a simple modification. With a little practice, I found I could dial up even the strangest repeater splits with ease.

Being used to an hf transceiver with outboard transverter for the vhf ssb and cw operation, I was a little skeptical of the FT-480R because of its compact size. A few hours of operation convinced me that the rig is indeed capable of good performance on these modes. The 13 watts of output was enough to enjoy many local ssb contacts as well as a few with stations in the Philadelphia and Washington, DC, areas when band conditions were right. I consistently got good signal reports, with no evidence of splatter or distortion. Semi-break-in and a sidetone are provided for cw operation.

Receiver sensitivity was adequate for all but the weakest-signal contacts. As with most multimode vhf transceivers, a good outboard preamp is a valuable asset. On cw, the absence of a narrow filter sometimes caused problems, especially during times of crowded band conditions. Another annoyance in times of heavy activity was the excessively long a/c release time.

I used the '480R during the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes contest with good results. The receiver held up even with several local stations running the full legal power limit. I was able to hear most of the stations that were on, and the transmitter easily drove a homemade amplifier that uses a pair of 4CX250B tubes.

I enjoyed using the FT-480R. The performance exceeded my needs, and I appreciated the convenience of having everything in one compact box. It was nice to be able to listen to 2-meter ssb without having to wire up the transverter. I would recommend this transceiver to anyone looking for a multimode 2-meter rig.

Station accessories available include the FP-80 power supply, FTS-64 tone encoder and AD-1 antenna coupler. Price class: \$530. Manufacturer: Yaesu Electronics Corp., 6851 Waltham Way, Paramount, CA 90723. — Mark Wilson, AA2Z

## Yaesu FT-480R Transceiver Serial No. OHO20232

### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage: 143.500-148.500 MHz.  
Modes of operation: Fm, ssb and cw.  
Readout: Digital, 7-digit, fluorescent-blue digital display.  
Resolution: 100 Hz.  
kHz/turn of knob: Not specified.  
RIT range:  $\pm 10$  kHz.  
S-meter sensitivity ( $\mu$ V/S9): Not specified.  
Receiver sensitivity: Ssb, cw — 0.5  $\mu$ V for 20-dB S/N; fm — 0.35  $\mu$ V for 20-dB quieting.

Audio power output (8-ohm load): 2.0 watts at 10% THD.  
Current consumption: Receive, dc 0.5 A; transmit, dc 3.0 A.  
Transmitter rf output: Fm/cw, 10 watts/1 watt; ssb, 10 watts.  
Spurious emission: At least -60 dB (ssb).  
Carrier suppression: Better than 40 dB.  
Third-order IMD: Not specified.  
Size (HWD): 2.4 x 7.2 x 9.5 inches.  
Weight: 6.5 lb.  
Color: Two-tone gray.

### Measured in ARRL Lab

As specified.  
As specified.  
0.25-inch-high digits.  
As specified.  
Ssb/cw: 0.5, 5, 50. fm: 50, 1000, 5000.  
As specified.  
1.7.  
Ssb, cw — 0.2  $\mu$ V for 10-dB S+N/N; fm — 0.3  $\mu$ V for 20-dB quieting. Noise floor (MDS) dBm: -133. Blocking DR (dB): 104. Two-tone, 3rd-order IMD DR (dB): 79.  
1.02 watts at 10% THD.  
As specified.  
Fm/cw, 13 watts/3 watts; ssb, 13 watts.  
-70 dB.  
As specified.  
32 dB below PEP.

## KENWOOD TR-7850 2-METER FM TRANSCEIVER

□ This unit is a big brother to the TR-7800.<sup>1</sup> Front panel layout and operational features are exactly the same on both units, except the TR-7850 has an additional 6 dB of power output.

Operation with the '7850 in different environments proved to be flawless. At my home in Newington, Connecticut, I was able to work through many repeaters, some up to 75 miles away, using the high-power mode and a 1/4-wavelength ground plane up 40 feet and fed with 75 feet of RG-58/U. Coverage during mobile operation was exceptional. This area is very hilly, and holding a repeater for any distance is difficult. With 50 watts available, the range of coverage increased dramatically.

Power consumption in the high-power mode is 8 A. The power cord is heavy gauge and should be connected directly to the battery or fuse box to prevent excess voltage drop.

### Observations

Kenwood has done a good job in the human engineering department with this rig. Although the front panel is quite small, people with large hands should have no trouble operating the controls. Perhaps the addition of tactile feedback (such as a "beep" upon key closure) on the keyboard would be useful for mobile operation so the operator would know when the key was hit without looking at the display.

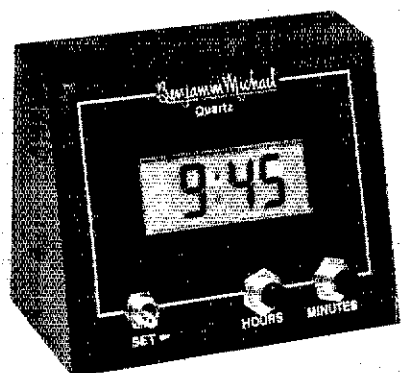
For those who spend many hours on the highways or who live far from a repeater, the high power and versatility of the TR-7850 would be a great asset. The TR-7850 is distributed by Trio-Kenwood, 1111 West Walnut St., Compton, CA 90220, and is available from dealers throughout the U.S. and Canada. Price class: \$450. — *Gerry Hull, AK4L*

<sup>1</sup>"Kenwood TR-7800 2-Meter FM Transceiver," Product Review, *QST*, Sept. 1981, p. 46.

## BENJAMIN MICHAEL INDUSTRIES MODEL 173B STATION CLOCK

□ Digital station clocks, especially those with readout in UTC, are as handy a station accessory as any ham could desire. The BMI 173B is a relative newcomer deserving attention: It is simple, functional and accurate.

The 173B has a black plastic case with a slanting faceplate for viewing ease. An LCD readout with highly visible 1/2-inch-high digits is provided; a flashing colon indicates the seconds with the 24-hour display. If you'd



## Kenwood TR-7850 Serial No. 1110120

### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency range: 144.000-147.995 MHz  
Power requirements: 0.4 A receive, 9 A high-power transmit at 13.8 V.  
Power output: Hi, 40 W minimum.  
Low, 1 to 15 W, depending on frequency.

Harmonic and spurious outputs: Not specified.  
Receiver sensitivity: Better than 0.5  $\mu$ V for 30-dB S/N.  
Squelch threshold: Not specified.  
S-meter sensitivity: Not specified.  
Audio output: More than 2 W across 8  $\Omega$  at 10% distortion.  
Frequency display: 4, 1/2-in. red LEDs.  
Size: 6-7/8  $\times$  1-1/2  $\times$  8-5/8 in.  
Weight: 4.84 lb.

### Measured in ARRL Lab

143.900-148.995 MHz.  
0.4 A receive, 3 A low-power, 8 A high-power transmit.  
High, 50 W.  
Low, 144.000—3 W, 145.000—6 W, 148.000—9 W, 147.000—12 W, 148.000—15 W.  
More than 70 dB down (see spectral photo).  
0.21  $\mu$ V for 20-dB S + N/N.  
0.15  $\mu$ V.  
S1 = 1.1  $\mu$ V, S9 = 6  $\mu$ V, 20 dB/S9 = 7.4  $\mu$ V.  
1.8 W at 8  $\Omega$ .  
As specified.  
As specified.

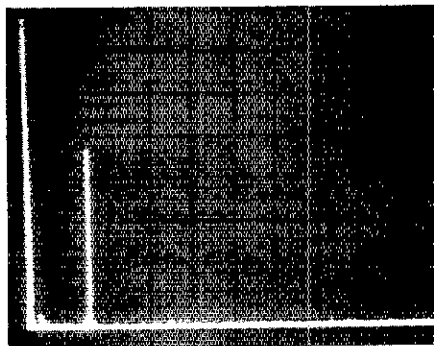


Fig. 4 — Spectral display of the TR-7850. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 100 MHz. The fundamental has been reduced in amplitude approximately 33 dB by means of notch cavities; this prevents analyzer overload. Power output is 50 watts at a frequency of 148.94 MHz. Tests were performed in the ARRL lab. The TR-7850 complies with current FCC specifications for spectral purity.

rather have an A.M. and P.M. indication, you can order the 12-hour version.

The clock face is uncluttered — a toggle switch for stopping the count and two momentary-contact push buttons for setting the hours and minutes. WWV synchronization is easy. Turn the SET switch on, and the clock seconds reset to zero and the display stops. Set the HOURS and MINUTES, then snap off the SET switch on the WWV tone. The clock has remained accurate within four seconds per month since I've had it, well within the 30-seconds-per-month maximum error claimed by BMI. One 1.5-V penlight cell powers the clock for about one year, according to the manufacturer. The clock module has outputs for an alarm and various other functions. Wiring details are available from BMI. A pleasing standard feature on the 173B is a backlight for the display actuated as long as the HOURS button is depressed; the backlight feature may be wired separately if a larger battery is used to power the clock.

Several versions of the 173B are available in addition to the 12- and 24-hour models discussed here. A panel-mount unit is designed for those who wish to add a flush-mounted clock to their operating-position console. Dual-display versions may be obtained for simultaneous local and UTC timekeeping. These models range in price from \$32.95 for the 12- or 24-hour panel-mount clocks, to

\$124.95 for the dual-display Presentation Model housed in a walnut enclosure. They're available from Benjamin-Michael Industries, 65 East Palatine Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070. — *Sandy Gerli, AC1Y*

## KLM 144-148-13 LB ANTENNA

□ The 13 LB (13 elements, long boom) will perform with low VSWR across the entire 2-meter band. It can be mounted horizontally or vertically and can be stacked in two- and four-bay arrays.

Assembly instructions, assembly pictorial, dimension sheet and parts list are easy to read and the assembly pictorial mechanical drawing detail is excellent, showing the driven element and coax balun feedpoint connections. No problems were encountered during assembly, each step was explained very well. The ready-made RG-144/U 4:1 coaxial balun aided assembly. Making the connections simply involved slipping the balun terminals over the driven element and ground post studs, adding lockwashers and nuts, and tightening them. All electrical hardware is stainless steel.

Operating with this antenna at 40 feet<sup>2</sup> using 80 watts and a low-noise receiving preamplifier was all that was needed to work aurora with contacts from Nova Scotia to West Virginia and Indiana to Michigan from south central Connecticut. A total of 19 states and two Canadian provinces have been worked terrestrially. Five new states were added from west of the Mississippi as far away as South Dakota during an intense sporadic Es opening in July 1980. Distances of 150 to 200 miles are common communication ranges with this antenna and 80-watt power level during non-enhanced conditions. Long-range fm work is possible by rotating the antenna elements to the vertical position. Loosening the boom to mast clamp is all that is required, but for best results in the vertical position the manufacturer suggests using a hardwood, fiberglass or other non-conducting material for the mast.

Hundreds of OSCAR satellite contacts were made using this antenna for transmission and reception. When transmitting on 145 MHz, uplinks at elevation angles of 30° or less, 10 watts was sufficient to operate through the OSCAR 7 and 8 satellites on modes A and J. At elevation angles of over 30° an 80-watt amplifier was needed for good results. Receiving mode B on 145 MHz was good on the

<sup>2</sup>ft  $\times$  0.3048 = m, in  $\times$  25.4 = mm, mi  $\times$  1.609 = km, lb  $\times$  0.454 = kg.

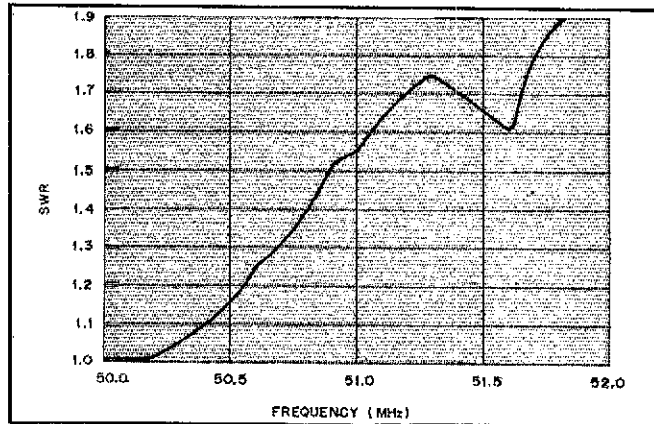
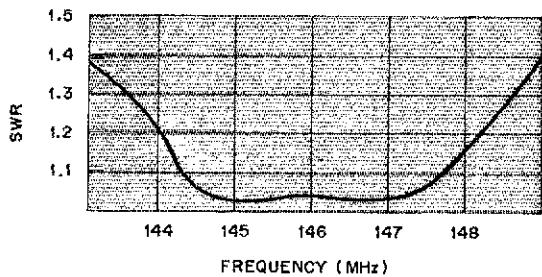


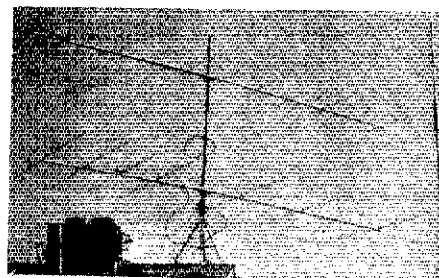
Fig. 5 — SWR curve for the KLM 144-148-13LB.

Fig. 6 — SWR curve for the KLM 50-7LD 6-meter Yagi.

### KLM 144-148-13 LB Antenna

#### Manufacturer's Specifications

Frequency coverage: 144 to 148 MHz.  
 Number of elements: 13.  
 Power rating: 1 kW. (KLM 144-148-100N balun is recommended for powers greater than 1 kW.)  
 Weight: 9 lb.  
 Boom length: 21.8 feet.  
 Boom diameter: 1.5 inches.  
 Mounting: 4 x 8 inch plate for 2-inch mast to 1.5 inch boom.  
 Feed line required: 50 ohms unbalanced.  
 Feedpoint impedance: 200 ohms balanced, 4:1 balun supplied.  
 Longest element: 40 inches.  
 Shortest element: 31 inches.  
 Spacing dimensions: 2 bay, 13 to 15 feet between antennas. 4 bay, 14 to 16 feet between bays.  
 Manufacturer: KLM Electronics, Inc., 17025 Laurel Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037.  
 Price class: \$90.



The KLM 144-148-13LB is mounted above the 50-7LD at W9KDR.

### KLM 50-7LD 6-METER ANTENNA

□ Erecting a 50-7LD — seven elements on a 20-foot<sup>3</sup> boom optimized for 50.1 MHz — says you're quite serious about a respectable signal on 6 meters. The LD stands for "light duty" and the manufacturer recommends use only in milder climates where extremely high winds and ice loading are not a problem. The review antenna has survived the Connecticut south-central coast weather for over a year. The only wind-created problem encountered occurred because the wrong element mounting blocks were supplied and a few of the elements broke off. A call to the factory revealed all of the seven blocks had to be changed. The bad blocks were brittle and could be broken by applying pressure at the end of the element. The new blocks could not be broken by hitting them with a sledge hammer while holding the blocks in a vise!

Wind loading is reduced by using a 1-1/2 inch boom and 3/8 inch elements, which keeps the weight at 12 pounds. This makes the antenna ideal for a moonbounce array if four 50-7LDs are stacked on an "H" frame. KLM will provide stacking information, but does not supply "H" frame or power dividers for 50 MHz.

Antenna assembly was delayed because the instruction sheets were missing and the coaxial balun sent was a 1:1 type instead of the 4:1 needed. Like all KLM antenna assembly instructions they are detailed, and with the use of good mechanical drawings the assembly is made easy.

Reviewing this antenna during the peak of solar cycle 21 added to the excitement of 6-meter operation — it's been my favorite band for many years. I've worked a number of new

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ ft} \times 0.3048 &= \text{m}, \text{ in.} \times 25.4 = \text{mm}, \text{ lb} \times \\ 0.454 &= \text{kg}, \text{ ft}^2 \times 0.093 = \text{m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

### KLM 50-7LD 6-Meter Antenna

#### Manufacturer's Specifications

Frequency coverage: 50 to 51 MHz.  
 Number of elements: 7.  
 Power rating: 4 kW PEP.  
 Weight: 12 lb.  
 Boom length: 20 feet.  
 Boom diameter: 1.5 inches.  
 Mounting: 4 x 8-inch plate for 2-inch mast to 1.5-inch boom.  
 Feed line required: 50 ohms unbalanced.  
 Feedpoint impedance: 200 ohms balanced; 4:1 balun supplied.  
 Longest element: 122 inches.  
 Shortest element: 100 inches.  
 Wind area: 2 sq. feet.  
 Manufacturer: KLM Electronics, Inc., 17025 Laurel Rd., Morgan Hill, CA 95037.  
 Price class: \$120.

countries and states in the last year using this antenna and 200 watts' input power, with the antenna mounted at a height of 30 feet. A total of 21 countries and 47 states (needing only Montana, Wyoming and Utah for WAS) have been worked since putting up this antenna. Sporadic-E, F2, aurora, ground wave and scatter were all used with good success. One way to improve communication effectiveness is the addition of a bit more power. For this reason an old HT-33B was converted recently to 6 meters. This addition resulted in a 2 to 3 S unit increase in received signal reports.

Probably the most important aspect of using a beam having more than 3 or 4 elements on 6 meters, other than the additional gain, is the ability to null out unwanted signals. This can be used to advantage, especially during periods of high activity. The 50-7LD performed well in this respect, but still exhibited a 15 to 20° beamwidth when peaking a received signal. Some periods of intense sporadic-E or F2 propagation with backscatter disallow any specifications regarding antenna performance and leave one undecided as to which way to turn the antenna, but that's part of the fun of operating 6 meters!

Most often, when the step up from make-shift or small 2- or 3-element antennas is made, one realizes that a new operating dimension exists, taking you from occasional sporadic-E contacts to ground wave, scatter and aurora communications that exist every year regardless of the solar cycle. If you are contemplating operation on 6 meters or want a little more enjoyment, try a long-boom Yagi and see if you don't agree that it's the way to go on 6 meters! — *Bernie Glassmeyer, W9KDR*

horizon, but there was too much fading at the higher angles. It is recommended that for maximum communications effectiveness through the OSCAR satellites, azimuth and elevation tracking antennas with switchable polarization be used.

Beamwidth and gain were noted when conducting front-to-side and front-to-back checks. This antenna is very directional and the received signals drop off sharply on a medium-strength distant signal, within about 15° of rotation. Most unwanted stations could be nulled out and this was very helpful during the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes. During the January SS event, 74 QSOs were made in 14 ARRL sections totaling 10 states, in eight and a half hours of operating time.

The most impressive feature of this antenna is the uniform VSWR across the entire 2-meter band. This is realized by the KLM design of dual, split, high-impedance driven elements and a low-loss balun matching system. One driven element is cut for a higher frequency, the other cut for a lower frequency.

With a 21.8 foot boom length and 13 elements, this is a ideal size beam for terrestrial and moonbounce communication. After one year of operating using this "long-boomer" my conclusions are that the KLM 144-148-13 LB will meet all expectations of performance and endurance that the most discriminating amateur could expect. — *Bernie Glassmeyer, W9KDR*

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## LINEAR-READING RF WATTMETERS

□ Kroenert's article, "What Your Wattmeter Really Reads," naturally raises the questions of how to make a wattmeter and what to do with it then. This note gives some guidance on the first question, and leaves the second open.

Taking a "forward and reflected power" bridge, Fig. 1, we find that the dc output voltages are the phasor sums of samples A and B (including -B) and a term combined with the cosine of the angle between rf current and voltage.<sup>2</sup> Sample A is proportional to rf voltage, and sample B is proportional to rf load current. The combined term,  $AB \cos C$ , is directly proportional to rf power accepted by the load. Therefore we can "measure" power by isolating this term.

If we start with the conventional bridge and its two dc outputs,  $E_f$  and  $E_r$ , we can square them and subtract  $E_r^2$  from  $E_f^2$  (Fig. 2). The voltmeter, V, can then be calibrated linearly in watts.

$$E_f = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos C} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

$$E_r = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos C} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where

$C$  = the phase angle between A and B  
or between rf voltage and rf current  
From this,

$$E_f^2 - E_r^2 = 4AB \cos C \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

Note that for the special case of  $A = B$  and  $C = 0$  that  $E_r = 0$ , the indication that the SWR is now 1:1.

Unfortunately this approach (brute force) takes a bridge, five integrated circuits and six zeroing potentiometers to obtain an indication linearly in rf watts. An MC1494L and MC1456G may be used in each squarer (see Motorola's data sheet on the MC1594L/MC1494L), and an operational amplifier such as the 741 may be used to make the subtraction.

A bit more finesse can be used by building the calculation into the rf bridge if you are willing to start from scratch. See Fig. 3. The bridge can be used to drive a doubly balanced ring mixer. The mixer has two outputs, one of which is shorted at twice the radio frequency by the capacitor marked C, and the other is proportional to  $AB \cos C$ , the power term. As this second output is at dc, a dc voltmeter can be calibrated linearly in watts.

<sup>1</sup>J. T. Kroenert, "What Your Wattmeter Really Reads," QST, Feb. 1981, p. 26.

<sup>2</sup>The basic equations for this type of bridge are shown in Geiser's paper, "The Impedance-Match Indicator," QST, July 1980, p. 11. Appropriate changes must be made to account for the signal splitting of Figs. 1 and 3.

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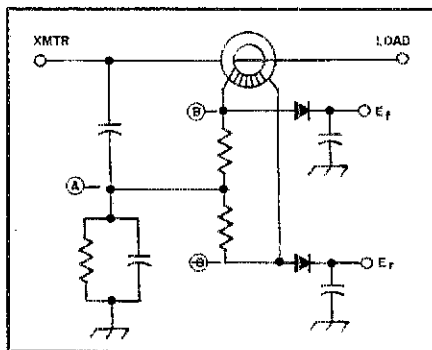


Fig. 1 — A phase-compensated form of the common "directional wattmeter" SWR bridge circuit. Dc output voltages are proportional to  $E_f$  and  $E_r$  in Eqs. 1 and 2.

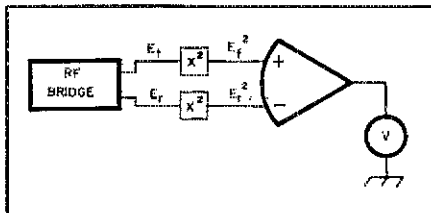


Fig. 2 — IC processing of outputs of the common bridge to give voltmeter readings at V proportional to rf power. Power supplies are also needed.

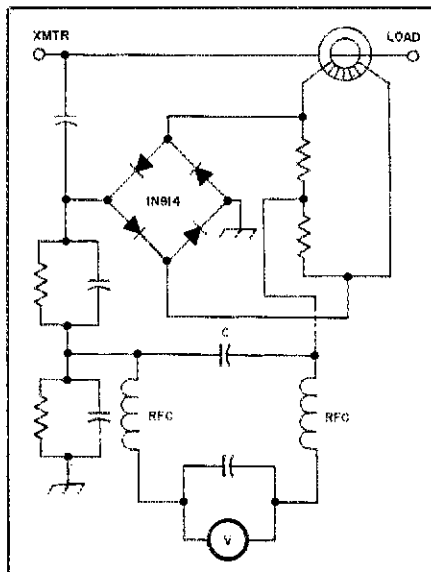


Fig. 3 — Splitting the bridge to drive a ring-modulator detector directly gives a dc voltage proportional to the rf power.

Any measurement scheme has errors. The bridges shown pay a bit more attention to phase angle than some of the more common commercial models.<sup>3</sup> At low A and B values the detector diodes become nonlinear. There is always some frequency effect, and linear ICs aren't always linear. — David T. Geiser, WA2ANU, ARRL TA, RD 2, Box 787, Snowden Hill Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413

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## TURNS RATIO VS. IMPEDANCE RATIO

□ I would like to call attention to an ambiguity in Doug DeMaw's article, "Simple Gain Antennas for the Beginner" (August 1981 QST, p. 32). The 2-element beam he describes has a driven impedance of approximately 25 ohms. He shows a number of ways to match this impedance to either 50- or 75-ohm coaxial cable. One method involves the use of a toroidal broadband 2:1 matching transformer.

The 2:1 implies a turns ratio, and since the impedance ratio is the square of the turns ratio, this would result in a 4:1 impedance ratio. The 25-ohm antenna impedance would be stepped up to 100 ohms and if fed with 50-ohm coax cable, the SWR would be 2:1, thus negating the attempt at impedance matching. What is required is an impedance ratio of 2:1 or a turns ratio of  $\sqrt{2}:1$  or 1.41:1, and this was not made clear. — Robert J. Ruplenas, W1DDO, 90 Sawyer Ave., Dorchester, MA 02125

## PIN DIODE SWITCHING

□ In the article on PIN diode switches,<sup>1</sup> I noticed that there was a rather large difference between the measured isolation of the switch and the theoretical prediction of 55 dB for a single-section unit. To get to the bottom of the problem I derived an approximate formula for this type of PIN diode switch for the general case of N sections. At the same time I modeled the circuit on a digital computer using a program called Compact, written by Compact Engineering, which is used widely in the microwave industry. My approximation formula for high isolation agrees very closely with Compact. The isolation for this type of switch is given as:

$$\text{Isolation} \approx -10 \log \frac{P_{rx}}{P_{tx}} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

<sup>1</sup>"An Amateur's Guide to Wattmeters," Ham Radio Horizons, Aug. 1980, p. 12.

<sup>2</sup>Ridpath, "T-R Switching With PIN Diodes," QST, March 1981, p. 19. Also see Feedback, April 1981 QST, p. 53.

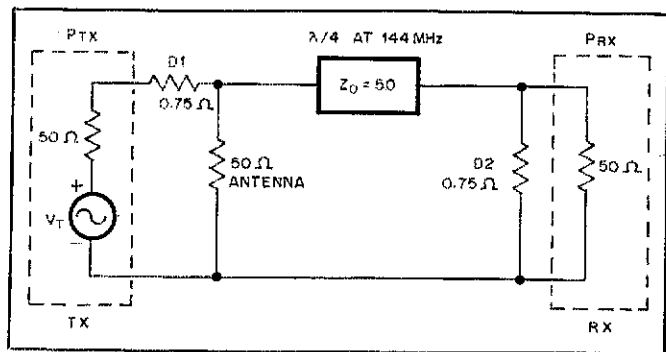


Fig. 4 — Single-section PIN diode switch for a 50-ohm system. Resistor symbols identified as D1 and D2 represent forward-biased PIN diodes. The rectangle represents a length of transmission line.

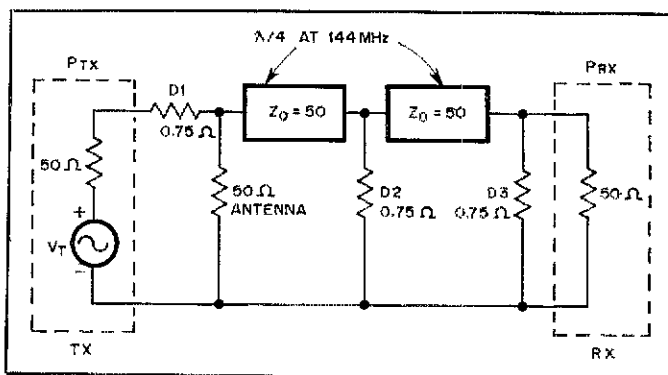


Fig. 5 — A two-section PIN diode switch. The resistances of forward-biased PIN diodes are represented as D1, D2 and D3.

where

$P_{ix}$  = input power at the receiver

$P_{tx}$  = available power from the transmitter

$$ISO = 20N \log \frac{Z_0}{R_d} \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

where

$Z_0$  is the transmission line characteristic impedance

$R_d$  is the PIN diode resistance (0.075 ohm in this case)

$N$  is the number of sections

For example, if  $N = 1$  (two diodes used) then  $ISO = 36.48$  dB, which agrees with the experiment but differs with the presented theory of 55 dB. (See Fig. 4.) Similarly, if one uses three diodes (see Fig. 5), then the isolation from Eq. 5 is given as 72.9 dB. As you can see, the effect of cascading sections is much greater than 10 dB, as claimed.

I think that the article is a very important one, but is quite misleading for the amateur who is trying to make these switches. For a single-section switch the theoretical limit on isolation is 36.74 dB, which means that for a 100-W (50-dBm) transmitter the receiver will have a 13.26-dBm signal at its input. This will be too much for many receivers. For the two-section switch the receiver power level is only -23.22 dBm.

This type of switching may be used for frequencies other than those at 2 meters. I obtained a computer printout from the Compact program for the frequency range of 130 to 150 MHz, but the output can also be interpreted as 13 to 15 MHz. This information shows that the switch is quite good over the whole of the 20-m band. For example, the return loss at 13 MHz is 23 dB, which is the worst case between 13 and 15 MHz. I think a fair design goal of 33 dB isolation for a single-section switch and 65 dB for a two-section switch is practical at 14 MHz, and about 2 dB less for 144 MHz. PIN diode switching is a very interesting area for amateurs who are working with digitally controlled rigs. — David Conn, VE3LAO, 47 Barnes Cres., Nepean, ON K2H 7C1

## FINDING A PAD

□ If a variable capacitor is to tune a given frequency range, the inductance and padding capacitance must be found. Having had enough of the tail-chasing that normally ensues, I decided to meet this problem head on. I solved for the required pad as follows:

From the formula for resonance of an LC circuit,

$$\frac{C_{\max}}{C_{\min}} = \left( \frac{f_{\max}}{f_{\min}} \right)^2 = K^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 6})$$

Let the maximum and minimum values of the variable capacitor be  $C_2$  and  $C_1$ , respectively. Let the residual circuit capacitance be  $C_x$ . Then,

$$C_{\max} = C_p + C_2 + C_x, \text{ and} \quad (\text{Eq. 7})$$

$$C_{\min} = C_p + C_1 + C_x \quad (\text{Eq. 8})$$

where  $C_p$  is the fixed padding capacitor. Substituting,

$$\frac{C_p + C_2 + C_x}{C_p + C_1 + C_x} = K^2, \text{ from which} \quad (\text{Eq. 9})$$

$$C_p = \frac{C_2 + C_x - K^2(C_1 + C_x)}{K^2 - 1} \quad (\text{Eq. 10})$$

$$\text{Note that } K \text{ cannot exceed } \sqrt{\frac{C_2 + C_x}{C_1 + C_x}}$$

The required inductance is

$$L = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 f_{\min}^2 (C_p + C_2 + C_x)} \quad (\text{Eq. 11})$$

$C_x$  may be neglected in Eqs. 10 and 11 if it is much less than  $C_1$ . — Frank W. Noble, W3MT, 10004 Belhaven Rd., Bethesda, MD 20034

## FM TERMINOLOGY

□ With regard to the Technical Correspondence letter by Thurston, W4PPB,<sup>3</sup> and the article by Hyder, W7IV,<sup>4</sup> there still remains confusion between deviation ratio and modulation index. They are closely related and yet different. Both express the ratio of carrier deviation to the frequency causing that deviation. Deviation ratio is the maximum carrier deviation (100% modulation) divided by the maximum modulating frequency. This is a constant for a given fm system. In narrow-band fm the

maximum deviation is 5 kHz, and the maximum audio frequency is 3 kHz, giving a deviation ratio of 1.67. Regardless of any set of operating conditions, the deviation ratio for nbfm remains 1.67.

Modulation index, on the other hand, describes a set of operating conditions. Modulation index,  $\beta$ , is the carrier deviation under those operating conditions divided by the frequency of the audio tone that causes that deviation. This is obviously a variable; it can range from 0 to 16.7 for nbfm, assuming 300 Hz as the lowest modulating frequency. Both examples assume a single-frequency modulating tone. — C. L. "Chuck" Hutchinson, K8CH, ARRL Hq.

## Feedback

□ Harry Hyder, W7IV, author of "Phase Versus Frequency Modulation," July 1981 QST, mentions that he made a small error in the third from the last paragraph on p. 34, in a statement about fm broadcast stations pre-emphasizing audio frequencies above 1 kHz at the rate of 6 dB per octave. Harry mentions that, in fact, the pre-emphasis/de-emphasis curves only approach 6 dB per octave, as do all single R-C networks. The FCC actually specifies these curves in terms of a time constant of 75 microseconds, he states.

□ In "Modifications for the Plessey IC Receiver," Technical Correspondence, June 1981 QST, p. 40, the sixth and seventh lines should read, "These remarks were based on the performance of a receiver that I tested in the ARRL lab."

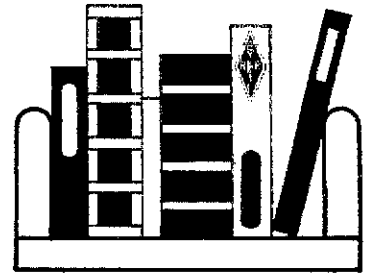
□ Dan Sanderson, KM5T, tells us that a couple of errors crept into his July 1981 QST article, "The Burglar Alarm that Resets Automatically," p. 28. The collector and emitter are reversed in the bottom views of the TO-92 packages in Fig. 1. As a result, Fig. 3 shows Q1, Q2 and Q3 mounted backward. The trace going from U1, pin 2, to ground should be removed (leave the 10-kΩ resistor connected to pin 2). Dan also advises that it may be necessary to install a capacitor (approximately 50 μF) across the alarm leads to prevent interference from transients if the builder plans to use a high-current alarm (e.g., a large bell).

□ In "The New Frontier," September QST, p. 76, Fig. 1 I should have noted that all elements should be 0.2 in. wide.

<sup>3</sup>J. N. Thurston, "Fine Points on Modulation Systems," Technical Correspondence, QST, May 1981, p. 42.

<sup>4</sup>H. R. Hyder, "Phase Versus Frequency Modulation," QST, July 1981, p. 33.

# Instructor of the Year, 1979 and 1980: N3DR and W9VEY



The Herb S. Brier, W9AD, Memorial Instructor of the Year Award goes to two outstanding teachers whose contributions to Amateur Radio will be remembered for many years to come.

By Steve Pink,\* KB2GG

“Without Dr. Smith’s help I would not be able to endorse this letter with my Extra call. I’ve had it for over a year now, and a feeling of accomplishment still comes over me every time I see it up on the wall.” — AB3N

“I will never forget the first time I met Dan Hoover. He was a warm, friendly man whose main purpose in life seemed to be helping those who wanted to be Amateur Radio operators.” — K9SM

These are only two of the many fine comments we received about the winners of the 1979 and 1980 competition. The Lake County (Indiana) Amateur Radio Club, in cooperation with the ARRL Club and Training Department, presents the Herb S. Brier Memorial Instructor of the Year Award to Dr. Arthur Smith, N3DR, for 1979, and to Dan Hoover, W9VEY, for 1980.

Herb S. Brier, W9AD, was for many years the Novice Editor for *CQ Magazine*. Despite illness, he devoted a lifetime to Amateur Radio: tutoring students, writing articles, building equipment and operating. His dedication was boundless, and his efforts introduced thousands to the exciting world of Amateur Radio. In 1978, the Lake County ARC established the Instructor of the Year Award to honor instructors who have carried on the good work of W9AD.

## The 1979 Winner

Dr. Arthur Smith, N3DR, teaches Amateur Radio classes at Ridley South Junior High School in Ridley Park, Penn-

<b>Herb S. Brier, W9AD, Award</b>	
1978	Sam May, AD7F
1979	Dr. Arthur Smith, N3DR
1980	Dan Hoover, W9VEY

sylvania, where he is chairman of the Science Department. First licensed in 1976, Dr. Smith, or “Doc” as his students affectionately call him, started an Amateur Radio program that year in the Ridley School District. Since that time, 1156 students have received licenses through the program. Classes are offered before and after school, during study halls, and on Saturday mornings. One year at Ridley 186 students entered Smith’s program and all 186 passed their FCC exams!

This phenomenal success rate can be attributed to the spirit Doc inspires in his students. “If it had not been for the fine teaching of Dr. Smith,” says Henry Park, K3OXS, a graduate of one of Doc’s adult evening classes, “I would never have earned my Extra Class license. I just wish you could see how he has the attention and respect of his students in junior high.”

Smith’s inspiration is not limited to students at Ridley South. “As I would drive to school each morning I would see all the antennas and ponder the science of the radio spectrum. I often went into the radio shack and poked around. The enthusiasm of the students was catching. Last summer I was inspired and started studying Morse code. I passed my Novice examination and am now KA3BST. It was

an accomplishment I will never forget.” So writes Art’s boss, the principal of Ridley South Junior High School, Oliver S. Alexander.

Smith’s goal in teaching is not simply to produce licensed hams, but to turn out good radio operators. “The primary objective of our program,” says Smith, “is communications competence. It is not sufficient to simply know information. Students must be able to implement their knowledge, when it is highly paraphrased, turned inside out or presented in problem form. Further, they must be able to apply this new knowledge to solve practical problems in their operating experience.” He teaches radio theory with a hands-on approach and emphasizes on-the-air capability as the goal of code instruction: “Students take daily code practice using a special series of tapes from 3 to 30 wpm, each with 8-minute QSOs after which they answer a 10-question multiple-choice test on the material presented on the tape. The stress is skill and competence, the proof is in the operating.” And all those Extra Class hams at Ridley South are proof that N3DR is indeed an instructor of the year. (For a closer look at the Ridley School District Amateur Radio Program, see May 1979 *QST*.)

## Runners-Up for 1979

First-runner-up of the W9AD Instructor of the Year Award is Leslie E. Taylor, WA0QIT, of Duluth, Minnesota. Les has taught many students both in class and in his home, including a number of handicapped people through the Courage Handi-Ham System. One day, as Les was working a station in the North Cook

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N3DR (center) and students during lunch hour at Ridley Junior High.



Dan Hoover, W9VEY, 1906-1976.

islands, "You are the one who started all this for me" burst forth from the speaker! The DX station operator had been one of Les's students back in Minnesota.

Second runners-up for 1979 are William J. Arcieri, K0PNO, of Grand Junction, Colorado, Charles E. Rodgers, W0QNN, of Omaha, Nebraska, and Larry Henley, W7PFF, of Yakima, Washington. Hats off to these instructors who have given so much to Amateur Radio teaching.

#### The 1980 Winner

This year we depart from our usual practice of choosing the winning candidate from among those who taught Amateur Radio in the preceding year. Dan Hoover has been a Silent Key since 1976, but his students will never forget him. For more than 20 years, Dan taught hundreds of students, mostly in his own home in Hillsboro, Illinois, "Elmering" many of them from their Novice all the way to their Extra. He was secretary of the Montgomery County (Illinois) ARC for 20 years, a member of the A-1 Operator Club and an experienced traffic handler. An engineer for the Illinois Power Company, Dan was also a published poet, story writer and naturalist of some note; the Dan A. Hoover Memorial Nature Library was dedicated in 1977 in Harris County, Texas.

Dan Hoover began helping others get their license in 1953. At that time Richard Hewitt, now W9LZE, was 13 years old and Dan's first student. Richard spent almost every evening at Dan's home until he passed his Novice exam. More study with Dan led Richard to St. Louis, accompanied by his "Elmer," for the General test. "Mr. Hoover had a wonderful outlook and philosophy toward Amateur Radio and life in general," Hewitt says. "In his unselfish way, he became a part of Amateur Radio that will always be remembered."

Indeed, Dan made it a practice to accompany his students who wanted to

upgrade to the FCC office in St. Louis, 60 miles away. "A lot of new amateurs find upgrading very hard because they are left to 'die on the vine,' so to speak," writes Daniel Altenberger, WB9QYS. "Not so when you have an 'Elmer' like I did." Dan Hoover helped Altenberger set up a Novice station and coached him on code and theory until they both felt that he was ready for the General exam. "On the 60-mile drive back to Hillsboro," WB9QYS continues, "I don't know which of us was happier. I was now General class."

Dan Hoover was a shining example of an instructor who works best in a one-to-one situation with his students. Dan's daughter Carol, W5NQQ, remembers the many aspiring hams who visited their Hillsboro home: "Dad's reputation as a teacher grew and grew, and there seemed to be someone coming for a radio lesson almost every night. I remember being asked to 'shhhh' countless times when someone was sitting at the kitchen table taking a Novice exam. He taught a 65-year-old man who could copy code easily but struggled to understand even the simplest theory. He spent hours working with a blind man whose world opened with the attaining of his license. Dad would accept students of any age, his only requirement being that they try their best."

Carol Hoover Allen is not the only other ham in Dan's family tree. Carol's husband, Bill Allen, W5NQR, and their daughter, Jane, KA5JVF, age 12, make up one branch. And Dan's son, Dan L. Hoover, W9EZA, his wife, Diane, W9LBP, and their daughter, Lisa, WB9IFW, make up the other branch. Finally, at the top of the tree is Dan's wife, Golde, K9AXS, who, on hearing of Dan's award, remarked: "Isn't ham radio a wonderful thing!"

Ham radio has been a wonderful thing for the many hams Dan helped to license. And many of them are also experienced

traffic handlers. Some of Dan's students established the W9VEY Memorial Net on 2 meters to honor the memory of the man who so patiently taught others the important skill of traffic handling and the value of public service. W9VEY is a Silent Key, but because of his selflessness and dedication there are now many hams in central Illinois to teach others and to keep our wonderful hobby alive and growing.

#### Runner-Up for 1980

The runner-up for this year is James A. (Alex) Chalmers, VE7AMK, of Burnaby, British Columbia. Alex has been teaching classes for the Burnaby ARC for over 15 years, and through his teaching more than 150 amateurs have received licenses. Alex has written teaching guides for a Canadian license course based on ARRL material and his own experience in the special aspects of Canadian licensing. Among these projects is a code practice tape using a professional radio announcer as narrator who also happens to be an Amateur Radio instructor in Burnaby: Wally Garrett, VE7CJT. One of the highlights of Alex's course is taking his students into his own electronics lab at home and giving them hands-on experience with the nuts and bolts of Amateur Radio. This learning-by-doing approach pays off in the success rate of his students at exam time. We extend a hearty congratulations to VE7AMK for a fine record of Amateur Radio instruction.

#### Nominations are Open for 1981

Perhaps you know of an instructor worthy of the Herb S. Brier, W9AD, Memorial Award. If so, please write to us at the Club and Training Department. The winner, determined by a committee at Headquarters, will receive an engraved plaque in his or her name. With this award, the Lake County Amateur Radio Club and ARRL extend recognition to outstanding instructors in Amateur Radio.

# ARRL / Red Cross Message Relay Report

The ARRL field organization says "Happy Birthday" to the Red Cross

By John Manning,\* WB4MAE



It was the 100th birthday celebration of the American National Red Cross — and radio amateurs were there! This well-conceived and -implemented program of initiating congratulatory radiograms to the Red Cross convention from chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada has been described previously (see April *QST*, p. 11). The Northern Virginia Amateur Radio Club station, W4PAY, served as the collection point for all of the messages received prior to the convention. As club president, it was my privilege to make a formal presentation of the messages, in a gift-wrapped box, to Red Cross officials at a ceremony on Wednesday, May 20. A total of 834 messages were received (including 38 from Canadian Red Cross chapters who were not celebrating the centennial).

## Excerpts

Here are some of my remarks made at the presentation ceremony: "It is with great pride and a sense of achievement that I appear before you today. I have with me radiograms from more than 800 Red Cross chapters in the United States and Canada. These are congratulatory messages addressed to this centennial convention. They were transmitted as a public service by radio amateurs working through the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and National Traffic System of the American Radio Relay League.

"This venture was conceived as a way to congratulate you on your centennial, to promote local level contact between amateurs and chapters, and to provide an indicator that can be used to improve communications between our local level groups. Many chapters have strong ties to the Amateur Radio Service.



The author (left) and WA4PBG staff the ARRL booth at the Red Cross National Convention in Washington, DC.



The gift-wrapped package of radiograms, containing birthday greetings from all over the United States and Canada, was presented to Mrs. Sarah Hutchinson, of the Red Cross Board of Governors, by John Manning, WB4MAE (right). At left is Rick Kessler, the executive director of the Fairfax, Virginia, Red Cross chapter, which is the home of W4PAY. (photo courtesy of Millford Fink)

"The hand-in-hand cooperation of our two organizations is long standing. We have maintained a formal cooperative agreement since 1940. A cordial relationship between League Headquarters and national level Red Cross officials has existed for many years, as has a joint effort to promote cooperation at the local level.

"The American Radio Relay League, through our field organization, offers emergency communications services to the Red Cross. These facilities are available to all Red Cross chapters from coast to coast.

"On behalf of the radio amateurs of North America, I say, 'Congratulations to the American National Red Cross on your one hundredth anniversary.' It is a sincere pleasure for me to present these congratulatory messages to you."

## Amateur Radio Booth at the Convention

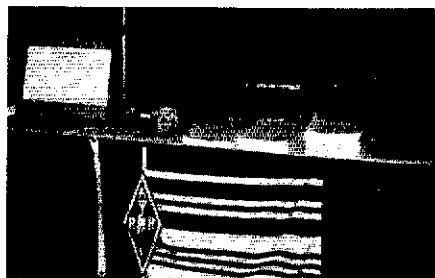
Members of the Northern Virginia Radio Club manned a booth in the exhibit area of the convention, with the ARRL banner displayed prominently. Various handout materials were distributed to interested convention delegates, including copies of the ARRL/Red Cross Cooperative Agreement, a list of ARRL section emergency coordinators and a commemorative QSL card that had been prepared by our club especially for the occasion.

The most important aspect of the booth at the convention was the opportunity provided for one-on-one conversations with the Red Cross representatives. It was gratifying to note the positive attitude of those in attendance toward the Amateur Radio Service in assisting the Red Cross in its mission. This attitude no doubt reflects the excellent work done in many areas by amateurs at the chapter level.

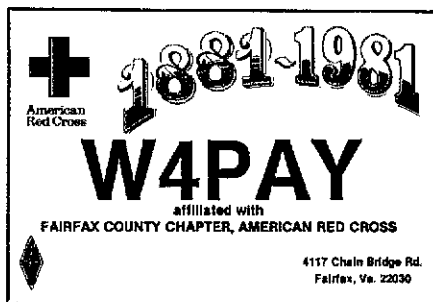
One of the features of the Amateur Radio booth was a message origination

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The ARRL Booth at the Red Cross Convention provided delegates with a wealth of information about Amateur Radio.



This special QSL commemorated W4PAY's participation in the Red Cross Centennial.

service. ARRL message blanks were available for use by the convention registrants in originating messages back home. A large replica of an ARRL radiogram showed the delegates the proper format. The booth was equipped with a 2-meter transceiver, and traffic was relayed to NVRC members for later NTS transmission via the WB4YRB repeater, maintained by the Alexander Graham Bell Amateur Radio Club. The cooperation of the club, and its trustee, WB4YRB, was appreciated during the convention week. Message originations totaled 183; our thanks to all the NTSers who handled such convention traffic.

### Advance Planning

So many people cooperated in the planning and operation that any attempt to list all their names and calls would certainly be incomplete. I do want to thank all the volunteer section relay coordinators who supervised the efforts in obtaining the message originations from Red Cross chapters. At the local level, I would like to acknowledge assistance from Roanoke Division Director W4UG, and the following amateurs who put in long hours at the booth: W3ABC, WA4PBG, WD4KQJ, K4JDM, WA4LWB, WB4QAX, K4FD, K4LMB, N4DPV, K4BAV, K4DBH and W4HV.

The centennial celebration was such a success that planning is already underway for W4PAY's participation in the Red Cross Bicentennial!

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### Section Relay Coordinators

The following volunteer amateurs served as section relay coordinators, spearheading efforts to garner congratulatory radiograms from Red Cross chapters in their section.

Alabama—W4IBU, Alaska—KL7JIG, Arizona—N7EH, East Bay (CA)—WB6KQU, Los Angeles—AK6Y, Orange—WA6WZO, Sacramento Valley—N6JV, San Diego—W6INI, San Francisco—WB6ZRK, San Joaquin Valley—WA6YAB, Santa Barbara—W6RIC, Santa Clara Valley—WB6IZF, Colorado—K3PUR, Connecticut—W1SY, Delaware—WA3WIY, Northern Florida—NO4A, Southern Florida—AA4WJ, Georgia—K4VHC, Idaho—W7IWU, Illinois—W9QBH, Indiana—KB9HH/W9UMH, Iowa—W0RPK, Kansas—W0KL, Kentucky—KZ4G, Louisiana—N5IB, Maine—W1BJ, Maryland/DC—WA3TAI, Eastern Massachusetts—WB7TPY, Western Massachusetts—K1BE, Michigan—AF8V, Minnesota—KB0MB/WA0QIT, Montana—W7LR, Nebraska—N0AIH, Nevada—W7BS, New Hampshire—KB1A, Northern New Jersey—W2TCA, Southern New Jersey—W2HOB, New Mexico—W5ALR, Eastern New York—KA2FAS, New York City/Long Island—WB2YUJ, Western New York—KA2IVK, North Dakota—WB0TEE, Ohio—WB8KKI, Oklahoma—WA5FSN, Ontario—VE3GOL, Oregon—W7LNE, Pacific—KH6CKJ, Eastern Pennsylvania—WA3PZO, Western Pennsylvania—W3YBR, Quebec—VE2BP, Rhode Island—W1EOF, Saskatchewan—VE5AQ, South Carolina—WD4HLZ, Tennessee—NO4Q, Northern Texas—K5PC, Southern Texas—WA5RVT, Vermont—WA1YEH, Virginia—N4AZI, Washington—W7DZX, West Indies—NP4D, West Virginia—K8QEW, Wisconsin—W9OAK/K9UTQ, Wyoming—WB7EIN.

# Red Cross Disaster Exercise: The Role of Amateur Radio

Secure and reliable communications are fundamental to the orderly flow of information in our society, and they become even more important during disasters. Enter Amateur Radio.

By Harvey M. Solomon, M.D.,\* WB3BCJ/0 and Jo Ann Bender

The congressional charter of the American Red Cross, in part, charges the organization with the responsibility for disaster relief. There has been a long history of cooperation between ARRL

and the American Red Cross. Amateurs have traditionally handled welfare messages during emergencies when normal communications are inoperative, thereby helping the Red Cross meet its responsibilities.

In addition to disaster and safety services, the Red Cross is active in other

areas. Through its blood services program, it maintains a national network of 57 blood centers that collect and distribute over five million units of blood annually. During a recent local disaster exercise, we evaluated how Amateur Radio operators could use their expertise to assist our Red Cross Blood Services program, which sup-

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plies blood to 20 hospitals in 16 counties of northeast Iowa. Our simulated disaster was part of local activities saluting the Red Cross on its 100th birthday, and was designed to test emergency medical relief services of various public and private agencies in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area. [Editor's Note: The ARRL Field Organization honored the American Red Cross on its centennial by conducting a special message relay — see the accompanying article for details.]

Planning for the exercise was under the joint direction of the Hawkeye Chapter American Red Cross and the Black Hawk County Civil Defense Office. Among the 35 community agencies involved was the Northeast Iowa Amateur Radio Club.

The drill was a simulated crash of a commercial airplane, occurring shortly after takeoff, which resulted in the deaths of several passengers and crew members as well as extensive injuries to 32 others. Fourteen amateurs, equipped with 2-meter fm rigs, were assigned to the crash site, to the emergency rooms of four local hospitals, to the Red Cross center where the regional blood bank is located and to buses transporting the injured to hospitals. In addition, two motorcycle-mobile amateurs were assigned to the Red Cross blood bank to provide emergency deliveries of blood to the hospital blood banks. (Prior to the exercise, amateurs assigned to the hospitals were briefed about the functions in the emergency room procedures, particularly under crisis conditions.) Each operator who participated in the exercise was provided with an official Red Cross armband and a vehicle sticker to allow entry through police lines at the disaster site.

At 11 A.M. on April 25, the Waterloo Airport tower informed police that a plane was down. The police department identified the crash site, alerted the nearest local hospital (which sent a team of six doctors to the site), and informed the county civil defense office of the disaster.

At 11:10 A.M., the civil defense office notified amateurs, and an emergency net was activated immediately. Following a short period of initial confusion at the disaster site (related in part to crowded conditions in an inadequately sized c.d. communications van), net control secured an effective base of operations outside the van. Direct communications were then established with the disaster site, Red Cross Hq., ambulances and area hospitals.

### Effective Communications

Throughout the exercise, Amateur Radio was the most widely and effectively used mode of communication. Survivors, including those severely burned or seriously injured, were rushed to all four local hospitals where blood bank stores were rapidly depleting. Mock replacement



The Northeast Iowa ARC provided reliable communications during a simulated plane crash at Cedar Falls. Amateurs were located at the crash site, emergency rooms of local hospitals, the central blood bank at the Red Cross center and on buses transporting the injured to hospitals. (photo by Jo Ann Bender)

shipments from the blood bank requested by the amateurs operating from the emergency rooms were delivered to all four hospitals in only 20 minutes by motorcycle-mobile operators.

The extraordinary demand for blood reduced local Red Cross supplies to dangerously low levels, and additional units were requested from an adjacent region. A mock shipment was flown in by the Civil Air Patrol from Dubuque, Iowa, and delivered by the motorcycle couriers.

From the technical viewpoint, we learned an important lesson regarding the kinds of equipment to use in the future. Hand-held rigs performed well in the field and on the buses, but were not adequate for reliable communications in the emergency rooms. None of the emergency rooms had ready access to external antennas, and it was quickly determined that rigs with an output of 10 watts or less were ineffective.

Even though all amateurs carried identification, several had problems when they tried to provide emergency room staff with information about the number of victims who would be arriving and the nature of their injuries. This was partially a result of poor victim identification at the disaster site. While the information handled by the amateurs was timely and correct, the hospital personnel were not familiar with Amateur Radio. If emergency room staffs could be exposed more routinely to ham radio operations, particularly in these kinds of training drills, much confusion could be eliminated.



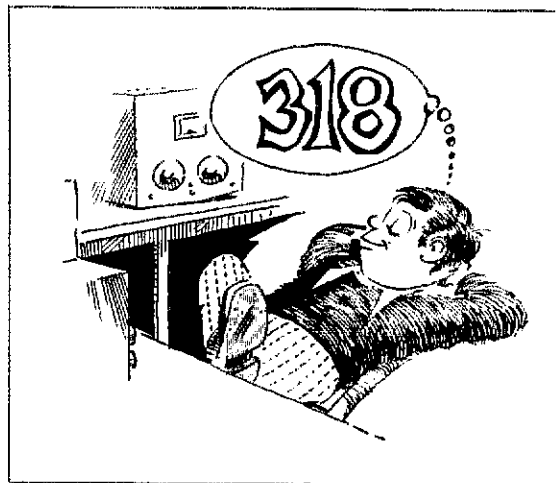
WB3BCJ/Ø was among the local amateurs who assisted Red Cross and Civil Defense personnel during the simulated disaster.

During the exercise, Rep. Cooper Evans, of Iowa's Third District, visited the disaster site, the hospitals and the blood bank. We took advantage of his visit to demonstrate Amateur Radio operation and to stress our involvement in public service.

The American Red Cross has moved into its second century of service and will continue to rely heavily on Amateur Radio operators whenever normal channels are disrupted or overloaded. The spirit of cooperation demonstrated by the hams of northeast Iowa is representative of organized Amateur Radio's commitment to its public service obligation.

He used to be a nice fella, then . . .  
he worked 'em all.

By John G. Troster,\* W6ISQ



“Hey, Old DXer, you listening on the Cats Net? Think I heard you in there calling BW5C . . . or something like that.”

“Ahhhh . . . yeah, Charlie. I’m here, but I got no time for rag chewing.”

“Aw geee . . . haven’t heard ya in a long time. What is a ‘BW5’?”

“Ahhhh . . . sorry, it was a 6Y5. Thought it was a new country.”

“How come you’re still looking for new countries? I seen on the Honor Roll list where you worked all the countries there is that’s possible to work. There ain’t no more new ones for you to chase.”

“Yeah, right. I worked ‘em all.”

“Well, then, I thought you’d take it easy for a while . . . back to basic rag chewin’ like we used to do in the old days.”

“Naw, no time. Gotta keep lookin’. Never can tell when a new country is likely to show up.”

“Where ya gonna get a new country out of nowhere?”

“I’ll tell ya where! Volcanoes . . . that’s where. Them things is poppin’ off all the time. One big blowout in the ocean and ya got a new island. New island . . . new country. Simple as that. I gotta keep watchin’ out for them.”

“Yeah, but all that lava from the volcano is hot. How you gonna set up . . .”

“You don’t know them Dxpeditiners . . . they’ll get there and have a dipole drooped over a hot rock before the satellylites or sea gulls spot the place.”

“Yeah, but that all takes time . . . boats, rigs, QSL managers . . .”

“And remember all them earthquake faults, too. They’re likely to snap off a piece of land somewhere and drop it out there in the water . . . and there it is . . . a new country . . . back to listenin’,

Charlie.”

“Listening for what? You got ‘em all. Geee, you used to be a nice fella . . . maybe like 10 on a scale of 10. Then you worked about 300 countries and you started gettin’ grumpy and dropped to a 7. Then it was 315 or so and you hit the Honor Roll, and you slid to about a 3 on my Good Guy scale. Then you worked all 318 . . . and now you’re a fat zzzeeerrrooooo.”

“You don’t understand, Charlie. I got a prestige position to maintain now. Supposed I took Old Marge out shopping . . . and a new country came on while we was gone?”

“Where ya plan on going shopping? Hong Kong? And suppose your rig blew up or your antennas fell down? What would ya do then?”

“I just put up . . . ahhh . . . 10 elements . . . on all bands . . . 290-foot tower . . . to back up the tribander. And two new Doomsday Blaster finals . . . hoooo hummmm. Sorry, Charlie, getting sleepy.”

“Yeah, I was gonna ask when you was sleepin’? Might be a new one come on while you was snorin’.”

“I got Old Marge . . . hmmm . . . Marge listening to . . . low end of . . . 20 . . . if she hears more than three stations on same frequency . . . hoooo . . . at one time . . . she wakes . . . mmmm . . . zzzz.”

“Hey, you go to sleep ‘er sumpin’? And Marge ain’t on duty yet? Hah. You’re crazy! Don’t you know that no new country ever comes on without everybody knowing about it for at least a month, and they stay on for a week . . . and . . . ahhh . . . say . . . ahhhh . . . hey, old DXer . . . hey, I’m hearing a . . . he’s signing SB4/V. Hey wake up . . . must be a pirate . . . kinda weak cw . . . QRX, I’ll call . . . he gave me a 5 Charlie . . . Sorry, 5NN . . . ahhhh, you ever hear of Lava Island? Hmmm, say’s he’s a geologist . . . was sailin’ past and a volcano blew . . . south Atlantic . . . Old Dixer . . . hey, Old Dixer

. . . wake up . . . a new one . . . got a new one for ya.”

“Wah? . . . What? I told ya! Was it a volcano or an earthquake?”

“Don’t hear him now. He only worked a dozen or so of them Honor Roll types . . . ahhhh . . . and me . . . but the whole world is still callin’. Entire 20-meter band choked up with callers. What’s a ‘/V’?”

“V’s for volcano. What frequency . . . what heading?”

“I dunno. Don’t hear him no more. He was sayin’ the volcano was gurgling again and sinking down a bit faster . . . naw, guess he’s . . . aw, he must of been a pirate, wouldn’t you say . . . ahhh . . . or was he?”

“What I tell ya? What I tell ya?”

“Aw, he’ll be back on . . . ahhh . . . perhaps. After another lava blow or two. So I’ll help ya listen. Anyway, you’re still pretty high up on the Honor Roll even if you miss out on a volcano or an earthquake country now and again. Where are ya? You want me to monitor for ya? . . . You there Old DXer?”

“No, Charlie, Old DXer ain’t here . . . this here’s Old Marge. He said something about the top of his new tower. But he didn’t strap on his pouch full of tools like usual. I can see him climbing the tower now . . .”

“You don’t think . . . ahhhh . . . is there a deep swimming pool down below?”

“Funny he don’t have his safety belt strapped on him like usual, neither.”

“Marge, you got a old . . . ahhh . . . mattress out there in the garage?”

“He hasn’t left the shack for months. Can’t imagine what got him to leave now . . . now he’s up there on top of that tower waving around like King Kong.”

“Ahhhh . . . Marge . . . you got a big net around anywhere?”

“Charlie, why do you suppose the Old DXer is a standin’ way up there on the top of that tower with no tool pouch and no safety belt and . . . ?”

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## FCC Proposes Changes at 1215 MHz to 40.5 GHz Based on WARC-79 Results

The Federal Communications Commission has taken another step toward implementing the Final Acts of the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC) held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1979. The Third Notice of Inquiry in General Docket 80-739 proposes revisions of the U.S. Table of Frequency Allocations for the frequencies 1215 MHz through 40.5 GHz. The Third NOI also proposes revisions to the definitions in Section 2.1 of the Commission's Rules. When a term or definition appears in Part 2 it is the definitive term that prevails throughout the Commission's Rules. The first and second NOIs dealt with proposed revisions for frequencies below 1215 MHz. Readers interested in these NOIs should read this year's "Happenings," April, page 66; June, page 54; August, page 57; and September, page 56.

Although the Final Acts of the 1979 WARC do not become effective until January 1, 1982, for those countries ratifying the Treaty, the FCC has begun consideration of the Treaty's effect on domestic frequency allocations now to enable timely implementation of the modified provisions should the U.S. Senate ratify the Treaty. (The Treaty has not yet been submitted to the Senate for ratification.) As with the previous NOIs, the Third NOI comment period is very short. The Commission released the document August 7, and the deadline for comments was September 8. The Third NOI can be summed up as follows:

**1215-1300 MHz** — As expected, the Commission proposes to delete the amateur allocation at 1215-1240 MHz to protect the NAVSTAR/GPS radionavigation-satellite system. Furthermore, the footnote authorizing amateur satellite operations (uplink only) at 1260-1270 MHz has not been included in the domestic Table. This omission may simply be a typographical error and an oversight; however, the League's comments are expected to

underscore the footnote's importance to the future of the Amateur Satellite Service. The allocation on these frequencies would be secondary to radiolocation and aeronautical radionavigation.

**2300-2450 MHz** — The most serious proposal at these frequencies is one that would withdraw the amateur allocation at 2310-2390 MHz. According to the discussion of the proposals in the document, the secondary amateur allocation in this segment will be deleted to protect the aeronautical mobile telemetry service. League Hq. expects to file in opposition to this proposal because it is inappropriate to treat such a complex subject in a proceeding having such a broad scope and short comment period. The information provided in the Notice is not enough to determine how widespread these telemetry operations will be. Furthermore, there does not appear to be a need for haste in this matter, as the amateur allocation at these frequencies has existed for decades. Anyone with information concerning amateur operation between 2310 and 2390 MHz is urged to communicate with Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, at Headquarters.

At the frequencies 2300-2310 MHz a footnote will protect the amateur service from harmful interference caused by the fixed and mobile services, which are secondary sharing partners with the amateur service. Radiolocation is primary. At the frequencies 2390-2450 MHz the amateur service continues to be secondary to radiolocation. Footnotes require that the amateur service cause no interference to other listed services operating at 2400-2450 MHz and require the Amateur Satellite service to accept interference caused by devices operating in industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) applications operating at these same frequencies.

**3300-3500 MHz, 5650-5925 MHz, 10.0-10.5 GHz and 24.0-24.25 GHz** — At these frequen-

cies the FCC proposes no changes that were not expected as the result of the Final Acts of WARC-79. For a complete story on the results of WARC-79, see February 1980 *QST*, page 62. Also, information about the new WARC-79 amateur satellite sub-bands can be found in July 1981 *QST*, page 72. The Commission will be issuing a Fourth NOI in General Docket 78-739 for frequencies above 40.5 GHz.

The Third NOI also proposes many changes, deletions and additions to the definitions found in Part 2 of the Commission's Rules. Those of particular interest to the amateur service are as follows:

**Active Satellite** — A satellite carrying a station intended to transmit or retransmit radio-communications signals.

**Amateur-Satellite Service** — A radiocommunication service using space stations on Earth satellites for the same purposes as those of the Amateur Service.

**Amateur Service** — A radiocommunication service for the purpose of self-training, intercommunication and technical investigations carried out by amateurs, that is, by duly authorized persons interested in radio technique solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest.

**Emission** — Radiation produced, or the production of radiation, by a radio transmitting station. For example, the energy radiated by the local oscillator of a radio receiver would not be an emission but a radiation.

**Harmful Interference** — Interference that endangers the functioning of a radionavigation service or of other safety services or seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts a radiocommunication service operating in accordance with these Regulations.

**Interference** — The effect of unwanted energy due to one or a combination of emissions, radiations or inductions upon reception in a radiocommunication system, manifested by any performance degradation, misinterpretation or loss of information that could be extracted in the absence of such unwanted energy.

The FCC staff contact for General Docket 80-739 is William Torak, and he can be reached at tel. 202-632-7025.

### ITU LODGES COMPLAINT AGAINST U.S.

The International Frequency Registration Board, a division of the United Nations' International Telecommunication Union (ITU), has lodged an official complaint against the United States because of illegal shortwave broadcasting allegedly originating from the Miami, Florida area. The complaint asks the FCC to "ascertain whether or not the reported interfering stations are under the jurisdiction of your administration and, if in the affirmative, to take all possible steps to eliminate the harmful interference."

The complaint appears to be related to propaganda broadcasting against Cuba's Fidel

Castro transmitted on the 40-meter amateur band. Earlier this year ARRL President Harry Dannals, W2HD, protested U.S. Attorney Atlee W. Wampler's decision to drop charges against an allegedly illegal broadcasting station operating in the amateur 40-meter band from the Miami area. (See July 1981 *QST*, page 54.) The FCC, which had invested more than 1000 hours of staff time to develop charges against one Jose M. Gonzalez, also protested the decision not to prosecute Gonzalez for his alleged pirate radio broadcasts. "Happenings" (August 1981 *QST*, page 58) reported Wampler's response to President Dannals' protest.

President Dannals contended that Wampler's decision to dismiss the charges against Gonzalez was based on politics. Through his assistant, Keaneth W. Lipman, Wampler denied that politics played any role in

the decision not to prosecute Mr. Gonzalez, however.

According to FCC spokesmen, the illegal broadcasts are continuing. Recently, Commission officials identified three stations broadcasting propaganda to Cuba. U.S. State Department spokesmen have refused to comment on how the U.S. will respond to the International Frequency Registration Board. The Board's complaint is the first of its kind ever made against the United States.

### STAFF NOTES

#### McCoy Retires From League Hq.

After a distinguished career that stretches over 30 years, Lew McCoy, WHCP, has officially retired from ARRL Headquarters. Lew, or "Mac," as he is known by many of his friends, began working at League Head-

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Lew McCoy, W1ICP

quarters in September 1949 as Assistant Communications Manager for Phone Activities. About a year later Mac transferred to the Technical Department as a technical assistant.

In July 1951, the FCC made the Novice license available for the first time. Soon after, Mac became the Novice Editor for *QST*, and his monthly columns soon became "required reading" for the beginner. TVI was the boogeyman of ham radio in those days, and Mac traveled the country explaining to hams how this nemesis could be beat.

Mac is especially proud of his role at Headquarters in developing and adapting the circuits for the Monimatch and the Ultimate Transmatch, circuits that are duplicated in ham shacks throughout the world today. He stayed with the Technical Department throughout the years and also became *QST*'s FM Editor and Product Review Editor. He was Senior Assistant Technical Editor when he became semi-disabled in the winter of 1977 as the result of a heart attack.

Mac has recovered from his illness and is enjoying his retirement from the League at his home in Silver City, New Mexico, where he resides with his wife, Martha. Martha does not have a ham license, but daughter Marsha, a psychiatrist practicing in the Salt Lake City area, is W1HAQ. Mac's plans are to enjoy life while living at his QTH atop the continental divide and to be a technical consultant and writer specializing in (you guessed it!) Amateur Radio. His many friends at Hq. wish Mac and Martha all the best in their ventures.

#### David Hazelton Houghton, 1900-1981 — A Tribute

"The Chair announced the opening of nominations for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Egbert nominated Mr. Houghton, who expressed appreciation but withdrew his name as a candidate . . . Mr. Houghton addressed the group briefly, citing some of the highlights of the League's history during his *fifty-four* years of association with the Headquarters staff . . ." Since those words were written in 1976,

<sup>1</sup>Minutes 24 and 25, *QST*, July 1976, p. 52.

another five years of involvement with ARRL — as an Honorary Vice President and Honorary Life Member — have been logged by Dave.

How do you say the final "goodbye" to a friend, an associate, a willing coworker, with that kind of record? How do you record for history the accomplishments of a David Hazelton Houghton, now alas gone from us? The answer to the second question has to be, "Inadequately," and to the first, "With great difficulty." Perhaps you just start with statistics: born in Bethesda, Maryland, on August 31, 1900; served in the military during World War I; was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, the West Hartford Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce; died after a short illness August 22, 1981, leaving two daughters, Mrs. Benedict D. Flynn, Jr. and Mrs. Richard C. Bacon, a son, Alan N. Houghton, two brothers, Livingston Houghton and Col. Eugene Houghton, and eight grandchildren.

Dave first climbed the rickety stairs of 1045 Main St., Hartford, on April 10, 1922, beginning a new job as Circulation Manager of *QST*, which then was mailed each month to 8000 League members; its total circulation was 23,000. Helping him were two clerks and a hand-cranked addressing machine. The staff totaled about a dozen, and there were three rooms in the third-floor Headquarters. When Dave retired (only from full-time service) on August 31, 1965, the organization was in a new building of 26,000 square feet on two floors and sent its magazine to 100,000 members and 10,000 others; it took 25 employees under Dave's direction to handle *QST* and a whole family of supporting publications. Some three and a half million *Handbooks* had marched out the door under his eye over the years, along with two million *License Manuals*, a million *How to Become A Radio Amateur* and hundreds of thousands of other books bearing the League diamond.

As we said in "Happenings" in October 1965 *QST*: "Throughout these intervening 43-plus years, the integrity and devotion to duty of David H. Houghton, his conscientiousness and ability to keep watch over details important to individual members as well as over-all basic League policies and functions, have been in a large measure responsible for the growth and progress of ARRL and contributed much to the League's stature. His bold signature is known from Afghanistan to Zambia, and he has made hundreds of close friends, many of whom (as in ham radio) he has never met."

In 1941 he was given, on an "acting" basis, the additional (unpaid) job as Treasurer of the League. The office was his, officially, the next year and continued to be his until he declined further nomination in 1976! And we mentioned Dave as a friend. There were all sorts of private kindnesses Dave offered fellow employees; these are recorded nowhere but in the heart. No one was more faithful, however, in observance of others' birthdays, as just a small example. Since he truly was a friend, there are lots of Dave Houghton stories. We'll close here with just one. Some years ago when the Chicago Trade Show was the biggest event in the electronics world, the League team went out to dinner with a large party of advertisers and book dealers to a well-known and not-inexpensive restaurant. There was a silent conspiracy of all present to have the check given to Dave. He looked at it, gulped, cleared his throat and

said, "Gentlemen, there will be no June issue of *QST*!" — Perry Williams, W1UED

#### Donald B. Morris, W8JM — In Memoriam

Can one be a warm friend to thousands? Seems impossible — until you consider Donald B. Morris, W8JM, past Vice Director of ARRL's Roanoke Division (1974 through 1976) but far more well known as the guiding spirit of West Virginia State Conventions in an unbroken string back to 1959. There, at the beautiful State 4-H Camp at Jackson's Mill, you could meet Don, greeting the family of a convention speaker, answering the question of, say, the ticket chairman, presenting the Outstanding West Virginia Amateur of the Year Awards from the pillared porch of the dining hall (except in 1964, when he himself was the recipient) or asking the blessing before the family-style meals. As SCM Karl Thompson, K8KT, put it in the 1981 Convention Program, "The impact Don had on the advancement of Amateur Radio was great, and he shall long be remembered and missed by those of us who knew him. We shall miss his warm, on-the-air operating manner — the friendly voice, the accommodating attitude and the wisdom he always seemed to have even in the most difficult situations. He was our friend, and we shall all miss him in a very personal way."

And Don leaves a hole in the mechanisms of organized Amateur Radio that will take a squad of people to fill: He served four separate "hitches" as Section Communications Manager, 1930-1931, 1946-1952, 1959-1975 and 1977-1979; cofounder, past president, past vice president, past secretary, past treasurer of the Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association and trustee of W8SP; founder and longtime president of the West Virginia State Radio Council and its convention organization, and trustee of W8WVA; originator of the West Virginia Worked All Counties Award; winner of the Roanoke Division Public Service Award, 1968; member of ARES, QCWA, A-1 Operator Club; member and former net control station of West Virginia Army MARS, the West Virginia Phone Net and West Virginia CW Net, and Life Member, ARRL. Licensed since 1928, Don had worn out the calls W8APN, W8IXG and W8JFV. His enthusiasm for Amateur Radio was shared by his wife Dorothy, WB8LAI. Don died on May 24, 1981, after a long illness; he was 70 years old. As Karl said, we'll all miss him in a very personal way. — Perry Williams, W1UED

#### GRIZZLY PEAK REPEATER INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

On July 16, 1981, engineers from the FCC San Francisco Field Office were continuing investigation (see "Happenings," May 1981 *QST*) into unauthorized activities by users of the Grizzly Peak (California) repeater, WB6AEE/R. Unidentified transmissions were observed from 7:24 P.M. to 7:36 P.M. on 146.22 MHz, the input frequency of the repeater. The transmissions consisted of sound effects and whistlings that were being retransmitted over the repeater on 146.82 MHz, causing interference to ongoing communications on that frequency. Through the use of mobile direction-finding equipment, the

source of the transmissions was found to be an amateur station in San Leandro, California. The "WB6" Amateur Radio station at the located address is licensed to an operator holding an Advanced class license. He has been issued an Official Notice of Violation alleging his violation of §97.84(a) — Transmitting signals which were not identified by call sign as required; §97.123 — Transmitting unidentified signals; and §97.125 — Transmitting signals which caused interference. — *FCC Public Notice*

### GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTING APPEALS IN QST FOR DONATIONS

Occasionally, individuals and clubs write to the Editor requesting that QST run an appeal to benefit that individual's goals or organization. Eligibility for publication in QST is based on the following guidelines:

- (1) must be an Amateur Radio organization.
- (2) must send descriptive material on the organization.
- (3) must send details on how the donations will be used.
- (4) must supply names, addresses and telephone numbers of the organization's officers (and sponsor if a school group).
- (5) must supply the name, address and

telephone number of one reference who must be a League member and a licensed radio amateur.

(6) the appeal must be for the general good of Amateur Radio and must not be for the benefit of any individual.

### CALL FOR ARRL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each December, the ARRL President appoints new members for the ARRL Advisory Committee from nominations submitted from the general membership. Positions are open because of expirations of terms or resignations. Terms of appointment run for two years. These committees, whose rules are set forth in the League's bylaws, prepare recommendations within their specialty areas to the ARRL Board of Directors and staff.

Advisory Committee recommendations are based on consultations with the general membership of the League and on studies conducted by the committees. Each committee is composed of 11 volunteers representing Canada and each of the U.S. call areas. Members wishing to serve on a committee need to be nominated by three League members. Forms for this purpose are available from Headquarters. League Advisory Committees

and their members for 1981 are listed in Table I.

### TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AMATEUR SATELLITE FUND DRIVE: \$73,460

Contributions continue to roll in to the ARRL Foundation in response to its Twentieth Anniversary Amateur Satellite Fund Drive (see "It Seems to Us . . ." February 1981 QST). The call is for the continuation and expansion of amateurs into the satellite arena with the specific goal of orbiting a Phase III satellite in the near future. **Will you become part of tomorrow's telecommunication world today? Send your tax-deductible contribution to: The ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.**

Contributors of \$100 or more include: Edmonds Foundation, George B. Foote, Jr., NIAG, and Lisa H. Foote, KAIETK; J. Douglass Berry, W3SAU; Ray Edwards, W2IOQ; Stanley R. Kaseck, K6UD; Mountain Amateur Radio Club, L. Dennis Shapiro, WIUF (The L. Dennis and Susan R. Shapiro Fund); Delmar W. Rowe, W9BPU/W7EDT; and Alice Virginia Shaver, WA4QWC. — *Richard Palm, K1CE, Assistant Secretary, ARRL Foundation*

**Table 1**  
**League Advisory Committees and their Members for 1981**

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## Where No Ham Has Gone Before

One of the primary functions of this column is to present applications of the FCC rules to real-life situations. Through consultation with Commission staff in Washington, your conductor strives to present useful explanations of regulations in so-called "gray areas" — areas such as third-party traffic, business messages and the like — anywhere there may be uncertainty as to a rule's application. You, the reader, are often the source of inspiration in these areas by asking meaningful questions concerning rules, questions that do not readily lend themselves to simple, yes or no answers.

With the advent of exciting, new changes in the radio art, uncharted areas within the rules universe need to be mapped. Our mission is to explore strange, new rules; to seek out new life and new civilizations; to boldly go where no ham has gone before.

*Q. Our repeater system incorporates a link by which an operator may have his 2-meter signals retransmitted on 10 meters. A Technician class licensee often avails himself of this function. Is it legal for his signals to be retransmitted by our repeater on frequencies not assigned to Techs?*

A. In its comments in FCC Docket 80-419, the Amateur Satellite Service rules proceeding, ARRL requested clarification of the matter of an Amateur Radio station retransmitting radio signals on frequencies reserved for higher operator classes. The Commission answered that: "As long as the control operator of the transmitting station is authorized (see §97.7) for the frequency privileges being used, the fact that the station may retransmit from frequencies authorized to both higher and lower operator classes is of no consequence. For example, there is no prohibition, per se, for those types of operations where retransmission is permitted (repeater, auxiliary and space) to retransmitting the signals from a station with a Technician class control operator on frequencies not authorized for the Technician class." In a nutshell, the above clarification allows Technician class amateur signals to be automatically retransmitted by stations in repeater operation in the 10-meter sub-band not authorized to Techs.

*Q. What are RTTY mailboxes; are they legal?*

A. An RTTY mailbox is a system whereby an RTTY station is activated by a special code, and a message for the station licensee, or others, is left. Later, possible recipients interrogate the mailbox station and receive the stored message. Such operation is consistent with the rules only when a control operator is on duty at a control point of the mailbox station when it is transmitting (§97.79); a computer is not a control operator and cannot perform the control function! There are no provisions for automatic control because rules for such control have been adopted for stations in repeater operation only (§97.3n3).

This tends to dash a bit of cold water on

### An Invitation

Got a question concerning FCC rules? Have a pet topic that you would like covered in "Washington Mailbox"? Consider this your cordial invitation to participate in the editorial production of this column. Transmit your ideas and suggestions to your conductor, Richard K. Palm (the "K" stands for K1CE) at ARRL Hq. Let's hear from you!

some current operations, but is intended to help amateurs construct their mailboxes within the rules. Amateurs are encouraged to apply for Special Temporary Authority permits (STAs) by writing FCC Consumer Assistance, Gettysburg, PA 17325, to promote experimentation with mailbox activities such as packet radio or "digipeaters".

*Q. Our club has been approached by a commercial broadcast station to supply it with election returns via Amateur Radio. Would this be permissible under the rules?*

A. Yes, as long as the information was made available to all concerned, not exclusively to one party. For a single commercial station to use Amateur Radio exclusively to cover the event would give it a competitive edge, and would clearly be facilitating the regular affairs of its business. (§97.114(c)). Also, bear in mind the rules concerning compensation in §97.112(a). Your group must not accept any material compensation, direct or indirect, paid or promised, for its operation.

*Q. A repeater club "charges" a special dues rate for use of autopatch. Is this legal?*

A. Yes, with certain considerations. For example, a club may have a basic dues rate, then an additional dues for those members that use the club's repeater, and finally another dues rate for those repeater ops that use the repeater's autopatch function. Of course, the rules specifically prohibit any pecuniary gain (§97.3[b]) and operation of a station for material compensation (§97.112[a]), but having repeater users share in the cost of maintaining a repeater is fine. Often it is helpful to "step into the shoes" of an FCC Administrative Law Judge and make a judgment: Are the dues being charged by this repeater club providing financial gain to any individual? Are the dues completely inconsistent with services provided?

Simply use a little common sense when dealing in such matters. Amateurs should always be conservative and tread lightly so as not to endanger the valuable privilege of autopatch.

*Q. Our Field Day group uses a member's Extra Class call sign. Does this mean that all operators may use Extra Class privileges at the FD station even though their own license classes may be lower than Extra?*

A. In every case, a station control operator is

limited to his or her own license class privileges. For example, say one of your FD operators is licensed as a General. Accordingly, he or she may operate the Extra Class FD station only to the extent of General class privileges. However, any person, amateur or nonamateur, may participate in Amateur Radio communication as a third party. This means that anyone may speak their third-party messages directly into the mike of the FD station provided a control operator is present to supervise and control the operation. And, again, the operation may be only to the extent of that particular control operator's license privileges regardless of the fact that the FD station is identified with an Extra Class call sign. Another example: A General class licensee may participate as a third party in the Advanced portion of the band provided a control operator of Advanced or Extra Class means is present to supervise the operation. The distinction here is one of semantics — the participant, although an amateur, is a third party, not a control operator. The fact that he or she is a General class licensee is irrelevant in this case (§97.79). Additionally, don't forget the third-party traffic notation for your log (§97.103[b]).

*Q. May the third-party participant identify the station?*

A. Yes — the station-identification requirements of the FD activity (§97.84) may be met by having the third party give the i-d. However, and this is important, a third-party participant may communicate only with U.S. stations (which is usually the case in Field Day) and other countries that have third-party agreements with the U.S. For example, a third-party participant may not communicate with a station in France (§97.114).

*Q. How closely must the control operator control?*

A. The control operator, and the station licensee, are both responsible for the proper operation of the station (§97.79). Although there is no specific rule concerning the physical proximity of the control operator from the station controls, he or she must be present at the control point — where the function of the station is performed (§97.79). Practically speaking, the control operator should not leave the control point with a third party engaged in communication. While it would be okay to allow the third party to press the PTT switch to transmit, the control op should make all adjustments to the transmitter.

The third party participation rules were never intended to allow quasi amateur operation by unlicensed individuals.

[Note: Questions appearing in this column are typical of those frequently asked of the FCC and other agencies. Answers, prepared at ARRL, have been reviewed by the FCC's Personal Radio Branch for agreement with current FCC interpretations and policy. Numbers in parentheses refer to specific sections of the FCC rules.]

# Correspondence

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## 160 POINTS OF VIEW

I approve and will abide by the proposed 160-meter band plan as shown on page 56 of August 1981 *QST* if the ARRL Board of Directors approves it. — *Gil Hankins, W8RUU, Livonia, Michigan*

I believe the specific plan shown on page 56 of the August issue of *QST* is excellent. A similar chart for all bands would be a useful operating aid. Please publish one in *QST*. — *W. R. Richardson, W3IMG, Baltimore, Maryland*

Your discussion in August *QST* on the proposed 160-meter band plan sounds great. Go get it. — *K. A. Fichthorn, N1AB, Plantsville, Connecticut*

Thanks again for your LEADERSHIP. It should make for more enjoyable and fruitful operating. — *Lonnie B. Daniel, W4YD, Birmingham, Alabama*

I agree completely with the 160-meter band plan. Count on my cooperation. I believe you should decide on a timetable and announce a beginning time after your final plan is worked out. — *John Furr, K5MF, San Antonio, Texas*

I support fully the 160-meter band plan as described in August *QST*! — *Greg Palfe, WA0BNX, Eagan, Minnesota*

As a 160-meter operator, I would like to make a few comments in support of your proposed band plan. I think your proposal is sound and is fair for all modes of operation. One slight adjustment that I would insert is a 10-kHz bandwidth at 1825 and 1850 kHz for the DX window instead of 5 kHz. I believe the slightly wider window would encourage more DX contacts when the band is open for long-distance communications.

The wider band of frequencies that are now available to the 160-meter operator should make operation more enjoyable if we can occupy the band in an intelligent, sharing manner. Your proposal is certainly a step in the right direction. — *James R. Shank, W3CNS, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania*

I support the idea of a voluntary "gentlemen's agreement" for amateur usage of the new unrestricted portion of 160 meters, in lieu of mandatory sub-bands sanctioned by the FCC. However, I believe the proposed band plan as outlined in August *QST* would set aside a disproportionately large segment of the unrestricted frequencies for DX-related activities. Continuation of the existing 1825 to 1830 kHz DX window would seem adequate for a band that is primarily optimum for local

and regional, rather than long distance, communications. To answer a question posed in the *QST* article, there are DX windows on the other amateur bands; these consist of the upper ends of the cw sub-bands, which are in actual practice occupied primarily by foreign phone stations, and have long been a source of controversy for those who would prefer to see the existing U.S. phone sub-bands expanded.

Except for occasional foreign contacts using phone, 160-meter DX is essentially a cw activity. Ten or more cw stations could simultaneously occupy the existing DX window, interference free, if equipment with state-of-the-art stability and selectivity were used. The League proposal (two DX windows, with the intervening 20 kHz reserved primarily for DX phone activity) would set aside a total of 30 kHz for DXers, 30% of the unrestricted frequencies. This would not represent the most effective use of this portion of the amateur spectrum. It would be vastly unfair to the majority of users of this band, and it is highly unlikely that 30% of the activity in this band will be devoted to working DX. Nor can we rely on the frequencies above 1900 kHz for additional space for phone operation until it is clear that we will not eventually lose these frequencies to radiolocation.

Let us not rush to establish specific boundaries dividing phone and cw before it becomes clear what proportions the activity on this band will take in respect to mode. Let us simply agree that cw will occupy the extreme low end of the band, in keeping with established worldwide amateur practice on the rest of our bands. If there is enough cw activity to fully occupy the bottom 25 kHz, then the DX window could provide a natural barrier between phone and cw. If this band plan is to be effective, it must be flexible as well as realistic. Remember the 50-kHz-wide Extra Class sub-bands initially adopted under "incentive licensing"? — *Donald Chester, K4KYV, Woodlawn, Tennessee*

## NUCLEAR AFTERMATH

*QST* is an international journal. Presumably the author of "Nuclear Weapons Effects on Communications Systems" (August 1981 *QST*) was addressing the global amateur community. Instead of discussing ways to harden our equipment, shouldn't we be discussing ways to "soften" the weapons before we're left with the appalling task of providing communications for mass burials? — *Michele Bartlett, N1AGD/9, Champaign, Illinois*

In his article on nuclear weapons effects (August 1981 *QST*), AG3U has given us some very important information about the little-known EMP effects on electronic gear that would follow nuclear explosions. I am concerned that we should have a better perspective on what the real impact of nuclear weapons use would be on ham radio.

It's apparently true that a few high-altitude nuclear blasts could wipe out a large fraction of

electronics in the U.S. Since the majority of even military gear is not EMP hardened, such an attack would gravely compromise our military "Communications, Command and Control" systems.<sup>1</sup> It's hard to see how there could be any response by our government short of the all-out launch of our ICBMs, and that's World War III.

While we should all take prudent technical precautions to be able to communicate in any disaster, let's not be overly optimistic about how much help we can give after the big ones drop. Many experts predict that there would be over 100 million Americans dead in the first 30 days after an attack. That's no hurricane or tornado!

If there ever were a problem where prevention was better than cure, nuclear war is it. We can do our part through another side of ham radio. We can, and do, build international goodwill through our DX contacts. Why not depart a little from our usual QSO topics and ask friends in other countries what their feelings are on the nuclear issue?

We as hams, of course, are usually concerned with radio techniques — that's our big common interest. Like most people, we'd rather not think about nuclear wars or how to prevent them. But when you look at the hard technical data on nuclear weapons effects, you have to confront the reality: *nuclear war means no more Amateur Radio*. — *Dr. Martin S. Ewing, AA6E, Altadena, California*

Your article in August *QST* by Robert Hendrickson describing the nuclear weapons effects on communication systems is one that should be "must" reading for all amateurs. His recommendations about saving old tube-type equipment is a good one. If only a few amateurs survive a nuclear exchange, I am sure they will be of great value to our nation's defense.

I believe the time is present when we should seriously consider the measures involved in protection from nuclear explosions. I would disagree with Mr. Hendrickson's statement that private fallout shelters would be of value since the protection might be only for the initial blast and not for the fire storms and for the many years of lethal radiation that would remain from a nuclear blast.

We as Amateur Radio operators should prepare, but we should also, as citizens, encourage our leaders to proceed with discussions aimed at eliminating or reducing the possibilities of nuclear war. — *K. W. Covey, M.D., W0ZQJ, Moorhead, Minnesota*

## THAT'S THE TRUTH

I really enjoyed your "Translating Hamspeak," in July 1981 *QST*. The section entitled "On the DX Bands" really hit home. There is more truth to that than we want to believe. — *R. J. (Whitey) Doherty, K1VV, Sandwich, Massachusetts*

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# Canadian NewsFronts

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## Travels West

One of the "perks" for doing work for the League is that sometimes you get to travel. This summer, the conductor of this column was able to combine a family camping trip with a visit to two Western hamfests. For this Ontario ham, it was an education.

There's no question about it. It's easy to feel isolated from the rest of the country when you live in Western Canada. This is especially true in British Columbia — the Rockies are not only a natural, but a psychological barrier.

Perhaps that's why the Okanagan Hamfest in Oliver, British Columbia was so different from other hamfests we've experienced. It's an international affair, held in Washington state one year, and in Okanagan Valley the next. Most of the 200 hams who registered camped right on the hamfest site. There was a registration trailer, a small flea market, a DOC van and our League booth. Things were handled informally, and a great weekend was had by all.

And that's what was surprising. It's not that we're unfriendly, but in Southwestern Ontario hams tend to go to hamfests to check out dealers' prices, or pick up parts for a project or perhaps a piece of used gear. The emphasis is on finding a bargain, and if you meet some of the friends you've made on the air, well that's fine too. But in the West, and particularly at

Oliver, the emphasis was on meeting with friends. Perhaps that feeling of isolation makes friends more important. Whatever, we found the fraternal spirit of Amateur Radio alive and well in Western Canada.

We equally enjoyed the Northern Alberta Hamfest in Andrew. The Andrew area is populated with descendants of the original Ukrainian settlers, and the hamfest featured Ukrainian food and dancing. Early risers on Sunday morning were treated to a hot-air balloon launch, and a fly-in breakfast. A dozen pilots converged on the nearby airfield. Trophies were awarded for the first plane to arrive, the oldest plane, the oldest pilot, and so on. After breakfast, the pilots put on an air show, complete with acrobatics and parachute jumps.

Parts for projects and good surplus gear is difficult to find in the West. Alberta amateurs have developed some ingenious ways of overcoming this problem. ARLA, the Amateur Radio League of Alberta, acts as a clearing house. They advertise what's available in their monthly newsletter, and sell what they have at hamfests such as at Andrew. Everyone gets a chance to buy, not just the few who may have had an "in." Bill Gillespie, VE6ABC, runs the

Alberta tube bank. Bill takes your extra tubes, keeps them in a central location, and when you need a particular tube, sends it to you.

Both at Oliver and at Andrew we had lots of help. Assistant Directors Bill Kremer, VE7CSD, and Bill Gillespie, VE6ABC — really, it was their show. The many hams who visited the League booths seemed to appreciate the fact that their League representatives and workers were there. For many, it was their first contact with the League, other than through QST: the first chance ever to leaf through a table full of ARRL publications, or have a first-hand look at the new CRRL training materials. Most knew that the traffic nets and emergency organizations operated under the League "umbrella," but many never realized that the entire incoming QSL bureau system in Canada is League-run, or that CRRL, the League in Canada, does extensive and effective representation of Canadian amateurs to Ottawa, and is a voice — a separate voice from ARRL — at meetings of the International Amateur Radio Union. So it was an education for them, too.

We had a great trip. We met some of the finest hams in the world, many of whom are now friends. We'll be going back West — I hope soon.

## BERT ANDERSON, VE4AP: AMATEUR OF THE YEAR

Bert Anderson, VE4AP, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, is 1981 CRRL Amateur of the Year. First licensed in 1931, Bert is 73 years old. Over the years, Bert has kept a lively interest in the technical development of Amateur Radio. He is active on 160 meters to 23 centimeters. He runs one of the few mobile OSCAR stations in Canada. Bert is treasurer, publicity chairman, and EME project manager for CAARC, the Canadian Amateur Radio Research Club. He is an active builder, whose projects are award winners wherever they are shown. He has devoted much time to helping others, particularly beginning amateurs. Bert's efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 1979 he was named Manitoba Amateur of the Year and was made a life member of the Winnipeg ARC. The petition that nominated Bert for CRRL Amateur of the Year carried 91 signatures.

We're proud of Bert. You should be, too. Congratulations to a fine ham.

## CRRL SUBMISSIONS TO DOC

CRRL has submitted comment to DOC on two important matters: Section 50, having to do with foreign amateurs operating in Canada, and the new, proposed TRC-24, the syllabus for amateur examinations.

On Section 50, CRRL noted that reciprocal operating in Canada and the U.S. is governed by a Convention of May 15, 1952. While the present Section 50 does allow U.S. Novices and Technicians to operate in Canada, it also restricts higher class U.S. licences to the least common denominator of frequencies and modes permitted by the regulations of


both countries. This prevents U.S. amateurs from operating in the "Canadian phone bands" while visiting Canada. When Section 50 is applied to amateurs from outside Region 2, it prevents those amateurs from operating in the 146-148 MHz portion of our 2-meter band. Yet, the Convention of 1952 states that "... the Amateur station shall be operated in accordance with the laws and regulations of the country in which the station is temporarily located."

CRRL recommended that DOC adopt the following guidelines:

- 1) Visiting amateurs, restricted to above 30 MHz in their own country, should be given full ADVANCED class privileges, above 30 MHz, while in Canada.
- 2) Visiting amateurs, restricted to below 30 MHz, with no phone privileges in their own country, should be given full AMATEUR class privileges, below 30 MHz, while in Canada.
- 3) Visiting amateurs, restricted to below 30 MHz, but with phone privileges in their own country, should be given full AMATEUR class privileges, below 30 MHz, while in Canada.
- 4) Visiting amateurs, with full privileges, including phone, above and below 30 MHz in their own country, should be given full ADVANCED class privileges while in Canada.

On the proposed TRC-24, CRRL advised DOC that most amateurs who were consulted found the proposal unacceptable. If implemented, the Amateur and Advanced Amateur certificates would be differentiated by subject matter rather than by levels of difficulty. This could result in new amateurs going on the air with insufficient knowledge to operate their stations properly. CRRL also pointed out that the amateur community had finally adjusted to the last change in syllabus and examinations. Another change at this time would only bring back confusion and discontent.

CRRL recommended that DOC retain the present system, under which the Amateur and Advanced Amateur certificates are differentiated by levels of difficulty. Requirements should be laid out in detail,

perhaps using performance objectives, as generally agreed to by officials of CRRL, CARF and DOC at a meeting in Ottawa on January 24. 



Here's Canada's youngest YL, Gracie Wong, VE7FJG. Gracie is 11 years old and just entering grade 7 at Thunderbird Public School in Burnaby, British Columbia. Gracie comes from a real ham family. Her father is Tom, VE7BMA, and brothers Darryl and Mike are VE7FFS and VE7FFT. Gracie studied for her license at classes offered by Burnaby ARC, and passed her DOC exams on June 15. Offering congratulations and pinning on the corsage is Marge Kremer, wife of Burnaby ARC President Bill Kremer, VE7CSD. (VE7CVS photo)

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## Getting On Line

Selecting a computer is like selecting a transceiver; Each model is unique in that it has a bell or whistle that another model doesn't have, but each model is alike in that it performs the same basic function. That is, all transceivers transceive, and all computers compute. A computer, however, should possess certain bells and whistles in order to give its user satisfaction and enjoyment.

I am not going to recommend one computer instead of another. Rather, I will present a list of items that I consider necessary in a ham radio operator's computer. You can use this list to do some comparison shopping to choose the computer for you.

### BASIC

BASIC is the most popular computer language in the microcomputer world. It is easy to learn and easy to use, and a creative programmer can make it do a lot of tricks. Some computers offer two levels of BASIC, a beginner's version and a more complete version. The beginner's version provides a good way of learning the language, but once you start doing some serious programming, you'll want to upgrade to the complete version. Don't get stuck with a machine that only has a beginner's BASIC (if such a machine exists).

### RAM

The quantity of Random Access Memory (RAM) should be in the midteens (approximately 16 kilobytes, more commonly known as 16 K). Some computers start off with 4 to 6 K with the capability of expanding to the midteen range. Four to 6 K is fine for beginners, but for serious applications, the larger quantity of RAM will be needed.

Many computers may be expanded beyond 16 K. If big programs and/or disk drives are in your future, look for a machine with this kind of RAM expansion capability.

### Program Storage

A machine with simple (inexpensive) means of program storage is a necessity. You want to be able to save those programs you toil over and unless you have an unlimited budget, initially you do not want to spend the big money that disk drives require. What you want is a computer with a cassette interface that permits you to use an inexpensive cassette tape recorder to save and load programs. There is nothing wrong with disk drives (I own a pair); they certainly expand the capabilities of a computer.

### BASIC HANDBOOK

I recently received a copy of the Second Edition of *The BASIC Handbook* by David A. Lien, W6OVP. Published by CompuSoft (1050-E, Pioneer Way, San Diego, CA 92119), this book

### PX

A primary purpose of "On Line" is to exchange ideas. Computer hobbyists often implement their best ideas in the programs that they write. So "On Line" will regularly conduct a program exchange, or "PX," in which readers may obtain listings of Amateur Radio related programs submitted to "PX" by other readers.

To inaugurate "PX," a program has been submitted by Gary Lippert, K7VBY, that calculates the bearing and distance from any point in the world to any other point. The program is written in BASIC and runs on the Atari 400 and 800 with a minimum of 8 K of RAM. If you are interested in a listing of this program, send a self-addressed business envelope (no. 10) with first-class postage to the address listed at the bottom left of this page. And, if you have a program that you'd like to exchange with our readers, send it to the same address, and I'll run it in "PX."

For simple program storage, however, a cassette tape recorder will do the job, although at a slower pace than a disk drive.

When I got into the computer game, I thought that a cassette tape recorder would suit my purposes; I saw no need for disk drives. I did eventually purchase some drives, however, and seldom use cassettes today. Luckily, the computer I had originally purchased for cassette-only use also had disk drive compatibility, so when I made the unforeseen switch, there was no problem. Keep this in mind: The disk-drive capability may not be important now, but in the future you may want that capability.

### Printer Interface

I'm not saying you have to go out and buy a printer, but if you play with computers long enough, you'll eventually want a printer and will probably buy one. So, get a computer that will hook up to a printer.

Printers are getting more inexpensive every day. When I was looking for a printer, the prices were stratospheric. I ended up with a refurbished Teletype Model 33 for \$300. The 33 was very reliable, but was also very slow. I eventually upgraded to a Paper Tiger for approximately \$900, and I have been very

is a compilation of the various versions of BASIC used by 150 different computers, and is invaluable in translating BASIC programs from one computer to another. Both the novice and veteran programmer should consider adding this fine book to their computer library.

### COMPUTER NETS

"On Line" is attempting to compile a Com-

satisfied with it. With the way printer prices are falling today, you can take the \$300 I originally paid for the used 33, and almost buy a new line printer.

### Outside-World Interfacing

If you plan to use a computer on the air, the computer must have the capability to interface with the rest of the world. Most computers have provisions for some kind of interfacing, so this shouldn't be a problem. But check it out anyway.

### Software

Certain computers are more popular than others, and the more popular a computer, the more software is written for it. For example, there are probably more programs available for the Radio Shack TRS-80 Model I than all of the other microcomputers combined because more Model I's have been sold than the competition has sold. So, if you are considering purchasing a particular computer and want to buy some exotic software for it, make sure that software is compatible with that machine.

### A Few Words About Used Computers

There are many used computers available at bargain prices. If you can find what you want and it's an operable machine, you can save some money buying used. Virtually every machine manufactured and sold before 1981, however, does not meet the FCC's Part 15 requirements, and this is a consideration if you want to use the machine on the air.

Computers are *rf* noisy. Turn on an hf receiver and turn on a computer and you'll hear the computer broadcasting everywhere (your computer will be on more frequencies than Radio Moscow, Radio Peking and the Voice of America combined). The FCC's Part 15 requirements attempt to diminish the *rf* generated by computer devices; computer manufacturers have had to clean up their machines to meet the FCC specs. As far as ham radio is concerned, however, Part 15 is not the definitive solution. If a computer meets the minimum requirements of Part 15, it is still capable of radiating enough *rf* to affect your receiver, but at a level that is less than the average non-Part 15 machine. So, whether you buy used or new, there still is a problem.

That's the list. It should give you some guidance in choosing a machine. If you have questions, I'll try to answer them. Have fun shopping.

puter Net Directory to be published in a future installment of this column. If you are part of an on-the-air computer net, please let me include your net in the directory. Send me the following information: name of net, days and times of meeting, net frequency, geographic area covered, type of net (general purpose, devoted to a particular computer, program exchange, etc.) and the call sign of the net manager.

# Silent Keys

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

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W1PEC, Norman W. Stockellburg, Wellesley, MA  
W1PZU, Ernest A. Harris, Manchester, NH  
ex-K1QQH, Raymond C. Wisner, Chesterfield, MA  
W1RW, Carl G. Ricker, Ipswich, MA  
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K4GMU, John H. Polatty, Memphis, TN  
WD4GVG, Clarence "Choppy" Hatchett, Glasgow, KY  
WB4HHQ, M. Carter Greear, Orlando, FL  
WD4HNI, William A. Hering, Cayce, SC  
W4JK, Ellis Lee Marshall, Front Royal, VA  
W4LZ, Edward Blevins, Arlington, VA  
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WD8CUI, Erwood J. Ridenour, Fairmont, WV  
KA8EVE, Donald E. Ebbert, Ontario, OH  
KA8GLB, William G. Blocher, Grayling, MI  
KA8HFP, Lawrence Bilby, Dearborn, MI  
WA8JJB, Frederick G. Loew, Seville, OH  
W8JCN, Paul A. Garver, West Chester, OH  
\*W8JM, Donald B. Morris, Fairmont, WV  
K8JQT, Charles A. Reitz, St. Clair Shores, MI  
W9ASH, Roman R. Santangelo, Chicago, IL  
W9CPY, Clifford M. Potter, Mt. Carmel, IL  
ex-K9ELH, Robert L. Stonek, Cudahy, WI  
W9ERA, Forrest W. Caswell, Fairview Heights, IL  
K9HGG, Leonard J. Lynch, DeKalb, IL  
K9ITK, Joseph T. Bordeaux, Farmersburg, IN  
W9JZH, Robert J. Bohmann, McNaughton, WI  
WA9MOLU, Nicholas E. Basil, Rock Falls, IL  
WB9NCD, Merlin Bernamann, Sparta, IL  
W9SGL, Earl L. Hanson, Prophetstown, IL  
W9UWP, Richard F. Hoffman, Belleville, IL  
W9WQF, Frank J. Romadka, Mokena, IL  
KA0AWA, David O. Mac Farlane, Parkville, MO  
KA0AZU, John T. Clark, Cedar Rapids, IA  
WD0BAM, Claude F. Barnes, Lees Summit, MO  
KA0BBR, Owen F. Graves, St. Peters, MO  
KA0BGF, Kenneth Weber, Dittmer, MO  
N0BGT, Melville E. Foster, Minneapolis, MN  
WA0DQD, Raymond A. Krominga, Mora, MN  
W0EQJ, David F. Kieffer, St. Paul, MN  
WA0HLC, Joel B. Bennett, Raytown, MO  
W0KFY, Harold C. Rice, Palmer, NE  
W0UWY, John W. Hendren, Chesterfield, MO  
W0ZZY, Bertil D. Ekstrand, Rush City, MN  
KH6HSN, Donald M. Thompson, Kailua, HI  
VE2AKX, Pierre A. Deslandes, Granby, PQ  
VE6DT, Raymond F. Keitges, Lethbridge, AB  
VE7BD, William H. Sharp, Penticon, BC  
VE7PH, Alfred D. Dane, Fulford Harbour, BC  
VE7ZP, William J. Bowerman, Sidney, BC  
G6VC, V. H. S. Curling, Kent, Great Britain  
HC2RM, Melvin R. Watts, Guayaquil, Ecuador

\*Life Member, ARRL

In order to avoid unfortunate errors in the Silent Keys column, reports of Silent Keys will henceforth be confirmed through acknowledgment only to the family of the deceased. Thus, those who report a Silent Key will not necessarily receive an acknowledgment from Hq.

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.

# Club Corner

Conducted By Sally O'Dell,\* KB1O

## THE CLUB SURVEY

If you ran a survey last spring (as the Joliet, Illinois Amateur Radio Society did) and have compiled the data, you have a starting point for this season. Your club members have indicated their preferences regarding club policies and activities. Do the new officers want to continue the projects begun by the previous administration? Have these officers carefully decided for or against specific projects? The club membership expressed their desires and wishes last year with the survey, and now is your time to implement these ideas.

One comment from your club members might have been, "I forget when the club meets." Many clubs mail a reminder (from a postcard to a multi-paged magazine) listing meeting time, date and place. The more extensive newsletters have articles contributed by

the membership and other items of interest to members.

Have you, as a club officer, met with other assistants who have not been elected but who will serve the club as well as you? What did the membership claim to be most interested in . . . public service, contesting, general hamming? What are your secondary club activities? How much participation can you expect? How much participation can you generate by your enthusiasm? When will new officers take the gavel?

If last year's survey covered a multitude of subjects, all related to the club, now is the time to implement them. Did you use a survey last year? Was one of the topics, "Are you pleased with the way the club is being run?" Your club is a volunteer organization — a group of people who are interested in what you are doing and have to offer. What do you have to offer your club? If you did not have a club survey last year, now is the time to plan one.



Alma Gordon, KA1CCG, newly elected president of Shoreline ARC (Connecticut) receives gavel from Mike Griffin, WA1WOM (past president) as Alma's husband, Lew, KA1CFO, looks on. (K1UVR photo)

\*Club Program Manager, ARRL

## Amateur Radio Fever — This Ballplayer Caught It!

Most people only dream of living out their childhood fantasies, but for Joe Rudi, WA6PVA, the all-American dream came true — he is a professional major league baseball player. Now with the Boston Red Sox, Joe always had the feeling that he was going to play baseball. "I was crazy about it, ever since I can remember." Born and raised in the small California town of Waterford, his family later moved to Modesto where he signed up, right out of high school, as a free agent with the Kansas City A's (who later became the Oakland A's). Thus began his 12-year career as an outfielder with Oakland, then California and Boston. He has played in five Championship series, three World Series (with a .300 batting average) and three All Star Games (.333 avg.). Rudi has also won three Gold Glove Awards and earned national attention with his timely hitting and outstanding catches in World Series Games against the Reds, Mets and Dodgers. He emblazoned his name in the record books by achieving the highest fielding average (.991) by an outfielder, lifetime, for 1000 or more games, and he also led the American League in total bases (287 in 1974). Currently he leads all active players with 12 grand-slam home runs.

About the same time his batting and

fielding were really getting hot, in the mid-70's, Joe discovered Amateur Radio — an interest that still hasn't cooled down. He recalls: "When I first got into Amateur Radio, I was like a kid with a new toy. I couldn't wait for the ball game to end so I could get back to my room and listen to code tapes, read the theory and get on the air."

Amateur Radio has become an important part of his life, providing him with relaxation from the mental pressures ("... one day you're a hero, next day a bum") and from the grueling schedules of the major league lifestyle ("... it's a great life, but disruptive toward the family"). For 7-1/2 months of the year he is on the go — at the home park for 10 days, on the road for 10 days. Ham radio helps combat the loneliness caused by being away from his wife and four children, and it also helps break the monotony of the "eat, sleep, go to the ballpark" routine.

An avid DXer, he also enjoys ragchewing and meeting new people on the air as WA6PVA, not as Joe Rudi, ballplayer. "Ham radio is that common bond; it opens the door," he says. "You can go anywhere in the world and relate to people." In his easygoing and affable style, Joe advises young and old alike to take a good, hard look at what they're trying to accomplish,



Joe Rudi, WA6PVA, plays baseball with the Boston Red Sox and also enjoys Amateur Radio. It allows him to get to know people on an honest, one-to-one basis, dissolving much of the mystique the public tends to give a national sports figure.

and see if it's worthwhile to start with. "No matter what you do — baseball, Amateur Radio, whatever — if you're going to get ahead at it and become a success, it's going to take work."

**QST:** How did a ballplayer come to discover Amateur Radio?

Rudi: I do a lot of hunting, and I never really had any interest in electronics except for building a crystal radio in Boy Scouts. One time I was with friends who had walkie-talkie CB radios, and it struck me that the radios would be a useful tool for hunting. So I got started in the CB band. And, as it still is, it was a mess. About the same time, we moved, and my new neighbors were hams. When I saw the radios they had and that they were talking all over the world, my interest was kindled. They helped me to get started and gave me my Novice test. The code part wasn't easy or hard. To me it was totally a matter of work; you just have to do it and practice. I followed the format of what was written in the books. For example, I'd be driving down the road and see a sign for First St., and I'd say the code in my mind. I started thinking more and more in Morse. The code is very important to ham radio. It pulls out the people who don't really have the interest; it requires effort and perseverance.

**QST:** You do a lot of operating "on the road." What kind of gear do you use?

Rudi: I started out with an Atlas-210x, the most compact rig you could get at the time. I packed everything in a suitcase. Everyone else on the team carried one piece of luggage; I always carried two "monsters." I loved the

facial expressions of porters when they'd pick up my suitcase — it weighed about 80 pounds! Now I carry the Kenwood TS-120 and power supply. For an antenna everyone said that a long wire works about as well as anything, so I bought some surplus airplane wire and a big old fishing reel plus a 10-foot collapsible pole. It used to be that all the hotels had windows that could be opened. So I'd put a sinker on the line, fire it out the window and take a couple of phone books, or whatever I could find that was heavy enough, to hold the pole down. I fed that through a tuner and a wide feed line. I also had to carry all my meters. Now my gear is more simplified. I use a Hustler antenna horizontally, plus a counterpoise, because the windows in hotel rooms don't usually open any more. I talked on the air to a guy who uses an antenna that way, and he talks all over the world with only 20 watts. He sent me instructions about how to cut it up to fit in a suitcase and about how to use it. It works even better than the wire.


**QST:** Does anything bother you about Amateur Radio?

Rudi: It's such a great hobby and has done so much for me that I hate to see anything tear it down, especially bootleggers and people in the CB band getting up and working the amateur bands, taking the easy way out. It also drives me bananas to hear people who have probably been hams for years being policemen, getting on a DX operation and saying that it is "closed" or a "list" or something. Then guys tune up on top of each other or send a carrier.

Listening to some of the nets is unbelievable. What kind of satisfaction do people get out of doing nothing but disrupting others? If they want to do that stuff, why don't they go back to the CB band?

**QST:** How do you relax from the pressures of the game?

Rudi: I stay in shape physically, doing nothing really special, just running and the everyday-conditioning type of thing, and I don't smoke. With the mental pressures, Amateur Radio has been tremendously helpful to me. On road trips, I hated being away from my family in the first place, and after a game, I'd go back to my room and read, or watch TV or talk baseball with the other players. Now I go to my room and talk to friends on the air or work DX. I also enjoy just listening. My dream would be to have all the time I want to work radio. That's probably the one thing most hams don't have — enough time to do everything they want. There are so many facets to this hobby, and it's changing all the time, too. I want to save some Amateur Radio activities for later and not "burn out" all at once the way athletes can do in professional sports.

In baseball, the name of the game is "win." A losing season is a long one. I've been fortunate enough to play with a lot of winning clubs, but if I left here today and didn't play again, it would be okay. There are so many interesting and important things to do in life, like enjoying my family and having time for things such as Amateur Radio. I hope to have many more years to accomplish those things. 

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# How's DX?



Conducted By Ellen White,\* W1YL4

## The DX Scene — In Three Acts

The advent of the fall season, interest-generating DX contests, improvement in conditions, reduction in noise, and so on, creates sort of an internal excitement — a little head-scratching while trying to recall what happened

last year when we changed from daylight to standard time, some concern about still-to-do antenna work, and so forth.

Our topic this month has, as its scenario, an Act 1 review of what the "main band" is all about (seasoned DXers can skip *this* act), an

Act 2 recap of what has been happening during the period the column was composed, and an Act 3 look via photos (including those in the DX Contest results) of who it is we've worked (and are still hoping to work!).

### THE MAIN DX BAND — ACT 1

When DX is mentioned, most hams immediately think of good old reliable (well, most of the time!) 20 meters. During the solar cycle peak you can work DX 24 hours a day on 14 MHz. Every really serious DXer has good 20-meter capabilities, because sooner or later most of the really good stuff will show up there. Whether sunspot maximum or minimum (and in spite of day-to-day fluctuations) you can depend on 20 to open up, however briefly, to some DX location daily.

Early-morning and early-evening band openings may hold some surprises if you swing your antenna in the long-path direction. On the East Coast with your beam headed on VK you can sometimes find very attractive African offerings; likewise a beam heading on Africa late in the afternoon produces surprisingly booming signals from Down Under — always a thrill.

Interesting propagation on this band includes skewed-path signals, which are propagated when neither operator has his antenna in the long-path or short-path directions (when signals are being propagated in some roundabout route), and they are also fun to observe. Best bet here is to peak up the signal and stop worrying about the path — *then* give the guy a call.

Lots of good stuff along this line (interesting introductory material for those newly afflicted) can be found in detail in *The ARRL Operating Manual*.

### EL MARITIME STATIONS

The Liberia Radio Amateur Association literally receives hundreds of QSLs monthly slated for EL maritime stations. The society is unable to forward these cards because all but two EL maritime operators are unknown to them. Those two known to the LRAA bureau are EL0AL, whose local QSL manager is EL9A, and the other is EL0AV, who provides the bureau with envelopes for forwarding his cards.

LRAA points out that most maritime mobile cards are for illegal operators. Their Bureau of Maritime Affairs has asked them to obtain the name of the vessel when contact is made with these operators. Accordingly, LRAA requests your cooperation by asking you to obtain the vessel's name whenever a contact is made and to include that information on the QSL, if forwarding via the LRAA bureau.

### TL8RP/FIDCI

TL8WH reports the sad news of the tragic death of Pierre Rouyre, TL8RP/FIDCI, in mid-July. Peter was perhaps better known to European DXers and 2-meter buffs. He played a major role in all phases of TL8 operations from Bangui and was responsible for setup operations of TL8WH and TL8CN. Pierre was also responsible for several repair operations to TL8WH and TL8JM, preventing long delays in their operations because of lack of available replacement parts in the Central African Republic. Peter played a

major role in the establishment of the first and only 2-meter network in the CAR. His death was the result of a terrorist bombing and, ironically, he was due to return to France the week following this sad event. His death is a tragic loss for all hams in Bangui, and for ham radio as a whole.

### TIMELY TOPICS — ACT 2

□ K3ZO now has the situation well in hand regarding the backlog of 1978-80 HS1ABD QSLs. With the aid of K3EST any cards still outstanding can be quickly replied to. If you're still missing your pasteboard, write to Bob Cox, 6548 Spring Valley Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312. Incidentally there appears to be a pirate using the call XZ2AD, giving Bob as his QSL manager. Neither K3EST nor K3ZO know anything about this particular hird. Listen for the ubiquitous Fred Laun soon from K3ZO/HK3.

□ Thanks to K1WJ for making sure you're all aware of the annual New England DXCC Dinner (AKA "The Scrodfest"), which will be held October 10 at the Holiday Inn on Rte. 128 in Waltham, MA. There will be afternoon slide shows and DX presentations followed by the evening banquet. For further details don't delay contacting Bill Poelmitz, K1MM, 44 Sunset Dr., Framingham, MA 01701.

□ Long-time QSL Manager W7OK handled many cards for many hams, and his departure for the land of silent keys is one we all deeply regret. His efforts will be carried forward, however, by N7YL and K7TRG. N7YL will be handling cards for: FK8CR FK8BG T3KA T3LA VRIAF VRIAG VR3AR VK4FJ/LH T3LAB and T32AB, while K7TRG will be returning QSLs for: P29DP VK4AK VK4AK/VK9 FW8AD VP2KN VP2KA and T3LAA. Valid cards may bear the signature of the DX station itself, W7OK, N7YL or K7TRG.

□ Late summer saw plenty of activity from YO0WUG, a special station plenty QRV from the World University Games in Bucharest. QSL via YO3AC.

□ The Wiesbaden ARC will be going to Luxembourg for the CQWW-Phone, Oct. 24-25, with probable operation before and after the contest. The call used will be DA1WA/LX; operation anticipated 10-80 meters. Stateside QSLs (with s.a.s.e.) go to Steve Hutchins, Box 4573, APO, NY 09109. All others go to Dr. Hugo Jakobljevic, DS0LC, AM Weinberg 10, 6200 Weisbaden-Auringen, West Germany.

□ What's Niue? ZK2BGD can be found on the low end of 20 cw and (to quiet the howling masses) says he'll be there a year. QSL via Box 37, Niue Island, South West Pacific (via air for 3 IRCs).

□ Reference material that is a must in your shack includes two items from the reknowned Geoff Watts, 62 Belmore Rd., Norwich NR7 0PL, England. For \$2 U.S. his Radio Amateur Prefix-Country-Zone List will be winging your way with that special tabulation you've always needed (the list that gives you everything, and all on one line!). Included for each country are: DXCC status, normal prefix, special prefixes, ITU call-sign block allocation, continent, CQ Zone Number and ITU Zone Number. Additional information is included on the Antarctic stations, USSR club stations, obsolete prefixes, and so on. The other item (also \$2 U.S.) is his 15-page Directory of Islands list, which delineates all islands that count for the Islands on the Air Award.

□ K9VV operated from Andorra with the call C31WK from May 23-29, 1981. He shared the DX-

pedition station with F6EXV who operated as C31VK. The brief stay netted 3170 two-way contacts with peak QSO rates topping 150/hour on phone and 125/hour on cw (thanks to the cooperation of those participating in the brisk pileups). QSLs for C31VK go to his home call, F6EXV, and cards for C31WK go to Bob Cicone, KB9AW, 3204 Ridgewood Dr., Champaign, IL 61820.

□ KA8HSM reports her brother WA8FEN has gotten bitten by the DX bug and has developed a severe case of country-itis. He had two countries worked late summer of last year and within a year went to over 220 on phone. It's tough on the family, though; Helen says they can talk to him only between QSOs!

□ W4PRO reports he was 100% current on cards for the W4GSM/W4PRO Easter operation as of midsummer — but he was awaiting the bureau avalanche to remedy *that* situation!

□ DL7RT and DL7SP are planning to operate GD5DLV and GD5DLW in this month's CQ-WW, all bands, multi-single. DL7RT's June EA6 operation was quite successful, and he thanks the multitude for their patience with his slow cw. Past DXpedition-type operations have included HB0, OH0, EA6, 3A0, 4U1 and GD5. See you next from ?

□ Record keepers take note! W1DV/DU2 submits his claim for what may be a new odd-ball record for QSL card delivery accumulating the longest distance traveled before delivery was effected. On Feb. 14 (this year) Dave worked JR2EEJ in Nagoya, Japan, from his Philippine QTH. Using his old address in the Callbook, JR2EEJ mailed his card from Japan to Dave's prior stateside address in VA. The card was then forwarded by the Postal Service from VA to Dave's current Subic Bay, Philippines, address. Since he maintains no cards there, he mailed it back to his QSL Manager, WA2RXX in Rochester, New York. When the transaction was finally completed and the card sent to JR2EEJ, approximately 48,000 miles had been traversed by QSLs for a QSO that spanned just a couple of thousand miles!

□ A few items selected from the Northern California DX Club *DX Dictionary: sucked beams* — an awesome array where one beam is used to ionize the transmission path and the other to send the signal; *inductor* — a ductor accepted by the group; *exciter* — a BY or ZA station; *ionized layer* — a phenomenon caused by a DX Contest; *jammer* — a crazy who failed at CB radio.

□ W9ALZ reports working U2Q on 15 cw during the summer who said to QSL via UK2GCF. A reminder — the ARRL DXCC List delineates the Russian prefixes quite well; generally, the letter following the number will pretty well clarify which of the Russian entities you've worked.

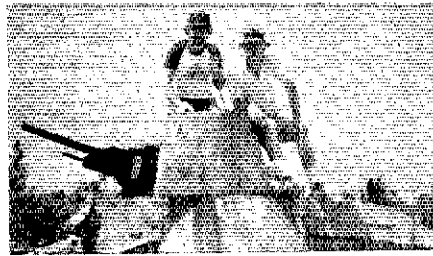
□ W4LCL has returned to Indonesia and is soon to be on the air again as YB0ACL. QSL via Charlie Trice, WA4RRB, 50 N.W. 189 Terrace, Miami, FL 33169. Chas has all of the YB0ACL logs dating from Nov. 18, 1979, and will handle any requests for QSLs after that date.

□ As usual your scribe finds KSFUV's words of wisdom in *QRZ DX* quite applicable to day-to-day problems of writers. We depend upon reader support. Without other ears out around the world we'd be out of touch, even when we personally are on the air a lot. Writers would rather have 100 reports of something happening than have everyone assume we already know it. Keep the mail rolling — we need your help.

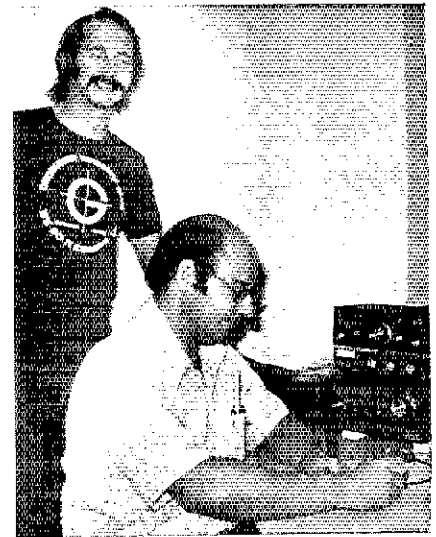
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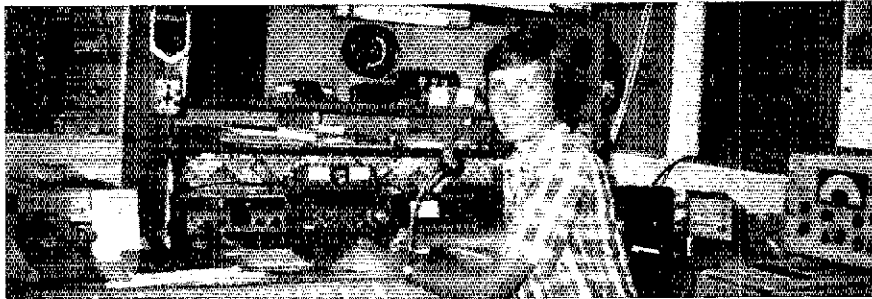
A pulse-rattling Asian twosome: JA8BI operating 9K2AH during his stay in Kuwait between Oct. 1980 and June 1981 — to the tune of some 5000 QSOs for Kunio-san!



The late-March Minami Torishima operation under KA1AA was put on by "big guns" KA2AA (right) and KA2AK, operating from the USCG building. Cards, please, to WA4TKR and *not* to the W-issued KA1AA, who is sure to be sick of the whole thing by now!

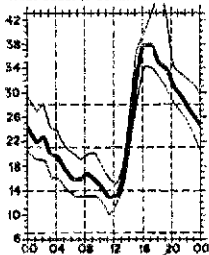


VK4NIC/3X (left) with K4YT operating Ian's station while Karl was on assignment in Conakry (7000 contacts phone/cw; all via W2TK). Recent visits of Karl have included 5T5DX, C5ACO, 6W8JO, VK4NIC/3X (Feb. 21-March 1, 1981 only), TU4BA, 5V7HL (April 6-9) and TYA11 (April 10-16, 1981). Upcoming soon will be some interesting pileups resulting from Karl's plans for ZE, A2, 7P8, 3D6, ZS, 5R8, 3B8, 5H3, 7Q7, 9J2, 9U5, 9X5, 5Z4 and 601. See you in the pileups!

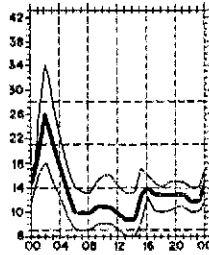


P29NSF, YL Slegl, operates from Rabaul, PNG, QSL via Box 165 (thanks WØHYE).

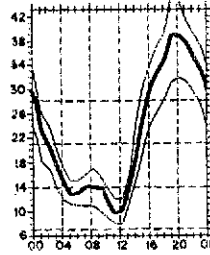
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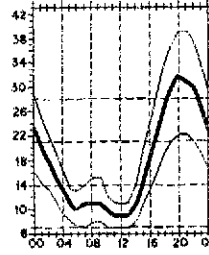
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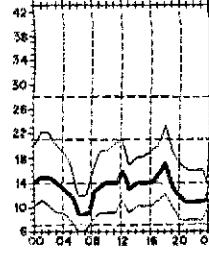
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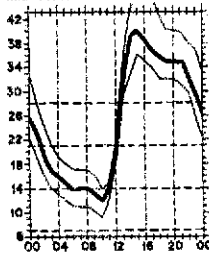
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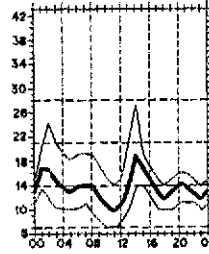
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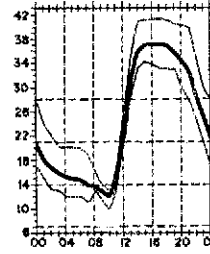
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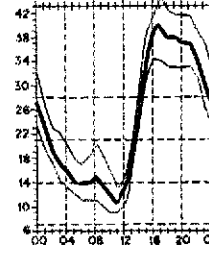
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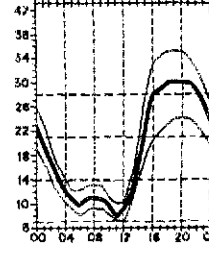
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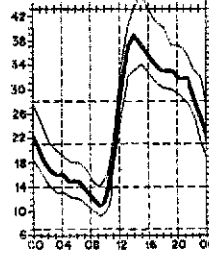
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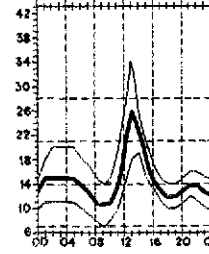
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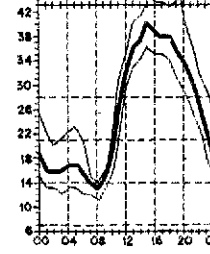
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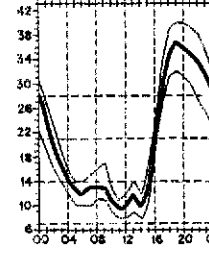
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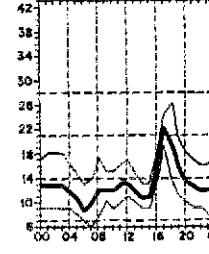
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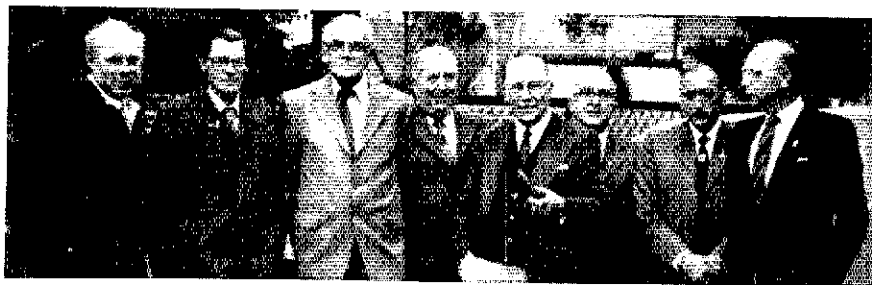
Hawaii to East Coast



Hawaii to Western Europe



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



DL7AA, an eminent DX personage in Amateur Radio, just recently attained his 70th birthday. Numerous old-time Berliners organized a very well-attended 40-meter birthday QSO Party for him. Always high in the ranks of both DXCC and spirited DX Competitions, Rudi is known as the founder of legal Amateur Radio activity in Berlin (post 1945) and is also known as the father of WAE and WAEDC. (DD3OE photo)



Bob Black, WA4SKE (left), visited many DX stations on a recent around-the-world trip. Here he is in the shack of Ismail "Ishee" Razak, 9M2FK, in Penang, Malaysia. (WA4SKE photo)

## QSL Corner

Administered by Joan Becker

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 accurate. The call sign in parentheses is the QSL manager.

- A9XDD (K7DVK)
- EL5G (K3RB)
- F0G0P (KA1GC)

- F00RB (W8LCZ)
- G3MUV/CE0 (WD4HMG)
- HB9EU/S7 (HB9EU)
- HP1XK (DL1HS)
- OH2OT/OH0 (OH3CV)
- OK6DX (OK2BKR)
- PZ5DR (K3BYV)
- PZ5JR (K3BYV)
- T5T1 (I0SSW)
- VP2KAY (WA2IFZ)
- VP2MMR (KL7HHP)
- VP2MNQ (W9OEH)
- VP2VDG (W4KA)
- YB0ACL (WA4RRB)
- YS1GMV (W3HMK)
- ZD7SE (KA1DE)
- 5N0PEE P.O. Box 2873, Lagos, Nigeria
- 5W1DH (VK2BKD)
- 5W1DI (VK2BJL)
- 7X5AH (AD1S)
- 8P6FX (WA4RRB)
- 8P6MU (WA3ZSR)
- 8P6NC (N4CTC)
- 9G1SD (WA0UOX)
- 9Y4CDR (WD5JOL)

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- KB3OM
- WD8RHP
- KA4RSA
- LA4YW
- WD4JQD
- CT1APF

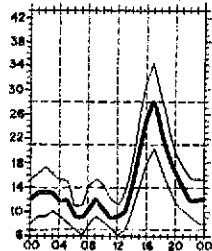
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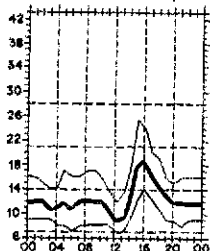
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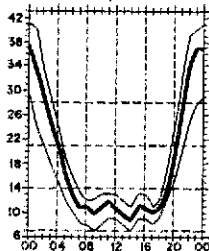
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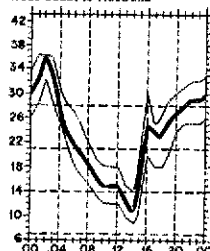
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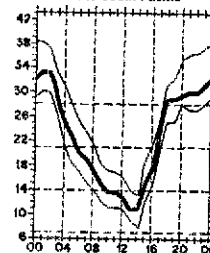
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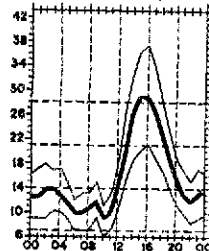
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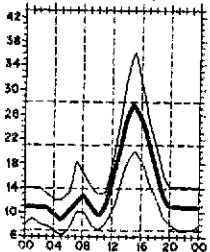
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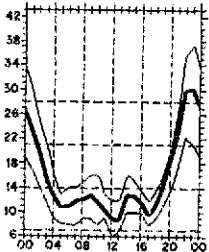
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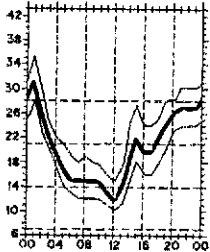
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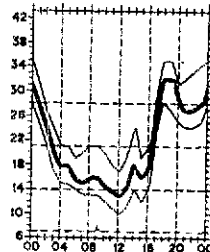
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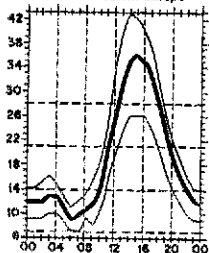
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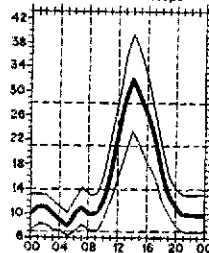
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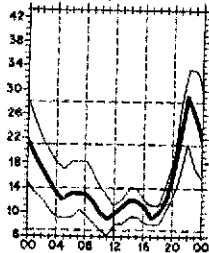
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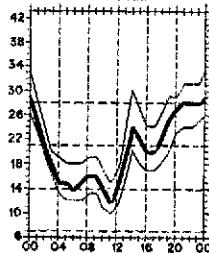
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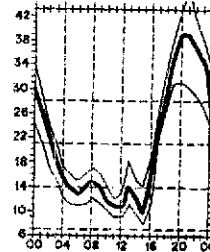
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East Coast to South Pacific



lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or fof). See January 1977 QST, page 58, September 1977 QST, page 35 and January 1979 QST, page 11, for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for October 15, 1981, to November 15, 1981, assume a sunspot number of 121, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 168.

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Administered By Don Search, W3AZD

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## New Members

### Mixed

DJ4EN/109  
DJ6GK/165  
DK5WP/102  
DK6IB/102  
DL7OU/122  
DL9CA/104  
EA9IE/262  
F6EXC/127  
F6GBH/103  
HB9BDH/110  
HK3TFL/105  
HK3TF/183  
JK5JS/114  
J3ABV/104

J6LLO/107  
J7DBB/105  
JA1VDL/102  
JF1TEU/105  
JL1BLW/114  
JA2APA/289  
JA2NDQ/264  
JA2ODB/160  
JR2EG/132  
JH5FTY/109  
JA7BVA/153  
JA7EMH/207  
JA8DON/110  
JA8BMS/130

OK3KVE/103  
ON5NT/320  
PA3AMT/101  
PA8FKP/110  
PP5AVV/115  
SL6DO/122  
VE7YC/221  
VP2KAH/108  
VP2SAJ/102  
YQ6AFJ/105  
ZS5MY/102  
AE1O/130  
K1MNR/125

KA1BEE/109  
W1SVR/101  
W1WZQ/100  
WA1ZS/114  
K2KIQ/105  
KB2CV/257  
N2NW/108  
WA2SXO/112  
KB3I/101  
KB3MO/102  
W3WE/105  
WA3VUQ/171  
K4KKQ/154

KA4CAP/105  
KA4DJY/103  
KA4LKZ/128  
KC4IT/273  
KC4YY/101  
KD4BY/107  
KR4J/102  
N4E0F/110  
N4TL/110  
N4JC/102  
W4GIO/159

W4MOY/712  
WA4TUU/100  
WA4VPH/103  
WA4YNP/105  
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WD4CVR/100  
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KN5F/100  
W5DSE/105  
K6TMB/141

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AF8N/108  
KA8ELW/113

KB8OD/128  
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WA9ZUC/115  
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AK0G/105  
K0ZK/110  
KC0DA/118  
W0CZE/121  
WA0MWZ/103

### Radiotelephone

AP2JL/108  
CT1LF/111  
DK6GK/110  
DL9TD/103  
EA3AGL/110  
EA6GK/103  
EA7WD/154  
EA9IE/262  
K2RCG/118  
HK3AFD/109  
JA1MJ/129  
JF1TEU/105

JL1BLW/104  
JA2NDQ/207  
JH3AYX/103  
JH5FTY/108  
JA8DON/110  
ON5NT/319  
OZ1BNZ/164  
OZ1BOD/164  
OZ3FC/106  
P29NRL/16  
VE2FOU/101  
VE7YC/213

VK4FS/109  
VK9NS/155  
YU1NAL/116  
4X4AN/140  
W1BXX/190  
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W1SIX/112  
W21ZT/110  
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WD4KW/141

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WB5R/105  
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K6TMB/131  
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K6K/105  
K6QB/216  
W6KON/305

WA6SUV/101  
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WD6EKO/154  
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N9AZK/105  
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N9LE/272  
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W9IHB/109  
W9IU/248

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WB9TMH/103  
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KA0DXG/109  
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### CW

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DL9TD/109  
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JA1MIN/220  
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JA2NDQ/173  
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PA8FKP/103

SM0BZH/180  
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K2LS/113  
WB3GPR/107

KA4HWG/110  
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N4VZ/231  
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### RTTY

N4WW

N4SF

### 5BDXCC

W9VA  
N9NO

KG4W  
WB6RSE

OA4OS  
JA0AFD

LZ1FI  
LA6OT

JA1BK

WA4TLI

SP3KEY

FM7AM

K2OJD

## Endorsements

### Mixed

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DL6MK/335  
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DL8BL/222  
DL9TD/179  
EA1FD/308  
EA3WZ/148  
F2BS/333  
FR7BP/180  
GI3ZCK/125  
HB9BLQ/224  
HB9BZA/180  
HB9KJ/325  
HB9WZ/207  
H18LC/297  
HK3AXT/221  
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JA1A1F/220  
JA1NTK/156  
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JJ1KUV/199  
JA3ARM/145

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JA7GLB/305  
JA7ZP/284  
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JY5ZM/225  
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LA4LN/212  
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LA5WN/225  
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OH2VZ/308  
OK1DKR/200  
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OZ2RT/306  
OZ6ZZ/239  
OZ7NJ/229  
OZ8SS/347  
PY6ABZ/134  
SM5CAH/131  
SM6CMU/312  
SM6CTQ/306  
SM6JAO/202  
SM7BOL/292  
SM7TV/309  
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YU2HDE/283  
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WB3KUH/187  
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AA4RM/130  
AA4VK/292  
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K0IPI/177  
K0PCG/196  
K0QCE/230  
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N0ZS/254  
W0BA/284  
W0SMV/321  
W0WJ/131

### Radiotelephone

AH6AY/189  
DF2HL/251  
DJ4OP/206  
DK6K/203  
DK6XR/307  
DK8I/137  
DK8JS/161  
DK8NG/286  
DL9DY/325  
EA1FD/296  
E18DE/206  
F2BS/331  
G4BAL/153  
HB9BLQ/201  
HK3AXT/221

JA1DM/320  
JA1JAN/319  
JA1NTK/152  
JA1NVB/242  
JJ1KUV/165  
JA2APA/289  
JR4OZR/303  
JA6CNL/281  
JA7GLB/300  
JA7ZP/273  
JH8GWW/231  
JA9GPA/175  
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SM6JAO/198  
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YV5AXQ/340  
AK1N/150  
K1CMI/308  
K1RAW/305  
K1UO/305  
N1AKX/230  
W1LQ/296

N2BOS/199  
N2ML/298  
W2IFK/175  
WB2CJL/186  
K3DX/300  
K3DGE/317  
S3SCTE/154  
AA4VK/295  
AK4T/257  
K4BYK/260  
K4ILX/137  
K4S/168  
K4TI/245  
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KA4C/266  
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## Honor Roll

The DXCC Honor Roll is comprised of those call signs which have been credited with at least 309 countries of the 318 current countries on the DXCC list.

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### Radiotelephone

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# Strays



## TRIVIA TIDBITS

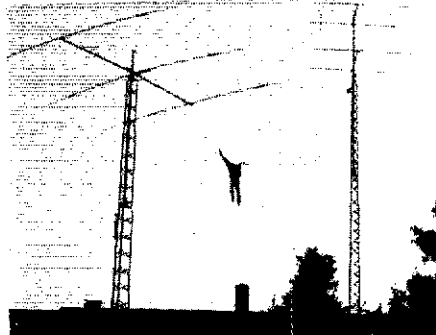
### Kismet QSOs

What is the probability of two newly licensed amateurs having their first QSOs with each other? It has happened at least twice. On June 20, 1967, WN7HRE called his first nervous CQ and was answered by WN7HGP. On May 8, 1973, WN4EOG made his first contact with WN2QIJ. It was the first QSO for all.

Ray R. Heaton, WA0DYZ, sent his first CQ and was answered by WN6RRH — Ray's initials.

WNITR was the first New Hampshire QSO for WB9LAV. A month later, in August 1974, TIR was again the first New Hampshire QSO, this time for WB9LAV who is the brother of LAU. — John G. Troster, W6ISQ, 82 Belbrook Way, Atherton, CA 94025

[Editor's Note: Please send all correspondence to the author at the above address.]



Some Minnesotans claim that their summers are so short that they only have time to wash and dry their long Johns before the season is gone. With that in mind, John Jensen, WA0ZVS, of Willmar, Minnesota, appears to have found uses for his antennas other than DXing! (photo courtesy WD0HXW)

## I would like to get in touch with . . .

amateurs in various occupations who would be willing to be listed in a directory of speakers to talk about their life experiences to Junior High School students on a 15-meter net. Rod Lopez, KA5DVO, 1055 N. 1st, Raton, NM 87740.

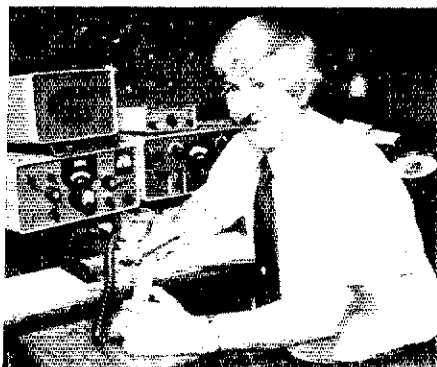
amateurs interested in Esperanto, the auxiliary language, for the possibility of forming an international ham net. Ernest Black, K2REV, 1265 Reservoir Rd., Saugerties, NY 12477.

Japanese amateurs to correspond with and to set up skeds with. Shelby W. Haukos, KB0JW, 1239 N. Baird Ave., Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

amateurs who are collectors of political items and buttons as well as APIC members and traders. Will Klett, WB9MVB, 5-B N. Main St., Lombard, IL 60148.

anyone interested in UFOs and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. Michael H. Landwehr, KE7T, 54 Ivey Rd., Huachuca City, AZ 85616.

# Strays



Warren Mulhall, WA2BPV, is shown operating at his station on the International Mission Radio Association net. The IMRA, now 18 years in existence, supplies Amateur Radio equipment to missionaries so that they can communicate with loved ones in the States, furnishes them with medical supplies for their missions and handles health-and-welfare traffic during emergencies. Anyone desiring further information about IMRA should write to Fr. Bernard Frey, WA2IPM, Box 192, Garrison, NY 10524. (photo courtesy WB2GQW)

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATION BALLARAT (COVER PHOTO) SPAWNS PROJECT JOHANNESBURG

□ Earlier this year, Amateur Radio linked the ghost town of Ballarat, California, with its modern namesake in Australia. Stressing complete self-sufficiency, the same group will use solar power and gasoline-driven generators at their communications headquarters, near the headframe of a century-old gold mine. Sponsored by Air Force MARS (Los Angeles Base 14), the operation will unite on the air the desert mining town of Johannesburg, California (population: 100) with its famous Republic of South Africa counterpart on October 23-25. Several dignitaries, including the mayor of the South African city and the South African consul general in California, will participate. (See the "Special Events" section of this issue, page 79, for details.) — Paul M. Turkheimer, WA6NKL

## MOO-VING MOBILE!

□ According to the July 24 *HR Report*, a recent FCC action authorized a Longmont, Colorado, dairy farmer to put 2.5- or 6-MHz rigs on his cows, for better herd management.

## I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ anyone interested in stamps/cancels with Amateur Radio as a theme. Ms. Liv Johansen, LA4YW, Kolstadtunet 4-C, N-7078 Saupstad, Norway.

## ITALIAN-AMERICAN ROUNDTABLE

□ Having recently held its 13th reunion on Staten Island, New York, the Italian-American Roundtable is an informal net for anyone wishing to join in for a friendly chat in English or Italian. They meet on the air nearly every day on 14,300 ( $\pm 5$ ) kHz from 5-6 P.M. EDT. Their members are from all parts of the U.S. and Italy, and new and former members are encouraged to participate. — Amilcare F. Persichetty, W2NHB

## 1981 JAMBOREE ON THE AIR

□ Two important resources, Amateur Radio and Scouting, will be merged at the 24th World Jamboree on the Air, to be held Oct. 17-18. Suggested starting time is 0001Z local time on Saturday; ending time is 48 hours later. These are suggested times only; however, the World Scout Bureau says there is a better chance of finding overseas stations if those times are followed.

Scouts (Girl, Boy, Cub, Explorer, Girl Guide) are ready to participate in this international event. Interested hams are asked to contact their local scout troop and invite a group into their shacks for a specified period of time during this two-day event.

Certificates are available for all, whether they listen, talk or operate. Send an s.a.s.e. to: Harry Harchar, W2GND, JOTA Coordinator, 216 Maxwell Ave., Hightstown, NJ 08520. Hams and unit leaders are also asked to submit reports and photographs to this address for consolidation and forwarding to the World Scout Bureau. Operating details and frequencies are in "Contest Corral." — Sally O'Dell, KB1O, Youth Program Manager, ARRL



Jim Walden, WD4BHT (operating), shares Brightleaf (NC) ARC's club station with scouts (l-r) Michael Pearsall, Cyrus Blackwell and Garry Pearsall of Troop 131 in Greenville, North Carolina. (photo by Gary J. Ambert, AA4CA)



It's a bird, it's a plane, no . . . it's Nicholas W. Lalli, WB7UCV, of Tucson, Arizona, who enjoys Amateur Radio and parachuting. Shown here preparing for a jump, he previously made 24 2-meter contacts during a 5000-ft descent last year. That's a lot of fast talking! (photo courtesy WB7UCV)

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## QST congratulates . . .

□ Mel Granick, WA2SEL, who won the 1980 Writers Guild of America Award for Outstanding Achievement in a Radio Documentary. He was honored for the "Report on Medicine" broadcasts, which he writes and produces for WCBS Radio in New York City.

## I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ any DX station who has contacted K4FCR. All my QSL cards were lost in a fire, and I would like duplicates. Please QSL direct or via bureau. Fred Sheehan, K4FCR, Box 14033, Savannah, GA 31406 USA.

# Hamfest Calendar

Conducted By Marjorie C. Tenney,\* WB1FSN

[Note: Sponsors of large 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.]

**Connecticut:** An auction co-sponsored by the SCRAMS and Tri-City ARC of Groton, will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., at St. Mary's Parish Hall, at the intersection of Rtes. 1 and 215 in Groton. Talk-in on 07/67 or 34/94. Admission is free, but 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the two clubs. For further information call or write Anne Hibbert, WB1GVL, 64 Giant's Neck Rd., Niantic, CT 06357, tel. 203-739-4970.

**Connecticut:** The Southcentral Connecticut ARC's (SCARA's) second annual electronics flea market will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, indoors at the North Haven Recreation Center on Linsley Street in North Haven. Admission is \$1, free for children under 12 with an adult. Seller's spaces are \$5. Sellers may set up at 9 A.M., and walk-ins will be admitted from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. Refreshments and prizes. For reservations send check or money order payable to "SCARA," P. O. Box 81, North Haven, CT 06473. Commercial exhibitors may inquire about special arrangements. Talk-in station is W1GB on 146.01/61.

**Georgia:** The 3rd annual Central Georgia Hamfest sponsored by the Central Georgia ARC will be held on October 17 from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Oct. 18 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., in Warner Robins. Scheduled events include the Georgia Single Sideband Assn. Annual Meeting, ARES, MARS (AF), and Georgia CW Assn. Annual Meeting. Talk-in on 3.975 MHz, 146.25/85 and 147.90/30. For further information contact Jimmy Piper, 618 American Blvd., Warner Robins, GA 31093, tel. 912-922-0392.

†**Georgia:** The ARC of Savannah, Inc. will sponsor a hamfest on Oct. 24 from 9 to 3 and Oct. 25 from 9 to 3, at the Army National Guard Armory, Eisenhower Drive, Savannah. Advance tickets \$2.50, \$3 at the door. Flea market tables \$7, \$5 each additional table. Talk-in on 146.37/97 and 146.28/88. For tickets and information contact W. E. Queen, KA4COY, P.O. Box 13342, Savannah, GA 31406, tel. 912-352-3389 or 912-925-6085.

**Indiana:** The Hoosier Hills Ham Club (W9QYQ) will hold its annual hamfest Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds, just south of Bedford. Food, refreshments, free flea market, prizes, vendor displays/sales, free camping available. \$3 admission. Advance registrations welcome. Talk-in W9QYQ, 146.13/73. Further info contact HHC, P.O. Box 891, Bedford, IN 47421.

**Indiana:** Fort Wayne RC presents its third annual "Funfest" on Saturday night, Nov. 14, from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M., at the Holiday Inn, Fort Wayne. This event, held prior to the Fort Wayne Hamfest, is just 5 minutes from the Coliseum Hamfest site. Prizes, exhibits, special slide show and social activities. Advance admission \$3.50, at the door \$4. Tickets and additional info from Bill Evans, KB9H, 2319 Timberbrook Tr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825 or Fort Wayne Radio Club, P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

**Iowa:** The 6th annual auction sponsored by the Sooland Repeater Assn. at the KD Stockyards Station, Sioux City, will be held on Nov. 1. Docks will open at 9 A.M., and auction begins at 11 A.M. We will have a huge supply of ham equipment. Come and bring your gear and take home a treasure. Talk-in on 31/91 and 37/97. For more info contact Roland Holder, WB0SFZ, Hinton, IA 51024, tel. 712-239-1749 or 712-239-3053.

**Louisiana:** The Twin City Ham Club will hold a hamfest on November 8 at the West Monroe Convention Center, from 9 A.M. until 2 P.M. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Dealers and plenty of swap tables and

fellowship. Talk-in on 25/85 and 52. For information contact, Randy Cage, WB4VIR, 2005 North 7th, West Monroe, LA 71291.

**Maryland:** The Columbia ARA is pleased to announce its fifth annual hamfest to be held on Sunday, Oct. 11, at the Howard County Fairgrounds (15 miles west of Baltimore just off I-70 on Rte. 144, 1 mile west of Rte. 32). Doors open at 8 A.M. Admission is \$3, tailgating and tables \$6. Food available, prizes. Talk-in on 147.735/135 and 52. For table reservations and information write: Dennis Parra, 6955 Spinning Seed, Columbia, MD 21045.

**Massachusetts:** The Wellesley ARS will sponsor a railgate flea market on Saturday, Oct. 10 starting at 9 A.M. The location will be the Wellesley High School, 50 Rice St., Wellesley Hills, just off Rte. 16. Admission \$1, whether buying or selling. Talk-in on 63/03. For further information contact Nels Anderson, KIUR, at 617-323-5029.

**Massachusetts:** The annual New England DXCC Dinner (AKA the "Scrodfest") will be held Oct. 10 at the Holiday Inn on Rte. 128, Waltham. Afternoon slide shows and DX presentations followed by the banquet. For more details contact Bill Poellnitz, K1MM, 44 Sunset Dr., Framingham, MA 01701.

**Massachusetts:** The Framingham ARA will hold its 6th annual fall flea market on Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Framingham Police Station drill shed. Doors open at 10 A.M. (sellers may set up at 8 A.M.) Admission is \$1, sellers \$8/table prior to Oct. 15; \$10/table after. Consignment table (for small items), food, bargains galore! Talk-in on 75/15 and 52 direct. Contact Ron Egalka, K1YHM, 3 Driscoll Dr., Framingham, MA 01701, tel. 617-877-4520.

**Michigan:** Central Michigan ARC and Lansing CD Repeater Assn. welcome everyone to "HAMFAIR

'81" on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Grand Ledge High School, 7 miles west of Lansing, off I-91 near M-43 and M-100. Fun for the whole family, food available, free parking. Donation still \$2.50. Talk-in on 34/94 and 22/82. For more information call 517-626-2237.

**New Jersey:** The Bergen ARA is holding a Ham Swap'n Sell Oct. 11 at Bergen Community College, Paramus. Tailgating only. Bring your own table. Sellers \$3; buyers free. Thousands of spaces. For more info, contact Jim Greer, KK2U, 444 Berkshire Rd., Ridgewood, NJ 07450, tel. 201-445-2855.

**New York:** The Tu Boro ARC will hold a mini flea market and auction on Sunday, Oct. 28, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the Odd Fellows Hall, 149-14 14th Ave., Whitestone. Admission is \$1. For table space and other information, please contact Marty, WA2APT, at 212-359-6923, or Ed, WB2IBQ, at 212-746-4080, after 7 P.M. Talk-in on 145.62 simplex.

**New York:** The 1981 hamfest sponsored by the Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Art and Home Center on the New York State Fairgrounds, from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Admission is \$3. Commercial dealers, indoor and outdoor flea market, YL programs. Talk-in on 31/91 and 90/30. For more info write: RAGS, P.O. Box 88, Liverpool, NY 13088.

**New York:** The Orange County ARC will hold its annual ham auction starting at 11 A.M., October 3, at Munger Cottage near Cornwall Town Hall, Cornwall. All amateurs and interested parties are welcome.

†**North Carolina:** The Western Carolina ARS presents "Asheville Autumnfest" at the Asheville Civic Center Oct. 10 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Advance admission \$3, at the door \$3.50. Dealers, flea market, display, prizes, ARRL forum, Ted McElroy memorial

## Coming Conventions

**October 2-4**  
South Florida Section, Clearwater

**October 2-4**  
Texas State, Houston

**October 3-4**  
Midwest Division, Salina, Kansas

**October 9-11**  
Southwestern Division, Scottsdale, Arizona

**October 10-11**  
Delta Division, Memphis, Tennessee

**October 17-18**  
Louisiana State, Kenner

### ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

**July 23-25, 1982**  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**October 7-9, 1983**  
Houston, Texas

Coast radio amateurs to upgrade their licenses will be offered at noon Saturday, October 17, at "Amacom '81," the ARRL Louisiana State Convention and New Orleans hamfest-computerfest, at Airline Hilton Inn, 901 Airline Hwy., Kenner, across from New Orleans International Airport. Applicants should bring copies of licenses with them. "Amacom '81," sponsored by 25-year-old Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, will be open between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. October 17 and 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. October 18.

Home made satellite television reception techniques will be described by Lindsey Riddle, W5JG, retired television station chief engineer. Sidney J. Levett, III, K5BQI, of Garyville, a broadcaster, will discuss Amateur Radio experimenters from ancient history to the future. Talks on computer topics and other issues are scheduled. Meetings with FCC, ARRL, Army and Navy MARS officials; special programs and prizes for women; an indoor flea market and prizes for radio amateurs and computer hobbyists are on the program, with social events Saturday evening.

The talk-in repeater will be 147.69/09. For details, call Gene Gaffney, WB5RNL, 504-737-6915, or W. D. "Bill" Bushnell, WA5MJM, chairman, 504-887-5022.

### LOUISIANA STATE CONVENTION

**October 17-18, 1981, Kenner (New Orleans)**

A rare weekend FCC test opportunity for Gulf

†ARRL Hamfest

\*Hamfest/Travel Coordinator, ARRL

CW Copying Contest and many other attractions. Talk-in on 31/91, 16/76 or 52 simplex. Information and reservations from Dan Henderson, WA4QQN, P.O. Box 1488, Asheville, NC 28802, tel. 706-684-6339.

†North Carolina: The ENC Hamfest Group will sponsor the Maysville Hamfest Oct. 11 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. in Maysville. Flea market, downeast Bar-B-Q lunch. Talk in on 146.685/085 and 52 simplex. Further information from Grover Cook, WA4PID, tel. 919-467-0424, after 5 P.M.

†North Carolina: The Cabarrus ARC hamfest will be held at the Concord Boys Club from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Nov. 7 in Concord. Tickets in advance are 3 for \$3, at the door \$2 each. Bingo, flea market, dealers, prizes, food and refreshments. Talk-in on 146.65 and 52 simplex. Further information from Jim Austin, WD4KCM, or Brown Holbrooks, WB4COO, tel. 704-782-1798.

Ohio: The Marion Amateur Radio Club will hold its 7th annual "Heart of Ohio Ham Fiesta" on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 8 to 4 at the Marion County Fairgrounds Coliseum. Large parking lot, prizes, food. Tickets \$2 in advance, \$3 at door. Tables \$4. Check-in on 146.52, 147.90/30 or 223.34/224.94. For information, tickets or tables, contact Paul Kitzer, W8GAX, 393 Pole Lane Rd., Marion, OH 43302.

Ohio: The 24th annual auction, Auctionfest '81, sponsored by the Massillon ARC will be held Sunday, Nov. 8, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Massillon

Knights of Columbus Hall on Cherry Rd., Massillon. The flea market opens at 8 A.M. with auction action to start at 11 A.M. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance or \$3 at the door. Dealer tables are \$3 per 8-ft table. For further information or table reservations contact Steve Nevel, WD8MJJ, 1864 Massachusetts Ave. S.E., Massillon, OH 44646. Please include an s.a.s.e.

Ontario: The 4th annual London ARC swap 'n shop will be held at the Lord Dorchester Secondary School, Dorchester, on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Prizes, huge indoor sales area, parking, cafeteria food service. Admission \$2, under 12 free; tables \$1 plus admission. Vendors must reserve and pay for tables in advance. Talk-in on 52 simplex or VE3TTT 147.78/18. Reservations and payments must be sent to: London Amateur Radio Club, Inc., c/o D. Reiber, VE3IBV, 417 Regal Dr., London, ON N5Y 1J8, tel. 519-455-3947.

Pennsylvania: Swap & Shop sponsored by the Irwin Area ARA will be held Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Circleville VFD, Robbins Station Rd., Irwin, just off U.S. Rte. 30, 3 miles west of Pennsylvania Tpk. (Exit 7). Plenty of indoor and outdoor space available. Flea market, vendors, prizes, food. Talk-in on 146.925/325 and 52. For further information write: Bill Stash, WA3AOQ, 421 Dailey Dr., N. Huntingdon, PA 15642.

Pennsylvania: The Foothills ARC will hold its annual swap and shop from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the St. Bruno's Church, South Greensburg.

Registration is \$2 each or 3 for \$5. All indoor facilities. Many prizes. Talk-in on 146.07/67 and 52 simplex. For advanced table reservation phone Chuck Hamman, WB3HZM at 412-837-9194 after 5 P.M.

Pennsylvania: The R. F. Hill ARC will hold its 5th annual hamfest Nov. 8 in the Sellersville National Guard Armory, Sellersville. Doors open at 7 A.M. for sellers and 8 A.M. for buyers. Prizes, refreshments and heat. Talk-in on 28/88 and 52. For further information contact: R. F. Hill ARC, Box 29, Colmar, PA 18915 or Chet Pierson, K3TV, Box 336, RFD 1, Greenlane, PA 18054.

†Tennessee: HAMFEST CHATTANOOGA, a joint effort of area clubs, will be held Oct. 24-25 at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. Events will include dealer exhibits, flea market, forums, contests and ladies programs. Free admission. Flea market spaces \$2/day or \$3/both days. Talk-in on 19/79 and 3980. Dealers write or call for information on our new spacious indoor dealer area, Hamfest Chattanooga, P.O. Box 3377, Chattanooga, TN 37404 or call 404-398-3358. Rodeway Inn, 1-75 S. and U.S. 41, East Ridge Exit, offers special hamfest rates.

Wisconsin: KMRA Hamfest '81, Sunday, Oct. 11 at the Waukesha Exposition Center, Hwy FT, Waukesha. Tickets \$2 advance, \$3 at the gate. Plenty of parking at our new larger indoor location. Talk-in on 146.52. For more info or advance tickets write KMRA Hamfest '81, 315 Morey St., Waukesha, WI 53186.

# In Training

Conducted By Steve Pink, \*KB2GG

## NEW TRAINING MATERIALS FOR 1981

School is back in session and so are new fall licensing classes around the country. The ARRL training program is geared up to help you with your teaching. We are in the process of revising our material to keep the training program up-to-date. The FCC is now using its new examinations based on their latest Study Guides. The Study Guides are reproduced in March 1980 QST with a comparison of the old and new FCC Study Guides following "In Training" for May 1980. Let me brief you on what training materials are available from the ARRL.

### The Novice Program

The core of the ARRL Novice licensing program is the 1981 edition of *Tune in the World with Ham Radio*, available from ARRL or your local dealer for \$8.50. This new package contains an improved "Your Introduction to Morse Code" cassette tape and a new book with chapters on basic radio theory and amateur regulations reflecting the latest FCC Study Guide.

The *Novice Instructor Guide* is an outline and suggested lesson plan for a 10-week, 20-hour course based on *Tune in the World* and is available from the Club and Training Department for \$1.50. The *Novice Instructor Guide* helps you prepare for each lesson and suggests methods and ideas for effective presentation of the material in *Tune in the World*. (A popular, frequently requested item at the Club and Training Department is a booklet entitled *How to Start an Amateur Radio Course*, sent free with the *Novice Instructor Guide*.) The ARRL *Novice Q and A Book*, used as a self-test to highlight those areas needing more review, will round off study for the theory and regulations part of the Novice exam.

### General and Higher

The 78th edition of the *Radio Amateur's License Manual* is the main study guide for upgrading to Technician, General, Advanced and Extra Class. New instructor guides based on this latest *License Manual*

are now being prepared, with the *General Instructor Guide* to appear soon. The *ARRL Technician/General and Advanced/Extra Q and A Books* will supply the review questions needed to prepare students for upgrading. We also recommend *Understanding Amateur Radio* and the *Radio Amateur's Handbook* (both ARRL publications) as

supplementary texts for higher-level license classes. *Understanding Amateur Radio* can be helpful for General courses as a "junior Handbook" at the intermediate level. The *Handbook* itself is particularly important for the Advanced and Extra Class exams where a thorough understanding of the subject, as opposed to simple memorization, is necessary.

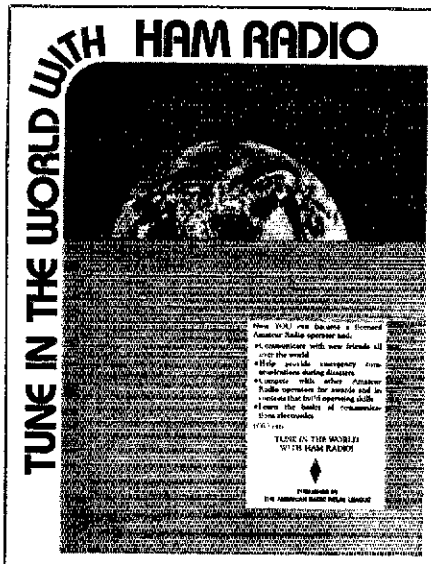
### Training Aids

The Club and Training Department also offers a number of audio-visual training-aids to help you with your classes. The *Novice Instructor Guide* divides each lesson into modules of code practice, theory and regulations. The code practice can either be sent by hand or by using four prerecorded cassette tapes available from Club and Training for a \$10 refundable deposit. These tapes contain all the code practice in the *Novice Instructor Guide*. The code is sent at 5 wpm using the WIAW code practice method: The actual speed of the characters is 16 wpm, but the total rate is slowed down by increasing the space between the characters. These tapes will aid the instructor who wishes to supplement the code practice offered on the *Tune in the World* code cassette.

Also available is a set of 80 color, 35-mm slides, which may be shown as part of the Novice course. These are available for a \$10 refundable deposit direct from the Club and Training Department, as is a set of slides for Technician/General classes, also available for a \$10 refundable deposit.

### Your Input

There you have a catalogue of instructional materials available from the League. Our aim is to help you make your licensing classes more successful, and we count on your input in designing these texts and training aids. Let us know in the months ahead how they are working for you and how we can change them to serve you better. Because we are also updating our instructor files with the new computer system at Ft., we would like to have the starting date, license level and enrollment of your classes. We can then refer others to your course and send you, in return, "graduation packages" for the students who successfully finish your course. We think the 1981-82 teaching season will be a banner year for Amateur Radio instruction.



This brand-new edition of *Tune in the World with Ham Radio* is available now from ARRL or your local dealer.

# The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted By William A. Tynan,\* W3XO



## Still More to Come

Hey, all you 6-meter F2 chasers! Don't be in a hurry to take down those beams that you put up with so much anticipation a few years ago, and get out those boxes you used to pack away that 50-MHz amplifier. Betting is that there is more to come this fall and early winter, and possibly into the spring of '82 as well. The 2800-MHz solar flux has been well over the 200 mark during much of July, as these lines are being written. If it is anywhere near that value in mid to late October more DX should be on the way. We now know from recent experience that mid-October to early December is the best time for 6-meter openings across the Atlantic to Europe and parts of Africa. Somewhat later, until the first of the new year, seems to be the right time for South American contacts. If 1982 behaves in a manner similar to 1980 and 1981, after about mid-January until March or April we will experience a dry spell followed by a pickup in openings to the south and southwest for the midsection of the country and the West Coast. Who knows, conditions may be even better than they were the last few years. Only time will tell.

Chances are, however, that the months to come will not be as productive as they were. After all, we are almost two years beyond the now assumed peak of Cycle 21 in December 1979, during which the smoothed sunspot number reached 164.5. It is also expected that some of the European activity may be absent, which will limit DX chances. It is understood that E16AS and E19D will not be on, but I don't know about E12W. ZB2BL and ZB2GW should be holding forth from Gibraltar, though. Don't forget the PA0s on their new frequencies of 53.875, 53.925 and 53.975 cw only. Who will be the first to work them in that lofty part of the band? Then there should be the crossband activity. Certainly many of the old stalwarts of that pastime will be back for another shot at it.

## CENTRAL STATES VHF SOCIETY SCORES AGAIN

Once again the Central States VHF Society has lived up to its reputation for putting on a top-notch vhf/uhf conference. This year's affair was held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, under the stewardship of 1981 Society President Ed Gray, W0SD, and a fine crew of helpers including his wife Edith, WA0UFS, who put together a very interesting and informative series of events for women and junior ops. The program included a talk by W6XJ highlighting what can be done around the hamshack with programmable calculators such as the Hewlett Packard 41C, as well as larger "home" computers. Gary stressed the strengths and shortcomings of these two types of instruments. Calculators had it for size, cost and portability, as well as ease of programming. Computers got the nod for real-time applications, the handling of large programs and speed.

In a very interesting talk, Scott Marin, K0AG, outlined some potential techniques such as correlation detection and adaptive noise filters for copying weak signals off the moon or on terrestrial paths. I can pro-

Nevertheless, although we will probably experience some DX, let's not kid ourselves. Conditions are not expected to be as good this year as in the past two. We all must do everything we can to take maximum advantage of what opportunities are presented to us and to conduct ourselves in a way that enhances the chances of others to work the DX, too. Here are a few suggestions distilled from the many I have received over the past few years that, if followed by most 6-meter operators, should enhance the DX opportunities for everyone.

1) Keep calls short. Sometimes it is advisable simply to transmit your call once or twice without giving the other station's call more than every few times. Long finishes such as, "Calling and standing by," and, "What say, kay please, go ahead, go ahead," are definitely not needed. A couple of efficient operators can make one or two contacts while some are saying "over"!

2) If the DX station is quite rare or it appears that the opening may not last long, keep contacts short so that others will have a chance, too, and the DX station can make more contacts, possibly with a needed state. For snappy QSOs, it is not necessary to give name, QTH down to the spelling of the town and county, and a rundown on the equipment. If the person on the other end wishes such information, he or she will ask for it. In this case provide it as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. For it to be considered a valid contact, calls should be exchanged, along with some other piece of information such as signal reports or states. Remember that FCC rules do require that both calls be transmitted at the completion of each contact.

3) If you have already worked the station or country and it is rare, and you know that there are others on who are trying for a new country or state, don't attempt to work that station again just to see if you can get through on this

occasion too, or express thanks for the QSL card for your first QSO. Of course, common sense should be the guide. If the station does not appear to be particularly busy, or indicates that he or she is not sure of getting out, by all means feel free to call and confirm that the signals are being heard. Otherwise, he or she might get discouraged and give up — then no one will work the station.

4) The 10-meter liaison frequency of 28.885 has served well to alert 6-meter operators to openings that may hit their areas next. It has also been invaluable in collecting general information about new stations getting on in various parts of the world, what DX was worked the day before and so on. But if the frequency is to serve properly its primary function, stations with information of immediate importance must be able to get access to it rapidly. Thus, if you transmit on 28.885, keep your transmissions short, taking frequent pauses for stations trying to break in with some hot information. If you want to hold a long-winded QSO, particularly if the subject matter has nothing to do with six meters, QSY to some other frequency and go to it. In addition, encourage the Europeans working crossband to do it on either side of the liaison channel. It is pretty hard to get information across while being QRMed by a strong station not even listening on 10 meters. On the other hand, like all "rules" these must be exercised with some thought. The surest way to lose 28.885 as a 6-meter information channel is not to use it. So we shouldn't QSY every time we want to conduct a five-minute QSO, particularly if not much is going on at the time. Just be sure to take a breath once in a while to see if anyone has something to say.

Let's hope we have another season of that most exciting of all DX, 50-MHz F2. Good operating practices by each of us can greatly enhance the results obtained by all. CU on the band!

vide a copy of his notes to anyone sending me an s.a.s.e. Emil Peacock, W3EP, gave a presentation about the types of weather conditions that often produce outstanding tropospheric DX over large portions of the country. His studies indicate that the subsidence type inversion, which takes place when warm, dry air is forced downward by large, stable high-pressure systems, is the best producer of this kind of opening.

W1JR showed a method of accurately predicting when the various meteor showers will peak. Joe's notes are also available from me for an s.a.s.e. Al Ward, WBSLUA, provided a look at what 23-cm operation is all about, including a description of equipment needed to accomplish credible terrestrial operation, as well as moonbounce on this rapidly developing band. Jim Mitzlaff, WB9SNR, discussed the subject of solid-state rf power-amplifier design with particular emphasis on units for 1-1/4 meters and 70 cm (an s.a.s.e. for these notes also). AMSAT President Tom Clark, W3IWL, updated the group on that organization's projects including a status report on the Phase III B satellite and what it will be able to do for us. He queried the group as to preferences on specific orbits. A consensus favored an orbit that includes some coverage of southern hemisphere areas, at the expense of the loss of a small amount of northern hemisphere time. Tom also discussed UoSAT and its various scientific experiments. This English-built spacecraft is expected to be in orbit by the time these lines appear, and it should provide a source of interesting investiga-

tions for vhfers.

The Conference included the usual antenna-gain competition, and a noise-figure measuring session, both handled by Marc, WB0FEM. The 432-MHz antenna category was headed by a 28-element homemade original design on a 21-1/2-foot boom brought by W1JR. This monster exhibited a measured gain well over one dB better than the next entrant. The noise-figure measurements were enlivened by dry-ice cooling, bringing readings down to the 0.2-dB region for 432-MHz preamps. Next year it is planned to rate results in terms of noise temperature rather than noise figure. Categories for the new 902-MHz band are to be included in both noise-temperature and antenna-gain events.

The technical program was rounded out by a presentation by WB6NMT about several subjects dear to his heart such as both noise-figure and dynamic-range aspects of receiver performance and additional information on optimum antenna stacking. This conductor had the honor of addressing the group on the general subject of what new accomplishments we can look forward to in the world above 50 MHz in terms of propagation and techniques.

The banquet address was presented by Gar Anderson, K0GA, ARRL Director for the Dakota Division. This year's Chambers Award, in recognition of a Society member's outstanding contribution to vhf and uhf, went to Louis Anciaux, WB6NMT, for a myriad of accomplishments from the first 220-MHz EME

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## 70-Cm Standings

For WAS holders, listing is WAS number, call, state and call areas. For others, call, state, U.S. states worked and call areas. Call areas are 10 U.S. call areas plus KH6 and KL7, plus each VE and XE call area, plus DXCC countries not located within the continental limits of the U.S., Canada or Mexico. Stations not showing some indication of activity or interest in remaining in the standings over the last two years have been deleted.

WAS Holders					Other Stations					Other Stations					Other Stations									
1 W0YZS*	MO				W2AZL	NJ	21	7	W3XO	MD	13	5	WB5LUA*	TX	49	34	K8WW*	OH	40	10	K0VXM*	SD	21	11
2 K2UYH*	NJ				W2PGC	NY	20	10	WA3DMF	MD	8	5	W5FF*	NM	46	18	WB8BK	MI	29	9	W0LER	MN	18	6
3 K5JL*	OK				W2CNS	NY	19	10	K4QIF*	VA	39	21	W5HN	TX	22	7	WB8DU	MI	27	8	K0CJ	MN	17	6
W1JR*	MA	47	12		K2YCO	NY	17	6	W4FJ	VA	25	8	WA5HNK	TX	16	6	WB8VP	MI	22	8	W0OHU	MN	16	6
ADIC*	MA	33	10		W2FUZ	NY	16	6	W4ATC/4	VA	25	8	WA5H	LA	15	8	K8AXU	OH	20	8	W0PW	CO	15	5
K1PX*	CT	25	11		K2OV5	NY	16	6	W4AQCG	AL	25	5	K5JRH	TX	15	4	WB9SNR	IL	30	10	W0PJT	NE	13	4
K1FO	CT	23	8		N2EO	NY	13	5	W4ISS	GA	24	5	W0RRY/5*	TX	11	14	W9JY	IN	28	9	W0VB	MN	13	4
K1LPS	VT	20	10		K2SHB	NY	12	5	N4CD	VA	18	6	K5LL	TX	11	6	W9UD	IL	28	9	K9ALL*	ND	19	8
W1XJ	RI	15	5		WA2YWP	NY	11	5	W4SBC	VA	17	7	W5TBE	TX	9	3	WA9HUV	IL	27	10	K0WLU	SD	10	3
W1GXT	MA	13	6		WA2PVV	NY	10	5	W3IY4	VA	17	7	W5DC	LA	8	—	W9AAG	IL	27	8	W0SD	SD	7	2
W1HDQ	CT	11	4		W3RUE	PA	29	10	WB4NMA	GA	17	6	WA5YOU	LA	5	2	K9SM	WI	17	7	KL7WE*	MT	8	6
NTAIS	MA	10	4		W3OZ*	MD	25	9	K4GL	SC	16	7	W6BNT	MT	8	7	K9XY	WI	13	5	VE7BBG*	CA	39	32
K2RIW*	NY	28	12		W3IP	MD	25	7	WB4EXW	NC	17	6	W6BNI*	MT	33	33	K0TLM*	MO	42	21	VE4MA*	CA	23	28
W2VC	NJ	25	8		K3IUV	PA	19	5	K4QF*	AL	12	8	W7JF*	MT	15	11	KA0Y*	IA	28	9	VE2DFO	CA	12	7
K2LGI*	NY	24	10		N3AHI	PA	18	7	WD4MUO	VA	12	5	W7LUX	AZ	5	3	W0RAP*	IA	26	13	VE3AIB	CA	9	6
W2BLV	NJ	24	7		W3JUG	MD	16	6	WD4CXU	VA	11	4	K7ICW	NV	4	2	W0DRL	KS	24	9				
W2DWJ	NJ	21	7		K3HCE	MD	16	5	K4KAE	SC	8	2	WA7JOO	NV	3	2	K0DAS	IA	23	7				

†Indicates WAC

\*Indicates some EME contacts

contact to the advancements in receiver preamps and solid-state amplifiers.

The large array of prizes required the better part of an hour to distribute to the 144 hams plus their spouses registered.

An outstanding feature of this year's Conference was the announcement by Awards Committee chairman WAIJXN of the Society's series of three separate challenging awards for accomplishments on 2 meters and up. An s.a.s.e. to me or WBSLBT will bring details and application forms.

There is another very worthwhile vhf conference coming up soon. It is the 1981 Mid-Atlantic States VHF Conference to be held October 3 at the Warrington, Pennsylvania, Motor Lodge. This fast-growing affair is sponsored by Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club, better known as the Pack Rats, and will feature talks on low-noise preamps, loop Yagis, solid-state power amplifiers, Yagi antenna patterns, and 1296 and 2304 transverters by well-known vhfers like W1JR, W3CXU, WA3AXV, K2RIW and WA3JUF. A social hour and buffet will follow the technical presentations. The next day, Sunday, October 4, is the Club's big Hamarama flea market at the nearby Bucks County Drive-in Theater. For more information, contact Ron Whitsel, WA3AXV, tel. 215-355-5730.

## ON THE BANDS

**6 Meters** — The summer Es season continued well into August with some very respectable DX reported during the first half of that month. W4CKD landed HP1XAT on the 6th. Later that evening (June 7, UT) Bob worked (on 50.187 cw) a station signing CO8CA/IS. The operator said that he was in Cuba. Does anyone have any information about this one? That same evening saw strong signals from VE1s here in the Washington, DC area. Bob also worked HJ8DAF for the umpteenth time. Dom just wasn't getting any responses to his cw calls! Also on the 6th, about 2300Z, HK0BKK (San Andres island) worked a number of 3s, 4s and 8s. In addition, reception of the DL3ZM/YV5 beacon with very strong signals was reported. August 8 brought W4CKD a contact with XE1GE at 1527Z, and Wyoming and Nevada were in later that evening. On the 11th it was Montana, Kansas, Minnesota and Arizona, and on the 12th (about 0215) VE4AS was putting in a good signal. The next morning W4CKD worked K3SXA/MM near the Bahamas. Jim is a shipboard radio operator and sure gets around; on August 1 Bob reports working him off the Yucatan Peninsula. But the real surprise came at 1743 on the 12th when W4CKD worked LU8YYO (with S-9 signals) and a few minutes later heard, but could not identify because of the language problem, another Argentine station. Thus, almost every evening during the first half of August produced some kind of opening. Yes, it has been a good season!

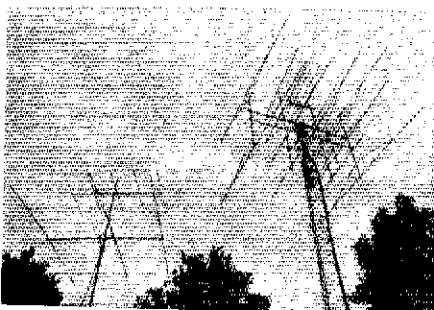
One of the most interesting weekends of the summer was July 25 and 26. Saturday produced aurora virtually all day long. The following day some of the most intense Es of the year made the band into a very lively madhouse, with extremely short skip coming from all directions. This was the same day that VP9IB had a field day on 2 meters, and VP5D worked several stations on that band as well. (See the following section.) WA9AHZ took advantage of the super conditions on the 26th to participate in his favorite new sport, 6-meter SSTV. Jack exchanged pictures with Florida station WB4PFB. Two weeks later, on August 7, he hooked WA1KNX (Massachusetts) on slow-scan, and on the 8th had a partial with W7II in Idaho. WA9AHZ pleads for more contacts via the picture mode. His ambition is to work 48 states "before

he is old and gray." Why be satisfied with only 48, Jack? Back to the red-letter days of July 25 and 26. As an example of the varied and widespread propagation, this conductor worked two stations — KA1PE in Maine (formerly WA1DZJ) and WA4JXN in South Carolina — on both aurora and Es within the space of less than 24 hours. I can't remember doing that with one station, much less two. It was an interesting weekend, and there were far too many QSOs to attempt to report. I hope we get more like it.

G3WBQ writes a very interesting letter from Surrey, England. Trevor says that on June 23, at 1825Z he identified LU9AEA on 50.110 with a 5 x 4 signal. A few days earlier, on the 14th, at 1916Z, he heard the end of a call by a station he did not get a chance to identify. All he got in Spanish-accented English was "... WISKY CALLING CQ ON SIX METERS AND LISTENING." Can anyone help identify the mystery station? G3WBQ also reports hearing the FY7TH beacon July 13 from 1810 to 2034Z, and notes that this is one year to the day that he heard it last summer. Trevor ends by saying that he will be looking for us on crossband this fall. You can bet that W3XO will be in there trying with the rest, Trevor. I hope to work lots of U.S. and Canadian stations, as well as DX. Will be looking for the Ws and VEs on backscatter and direct, mostly around 50.2.

Good luck to all.

**The Higher Bands** — What can be said to describe the aurora of July 25 and the Es, which affected much of the country the following day, but "outstanding"? On Saturday the 25th, the 2-meter band sounded more like 20 except, of course, for the buzz on the signals. Many stations were S-9 and above. A frequent aurora reporter, K2QR (Western New York) reports working a total of 19 stations from Maine to Missouri during the two aurora sessions, one in the morning and the other beginning in the early evening. During the first session of the day, which Dick says was the best morning aurora he has heard in 10 years of operating, he held a ragchew with his brother Bill, WB9QBU, for almost a half hour until the QRM got too bad. A not-so-frequent aurora reporter, W2RS (northern New Jersey) notes similar conditions. The buzz started for Ray about 1400Z and netted him two new states, Kentucky and South Carolina. In his QSL card, the South Carolina station, N4TJ, commented on the rarity of aurora that far south. From out west, N7BHC (near Salt Lake City) says that the aurora was in for three hours in the morning and about five hours that eve-



The antennas at W2PGC. Sam makes the best of the space available and puts out fine signals from the hf bands through 1296.

ning. Dave picked up state number 15 as a result of a contact with W0QMN (Colorado). He also worked a number of northwest stations QSOed before, including W7HAA (Montana) who was S-9 plus 20 dB for a time.

But the auroral propagation did not stop at 144 MHz. This conductor took one listen to 2 meters and proceeded immediately to 1-1/4 to be greeted by S-7 buzz signals from W9IP, K9KFR, VE3CRU, K1WSH and others. During the morning session, the 10-watts output on this end was not able to be heard, but about 2100Z I managed to work WAIUQC for my first aurora contact on 220 MHz. Those with more reasonable power were doing much better, however. W2PGC (western New York) is one example. Sam completed contacts with stations in 11 states and two Canadian Provinces, and his best DX was K0DAS in Iowa.

The following day, July 26, was a real banner one for many 2-meter operators in the eastern part of the country. The widespread Es opening that came on the heels of the aurora produced not only new states, but also new countries as well. The opening reached well beyond the shores of the Atlantic Coast, as others may have in previous years. But this time stations were there to work (VP5D in the Turks and Caicos Islands was one). Bob apparently worked a number of W4s, including W4GJO in north Georgia. The other DX tidbit was VP9IB, who was active from Bermuda with 80 watts to four 19-element Boomers. Tom took advantage of the opening to work 70 stations from Florida to Minnesota. The Minnesota contact was with a Minneapolis station (call not given) a distance of 1750 miles. This is quite surprising DX for 2-meter Es. VP9IB's address is P.O. Box 111, Southampton 8-05, Bermuda. I would expect that a few IRCs would be welcome. QSLs for VP5D can be sent via W3HNK. Because of space limitations, this short report will have to suffice as a synopsis of the hundreds of Es QSOs made that day. Tnx to all who submitted reports. Nor did 2-meter Es quit with that late-July spectacular. W5FF (near Albuquerque, New Mexico) reports that on August 8 between 1900 and 1920 he hooked up with WA0SJR and W0UX (Missouri), WD4EWT (Tennessee), and WB4REH (Kentucky).

The third WAS to be achieved on 70 cm goes to K5JL. Jay has been at it a long time, since 1963 as a matter of fact, and is certainly to be congratulated for a notable accomplishment. Activity by KL7WE gave him Alaska, and the final state was Nevada, now represented by WA7JOO. K5JL thus joins W0Y7S and K2UYH as 70-cm WAS holders.

The Perseids is just over as this is being written, so only a few reports have been received thus far. K1FJM/4 (near Miami) picked up several new states as a result of contacts with W3EP/9 (Indiana), WA9YIB (Illinois), AI0L (Missouri), W5JTL (Mississippi), K5BMG (Louisiana), WA8MIL (Michigan), WB0VYV (Iowa), WA4CQG (Alabama) and three Maryland stations — KA1GD/3, K1HTV/3 and this conductor. Some long bursts were certainly in evidence. K1HTV/3 reports one that produced four QSOs. First he responded to a call from W0PN (Minnesota); then he worked K0ALL (North Dakota). Then his son Andy, KA1GD/3, worked K0ALL, and finally K9XY (Wisconsin). Sometimes it pays not to be long winded! N4CD (Lynchburg, Virginia) got his feet wet in the burst mode and has decided that "m.s. works." Bob hooked W5JTL (Mississippi), K5BMG (Louisiana) and W0CY (Kansas) for three new states. His neighbor, WD4CXU, brought his total to 36 as the result of a contact with W0RT (Kansas). From these first reports, it would appear that this year's Perseids was a good shower. More next month. [E]

# The New Frontier

The World Above 1 Gig

Conducted By Bob Atkins,\* KA1GT

## UoSAT Microwave Beacons

The following information on the UoSAT microwave beacons has been received in a letter from Martin Sweeting, the UoSAT project manager.

"The 2.401-GHz beacon will be modulated with 1200-bps telemetry data using nbfm with a deviation of  $\pm 5$  kHz, and with an output power to the antenna of around 125 mW. The antenna comprises a 3-turn helix with a gain of around 6 dB, right-hand circular polarisation.

"The 10.470-GHz beacon will not be modulated but will comprise a steady carrier with an rf output power to the antenna of around 125 mW. The antenna comprises a slot helix with a gain of around 8 dB, right-hand circular polarisation. . . . (UoSAT is) now scheduled for launch by NASA on 15 September this year (1981)."

Using this information in conjunction with the formulas given in this column earlier (Dec. 1980), it is quite easy to calculate the signal levels expected from these beacons at the earth's surface, knowing the expected orbital height of 328.6 mi (530 km). (In the following discussion we take the best case of the satellite being directly overhead; path losses when the satellite is near the horizon will be somewhat greater.)

Considering first the beacon on 2401 MHz, a path loss of 154.5 dB is predicted. With a power output of 125 mW (+21 dBm) and an antenna gain of 6 dBi, the ground-level signal strength should therefore be -127.5 dBm. Typical equipment for use at this frequency (adapted from 2304 MHz) might consist of a 2-ft dish or a loop Yagi (see last month's "New

Frontier" column) having a gain of around 20 dB for linear polarized signals, or 17 dB for circular polarized signals. A simple diode mixer converter with no rf stage should show a noise figure no worse than 10 dB (and possibly as low as 5 or 6 dB). Such a system, 17 dBi gain antenna, 10-dB noise figure receiver in a 10-kHz bandwidth, should show an effective receiver sensitivity of around -141.4 dB. If the signal strength at ground level is -127.5 dBm as calculated, then using such a receiving system, the carrier-to-noise ratio should be around +13.9 dB, far enough above the fm threshold to give quite a solid signal.

Now considering the 10.470-GHz beacon, the path loss in this case will be 167.3 dB. With an output power of 125 mW (+21 dBm) and an 8-dBi gain antenna, this will result in a ground signal of -138.3 dBm. The only receiving system to which most amateurs have access at this frequency will be a Gunnplexer retuned to the beacon's frequency. Assuming a 12-dB noise figure and a 17-dBi linear polarized horn, and using a receiver bandwidth of 100 kHz (unlocked system), an effective receiver sensitivity of -126.3 dB is calculated. This would result in the received signal being 12 dB weaker than the noise level of the receiver; i.e., you won't hear it. If a 2-ft dish were used as an antenna and the receiver bandwidth were reduced to 10 kHz by crystal locking, then the signal should come up to 14 dB above the receiver noise level.

These calculations should give some idea of what is needed to receive the UoSAT microwave beacons. One point to be aware of is that as antenna gain increases, beamwidth

decreases. Since the expected orbital period of UoSAT is 98 minutes, it will cross the sky slightly faster than OSCAR 8, thus tracking with a narrow beamwidth antenna may prove a demanding task.

Though there are no direct references to 2401-MHz converters, 2304-MHz designs should not be too difficult to modify using revised local oscillator chains. For some ideas refer to: W2CQH, "Interdigital Converters for 1296 and 2304 MHz," *QST*, Jan. 1974, p. 11; WAØRDX, "Twin Diode Mixers," *Ham Radio*, Oct. 1978, p. 84; N6TX, "1-Band Local Oscillator," *Ham Radio*, Dec. 1979, p. 40.

For 10-GHz information, you might get some ideas from the *RSGB VHF/UHF Manual* and *The Gunnplexer Cookbook* by Bob Richardson.

Regarding antennas for use in the reception of these beacons, right-hand circular polarization would be ideal, though linearly polarized antennas can be used with a 3-dB gain penalty. The easiest circular polarized antenna to build is the helix. To produce a gain equal to that of a linear 2-ft dish at 2.4 GHz a helix of about 26 turns would be required, which would be about 3 ft long. The best reference I have found on helix antennas is in the *IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation*, March 1980, p. 291; "Characteristics of 1 to 8 Wavelength Uniform Helical Antennas," by Howard King and Jimmy Wong. Alternatively, see *The ARRL Antenna Book*, 13th ed., p. 260. Information on termination and impedance matching of the helix antenna is given in June 1981 *QST*, p. 28, in an article by K6ZMW.

## TRANSISTOR DEVELOPMENTS

Of direct interest to amateurs is a new transistor from Motorola, the MRF 559. This device is specified as having 500 mW output, 8 dB minimum gain and a 50% efficiency over the 250-1500 MHz band. The device can be used in Class A (linear) service. One obvious application is in a 1296-MHz transmitter as a driver or low-power output stage. Quantity pricing (100+) is \$1.80, so the single-device cost should not be too high.

On a development note, a broadband GaAsFET amplifier has been developed in Japan for TV receiver use that has a noise figure around 2 dB over the 50-2000 MHz band, with a gain of 8-10 dB. If such an amplifier were produced in quantity for the TV market, its price would undoubtedly be well within the reach of amateurs.

Moving a little further away from amateur operation, Varian has announced a series of GaAsFETs at 10 GHz. Though such devices may be out of the reach of amateurs right now, they will without doubt filter down to the amateur population with time, just as GaAsFETs are in common use by amateurs on the lower microwave bands today.

Even more esoteric are new transistor structures such as the SIT (static induction transistor) and the related PBT (permeable base transistor) which are potentially capable of operation to over 500 GHz.

SITs have been developed in Japan that can produce 100 W at 1 GHz and 20 W at 2 GHz. There is even reported to be a development program on 2.45-GHz devices for use as a replacement for magnetrons in microwave ovens. Though now is not the time to throw away your kV power supplies and planar triode cavities, the day may yet come!

## VHF COMMUNICATIONS

An English language translation of the German magazine, *UKW Berichte*, is now available in the USA under the name of *VHF Communications*. For the benefit of those readers unaware of this magazine, it deals with the bands from 144 MHz through 24 GHz on a fairly technical (though still amateur) level. Detailed constructional information is given in most articles; however, some components, semiconductors in particular, may be difficult to locate through U.S. distributors. Fortunately, in many cases, parts kits are offered along with constructional articles. This magazine is, to the best of my knowledge, the only one available in the USA that regularly deals with circuitry for the higher microwave bands (including 2304, 3456 and 5760 MHz). Past issues have dealt with topics such as 10 GHz ssb, 5760 MHz receive mixers, 3456 ssb transmit mixers and receive converters, and many multipliers, mixers and amplifiers for 2304 MHz. The USA representative for *VHF Communications* is SELECTO, Inc., 372 D Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA 94947.

## 10-GHZ NEWS FROM NEW MEXICO

Robert Suggs, KB5EZ, and Bradley Mauger, KB5QZ,

of the New Mexico State University Amateur Radio Club (Box CC, Las Cruces, NM 88003) have written describing some recent 10-GHz Gunnplexer work they have been doing. Best DX to date is 35 miles, line of sight, between the NMSU Blue Mesa Observatory and Los Altos.

It is good to hear of microwave work going on in the less-populated areas of the country. Little amateur work has been done on investigating propagation over dry desert areas to date, and it seems the group at NMSU have interesting opportunities open to them.

## 1296 WEST COAST NEWS

Chip Angle has written to say that the KH6 beacon on 1296 MHz is now operational and is being listened for by West Coast stations. He also included a copy of his June contest log showing ssb/cw contacts from his portable site in Utah (N6CA/7) with Arizona (K7GNV) and Nevada (WATJUC). Chip was running his 200-W single 7289, water-cooled amplifier (obviously to good effect!). These seem to be the first ssb/cw contacts between these states. How long before two-way ssb?

## FOOTNOTE

Observant readers will have noticed that my address as listed at the foot of this column has recently changed because of a change of QTH. This disruption has caused me to lag behind in answering letters, so apologies to all those waiting for a reply. I hope I didn't lose any correspondence during my move, but if you did write with any important questions and I don't reply, try again!



# Special Events

Conducted By Mark Wilson,\* AA2Z

## October

**Vatican State:** Radio Vaticana will issue an award commemorating its 50th anniversary to any station contacting HV1CN, HV2VO or HV3SJ between Oct. 1 and Feb. 1, 1982. For award, send photocopy of QSL card received to HV1CN, Radio Vaticana, Citta Del Vaticano, Europe.

**Mount Clemens Train Depot:** L'Anse Creuse ARC will operate W8LC from the depot, boyhood haunt of Thomas Edison, Oct. 2-3. Frequencies: phone — 15 kHz from bottom of the General phone band; cw — 65 kHz from bottom band edge; Novice — 15 kHz down from top band edge. Certificate for s.a.s.e. to W8LC, Box 72, Utica, MI 48087.

**Spruce Knob, West Virginia:** Parkersburg ARC will operate N8CDD starting at 1500Z Oct. 3 through Oct. 4 from Spruce Knob in Randolph County, highest spot in West Virginia. Frequencies: phone — 3.935 7.235 14.335 21.360 28.535 52.150 144.190; cw — 10 kHz up from Novice band edge. QSL with s.a.s.e. to N8CDD, 902-23rd St., Vienna, WV 26105.

**Vermillion, Ohio:** Northern Ohio ARS will operate K8KRG from 1300Z-2000Z Oct. 4 from "Dick Goddard 9th Annual Whollybear Festival." Frequencies: phone 3.945 7.250 14.300 21.380; cw — 15 kHz up from Novice band edge. Certificate for large s.a.s.e. to K8KRG.

**Edwards AFB, California:** Special events station K6OX will operate periodically during the five-day flight of the space shuttle, now scheduled for launch Oct. 5. Frequencies: 3.935 7.260 14.275 21.360 28.650 MHz and 2 meters. Send QSL to K6OX, P.O. Box 1221, Lancaster, CA 93534.

**Zephyrhills, Florida:** The Zephyrhills Area ARC will operate WB4AOG from 1000Z-2200Z Oct. 10 from the site of the 1981 World Parachute Meet. Frequencies: Phone — lower end of the General portions of 10-15-20-40 meters; cw — 21.150. Certificate for QSL and large s.a.s.e. (first 1500 requests only): ZAARC, 1312-13th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33599.

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**Fort Osage, Missouri:** Local amateurs will operate K0MAT and WB0MUU from 1700Z Oct. 10 to 1700Z Oct. 11 from this historic site near Independence. Frequencies: phone — 7.280 14.330 21.380 28.680; cw — 60 kHz up from bottom band edge; Novice — 21.110 28.110. Certificate for QSL to WB0MUU, 2913 Castle Dr., Blue Springs, MO 64015.

**Chicago, Illinois:** Hamfesters RC members will operate from 1700Z Oct. 10 to 1700Z Oct. 11 to contact amateurs interested in getting the Worked All Hamfester Member award. IL stations work 10 members; outside IL, 5 members. Exchange signal report, state and name. Frequencies: phone — General portions of 40 and 10 meters; cw — Novice portion of 10 meters. For award, send log data to Box 42792, Chicago, IL 60642.

**DeSoto, Missouri:** Jefferson County ARC will operate KA0IAR from 1700Z Oct. 10 to 1700Z Oct. 11 from Population Center of the United States as determined by 1980 census. Frequencies: phone — 25 kHz up from General band edge; cw — 50 kHz up from bottom band edge; Novice — center of band. QSL and large s.a.s.e. for certificate to KA0IAR, 3009 High Ridge Blvd., High Ridge, MO 63049.

**Death Valley and Mount Whitney, California:** Southern Sierra ARS, conducting a simultaneous, dual-site expedition from Badwater and Mount Whitney, will operate K6RL from 1900Z Oct. 10 to 0100Z Oct. 12. Frequencies: phone — 146.550 MHz, simplex; cw — (QRP) 21.105 or 28.105 and 7.105 MHz. Certificate for QSL and \$1 to SSARS, Rte. 2, Box 338, Tehachapi, CA 93561.

**Moultrie, Georgia:** Colquitt County Ham Radio Society will operate WD4ROW from 1300-2000Z Oct. 13-15 from fourth annual Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition. Frequencies: phone — 7.250 14.300. Special QSL for s.a.s.e. to AA4P, Box 813, Moultrie, GA 31768.

**Canton, Ohio:** Stark RTTY. Group will operate WB8RVM from 1400-0100Z Oct. 16-17 and 1400 to 2200Z Oct. 18 from the Mellet Mall Hobby Show. Frequencies: phone — 5 kHz from General band edge; cw — 3.540 7.040 14.060; RTTY — 3.620 14.090. Certificate for QSL and large s.a.s.e. to WB8RVM, 138 Page St. NW, Massillon, OH 44646.

**China, Indiana:** Kokomo ARES and Weather Net will operate KG9T from China (Indiana) Oct. 17-18. Frequencies: low end of all bands, 80-15 meters. Special QSL for s.a.s.e. to KG9T.

**Fayetteville, West Virginia:** Plateau ARA will operate W8OQC starting at 1200Z Oct. 17 on the New River Gorge Bridge, the world's longest steel arch bridge. Frequencies: 7.275 21.385 14.285 28.575. Certificate for QSL and s.a.s.e. to W8OQC, 135 Daniels St., Fayetteville, WV 25840.

**Johannesburg, California and Johannesburg, South Africa:** Project Johannesburg, linking the old California mining town with its namesake in South Africa, will operate WA6NKL and ZS6AKV from 2000Z Oct. 23 until 2000Z Oct. 25. Frequencies: phone — 14.200-14.350, 21.275-21.400, 28.500-28.700 MHz; cw — by request only. Certificates to those who contact ZS6TJ (SARL club station), one other ZS6 and WA6NKL. Send date, time, signal report and station contacted along with one IRC to Postmaster, Johannesburg, CA 93528.

**Burlington, New Jersey:** West Jersey Radio Amateurs will operate W2JUG for the entire 24-hour day of Oct. 31 from the South Jersey Pine Barrens, home of the Jersey Devil. Frequencies: phone — 15 kHz from bottom of General band; cw — 15 kHz from bottom of Novice band. Certificate for s.a.s.e. to WJRA, Box 62, Burlington, NJ 08016.

**Note:** The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 15th of the second month preceding publication. For example, your information would have to reach Hq. by November 15 to make the January issue.

## 50 Years Ago

### October 1931

□ "Improving the Voltage Regulation of Rectifier-Filter Systems," by Ed Glaser, W2BRB, reviews the necessity for low regulation in the power supply of a c.w. transmitter. The author points out the advantages of mercury-vapor rectifiers and choke-input filter systems, and he also describes the use of the little-known voltage-regulating transformer.

□ Don Wallace, W6AM, is a very untypical traveling salesman. In "The Traveling Man's Portable," Don describes the design and construction of the portable station, W6ZZA, that he carries on trips and uses to keep in touch with Mrs. Wallace, W6MA. The station is housed in a leather case that can be slipped under a Pullman seat; it consists of a two-tube, battery-powered receiver and a three-stage, crystal-controlled transmitter using "10s throughout (two in parallel in the final). Total weight is 64 pounds — no transportation problem for big Don, but it must have surprised a few porters and bell-hops along the way!

□ In "The Vacuum Contact Key," Herman Kott describes how to use the German device imported by the Burgess Battery Company to key a transmitter. The vacuum contact consists of two copper contacts in a sealed glass cylinder; contact is made or broken by flexing an external glass extension. The movement re-

quired at the stem is only 0.02 inches, and operation speeds of 40 per second are normal at 6 amps and 220 volts. Manually-operated (mounted under a straight key) and remote-control (mounted on a relay) examples are shown.

□ Paul Huntsinger reviews "The Mechanics of Modulation" and shows how modulation is measured. (Unfortunately, Figs. 6, 7 and 8, mentioned in the text, are not included, thus probably attesting to QST's alleged pro-c.w. policy.)

□ In "I.A.R.U. News" a letter from Robert Malong, W2BPY, reminds newcomers to 14 Mc. seeking their first European contacts that the Gs send TEST instead of CQ when looking for QSOs.

## 25 Years Ago

### October 1956

□ "The Monimatch," by Lew McCoy, W1ICP, is a description of the inexpensive and easy-to-build s.w.r. and output indicator. (This device and subsequent similar ones made "s.w.r." the No. 1 topic of conversation in ham circles for many years to come.)

□ Long-time v.h.f. advocate Frank Lester, W2AMI,

tells how he stacked four 7-element Yagis to form "A 28-Element 144-Mc. Beam" and give him a big signal on 2 meters. Attention to mechanical details and the use of balanced feed contribute to the physical and S-meter strength.

□ The "Novel Method of Matching to the Ground-Plane Antenna" of Walter Dauksner, W2OKX, involves a sliding short on a folded ground-plane antenna. The work was done with a model antenna at 435 Mc.

□ For fans of the lower frequencies, Art Greenberg, W2CYK, gives tips on "Simple Trap Construction for the MultiBand Antenna." With emphasis on physical details for strength and long life, the author uses readily available components throughout.

□ Trying to get a little life into that almost dead-horse amplitude modulation, Ollie Allen, W4FHF, tells about "The Ultra Modulation System." The circuit prevents negative-peak flattening (and splatter and distortion) at audio-to-carrier power ratios of up to 5 to 1.

□ The "4X250B Amplifier for 144 Mc." of W. J. Edinger, Jr., W6LSB, is a good, efficient design that permits 500 watts input. Forced-air cooling and simple construction make this an attractive amplifier.

□ The ARRL Merit Award for 1955 goes to Paul Wilson, W4HHK, and Ralph "Tommy" Thomas, W2UK, for their pioneering work with meteor-burst propagation over a 940-mile path between Tennessee and New Jersey. Their work over two years attracted international attention among propagation scientists. — Byron Goodman, W1DX

# 48th ARRL November Sweepstakes Announcement

Well, it's almost November again. And you know what that means! Time to dust off the keyer paddle, check out the antennas and attach the splatter shield to the microphone. Lay in a fresh supply of coffee; you'll need it! Why? Because the 48th running of the November Sweepstakes is upon us.

The rules for this year's contest are identical to last year's. The 30-minute time-out rule worked well and will remain. Also, remember that there is a three-QSO penalty for unremoved duplicate contacts and for miscopied call signs. Take a few seconds to make sure you have the call right before you move on. At four QSOs each (including the original QSO), bad calls reduce scores quickly.

Another point to remember is that you must receive a *complete exchange* for each claimed QSO. If you get everything except the check, that's not good enough. You must copy it *all* for a complete contact. QSOs with stations "not in the contest" are fine, too — if you can get all of the required information.

Official log sheets, summary sheets and dupe sheets are available from ARRL Hq. Send an s.a.s.c. with one unit of first-class postage (U.S.) for each five sheets requested. You'll need one summary sheet and one dupe sheet for each mode. Log sheets hold 100 QSOs each, so order accordingly. Order your official entry forms now; they not only make it easier on the log checkers, but also help make sure you submit all of the required information.

Logs must be postmarked by December 8, 1981. You should send them via first-class mail

## Suggested Frequencies

Cw	NoVICE	Phone
1800-1810		1810-1820
3550-3650	3710	3850-3950
7050-7100	7110	7200-7250
14,050-14,100		14,250-14,300
21,050-21,100	21,110	21,300-21,400
28,050-28,100	28,110	28,550-28,650

## Contest Period

	Starts	Ends
Cw	Saturday, Nov. 7 2100 UTC	Monday, Nov. 9 0300 UTC
Phone	Saturday, Nov. 21 2100 UTC	Monday, Nov. 23 0300 UTC

## Explanation of Exchange

	Number	Precedence	Call	Check	Section
Exchanges	Consecutive serial number	Power input more than 200 W dc	Send your station call	Last two digits of year first licensed	Your ARRL section
Sample	NR178	B	KN6M	55	EBAY

to ensure timely delivery. Entries arriving later than December 31 may not make the QST listings. If you want to make sure your entry arrived safely, include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. We'll return it to you when we get the log.

Club officers: Remember to send us a membership roster as detailed in the club competition rules (January QST, page 79). CU in SS!

## Rules

1) **Object:** For stations in the United States and Canada (including territories and possessions) to exchange QSO information, as detailed in Rule 4, with as many other U.S. and Canadian stations as possible on 160 through 10 meters.

### 2) Contest Period:

(A) **Cw** — First full weekend in November.

(B) **Phone** — Third full weekend in November.

(C) **Time** — Begins 2100 UTC Saturday and ends 0300 UTC Monday. Operate no more than 24 of the 30 hours. Off periods may not be less than 30 minutes in length. Times off and on must be clearly noted in your log, and listening time counts as operating time.

### 3) Categories:

(A) **Single operator.** One person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions.

(B) **Multiperoperator,** single transmitter only. Those obtaining any form of assistance such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

4) **Exchange:** A consecutive serial number, precedence ("A" if you run 200 W dc or less, "B" if more than 200 W), your call sign, check (last two digits of the year you were first licensed), and your ARRL section. For example, KN6M answers WIAW's call by sending WIAW NR178 B KN6M 55 EB for QSO number 178, more than 200 watts, first licensed in 1955 and East Bay section.

### 5) Scoring:

(A) QSO points. Count two points for each complete two-way QSO. No cross-mode contacts. Work each station only *once*,

regardless of the frequency band.

(B) **Multipplier.** Each ARRL section (listed on page 8 in this issue) plus VE8/VY1 — maximum of 74. KP4, KV4/KP2 and KG4 stations are in the West Indies section, while KH6 and other U.S. possessions in the Pacific count as the Pacific section.

(C) **Final score.** Multiply QSO points (two per QSO) times the number of ARRL sections (plus VE8/VY1).

### 6) Miscellaneous:

(A) A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned by FCC/DOC).

(B) One operator may not use more than one call sign from any given location during the contest period.

(C) The use of two or more transmitters simultaneously is not allowed.

7) **Reporting:** Contest forms (log sheets, summary sheet, dupe sheet) are available from ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.c. Official forms are recommended. Any entry claiming more than 200 QSOs must submit duplicate-checking sheets (check sheets). Incomplete or late entries will be classified as checklogs. Logs should include dates, QSO times, exchange sent/received, band and mode. Postmark your entry within 30 days after the phone portion of the contest (December 8, 1981).

8) **Club Competition:** ARRL-affiliated clubs for club gavels and awards in the local, medium and unlimited categories as described in January 1981 QST, page 79.

9) **Awards:** Certificates to the top single operator cw and phone scorers in both the "A" and "B" categories in each ARRL section, and the top multiperoperator entry in each ARRL Division.

### 10) Conditions of Entry:

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions as well as the intent of this announcement, the regulations of his licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) **Disqualifications:** See January 1981 QST, page 79.

ARRL November Sweepstakes

NAME WABIE ADDRESS SECTION OF SAN FRANCISCO

MODE CW CATEGORY 74 CALL SIGN W1CB

STATION 105.178 BAND 70.1 TIME 74 POWER 400 EFF. 20

EXCHANGE NR178

SECTION EB

PRECEDENCE B

CHECK 55

DATE NOV 7 1981

TIME 2100

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# Results, 1981 ARRL International DX Contest

"The secret of success is constancy to purpose." — Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield (1804-1881)

By Mark J. Wilson,\* AA2Z and Bill Jennings,\*\* K1WJ

Many thanks to the 4162 DX contesters who submitted 2175 cw and 1987 phone logs, helping to celebrate the return of the ARRL International DX contest. The February 21-22 (cw) and March 7-8 (phone) running of the contest signaled the end of the "world works the world" experiment conducted last year. Overwhelming opinion by contesters worldwide brought back the "world works W/VE" to the 1981 contest and brought it back to stay.

The great experiment of 1980 was far from a flop in terms of what it added to the contest, however. It gave us the popular single-band entry categories for single-operator stations, an expanded awards program (plaques) and a new philosophy for the multi-single category. Bertrand Russell was right when he said, "Change is one thing, progress is another." He might have taken that one step further and said, "Change without progress is change without purpose." We did gain something from the 1980 experiment.

Excellent band conditions both weekends apparently helped increase the number of logs received by 153 from last year's total of 4009. Activity was so good that the top two phone single-op stations and the top four cw single ops all managed to clear 2000 QSOs. K1KI also sniffed out 397 multipliers on phone, a total not seen since the days of two weekends per mode.

The Top-Ten W/VE single-operator scores came, for the most part, from the northeast (so what else is new?). Conditions were better for those farther west on phone, with W9ZRX, N7DF, VE7BTU and KD6PY all making the grade. Cw was a different story, however, as W0UA at K0RF was the only one outside the first three call areas to make it. K1JX, N3BB and N2LT showed their skill and endurance by appearing in the Top Ten on both modes. K1VTM, operated by K1JX, just narrowly



K1JX operated K1VTM to a first-place finish on phone and second place on cw. This is the second year in a row that someone won on phone from K1VTM, but that won't happen again. thank God!

squeaked past K1KI for the top phone honors, and both of these top contesters were a cool half-million points ahead of the nearest competition. On cw, N2NT put the W2PV antenna farm to good use and easily swept past the competition to fill the top slot.

Single-band competition, retained from last year, again proved popular as about 30 percent of the W/VE single ops chose that category. The attractions are obvious: some sleep is possible, it's easier to build a competitive antenna system for one band than for all bands and there is no worry about missing an odd long-path opening or a rare multiplier that only shows up for a few contacts. There were several outstanding single band operations that outshined even the biggest multi-multis. On phone, K1UO used his quiet location in Maine (a mere stone's throw from Europe) to run stations earlier and later than most other competitors on 10, while W7WA used K7RI's fabulous shot to Japan to rack up almost 2400 QSOs on 15 meters alone. On cw, W8LRL found the patience to track down 37 QSOs and 24 multipliers on 160 meters.

Although the western stations didn't fare too well in the single-operator category, they dominated the multi-single class. The K5RC group again walked away with the cw multi-



Bears do not bear radios, and that is all, says Ville, OH2MM, that kept him from being shot as a bear while he trudged through the snow to his countryside contest location. Ville was able to bear up under the competition and take the top 20-meter phone award for Europe and the 20-meter phone DX plaque.

## 1982 ARRL International DX Contest

CW	Phone
February 20-21	March 6-7

single plaque by a healthy margin, while the gang at K0RF finished first on phone. Besides having big antennas and good operators, both groups took advantage of good European and JA openings to fill the log pages, while the multiplier station operators patiently waited for the East and West Coast aluminum curtains to open so they could work the rare ones. Of note is K0RF's QSO total of 517 on 40-meter phone. We didn't believe that number either, but we checked it out, and they really did work an incredible number of 20- and 100-watt JA stations.

The multi-multi competition is usually hot and heavy, with the big stations battling for the lower band edges until the loudest station wins and the loser slinks off to lick his wounds. The Frankford Radio Club crew at K2UA hung in there on code and came out on top for the first time, while the Yankee Clipper Contest Club teams at W2PV and K1OX slugged it out on phone.

N2AA deserves mention as winner of the QRP category on both modes. Using fairly modest antennas, Gene worked some really nice DX such as VS6 and KX6 on cw. Among the 91 countries he worked on 10-meter phone were 6W8, CE0A and D4. Not bad for 5 watts and a 3-element beam at 20 feet.

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\*\*Communications Assistant, ARRL

## United States and Canadian Plaque Winners

Phone			CW		
Single operator	Winner	Donor	Single Operator	Winner	Donor
All Band	<b>K1VTM (K1JX)</b>	Frankford Radio Club	All Band	<b>W2PV (N2NT)</b>	Frankford Radio Club
1.8 MHz	<b>W8LRL</b>	ARRL	1.8 MHz	<b>N4IN</b>	W1TX Roy Fosberg Memorial (Connecticut Wireless Assn.)
3.5 MHz	<b>W1CF (K8UR)</b>	Gary Firtick, K1EB/W1EBC	3.5 MHz	<b>W1ZM (K1ZM)</b>	Northern Illinois DX Assn.
7 MHz	<b>K7UR</b>	David Thompson, K4JRB/K5MBX	7 MHz	<b>W5UN</b>	DX Awards Guide — Ellis— Doucett Memorial
14 MHz	<b>K3KG</b>	Richard Loehning, N9ACP and Mark Michel, W9OP	14 MHz	<b>K5IY (KA5CHW)</b>	Neenah-Menasha Amateur Radio Club
21 MHz	<b>K7RI (W7WA)</b>	Hamfesters Radio Club, W9AA	21 MHz	<b>K1RM</b>	Willamette Valley DX Club
28 MHz	<b>K1UO</b>	Roy and Kathryn Tucker, N6TK and AA6TK	28 MHz	<b>W0ZV</b>	Mike Badalato, W5MYA
QRP	<b>N2AA</b>	Rockford Amateur Radio Assn.	QRP	<b>N2AA</b>	Hollywood Amateur Radio Club
Multi-Single	<b>K0RF</b>	Mid-Ohio Contest Club	Multi-Single	<b>K5RC</b>	Mid-Ohio Contest Club
Multi-Multi	<b>W2PV</b>	Buffalo Area DX Club	Multi-Multi	<b>K2UA</b>	North Florida ARS—Hollis Graves Memorial

The top DX scores came from the Caribbean, as usual, but all continents except Asia were represented in the DX Top Ten. On cw, veteran single-ops HH2VP, W1BIH/PJ2 and VP2VI vied for first place, with HH2VP the eventual winner. Only slightly discouraged by the results of last year's cw effort, K2YY again traveled to Montserrat, this time for phone. The results were a little more rewarding as John won the DX phone plaque by a good bit. Rounding out the DX Top Ten were some fine scores from Europe, Africa and South America, as well as several from Oceania. The Caribbean was also the site of an outstanding phone multi-single effort at VP2E. K8ND and friends put on quite a show, breaking 10,000 QSOs before dupes and working 330 out of a possible 342 multipliers. They averaged 214 QSOs per hour for the entire contest, made 326 QSOs the first hour and bought all the throat lozenges on the island of Anguilla.

There was an increase in the affiliated club



JA0NL — 15-meter cw competitor.

competition this year, with 88 clubs meeting the criteria. The Frankford Radio Club won the Unlimited Class gavel again this year with a whopping 106 megapoints and 126 entries. There was, however, some serious competition from the Yankee Clipper Contest Club this time. Seems the YCCC was only about 9 million points behind after the cw weekend (traditionally Frankford's strong mode), and this led to some good-natured rivalry and joking among members of the two clubs. FRC managed to mobilize the troops and field a number of small phone multi-multis to win out in the end. Murphy's Marauders took the honors in the Medium Class for the third year in a row, with the North Texas Contest Club pack hot on the trail. Last, the Ill Wind Contesters used their big multi-multis to blow away the Central Virginia Contest Club in the Local Class. The club competition has grown over the past few years to become as intense as the competition among individual stations.

## DX Plaque Winners

Phone			CW		
Single Operator	Winner	Donor	Single Operator	Winner	Donor
All Band—World	<b>VP2MP (K2YY)</b>	North Jersey DX Assn.	All Band—World	<b>HH2VP</b>	North Jersey DX Assn.
Africa	<b>EL2AV</b>	John Farrington, WA1TQP	Africa	<b>5T5CJ</b>	San Diego DX Club
Asia	<b>JA1ELY</b>	Lafayette ARC and Acadiana DX Assn.	Asia	<b>JA1BWA</b>	Sonoma County Radio Amateurs
Europe	<b>I8FLD</b>	Murphy's Marauders	Europe	<b>EA2IA</b>	Clarke Greene, K1JX
North America	<b>N1GL/VP9</b>	Chod Harris, VP2ML	North America	<b>VP2VI (W0DX)</b>	Pete Grillo, W6RTT
Oceania	<b>KH8NO</b>	Ray Stone, W5RBO	Oceania	<b>KH6ND</b>	Ray Stone, W5RBO
South America	<b>PP2ZDD</b>	Roy and Kathryn Tucker, N6TK and AA6TK	South America	<b>W1BIH/PJ2</b>	Alamo DX Amigos—San Antonio
1.8 MHz	<b>H18JAG</b>	Arkansas DX Assn.	1.8 MHz	<b>OK3CPL</b>	Arkansas DX Assn.
3.5 MHz	<b>H18PGG</b>	Robert Peterson, W3YY	3.5 MHz	<b>EA8RL</b>	Earl D. Merry Memorial (W8KI, donor)
7 MHz	<b>FM0FJE</b>	KN6M Contest Machine	7 MHz	<b>KP4EQF</b>	Art Boyers, K3KU
14 MHz	<b>OH2MM</b>	Don Wallace, W6AM	14 MHz	<b>OH5TQ</b>	Bencher, Inc.
21 MHz	<b>YU3TU</b>	Worldradio	21 MHz	<b>TF3YH</b>	Southern New England DX Assn.
28 MHz	<b>FG0FOO/FS (N6RA)</b>	Mike Badalato, W5MYA	28 MHz	<b>G4GIR</b>	West Jersey Communications Products
QRP	<b>I5NSR</b>	William Shepherd, K3WS	QRP	<b>G4BUE</b>	AJ7S—Nashua Amateur Radio Club
Multi-Single World	<b>VP2E</b>	Delta DX Assn.	Multi-Single World	<b>JA7YAA</b>	Texas DX Society
Africa	<b>EL9A</b>	Indy DXers	Africa	<b>TL8WH</b>	Red Stick DX Assn.
Asia	<b>JA2YKA</b>	Kansas City DX Club	Asia	<b>UK0QAA</b>	Red Stick DX Assn.
Europe	<b>CT2ARA</b>	Roger De Busk, K8LSG, Memorial Lynn and Rosie Lamb, W4NL and KA4S	Europe	<b>DL0AA</b>	South Florida DX Assn.
North America	<b>NP4A</b>	Carl Smith, W0BWJ	North America	<b>FM0FOL</b>	The K5RC Multiop Crew
Oceania	<b>ZL3BK</b>	Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados	Oceania	<b>KH6IFY</b>	KN6M Contest Machine
South America	<b>W4PRO/CE0</b>	Gloucester County ARC-SNJ	South America	—	Mike Badalato, W5MYA
Multi-Multi World	<b>G4ANT</b>	Randy and Sharon Stegemeyer, W7HR and WB7DBP	Multi-Multi World	<b>NL7M</b>	QRZ DX
Africa	<b>EA9IE</b>	Mike Badalato, W5MYA	Asia	<b>JF1ZRQ</b>	Colorado Contest Conspiracy
Asia	<b>JA7YAA</b>	Grosse Point Farms DX Assn.	Europe	<b>OH1AF</b>	George Schultz, W0UA, and John Brosnahan, W0UN
Europe	<b>N2BVJ/LX</b>	Southeastern DX Club	North America	<b>NL7M</b>	Ventura County ARC, K6MEP
North America	—				

## Special Plaque Winners

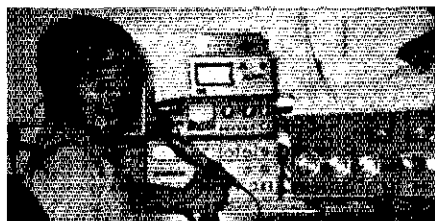
Single Operator	Winner	Donor	Single Operator	Winner	Donor
Republic of South Africa (phone)	<b>ZS6ABO</b>	Bill Jennings, K1WJ	Dominican Republic (cw)	<b>H18LC</b>	Jose Barecelo, HI7UP
Scandinavian Award (combined)	<b>OZ1LO</b>	John Lindholm, W1XX	Reciprocal Operator (foreign in U.S.)	<b>LA4LN/W3</b>	Amateur Bilingual Radio Operators and DX Southern California Contest Club
WVE Low Power (top, both modes)	—	Ken Bolin, W1NG	California (cw)	<b>K6NA</b>	Dave Bell, W6AQ
World Combined Score (both modes)	<b>KH6ND</b>	Yankee Clipper Contest Club	California (phone)	<b>KD6PY</b>	Dennis Motschenbacher, KA5CHW
Israel (cw)	<b>4Z4RS</b>	Martin Hartstein, N6WW	Texas (cw)	<b>K5NW</b>	Wireless Institute of the Northeast
Israel (phone)	<b>4Z4RS</b>	Martin Hartstein, N6WW	WVE Low power (cw)	<b>N5AW/1</b>	Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
West Coast Big Gun (14 MHz west of Mississippi)	<b>WA7GVM</b>	Larry Pace, N7DD	U.S. Ø Call Area (phone)	<b>WØEJ</b>	Tom and Jan Middleton, WB4CKY
Canada (cw)	<b>VE3IY</b>	CANAD-X	U.S. 4th Call Area (cw)	<b>N4RV (N3TR)</b>	Herb Twitchell, W6BL
Japan (phone)	<b>JA1ELY</b>	Western Washington DX Club	Middle East (cw)	<b>HZ1HZ</b>	Jess Guaderrama, W6LEN
Japan (cw)	<b>JA1BWA</b>	Tom Morrison, K5TM and Randy Thompson, K5ZD	Japan (15 meters cw)	<b>JH1BBU</b>	Armond Noble, N6WR
WVE Operator (combined)	<b>K1JX</b>	<i>National Contest Journal</i>	Australia (phone)	<b>VK4VU</b>	Jay Carr, W6FAY
Europe 3.5 MHz (cw)	<b>EA2OP</b>	South Florida DX Assn. Livonia Amateur Radio Club, Inc.	Australia (cw)	<b>VK3AEW</b>	Arturo Gigante, HI8GB
U.S. 8th call area (phone)	<b>K8AZ</b>	Northern California Contest Club	Caribbean Resident	<b>HH2VP</b>	W5QBM Joe Johnston Memorial The YASME Foundation, Inc. Steve Place, WB1EYI
Japan (combined)	<b>JA1ELY</b>	W3LKG Memorial—K3ND and Family	Multioperator Caribbean (phone)	<b>VP2E</b>	John Minke, N6JM
Europe (3.5 MHz phone)	<b>CT1FL</b>	Rich Assarabowski, K1CC	Caribbean (cw)	<b>FMØFOL</b>	Long Island DX Assn. in memory of Howard Geberth, W2NUT/1
Poland (combined)	<b>SP3DOI</b>	Jose Barecelo, HI7UP	Most Improved Club	<b>Murphy's Marauders FMØFOL</b>	
Dominican Republic (phone)	<b>HI8GB</b>		Contest DXpedition (cw)	<b>VP2E</b>	
			Contest DXpedition (phone)	<b>VP2E</b>	



Gustavo, CT2CY, used his Swan 350 and a dipole antenna in a 20-meter monoband phone effort from Sao Miguel Island in the Azores.



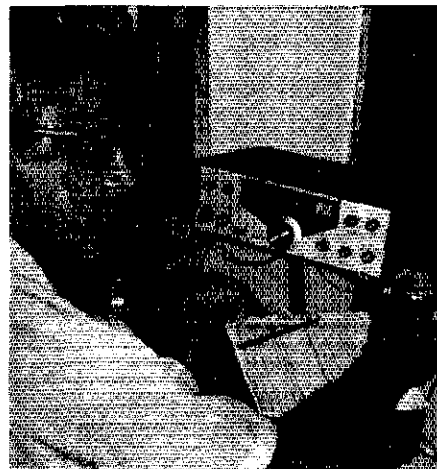
W3XU handled 15 meters for K2UA, who ended up at the top of the heap on cw for multi-multi stations.



4X6DX, Seth, put in 48 hours on 20 meters in the phone weekend and emerged as the top Asian 14-MHz operator.

## SOAPBOX

*DX* — We ran into a little trouble during the contest on Sunday afternoon. It seems that we mixed up the feed lines on the 10- and 20-meter beams so that for about six hours we were on 10 meters with the 20-meter antenna beaming to the *Indian Ocean*. Unbelievable! (I3ON). We welcome back the old ARRL DX Contest rules . . . We are convinced that this is the number one contest for those who love to contest (JA3ODC/JA3YKC). At 14 years of age, I am the youngest Advanced class ham in Israel and also hold the call sign, N2BZQ . . . This was my first contest, and I hope that I did well (4X6DX). [You did real FB, Seth. You turned in the number one Asia 20-meter phone score. — Ed.] Conditions during the contest were good to the East Coast and spotty to W5 and WØ. Didn't hear anything from W7 though (DK8FS). I can boil down my feelings about this contest to this simple equation: FB condx + good rig + poor antennas = by best results ever (ØK2BLG). Just running a vertical antenna and a barefoot rig, so couldn't keep the pile-ups going. Fortunately, there was a multi-single operation up on the hill that made about 3500 QSOs and helped fill the need for the Easter Island multiplier (CEØAE). Poor Hawaiian and Alaskan stations! Please include KH6s and KL7s as "new states" next year (YB2SV). As a longtime competitor, I am delighted that the old form of the contest has been restored, with WVE stations at the focus of it. That has restored the unique zest and pace of this contest. By the second day, most competitors (including myself) were using the rubbishy 599. I urge you to replace the report with a serial number, irrespective of movement among the bands, starting at ØØ1 and restarting after each 999. The exchange would then again have meaning (G2RO). A lot of you W and VE stations have very good ears — you had to hear my weak signal (JF2BDK). See you next year from some other DX QTH. Once you get a taste of the other side, it's hard to quit (K8ZH/6Y5). We had a lot of problems with interference between stations at our multi-transmitter/multi-operator site. We will try to correct this for next year's contest (JH1CNT/JF1ZRO). There is no electricity on my island so I can't use a linear amplifier. I do have an old generator that sometimes works and sometimes doesn't. This time I used only automobile batteries to power my five-watt rig. I try again next year and hope that the ice is thick enough to drive over to my island. This year we had to walk because the ice was only 2 inches thick (ØHØPA). One of our operators (GW4DZE, Lin) worked 36 out of the 48 hours, surviving on a diet of curried beef, boiled rice and coffee (GW4KHQ). After spending a wet afternoon threading a 160-meter dipole through some trees, we were a little disappointed that we didn't even hear anything on that band. However we got some comfort from N6CW who said that we were the only Europeans he heard on 80 meters . . . Our peak



The Man, himself, HH2VP, number one score in the 1981 cw contest. That 2.5-million point score came from 200 watts to a trap vertical antenna and a 160-meter dipole — and from 33 hours of hard operating time.



K2YY (l) conducts a pre-contest strategy meeting with host VP2MF. John kept his composure throughout and turned in the top phone score, worldwide. FB!

### Top Ten, Phone — Single Operator

W/VE	Score
K1VTM (K1JX)	2,447,550
K1KI	2,443,404
W9ZRX	1,870,848
N3BB	1,847,055
W2YV	1,648,290
N7DF	1,555,245
VE7BTV	1,388,004
N2LT	1,298,232
KD6PY	1,292,004
K1LL	1,287,600
<b>DX</b>	
VP2MP (K2YY)	5,449,095
N1GLV/P9	4,092,300
TG9GI	3,969,252
EL2AV	2,548,665
KH6NO	2,156,952
I6FLD	2,118,675
KH6BZF	1,948,089
KH6ND	1,920,702
SP3DOI	1,576,800
VK4VU	1,416,564

### Top Ten, CW — Single Operator

W/VE	Score
W2PV (N2NT)	2,007,936
K1VTM (K1JX)	1,832,436
K1BW	1,814,127
KØRF (WØUA)	1,762,713
K1AR	1,717,455
N2LT	1,669,221
K3LR	1,556,415
N3BB	1,550,640
W2RQ	1,448,172
AE2A	1,333,284
<b>DX</b>	
HH2VP	2,564,298
W1BIH/PJ2	2,498,688
VP2VI (WØDX)	2,473,688
EA2IA	2,302,977
OZ1LO	2,010,663
KH6ND	2,003,637
9Y4VU	1,651,545
KH6NO	1,562,340
SP3DOI	1,461,438
5T5CJ	1,330,035

### Division Leaders — Single Operator

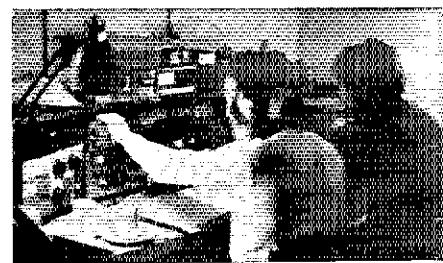
Phone	Division	CW
N3BB	Atlantic	K3LR
W9ZRX	Central	A19J
KØDD	Dakota	KBØRC
W5XZ	Delta	K4XU
K8AZ	Great Lakes	WA8YVR
W2YV	Hudson	W2PV (N2NT)
WØEJ	Midwest	KBØRC
K1VTM (K1JX)	New England	K1VTM (K1JX)
K7WQD	Northwestern	K7NHV
KD6PY	Pacific	N6MG
N4UH	Roanoke	N4RV (N3TR)
N7DF	Rocky Mountain	KØRF (WØUA)
WA4FBH	Southeastern	K4BAI
N6AR	Southwestern	K6NA
N5IH	West Gulf	K5NW
VE7BTV	Canada	VE3IY

### Affiliated Club Competition

Unlimited Class	Score	Entries	CW Winner	Phone Winner
<b>Frankford Radio Club</b>	106,823,216	126	N2LT	N3BB
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	87,012,597	99	W2PV (N2NT)	W2YV
Potomac Valley Radio Club	53,155,632	64	N4RV (N3TR)	N3RL
Northern California Contest Club	44,774,432	65	N6MG	N6BV
<b>Medium Class</b>				
<b>Murphy's Marauders</b>	21,572,634	25	K1VTM (K1JX)	K1VTM (K1JX)
North Texas Contest Club	20,435,845	46	K5NW	K5NW
Mad River Radio Club	18,342,981	13	K3LR	K8AZ
San Diego DX Club	11,387,442	13	K6NA	WA6EJL
Texas DX Society	10,245,975	16	KN5H	K5DX
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	8,039,529	9	KØRF (WØUA)	WØZV
Wireless Institute of the Northeast	7,827,522	17	W2RQ	W1GD
Kansas City DX Club	6,949,128	21	NØTT	WBØISW
Southern California DX Club	6,491,659	14	N6AA	N6AR
Western Washington DX Club	6,360,384	36	W6RR	K7WQD
Willamette Valley DX Assn.	5,836,818	12	W7NI	W7EJ
Northern Illinois DX Assn.	4,752,513	20	A19J	A19J
Northern California DX Club	4,630,179	35	N6AN	N6OJ
Flyweight DX Group	3,442,799	16	N4DW	AB4H
Eastern Iowa DX Assn.	3,247,526	20	WØEJ	WØEJ
Southeastern DX Club	2,806,836	19	AA4NC	WA4FBH
Michigan DX Assn.	2,609,772	11	K8GL	W8TWA
Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society	2,542,242	28	K8US	N8ATR
Rochester DX Assn.	2,143,596	17	W2TZ	W2TZ
Gloucester County AR Club	1,832,916	13	W2YC	K2SNK
North Alabama DX Club	1,705,172	11	N4KG	WN4KKN
South Jersey Radio Assn.	1,490,889	23	WB2BYU	WA2NBM
Order of Boiled Owls—NY	1,465,512	5	K2LE/I	—
Fort Wayne Radio Club	1,273,828	14	K9TUS	W9LT
Grumman Amateur Radio Club	1,025,361	12	WA2LQQ	W2INJ
Alamo DX Amigos	1,005,540	11	W5DV	W5DV
Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club	876,284	12	—	K9QXY
Columbus Amateur Radio Assn.	858,495	15	W8ELE	W8DWP
<b>Local Class</b>				
<b>Ill Wind Contesters</b>	12,093,828	9	AF9C	N9AEJ
Central Virginia Contest Club	9,348,468	4	—	—
Fraser Valley DX Club	4,319,349	10	VE7BTV	VE7BTV
Red Stick DX Assn.	4,041,897	8	WA5IGD	W5XZ
Central Arizona DX Assn.	3,233,814	7	N7MW	W9FI
Halifax Amateur Radio Club	3,117,441	5	VE1AIH	—
Point Radio Operating Society	3,084,285	7	K3MD	—
Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	2,874,396	10	K9BGL	KBØRC
Albuquerque DX Assn.	2,786,493	5	—	W5JW
Southern California Contest Club	2,739,057	3	W6AM (N6TJ)	—

came at 1500-1600Z on 10 meters on Saturday when our QSO rate climbed to 155 (GU4CHY, GU3MBS, N6RA/GU3HFN). When going through the logs, one can see that far too many dupes were worked (238 dupes in 3186 QSOs). We never call any stations but try to hold a frequency and work the pile-up. Therefore, it's the stations that are calling us who are causing the dupes. This situation has been getting worse in the last couple of years and applies mostly to W stations, not to JAs or any others. It used to be that you almost never duped a W station. I think it calls for a very strong reminder from the contest manager (SM2EKM/SL2ZZU). [Good point, Jim. Consider the reminder given. There is no reason that someone going around calling stations cannot keep up the dupe sheet. — Ed.] Our DXpedition to St. Vincent coincided with the contest, and we decided to give it a try. As a string of 600-foot hills surrounded our rented house on three sides, including the side toward the U.S., we borrowed a battery from VP2SQ (now J88AQ) and lugged it, the rig, antenna tuner and rest of the gear to the top of the ridge for the phone contest. With 90° heat, high humidity and that sun directly above our heads, you can only imagine the dedication needed to drag that gear and ourselves up the hill (WB1ABF, W1JP, K1JU/J87BM). All W6s please QSL via the bureau for NCDXC Award (GM4FDM). I was surprised that Mississippi should be the rarest one, had rather expected Nevada, N. Dakota or Rhode Island to be the difficult ones (DJØIV). Surprising what a pile-up one can get on cw from the Caribbean (K4LTA/ZF2EX).

W/VE — I think that I burned a hole to JA land with only the 200 watts to a vertical (KA3FMH). The contest "bug" sure bites hard. A week after the contest, I was laid up for four days. Gave me time to do my logs (KB8PK). Never had this good a percentage before. Worked 39 out of 40 called (WA8FCH). Sorry

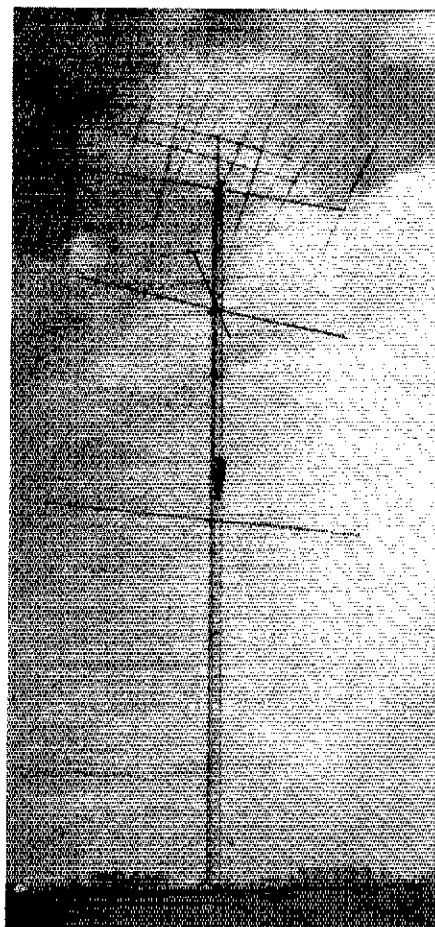


K1XA (front) and AA2Z at the K1XA multi-single cw effort. (WB1EYI photo)



G4GIR smoked the rest of the competition to win the 10-Meter CW DX Plaque.

Local Class	Score	Entries	CW Winner	Phone Winner
Greater Milwaukee DX Assn.	2,216,463	6	—	W9GIL
Overlook Mountain AR Club	1,834,822	7	—	WB2NFG
Milford Amateur Club	1,791,927	5	—	K8CMO
Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club	1,374,945	8	N4UA	NI4R
Neenah-Menasha AR Club	1,337,016	5	—	W9OP
Rubber Circle Contest Club	1,236,068	7	K7JUJ	N7ABJ
Long Island DX Assn.	1,130,118	9	K2MFY	KA1DS
DX Assn. of Connecticut	1,040,343	8	WA1CCR	K1WJ
Eastern Michigan AR Club	909,360	6	N8BKO	AC8W
Meriden Amateur Radio Club	775,917	4	W1KKF	—
Redwood Empire DX Club	619,506	6	N6OJ	—
Montgomery Amateur Radio Club	508,830	4	WA3NQJ	KC3H
Dauberville DX Assn.	475,923	9	—	KA3ARQ
Western Illinois AR Club	475,218	3	—	N9GB
Sheboygan County DX Assn.	463,950	4	—	KE9A
Split Rock Amateur Radio Assn.	423,900	7	KD2G	KD2G
Kansas DX Assn.	421,401	5	—	WA0TKJ
Northern Ohio DX Assn.	418,728	9	WD8MOV	WD8KKF
Hollywood Amateur Radio Club	363,687	3	—	—
Lincoln Amateur Radio Club	354,552	4	—	K0GND
Natchaug Amateur Radio Assn.	348,672	4	—	WB1CBY
Central Florida DX Assn.	297,528	4	—	—
Ventura County Amateur Radio Club	285,009	6	—	WA6DJS
Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville	283,821	6	—	KA4RJC
Mitre-Bedford AR Club	282,306	6	—	W1FM
Long Island Mobile AR Club	255,459	8	—	WA2JCX
Greater Lansing DX Group	250,778	7	—	WB8YQX
Ohio Valley AR Assn.	240,954	4	W8GOC	—
Southern New England DX Assn.	239,226	4	—	—
Winnipeg DX Club	197,490	3	—	—
St. Cloud AR Club	172,803	3	—	—
Motor City Radio Club	169,089	6	—	K8SIA
Longview Amateur Radio Club	168,198	3	—	—
Radio Association of Erie	158,277	3	—	—
Stamford Amateur Radio Assn.	156,321	4	—	—
Carbon County AR Club	155,589	5	—	WB3JYY
Lake Success Radio Club	132,039	8	WA2ISH	W2NBI
Saginaw Valley AR Assn.	103,281	6	—	WB8AYW
Arinc Amateur Radio Club	93,147	6	W3HVQ	W3PWC
Southington AR Assn.	72,948	4	—	WB1BVQ
Reading Radio Club	63,819	6	WA3JXW	WB3EPW
San Angelo Amateur Radio Club	47,688	3	—	K1DWQ/5
Chicago Radio Traffic Assn.	28,111	4	—	—
Columbus Amateur Radio Club	13,044	3	—	—
Rockford AR Assn.	11,847	3	N9UN	—
Larkfield Amateur Radio Club	9450	3	—	—



The multi-single cw station at AD8P includes: 5 elements on 10 meters at 115 feet, 4 elements on 20 meters at 110 feet, 4 elements on 40 meters at 105 feet, 4 elements fixed on Japan at 87 feet, 2-element delta loop on 80 at 85 feet, 6 elements on 10 meters fixed on Europe. A second tower (not shown) has 6 elements on 15 meters at 55 feet and is shunt fed for 160 meters.

### DX Continental Leaders — Phone

	Africa	Asia	Europe	North America	Oceania	South America
All band	EL2AV	JA1ELY	I6FLD	VP2MP	KH6NO	PP2ZDD
28 MHz	ZS6HZ	JH7FMJ	I0MGM	FG0FOO/FS	ZL1AAS	ZZ5EG
21 MHz	S83T	JH1BBU	YU3TU	H18GB	DU1EFZ	CE3TK
14 MHz	—	4X6DX	OH2MM	HT5JAR	ZL1AXB	YV4BOU/2
7 MHz	ZS6DW	JA2BAY	I5NPH	FM0FJE	—	OA4AWD
3.5 MHz	—	JA1BTB	CT1FL	H18PGG	—	ZP5PT
1.8 MHz	—	—	—	H18JAG	—	—
QRP	—	JA0BMS/1	I5NSR	—	KH6CP	OA8V
Multi-single	EL9A	JA2YKA	CT2ARA	VP2E	ZL3BK	W4PRO/CE0
Multi-multi	EA9IE	JA7YAA	G4ANT	—	—	—

### DX Continental Leaders — CW

	Africa	Asia	Europe	North America	Oceania	South America
All band	5T5CJ	JA1BWA	EA2IA	HH2VP	KH6ND	W1BIH/PJ2
28 MHz	EA9GT	JH1EDD	G4GIR	—	KG6DX	LU2KAK
21 MHz	—	JH1BBU	TF3YH	—	KH6JWK	PY8ZLC
14 MHz	EA9GK	UA0SAU	OH5TQ	HP1XPA	—	PY1BOA
7 MHz	ZS5VP	JA1KSO	YU4FRS	KP4EQF	K8CW/KH6	YV4BOU
3.5 MHz	EA8RL	JA1SJV	EA2OP	KP4EHP	VK3XB	HK3YH
1.8 MHz	—	JA1BK	OK3CPL	—	—	—
QRP	EA8EY	JA1MCU	G4BUE	—	KH6CP	OA8V
Multi-single	TL8WH	JA7YAA	DL0AA	FM0FOL	KH6IFY	—
Multi-multi	—	JF1ZRQ	OH1AF	NL7M	—	—

for late log. Parents say school comes first (KB7G). I live only 300 yards from K6RU — band overload for both of us. I actually got Cam Pierce (yes, THE Cam Pierce) to take notice of my measly little operation. Overload hurt both of us, but we tried to stay apart and bring the QRM down to S-6 . . . If any stations from Northern California do really well, I will be shocked. Low rates to JA and low multipliers really hurt me. The W1s and W2s should take this one — no sweat (N6BZA). It took a lot of calling to get my 37 QSOs, but it was all worth it when N0NO/CE0 on Easter Island answered my two-watt signal for my first QSO with Easter Island in 26 years of hamming (W8EAO). My only complaint in the whole contest is how the BIG GUNS try to edge you off the frequency to try to work the station that you just finished working. They just call right over you (WB1CNM). Contest highlights. WA8MEC answering a DX "CQ" then getting halfway through the QSO DE K8 B4 and K8B4 got a 599 200. Blowing the moisture off the quarter-wave 80/half-wave 40 vertical tuner with the SB-200. Better than a hair dryer. Beating K8LX in a 40-meter pile-up (K8DD).

### FEEDBACK

Please note the following corrections to the 1980 ARRL International DX Contest on pages 76-89 of October 1980 QST. Add K3WS to the list of single-operator stations on cw, 15 meters only in the Maryland/DC Section. Credit Bill with 114 QSOs and 53 multipliers, running over 200 watts for a total score of 17,808 points. This makes K3WS the 15-meter monoband winner in Maryland/DC. WB8JBM (WB8DQP, opr.) should be listed as the phone winner for the Northern Ohio ARS. Finally, K0VUW, not K0WM, is the phone certificate winner for the Mississippi Valley DX and Contest Club.

### W/VE Area Leaders (QSOs/Multipliers)

Phone	160	80	40	20	15	10
<i>Single Operator</i>						
K1VTM (K1JX)	4/4	60/42	122/50	485/86	737/93	801/98
W2YV	5/5	60/38	82/50	388/80	593/80	517/81
N3BB	—	39/11	83/45	187/71	513/91	973/107
K4XU	—	13/13	24/16	230/75	217/80	626/91
N5IH	—	24/18	75/40	183/60	395/75	877/82
KD6PY	1/1	50/15	275/30	159/60	536/59	680/77
N7DF	7/7	27/19	178/26	195/62	855/69	771/72
K8AZ	2/2	22/22	45/37	265/73	291/76	481/80
W9ZRX	11/10	30/26	97/52	202/74	608/98	846/88
WØEJ	4/4	27/22	24/21	268/63	274/77	497/75
VE7BTV	—	21/11	23/16	230/57	1196/73	692/57
<i>Multi-single</i>						
KØRF	4/4	63/42	517/65	398/102	1335/100	797/102
<i>Multi-multi</i>						
W2PV	19/14	167/72	211/73	1379/136	1726/142	1269/125

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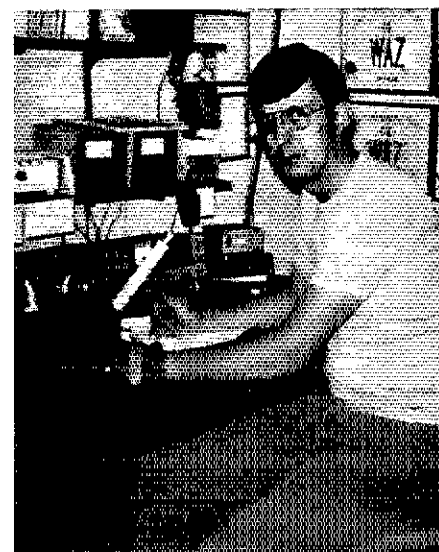
Phone	160	80	40	20	15	10
<i>Single Operator</i>						
K1VTM (K1JX)	3/3	108/41	392/46	676/69	477/61	510/62
W2PV (N2NT)	3/3	114/56	308/58	599/70	497/68	495/76
K3LR	6/6	45/37	318/60	445/69	376/62	615/71
N4RV (N3TR)	3/3	51/32	118/41	452/48	407/55	521/66
K5NW	1/1	21/16	163/52	286/69	296/61	319/60
K6NA	—	44/13	287/46	170/53	196/53	465/68
N7DF	3/2	25/17	273/36	280/56	628/51	486/50
WA8YVR	—	21/17	150/40	543/79	356/50	484/53
A19J	—	53/31	110/39	446/59	318/53	495/67
KØRF (WØUA)	4/4	101/32	422/46	378/61	559/66	627/72
VE3IY	—	55/39	118/48	531/79	353/62	443/60
<i>Multi-single</i>						
K5RC	9/9	71/54	381/68	779/108	519/84	840/80
<i>Multi-multi</i>						
K2UA	20/18	240/71	792/97	1436/112	1180/89	985/97

### DX Continental Leaders (QSOs/Multipliers)

Phone	160	80	40	20	15	10
<i>Single Operator</i>						
EL2AV (no QSO breakdown)	—	126	134	150	155	152
JA1ELY	—	87/21	162/39	392/52	500/54	759/57
I6FLD	—	34/12	100/25	1379/57	717/55	1215/56
VP2MP (K2YY)	25/14	381/53	459/53	834/55	2112/57	2474/57
KH6NO	8/4	284/46	235/46	514/53	418/50	1317/55
PP2ZDD	—	—	20/18	338/56	471/47	800/54
<i>Multi-single</i>						
VP2E	195/47	524/56	699/56	1394/57	2782/57	4196/57
<i>Multi-multi</i>						
G4ANT	—	109/22	499/44	1043/55	1328/56	2022/55
<i>CW</i>						
<i>Single Operator</i>						
5T5CJ	—	294/45	366/50	312/47	442/51	441/46
JA1BWA	—	65/27	90/34	564/53	348/50	586/53
EA2IA	—	211/37	317/52	903/56	821/56	735/56
HH2VP	143/36	454/53	456/53	550/51	511/51	764/53
KH6ND	46/28	286/49	387/49	473/54	575/53	544/56
W1BIH/PJ2	64/26	368/48	338/49	678/56	641/55	803/54
<i>Multi-single</i>						
JA7YAA	9/4	171/37	457/52	941/55	952/55	996/55
<i>Multi-multi</i>						
NL7M	—	165/35	465/48	923/56	1124/56	1280/55

### SCORES

The scores are listed by mode — phone or cw. Within each mode there are continent and country subdivisions for DX stations and ARRL Section headings for W/VE participants, single-operator stations only. Under each subheading, scores are listed in descending order by category, all band first, 160-meter monoband next, followed by 80-meter monoband entries, then 40-, 20-, 15 and 10-meter monoband scores, with QRP entries listed last. The individual linescore gives call sign of the station, the total score achieved by that station, number of contacts, number of multipliers, a letter that indicates the greatest level of power used by that station (where A indicates up to 10 watts of input power, B means greater than 10 watts but 200 watts or less, and C means that a power input of over 200 watts was used). A sixth column is used to indicate the entry category of the station (single-operator stations only). AB indicates single-operator, all band, 160 for 160-meter monoband, 80 for 80-meter monoband, 40 for 40-meter monoband, 20 for 20-meter monoband, 15 for 15-meter monoband and 10 for monoband operation on that band. QRP is for 10 watts or less of input power (5 watts output), of course. The sixth col-



Larry, K1UO, W/VE 10-meter plaque winner on phone.

### W/VE Low-Power Leaders (200 W or less)

Phone	Score
W2TZ	534,303
N2GC	366,378
N5AW/1	344,223
VE6MP	311,928
KA1O	303,510
WB2TCQ	282,150
AA4KT	253,308
VE1CCC	252,297
KX4R	247,464
W3ARK	245,784
<i>CW</i>	
N5AW/1	698,000
W2TZ	644,170
N2GC	545,664
N4HI	538,740
K2MFY	439,587
WØUC	425,862
W7YAQ	356,706
W3ARK	349,641
K2PH	334,368
VE2WA	289,980





DU1XT — all-band cw.

umn category indicator is listed only for the first occurrence of that particular category. All the entries that follow are assumed to be in that same category until a change is indicated in that sixth column.

Example: Let's take the W/VE-phone, single-operator listings in the first U.S. call area in the Connecticut Section. K1VTM, with K1IX as operator, is the first listing. He has a score of 2,447,550 points, 2205 total QSOs, 370 multipliers, runs "C" (greater than 200-watts input) power and is in the all-band category. Since there are no changes in the sixth column, all the following calls up to K1XA are also all banders. K1XA's score is indicated as a 40-meter monoband entry, as are all those below his until we come to K1RM, whose 141,960 points represent a 15-meter-only entry. The next change occurs with the K1TN (AA2Z, operator) 10-meter-only score. The next nine scores listed are also 10-meter monoband scores and end when we come to WB1CC, the only QRP phone entry from Connecticut. Multioperator, single-transmitter entries are listed under U.S./Canada is descending order by call area only (with ARRL Section indicator in the last column of the score) and by continent and country for DX stations.

Multioperator, multi-transmitter scores are separated by country and listed in descending score order. W/VE multi-multis have an ARRL Section indicator tacked onto the end of the linescore.



SP2FAP home-built this 100-watt rig, coupled it to a W3DZZ antenna and made over 11 kilo-points in the all-band category on phone.

W/VE - PHONE

Single Operator

Connecticut  
K1VTM(K1IX,opr) 2,447,550-2205-370-C-AB  
K1KI 2,443,404-2044-397-C  
K1ZM 2,442,223-549-109-B  
W1WFF 2,312,952-693-148-C  
AKIN 2,744,822-663-138-C  
K1VDF 1,559,390-385-138-C  
K1HDS 1,905,639-625-119-C  
K1WJ 1,255,208-296-141-B  
K1DD 1,066,590-329-110-B  
K1GK 84,414-182-89-C  
K1NDPS 94,713-243-31-C  
K1WJ 91,524-263-116-C  
K1B0F 68,100-287-100-C  
K1WB 64,414-182-89-C  
W1AJCCR 57,750-175-110-B  
W1VW 48,267-173-93-C  
W1DD 40,252-100-100-C  
W1VH 26,630-117-73-C  
WB1CRH 8640-70-24-B  
K1CE 5400-75-48-C  
K1AM 4300-70-48-C  
K1AUC 4320-60-24-B  
W1FVVO 3078-38-27-B  
AB1L 2880-64-15-B  
K1XA 37,620-190-66-C-40  
WB1EAZ 10,350-75-48-C  
W1BWS 1197-21-19-C  
K1FM 141,869-42-10-C-15  
K1VJ 72,285-305-99-B  
W1CH 40,512-211-64-C  
K1ADZV 36,720-204-60-C  
W1DYT 64,664-48-31-B  
K1WA 297-11-9-B  
K1TN(AA2Z,opr) 508,604-1448-116-C-15  
WB1CBY 137,448-452-83-B  
W1FCN 108,000-450-80-C  
K1E1 82,656-335-82-C  
W1LLOU 51,752-34-31-B  
WB1BVQ 49,140-252-65-C  
W1ZHXY 34,500-127-53-B  
K1GVZ 10,464-209-32-B  
W1HE 28,500-10-80-C  
W1CNU 144-12-4-B  
WB1CCM 13,617-89-51-A-QRP

Eastern Massachusetts  
K1AH 1,028,880-1429-240-C-AB  
W1IHN 396,258-626-21-B  
K1GG 178,263-683-87-C  
W1PST 226,872-548-138-C  
W1FM 146,556-354-88-B  
K1XM 118,610-293-105-C  
K1DZ 83,385-295-108-C  
AB1J 63,315-201-105-C  
W1ABX 43,711-181-60-B  
K1CE 34,314-133-86-B  
W1VYVT 17,250-115-50-C  
WB1EKK 4371-47-31-B  
WB1FV 36,192-34-31-B  
W1ZF 363-11-11-B  
W1B 60-5-4-160-B  
W1CF(K8UR,opr) 41,736-188-74-C-80  
W1FC(AD8V,opr) 35,078-157-68-C  
ARIA 45,429-206-69-C-40  
K1RB 3024-36-28-B  
K1KSY 235,200-800-99-C-15  
W1ZK 133,245-423-105-C  
W1FRC 7770-70-37-C  
K1CFC 103,200-400-86-C-10  
W1PL 2100-39-20-B  
W1PQ 300-10-10-A-QRP

Maine  
K1CVM 188,088-461-136-C-AB  
W1DIO 95,300-400-107-B  
W1GX 33,120-160-69-C  
K1CIN 31,922-34-31-B  
K1C1PN 300-10-10-B  
K1BU 70,224-304-77-C-15  
K1UO 609,640-171-118-C-10  
W1CF 7685-73-35-B  
W1AIF 594-18-11-B

New Hampshire  
K1LL 1,287,600-1480-290-C-AB

K1GQ(K1DG,opr) 1,160,392-1224-316-C  
W1PH 652,944-892-244-C  
W1AITZ 406,386-642-21-C  
K1AIO 303,510-670-151-B  
W1RR 158,256-471-112-C  
K1AIM 114,600-294-130-B  
K1NH 38,394-158-81-C  
K1ABXN 18,972-124-51-B  
W1CU 6144-64-32-B-10  
W1GSM 3588-52-30-C  
N1BBV 274,500-500-183-A-QRP

Rhode Island  
W1BYE 215,358-502-143-C-AB  
WB1NRE 84,042-322-87-C  
K1VSI 68,496-238-110-B  
W1RFR 77,952-232-112-C  
K1AICW 101,088-432-78-C-10

Vermont  
W1KQ 31,680-220-48-C-10

Western Massachusetts  
K1ST 1,028,166-1102-311-C-AB  
W2TA/J 792,480-1016-260-C  
K1BWA 549,822-689-266-C  
K1BBD 22,557-103-73-C  
N1AIX 6048-66-36-C  
W1GHIH 3072-32-32-A-QRP

Eastern New York  
W1YV 1,648,290-1645-334-C-AB  
K1XA 940,155-1165-369-C  
K1B2CR 330,096-529-208-C  
K1C1K 199,398-398-167-C  
N1JN 185,200-320-110-B  
N1JJ 95,106-262-121-B  
W1B2NPF 60,720-220-92-B  
W1D 26,880-128-70-C  
W1L 11,704-356-23-C  
K1B2FC 10,320-36-40-B  
K1M 9792-68-48-B  
K1W 8774-35-43-C  
W1BKHE 4800-50-32-B  
K1A2HN 4050-45-30-B  
K1SNA 90-6-5-8-160  
K1D 11,240-90-44-B-20  
W1KHQ 10,448-81-43-B-20  
W1S2(N2AL,opr) 123,700-401-102-C-15  
W2S1 123,700-401-102-C-15  
W1B2THN 46,575-207-75-C  
K1BWB 38,610-195-66-C  
K1CYG 11,704-356-23-C  
N1B1B 6426-63-34-B-10  
W1B2NXF 3120-52-20-C  
W1ZCRS 143,748-363-132-A-QRP

New York City - L.I.  
WB2S1G 1,249,740-1310-318-C-AB  
N1GG 366,378-538-227-B  
W1B2TC 282,150-550-171-B  
W1M1QY 201,660-490-178-C  
W1Q 101,824-288-116-C  
N1UN 80,073-217-123-C  
W1J1CX 54,948-185-99-B  
W1ZLR 47,762-148-84-B  
W1B2 37,647-141-89-C  
W1B2PXA 34,188-140-77-C  
W1B2GEU 25,872-112-77-B  
W1J 18,731-71-41-B  
W1N1J 28,372-114-66-C  
W1ZJGR 17,226-67-66-C  
W1L 15,700-57-35-C  
W1K 5700-50-38-C  
W1ZGAN 5300-59-30-C  
W1ZGIU 2691-148-84-B  
W1ATSF 2325-31-25-B  
K1G2A 1725-25-23-C  
K1CVM 1425-25-19-B  
W1ZLTP 242-2-2-B  
W1H 768-16-16-C  
W1B2ZQ(K1EB,opr) 41,592-173-80-C-80  
W1B2AM 810-18-15-A-10  
W1B2DHY 93,996-373-84-C-20  
K1B2WS 209,790-630-111-B-15  
W1B2HEL 7600-108-48-B  
N1RQ 35,292-173-63-C

W1ATQT 5742-58-33-C  
K2LJH 1690-29-22-C  
W1VIG 912-19-16-C  
W1Z 75,816-67-7-B-10  
K1AEV 65,280-320-68-B  
K1ZDF 29,308-148-57-B  
K1PE 21,924-116-63-C  
W1AYJ 18,750-128-50-C  
K1MZ 351-13-9-B

Northern New Jersey  
N1LT 1,288,232-1482-292-C-AB  
N1TR/J 1,265,622-1397-302-C  
K1NJ 740,592-888-278-C  
W1F1K 686,880-848-270-C  
W1VJN 459,036-622-246-C  
W1GD 340,119-513-221-C  
K1DZ 319,320-620-172-C  
K1XK 305,592-476-214-C  
K1ZG 122,922-422-97-C  
W1HN 80,598-266-101-C  
W1ZZ 54,432-189-96-B  
W1P1D 50,652-252-67-B  
A1ZK 14,608-158-92-C  
W1B2PAG 41,280-160-66-C  
W1A2PQU 10,080-84-40-C  
W1A1F1S 680-63-36-C-40  
K1JN 58,195-63-36-C  
W1B2JW 12,432-112-37-C  
W1B2UL 137,100-457-100-C-15  
262-35-24-B  
W1B2FVT 147-7-8-B  
K1ZTW 73,800-300-82-C-10  
K1BNC 40,176-186-72-C  
W1NTU 4125-55-25-B  
N1AA 293,760-576-170-A-QRP  
W1B2VA 121,226-466-87-A  
K1ZRF 16,932-83-68-A

Southern New Jersey  
N1SS 1,054,800-1172-300-C-AB  
W1ZDP 443,940-755-196-C  
K1J 383,040-711-180-C  
W1B2Y 235,000-383-92-C  
N1VW 241,344-419-82-C  
K1ZL 247,891-443-178-C  
W1AZNM 185,511-369-173-C  
W1B2Y 185,470-181-66-C  
K1ZQL 151,248-368-137-C  
W1RAL 149,640-220-172-C  
W1B2V 147,670-253-97-C  
W1B2EVU 114,840-220-132-B  
W1W2D 77,962-224-116-C  
K1B2GWO 74,705-245-103-C  
N1Z 64,300-303-75-C  
W1B2LV 43,452-142-102-B  
W1Y2C 35,662-139-86-C  
W1B2ER 33,428-151-76-C  
W1B2P 28,470-206-65-B  
K1A2BE 25,830-123-70-C  
W1B2US 25,308-111-76-C  
K1Z 24,300-70-25-C  
K1ZJ 21,600-100-72-B  
W1B2S1A 15,000-100-50-B  
K1B2G 14,976-78-64-B  
W1X1N 13,800-71-28-C  
K1ZHP 12,600-100-42-C  
K1ZPV 11,220-95-44-C  
N1B2R12 10,200-63-38-C  
W1A2NFD 6834-67-34-C  
K1ZT 6042-53-38-C  
A1F2Z 804-14-12-C  
W1B2V 26,224-77-28-C  
W1A2WL 47,652-209-76-B-20  
W1G2N 7020-60-39-B  
W1A2AWS 21,150-150-47-A-QRP

Western New York  
W1HKK 857,526-1091-962-C-AB  
W1T 843,803-771-23-C  
AC2J 144,060-343-140-B  
W1B2BDW 135,488-142-108-B  
K1V 128,300-428-80-C  
K1B2SE 39,805-155-77-B  
W1PHT 32,631-149-73-B  
W1B2H 26,820-129-69-B  
W1A2EOQ 11,976-96-52-B  
K1A2CJ 14,976-96-52-B  
K1Q1E/2 11,700-75-52-C  
W1A2W 7800-75-52-C  
N1A 11,388-73-52-C-40  
K1B2S 78,408-297-88-C  
W1B2RLQ 57,600-290-96-C  
K1B2N 11,348-387-91-C-15  
W1A2P1A 37,584-174-72-C  
K1V 147-7-7-B  
K1V1 243,600-812-100-C-10  
W1S1 30,723-133-77-C

N1CPS 11,400-100-38-B

Delaware  
W1G3 320,850-465-230-C-AB  
W1WBD 156,087-369-141-C  
K1HBP 142,024-541-88-C-10  
K1L 43,811-224-58-C  
AC1T 13,338-78-57-A-QRP

Eastern Pennsylvania  
N1B 1,847,055-1895-343-C-AB  
K1ZUF 897,756-947-316-C  
W1AP 746,334-918-271-C  
K1FN 467,200-590-264-C  
K1NHW 436,740-517-178-C  
WB3C1W 417,251-641-217-C  
W3GK 287,127-523-183-C  
K1C3O 271,440-464-195-C  
W1H42 256,024-528-161-C  
W1D3HM 251,220-395-120-C  
W1A3R 245,784-539-152-B  
K1HBP 229,896-412-186-C  
K1L 205,296-364-188-C  
W1E3V 197,532-372-177-B  
W1SK 180,360-360-167-C  
K1K3N 147,359-282-133-C  
W1B3EA 161,406-366-147-C  
W1G3RS 154,269-281-163-C  
W1B3KIL 150,120-360-139-C  
K1NHW 149,292-212-97-C  
K1AJARQ 147,234-453-106-C  
K1J 146,376-321-252-C  
W1B2FVL 133,620-262-170-C  
AD1Z 124,764-281-148-C  
K1B2 122,197-277-147-C  
AC1A 87,800-118-73-B  
W1MA 109,482-257-142-C  
W1B2E 63,800-212-100-C  
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W1B3D 50,720-220-97-C  
K1A3DSW 55,650-230-85-B  
W1B3FR 57,459-179-107-B  
K1B3DNA 57,459-179-107-B  
W1B3JY 61,975-231-75-B  
W1B3N 49,590-174-95-B  
W1B3V 47,459-174-95-B  
K1KHL 31,872-166-C  
W1B3C1K 31,110-170-61-B  
W1B3HYK 26,332-132-67-C  
K1B3D 27,160-132-67-C  
K1D3Y 22,176-132-56-C  
W1A3YT 19,764-108-61-B  
W1B3ERW 19,716-106-62-B  
W1B3CAC 19,350-100-80-C  
W1E3AN 18,150-121-50-C  
K1B3NE 12,375-75-55-C  
W1A3K 1240-10-10-A-QRP  
W1A3ZGL 5220-58-30-B  
K1B3J 4140-46-30-C  
K1B3K 3884-44-30-B  
W1A3VE 4750-19-11-C  
K1B3FZ 5376-56-32-C-20  
W1A3JUK 6552-78-28-C-15  
K1B3R 832-2-2-B  
K1A3AG 95,499-393-81-B-10  
W1A3VP 55,476-276-67-C  
K1B3V 35,650-268-49-C  
N1A3HF 26,100-145-60-A-QRP

Maryland - D.C.  
N1BL 863,760-976-295-C-AB  
W1J1J 772,604-1044-247-C  
K1Y/G3 182,340-674-245-C  
K1TC 282,048-452-208-C  
W1A1P 205,587-431-159-C  
W1C1M 174,432-316-184-C  
K1A 171,288-366-156-B  
W1J3Z 155,673-353-147-C  
K1A3 132,354-387-114-C  
W1R1P 131,856-268-164-C  
W1A3V 124,440-316-121-C  
W1A3VHE 52,440-190-92-C  
K1VY 27,594-126-73-B  
W1A3V1K 142,304-95-10-C  
W1F3E 6660-44-20-C  
W1TUX 6018-59-34-B  
W1B 398-12-11-B  
K1B 120-16-11-C-160  
W1SPWO 31,104-128-81-C-10  
N1AP 3726-54-23-B  
K1D 2268-36-23-B  
W1A3V 152-23-1-B  
W1E3XP 12-2-2-C  
W1E3WL 216,074-469-182-A-QRP  
K1WS 218,592-414-178-A

Western Pennsylvania  
WB3KXK 207,825-425-163-B-AB  
AG3H 160,881-329-163-B  
W3FAL 167,870-246-88-B  
W3DKL 56,822-502-97-C  
K1HJM 51,156-196-87-C  
W1A3M 40,465-145-93-C  
WB3ZF 39,816-158-86-B  
W1A3XP 39,954-134-77-B  
W3DHD 9870-70-47-C  
K1HML 43,811-224-58-C  
LA1LNW3 1558-58-20-C-40  
K3RN 44,814-194-77-C-20  
W3BZ 407,592-822-216-C  
89,640-332-90-C-16  
43,328-249-58-B-10

Alabama  
K4XH 54,944-144-126-C-AB  
K1RF 36,660-128-87-C  
W4VLL 34,920-120-97-C  
WB4QM 18,177-83-73-C  
W4JZ 1511-52-376-134-B  
W1AKKN 391,776-1832-106-C-10  
W4AMT 89,628-388-77-C  
W4AVEK 17,210-30-19-C

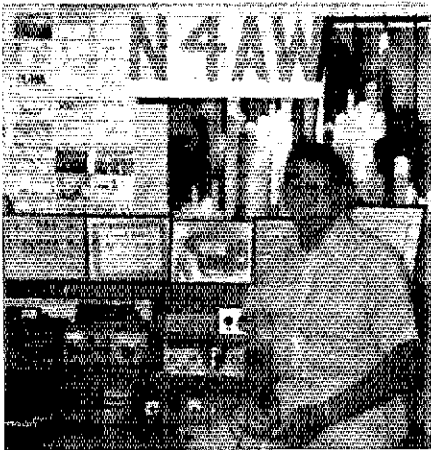
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W4A3 151,048-351-82-B  
K1CRG 78,123-219-119-B  
AK4T 60,885-205-99-C  
W4GU 50,925-178-97-C  
W4JFL 15,048-84-57-B  
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W4PTS 42,840-87-44-B  
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W4SLM 35,991-251-7-C  
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Kentucky  
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WB4SS 276,705-629-216-C  
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W4YOF 4650-50-31-C-40

North Carolina  
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WD4AM 416,070-690-201-C  
K4EWS 173,010-366-158-B  
N4BL 80,370-235-114-B  
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Northern Florida  
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W1V 2070-30-23-C  
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South Carolina  
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WANL 297,000-825-120-C-20  
W1WLF 19,938-122-53-C-15



N4AW, Albert went monoband (40-meter cw) from South Florida.



From the left — K8AQM, WB8ZFB and WA8ARS of the K8AQM multi-single on cw, managed to double their 1980 cw score.



OH5TQ submitted the highest 20-meter cw score from Europe and will be rewarded with a plaque for his efforts.

N4QMI	14,364	84	57-C	K8TD	161,214	554	97-C-10	KA6V	32,580	181	60-C-10	8	W8BMMX	5814	57	34-B								
K4KUZ	12,095	21	59-C	K8GJ	125,000	540	86-C	Santa Clara Valley			Michigan													
KA0DCL	9768	83	37-B	K9OC	73,278	354	69-C	KDGPY	1,292,004	1709	252-C-B	WASTBQ	928,359	1159	267-C-B									
W4PZV	243	9	9-B-150	KASBLQ	9945	85	39-H	NGBV	1,195,320	1661	240-C	WGUA	818,082	967	282-C									
W2SD/4	1804	26	18-C-15	WSVQX	124,542	374	111-A-QRP	KGWJ	570,600	951	200-C	K8SS	450,429	623	241-C									
K5VA	280,5	20-105	88-C-10	W5BYB	11,766	106	37-A	W8GK	446,064	708	210-C	ACBY	324,277	701	159-B									
N4B	13,392	93	48-A-QRP	Oklahoma				W8GPK	279,390	670	139-C	K8BPK	208,378	486	141-C									
Tennessee																								
K4KU	915,780	1110	275-C-B	N5IH	1,255,550	1522	275-C-B	W65ZN	121,230	449	90-B	N8AFJ	186,381	351	177-C									
AB4H	477,012	649	245-C	W5JME	320,008	412	178-C	NEUW	45,630	195	78-C	ACBW	152,847	333	153-C									
K0QOV	169,136	304	176-C	KM5H	32,736	124	88-B	W6TWT	42,804	174	82-C	N8BQ	108,120	265	136-C									
AA4KT	253,308	418	202-B	W5VBE	9288	72	43-B-10	K8GDKN	25,868	156	46-B	W8YQX	74,124	213	116-C									
K4UUVH	224,910	441	170-B	Southern Texas				W6IQS	19,800	102	65-C	K8PLJ	66,420	205	108-C									
W4ZVZ	100,500	268	123-C	K5DX	265,968	828	252-C-B	W6SC	19,200	128	50-C	K8BWA	55,036	158	174-C									
AA4TN	59,700	199	100-C	W5DVI	108,174	298	121-C	K8LTX	18,174	233	26-C	K8LJA	53,298	189	94-C									
W44MCZ	54,696	112	86-C	W5WYX	32,760	195	56-C	K6SMH	17,226	94	58-H	W8BNNY	49,686	182	91-C									
W4QHF	24,135	106	74-B	K5OUJ	79,200	260	85-C	N7KA6	12,672	88	48-C	KALIG	45,305	147	105-C									
W44BP	18,666	102	61-B	N8H8	18,306	113	54-B	W6ERS	11,255	25	15-B	W8BAYW	38,758	202	54-C									
KA4AHL	12,483	37	37-B	W8SBSB	9720	60	54-C	NSVYK	24,168	239	70-C-20	K8BTE	31,365	123	85-C									
KA4FLP	10,557	69	31-C-80	KA5N	3420	38	30-C	N6GJ(WA6H,OP)	208,536	759	87-C-15	N8AHA	31,098	142	73-C									
KB4KA	61,503	247	83-C-20	K5WA	1620	30	18-C-40	N6BZA	149,780	624	80-C-10	K8BEEA	29,918	127	78-B									
W4ID	7,736	316	82-C-15	K5BZU	197,208	664	99-C-15	N6NFZ	61,500	82	25-A	W8TJQ	28,638	111	86-B									
W8AVMS	44,982	238	63-C	K9LY(WD5GX,OP)	543	102-C	7																	
W4QGG	26,100	145	60-C	K5SF																				
Virginia																								
A12C	589,470	802	245-C-B	W5GQ	37,400	168	75-C	Arizona	W7FCT	19,458	138	47-C-B	W8WMC	6300	50	42-C								
K0ALQ	161,446	770	272-C-B	W5HJ	315,300	276	89-B-10	W7GLOK	14,932	129	39-C	NRMK	9472	48	38-C									
W44NRQ	331,254	717	154-C	KA5HRU	65,880	366	60-C	WA7KPH	2,994	38	21-B-80	W8ARY	3780	47	30-C									
W4RW	262,056	488	179-C	K9RF	61,320	780	73-C	W7WBA	49,493	188	115-B	K8IEE	3750	50	25-B									
N4MM	228,328	359	217-C	N5CIA	16,698	121	46-B	W7WV	60,102	378	53-B	W8WMA	2394	38	21-C									
K94F	170,676	491	132-C	6																				
N4OW	137,214	297	154-C	East Bay																				
N4IR	93,744	248	126-C	N6CCN	269,514	558	161-C-B	K87TP	400,158	946	141-C-B	W8UWZ	34,125	175	65-C-40									
W4YF	64,128	139	80-C	A6DN	39,860	148	90-C	N7AQ5	64,296	376	97-C-10	W8JUN	35,700	82	48-C-15									
W42ZPF	58,101	181	107-B	W6BOW	35,028	139	85-C	N7ANS	7	1	1-B-15	W8LVU	1173	23	17-A-QRP									
W4KMS	55,440	176	105-C	K5GJ/B	38,000	100	64-B-15	W7AQQ	411,672	1009	136-C-B	Ohio												
W84FH	49,587	146	92-C	K56H	9720	108	30-B-10	N7AQK	7437	37	37-C	K8AZ	959,610	1103	290-C-B									
K4OAW	4449	56	33-C	K56Q	1053	39	9-C	K87Q	3	1	1-B-15	K8CMO	373,067	641	194-C									
W3YV	241,512	694	116-C-20	Los Angeles																				
W4KIC	61,200	248	113-B	NGAR	549,045	747	245-C-B	Nevada																
K4GKD	255,900	853	100-C-10	W8ZHT	319,800	282	134-C	W7CWM	272,288	769	1820-B	W8ATR	324,174	557	184-C									
K4CTY	102,090	415	82-C	W8CNC	180,348	282	133-C	A75	103,480	308	112-B	W8BJJ	320,190	512	170-C									
W4FHQ	90,720	252	120-A-QRP	W6CZV	98,280	780	117-C	W7YKN	29,520	123	80-C	W8BKF	176,552	352	167-C									
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Arkansas																								
W8SHX	159,588	403	132-C-B	W8DWW	148,474	32	32-C	W8YVH	28,026	173	54-C	NRN	179,770	378	165-C									
K9VIB	11,268	218	109-B	K6ELD	390	12	10-B-160	KA6LDU	390	12	10-B-160	W8NKF	151,650	337	150-C									
W8EIJ	12,474	66	63-C	K6E6	328	16	11-B-160	W8MRP	174,375	308	125-C	W8BDC	114,375	305	125-C									
W550G	10,731	73	49-B	W6GK	28,812	38	38-C-10	K8DJJ	51,736	83	43-B	W8JW	119,742	310	143-B									
K5UR	530	11	10-B-160	W6DHW	27,528	148	62-C	N82KA	76,933	177	43-B	K8DB	71,982	186	129-C									
Louisiana																								
W5XZ	1,235,970	1329	130-C-B	W6GJH	1608	67	9-B	W8QMT	68,175	225	101-B	W8ANM	136,223	455	91-C									
K5KLA	1084,542	1334	271-C	Orange																				
W5ZR	207,600	400	173-C	N8HR	21,000	100	70-C-B	W7XN	87,567	288	101-B	W8PAT	24,100	210	70-C									
W5DCG	152,520	339	150-C	W6NGO	726	22	11-C	W8GUR	85,700	219	101-B	KRWV	41,895	147	98-B									
K8SQA	105,450	270	130-C	W6GJS	2640	55	16-C-15	W7WLV	87,925	296	88-C	W8WGR	41,658	131	108-C									
W5HEZ	85,261	217	131-C	W8BEGU	17,292	131	44-B-10	AD7I	7392	96	44-B-10	W8JBB	35,478	162	73-B									
W5OB	68,373	213	107-C	W8GHW	1608	67	9-B	W7FET	119,285	497	80-C	W8DWP	32,376	142	74-B									
K5EDA	64,674	221	98-B	Sacramento Valley																				
W8SBR	50,502	211	94-C	K6DR	75,945	305	83-C-B	N7DF	1,555,245	2033	255-C-B	N8LW	136,223	455	91-C									
K5WGO	57,597	206	123-C	N6JM	23,433	107	73-C	W7CAY	89,376	224	133-C	N8MVO	32,400	95	80-C									
K5LZY	49,587	196	92-C	W8BRV	1980	30	27-B	N7B8V	4,205	205	67-B	W8SQ	18,333	97	63-C									
W8AWU	6930	55	42-B	WA9WAC/6	5112	71	24-A-QRP	KA7DKM	33,495	24	28-C	W8HUN	22,008	131	56-C									
W9ASP	9660	70	46-B-10	San Diego																				
W7KQW																								
W8EYB	28,540	126	89-B	WAGEJ	284,400	600	158-C-B	K7WQD	324,694	147	194-C-B	K8T	19,715	62	33-C									
W8FCA	28,540	126	89-B	W6TJC	169,575	475	119-C	K7LZJ	6210	52	40-B	N8HT	19,715	62	33-C									
W8GDE	28,540	126	89-B	K7GVY	30,445	177	98-C	K7WEX	43,556	112	46-B	NRBK	18,660	158	40-B									
W8HGR	28,540	126	89-B	W8JUFY	48,852	276	89-C	W7BUN	376,992	953	132-C	N8AKX	15,990	82	65-C									
W8IJK	28,540	126	89-B	K8BGP	30,576	208	49-C	K8B	215,108	564	139-C	W8BTS	14,946	106	47-C									
W8JLV	28,540	126	89-B	W8LAG	22,815	117	65-C	W7PVE	121,600	450	90-C	W8BQU	13,200	100	44-B									
W8KJH	28,540	126	89-B	W6VNR	56,250	375	80-B-10	W7GYS	117,058	399	103-C	K8NBA	12,150	81	80-B									
W8LNU	28,540	126	89-B	K8GKU	26,400	178	30-C	W8TRF	113,505	359	103-C	W8NFK	57,24	33	36-C									
W8MNO	28,540	126	89-B	San Francisco																				
W8PQR	28,540	126	89-B	N7KFN	96,354	303	106-C	W7WYN	96,354	303	106-C	W8LE	3828	44	29-C									
W8RST	28,540	126	89-B	K9NFC	115,104	406	43-C-20	W7WYC	115,104	406	43-C-20	W8DJT	2833	45	27-B									
W8TUV	28,540	126	89-B	K87NE	13,200	100	44-C	W7WYD	115,104	406	43-C-20	W8WGB	41,658	131	108-C									
W8WXX	28,540	126	89-B	K87KJ	7215	65	29-C	W7WYV	115,104	406	43-C-20	W8WMC	504	14	12-C									
W8YZZ	28,540	126	89-B	K7LZJ	6210	52	40-B	W7WYX	115,104	406	43-C-20	W8BDM(W8BDQ,OP)	69,240	208	62-C-40									
W9AAB	28,540	126	89-B	W7BTD	2992	26	24-C	K7LZK	15,456	112	46-B	ADBC	21,120	128	59-C									
W9ABC	28,540	126	89-B	AD7U	2475	33	25-B	W7BTE	11,556	45	25-B	K8BAC	12,900	100	43-C-20									
W9ABD	28,540	126	89-B	K87U	1734	34	17-C	W8WMA	15,456	112	46-B	W8BIA(A88,OP)	13,200	100	44-B									
W9ABE	28,540	126	89-B	W7LUR	1170	26	15-B	W8WPC(N9AG,OP)	353,745	1123	105-C-10	W8WPC(N9AG,OP)	353,745	1123	105-C-10									
W9ABF	28,540	126	89-B	K7DK	5760	60	3																	



EA2GR	3300	50	22-B-20	OZ1DVC	7560	90	28-B	Y2ANN/A	4025	61	22-B	YV4B0U/2	131,835	798	55-B-20	ON6BR	(ON5VA, ON6 JA, JN, OU)									
EA3VX	1785	35	17-B	OZ20S	1560	10	34-C-40	Y47XF	3760	57	33-B	YV2AS	10,509	113	31-B-15	ON7H	HW, PY, ON80F, ops									
EA3NA	148,663	901	55-15	OZ26V	145,200	880	55-C	Y3WAL	2078	57	18-B	ZPSPT	5850	78	25-C-80	PA0GN	(PA2AWU, PA0S ERA, GIN, ops)									
EA3ANR	30,370	365	45-B	OZ2CAH	210	10	7-C	Y53WL	2760	46	20-B	3Y4VU	305,256	1817	56-B-10	1,251,369	2207	189-B								
EA4BZ	134	7	10-B	OZ2MHW	16,426	163	34-B-15	Y64YH	1710	30	19-B						SK4NI	(SM4 APZ, DVF, MI, SM6 CJK, CVT, EDI, SM7 DLZ, SM9GMZ, ZL136, ZL157, ZL165, ZL167, ZL175-203-C)								
EA7B9Y	23,310	210	37-B	OZ2JAW	1226	7	23-B	Y25BL	210	10	7-B						SM5GMS	(+M5GGNU)								
EA3SA	87,984	611	48-C-10	OZ2ER	9696	101	32-B											3206	323	2517-173-C						
EA3AOE	75,000	500	50-B	OZ2HUR	6425	102	21-B											SL2ZU	UW, YL, ops							
EA7ALG	1152	24	16-B	OZ2RZ	4289	68	11-B											EJLD, GET, GKN, ops								
EA6GP	19,278	126	51-B-AB	OZ2XK	2208	46	18-B											592,020	1933	164-C						
EI2BB	271,423	1645	55-B-10	OZ2DX	1386	22	21-B											SM6CAW	(+SM6DHU)							
EI1OH	136,648	872	53-B	OZ6KX	273	13	7-B											547,982	1062	172-C						
F6DZU	547,536	1037	176-B-AB	PA0ADC	144,816	431	112-B-AB	Y06AWR	468,270	1290	121-B-AB						SP7KTE	(SP7S AW, JFM, JHT, ops)								
F9ER	100,062	654	51-B	PA0AKQ	113,751	383	99-B	Y03KSC	13,113	141	31-B-40						141,864	514	92-B							
F6FGP	37,156	146	62-B	PA0ALU	11,936	424	88-C	Y02BEH	5478	73	28-B-20						599	PRO	(3 ops)							
F6GLM	26,400	140	62-B	PA0KDM	32,822	777	62-C	Y08BSE	936	26	12-B						18,048	128	47-C							
F6ENT	17,304	103	56-B	PA0DUO	5400	60	30-B	Y03JVC	(Y03JVV, ops)	196,189	1189	55-B-10						UK6LA	(UA6LHK+2 ops)							
F6FCX	16,778	119	47-B	PA0MWW	1776	37	18-B	Y09AFT	16,740	180	31-B						UK7DBV	(UA3DFD+2 ops)								
F6BVS	11,484	116	35-B	PA0PAP	5400	60	30-B	Y09HT	15,540	148	35-A-ARP						189,501	1579	173-B							
F6DRP	8232	88	28-B	PA0PVA	1080	20	18-B	YU1NZW	48,336	212	76-B-AB									2694, 433	3415	263-C				
F6CCI	7778	81	32-B	PA0RAI	52,893	373	47-B-10	YU7SFM	31,233	109	39-B									31,233	109	39-B				
F6BRK	561	17	11-B-20	PA0RBE	18,513	123	51-B	YU7GCD	207,816	1237	58-C-10									295,512	1759	56-C-15				
F6BYB	37,779	257	49-B-10	PA0RRS	14,948	131	44-B	YU3EY	433,604	2524	87-C-10									106,420	1195	52-B				
F9FXK	20,538	163	42-A-GRP	PA0SAG	11,424	136	28-B	YU2RUR	10,950	178	38-B									19,950	178	38-B				
G2QT	310,488	761	136-B-AB	SM6JVK	271,440	696	130-AB																	1,302,849	509	87-C
G2FK	272,217	803	113-C	SM5CAQ	189,370	690	91-C																	1,302,849	509	87-C
G3V3H	22,200	148	50-C	SM7NK(SM7A)	81,820	362	84-C																	1,302,849	509	87-C
G3INT	13,152	137	42-B	SM5CBM	12,220	907	90-C																	2,260,880	1325	56-C-10
G4DKA	69,840	32	80-B	SM3MF	69,436	207	82-C																	2,260,880	1325	56-C-10
G4JJE	1024	12	9-B-40	SM5IKQ	37,152	172	73-C																	120,744	387	104-C-AB
G5DCU	3292	28	13-B-15	SM4BTB	36,120	172	70-B																	33,222	297	82-B-AB
G4BWP	418,824	243	56-C-10	SM4B0Y	33,600	147	14-B																	31,008	272	38-C-160
G4EHP	176,400	106	35-B	SM4MAY	33,600	147	14-B																	106,420	1195	52-B
G3WMT	123,090	743	63-B	SM7HSP	29,940	180	58-C																	292,548	1773	55-C-15
G4BEZ	100,620	643	52-B	SM7BOU	29,940	180	58-C																	43,200	300	48-B-10
G4KBC	79,542	497	54-B	SK21V	24,336	133	61-B																	106,420	1195	52-B
G4KIC	7068	76	11-B	SM5JQ	14,948	131	44-B																	19,950	178	38-B
G31MW	19,920	116	40-A-GRP	SM70CHA	7680	64	40-B																	49,200	178	38-B
G13KDR	217,248	584	124-B-AB	SM5RE	5952	44	31-B																	2694, 433	3415	263-C
GM3AYR	39,330	190	69-C-AB	SM7TV	4336	58	25-B																	361,845	435	129-B
GM5AYV	11,970	114	35-C-15	SM6JY	3894	59	22-B																	1,124,388	2154	174-B
GM4DM	158,523	997	53-B-10	SM9BDS	3240	45	24-C																	16,317	147	37-B
GU3YZ	101,577	691	49-B-10	SM6BG	113,640	105	60-20																	561,150	1450	129-B
GW4BLE	385,392	4294	85-C-10	SM9AJU	101,292	734	46-C																	561,150	1450	129-B
GW3NPF	128,700	825	52-C	SM9JCO	54,336	255	59-B																	288,774	789	122-B
H93KP	128,037	469	91-B-AB	SM1BOE	10,678	98	37-B																	41,958	333	42-B
H93ED	94,751	336	94-B	SM6FG	9792	102	32-B																	20,418	166	41-B
H93MB	10	10	37-B	SM5ALD	6012	66	29-B																	361,845	435	129-B
H44KH	171,192	1016	56-B-20	SM5BD	8240	66	29-B																	2295	45	17-B
H8RQX	264,990	1606	55-B-10	SM4ST	4941	61	27-B																	86,742	384	79-B
H93LX	39,468	286	48-B	SM1GT	4602	59	26-B																	46,286	242	61-B
H93AB	31,443	54	10-B	SM3LCO	21,708	45	20-B																	592,884	1532	129-B
H93KAX	22,878	186	41-B	SK0LM(SM9DRO)	540	18	10-B																	58,120	551	40-B
H93AA	170,016	650	112-C-AB	SM9LPO	1728	36	16-A-GRP																	17,336	112	51-B
H93DX	117,045	765	51-C-10	SP3DOI	1,576,800	2400	219-C-AB																	2,803,515	395	211-C
I6FLD	2,118,675	445	205-C-AB	SP8RY	105,653	487	73-C																	5,449,095	6285	289-C-AB
I2KYW	430,376	217	60-B	SP9FLY	91,900	440	90-B																	471,127	1394	157-C
I2KWW	5145	49	35-B	SP9LH	44,940	71	70-B																	23,916	708	109-B-AB
I4AVG	5680	93	20-C-80	SP9RZ	37,260	207	60-B																	4,092,300	4587	300-B-AB
I4SMP	12,458	107	30-C-40	SP9AK	28,320	160	59-B																	562,484	1258	171-B
I2VRN	83,688	634	44-B	SP9BN	11,454	56	38-B																	252,780	1832	55-B-15
I5VXC	173,250	1050	55-C-20	SP7PDK	19,032	88	59-B																	471,127	1394	157-C
I6ZJC	204,792	1219	55-C-15	SP9KMS(SM9GFW, ops)	22,248	206	36-B-20																	231,816	708	109-B-AB
I2W6M	153,420	127	30-B	SP7KTF(SPTL)	10,404	102	34-B																	4,092,300	4587	300-B-AB
I1POR	832,808	1961	56-C	SP6HTQ	9488	102	31-B																	252,780	1832	55-B-15
I1JZ	729,488	1366	56-C	SP1ET	2073	33	21-B																	471,127	1394	157-C
I25VA	183,313	258	46-B	SP6GJ	1800	40	18-B																	471,127	1394	157-C
I2YKV	72,000	500	28-B	SP6CFM	1350	25	18-B																	327,888	1419	124-B
I3GRX	52,788	391	45-C	SP6CFM	1350	25	18-B																	82,888	1419	124-B
I5NR	337,586	886	127-A-GRP	SP6CZ	970	19	10-B																	327,888	1419	124-B
I1NOM	27,864	218	43-A	SP6CZ	970	19	10-B																	327,888	1419	124-B
LA7JO	360,084	811	148-C-AB	SP9UW	551	13	35-B-15																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA2TD	65,413	716	49-B	SP9UW	551	13	35-B-15																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA2PV	120,426	862	49-B	SP8PCI	1170	67	31-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA9FY	50,745	199	85-B	SP8RRA	4488	68	28-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA2AD	27,105	138	49-B	SP7AW	936	74	12-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA3JG	43,420	127	48-B	SP8KEY(SM9DW, ops)	247,124	1471	56-B-10																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA9HW	14,274	127	39-B	SP5QZ	34,886	282	41-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA1KQ	4176	58	24-B	SP5DZ	11,118	109	34-C																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LA2YT	240	10	8-B-10	SP6DQ	6240	80	38-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LZ2ES	34,120	201	40-C-20	SP6BPY	4090	44	13-A-GRP																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
LZ1QR	864	24	12-B	SP6PAZ	975	25	13-A																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OE1ETA	222,840	619	120-B-AB	SV9AG	181,398	617	98-B-AB																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OE7SH	28,412	172	57-B	K1ED/SV	55,604	284	77-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OE5CW	55,752	404	46-C-10	SV9AV(SM9SRY, ops)	72,618	247	98-C-AB																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OH1LW	80,316	291	92-C-AB	UA3TN	21,054	121	55-B-AB																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OH3LA	34,028	214	53-B	UA4CH	5487	58	31-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OH7NW	4200	40	35-C	UA4CH	5487	58	31-B																	772,821	1563	189-C-AB
OH8VA	79,436	36	20-B	UW3TE	2958	34	29-B																			

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Table listing call signs and frequencies for Single Operator stations across various states including Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Western Massachusetts.

Table listing call signs and frequencies for stations in New York City, L.I., Northern New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, Western New York, and Delaware.

Table listing call signs and frequencies for stations in Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland - D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, and Georgia.

Table listing call signs and frequencies for stations in Northern Florida, South Carolina, Southern Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Northern Texas.

Table listing call signs and frequencies for stations in Oklahoma, Southern Texas, East Bay, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento Valley, Arkansas, San Diego, San Francisco, and San Joaquin Valley.

Table listing call signs and frequencies for stations in North Carolina, Delaware, and other locations.

N6AN 404,307-807-167-C
N6ZBV 247,650-635-130-C
W6SZIN 309,547-597-117-B
W6DUJ 155,232-462-112-C
K6PU 130,661-366-119-B
K6SD 117,312-416-94-R
W6HT 100,242-283-125-B
W6AGFY(K6CIN,OPR)
N6LW 69,325-217-105-C
W6ISQ 60,300-58-75-C
N6LUDV 60,348-297-82-C
A6BT 26,434-154-57-B
W6ERS 161,228-128-42-B
W6AGOLV 68,480-609-63-C
W6QDF 2484-36-25-C
K6AINQ 1860-31-20-B
K6ERFY 458-62-13-C
N6G8J 34,436-704-83-C-20
W6A1O 29,600-184-50-C
N6WQ 80,889-457-59-C-15
W6NFF 82,404-259-104-QRP
W6DKFF 62,748-252-83-C
W6DWP 56,058-185-101-C
W6DFF 70,424-136-101-C
W6SJEV 49,104-186-88-C
W6CAR 44,688-196-76-C
W6DECA 43,559-189-77-C
K6H 20,620-170-83-B
K6HV 51,600-43-40-B
W6U8M 42,78-46-31-B
W6WRFR 42,00-56-25-B
K68E 42,000-56-25-B
K6WV 12,000-80-50-C-80
W6LNO 4410-42-35-C
W6NBN 50,680-287-64-C-40
KJBI 12,051-103-39-C
W6SJB(MWBBSLN,OPR)
K8KR 129,990-619-70-C-20
K6HOB 12,800-105-40-B
N8XE 6,786-78-29-B
W6SJB(MWBQD,OPR)
W8AUB 230,022-983-78-C-15
W8AUF 168,922-18-78-B
W8AFCH 7042-39-26-B
W8BWC 225,504-928-81-C-10
W8BWD 132,408-813-72-C
K8DS 42,840-280-51-B
K8AJZR 27,798-226-41-B
W8MB 6804-34-27-B
W8NBA 18-8-8-B
AA8S 36,936-152-81-A-QRP
W8EAO 2886-37-26-A
West Virginia
K8OQL 189,567-413-153-C-AB
K8BFJ 13,545-105-43-B
W8LRL 3,664-37-24-B-160
Illinois
A10J 1,062,234-1422-249-C-AB
K8EGL 750,744-345-154-B
AF9C 414,664-804-172-C
N9TT 357,678-641-186-C
K8BGG 339,670-686-169-C
W9DDBC 213,407-456-112-C
W9WRW 228,957-457-167-C
W9DWQ 211,900-470-150-C
K8B 167,624-458-212-C
W9DHC 158,850-705-75-C
K9JGN 155,520-432-120-C
K9JLJ 144,280-392-125-C
W9UD 124,722-344-71-C
N9AEJ 117,018-394-89-B
W9AG 104,325-303-112-B
W9AGFY 104,325-303-112-B
K9KA 87,969-413-71-C
W9HPG 63,160-315-88-C
W9DSG 75,816-243-104-B
W9JCP 44,832-154-67-C
K9MDQ 40,764-158-86-C
K9ACX 34,056-177-66-C
W9TNC 20,085-103-85-B
W9KFC 19,898-98-67-B
K89PY 16,059-101-53-B
AA9F 13,854-38-9-B
K9BD 10,930-49-9-B
K9KU 10,930-48-45-C-80
K9RF 91,287-441-69-C-40
W9HTX 80,874-276-61-C
W9AWA/W 5,889-67-26-B-20
K9QVB 241,230-94-85-C-15
W9QVF 189,420-770-82-C
K8AIMZ 12-2-2-B
K8AIB 12-2-2-B
W9CA 175,689-723-81-C-10
W9BVA 128,439-692-71-C
W9JAZ 21,912-166-43-B
N9UN 42,832-116-34-B
W9PNE 83,906-282-111-A-QRP
W9JUV 26,535-145-61-A
Indiana
K9TUS 506,760-824-205-C-AB
N9AR 83,438-218-97-C
WA9BAI 52,037-183-113-B
K9K 24,186-138-58-C
W9ST 3600-50-24-C
K7NKK/9 31,324-12-9-B
W9FNL 11,349-97-39-C-20
W9MOK(WA9J,OPR) 48,900-300-51-C-15
Wisconsin
W9SOP 588,816-1128-174-C-AB
K9E9A 354,330-635-186-C
K9BN 290,160-430-186-B
W9GKK 193,158-511-216-C
W9NA 131,580-430-102-C
K9CDF 33,078-148-57-C
W9HE 17,642-38-33-C
W9BHRD 17,784-114-52-B
W9WCV 13,653-111-41-B
W9Y 17,642-38-33-C
K9PQG 77,400-344-75-C-20
N9KS 9,360-120-26-C-15
W9LQ 60,480-388-60-B-10
K9BS 37,290-226-55-B
AG9G 2040-40-17-B
Colorado
K9RF(W9UA,OPR) 1,762,713-1091-281-C-AB
K8ZFJ 188,744-345-154-B
W9DJA 188,744-345-154-B
W9GMM 750-25-18-B-160
K9JZ 231,756-268-89-C-20
A9CB 47,137-144-78-C
N9BCN 49,765-319-52-E
K9KJK 48,633-559-29-C
W9GWL 44,832-114-52-B
W9VY 265,683-107-83-C-20
W9YK 219,564-963-76-C
W9FQ 17,745-189-39-B
W9KEA 7236-67-36-A-QRP
Iowa
W9EJ 470,238-866-181-C-AB
N9RR/P 320,292-651-184-C
K9FH 251,266-551-152-C
AG9M 190,840-320-111-B
W9TW/P 114,756-524-73-B
N9BB 38,496-304-108-B
W9ZDNF/9 26,727-151-59-B
W9LJ 21,750-125-58-B
W9UZ 12,900-102-40-B
W9BPD 97,668-349-41-C-40
K9CQ 42,000-250-58-C-10
Kansas
W9LUR 273,504-592-184-C-AB
W9BSW 76,740-270-84-C
W9B 42,822-18-78-C
K8BLV/P 19,836-8-25-C
W9WPL 19,440-120-54-B
A9PX 41,440-46-30-C-80
Minnesota
W9UC 425,862-802-177-B-AB
W9YCR 13,903-629-169-C
K9QMR(W9S, HV, YQ, WA3PXA, WB3KKJ) 167,100-957-100-B
W9P 156,195-445-117-C
W9W 93,021-307-101-C
W9L 54,868-169-81-C
W9BJP 16,104-88-61-B
W9RXL 65,010-62-35-C
K9QK 72,959-61-C-20
W9HW 72,959-67-15-B
N9BUI 24,030-178-45-C
K9BRC 649,830-1031-210-C-AB
AG9U 48,916-116-34-B-20
N9TT 444,163-961-161-C
AG9A 153,893-369-139-C
W9GXA 102,678-314-109-C
K9HOB 57,000-200-95-B
W9LEZ 14,280-85-56-B
K9AP 12,900-86-50-B
K9TLM 3645-45-27-B
W9DX 7872-64-41-C-80
K9CS 1296-24-18-C-40
K9RWL 7347-79-31-C-20
K9HF/9 16,383-127-43-B-15
W9PWH 957-29-11-C
W9LXJ 9940-66-30-C-10
W9YVV 2736-38-24-B
Nebraska
K9DI 97,128-456-71-C-AB
W9SOPH 7249-69-35-B
North Dakota
K9QK 77,988-268-97-B-AB
W9LHS 32,292-156-69-B
K9HOB 28,660-127-43-B-15
W9D9L 17,640-120-49-B
South Dakota
W9RSP 83,044-208-85-A-QRP
Maritimes Newfoundland
VE1AH 436,995-747-195-C-AB
VO1KO 168,966-447-126-B
VE1ANU 159,588-286-186-C
VE1FP 119,328-382-113-B
VE1BUN 78,660-235-112-B
VO1CA 52,836-238-4-C
VE1AX 14,784-112-44-B-20
VE1UG 19,380-190-34-C-10
Quebec
VE2AYU 537,810-910-197-C-AB
VE2WA 289,880-540-179-B
VE2/D 11,400-76-50-C-80
VE2JR 26,534-193-46-C-10
Ontario
VE1J 1,296,000-1500-288-C-AB
VE3GE 289,982-843-178-C
W9DAP 229,500-500-153-B
VE1J 29,402-171-81-B
W9GWM 27,528-146-82-C
W9SML 24,570-130-63-C
VE1NQ 6-2-1-B-160
VE1CU 5,760-15-12-C-80
VE1MD 123,922-551-24-C-15
W9SMT 84,042-483-58-C
VE1Z 42,612-208-83-B
W9GTV 27,744-129-82-C-10
W9EJ/P 123,168-78-52-B
W9KKB 112,123-323-115-A-QRP
Manitoba
VE8ADV 141,588-437-108-B-AB
Saskatchewan
VESPA 535,540-1082-185-C-AB
V8ST 29,046-206-47-B
Alberta
W9PMP 708,284-569-122-B-AB
British Columbia
VE1BT 381,744-964-132-C-AB
VE7IN 104,400-725-48-B
W/V-E/W
Multioperator
Single Transmitter
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K1XA(+A22, W1D) 1,884,334-1969-319-C-ET
W1OO(+K1S, K1U) 1,431,840-1920-270-C-NH
K1IK(+K1A, B1B, N1R, W1E, H1G, NHJ) 1,777,344-1323-208-C-1
K1XM(+K1P, K1AIGHR) 408,372-814-166-C-1
K1GSK(+W1P, F1P) 260,610-652-136-C-E
K1F, W1(+N1A) 13,860-77-60-C-E
W1BK(+N1C) 24-4-2-C-E
2
N2RM(+N2MM) 1,837,289-1669-327-C-SNJ
K2OY(+W9A2S, OVE51M) 1,500,930-1982-255-C-ENY
K2BK(+W2IF, K) 1,031,136-1327-256-C-NJ
KD2I(+W9A2S, T) 673,425-1025-219-C-NNJ
W2U(+N3KR) 472,058-837-188-C-SNJ
K2LZ(+K2HA, W2UL, WBB, GJR) 399,096-688-189-C-ENY
W2RLO(K2S, DOD, UAT, N6FF, W2S, DKM, Z2E, W2B, W2C, W2D, W2E, W2F, W2G, W2H, W2I, W2J, W2K, W2L, W2M, W2N, W2O, W2P, W2Q, W2R, W2S, W2T, W2U, W2V, W2W, W2X, W2Y, W2Z) 375,705-759-165-C-NLI
W2VU(+Z1D) 45,756-164-94-C-ENY
K2BNU(+K2B, W2E) 33,660-170-66-C-WNY
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W3BN(+K2B1, K2C2) 2,911,463-2193-397-C-EPA
K3UC(+K2B, OYDU) 1,123,188-1474-254-C-EPA
K3QMR(W9S, HV, YQ, WA3PXA, WB3KKJ) 1,020,228-1441-236-C-WPA
N3ED(Mult) 809,628-1007-268-C-EPA
K3RN(K2BSV) 782,040-1064-245-C-WPA
N3GB(+N4T) 552,600-873-211-C-MDC
N3RL(+N4T) 511,752-979-226-C-MDC
K3AD(+N4T) 505,344-752-224-C-MDC
W3FKA(K3V, OX, K8BTS, K8BLA, K8BFD) 440,342-716-205-C-MDC
W3GNQ(+N4T) 426,024-732-194-C-MDC
W3KT(+N4T) 253,628-462-183-C-EPA
N3ARK(WB3F1Y) 251,534-254-107-C-EPA
W3YFV(+N3R7) 68,085-255-89-C-EPA
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K4NYV(+K4CIA, K4E1, N4TN, K4B2K) 1,148,112-1407-272-C-NC
K2BA(+K4B3, W9F, W4F) 995,931-1013-239-C-VA
W4AQ(LDF, DFD, KZPO, W83DRA, W4AB, Y, OP) 383,496-841-157-C-GA
KC4UQ(+W4ASH) 564,104-564-162-C-VA
N4AU(+K4S, I2N, OVS, W4MTG) 161,595-399-135-C-AL
5
K5RC(+K5G, GA, GN, LZ, 2D, N5S, CDO, DUJ, W9S, W9T) 3,142,191-2589-403-C-STX
W5VX(+K5S, BDS, T5Q) 1,622,907-2859-291-C-STX
K5EE(+K5K, K5N, W5NWS) 1,046,928-1283-273-C-NTX
W5AC(W8B, OGN, PY, VZL, WDF5, B1C, EGK, OPR) 572,118-1207-156-C-STX
W5D0CV(+W5E, W5W, W5X) 576,506-576-207-C-NM
N5CDO(+N5J) 31,080-144-70-C-ATX
6
N6TU(+N7KA, W6NV, W6S5D) 1,614,678-1651-326-C-E
N6BT(+K6A, K6B, K6C, K6D, K6E, K6F, K6G, K6H, K6I, K6J, K6K, K6L, K6M, K6N, K6O, K6P, K6Q, K6R, K6S, K6T, K6U, K6V, K6W, K6X, K6Y, K6Z) 1,037,533-1167-253-C-SV
W6HU(WA6HC, W6B9Y, OP) 871,338-1271-226-C-SV
K6DC(+W6E, W6F) 678,345-1103-205-C-SV
K6SG(+K6VH) 599,276-1006-182-C-SV
W6TH(+N6I) 543,582-897-202-C-SV
K6ANP(+K6L, N6, K6G, C6D, C6E, W6B, W6C, W6D, W6E, W6F, W6G, W6H, W6I, W6J, W6K, W6L, W6M, W6N, W6O, W6P, W6Q, W6R, W6S, W6T, W6U, W6V, W6W, W6X, W6Y, W6Z) 624,654-624-174-C-SF
W6OK(Mult) 348,906-638-129-C-SV
W6GO(+N6I) 189,570-358-178-C-SV
K6FO(+N6J) 84,374-294-107-B-C
N6OM(+N6I) 72,288-251-96-C-SV
A6V(+N6I) 63,684-244-87-C-SV
AA6G(+N6I) 196-80-C-SV
N6ST(+N6I) 15,582-108-49-C-SV
N6RC 9450-70-45-C-SV
K6KX 8487-69-41-C-SF
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K7LX(+K7S, HBN, WA, W7GCI) 61,961-1267-161-C-WA
WA7JTC(+K7E, W7C, WA7ZN, OPR) 31,153-193-99-C-WA
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A8XP(+N8AB, W8FN, W84IN, W8BWB) 710,187-307-C-OH
K8SS(+K8C, WA8RR) 1,061,280-1474-240-C-MI
K8BIA(+K8M, N8N8F, 885, FWC, MNL) 773,440-1215-122-C-MI
K8BD(+A8B, K8JL, K8JA, WA8, B8F, M8E, N8C) 579,292-1114-226-C-MI
K8QM(+W8ARS, W8B2B, W8C) 678,426-1114-203-C-MI
W8BK(I+W8D1) 577,644-1051-188-C-OH
K8MIZ(+A8C, Y, A, I8D, K8LF, W8MT, O, W8DS) 467,288-1384-138-C-MI
W8LK(+W8S, B8M, X, S, C, N) 122,661-413-99-C-WV
W8DPVA 122,661-413-99-C-WV
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W9EOD(+W9BV, W9) 263,224-607-144-B-IL
W9YB(N9BV, W9S, OY, STD, OPR) 193,401-551-117-C-IN
W9JBF(+A9T, K9HZ, W9B9) 181,092-510-127-C-IL
A9J, OEC, UAT, YMF, W9GURJ) 149,612-373-148-C-MI
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Single Operator

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Asia

Europe

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South America

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Single Operator

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 V01NF 142,638- 423- 128-B  
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 HA5KZF 64,449- 231- 93-B  
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 UK3DBV(UA3DF,LT,Loggers) 19,980- 148- 45-B  
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 UK5MAF(GB5MU,UB5S,MOD, MNX,MOA,UY1,KI,ops) 723,492-1276-189-B  
 UK5MAA(UB5S,EC,MDA,MGY, RPF,ops) 647,780-116-186-B  
 UK5WAA(UB5S,WAL,WCF, WCJ,ops) 542,550-1034-175-B  
 UK51DX(UB5CN) 459,036- 953-164-B  
 UK51BM(UB5S,INO,ITU, E251BZ,ops) 248,769- 633-131-B  
 UK5QA V(6 ops) 1,000,770- 371- 90-B  
 UK5DAA(UA5D,DAV,YL, UT5DL,ops) 96,186- 391- 81-B  
 UK5QAD(3 ops) 82,620- 324- 85-B  
 UK2AAF(3 ops) 6474- 83- 26-B  
 UK2BAS(UA2B,BIG,PAJ,ops) 1,131,305-2209-230-B  
 UK2PRC(UA2S,BHM,BIC,ops) 269,476- 946-102-B  
 UK2BCC(2 ops) 312- 10- 38-B  
 UK2GKL(UQ2GKM+2 ops) 116,695-2023-184-B  
 UK2GJL(UQ2GJT+1 ops) 77,125- 73- 126-B  
 UK2GA(UB5RC,U2QFP, ops) 47,304- 216- 73-B  
 UK2RBT(3 ops) 282,654- 766-123-B  
 UK2QAA(2 ops) 162,336- 608- 89-B  
 YO4KRF(YO4A,TW,XF,ops) 114,840- 348-110-B  
 AN8RA(YU1S,OFT,OND,OOW, OPL,ops) 1,105,200-1842-200-C

YU2CBV(YU2BBA+2 ops) 1,433,408-1297-156-C  
 Y39ZO(Y39S,XO,UO,ops) 1,143,882-1842-207-C  
 Y35ZK(Multiop) 91,254- 246- 83-B  
 North America  
 FM9POL(W6S,KG,ops) 1,639,960-2280-269-B  
 KL7HF(VH,NG1V) 1,064,028-1484-239-C  
 Oceania  
 KH5FY(WH6S,AML,AMM, KMS,ops) 1200- 25- 16-B  
 DX - CW  
 Multioperator  
 Multi-Transmitter  
 Asia  
 J12RQ(JG1S,GU,JHCNT, J11PVG,JR,INC,ops) 1,465,993-2211-221-B  
 JH2ZKT(UA7S,FV,KV,G11,WWF, ops) 637,873- 473-167-B  
 JA12K(UA3V,XH,UA4FD, JA9DGP,JH6OP,ops) 417,474- 860-162-B  
 Europe  
 OH1AF(OH1S,EH,HS,KK,ops) 875,502-1569-186-C  
 North America  
 NL7M(+AL7BM,KL7IVX) 2,907,750-3987-250-C  
 Check Logs



## The Art of Net Controlling

One of the most essential parts of a traffic or emergency net is the character and skill of the net control station (NCS). The NCS has command of all net activity and shapes the efficiency (or inefficiency) of net operation. There are many qualities an NCS must have to meet the objectives. Some are predetermined and are contained in ARRL publications such as *Operating An Amateur Radio Station* and *The ARRL Operating Manual*. Others are gained through added knowledge and experience at different net levels and modes. I will endeavor to define the art of highly effective net controlling and to encourage recognized techniques.

A good portion of my own experience has been with cw nets at all levels of the National Traffic System (NTS). I have, at times, controlled phone nets during emergency operation. In either case (cw or phone operation), all of the following general rules of net controlling apply:

- 1) Call the net promptly at the appointed time. If possible, notify your alternate or Net Manager in advance if you cannot meet your appointed schedule.
- 2) Keep a written record of the situation and traffic list of each station in a systematic form. If the traffic is heavy, you will become confused unless you use an organized recording system.
- 3) Know where each net participant is located and what traffic he/she can handle. Don't find yourself constantly having to ask stations what traffic they can take.
- 4) Excuse from the net promptly (or within an agreed-on time limit) each net operator who is free of traffic.
- 5) Make your directions clear and concise, using as few words as possible. On cw, use Q signals whenever applicable. On phone, use language direction, not Q signals.
- 6) Keep your sending under control. Too hasty sending is usually sloppy sending. Don't send any faster than the speed of the operators in the net. They will just ask for repeats. On phone, speak with clarity and deliberate enunciation.

Rules 2 and 3 are exceptionally important and deserve further mention. Keeping a written record in systematic form is of great importance and cannot be overemphasized.

A typical net control log form is shown here. This format has proven to be very adequate to record all activities during my function as NCS for the Pacific Area Net (PAN). PAN operates on a strict National Traffic System timetable, with a large volume of traffic and rate (ratio of traffic handled to length of net session in minutes; i.e. traffic ÷ time). The net control log allows me to record all net activity quickly and accurately, and in a systematic manner.

Most of the information is self-explanatory.

In the appropriate column, note the area or region or TCC function represented by each station to send and/or receive traffic. As stations are sent off frequency to clear traffic, the frequency location (distance from the net frequency) is recorded in the "up" or "down" column. As traffic is routed, I check (✓) it, and when the station(s) returns indicating the messages were cleared, I draw a line through the listing. Some NCS operators prefer the use of colored pencils to show more distinction between routed and fully cleared traffic. This is adequate, but you must use two or more different pencils or pens; with the check and line-out method you use only one. [In a method popularized by K2K1R, hex nuts or buttons are used — see page 41 of *The ARRL Operating Manual* for complete details. — Ed.] When practical, the smaller traffic listings should be routed first. In unusual circumstances, traffic should be handled in order of Emergency, Priority, Welfare and Routine precedence, the definitions of which are contained in form CD-3, available from Headquarters for an s.a.s.e. At the close of the net session, the NCS report to the Net Manager is readily available from the information recorded in the NCS log.

When directing a net on cw, use of the QN

signals is extremely important. (A list of Q signals and cw abbreviations comprises form CD-218, also available for an s.a.s.e.) Much time is wasted by long-winded instructions by the NCS. An example of this is shown below. Note how the same direction is greatly shortened in example B.

A) N6TR GO UP 5 AND SEND 3 LOS ANGELES TO WA6YBT AFTER W6IPL.

B) N6TR QNQ UP 5 WA6YBT LA 3.

Minimum use of full call signs also speeds net operation. Full identification is required only every 10 minutes. The call-letter suffix or other short designation is all that is necessary to identify your station to the NCS at other times. I use JV since my call-letter suffix is just an A.

There are many net control stations in our field organization who display excellent examples of skillful net controlling. Younger or newer (or ever older) operators can easily spot the better nets, within the context of the points I've mentioned. "Getting your feet wet" will be a little easier by your knowledge of the art. An efficient net with snap and precision is a beauty to behold. Great pride can be taken by the NCS in leading the net to a successful and recognized end. — *Jerry L. VerDuft, AD0A*

### Typical Net Control Log Form

QNN \_\_\_\_\_ PAN NET CONTROL SHEET 3675 kHz  
 QND \_\_\_\_\_  
 QNF \_\_\_\_\_ All dates and times are Zulu Date \_\_\_\_\_

UP					Funct	CALL	in	out	TRAFFIC						QTC	DOWN		
20	15	10	5	CAN					EAN	RN6	RN7	TWN	Other	5		10	15	
					Stn G													
					Stn H													
					RN6R													
					RN7R													
					TWNR													
					Stn I													
					Stn J													
					RN6T													
					RN7T													
					TWNT													

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## THE FEELING THERMOMETER

It's not too late to return the "Public Service" column survey ("The Feeling Thermometer"), which can be found on page 79 of July 1981 QST. The response has been good, yet many of you have not had the opportunity to return the survey, owing to vacations and such. So why not take a moment and complete and mail the questionnaire (to the attention of the conductor)? Just reach for your July issue, and you've got it made. We'd like to hear from as many of you as possible, with the goal being to make improvements in the column that you have recommended. Incidentally, it is not necessary to carve up your July issue. Any reasonable facsimile of the survey — a photocopy, a piece of scrap paper, even a cocktail napkin — is more than acceptable. Your conductor is not at all particular about the format in which your answers are rendered. The important thing is to get your opinions concerning the "Public Service" column on record.

## REPEATER DIRECTORY DEADLINE LOOMS

The deadline for registering your repeater for the next edition of the ARRL Repeater Directory is November 1, 1981. Repeaters must register annually to be included. Please register your repeater on form CD-240 (see page 70, September 1981 QST). Additional copies of CD-240 are available for an s.a.s.c. Send all registration information to the ARRL Communications Dept., 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

REPEATER DIRECTORY REGISTRATION CARD <small>(Fill in; block letters to complete this card)</small>			
State/Province <small>(Abbreviate)</small>	Locality	New Listing <small>(Change, No Change, or No Change)</small>	
City or Town			
Input Frequency	Output Frequencies		
Repeater Call Sign	Notes		
Sponsor	Operator	Date <small>(Month / Year)</small>	

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Register your repeater for the next edition of the ARRL Repeater Directory on form CD-240.

## PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Worcester, Massachusetts — April 24-25. During the 23rd New England Square-Round Dance Convention, The Central Massachusetts ARA provided support communications between 13 locations in and around the Worcester Auditorium. Nearly 50 amateurs participated, and over 100 formal messages were handled during the two-day affair, which had an attendance of 9000 plus. (WIDOV, EC South Worcester Co.)

□ Mount Ranier, Washington — May 6. WA7IFV encountered a woman who had lost control of her car and had an accident resulting in personal injury. WA7IFG put through a call for help over the K7DSM repeater. KA7FIG responded and called for the State Police and Fire Department units. (W7CDM)

□ Enid, Oklahoma — May 9. Two youths were thrown into the water after sailing a boat down a Flood Control Stream (at near-flood level) and losing control. One of the boys was rescued immediately. During the search for the other youth, the Enid ARC was called in to help with communication liaison between the site and police headquarters. (WA5FSN, SCM Oklahoma)

□ Paramus, New Jersey — May 16. While mobile on Rte. 17, WA2DWB came upon an accident involving a car and a gasoline tank truck. Using W2AKR/R he contacted K2MHP who, in turn, notified police of the situation. Fire and rescue units soon arrived, and fought the rapidly spreading flames. (WA2DWB)

□ Meriden, Connecticut — June 21. While tuning across the 20-meter band, NIAPI heard a MAYDAY call from HP2XMJ, located on an island off Panama. HP2XMJ advised that her husband was in a state of shock after being beaten and shot. She wanted her doctor in Panama to arrange for a medical evacuation. With the help of the telephone company, NIAPI was able to immediately contact the doctor (who turned out to be HP2XPV) by long distance, and he came up on frequency. Owing to propagation, however, HP2XMJ and HP2XPV could not copy each other. NIAPI served as relay until a helicopter

arrived and airlifted the injured man to the hospital. (N1BLL)

□ Fremont, Nebraska — June 25. Late at night, W0UA became stranded with a dead car battery and a defective voltage regulator. He contacted WA0HBS using a hand-held transceiver. The local sheriff was notified of the situation, and help was sent immediately. (WD0BVH)

□ North Augusta, South Carolina — July 7. A search was initiated for a plane on fire and which had allegedly crashed in the area. Members of the North Augusta-Belvedere Radio Club were requested to assist with both the hunt and communications. No plane or crash site were found and the authorities speculated that the plane had dove in an attempt to extinguish the flames and recovered at near treetop level. (WB4NBK)

□ Kansas City, Missouri — July 17. Two catwalks at the Hyatt Regency Hotel collapsed, killing over 100 persons. Within an hour after the tragedy, an emergency net was in session. Many amateurs were posted at several area hospitals. During the next few hours and into the next morning, these stations handled over 125 messages that accounted for 157 of those at the hotel. (K0RWL, SCM Missouri)

## AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Wilsonville, Alabama — May 20. A chemical plant near Childersburg exploded, and deadly fumes were sent toward Wilsonville. After evacuation was warranted, the Shelby County ARES members supplied communications to the relief site at nearby Columbiana until the "all clear" was sounded. (N4DMA, EC Shelby Co.)

□ Boise, Idaho — May 29. While listening on 20 meters, K17K came upon a distress call from the fishing boat "Junita." The skipper's hand had been caught in some machinery, and required immediate medical attention. K17K called a local hospital for first-aid advice, and relayed the information to the "Junita." Following the self-treatment, the skipper sailed the vessel to Midway Island, the nearest medical center. (W7JMH, SCM Idaho)

□ Churubusco, Indiana — June 8. When a tornado struck the local area and knocked out power and telephone service, the Whitley County ARES Net was activated on WB9YLE/R. Communications were provided for the police and Red Cross. Hams with mobile facilities assisted with missing persons' hunts until all involved were located. (N9EV, EC Whitley Co.)

□ Riverside County, California — June 15. During a breakout of fire storms, the Volunteers-In-Prevention (VIP) group found itself supplying crucial communications for California Department of Forestry officials. Additional radio channels were required because of the overload that was caused by multiple operations. (A161, EC Riverside Co.)

□ Cardington, Ohio — June 23. Four people were killed, several were injured and most of the town's business district was destroyed by a tornado. K8DDG, located at Red Cross Divisional Hq., was put into operation soon after the storm ended. The COARES Net was activated to assist the NWS with reports. Five ARES members were sent to the scene to set up a direct radio link with the Red Cross to Cardington. Thirteen more members arrived the next day to help out, and stayed until normal communications were reestablished. (W8BKO, DEC Central Ohio)

□ Bellaire, Ohio — June 30. After a storm knocked out power lines leading to the Fire Department, WD8CBC and WD8JIK unloaded their generator, which was used for Field Day earlier in the day, and provided communications until normal means were restored. (K8AN, SEC Ohio)

## ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

□ For July, 31 SEC reports were received denoting a total ARES membership of 19,049. Sections reporting were: Al, Ariz, Colo, Ill, Ind, Kans, Ky, La, Me, Mich, NH, NLI, NTex, Ohio, Org, RI, Sv, SDgo, SJV, SCV, SC, SFla, Tenn, Utah, Va, Wash, WMass, WNY, WPa, WVa, Wis.

## REPEATER LOG

According to reports received between July 21 and August 21, the following repeaters were involved in the delineated public service events.

Weather Emergency	Criminal Activity	Medical Emergency	Vehicular Emergency	Public Safety and Rescue	Search and Rescue	Fire	Power Failures	Drills/Alerts	Events	Total
W1PW								1		1
W1AHQ									1	1
N1CB									1	1
KA1C									1	1
W1XJ						1			3	5
K1FFK						1			1	4
K1ZZN						1			1	4
KC2CY	3				3				1	11
WB2ID					4				1	11
WA2HWV									1	1
AB2S	1								1	2
KB2IQ	1								1	2
WB2NJV	1								2	5
WB2ZII				2	1				1	1
W9UJL									1	1
WB3II									1	1
WB3ABM	1								1	1
K30IH									1	1
K3SPI									1	1
W3NBN									1	1
K3JSZ									2	6
W3CWC	7	5	1	8	2				4	31
WA3ZYG	2			1					8	22
W3UER	2		1	4					11	22
N3AIA		1	1	2	1				1	5
WB4RC									1	1
WB4DAQ									1	1
W4HFH									1	1
K4HY									1	1
WB4AZD									1	1
WB4FUS									1	1
WB4LET	1			3					1	4
KA4BGA				3					1	4
W4LBI	4		3	31	1				1	39
WB5VFF				1					1	1
W5RVT				1					1	3
WB5RDD				1					1	5
W6ASH									1	1
K6KSU									1	1
WB6FUB									2	9
WB6PVS									4	3
WR6AEN	1	3	19	3					2	26
K6IS	1		10	4						15
WB7YY			2	5					5	2
WA6EUZ				11	1				1	13
WA6WTT				6					1	9
WA7KGT	2			2						1
W7WGW	1	2	1	2					1	5
K7CC				8	1				4	13
WB8XD				1					5	8
WR8AES									4	3
WA8ULB	2			1						1
KB9WC									1	1
N9AHP	3								1	5
WR9AEZ									1	1
WR9AEV									1	1
WB9SBH	3								2	4
WB9AFT	1									2
W0VQR				1						2
TOTAL	34	11	17	130	13	2	47	57	8	319

## NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

The Boy Scout jamboree, K2BSA/4, provided unusually high traffic totals for the month of July. The 16th annual trafficers' picnic at W2MTA's palatial estate was a huge success — KA2KWY won the gold medal in volleyball after W2MTA withdrew from the competition with a pulled muscle. The Ninth Region has implemented an excellent interface between cycles two and four. 2RN/c2 has completed its fourth consecutive "perfectly reported" month. WB5YDD and KA4MZY are new managers of RN5/c2 and 9RN/c2, respectively. The Central and Pacific area staffs have scheduled their meetings for the same weekend — October 3 and 4. CAS is meeting in Houston. PAS in Denver. WB4SGV, longtime net control on EAN/c4, is QSYing to Oman (A4). RN7/c4 certificates were earned by N7AFZ KA7A0B WA7BZY N7CSP W7FJZ VE7CJ VE6CHK VE7CSI VE7FAZ AD7G W7HKE W7HNA WATHS KL7JEB KB7JW K7JW WATLGN W7LNE AC7P W7TC W7TGU WB7TQF K7WPC K7ZIG AJ7X W7ZB. EAN/c2 certificates were earned by W2MLC KB2HM WB2DS N2YL WA2FJJ WA2MFV W2MTA.

## July Reports

Cycle Two Area Nets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
EAN	31	1051	33.9	726	89.2		
GAN	31	899	29.0	335	100.0		
PAN	46	472	9.8	320	70.4		

Region Nets table with columns for call letters and statistics.

1 - AREA 4 - TRAFFIC
2 - FUNCTIONS 5 - OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC
3 - % SUCCESSFUL

Table with columns for call letters and statistics, including W6PCB, W1TTM, etc.

TCC Roster

The TCC Roster (July) Cycle Two - Eastern Area (N2YL, Director) - K1s CE XA, N1BHH, W1s QYY XX, N2YL, K2PL, W2s CQB RQ XD ZDJ, WB2IQJ, K3JSZ, WB3GZU, K4DHH, WA4COK, WB4PNY, AF8V, W8PMJ, WB8YDZ, VE3s ATU CWA GQL Central Area (W9JUU, Director) - WD4HIF, K4VM, W5s GTZ KLV, KA5BSN, N5AMK, WA5s EQQ INJ, WB5s NKC OXE YDD, K5s BNH KJN, W9s HOT JIJ JUJ, WD0CID, Pacific Area (W0HXB, Director) - W5JOV, KA5DDW, WB6EIG, KM6I, KT6A, W7s DZX GHT VSE, WA7GYQ, W0s EJD HXB RE, WD0AIT, K0DJ, K0DM, N0BDE, Cycle Four - Eastern Area (W2CS, Director) - N1BHH, W1s EFW KX NJM QYY, K1s BA EIR GN SSH XA, WB1CPF, W2s GS FR GKZ MTA RQ XD, K2NY, WA2s ICB SPL, W3s FAF PQ, WB3GZU, W4s JK UQ, K4s BKX KNP ZK, KB4N, WB4PNY, N4s KB NK, W8PMJ, WB8WTS, KR8MQ, KC8C, VE3s ATU CWA GQL Central Area (W5GHP, Director) - WA4JY, W5s RB SBE TFB, N5s BB BT RB TC, K5s GM TL, W9s CXY DND NXG, WB9UYU, AE0R, W0s AM HI, K0EZ, Pacific Area (K0DJ, Director) - N5NG, W5KH, N6s GW PZ, W6s EGT OA, VZT, WB6PVH, KN6C, KT6A, K7s HLF KSA, KB7JW, W7s DZX EP GHT LYA VSE, WA7GYQ, K0s BN DJ, K0CD, W0s HXB LB OGH, WD0AIT, VE7ZK.

Cycle Four Area Nets table with columns for call letters and statistics.

Table with columns for call letters and statistics, including W6CPB, W1TTM, etc.

Independent Nets (July 1981)

Table with columns for organization name and statistics.

Region Nets table with columns for call letters and statistics.

TCC table with columns for call letters and statistics.

1 - NET 3 - TRAFFIC
2 - SESSIONS 4 - CHECK-INS

TCC functions not counted as net sessions.
Section and local nets reporting (227): APSN ATN (AB), ABN ASN (AK), AENB AEND AENK AENM AENZ (AL), APN ARN OZK (AR), ATEN HARC (AZ), NCN NCTN SCN (CA), HNN (CO), DEPN DTM (DE), FAST FMSN FMTN FPN FNPTN MEN PEN QFN QFNS SPARC SWFTN TPTN (FL), CGVHFN CVEN GON GSN GSSBN GTFNC (GA), I75MN ICN ITEN TLGN (IA), BSN IMN MTN (ID/MT), ICN ITN QIN (IN), KPN K5BN QKS (KS), 4ARES 5ARES 6ARES 11ARES BARES CARN KEN KNTN KPON KRN KSN KTN KYN MKPN PAEWTN SEKEN TSTMN (KY), LAN LEN LRN LSN LTN (LA), EM2MN EMRI EMRPN EMRSH HHTN NEEP NENN RIEM MTN WMBCEMTN WMFN WMN (MA/RI), MEPN MTN WRIN (MB), MEPN (MD), AEN MASN MSN MNP NPTN SGN SPSN (ME), MACS MTN MNN OMN UPN (MI), NEMOE (MO), CMN CN CNGTN CNM JFK M2MEM NCSSBN PCTN PARS THEN (NC), MNARES NCHN NE40 NE75 NOCN NSN PARCZMN WNN (NE), G5FMN GSPN NHH (NH), J4VNS NJN NJPN NJSN NJVNN NWNJVN ONTTN SJVN SOCTN UCETN (NJ), BC NMRRN SWN Y2MN (NM), NSN (NV), CDN CNYTN EPN HVN NLIPN NLIHF NLS NYS OCTEN STAR WCN (NY), ALERT BN BRTN COARES FRON HCARES LCNWARES NOARC OSMN OSN OSSBN TATN (OH), OLTZ WSN STN (OK), KTN OLN OPN OSN QLN (ON), BSN LCARES ORARES OSN PDXARES PTTN (OR), EPA EPTN HARTCN NWPA2MTN PPN PTTN WPA WPA2MTN WPAFTN (PA), BR2MN LC2MN S2MN SCSSBN (SC), INCW TNPN TNVHF (TN), DFW TEX TXJN TSN TTN (TX), BUN UCN (UT), VLN VN VNTN V5BN V5N (VA), VTN (VT), IETN PSTS WSN (WA), WING WINO WINS (WE/IN), BEN BWN WNTN WIN WNN W5BN W5SN (WI), WVARES WYFN WYMDN WYV WYVNN (WV), WCN (WY).

Table with columns for statistics: NET, RATE, SESSIONS, TRAFFIC, AVERAGE, REP., etc.

Public Service Honor Roll July 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 NETS 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.

Table listing names and call letters of Public Service Honor Roll members.

Brass Pounders League July 1981

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.

Table listing names and call letters of Brass Pounders League members.

Table with columns for statistics: CALL, ORIG., RCVD., SENT, DEL., TOTAL.

Transcontinental Corps

W2CS has succeeded W4SQQ as Eastern Area/c4 TCC Director. Welcome Gary, and hail and farewell Gil. Central Area/c2 certificates awarded to K4VM W5CTZ N5AMK WA5EQQ K5BNH and WD0CID. Central Area/c4 certificates to W4ZJY W5RB W5SE W5TFB N5BB N5BT N5RB N5TC K5GM K5TL W5CXU W5DND W5NXG WB9UYU W0AM W0HI K0EVH and K0EZ.

Cycle Two table with columns for call letters and statistics.

Cycle Four table with columns for call letters and statistics.

# Operating News

Conducted By John F. Lindholm, \*W1XX

## W1AW Schedule

October 25, 1981-April 24, 1982

W1AW code practice and bulletin transmissions are sent on the following schedule:

UTC	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 0300, 1400; TThS: 0000, 2100; Sn: 0300, 2100	MTWThFSn = Days of Week	Dy = Daily
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 0000, 2100; TTh: 0300, 1400; S: 0300; Sn: 0000		
	Cw Bulletins	Dy: 0100, 0400, 2200; MTWThF: 1500		
	RTTY Bulletins	Dy: 0200, 0500, 2300; MTWThF: 1600		
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 0230, 0530		
EST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 9 A.M., 7 P.M.; TThSSn: 4 P.M., 10 P.M.		
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 4 P.M., 10 P.M.; TTh: 9 A.M.; TThSSn: 7 P.M.		
	Cw Bulletins	Dy: 5 P.M., 8 P.M., 11 P.M.; MTWThF: 10 A.M.		
	RTTY Bulletins	Dy: 6 P.M., 9 P.M., 12 P.M.; MTWThF: 11 A.M.		
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 9:30 P.M., 12:30 A.M.		
CST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 8 A.M., 6 P.M.; TThSSn: 3 P.M., 9 P.M.		
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 3 P.M., 9 P.M.; TTh: 8 A.M.; TThSSn: 6 P.M.		
	Cw Bulletins	Dy: 4 P.M., 7 P.M., 10 P.M.; MTWThF: 9 A.M.		
	RTTY Bulletins	Dy: 5 P.M., 8 P.M., 11 P.M.; MTWThF: 10 A.M.		
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 8:30 P.M., 11:30 P.M.		
PST	Slow Code Practice	MWF: 6 A.M., 4 P.M.; TThSSn: 1 P.M., 7 P.M.		
	Fast Code Practice	MWF: 1 P.M., 7 P.M.; TTh: 6 A.M.; TThSSn: 4 P.M.		
	Cw Bulletins	Dy: 2 P.M., 5 P.M., 8 P.M.; MTWThF: 7 A.M.		
	RTTY Bulletins	Dy: 3 P.M., 6 P.M., 9 P.M.; MTWThF: 8 A.M.		
	Voice Bulletins	Dy: 6:30 P.M., 9:30 P.M.		

Code practice and cw bulletin frequencies: 1.835, 3.58, 7.08, 14.08, 21.08, 28.08, 50.08, 147.555 MHz.

RTTY bulletin frequencies: 3.625, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095, 28.095, 147.555 MHz.

Voice bulletin frequencies: 1.835, 3.99, 7.29, 14.29, 21.39, 28.59, 50.19, 147.555 MHz.

On Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1400 through 2200 UTC, transmissions are beamed to Europe on 14, 21 and 28 MHz.

Slow code practice is at 5, 7-1/2, 10, 13 and 15 wpm.

Fast code practice is at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 wpm.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds. For example, "Text is from February 1980 QST, pages 9 and 82" indicates that the main text is from the article on page 9 and the mixed number/letter groups at the end of each speed are from page 82.

On Fridays, UTC, a DX bulletin replaces the regular bulletin transmissions.

Cw bulletins are sent at 18 wpm; Teletype bulletins are sent at 60 wpm with 170-Hz shift, then repeated on 110-baud ASCII.

W1AW is open for visitors Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 1 A.M. EST and on Saturday and Sunday from 3:30 P.M. to 1 A.M. EST. If you desire to operate W1AW, be sure to bring your license with you. W1AW is available for operation by visitors between 1 and 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: voice on the hour, RTTY at 15 minutes past the hour, and cw on the half hour.

W1AW will be closed on November 26, December 25, January 1, February 15 and April 9.

Station staff: Chief Operator/Asst. Communications Mgr. C. R. Bender, W1WPR; Chris Schenck, W1EH; Charles Chadwick, KBAXL.

## SCM ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Eastern New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, San Diego, South Dakota, Louisiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Pacific and Maritime/Newfoundland sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Communications Manager. A petition, to be valid, must contain the signatures of five or more full ARRL members residing in the section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures on that petition. No member may sign more than one petition. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition.

Petition forms (CD-129) are available on request from ARRL Headquarters but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)

Communications Manager, ARRL  
225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned full members of the . . . ARRL 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, December 4, 1981.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on December 31, 1981, returns counted February 16, 1982, and SCMs elected as a result of the above procedures will take office April 1, 1982.

If only one valid petition is received for a section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning April 1, 1982.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in April QST, and an SCM elected through the resolicitation process will serve a term of 18 months.

Vacancies in any SCM office between elections are filled by appointment by the communications manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.

John F. Lindholm, W1XX  
Communications Manager

## REPEAT SCM NOMINATING SOLICITATIONS

Since no petitions were received for the Sacramento Valley section as a result of notices in the April and May QST, nominating petitions for this section are herewith resolicited. See the above notice for details on how to nominate.

## November Sweepstakes All-Time Records (through 1980 SS)

### High-Power Phone

Division	Call	Score	Year
Canadian	VE5DX	289,050	78
Atlantic	K3UA	233,692	79
Central	K9CT	238,800	78
Dakota	K0ZZ	274,800	78
Delta	W5WMU	249,232	80
Great Lakes	K8LX	223,200	78
Hudson	K2TR	276,150	78
Midwestern	K5JZN/Ø	222,592	79
New England	K1VTM	259,950	79
Northwestern	K7SS	286,950	77
Pacific	WA7NIN	318,792	79
Roanoke	K4VX	229,350	78
Rocky Mountain	KØRF	288,304	79
Southeastern	KP4RF	351,796	79
Southwestern	N7DD	309,320	80
West Gulf	K5JA	257,400	78

### High-Power CW

Canadian	VE7CC	173,550	78
Atlantic	K3LR	178,192	79
Central	W9RW	155,550	78
Dakota	KØZZ	171,828	78
Delta	K5GO	171,600	78
Great Lakes	K4GSU	169,458	78
Hudson	W2GD	180,264	78
Midwestern	NØGA	156,300	78
New England	K1GQ	177,304	78
Northwestern	K7RI	167,608	78
Pacific	WA7NIN	181,892	79
Roanoke	K4VX	168,900	78
Rocky Mountain	WØUA	185,900	77
Southeastern	KP4RF	193,732	77
Southwestern	W6AM	182,646	77
West Gulf	AA5LES	182,780	78

### Low-Power Phone

Canadian	VE4OY	145,950	78
Atlantic	W2KI	151,950	78
Central	W9QBF	134,612	77
Dakota	KØFRP	153,476	79
Delta	N5DX	197,100	78
Great Lakes	W8TR	117,718	78
Hudson	K2UF	108,750	78
Midwestern	WØRR	166,848	80
New England	K1LL	172,568	80
Northwestern	K7SS	211,988	80
Pacific	WB6SHD	169,950	78
Roanoke	N4MM	175,500	77
Rocky Mountain	AA5B	207,612	80
Southeastern	KB4I	151,548	80
Southwestern	N7US	170,664	79
West Gulf	K5RHZ	148,000	78

### Low-Power CW

Canadian	VE4VV	156,198	79
Atlantic	W2TZ	131,760	80
Central	WB9GFC	128,772	74
Dakota	NØNO	136,800	78
Delta	K4XU	141,300	78
Great Lakes	W8CQN	137,492	74
Hudson	N2IC	139,416	79
Midwestern	KØLUZ	130,378	79
New England	W1ZT	139,392	80
Northwestern	K7SS	133,792	80
Pacific	AD7K	135,780	80
Roanoke	N4DW	137,850	78
Rocky Mountain	N7DF	150,234	79
Southeastern	N4BP	149,850	77
Southwestern	AA7A	147,704	78
West Gulf	K5LZO	153,180	77

Information compiled by Tom Taormina, K5RC.

## 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 Oct.	31,462	0112	100.0	18,211	A	0000	65.4
2 Oct.	31,474	0011	84.8	18,225	A + J	0005	66.6
3 Oct.	31,487	0106	98.4	18,239	J	0009	67.8
4 Oct.	31,499	0005	83.3	18,253	J	0014	69.0
5 Oct.	31,512	0059	96.9	18,267	A	0018	70.2
6 Oct.	31,525	0153	110.4	18,281	A + J	0023	71.4
7 Oct.	31,537	0053	95.3	18,295	X	0028	72.7
8 Oct.	31,550	0147	108.9	18,309	A	0032	73.9
9 Oct.	31,562	0046	93.7	18,323	A + J	0037	75.1
10 Oct.	31,575	0140	107.3	18,337	J	0042	76.3
11 Oct.	31,587	0040	92.2	18,351	J	0046	77.5
12 Oct.	31,600	0134	105.7	18,365	A	0051	78.7
13 Oct.	31,612	0033	90.6	18,379	A + J	0055	79.9
14 Oct.	31,625	0127	104.2	18,393	X	0100	81.1
15 Oct.	31,637	0027	89.0	18,407	A	0105	82.3
16 Oct.	31,650	0121	102.6	18,421	A + J	0109	83.5
17 Oct.	31,662	0020	87.4	18,435	J	0114	84.7
18 Oct.	31,675	0115	101.0	18,449	J	0119	85.9
19 Oct.	31,687	0014	85.9	18,463	A	0123	87.2
20 Oct.	31,700	0108	99.5	18,477	A + J	0128	88.4
21 Oct.	31,712	0007	84.3	18,491	X	0132	89.6
22 Oct.	31,725	0102	97.9	18,505	A	0137	90.8
23 Oct.	31,737	0001	82.7	18,519	A + J	0142	92.0
24 Oct.	31,750	0055	96.3	18,532	J	0003	67.4
25 Oct.	31,763	0149	109.9	18,546	J	0008	68.6
26 Oct.	31,775	0049	94.7	18,560	A	0012	69.8
27 Oct.	31,788	0143	108.3	18,574	A + J	0017	71.0
28 Oct.	31,800	0042	93.2	18,588	X	0022	72.2
29 Oct.	31,813	0136	106.8	18,602	A	0026	73.4
30 Oct.	31,825	0036	91.6	18,616	A + J	0031	74.6
31 Oct.	31,838	0130	105.2	18,630	J	0036	75.9
1 Nov.	31,850	0029	90.0	18,644	J	0040	77.1
2 Nov.	31,863	0124	103.6	18,658	A	0045	78.3
3 Nov.	31,875	0023	88.5	18,672	A + J	0049	79.5
4 Nov.	31,888	0117	102.0	18,686	X	0054	80.7
5 Nov.	31,900	0016	86.9	18,700	A	0059	81.9
6 Nov.	31,913	0111	100.5	18,714	A + J	0103	83.1
7 Nov.	31,925	0010	85.3	18,728	J	0108	84.3

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 lsb); (international net at 1800 UTC Sundays on 14.280 kHz usb and 4900 UTC Sundays on 21.280 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 103.1874 minutes.

O 8 modes of operation are Mondays and Thursdays — Mode A, Tuesdays and Fridays — Mode A + J, Saturdays and Sundays — Mode J. Wednesdays are for experimental use on Mode A or J or recharge Mode D. Mode A + J is simultaneous operation of both transponders.

### 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

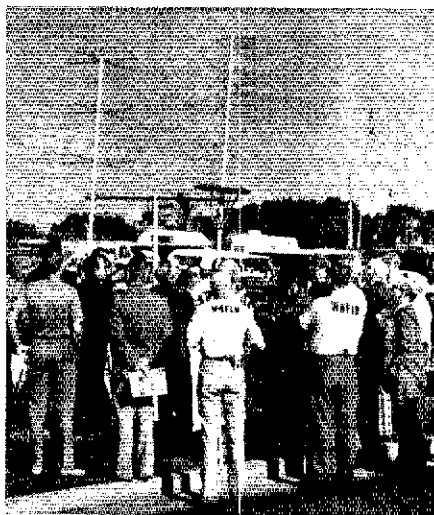
#### OSCAR 8

Mode A x = uplink frequency - 116.458 MHz ± Doppler shift  
 Mode J x = uplink frequency - 581.106 MHz ± Doppler shift

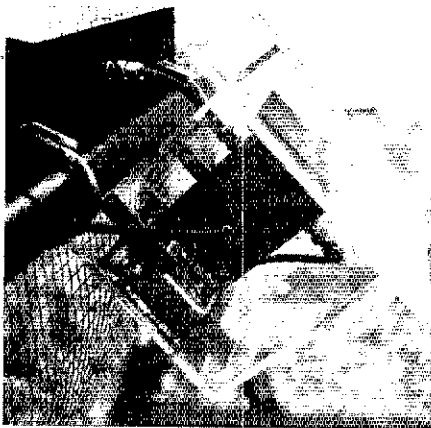
Note: A minus sign in front of the downlink frequency indicates that the passband of the satellite is inverted in that mode. This means that signals transmitted up to the satellite at the low end of the uplink passband will appear at the high end of the downlink passband. Additionally, upper-sideband 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. The all-new OSCARLOGATOR package is now available for \$7 in the U.S., \$8 elsewhere.

## Strays



Nothing complements the right equipment and experienced operators more than a first-class tracking antenna. As the WA4NFY satellite antennas point almost directly overhead, spectators at the ARRL National Convention in Orlando, Florida, listen to the signals from OSCAR 8. If you find this type of Amateur Radio communication a challenge and want more information, or if you're an experienced satellite communicator and want to give a talk or demonstration, let us know. Write to the ARRL Club and Training Dept., 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. (photo by W0CA)



Shown here is a close-up view of the plastic box behind the 70-cm helix antenna shown last month on page 87. The desense filter construction is in the specialized communication chapter of the 1981 Handbook. The low-noise preamplifier construction details are available from the ARRL Club and Training Dept. for an s.a.s.e. To use this 70-cm antenna for transmitting, add an spdt coaxial relay at the input of the desense filter and run an additional coax cable to the shack. Another way to operate with transmit and receive in both directions is to install a dpdt relay. (photo courtesy KA1FJR)

### I would like to get in touch with . . .

former radio operators of the 334th Infantry Reg. Division who served from January 1943 to September 1945. Robert C. Phillips, WA8PSY, 1600 Lenox New Lyme Rd., Jefferson, OH 44047.

# Contest Corral

## A Roundup of Upcoming Operating Events



Conducted By Mark Wilson,\* AA2Z

### OCTOBER

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**California QSO Party**, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

**JLRS Party Contest**, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

**VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest**, phone, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

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**ARRL CD Party**, cw and phone, for Communications Department appointees. Details in the fall issue of *QCD*.

**VK/ZL/Oceania DX Contest**, cw, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

**GARTG SSTV Contest**, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

**High Speed Code Test**, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

**21/28 MHz Contest**, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

**9-Land QSO Party**, Sept. *QST*, page 92.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 wpm at 0200Z Oct. 14 (10 P.M. EDT Oct. 13). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.535 MHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify 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 s.a.s.e. will help expedite your award/endorsement.

17-18

**AG-DC Contest**, sponsored by the Canadian Ladies ARA from 1800Z Oct. 17 until 1800Z Oct. 18. Open to both YL and OM amateurs. Each station may be worked twice, either once on cw and once on phone, or on two different bands. Exchange signal report, QTH and name. Non-CLARA members count one point per YL QSO (three points if a bonus station). CLARA members count one point per QSO, YL or OM (three points per bonus station). Multiply by number of Canadian provinces/territories worked for final score. Suggested frequencies: phone — 3.775 3.900 7.200 14.280 14.160 21.300; cw — 3.690 7.035 14.035 21.035. Mail entries by Dec. 31 to Lynn Boothroyd, VE3LQL, 673 Tackaberry Dr., North Bay, ON P1B 8R1.

**Jamboree on the Air**, sponsored by the World Scout Bureau and the Boy Scouts of America. Look for activity all weekend on cw (3.590 7.030 14.070 21.140 28.190) and ssb (3.740 3.940 7.090 14.290 21.360 28.990).

**Minnesota QSO Party**, sponsored by the Paul Bunyan Wireless Assn., from 1700Z Oct. 17 until 2259Z Oct. 18. Single transmitter only; no crossband contacts. Phone and cw. No net QSOs. Exchange signal report and QTH (county for MN stations, ARRL section or country for others). Suggested frequencies: phone — 3.933 7.233 14.300 21.433 28.633; cw — 33 kHz up from lower band edge; Novice — 33 kHz up from band edge. Count one point per phone QSO, two points per cw QSO; MN stations multiply by number of sections and DXCC countries worked, others multiply by number of MN counties worked. Mail logs by Nov. 20 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to: Steven Scott, WDØEPE, 801 6th St. North, Staples, MN 56479.

**Pennsylvania QSO Party**, sponsored by the Nittany ARC, from 1700Z Oct. 17 until 0400Z Oct. 18 and 1300-2200Z Oct. 18. Work stations once on each band and mode. Mobiles may be reworked as they change counties. No repeater QSOs. Exchange signal report, serial number and QTH (county for PA stations, ARRL section or country for others). Suggested frequencies: phone — 3.980 7.280 14.280 21.380 28.580; cw — 40 kHz up from lower band edge. Count one point per phone QSO, 1.5 points per cw QSO and 2 points per 80-meter cw QSO. PA stations multiply by total ARRL sections, PA counties and DXCC countries (max. 1) worked; others multiply by number of PA counties. Duped sheets required for 100 or more contacts. Mail logs by Nov. 15 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to: Douglas R. Maddox, W3HDF, 1187 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801.

\*Assistant Communications Manager, ARRL

**QRP International QSO Party**, sponsored by QRP ARC International, from 1200Z Oct. 17 until 2359Z Oct. 18. Entrants must take at least 12 hours off-time in 6-hour or greater periods. Work stations once per band, cw only. ARCI members exchange signal report, state/province/country and QRP number; nonmembers send power instead of QRP number. Suggested frequencies: 1.810 3.560 3.710 7.040 7.110 14.060 21.060 21.110 28.060 28.110 50.360. Count five points per ARCI member QSO, two points per W/VE nonmember QSO, three points per Novice/Technician nonmember QSO and four points per non-W/VE QSO. Multiply QSO point total by number of states/provinces/countries worked per band. Multiply that total by power multiplier (4-5 watts out, × 2; 3-4 watts out, × 4; 2-3 watts out, × 6; 1-2 watts out, × 8; less than 1 watt out, × 10). Multiply that total by bonus multiplier (100% natural power with no storage, × 2; 100% battery power, × 1.5). Mail logs and proof of bonus multiplier (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to: William Dickerson, WA2JOC, 352 Crampton Dr., Monroe, MI 48161.

**WA-Y2 Contest**, sponsored by the Radioclub of the German Democratic Republic, from 1500Z Oct. 17 until 1500Z Oct. 18. Phone and cw, single or multioperator. 80-10 meters. Do not use first 10 and last 25 kHz of each band. Exchange signal report and serial number; YZ-9 stations send signal report and two-digit number indicating "Kreiskenner." Score three points per Y QSO. Multiply by sum of different districts worked per band (max. 15 per band). Districts are indicated by the last letter of the call sign (letters A through Q; P = D, Q = I, R = L, S = M, T = N, U = A, V = H, W = G, X = F, Y = J). Mail logs (include signed and dated declaration that rules were followed) by November 19 to: Y21TL, RKDDR, Hosemannstr. 14, DDR 1055 Berlin, German Democratic Republic.

21-22

**YL Anniversary Party**, cw, sponsored by the YLRL from 1800Z Oct. 21 until 1800Z Oct. 22 (phone 1800Z Nov. 4 until 1800Z Nov. 5). YLs work YLs only. No net or repeater contacts. Work stations only once per contest. Exchange signal report, serial number and ARRL section or country. Count one point for QSOs in your ARRL section, two points for QSOs with stations outside your ARRL section. Multiply by total number of ARRL sections and DXCC countries worked. Multiply that total by 1.25 if running less than 150 W on cw (300 W PEP on phone). Mail logs by Nov. 14 to: Kay Eyman, WA0WOF, RR 2, Garnett, KS 66032.

24-25

**CQ World Wide DX Contest**, phone, sponsored by *CQ Magazine*, full 48-hour period UTC. 160-10 meters. Single operator, single or multiband; multioperator (all band only), single transmitter or multitransmitter. Multi-single: only one transmitter and one band permitted during a 10-minute period. Exception: one other band may be used during the same period for working new multipliers only. Exchange signal report plus CQ zone. A station in a call area different from that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. A multiplier of one for each different zone on each band and a multiplier of one for each different country contacted on each band. You may work your own country and zone for multiplier credit. CQ Zone Map, ARRL DXCC list, WAE country list and IARU WAC boundaries are standards. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three points; between stations on the same continent but in different countries, one point. Note: For North Americans only, contacts between stations within the N.A. boundaries count two points. Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for zone and country multiplier credit, but have zero point value. Final score is total QSO points multiplied by the sum of zone and country multiplier. For awards, single ops must operate at least 12 hours, multiops at least 24. A single-band log is eligible for a single-band award only. All transmitters must be within a 500-meter diameter circle or within limits of license address; transmitters must be directly connected to the antennas by wire. All entrants must submit duped sheets for each band with 200 or more QSOs. Each duped removed by the CQ Contest Committee will result in a penalty of an additional three

contacts being removed. Entry forms are available from *CQ* for a large s.a.s.e. with sufficient postage. Original logs must be sent — recopies must be accompanied by photocopy of original. Mail entries by Dec. 1 for phone (Jan. 15 for cw) to: CQWW Contest Committee, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 wpm at 2400Z (7 P.M. EST). See Oct. 13 listing for more details.

### NOVEMBER

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**West Coast Qualifying Run** (W6OWP prime, W67RJ alternate), 10-35 wpm at 0500Z Nov. 5 (9 P.M. PST Nov. 4). Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090 kHz. See Oct. 13 listing for more details.

4-5

**YL Anniversary Party**, phone, see Oct. 21-22 listing.

7-8

**ARRL Sweepstakes**, cw, this issue, page 80.

**International Police Association Contest**, sponsored by the IPARC United States section, from 0000-0300, 0700-1000, and 1400-1800Z on both Nov. 7 and 8. Non-IPA members work IPA stations only. Exchange signal report and serial number and state. IPA members send "IPA." Count two points per QSO on 80 and 40 meters, except eight points per DX QSO. Count four points per QSO on 20-15-10. Multiply QSO points by sum of IPA states/countries for final score. Suggested frequencies: phone — 3.650 3.775-3.800 7.075 14.295 21.295 28.650; cw — 3.575 7.025 14.075 21.075 28.075. Mail entries by Dec. 31 to: Thomas D. Jenkins, WA9VDC, 3327 Cloverdale W.B., Monroe, MI 48161.

**CHC International Contest**, cw, sponsored by the International Certificate Hunters Club, from 0000Z Nov. 7 until 2400Z Nov. 8. Single operator all band and single band, 1.8 through 430 MHz. Exchange signal report and serial number (CHC members send membership number instead of serial number). CHC members count one point per QSO with their country, three points for DX QSOs. Nonmembers count two points per QSO with own country, five points per DX QSO. Multiply by sum of DXCC countries and prefixes worked. Mail by Jan. 15, 1982 to: CHC Contest Committee, 7-53 Midigaoka Itami Hyogo 664, Japan.

**OK-DX Contest**, sponsored by the Central Radio Club, for the 24-hour UTC period Nov. 8. Phone and cw, 160-10 meters. Exchange signal report and ITU zone. Count one point per QSO except OK QSOs count three points. Contacts with own country count for multiplier credit only. Multiply QSO points by sum of ITU zones worked on each band. Single operator all band and single band and multioperator categories. Usual declaration. Mail entry by Dec. 31 to: Central Radio Club, P.O. Box 69, 113 27 Praha 1, Czechoslovakia.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 wpm at 0300Z Nov. 12 (10 P.M. EST Nov. 11). See Oct. 13 listing for more details.

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**European DX Contest**, RTTY, July *QST*, page 84.

**North Carolina QSO Party**

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**

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**VK QRP CW Contest**

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**CQ Worldwide DX Contest**, cw.

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# Section Activities

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## CANADIAN DIVISION

**MANITOBA:** SCM, Peter Guenther, VE4PG — Asst/SCM: JP. SEC: HK. STM: RO. NMs: TE. NM VJ ACX. The Brandon RC set up a booth at the Austin Threshermans reunion and was well represented by hams. Credit goes to VE4XN and VE4OD. The big event was during the Dauphin Ukrainian Festival and several hundred messages were handled. Both events prove we still got it where it counts. Band conditions have been very poor and traffic has been difficult to move on most nets. Despite being retired from most activities, VE4NE has died a lot of traffic during the Dauphin celebration. MNN QNI 414, QTC 37, 30 sss. MEPN QNI 747, QTC 17, 31 sss. WRIN QNI 91, QTC 1, 5ss. MTDN QNI 117, QTC 27, 5ss. 16. Traffic: VE4NE 67, VE4PG 46, VE4TE 38, VE4AJE 25, VE4ACX 23, VE4AAD 17, VE4CR 12, VE4LB 7, VE4AAU 3, VE4AEJ 3, VE4TL 3, VE4AFZ 2, VE4RL 2, VE4NM 1.

**ONTARIO:** SCM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — A/SCM: VE3GLQ. SEC: VE3GV. STM: VE3QL. I'm sure you'll agree that band conditions this past summer have been the worst for the past few years. VE2CV and VE7APU have become members of the League's Technical Advisory Committee. Regularly the following have been reported as Silent Keys: VE3E GNV IDU MPO PV and XL. VE3GFN's second edition of "Student notes for a comprehensive introduction to Amateur Radio" is at the printers and an index will be available shortly. VE3E FN and FSN have both moved to new locations within Ottawa. The following are the NTS nets within the Ontario Section:

Net	Freq.	Time/Day	Mgr.
OSN*	7045	2200 Dy	VE3KK
CLN	7.66/06	2230 Dy	VE3GFN
LN*	3755	2245 Dy	VE3FPI
OPN*	3750	2300 Dy	VE3GNW
OSN*	3667	2300 Dy	VE3CYF
KTN	7.96/36	0000 MW 0100 Fri	VE3AJN
OSN*	3667	0200 Dy	VE3CYR

\*Denotes section net, all times in UTC and subject to change in the fall with Standard Time. If your club publishes any kind of a bulletin, I would appreciate receiving a copy in order to share your activities with other amateurs within the section. Traffic: (July) VE3GOI 422, VE3KX 221, VE3HGJ 204, VE3HTL 191, VE3GT 181, VE3GNW 120, VE3FGU 118, VE3QL 107, VE3GD 95, VE3BGV 45, VE3AJN 43, VE3GFN 41, VE3W 35, VE3LNN 30, VE3KX 27, VE3DVC 24, VE3PFI 24, VE3AYZ 22, VE3EVD 21, VE3HOI 21, VE3AAE 20, VE3BZ 18, VE3DUK 18, VE3WG 17, VE3LX 12, VE3DZH 10, VE3LDU 9, VE3ANJ 6, VE3LSJ 4. (June) VE3AAE 25.

**QUEBEC:** SCM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP — SEC: VE2DEA. STM: VE2PJ. NMs: VE2PJ VE2FA. Change of call: VE2DYD is now VE2YV. Thanks to WA1HSG and his group for the nice day a few of us had in Newport, VT on the 28th of July. With regret I have to report the passing of these amateurs: VE2GH VE2LT and VE2GKI. Malgré la mauvaise température, plusieurs se sont rendus à passer une tres belle journée au pique-nique de VE2MO pres de Trois-Rivieres. Encore cette année la rencontre annuelle au Mont-Orold par VE2TA a été un succès. Traffic: VE2PJ 131, VE2ED 62, VE2EC 50, VE2BP 40, VE2EK 32.

**SASKATCHEWAN:** SCM, W.C. Munday, VE5WM — STM: VE5XC. SEC: VE5II. NMs: VE5DC VE5HG VE5OI VE5SF. Net report: SATN 27 sss. 221 QNI 27 QTC. Congratulations to the North Saskatchewan Amateur Radio Club for hosting a successful hamfest on July 4th, attended by 211 hams, families and friends. Also we pass along our congratulations to VE5JA on obtaining his Advance amateur certificate. Summer holidays have taken their toll of amateur activities with little news to report. Eight members of the Regina Amateur Radio Association provided communications to the 49th annual Travelers' Day parade on July 31 in Regina. Traffic: (July) VE5WM 13, VE5AAT 10, VE5QY 6. (June) VE5WM 18, VE5QT 17.

## ATLANTIC DIVISION

**DELAWARE:** SCM, Roger E. Cole, WD3KX — STM: WA3WJY. SEC: W3PQ. PSHR: WA3WJY 101, K3JL 94. Congratulations to WA3QLS and his new bride, and to WA3ZBI and XYL and new son. Ex-KA3CFZ is now N3CGH and new Novices include KA3GXY KA3HAR KA3HEG KA3HFJ KA3HTX and KA3HXU. W3QQ K3JL and W3DKX represented DE at the MERN/MDL picnic at Elk Neck St PK. In July, Don't miss W3OO's Delta 580 cw modification in the Aug QST Hints and Kinks. DTN QTC 48. QNI 310. DEPN QTC 3. QNI 41. Traffic: (July) W3QQ 85, WA3WJY 42, K3JL 45, WD3KX 44, WB3DUJ 40, WA3ZBI 14, K3ZXP 12, WA3DUJ 10, AC3T 7, W3WD 3. (June) AC3T 10.

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SCM, Karl W. Pfeil, W3VA — SEC: WA3PZO. STM: WB3JZY.

Net Freq. Time QNI QTC Sess.  
 EPA 3610 7:00 P.M. Dy 433 216 59  
 EPAEPTN 3917 6 P.M. Dy 450 199 31  
 PFN 3958 5 P.M. M-S 248 286 27  
 PTTN 3610 6:30 P.M. Dy 160 76 20  
 Local and vhf nets reporting: D3ARES HARCTN LZ CO ARES MTG CO AREC and WARC with a total QNI 306, QTC 35 in 26 sessions. OBS reports: K3EBZ WB3CAI W3CL W3VDR W3VA and W3FJVJ. OO reports from KC3B and W3GVR. OVS: N3CP. PSHR reports: N3BFL WA3TKU N3AZT K3JZS W3BCAI W3BFFK V3VA W3BFYF N3AIA W3ZMRS A3B W3A3WPQ K3EBZ and K3DZD. New appointments: KB3QV to OBS and N3BFL to OO and OVS contracts. EPA welcomes KA3ENK and W3OKN. EPAEPTN welcomes KA3FGT N3CGT W3HJD and W3BJLJ. PTTN welcomes KA3GJT and N3BPY. Upgrades: WB3JZD to A and awaiting new call sign. KA3DZD to Gen and KA3FJJ to Tech. KA3AQF now KE3J. KA3HCV new YL op in Luzerne Co and KA3HG new op in Phila. W3BFTY sporting a new tri-band beam. W3GVR new MFJ keyboard. WB3QD a new Panasonic rcvr. KA3ALU has taken a position with Rockwell/Collins and has moved to the Boston area.

N3CP QRL with vhf propagation studies, but still finds time for QRP DX on indoor Slinky ant. N3AIA/Rpt 146.79 has been designated in the York Co. EMA Amateur Radio Basic Operations Plan. W3EU spending summer repairing antennas. KA3CAT reports Hazeltown ARC planning Novice classes for the fall season. K3JZS looking for new calls on PTTN. N3AZT now operating GRP 1 watt after a visit from Murphy blew finals in main gear. The Mt. Airy VHF Club (Pack Rats) made excellent showing in June VHF Contest. WA3WQP reports band conditions very poor. WB3UR reports RF Hill ARC repeater working fine. N3BFL reports VE 205/86 repeater on Big Pocono Mt. will be used for ARES and emergency work. N3FL is EC for Monroe Co. Nice to hear WB3HTW back in nets again after a vacation in the hospital. AF3Z is QRL with church camp. Was nice to see the EPA gang at the section picnic and enjoyed the music of WB3JZY a Ham Band. Traffic: WA3WQP 345, K3JZS 230, W3JPX 166, WA3EH 135, WB3FRP 100, AA3B 108, W3FAF 102, W3VA 87, W3DP 75, WB3CAI 65, WA3OFD 63, W3ADE 35, N3CD 31, W3YZW 30, W3FPV 26, W3JD 23, N2BSS/3 21, W3CL 20, AF3Z 20, K3QXC 17, N3CP 14, N3AZT 13, N3BFL 12, K3EIL 10, W3BHTW 10, WA3CKA 8, N3AKQ 4, K3KW 4, K3EBZ 3, KA3FKD 3, N3AIA 2, W3HK 1.

**MARYLAND — DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** SCM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — W3FA lost 2-100 footers 22 June in a sharp tornado like wind. Back on full, low bands this fall is complimented by KC3W and WA3AVT in letters to me. W3JPT feeds Utah and Hawaii for 8-meter WAS but first it is a month off to 4U1JTT. KC3D is into kits this summer. W3ZNV reports Calvert County is forming a radio club, and hopes to set up a repeater on 2. K3E6A gets a 3 week trip to Calif. from a busy summer school sed. W5NZ/3 is meeting a number of net skeeds. W3CDD is looking for antique radio gear to display at hamfests. WA3VPL is proud of 12 year old son, KA3EFS, upgrading from Novice to Tech. Next General and then? W3BHE is back in the swing after a bout with illness. KA3CDQ is expanding the MEPN roster to 4 nice news letter. WA8ES is competition in Upper Marlboro. W3FZV vacationed in New Jersey. New England and Quebec. W3DDI is MEPN bulletin editor. WB3KHC touring the hamfests. W3LDD is having power supply troubles. WB3GZU is back in the BPL groove. N4DR/3 reports the 30-meter beacon doing well. Net/Manager Sessions/TFC/QNI average. MDC PON/W3OOY 5/20/18.6. WR PON/W3DFW 22/13/12.4. W C 2-Mtr/W3BGE 4/3/17. MEPN/W3B3ZU 30/134/23/5 with KA3ARH WB3BFK W3DKX W3GDU WB3GZU and W3YFM missing 3 or less. Tnx to KA3T for an MDD Bulletin and June stats for MDD's cw men at 6D/150/6.2, with W3QD getting yeoman liaison service. Traffic: (July) WB3GZU 675, KA3T 290, W3FA 195, KA3CDQ 128, W3DR/3 10, W3FZV 48, WB3BFK 43, WA3VPL 38, WA8EE 33 27, W3DDI 19, W3LDD 8, WB3LTA 4, KB3NL 2. (June) WB3JVO 149. (May) KB3X 282.

**SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SCM, Bill Lubekemann, WB2LCC — STM: WB2LCC. SEC: W2HOB. Field Day 1981 was a big success with about 10 clubs sending me messages confirming their participation. It was disappointing to see that only two clubs in the entire section read the rules correctly and sent the required information. Bonus points are only awarded if the message is correct, so a lot of clubs are going to be disappointed. I am pleased to inform my readers that the long awaited SNJ RTTY repeater has finally made in into permanent operation at a height of over 500 feet on the Channel 23 tower in the lower Camden County. To make things even nicer, the W2HOB Message Storage Operations Center Computer is now in operation on the repeater. Message flow throughout the section has never been better, and we would love to see more ARRL members using this fine machine which has truly section wide coverage. Why not get your RTTY machine or computer tired up on 147.345 MHz and see what fun two-meter teletype can be, and at the same time you'll be performing a valuable public service by aiding in the distribution of message traffic throughout the section! Traffic: N3CER 296, K2CA 175, KA2GSL 152, W2ZO 91, KA2BKF 53, W2BJCE 50, KM2E 47, K2UL 42, WA2TWK 25, W2BG2M 19, WA2PTQ 19, WA2CUW 9, WB2PLM 7, N2CNR.

**WESTERN NEW YORK:** SCM, William W. Thompson, W2MTA — SEC: W2BCH. STM: N2CSM. W2GLH. DEC's WA2AIV WA2DHZ WB2NAO WB3CUJ. PSHR: N2APB KA2BHR N2X8 N2CFE KA2CTU W2GLH WB2IDS WA2KQJ W2MTA WA2ZJJ. No BPL in July. Silent Key: W2BUCH. Reports: (OVS) K2OR, Aurora Maine to VA and Midwest on 25th, WB2SGI experimenting. (OBS) W2GLH. New officers: ARATS-WB2WUB KA2ZCS K2OB; Boonville ARC-W2ADRX KA2HWQ KA2HWS KA2HWR; Syracuse VHF-W2ARH W2PJO W2EMW WA2ZVN. Nice goin': WA2UJL two years of planning and execution Nat'l Sports Festival; W2GU and W2PEE at Scouts Jamboree K2BSA/4. Congrats: K2BHR received Clara Reger W2AFR Memorial Award. Attaboys: WA2TJL hatched 8 more Novices in Chenango; K2MGR DXCC 270; KA2AVW and 19 at Oswego parade; W2PPS antennas up; W2AET multi-editor. Batavia Fest FB WX and 1,000 hams. SKYWARN programs for Rochester and Syracuse need you, see WA2AIV or W2AET. WATSVA Binghamton/Potsdam N2JC in Rochester General Hospital. IRA has applied for ARRL 1982 NY Convention; K2HC asks help, send him QSL card with your commitment to attend hamfest.

Net	Freq.	Time/Day	QNI	QSP	QND
NYSCN	3677	1000/Sun	42	14	4
THIN	3913	1600/Sun	21	—	3
NYPON*	3913	1700/Dy	480	366	31
NYSPTEN	3925	1800/Dy	675	113	31
ESS	3580	1800/Dy	335	51	31
OCTEN*	3494	1830/Dy	404	85	31
STAR*	325/925	1830/Dy	130	34	30
CO NET	3191	1830/Dy	373	10	31
BSN	833/33	1900/Dy	—	—	—
NYSJE*	3677	1900/Dy	387	229	31
JCARCN	1070	2000/Dy	455	3	28
WNYECN	3955	2000/3rd Sun (EC/DEC/SEC)	—	—	—
OARCN	2585	2150/Wed	104	1	5
SLVARES	1391	2100/Sun	—	—	—
CNYTN*	9030	2115/Dy (June data)	482	80	31
WDN*	0464	2130/Dy	877	137	31
NYS/L*	3677	2200/Dy	300	17	28

\*NTS nets. ARE YOU PREPARED? Western New York and Eastern New York Sections will actively demonstrate their preparedness during 1981 Simulated Emergency Test October 17 and 18; all Upstate NY amateurs are invited to take part in "PREPAREDNESS DUEL #5." See your county EC or one of the DEC listed above. Traffic: (July) W2MTA 323, WA2HSB 241, WA3ELD 219, W2GLH 185, WB3M 140, N3CFE 139, KA2CTU 123, WA2ZJJ 119, WB2IDS 115, W2PR 109, N2APB 91, KG2D 84, WA2KQJ 60, KA2BHR 55, W2PZL 50, WB2OWO 45, WA2UJ 38, KA2ZLT 34, K1ZD 31, AF2K 31, KB2GT 28, W2RQZ 27, W2ZT 27, KA2BHB 26, WB2QIX 25, WA2AIV 23, WB2LJK 23, WB2TKX 23, N2ARD 20, KA2GHO 19, WB2SGL 16, K2RN 13, KB2YU 12, N2CBZ 10, WA2RXC 9, KA2DBB 8, K2VR 8, AF2A 7, KA2DQA 3, N2CSB 1, WB3CUF 1, WB2NAO 1. (June) KB2YU 14.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SCM, Otto L. Schuler, K3SMB — Asst SCM & STM: N3EE. SEC: AB3Q. DEC's: WB3JDI WB3EFO & WB3KJH. NMs N3FM W3NEM W3MML & WA3PXA.

Net Sess. QNI/TC/kHz Time/Day  
 WPA3CW July 31 330 122 3585 7:00 P.M. Dy  
 WPA2FN (July) 30 491 115 3983 6:15 P.M. Dy  
 WPA2PTN (July) 31 446 103 3993 6:15 P.M. Dy  
 WPA2MTA (July) 31 544 63 145.28/8 8:00 P.M. Dy  
 WNPAP2MTN (June) 30 383 10 148.84/4 9:00 P.M. Dy  
 WNPAP2MTN (July) 31 338 3 148.84/4 9:00 P.M. Dy  
 Beaver Valley ARA Newsletter reports that KA3AKB is a Silent Key, our sympathy to his family. WB3KAF is now KE3K. Upgrades KA3GWO to Tech. WB3H2M to Advanced. Congrats to them. New officers for the Breezeshooters for 1981-82 are WA3DYF pres.; K3SJD checker; N3MB, treas. Wind Gaugers W3GVI WB3JGQ W3OVW KA3ATQ and W3BCEW. We are still looking for cw and phone operators for our WPA traffic nets. The ability to handle traffic is invaluable when you are needed in emergencies, volunteers who have not done so on-ly cause help and chaos when they try to take charge or do not listen to more experienced operators. AB3Q is working hard to get the river watch network set up. It will handle reports from rain gaugers on streams in the Allegheny River watershed when communications are interrupted. Traffic: (July) N3ADU 383, N3FM 192, KB3SD 162, W3EGJ 162, K3CR 119, WB3GQJ 105, AC3N 103, KA3ETC 85, N3WS 62, W3SVM 58, WA3PXA 51, K3SMB 46, N3BK 34, WR3UL 34, W3KMZ 30, W3MML 25, N3BKV 23, WA3UNX 21, WB3GKX 16, K3HCT 16, WA3QNT 15, KA3DEI 14, W3EKC 14, KB3BG 12, K3VOV 12, WAKUN 11, W3KYN 11, W3YU 11, W3ZX 11, KA3BGC 8, WB3IAB 8, W3AN 8, W3YQ 8, WB3KJH 7, WB3JGD 5, AF3A 4, KA3CDV 4, W3LDD 2, W3SN 2. (June) KA3ETC 11.

## CENTRAL DIVISION

**ILLINOIS:** SCM, Larry M. Keeran, K9ORP —

Net	Freq.	Times/Days	QTC	Sess.
ILL	3690	2330/0300 Dy	—	—
ILL Phone	3915	2130 Dy	164	31
NCPN	3915	1200/1700 Dy	120	39
ICN	3940	1400 Su	—	—

KB3VE was the BPL recipient for the month of July. D3RIN 100 percent stations were W9HOT W9JLL K9BVE KA3GIV. D3RIN 100 percent stations were W9HOT W9JLL. WB2TZ has adapted his computer to tabulate the activity on W9RF. G. B. B. has adapted his computer to provide an answer to the periods of highest use. After Field Day, the Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society held their fox hunt. For this event W9PF gratuitously built a half dozen hand held loop antennas for the participants. The elusive fox was located by only one mobile using his own design antenna. W9PX and W9CUB. The Dan Hoover Memorial Net had 54 checkins that had 9 pieces of traffic. During July, Illinois amateurs lost two members, WA9LYE and WBFOO, to the ranks of the Silent Keys. Their presence in the community will be missed. N9GB and KA3KKL had a lot of QRM on Field Day, a new harmonic was born then. The Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club had the Illinois SEC, W9WBH, speak at their August 5th meeting. Traffic: KB3VE 187, W9JLL 187, W9JLU 240, KB9X 181, W9OK 106, W9TLU 74, KN9BAM 50, WB9QFO 44, W9HPG 33, W9LNO 32, KA9BYB 20, K9SW 18, W9BWW 18, W9KR 18, W9SEBQ 4, W9KSU 4, AA9D 2, W8SP2 2.

**INDIANA:** SCM, Bruce Woodward, W9UMH — SEC: W9UMH. STM: W9UJL. NMs: ITN W9QYU, QIN W9GXW, ICN N9AEI, VHF W9PMT, IWN K9DCX, IPN W9DLF.

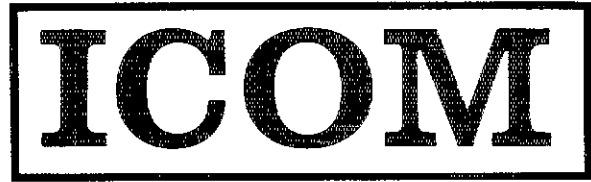
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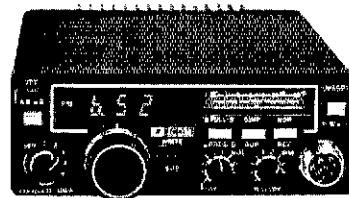
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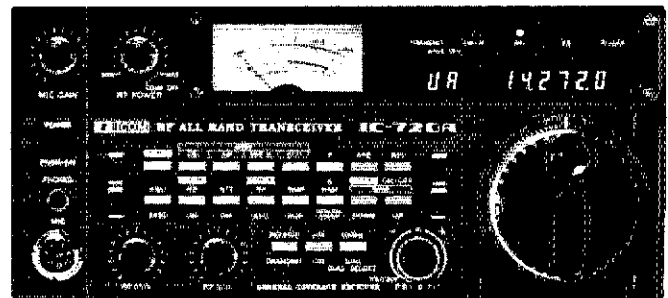
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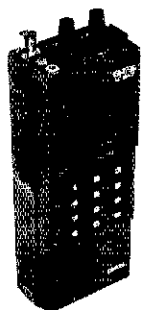
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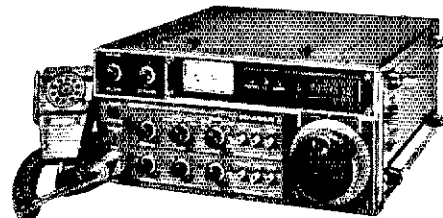
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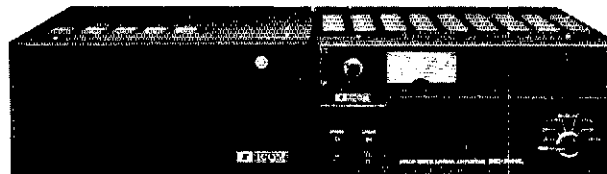
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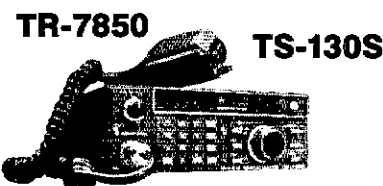
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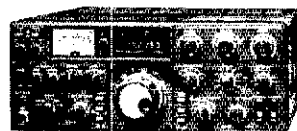
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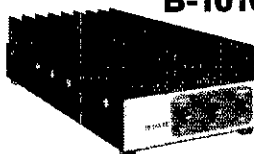
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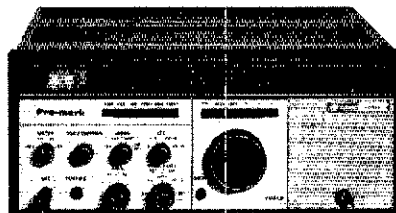
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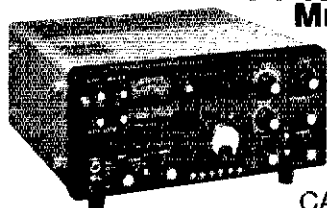


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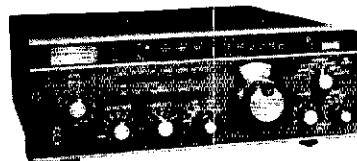
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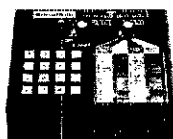
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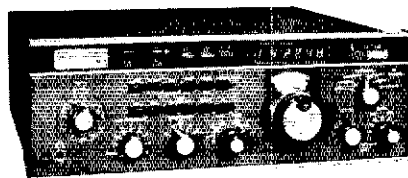


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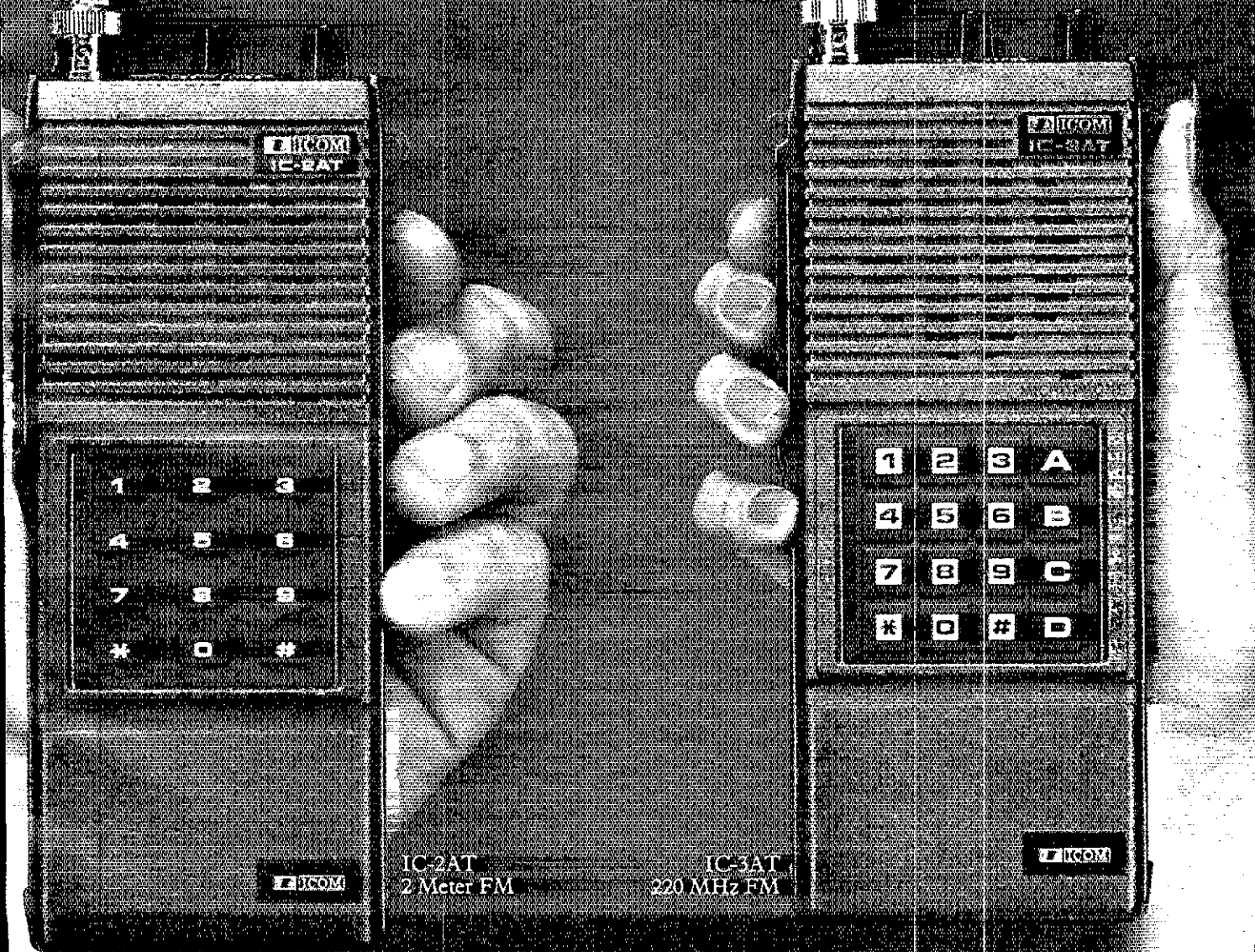
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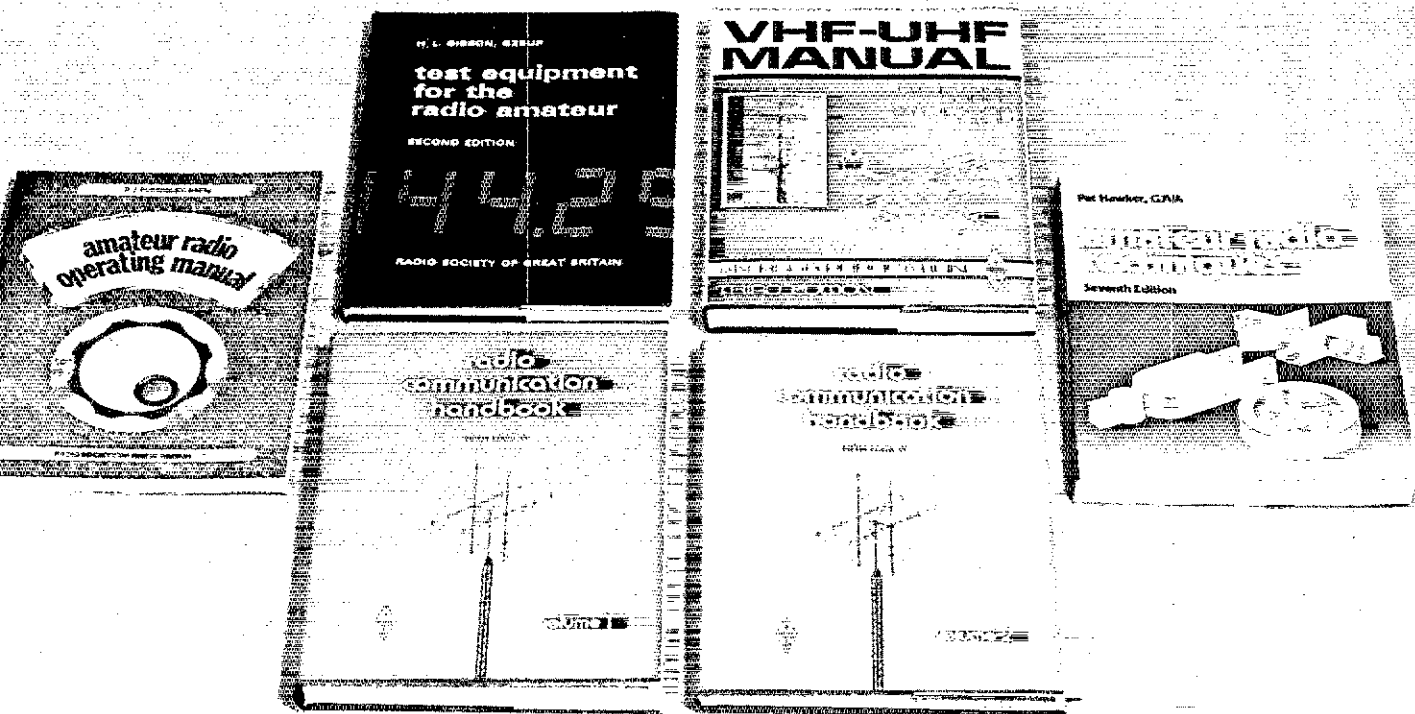
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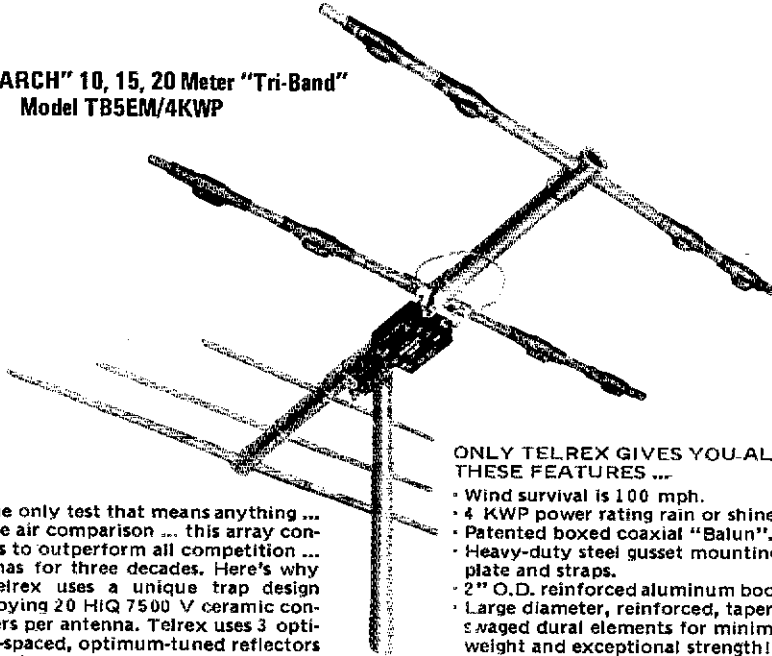


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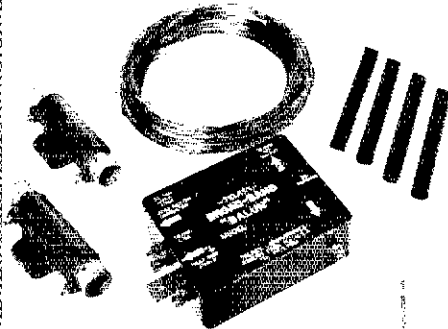


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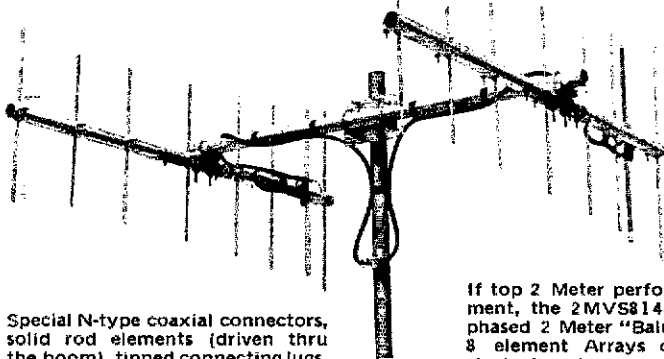
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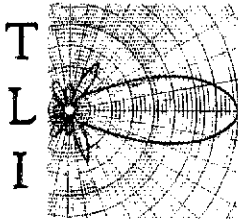
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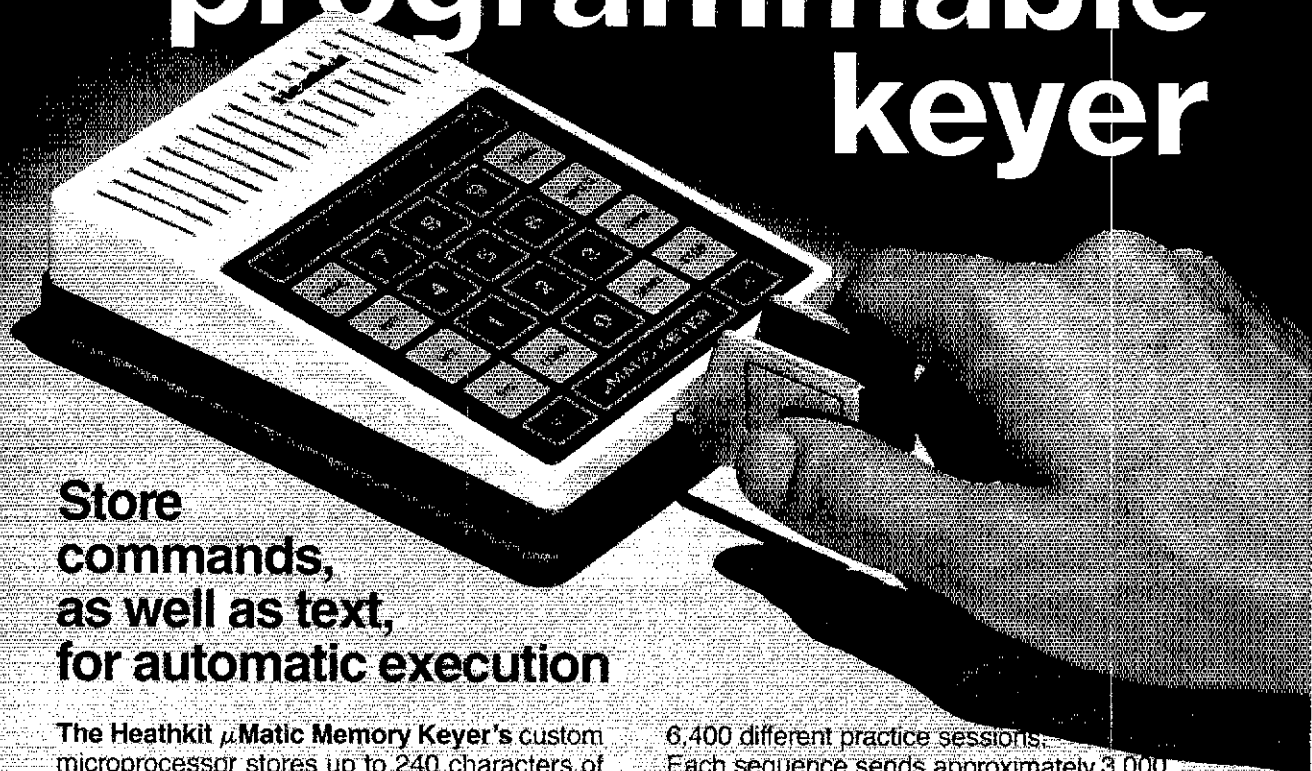
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A group from the states of KS, WA, and MN recently attended a get-together at AD9S's QTH to hear about his recent Dixie trip to Kingsport and Palmira. W9RIG and W9OPX just attended their daughter's wedding in Memphis after which they went to a square dancing lodge. There they were asked to demonstrate ham radio. Having no radios available, they demonstrated operation, sending messages etc. with cw on the piano. Ingenuity strikes again! WA9YWA now N9CRT and WB9MJW now N9CRS. Our latest 9 year old Novice, believed to be the youngest ham in MN is KA9KYZ. Congrats. Sad to report that the Silent Key list has increased by three. Our sympathies go to the families of W9KUI WB9BY and K9GNI. W9KUI was known to all throughout the state as the State Director of Army MARS. In the unenviable position of trying to fill his shoes as the State Director we have K9EPT. Best of luck. News and reports have dwindled sharply, probably due to the summer season, vacations, band conditions etc. Hopefully things will pick up with the coming of fall. By the time this is published, we will know whether the Dakota Division Convention, scheduled for September, was successful. K9JCF and other Rochester amateurs have been working their tails off. Traffic: (July) WA9TFC 515, KB9MB 504, WB9HOX 188, WD9DM 183, W9IHZ 99, AF9O 73, K9FAS 65, W9EJ 32, W9EJ 32, WA9AIN 27, WB9NZB 27, K9JCF 23, N9CLS 21, W9RIG 19, W9OPX 13, KA9EPY 11, N9JP 8. (May) WB9RW 22. (Apr.) W9GRW 14.

NORTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lois Jorgensen, WA9RWM -- The International Peace Garden Hamfest was the highlight for July, there was very good attendance. The Ham of the Year went to WB9TEE, congrats. The committee for next year is the Williston Radio Club, good luck gang. Congrats to new Novice KA9LXH, who is father to K9E and grandfather to KA9APB and KA9LFH. Another family of hams that upgraded are: dad K9GUV to Adv. and four sons to General -- KA9KKP KA9KIF KA9KKO and KA9LEE. Welcome to our state and amateur friends of W9ZZ, he hailed from MN and located at Beach, ND, hope to hear you as soon as located with antennas. Congrats to WA9FEU and XYL of their first harmonic.



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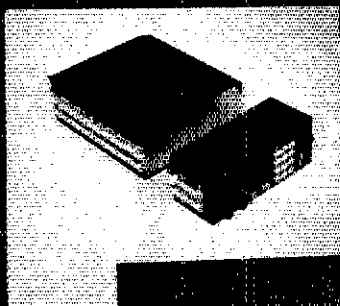


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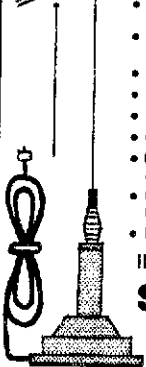
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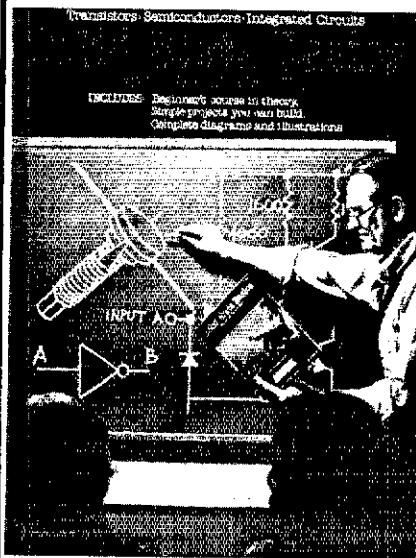
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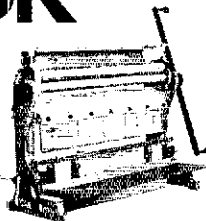
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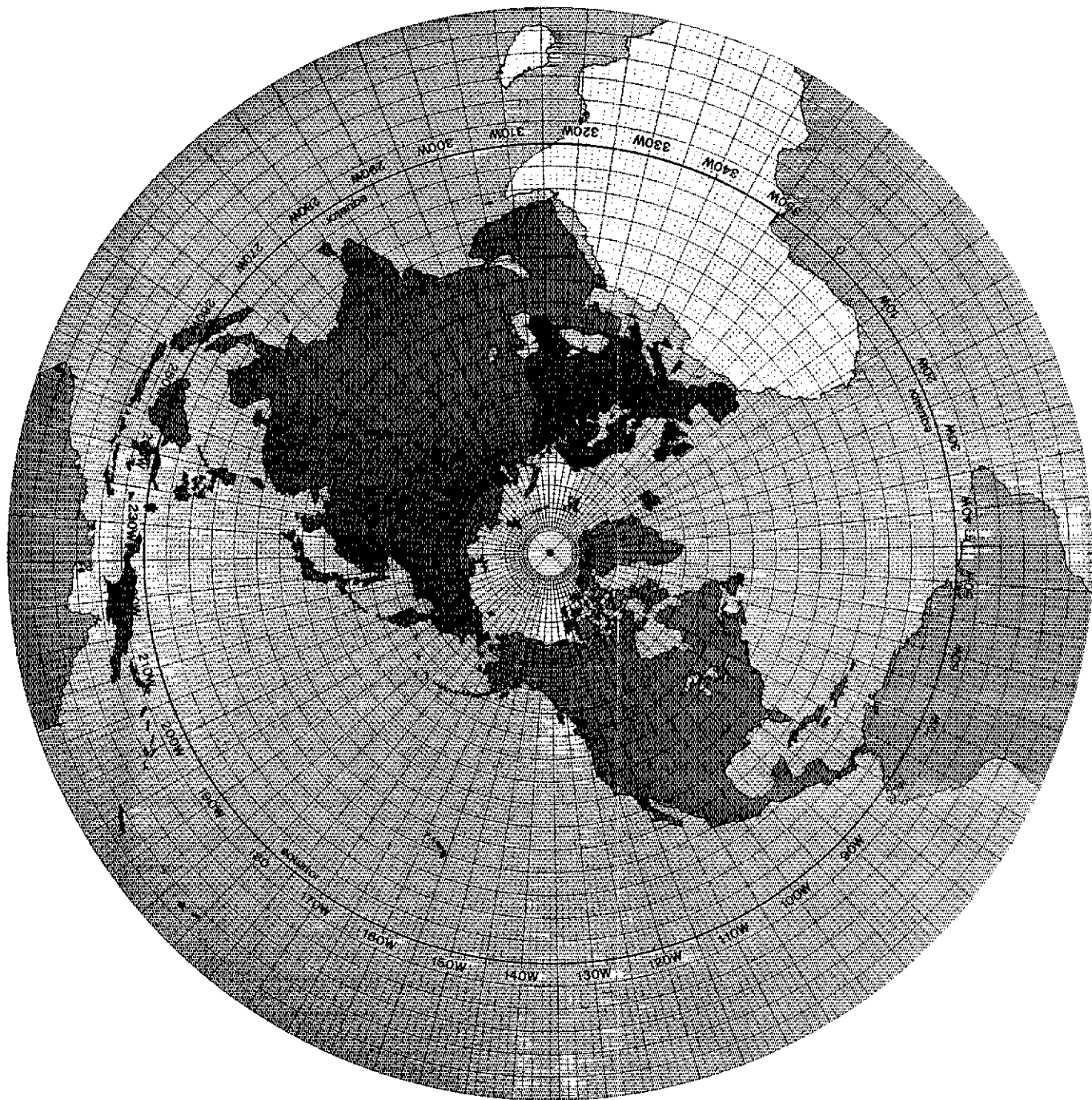
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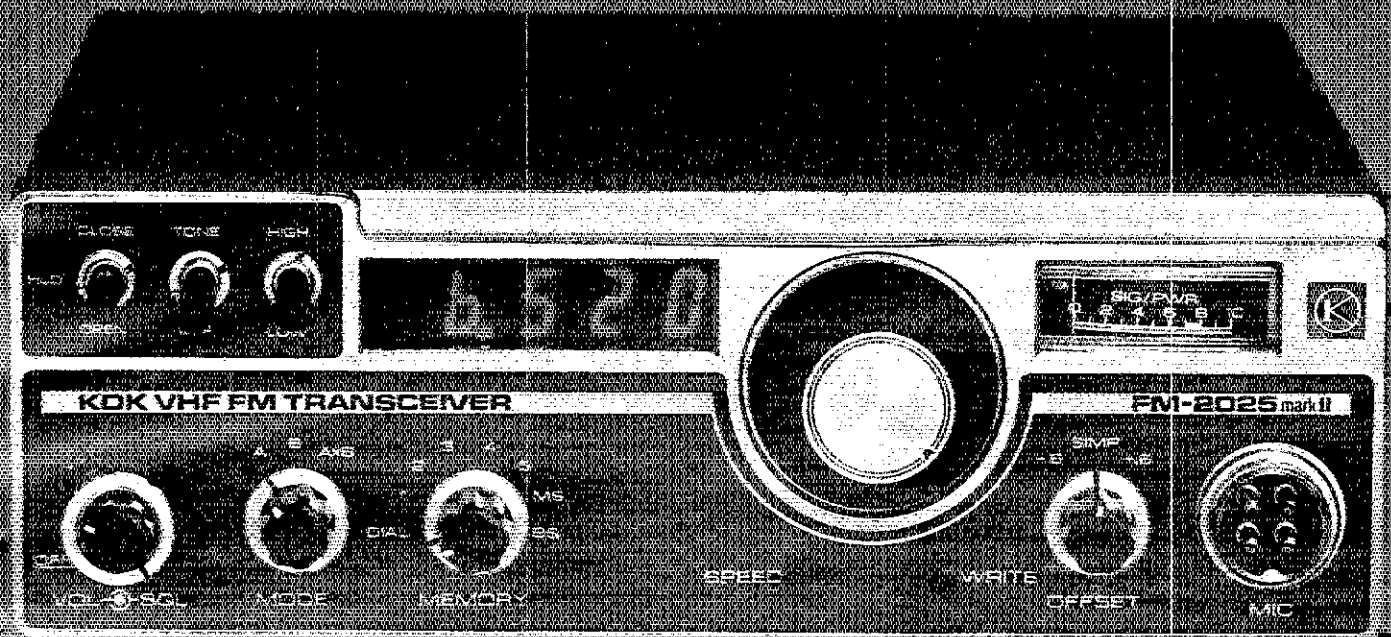
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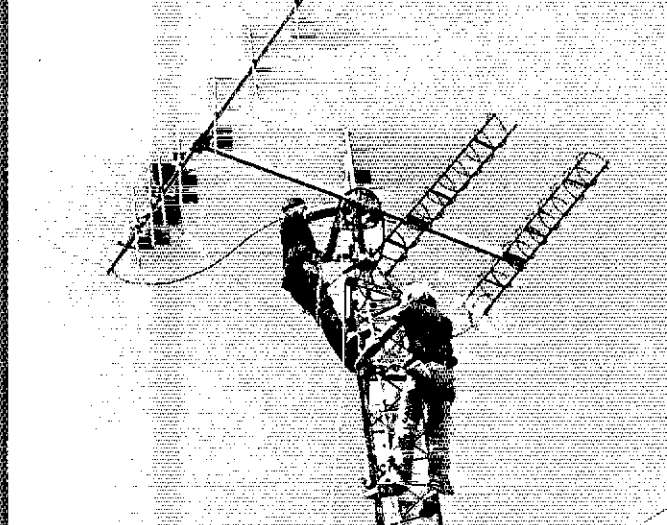
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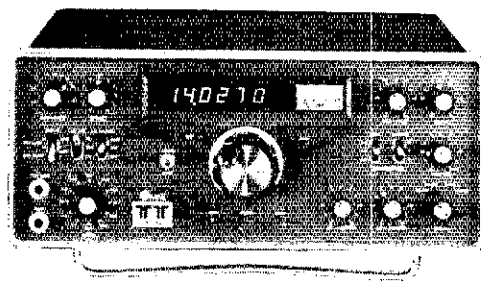
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**SOUTH DAKOTA:** SCM, Erwin Helmbeck, K00TZ — I am writing this as I am returning from being gone for a month, so the news will be brief. I will put the activities in next month that I did not get in time. The vhf convention for the Central states was held in Sioux Falls and a good time was had by all. Activities included antenna measuring contests and noise figure measurements for prizes. Several tech papers were presented that were excellent. The Rapid City repeater is sporting new antennas on receive to go with the other improvements to really improve the coverage. Note to clubs: Now is the time for making plans to give Novice classes this fall/winter. The League has some excellent materials to help you. Traffic: W0KJZ 35.

### DELTA DIVISION

**ARKANSAS:** SCM, Dale E. Temple, W5RXU — SEC: W5B5GF. NMs: KC5CE, W5MYZ, W5UJAU, W5AWA. Northwest Arkansas Club held their annual cookout on July 10 with 58 attending for a good time. Effective Aug. 1, 1981, W5UJAU Net Manager, Arkansas Phone Net. Thanks to W5POH for his many years as Ark. Phone Net Manager. W5B5GF has sent info to all Arkansas ECs. Please let him know your thoughts. Nets: OZK 171 QNI, 26 QTC, 408 min. Ark. Phone Net 498 QNI, 35 QTC, 389 min. Saline Co. Net 34 QNI, 8 QTC, 91 min. Mockingbird Net 880 QNI, 22 QTC, 450 min. Razorback Net 911 QNI, 79 QTC, 555 min. Presently have 37 ECs for Arkansas. If you're interested, contact W5B5GF. Would also like ECs to be more active on nets. Need someone to report QGWA news. Traffic: W5GGQH 43, W5YCE 23, W5UJAU 9, W5KL 4.

**LOUISIANA:** SCM, Jim Giammanco, N5IB — Please welcome W5B5YH, who is the new manager of LSN. Latest FCC filing for LA show 918 Novices, 734 Technicians, 1554 Generals, 1169 Advanced and 347 Extras, for a grand total 4720 hams in LA. ARRL records show about 1600 members in the state, or about one ham in three. With the above in mind, how come there are only about a dozen traffic reports down below? But seriously folks, all the traffic nets need more participation, especially from the major metropolitan area. Don't deny yourself the enjoyment of traffic work just because you can't "meet the nets regularly," come when you can! It helps to recall every once in a while that this is, after all, our hobby, and no one expects "Iron-fisted" dedication. Don't forget the LA Section Convention Oct. 7 and 8 in Konner, FCC exams will be given Saturday. Contact the Jefferson ARC for details. This hamfest will celebrate the JARC's 25th anniversary.

Net	Freq.	Time	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
LAN	3815	7 & 10 P.M. Dy	290	127	KSTL
LTN	3910	8:30 P.M. Dy	152	41	N5EK
LSN	3703	7:30 P.M. M-F	68	3	W5B5YH
LRN	3087.5	6:30 P.M. Su, 8 P.M. W 8	0	0	N5RB
LEN	3910	8:00 P.M. Sun			

Traffic: N5TL 200, N5RB 114, N5BVF 70, N5IB 50, KC5SF 48, W5FLM 32, W5CWWK 11, K5W0D 8.

**MISSISSIPPI:** SCM, Paul Kemp, W5SBNB — SEC: W5B5FXA. Greenville Hamfest was a success. A number of appts have been cancelled due to lack of activity. New ones are in the process now. WA5OKI and WA4IOL did a fine job in getting medical assistance to a small child in Guatemala City. The child is doing well. Contrats to a FB job to the NCS of MSN, W5YRX WASIDF W5B5PSP KA5FDD & KA5GGG. GAND (W5YKL) sess 31, QTC 899, MS rep 100 percent by N5AMK W5EDT WA5OKI. DRN5 (W5YDD) sess 31, QTC 351, MS rep 100 percent by N5AMK W5EDT W5B5HAG KC5OB W5B5OHN WA5OKI W5QDC. MTN (K5OAF) sess 31, QNI 103, QTC 33. MSBN (W5EYM) sess 31, QNI 1871, QTC 58. MN (W5B5RMW) sess 28, QNI 419, QTC 42. MSN (KA5GGG) sess 20, QNI 111, QTC 0. CAEN (KA5AG) sess 4, QNI 96, QTC 4. PAC5 (N5AMK) sess 1, QNI 145, QTC 0. Traffic: N5AMK 452, K5OAF 14, W5EDT 87, WA5OKI 32, W5EYM 11, W5B5HAG 10, K5CLK 8.

**TENNESSEE:** SCM, John C. Brown, N04Q — STM: K4OYL. SEC: W4NZW. The Crossville, Oak Ridge and Nashville-Music City Hamfests are now history. Those of you who missed part or all, missed a great time. The TN Council/ITN QSO party awards were made at Oak Ridge Hamfest. The usual good turnout was on the records again. The Tennessee "Ham of the Year" award was made again this year with several nominations. The committee selected K4TKQ, NM East Tenn Hospital Emergency Traffic Net — a very deserving amateur. Congratulations on the selection. Would like to remind all amateurs in the section don't forget to cast your ballot for Delta Division Director and Vice Director and SCM for the next two years. Cw 60 sessions, QNI 671, QTC 244. Phone - LF 87 sessions, QNI 3898, QTC 187. Vhf 47 sessions, QNI 1430, QTC 734. Honor Roll for cw nets: TN - K4ABSG W4DDK W4WXH; TSN - K44BSG WA4CMS NN4D N4DZW N4EAM N4EPB KA4FIE NG4J KY4L WA4LXP KA4OVE KA4PVU KA4RJC and WB4YSN. A net certificate was awarded to WA4BSV. We still have a few hamfests to go for the season, Cedars of Lebanon, Memphis and Chattanooga. Get out and renew old and new personal QSOs. Also talk to your SCM, STM and SEC. Give them your ideas for betterment of the association. Operations - Traffic: W4B5I 330, W4B5IG 332, W4WXH 305, WA4N1 268, W4ZJY 148, W4BKF 145, W4OC9 93, W4MFD 83, K4VM 81, W4ODK 53, W4PFP 35, W4CSY 34, W4DJJR 27, K4YOL 27, K4WOP 23, NN4D 22, KY4L 18, W4NZW 18, W4TYV 17, K4ON 13, W44GLS 10, NN4W 10, W4EWR 9, W4AZSZ 8, W44PYO 7, W44BWW 5, W4DPO 1.

### GREAT LAKES DIVISION

**KENTUCKY:** SCM, Dave Vest, K24G — STM: KA4GFU.

SEC: N4EEL. Nets reporting:

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
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KTN	1045	236	KNTN	421	150
KYN	252	94	KSN	209	71
KEN	112	4	KPON	58	5
BARES	113	13	CARN	85	14
PAEWN	342	40	TSTMN	447	41
4ARES	58	2	5ARES	73	10
8ARES	110	4	11ARES	31	7
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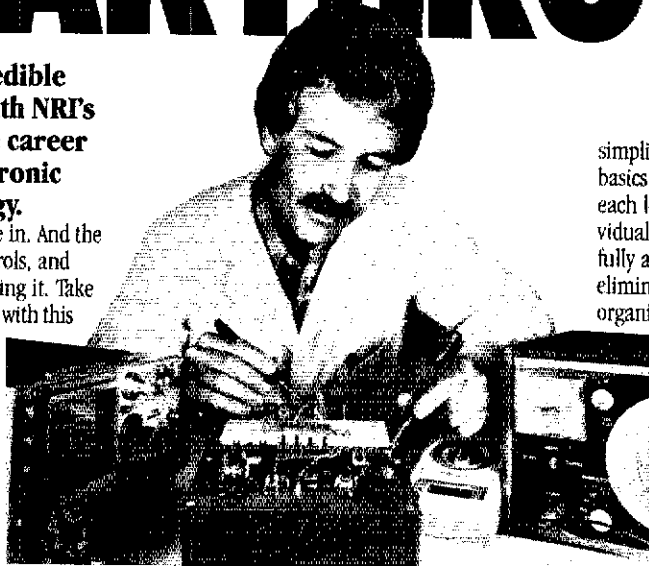
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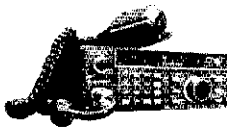
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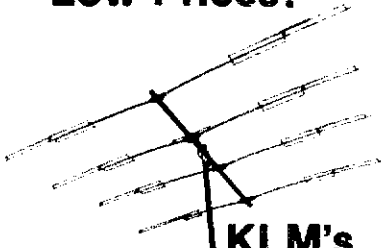
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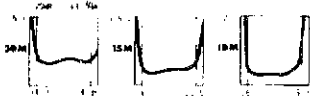
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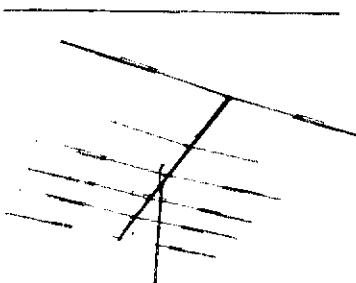


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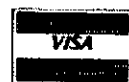


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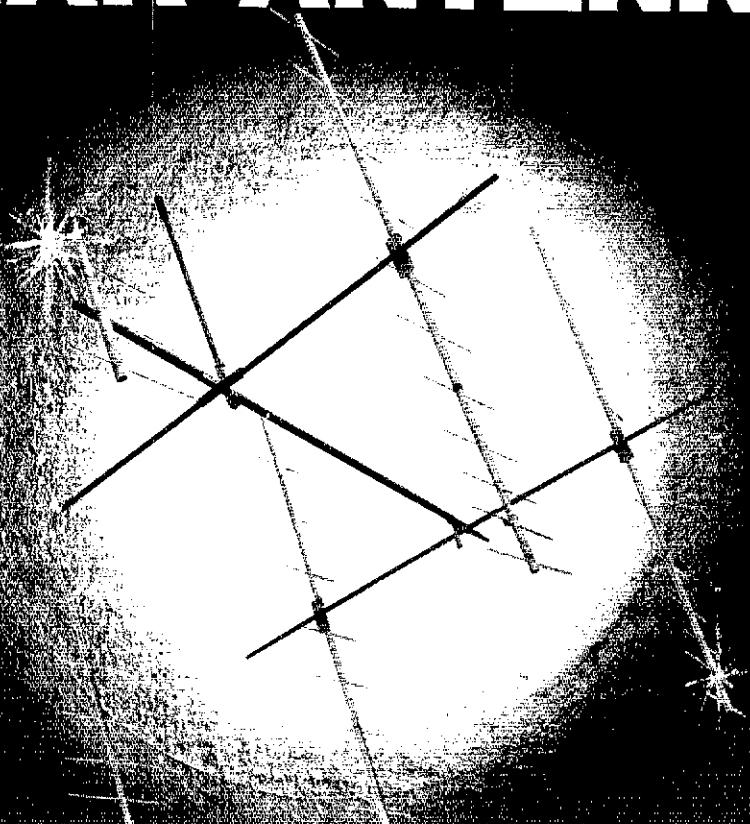
By now, you will have noticed a number of new net managers in this section. Thanks to WB8JGW, KF8J and WD8KFN for assuming the responsibilities of these most instrumental and necessary jobs. Other key leadership appts went to: K8IOW, EC for Warren County and KA8ATI, EC for Henry County. Election: WB8UPD, Univ. of Akron, AF8; K8BL, pres.; K8LVS, v.p.; K8BQC, secy./treas.; K8BD, tech. sym. TSRA: K8AN, pres.; WD8DDE, WD8JIK, v.p.; WB8TQH, treas.; WD8PPP, secy. Congrats. Emergency operations occupied an unusually large amount of time of many Ohio amateurs during the last few months. Central Ohio amateurs rendered invaluable assistance after the small town of Cardington was almost destroyed by a tornado. WD8OYO and N8ADA assisted a Michigan amateur and his family (whose auto had overturned on the Ohio Turnpike) by obtaining police and medical assistance, and giving overnight lodging in their home. This was an example of Amateur Radio in its highest and most dedicated form. Public service events continue to increase and provide the training we all need. Over the July 4th weekend Cleveland's LEARA assisted at all-day events connected with a three day international soccer tournament, a parade, a run and a fireworks event. That's Amateur Radio spirit for you! Upgrades: N4ELS and K8BVP to Extra. Congrats.

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Huron Co. ARC	44	0	4
IE Net	35	5	4
CONWOARES	1010	491	62
MASER (June)	401	42	12
TATN	3332	150	31
TSRAC (June)	878	81	36

Traffic: WB8JGW 304, WD8KFN 300, N8XX 263, K8OZ 235, K8BYS 185, WB8WTS 182, AB8P 170, WA8HGH 160, KA8HOK 160, NB8BQK 141, WD8KBW 132, K8BJJ 128, W8LJ 112, KF8J 103, WD8RIB 103, WB8TP 103, NB8JR 102, K8BL 101, WA8GMT 95, K8GET 75, WB8MOK 75, WB8QHU 75, WB8OZK 75, N8APM 69, KA8DJZ 64, WB8EJ 64, WB8HI 63, WD8DYW 63, WD8PJJ 61, W8GXX 54, KA8HCT 53, WA8RST 52, K8JDI 50, KA8HGH 49, WB8EK 48, WD8NEC 47, K8DL 45, WA8JNQ 43, N8AKS 41, WB8M 40, WA8BUW 39, KA8MFG 39, WD8NED 39, WD8OYO 39, WB8ICL 37, WB8SJE 35, WB8MRL 34, WA8LOI 33, WB8SIO 30, WB8YGW 30, N8DAD 29, WB8UBR 29, WB8WEG 29, WD8ODV 27, WD8HDZ 26, KA8IUK 26, W8MGA 21, KA8KFW 20, WB8PD 20, WB8VAV 20, KA8GGZ 18, WD8QMP 18, W8RG 18, N8AUH 17, WB8CJU 17, WD8MIO 17, WB8QHV 17, KA8GVZ 16, WB8WNH 15, WA8ZID 15, N8CGM 14, WB8JAJ 13, WB8PPI 12, WB8SRC 12, K8CKY 11, WB8DMF 11, WB8M 11, K8NJQ 10, WB8YUS 10, W8OQL 7, WB8DYF 6,



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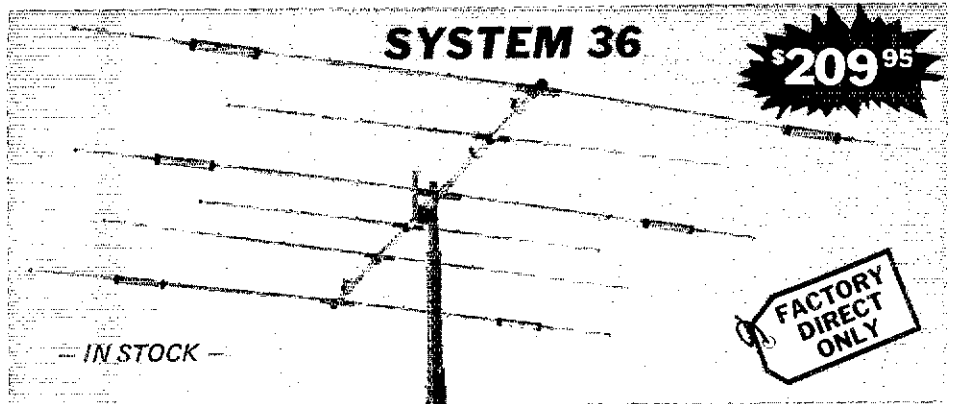


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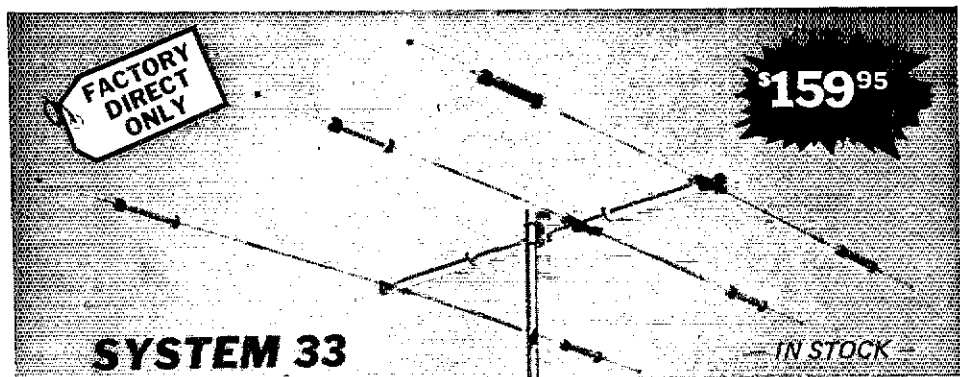
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Band MHz	14-21.28	Boom (O.D. x Length)	2" x 24' 2 1/2"	Wind Loading @ 80 mph	215 lbs
Maximum power input	Legal Limit	No. of Elements	6	Maximum wind survival	100 mph
VSWR @ resonance	1.3:1	Longest Element	28' 2 1/2"	Feed method	Coaxial Balun (supplied)
Impedance	50 ohms	Turning Radius	18' 6"	Assembled weight (approx.)	53 lbs.
		Maximum mast diameter	2"	Shipping weight (approx.)	62 lbs
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Band MHz	14-21.28	Boom (O.D. x length)	2" x 14' 4"	Wind loading at 80 mph	114 lbs	
Maximum power input	Legal Limit	No. of elements	3	Assembled weight (approx)	37 lbs.	
VSWR at resonance	1.3:1	Longest element	27' 4"	Shipping weight (approx)	42 lbs.	
Impedance	50 ohms	Turning radius	15' 9"	Direct 52 ohm feed — no balun required	Maximum wind survival	100 mph
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Note:  
Radials are required for peak operation. (See GR-1 below)

### SPECIFICATIONS

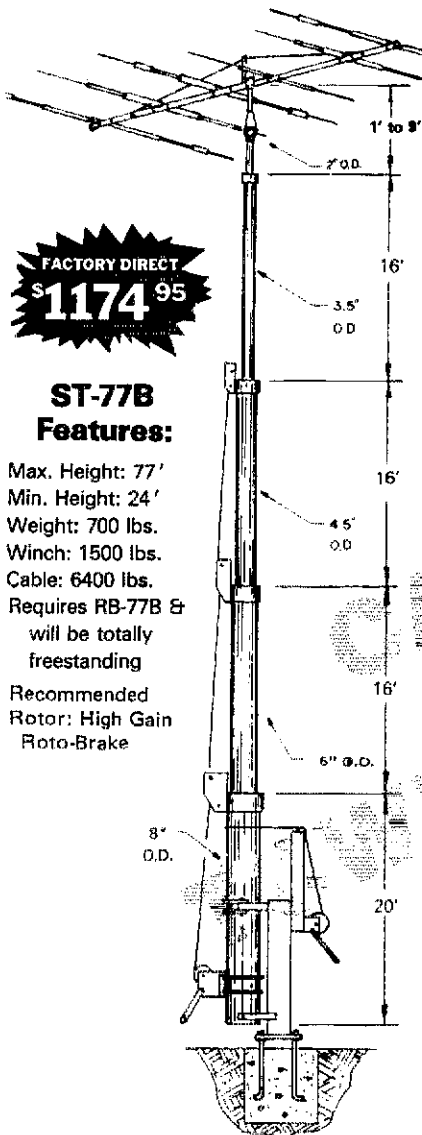
- 19' total height
- Self supporting — no guys required
- Weight — 14 lbs.
- Input impedance: 50 Ω
- Powerhandling capability: Legal Limit
- Two High-Q traps with large diameter coils
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- Omnidirectional performance
- Taper swaged aluminum tubing
- Automatic bandswitching
- Mast bracket furnished
- SWR: 1.1:1 or less on all bands

**GR-1 \$14<sup>95</sup>**

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 GR-1 by providing the correct counterpoise.

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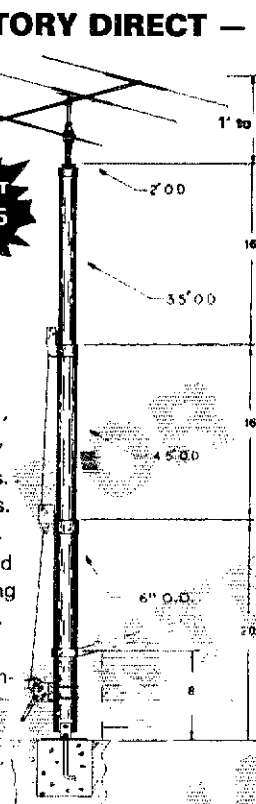
### ST-77B Features:

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:

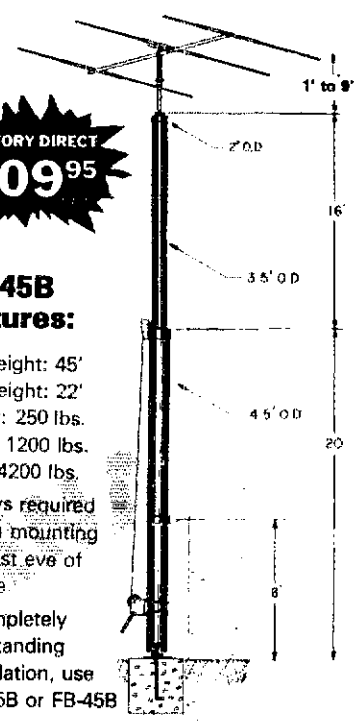
Max. Height: 61'  
Min. Height: 23'  
Weight: 450 lbs.  
Winch: 1200 lbs.  
Cable: 4200 lbs.  
No Guys required when mounting against house.  
For completely freestanding installation, use RB-61B or FB-61B below.



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### 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.



WIND LOADING		
Tower	Height	Sq. Ft
ST-77B	69	16
	77	10
MT-61B	53	18
	61	12
TT-45B	37	18
	45	12

Square Footage Based on 50 MPH Wind

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	Bases
RB-77B	3 1/2' x 3 1/2'	6'

Wilson Systems uses a high strength carbon steel tube manufactured especially for Wilson Systems. It is 25% stronger than conventional pipe. The tubing size used is 2" & 3 1/2" .095; 4 1/2" & 6" .134. All tubing is cold 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.

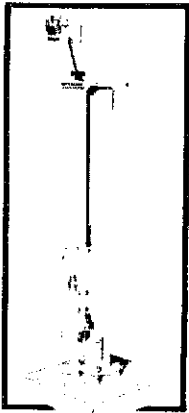
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**FB-61B... 169 lbs... \$299<sup>95</sup>**



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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.

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**RB-61B... 229 lbs... \$379<sup>95</sup>**  
**RB-77B... 300 lbs... \$569<sup>95</sup>**



Tilting the tower over is a one-man task with the Wilson bases. (Shown above is the RB-61B. Rotor is not included.)

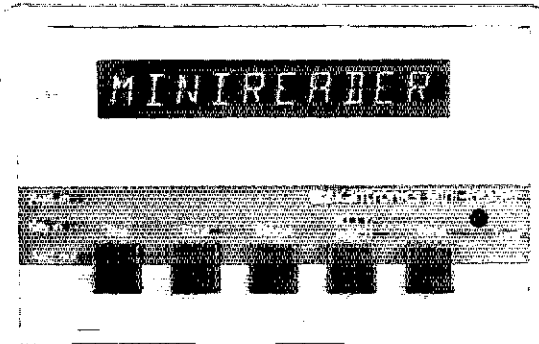
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Great picnic at W2MTA on the 8th of August. I enjoyed meeting quite a few people and attending the meetings. NYS net covering all of New York should be in full swing. Contact WA2ZJP in case my info above is wrong. SET weekend is just about upon us with PD5 covering ENY and WNY. I hope everyone, even those not into traffic handling, will get out there and help the EC covering your county. Let's hear from those clubs who participated in service activities during the summer! BPL: WB2EAG, PSHR: W2ACQ, N2BDW, WB2EAG, KB2KW, WB2MCO, WA2SPL, W2YJR, Traffic: WB2EAG 528, WA2SPL 370, KB2KW 132, W2ACQ 103, N2BDW 95, WB2MCO 73, AA2Y 66, W2EFU 62, W2YJR 53, W2IQK 46, K2ZVI 38, N2CPX 17, K2MI 12, WB2SON 12, WA2CJY 8, N2BSX 2.

**NEW YORK CITY — LONG ISLAND:** SCM, John Smale, K2IZ — SEC: WA2KKJ, STM: WB2BNY. The following are traffic nets around the section: NLI cw 3630 kHz 1900/2200 WB2TQC mgr; NLI phone 3928 kHz 1815 WA2SEL mgr; Nassau vht 146.04/64 2100 M, W, Sun WA2SOE mgr; Big Apple vht 147.915/315 M-F 2030 N2BMR mgr; Suffolk vht 144.77/145.37 M-F N2BKK mgr; LIMARC 146.25/65 Fri 2045 WA2SOE mgr. Note: All times are local. Please try and help out by checking in whenever you can. Most of the hf nets can be reached with one watt and a good antenna. Under "There Goes the Old Neighborhood", dept: KA2NIE is the new call of K2TB's XYL. That makes 5 active hams within a very short stones throw of each other. For those that don't know, K2TV is my next door neighbor. NY City Police Dept Civilian Amateur Radio Patrol meets Wed evening at 2030 local on N2JF rpt, 145.39/144.79. More info can be obtained from N2JF or WV2VDG at 212 476 7560. KC2DR is now KO2P, she was originally WB2QXU. WB2IDP spent the summer working at WSL as an operator. KA2ELB will be attending George Washington Univ. KA2CLQ started Aug 12 at the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. KA2KGH has a new TH5DX High QNli for JULY for N1P1N, WA1MVL, WA2ARC, WB2BNY, KA2KGH, WA2SEL, is looking for NCS volunteers to fill the slots left by the stations departing for school. W2SLP is the 700th member of Metroplex. N2BKA upgraded to Advanced and N2GCL to General. Metroplex had their 4th annual picnic. The New York team was beating the New Jersey team 8-1 when the game was called on account of rain. WA2ZBE has a new Ten Tec 540 which he is trying out on the air. SIARA provided communications for two marathons held during the summer. KA1NH was out in Portland, Oregon and had a QSO with KA2T with one of the local repeaters, neither station knew the other was in the area. WA2EXI is retiring from Ma Bell and moving Down to Fla. How come most of all retired phone men either go to Fla or New England? Answers would be appreciated before I retire in another 30 years. Traffic: (July) WA2AHV 273, WA2SEL 40, K2GCE 34, KA2GLO 29, WA2ARC 25, KA2KGH 22, KA1NH 22, N2BSS 20, K2IZ 18, W2DBQ 4, WB2IDP 2. (June) WB2JAY 48.

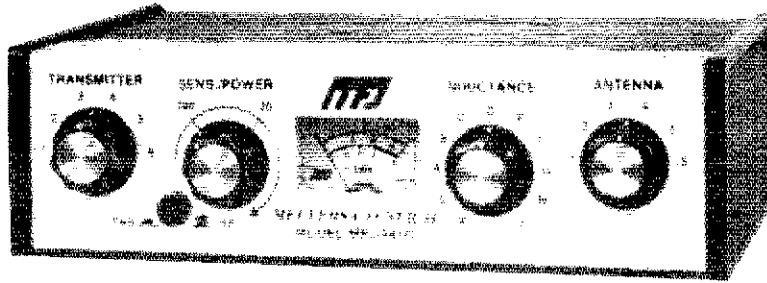
**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SCM, Robert Neukomm, KB2WI — ASCM: W5DTR/2, SEC: WB2VUF, STM: W2XD. NMS: W2CC N2BOP, W2PSU, KA2GQ, W2TCA, N2JX, WB2IQJ, N2BNE.  
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Metroplex ACA announces N2BKA to Advanced and N2GCL to General and N2GCL's daughter recently graduated from medical school at Buffalo, Metroplex now has 707 members. Vht traffic news: A historical link between the Robbinsville 147.075 out and Morris County 146.895 out occurred July 22nd at 10:30 P.M. with 38 checkins. KA2GSX upgraded to Advanced. Ramapo Mountain ARC held its annual picnic and campout July 24-26 in W. Milford. WA2WFF announced preliminary FD results of over 8,000 points with 42 ops. WA2STO upgraded to Advanced. The ARC of Secaucus is new and they have a new newsletter called "QQ QUA." They are seeking affiliation with the League. The club meets on 146.55 M-F 6:30-7:30 P.M. so join them! N2AQO is the new president. WB1FSN advised W2ZSN is following his inquiry about the "Wout Hog" for which he is a member that "it is very much alive." The NJ Traffic Picnic on the 25th at Holmdel was a success. W2UEZ & AF2L both received the A-1 Op award. N2BQL new call KO2A. WA2YMK & KA2ERG presented "The Care & Feeding of Nicads" to the Greenbrook Repeater group. W2LTP is moving to Roxana, Delaware. W2IIN & XYL celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 31. I received a radiogram from JSARS traffic net reporting QNI 363 and QSP 58. Sure wish they would advise what repeater they use and time, and I hope they have registered their net. Now is the time to get out and get those antennas fixed for the winter. The SET will be in progress by the time you receive this info. I sure hope you try to participate. Remember reports are due by the 15th of the month. Late report: KA2GVS is reported as a Silent Key. I hope you all had a good summer. Traffic: (July) KB2HM 367, W2GWS 263, W2XD 258, AG2R 251, KB2WI 149, N2BNE 141, KK2R 122, K2VX 99, N2XJ 95, W2TCA 90, N2BOP 87, AF2L 63, WA2DPK/2 57, WB2RMJ 49, KA2JMH 48, WA2NH/2 40, W5DTR/2 35, KA2NHQ/T 30, N2BC 28, KA2GSX 28, W2NKD 28, W2JH 28, KA2GMH 23, N2SU 20, W2CC 18, WB2KLF 17, KC2AK 13, KA2FXA 11, W2ZEP 3, WA2DLZ 1. (June) W2GWS 162.

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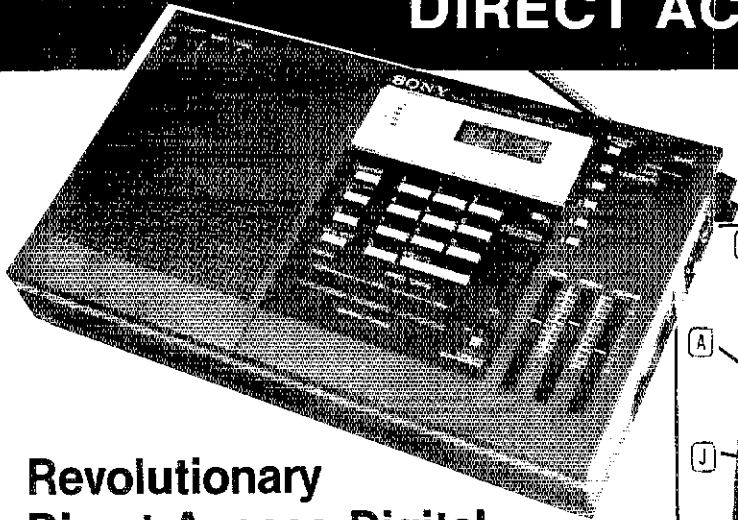
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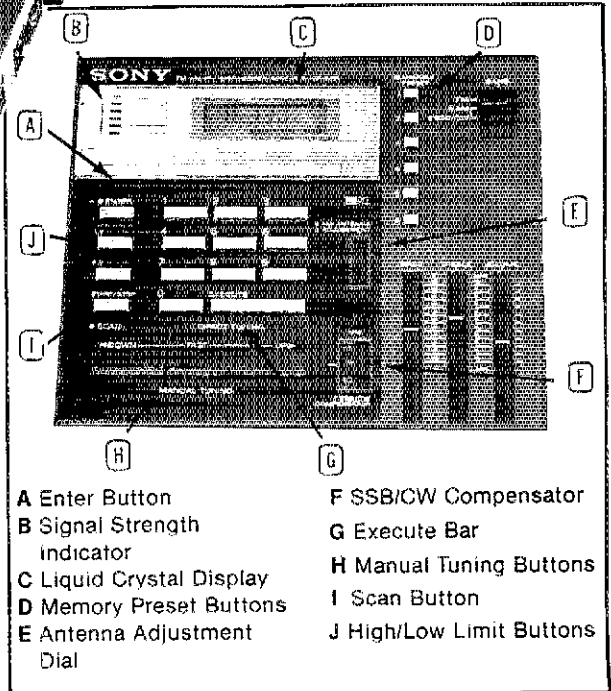
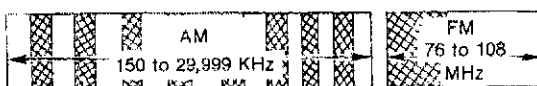
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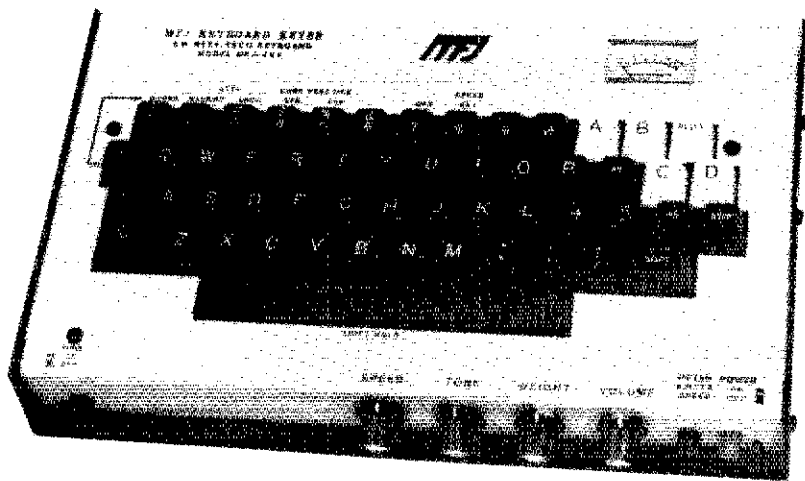


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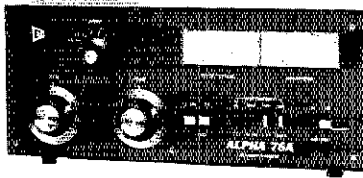
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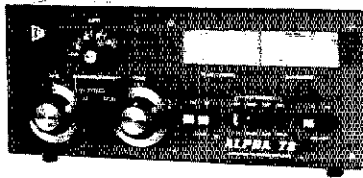
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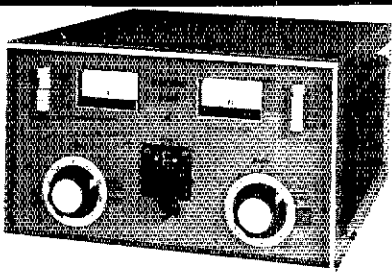
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## MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SCM, Bob McCaffrey, K9CY — SEC: W0RPK. STM: KA0X. NM: WB0AVW WA0AUX WD0HND W0YLS. Congrats to A0ER in joining K0EVH with TCC schedule. A new leader in traffic this month is W0SS WA0AUX and W0YLS not far behind. New CIRAS officers are WD0GAT KA0D N0CFJ WD0EIF WB0ZKG. The special event station at the Grant Wood Art Festival netted 122 contact in 17 states with a nice certificate. Thanks to the CVARC Board for invitation and hospitality. WA0YMA and WA0YAM planning communications for air show in DSM. WB0MMI recovering nicely from a bad tower fall. Nice picnic in Mason City. 75-meter picnic a great success, thanks for all the help. WB0PMW to Advanced, WB0IFE to General and KA0ICU now an Extra. New calls heard from north Iowa are K00FP K00FQ K00DM. Thanks to all who have acted as liaison to regional nets. Again 100 percent to TEN. Due to changes in DTRN, unable to cover the new sessions adequately, but am working on it. The ICN now on full schedule, support this teaching and slow speed cw net.

Net	Freq	Day/Time	QNI	QTC	Sess.
75M Phone	3970	1830-2230 M-S	2007	62	54
TLCN	3660	2300-0300	3181	153	62
ICN	3713	0100 T-T-S-S	16	9	4

Traffic: W0SS 214, WA0AUX 153, WD0HND 129, W0YLS 123, KA0X 117, WB0QAM 56, A0ER 47, K0CY 44, WB0W 40, K0GP 40, KA0JG 37, WB0AVW 27, WB0UPF 24, A0K 14, KA0JI 12, WA0NMA 8, K00OZ 8, K0FF 2.

KANSAS: SCM, Robert M. Summers, K0BXF — SEC: W0K1. NMS: K0BN/KPN W00YH Q1K5 W0FT, KWN WA0LBB CSTN WA0OMB, Q1K5-S5? I think the slow speed cw net may soon be back on the air. For those interested, keep a close ear on the 3735 freq. In the event it starts before the next report is out. We are sorry to inform the Kansas gang of the passing of two of our ranks into the Silent Key column — K0RF, an W0DEF. Net reports: KPN QNI 280; QTC 30; K5B; QNI 17; QTC 65; KWT 832; QTC 47. The Cordia Hamfest was a success. For those of you not in attendance, I am happy to inform you of the presentation of the Raymond E. Baker Memorial (W0FNS) Ham of the Year award (Kansas) to W0TQ. Fine meetings were missed by those of you not in attendance. Lightning has caught a number of antennas lately and among those hit was the CKRC repeater and the 31/91 repeater at Salina. Pittsburgh Repeater group also had a fine hamfest June 14 with registration of approx 105 hams. W0FIR was the ARRL rep at this one, as your SCM was out of town in another direction. We all wish W0QFN a speedy recovery after his recent heart attack. JCA: QTC officers for 8/1/82 are N0BT, pres.; W0BYD, sec.; W0B0CF, secy.; W0BTIN, treas. Traffic: (July) W00YH 103, W0QMT 103, W0FIR 75, W0HI 87, WA0LBB 66, W0FT 59, K0BXF 58, W0EEN 42, W00YLP 41, A00E 40, W0AM 39, W0CHJ 19, W0ASJ 13, W0FDJ 11, W0K1 10, W0R0B 10, N0BDG 8, W0RT 7, WA0WJX 4, K0FPC 3. (June) W0HI 51.

MISSOURI: SCM, L. G. Wilson, K0RWL — Asst SCM: Joe Flowers, W0OTF. SEC: N0AJI. STM: K0M1. Several new calls this month: N0CKU is now K0ME, W00LYF is now K0M1 and KA0IAS is now N0CUG. W00VW is in the hospital recovering nicely from his recent surgery. Field Day reports have been coming in and look quite impressive. I'm sure everyone is anxiously awaiting the final results. Thanks to those amateurs who responded so rapidly the night of the Batt Regency disaster. The Missouri State Highway Patrol now has 51 licensed amateurs including 3 XYLS. The PHD Radio Club graduated 13 Novices from its most recent class.

Net	QNI	QTC	Net	QNI	QTC
ACE	45	0	MOSSBN	541	51
NEMOE	150	4	MEOW	246	7
CMOEN	480	800	HBN	363	33

W0JT recently celebrated his 40th anniversary with AT&T. Congratulations. W0CJG is now sporting K0AV and a new TS530. This station is now sporting a new 2-element quad. Reports and activities, like band conditions are rather slow this month. I am presently receiving one or two club newspapers from the St. Louis area and none from the Springfield or St. Joseph areas. I would really appreciate hearing about your activities and be able to reprint them. Traffic: W00UD 88, K0SI 77, WA0EMX 70, K0CAS 65, W0BMA 59, W0OTF 58, K0BM 48, K0M1 35, K0PCK 25, K0RWL 10, KA0E 8.

NEBRASKA: SCM, Shirley M. Rice, KA0BCB — SEC: N0AIH. STM: WD0BQG. Our sympathy to family of W0FCT, our longest active ham, who became a Silent Key after 56 yrs. Congrats to Saunders Co. ARES for 2-mtr gear from c.d., to WD0HFZ & the North Platte ARC for FB NE Land Days special events station, & K0GND for attaining the status of QCWA! New upgrades are Adv: KA0BOS. Gen: KA0LAS. Tech: KA0L. KA0KZ. Novices: W0AILEY KA0AY KA0ALX KA0LR. Hats off to General NE ARC for another SUPER hamfest, Victoria Springs, Tnx to Lincoln, Holdrege, Kearney, & Hastings ARCs for supper & breakfast. See U all in Salina. Traffic: W0ZNI 37, W0HOP 32, W0N1K 22, KA0BCB 18, W0HTA 14, W0ELT 10, K0SFA 8, W0BGM0 6, W0B0K 4, K0ODF 4, W0B0GWR 3, W0BAPY 2, W0BPC 2, K0UDW 2.

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Net	Freq	EST	Sess.	QTC	QNI
CN	3640	1800 +	62	317	410
		1200			

CPN	915/	1800/			
	315	1060 Sn			
NENN	3720	1815			
NVTN	29/88	2130			
RTN	13/73	2100	28	64	259
WCN	78/18	2020	21	90	380

High QNI: CN — WB1EKV WB1ESJ WB1EKV W1QJM K1UQE. Club picnics are interrupting the summer doldrums. Eastern Connecticut AAA, Murphy's Marauders and Tri-City ARC burned the charcoal this month. New ECs: W111 Watford, W100F Leeward W01W Waterson. WA1BZS and WA1DWE are interested in a two-meter RTTY auto station. W1SY received Certificate of Merit from ARRL Public Information Office for publicizing ham radio in a local newspaper. Tri-City ARC will conduct Novice and General license courses this fall. South Meriden AG planning ten-meter repeater. Upgrading: N1BLD to Advanced, KA1BXK to Extra. DX-peditioning OBS K1E1F/VP9 and OO W03GPR/HZF1. OO K1K1 was 100% accurate in recent Frequency Measuring Test. Traffic: (July) W1EPW 285, K1GF 207, W1GXZ 151, WB1ESJ 123, K1E1C 105, K1E1R 105, K1UQE 105, WB1EKV 72, W1BDN 63, W1XX 58, W0B9H 46, KA1BH 21, K1E1W 21, W1DFP 20, WB1CRH 19, KA1KD 18, K1OQG 17, K1AQ 13, WA1WQG 13, WA1LOU 10, W1OD





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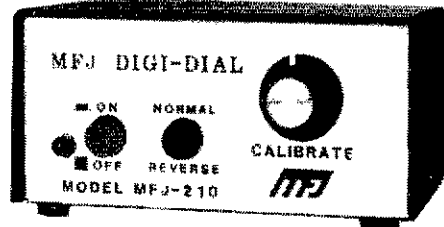
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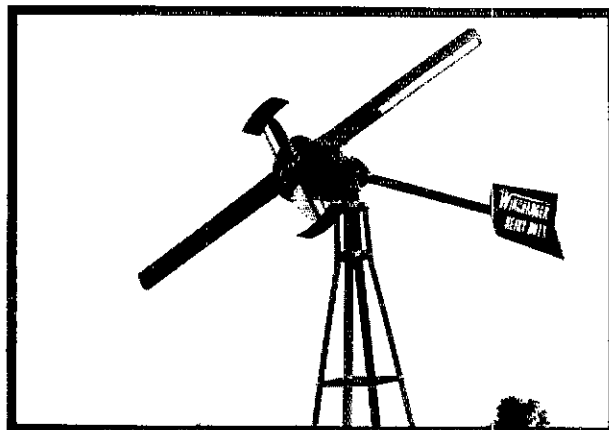
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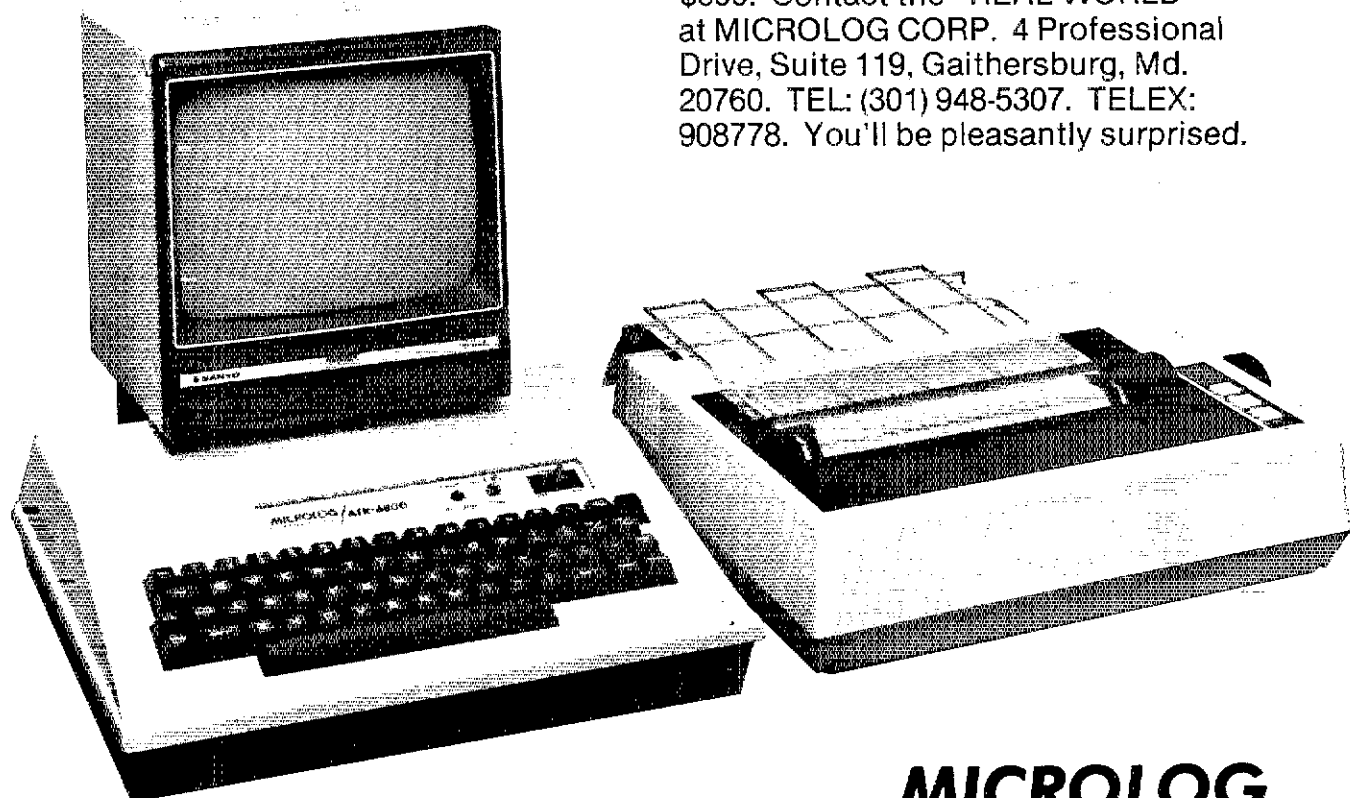
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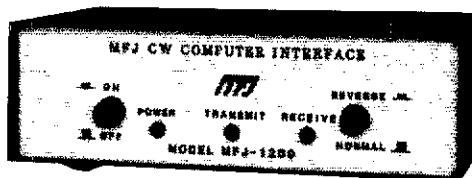
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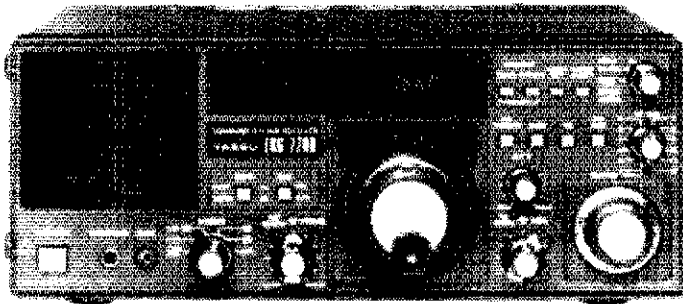
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As I write this I'm on vacation and therefore away from it all. Great, right? Yes, except that my mail is not coming and the deciphering and relaying of it by radio takes a little time so if I leave your tlc report, etc., out this month, please bear with me til next month. I got an interesting call from KA1BLW the other evening saying that the Whitman club is planning a Thanksgiving Day special event station operation from the Mayflower site in Plymouth. This sounds like a great idea and I'm sure they will be very popular on all bands. Keep an eye out for the specifics in the mags. Some of you may have noticed above that we have a new assistant SCM. Our old SCM, WA9NEW, retired from the USAF in July and is in North Carolina. He was a big help to me and he'll be sorely missed. I have appointed K9HI as the new SCM and he has consented to taking over the editorship of the Crossbander. I'm sure that he will get all of your support even if he does have a foreign call sign, hi. There will be League Officials meetings on Oct 24/25 in NH and RI respectively. All appointees are encouraged to attend and exchange ideas on how to improve ARES and NTS in the 1st Region. An added attraction this year will be the presence of W2HD at both meetings. I heard a lot of generally negative comments on the proposed plain language rewrite of the amateur rules as I travelled around the section. There were some boo boo's such as the omission of emergency communications from the Basis and Purpose section as well as a major omission having to do with antennas, but a lot of comments I heard were more general. The thought was that the FCC was trying to put one over on us and subvert all of Amateur Radio. This I don't believe and I use as evidence the fact that they extended the period for comments. What do you think? Traffic: (July) N1BHH 652, WA1BY 287, KA1ON 187, K1CN 102, N8TM 94, K1BSO 78, K1GQ 74, K1M 62, KA1M 62, WA1W 62, W1CZB 28, K1BZD 27, WA1VXZ 17, WB1TPY 12, W1PL 11, WATFNM 10, KA1R 5. (June) W1SR 24.

**MAINE:** SCM, Cliff Lavery, W1RWG — STM: W1BJ, SEC: KL7JG, WA1YNZ, N1BGO, K1TFX, KA1ENL, KA1HGS, KA1CNC, N1BJX, KA1JC, WA1URS and KA1DDG, provided comms for float race on Arrostock River from Caribou to Ft. Fairfield supporting CEP, search & rescue and JC's. Comms provided for Friendship Sloop Races by K1VFG, K1YXO, WA1WYT, WA1JZP, W1KIQ, W1JRS, W1VYI, W1BYK, W1RWG, WB1FAK for three days. Sandy River RC made 3322 points on Field Day. The annual ham gathering at Abbott Village was attended by 157 hams, a total of over 300 people August 9. Net sessions: QNS/QTC: FTN 31/058/24, SGH 25/850/52, MDN 19/362/14, AEN 34/118/23, SPSN 13/182/10; PSHR: AK1W 106, K1NAN 70, W1RWG 63, W1BJ 62. Report your club activities to the SCM, particularly public service. Traffic: AK1W 131, W1BJ 93, W1WWG 69, KA1TJ 65, WB1BYR 61, K1NAN 58, W1KX 51, W1HDC 46, N1BCE 34, W1BMX 34, W1AHM 22, N1BJW 22, N1BCT 17, W1CTR 17, K1TVT 14, WA1FCM 13, KA1CNG 11, W1GKJ 10, KA1GGE 9, WA1YNZ 8, KA1CIB 6, KL7JG 4, KA1ENL 2.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** SCM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1NHWSW — SEC: AK1E, STM: W1TN, NMs: N1NH, K1OSM, W1VTP. Seen on highways & byways: W1JJD, AJ1V G5K1. All clubs reporting outstanding FD activities. KA1EBN now KA1TH. The GSPMN had 771 checkins & 248 traffic. Welcome new voices KA1a HLI, HKZ HLL, H5, HLC, HLD, HLL. The Amherst Radio Club held its outing at KA1ACC's poolside. The shredded Wheaties meet daily on Mt. Washington repeater. Members heard: K1OIO, W1IIO, W1BTY, W1BPI, W1TDK. The NH Net had 107 traffic & 197 checkins. Don't forget the SET in October. W1FZ sends regards to all while cycling the Northwest USA & Canada. KA1BXA editor of the Great Bay Radio Assn. The GSPN had 54 traffic & 83 sess. Traffic: (July) W1TN 171, N1NH 118, KA1BBI 114, K1OSM 93, N1ALM 79, KA1CXP 78, AK1E 73, KB1A 48, W1FYR 47, W1MHX 41, KA1FWQ 38, W1ALE 37, W1VTP 30, KA1FMU 17, KA1CJL 16, W1NH 8. (June) W1FYR 59.

**RHODE ISLAND:** SCM, G. Fox, W1YNE — SEC: KA1EHR, STM: KA1FE, NM: RIEM2MTN, WA1OSL, RIEM2MTN 23 sessions: 259 QNI, 30 QTC. New appointments: WA1YDU Assn. SEC: AE1S EC Proj. County: K1DA EC, Jamestown; WA1OSL, NM, RIEM2MTN; KB1G OES. Endorsements: W1YNE 00, RIEM2MTN now an official section net in the NTS. July was busy month for OSARG (1070) gang. The group assisted at the "SAVE THE BAY" swim and also held their annual picnic at QTH of WA1STT and WA1MCJ. The Ocean State Chapter 10-10 held annual get together at K1QFD's QTH. SEC KA1EHR, assisted by ECs, is reorganizing ARES. Contact him for OES and EC appointments. Traffic: W1EOP 318, KC1G 181, KA1FE 158, W1YNE 67, KA1BTU 64, AE1S 10.

**VERMONT:** SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — SEC: WB2ABQ, STM: N1ARI. There has been inordinate error of late in msgs: last names, addresses, tel. nrs. Rather careless sending or receiving! Confirm the slightest questionable word or number. Accuracy is of utmost importance — NOT speed of handling. VTSSB 31/497/80; GMN 27/411/59; Carrier 28/296/30; VTN 29/81/29; RFD 4/79/8; VFN 4/86/6. W1IAM reports 7 states on 220 and 25 states, including all New England, on 2 mtrs. WB2ABQ has been hiding out on 2-mtr ssb and doing FB. If others are working vhf or uhf, we would like to receive their reports. K1BQB has competition! Traffic: K1BQB 106, N1ARI 105, WB1ABQ 51, W1RNA 47, AE1T 13.

**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS:** SCM, Art Zavarrella, W1KK — ASCM: K1BE, STM: W1TM, SEC: W1JP, NMs: W1UD, WA1ITL, W1UPH. Mt. Tom Repeater picnic at WB1ABF/W1JP a great success, 100 attended. Noteworthy: Donation of used but serviceable repeater by Mt. Tom club to hams in St. Vincent. BW's goodwill gesture to enhance emergency comm.: appointment of Berkshire EC, WB1HH, as county RACES RO. NOBARC Hamfest enjoyed by all, with K1BE, W1JP, W1TM representing the SCM and their respective activities in WM. In addition, W1TM conducted demo/session on transmission lines. ARRL Certificates of Merit were awarded W1DOY, WA1DNB, W1KUE, W1UM, PSHR; WB1HH 106, W1TM 63. Traffic: W1VI 186, WB1HH 154.

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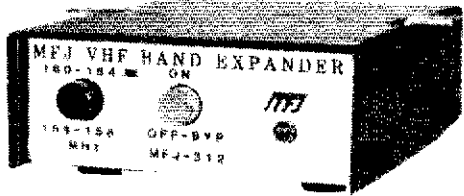
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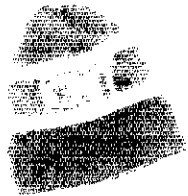
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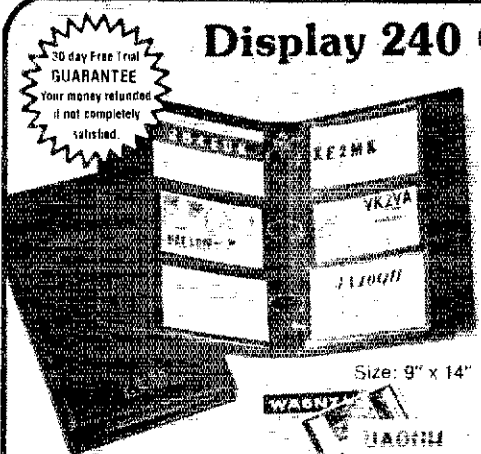


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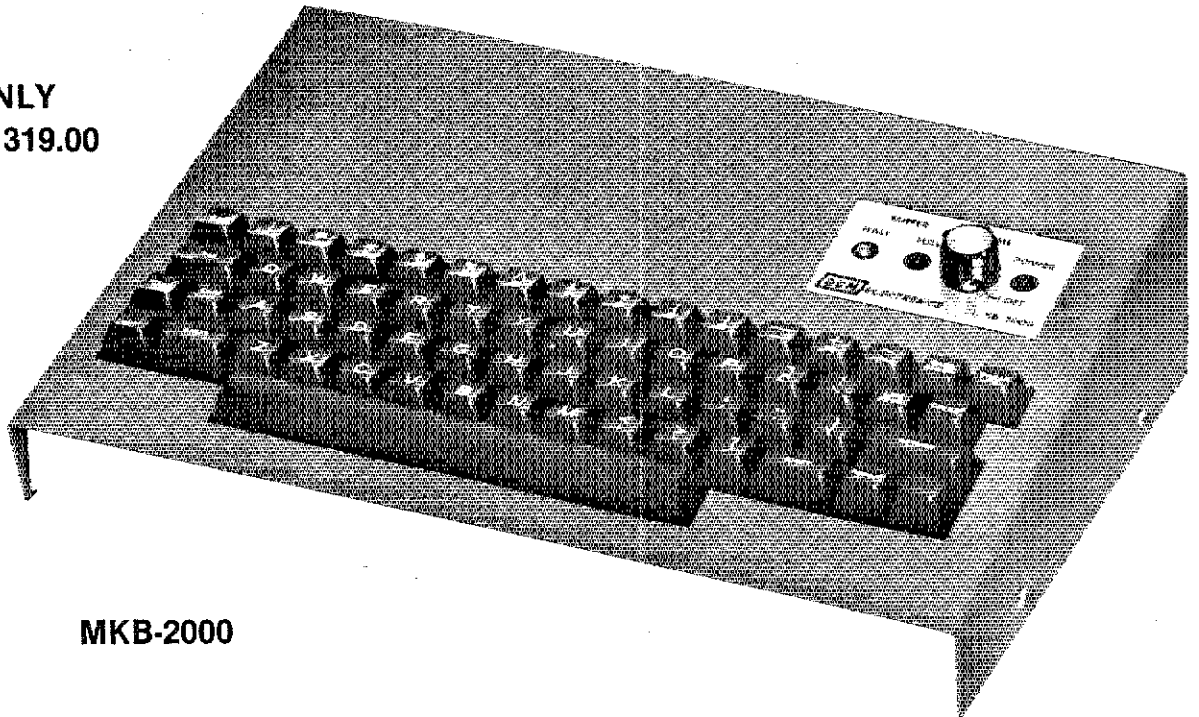
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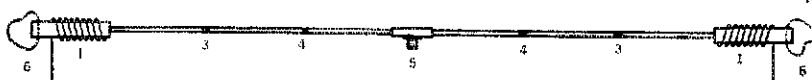
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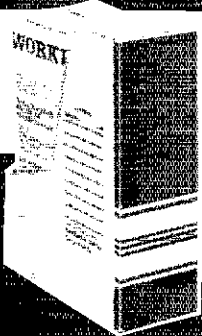


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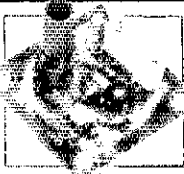
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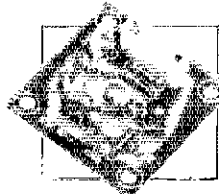
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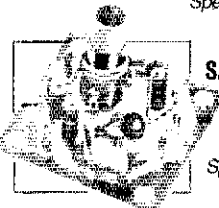
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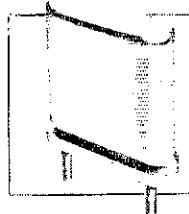
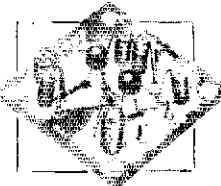
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**ALASKA:** SCM, Fred Wegner, KL7HFH — ASCM: AL7AC, KL7BG, SEC: AL7CM, STM: KL7L70. The Alaska repeaters have been busy with calls from visitors this summer. The KL7 Snowbirds have started heading south, so you will again be hearing our reports in the lower forty-eight. KL7BJD is very happy now with the new station at the Anchorage Pioneer's Home. Thanks to the Anchorage ARC, the state of Alaska Dept. of Telecommunications and the Division of Emergency Services, AL7AW, KL7IBY and AL7CM. She plans to be a regular on 14,292, the Alaska-Pacific Net. KL7CQ has been nominated as a successor for SCM. KL7GNP has retired from productive labor and is now enjoying ham radio to its fullest. He is known as the Alaska QSL Bureau, WA0L/PK/7L7, the Alaska Moonbounce station, can still be worked for a few months, so grab him. Nets have been slow. It's the time of year when salmon, halibut and crab take precedence over ham radio.

**IDAHO:** SCM, L.H. Allen, Jr., W7JMH — The Boise clubs were pleased to host Harry Dannels, W2HD, League President on July 25. He gave us all an excellent overview of League workings and fielded many questions from local hams at the Boise Public Library auditorium. Congrats to WB6SUX, new EC Bonner County, and WB7QYU, new EC Elmore County. Also, welcome aboard to new OBS N7AYL at Mt. Home. W7HZL has new DX antenna — a Zepp — works FB!!

**MONTANA:** SCM, Les Belyea, N7AIK — New net manager for the Montana Traffic Net is K7TCM from Billings, might look for some changes. The WIMU Harvest held in West Yellowstone, set an all-time attendance record with over 800. Next year's WIMU will be the golden anniversary, big things are in the making already. The SCM had a very nice trip along with the division director to the northwestern part of the state. The 1981 Repeater Directory is not 100% accurate for Montana, for a correct list please s.a.s.e. to K0PPP 6M news: K87Q worked into Japan and Turks Island, Net reports: MTN QNI 619, QTC 64, IMN QNI 180, QTC 123, BSN QNI 170, QTC 15, PSH: W7DZX 86, Traffic: WB7DZX 123, W7XD 86, K7SIK 35, N7AIK 24.

**OREGON:** SCM, William R. Schrader, W7QMU — SEC: K7WWG, STM: W7VSE. Section nets:

Net	Time/Day	Freq.	QNI	QTC/NM
BSN	0145Z Dy	3908	773	53 K7WPC
OSN	0230/0600 Dy	3587	406	364 K87JW
OARES	0115Z Dy	3993.5	427	7 W7HLF
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**WASHINGTON:** SCM, Bob Klepper, W7IEU — STM: W7DZX, SEC: WA7RWK, NMs: WA7CBN KA7CSP W7GB W7IEU.

Net	Time(Z)	Freq.	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
NTN	1930	3970	929	56	KA7JT
WARTS	0200	3970	2899	183	W7EQY
NWSSBN	0230	3945	572	34	W7ZPK
WSN	0245/0545	3580	801	230	W7SCBN
EFTN	0130/0530	147.64	50	50	W7SCBN
IEFN	0130/0300	147.30	48	10	KA7CSP
PSTS	0130/0630	145.33	132	92	W7IEU
SCARES	0330 (Wed)	147.18	45	7	W7ERH

WB7FGC and WB7PSO working on rotor and tri-band beam at Spokane EOC. K7SS made 19,800 points in 2A category QRP during FD. W7IDZ rcvd JARL's AJD award for 50 MHz. New WARTS Mgr is W7SFT, Asst Mgr KA7CRN. Mike and Key Radio Club paper reports K7KOT wrkd state #50 on six. WA7VWZ is new chairman of Technical Committee for RASC. Clark City ARC club stn, W7AIA, has gone all solid state with Kenwood TS-130s, PS-30, and AT-230. W7IDZ received 50 MHz WAS certificate #583. WB7IEU placed 2nd in US and 4th in the world in the OMYL Contest. W7ERH involved in successful Snoqualmie Pass rescue. KA7KRB KA7KUE KA7KUD KA7KUH are new Novices in Longview area. N7AEP reports BEARS Club stn, K7NWS, lacked only Vermont and Delaware for WAS during FD. Traffic: W7DZX 893, W7FJZ 248, AD7G 142, W7IEU 140, K7GXZ 122, K7CTP 109, WA7BDD 80, WA7JEB 78, N7AFY 66, K7KVV 64, WA7RCR 52, W7GB 46, N7AFY 40, WBUN 31, W7LG 21, K7NWS 20, W7ERH 17, W7APS 11, WB7CFH 11, WA7EDD 10, KB7G 2, WA7OJ 1.

### PACIFIC DIVISION

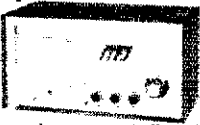
**EAST BAY:** SCM, Bob Vallo, W8RGG — Asst SCMs: W6ZF N6DHN VE2AQ/VW6, SEC: WB6KQU. Late report from K6APW indicates that his FD plans tell through. Better luck next year. New LARK officers are: K6B8R, pres.; K6JAV, v.p.; K6D6T, act. chmn.; K6EKD, secy/treas.; WA6SSE & K68BD, dir. SBARA "Ground Plane" editor, N6DUQ, is asking for help with his "shrinking" epistle. MDARC's "The Carrier" featured a six page photo spread of their incredible FD set-up. Traffic: (July) W6OA 79, WB6UZ 33, KA6ERF 5. (June) K6APW 18, WB6UZ 14.

**NEVADA:** SCM, Ralph E. Covington, W7SK — SEC: WA7KCD. NARA Field Day at Idlewild Park was a huge



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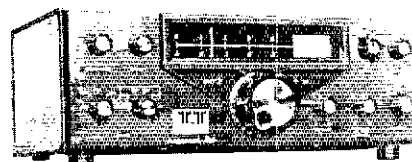


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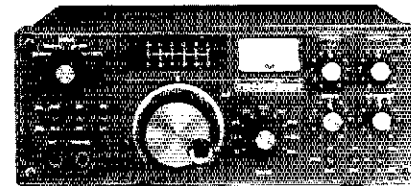


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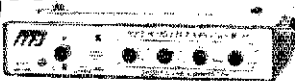
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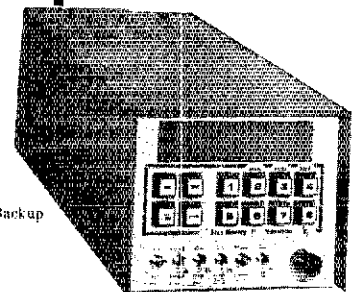
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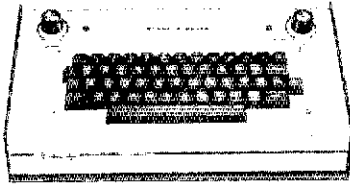
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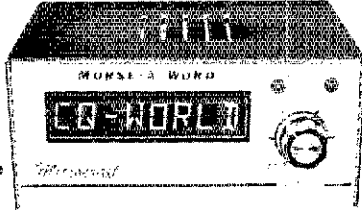
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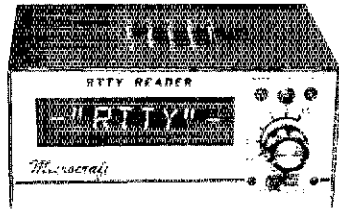


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**PACIFIC:** SCM, Pat Corrigan, K8DD — EC: Kauai County, KH6S. Please lend all support you can to him in keeping Kauai ARC rolling. KH2BI visited in early Aug. along with OH2BC. K5KT (ex-KHIGJ) also came thru. WDBBTY visited from the Bay Area. EARC has moved .04.84 repeater to Molokai for trial period. Seems good coverage. KH6BWE KH6FV and others put rare Kalaiia County on the air again recently for many happy hams around the world. Increased professional commitments have dictated that I not seek another term as SCM. It has been my privilege to service the members of this section for 4 terms (8 years). With the help of those members, more significant changes and improvements took place during this period than at any other time in the history of the section. It was an interesting and instructive period in my amateur career and I shall visit in early period in cooperation of most hams in the Pacific.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY:** SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV — SEC: N6AUB, ASCM: K16T. N6AUB reports that the Volunteers In Prevention program (VIP), involving the California Division of Forestry, is well under way in the Nevada, Placer and Yuba County areas. ORS W6SX has been transferred to Edwards AFB. Many thanks for a FB job. Welcome to N6CCS as the new EC of Yuba/Sutter Counties. WD6ANX will be his Asst. EC. Congratulations to new upgrades: Extras — KV6H N6BV N6BX and KB6MD; Advanced — N6COQ N6DDO N6DDP K6EGG and KA6COH; Tech — KA6ETL. The North Hills RC has set Oct. 16 as their 2nd annual Old Timers Night. Yuba/Sutter ARC won their Field Day competition with the Croville RC. The Nevada County ARC reports that W6KGS is a Silent Key. Traffic: W6SX 12, N6AUB 8, W6RSP 7, W6KZI 4.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** SCM, Art Samuelson, W6VV — SEC: K6BCD (ex-W6BZRK). STM: K6TP. W6CYM W6DTV received 50-year GCWA certificates. W2VO new ORS. Officers of Hedwood Empire DX Assn: K6ANP, pres.; K6BLG, v.p.; N6DCJ, secy/treas.; VP2ML, club reporter. K6GWE/R held fine dinner. Welcome new hams KA6OYR N6DZU KA6DUG KA6OWM N6EDI KA6PKR KA6OPO. Sonoma County RA and Sonoma County ARC helped out at Kenwood Valley of the Moon Race. San Francisco RC assisted with SF Marathon, Marin ARC with Kiwanis Native Son Parade. MARC also received Battered Shoe Award for efforts in March of Dimes Superwalk. SFH: W6RNL. Traffic: July W6NL 419, W6BIL 100, W6RNL 182, K6T 165, W6GGR 100, WA6OXV 6, W6PPL 3, (June) W6RNL 251, W6RNL 228, K6TP 108, W6GGR 2, (May) W6NL 208, (April) W6NL 357.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:** SCM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: WA6YAB. New appts: EC K6DOM; ORS W6SX. Renewed appts: EC W6BWM; OVS K6YK; OBS W6XK N6AM W6NTK. New officers of Turlock ARC are W6BMDN, pres.; K6BDJ, v.p.; W66PHT, secy; W6SM, treas.; WA6OYF, Sgt. at arms. The Central Cal DXC held a formative meeting in Visalia. KA6JIM is a Silent Key. N6N QNI 1740, QTC 702. Recent upgrades: Novice — KA6QLQ; Tech — KA6FSR KA6DEZ KA6LXM; General — WD6DYR; Advanced — KA6GCA WD6FUP WD6CNU N6BVP; Extra — WA6YVR. New calls: WA6YR, KA6BO, W6BHEQ is K6CS. K6BKK is K6BKK. W6BDBK is K6BDBK. W6BKK is K6B. WA6YJU is N6EXK. KA6IK is N6EYJ. W6BFP is N6EVE. WA6JDB is chasing DX. JA1EGD visited W6GR. KP6BZ visited in Fresno. Traffic: N6AWH 147, WA6YAB 20, KV6W 14, W6DPD 12, WA6JDB 5, K6YBM 5, W6BWYA 4, K6BCC 2, W66FRS 2.

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY:** SCM, Jettie Hill, W6RFF — SEC: W6BZF. W6ZRJ has accepted an appointment as Section Traffic Manager for SCV, your cooperation with him would be appreciated. W6BZF reports many ARS members on fire patrol for the Forest Service. N6FN spoke before San Lorenzo Valley ARC on add-on features for repeaters, and their new Board members are N6FN N6RZ and K6TCN. SPARK had a slide show of the Space Shuttle Landing, presented by SCARFA. SCARFA was treated to an interesting discussion and slide show on the Stanford Linear Accelerator. KA6CWE described his trip to Peru to West Valley ARA. Computer/ham radio interface problems were discussed before PAARA, with a demo of Apple computers. KA6POV has joined PAARA. K6BZL is now Advanced. Memorex ARC's club station is in full operation with local and DX contacts and is preparing to go on RTTY. K6EUB spoke before SCVRS on Uniform Electrical Code as it relates to ham radio. New officers of SCVRS are: WA6MZF, pres.; WA218M, v.p.; K6DVO, treas.; WA6ACA, treas. San Mateo County visited the United Air Force facilities with W6PCP as tour guide. W6ZRU working on shack during vacation time. W6ASH and 20 SPECS members participated in the Calif Div of Forestry fire prevention Patrol (VIP). W6ASH active during Mt. Diablo fire, and made PS Honor Roll. WA6HAD recovering from surgery and activity on the air is limited. W6MMG active on ARINC group and skeds W6OWP. W6KZJ glad to get traffic total for a change. W6BYV has largest SCV traffic total as usual. Traffic: July W6YBV 356, W6KZJ 215, W6ZRJ 82, W6ASH 58, W6RFF 41, WA6HAD 10, W6BZF 8, W6PRI 2, (June) W6ASH 6.

### ROANOKE DIVISION

**NORTH CAROLINA:** SCM, Ed Stephenson, AB4S — ASCM: N4UE, STM: N4JL, SEC: WA4BFT. NBAs: CN AB4V, CMN N4JL, then WD4CNR, JFK WA4WIL, NCSBB WB4CES. Upgrades reported: WD4LRG KA4HAM KA4HTM and N4FGB all to Advanced. Congrats. Cape Fear ARS busy on July 4th with two activities — hi demonstration at Fayetteville VA Hosp. and supplied communications for the Autryville 10,000 meter run. Super job, CFARS, AB4V and N4EJ converting a 2-m 1m XCTR to cw for OSCAR access. Good luck. Rockingham County ARC stepped in to provide communications for the Rockingham Co. Ambulance Service when lightning knocked out the dispatcher's console. They performed from 8:00 P.M. until 10:15 A.M. There were 14 participating and more standing by, if needed. Taking part were: WD4HSN WB4EQF WA4QOI KA4HFE WB4UPV WA4DWL NN4P WA4CHW WA4ANNA WA4QBG KA4OZY WD4OKZ KA4KOP and N4CRH. Great work, all. A club activity they had the previous month made the whole operation easier. It pays to be prepared — even the little things count in emergencies! Personality of the month: WB4CYN, Badin, NC. Born and raised in Badin in 19#H. Licensed in 1966. Retired from ALCOA, in Badin, where

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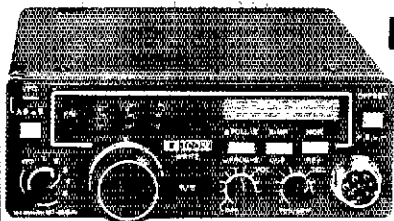
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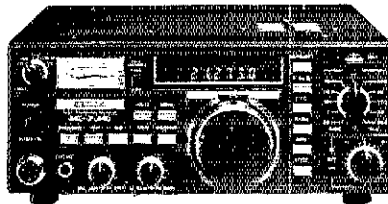


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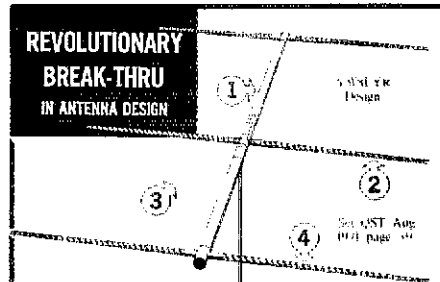
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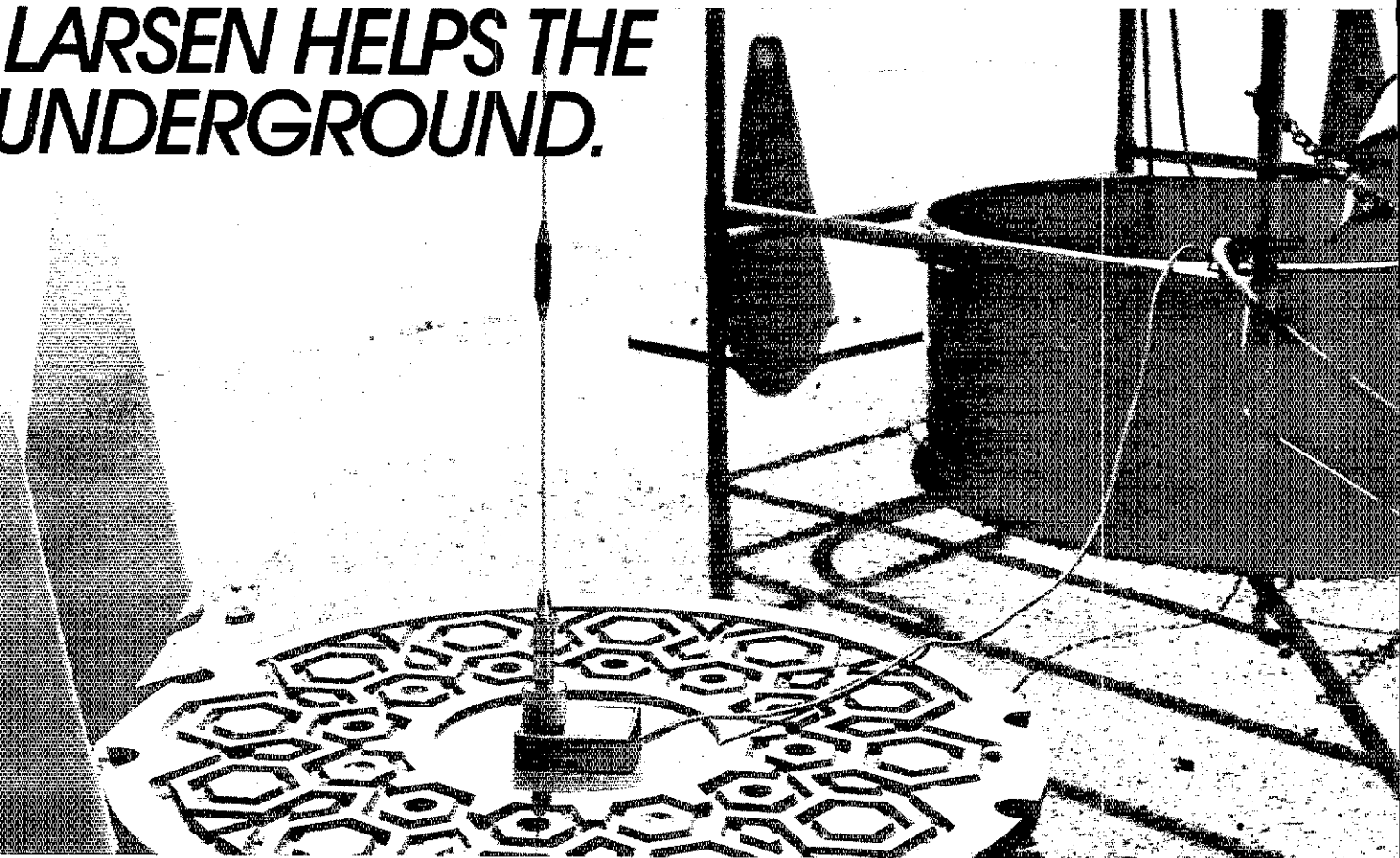
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he worked 38 years. Enjoys gardening, golf, and Amateur Radio. Active in TFC nets. Setup regular radiogram service from Montgomery Nursing Home in Biscoe, NC. Always a fine gentleman. Jot down W. Car. Hamfest, October 10, Asheville. How was your month? Traffic: (July) W4CQ 2 439, NJ4L 418, W4CQRP 253, AB4V 22, K4IWW 215, W4PNI 200, W4PCF 188, AB4S 181, W4EAT 180, K4DHX 132, W4LUJH 90, W4ASRD 90, KF4R 80, W4AJTC 80, KU4W 74, K4MCKL 68, K4EYV 63, W4EIO 58, W4JJK 49, KAFTB 48, NE4J 45, NB4L 44, W4DAR 40, W4QBR 30, W4CYN 28, KC4AM 21, KZ4A 20, W4APID 20, W4RVE 20, W8PJS 18, KA4ATK 16, W4LOO 16, N4CCK 15, N4CJJ 15, N4UE 13, KC4MI 11, N4EHM 10, KA4KJ 8. (June) W4AIE 41, KC4AM 14, N6DR4 2, W4SLF 1.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** SCM, Richard McAbee, W4MTK — Asst SCM: W4UDK. SEC: W4HLZ. STM: W4ANK. NM: K4PFC. W4DDE. KA4AUR. Congrats to the upgrades: NQ4N. KA4AUR. W4NZR. W4LQD. N4DJE. KD4PA. K44FEJ. KA4POA. W4GGB. W4RHB. KC4KQ. KA4NEB. K44PB. Sorry to hear that W4CQL became a Silent Key. He will be missed to all who attended the SCM & SEC meetings at the Charleston Hamfest. Check-ins/traffic: SC SSBN 1088/127; Blue Ridge 2-Meter Net 2280/67 (congrats to this net for a good report). Can anyone top it? Lancaster County 2-Meter Net 187/14; Newberry County ARES Net 101/7; CNN 120/36; TRIDENT ARC ARES Net 90/0; SC ARES Net 20/0; Spartanburg ARC 2-Meter Net 350/20. Traffic: K4ZN 401, W4ANK 157, W4NTO 117, K4ZB 89, W4FMZ 52, KA4AUR 47, K4FRX 46, W4MTK 34, W8TCT 27, AF4E 23, W4AJVS 12, K44LRM 11, NQ4N 10, W4DRF 9, W4DOL 8, KA4ADI 1, W4ANBK 1, W4OLV 1.

**VIRGINIA:** SCM, Luck Hurdur, W4ASTO — SEC: KZ4K. STM: KY4K. Chief OVS: N4CD. Chief CO: W4HU. Chief OES: K3RZ.

Net	Time	Freq.	Sess.	QTC QNI NM
VNTN	Noon	3907	31	190 217 W4DFTK
V5BN	8:00	3947	31	287 502 W4NWM
V5N	8:30	3705	31	136 296 W4KSG
VN	7:10	3680	62	820 54 W4SUS
VLN	10:15	3947	31	508 474 W4ALY
WARC	8:30 Sn	3748	5	6 25 K4JST

Kudos to the VA Section multitudes who assisted K2BSA in their massive efforts! Particular thanks to KA4ERP for his many trips to Ft. A.P. Hill and for his perseverance. A purple heart to KA3DTE for her resistance to the odors of cooking crabs while at the operating position. And finally, thanks to W2CB and 2YL for arranging excellent TFC skeds. Clear the morning jambores. Congrats to W4ARIE for assuming rigorous duties of DEC, and our best to N1PG who is nursing broken wrist. 11 ORS and 6 OES appointees cancelled during July. Remember, mutual support translates to a report every month. Congrats to new ORS N4YE N4BJX K4DFP and W4NFA. Same to our 6 BPLs this month — W4APNY KA3DTE W3ATQ KA4ERP KY4K and W4ASTO. A tip of the hat to new SVEN NM N4EVV! Rumor has it that the Wilson boys (K4BAV & K4DHB) sent out 55,000 mailers in preparation for September Novice class — phew! NM W4NWM vacationing in Cape Cod and N4NK enjoying new 27 foot toy. The Dunnsville duet K3RZ and KA3DTE are back in town for good and joining the other with RTTY. Traffic: W4APNY 1010, KA3DTE 818, W3ATQ 627, W4ASTO 571, KA4ERP 553, KY4K 508, KZ4K 326, K4JST 246, W4AACK 225, W4ALJ 217, W4ALY 186, W4SUS 164, W4DFTK 127, KA4UM 119, K4BPW 91, W4NWM 82, K3RZ 82, K4BWT 77, W4BFD 69, W4NFA 68, N4DYY 60, W3BBN 58, N4EVV 58, K4JM 56, KA4HL 53, K4EJ 47, N4YE 47, K4VVK 40, W4AZT 36, K4LMB 35, W4AQWC 33, N4BJX 29, W4UJ 28, W3BBQ 23, W4VQ 22, NN41 21, W4KJT 21, K8LGA 19, W4IVR 17, N4YQ 16, N4BFI 14, W4ADZ 14, W44YL 14, W4MAE 12, W4LDB 12, W4DQZ 12, W4KFB 9, N4LE 9, W4JHC 8, W4ZNB 8, W4AFTS 7, W4BRY 7, W4ATVS 5, W4DUI 4, W4OKN 4, W4TZC 4, W4YE 4, W4EQW 2, KC4HN 2, W4LAB 2, W4PVA 2, W4RKN 2, K4W 2, W4KXE 1. (June) N4YE 69, N4BFI 45, K4LMB 28, W4KX 4.

**WEST VIRGINIA:** SCM, Karl S. Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEW. STM: K8BG. NMs: K8MHR W8FZP K8BX W8BLDY. New Novices: K8NSY K8MVG K8MZU. K8BXN is not KN8W. K8CFW is new EC for Raleigh Co. K8DF is new EC for Harrison Co. Jackson Co. Hamfest on Aug. 9 was very nice. Thanks to K8EX1 and H.F. Committee. KA8AHT is now K8BKV. W8BDHC was heard operating portable from Mason Co. W8BLDY and KA8HAL are looking for new Novices on WVNN at 8:15 daily on 3730. Midday Phone Net 249 QNI, 25 QTC. W4N 403 QNI, 98 QTC. Hillbillies 117 QNI, 24 QTC. WVN 179 QNI, 66 QTC. RACES bats 218 QNI, 41 QTC. 2-mtr nets: KFC 102 QNI, 21 QTC; PARA 79 QNI, 14 QTC; Bk. Dia. 38 QNI, 4 QTC. Traffic: K8X 80, W8PQG 54, W8B 47, K8CGR 38, K8QEW 38, N8AJC 31, W8BDHC 31, K8KT 31, W8SAW 30, N8CFX 25, W8CKX 21, K8MS 15, K8CS 14, KN8W 8, W8BYM 1.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

**COLORADO:** SCM, Lawrence E. Staimel, W0ACD — SEC: K3PLU. STM: W0MCL. NMs: N0AXQ W0DHT W0EJD W0PRL K8BZ. Squaw Mountain located 35 miles WSW of Denver, home of the second highest repeater site in the United States, is losing its long time trustee. The man of the mountain, W0WYX and his loving wife, known to literally thousands of amateurs, are moving from their 11,500 ft. home. The many amateurs from every state in the USA and many foreign countries that visited the W0WYX home and signed the visitors log will be long remembered by the hosts. The mountain home construction was started in 1942 and progressed as time would permit. In 1947 the first Amateur Radio equipment was installed and the first commercial repeater was installed in 1948. Since that time there has been a good number of commercial repeaters at the site, always one or more amateur repeaters. In 1980, W0WYX moved to the mountain where he and his wife have lived until now. He has been very active in the Colorado Amateur Radio weather net from his vantage point as well as acting as net manager for one of the oldest 10-meter ARES nets in the country. The amateurs do thank W0WYX for his most generous hospitality to the Amateur Radio fraternity. Nets: HNN 31 sess, QNI 1055, QTC 137, Inf 122, QNF 1228, TWN 31 sess, QNI 177, QTC 191, QNF 836; Colomine 27 sess, QNI 953, QTC 80, Inf 158, QNF 972. Traffic: W0WYX 2485, N8BOP 1529, W0HJZ 1317, W0DHT 352, K0DJ 345, W0EJD 268, W0B 220, K8BZ 116, W0PFW 90, K0DM 50, W0LAE 38, W5HRS 25, W0CQ 12.

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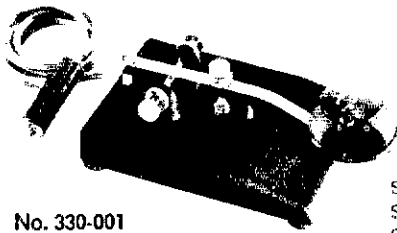
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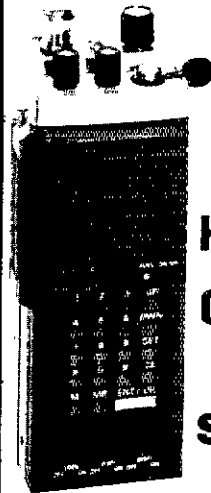
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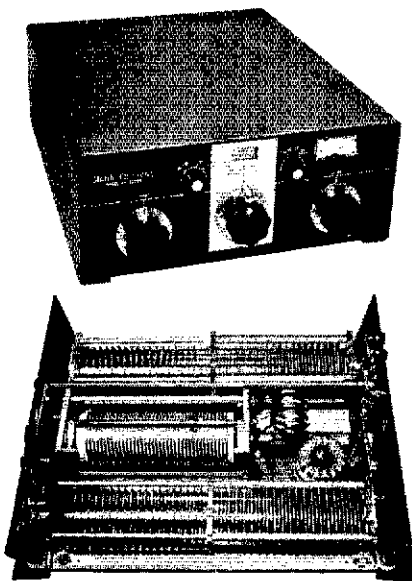
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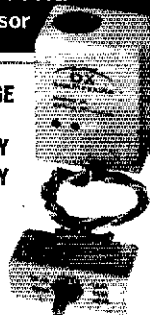
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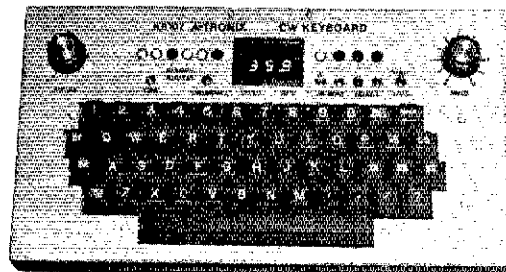
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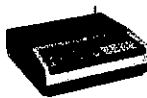
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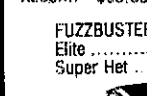
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WYBBSA: SCM, Dick Wunder, WAT7WFC - SEC: W7EIN. The Wyoming Hamfest, at Meadow Lark Lake, was well attended with over 90 at the evening meal Saturday. A good time was had by all and our thanks to the Sheridan Amateur Radio League for putting on a very nice hamfest. The Wyoming YL's have asked to sponsor the 1982 Wyoming Hamfest and it looks like it will be at Meadow Lark Lake again. Congratulations to KA7LEM & KA7LET, new Novices in Cheyenne. W87NHR reports the Wyo. Cowboy Net held 23 sss with 455 QNI & 18 QTC. W47PFC reports the Wyo. Jackalope Net held 24 sss with 407 QNI. Let's advertise the ham classes for this fall. Traffic: WAT7GY 306, W87NHR 163, W9OGH 140.

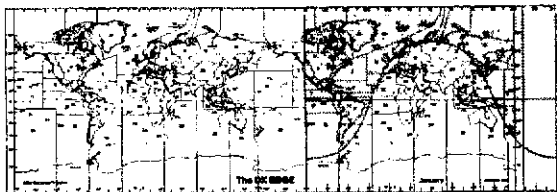
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ALABAMA: SCM, James M. Bonner, K4UMD - SEC: W4IBU. It was a slow month. No severe weather, a few stand-by alerts. AENM, 2468 check-ins, 115 messages in 35 sess. AENB, 238 check-ins, 109 messages in 31 sess. AEND, 178 check-ins, 140 messages, in 29 sess. AENR, six-meter net, (June) 52 check-ins, 1 message. AENJ (June), 176 check-ins, 17 messages, 30 sess. West Ala. Amateur Radio Society (WAARS), now an affiliated club of ARRL, Civilians Schools (ACMARC) has a new van provided by Civil Defense. Local hams equipped it, they are ready for all emergencies. We are nearing our hurricane season, but hope they will need it. The big news of HARC was their first Huntsville Hamfest, it was a great success. The club did a fine job, more details next issue. It seems a few are bringing six meters into use - check in 50.4 Sunday 9 P.M. local. They will make you a SMART - Six-Meter Amateur Radio Turkey. It is good to see the band getting good use. BARC started their Novice thru Advanced classes Sept. 22. Will last 12 weeks at Birmingham Red Cross bldg on Tuesday nites. Ala was 93.0% into DRN5 by W4CK5, W4IBU and K4AK1. Ala. 100% into CANB with W4CK5, AENR, K4CNI. It's participation so please check-in to these nets. Traffic: (July) W4AJDH 915, W4CK5 156, NO4E 97, W4APIZ 86, W4ALXP 82, K4A0Z 38, K4UMD 31, W4IBU 22, AA4J 19, W4ATY 15, W4DADI 13, W4ARNX 11, W4ARMP 10, KC4GS 4, K4HUX 4, (June) NO4E 64, W4IBU 38, W4AJPK 24, W4AZP 18, W4EKJ 8.

GEORGIA: SCM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL - ASCM/SEC: K4VHC. ASECINVOAD: W4AUPP, STM: W4WXA. Chief OBS: W4BIA. Conyers ARG, IBM RC & John Ross ARC new ARRL club affiliates. Atlanta area hams again did FB job with Peachtree Road Race & "Salute to America" parade. Warner Robins on the 17th & 18th & Savannah on the 24th & 25th are the two section hamfests this month. Both need your support. Colquitt County Novice class in full swing. Central GA ARC busy with many public service events. Columbus ARC elected the following 1981-82 officers: WD4CCE, pres; K4RHU, v.p.; K4ASWL, secy.; KD4NZ, treas.; WD4BEH, act mgr. Atlanta RC's leadership is: W4MRJ, pres.; W4A0AU, v.p.; W4A9P, secy.; KC4BX, treas.; W4ZUE, W4AKWC, activities. K4EV & AA4TT spent the summer in the N.E. Now that the summer season is over, please remember about the need for you to check into our many section nets. S.E. DX club was this year's host for DXPO 81. I hope that by now all who plan to participate in the SET have everything ready to go. Info just received states that we will attend the 7000th Hamfest of the 1981 Atlanta Hamfestival. W4WXA & K4EV are looking for ARN NCSs. Many of you out there more than qualify. Contact either Tom or Steve & volunteer. Winners of the scholarship awards given by the Atlanta RC have been announced. AK2N of Great Neck, NY won the Michael Zuckerman, K4AEJ Memorial award & plans to attend Cornell U. WD4AEI was the recipient of the Clifford Q. Tritcher, W4IO Memorial award and will attend VPI. God luck to both on their education. Albany ARC planning 1982 hamfest and named W4YWP chairman. Current plans are for the month of August. Rait races in Atlanta, Columbus & Savannah were furnished the communications by their local clubs. For an evening of real fun, please & WD4RBP won the Rabbit Hunt. New officers of the Playground ARC (Ft. Walton Beach) are WD4JDU, pres.; N4EZU, v.p.; N4GOC, secy.; KD4NV, treas.; WD4HDT, act mgr.; W4LRC W4RH WD4HDT, trustees. N7SD teaching fall Amateur Radio classes at "Hambone College" in Daytona Beach. RT4Q and N4EBH are looking for 220 MHz RTTY QSOs in Pasco-Hernando Co. area. W4DTV chosen as OARC Ham of the Month for work with ham licensing classes. KD4KU is compiling a list of past presidents of OARC and would appreciate any info. A new rpt in Tallahassee is owned by K4MZA and active on 147.63/0.3 MHz. Vp: W7FR, Sec. Div. Vice Director, spoke to Aug. TARS meeting. New editor of

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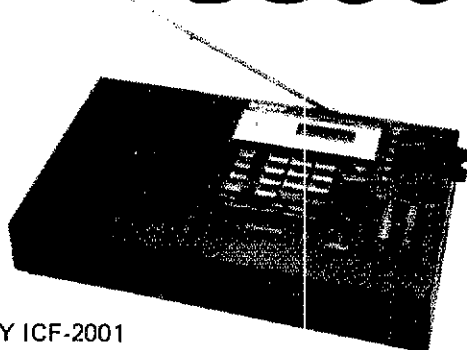
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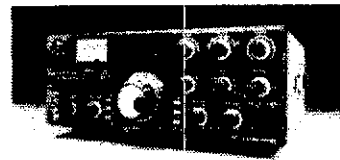
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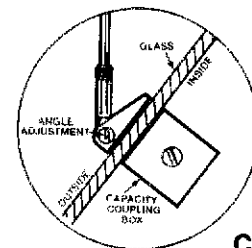
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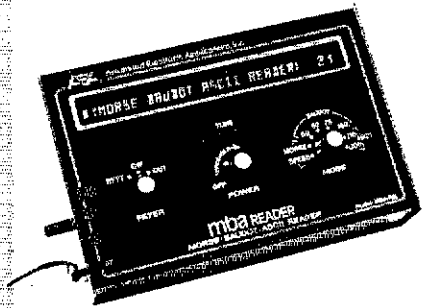
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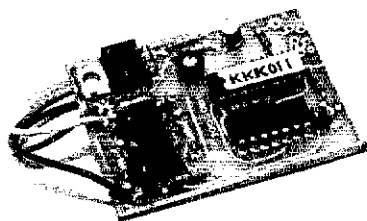
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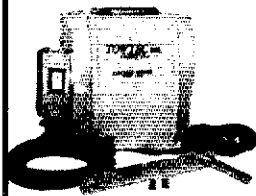
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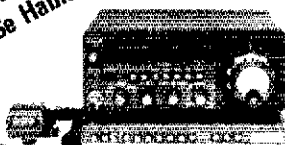
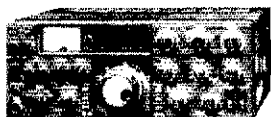
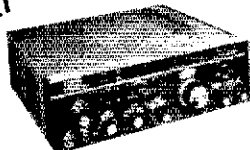
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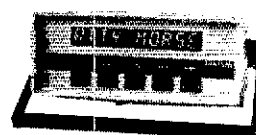
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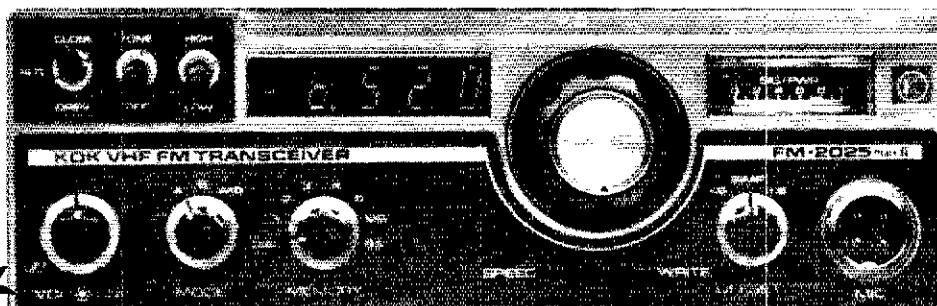
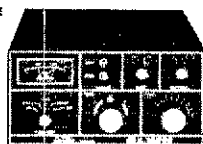


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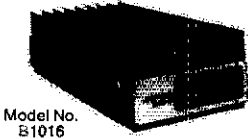
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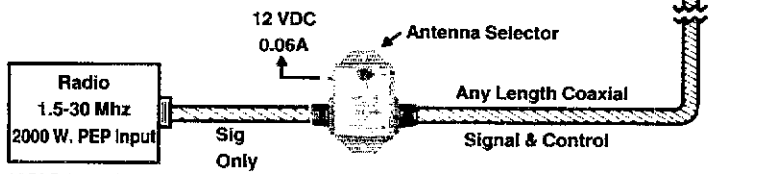
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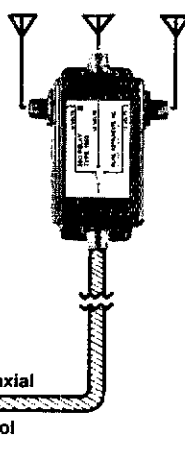
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GCARC Bulletin is KC4CP. In Panama City, PB4BVV KAJJE comm trailer with tower, thanks to WB4VBV KAJJE K4PMO N4CDY WA4ASHN and WD4MAF. The 34/34 rptir there is active again. WD4ASV is moving to Jax from Gainesville and will be replaced by WA4AXJ, as Asst SCM. The SW Florida group is active again. WB4VW and WA4FVD appeared on the air. New and active members are KA4TYF, KA4NSJ & KA4OTG. BARS provided comm for Jax Bch fishing tournament. NOFARS will have new meeting place this month. Active ARRL members are invited to apply for League appts. Traffic: WD4HIF 784, N4PL 974, W4SIZ 252, WA4EYU 207, WD4IO 182, KF4U 143, N4DH 133, WA4OXT 107, WB4TZR 72, WAJL 85, W4BSP 64, W4MGO 58, N4UF 46, N4AXN 32, WB4DTS 27, WA4STZ 27, W3IDO 22, W2QWC 13, WB4GHU 7.

**SOUTHERN FLORIDA:** SCM, Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — Asst SCM: WAKGJ, SEC: AA4WJ, STM: WA4PFK. KB4QW reports he received WAC WAS 5BWR's duties and DXCC. This in addition to all the outstanding work he is doing as EC, public service and public relations with a big picture and write-up in the paper on Amateur Radio in hurricane readiness. Not bad. Wish we have a lot more like you! FMN had another good month, leading all Florida nets in traffic totals as well as check-ins. This in spite of bad band conditions reported by manager, WB4AID. Or is it because generally bad conditions on the evening nets cause more traffic to be routed to the daytime nets? N2WX of Palm Bay reports he is attending college and expects to be in Florida for next 3 years. Nice to have you. He is a real expert cw traffic handler. KC4OT assumes duties as Manager of SWFTN Aug 1st, relieving WA4HXU, who has done an outstanding job of furnishing this excellent 2-meter traffic net in the Fort Myers area. Thanks, and congrats to the new manager, KA4GUS reports the last July session of Dade Emergency Net was a hurricane drill. I hope all the emergency nets, and others as well, are geared up for hurricane emergencies, as it is that time of year. W3TLV reports he is "going north" — didn't say for how long. W4YIT reports Miami Red Cross, K4IWT, getting new equipment and more antennas. W4JM has up a new 80-40 meter trap diode replacing parallel dipoles and is pleased with the results. W3VR reports TENTEC Hercules amplifier still going fine. K4SCL is moving the kids. Made one trip to Miami to tow trailer full of furniture. Now has to go to Houston, TX hauling a truck-load of household goods. Traffic: W3COL 2884, W3VR 601, WD4COL 517, WB4FVV 488, K4SCL 348, WA4PFK 315, K4ZK 219, WD4AWN 194, NC4H 189, W4GPL 156, KA4LNA 125, WB4AID 124, K4EUK 99, KA4ASZ 98, KE4O 93, W3TLV 90, WB4PIB 76, W4DVO 71, WA4EIC 65, WB4WYG 59, KD4DC 48, WA4GYR 42, WB4SNX 39, N2WX 38, NJ4O 33, K5IHH 32, WB4GCK 31, W4IYT 26, W4ESH 21, KA4BBA 18, WB8VLR 5, W8BZY 3, KM4G 3.

**WEST INDIES:** SCM, Julio Negroni, KP4CV — ARES is busily reorganizing under SEC KP4CV and getting ready for next SET. New ARES Net meets Tuesdays at 8 P.M. on a Santa Fe repeater (147.6900). Emergency plan is being updated and pushed in a forthcoming edition of ONDA Terrestre, the PRARC Bulletin. A new Notice course is scheduled to start Sept. 1 at the PRARC clubhouse at San Patricio. Classes will be conducted by KP4CA and KP4CV. A new traffic net will soon be started on 80 meters ssb supplementing WINS. BPL: WP4AOH NP4F, PSHR: NP4F 131, WP4AOH 114, NP4D 61. Traffic: WP4AOH 675, NP4F 522, WP4BDS 192, KP4FJB 117, NP4FBT 83, KP4DJ 73.

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ARIZONA: SCM, Erich J. Holzer, N2YQ — STM: W7EP, NM: WA7KQE W7UQQ. Another Ft. Tuthill Hamfest is history now. I would like to congratulate WB7DJT on being selected as Arizona's "Ham of the Year." I enjoyed the many eyeball QSOs at Ft. Tuthill. Thanks to the SW Division Director, W6EJJ, for his presentation at the hamfest. New field organization appointees: W7LUX OO, OVS and WA7NXL ORS, OBS. I regret to report the following Silent Keys: W3UCY KA7DLY and WN7ZPF (all via Superstition ARC). WB7CRK is NCS for Slow Speed Net (cw) held on Sundays at 1800 MST on 3.735 MHz. This net is a good place to build up your code speed and get on the air. Try it. New calls: KA7KSL and KA7KTC in Flagstaff, AZ. WA7RFB, KA7RFB and KA7RFB in Tucson. WB7EYU is now N7CKE. KB7NK (ex-WA7NEV) reports he will be home in AZ during the month of November on the way to new QTH in DUT-Land. WA7EI is reported to be planning a trip to Hawaii with his new PCS3000. Still looking for public service communications reports for beefing up this column. I encourage appointees to submit their monthly reports on a regular basis. ATEN: QNI 835, QTC 170, SWN: QNI 207, QTC 156. Traffic: W7EP 111, K7MC 97, K7NTG 80, WA7KGE 74, KB7HA 43, K7JKM 36, W7OIF 20, K7NMQ 10, WA7NXL 9, N7EH 7, WA7UL 4, K7GLA 1.

**LOS ANGELES:** SCM, Stan Broki, N2YQ — ASCM: N8LJK, SEC: WB8FAK, STM: W8NH. A wildfire at Johnstone Peak almost did in the WBORG ATV repeater. Fortunately the only damage was to a telephone pole that held up the antenna, it burned through putting the antenna at a 45 degree angle. The Tri-County ARC proposed at the last Los Angeles Council of Radio Clubs meeting a local area hamfest possibly next spring at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds. All those interested in this proposal please send me a note for forwarding. Other clubs are invited and needed to make this proposal work. OO reports: K8CL 1, WB8YID 3, K4WGW 11, K8KA 80+, Traffic: (July) K6WA 111, WA8OCM 102, N8DZO 63, W8NH 62, K5DY 54, N8PZ 47, KB8OT 39, W8LVO 38, N8BC 20, N8BC 20, N8BC 15, N8E6/8 8, KT8D 4, (July) N8PZ 53, K5DY 48, K8INK 10.

**ORANGE:** SCM, Fred Hepp, WA8WZ — ASCM: WA8WZN, STM: KA8A, SEC: WB8UCB. Get ready for the Simulated Emergency Test (SET) to be held Oct. 17. Contact one of the ECs listed below to find out what you can do. Inyo County: WB8DH, WB8DQ; Orange County: WD8CSL, KA8HVV, W8RE, WA8TLE; Riverside County: N6ANL, W8BAE, WD8DGI, WA8FE, A8I, W8BKOM, AE8N, WA8QMW, WB8VMR, WB8WVP; San Bernardino County: WD8BNG, N8BYX, WB8BZZ, W8GAE, WA8IHK, W8PZD, WB8SEL, K58T, WA8ZVS, W8ZZZ, WB8DH is EC for South Inyo Co. while WB8D continues as OO. The grand opening activities of Yucca Valley Park were supported by ARES members. WB8PWP, N8PWP, N8PWP, WA8WV, WA8WGW, W8SJJ, WB8PWP, W8AUY, W8AEBK, WB8ADL, K8AHK headed by EC WB8BZZ. New officers for Golden Bear ARN (id 7 P.M. 3975 kHz): K8OJJ, pres.; KF8T, v.p.; WA8NQF, secy./treas.; WB8QAK, south dir. The new NCS of the Org Co ARES net (Sun 9 A.M. 3985 kHz) is WA8RVM. Citrus Belt ARC officers: W8HDY, pres.; K8YCI, v.p.; WA8YRF, secy.; W8BQR, treas.; WA8GTB, act. Orange County Contest Society officers: N8PE,



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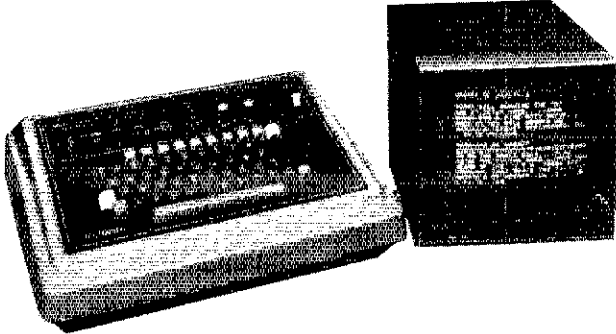


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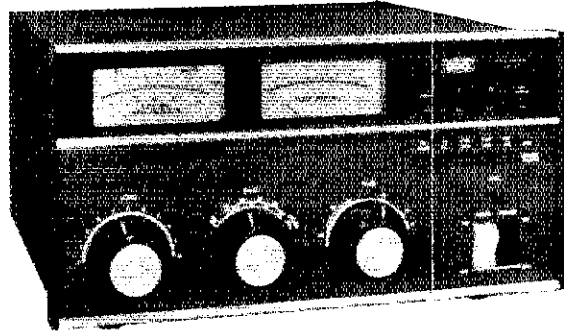


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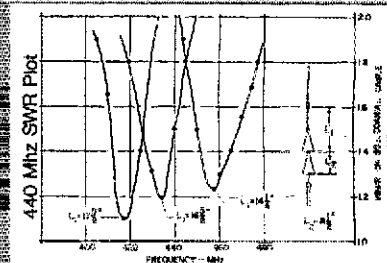
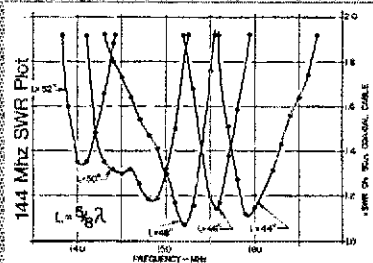
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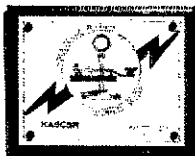
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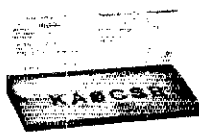
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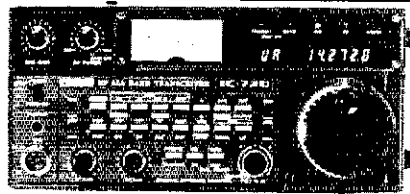
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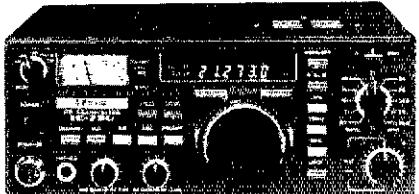
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SCN/1(>20)	3598 kHz	7 P.M. Dy	353	277	K6FI
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**SAN DIEGO:** SCM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — STM: N6GW. Asst. SEC: N6RD, WB6YOU is looking for members for Teenage Amateur Radio Society. Call him at 440-8872 after 1500. New San Diego DX Club officers are: WA6EJL, pres.; W6OGC, v.p.; KM6K, secy./treas. WESTLINK is a news service by and for Amateur Radio. Transmissions are aired as follows in San Diego County:

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**SANTA BARBARA:** SCM, Robert N. Dyruff, W6POU — San Luis Obispo County ARES organized for Diablo Canyon nuclear facility startup. Need for added volunteers not foreseen. SBAR So. County EC, KA6Q, forming emerg. planning unit with area reps. Lompoc requested disaster comm. plan. 37 ARES ops enrolled. AVERT council schedules downed aircraft ELT training with CAP, 4WD, ARES, SBAR Co. County new YL EC, W6BNI, divides area into geog. units and agency reps. WA6ZQJ, NTS rep. KA6EUS NTS liaison. Recent Gamba Fire critique had much learned by all. Conejo Valley ARC now at SBS&L Westlake Village. SBARC's bazaar most successful — AB6S chairman, Simi Settlers ARC claims 3864 FD points including 80 mtr. YL station. SBAR County Fair comms provided by No. County ARES. Lompoc hams provided comms. for 100 mile motorcycle rally. SRO performance for WB6ACU's Eagles concert at County Bowl, 25 watts plus 911 autodialer featured on N6CFO/R, 222.58/224.18 SBAR Painted Cave. Hosted: 3D6BJ 3D6AE by W6PN; G6MFB by W6ZRR. Traffic: (July) W6ZRR 108, K6YD 97, W6JGS 69, N6YH 10. (June) N6MA 16.

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**NORTHERN TEXAS:** SCM, Phil Clements, K5PC — Asst SCM: WA5QFD. STM: W5VMP. SEC: W5GPO. NMs: AE5I AA5J KA5IWF WD5JYI. Your SEC and I attended the "Golden Spread Hamfest" in Canyon, Texas; sponsored by the Panhandle ARC of Amarillo. This is the main chance we get to "eyeball QSO" with the panhandle gang each year, and we really look forward to and enjoy the great hospitality. A major ARES meeting was held, and a good turnout of ECs and DECs from the area attended, followed by a Q&A session. W5CBT followed with a fine show-and-tell featuring his super ATV Slow Scan RTTY station. Lots of swapping, 8KYWARN training and the usual socializing... be sure and mark down the first weekend in August and attend next year! ECs — by now you have received your SET Bulletin... it is hoped that all ARES groups will have a planned activity of some kind during the period of Sept. 1-Nov. 30, and describe same on the SET report & send to W5GPO. By having the SET in the fall, it gives us a chance to check out the emergency gear that may have not been used since Field Day, and take advantage of the better WX during this time of year. PSHR: KA5IWF KC5FX KA5AVQ W5VMP and WD5JYI. Traffic: K5BNH 215, WB5OXE 152, WD5JYI 77, W5TI 71, KC5FX 71, N5BT 64, W5VMP 60, KA5AZK 57, W5HMR 40, KA5IWF 40, WA5KHE 40, K5QKM 38, AE5I 37, W5GPO 20, K5PC 19, W5ERT 16, K9MX 12, K5HGX 10, KA5AVQ 9, W5PBN 6, AJ5F 5.

**OKLAHOMA:** SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA5FSN — Asst SCM: Ray Miller, W5REC. Ham Holiday/West Gulf Convention was a rousing success. We were honored by the presence of Mr. Dannels and the members of the Long Range Planning Committee. They added much to the convention. I wish to congratulate K5JB WB5KE N5MS and W5REC for the awards presented to them by Pres. Dannels. They are richly deserved. Next gathering of the clan will be at the Texoma Hamarama in October. New calls in the Woodward area: KA5LTV KA5LTT KA5LTV KA5LTV. Understand they had a "ball" on Field Day. Hope you all got your reports in on time. I am sorry to

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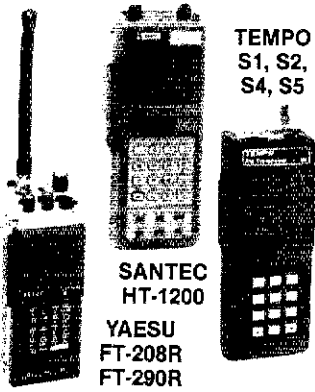
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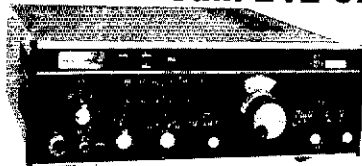
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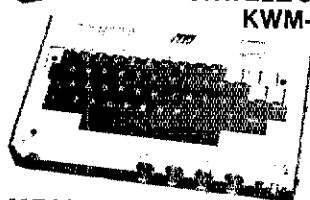
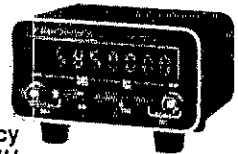


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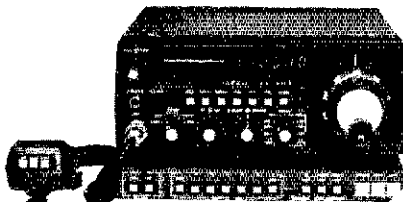
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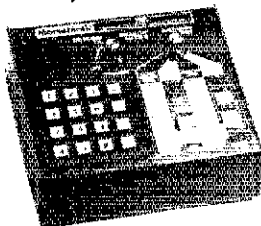
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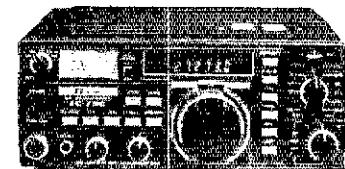
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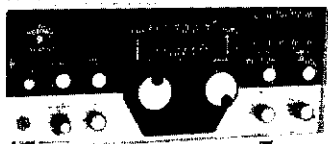
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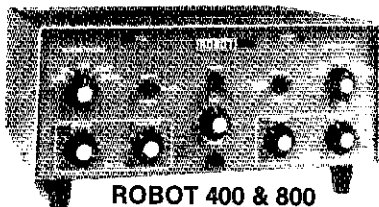
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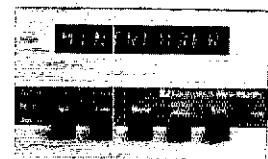


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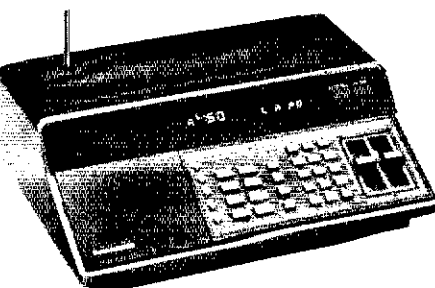
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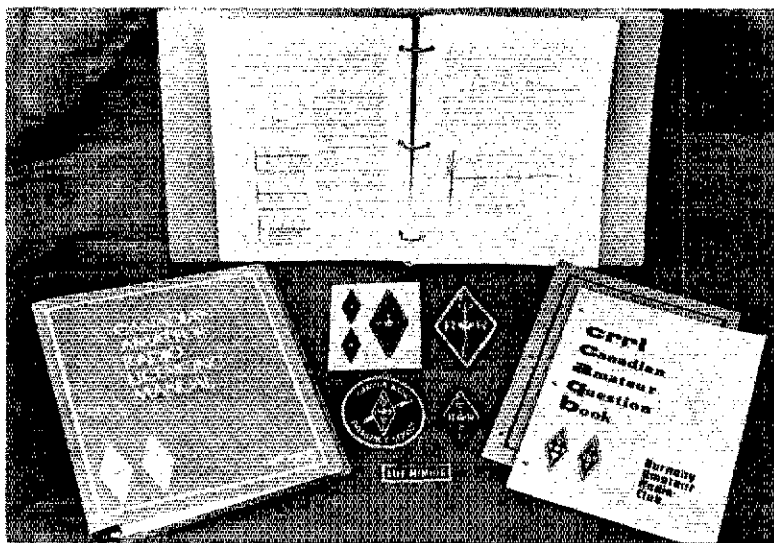


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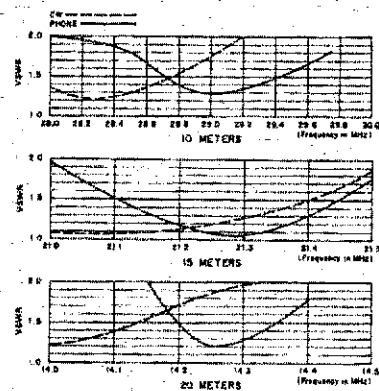
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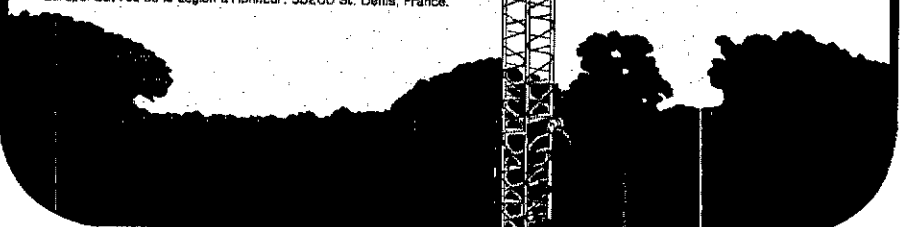
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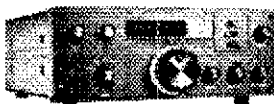
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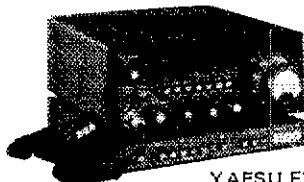
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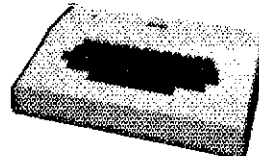
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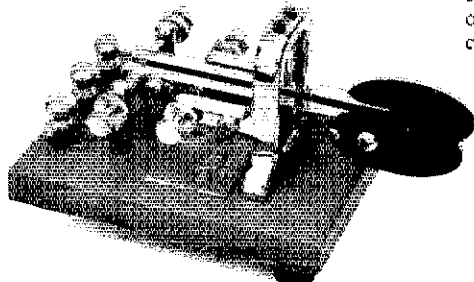


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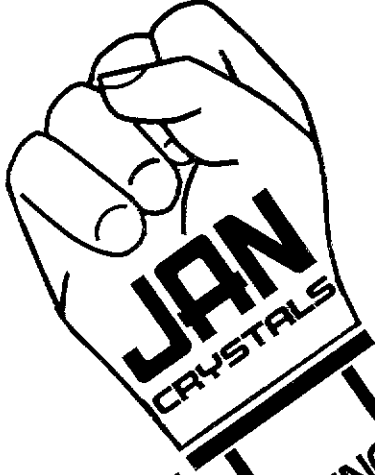
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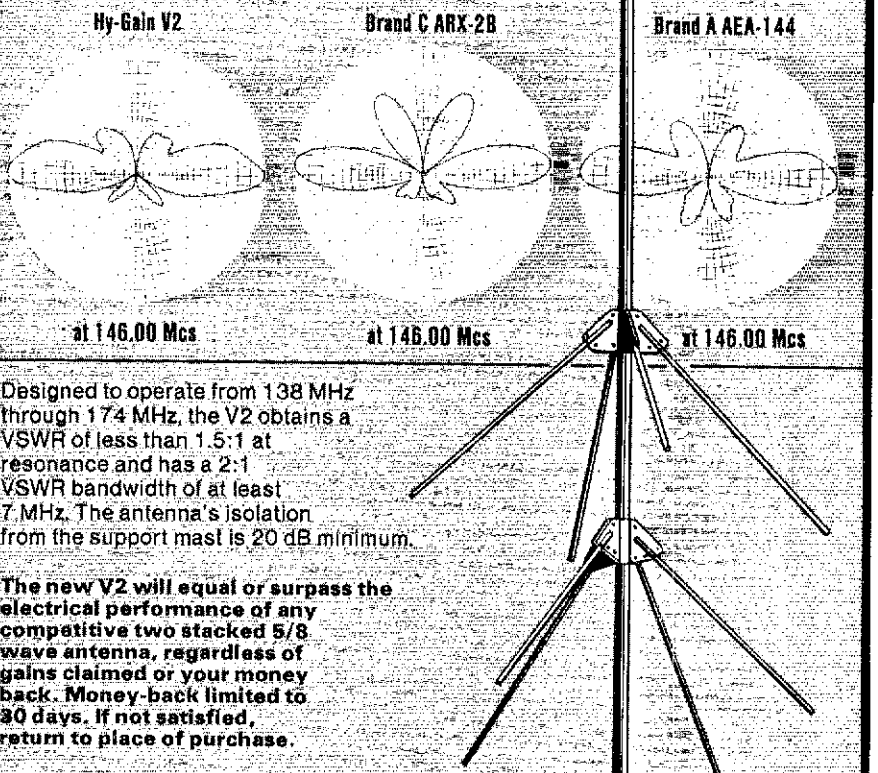
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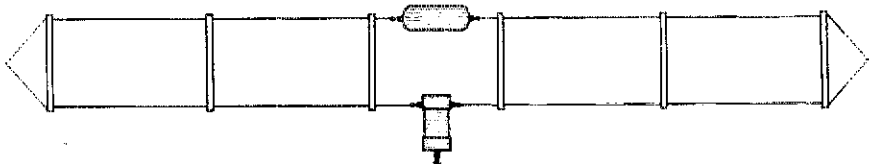
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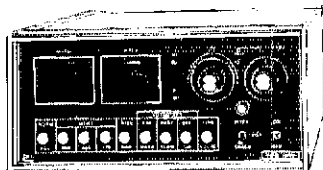
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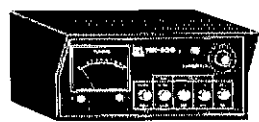
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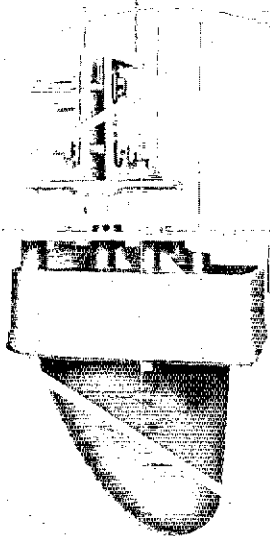
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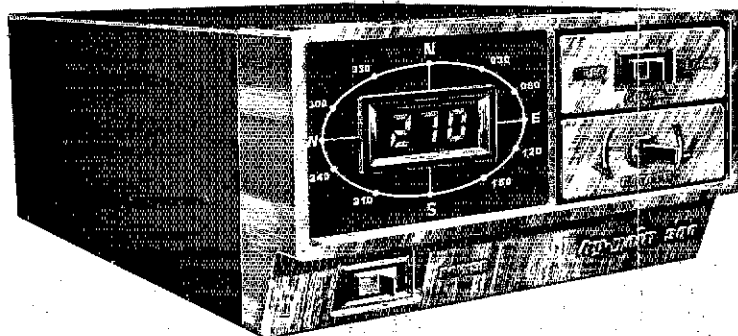
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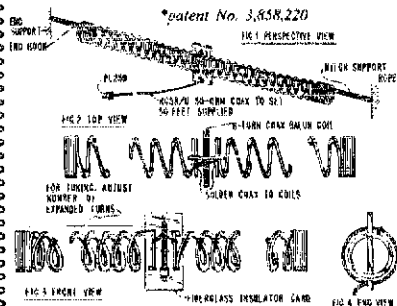
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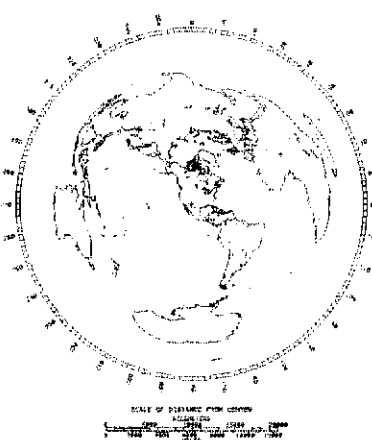
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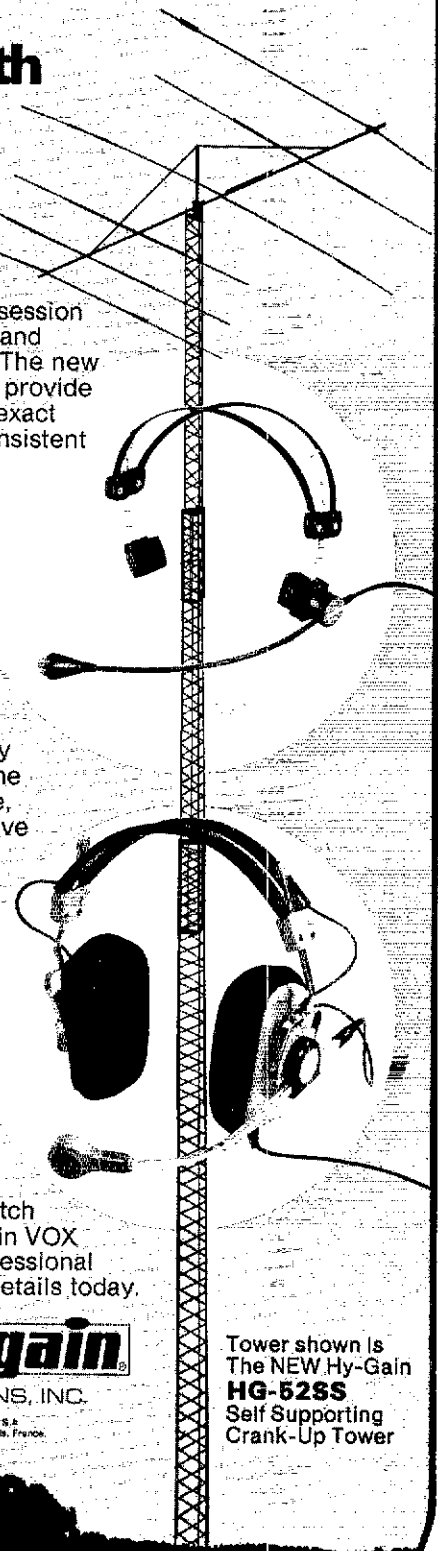
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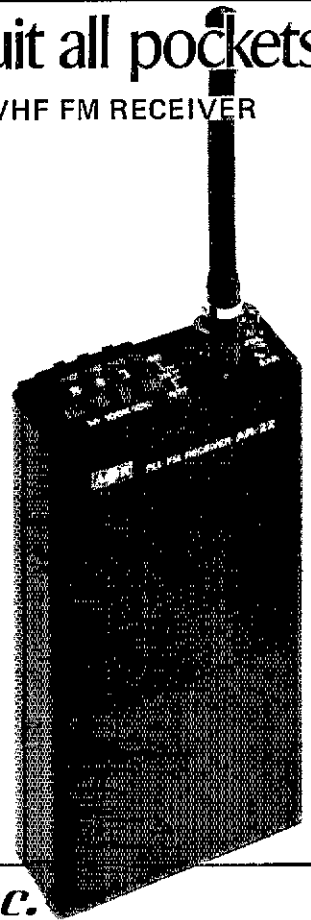
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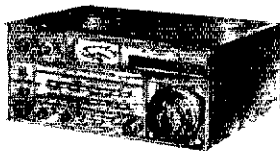
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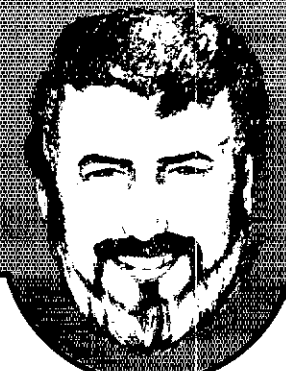
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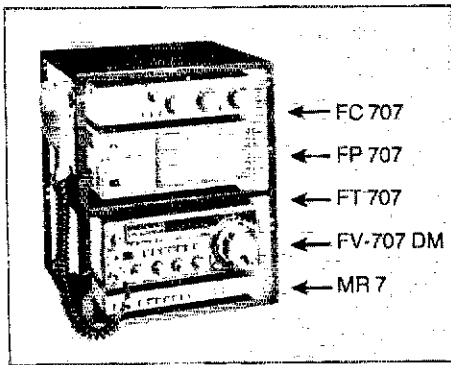
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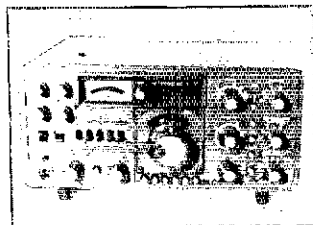
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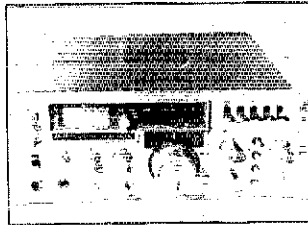
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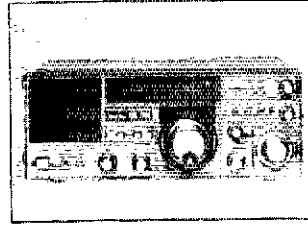
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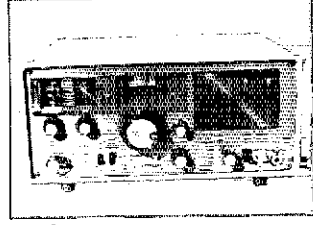
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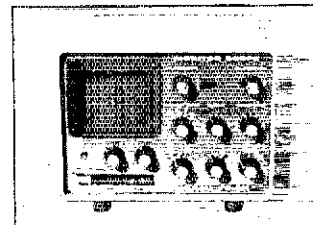
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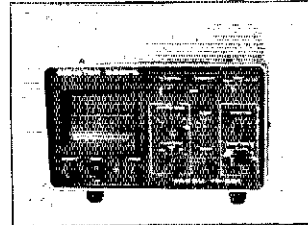
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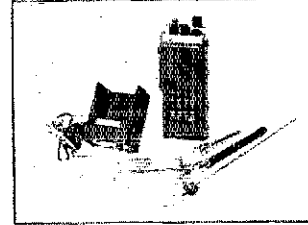
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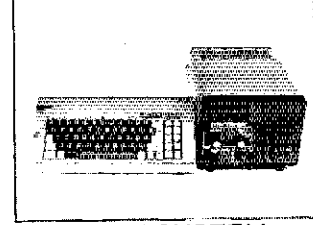
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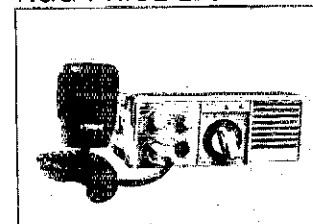
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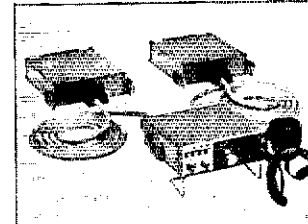
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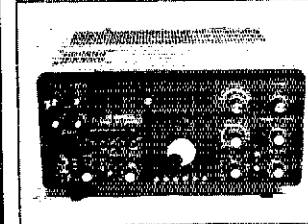
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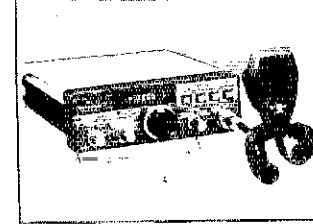
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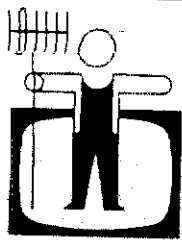


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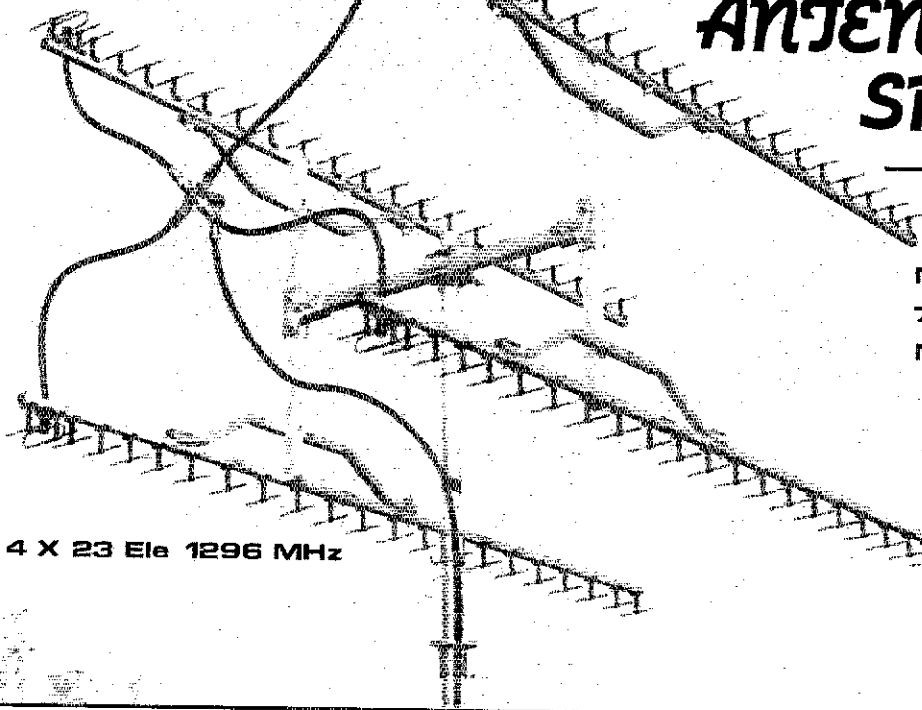
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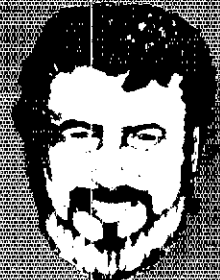
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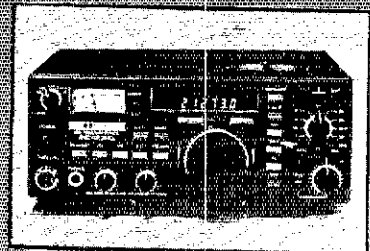


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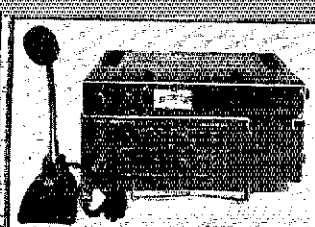
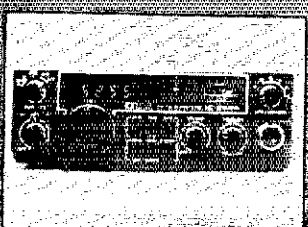
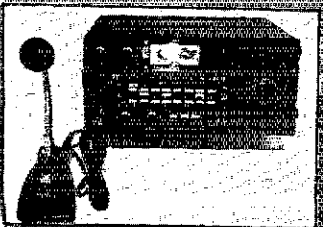
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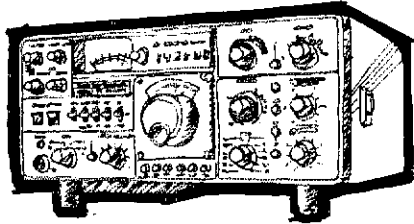
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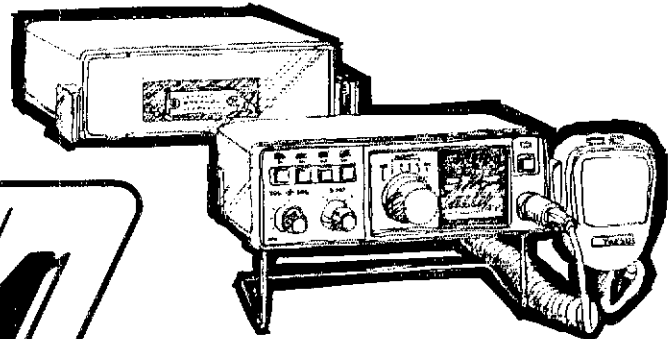
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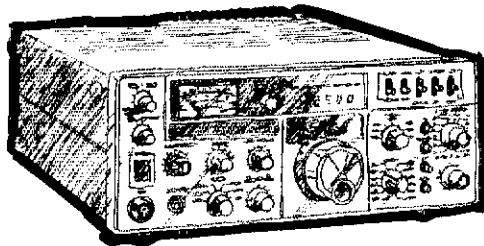
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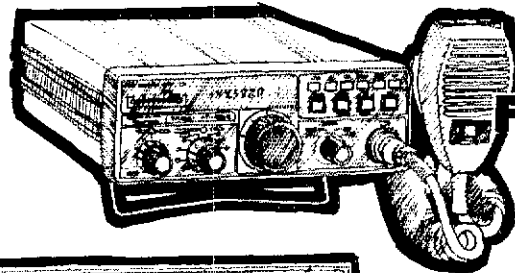
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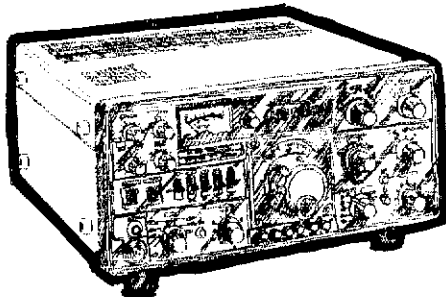
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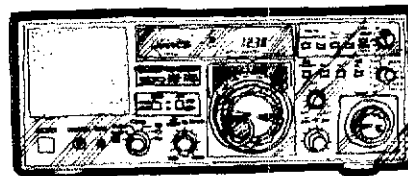
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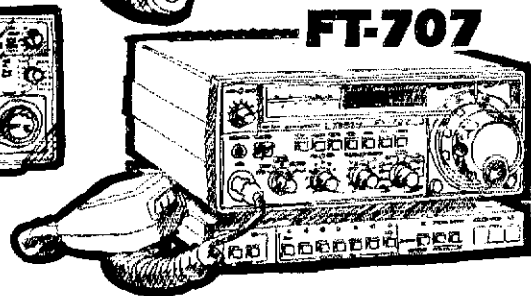
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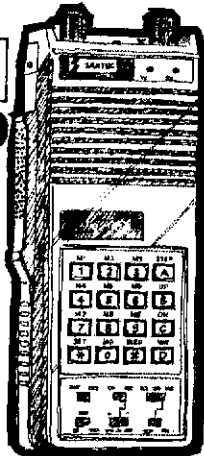
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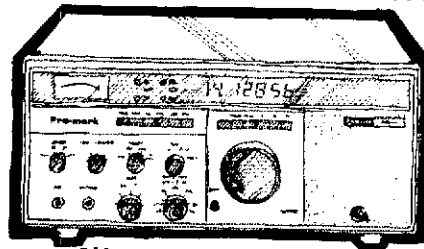
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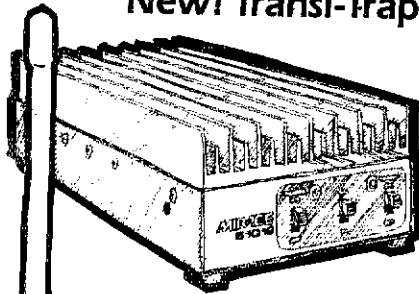


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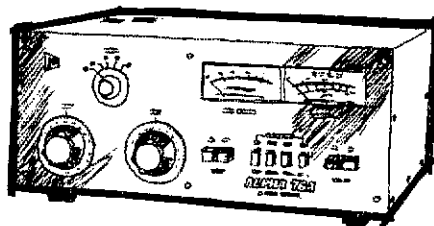


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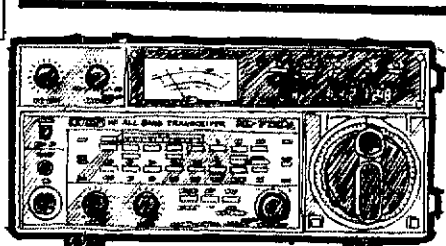


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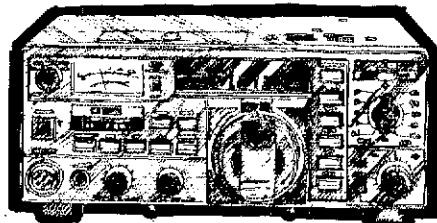
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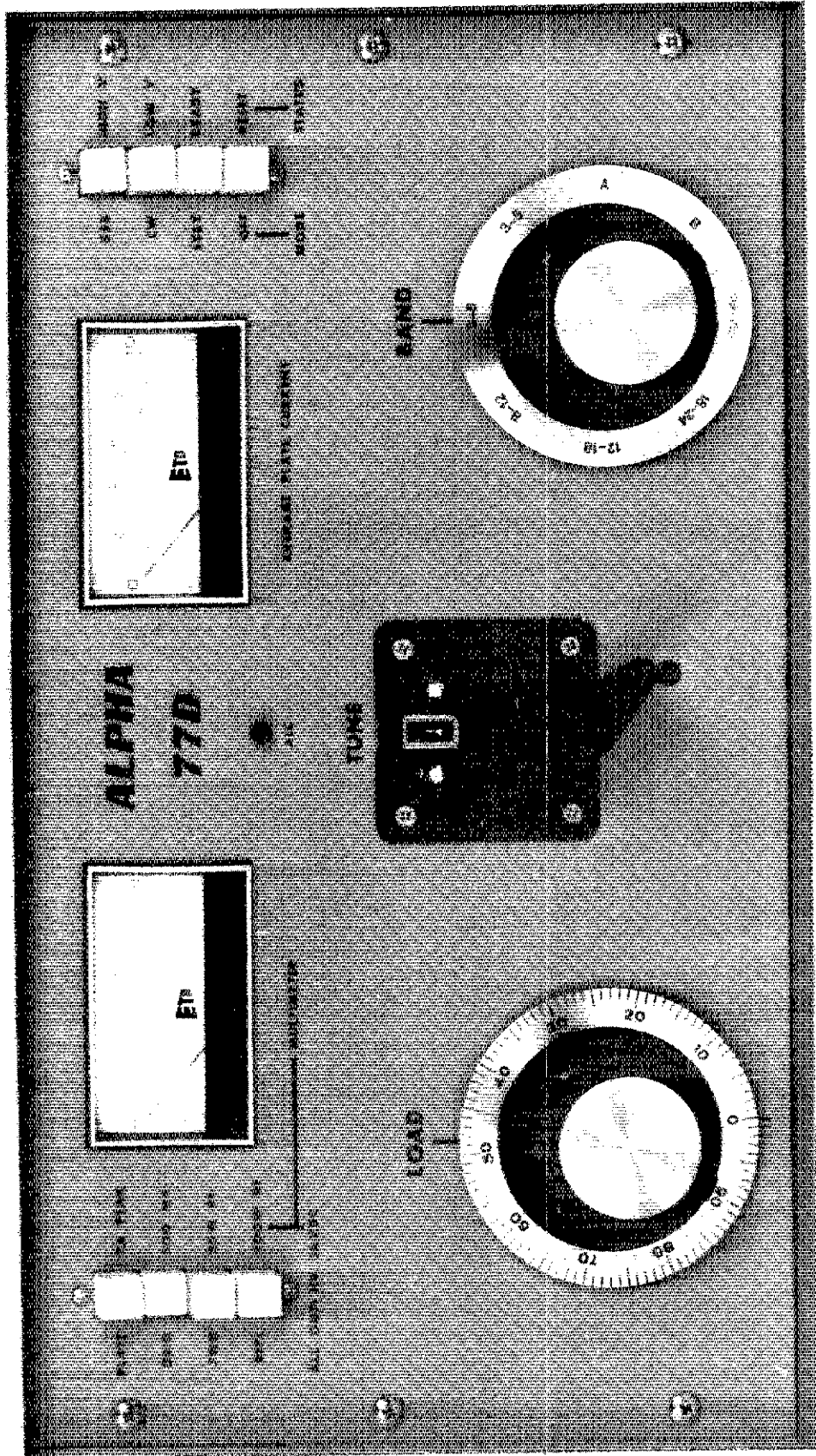
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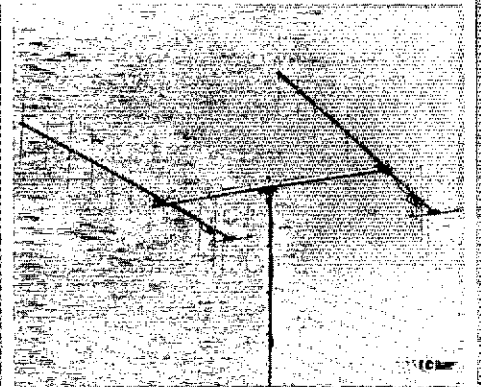
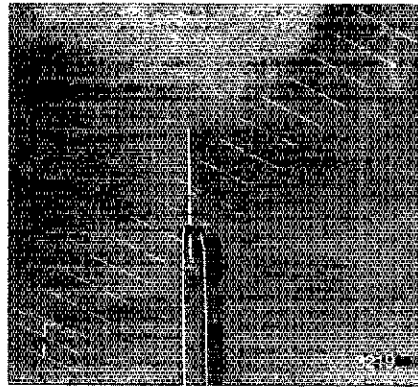
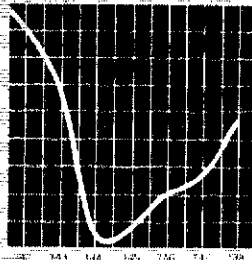
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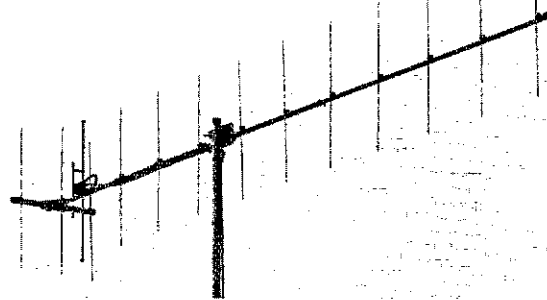
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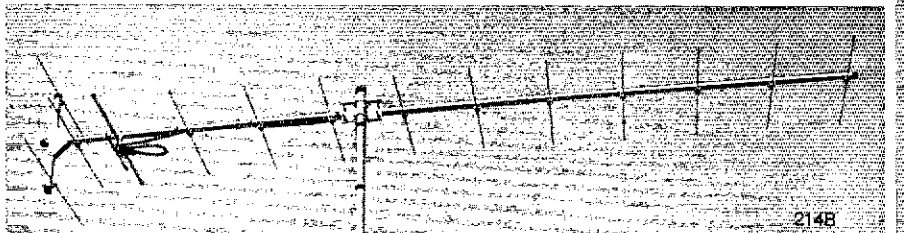


## Specifications

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/width (deg)	2x14	2x17	2x17	2x17	2x19
H-plane B/width (deg)	2x17	2x18	2x18	2x9	NA
Side lobe attenuation (dB)	>80	>60	>60	>60	>60
SWR less than (typ)	1.2:1	1.2:1	1.2:1	1.5:1	1.2:1
Impedance (ohm)	50	50	50	50	50
Recommended stacking distance					
E-plane (ft)	14	10	10	10	NA
H-plane (ft)	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	25	26
(kg)	5.44	3.63	3.63	9.98	11.79
Length (ft)	22	16	16	15	34
(m)	6.71	4.57	4.57	4.57	10.36
Longest element (m)					
(cm)	40%	40%	30%	33%	13%
	102.5	102	100.3	100.3	299
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



214FB



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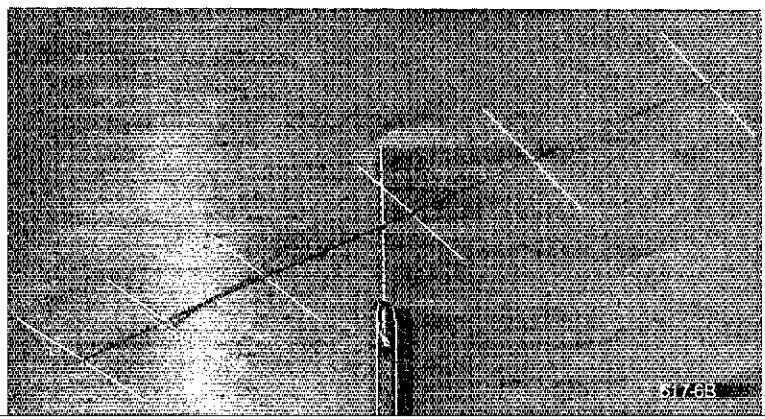
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Front to back ratio (dB)					
E/H plane beamwidth (deg)					
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H-plane	19°	17°	20°	19°	15°
Stacking dist. Vert. (ft)	10	12	34	10	12
(m)	3.05	3.66	10.36	3.05	3.66
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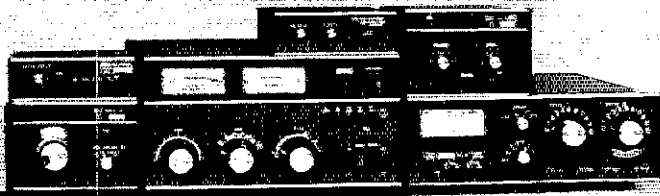
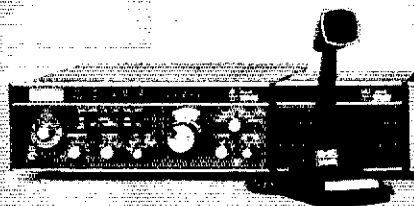
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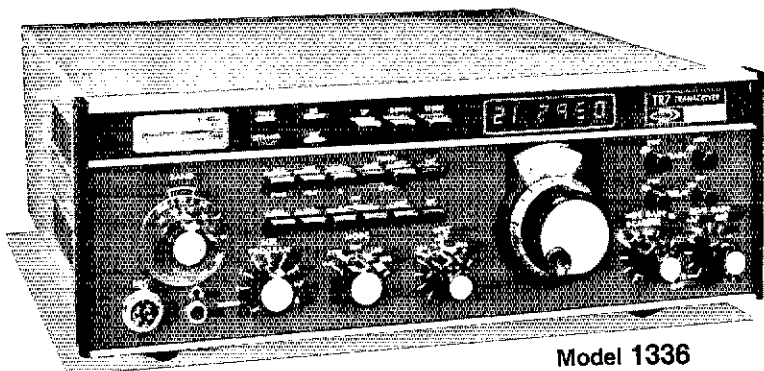




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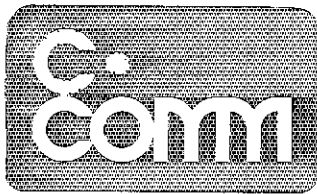
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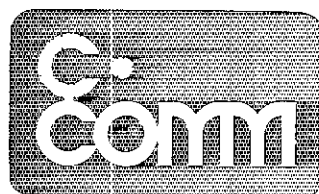
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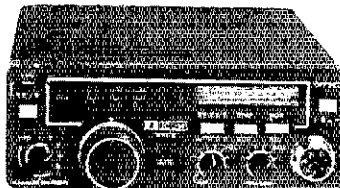
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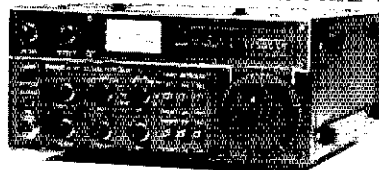
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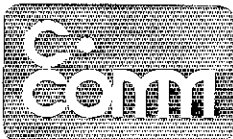
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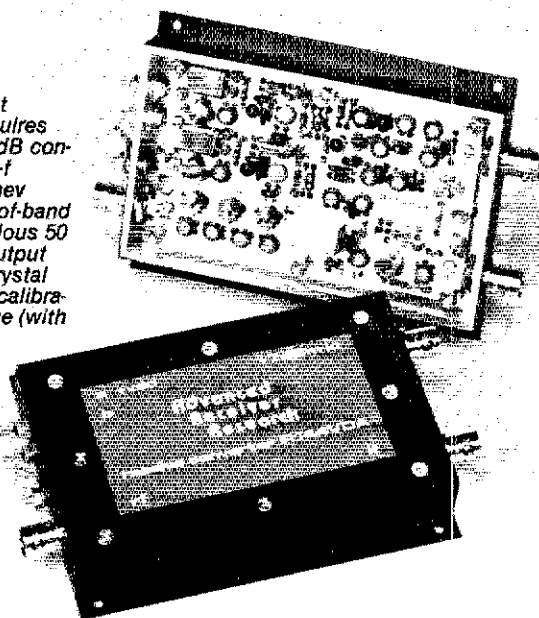


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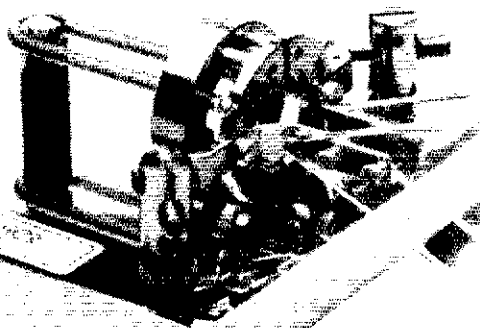


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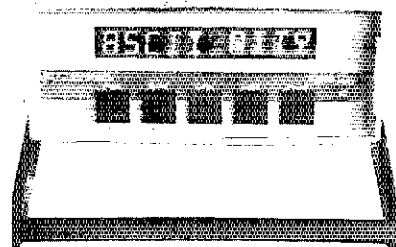
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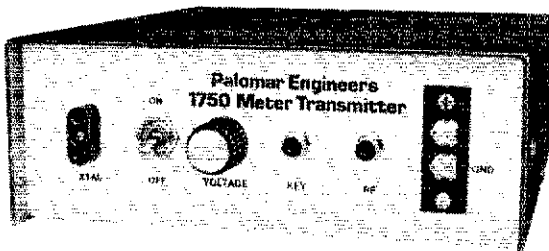
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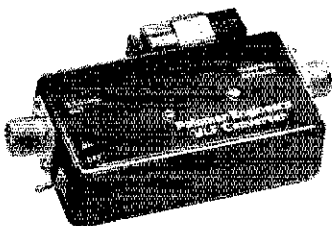
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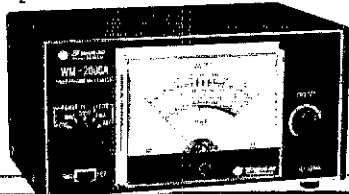
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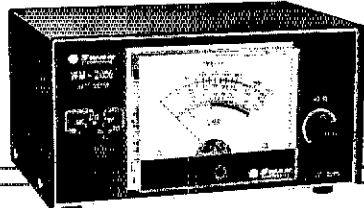
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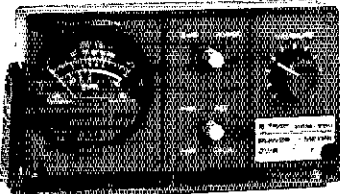
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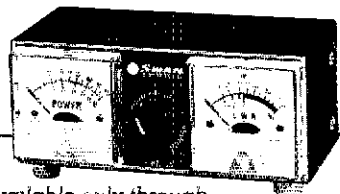
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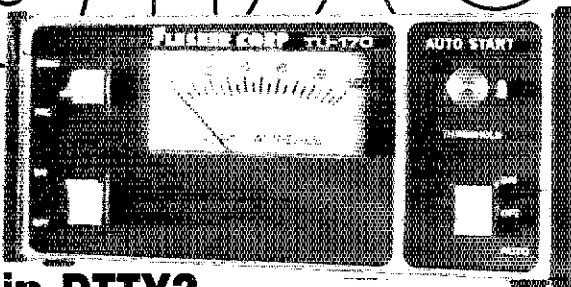
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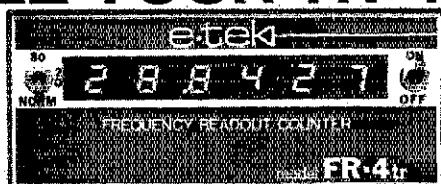
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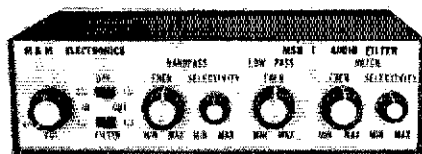
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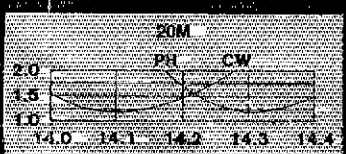
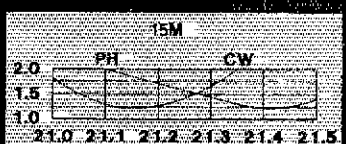
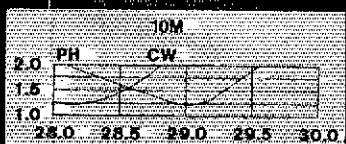
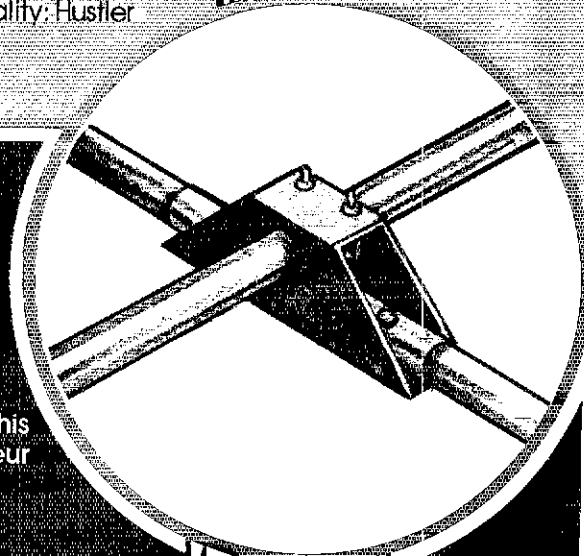
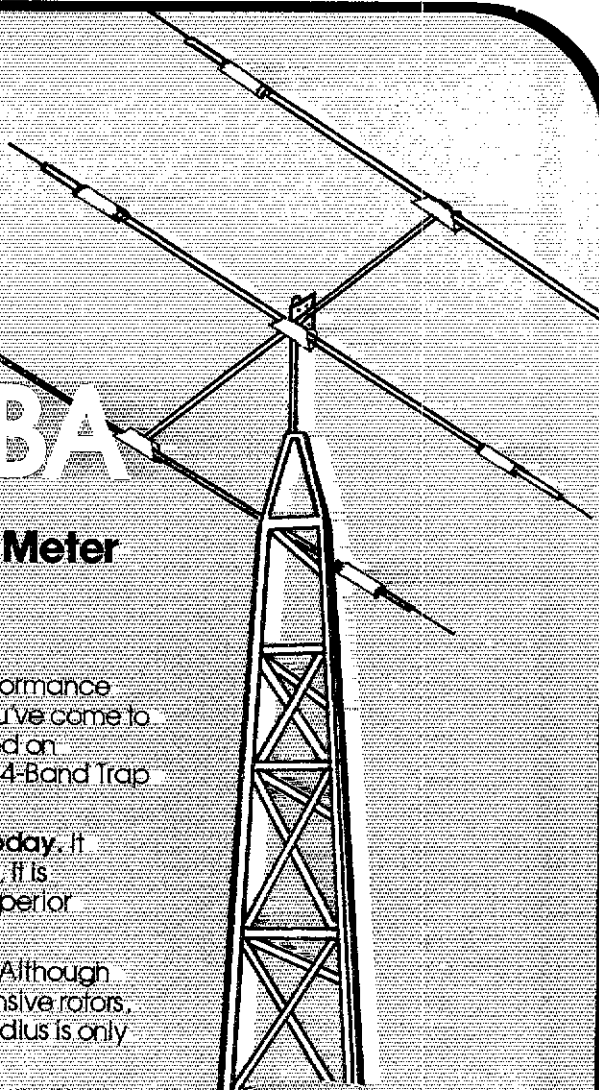
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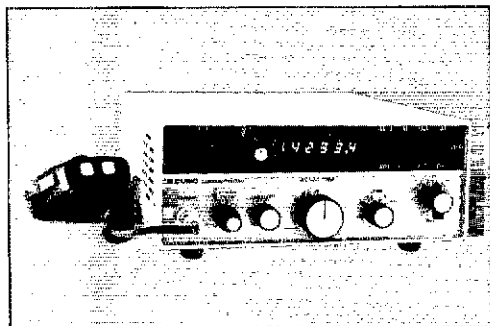
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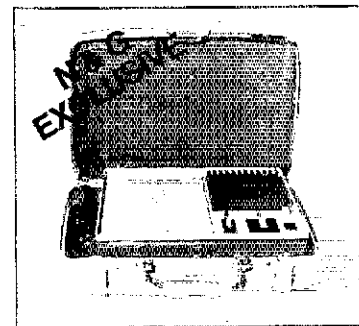
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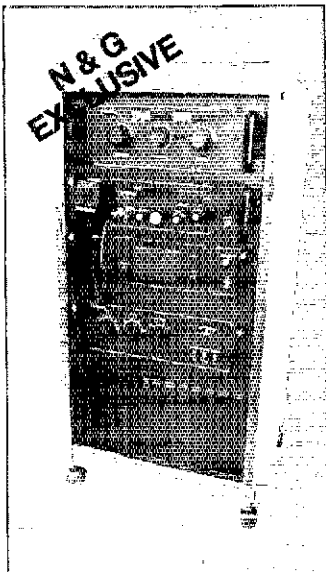
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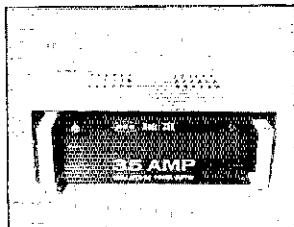


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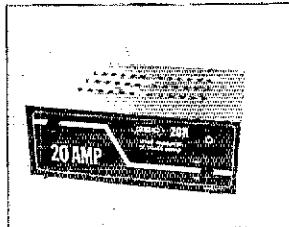


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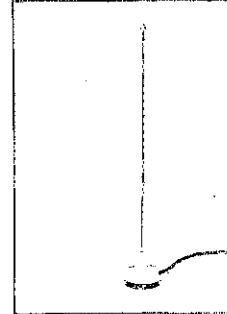
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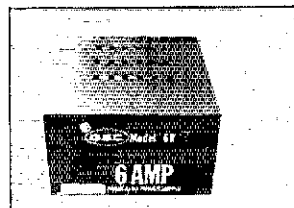
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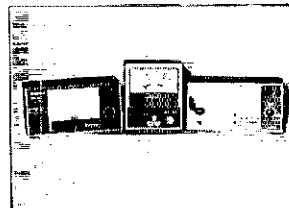
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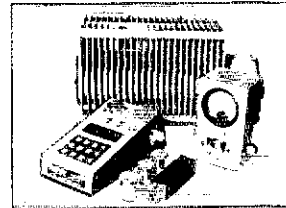
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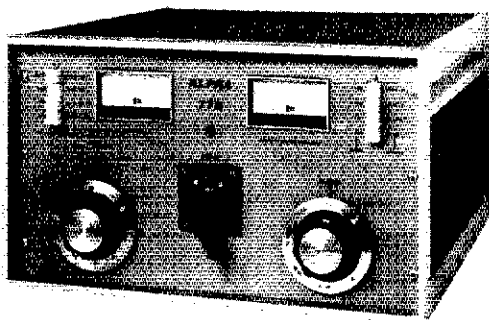
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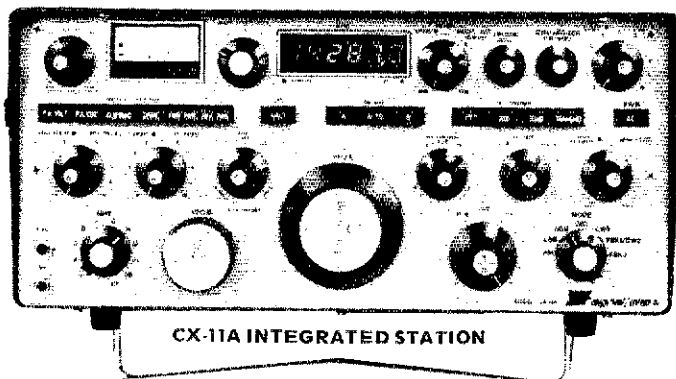
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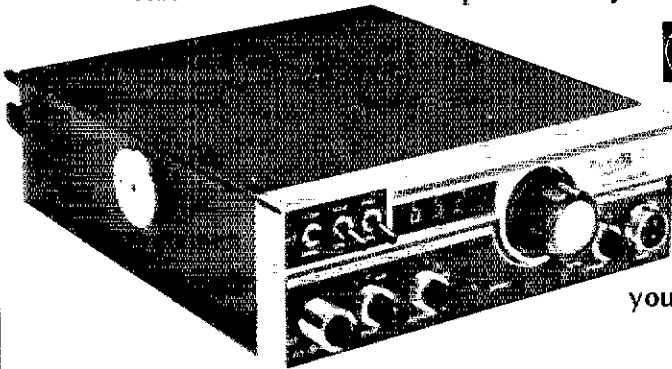
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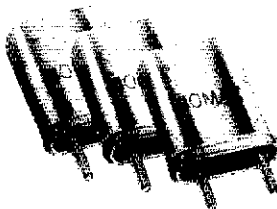
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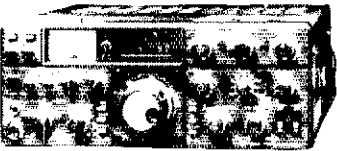
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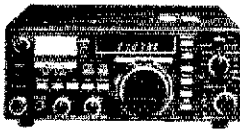


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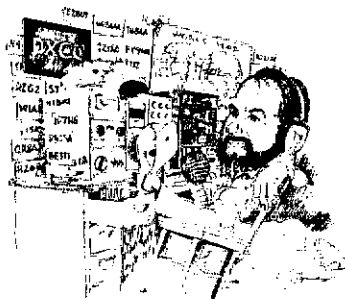
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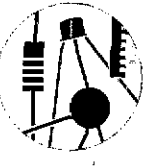
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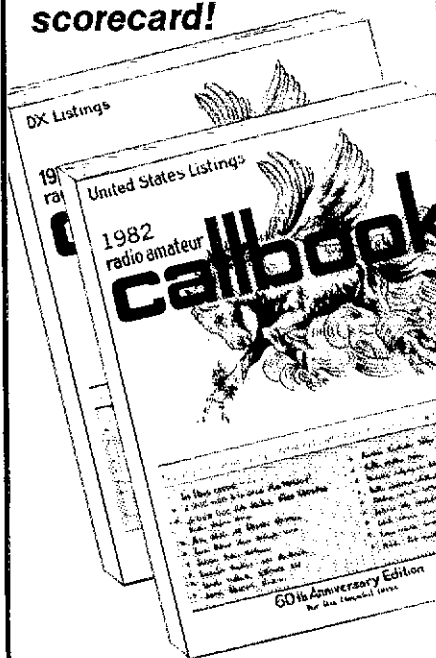
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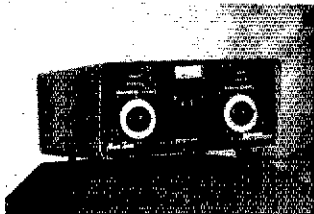
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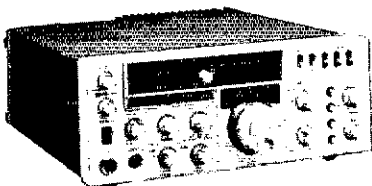
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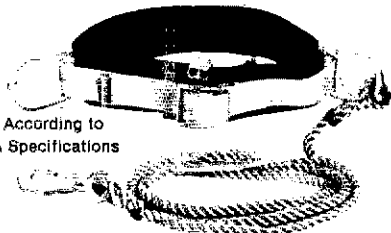
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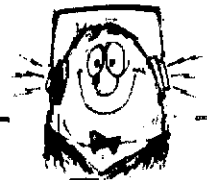
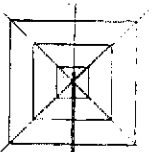
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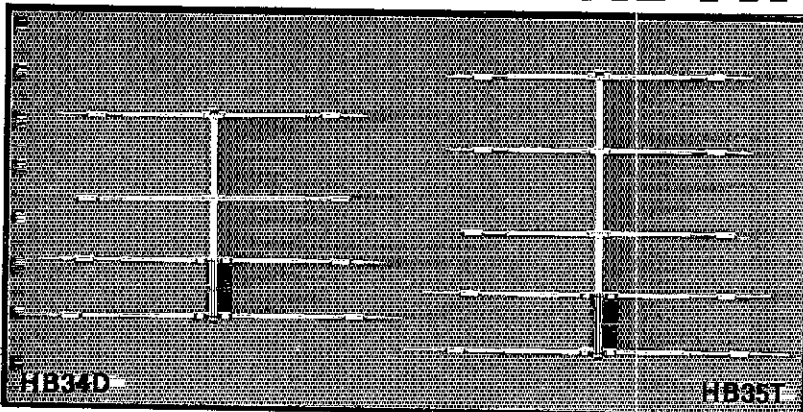
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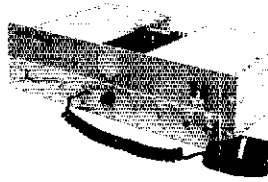
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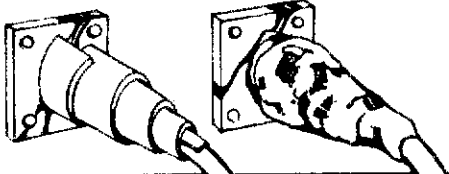
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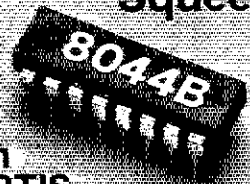
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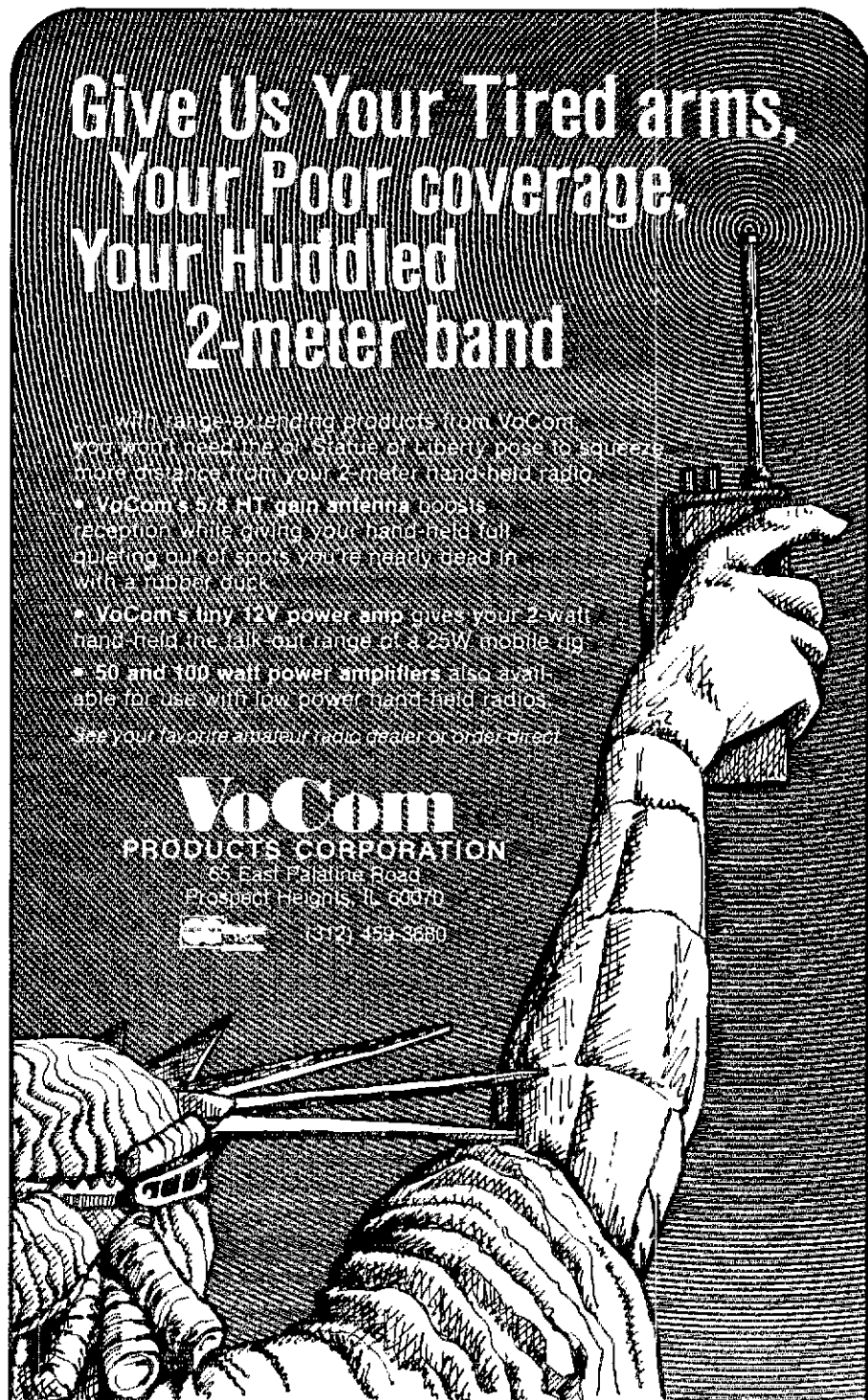
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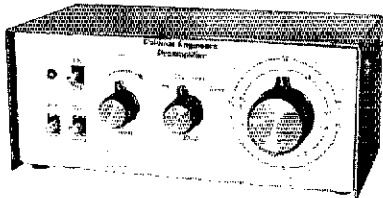
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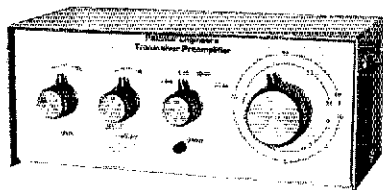
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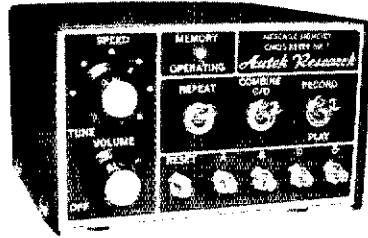
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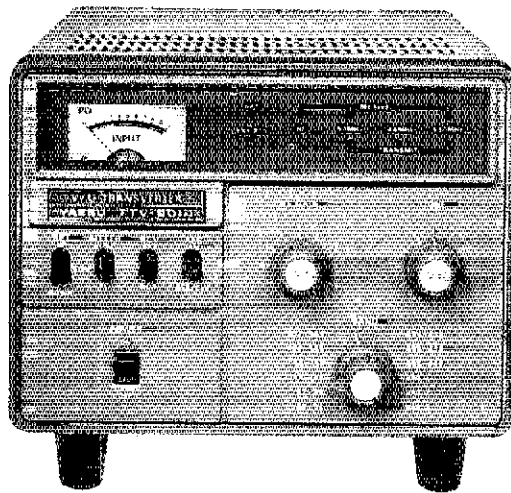
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### Multiband Design Philosophy

The FTV-901R comes equipped for operation on the 144 MHz band, with 50 MHz and 430-440 MHz modules available as options. Power input is 20 watts on all three bands.

### Duplex Satellite Operation

For satellite operators, three satellite bands are provided, allowing full duplex operation through the transverter for downlink monitoring. You can transmit on 2 meters while receiving on 10 meters or 70 cm, or transmit on 70 cm while listening on 2 meters. An external receiver is required (in addition to your FT-901/902DM or FT-101ZD) for duplex operation.

### Rugged, Dependable Construction

The FTV-901R is a futuristic blend of FET, bipolar, and stripline techniques, providing high reliability, consistent power output, good noise figure, and outstanding rejection of spurious responses. And there's attention to the details, like the Type N connector for 430 MHz operation.

### Worldwide Power Capability

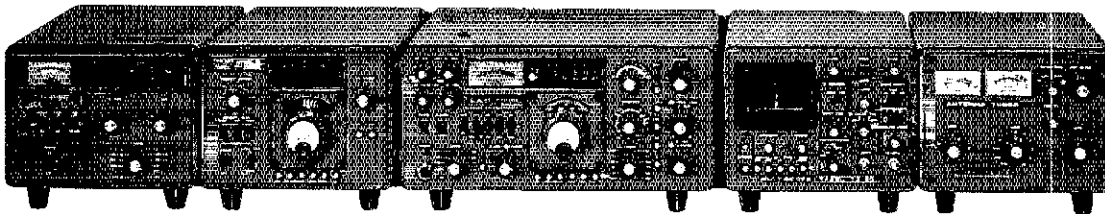
Equipped for operation from supply voltages of 100/110/117/200/220/234 VAC, the FTV-901R won't become obsolete if you move to another country. The transmit drive requirement of 3V RMS at 28-30 MHz makes the FTV-901R compatible with many older Yaesu transmitters.

### Repeater Split Capability

The FTV-901R comes equipped for repeater operation on the 6 and 2 meter bands. For 6 meters, 1 MHz split is provided, while 600 kHz split is provided on 2 meters. Take full advantage of the FM capability on your FT-901/902DM or FM-equipped FT-101ZD Mk III.

### FT-901/902 Line of Accessories

Other high-performance accessories for your FT-901/902DM station include: the FV-901DM Synthesized Scanning VFO; YC-901P Multiscope with Panadapter; and the FC-902 160-10 Meter Antenna Tuner. See your dealer also for details of the YR-901 Code Reader and SP-901P Speaker/Patch.



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## TR-2500

The TR-2500 is a compact 2 meter FM handheld transceiver featuring an LCD readout, 10 channel memory, lithium battery memory back-up, memory scan, programmable automatic band-scan, Hi/Lo power switch and built-in sub-tone encoder.

**Extremely compact size and light weight**

Measures 66 (2-5/8) W x 168 (6-5/8) H x 40 (1-5/8) D, mm (inches). Weighs 540 grams (1.2 lbs) with Ni-Cd pack. (Photo shown, actual size).

**LCD digital frequency readout**

Easy to read in direct sunlight or dark (with lamp switch). Low current drain. Shows frequencies and memory channels, plus four "Arrow" mode indicators.

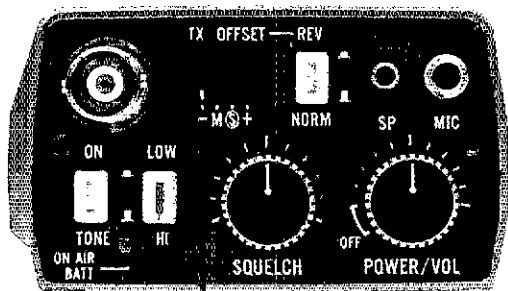
**Ten channel memory**

Nine memories for simplex or  $\pm 600$  KHz offset. "MO" memory for non-standard split frequency repeaters.

**Lithium battery memory back-up**

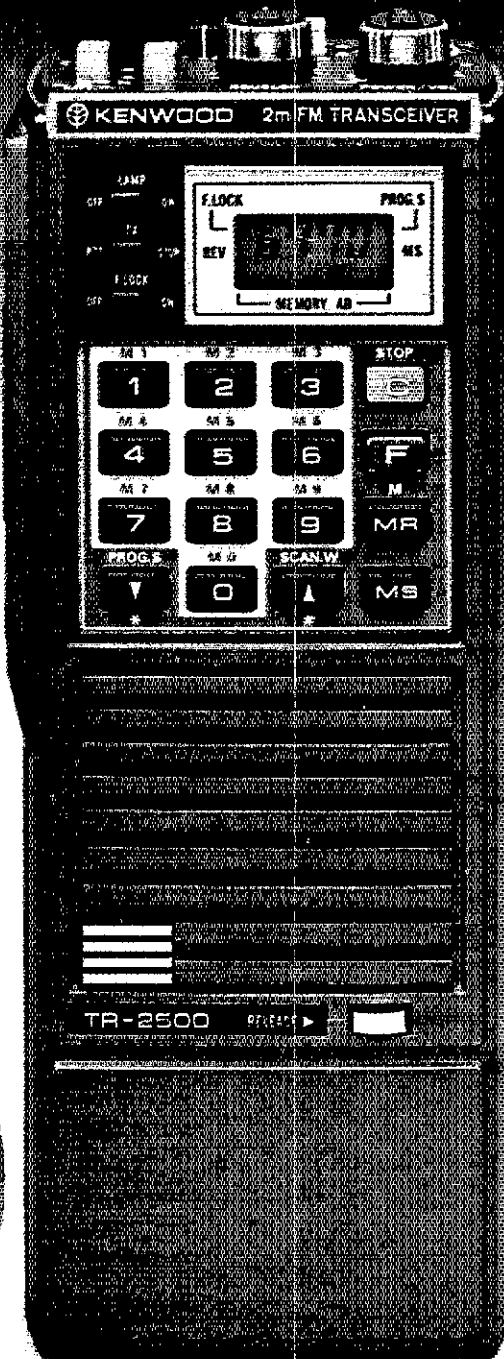
Built-in Lithium battery (estimated 5 year life) maintains memory when Ni-Cd pack is fully discharged or removed.

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**HI/LO power output selection**

Allows operation at 2.5 watts or 300 mw RF output.



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**Programmable automatic band scan**  
Upper and lower frequency limits and scan steps of 5 KHz and larger (5, 10, 15, 20, 30 KHz, etc.) may be programmed. Scan locks on busy channel; resumes approximately 2 seconds after signal ceases.

**UP/DOWN manual scan**  
Up/Down manual scan in 5 KHz steps.

**Built-in tuneable sub-tone encoder**  
Sub-tone encoder, with activate switch, tuneable (variable resistor) to desired CTCSS tone. Optional TU-1 programmable (DIP switch) encoder accessory available.

**Built-in 16 key autopatch encoder**  
16 keys provide telephone dual tone modulation.

**"SLIDE-LOC" battery pack**  
Slides into position, locks into place.

**Reverse operation**  
Shifts receiver to transmit frequency, and transmitter to receive frequency.

**Keyboard frequency selection**  
Sets operation frequency across full range.

**Extended frequency coverage**  
Covers 143.900 to 148.995 MHz in 5 KHz steps.

**Optional power source**  
Using optional MS-1 mobile or ST-2 A charger/power supply, radio may be operated while charging. (Automatic drop-in connections.)

**High impact plastic case**  
Provides extra strength to resist damage.

**Battery status indicator**  
Flashes to indicate low battery charge level.

**Two lock switches**  
Prevent accidental frequency change and accidental transmission.

**Standard accessories included:**

- Flexible rubberized antenna with BNC connector
- 400 mA heavy-duty Ni-Cd battery pack
- AC charger
- Plugs for external microphone and speaker

More information on the TR-2500 is available from all authorized dealers: Trio-Kenwood Communications, 111 West Walnut Street, Compton, California 90220.

**Optional accessories:**

- ST-2 Base station power supply and quick charger (approx. 1 hr)
- MS-1 Mobile stand/charger/supply
- TU-1 Programmable sub-tone (CTCSS) encoder
- SMC-25 Speaker microphone
- LH-2 Deluxe top grain cowhide leather case
- PB-25 Extra Ni-Cd battery pack, 400 mA, heavy duty
- BH-2 Belt hook
- WS-1 Wrist strap
- EP-1 Earphone
- \_\_\_\_\_ RF power amplifier (To be announced later.)

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