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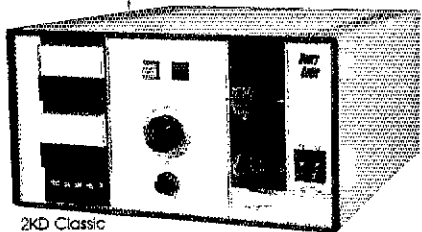


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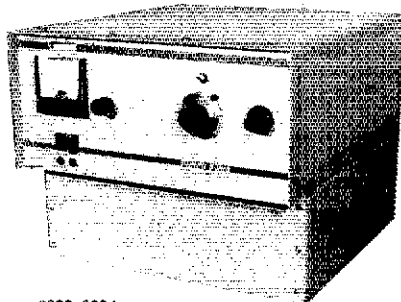
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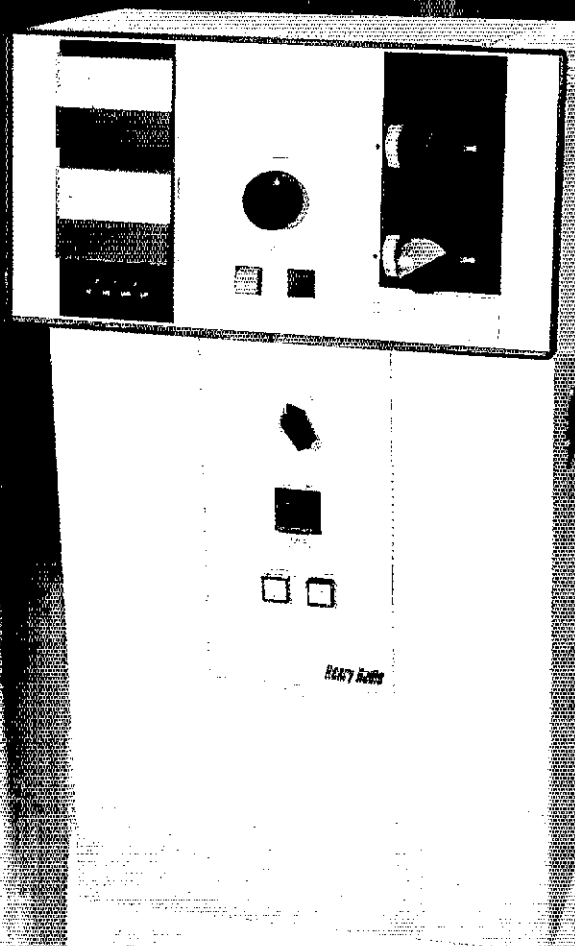
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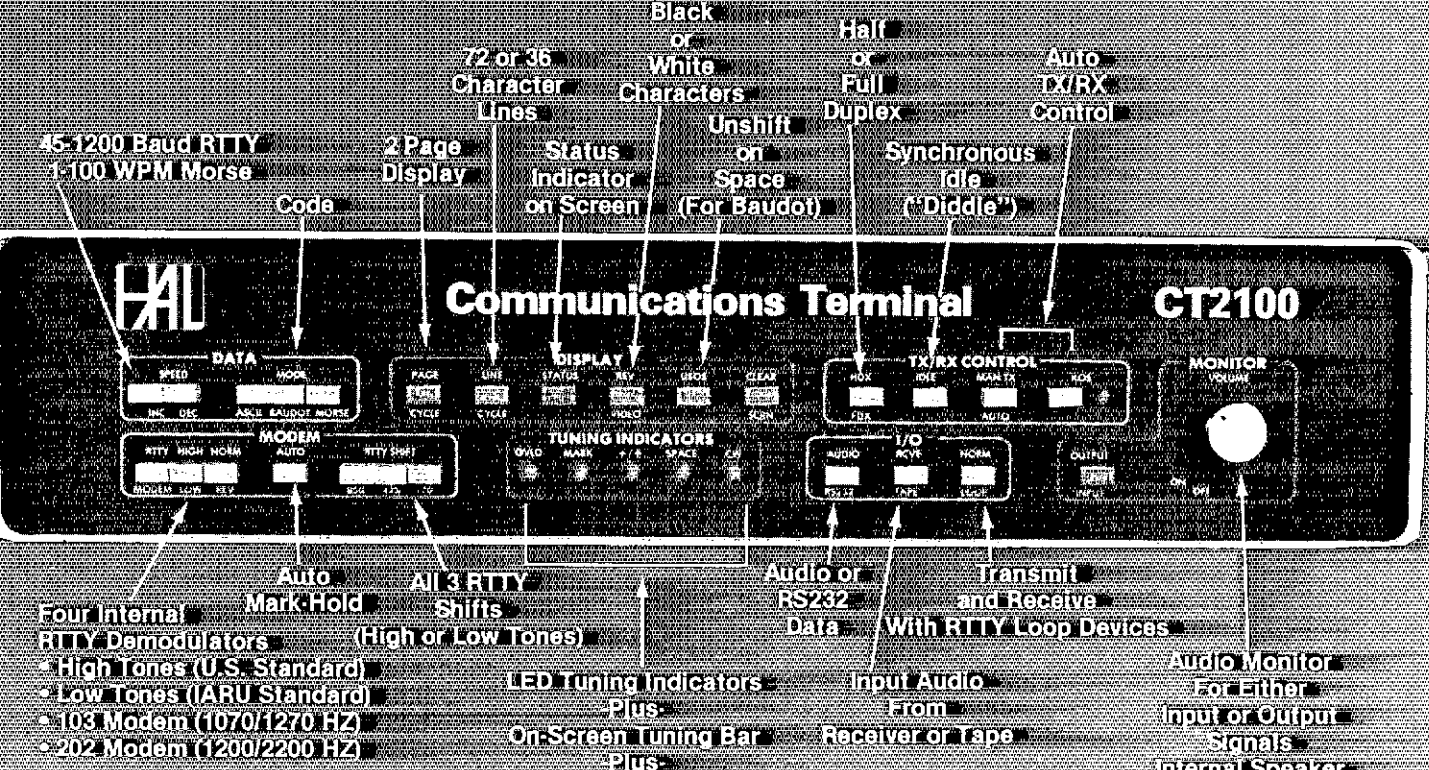
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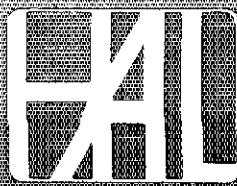
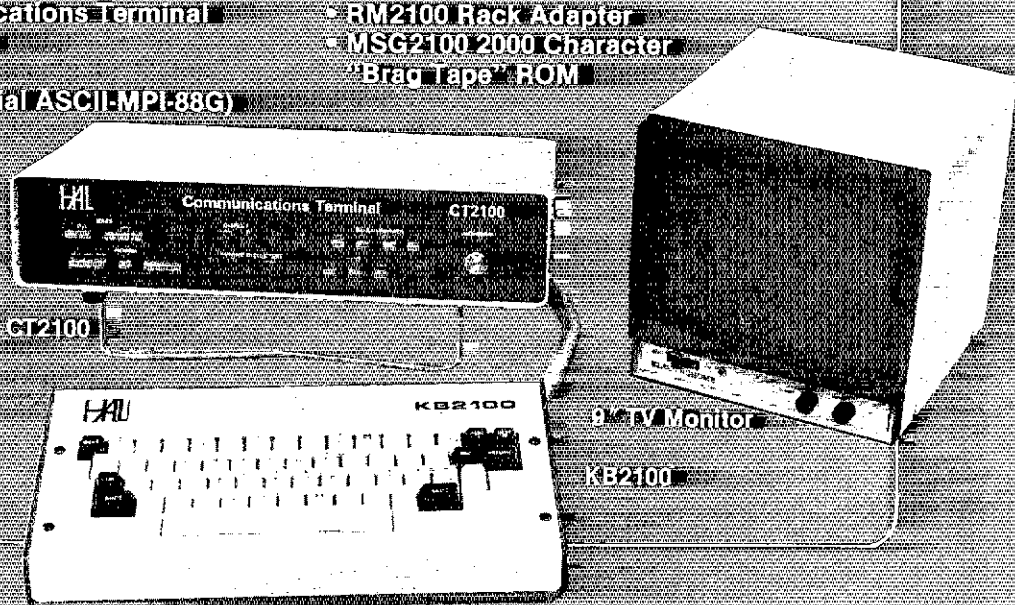
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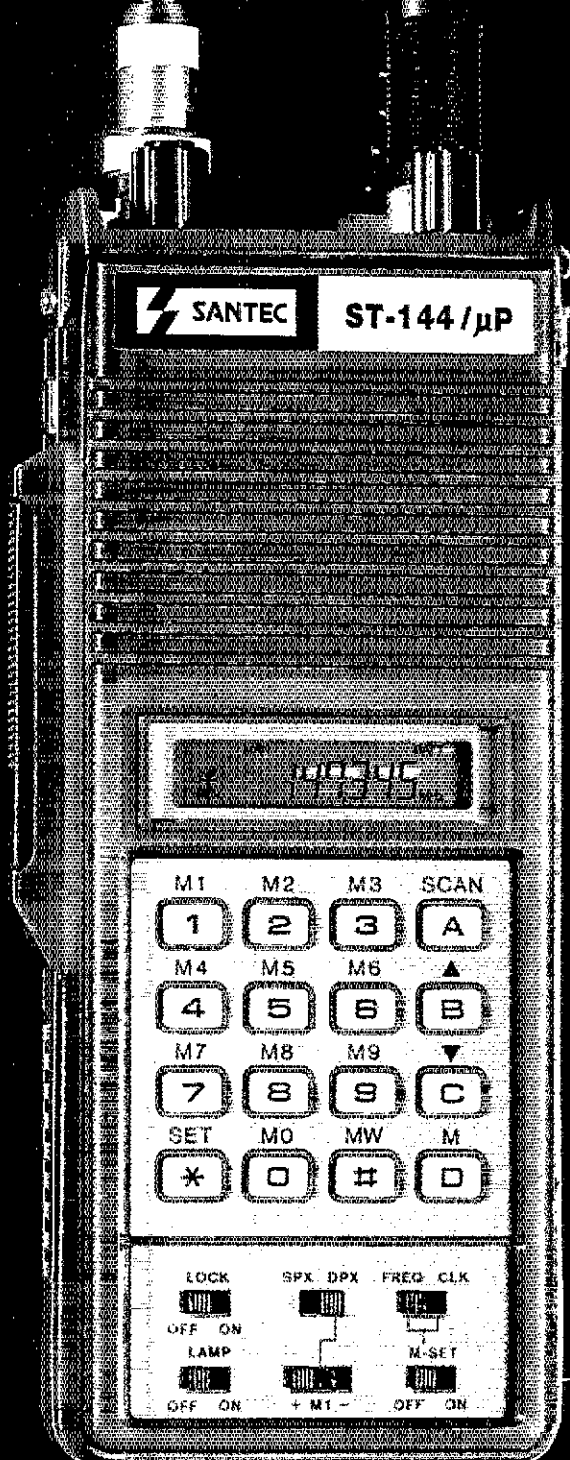
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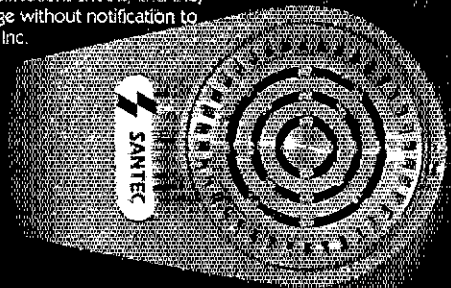
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Memory Channels	10	10	10
Memory of Offsets	YES	NO	NO
Memory Backup	YES, Capacitance	Yes, Lithium Batt.	Yes, Lithium Batt.
Search Mode	YES	NO	NO
Step Size	5-100 kHz	5 or 10 kHz only	5-30 kHz
Battery	Quick Change Pack 500 ma-hr, 9.6 V	Slide-on Pack 450 ma-hr, 10.8 V	Slide-on Pack 400 ma-hr, 8.4 V
Frequency Coverage	142-148.995 Tx (149.995 optional) 142-149.995 Rx	143.5-148.495 Tx/Rx	143.9-148.995 Tx/Rx
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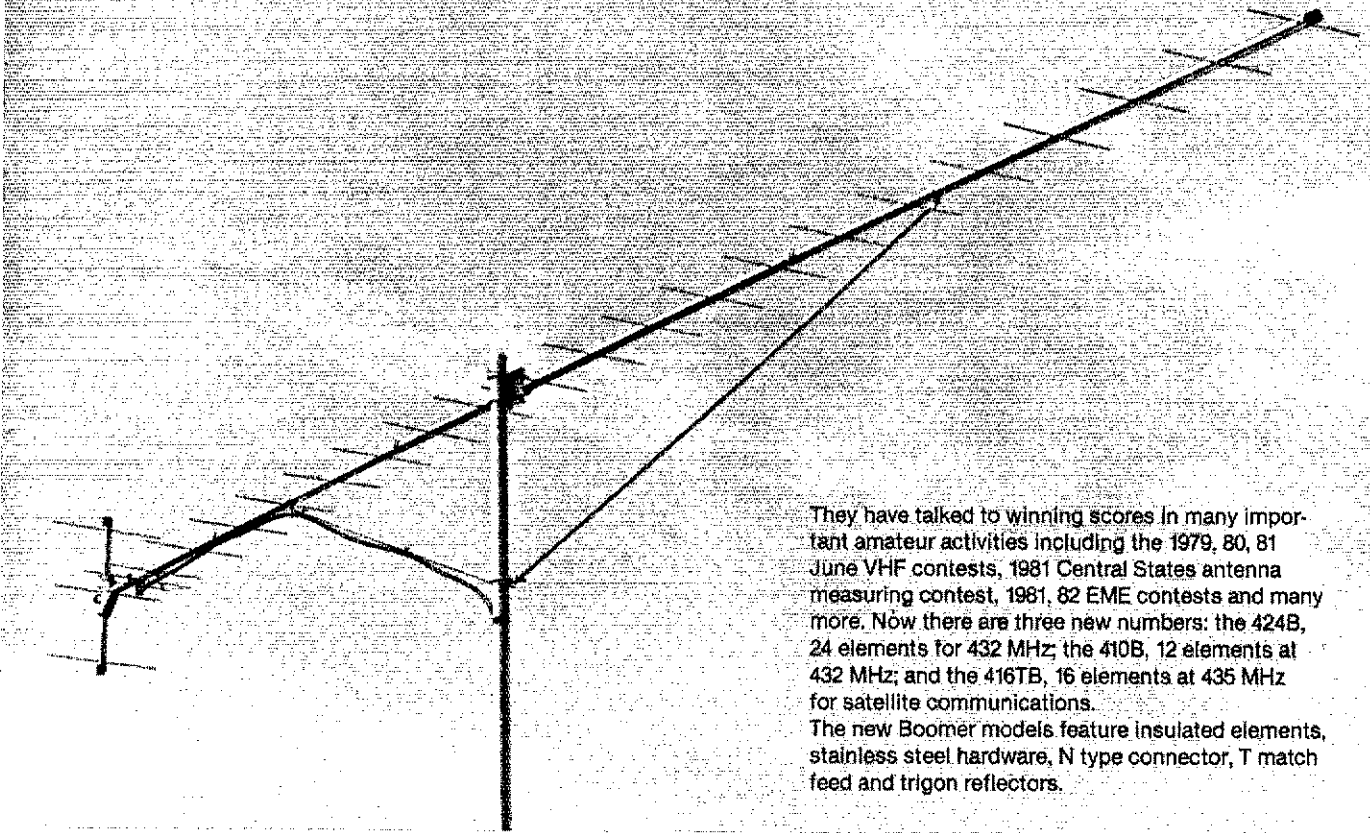
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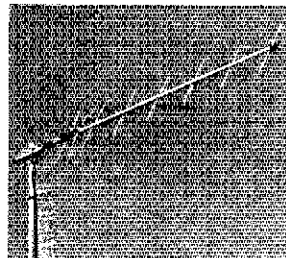
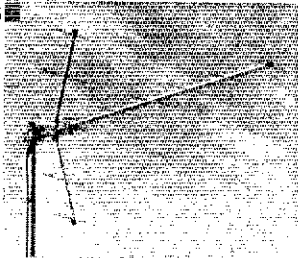
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- SP-230 external speaker with selectable audio filters
- VFO-240 remote VFO
- AT-230 antenna tuner/ SWR and power meter
- MC-50 desk microphone

Other accessories not shown:

- VFO-230 remote digital VFO with 20-Hz steps, five memories, digital display
- TL-922A linear amplifier
- SM-220 Station Monitor
- KB-1 deluxe VFO knob
- PC-1 phone patch
- HS-5 and HS-4 headphones
- HC-10 digital world clock
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filters and YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) SSB narrow filter
- MC-30S and MC-35S noise-canceling hand microphones

• Narrow/wide filter combinations

Any one or two of three optional filters . . . YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) SSB, YK-88C (500 Hz) CW, YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW . . . may be installed for selecting (with "N-W" switch) wide and narrow bandwidths on CW and/or SSB.

• Wide receiver dynamic range

Greater immunity to strong-signal overload, with MOSFET RF amplifier operating at low level for improved IMD characteristics, junction FETs in balanced mixer with low noise figure, and dual resonator for each band.

• Built-in speech processor

Combines an audio compression amplifier with change of ALC time constant for extra audio punch and increased average SSB output power, with suppressed sideband splatter.

• Two 6146B's in final

Runs 220 W PEP/180 W DC input on all bands.

• Advanced single-conversion PLL system

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Pulse-type (such as ignition) noise is eliminated by built-in noise blanker, with front-panel threshold level control.

• RF attenuator

The 20-dB RF attenuator may be switched in for rejecting IMD from extremely strong signals.

• Optional VFOs for flexibility

VFO-240 allows split-frequency operation and other applications. VFO-230 digital VFO operates in 20-Hz steps and includes five memories and a digital display.

• RIT/XIT

Front-panel RIT (receiver incremental tuning) shifts only the receiver frequency, for tuning in stations slightly off frequency. XIT (transmitter incremental tuning) shifts only the transmitter frequency, for calling a DX station listening off frequency.

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TS-830S FEATURES:

- **160-10 meters, including three new bands**
Covers all Amateur bands from 1.8 to 29.7 MHz (LSB, USB, and CW), including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz...
- **Wide receiver dynamic range**
Junction FETs (with optimum IMD characteristics and low noise figure) in the balanced mixer, a MOSFET RF amplifier operating at low level for improved dynamic range (high amplification level not needed because of low noise in mixer), dual resonator for each band, and advanced overall receiver design result in excellent dynamic range.
- **Variable bandwidth tuning (VBT)**
Continuously varies the IF filter passband width to reduce interference. VBT and IF shift can be controlled independently for optimum interference rejection in any condition.
- **IF notch filter**
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- **IF shift**
Shifts IF passband toward higher or lower frequencies (away from interfering signals) while tuned receiver frequency remains unchanged.
- **6146B final with RF NFB**
Two 6146B's in the final amplifier provide 220 W PEP (SSB)/180 W DC (CW) input on all bands. RF negative feedback provides optimum IMD characteristics for high-quality transmission.
- **Built-in digital display**
Six-digit large fluorescent tube display, backed up by an analog dial. Reads actual receive and transmit frequency on all modes and all bands. Display Hold (DH) switch.
- **Adjustable noise-blanker level**
Built-in noise blanker eliminates pulse-type (such as ignition) noise. Front-panel threshold level control.
- **Various IF filter options**
Either a 500-Hz (YK-88C) or 270-Hz (YK-88CN) CW filter may be installed in the 8.83-MHz first IF, and a very sharp 500-Hz (YG-455C) or 250-Hz (YG-455CN) CW filter is available for the 455-kHz second IF.
- **More flexibility with optional digital VFO**
VFO-230 operates in 20-Hz steps and includes five memories. Also allows split-frequency operation. Built-in digital display. Covers about 100 kHz above and below each 500-kHz band.
- **Built-in RF speech processor**
For added audio punch and increased talk power in DX pileups.
- **RIT/XIT**
Receiver incremental tuning (RIT) shifts only the receiver frequency, to tune in stations slightly off frequency. Transmitter incremental tuning (XIT) shifts only the transmitter frequency.
- **SSB monitor circuit**
Monitors IF stage while transmitting, to determine audio quality and effect of speech processor.

More information on the TS-830S is available from all authorized dealers of Trio Kenwood Communications, 1111 West Walnut Street, Compton, California 90220.

Matching accessories for fixed-station operation:

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- VFO-230 external digital VFO with 20-Hz steps, five memories, digital display
- AT-230 antenna tuner/SWR and power meter
- MC-50 desk microphone
- HC-10 digital world clock
- YG-455C (500-Hz) and YG-455CN (250-Hz) CW filters for 455-kHz IF
- YK-88C (500-Hz) and YK-88CN (270-Hz) CW filters for 8.83-MHz IF
- HS-5 and HS-4 headphones
- MC-30S and MC-35S noise-cancelling hand microphones

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- TL-922A linear amplifier
- SM-220 Station Monitor
- PC-1 phone patch



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No Time for No-Code

The more we talk to people around the country, the clearer it becomes that a no-code amateur license is an idea whose time has *not* come.

At the same time, it is equally clear that we must do more to swell our ranks with the bright young people whose attention is increasingly diverted into computers.

A contradiction? We don't think so. Let's look more closely at these two important issues.

Amateurs generally oppose the idea of a no-code license, even if it were to convey only limited vhf privileges. Why? Some no-code proponents say it's because hams all suffered and struggled to learn the code, so they want everyone else to suffer and struggle, too. But while this may be a factor in some people's thinking, there is a lot more to it than that.

Amateurs believe it is imperative that there be an effective filtering device to restrict access to an amateur license. The FCC frequently points to our proud record as the least troublesome of the radio services, and to our ability and willingness to police our own ranks. Indeed, under the provisions of the just-enacted Public Law 97-259, the Commission will be relying even more heavily upon volunteers to monitor for serious rules violations. Hams ask, How can we be expected to shoulder this responsibility if a license can be obtained essentially for the asking? Not that a no-code license is necessarily a "cheap" license, if the written exam is prepared and administered properly; but *amateurs have lost confidence in written exams as a filtering device*, because *even some FCC officials* are willing to state publicly that the present written exams have been compromised and are not achieving their intended purpose.

Rebuilding confidence in the examination process is an important objective of another part of P.L. 97-259, which authorizes the use of volunteers in the preparation and administration of amateur exams; but it's going to take a long time — perhaps years — before the amateur community regains its faith in the written exams. Is the code test the most appropriate filtering device? Maybe not; but at the moment, amateurs are saying, it's all we have.

By and large, hams don't buy the argument that the Morse code is a relic of a bygone age. Even those who don't use it in their day-to-day operating are quick to point to examples of its effectiveness. Does this mean every ham ought to be forced to learn Morse? Perhaps not, since it is certainly possible to contribute to Amateur Radio without ever using the code; but it provides an important common denominator which aids in amateurs' acceptance of one another, and five words per minute is not seen as an excessive entry requirement.

Finally, amateurs question how the FCC can ask us to accept the burden of administering exams as volunteers, while simultaneously proposing a class of license that is so clearly unpopular with the very people from whom that pool of examiners will be drawn. From the

standpoint of getting this ambitious volunteer program off the ground, the timing could hardly be worse.

Despite all this, one very useful purpose has been served by all the talk about a no-code license: It has focused attention on the importance of ensuring that Amateur Radio attracts more of the bright young people who have been its strength over the years. If you ask a cross-section of longtime hams how old they were when first licensed, you will find that a majority were teenagers or younger. If you ask this group how many ended up pursuing careers related in one way or another to that early interest in Amateur Radio, once again you'll get a majority response. We've done just that at meetings around the country, and the result is always the same. This is an important justification for the Amateur Service: that it unconsciously and painlessly channels youthful energies into ultimately useful pursuits.

The effects of increased competition for the attention of potential radio amateurs, especially in that age bracket, are all too apparent. Yet, exciting things are happening in Amateur Radio. Amateur satellites bring two-way satellite communication directly into the home or classroom; amateur television provides an interactive dimension that is missing from other home video pursuits; new emergency communications capabilities add a new dimension to community service; competitive activities tap our most productive and creative juices; burgeoning packet radio networks let us talk to *people* with our computers, not just to machines. Add these to the traditional opportunities for direct, person-to-person communication across the barriers of geography and politics, and to the discovery of "how it works" that comes from hands-on experience, and you have what ought to be a winning combination! Even the "obsolete" Morse code can be promoted in a positive fashion: What other language is so readily understood by computers and humans alike? It may be years before home computers will understand more than a limited vocabulary of human speech, but today they can be "taught" to understand hand-sent Morse perfectly.

The task we *ought* to be addressing is not the design of a new class of amateur license, thus adding to a licensing structure that is already too complex for the Commission's alleged deregulatory tastes. Rather, it is *to convey to today's young people the challenge and excitement that is Amateur Radio*. And let no one say that the challenge and excitement no longer exist! Anyone who sincerely believes that has had blinders on. The best part is that we can tackle *this* task without waiting for one word of the FCC Rules to be changed. A Commission that is willing to entrust us with monitoring and examination responsibilities ought also to be willing to entrust us with deciding how Amateur Radio should be promoted. Or will the Commission give us responsibility only when this suits its own purposes? — David Sumner, K1ZZ

League Lines...

The FCC has proposed changes in its maximum authorized power rule, 97.67. The change, proposed in PR Docket 82-624, would define transmitting power in terms of peak envelope power (PEP) output. The Commission suggests 1500 watts PEP maximum output as a rule because it would not require a reduction in power used by most amateurs. However, double-sideband a-m (amplitude modulation) would be affected. FCC proposes a five-year "grandfather" period; after that, the new definition for maximum authorized power would be in effect for a-m. At press time no comment deadlines had been set. WIAW may have updates. Details in next month's "Happenings."

ARRL director and vice director elections are shaping up in the following divisions where there are two or more candidates for an office: Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, Rocky Mountain and Southwestern. Ballots were in the mail October 1 to ARRL Full Members of record September 10, 1982, in those divisions where elections are being held. Ballots must be returned to Hq. by noon, November 20, to be counted. Eligible voters not receiving ballots by November 1 should notify Donna Frechette at Hq. There are uncontested nominations for director and vice director in the Roanoke and West Gulf Divisions; therefore, members in those divisions will not be receiving ballots. Details appear in this month's "Happenings."

The U.S. Air Force is in the process of expanding its experimental over-the-horizon back-scatter (OTH-B) radar system. The system is designed to detect and track aircraft at ranges of 500-1,800 miles. In addition to expanding the experimental station at Moscow/Caratunk, ME, plans are to establish new stations at locations on the West Coast and in the South. See April 1980 QST, page 39, for a description of the efforts made to avoid interference to hams and other radio services.

Division-level members of the League's Field Organization should receive the inaugural issue of The ARRL Letter within a few days of the October 29 mailing. The ARRL Letter is the League's new general-interest biweekly newsletter sent free to division-level volunteers. Other ARRL members (only) may purchase a yearly subscription for \$19.50. An advertisement detailing the offer appears on page 182 of this issue. The ARRL Letter will report news of interest to League members. Any member having news to be considered for inclusion in The ARRL Letter should contact the ARRL Public Information Office at 203-666-1545. This number may be used 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

UoSAT-OSCAR 9, the Amateur Radio scientific satellite, has been restored to normal operation. See page 25 for a complete report.

QEX: The ARRL Experimenter's Exchange welcomes state-of-the-art technical articles on analog and digital subjects including: Amateur Radio applications of microcomputers, RTTY (packet, AMTOR and Baudot), Amateur Radio equipment from hf through millimetric waves, spread spectrum, ATV, propagation and advanced circuit design. Mail manuscripts to: Editor, QEX, 1524 Springvale Ave., McLean, VA 22101. If you're not a QEX reader, see September 1982 QST, page 132, for subscription information.

More progress on getting U.S. amateurs access to 10-MHz band! Latest word is that the FCC commissioners may consider an interim allocation of 10.1-10.15 MHz to the Amateur Service sometime in early November. WIAW may have updates. WIAW bulletin schedules for the winter months appear on page 67 of last month's QST.

Aside from the new band on 10 MHz, the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference allocated two other hf bands to the Amateur Radio Service: 18.068-18.168 MHz and 24.89-24.99 MHz, effective in the middle or late '80s. WARC-79 also allocated 902-928 MHz on a secondary basis and allocated several more bands for use by the Amateur Satellite Service. FCC will not make permanent changes to its Table of Allocations until ratification is complete. However, we are making progress toward this goal! The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has approved ratification of the Radio Regulations and Final Protocol of WARC-79. Action by the full Senate could come during the post-election session, which should convene around November 29 and adjourn just before Christmas. ARRL members may wish to write their Senators asking them (1) to urge the leadership to bring up Senate Treaty Document (STD) 97-21 early in the post-election session, and (2) to vote in favor.

Repeater owners and operators: The deadline for registering your machine is November 1. Time is running out fast. Have you submitted the information for inclusion in the 1983-84 edition of the Repeater Directory yet? Form CD-240 is available for an s.a.s.e. from Hq.

"RFI Bill" Becomes Law; Amateur Radio Benefits!

Intended primarily as an RFI problem-solver, P.L. 97-259 is much, much more. A decade of effort by hams and their supporters means a brighter future for Amateur Radio.

By W. Dale Clift,* WA3NLO

If you're an Amateur Radio operator, odds are that you'll get more out of your hobby because of a new law called P.L. 97-259. For example, you may be concerned about unqualified people becoming licensed. This law will help keep standards high. If you've wondered why the FCC doesn't issue licenses for more than five-year terms to cut down on its paperwork, stop wondering. This law will permit licenses to run for 10 years. If you've ever had an RFI problem, you'll be relieved to know that the FCC now has authority to require that home electronics equipment will have to meet RFI-susceptibility standards. If you're upset about the damage done to our good name by the tiny but disruptive minority within Amateur Radio, the FCC will now be able to seek out and punish offenders more swiftly. If you've been forced to wait patiently for some sort of action from an understaffed FCC office, a change is in the wind: FCC will at last be able to use the services of volunteers. If you've signed up to take an amateur exam, only to find that you'll have to drive 150 miles to get to it, you'll be glad to hear that there will be many more exam opportunities — in every state, Puerto Rico, overseas territories and even in some foreign countries.

All of this won't come to pass overnight, of course, but neither did the law that makes these improvements possible. Getting P.L. 97-259 on the books took perseverance and a concerted effort by many people. It took resolve in the face of setbacks — and there were plenty! The making of a law is a story of people, places and politics.

How It Came to Pass

Amending the Communications Act of 1934 is no easy task. Many powerful individuals and groups have tried and failed to overcome the inertia of nearly 50 years, the length of time this law has governed



President Reagan shown here with Senator Goldwater, K7UGA, promptly signed the Goldwater-Wirth Amateur Radio legislation into law. (Official White House photo by Karl H. Schumacher)

wire and radio communications in the United States. Ten years ago, Amateur Radio leaders resolved to bring it up to date. The growing problem of radio-frequency interference (RFI) continued to seriously threaten the well-being of the Amateur Radio Service. Incidences of RFI to home electronic equipment were on the upswing, as were incidences of radio amateurs being blamed for causing the interference.

The 1960s and 1970s had brought an RFI problem of huge proportions. The fact that consumers were buying more electronic devices for their homes, plus the boom in the sales of Citizens Band

(CB) transceivers, increased the probability that a home electronic device would be located near a transmitter. Nonetheless, amateur operators got the undeserved blame for many instances of RFI. The League tried to explain to disgruntled consumers that in typical RFI situations involving radio amateurs, RFI results from design deficiencies in the affected device. But consumers found it difficult to accept the concept that an apparently "passive" device, such as a TV or stereo, could be a "source" of interference. After all, when the ham was not transmitting, there was no problem!

The 1970s also brought a new concept

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in local and state government regulation. A few local governments began adopting ordinances that made it "illegal" to interfere with television or radio reception. These laws usually were based on a "causing a public nuisance" concept, and no one wanted to hear an Amateur Radio operator try to explain that an RFI problem was the fault of the affected device. If a ham living in one of these communities were operating his or her station and a neighbor experienced interference, the ham was breaking the law. It was an open and shut case, as far as these local governments were concerned.

Amateur Radio needed a solution to the problem of its being blamed for the inability of electronic devices to reject unwanted radio signals. ARRL leaders monitoring the political and technological trends knew that, with time, the RFI situation would only get worse. Amateur Radio operators would bear more and more of the undesired blame for a growing RFI problem, and local and state governments would bow to local political pressure and enact laws that would hamstring amateur operation. The FCC, however, did not have the authority to set minimum RFI-rejection standards for home electronic devices. Amateur Radio needed a law that would amend the Communications Act to give the Commission this authority. Amateur Radio also needed a law that would make it clear, once and for all, that matters involving RFI are preempted by the Federal Government and are not subject to regulation by state or local governments.

The first RFI bill was introduced in 1972, during the 92nd Congress, by Representative Charles M. Teague (R-California). H.R. 16916 became known as the Teague "filter bill," because it would have required that "apparatus designed to receive broadcasts" shall meet FCC standards to be adopted so that "all interference from any amateur station operating on its assigned frequency [will] be filtered out." The 92nd Congress adjourned without taking any action on H.R. 16916, so in January of 1973 Rep. Teague reintroduced his filter bill into the 93rd Congress. The new bill was designated H.R. 3516, and *QST* published it, urging all League members to write to their congressmen in support of the measure.

Despite efforts from League members, Hq. staff and other amateur operators, the Teague filter bill remained bottled up in committee. The 93rd Congress adjourned, and the second RFI bill died. In a sad twist of fate, Rep. Teague also died. Amateur Radio had lost a stalwart friend who understood the problems facing radio amateurs.

The fallen baton was picked up in the 94th Congress by Representative Charles A. Vanik (D-Ohio). On May 15, 1975, Rep. Vanik, with the assistance and

urging of Ted Cohen, W4UMF (now N4XX), of the ARRL RFI Task Group, introduced H.R. 7052. An improved version of the Teague filter bill, the Vanik Bill caught the attention of another congressman, Representative Gilbert Gude (R-Maryland). Rep. Gude asked to be listed as a cosponsor.

Storm Clouds Brewing

The new bill also drew the attention of some other people — people who did not share ARRL's enthusiasm for giving FCC

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the authority to establish rf susceptibility standards for consumer electronic equipment. The first hint of an organized effort to defeat the founding Amateur Radio legislation was reported to League members in the August 1975 issue of *QST*. On page 37 of that issue, Ted Cohen wrote:

There are indications that manufacturers of home-entertainment equipment have begun to fight the legislation embodied in H.R. 7052. Their arguments are that RFI cases are too infrequent to call for such legislation, and further that the costs for reducing the susceptibility of their equipment (which they will, of course, pass on to the consumer) are too high and may jeopardize the marketability of some products.

Both arguments are fallacious! . . . Further, with respect to the costs involved in susceptibility reduction, we estimate that even the inclusion of a high-quality, high-pass filter in a television receiver will cost the consumer no more than \$5, if the filter is installed at the time of manufacture.

Thus began the League's fight with the Electronic Industries Association (EIA) over RFI legislation. The July, August, September and October 1975 issues of *QST* covered ARRL's efforts to get H.R. 7052 out of committee and on its way to becoming law. Members were urged to contact their congressmen and enlist their support of the Vanik Bill. The organized opposition from the well-financed EIA was disheartening, however.

Then, in February of 1976, Amateur Radio advocates of the Vanik Bill got a boost from Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA (R-Arizona), the only licensed radio amateur in the U.S. Senate. Sen. Goldwater introduced S. 3033 to be the companion legislation for the Vanik Bill. Now the 94th Congress had two RFI bills. Sen. Goldwater described the RFI situation eloquently when he introduced his bill on the floor of Senate:

Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce today a companion bill to legislation proposed by Congressman Charles Vanik of Ohio to drastically

reduce the amateur and CB radio bugaboos of television interference, hi-fi interference, and other radio frequency interference to home electronic equipment. Most consumers do not understand that when they may encounter interference with their home television or radio set after an amateur or citizens band radio operator moves next door, the source is not a defect in the equipment of their neighbor but with their own radio or television . . . (*Congressional Record*, February 25, 1976)

Still, support for the proposed RFI bills was not enough to overcome the organized lobbying efforts of the EIA. When the 94th Congress adjourned, the Vanik and Goldwater bills died.

Undaunted, Sen. Goldwater introduced an RFI bill in the 95th Congress: S. 684. May 1977 *QST* carried the complete text of the bill, and ARRL members were alerted that the RFI bill had been resurrected. Shortly after Sen. Goldwater introduced S. 684, Representative Adam Benjamin, Jr., (D-Indiana), introduced H.R. 8079. The Benjamin bill served as the House counterpart to S.684; the two bills were identical.

EIA opposition continued, but another influential organization, the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), threw its support behind the League. Explaining its support, SBE noted:

The quality of the broadcast signal is worthless if it is interfered with. This is particularly true of television, where SBE technicians strive for the state of the art in transmission of both picture and sound, only to have their work bollixed up by receivers which were not properly designed to begin with and which cannot discriminate between the desired and undesired.

Rep. Vanik, who was by this time no stranger to radio amateurs, introduced a new, improved bill into the 95th Congress, H.R. 8496. *QST* continued to urge League members to write to their congressmen. The Vanik bill, the Benjamin bill and the Goldwater bill — it was becoming confusing! And still another RFI bill was introduced! Representative Joseph L. Fisher (D-Virginia) introduced H.R. 11812. According to his legislative assistant, Adele Faber, the congressman introduced the bill as a *direct result* of the number of letters that his office had received regarding the problem of RFI. Radio amateurs' voices were being heard, but they were not being focused.

Finally: A First Congressional Hearing

For the first time there was a congressional hearing on RFI. The Senate Subcommittee on Communications, obviously taking note of the lobbying activity over RFI, decided that it wanted to hear about the RFI problem. On June 14, 1978, an ARRL delegation led by President Harry Dannals, W2HD, testified in support of S.684. Sen. Goldwater chaired the session held before a standing-room-only crowd. FCC Chairman Charles D. Ferris was the first to testify, and it soon became apparent that the FCC commissioners, themselves, were sharply divided on the issue of RFI-rejection standards for consumer devices. President Dannals made the League's position clear: Hams wanted

RFI-rejection standards for consumer equipment because they were tired of being scapegoats for radio-frequency-interference problems. Diametrically opposed to the League's position was the EIA spokesman, J. Edward Day, a former postmaster general of the United States. Mr. Day disputed the League's characterization of the RFI problem. Figures of RFI cases presented by the League were too high, RFI legislation simply was not needed, and imposition of such legislation might wreak havoc in the electronics industry, according to Mr. Day. The 95th Congress adjourned, and the RFI bills died.

Picking Up the Pieces

Sen. Goldwater called for representatives of the three main groups — industry, hams and FCC — to meet to help him pick up the pieces from the 95th Congress and decide what should be done in the 96th. There were no compromises. ARRL *still* wanted legislation. The EIA was dead set against it. The FCC, however, reported that it would be issuing a Notice of Inquiry on RFI. "Not enough," commented Hal Steinman, K1FHN, of the ARRL staff. "We know what the problem is; it's just a matter of *doing* something about it."

The struggle for RFI legislation continued. Representative Lionel Van Deerlin (D-California) introduced a bill, H.R. 3333, designed to rewrite the Communications Act completely. His bill proposed to give the "Communications Regulatory Commission" the authority to regulate the RFI susceptibility of home electronic equipment, but the rest of the bill was a hotbed of political controversy. Senators Goldwater and Ernest F. Hollings (D-South Carolina) also introduced S. 622 and S. 611, respectively. In the short space of one year, an ARRL delegation testified before Congressional committees three times in support of provisions for Amateur Radio. The League took every opportunity to get RFI legislation added to other measures, and even tried to get RFI provisions added to another Van Deerlin bill, H.R. 13015.

In the meantime, the ugly specter of local RFI legislation continued to rear its head. Texas State Representative Sam Hudson introduced Texas House Bill 75, which would have allowed civil actions to be brought against anyone "interrupting the transmission or reception of radio or television [signals]." An overwhelming response by Texas radio amateurs writing to Rep. Hudson resulted in the withdrawal of the bill, but the experience showed that a clear statement of federal preemption of RFI matters was needed more than ever. There were also smaller "brush fires" of local governments adopting restrictive antenna ordinances for the stated purpose of legislating RFI problems out of existence. Other

amateurs were facing private lawsuits filed by neighbors, under a nuisance theory, because the amateurs allegedly caused RFI.

Going For Broke

ARRL efforts to amend the Communications Act were further complicated by the fact that amateurs needed legislation to cope with other problems. By 1980, Amateur Radio was facing the serious problem of FCC staff cutbacks amid a growing need for FCC services in administering and preparing amateur examinations and in monitoring the airwaves for rules violators. Representative William E. Dannemeyer (R-California) introduced H.R. 8445, designed to permit the FCC to use volunteers for the purpose of monitoring rules violators, but the bill died in committee when the 96th Congress adjourned. Not discouraged, he introduced H.R. 2203 into the 97th Congress. However, it, too, was limited to providing statutory authority for the FCC to use volunteers in the preparation and administration of amateur exams, and in monitoring the amateur airwaves for rules violators.

It soon became apparent to ARRL leaders that Amateur Radio needed one unified effort encompassing all the needed amendments to the Communications Act: FCC authority to adopt RFI-rejection standards, to use volunteers in the administration and preparation of amateur exams, and to enlist volunteers for monitoring the airwaves for rules violators.

Amateur Radio also needed legislation to exempt amateur transmissions from Section 605 of the Communications Act,

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the "secrecy provisions," to prevent a legal technicality from getting in the way of reporting rules violations efficiently. Also, getting the FCC the statutory authority to grant licenses for 10-year terms instead of the five-year maximum would free FCC resources for these other, higher-priority activities.

Perry Williams, W1UED, ARRL Washington Area Coordinator, and Robert M. Booth, W3PS, ARRL General Counsel, asked Sen. Goldwater if he would be willing to sponsor yet another

bill. Yes, the Senator was willing, and he suggested that the League's staff work with the staff on the Senate Subcommittee on Communications to prepare the bill.

ARRL's "wish list" made its appearance early in 1981 as Senate Bill 929. The only thing S. 929 did not contain when it passed the Senate in September was ARRL's hope for giving the FCC the authority to require a license at the point of sale for transmitters, to deal with the growing problem of "bootleggers" on the airwaves. That, the Senate staff decided, had best be left for another time; it was so controversial, it could have sunk the whole bill, ARRL was told.

Soon after the Senate adopted S. 929, Representative Timothy Wirth (D-Colorado) introduced H.R. 5008, a companion bill that contained essentially the same provisions as S. 929, along with FCC's "Track 1" (non-controversial) legislative requests. League staff identified weak areas in House support of the bills and made urgent, direct appeals to League members in certain congressional districts. ARRL members let their congressmen know that they wanted them to support S. 929 and H.R. 5008. League field officials, such as assistant directors and public information assistants, conducted their own grass roots campaigns among League members. Other League members went into action across the country.

Victory in the Final Round

In the fall of 1981, *QST* reported that S. 929 had passed the full Senate unanimously. On June 2, 1982, its counterpart in the House, H.R. 5008, sailed through the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. This Committee action was seen as the last major political hurdle; now, League and Congressional staffers had to watch for technical delays and the danger that the Congressional session might end before there was final action on the legislation.

Finally, on August 19, 1982, the U.S. Congress gave its approval to the Amateur Radio legislation. S. 929 and H.R. 5008 were passed as part of an authorization bill, H.R. 3239. The final hurdle would be the President, himself. On September 13, 1982, President Reagan signed H.R. 3239 into law. Amateur Radio and the League had won the final round.

The many years of effort and disappointment have given way to one large feeling of accomplishment and hope. It is not possible to list all those who helped in meeting this goal — it would be far too long. If *you* were one of those who helped, however, even if it was only to write a letter to your congressman, you can be proud. Thank you for the service you have given. It's not an exaggeration to say that the enactment of P.L. 97-259 begins a new age for the Amateur Radio Service in the U.S. □

A High-Power Cavity Amplifier for the New 900-MHz Band

Be ready for the new 900-MHz amateur band when it's ours to use! The road to QRO is paved with resonant cavities and other forms of uhf plumbing.

By Robert I. Sutherland,* W6PO and William I. Orr,* W6SAI

The 1979 WARC (World Administrative Radio Conference) assigned a portion of the 900-MHz region to the Amateur Service in Region 2, which includes the United States, Mexico, Canada and the Central and South American countries. As of this writing, the band has not yet been positioned in the spectrum nor authorized for amateur use in the U.S. Even so, knowing that it will eventually be available raises questions of interest to vhf-minded amateurs.

What will the propagation characteristics of the new band be? Will it resemble 432 MHz or 1296 MHz, the companion bands? Or neither? What circuit techniques apply to the new band? How can power be generated at this frequency to make "tropo" and "moonbounce" (earth-moon-earth) communications practical?

The 900-MHz Band Looks Good!

At first glance, the proposed 900-MHz band has a lot going for it. A given antenna type is about half as large as it would be at 432 MHz. That's good news for the enthusiast with the small back yard. Receiver noise figure can be as good at 900 MHz as it is at 432 MHz. Coaxial lines are less lossy at 900 MHz than they are at 1296 MHz. Standard antenna designs work well at 900 MHz, whereas some of them become "squirrely" at 1296 MHz. As every 1296-MHz enthusiast knows, generation of appreciable transmitter power at that frequency is a formidable task. Not so at 900 MHz. Several uhf transmitting tubes will deliver the goods at 900 MHz (Fig. 1), and circuit design is straightforward.

Taking everything into consideration, it seems as if the forthcoming 900-MHz assignment is a "natural" for radio amateurs, since the equipment required to make use of this portion of the rf spec-

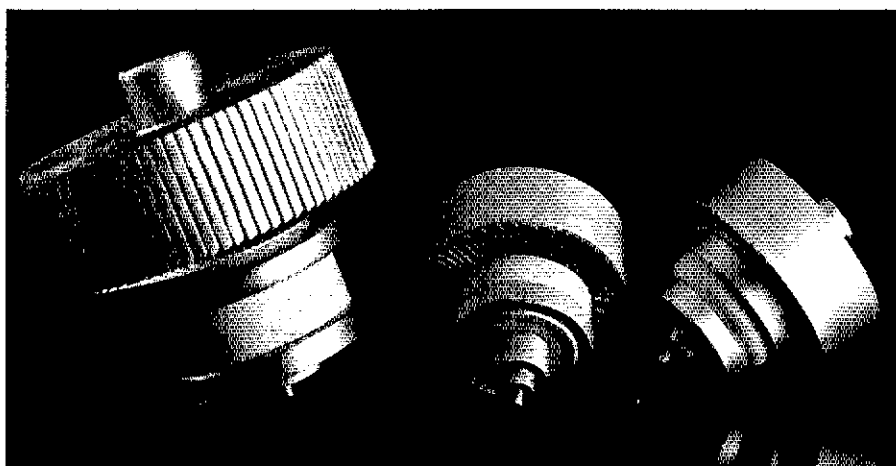


Fig. 1 — Uhf tubes, left to right: 8938 triode with a plate dissipation of 1500 W and rated for more than 1500 W of output at 400 MHz; the 3CX400U7, used in the CV-2805 cavity at 900 MHz; and a 3CX600U7, for over 380 W of output at 800 MHz (rated to 1000 MHz).

trum is available now. All amateurs require is the *authority* to use this, new, interesting band.

A 900-MHz Power Amplifier

Described in this article is a simple power amplifier that is intended for moonbounce communication at 900 MHz. In fm or cw service it provides over 200-W output, and in ssb service it provides over 300-W PEP output. Drive power is about 20 W peak in either case. For those interested, a block diagram of the complete EME station is given in Fig. 2.

The amplifier is essentially a quarter-wave rectangular resonator used in conjunction with a 3CX400U7 high- μ power triode. The tube operates at 1500 to 2000 V. A three-quarter-wave coaxial line assembly is used for the input circuit. Drive power is obtained from a solid-state circuit and a 3CX100A5 cavity amplifier. This is a basic uhf cavity amplifier design that was pioneered by EIMAC and used with success at frequencies above and

below the forthcoming amateur band.¹

The general operating characteristics of the 3CX400U7 tube are listed in Table 1. A combination of high amplification factor and minimum grid interception provide good power gain in cathode-driven service. Coaxial terminals and continuous cone-shaped internal supports for the grid

¹Notes appear on page 16.

Table 1
Operating Characteristics of 3CX400U7 at 900 MHz

Tube Parameters	Ssb	Fm/Cw
Plate voltage	2000-V dc	1500-V dc
Cathode bias†	12.0-V dc	12.0-V dc
Filament voltage	6.3-V ac	5.0-V ac
Plate current	400-mA dc	400-mA dc
Grid current††	-10 mA dc	-10 mA dc
Useful power output	320 W	230 W

†Varies with class of service

††Approximate

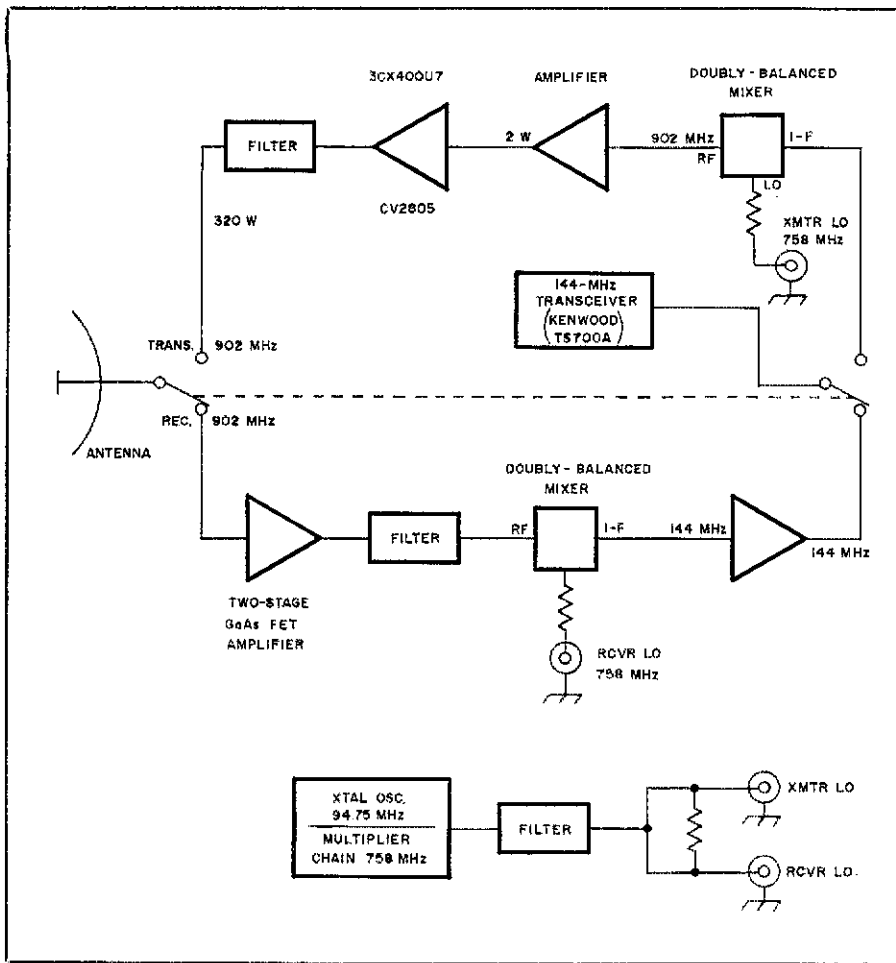


Fig. 2 — Block diagram of the planned EME station at W6PO. A 144-MHz transceiver is used as the station control unit.

and cathode elements of the 3CX400U7 provide the lowest possible inductance between tube elements and the external circuitry.

The Cavity Plate Circuit

The plate circuit of the CV-2805 amplifier (Fig. 3) is a quarter-wave adjustable cavity. Output coupling is magnetic. A loop is formed between the cavity walls and a post that terminates in the coaxial output connector. Coupling between the output loop and the cavity is varied by moving a wall of the cavity. A simple threaded drive shaft does the job. The degree of coupling is determined by the cavity area enclosed by the post and the cavity walls (Fig. 4). Plate-circuit resonance is established by changing the volume of the cavity by means of a second sliding wall. Contact between the movable walls and the cavity is maintained by preformed finger stock. The two walls are adjusted in unison, much like the conventional loading and tuning controls of an hf amplifier.

The Input Circuit

A simplified drawing of the input circuit is shown in Fig. 5. As shown at A, the circuit is a 3/4-wavelength-long coaxial line. Nearly a quarter wavelength of the

circuit is inside the tube, loaded by the tube input capacitance, so that the use of a quarter-wave line is out of the question; insufficient line exists outside the tube to couple to or to effectively tune. An additional half wavelength of line is added to provide room for the tuning capacitor (C1) and the coupling capacitor (C2), which are both placed near the high-impedance portion of the line. The rf short at the bottom of the line is reflected one-half-wavelength up the line, placing the cathode and grid of the tube at a high-impedance point, with the proper 180° phase difference between the elements. Since the outside of the assembly is at dc ground potential (Fig. 6), the rf short at the bottom end of the line is made up of a very-low-impedance bypass capacitor, which provides dc isolation for the cathode-return circuit. Fig. 5B shows the same circuit folded back upon itself to conserve length. This is the configuration used in the CV-2805 cavity. The filament leads are brought out through concentric tubes at the center of the assembly; the tubes act as rf chokes to isolate the filament circuit.

Cooling The Cavity

Air for anode cooling is introduced from a cowl or chamber through the three

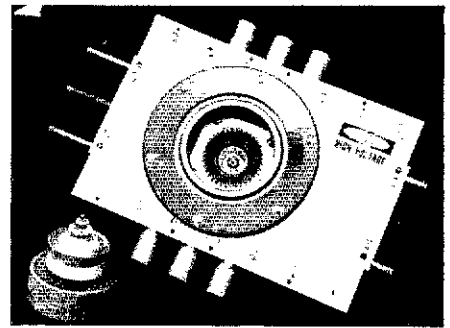


Fig. 3 — Top view of the CV-2805 cavity for 900 MHz. A 3CX400U7 provides more than 300 W of ssb output power. A phenolic ring surrounds the tube-anode collet and holds the circular plate-bypass capacitor (see text).

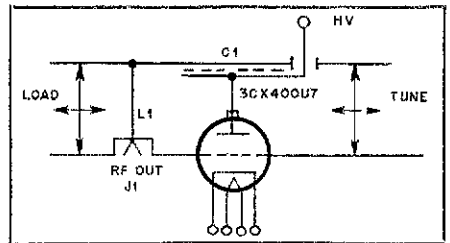


Fig. 4 — Plate circuit of the 1/4-wavelength rectangular resonator. Tuning is by means of sliding walls. The left wall (marked load) varies the output coupling by changing the cavity area between L1 and the wall. Resonance is obtained by moving the right wall (tune), which varies the volume of the cavity. The two walls are adjusted in unison, much like the tuning and loading controls of an hf-band amplifier. A large plate is separated from the top of the resonator by means of a thin insulating sheet. It serves as a plate bypass capacitor.

short tubes on each side of the output cavity. The air then exhausts through the finned anode. The short tubes are dimensioned to serve as a "waveguide beyond cutoff" rf filter in the air openings. This prevents the loss of rf power through these ports. Approximately 11.5 cfm of air is required when the tube is operating at sea level and at the full anode dissipation rating of 400 W. The pressure drop across the anode cooler at this flow rate is about 0.2 inch of water. These figures are based on an incoming air temperature of 50° C and a maximum tube-anode temperature of 225° C.

Heater-Cathode Operation

The nominal heater voltage for the 3CX400U7 is 6.3. For operation above 300 MHz and at full power or key-down cw service, the voltage should be reduced as the cathode receives additional heat from rf charging currents and transit-time effects. In this cavity, operating heater voltage is 5.0 for continuous service. During warmup and standby periods, heater voltage is held at 6.3. Nominal heater voltage is applied for a minimum of 60 seconds before plate voltage is applied and operation commences. For best life expectancy and the most stable performance, it is suggested that the heater

voltage be held to the final desired value with $\pm 2\%$. For ssb service and low duty cycle cw, heater voltage is maintained at 6.3.

The Metering Circuits

Conventional grid- and plate-metering circuits are used, with protection provided for the meters by means of reverse-parallel shunt diodes. A zero-center meter is used in the grid circuit because a normal grid-current indication can be negative, depending on plate-circuit loading. This negative current is the result of tube characteristics and transit-time effects at the frequency of operation. A simplified metering diagram is shown in Fig. 7.

Amplifier Adjustment

Before operation is attempted, the cavity-

amplifier controls should be set by means of a retuning chart. The cavity frequency rises as the tuning wall is moved inward toward the tube. During tuneup, an rf directional coupler should be placed in the drive line from the exciter. A Thru-line[®] wattmeter, or equivalent monitor, is placed in the output line to the dummy load. Filament and bias voltages, and cooling air, are applied to the cavity. A filament voltage of 6.3 is applied for 60 seconds, followed by the anode voltage of 2000, maximum. Plate current with no drive signal will be approximately 50 mA. When about 10 W of drive is applied, the plate current should rise to 300 to 400 mA. There should be an indication of output power on the Thru-line[®] wattmeter.

Under no circumstances should there be rf drive with no plate voltage, as the full drive power will be dissipated in the grid. The tuning and loading controls are now adjusted for maximum output, and both of them are varied until maximum output is achieved. The filament voltage is now dropped to 5.0 for continuous duty or fm operation. It is held at 6.3 for ssb service.

The next step is to adjust the input tuning and matching controls under full-power conditions. The input probe capacitor and the tuning control are adjusted for minimum reflected power. These adjustments are interlocking, so they must be done alternately, tuning for minimum power reflection in the drive line. When this is achieved, the output tuning control should be reset for best power output.

Operation Notes

The tube anode is bypassed effectively in the cavity, so no special precautions are required for application of high voltage to the tube. Connection is made most easily to the center cap of the anode, and it is recommended that a 25-ohm, 50-W current-limiting resistor be used in the high-voltage lead to protect the tube in the cause of a fault condition.

Application of plate voltage should be interlocked with the rf drive in a suitable manner so that the drive signal cannot be applied to the cavity in the absence of plate voltage. It is suggested also that the equipment include an air interlock, so no voltages can be applied to the cavity unless there is an adequate flow of cooling air. For ssb service, the bias should be a fixed value and may be obtained with Zener diode(s) in the cathode circuit.

Finally, it must not be forgotten that absorption of rf energy by human tissue is dependent on frequency. Under 300 MHz, most of the energy will pass completely through the human body with little attenuation or heating effect. At 900 MHz, however, a noticeable heating effect exists, and a prudent operator will stay clear of the antenna field. More information on rf effects on the human body can be found in note 2.

Notes

¹The brochure entitled "EIMAC Cavity Amplifiers," and data sheets for the CV-2805 and the 3CX400U7 are available at no cost by writing to: Application Engineering Dept., Varian/EIMAC Division, 301 Industrial Way, San Carlos, CA 94070.

²The following references should be helpful to those seeking further information:

ANSI C95.1-(1982), *Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields (300 kHz to 100 GHz)*. (New York: American National Standards Institute, 1982).

"ARRL Comments on the Biological Effects of RF Energy," Oct. 1982 *QST*, p. 53.

"How Dangerous is RF Radiation?" Technical Correspondence, Sept. 1978, p. 31.

Proceedings of the IEEE, Special issue on Biological Effects and Medical Applications of Electromagnetic Energy, Jan. 1980 (New York: IEEE, 1980).

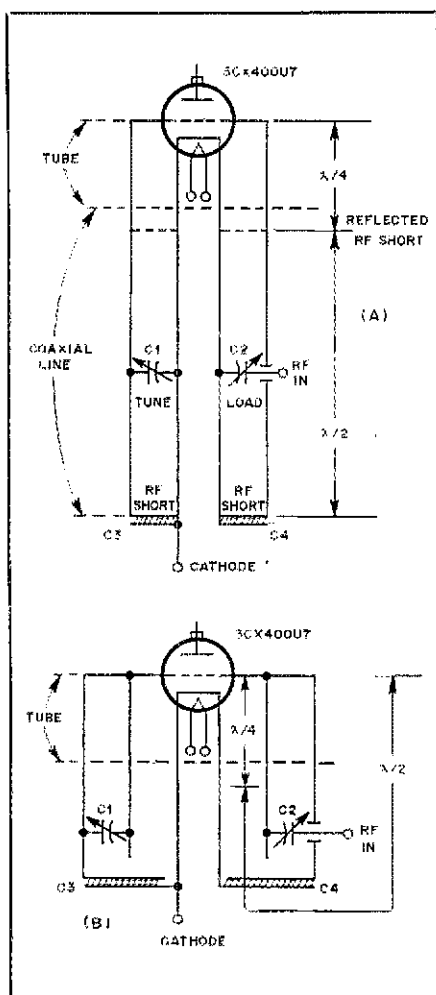


Fig. 5 — At A, the circuit is a 3/4-wavelength coaxial line. Nearly a quarter wavelength of the line is inside the tube — loaded by the tube input capacitance. It is difficult to couple to the short line section, which is external to the tube, so an additional half wavelength of line is added to provide room for tuning capacitor C1 and coupling capacitor C2. The rf short at the bottom of the line (C3, C4) is reflected a half wavelength up the line. This places the cathode and the grid at high impedance, with the proper phase difference between the elements. At B, the same circuit is folded back on itself to conserve length.

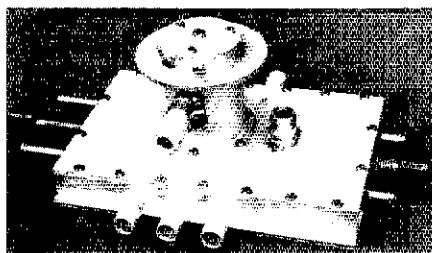


Fig. 6 — View below the CV-2805 cavity. Input-loading capacitor C2 is adjusted by sliding the coaxial fitting in and out of a sleeve. A clamp around the joint locks the adjustment. The plate rf connector is at the side of the input cavity. Filament and cathode connections are made at the end of the input cavity. The assembly is made from heavy silver-plated brass stock to limit thermal expansion.

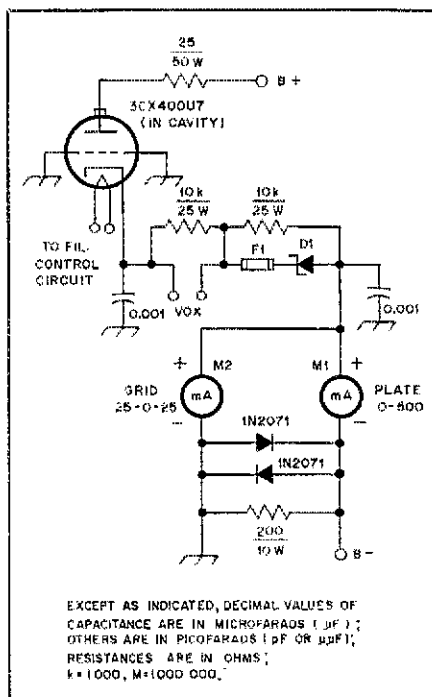
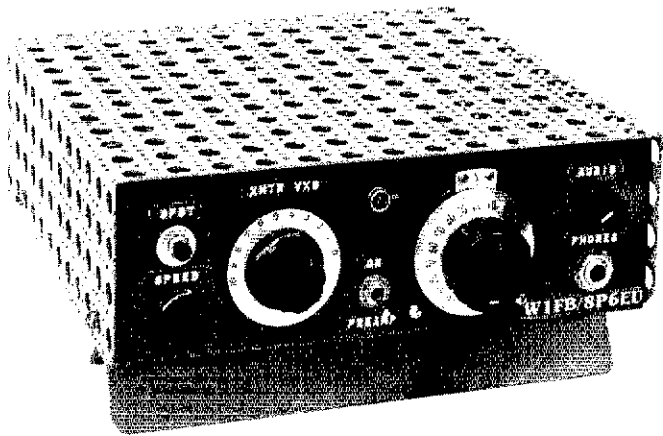


Fig. 7 — Amplifier metering circuit. Metering is done in the power supply return lead. The high-voltage negative line is a few mV above ground to allow insertion of the meters. Reverse-connected diodes protect the meters from overload.

The 8P6 Special — “Hamcation” Backup Rig



Campers, travelers, vacationers and DXpeditioners require compact, lightweight gear. This trans-receiver for 20 meters fits the description and is not difficult to build.

By Doug DeMaw,* W1FB

Worried about a breakdown with your primary station on a “hamcation” (ham radio vacation)? Need a small rig for a business trip or a weekend holiday? Or how about that camping trip you’ve been planning? No doubt a trans-receiver that can be operated from a 12- to 14-V dc power source, and which can deliver 6 to 8 W of properly shaped cw into a 50-ohm load, would appeal to you. By way of added features, how about including a single-signal superheterodyne receiver with a 250-Hz i-f filter and rock-stable frequency control of the transmitter and receiver sections?

Some Features

I’ve carried all manner of QRP transceivers and “separates” on junkets to various West Indies islands over the years, mainly as a backup to the primary equipment. Most of them have worked well in a pinch — when the commercially made transceiver failed. But, most of the homemade units contained direct-conversion (D-C) receivers, which did not provide the cw selectivity I desired. Furthermore, single-signal reception was not possible, which compounded the QRM problem — especially in pileups! Since a bare-bones superheterodyne receiver is scarcely more expensive or complicated to build than is a high-

performance D-C receiver, the former was my choice for this project. The receiver section of the trans-receiver was described earlier in *QST*¹; therefore, I will key this article to the remainder of the circuit in the portable unit.

Long-term frequency stability is of the utmost importance to dependable dial calibration and effective operating. Large changes in temperature are prevalent from day to night in the tropics and when camping. Some simple L-C VFOs fail to “measure up” in the presence of radical shifts in ambient temperature, sometimes drifting more than 5 kHz over a 20° F temperature change. I chose VXO (variable crystal oscillator) control for the receiver and transmitter sections of this QRP station and could detect no discernible drift in either circuit during two weeks on Barbados as 8P6EU. Chirp-free cw was obtained from the transmitter, and one operator I contacted remarked, “Boy, it sounds like you’re keying a frequency standard.” A tape recording of my 8P6EU signal (courtesy of N1FB) verified the “sanitary” sound of the signal.

The portable package contains a Curtis Lil’ Bugger keyer (\$29.95, from Curtis, minus case and speed control); a twin-T sidetone oscillator, break-in delay module for T-R switching; and a switchable 15-dB

preamplifier for use ahead of the receiver, as desired. A block diagram of the composite circuit is given in Fig. 1.

Transmitter Circuit

An excellent 20-meter transmitter was designed by former Hq. staff member W1VD for use in the Project Goodwill program.² It was chosen for use in my trans-receiver, and some modifications were made to (1) increase the VXO frequency swing; (2) shape the cw waveform; (3) provide diode switching for T-R control; and (4) add decoupling networks to ensure unconditional stability of the low-level stages. A bipolar dc switch was also added for keying control, as were heat sinks on Q3, Q4 and Q5.

All of the modifications are included with the original circuit on a new pc board that is the same size as the original one.³ The circuit performance is otherwise unchanged from that of the original W1VD design. Circuit details are given in Fig. 2.

The Curtis keyer has a sidetone circuit, which can be used in place of the twin-T audio oscillator in this design. The duplication of sidetone availability resulted from the Curtis unit being added as a last minute convenience before the Barbados trip.

A spotting switch has been included to permit zero beating the receiver to the transmitter frequency, or vice versa. When spotting is done, the operator should tune for a pitch of approximately

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¹Notes appear on page 21.

700 Hz to ensure that the transmitter frequency closely approximates that of the station being worked. Because of the twin VXO feature of this trans-receiver, no RIT is required, and wide transmitter-receiver frequency splits are possible.

The VXO Circuits

Greater frequency coverage is available per single crystal as the crystal frequency is increased. Hence, the receiver provides roughly 30 kHz of coverage at 14 MHz, owing to the 17.6-MHz crystal frequency. The transmitter covers approximately 19 kHz with the 14-MHz crystal. I set my frequencies to cover the lower portion of the Extra Class cw segment, but crystals can be chosen to yield coverage in any part of the band. I have a second crystal pair that provides operation in the General class part of the 20-meter cw band. The four crystals enable me to receive from 13.999 to 14.060 MHz. I can transmit from 14.000 to approximately 14.038 MHz.

The crystals are cut for a load capacitance of 30 pF and should be of the fundamental-mode type. Although overtone crystals can be used on the fundamental mode, they do not provide as

great a frequency swing as fundamental-cut crystals do. An AT-cut crystal in an HC-6/U style of holder is recommended for VXO use. FT-243 crystals are not suggested for these circuits.

The innovator may wish to experiment with the VXOs to extend the tuning range. This can be done by increasing the inductance placed in series with the crystals. But, a point will be reached where the oscillator becomes a VFO rather than a VXO (with swings in excess of 100 kHz). The rock-stable quality will be lost, however.

The upper range of crystal oscillation with these circuits will always be higher than the marked frequency of the crystal — approximately 15 kHz higher for the receiver and about 8 kHz for the transmitter. This should be considered when ordering crystals. Furthermore, no two crystals ground for a given frequency will yield exactly the same operating characteristics in terms of frequency limits and range.

The VXO tuning response is nonlinear. The low-frequency end of the range is spread out, but the high-frequency part of the range is bunched up, so to speak. A

vernier drive is recommended for the receiver VXO, but direct drive is adequate for adjusting the transmitter VXO.

Receiver Preamp

Although the basic receiver is not a monument to sensitivity and dynamic range, it is satisfactory for most 20-meter operation. I added a MOSFET preamplifier for use during weak-signal reception (Fig. 3). The primary advantage is an increase in overall receiver gain, with a noticeable improvement in noise figure. The preamplifier can be switched out of the antenna line for routine operation. I used a circuit kit that is available from Circuit Board Specialists (see note 3).

T-R Break-In Circuit

Break-in delay is provided by means of the circuit in Fig. 4. The module was developed by WA0UZO for use as a COR (carrier-operated relay) in repeaters. It has the advantage of not "hot switching" the PA stage of the transmitter. Hence, the antenna is connected to the PA before drive reaches the MRF476s. Hot switching can destroy the PA transistors over a period of time, and it can send out a momentary transient or "blurp" that may cause interference to other amateurs who are sharing the band.

Variable time delay has been provided by virtue of a pc-board control. The drop-out period can be lengthened by changing the 22- μ F capacitor at pins 7 and 8 of the IC to a larger value. The components specified in Fig. 4 will permit a maximum delay of roughly 2 seconds. Minimum delay is 0.2 second.

A CD4093 quad, two-input Schmitt-trigger IC is the heart of the T-R circuit. As configured, the circuit permits the relay to close (transmit initiate) and the receiver to turn off instantly. Roughly 5 ms later, the transmitter is actuated, preventing unwanted hot switching. When the cw key is left up beyond the delay period, the relay opens and the receiver is actuated 5 ms later.

A 2N2222 serves as a relay driver, and two bipolar pnp switches are used for additional T-R control. The foregoing transistors are driven by the Schmitt trigger.

K1A in Fig. 4 is a surplus 12-V dc relay (135-ohm coil) from my junk box. Any similar dpdt relay can be used with the T-R circuit. For full QSK, the timing capacitor (22- μ F) can be deleted and a reed relay (dpdt) or pair of reed relays (spd each) substituted for K1. The reed relays will follow high-speed keying; standard relays won't. Various methods for full QSK are discussed in *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur*.⁴ The T-R circuit also keys the sidetone oscillator.

Sidetone Oscillator

Fig. 5 shows the circuit of the sidetone oscillator. The values given provide a frequency of 700 Hz with a clean wave. Out-

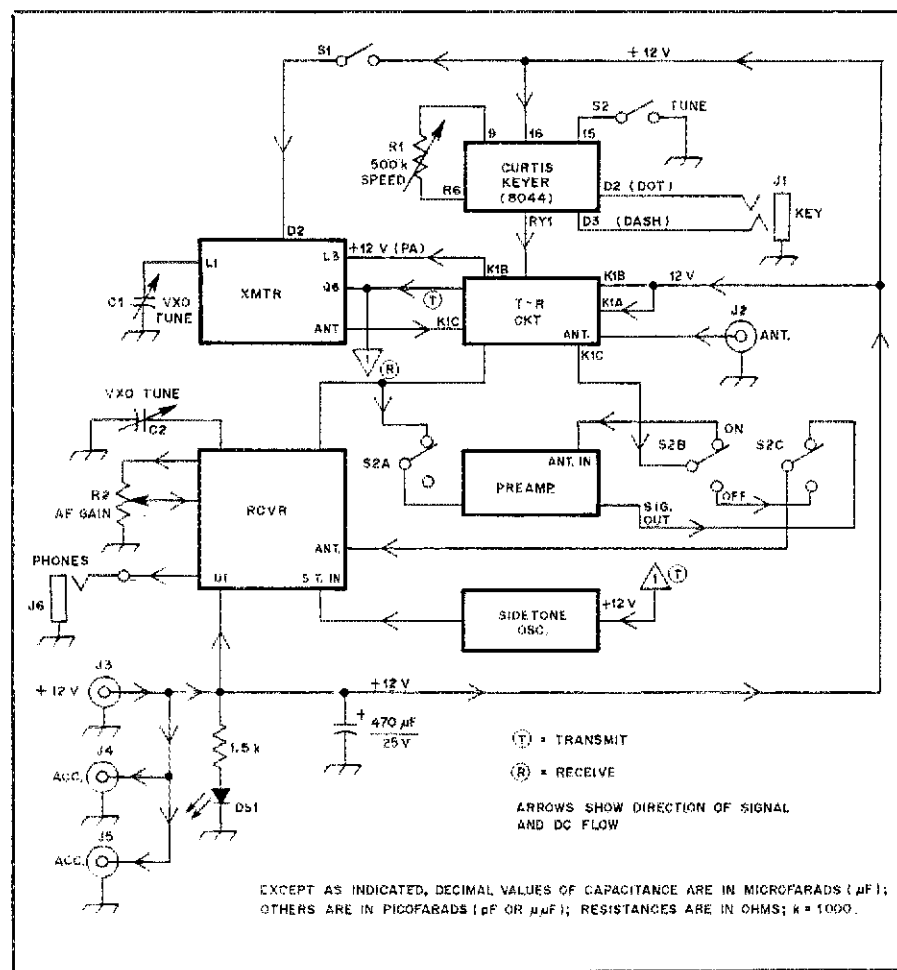


Fig. 1 — Block diagram of the trans-receiver showing how the modules are associated with one another. DS1 is a green panel-mount LED from Radio Shack. It serves as an on-off indicator. R1 and R2 are located on the front panel of the unit. The VXO tuning controls (C1 and C2) are available from the front panel.

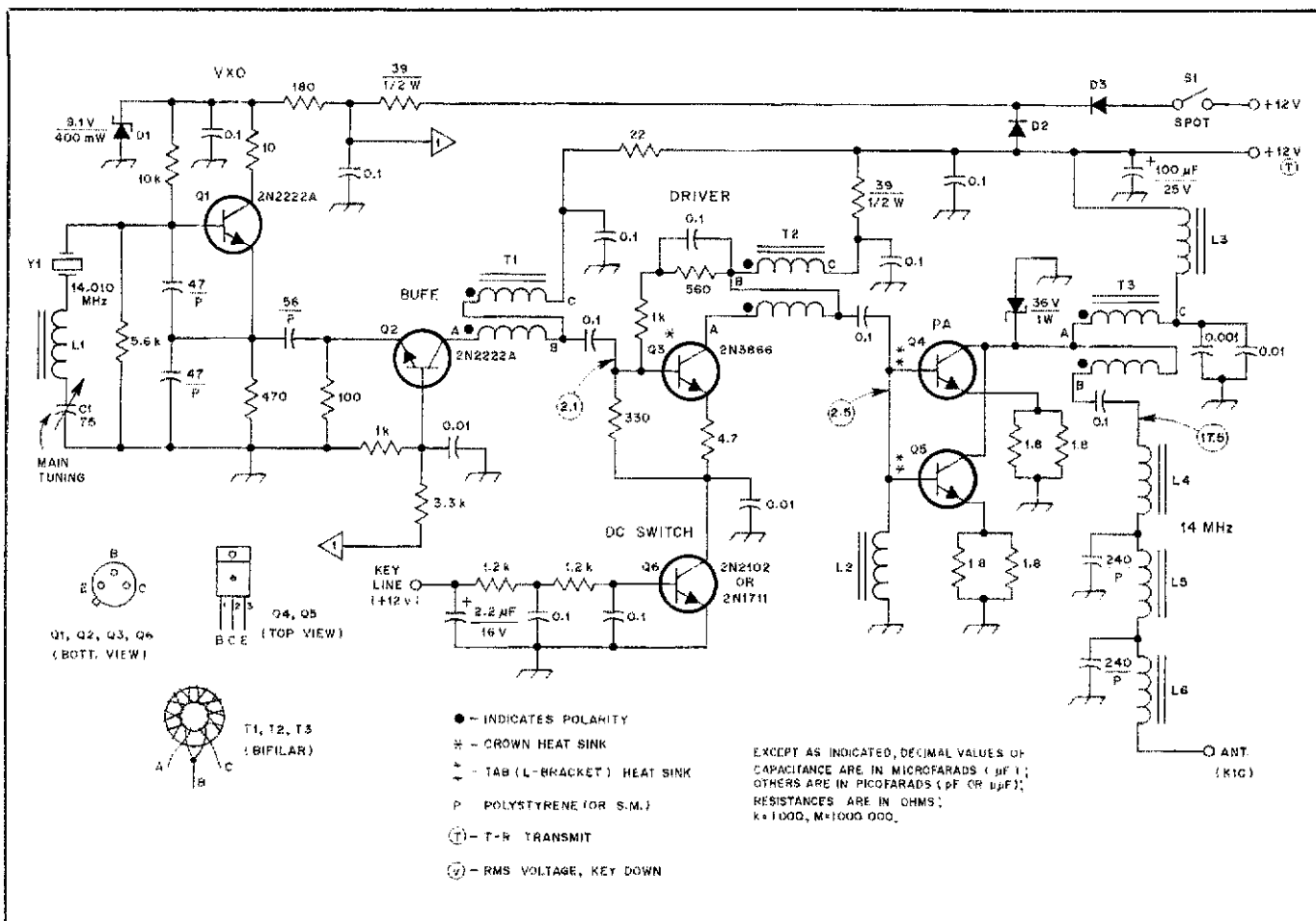


Fig. 2 — Schematic diagram of the modified W1VD 20-meter transmitter. Fixed-value capacitors are disc ceramic, unless otherwise noted. Polarized capacitors are tantalum or electrolytic. Fixed-value resistors are 1/4- or 1/2-W carbon-composition types, unless indicated differently.

- C1 — Miniature 75-pF air variable.
- D1, D4 — Zener diode regulator.
- D2, D3 — 50-PRV, 1-A rectifier diode.
- L1 — 43 turns no. 26 enam. wire on T50-6 toroid core (Amidon or Palomar Engineers), 7.5 μ H.
- L2 — Ferrite choke, 8 turns no. 26 enam. wire on an Amidon FB-73-801 jumbo bead.
- L3 — Ferrite choke, 10 turns no. 24 enam. wire on an Amidon FT50-43 toroid.
- L4, L6 — Toroidal inductor, 16 turns no. 24 enam. wire on a T50-6 core.
- L5 — Toroidal inductor, 19 turns no. 24 enam. wire on a T50-6 core.
- Q4, Q5 — Motorola citizens band MRF476 transistor. Replaces discontinued MRF472 used in original W1VD circuit. Use home-made aluminum heat sink (small L bracket).
- S1 — Push-button, momentary-on, panel-mount switch.
- T1, T2 — Toroidal 4:1 broadband transformer. Use 11 bifilar turns no. 26 enam. wire on Amidon FT37-61 core.
- T3 — Toroidal 4:1 broadband transformer. Use 11 bifilar turns no. 26 enam. wire on Amidon FT50-61 core.
- Y1 — Fundamental 14-MHz range crystal, 30-pF load capacitance (see text). International Crystal Mfg. Co. type 434110, 10 N. Lee St., Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

put from the oscillator is routed to the op-amp audio-output stage of the receiver through a level control on the sidetone module. The audio-output amplifier is operational at all times, thereby permitting the sidetone to be heard during transmit periods.

Construction

There is plenty of latitude for packaging the trans-receiver. I chose a homemade cabinet that measures (HWD) 2-1/2 x 8 x 7 inches.^{5,6} The cabinet bottom is a U-shaped piece of 16-gauge aluminum stock. The top cover is fashioned from a piece of aluminum cane metal that I bought at a hardware store. L brackets (two) are affixed to the inner edges (left and right) of the bottom half of the case. They provide anchor points for

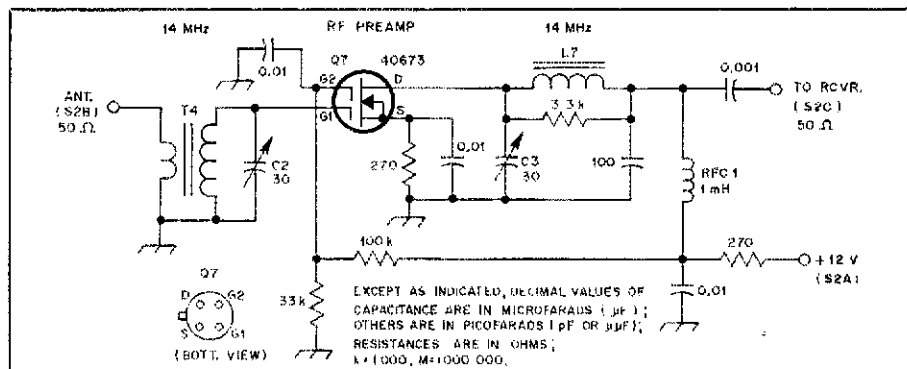


Fig. 3 — Schematic diagram of the 20-meter receiver preamplifier. Fixed-value capacitors are disc ceramic. Resistors are 1/4- or 1/2-W carbon composition.

- C2, C3 — Miniature 30-pF Mylar or mica trimmer, pc-board mount.
- L7 — Toroidal inductor, 30 turns no. 28 enam. wire on a T37-2 core.
- RFC1 — Miniature rf choke, 1 mH.
- T4 — Toroidal rf transformer. Primary, 2 turns no. 28 enam. wire over ground end of secondary winding. Secondary contains 28 turns no. 28 enam. wire on a T37-2 core.

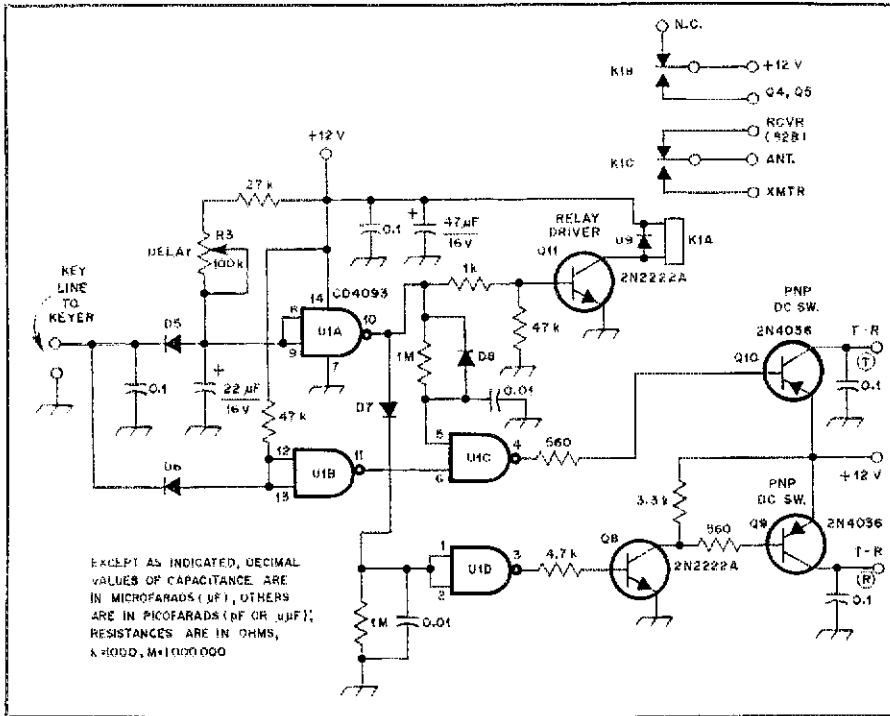


Fig. 4 — Schematic diagram of the break-in delay T-R circuit. Fixed-value capacitors are disc ceramic. The polarized capacitor can be tantalum or electrolytic. All diodes are small-signal silicon types, such as 1N914. K1 is a Magnecraft W67-RPC-X2 with a coil resistance of 135 ohms (see text). R3 is a pc-board mount trimmer control.

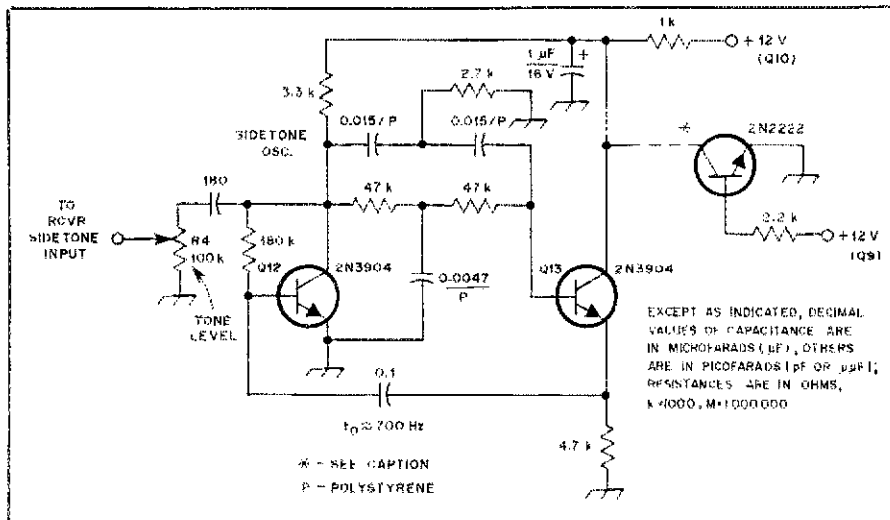


Fig. 5 — Schematic diagram of the twin-T sidetone oscillator for 700 Hz. Mylar or polystyrene style capacitors are suggested for best stability and Q. The polarized capacitor is tantalum or electrolytic. R4 is a pc-board mount trimmer control. The 2N2222 switch (optional) may be required to ensure fast turn off of the oscillator.

the lid, which is attached by means of two no. 6 sheet-metal screws per side.

The transmitter and receiver pc boards are supported above the chassis on 3/8-inch metal standoff spacers. All of the smaller boards are mounted on no. 4-40 screws, with two no. 4-40 nuts between the boards and the chassis to serve as standoff posts. A lock washer should be used at each mounting point to ensure good ground contact between the boards and the chassis. A view of the trans-

receiver innards is provided in Fig. 6. The revised transmitter is shown in Fig. 7.

RG-174/U miniature coaxial cable is used for all rf and audio wiring between the pc boards and the related panel jacks and controls. The shield braid of each cable should be grounded at each end. The dc connections are made with hookup wire that has been routed under the pc boards in bundles after being bound with lacing cord. A 470-μF, 25-V capacitor (see Fig. 1) is connected from the 12-V input

jack to ground at the rear apron of the case. This helps to ensure a low-impedance 12-V bus and aids stability.

I painted the front and rear panels dark green. The top cover is painted gray. Both painted sections were given two coats of polyurethane clear spray after the paint had dried for 48 hours. This was done to provide a tough outer coating, which is practically impervious to damage from bumps and scratches. Green 1/4-inch Dymo® tape labels were added to identify the jacks and controls.

Adhesive-backed plastic feet (four) are attached to the bottom of the unit. I bent a length of aluminum sheeting to a 30° angle and placed it under the front of the box to elevate the panel during operation (see title-page photograph).

A set of pc-board templates and parts-layout data can be obtained from ARRL by sending \$2 and a large s.a.s.e. Pc-board details for the receiver section were published in June 1982 QST.

Setup and Operation

It is best to assemble and test each module before mounting the circuits in the cabinet and wiring them together. "Murphy," should he be lurking in the background, can be unmasked early by this means. A scope or earphones will suffice when testing the sidetone oscillator. The T-R module can be checked by grounding the key line and observing the action of K1A.

Transmitter evaluation is accomplished by placing an output indicator (VSWR meter or wattmeter) between the PA and a 50-ohm dummy load. VXO range can be monitored on a station receiver, as can the quality of the keying. The approximate power output is determined by attaching a 2-W, 51-ohm resistor at the transmitter output terminal, closing the key (momentarily!) and measuring the rms voltage across the resistor by means of a scope or rf probe and VTVM. Power output should be between 6 and 8 W, depending on the supply voltage used. The power can be determined from

$$W = \frac{E^2}{R} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where E is in rms volts, and R is in ohms. Hence, if the load was 51 ohms and the developed voltage across the load was 19, the output power would be 7 W. Key-down current drain should be under 1.5 A. My unit draws roughly 1.3A.

The rf preamplifier can be tested and tuned by connecting it temporarily to the main station receiver. The gain, as noted on the S meter (relative) should be between 10 and 15 dB if all is as it should be. There must be no popping or blank carriers heard in the receiver as the amplifier is peaked. If there are some spurious responses, the preamplifier is unstable. If so, make sure the bypass capacitors are not defective and that all wiring is correct.

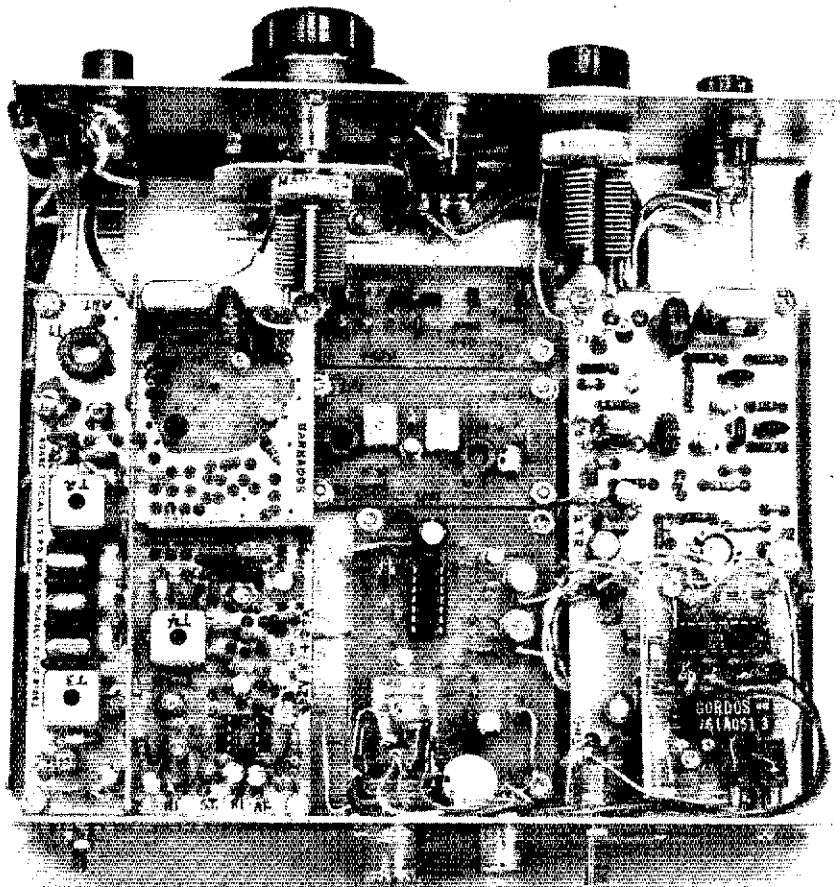


Fig. 6 — Interior view of the assembled trans-receiver. The receiver is at the far left. In descending order from the top center are the sidetone oscillator, the rf preamplifier and the break-in delay modules. At the lower right is the Curtis keyer, mounted on an L bracket above the transmitter pc board. The transmitter shown in this view is an original W1VD unit to which the modifications described in the text have been added. Fig. 7 shows the new transmitter board with a revised pattern and layout. The carrier-lock (tune) switch is located on the rear panel of the rig.

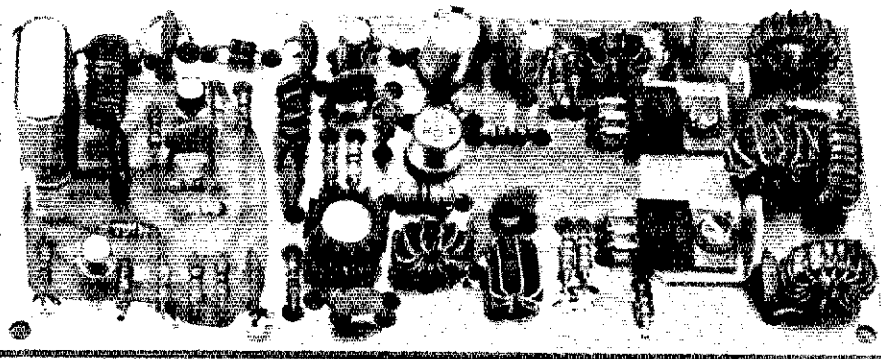


Fig. 7 — Photograph of the revised transmitter. Homemade heat sinking is provided for the PA transistors (far right). A crown heat sink should be placed on the driver transistor (board center). The ground foil has been etched away from the immediate area of the VXO to minimize stray capacitance and increase the crystal range.

Spurious responses will indicate self-oscillation. Only a smooth peak in received signal should be noted.

Results

Early-on testing was carried out at

W1FB while using a Cushcraft A4 triband Yagi antenna at 50 feet. Countless stations answered my CQs and gave reports ranging from RST 569 to 599. Frankly, I could discern no difference in my success from that obtained with the FT-101ZD

station transceiver (100-W output). I worked numerous European stations, and the JAs were easy to work too, when band conditions provided a good path. I was pleased when some operators asked what brand of gear I was using; they were interested because the cw note sounded so good! Many were amazed to learn the unit was homemade and that it put out only 7 W! This points out the value of proper cw waveform shaping, a trick that has not been learned by all of the commercial manufacturers. A 5- μ s rise-and-fall time is the target value to shoot for.

On April 2, 1982, the little rig was packed and taken to St. James, Barbados, W.I., for a two-week holiday. The primary rig was a Ten-Tec Argosy, which operated at approximately 50 W during the 8P6EU, 8P6FJ, WB1FSB/8P6 operation. The 20-meter antenna was a sloping dipole over the seashore, the top end of which was some 35 feet above the beach. Excellent results, worldwide, were obtained with both rigs, and no operator could detect a signal difference in transmitters when I made unannounced switches during QSOs. Fortunately, we did not have to rely on the QRP trans-receiver as a backup, for the Argosy percolated nicely from 80 through 10 meters. But, I had a lot of fun with the small rig while testing its effectiveness from a DX location.

Tag Ends

It is entirely possible that the trans-receiver could be modified easily for use on 15 meters and, probably, for 40 meters. The shortfall on 7 MHz would be limited frequency shift with the VXO, but on 15 meters it should match that for 20 meters. I have not explored these possibilities and have no practical data to offer. A skilled experimenter should have no trouble with such a project.

The packaged unit could be made much smaller than the example in this paper. If the pc boards were mounted on end (vertically), that would be a step in the right direction. Or, some of the boards could be stacked atop one another. One might even include an SWR indicator and Transmatch in the cabinet.

If you're a traveling ham, this may be the rig you need. It will accompany me on many business trips, vacations and camping trips in the future. The unit may be little — but it's *loud!* [QST]

Notes

¹D. DeMaw, "Build a Bare-Bones CW 'Superhet,'" *QST*, June 1982.

²J. Rusgrove, "A 20-Meter, VXO-Controlled, 6-Watt Transmitter," *QST*, Dec. 1978.

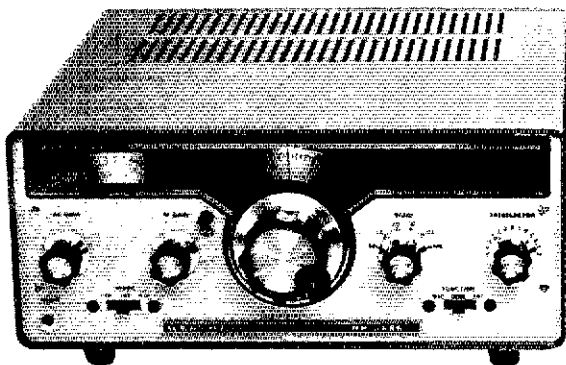
³Negatives, circuit boards and complete parts kits for this trans-receiver are available from Circuit Board Specialists, P.O. Box 969, Pueblo, CO 81002, tel. 303-542-5083.

⁴W. Hayward and D. DeMaw, Published by ARRL, Inc., Newington, CT 06111.

⁵See title-page photograph. A case made from double-sided pc-board material would serve nicely in place of the aluminum one shown.

⁶mm = in. \times 25.4.

HR-1680 Receiver Modifications — Try Them!



Is your '1680 as "sharp" as you would like it to be? These "fixes" will let you enjoy all-around improved performance.

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I needed a good 12-V portable receiver for operation in emergencies. A used Heath HR-1680 was located, then put through its paces. It proved to be an excellent unit, but the selectivity and signal-to-noise ratio were not up to par with my other station equipment, and the vernier-dial mechanism was erratic in operation. So, recognizing that the HR-1680 improvement project involved circuit and mechanical changes, I set to work.

Improving the Crystal Filter

The i-f amplifier section of the receiver is straightforward. The second mixer on the front-end circuit board feeds the first i-f amplifier on the audio/regulator (A/R) board. That stage is connected to the second i-f amplifier through a cascaded half-lattice crystal filter, made up of four crystals. Unfortunately, the part of the A/R board containing the crystal filter is packed tightly with components, offering little room for modifications. A better location for additions is near the output of the second i-f amplifier, in the area containing capacitor C235 and the 13.9 μ H toroid (L201) (see Fig. 1). Thus, the problem of improving the i-f amplifier selectivity and noise characteristics became one of choosing a suitable addition for the space available.

An ARRL publication, *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur*,¹ provided some excellent leads. The authors point out a useful approach to improving the signal-to-noise ratio of a receiver: the addition of a "tail-end" crystal filter at the

i-f output. My approach to improve the input filter selectivity was to measure the frequencies of several sets of matched filter crystals and to pair the crystals as closely as possible in frequency so that the filter response would be as sharp as possible.² This permits the extra crystals with the outlying frequencies to be used in a half-lattice tail-end i-f filter, which replaces the original A/R board i-f output circuit. This circuit concept worked out better than expected, so read on!

How to "Do It"

First remove the four filter crystals and the two BFO crystals from the A/R circuit board. Use as little soldering iron heat as possible. Flow excess solder from the crystal pins so they are smooth. Remove excess solder from the circuit board. Next, build the test oscillator in Fig. 2, so that the exact crystal frequencies can be measured. I built the oscillator on a 12-squared, hacksawed circuit board that is patterned after the method described by Leslie,³ but any other method may be used. The circuit must be an exact electronic duplicate of the BFO oscillators in the HR-1680, even to the point of matching the load capacitance.

Measure the frequency of each crystal removed from the receiver, as well as the new crystals, and mark them. I use 1/2 \times 1-inch self-adhesive labels.⁴ The measurements should be made to the highest resolution possible, preferably hertz. You will find that the BFO crystals will be reasonably close to the frequencies marked on the holders, but don't be disturbed if the filter crystal frequencies are different from the holder markings. This is because they are used as filter elements, not oscillators. It is important to do all measurements at one sitting, with the fre-

quency counter warmed up. Next, tabulate each of the crystal frequencies on a worksheet in descending frequency order. A sample of my tabulation involving four sets of four filter crystals and two BFO crystal sets is given in Table 1. The more crystals you have to work with the better the final results will be.

The next step is to separate the crystals into sets. The objective is to come up with two filter crystal pairs, with each pair being as closely matched in frequency as possible. The average frequency for each of the pairs should differ by about 1.25 to 1.5 kHz to give a resulting passband that will accommodate both cw and ssb signals. Depending on how closely each pair of crystals is matched, and the filter termination, the passband of a cascade lattice filter is about 1 to 1.5 times the frequency separation. In three HR-1680s (in which there was no change in the termination resistor originally used), a frequency separation of 1.25 to 1.325 kHz gave completely satisfactory results. In addition, it will be necessary to select two crystals for the tail-end filter. This filter may, and usually does, have a greater bandwidth than the input filter. It is definitely *not* necessary that the average frequency of the four input filter crystals equal the nominal 3395.000-kHz HR-1680 i-f; a small deviation from that figure will not be noticeable.

The final step is picking the most suitable BFO crystal for each input-filter set. Tabulate the average frequency of the four crystals in each of the input-filter sets in descending order. Against these figures set the corresponding frequencies of the usb/cw crystals (nominally 3396.4 kHz) and the lsb crystals (nominally 3393.6 kHz), also in descending order. The BFO crystals with the highest frequencies

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¹Notes appear on page 25.

should be used with the input filter of the highest average frequency, and so on. An example is provided in Table 2. Once this step is completed, immediately bag the crystals for replacement on the A/R circuit board. Once you've put this amount of effort into the project, you don't want to get the crystals mixed up! When you replace the filter and the BFO crystals on the A/R board (using the construction manual and the frequencies marked on the holders as a placement guide), place the crystal-frequency labels on a sheet of paper and file them in the HR-1680 manual.

Once the crystals are on the board, the receiver should be checked to make certain it is operational before adding the tail-end i-f filter. A noticeable improvement in signal-to-noise ratio should be apparent. Through the courtesy of the staff of the local Heathkit® store a comparison was made with my modified set and their shelf demonstrator, with the same antenna switched between receivers. A worth-

while improvement, as a result of crystal selection, was observed. But don't rest yet! The improvement resulting from the addition of the tail-end filter will be truly remarkable.

The Tail-End Filter

The tail-end filter is constructed on an etched single-sided circuit board that is 1-1/4 × 3/4 inches in size. The etching pattern and component placement for the board are given in Fig. 3, and the circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 4. The tuned circuit in the drain lead of Q205 is a direct copy of the crystal-filter components in the "Mini-Miser's Dream Receiver,"¹ designed by W1FB, for the same i-f. Components are placed on the unclad side of the board. Of particular importance are the holes in the circuit board, labeled A through D, which are used to connect the filter board to the main A/R board by using short lengths of No. 22 bare wire, so that the filter board just clears the components on the A/R board.

Before the tail-end filter can be installed in the HR-1680, several components must be removed from that board (L201 [13.9- μ H toroid — yellow dot], C235 [150-pF mica] and C231 [10-pF disc]). The wire from hole A on the tail-end filter goes to the hole for C235 (originally attached to the drain of Q205), and the wire from hole B goes to the mounting hole for C235 (originally connected to the 13-V supply at the junction of C234 and R235). Also, the wire from hole C goes over the top edge of the A/R board to the ground foil at the edge of the board (scrape the protective coating from the foil before

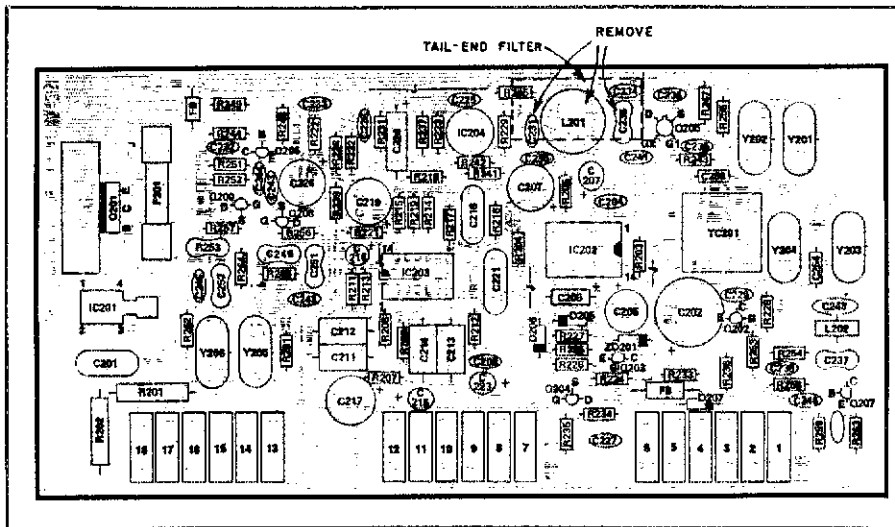


Fig. 1 — Component-side view of the HR-1680 audio/regulator board. The tail-end filter sits on top of this board.

Table 1
Crystal Frequency List

Filter Type	
Measured Freq. (kHz)	
Higher	Lower
3395.665	3394.331
3395.645	3394.328
3395.610	3394.313
3395.564	3394.285
3395.554	3394.283
3395.549	3394.277
3395.538	3394.260
3395.520	3394.234

BFO Type
Measured Freq. (kHz)[†]

usb/cw	lsb
6.589	3.768
6.554	3.752
6.493	3.637

[†]See text and Table 3 for method of selection.

Table 2
BFO Crystal Selection List

Rcvr No.	Av. Filter Freq. (kHz)		BFO Xtal Frequency	
	usb/cw	lsb	usb/cw	lsb
3	3394.993	3396.589	3393.768	3393.752
2	3394.923	3396.554	3393.752	3393.752
1	3394.905	3396.493	3393.637	3393.637

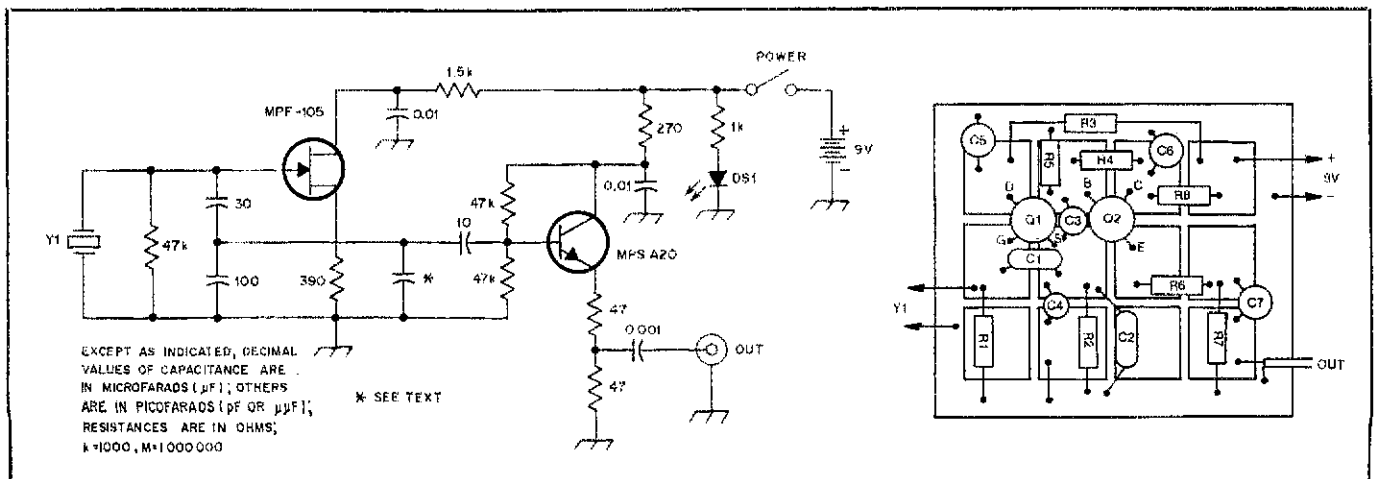


Fig. 2 — Test oscillator schematic diagram and parts-placement diagram. Y1 is the crystal under test. Black areas represent copper.

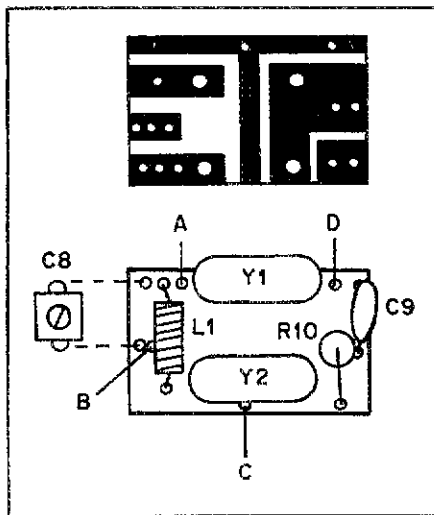


Fig. 3 — Tail-end filter circuit-board etching pattern and parts-placement diagram. The etching pattern is shown full size with black areas representing copper.

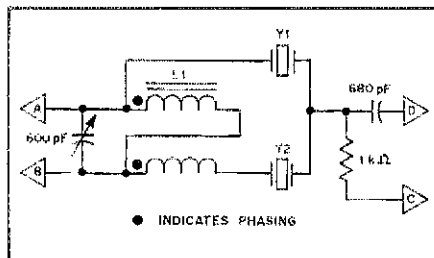


Fig. 4 — Tail-end filter schematic diagram. Y1 and Y2 are 3.3938 and 3.39505 MHz, respectively. L1 is 8 bifilar turns on an FT37-61 core.

soldering) and the wire from hole D goes to the counting hole for C231 (10-pF disc), originally connected to the junction of R242 and pin 4 of IC204.

The tail-end filter addition will reduce the receiver gain significantly because of insertion loss, causing a reduction in signal volume and a lower S meter reading. These anomalies can be returned to their original state by making two circuit board changes. The first is the replacement of R235 (4.7 kΩ) with a new resistor of 2.2 kΩ. This resistor is located in the bottom center of the circuit board and controls the S meter action. The second change is the addition of a 330-pF disc-ceramic capacitor as the emitter bypass element on Q207. Heath apparently considered adding such a capacitor, because holes and foil pads are present but not used. The position for the capacitor is adjacent to the 270-Ω emitter resistor (R263) at the bottom right-hand corner of the board. Its location is identified in construction manual pictorial 4-6 with the comment, "Do not install a capacitor at this location." It is important that a capacitor no larger than the one specified be used. Larger values will give greater gain, but they also cause intermittent stage oscillation.

Another addition is recommended for cw buffs — the installation of a 7-25 pF ceramic trimmer directly across Y206, the usb/cw BFO crystal. It can be added to the rear side of the board, positioned so that it can be adjusted from the top of the receiver. This trimmer permits adjusting

the BFO beat note on cw so that maximum S meter response falls in the center of the active audio filter passband. This addition results in one disadvantage: It makes the BFO difficult to start if the set is exposed to cold temperatures. For the ssb operator there is no need to make this modification.

Once these changes have been completed, the usb/cw BFO crystal frequency can be adjusted for cw reception and the tail-end filter aligned. The A/R board is inserted in the receiver by means of three circuit-board extenders. With the calibration oscillator turned on and the BFO set to usb, tune the receiver to the calibrator signal at a convenient 100-kHz dial marker. The 600-pF trimmer on the tail-end filter board is tuned for maximum signal (if it has been added for cw operation), and the new usb/cw padding capacitor is adjusted for the lowest calibrator signal beat note. Now the receiver is tuned to produce a beat note that is approximately 750 Hz (the af filter center frequency). The 600-pF trimmer is adjusted carefully to peak the calibrator signal. If the receiver is tuned from one side of the signal to the other, the receiver should demonstrate excellent single-signal cw response. Some readjustment of the 600-pF trimmer may be necessary. If a sweep generator is available, it can be used to set the trimmer to the proper value. Its use is not necessary because excellent performance can be obtained using the alignment procedure described above.

Tail-end filter alignment of ssb operation is considerably simpler because of the broader passband required in that mode. Tune in an ssb signal with the BFO set to the proper sideband and the 600-pF trimmer set to produce the clearest received signal.

Curing Dial-Drive Problems

Some HR-1680s exhibit unnecessary problems with the vernier-dial drives. My receivers have been no exception, so I'd like to offer some suggestions for making the system work the way it was designed to.

If you are correcting drive alignment in an already constructed set, it is necessary to remove the VFO tuning capacitor for proper realignment. Removal is a simple process. First, unsolder the heavy wire from the VFO capacitor terminal. Remove the nuts holding the dial lamps and push the lamps to one side so the dial pointer plate may be taken out, thereby permitting tilting of dial and capacitor. Loosen the front vernier drive screws and remove the four VFO capacitor mounting-bracket screws. Carefully push the capacitor toward the rear to disengage the front vernier drive; then tilt and lift out the dial and capacitor. Loosen the bracket, vernier and capacitor screws so you can begin the realignment process from scratch.

Table 3
Crystal and Filter Data for Three Modified Receivers

Receiver No./ Crystal Type	Input I-F Filter Frequency (kHz)		Tail-End Filter Frequency (kHz) Single Crystal Only
	Each Unit	Mean	
1) Hi Pair	3395.538	3395.529	3395.564
	3395.520		
	3394.283		
	3394.277		
Filter Avg.† Freq. Spacing	—	3394.905	3394.899
2) Hi Pair	3395.554	3395.552	3395.610
	3395.549		
	3394.313		
	3394.285		
Filter Avg.† Freq. Spacing	—	3394.923	3394.935
3) Hi Pair	3395.665	3395.655	N/A†
	3395.645		
	3394.331		
	3394.328		
Filter Avg.† Freq. Spacing	—	3394.993	N/A
		3391.326	N/A

†There was no tail-end filter added to receiver no. 3.

In addition to following the manual instructions *exactly*, I recommend the use of all four mounting screws in the step shown in the manual pictorial, 5-8. These four screws must be turned down *tightly* before securing the other screws of the capacitor mounting brackets and vernier drives; care in this procedure pays big dividends. In the final mounting of the VFO capacitor to the chassis, tighten one set of screws in diagonally opposite positions before securing the last two. If the drive is still not smooth when you finish, repeat the vernier alignment until it is.

If you prefer a lighter touch to the drive, additional work is required. Only the front vernier drive requires attention in such situations, so you may complete the task by removing the tuning knob and the front drive (on its mounting plate) without removing the VFO capacitor and dial. Once the front vernier drive is free, a portion of the lubricant from the ball-bearing drive is removed by flowing a small amount of lighter fluid through the mechanism. When this is done, the lubricant must be replaced by adding petroleum jelly to the ball bearing races on the front, the back and the inside of the hollow shaft. Use a small screwdriver and work the drive until the lubricant is taken up. Replace the mounting plate and front drive, then tighten the shaft setscrews and mounting-plate screws. Treated this way, the drive can be spun easily with a single finger, and it still retains the smooth action.

If the dial has too much backlash, the grease in the front vernier drive can be replaced with automotive cup grease. Fill the hollow rear shaft of the drive about half-full with cup grease, insert a spare piece of 1/4-inch shafting in the rear of the drive, then press it into the drive. The cup grease will be forced into the drive races, expelling the old grease, which must be carefully wiped away before the vernier drive and mounting plate are replaced.

This project has produced a modified HR-1680 receiver having much better single-signal and signal-to-noise characteristics than the original kit receiver. In this sense, the project was highly productive. In addition, it has been an educational exercise in receiver modification and design that has been most informative. I highly recommend the project to current or future Heath HR-1680 owners.



Notes

- *W. Hayward and D. DeMaw, *Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur* (Newington: ARRL, 1977), pp. 85-88 and 217.
- *Heath sells a matched set of four HR-1680 filter crystals for \$36.20. The part number is 404-331. At least one set of crystals is required to complete the project.
- *S. B. Leshe, "Breadboards Revisited," *QST*, Feb. 1974, p. 30.
- *mm = in. \times 25.4.
- *D. DeMaw, "The Mini-Miser's Dream Receiver," *QST*, Sept. 1976, p. 20.

Strays

UoSAT-OSCAR 9 LIVES!

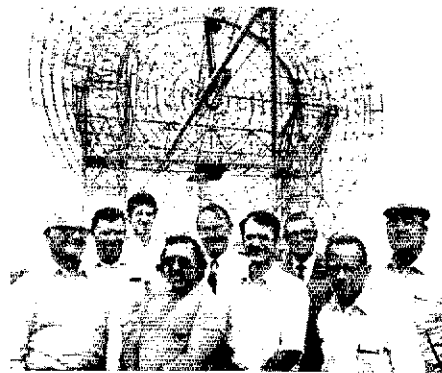
□ When UoSAT-OSCAR 9 was launched in October 1981, satellite enthusiasts around the world had high expectations that it would serve as a valuable educational and experimental tool. (See related article beginning on page 53.) Those hopes suffered a serious setback in April 1982, however, when a command system glitch sidetracked final in-orbit checkout and stabilization. The glitch caused both telemetry beacons to be gated on — a major disaster, since at least one beacon had to be off for the satellite to "hear" ground commands on the band of the inactive beacon. With the 2-meter beacon desensing the 2-meter command receiver, and the 70-cm beacon desensing the 70-cm command receiver, UO-9 had, in effect, QRMed itself to "deaf"!

The UoSAT team at Surrey tried in vain to execute further commands; UO-9 simply would not respond. If nothing were done, UO-9 would be useless thereafter. The only hope lay in finding a ground station sufficiently powerful to overcome the local beacon and capture the command receiver. This would not be easy, since the satellite would be no closer than 330 miles (530 km) — its orbital altitude — from the ground station.

G3YJO contacted Dave Olean, K1WHS. Dave made a valiant effort with his powerful 2-meter EME array (*QST* cover, Sept. 1981). With 26-dBd gain, Dave zapped UO-9 with about 250-kW effective radiated power (erp), but could not break through.

Later in July, a team of amateurs at SRI International, Menlo Park, California, took up the challenge. Under the leadership of Dr. Robert Leonard, KD6DG, director of the Radio Physics Laboratory of SRI, an ad hoc UoSAT Salvage Team set to work rehabilitating the 150-foot (46-meter) SRI dish antenna. Occasionally used for EME work, the big dish had been out of service for years and had fallen into disrepair. Overcoming failed azimuth drive motors, leaky hydraulics and obsolete or missing computers, the team put the big dish on the air in August.

After several disappointments, the breakthrough occurred on September 20, when, according to KD6DG, "All the right pieces fell into place." With its 42-dBd gain pointed skyward, the big "rig" was keyed at 2235 UTC. About 10 MW of 70-cm erp blasted toward the "deaf" bird. UO-9 would either respond by turning its beacons off or by incandescing in the 70-cm flux! The beacons fell silent, and the jubilant Salvage Team knew at that instant that UO-9 had been saved. Awakened from his bed at mid-



The team at SRI International that zapped UoSAT-OSCAR 9 back to life, from the left: W6YBL, KD6DG, KB6LZ, W6MXI, K6TDR, W6IRA, KE6D, W6WMC and W6GXN. (photo courtesy SRI International)

night, G3YJO, at Surrey, soon was to confirm that, indeed, UoSAT was now responding to commands and that telemetry indicated the spacecraft's health as "nominal" (read FB). Operations will resume soon.

The dramatic salvage mission at SRI caps a singular episode in amateur satellite annals. However, the beneficial effects will be shared by all of Amateur Radio. The perseverance and professionalism of K1WHS, and the teams of G3YJO and KD6DG reflect enormous credit on all. While Amateur Radio history is replete with splendid examples of self-policing in regulatory issues, here we may have seen the best example of the flipside: The Amateur Service is also self-healing in cases of complex *technical* maladies!

It is a very proud day indeed! — Vern "Rip" Riportella, WA2LQQ, Executive Vice President, AMSAT

Next Month in QST

December *QST* will put you in a holiday mood with a host of enjoyable reading. Highlights are

- the first of a two-part article on the first kW, 2-30 MHz, linear broadband amplifier using power MOSFETs — an outstanding achievement.
- a Beginner's Bench workshop project (using readily available parts) that yields a versatile station accessory.
- articles on two timely subjects of general interest: cable-TV interference and the new League programs that can bring your affiliated club the recognition it has so richly earned.

The JF Array

You don't have a "green thumb" for antennas? This multiband "antenna farm" is easy to grow!

By Richard R. Schellenbach,* W1JF

It is purely accidental that the name of this antenna and my call sign are identical. However, it is no accident that the JF Array is a relatively simple but highly effective antenna system. It covers the 80-, 40- and 15-meter bands from a single transmission line. This antenna provides significant gain on the 40- and 15-meter bands, while acting as a standard $\lambda/2$ dipole on 80 meters. In fact, the array may be used on all hf amateur bands, without the gain and directional characteristics found on 40 and 15 meters.

The initials "JF" describe the physical configuration of this array. On 15 meters, the antenna consists of two back-to-back "J" type radiators; hence the name "J Flat-Top," which is shortened to JF.

Theory of Operation

In essence, the JF Array operates as four $1/2\text{-}\lambda$ elements in phase on 15 meters, and two $1/2\text{-}\lambda$ elements in phase on the 40-meter band. On both bands, the feed impedance is extremely high. Therefore, an open-wire feed line (300 to 600 ohms) is recommended between this antenna and your Transmatch. Remember that this is a balanced antenna system, so it is desirable to maintain current balance from the antenna all the way back to your matching network.

Under some circumstances you may find it necessary to experiment with the length of your open-wire feeder. This is because some operating frequencies and line-length combinations present a load impedance beyond the capability of your matching network. The use of a nonharmonic-length feeder is the usual prevention or cure for this condition. Feeder lengths in multiples of 25 to 27 feet should allow all-band operation without any problems.¹

Construction

The flat-top section of the antenna is made from no. 14 copperweld, or no. 12 hard-drawn copper wire (Fig. 1). Heavy-gauge wire is necessary to support the considerable weight of the array. The two stub sections should be made from no. 14

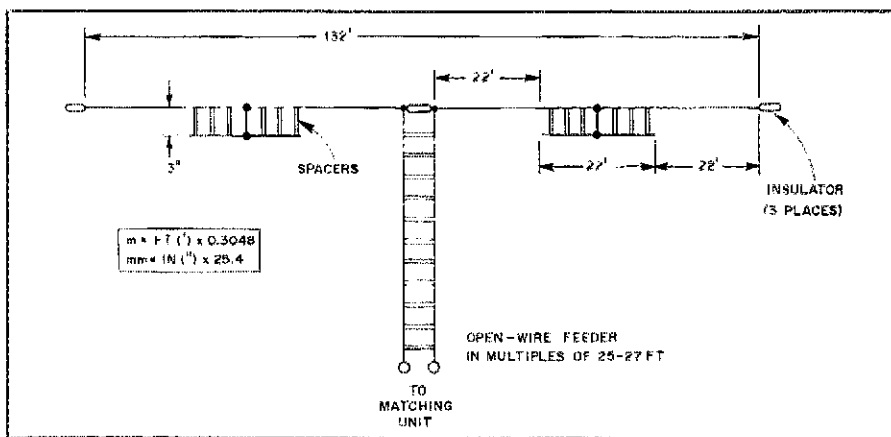


Fig. 1 — A dimensional drawing of the JF Array.

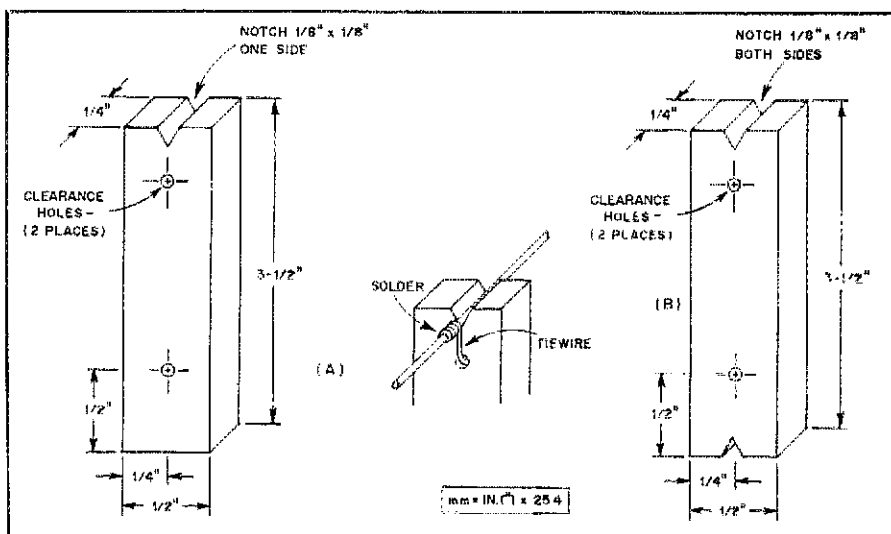


Fig. 2 — Spacer construction details for antenna sections are shown at A. Details of a spacer used for constructing the open-wire line are shown at B.

or 16 hard-drawn copper wire, and are held apart from the flat top by means of homemade spreaders. These are fabricated from 1/4-inch-thick plastic or Plexiglas sheet (Fig. 2A). The length of individual spreaders is not critical, but it should not be longer than 4 inches to prevent the wires from becoming unwieldy during installation. A spreader should be placed every foot, or less, along the stub

to provide support and to prevent undue movement during windy periods. The spreaders are held to the main antenna wire by small lengths (4 inches) of no. 14 or 16 copper wire. This tie wire should be passed through the clearance hole at the "V" groove end and wrapped tightly on both sides (Fig. 2). The stub wires then are passed through the opposite clearance hole, and *not* tied, allowing freedom of

¹m = ft x 0.3048.

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New Products

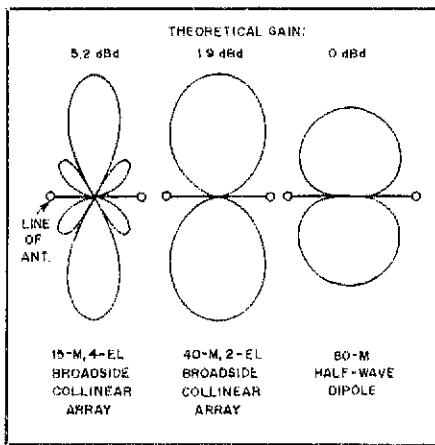


Fig. 3 — Radiation patterns and theoretical gain figures for the JF Array on different bands (for comparison only).

movement for stress-free support. After attaching the stubs, solder a jumper wire between the center-tap of each stub and the main antenna wire (Fig. 1). Ensure good electrical connections by first scraping off any enamel insulation or oxidation, and by wrapping the wires tightly before soldering.

Balanced feeders may be purchased, or constructed from no. 14 or 16 copper wire spaced apart by the spreaders shown in Fig. 2B. Various types of commercial open-wire transmission line offer the builder a lightweight, already-built option. Any of the popular 300- to 600-ohm lines will do.

Performance

It is worth noting that the JF Array radiates the main power lobe *broadside* to the wire and not off the ends as a conventional, harmonically operated antenna does (Fig. 3). With a properly balanced feed line, you will observe that the array has an extremely clean radiation pattern. Installed at the 30- to 45-foot level, the antenna provides good DX performance. There is yet another desirable advantage to be found: the JF Array provides an inherent diversity effect on the higher frequencies because of the large capture area. This effect greatly reduces fading that may occur during certain propagation conditions. Give this simple antenna a try. You shall be pleasantly surprised!

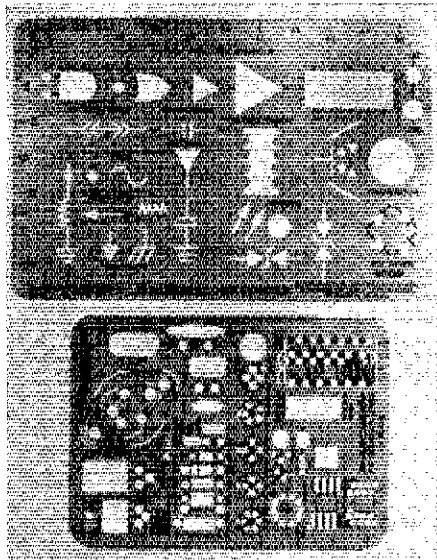
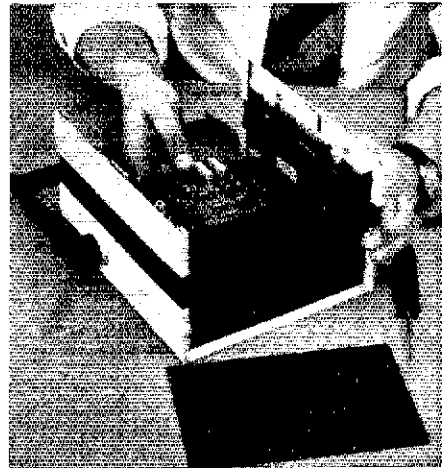


Dick, W1JF, a native of Southern California, was first licensed as W6TKX in the late 1930s. He is a 9-year veteran of both the U.S. Army and Navy, and has served as a communications specialist for nearly 40 years. Currently, Dick is a consulting scientist with Support Systems Associates, Inc., of Burlington, Massachusetts. In addition to his extensive communications experience, Dick holds a BSEE degree, and has completed post-graduate work in Business Management and Industrial Engineering.

ARCHER CIRCUIT SYMBOLS AND PC-BOARD-LAYOUT TEMPLATES

□ Radio Shack offers two new tools geared to help students and amateur or professional circuit designers and builders achieve accurate, high-quality schematics and designs. A circuit-symbols template (276-180) and a pc-board-layout template (276-179) are available for \$3.95 each.

The circuit-symbols template offers a large selection of component and logic symbols. There are also two ruled edges with 0.1-inch graduations. A pc-board-layout template eliminates guesswork in pc-board design. It supplies exact-size (× 1) stencils for most commonly used active and passive components, including ICs and discrete devices. Look for these offerings at your nearest Radio Shack store. — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB*



colors, include top and bottom covers, filler panels, front and rear panels (adjustable in expandable height models) and an assortment of necessary spacers and hardware. Available options include handles and tilt stands. Interior mounting bosses for securing components are standard, and detailed assembly and modification instructions are included with each kit. Front and rear panels can be drilled, cut, punched and silk-screened for displays and controls.

Available sizes range from the handheld Series HP, which measures 3.6 × 5.75 × 1.12 inches, to the substantial Series CL, which measures as large as 12.5 × 11.63 × 8.76 inches. For more information, contact PAC-TEC Corporation, a subsidiary of LaFrance Corp., Enterprise & Executive Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19153, tel. 215-365-8400. — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB*

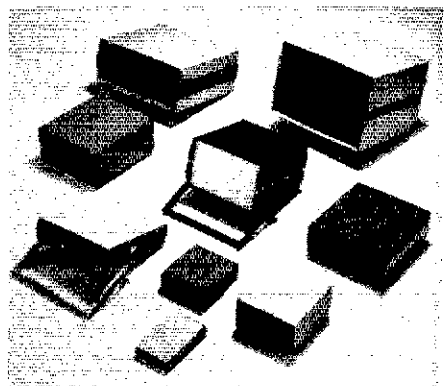


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PAC-TEC ENCLOSURE KITS

□ PAC-TEC Corporation offers 28 different plastic enclosure kits to aid in the construction of attractive and durable custom enclosures for a variety of items including power supplies, digital clocks, specialized test equipment, junction boxes and equipment interfaces. By using either the fixed-size units or the expandable units that allow the user to construct cases with several heights from a single kit, the designer can build the enclosure right on the workbench.

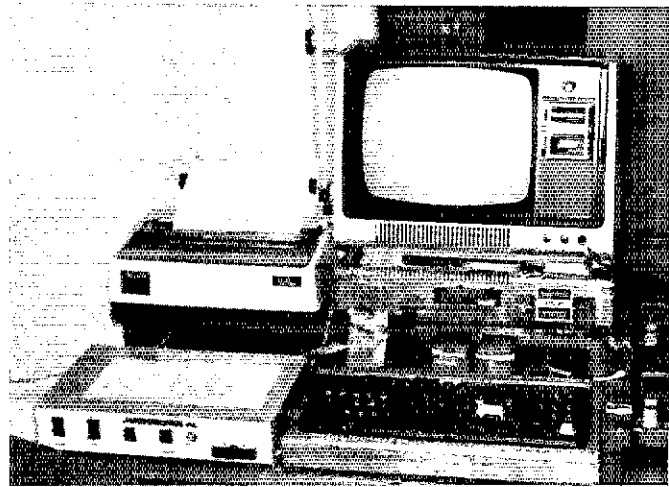
The kits, which come in four standard



The Copper "80" Kettle

Are you "steaming" mad because of computer RFI? Try this unique fix for your TRS-80® microcomputer and enjoy QRM-free contacts.

By Hubert H. Wheeler,* W4IBU



It was in March of 1980, immediately after my retirement, that I became interested in RTTY and began investigating several of the methods to get on the air using this mode. At the time, I thought a computer and an interface would be the most appropriate setup, since it would give me two alternatives: the ability to interface with my Collins S-Line for RTTY and cw, and to have a personal computer as well. After looking at several computers, I elected to go with the TRS-80® Model I Level II and the Macrotronics RTTY/cw interface, even though I had been told of an RFI problem.

The problem with RFI was serious enough to make me wonder if I had made a big mistake. I read what I could on the subject, including an article from *QST*.¹ Following some of the suggestions from the article, I installed a new grounding system, shielded cables between the Macrotronics interface and the ham gear, and used Tube-koat on the inside surfaces of both the computer and the expansion interface.² The application of the Tube-Koat was not noticeably effective.

During a trip to Atlanta, I visited a craft shop that specializes in products for the fabrication of stained-glass windows and Tiffany-style lighting fixtures. It was there I discovered an adhesive copper foil. If this type of foil were available in sheets rather than narrow tapes, it could possibly

be the answer to the RFI problems. Correspondence proved that it is available in rolls, 24 inches in width and 36 yards long.³ If there were a sufficient demand, shorter lengths could probably be purchased.⁴ The amount required is approximately 5 yards.

Installation

The adhesive copper foil comes in three sizes: 0.001, 0.00125 and 0.0015 inch. I suggest the 0.0015-inch size, since it seems to be best suited for the wear and tear of continuous use. Also, it is the best size to solder to. About 15 feet of the 24-inch foil is required to cover the keyboard and the expansion interface, to install the ground planes, and to shield the flat cables.

Fortunately, the foil acts as its own jumper between individual sections when there is an overlap of about 2 inches. The foil can be soldered once it is applied to the TRS-80® microcomputer, but be careful because the foil is thin. If you plan to solder the joints, practice on a spare cover first. The use of a small iron, applied quickly, will do the job nicely, with no damage to the plastic beneath.

My machine is no longer in warranty, so I began by opening the keyboard and installing a 20-gauge copper sheet between the keys and the printed-circuit board in the keyboard. The ALPS keyboard, installed in my computer, is the successor to the keyboard with keybounce. I can't be sure that this installation will work with the earlier keyboard. I drilled 1/4-inch and 3/8-inch holes in the copper sheet to match the stand-off supports, and installed the copper sheet between the keys and

stand-offs. Be sure to clean the sheet thoroughly before final installation, for it takes only a minute particle of copper in the wrong place to cause havoc. Also, cover the printed-circuit board with a towel or other soft cloth to protect it from scratches. This copper sheet should not be grounded; rather, let it act as an electrostatic shield. To eliminate contact with the flat cable that connects the printed-circuit board with the keyboard, the copper sheet was cut to the size of the keyboard, measuring front to back, and was cut diagonally from back to front on the left side.

The foil will be applied to all surfaces of the keyboard and the interface, except the keyboard proper and the ventilation holes. At the ventilation holes, let the foil come up to, but not cover, the slots. Trim the foil that covers the screw holes and the interface switch, and test with an ohmmeter for continuity from the cables to the keyboard and the interface. If there is no continuity, use solder to bridge the foil junctions.

Copper screen wire is used for covering the ventilation openings. It is 16 × 16 mesh, wire diameter of 18 mills. I had considerable trouble in finding a vendor for copper screen wire. It seems that it is not available at the corner hardware store anymore.⁵

The screen is applied after the foil is in place, by being cut to size, tinned around the outside edges to prevent raveling, shaped to fit and soldered in place. I would recommend using a *hot* iron. Be quick!

Install a ground lug on the Macro-

¹Notes appear on page 29.

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tronics cabinet. This will serve the following purposes: (a) a connecting point for the shields of the interconnecting cables; (b) a connection from the earth ground to the Macrotronics and the printed-circuit boards (through the interconnecting cables); and (c) a point to which a connection may be made from the copper foil to the earth ground.

I removed the power supplies from the expansion interface, covered them with foil, and shielded the cables. A brute-force filter that serves just these two power supplies was installed. This brute-force filter is connected in series with the Radio Shack line filter.

Testing

All testing during and after the installation was done in the following manner: The tests were made by first connecting to a dummy load, and then to an antenna for each of the hf bands.

I learned that the printed-circuit boards in both the computer/keyboard and the expansion interface are grounded from one to another through the interconnecting cable. This same ground is also through the connecting cable to the Macrotronics cabinet. There is, therefore, no need to worry about bringing a ground out of the TRS-80 unit, for it is already there. The following items had no effect on the amount of RFI when these were disconnected: (1) the cassettes and their cables; (2) the printer and its cabled connection; and (3) the video display and its cabling.

With the Macrotronics interface con-

nected directly to the computer, the RFI was reduced considerably. This did not permit the use of my printer, so I elected to leave the interface connected during the installation and during all tests.

Results

Is it all worth the effort, you ask? Well, I'm going to tell you how it is! Before I started on this modification, I could not use the 80-, 40-, 15- or 10-meter bands because of RFI, and 20 meters was barely usable. Since the modification, the video is very clean during transmission, even when the kW amplifier is activated. During receive, I can barely hear the RFI on 40 meters, but it is not enough to deflect the S meter — except at one spot near 7092 kHz.

Covering the exterior in the manner described above should not void the warranty if it is still in effect, unless, of course, you did install the copper sheet in the keyboard. Since my warranty had expired, this did not present a problem. Further, I suspect that the fact that the units have been opened will not deter the company from repairing them, though a charge may be involved. [Please check with Radio Shack before modifying machines that are still under warranty. — Ed.]

Observations

I found the solution to be extremely effective. If only the manufacturer would provide a kit! I am told that the Model II machines have been modified in compliance with FCC regulations, but I am

not aware of the effectiveness of this modification. (See FCC Part 15.25 for details.)

In working on this project other ideas have occurred to me concerning the use of the copper foil. It would be possible to enclose any plastic case used for making electronic equipment. It might even be possible to use this foil for the construction of copper-coated printed-circuit boards, though I will leave this for others to investigate.

I believe that clock modifications are available for the TRS-80 microcomputer. This might have some effect on reducing the RFI by changing the clock frequency. It might be possible to install a small capacitor in parallel with the crystal to reduce the 10.6-MHz frequency to about 10.48 MHz and thereby eliminate the second harmonic now present at 21.289 MHz. This would move it out of the band rather than eliminate it!

I will be happy to respond to any and all inquiries. Please send an s.a.s.e with your questions. If you are active on RTTY, I hope we can have a QSO one day. Good luck!

□

Notes

*P. E. Cooper, "Microcomputers and Radio Interference," *QST*, March 1980, pp. 17-20.

*Tube-Koat is a conductive aerosol spray sold by G. C. Electronics, 400 South Wyman St., Rockford, IL 61101.

*mm = in. × 25.4.

*Rolls of copper foil may be obtained from Edeco Supply Corp., 323 36th St., Brooklyn, NY 11232, tel. 800-221-0918, ext. 19.

*Copper screen is available in strips, 36 inches wide × 1 foot long, from McMaster-Carr Supply Co., 600 Country Line Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126.

Strays

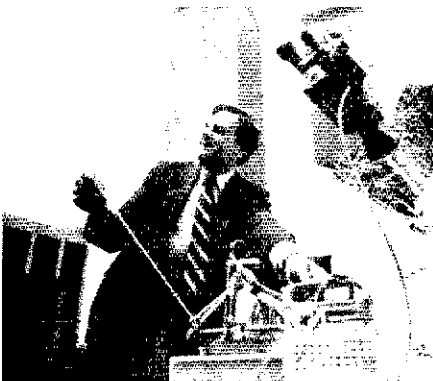


E.T. "PHONES HOME" WITH HELP FROM A HAM

□ What do a Hollywood producer/director and a radio amateur have in common? The answer is the summer 1982 smash-hit motion picture *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*. Steven Spielberg may have produced and directed the movie to instant success, but it was the ingenuity of Henry Feinberg, K2SSQ, of New York City, that provided the movie's main character, an alien from a distant galaxy, with the means to communicate with its home planet.

The project started about a year and a half ago when one of Spielberg's aides called K2SSQ, then an exhibits and science demonstrations coordinator for Bell Labs in Murray Hill, New Jersey, and asked him if he would devise a "communicator" that could be used in the film.

Since designing items along these lines is something Feinberg has done much of his life, he agreed to take on the E.T. communicator as a part-time project.



Henry Feinberg, K2SSQ, displays the "communicator" he created using a clothes hanger, a child's phonograph, an umbrella lined with aluminum foil and other household items that enabled E.T. to call long-distance — at intergalactic rates, of course. (Roger Tully photo)

Using articles commonly found around the average American home — such as a child's toy, a knife and a fork, a circular saw blade, a coffee can, a TV tuner and an umbrella — K2SSQ designed a "plausible" beacon transmitter that could operate unattended, yet be capable of directing a pinpoint signal (microwave) into space. While in real life the communicator really does not transmit any rf, moviegoers will be delighted to know that the device does have a "special effect" on E.T., who is able to "phone home" with it. — Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, Panorama City, California

HQ. LAB RECEIVES EQUIPMENT DONATION

□ The Yaesu Electronics Corp. recently donated an FT-680R 6-meter multimode transceiver and companion FP-80 power supply to the ARRL lab. This unit will serve to complement the lab's test equipment. ARRL expresses its gratitude for this gift.

Amateur Use of Solar Electric Power[†]

Part 2: For emergency use, collected solar energy must be stored. This is the description of the method and mechanics used with the PV modules discussed last month.

By C. Philip Chapman,* W6HCS, Paul D. Chapman and Alvin H. Lewison

Simply connecting a photovoltaic (PV) array to the equipment to be powered is not the most efficient means of using solar energy, especially for emergency use. Power would then be available only during periods of sunlight, and emergencies can occur at any time of day — or night. To provide the power required during no-sun periods, the collected solar energy must be stored. This may be accomplished by means of batteries.

A battery box (see Fig. 6), constructed on a concrete pad, is used to house the batteries and a shunt regulator. A floor-board provides an air gap and lifts the six batteries off the concrete. Water entering the battery box will not collect around the base of the battery pack, but will run out of the enclosure. The front, sides and sloping roof of the box are constructed from marine-grade plywood that is waterproofed and painted before assembly. To prevent water from entering into ventilation areas, the roof has an overhang along the front edge and a tight seal around the mating edges.

During battery charge, considerable amounts of hydrogen and oxygen can be produced. It is important not to allow an accumulation of these gases, particularly if electromechanical devices are used for inverter actuation and power distribution and management. Vents are placed in the front section of the box and on the one exposed side to provide ventilation. In the roof assembly, holes are added around the front and sides to allow any gases that may collect against the inside top of the roof to escape. Holes are located also in the back side in an area immediately

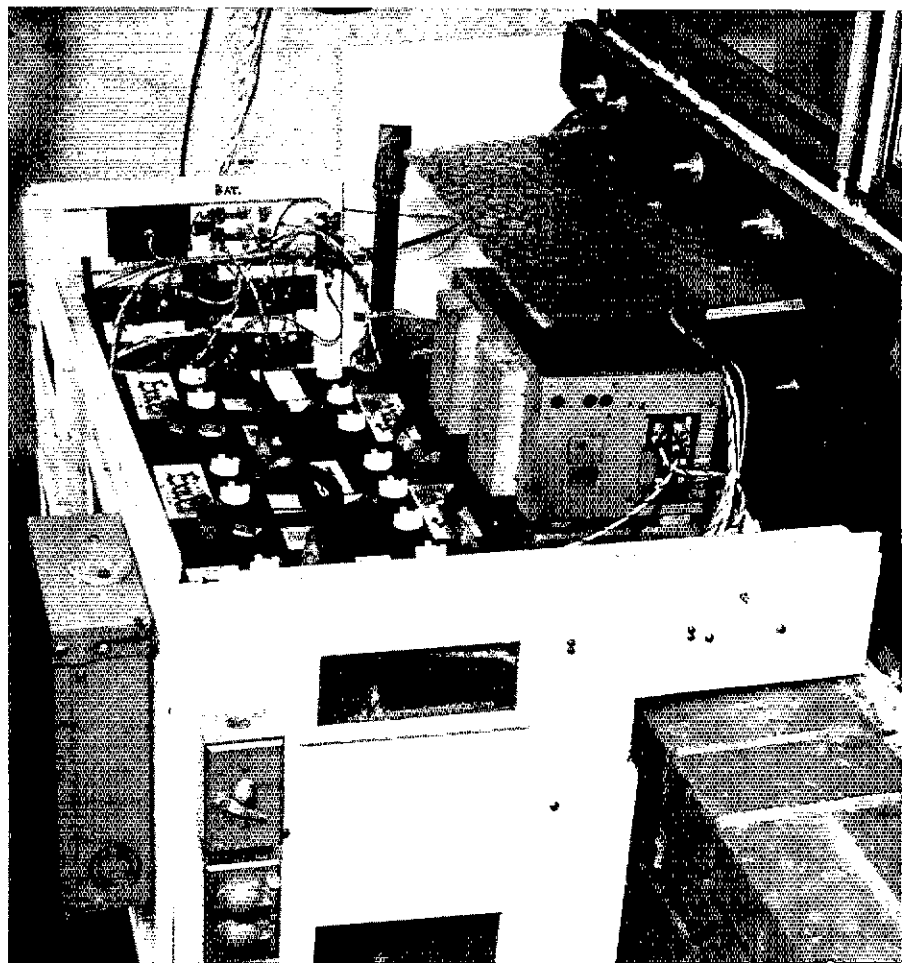


Fig. 6 — A view of the battery box showing the batteries, inverter and the breaker panel.

above the heat-sink area. Finally, all the rectangular vents are covered with aluminum vent mesh to prevent animals from entering the box.

System Highlights

Fig. 7 is a conceptual diagram of this system. Extensive metering and the use of circuit breakers and isolation diodes are

shown. The first isolation diode after the array protective diodes is used to isolate the PV panel-voltage meter from the rest of the system. This diode and the second isolation diode are Shottky devices.

Shunt Regulator: As shown in Fig. 8, a $\mu A723$ IC is used as the active device for the shunt regulator; it drives a pair of Darlington power transistors. These tran-

[†]Adapted from Jet Propulsion Laboratory publication 82-2, "A Low-Power Photovoltaic System With Energy Storage for Radio Communications," Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, CA 91103.

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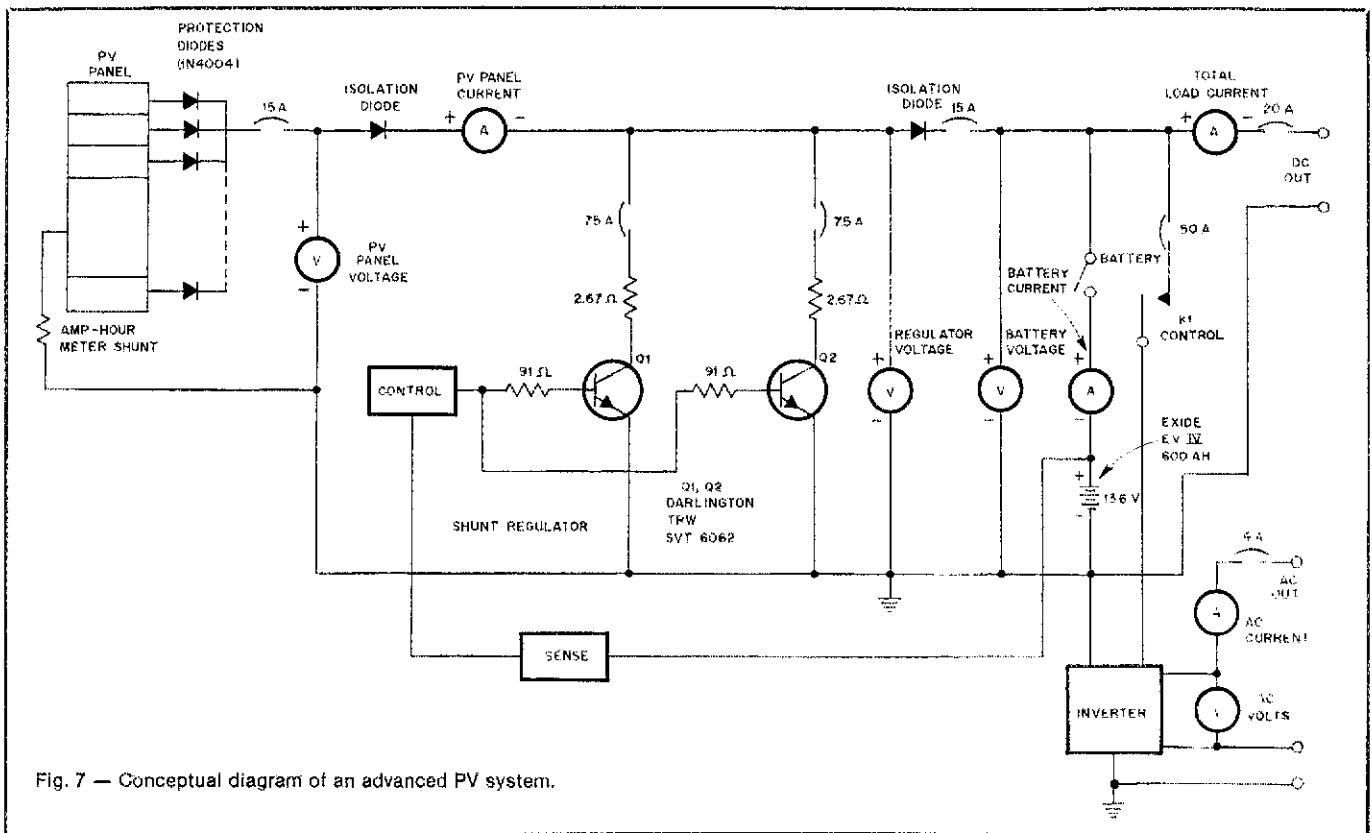


Fig. 7 — Conceptual diagram of an advanced PV system.

sistors are in series with the shunt resistors and regulate the current being diverted from the battery pack and load. It is because of their particular dc current gain versus collector-current characteristics that these transistors were selected. The current gain of these devices peaks when the collector current is between 4 and 6 A and is about 175 at 77°F. About 23 mA of base current is required to conduct 4 A through each device; the IC is capable of supplying at least 60 mA of drive current. At no time are the transistors driven into saturation, and the drive current is limited by the 130-ohm resistor and the 91-ohm resistors in each base lead.

As more array current is required to operate the equipment or charge the battery pack, drive current is reduced accordingly. If all of the array current is required by the load and battery pack, the shunt regulator turns off completely. Regulator control is accomplished by a feedback loop that senses battery voltage. The battery pack is maintained at a potential of 14.1 V during sun periods.

The 2.2- μ F capacitor between the output and the inverting input of the 723 IC, and the 33- μ F capacitor from the noninverting input to ground, stabilize the IC. These steps are necessary because of the high gain and wide bandwidth of the IC, which makes them highly sensitive when used in PV systems. The voltage regulator circuit board is heavily bypassed with 0.1- μ F capacitors to bleed off any rf that might ride into the regulator box on the cable harness. Three parallel-

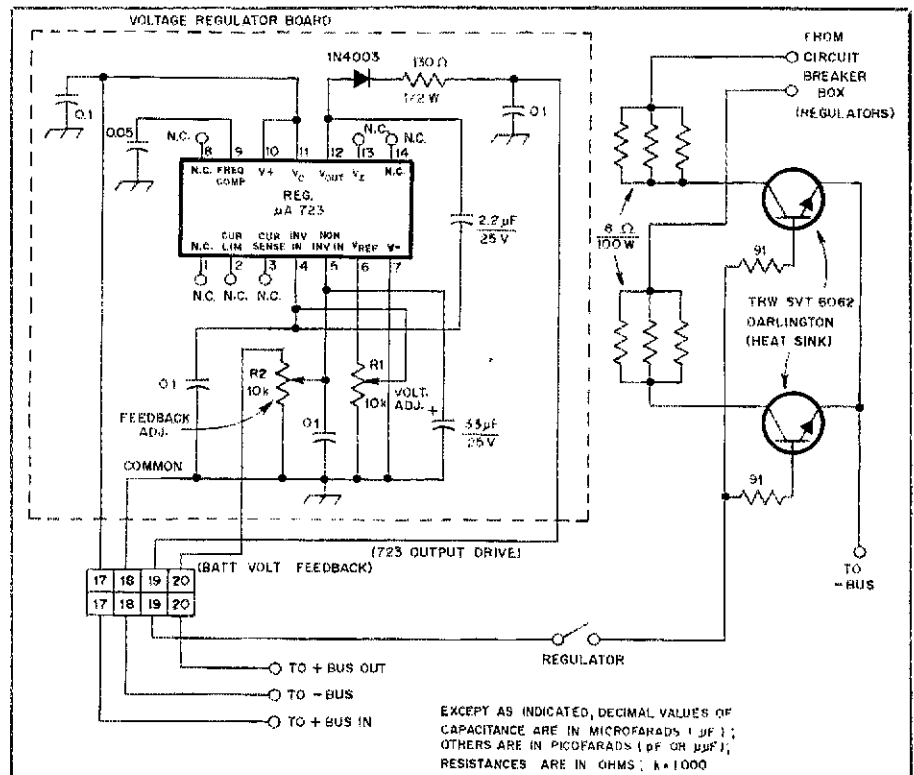


Fig. 8 — Schematic diagram of the shunt regulator. Refer to the text for more details.

connected, 8-ohm, 100-W, wire-wound resistors act as collector (shunt) resistors for each power transistor. These values were selected to allow at least 4 A of collector current for each device. About two-thirds of the shunt power is dissipated in

the resistors, allowing the transistors to be operated conservatively. The resistors are mounted by means of stand-off brackets on the outside of the metal box containing the regulator. The transistors are mounted on heat sinks at the bottom of the battery

box, where air is available for convective cooling.

Battery Pack and Power Conversion: The six batteries are connected in series-parallel to give a nominal 12.7-V open-circuit potential. This battery pack has a rating of about 400 Ah at a 225-A rate.

Power dissipated in the battery pack is not simply the charge current times the float (charge) voltage. It can be determined by the following:

$$q_w = (E_H - E_I)I \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where

q_w = dissipated power in watts

E_H = thermal-neutral voltage (2.07 V per cell for any lead-acid battery)

E_I = battery potential with I amperes flowing

I = charge current in amperes

The aging factor for deep-discharge lead-acid batteries is a function of the number of deep discharges experienced by the battery pack and the depth of the discharges. It is electrolyte-temperature dependent.⁴

In general, it is advisable not to allow the battery pack to drop below 50% of full charge. This will extend the pack life

⁴Notes appear on page 34.

by perhaps 40% in normal temperature environments when compared with discharges down to 80% of full charge. For lead-acid batteries, Ah out of the battery is nearly equal to Ah into the battery. A conservative rule of thumb is

$$Ah_{\text{charge}} = Ah_{\text{discharge}} \times 1.1 \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

Power-conversion equipment is used to convert the 12-V dc to 117-V ac, and 12-V dc to 700-V dc. While the communications equipment will work on 117-V ac as well as on 12-V dc, the 117-V ac is required to rotate the antenna arrays. Also, the low-band equipment can run higher power output using 117-V ac rather than 12- and 700-V dc.

A Nova 5060-12 fixed-frequency, sine-wave, single-phase inverter is used to produce 117-V ac from the system dc voltage. It has a maximum continuous output rating of 500 VA and is voltage and frequency regulated. Inverter efficiency is about 60%. The inverter can be actuated from the battery box or the radio room by means of a relay mounted in the battery box.

A dc-to-dc converter supplies high voltage to the final-amplifier tubes in the low-band gear when this equipment is used on dc. This converter will produce

between 600 and 700 V and is not voltage regulated. Therefore, the input power of the low-band equipment is a function of the battery-pack status. This converter is located in the radio room and is actuated by a switch on the low-band transceiver.

Metering: During the time the station is not being used, engineering and scientific data are acquired. This is accomplished by a complement of meters (see Fig. 10) measuring various currents and voltages throughout the system. The Simpson dc voltmeters used incorporate self-shielding annular, 1-mA movements and provide 24-hour-per-day monitoring with minimal power consumption by the meters themselves. Diodes are used where needed to provide the necessary isolation and to ensure each meter display is restricted to a specified measurement task.

A dc voltmeter is located at the station operating position, where the operator can monitor the dc voltage level at the equipment location at all times and under varying loads. The reading can be compared with the battery voltage level meter to determine exact losses on the supply line to the station.

An Ah meter (Fig. 9) using the IMC model 520 digital ampere-hour integrator monitors the PV array output.⁵ The IMC module consists of a voltage-to-frequency

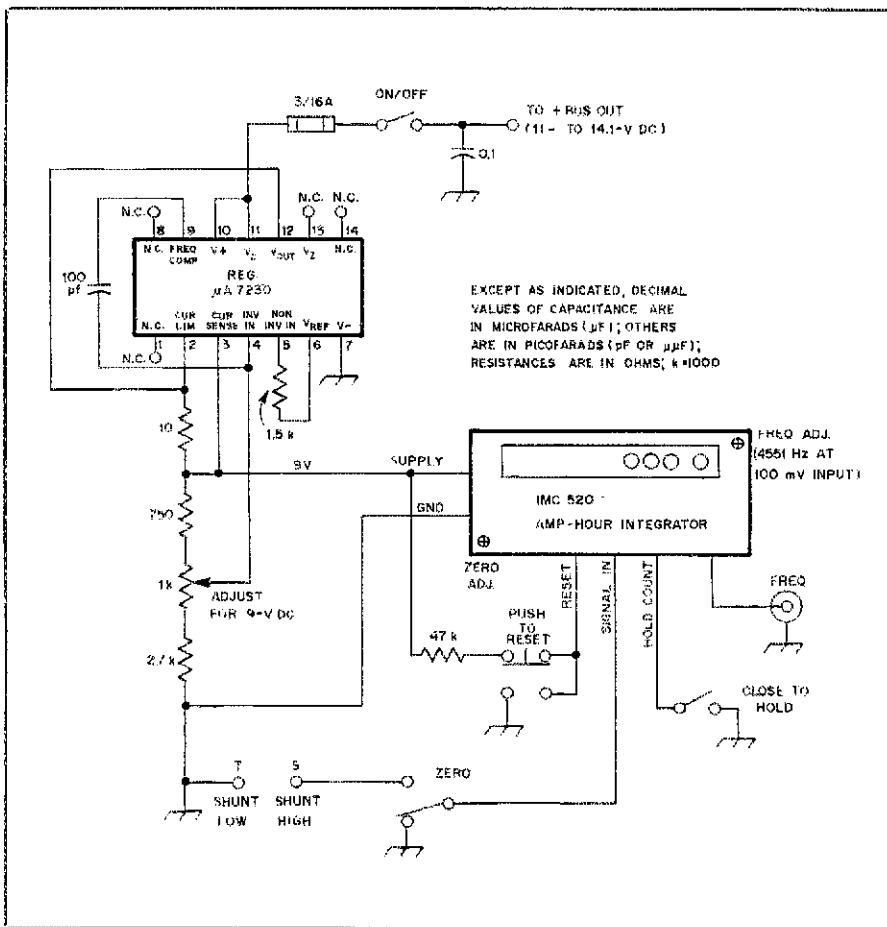
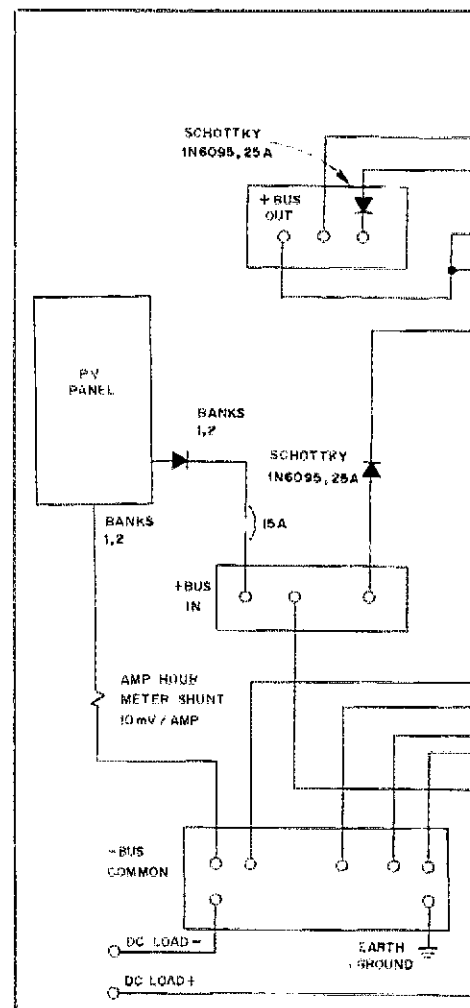


Fig. 9 — Partial schematic diagram of the Ah meter. The IMC module requires a 9-V supply, which is derived from the battery-pack voltage by means of a 723 voltage regulator IC. The meter requires less than 12 mA at 9 V.



converter (VFC), a 4-1/2 digit event counter and an LCD. A highly stable op-amp amplifies the input signal and sends it to the VFC. The VFC output is a train of pulses that is frequency proportional to the current present. A 10-mV-per-ampere, 0.25% precision current shunt located in the return lead to the PV array acts as the input signal source.

Some Considerations

The number of Ah per day of charge capacity available from an array on a cloudless day is a function of in-system PV module current characteristics, ambient temperature and atmospheric haze, site elevation and latitude, array wall and tilt angles, and time of year (sun declination angle).

Use of the PV module manufacturer's I-V characteristics may mislead the user. For example, on a warm (75° F), mildly hazy day at high sun, this system generates about 9.5 A with 22 modules in parallel, which would indicate perhaps about 0.43 A per module. Allowing 2 V more above the float voltage of 14.1, the curves in Fig. 3 (see Oct. 1982 QST, p. 14) indicate that the module current should be about 0.57 A, or 12.5 A total for 100 mW/cm² of sun radiation, at the normal operating cell

temperature. This may occur under special or ideal conditions; however, 80 mW/cm² probably would be more realistic. In most instances where the SOC of the PV module is specified at 100 mW/cm² only, the actual performance most likely will be less than the I-V curves indicate. In addition, the shunt regulator constrains the array to 1 or 2 V above the float voltage, depending on the voltage drops between the array and the regulator. Therefore, the curves at 100 mW/cm² may not reflect the expectations of the actual system performance.⁶

Temperature and atmospheric haze affect the daily Ah totals, but not significantly over several days. Overcast or cloudy days swamp out the minor changes of temperature and haze. As the ambient temperature increases so does the cell temperature. The short-circuit cell current increases less than 0.1% per degree Celsius with increasing cell temperature, but the open-circuit cell voltage decreases more significantly (2.2 to 2.3 mV/C°). The net result is a reduction in cell power between 0.3 and 0.5%/C°.

Haze affects the array output more than temperature (at least in temperate climates). Comparisons of actual direct-

beam-radiation measurements at the station site with three atmospheric haze models produced measurements of 82 mW/cm² for direct radiation and variations of between 65 and 96 mW/cm² for the haze models.

This system has a fixed tilt angle of about 36° and a wall angle close to 0°. The wall azimuth angle is the angle between true south and the array surface normal as projected down to the horizontal plane. Wall angles east of south are positive, west of south negative. The tilt angle is positive for surfaces tilted generally upward and facing generally south, and is zero for horizontal surfaces. Neither angle appears to be critical at nominal latitudes, particularly where a significant amount of the total irradiance falling on the array comes from reflections and diffuse reflections. If only direct-beam radiation were available, the tilt angle would be more important. A tilt angle about equal to the site latitude appears reasonable for fixed tilt-angle installations, such as this system.

The sun declination angle or time of year is important to the extent of establishing the number of hours the sun is available to irradiate the array. This is implicit in what is called the solar hour

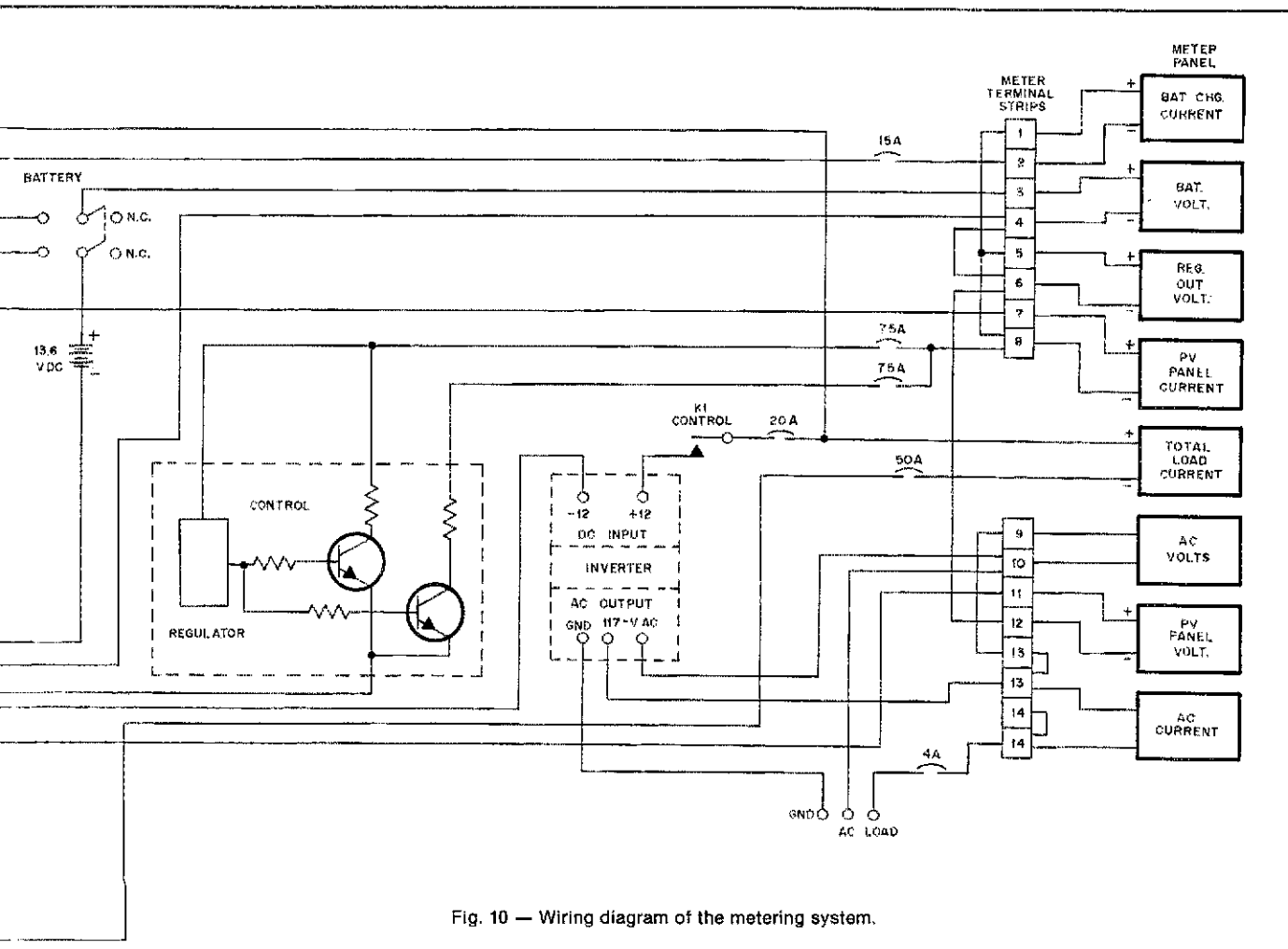


Fig. 10 — Wiring diagram of the metering system.

angle, which is equal to 15° times the number of hours from local solar noon. In the summer, the array will produce more daily Ah simply because the days are longer, and fewer Ah in the winter. This must be considered in specifying the array required to recharge the battery pack in a given number of hours or days.

Fig. 11 indicates the nominal voltages and currents from the PV array and within the battery box at high sun. The battery pack is assumed to be fully charged with no current being drawn by the radio equipment. The radio room is connected electrically to the system illustrated by two no. 4 stranded-copper cables for the dc loads, two no. 12 stranded-copper cables for the ac loads, and no. 14 wire for the inverter control.

System ground is established at the battery box where the negative side of the battery pack is connected directly to the utility company ground. However, this is not a single-point ground since the radio tower and antenna systems are grounded by means of the tower base, which is 5 feet in the ground. The outer coaxial cable shields connecting the radios to the antennas are at ground potential because of a radio room ground system used when operating the equipment from utility company power. This ground is the same one used at the battery box, but not the same ground point. This three-point ground configuration was initially of some concern. However, with all the equipment operating from solar power, less than 2 mA of ground-loop current has been measured. It is important to keep the decurrent meters in the current-source side of the equipment, rather than what is believed to be the current-return side when single-point grounding cannot be used. Otherwise, the meters may not read correctly. The station has been operated with some equipment simultaneously on utility power, dc solar power and inverter solar power with no ill effects.

The 50-foot run of cable between the radio room and the battery box exhibits a measured round trip dc resistance of 0.11 ohm. This impedance creates a problem when the dc-to-dc converter is used. This unit, located in the radio room, produces the heater current for the final-amplifier tubes and the plate voltage for the low-band transceiver when operating from dc (inverter off). It produces a 100-Hz square wave, which appears on the 12-V line. Any other equipment connected to this line will see this pulse train. This problem was partially eliminated by placing 86,000 μF of capacitance across the 12-V line. The capacitors are removed automatically from the line when the equipment is operated with the inverter or from utility power.

Control and Safety

Inverter control, emergency lighting control and radio room systems-voltage

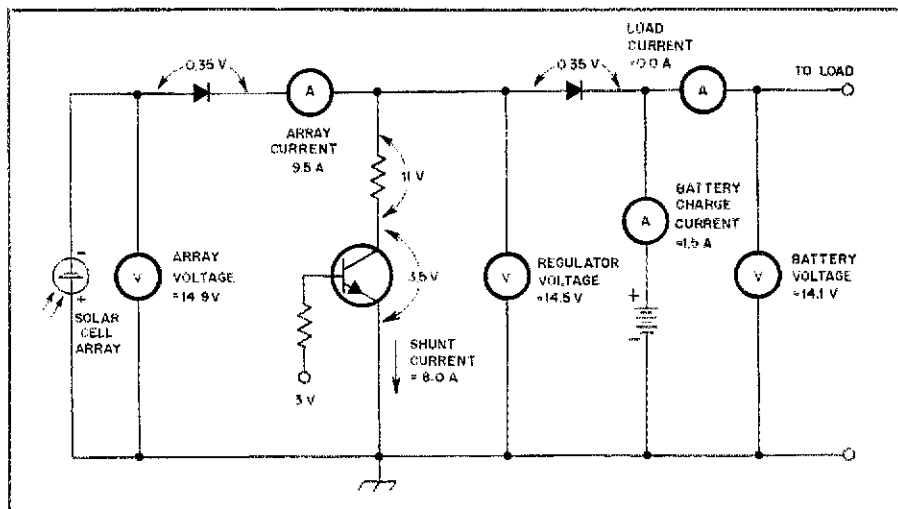


Fig. 11 — Nominal high-sun system voltages and currents.

monitoring are performed in the radio room. The inverter is actuated by closing a 200-A, hermetically-sealed control relay. Because the input current to the inverter could be as much as 50 A, it is necessary to have a heavy-duty contactor. Also, the contactor is in a potentially hydrogen-rich environment; therefore, it is important to have a hermetically sealed device. All electromechanical switching devices are kept below the upper surface of the battery pack.

The inverter input and output are floating. In this system the inverter chassis, the -12 V return and the 117-V ac low side are made common so mixed modes of utility, inverter and battery-powered operation can be used safely.

A breaker box using seven aircraft-type breakers is provided for safety. Although 12-V systems appear to be relatively safe from shock hazard, the results of getting a watchband, ring or wrench caught between $+12\text{ V}$ and -12 V can be dangerous and quite painful. All equipment is fused, and all inverter ac distribution is wired according to the National Electrical Code with a third-wire ground carried through to all ac outlets. Finally, the array framework is grounded, and all antennas can be disconnected during electrical storms.

Summary

It is amazing how inefficient low-voltage (12-V) inverters are. Techniques and new semiconductor devices are available to improve this performance. Much of the available commercial communications equipment is designed for 12-V dc and 117-V ac, so 12-V sine-wave or pseudo sine-wave inverters are desirable for these systems.

Emphasis has been placed on increasing the efficiency of solar cells. Perhaps equally important areas of improvement are in battery development and complete characterization of these batteries for PV energy-storage use. Battery temperature

coefficients, Peukert constants and constant power-discharge coefficients are required to design cost-effective energy storage PV systems.⁷

PV manufacturers should present their I-V curves in decrements of $10\text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$, from 80 or $100\text{ mW}/\text{cm}^2$ and indicate that the curves translate linearly along the ordinate axis with irradiance. A few days of using a radiometer will convince most people that a $100\text{-mW}/\text{cm}^2$ day happens only occasionally — at least in and near metropolitan areas. An $80\text{-mW}/\text{cm}^2$ day is perhaps more realistic.

Since there is an abundance of 12-V communications equipment being manufactured, it would be helpful if the PV-module manufacturers would provide units specifically designed for 12-V energy-storage systems. This would assume 14.1-V float voltages, shunt-type regulators and two diode drops. A system then could be operated at an optimum point on the I-V curves.

It is definitely impressive to sit at the radio room console and talk to someone across town or halfway around the planet using a no-noise, nonpolluting energy source. We think small systems patterned after the one described here will appear in greater numbers as the cost of photovoltaics and inverters becomes more attractive.

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Antenna Gain Measurements

Part 1: Technique — the fine points of making accurate gain measurements without access to a professional antenna range.

By Fred Brown,* W6HPH

The field of antennas is one in which the amateur can make significant technical contributions to the state of the art; this has been well demonstrated in the past. In probably no other area of electronics does pure empiricism yield greater results.

Unfortunately, the myth has become widespread that gain measurements are beyond the acumen or ability of the intelligent amateur. This dilemma is further clouded by many antenna articles that have appeared in the amateur (and sometimes even in the professional) literature with exaggerated gain figures. Unfortunately, some antenna manufacturers have been dishonest about gain, so much so that *QST* has refused (rightfully) to accept advertising in which gain figures are mentioned.¹

Transmission-line SWR measurements and even antenna impedance measurements are well covered in the amateur literature, but the parameter of most interest to amateurs — antenna gain — is largely neglected. There is no question that gain measurements are not as easy to make as impedance measurements, but this is not to say that gain cannot be determined accurately with fairly simple equipment and straightforward procedures. The techniques outlined here will permit the experimenter to determine the true gain of a manufactured or homemade antenna to an accuracy of within 1/2 dB or better.

This article deals with gain measurements at uhf, where antenna dimensions are small enough for convenient handling. Lower-frequency antennas can be measured by the use of scale models. In antenna work, scaling is based on the principle that when *all* dimensions are scaled by the same factor as the wavelength the scale model will perform exactly the same as its full-scale counterpart.² For instance, if we wanted a 432-MHz

scale model of a 7.2-MHz antenna, all dimensions, including element and boom diameters, insulator size and so forth, would be scaled by a factor of exactly 60. The free-space performance of the scale model then would be precisely the same as the 40-meter version.

Comparison and Reciprocity

The straightforward way to measure gain is to compare the performance of the antenna under test directly with that of a reference antenna of known gain.^{3,4,5} Other techniques have been used to determine gain but, in terms of simplicity, practicality and accuracy, the comparison method is best for amateur purposes.

The reciprocity principle is that the gain, impedance and radiation patterns of any antenna are the same whether the antenna is used for transmitting or receiving. Comparison could be carried out at either end of the antenna range, but usually it is easier and more practical to compare antennas at the receiving end.

The Distance Requirement

At the very close range of only a few wavelengths, an antenna will perform differently than it will at large distances. The performance on an antenna range will be the same as the long-distance performance, provided that a certain minimum-distance requirement is met. Of course there is no *maximum* distance requirement; however, very long-distance antenna ranges give rise to fading signals, ground reflections and weak signal levels.

Primarily because of the ground reflection problem, the most practical antenna test-range distance is usually from 1 to 5 times the minimum distance requirement. This minimum range depends on the largest antenna dimension and the wavelength; the generally accepted value is

$$S_{\min} = \frac{2D^2}{\lambda} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where the minimum distance (S_{\min}) is measured in the same units as the largest

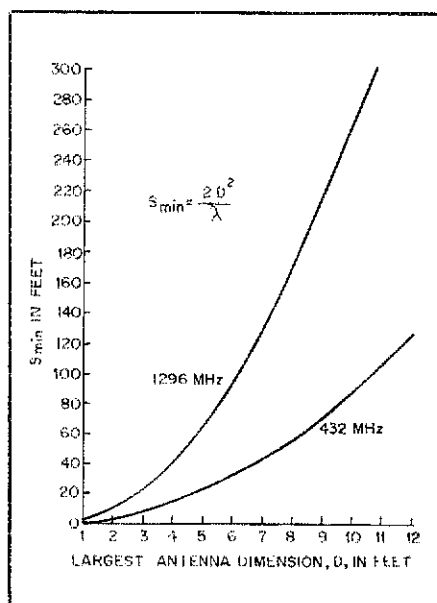


Fig. 1 — The minimum distance at which antenna gain can be measured accurately depends on the size of the antenna and the wavelength. Notice that for a given antenna size the minimum distance is three times as far for 1296 MHz as it is for 432 MHz.

antenna dimension (D) and the wavelength (λ).

A plot of S_{\min} versus antenna size is given in Fig. 1 for 432 and 1296 MHz. Note that for a given antenna size, S_{\min} is greater at the higher frequency.

The Reference Antenna

The simplest reference antenna is a dipole, and since gain is customarily expressed in decibels referred to a half-wave dipole (dBd), the dipole has the advantage of being a zero-dB reference. In some respects a dipole is the best, and in other respects it is the worst, of reference antennas. On the plus side is simplicity and reliability. You almost have to *try* in order to make a bad dipole. About the only

¹Notes appear on page 37.

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thing that can go wrong is the impedance match, and this will show up readily with a simple SWR check.

The main shortcoming of the dipole is its lack of directivity: It offers little or no rejection of unwanted reflected signals that come from wrong directions. Nevertheless, if a good deal of care is exercised, accurate gain measurements are possible with a half-wave dipole reference antenna.

A better reference antenna has been developed by the Electronic Industries Association (EIA); dimensions are given in *The ARRL Antenna Book*.⁶ A number of these 7.7-dBd gain antennas have been built by various amateurs, and it is worth noting that, even though different construction and impedance-matching methods were used, the gains have always measured within 1/10 dB of each other.

Another reference antenna design, easier to construct than the EIA antenna, is shown in Fig. 2. This antenna has the further advantage of being a good match to 50-ohm coax without any external matching devices. Its gain is 6.8 dB over a half-wave dipole.

Impedance Match

To measure gain accurately by substituting one antenna for another, both antennas should have the same impedance. This condition will be met if the SWR on both is low. But the match is not nearly as critical as is generally believed. For instance, an SWR as high as 2.0 results in a mismatch loss of only 0.51 dB. Fig. 3 gives the mismatch loss for SWR values between 1.0 and 2.0.

For best results, the receiver used for comparison should have an input impedance that is a match to the transmission lines used on the antenna, which will usually be 50-ohm coax. Sometimes attenuator pads are used ahead of the receiver to ensure that the antenna "sees" a 50-ohm load. Uhf attenuator pads, however, are expensive and not always available. Furthermore, they are not really needed at uhf, where the high attenuation of small-diameter coaxial cable can be utilized to do the same job. For instance, at 432 MHz, 37 feet of RG-174/U provides 7 dB of loss, and at 1296 it takes only 26 feet of RG-58/U for the same attenuation. A cable loss of 7 dB means a return loss of 14 dB, and this is enough to ensure that the input SWR will be less than 1.5, no matter how bad a mismatch the receiver is.

Reflections

Reflections are the main bugaboo of antenna measurements. An accurate determination of gain requires that the antenna be illuminated by a uniform-plane wave front from just *one* source. Any reflecting object constitutes an additional source. Unless the reflected signal is weak compared to the direct signal,

substantial error can result. Practically any object larger than a quarter wavelength, conducting or nonconducting, can cause a reflection. Generally, two types of countermeasures can be taken against reflections: directivity and distance.

The most obvious way to avoid reflections is to get away from all reflecting ob-

jects (distance) by carefully choosing a test site. Fig. 4 shows the geometry of the reflection problem. Obviously, the reflected signal will be weak compared with the direct signal if d is large compared with S . For instance, if d is 5 times S , the reflected signal will need to travel more than 10 times as far as the direct signal. Assuming the worst case of a perfect specular reflection from a large object, a reflected-path distance 10 times as great would make the reflected wave at least 20 dB weaker than the direct wave. That might seem like enough attenuation, but reflected signals even 20 dB down can cause worst-case measurement errors as large as 1.7 dB.

Fig. 4 also illustrates how antenna directivity can be utilized to reduce errors arising from reflections. If the reflecting object lies in a direction that is near a null in the pattern of the source antenna, the reflected signal can be attenuated to an insignificant level.

It also can be understood from Fig. 4 why an antenna range intended for pattern measurements must be much more reflection-free than a gain-measurement range. When the antenna under test is rotated so that its main lobe is pointed at the reflecting object, the reflected signal is magnified by the gain of the antenna, whereas the direct signal may be greatly attenuated by a null of the receiving antenna.

Generally speaking, the ideal test site is an open field, far from houses, trees, cars, cows and all other objects. Such a site leaves us with only one large reflecting object to deal with: the planet Earth. This problem will be dealt with in detail later. The equipment and body of the experimenter can cause reflections, but usually these objects will be below or behind the source or receiving antenna where the directivity of these antennas will discriminate against reflected signals. In professional work, the personnel and equipment are sometimes placed in a hole below the antenna to "hide" them from the electromagnetic environment. The hole is covered with perforated sheet metal to simulate a smooth ground.

Open fields are plentiful and accessible in all parts of the country. (If the one you find is private property, be sure to get the owner's permission.) The field should be smooth to within a quarter wavelength, which is only 2-1/4 inches at 1296 MHz. Grass can be expected to absorb some of the ground-reflected wave, but heavy brush should be avoided. Where the field is furrowed, it is best to choose a signal path that is perpendicular to the furrows.

Any antenna range can easily be tested for reflections by means of a dipole or a similar probe held aloft on a stick. Observe the signal as the probe is moved a few wavelengths up and down, and sideways, across the wave front. A good test site will yield a constant signal

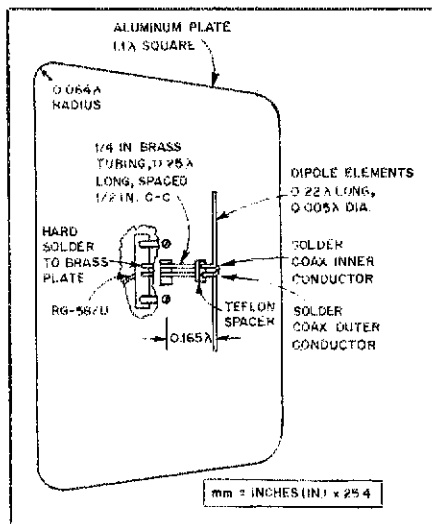


Fig. 2 — A half-wave dipole feed-point impedance can be reduced from 73 to 50 ohms by spacing it 0.165 wavelength above a conducting plane, as shown. The dipole-reflector combination makes a useful reference antenna with a forward gain of 6.8 dB.

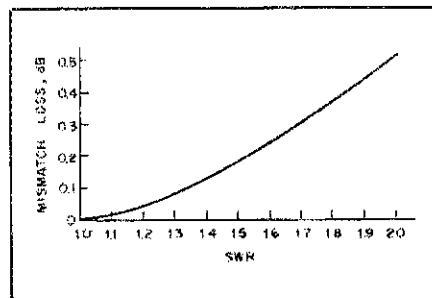


Fig. 3 — Decibel loss resulting from mismatch.

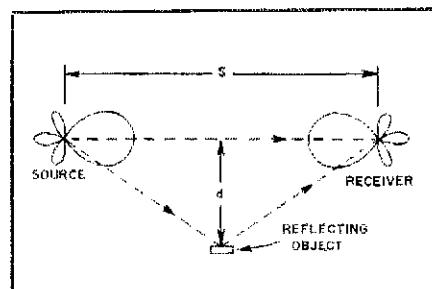


Fig. 4 — The signal can travel from the source antenna to the receiving antenna directly, or along a "bounce" path if a reflecting object is present. The magnitude of the reflected signal will depend on the ratio of d to S , the "scattering cross-section" of the object and on the radiation patterns of the two antennas.

strength as this is done. With vertical polarization, the dipole should be held above the experimenter's head so that his body will be in the direction of the dipole null. See Fig. 5. For horizontal polarization, the probe should be something more directive than a dipole. Two horizontal half waves fed in phase and spaced a half wave apart vertically will also provide a null in the downward direction. Closer to the ground, the reference antenna of Fig. 2 makes a good probe, as the experimenter can stand behind the reflector and thereby shield himself or herself from the source.

The ground-reflection problem will be dealt with in two parts since the case for vertical polarization requires a somewhat different treatment than that for horizontal polarization.

Vertical Polarization

It is not generally appreciated that at a certain angle of incidence a vertically polarized wave will not be reflected appreciably from the earth. Instead, it is simply refracted into the soil and absorbed. The angle at which this occurs is called the Brewster angle.⁷ Its exact value depends somewhat on the soil conductivity, the soil dielectric constant and the frequency, but for typical soil at uhf the Brewster angle is usually quite close to 15°.

If, then, our antenna range is set up so the transmitted signal strikes the earth at an angle of 15° at the point on the ground at which it would be reflected to the receiving antenna, it will be possible to avoid virtually all of the ground-reflected signal. The geometry is shown in Fig. 6. Where transmitting and receiving antennas are of equal heights, an incidence angle of 15° requires that the range distance (S) be 7.5 times the height above ground (h).⁸ Of course, S will also have to meet the minimum distance requirement (S_{min}) discussed previously.

Horizontal Polarization

With horizontal polarization there is no Brewster angle to absorb the ground reflection; instead, the reflection coefficient is nearly 100% for all angles of incidence of concern at the test range. Accordingly, we must employ a different strategy to avoid earth reflections, and a number of techniques have been devised to deal with this problem. Probably the most practical for the amateur is to utilize vertical-plane directivity at the source. If the transmitting antenna has a directive-pattern null in the direction at which the ground-reflected signal is transmitted, the ground reflection can be diminished to a negligible level.

It's not hard to make an antenna with a null at a given angle with respect to the main lobe. Two identical antennas (they could be Yagis or simple dipoles), fed in phase, will produce nulls that are a func-

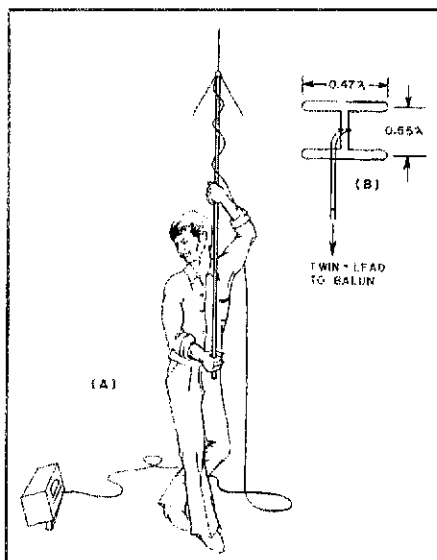


Fig. 5 — At A, if vertical polarization is used, a drooping ground plane makes a good test probe to check the antenna range for reflections. If the range is reflection-free, the received signal will remain constant as the probe is scanned across the wave front. A suitable probe for horizontal polarization is shown at B.

tion of the spacing between the two antennas. Fig. 7 gives the relationship between spacing in wavelengths and the angle of the first null measured from the main lobe. For instance, if we want a null at 15° below horizontal, we space the two antennas 1.932 wavelengths apart vertically. Then, if we make the range geometry such that the angle of incidence for the ground-reflected signal is 15°, we will be able to avoid practically all of the ground reflection. It is essential that the two antennas be identical and be fed in phase with equal amplitudes. The latter requirement will be met if the two identical antennas are fed through equal lengths of transmission line of identical impedance. The lower antenna should be at least a few wavelengths above ground so that its feed-point impedance will not be affected significantly by the earth's proximity.

Instrumentation

Fig. 8 shows home-constructed equipment suitable for making accurate gain comparisons in the field. This will be described in detail in Part 2, the conclusion of this article.

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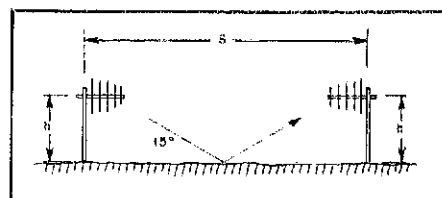


Fig. 6 — The ground-reflection problem can be avoided largely by using vertical polarization and making the range geometry such that the reflection signal will strike the ground at the Brewster angle of 15° (S = 7.5h). See text.

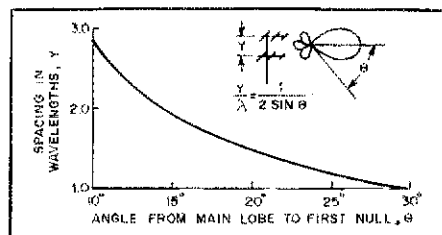


Fig. 7 — Two identical antennas spaced at distance y and fed in phase will produce a null at an angle θ, as shown. This null can be used to circumvent the ground-reflection problem.

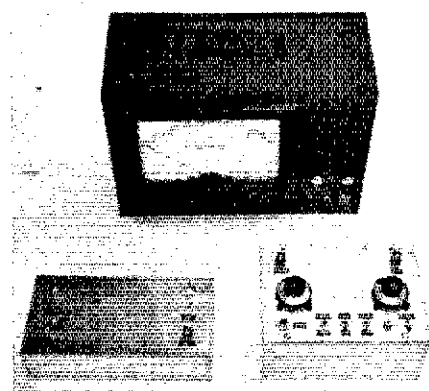


Fig. 8 — Shown here is complete instrumentation for battery-powered 432- and 1296-MHz antenna measurements. The equipment can be used also as a short-range mcw communications set. Details in Part 2 of this article.

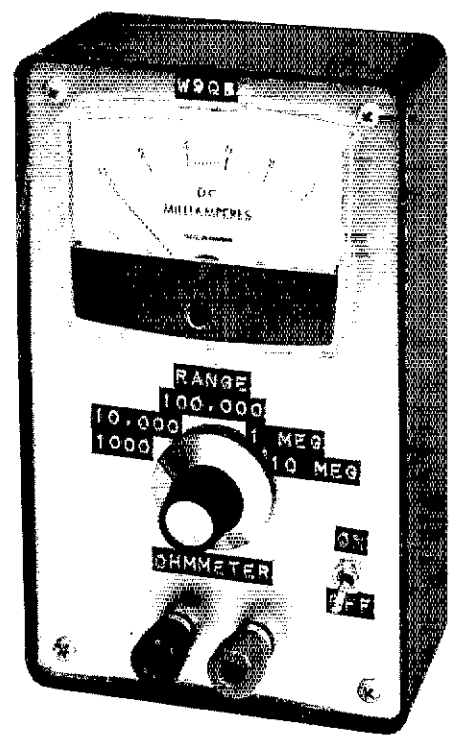
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- ¹[Editor's Note: Different measuring techniques may produce different gain figures for the same antenna, yielding inconsistent and thereby misleading results. (The antenna environment, or "test-range" facilities, are of primary significance.) No industry standard for gain measurements of amateur antennas has been recognized by the ARRL.]
- ²There are a few factors that do not scale perfectly, such as antenna losses, dielectric constants and so on, but seldom are these of any practical consequence.
- ³W. Overbeck, "Measuring Antenna Gain With Amateur Methods," *QST*, Oct. 1977, p. 11.
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- ⁶*The ARRL Antenna Book*, 14th edition (Newington: ARRL, 1982), p. 15-25 (p. 320 in the 13th edition).
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An Ohmmeter With a Linear Scale

Build this simple, useful device during a weekend and enjoy the convenience of a linear readout scale.

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Amateurs who experiment usually have a VOM (volt-ohm-milliammeter), which can be used to measure resistance. However, the scale of most VOMs is non-linear, being cramped at the high-resistance end, which makes measurement little more than a guess. This resistance-measuring device has a linear scale and a range of 100 ohms to 10 megohms, can be calibrated by a single measurement, and is easy to build. The circuit is very simple, consisting of an operational amplifier, a Zener diode, a meter and a series of switched reference resistors.

This ohmmeter operates by comparing the voltages at the inputs of an operational amplifier, then translating this voltage differential into a meter reading

(Fig. 1). For explanation purposes, we will make the reference and unknown resistors equal in value. In that case, the voltage at the inverting input will be equal to half the output voltage. Feedback through the unknown resistor will cause the output voltage to swing until there is no input-voltage differential. This 2:1 divider will cause the output voltage to swing to $2 V_Z$, which causes the meter to read full scale.¹ An unknown resistance of less than the reference resistance will unbalance the operational amplifier input and cause the meter to indicate less than full scale. The user must select a reference resistance (or scale) of higher value to keep within the meter range. Note that the meter circuit

includes a clamping diode. This diode is desirable to protect the meter against overload when the unknown resistor value approaches infinity (open circuit).

Construction

All components were purchased as stock items from a local parts store. There are no specialty components to frustrate the builder. The meter is built into a 6-1/4 × 3-3/4 × 2 inch experimenter box. The local store had a 6.2-V Zener diode, so this was used. Any Zener diode of less than 9 V can be used. Other parts were right from the rack. A 1-mA meter was selected as the most practical one to use, because the scale is easily multiplied by factors of 10.

Front-panel layout is conventional, with the meter, the selector switch and the measuring terminals in line from top to

¹For a theoretical analysis of op-amp operation see G. Woodward, "A Beginner's Look at Op-Amps," QST, April 1980, pp. 15-18, and June 1980, pp. 25-31.

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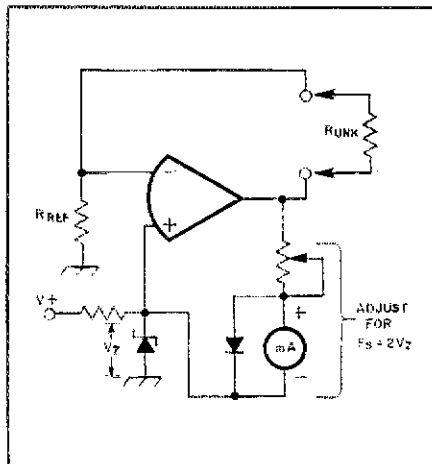


Fig. 1 — Basic circuit for the linear-scale ohmmeter. See text for details.

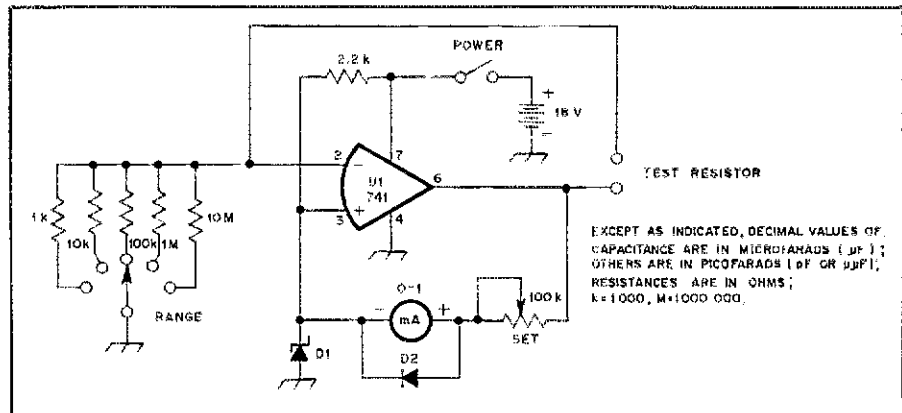


Fig. 2 — Linear-scale ohmmeter schematic diagram. Fixed-value resistors are carbon composition, 1/4 or 1/2 W.

D1 — 9 V or less, 200-mW Zener diode.
D2 — 1N914 silicon diode.

U1 — 741 operational amplifier.

bottom. The reference resistors are mounted on the selector switch. A small piece of perf board is used to mount the operational-amplifier socket and to provide space to mount the Zener diode, the limiting resistor and the meter-calibration potentiometer. The meter-clamping diode is mounted on the back of the meter. Two 9-V batteries are mounted within the case.

Calibration

After the Zener diode and meter are selected, the first step should be to

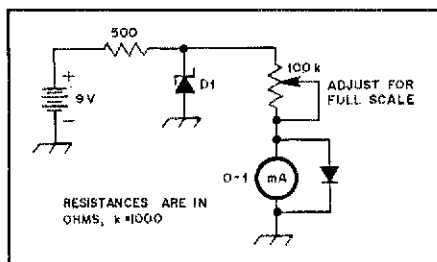


Fig. 3 — Calibration circuit for the ohmmeter. The meter series resistor is adjusted until the meter indicates full-scale.

calibrate the meter against the Zener diode voltage. This is done by using the auxiliary circuit (Fig. 3). Connect the Zener diode in series with a suitable resistor to a 9-V battery. Connect the meter and the 100-kΩ series potentiometer (R_s) across the Zener diode. Adjust R_s until the meter reads full scale. The meter circuit is now calibrated and no further adjustment is necessary. However, the accuracy of the readings of the meter will depend on the tolerance of the reference resistors. □

Strays

WORKED ALL STATES, BICYCLE MOBILE

□ There I was, a college professor who had been granted a nine-month sabbatical, with loads of spare time to improve myself. All that hamming was settling to my midsection. Some sort of exercise program to keep in shape was in order. Jogging was out because of a knee injury, so I decided on bicycling. This was fine for a while, but quickly became a little dull. What could be done to make exercise more enjoyable?

I remembered seeing an article about a fellow who put his rig on a bicycle and operated from it. That was it! I reconditioned my son's old Sears 10-speed by adding a luggage carrier and two metal saddle baskets on the back. Several power sources for my rig, an Atlas 210X, were investigated. My transceiver draws between 4 and 8 A at 12 V, so something hefty was needed. A car battery would be far too heavy, and \$90 for a gel cell was too expensive. It was also a little large, although the one I saw had a shoulder strap. I decided to use a motorcycle battery (a Sears 12N9-4B-1) that had a 9-Ah rating. It weighed only 8 lb and measured 5-1/4 × 3 × 5-1/2 in. The best part was that it cost only \$25 on sale.

Now for the antenna. It was a choice between my Swan M-34 mobile antenna with traps for 10, 15 and 40 meters or my single-band Hi-Gain Hamcat mobile. Here again size was the deciding factor. The Swan was heavier, but was only 66 in. tall without the extension for the 40-meter band. It would also provide multiband capability without having to switch traps. An old, flexible, metal-strap mobile mount from my junk box was secured to the back of the luggage carrier. The baskets, the luggage carrier and the bicycle frame were strapped together with antenna wire to create a ground plane.

The motorcycle battery was placed in one of the baskets. The rig, which consists of the Atlas 210X and a Ten-Tec 277 antenna tuner, was tied to the top of the

luggage carrier. The tuner was needed to reduce the effects of the next-to-no ground plane that the antenna normally required.

I was ready to make my first radio-equipped ride. I was a little self-conscious, to say the least, knowing that the neighbors already had some reservations about me because of the antenna farm on my roof. What would they think when they saw me with my 66-in. antenna on the bike calling "CQ" as I rode down the street? Too late for that now; I was committed to the attempt. The first major problem encountered was getting on the bike. It is very hard to swing a leg over the rig and in front of the antenna. The next problem was learning to get control over the somewhat unstable vehicle. Then came getting off, which is also a tricky affair.

Having mastered the riding problems, it was time to operate the rig. I tuned it up on 15 meters, with an SWR of only 2.5 to 1. I called "CQ" and, after a short while, had my first QSO with Harry, W2ECP, of

Rahway, New Jersey. After he stopped laughing when I announced myself as Bicycle Mobile 4, he gave me a 5 × 5 report. On the first ride, I also worked Colorado, New York, Wisconsin and Idaho (with a 5 × 2). The reaction of the people on the streets varied from interested to dumbfounded.

The best bands to work were 10 and 15 meters, although I also made some contacts on 20 and 40. The antenna seemed to work better with the 3-ft extension on the top, even though the 40-meter trap isn't supposed to pass much through it on 10 and 15 meters. The battery supplied enough power to operate up to an hour and a half. It would die in a manner similar to a NiCd — almost without warning. After a year of use in this manner, the battery still operates, but now it holds a charge for less than an hour. Because of the relatively weak transmitted signal, trying to break into a QSO in progress was more effective than calling CQ. A note of caution about motor-powered vehicles and curbs on streets: They have very little respect for an operating amateur. Care must be made in the selection of bike paths, in order to preserve both life and dignity.

After a year of operating, I applied for and received a Worked All States award, which has a very highly prized "bicycle-mobile" endorsement. Then there's the added thrill of working DX. Yes, I've worked ZS3, ZS4, 4X4, VK3, G3, JA and HC2. That's enough for WAC, but there are no special-category endorsements. DXCC must be the next goal. It turns out to be a very enjoyable way to ride a bike, and the QSOs that you have are a little bit more memorable than those from a fixed station. I even have a QSL with a picture of me and the bike.

I don't know if it's for everyone, but it is certainly a novel operating mode. I hope I can turn on the rig some day and hear someone else calling "CQ CQ" from a bicycle. A bike-to-bike QSO would really be something! — *Elliot B. Kleiman, WA4YDK, Hollywood, Florida*



Even since he combined bicycling with Amateur Radio, Elliot Kleiman, WA4YDK, has found out how much fun exercising can be. In fact, he's already received WAS (with a bicycle-mobile endorsement) and WAC awards, and is well on the way to DXCC.

Build the Timeless J Antenna

Need an inexpensive, simple antenna for use in hotels? Put this on your 2-meter rig — it's not a pipe dream.

By Lee Aurick,* W1SE

Some ideas never die: They seem to disappear, only to reemerge when we have a need for what they have to offer. The J, or J-Pole, antenna is one of these perennial concepts. I built one for 5 meters in the mid-'30s. Now I have revived it for use on 2-meter fm.

The antenna derives its name from its similarity to the letter J. A half-wave length antenna, it is fed at one end through a quarter-wavelength matching section. It may be fed by open-wire line or coaxial cable. (Some builders like to use a balun with the coaxial feed. I believe that a balun makes little difference in performance, and is only an unnecessary complication.)

My interest in reviving the J came from the inadequate performance of a quarter-wave antenna I used in a hotel room. I needed something that could easily be folded to carry within my luggage or the car. The J appeared to be a "natural" for this need. It operates independently of ground. You can match coaxial cable to it easily. Finally, the antenna may be constructed in sections that simply bolt together and mount on a plastic base.

Construction

The radiating part of the antenna is 38 inches (mm = in. \times 25.4) long and has a matching section that is 19 inches long (Fig. 1). Both are made from 3/8-inch diameter aluminum tubing. One side of the matching section must be added to the antenna section for a total of 57 inches. From this length is subtracted the length of one side of the "U" mounted within the plastic. In this instance, the length of the matching section within the plastic is 2-1/4 inches long. On the other side of the

matching section this length is, similarly, subtracted from the 19-inch length. Therefore, each side is shortened by the length within the plastic and is, respectively, 54-3/4 inches and 16-3/4 inches long. The U-shaped base of the antenna within the plastic is made from 1/4-inch-diameter aluminum tubing and spaced 2-1/8 inches, center-to-center. The U projects 1-7/8 inches above the plastic (total length: 4-1/8 inches).

The lengths of the larger-size tubing mounted above the plastic base are divided into four pieces on the longer side, and into two pieces on the shorter side. This results in four pieces approximately 13-11/16 inches long and two pieces approximately 8-3/8 inches long.

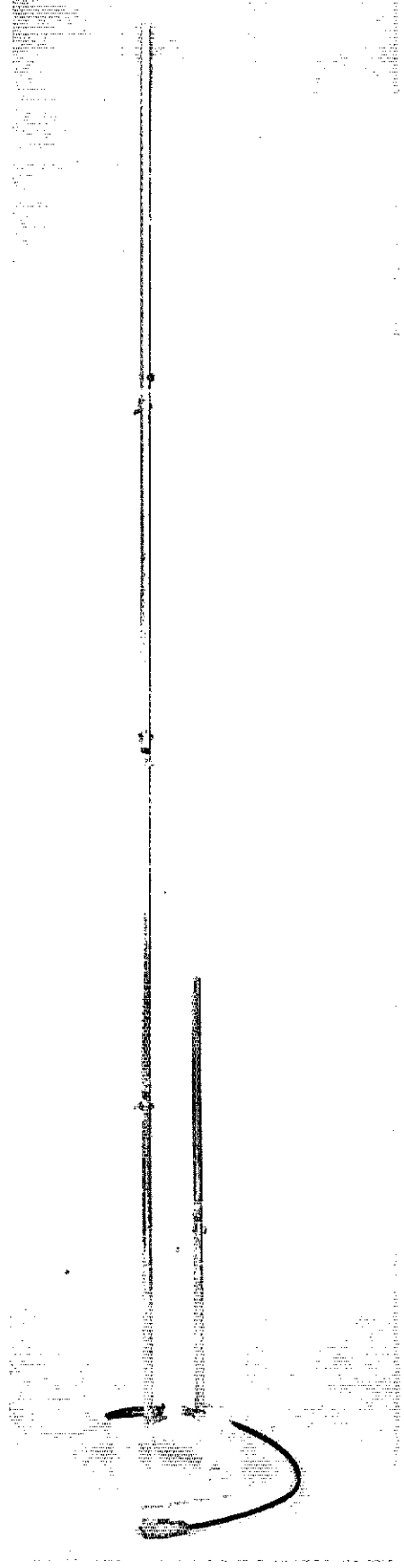
Four lengths of 1/4-inch-diameter tubing are cut to 2 inches. These are inserted 1 inch into the larger tubing and are held with no. 6 screws, 1/2 inch long. One end is fastened in place with hex nuts, but the other end is secured with wing nuts for "no-tools" assembly and disassembly. A dab of different colored paint helps to identify mating parts — I have difficulty drilling holes in different pieces that will always match! With the paint identifier, you may always be certain of a correct match-up of sections, the first time, when assembling the antenna.

The base is made from a scrap piece of polystyrene. Just about any insulating material may be used. Care and patience must be exercised while drilling the plastic. The plastic must be worked slowly with frequent rests to permit the drill bit to cool. If not, a sloppy hole and charred or melted plastic, will meet your efforts.

The plastic base I used had a groove that ran the width of the block. I placed the bottom of the U in this groove. Rubber feet, attached to the bottom, should provide adequate clearance for blocks not having a built-in groove.

Matching

To make the connector clips, I cut two narrow strips of aluminum from scraps. I bent them to fit tightly around the aluminum sections and fastened them with no. 6 hardware. The center conductor is connected to one clip, and the shield



to the other. It doesn't seem to make much difference which is connected to which. I tried it both ways, and neither seemed superior.

Connect an SWR indicator in the line to indicate the point of match. Alternately, slide the connectors up and down and check the SWR until the match point is located. With the antenna matched to 1:1 at 146 MHz, the SWR remained below 1.2:1 throughout the band. Pivoting the connectors toward or away from each other has a slight effect on the SWR, and may be used for "fine tuning" the match. The antenna shown happened to achieve unity SWR at the point where the large tubing met the plastic base.

How Does it Perform?

Initial testing was done in the ARRL lab. The ARRL Hq. building is constructed with steel girders, which provide a degree of shielding. In addition, the lab is mostly underground. Despite these limitations, repeaters 15 miles away were "full quieting," and were raised easily with 10 watts of power.

The J is a simple antenna to build and adjust. It will provide a worthwhile improvement over most 1/4-wavelength antennas, and will beat a "rubber duckie" hands down. When you are a bit more fixed than mobile with your hand-held or other rig, you will find the J can add miles to your enjoyment.



MOVING? UPGRADING?

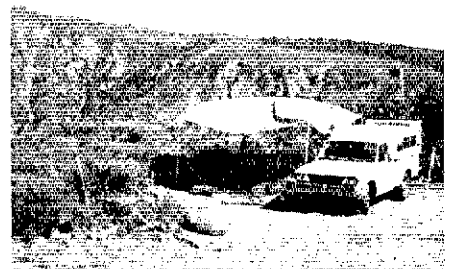
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FIELD DAY IN THE REAL "BOONIES"

Some of us dream of "getting away from it all" during Field Day, and the photograph illustrates the perfect spot to realize that fantasy. The setup was used by ARRL TA Dan Petersen (WA6OIL) and Roger Colbath (N6FMR) during their QRP Field Day operation in 1982. The spot is located 55 miles northeast of San Diego and is close to Garnet Peak.

The station was a Heath HW-8 (2-W output) and some homemade accessory gear. Dan says they didn't try to kill themselves setting any records, but they worked 61 stations in 26 states with their low-power station. They also copied the WIAW Field Day message, as topping for the cake.

WA6OIL also mentioned that when the photograph was taken they had a *mild* breeze (note the position of the flag!). Later in the day, "The wind came up"! Apart from that, the only difficulty was Murphy-related. Someone forgot to pack the roll of coaxial cable for the antenna, so several short lengths of line with connectors were joined, and the show was on the road. Well, why not? After all, Field Day is meant to simulate emergency conditions! — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*



This site near Garnet Peak in southern California proved to be a gem of a place for WA6OIL and N6FMR during their 1982 ARP Field Day operation.

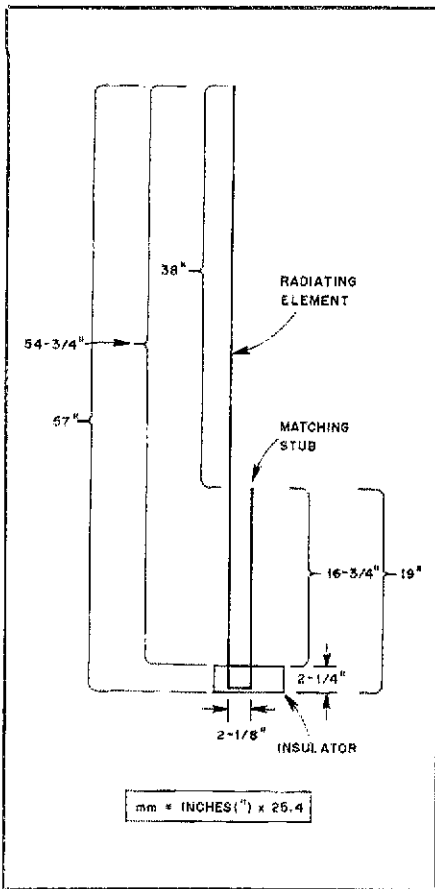
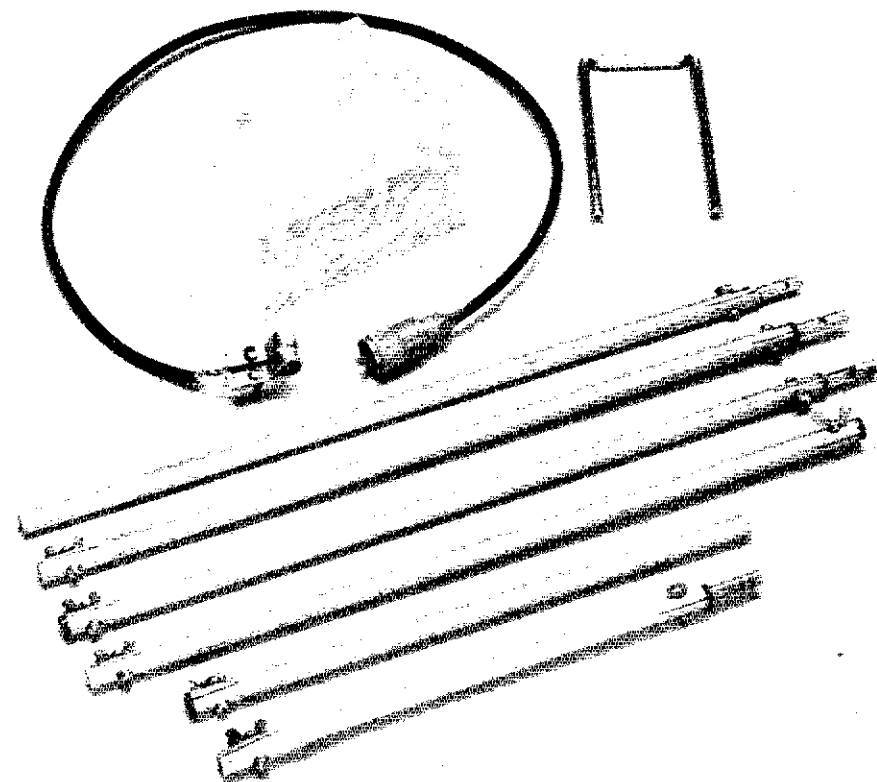


Fig. 1 — Construction details for the J. See text for discussion.



The completed "J" antenna, ready for assembly.



Station Set Up — How to Make It Simple!

Buying equipment is only part of putting together an amateur station. Here are some hints that will make setting up your station and getting it on the air easy.

By George Collins,* KC1V

I remember watching a ham friend setting up his station. I was a newly licensed Novice at the time, and seeing this OT (old-timer) sort through the maze of wires, equipment and cables made me think that his middle name had to be Merlin! He never looked at a diagram, scratched his head, or made a false move. He *knew* where every wire belonged. How could anyone remember it all? I wondered if I would ever be able to do the same.

I'm sure many newcomers to Amateur Radio have similar experiences. Over the years, I have learned the old-timer's secret. He knew where everything belonged because he understood the purpose of each piece of equipment and how it had to be connected in order to function properly. If we use this approach when setting up our stations, what might seem to be a complicated puzzle will become a simple and logical arrangement.

There are two parts to setting up your station. First, the desired equipment is obtained and a suitable station location is chosen. This part of the process was covered by Doug DeMaw in an earlier article.¹ Along with tips on selecting equipment and accessories, he gave hints on how to lay out a comfortable and safe station. You would be wise to review that article before plugging in your transmitter and "throwing the switch."

After you have selected your equipment and have arranged the operating position, we come to the second part of station setup. We must connect the various pieces of equipment so they will function efficiently. Let's look at some station setups and see if we can understand how they are connected by first understanding what each piece of gear does. We'll also discuss how to use some of the accessory equipment to make our operating more enjoyable.

The simplest amateur station may consist of a transceiver and a single antenna. Many "first contact" QSOs have been

made with such stations, but most amateurs soon want more versatility. A more typical station is shown in Fig. 1. Included in this arrangement is all the equipment a beginning amateur is likely to need. A transceiver is shown in the figure, but a transmitter and receiver combination could be used instead. Later, we'll discuss the transmit-receive (T-R) switching necessary when a separate transmitter and receiver are used.

SWR Indicator

Some type of standing-wave-ratio (SWR) indicator should be part of every amateur station. This piece of equipment serves many functions. It's useful as a relative power indicator during transmitter tune-up, and as an antenna-system "monitor" during operation. Should anything go wrong with the antenna or transmission line (such as a broken wire or a loose connector), the SWR indicator will reveal the problem by indicating a higher than normal SWR.

When a Transmatch is part of your station equipment, the SWR indicator really gets a workout! If it isn't a necessity for adjusting the Transmatch, it certainly makes the job much easier. You will also need an SWR indicator when trimming wire antennas to the correct length, or when making other antenna adjustments. Numerous commercially manufactured SWR meters and power meters are available, or you may choose to build one.

Construction details for an SWR/power meter can be found in *The Radio Amateur's Handbook*.²

Although the SWR indicator has many uses, all the applications have one thing in common: We use the indicator to determine the SWR at the transmitter output. This tells us that the SWR indicator should be the first piece of equipment in the transmission line from the transmitter. We don't want it, for example, on the output side of the Transmatch. If it were located at the point, we could measure the antenna feed-line SWR, but we couldn't determine when the Transmatch was adjusted correctly. Remember, the purpose of the Transmatch is to provide a low SWR at the *transmitter output*. By placing the SWR meter between the antenna switch and the rig, we can use it to monitor the feed-line SWR of any of the antennas. It also allows us to use it as an output-power indicator when tuning the transmitter into the dummy load.

Low-pass Filter

Following the SWR meter is the low-pass filter. It helps attenuate transmitter harmonics that, if radiated, might cause television interference (TVI). We want it in the transmission line at all times, so it must be located between the transceiver and the antenna switch. It is recommended that the low-pass filter be placed directly at the transmitter output (between the rig and the SWR indicator in our

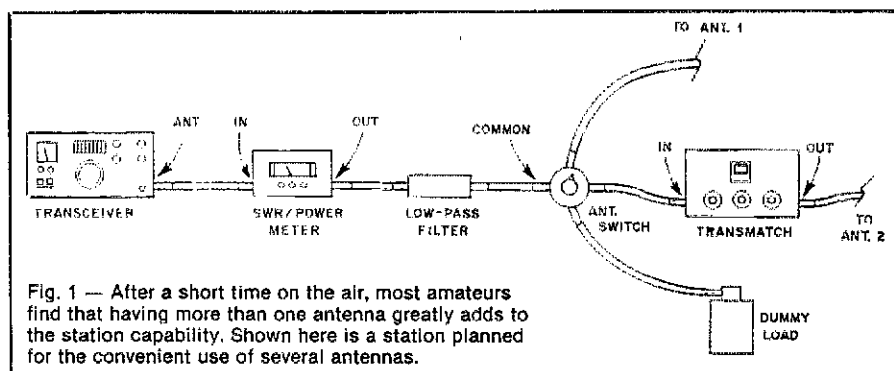


Fig. 1 — After a short time on the air, most amateurs find that having more than one antenna greatly adds to the station capability. Shown here is a station planned for the convenient use of several antennas.

¹Notes appear on page 44.

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example). Generally this is a satisfactory location, but some SWR meters (because of rectifying diodes) have been found to generate harmonics of the transmitted signal. With such meters, we want the low-pass filter between them and the antenna! If you should experience a TVI problem, try both filter locations, and use the one that results in the least interference. It is important that the low-pass filter be used in a transmission line with a low SWR. For this reason, the filter should be located between the rig and your Transmatch.

Antenna Switch

Although it is a simple device, few accessories add more convenience to station operation than the antenna switch. Even in stations with only a single feed line (those that use a single multiband antenna), a switch is still convenient for selecting the dummy load during tune-up and while testing your transmitter. Five-position switches are commonly available, and most provide for grounding of all unused antennas. Building an antenna switch is also a great weekend project.³

Often, two antenna switches are useful. If you use your Transmatch with more than one antenna, a second switch can be placed at the Transmatch output to select the desired antenna.

Transmatch

A variety of Transmatch circuits are available, both in commercially manufactured units and for home construction. The operational details will vary depending on the circuit used, but generally the Transmatch can be connected to your station as shown in Fig. 1. Most commercial Transmatches are designed for use with antennas fed with coaxial cable. The most popular circuits used are the T-network and the modified T-network, or Ultimate Transmatch circuit. These circuits are also useful with end-fed wire antennas.

In addition to the basic function of providing a low SWR at the transmitter output, many Transmatches have other features. Some include antenna switching, and others contain an SWR or power meter. One feature that can be important is a bypass switch. It allows you to switch the Transmatch out of the transmission line when it is not needed. If your Transmatch contains antenna and bypass switches, you can eliminate the external switch. Be sure you have some means of connecting your transmitter output (after it passes through the SWR indicator) to the dummy load without it going through the matching circuit. You'll want to be able to do so during transmitter tune-up.

Amplifiers

When the General class ticket arrives, many hams begin thinking about adding an amplifier to their stations. Typically, it

will be a linear amplifier designed for use with a transceiver in the 100-W-output class. These amplifiers normally have built-in T-R relays to handle the antenna switching. A control line between the amplifier and the transceiver allows the transceiver T-R switch to control the amplifier relay. During receive, the relay connects the amplifier input jack directly to the output connector. This connects the transceiver to the rest of the system just as if the amplifier were not present. While the transceiver is transmitting, the amplifier relay is closed, connecting the transceiver to the amplifier input circuit. It also connects the amplifier output to the feed line that goes to the antenna. When the amplifier is turned off (or is in standby), the transceiver is connected directly to the antenna feed line during transmit and receive.

Connecting this type of amplifier to the rest of your station equipment is easy. It simply goes between the transceiver and everything else! In effect, the amplifier is part of the station transmitter. All other station equipment is connected to it the same way it was connected to the transceiver. This is shown in Fig. 2.

Some older amplifiers found on the used-equipment market do not contain a T-R relay. Using these units with a transceiver requires the addition of a relay and some control wiring. You should not rule out these older amplifiers simply because they lack a T-R relay. Many of them are well-made, and can be obtained at bargain prices. The needed modification should not be difficult or expensive.

T-R Switching for "Separates"

Many new hams choose a separate transmitter and receiver combination for their first station. It's a good choice; some older units will provide excellent service at a minimum cost. Most of these transmitters require an external T-R relay (Fig. 3). The relay switches the antenna feed line from the receiver to the transmitter during transmit periods. A transmit/standby switch in the transmitter is used to control the relay. Some transmitters provide a switched voltage to operate the relay, while others allow you to connect directly to the control-switch contacts. In the latter case, you must provide a source of power for the relay coil. If the transmitter supplies the control voltage, be sure you choose a relay designed to operate at the

same voltage. Many transmitters that contain only vacuum tubes supply only 117-V ac for relay operation. If your transmitter is of this type, be sure to exercise caution when wiring the relay. All 117-V lines must be well-insulated, and all "hot" terminals need to be covered. Check the schematic diagram in your transmitter owner's manual to determine how your equipment is wired.

In addition to transferring the antenna from the receiver to the transmitter, we must also "mute" the receiver by placing it in the standby mode while transmitting. In any well-planned amateur station we should be able to go from receive to transmit by operating a single switch. This means that the switch used to control the transmitter and the antenna relay must also control receiver muting. Often, the receiver mute line must be grounded in order to place the receiver in standby. If the transmitter has a second set of contacts available on the transmit switch, these can be used to ground the mute line. Normally, you can't use the same contacts to control the T-R relay and to mute the receiver. If only one contact set is provided in the transmitter, you can use a second or auxiliary contact set on the T-R relay for receiver muting. If this is done, the RCVR MUTE line in Fig. 3 would be connected to the antenna-relay auxiliary contacts.

Most recently manufactured transmitters were designed for use with a matching receiver. These units contain an antenna relay and receiver-control circuits, so you don't need an external relay. The receiver antenna input is connected to a receiver-output connector on the transmitter through a short length of coaxial cable. A control cable for connecting the units carries the receiver muting signal. Most receiver/transmitter pairs provide for transceiver-style operation with the variable-frequency oscillator (VFO) of one unit controlling the transmit and the receive frequency. While there is no reason a particular receiver or transmitter must be used only with "its twin," transceiver operation may not be practical with other than matching units.

Fig. 1 is only one of a number of possible equipment arrangements. The exact equipment being used and the type of operating you prefer will determine the details of your particular setup. By keeping in mind the function of each piece

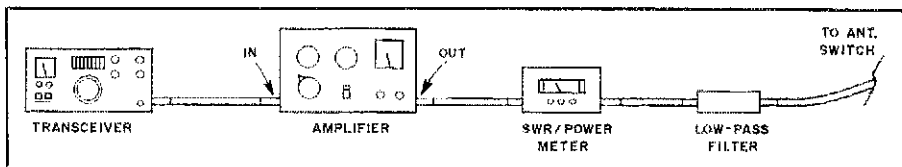


Fig. 2 — For medium-power operation (less than 300 W), RG-58/U coaxial cable is satisfactory. When a high-power amplifier is added to the station, as shown here, RG-8/U cable is recommended, especially if a high SWR may be encountered. RG-58/U cable can be used between the transceiver and the amplifier.

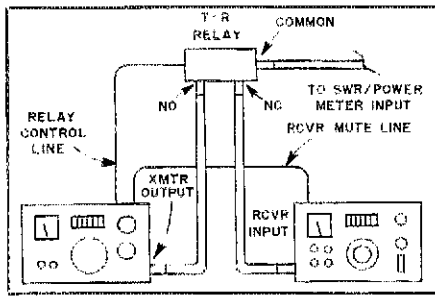


Fig. 3 — For convenient operation, a separate transmitter and receiver can be used with an external T-R relay. The common relay line is connected to the rest of the station in the manner used for the transceiver in Fig. 1.

of equipment you'll be able to plan your station to best fill your needs.

Tune Up

With your station setup completed, it's time to put it on the air and begin making contacts. Right? Almost, but before you begin filling the pages of that logbook let's look at some ways we can use our station equipment to best advantage.

The first step in putting your station on the air is transmitter "tune-up." One objective you should always have in mind is minimizing on-the-air tuning. This is when the antenna switch and dummy load shown in Fig. 1 really "shine." Always start your tune-up by selecting the dummy load by means of the antenna switch. Follow the instructions in your transmitter or transceiver owner's manual, and tune the rig for normal output into the dummy load.

Tuning procedures vary from one rig to another, but most modern ssb/cw transceivers are similar. If your rig has a vacuum-tube power amplifier (PA), you'll probably need to adjust the driver tuning, the amplifier tuning and loading, and the carrier- or drive-level controls. Most rigs are equipped with a TUNE position on the mode switch. It allows you to make the initial transmitter adjustments at reduced power (saving wear and tear on the output tubes!). Normally, the TUNE position is used while peaking the driver tuning control. With rigs that produce some output in the tune mode, you also can adjust the PA tuning control at reduced power. I use my SWR indicator as an output meter, and adjust the PA tuning for maximum output. This ensures that when the rig is placed in the cw mode the PA will be tuned approximately to resonance. Generally, the PA load control should be set at minimum loading for these initial adjustments.

Now you are ready to switch to the cw mode and complete the tuning procedure. Because you have preset the controls, closing the key should produce some output, and the plate current shouldn't be excessively high. The output power will be fairly low at this point because of the light

amplifier loading. Increase the loading until the output reaches a peak, and then readjust the tuning control for maximum output. The two controls interact, so you will need to adjust one and then the other a few times to obtain maximum output. Keep in mind that your objective is to adjust the loading control for maximum output power. If you need to reduce the plate current (to keep it at the recommended level), do so by using the carrier- or drive-level control rather than by reducing the amplifier loading. Be sure to readjust the loading and tuning controls if large changes in drive level are made. After you have gone through this procedure a few times, you should find it easy to tune your rig in a matter of seconds.

If your antenna feed-line SWR is fairly low (less than about 2:1), you're ready to switch from the dummy load to the antenna and to start making contacts. At most, you may need to check the PA tuning adjustment. At higher SWR conditions, the loading control also will require some readjustment. If the SWR is higher than, say, 3 or 4, you probably will want to use the Transmatch.

Transmatch Adjustments

To minimize on-the-air Transmatch tuning, you need to be able to preset the Transmatch controls for the operating frequency and the antenna you are using. That means the controls must have dial scales of some kind. A T-network or an Ultimate Transmatch, for example, will have three controls: two capacitors and an inductor. The capacitor dials should have at least 20 scale divisions. If a rotary inductor is used, it should be equipped with a turns-counting dial. Pieces of paper or notecard taped behind the knobs can be used to make dial scales on units that don't have them. With the Transmatch controls preset, little (if any) on-the-air adjustment should be needed. The exception to this is when you are operating on the lower-frequency bands. Transmatch settings become more critical, or "sharper," as the frequency is lowered. On the 80- or the 160-m band, you'll need several sets of dial readings to cover the entire range.

"Presetting the Transmatch controls sounds like a good idea, but how do I know where to set the controls the first time?" That's a good question. To determine when the Transmatch is adjusted correctly you must have the antenna connected and the power applied. That means on-the-air tuning — something we *would rather not do*. In this case it may be unavoidable, but by doing it properly we can minimize interference to others.

First, become familiar with the operation of your Transmatch by using the dummy load as an antenna. Tune your rig directly into the dummy load. Then, connect the load to the Transmatch output. Using reduced power (no more than 10

watts or so), you now can get the "feel" of the controls without causing QRM. Also, the control settings you find in this manner will serve as good starting points when you adjust the unit with the antenna attached. When you are adjusting a T-network or an Ultimate Transmatch, a good method is to first set both capacitors to maximum capacitance and the inductance to minimum. Then, key the transmitter and adjust the inductor until the reflected power dips to a minimum. Next, adjust the input capacitor. Often, you will be able to obtain a match by using just these controls. If a match can't be obtained, decrease the output capacitance slightly and readjust the other controls. You want to use the largest value of output capacitance possible to obtain a match. This will yield the highest circuit efficiency. It also allows the greatest change in operating frequency without a need for Transmatch readjustment.

Once you can tune the Transmatch into the dummy load with ease, you're ready to attach the antenna. Place the controls in the positions you found to be correct for the dummy load, and then key the transmitter. If your feed-line SWR is not extremely high, you should need to make only small changes in the settings to obtain a match. When you're using an end-fed wire antenna, the impedance at the feed point can differ greatly from 50 ohms. In this case, the control setting may not be close to those found for the dummy load, and you will need to start from scratch.

When making on-the-air adjustments (on a clear frequency), never use more power than is necessary to obtain an adequate forward-power reading. A few watts should be more than enough. As you adjust the Transmatch for a dip in the reflected power, don't forget to check the forward-power reading from time to time. Transmatch mistuning can cause the transmitter output to drop. This, of course, makes the reflected power reading fall, even though the SWR is still high. Remember: The SWR is related to the ratio of the forward and reflected powers. Should the forward power decrease too much, you will need to readjust the PA tuning control.

There is (almost) always more than one way to do something, and operating an amateur station is no exception. Hopefully, some of the methods and equipment discussed here will help you develop your own techniques — techniques that will add to your operating pleasure and to the enjoyment of those who share the bands with you.

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Japan Radio Company Model NSD-515 HF Transmitter

I recently reviewed the JRC NRD-515 all-wave receiver.¹ So, I was also anxious to review the NSD-515 (matching transmitter in the "515" series). It covers all the amateur bands from 1.8 to 30 MHz, including the WARC bands at 10, 18 and 24 MHz. Featuring the latest technology, the '515 uses digital techniques to control the VFO system, to switch the internal filter networks and even to control an optional built-in antenna tuner!

Features

Ssb, cw and fsk are the operating modes of the transmitter. During ssb operation, an internal speech processor (which uses an rf compressor, a peak limiter and crystal filtering), can be activated to increase the effective "talk power." On fsk, the transmitter can be frequency-shifted directly by a teleprinter or by a set of dry contacts.

The front panel of the transmitter contains all the frequently used controls — VOX GAIN, ANTI TRIP and DELAY; the speech processor COMPRESSOR control, an F-CAL/PTT/XMIT switch (used to key the transmitter manually and to spot a receiver), a multifunction VSWR/REL. POWER/IC/VC meter and switch, and the MODE switch. Both the mike and key jacks are on the front panel. Several controls on the '515 are not too common — a VFO LOCK knob prevents the unit from changing frequency. There is also a power output control knob, which works in all modes.

If the NSD-515 transmitter is mated with the NRD-515 receiver, the VFO of either unit can be used to control the pair as a transceiver, or the units may be operated "split" with independent VFO control. One multiconductor cable carries all the VFO signals and T-R switching lines between the receiver and transmitter.

A unique option offered with the unit is a preset, digitally controlled antenna tuner, which fits *inside* the transmitter cabinet! The circuitry consists of a series of L networks, with the amount of inductance controlled by relays, and the capacitance preset by means of trimmer capacitors. The relays are controlled by digital information sent from the BAND switch.

Circuit Features

The MHz control, in conjunction with the main tuning dial, drives a series of TTL encoders that generate BCD data for each significant portion of the operating frequency — 0.1, 1, 10, 100 kHz, 1 MHz and 10 MHz. The 1- and 10-MHz information is decoded to switch the band-pass and low-pass filter networks, and to latch the various relays in the optional antenna tuner.

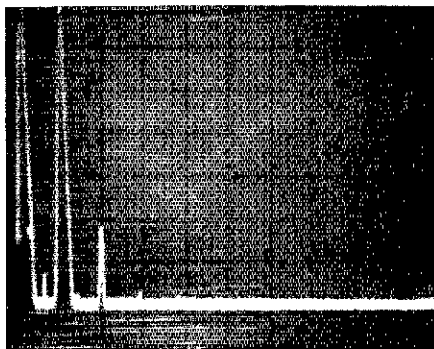


Fig. 1 — Spectral display of the NSD-515. Vertical divisions are 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 2 MHz. Output power is approximately 100 W at 160 m. The worst-case spurious emission is approximately 52 dB down from the fundamental.

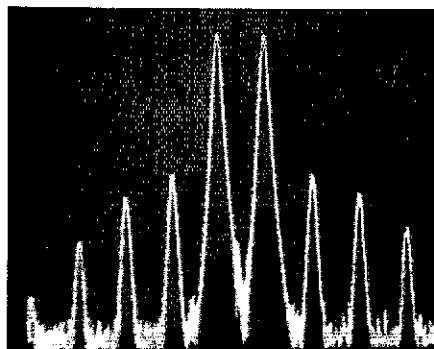


Fig. 2 — Spectral display of the NSD-515 during two-tone third-order IMD testing. The third-order products are 39 dB below PEP, and fifth-order products are about 43 dB down. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 1 kHz. The transmitter was being operated at rated input power in the 20-meter band.

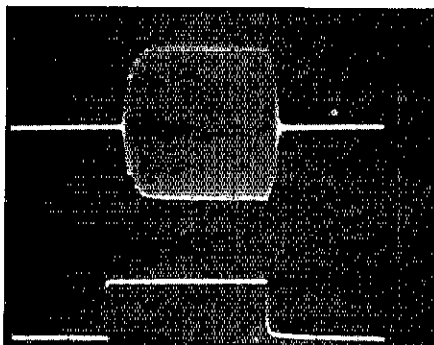


Fig. 3 — Cw keying waveform of the NSD-515. Upper trace is the rf envelope; lower trace is the actual key closure. Each horizontal division is 5 ms. Carrier level adjusted to rated input. Higher amounts of drive caused the wavefront to sharpen.

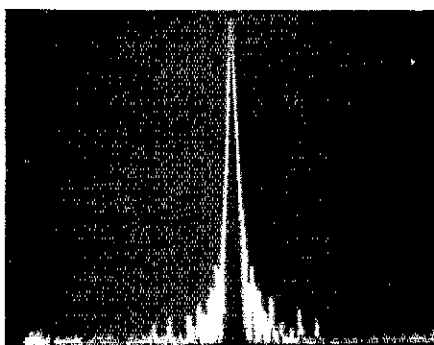


Fig. 4 — Narrow-band spectrum of the NSD-515. Vertical divisions are 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 500 Hz. Power output is 100 W on 14 MHz. The noise at the base of the carrier is generated in the frequency synthesizer.

Signal generation in the '515 is by means of a combination of analog and digital technologies. The VFO system is entirely digital, using a shaft encoder to drive an up/down counter, which in turn determines the output frequency of the VCO. JRC engineers have done their homework in this synthesizer design: By using a high reference frequency and dividing the final output of the VCO in half, the noise sidebands of the synthesizer are reduced dramatically! The high-frequency oscillator (HFO) uses a bank of crystal oscillators. The frequency is varied by means of a Varicap[®] diode and the Δ -F (XIT) control. An SN76514 mixer IC is used to combine the VCO and HFO signals — a strange choice, since the '76514 is no longer available in the U.S. (something to think about when considering service).

A solid-state final amplifier is protected by control circuits that "watch" for over-

temperature, excessive collector current and high VSWR. The final amplifier heat sink covers a major portion of the rear panel.

Options

Several options are available for the transmitter. These include the internal antenna tuner, an ac power supply, several types of microphones and a hand key. All of the optional items were included with the review unit.

The CFG-515 antenna coupler has a maximum tuning range of 12.5 to 150 ohms, or a 3:1 VSWR in a 50-ohm system. Maximum power rating is 150 W.

Dc power for the review unit came from the NBD-515 ac supply. This unit has a strapping bar that permits the use of 110, 117, 220 or 240-V ac. Dc output voltage is 13.8 at 15 A, *continuous duty*! A very large heat sink covers the entire rear panel of the supply.

Perhaps the most interesting option offered

¹"Japan Radio Company Model NRD-515 All-Wave Receiver," *QST*, Nov. 1981, pp. 42-43.

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Japan Radio Company Model NSD-515 HF Transmitter

Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage: Amateur bands — 160-10 meters, including WARC assignments.
XIT range: Not specified.
Modes of operation: Ssb, cw and RTTY.
Frequency display: Six 1/2" red LEDs.
kHz/turn of tuning knob: Not specified.
Power output: 100 W.
Spurious suppression: 50 dB or more.
Third-order IMD: Less than -31 dB, relative to PEP.
Frequency stability: Within ± 500 Hz 5 to 60 min. from power on, ± 50 Hz every hour after warmup.
Power requirements: 13.8-V dc, 20 A.
Size (HWD): 5.5 x 13.4 X 11.8 inches.^f
Color: Gray and black.

^fmm = in. x 25.4.

Measured in ARRL Lab

As specified.
 ± 600 Hz.
As specified.
As specified.
10 kHz.
Greater than 100 W.
Worst case: 52 dB (160 m).
-39 dB relative to PEP.
150-Hz drift from a cold start to 1 hour later.
As specified.

with the transmitter is the KY-3A cw hand key. The base of the key weighs almost 1 lb!^g A rubber base on the key prevents slippage on the desk top.

On-the-Air Operation

Through the good graces of the people at JRC, I was able to borrow an NRD-515 receiver to mate with the unit. The package is very neat; only two cables are required to interface the units. One carries T-R control and VFO signals, the other is the receive antenna line. Once the connections are completed, the operator has the pleasure of "twiddling" the 40 switches and knobs on the transceiver!

As with most of my product reviews, I tested the pair in several contests. Contests seem to present the most demanding amateur application for receivers or transmitters. Receivers are subjected to strong local and DX signals, and filtering systems are put through the paces because of very close channel spacing. Transmitters are operated for periods of 24 or 48 hours at a time, which tests their reliability; signal-processing systems for ssb are tested by the amount of "punch" they have in a pileup.

In every contest each piece of gear performed flawlessly. Comments about the transmit audio were nothing but "great," except when the compressor control was adjusted too high. On cw, the waveform is quite hard, but no comments about key clicks were heard (even at a multi-multi effort).

One problem arose on cw — zero beating. The delta-F control on the transmitter is for vernier adjustment of the transmit frequency. The digital display in the transmitter does not reflect the change in frequency for the delta-F control, which makes exact zero beating difficult.

Those of us looking for a new rig would probably pass right over the JRC twins; after all, the product is new, and JRC is new to the U.S. Well, after talking with a few JA stations, I found out that JRC is a very old and respected manufacturer of marine communications equipment. The quality of the equipment speaks for itself. It will be hard to return the review unit to the manufacturer! Equipment prices were not available. — *Gerry Hull, AK4L*

^gkg = lb x 0.454.

WESTERN ELECTRONICS 998BUA TRAP DIPOLE

□ Most amateurs are willing to take a small trade-off in antenna efficiency for the convenience of multiband operation with a single antenna and feed line. Trap-style dipoles, verticals and hf-band Yagi beams are found worldwide, and many of them serve well as compromise antennas. The urban dweller or one-tower ham is a typical candidate for some form of multiband hf antenna. If a single feeder (coaxial line) is desired, then a trap (sometimes called a "trapped") type of radiator is of interest. Others prefer a center-fed or an end-fed Zepp antenna, which can be used with tuned feeders and a Transmatch. The

inconvenience of a tuned feed line is the need to readjust the Transmatch each time the operator changes bands. Generally, this is not necessary when using a trap antenna.

I needed a multiband dipole for a two-week operation as 8P6EU at Barbados, W.I. Being mindful of the aesthetic quality of the beach area at Coconut Creek Club Hotel on the island, a clutter of antenna wires and feed lines was ruled out. An acceptable approach to the matter evolved from the use of a Western Electronics 998BUA trap dipole for use from 80 through 10 meters. The hotel manager had no objections to the use of the antenna when it was erected in the clear to protect the guests from accidental contact with the legs of the dipole and the feeder cable. It was erected as a sloping dipole over the seashore, with the high end approximately 40 feet above ground and the lower end about 10 feet above the sand.³ The feed line was brought away from the antenna at a right angle, then routed to the station (a Ten-Tec Argosy).

The Antenna

Western Electronics was kind enough to ship a review unit of the 998 dipole in time for the West Indies trip. It arrived the day before our departure, which provided no time to check the system for performance. A cursory examination was carried out, however, and it became apparent that a serious problem would have to be resolved. Fig. 5 clearly illustrates the potential threat to proper operation: There is no firm electrical connection between the wire sections of the antenna and the traps. Rather, the no. 18 copper-clad steel wire terminates at each end of

³m = 0.3048 x ft.

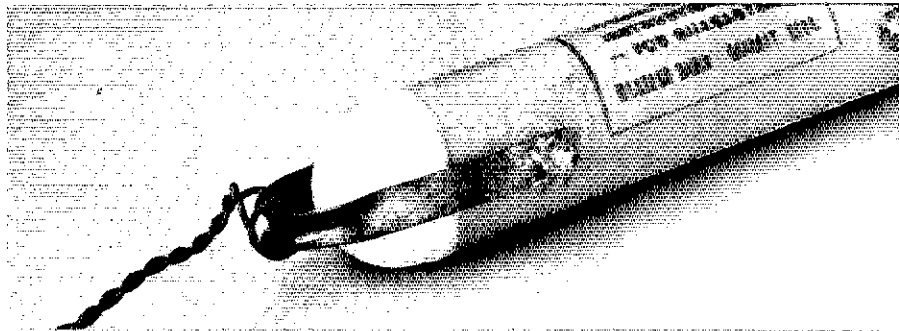


Fig. 5 — Close-up of the unmodified trap. Note the wire ring over the trap yoke, which serves as the electrical connection.

Western Electronics 998BUA Trap Dipole

Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Antenna length: 104 feet.
Feeder length: 90 feet.
Power rating: 1000 W cw, 2000 W ssb.
VSWR: 2:1 or less, all bands.
Feed line: RG-58/U.
Frequency range: 80 through 6 meters.
Electrical integrity: No claims.
Physical characteristics: No claims.

ARRL Test Results

Confirmed.
Confirmed.
Tested at 600 W only.
No problems noted.
Does not conform on 80 meters (see Table 1).
Confirmed.
80-10 meters confirmed. Not tested on 50 MHz.
Substandard (see text).
Good.



Fig. 6 — Modification of the traps to ensure proper electrical connections between the traps and the wire sections of the dipole. Lock washers have been added to the trap bolts. A coating of clear sealant was added to prevent corrosion where the yokes are mounted to the traps.

the traps in a preformed loop, which encircles the metal yoke of the trap. The instructions specify a need to ensure tension of the dipole in order to maintain electrical contact. This is in sharp contrast to fundamental procedures for electrical connections, especially those used in an outdoor environment! I observed also that the no. 6 studs and nuts that held the yokes on the traps were loose and without lock washers — another potential problem in the presence of wind and corrosion. Something had to be done before the antenna was erected in a salt-air locale!

Fig. 6 illustrates the quick preventive measure taken at each of the two traps. A length of stranded hookup wire (no. 22) was used as a jumper connector soldered from the antenna wires to the yokes on the traps. I strongly recommend that the manufacturer adopt this change. It was deemed important also to install lock washers at each of the yoke attachment points, then coat the hardware with noncorrosive sealant (see Figs. 5 and 6). These changes were vital to reliable performance, as salt air (or acid in the smoke and smog of cities) will tarnish and corrode a copper surface in a few hours, causing poor electrical joints. The copper surfaces of the trap antenna turned

green during the first 24 hours of use on Barbados!

The 988 has one trap in each leg of the dipole. The traps are resonant in the 40-meter band. The more elaborate Western Electronics dipoles contain traps for the discrete bands of operation, thereby permitting the antenna to function as a half-wavelength dipole on each band of interest. The 998 does not perform in this manner on 20, 15 and 10 meters. It does, however, seem to present a current node for those bands at the feed point.

A 90-ft length of RG-58/U coaxial cable is supplied with the dipole. No brand name could be found on the gray-colored cable, but it was quite flexible and soft, making it easy to route around corners and into the hotel room. I did not perform loss tests on the line (50-ohm load and wattmeter), so the quality of the line is unknown.

Dacron guy line (rated at 300 pounds test) is supplied in two 15-ft lengths — one for each end of the antenna. A built-in lightning arrester and static-drain resistor is located at the center insulator of the dipole. I sealed the open end of the coaxial cable where it emerges from the center insulator and joins the legs of the antenna; this spot seemed vulnerable to

weather effects also. The feed line is terminated at the station end in a PL-259 type of connector.

Western Electronics specifies band coverage from 80 through 6 meters with the 998BUA. I did not test the system on 6 meters. Also, it is rated (guaranteed) for 1000 W on cw and 2000 W on ssb. My strong preference for a feed line at those power levels would be RG-8/U, but I have "pumped" 600 W into RG-58/U and RG-59/U with no ill effects when my antennas had a VSWR below 2:1. But, I have also melted the smaller lines with a 600-W output-power level when a high VSWR existed. This happened during an ice storm in New England. Beware!

Antenna Literature

A large collection of tutorial and supporting literature was shipped with the antenna. Some of it made very interesting reading, but other parts caused me concern because of technical misinformation. The misspelled words did not create any problems in comprehending the instruction sheets. Some of the statements are worth quoting:

- 1) "We have made hundreds of tests and found that when a coaxial feedline is long enough so that it is over one-quarter wave length long electrically at the lowest frequency, the antenna used on the feedline acts as a balun, and the RF currents equalize BEFORE they get to the antenna itself."
 - 2) Concerning how much voltage is on each side of a dipole, the manufacturer recommends "... or you may prove it yourself, by simply drawing an arc off of each end of the antenna and comparing [sic] both sides while the transmitter is operating and feeding the antenna power (use a lead pencil)." Emphasis has been added by the reviewer, for this type of practice can be very dangerous, and it is not recommended. Also, an arc of such magnitude can send a large transient down to the transmitter, thereby posing a serious threat to a solid-state final amplifier stage. It also can cause RFI and TVI.
 - 3) "The traps have zero losses."
 - 4) "Anything above 15 feet will work well." [Concerning antenna height — Ed.]
 - 5) "The height above ground has nothing to do with matching the SWR to the feedline, or feedline to transmitter, and it will not increase radiation efficiency of the antenna."
- There are a number of similarly "interesting" statements contained in the antenna literature provided by the manufacturer, but we'll save that reading for you when you purchase your dipole.

Performance

I was glad I took a Transmatch and VSWR indicator with me to 8P6 land, for the SWR-protected transceiver I used would not operate effectively into the dipole without my creating a 1:1 condition at the station end of the feed line. This is typical of any well-designed solid-state transmitter that contains a VSWR shut-down circuit for the protection of the PA transistors.

Excellent results were obtained on 80 and 40 meters while using the trap dipole. I was able to work the world on cw with approximately 40 W of output power. Performance on 20, 15 and 10 meters was not spectacular, owing in part to poor daytime band conditions. I solved the problem to some extent by building a 20-meter dipole with tuned feeders, which was also erected as a sloper. It worked quite well on 20, 15 and 10 meters. At times, both antennas

Table 1
Measured VSWR Bandwidths

Band (meters)	Lowest VSWR (MHz)	Band Edge (MHz)	Band Edge (MHz)
80	2.1:1 — 3.850	2.9:1 — 3.500	2.5:1 — 4.000
40	1:1 — 7.150	1.8:1 — 7.000	1.8:1 — 7.300
20	1.3:1 — 14.350	1.6:1 — 14.000	1.3:1 — 14.350
15	1.9:1 — 21.450	1.9:1 — 21.000	1.9:1 — 21.450
10	1.7:1 — 28.000	1.7:1 — 28.000	2:1 — 29.700

Measurements were made by means of a Bird Thru-line wattmeter, courtesy of ARRL Laboratory Technician Mike Kaczynski, W1OD. Readings on 15 and 10 meters are "apparent VSWR" indications, owing to the effects of the 90-foot RG-58/U feed line. Tests were not performed on 6 meters, although the antenna is rated for use on that frequency.

yielded similar signal reports on the three upper bands, but at other times the 20-meter dipole exceeded the performance of the 998 by two or three S units. I attributed the difference to the effective angles of radiation of the two antennas, respective to the time of day and propagation conditions.

Upon my return to the USA, the trap dipole was erected high and clear at ARRL Hq. Table 1 shows the measured VSWR on the bands from 80 through 10 meters. Western claims a 2:1 VSWR (or less) on all bands. I found this to be true on the specified frequencies other than 80 meters. The antenna was exceptionally handy and easy to erect, and was well suited to air travel in terms of weight and bulk. I strongly suggest that prospective buyers of this and similar Western Electronics models of antenna give consideration to performing the same type of "surgery" that I applied. The procedure will negate the occasion for intermittent operation, stray rectification, TVI and RFI.

This antenna is distributed by Western Electronics, Kearney, NE 68847. Price class: \$80. — Doug DeMaw W1FB

THE LAMBDA COAXIAL PORTAL UNIT

□ Most amateurs have faced the problem of bringing their transmission lines through the outside wall of the house. With a single coaxial cable it's not difficult to do, but as the "antenna farm" grows, so does the problem. If you have five or six feed lines plus a rotator control cable or two, drilling holes through a window frame isn't likely to be a satisfactory solution.

The Lambda feedthrough panel is a good solution to the problem. With it you can bring up to eight cables through the wall without worrying about water leaks or drafts. Two 16-gauge aluminum panels, a protective cover and all the necessary hardware are supplied with the unit. The larger of the two panels, measuring 16-1/2 × 8 inches, mounts on the outside surface of the wall.⁴ The smaller panel (16-1/2 × 4 inches) is attached to the inside wall surface. Both panels have eight holes, each fitted with a heavy rubber grommet that will accept cables up to 1/2 inch in diameter. The grommets prevent chafing of the feed-line insulation and also seal any unused holes. The protective cover attaches to the outside panel, shielding the holes from the elements. All the aluminum parts are painted with zinc-chromate

primer. This produces a highly durable surface that readily accepts finish paints.

Installation

Installing the Lambda panel is easy. It is designed to mount between studs located 16 inches apart (center to center). After locating the studs, cut a rectangular hole in both wall surfaces, following the dimensions given in the instructions. Then fasten the outside panel over the hole with six wood screws. A braided copper strap is supplied for connecting the panels together so that both can be effectively grounded. With the braid in place, pass the cables through both panels and attach the inside panel to the wall. Connecting a ground wire to the threaded stud provided on the outside panel and fastening the protective cover in place completes the installation.

If the cables do not have connectors attached to them, you will be able to pass them through the rubber grommets without removing the grommets from the panel. To install cables fitted with connectors, you must remove the grommets. They can then be carefully cut with a sharp knife and slipped over the cable. The holes in the panels are large enough (13/16-inch) to accept uhf (PL-259) or type-N (UG-21) connectors. With emphasis today on energy conservation, you will want to fill the space around the cables with fiberglass insulation to reduce heat loss.

When carefully installed and finished, the Lambda panel is an attractive, convenient solution to a sometimes difficult problem. The Lambda Coaxial Portal Unit is manufactured by Lambda Vector Corp., P.O. Box 35, Rte. 1, Monterey Rd., San Miguel, CA 93451. Price class: \$50 — George Collins, KC1V

AVATAR MAGNETICS AV-357 POWER TRANSFORMER

□ A popular construction project in *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* since the 1981 edition has been the 300- to 400-W 13.8-V power supply. The major stumbling block for would-be builders has been the lack of a commercially available transformer. Despite copious information in *QST* and the *Handbook* on rewinding transformers, many people are put off by the effort and uncertainty involved.

All that's changed with the introduction of the AV-357 by Avatar Magnetix. Ron Williams, W9JVF, designed the unit to the specifications given in the *Handbook* article. Taking special note of the critical requirement for precise rectifier voltage to maintain regulation and minimize dissipation, Ron tapped the primary winding in five places to provide optimum rectifier input. Another use for these taps is to compensate for line voltage variations.

Fig. 3 shows the AV-357, and the accompanying table lists the specifications. Anyone who's seen the photos in the *Handbook* will be impressed that the Avatar unit does the job of the *Handbook* transformers with less than half the volume. The obvious benefits of using a smaller, lighter transformer are enclosure compactness (easier to fit in the shack) and a lighter foundation (no need for expensive 1/8-in. aluminum plate!) The trade-off is that such a compact assembly must be designed to ventilate the transformer and prevent it from heating the already heavily taxed transistor heat sink. In the *Handbook* supply, the transformer ran practically cold at the rated load. The compact AV-357 unit naturally runs

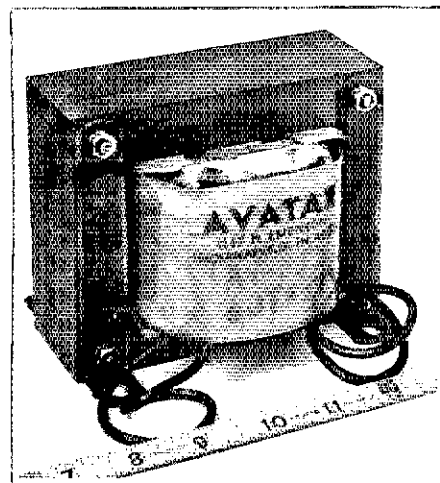


Fig. 3 — The Avatar Magnetix AV-357 transformer, designed for use in the *Handbook* 300- to 400-W power supply.

Avatar Magnetix AV-357 Power Transformer

Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications†

Input excitation: 117 V, 60 Hz

Output voltage vs. load current:

Primary tap	(100% duty) (25% duty)		
	Open	20 A	30 A
1	21 V	20 V	19.5 V
2	20	19	18.5
3	19	18	17.5
4	18	17	16.5
5	17	16	15.5

Dimensions: 5-1/4 × 4 × 4-1/2 in.

Weight: 13 lb.

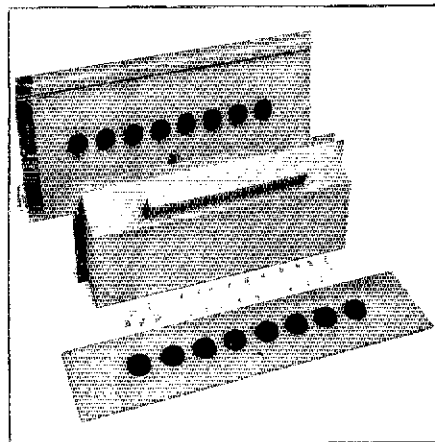
†Verified in the ARRL laboratory.

quite a bit warmer — not so hot as to take the skin off your fingers, but hot enough to affect any nearby sensitive regulator components. I tested the AV-357 in free air for eight hours using a 400-W load consisting of a parallel bank of five 5-Ω 225-W resistors (I knew they'd come in handy some day!). It's definitely a heavy-duty piece.

At 400 W of secondary output, the measured primary current at 117 V was 4.4 A for an efficiency of 77%. The primary magnetizing current was 330 mA, using the tap yielding the highest secondary voltage. All of these tests were performed at 60 Hz. No information is published for 50-Hz operation, and no power generator for that frequency exists in the ARRL lab. (I approached several of the staff audiophiles, but none was willing to subject his amplifier to so severe a test!) However, the designer suggests 20% as a reasonable current derating factor for 50-Hz applications.

The AV-357 removes a significant impediment to the home construction of 13.8-V power supplies for transmitting service. If you don't know why you should build your own supply instead of buying an "accessory" unit for your transceiver, see the *Handbook* article. Avatar Magnetix can custom-wind transformers for any load from 200 to 2000 W. Price of the AV-357 is \$35 plus shipping. Avatar's address is 1147 North Emerson, Indianapolis, IN 46219. — George Woodward, W1RN

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Hints and Kinks

Conducted By Larry D. Wolfgang,* WA3VIL

LOW-FREQUENCY SQUARE-WAVE PULSES

When you are testing digital circuits the need occasionally arises for a source of low-frequency square-wave pulses. I have found that an electronic keyer and a voltage source connected in series make a suitable source of low-frequency pulses for some applications. Fig. 1A shows the general arrangement.

The dot lever of the keyer is held closed for as long as the pulses are needed. If a wider pulse is desired, the dash lever may be used. The speed control is used to vary the frequency of the pulses. The output of the voltage source is not specified because this will depend on the requirements of the circuit under test. For the TTL family, the pulse height usually needed is 5 V, so a 5-V source would be used if there is no voltage drop across the keyer output terminals. You will need to pay attention to the polarity of the source and of the keyer (if any) and the polarity of the circuit under test. Be sure that the grounds of these devices do not cause problems.

An alternate circuit is shown in Fig. 1B. As shown, the output will be low with the key open. To produce a high logic level with the key open, simply omit the inverter.

If the circuit under test must be pulled to ground potential, this circuit will not work. I did not require this, and the circuit worked well. Keyers that use a relay-switched output may not be suitable for this application because of contact bounce. — James Herb, W3SHP, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania

REMOVING DIRT IN METER MOVEMENTS

I read the item about removing dirt in meter movements by Dean Elkins, K4ADJ, in the June 1982 Hints and Kinks column with much

interest. Some years ago I worked in the test-equipment lab of a large electronics firm. We used a method that I think was much simpler to free the many meter movements that became stuck with dirt. It does not require the removal of the armature or pole pieces of the meter.

Obtain some self-sticking paper labels from an office-supply store. These come with the adhesive side on a waxed-paper base. Using a sharp knife or scissors, cut some strips of this material about 1/16 inch wide, and an inch or more long. The labels are a little stiffer than ordinary tape.

Remove the meter case and look through the movement to locate the metal "hairs" that are causing it to stick. Peel the backing strip from a piece of the label and work it carefully through the pole piece. The metal bits will adhere to the paper strip, and can be removed easily. Repeat the process with more label strips until the movement is free. You can test this by blowing gently on the pointer. Reassemble the meter case, and it will be just like new. — Warren Laufer, K2FG, Buffalo, New York

FILAMENT INRUSH-CURRENT LIMITER FOR LINEAR AMPLIFIERS

I wanted to protect the 3-500Z tubes and the

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diodes in my Heath SB-220 linear amplifier from excess current when turning it on. Another goal was to accomplish this without changing the amplifier circuit. I designed and built an external unit housed in a surplus box with a perforated aluminum cover for good ventilation.

My amplifier is wired for 117-V ac operation, but I built the current limiter with possible 234-V operation in mind. Fig. 2 shows the circuit I used. The changes required for 234-V ac use are shown in Fig. 2B.

To use the device, you merely plug the ac line cord from the amplifier into the unit and then connect the line cord of the limiter into a wall outlet. Turn on the amplifier, then switch on the limiter. The amber pilot light comes on and the 3-500Z tubes warm up gradually to a slight glow. In five seconds, the relays close, the green pilot lamp comes on and the tubes reach full operating temperature. — David Brown, W6NBM, Wildomar, California

KENWOOD TS-120S CW FILTER

When I installed the cw filter (Kenwood YK-88C) in my TS-120S, I discovered that I could not operate in the cw mode without the filter. Switching to the usb position to receive and back to cw for transmit was an inconvenience I would not tolerate.

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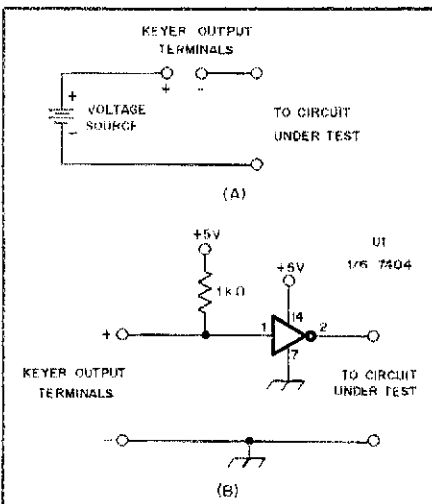


Fig. 1 — Shown at A is a simple method of obtaining low-frequency square-wave pulses. The voltage source should suit the circuit under test. An alternate circuit for use with TTL levels is shown at B. The inverter can be used or not, as appropriate.

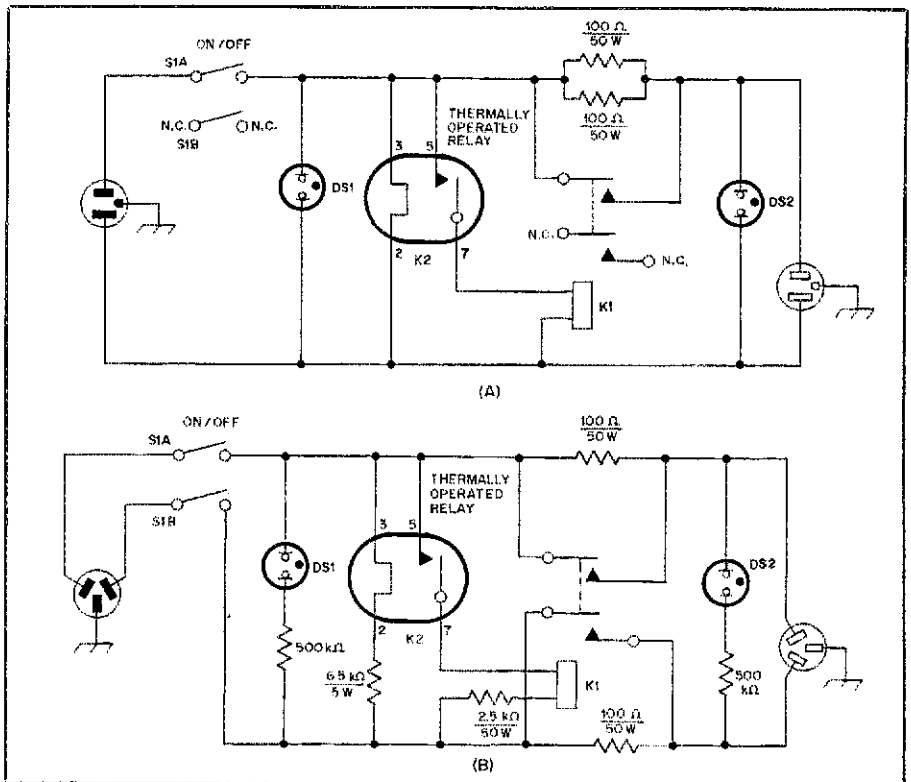


Fig. 2 — The schematic diagram of an inrush-current limiter used to protect the tubes of a linear amplifier is shown at A. A revised circuit for use with an amplifier wired for 234-V operation is shown at B.

DS1, DS2 — Neon pilot lamps: one amber, one green lens. Built-in resistor for 117-V ac operation, such as Radio Shack 272-707.
K1 — 117-ac relay, dpst, 25-A contacts, such as Potter & Brumfield type PR7 AY.
K2 — Amperite time-delay relay, no. 115NO5

(5-s delay); available from Allied Electronics, 401 E. 8th St., Fort Worth, TX 76102, or from the location nearest you.
S1 — Dpst switch; 25-A, 234-V contacts. Octal tube socket for K2.

The problem could be solved by installing a dpdt switch, but I did not want to drill holes in my new radio. The noise-blanker switch is a dpdt unit. I never found the noise blanker to be effective, so I decided to use that switch.

A small plug, labeled no. 29 on the i-f board, must be removed. A pair of leads are soldered to the NB switch common positions and connected to this plug (Fig. 3). I forced scrap resistor leads into the plug terminals. A pair of leads should run from the outer (off) switch position to the SSB/SSB position on the noncomponent side of the pc board. A third pair of wires connect from the in (on) switch position to the SSB/CW position on the pc board. Now the NB switch stands for "narrow band." Owners of other rigs with similar shortcomings may benefit from my solution. — *Don Hayford, N0BPI, Aurora, Colorado*

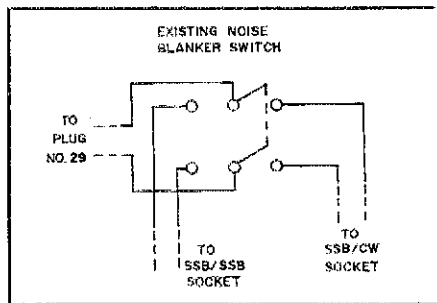


Fig. 3 — Switch-wiring diagram showing how to provide selectable wide- or narrow-bandwidth filters in the cw position.

BATTERY-PACK SAFETY FOR HAND-HELD RIGS

I recently noticed a small rust spot under one of the screws on the top of my ICOM BP-3 battery pack. I was concerned about the possibility of battery leakage and deterioration. When I opened the case, I found damage to the insulation on the wires, and one wire was burned off. The open lead was between one of the screws on the bottom of the pack and an internal NiCd cell. Since I never use a drop-in charger, the problem had probably gone undetected for some time.

I believe this failure was caused by the two bottom contacts being shorted. This could occur if the unit is carried in a pocket with keys,

or by contact with any conducting material. I modified my battery packs by placing a diode in the line between the screw and cell to prevent a recurrence of a short circuit. Alternatively, one or both contacts could be insulated with electrical tape or a dab of silicone sealer. — *John E. Noel, W4UGV, Huntsville, Alabama*

I was concerned about shorting the contacts on the top of an extra battery pack for my ICOM IC-2AT. I solved the problem by cutting a credit-card-thick piece of plastic to fit into the slide connector. A 15/16 × 2-1/4 inch card fits nicely. Whenever I change batteries the plastic cover is transferred to the unused battery. This prevents the cover from being misplaced. I believe other radios use a similar battery-pack connection arrangement, so my idea may be adaptable to other hand-held rigs. — *Tom Karnauskas, N9BWY, Cary, Illinois*

LINE-VOLTAGE ADJUSTER

A few years ago, I was living in a place where line-voltage regulation was not very good. In the evening, when there was time to operate, line voltage would sag. Frequently, the sag was bad enough to cause the power supplies in my equipment to lose regulation. That in turn caused VFO drift. I was, even at that, surprised by the first report of chirp on my signal; the second chirp report helped me decide to cure the problem. An autotransformer to control station voltage would have been nice, but I didn't have one that was suitable for 10 A. Some filament transformers and a 1.5-A autotransformer were all I could find for possible use.

I solved the problem by building a circuit similar to the one in Fig. 4. The secondary of a filament transformer, T2, is wired in series with the high side of the ac line. All current to the load flows through the T2 secondary; therefore, it must have a heavy enough rating to carry that current. Depending on phasing, the secondary voltage in T2 will either subtract from or add to (BUCK or BOOST) the line voltage. S1 reverses the phasing of T2. T1 allows smooth control of the amount of BUCK or BOOST. — *Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH, ARRL Hq.*

CLIPPERTON-L 60-Hz HUM

The January 1982 Hints and Kinks column offered a solution to the problem of 60-Hz hum caused by the Clipperton-L power supply.

That solution places an additional 1.6-A load on the filament winding. My solution to this problem reduces the filament-winding load.

I had a spare Hammond 166G6 filament transformer (with center tap). Fig. 5 shows how I connected this transformer in parallel and in phase with the original filament winding. D1 connects the center tap to ground, and C44 is used to bypass any rf. The primary winding is connected to terminals 3 and 4 on the power-network terminal board. — *W. H. Galpin, VE4AB, Winnipeg, Manitoba*

REWINDING AUDIO TRANSFORMERS FOR 60-Hz USE

I needed a power supply for a transistorized project. Since I had a few "boat anchors" from the vacuum-tube era, I picked out a transformer to be rewound. After checking the cross-section and window area of the core, I used tables to select the primary and secondary wire sizes for the required power. *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* supplies information on rewinding transformers.

When the transformer was rewound, I connected a voltmeter to the secondary and plugged in the line cord. In 60 seconds it would have fried an egg! I tried rewinding twice the number of turns on both the primary and secondary, half the total turns, and doubling the wire size on both the primary and secondary. Nothing seemed to help. Finally, I discovered that I had rewound an audio-transformer core. The moral is: Don't try to use one of these for a 60-Hz power transformer. — *Glenn Knox, W7ERS, Kent, Washington*

KENWOOD TS-830S "TALKBACK"

Some Kenwood TS-830S transceiver owners have experienced transmitter "talkback." This quirk may be manifested during transceiver operation, with or without an amplifier. It may be eliminated by adding an rf filter to the receiver audio power amplifier.

Cut the 12-V supply-line foil between R47 and C28 at IC Q4 on the af unit (X49-1140-00). A 1-μH choke is bridged across the gap. One lead of a 0.01-μF disc-ceramic capacitor is soldered to Q4, pin 1; the other lead is attached to a solder lug secured beneath the IC mounting screw on the heat sink. That's all there is to it! — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB, ARRL Hq.*

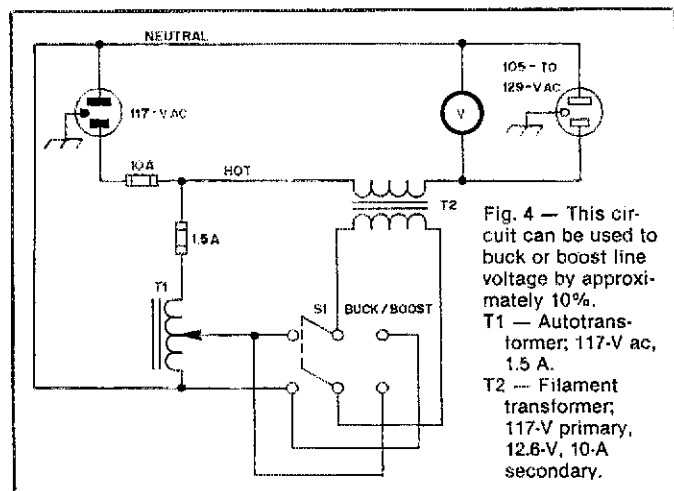


Fig. 4 — This circuit can be used to buck or boost line voltage by approximately 10%.
T1 — Autotransformer; 117-V ac, 1.5 A.
T2 — Filament transformer; 117-V primary, 12.6-V, 10-A secondary.

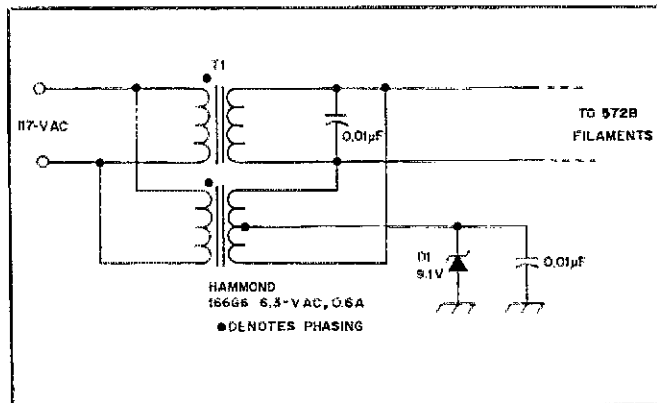


Fig. 5 — Schematic diagram showing how a center-tapped filament transformer can be connected in parallel with the one in a Clipperton-L to eliminate 60-Hz hum.

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ANTENNA CURRENT DISTRIBUTION

McDonald's article, "An End-Fed Extended Double Zepp for 2 Meters" (June 1982 QST), is an excellent one. However, I believe the current distribution diagrams for the double Zepp and extended double Zepp (Fig. 1) are incorrect.

Since it is necessary for the current to reverse every 180° (or half wavelength) of its travel, currents in the transmission line of the double Zepp must be the reverse of that shown. Likewise, the current in the center sections of the extended double Zepp must be the reverse of that in the outer two sections of the antenna. Also, currents cannot flow in the same direction on opposite sides of the transmission line. Please refer to Fig. 1 for what I believe to be the proper representation of current flow in these antennas. — *Floyd X. Passmore, W7KLE, Beaverton, Oregon*

PROBE POLARITY CONFUSION

Doug DeMaw's article in December 1981 QST on the basics of equipment servicing raises a very important issue. In the OHMS position, the probe polarity is usually reversed between VOMs and VTVMs. In the VOM, the red terminal almost always has the negative voltage. In the VTVM, red is, indeed, positive.

Some VOMs have a polarity-reversing switch. My experience has been that these units do have positive voltage on the red jack when the unit is set for positive polarity. Your best bet is to follow Doug's advice: "Make certain that a positive potential does, in fact, exist at the positive output jack." — *Frank Dukat, K6NL, Los Altos, California*

HENTENNA, OR SKELETON SLOT?

In the February 1982 issue of QST, Sugihara, JJ1UMS, describes the "Hentenna." After building one for 145 MHz, I noticed that it bore a striking similarity to a skeleton-slot radiator! Chapter 7 of the *RSGB VHF/UHF Manual* verified this. The skeleton-slot dimensions given there vary slightly from Sugihara's design. The height of the rectangular loop in inches is $6740/f(\text{MHz})$, and the width is $2250/f(\text{MHz})$. As with the Hentenna, the feed point should be near the center of the vertical legs. Using the above formulas, feed-point impedance is given as 72 Ω, and a delta match is recommended.

In Europe, the skeleton slot (or Hentenna) is very popular as a driven element in stacked Yagi arrays. One set of parasitic elements is positioned parallel with the upper horizontal section of the loop, and one set with the lower. This configuration allows a pair of stacked Yagis to be fed with a single feed line, and eliminated the need for a phasing harness. Commercial versions of this antenna, utilizing stacked 8-over-8 element Yagis, produce a theoretical gain upwards of 13 dBd. Perhaps North American amateurs will recognize the Hentenna as an alternative to the driven-element systems they are presently using. —

*mm = in. × 25.4.

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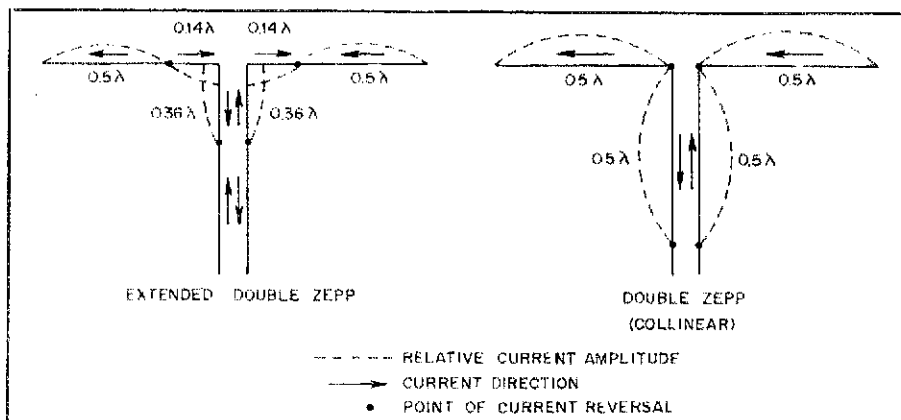


Fig. 1 — Corrected current distribution for the antennas described by Passmore.

Thomas D. Feise, DC6XT, Oberhausen, Federal Republic of Germany

W1VD FETVOM IMPROVEMENTS

The FETVOM described by Jay Rusgrove, W1VD, in March 1978 QST, and subsequently included in the *ARRL Handbook* (1982, p. 16-5) is a terrific instrument. But I had some problems, and the solution of these, along with some modifications, may interest others.

In the original article, Rusgrove cautions against using anything except MPF102s. Since I live in the "boonies," access to these was restricted, so I had to be content with Radio Shack FETs, not all being suitable. The problem was twofold: poor matching and frequent failure. I came to the conclusion that the failures were because of possible design conditions in the ohms mode, which could provide higher voltage to the gate of Q1 than was furnished to its drain, particularly at turn on (S1). I believe the Zener diode, D1, was intended to prevent this, but in my case it did not.

I made two changes and one substitution. The latter was to use 2N3821 FETs (RS 276-2028), which are rated for 50 V_{ds}, and also provided an acceptable match. The first of the changes was to move the voltage supply line from the high side of the 100-ohm resistor connected to the two drains, to the low side (or drain connection point). This makes it impossible to get more voltage on the gate of Q1 than on the drain. And second, by connecting an NC push-to-open switch across D1, the lead to the gate of Q1 (in the ohms function only) is grounded while the meter is idling in the OHMS position and/or while ranges are being changed. Then, when ready, push the switch and take the reading. After several months, no more failures.

As with many construction projects, one thing led to another, and when I discovered nonlinearity in the ohms readings, albeit small, a study of the problem led to several other changes. The first was to increase B1 to 12 V from a regulated supply, then to increase the values of all the resistor-bank arms substantially and thereby read a lower voltage

across RX, which corrected the nonlinear hump in the middle area of the meter scale. The meter? I changed it also, from the 50-μA movement, to a 3-1/2 digit millivolt meter I had (it uses a 7107 with a ± 5-V regulated supply), and thus could accomplish two things: digital readout and increased sensitivity. This meter was buffered when used in the ohms mode by means of two 500-kΩ resistors, one in each lead with the meter positive terminal to the Q1 side. This made it possible to extend the range of the ohmmeter with excellent linearity for all measurements. Using the 200-mV range, the upper limit goes easily beyond 1 megohm, and a new lower range (by adding one switch position to S3) will read fractional ohms (in increments of tenths from 0.1 ohm) up through 10 ohms. The resistor-bank arms are, starting with the lowest range: 8 k, 12 k, 120 k, 1 M, 7.5 M, 75.3 M, respectively. These values afford substantial range overlap. The range markings on S3 are: 10, 50, 500, 5 k, 50 k, 1.2 M, respectively. Use fixed-value resistors in series with the pc controls for calibration. To make operation of the zero set easier and less critical, I used a 5-kΩ potentiometer with a 22-kΩ fixed-value resistor on each side, in place of the R11 originally shown. Now, when the meter face reads 103 ohms, it is 103 ohms without any interpolation.

One little-stressed advantage of digital readout is freedom from upper and lower needle-swing limits, as experienced in analog meters. Where linearity of the instrument design (as in this case) extends reasonably outside the range markings, the reading is still possible and accurate, even though it may be 25% or more beyond the marked range limits.

Another addition uses a four-position function switch (S2) for added capability to the package. September 1978 QST carries a lead article by Douglas A. Blakeslee, N1RM, for the construction of a capacitance meter. His unit fits right into the package. The change here was the use of the digital readout, only this time the 3-1/2 digit meter is used in its 2-V range, and the regulated 12-V supply is switched over here. Again, the convenience and directness of digital readout is a big plus. Readings are

directly in microfarads, and the range switch can show the appropriate left-hand zeros to add to the reading.

Obviously, there is a negative side to this meter change: a ± 5 -V supply and a $+12$ -V supply, both regulated, are required. This adds to the combination instrument when used primarily as bench test gear. This is no handicap. I feel the greatly increased accuracy, range and ease of reading the four-function combination instrument outweighs any disadvantage. — *Gilbert Earle, Cool, California*

VERSATILE SWITCHED-CAPACITOR FILTER WITH AUTOMATIC LEVEL CONTROL

Unless you are using an ultra-modern receiver with both i-f band-pass and "tail-ending" filter schemes, maximum selectivity is not being achieved. A switched-capacitor filter (SCF) is an economical answer to analog active filters, which require op amps with critical supporting components. By comparison, the SCF cutoff frequency is simply determined by a digital type of clock generator that controls the sampling rate and, hence, the passband.

The SCF I'm describing is a 10th-order, elliptic type of low-pass filter, which exhibits a ripple in the passband of less than 0.6 dB pk-pk. The stopband attenuation is greater than 60 dB using a single, inexpensive IC as the filter element. Fig. 2 shows the typical "brick-wall" band-pass characteristics of an elliptic filter, and is representative of what to expect from the SCF.

Because the SCF is intended for use in radio communication applications, it must ac-

complish low-pass filtering from at least 400 to 2400 Hz, allowing coverage of both cw and ssb emissions. In addition to audio filtering, it was deemed worthwhile to provide an automatic level control (alc) feature to protect the operator from uncomfortable variations in audio volume. These may be caused by sudden and unpredictable changes in propagation, or the presence of interference. The filter and the alc sections provide a useful measure of circuit gain, which makes the system useful when it follows a product detector, in which audio levels are low. The SCF is shown in Fig. 3.

The alc circuit consists of a single NE570 IC, which is used as a high-dynamic-range compressor and sidetone monitor. This circuit provides a gain inversely proportional to the receiver input level, so that a 20-dB decrease in input level will produce a 20-dB increase in stage gain. The system will maintain an output

level of ± 1 dBm for an input change of $+14$ to -43 dBm at 1 kHz. The alc also features a fast-response characteristic without the pumping usually associated with other types of audio compressor circuits. An additional feature: the NE570 is internally biased for a quiescent current of only a few milliamperes, which conserves power.

A single CD4047AE monostable multivibrator is used in the pulse-generator section of the circuit. R1 controls the sampling frequency, which in turn governs the band-pass characteristic. Using the R and C values shown, the pulse generator will cover a range of approximately 9.5 kHz to 60 kHz in pulse rate. When applied to the clock input of the MC14414-2, this pulse rate will produce a cutoff frequency range from 400 to 2400 Hz. If the reader wishes to develop his or her own band-pass range, the filter cutoff frequency can be determined by the following equation:

$$F_{co} \text{ (Hz)} = \frac{F_{\text{clock}} \text{ (Hz)}}{24.22}$$

Since only one frequency-control mechanism is required, the CD4047AE may be located away from the remainder of the circuit. The clock output from pin 13 can be routed via shielded cable to pins 10 and 11 of the MC14414-2. R1 can be mounted on a front panel.

Power-supply requirements for the SCF are minimal. Any well-filtered and regulated dual 6-V supply capable of delivering 100 mA will suffice. — *Richard Schellenbach, W1JF, Reading, Massachusetts*

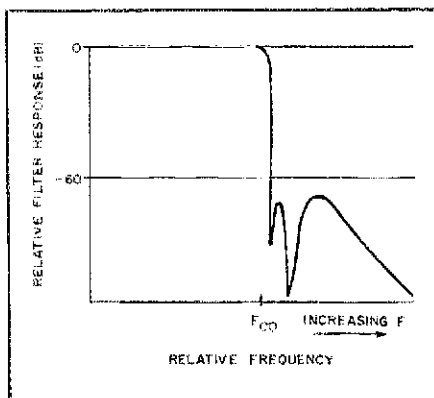


Fig. 2 — Relative frequency-response characteristic for the switched-capacitor filter (SCF).

*W. Hayward, "A Competition-Grade Receiver," *QST*, March and April 1974.

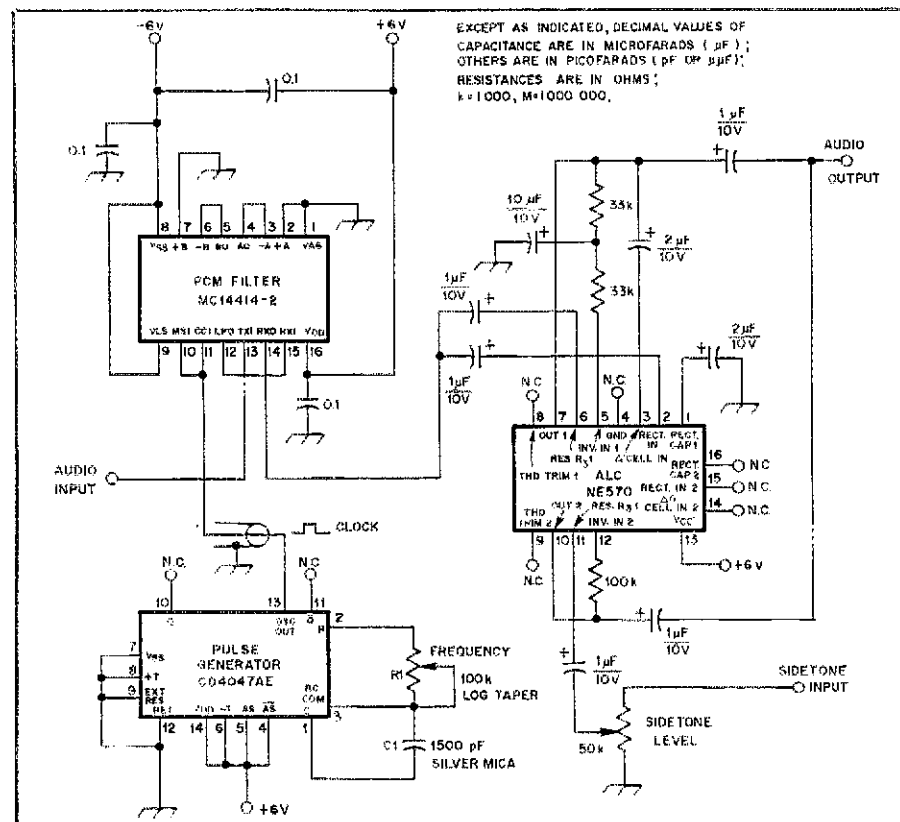


Fig. 3 — Schematic diagram of the SCF.

Feedback

Greg McIntire, AA5C, has found an error in the 110-baud ASCII software for his "Microprocessor-Based RTTY Speed and Code Converter" (Jan. and Feb. 1982 *QST*). Line 175 of the listing should read: `RXBTCNTLD = 8; /*# BITS FROM TTY*/`

Author McIntire also informs us that etched circuit boards for the converter are now available from him. Contact him at the address given in the *QST* article for details.

The price of the ICOM PS-15 power supply and the corporation address are shown incorrectly in the August 1982 Product Review of the ICOM IC-720A HF Transceiver. The correct price class of the PS-15 is \$150, and the correct address is: ICOM America, Inc., 2112-116th Ave., N.E., Bellevue, WA 98004.

The following corrections should be made to the information contained in "Build a Microprocessor-Controlled L-C Meter That Sends Morse Code," September *QST*. On page 15, Table 1, delete the second decimal point following the zero in both software versions of the character set. Add an apostrophe (') to the Standard Software set. In the first column, page 17, delete the overscore over ALE. In Fig. 3, delete the 1% P designation for C10. Also, the left side of R1 should be shown connected to U4, pin 3, not to the $+5$ -V line.

Dick Stroud, W9SR, points out an error made in reproducing Fig. 3 of "Explore '220" with this State-of-the-Art Transverter," which appeared in August 1982 *QST* (p. 14). The 1.2-k Ω resistor just above U1 should not be connected to ground.

The UoSat Story

A behind-the-scene look at the final checkout of UoSAT-OSCAR 9, Britain's first amateur spacecraft.

By Bernie Glassmeyer,* W9KDR

It was a cool morning in the Lompoc Valley the day I arrived from Los Angeles. This was the day I had looked forward to for three years, my first look at the first British OSCAR. It was September 1981, and the California farmers were in the fields all around us over the last 10-mile stretch of our journey to Vandenberg Air Force Base, near Lompoc. One would not know that among this rural beauty of vegetables and flower fields was the Western Test Range for the NASA/Air Force satellite launching facility. The only thing that seemed out of place was a large, white satellite-tracking antenna in the distance.

"That's it!" I said aloud. "That's Building 38, NASA's Spacecraft Laboratory." It had been 3-1/2 years since my last trip here, for OSCAR 8's checkout. It was easy to recall the experience and, at the same time, feel the excitement surrounding this new satellite that had just arrived with the University of Surrey launch team. (UoSAT, naturally, is named for the British university that lent staff and facilities for the project.)

Memories of parts of the OSCAR 8 checkout were easier to recall now. One in particular rushed back as I parked near the large hangar doors of Building 38: Suddenly, it was February 1978. Six security guards armed with machine guns and attack dogs had one of the AMSAT photographers "spread eagle" against the hangar door. "You have the right to remain silent," one of the guards said as he read him his rights.

"He is being arrested; my God, what's happened?" I asked. None of the guards would say anything, and it was not until later that we found out this person had been overheard innocently mentioning the details of the upcoming OSCAR 8 launch on his 2-meter radio while driving through

the security gate. The military has jurisdiction over civilians on Vandenberg, and they considered this a classified launch. That evening all was back to normal, but we didn't speak much about the upcoming launch after that, especially on the radio.

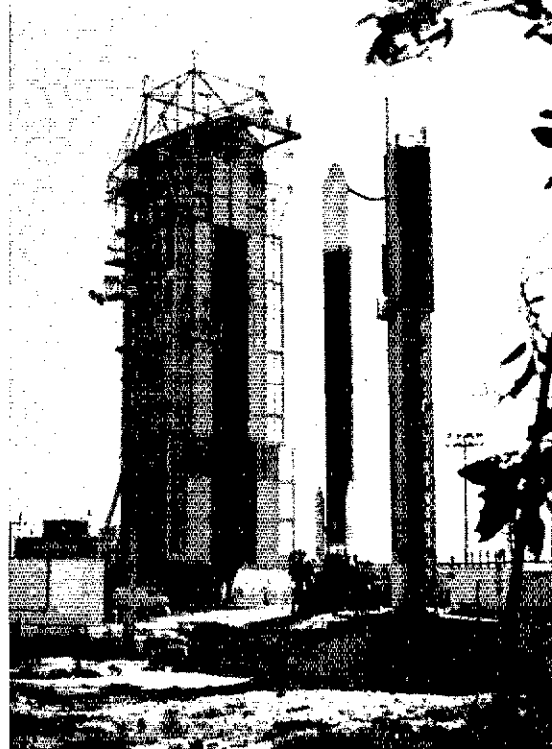
A Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience

Inside Building 38 are two limited-access spacecraft checkout areas called clean rooms. Occupying one of the rooms was the large, 958-lb traveling companion of UoSAT, the NASA/Ball Aerospace Solar Mesosphere Explorer, the mission's primary payload. This satellite carries five instruments to monitor the ozone, minor atmospheric constituents, temperature, water vapor and the amount of incoming solar radiation. These help scientists determine the role each plays in ozone production in the mesosphere, the region extending 20 to 50 miles above the earth.

The other clean room, the one that had housed OSCARs 6 and 7 years before, now contained UoSAT, Great Britain's first Amateur Radio satellite. After meeting the UoSAT launch crew and renewing old acquaintances, I was formally introduced to UoSAT-OSCAR 9. Very few people ever get the chance to see an actual satellite. It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. A feeling of quiet respect comes over you as you first view it. It's more than a carrier of electronics, a man-made object or a payload of a launch vehicle; it's a future star of the heavens, soon to be hurled into space. Though likely never to be seen again, it will be heard — by amateurs all over the world.

No two people did more to overcome the mountain of obstacles, and bring this satellite to launch, than did Dr. Martin Sweeting, G3YJO, UoSAT Project Manager, and his wife Christine, G6APF. Dr. Sweeting and his team of dedicated professionals led the way, leaving a challenge to those who will follow to continue the efforts and achieve the goals of the Amateur Satellite Service.

Dr. Sweeting worked with Jan King,



NASA's Delta launch vehicle awaits final countdown. In a few hours, UoSAT-OSCAR 9 would be orbiting the earth. (NASA/USAF photo)

W3GEY, AMSAT vice president of Engineering, and Gordon Hardman, ZS1FE, South Africa's AMSAT engineer, to help the UoSAT launch team complete the system checkout. Others working as part of the team were: Ian Ferebee, G6BTU, project technician; Tony Jeans, G8ONO, microcomputer specialist, and Dr. Lui Mansi, telemetry systems, both University lecturers; Jerzy Slowkowski, power systems; and Dr. Paul Traynar, CCD (Charged-Couple Device) camera specialist. After thousands of hours of effort, this special team spent the last few hours in California readying the UoSAT spacecraft for launch.

G3YJO described the UoSAT mission's purpose as, primarily, to stimulate interest in the space sciences in schools, colleges and universities. Traditional amateur spacecraft such as OSCARs 6, 7 and 8 have flown transponders, which make it possible for hams to have two-way satellite contacts. The UoSAT satellite, however, would be strictly experimental and scientific, and would not have transponders.

Many of the experiments would be the first of their kind, and offer Amateur Radio operators and students an opportunity to take an active part in the space sciences. The experiment modules will provide propagation studies with phase-reference hf beacons on 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz; particle radiation counters; a three-axis, multirange, flux-gate magnetometer; and beacons operating on 2.3 and 10.4 GHz. The education experiments include

*OSCAR Program Manager, ARRL

an earth-pointing slow-scan TV camera and a synthesized-voice telemetry system. Future systems experiments will test a two axis, earth-pointing, gravity-gradient spacecraft stabilization system and an on-board microcomputer.

Some of the spacecraft systems developed last-minute problems that made the checkout task even more difficult. One major problem was a "dark spot" on the video monitor from the CCD Camera imaging unit. Though a backup unit was available, the time required to disassemble the spacecraft and install the replacement unit would be too long. This prompted one of many decision-making meetings that the launch crew held during the checkout.

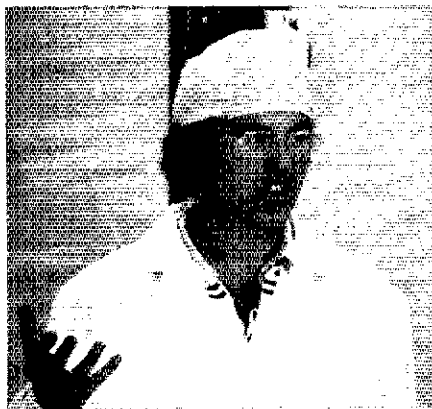
Another problem was a capacitor failure in the power-regulator system. Where do you find a special capacitor that is classified as "space qualified hardware" at 9 P.M. on a weekend? John Fail, KL7GRF, from Project OSCAR, came up with the part only after scouring the West Coast electronics industry.

It was easy to sense the enthusiasm that had been building since the start of the UoSAT project over three years ago. No matter how gloomy or demanding the problems were, someone was there carefully calculating the answer. Some of the meticulous thermal wrapping of exposed components was ordered redone. It had to be right — no exceptions; you don't get second chances in the satellite business. You might expect that the team would become weary or irritable, but they always bounced back and continued with even more enthusiasm each day. The only unhappiness observed was during the break periods when coastal clouds prevented the crew from getting a California tan to take back to England. When the sun did show through, most of the crew took their breaks less the surgical cap-and-gown uniform of the day. Part of the daily routine was for someone to pick up lunch. The crew could have eaten in the Air Force Officer's mess, but that would have required everyone to leave the spacecraft. Besides, it was the same distance to Wendy's in Lompoc. The attraction of "Wendy's burgers" and "Frosties" was too much for the British to resist.

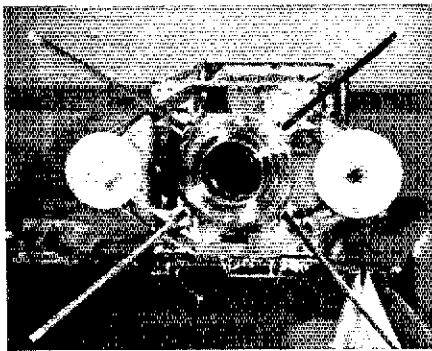
Checkout

The checkout of the various UoSAT systems schedule was on time with the NASA schedule, but it required the crew to work 24-hour shifts. One of the most interesting systems was the synthesized-voice experiment. This electronic "male" voice was very natural, with a 120-word vocabulary. After repeating the numbers and alphabet, the "chip" would start with its words. Then, a "female" voice would say one word, "Digitalker," the name of the National Semiconductor chip. Everyone was anxious to hear the satellite speak for the first time.

In another part of the laboratory, we monitored the hf beacons on an old Drake 2B that an AMSAT volunteer had lent for the test. "Again, Ampere, And, At . . ." the electronic voice echoed loud and clear from the speaker. The memory can be computer programmed by a ground-control station to provide messages as the satellite orbits the earth. The spacecraft telemetry can also be programmed to use the Digitalker. You won't have to know Morse code to monitor this



Project Manager Martin Sweeting, G3YJO, addresses the launch team at one of the many meetings of the team during checkout. (photo by Sharon O'Brien)



The bottom of the spacecraft, showing the CCD camera (center), four whip antennas for 2-m and 70 cm, a 2.4-GHz antenna (left) and a 10-GHz antenna. (photo by W9KDR)



AMSAT's Jan King, W3GEY (left), explains some of the "tricks of the trade" to Gordon Hardman, ZS1FE. (photo by Sharon O'Brien)

bird; Radio Shack may have a talking clock, but we have a talking satellite! When the Digitalker was first turned on, I asked Dr. Sweeting why the voice didn't have a British accent. He quickly replied with a grin, "Oh, that would have cost a few more pounds."

The CCD Camera imaging experiment is the first of its kind. Most of the electronics were breadboarded in the spacecraft testing laboratory. The CCD receiving apparatus was set up in an adjoining room, so the signals received were actually transmitted from the spacecraft. Dr. Paul Trayner designed the circuits, most of which stemmed from his research and were used for the first time. The CCD design would permit a high-resolution picture of much greater detail than we can see on our home TVs. These images could be enhanced to a greater degree using memory storage and the microcomputer. The dark-spot image that developed during the checkout could be taken out electronically by the computer. According to Dr. Trayner, the only time the dark spot would appear would be when the camera was sending live images. All other images could be cleaned up by the computer.

Computer Systems

The UoSAT satellite's nerve center is its microcomputers. Tony Jeans, G8ONO, who teaches courses in electronics, telecommunications and microprocessors at the University, was responsible for their checkout. The primary computer, based on the RCA 1802 microprocessor, has 8 parallel ports, 2 serial ports and 16k bytes of RAM linked with an additional 32k bytes in the Video Display Experiment. The parallel ports handle the telemetry sensors, the speech synthesizer, the radiation magnetometers and the command systems. The serial ports carry redundant data and pass data for the beacons. The software is written in IPS, a language developed by Dr. Karl Meinzer, DJ4ZC, from AMSAT-DL. This flight would help in evaluating the IPS software prior to its use on Phase IIIB. The secondary computer is based on a Ferranti 16-bit F100L microprocessor, and has 32k bytes of CMOS static RAM. It is configured as a minimal system with serial interfaces to the telemetry and command systems.

The software for both computers is loaded via command link from earth stations, and can be modified in flight. [As this is written, in July, the spacecraft suffers from a malfunction that occurred during an up-load of computer information. The result is that both the 2-meter and 70-cm beacons are on constantly, and the spacecraft is unable to receive ground commands. After several unsuccessful attempts by Amateur Radio moonbounce experts to solve the problem, SRI International in California was asked to attempt to command the satellite with their 150-foot dish. Dr. Sweeting is optimistic

that this attempt will be successful. When this has been done, the Surrey command station will complete the spacecraft stabilization, deploy the 50-foot magnetometer boom and complete the in-flight testing. — Ed.]

The most important information link between an orbiting spacecraft and earth is telemetry. This information can be sent in many different ways. Dr. Lui Mansi was excited about using the telemetry information in his classroom work. He teaches electronics, digital and logic communications to graduate students at the University, and started developing the telemetry system more than 2-1/2 years ago. At that time, it was decided to use a "hardwired system;" that is, one that continues to operate at all times so the spacecraft condition can be monitored constantly.

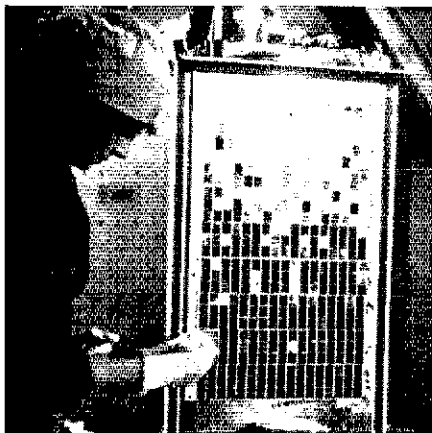
The telemetry system consists of 60 channels that continually check 45 different status points at the same time. The electronic "heartbeat" is contained in three small boxes that can produce ASCII, Baudot, Morse and synthesized voice. Many frames of telemetry were copied on a Drake 2B by the launch team to determine if all systems were functioning properly.

The power system was checked by Jerzy Slowkowski, who replaced a faulty capacitor in the power regulator. Jerzy did most of the tedious thermal-wrapping of exposed wires and components that would otherwise have "cooked" in the high temperatures in orbit. Power for the spacecraft was developed by four solar panels, each capable of producing 27 W when fully illuminated. Since the panels were mounted on the four sides of the spacecraft, total average power to the battery, allowing for sun angle and eclipse periods, was around 17 W. This solar power was stored in a 14-V, 6-Ah battery.

The last member of the checkout team,

Listen for UoSAT

Find out when you can hear the beacons aboard UoSAT-OSCAR 9 by checking the OSCAR/RS Satellite Schedule in this and every issue of *QST*. All beacon frequencies are listed, from the 7.050 MHz Morse code telemetry beacon to the 10.470-GHz steady carrier. Tracking OSCAR 9 across the skies is simple if you've made the modification to your OSCARLOCATOR, as described in December 1981 *QST*, page 69.



Just before the spacecraft is enclosed in a large plastic bag, it has to be cleaned thoroughly. Christine Sweeting, G6APF, uses a camel hair brush to eliminate any specks of dust on the solar arrays. (W9KDR photo)

and the least vocal, was Ian Ferebee, G6BTU. Ian seemed to be involved in all aspects of the overall operation. His quietness was probably the result of being totally engrossed in his work. Work as full-time project technician, Ian assisted Dr. Sweeting. It was impossible to get an interview or a good picture of Ian because

of his constant involvement with the spacecraft.

A Toast for a Job Well Done

When the final day came and the spacecraft was ready for transport to the launch pad, a sense of sadness came over the team. But there was also a degree of relief that the long, three-year trek was about to end. All members of the University of Surrey launch team took part in the final ritual seven stories above the launch pad inside the gantry. When the satellite was finally "mated" to the launch vehicle, little was left to do but await the countdown. Asked if the launch team would be toasting with champagne after a successful launch, Dr. Sweeting replied that was not his drink, but a large "whiskey" would be appropriate at that moment. Dr. Mansi followed with, "I think I'll make mine a stiff Scotch." The rest of the crew joined in, and the thoughts of a successful launch and the trip home to England filled the nervous pre-launch conversation. Someone commented that the only regret about leaving was that they would miss the "Frosties" from Wendy's.

A justifiably proud crew returned to England and celebrated the successful October 6, 1981 launch. Satellite enthusiasts are thankful to British industry, research organizations, AMSAT, RSGB and the University of Surrey for financial support, components and test facilities. A special thanks goes to NASA for its perfect launch of the first British amateur satellite. □

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Strays

TECHNICAL ADVISOR CONCLAVE

□ The ARRL has 50 technical advisors (TAs) in its field-service organization, and the list continues to grow. These technical experts are engaged professionally in their respective areas of specialty, are licensed amateurs and are members of the League. Their duties include the reviewing of *QST* manuscripts, answering "knotty" technical questions, critiquing the ARRL technical books, making technical contributions to our League publications, giving technical talks at conventions and serving as expert witnesses in court cases. Recently, at the ARRL Southwest Divi-

sion Convention in San Diego, a group of TAs had the good fortune of getting together to discuss the TA program as well as the technical contents of *QST* and the ARRL books. The group took part in the convention by delivering technical papers and answering numerous technical questions.

If you're at an ARRL convention, hamfest or club meeting where a TA is present, don't hesitate to seek from him the answers to your technical questions. He can be identified by his ARRL lapel pin, which has a white background. If he's not wearing a TA pin, look for an ARRL official ribbon (blue) on his shirt or jacket. Other ARRL officials wear the blue ribbon too, so you'll have to sort the TAs from the multitude! — Doug DeMaw, W1FB



Taking a break during the ARRL Southwestern Division Convention are (l-r) TAs Dan Petersen (WA6OIL) and Mike Hiehle (W6RZ), W1FB, and TAs Tom O'Hara (W6ORG) and Rick Olsen (N6NP).



On the Road with Kaw Valley ARC

It took time and a lot of hard work, but the Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club has taken

on a new look — and a more effective means of handling emergencies.

By Steve W. Carriger,* WAØVRS

The Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club has always played a very active role in emergency communications, with close ties to the American Red Cross, the Civil Defense and the U.S. Weather Service. After a review of our needs to serve the community effectively in times of emergency or disaster, our club started a program to upgrade our emergency preparedness. When it ended, it had lasted two years and had involved over 10,000 hours of volunteer work from more than 100 Amateur Radio operators.

The upgrading program began with the building of three 2-meter repeaters. Topeka had two repeaters in service, but they needed to be replaced with more-modern solid-state equipment. A third repeater was needed to relieve traffic and to serve as a backup during tornado watches. One of the repeaters was to have 911, autopatch and 1050-Hz tone-encoding capabilities. This turned out to be the 146.67-MHz repeater system. All of the repeaters were to have emergency power and be spaced several miles apart to prevent one disaster from wiping out all three systems. In addition, a portable repeater, with a link that could be set up at a remote site to provide hand-held coverage of the disaster area, was set up on 146.34/146.94 MHz, with a link to the

145.45 repeater. This provides coverage back to the Topeka area.

Remodeling

Next, we remodeled our club room at the American Red Cross, making more room for operators. We placed maps on the walls and added a complete, new hf station, a Teletype machine, a programmable scanner, a TV, telephones, a 2-meter unit and new antennas for hf and 2 meters. The club room was to function as our primary traffic-handling area and be our standby for local net control during storm watches if the Emergency Operations Center went down.

The Civil Defense Emergency Operations Center, located in the subbasement of the Shawnee County Court House, was remodeled in much the same way as our club room. This area serves as our net control for all call-ups of the Zone 4A ARES net. At all area hospitals, we installed 2-meter stations, with four operators assigned to each location. Also, we installed antennas at two ambulance services and in the radar room of the Weather Service.

With the above projects completed, our club had one final task: tie all amateurs at a disaster site together with other emergency agencies at the site. A communications van full of radios was the only answer.

The Van

Club members decided that the com-

munications van was to be the most important of projects in our upgrading program. The van would service as a mobile communications center with amateur equipment, and commercial gear for other agencies.

All club projects tend to be long on ideas and short on money; ours was no exception. Much of the money needed for the van was raised from a garage sale. The rest came from two primary sources: "passing the hat" at club meetings, and out-of-the-pocket money spent by various members for necessary materials and equipment for the van. This brought the total amount of money raised or contributed by club members to about \$3000. The value of the radio communications equipment, volunteer labor and all equipment assigned to the van by public service agencies is not included in this figure. Estimates have placed the commercial value of the van in excess of \$35,000.

Ken Burgett, Topeka-Shawnee County Civil Defense director, came through with a 1966 C-20 Chevy step van from government surplus. He also provided funding for sandpaper, paint and lettering of the van. Of course, the van had a few problems. The engine was replaced, the brakes and exhaust system rebuilt and the wheel bearings replaced. We now had a van that was mechanically sound; we were ready to do the body work. Club members hand-sanded the inside and outside, fiberglassing small dents and rusted areas as they went.

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The rear bumper was removed and extended. This allowed for easy access in and out of the vehicle. The front bumper was fitted with an extension to allow for the mounting of a 3-kW, 120-V ac generator, which was mounted with quick-release hardware.

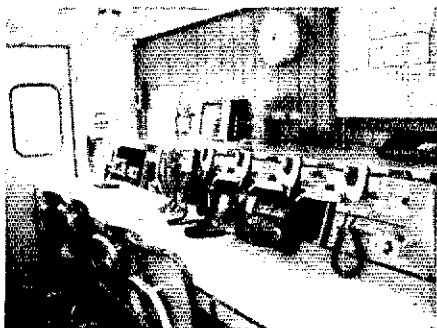
The roof was fitted with 10 Motorola antenna mounts and a total of eight 12-V, sealed-beam flood lamps — three on each side and two to the rear. In addition to the roof lighting, we installed two spot lights on the front, along with six yellow flashing lights — two in front and four to the rear.

Inside the van, we insulated the walls and covered them with paneling, and installed indoor-outdoor carpet. Overhead 12-V lighting was installed also; everything on the van was designed for a 12-V system, instead of 120-V ac.

Our communications van was beginning to take shape, and was finally ready for painting. After a few coats of white paint inside and out, lettering was added for identification to both sides and to the roof.

Equipping the Van

It now was time to start looking for radio gear. The Topeka Fire Department came through with the first two-way radio. Then, the Topeka Police Depart-



The inside of AM-COM 1 is laid out to provide four operators with enough room and equipment to handle, simultaneously, health-and-welfare traffic with Civil Defense, area hospitals, local and county police and fire departments, and the Weather Service.



A trailer that club members rebuilt tags along on emergencies. It carries no less than a 40-ft crank-up tower, a 2-meter beam antenna, a portable repeater (not shown), a generator and extra lighting.

Rossville Flood — AM-COM 1 Rolls Into Action

On the afternoon of June 9, 1982, the Shawnee County, Kansas, Sheriff's office requested that AM-COM 1 be activated. Its mission was to assist with information coordination at Rossville, a community of less than 2000 located northwest of Topeka, during what has been referred to as the worst flood in the area since 1951.

AM-COM 1 set up operations at the command post at Rossville, and communication was begun immediately with the Topeka Police Department helicopter, the Shawnee County Sheriff and Civil Defense. Amateur communications were established also with the Red Cross and the Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center in Topeka, and a 2-meter autopatch was set up between the National Guard operations officer on the scene and the Adjutant General's office. An hf liaison was established on the Kansas emergency frequency (3.920 MHz), and SEC Doc Bemmels, WØKL, was notified of the emergency.

Initial reports indicated that rising flood waters might make the Rossville community inaccessible during the evening (this later proved not to be the case). EC Marshall Reece, NØBLD, requested additional amateurs with portable capabilities; they were dispatched to the Rossville High School, which served as an evacuation center. A few health-and-welfare messages were handled from the scene.

Commercial power, as well as some local telephone service, was available in Rossville, although phone lines were not always readily obtainable. AM-COM 1 operated from commercial power, although a small gasoline-powered emergency generator, carried at all times on AM-COM 1, was tested and remained ready. The club's 5-kW generator remained in Topeka on standby. Ten amateurs were present in Rossville, with about another 10 helping at the Red Cross and Civil Defense centers, and others running errands around the Topeka area. A special "thank you" is extended to all who assisted or stood ready to assist in this emergency, which occurred on the heels of other public service work in weather watches over the two weeks preceding the flood. An additional 100 hours were utilized during the flood, bringing the club's total weather-related public service hours to just under 1000 in a two-week period. The civic-mindedness and dedication by local amateurs demonstrated in this total is certainly something they can be very proud of. — Marshall Reece, NØBLD, EC Zone 4B Kansas

ment provided a radio for their frequencies. Surplus radios were purchased from a local company that was upgrading its system. Club members rebuilt these radios and placed them in service to cover other emergency agencies. We still needed a radio for the medical frequency; Hospital Ambulance Service helped out, providing the last commercial radio required for the van. Two consoles were stripped of their old electronics and installed along one wall of the van. The console provides room for four operators to sit and operate in comfort. Behind each operator, along the wall, runs a long bench seat with a storage area underneath. This bench allows people to assist the operators. At the front of the van is a small work area over the engine cover, which is used for minor repair of equipment while in the field. It also doubles as a coffee-donut counter.

As more radios were installed, it became clear that the van's 12-V system was undersized. Club members installed an 8D 200-Ah battery, a 120-A alternator on the engine, and an 80-A regulated power supply (120-V ac input) to float across the battery. No. 4 wire was run for positive and ground throughout the van. Three 120-V ac outlet strips were installed behind the consoles so extra radios and portable chargers could be plugged in. Two large ball mounts were attached on each side to the rear of the van for hf work, and a PA system was added.

When work was completed on the consoles, we installed radios to cover 2 meters, hf, vhf public service (scanner), the Topeka Fire and Police Departments, four county fire departments, Civil

Defense, Shawnee Sheriff, the Hospital Ambulance Service, CB and a small TV. All operating positions have headphones to keep noise down — a must with this many radios. Each console also has two telephones with two lines to each phone. If the phone service is still available in a disaster area, we will have the capability to use the lines.

On the Road

AM-COM 1 (Amateur Communications Unit No. 1) is the call assigned to the van by all agencies when we use the commercial radios. AM-COM 1 also has on-board extension cords, 800 feet of coax in varying lengths, tools, telephone books for all cities within a 60-mile radius, flashlights, maps, a first-aid kit and a variety of spare parts. The club rebuilt a tower trailer, which carries a 40-ft crank-up tower, a generator and extra lighting, to go along with AM-COM 1.

During tornado watches, club members provide information to the Weather Service, hospitals and the Civil Defense so that early warning may be given in time to save lives. We also provide on-site communications during any disaster, and coordinate communications with the ambulance pool, medical teams, hospitals and other agencies. The communications we provide keep everyone informed as to the number injured, the supplies needed, the injury load to each hospital and any other communications requirements. In all, 100-plus members of the Kaw Valley Amateur Radio Club were able to find 10,000 spare hours for the Amateur Radio hobby, and put together a communications system equaled by few.

Two New Hams: How (and Why) They Did It

Traversing the road to hamdom can be a challenge for any of us. These two hams did it, but over two very different routes.

Prime-Time Radio

The biggest problem getting myself on the air was the antennas. The home QTH is a rented, first-floor apartment in an old, three-family house with a peaked roof. There is no yard, and the building is virtually wrapped in telephone and power lines, as it nestles among similar structures. Fortunately, the landlady is a good friend, and she trusted my discretion. But I didn't want responsibility for holes in her house.

Finally, plan number 3749 came to fruition. Skywalker friends draped a couple of dipoles on the roof, and strapped a 2-meter fm antenna to the chimney. The problem remained of how to get the cables into the shack. I'm still kind of proud of the custom-fit, wooden window bulkhead I designed and built myself. It's held in the top of the window by the window itself so you can see out the bottom, and there are no holes in the building. The ports on the sides deliver cables hidden by curtains, and it's finished to match the woodwork.

And so on. I could probably talk about radio for the rest of my life, and I probably will. It's a new love.

Getting There is Half the Fun

In the two-full-shifts life-style of a single, working parent for about 18 years, I don't remember ever wondering what to do next. When the kids grew up and left home, they didn't need me on a daily basis anymore. One day after work, sitting in my car on the parking lot, I took a moment to think. Going home probably meant being bored. There wasn't any other idea of what to do. I went home anyway, and was bored. On weekends, also, I was often lonely and bored, especially in the mornings, waiting for the rest of the world to be available.

I never belonged to a club, never spoke in front of a group and have written precious few letters. I am well known among my friends for just plain never writing anything. I'm a talker and a telephone jockey. I never played a musical

instrument or learned a foreign language.

Even when I was busy raising my family and working full time, I always had a nagging need to do some volunteer public service, which I feel we all owe the community we live in. Now was a chance, and I had lots of free time. I was aware of some needs I could donate my time to, but somehow it seemed hypocritical and counterproductive to work with mental patients or to be a "Big Sister," if my dedication wasn't genuine. Some observers might have said I was in a middle-age crisis. My son said I was in my second adolescence. By my calculation, I should have been in the prime of my life, but I didn't know what to do with myself.

Then, at Thanksgiving 1978, I went to Lockport, New York, to visit folks I hadn't seen for years. They had a friend, Jim, living with them, whom I had never met. Shortly after arriving I wandered into a den, and there was the most elaborate hi-fi I had ever seen, complete with a microphone for making home recordings.

You guessed it; it wasn't hi-fi. It was Amateur Radio station WA2NFG. It didn't take much to get Jim to show me some of the marvels. People we didn't know, thousands of miles away, were greeting us warmly. Jim could remotely turn that metal spider web outside so it was pointing to those people halfway around the world as easily as I could turn in my chair to ask him a question. What an expanding sense of communication!

I couldn't ask Jim questions fast enough: "What do you mean 'Amateur Radio'?" "What do you talk about?" "Can anyone be a ham?" "How do I get started?"

The only thing I didn't get a straight answer to was how much it cost. It seemed to cost whatever one could afford. "Oh well," I rationalized, "I'm already a hobby photographer, and I don't have time." Imagine that. No time!

Back home from New York, I got a

telephone call from a cordial ham delivering a piece of traffic initiated by Jim. Unfortunately, I didn't have the presence of mind to jot down his name and telephone number, which I could have used shortly after. To this day, I don't know who he was to thank him.

I Thought I Was Only Curious . . .

The next day, driving to work, I thought I might find out a little more about this radio thing (I do a lot of thinking in my car). I had some trouble finding a ham, but eventually got in touch with the Middlesex Amateur Radio Club in nearby Newton, Massachusetts. I thought I was only curious, but after working my way through several license study guides and radio books I knew the jig was up, and I was going for my license.

I went the self-study route. I pulled everything together in my mind and turned the corner from total confusion to success, and got my Novice ticket in May 1979. In January 1980, I upgraded to General.

I have not only joined the Middlesex club since, but am now honored to serve as its President. If I wake up too early on weekends, no problem. I know that a flick of a switch at any time of the day or night can bring me in touch with people around the world. I have an honest vehicle for public service. I don't wish anyone problems, but, if they come, I'm acquiring equipment and developing skills that may be helpful.

It's funny now for me to look back and remember that in the 1930s, as a young girl, I asked a physicist what electricity was. He said nobody really knew. I figured then that, if it could hurt you and nobody knew what it was, I didn't want any part of it. Except for learning to put jiffy-snap power plugs on lamp cords, I did manage to avoid all that watts and amps stuff until just before I solved the cable problem. Today, I still want to know more. I put together a code

oscillator, which wasn't nearly as hard as I had imagined, and was absolutely amazed when it beeped. Today, two hams could call me "Elmer," and another one is on the way.

I have made my share of mistakes. I got a little heady with my new-found friends, Messrs. AC and DC, and was suitably humbled with some minor jiggles to wet palms. I've hooked things up backwards, but so far most have been forgiving, so no serious damage yet. I've learned how much I tend to interrupt people, because it can't be done on the radio. The "alligator" is teaching me not to be so long-winded. Now that I've learned Morse code, I love it. It's my musical in-

strument and foreign language all in one.

Today, besides the modest antenna farm, my station includes a cw transceiver, a general-coverage receiver, an SWR meter and a dummy-load that I built myself. I also have a Hammarlund SP-600, which I love, and a Hallicrafters SR-160, my first rig, which I keep to lend to newcomers. My 2-meter hand-held transceiver lives in my pocketbook and works through a 5/8-wavelength whip on my famous "thinking" car, which I now also use for talking.

My dreams for the future include improving my cw, getting into traffic handling and moving to a high, lonely place to put some real dandies on maybe a

150-ft tower. I'd especially like to try SSTV and ATV so I would be able to combine my two favorite hobbies, photography and radio. Who knows: I might even make a contribution to the state of the art.

Radio for me is not only manipulating the ions, it's a constant reminder in a variety of ways of people's importance to each other. It has been the single most rewarding activity in my life. I have a sense of joining the whole human race. I feel I may have something to give in addition to the immense pleasure I get. Now it feels like the prime of my life. — *Pat Sheppard, KA1DEI, Cambridge, Massachusetts* □

Domestic Tranquility? You Bet!

Most of my QSLs from you guys say you can't imagine what it would be like to have your wife as a ham. My first answer is that the difference is, instead of a back bedroom or the garage, the ham shack is in a corner of the livingroom. But let's go a little deeper.

I suppose we should start at the beginning — Spring 1980. Jerry (N6DDP) and I had been married for a little over 14 years and have two young daughters. I had quit work before the youngest was born (I used to be a police matron/dispatcher), and just stayed home to tend the kids, to clean, to cook and to make all our clothes. Jerry had his work as a parts manager for a car dealer and his own hobbies, mainly radio-controlled airplanes (which I hated). Anyway, we were both occupied with our own little worlds, and never actually did anything together.

We sat down one night and talked, a rare happening in itself, and decided we needed something in common besides the kids — something we could do together. I had no ideas, but Amateur Radio is something he had been interested in for many years, so we settled on "ham."

Not quite knowing where to start, we went to Sacramento with the intention of buying some books to study. Well, we got the books, a radio and some accessories. What's \$700 when you're having fun? I guess you could call that a commitment! We didn't get far on our own, and heard that a class was being offered at a junior college, 30 miles away. So, with lots of grumbling from the grandfolks about having to keep the kids an extra night each week, we started our class.

It lasted from April to June, and was for the General class license. With a lot of extra study (frustrating for me, complete with tears and temper tantrums), we

managed to keep up with the class, and the discussions even began to make sense. Our instructor, WA6NKQ, was swell; all the time he spent on the telephone with us when we'd get stuck really made the difference.

Going for Broke

Then June came. The class ended on Tuesday night, and Wednesday morning found us on the way to San Francisco and the FCC office. We never got a Novice license, so it was go for broke: Either pass the 5-wpm code and the General/Technician written test, or wait the 30 days either to send for the Novice test or to go back to the FCC and try again. We shook in our boots through the whole thing, but we both happily came home Technicians, then had to wait that long six weeks for the license to arrive. (As I am writing this, one year later, we have just returned from another trip to San Francisco. This time we both came home with our Advanced license.)

It pays to *make* the time to take an interest with the OM. There are innumerable breakfasts, dinners, picnics, potlucks, swap meets, conventions, campouts — you name it — and they really are fun. Jerry has trouble with me at the swaps because I always want to buy something, instead of the other way around.

Our little area has a group, eight of us who are licensed, the WHOs (Women Ham Operators). We have potlucks (we even let the guys come and eat, too) and luncheons that we don't let the guys join. None of us are builders or experimenters, but we do enjoy operating, both cw and phone.

Don't say you don't have the time. Since we started in radio, Jerry and I have had another daughter. When our latest little one was born, Jerry stepped out of

the delivery room and announced her arrival on the 2-meter hand-held radio. (I had one on my bedside table to keep in touch with our friends.)

I have no mechanical or electrical background, and I'm no good at fixing things around the house. Now I'm a little more helpful; I don't get on the roof or climb the new tower, but I do attempt to help by holding the guy wires or running for the tool he always manages to forget when he works on the antennas.

If you'll spend a little time with the OM and get a license, you too could begin to enjoy what he spends his time at, *and* enjoy the equipment he spends all that money on. There are a whole bunch of really swell folks out there — next door and across the oceans as well. You could never find any single facet of the population any more congenial or willing to assist in any way than the "ham family."

If you work, you can still find a few minutes a day to study (that's really all it takes). When you get your license, I know you will find the time to get on the air. And for those of you like me, there's always someone to talk to on the air, in the middle of the day, when you really need a break from the daily routine. And, if you've been going "stale" at home, the code is great for sharpening the mind — it's just like a foreign language. By the way, with the baby now six months old, I must do my operating between bottles and diapers, but I *do* find the time for it.

Amateur Radio is a rewarding endeavor, especially in the self-satisfaction from just knowing you really can do it. You will be surprised how different the OM's attitude toward you and your favorite activity can be when you take the time to share in his interest. — *Jan Manford, N6DDO, Live Oak, California* □



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Amateurs who are also members of the IEEE can benefit doubly from the Heathkit® ETS-3401 Microcomputer Training System (Product Review, Sept. QST). First, it can help hams gain a better understanding of microcomputers. Second, IEEE members who purchase the course from IEEE and complete it can get a rebate. For details, write to ETS-3401 Course Registrar, IEEE, 345 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017. — *John F. Wilhelm, K2OZW*



ARRL was well represented at the Department of State ARC (W3DOS) annual banquet, held last May at the Foreign Services Club in Washington, DC. Standing with W3DOS President W4KM (left) are ARRL President W4KFC, past President W2HD, Washington Area Coordinator W1UED, Counsel N3AKD and Atlantic Division Director W3ABC.

CHECK YOUR GUNS — OOPS, HTs — AT THE DOOR, GANG!

We've all seen those Wild West movies in which the saloon patrons were required to check their guns at the door before commencing an evening of frivolity. But, have you ever seen or heard of the same rule applied to HTs when a convention crowd entered a hospitality suite?

It happened to those who entered the highly active DRØNK hospitality room during HAMCOM '82 (Southwestern Division ARRL Convention) at San Diego's Town & Country Hotel in June 1982. The DRØNKs are a group of technically oriented fm/repeater people who believe wisely that HTs should be set aside at party time, lest someone at the peak of high spirits do something "naughty" over one of the repeaters. When N6NR, who is one of our ARRL TAs, took this writer to the DRØNK suite to meet the gang, I was surprised to see the vast array of HTs parked on the table (see photograph). This was indeed a new gimmick to me, and after the purpose of the rule was explained, it made good sense. It's a technique that could be adopted by many groups in the interest of



W1FB stands guard over a table-full of HTs DRØNK members checked in before a night of frivolity during HAMCOM '82.

on-the-air decorum! The "honor among thieves" rule seemed also to prevail, for I heard of no one who had his or her HT ripped off.

My thanks to the DRØNKs for allowing me to pose with their thousands of dollars worth of HTs (they kept an eye on me!), and for the fine hospitality, homemade chili con carne and stimulating conversation provided for this "easterner." — *Doug DeMaw, W1FB*

ARRL WAS VIA AMATEUR RADIO SATELLITE

Worked All States via satellite is at an all-time high. Since the first award in 1975, a total of 71 amateurs have been issued this coveted certificate. The most remarkable thing about the current activi-

ty is that more than 20 Satellite WAS awards have been issued so far in 1982. The new Soviet RS satellites, in addition to the faithful operation of AMSAT-OSCAR 8, have made all of this possible.

Anyone with a 2-meter transmitter and a 10-meter receiver can complete the WAS satellite requirement. If you are new to satellite communication and you have a Technician class or higher Amateur Radio license, you can soon join those on the elite WAS list. If you want additional information or need some help getting started, just write to ARRL and ask for Amateur Radio satellite information.

This may be the best opportunity anyone will ever have to work all 50 states via satellite. When you do get your certificate, we can guarantee it will become a testimonial that you will be proud of for many years. — *Bernie Glassmeyer W9KDR, OSCAR Program Manager*

Official WAS Satellite List

1975	25	W6ABN	47	W9HR
K9JUU	26	W6WMP	48	WB8OTH
K9GWE	27	WB5PMU	49	W6XN
W9CII	28	WBØIUT	50	WA6VGS
W6RCP	29	N4DT		1982
W6CG	30	K9SM	51	KA7DLC
W5XU	31	W7ZC	52	W2RS
W7MCU	32	N3ES	53	W1NU
	33	KØRZ	54	WA7GCS
1976			55	WA2CBB
W8CSM		1978	56	K4UAS
W84RUA	34	KØSE	57	K2ZRO
W6ETJ	35	W7US	58	W2BXA
W6NZX		1979	59	W2YV
WØIT		K1HTV	60	W2LV
W8HEW	36	W9MXC	61	W2GN
W6TUF	37		62	WA1ZUB
WØII		1980	63	W9KE
		WØCA	64	W1PV
1977	38	W5UCY	65	W9KDR
K9EIV	39	W7UFE	66	W5VVR
WØNST	40	W9HAD	67	WB4ZXS
K5KQG	41	W7ID	68	WD4FAB
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WØRWC	45	K9CIS		
W4BE	46	WA5ZIB		



Two New England AMSAT area coordinators recently completed their satellite WAS. Jim Buckley, WA1ZUB (left photo), of East Douglas, Massachusetts, received no. 62 on April 20, 1982. Skip Paulson, W1PV, of Danbury, Connecticut, was issued no. 64 on May 4, 1982. Both brought their cards to Hq. to be checked. (photo by Karl Townsend)



Not Me!

By John G. Troster,* W6ISQ

“Thank you. Thank you, club members. Don’t get up. No big appreciation demonstration, please. Now you elected me your new president on my ‘New S9 Action Program’ to make this miserable group into the best club in the whole U S of A . . . right?”

“Right . . . Yippee . . . Wah hoo wah.”
“And we’re gonna be a world champion club . . . right?”

“Right on . . . Hooorrarayyy . . . S9-plus, Old Man.”

“And we’re gonna move forward and onward . . . and ahhh . . . upward . . . and ahhh . . . right?”

“Right . . . We’re ready . . . What you gonna do, Mr. Prez?”

“Okay, the first thing in my New S9 Program is to make us a big winner in Field Day . . . right?”

“Hooorrarayyy . . . We’re number one . . . What kinda trophy we get?”

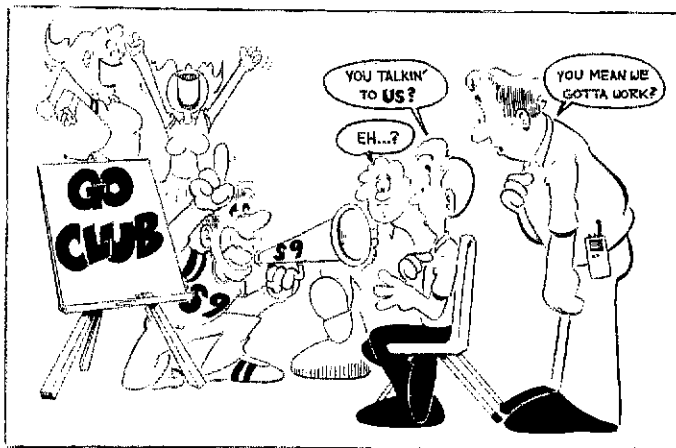
“Okay! First thing we need is a hard-charging, good-organizing Field Day chairman who’s gonna ramrod this club into an oiled, smooth-running, efficient QSO machine to pile up points . . . who wants to volunteer to be chairman?”

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“Ahhh . . . who wants to volunteer to be the leader of this winning team? Ahhh . . . volunteers?? . . . hmmm . . . you’re all too modest . . . ah . . . okay, then, I’ll appoint a leader. I’m gonna appoint our club fireball, old Charlie, Charlie, I want you to take ahold of Field Day and move us forward . . . multi rigs . . . multi antennas . . . every member in there CQing for the glory of this stagnant old club . . . the XYLs cooking chow and the kids running hamburgers and drinks to the ops . . . right?”

“Waalll . . . I dunno if I want to volunteer to get appointed Field Day skipper or not . . . lot a work, you know . . . all them rigs . . . putting up all the antennas . . . and all them XYLs and kids . . . ugh . . . hear ‘em now . . . makes me kinda tired just thinking about it.”

“Yeah, Mr. President, you appoint old Charlie our Field Day skipper and first thing you know he’s out appointing a lot of us assistants. And second thing you know we’d all have to be out there in the hot sun working on Field Day . . . Lot a work there . . . I was trying to get away from the XYL for one weekend anyway . . . We ain’t never been in a Field Day before . . . Not me.”

“You mean you fellas is gonna pass up



a opportunity for this miserable club to make the greatest score in the history of Field Days?”

“Naw, he’s right, Mr. President . . . Not me . . . We never done it . . . I was planning a barbeque that weekend . . . Me too . . . All that work . . . Not me.”

“Okay, okay . . . let’s forget Field Day for a while. But let me tell you there’s no way we’re gonna have a ‘New S9 Action Program’ without a great, first-class club paper . . . right?”

“Right! Sure thing . . . Great thinking . . . Give us prestige. . .”

“Glad to hear everybody’s in favor of a great paper. Now, who wants to volunteer to edit our new award-winning club paper? Come on . . . somebody volunteer . . . volunteers anybody? Hmmm . . . Okay, I appoint Jimmy. There you are, Jimmy. You gotta start investigative reporting. Nobody ever got a Nobel Prize without investigating. Gotta crusade for better band conditions . . . less sun spots . . . ahhh . . . smaller pileups. . . more DXCC countries.”

“Weeeelllll . . . ahhh . . . I dunno, Mr. President. Takes a lot a time, and I ain’t never done no Nobel prize investigating . . . ‘course I could appoint a bunch of columnists to help.”

“Naw . . . Not me . . . Forget that appointing stuff, Jimmy . . . Write it yourself . . . Not me . . . For this club you only need a cartoonist . . . Not me. . . Yeah, a comic book maybe . . . Not me . . . I can’t draw.”

“Here I’m trying to progress this lousy club into S9 world class ranking, and nobody will do nothing! If you didn’t like my ‘New S9 Action Program,’ how come you elected me president?”

“You was the only one running. Yeah, Old Man, your S9 program is down to about a S5 right now.”

“Okay, you lost your chance. I’m not gonna let nobody else volunteer. I’m only going to appoint people from now on. So, I’m gonna appoint Old Sam to be chairman of our new program committee. We need new exciting speakers . . . people who are gonna tell us what we ought to know . . . get us all fired up . . . what do you say, Sam?”

“Ahhhh . . . waalll, Mr. President, I

don’t know nobody who’s excited about much . . . only exciting fella I ever knew finally made DXCC, but then he went back to full-time rag chewing . . . maybe somebody else . . . not me.”

“Come on, Sam. We need speakers to educate us . . . launch us onto the wave of the future with outstanding speakers . . . ahhh . . . the way to the future is forward . . .”

“Maybe Sam he don’t wanna go forward on a wave . . . You’re down to about a S2, Mr. President.”

All right . . . okay . . . I’ll get the speakers myself. But one thing the S9 Program is gonna do right now is to save us all from poisoning . . . ha ha. I’m gonna move us out of this terrible Mom’s Pizza Parlor here into a decent restaurant. We can’t move forward if we all get ptomaine poisoned in the back of a pizza parlor . . . I’m gonna appoint a restaurant committee.”

“What you got against old Mom’s Pizza? Yeah, we like her cheeze and them hot peppers . . . Not me . . . I stay . . . Love that Polish sausage . . . Me too . . . Not me . . . You’re down to a S-nothing, Mr. President . . . Not me!”

“You elected me president to turn this club around and progress, to move forward into world-class contention . . . ahhh . . . or did you? All I need is a little help . . . a few committee chairmen . . . right? . . . ahhh . . .”

“Not me . . . you’re the president . . . You do the work . . . Yeah, we elected you and now you’re trying to make us do the work.”

“Okay, okay . . . hmmm . . . well . . . all right. That’s about all for this meeting tonight. Next meeting . . . ahhh . . . we meet here in the back room of Mom’s Pizza . . . no speaker program . . . just swap lies like usual . . . forget winning Field Day . . . forget our Nobel-winning paper.”

“Hey, sure like your ‘New S9 Action Program,’ Mr. President. Learning fast . . . Good program . . . gonna make a great president . . . You’re back up to S9-plus . . . Yeah, with a good club Action Program like that, maybe we’ll elect you president again next year.”

“Not me!”

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Amateur Radio Bill Signed by President Reagan

On September 13, 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed the Goldwater-Wirth Amateur Radio legislation, H.R. 3239, into law. It has been designated Public Law 97-259. The new law amends the Communications Act of 1934 by giving FCC the authority to: establish RFI-

rejection standards for home electronic equipment, enlist the aid of volunteers in monitoring the amateur airwaves for rules violations, and use volunteers for preparing and administering amateur examinations. The law also gives the Commission the authority to extend the license term of its licensees to 10 years, and it exempts

amateur communications from the secrecy provisions of the Communications Act. Details about the law's effect on Amateur Radio appeared in last month's *Happenings*. Also, be sure to read "RFI Bill Becomes Law," which begins on page 11 of this issue.

ARRL FILES COMMENTS ON RM-4040

The League has submitted its comments in support of RM-4040, which would preclude cable television operation on Amateur Radio frequencies. RM-4040, a petition for FCC rulemaking, was filed by ARRL in January 1982. The League earlier had requested an unusually long extension of time for filing comments so the ARRL could (1) meet with primary trade cable TV associations to seek an ultimate *national-level* remedy for the problem of CATV interference, and (2) explore the ability of the National Cable Television Association, Inc. (NCTA), to resolve individual *local-level* interference on a cooperative, case-by-case basis.

The comments state, in part: "With reluctance the League is constrained to report that, despite perceived good faith efforts on the part of NCTA, no solution to this most serious interference problem has been forthcoming, either on an individual, case-by-case basis, or on a national basis." ARRL's comments also note that, though the NCTA has attempted to bring the seriousness and the extent of the CATV problem to its member systems, no overall preventative measures have been suggested.

Moreover, the prospects for remedying the problem on a national scale are no brighter than they were in January 1982! For example: (1) *The problem of CATV is still significant.* No notable degree of system integrity is apparent in the cable systems now operational. (2) *The voluntary approach is not working.* The NCTA has been unsuccessful in influencing the resolution of several test cases recently referred to them. This reflects the need for regulatory action. (3) *A mandatory regulatory approach through membership organizations is not feasible.* No trade or membership organization can require its affiliated member groups to take certain actions. The League points out that "neither the present state of the art, reflected in the increasing number of interference cases, nor the case-by-case approach, shown thus far not to be even minimally effective in stemming the tide of interference complaints, can be depended upon to lead to a resolution of the problem."

The ARRL also stressed that this interference situation is not a matter of numbers. Some cable companies guilty of serious interference often attempt to justify continued interference on amateur frequencies by discussing the number of cable subscribers served

compared to the number of amateurs in the U.S. The League cited examples that the relief provided by RM-4040 would *not* be a public service detriment, nor would it be considered extraordinary. It again requests that "... the Commission amend its rules to prohibit operation of cable television systems on frequencies assigned to the Amateur Radio Service, either on a blanket basis or on a case-by-case basis, automatically upon receipt of a complaint of interference to or from an amateur station, until the integrity of the system is restored and the ingress or egress problem is nonexistent."

ARRL DIRECTOR AND VICE DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Every two years, ARRL full members have the opportunity to select directors and vice directors to represent their ideas and needs on the ARRL Board. The ARRL Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for all League matters, including deciding ARRL policies, priorities and services that will be made available to members. ARRL directors and vice directors are elected to represent specific geographic areas called divisions. (To determine your division and the names of your director and vice director, see page 8 of *QST*.)

This year, nominations were open in the *Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, Roanoke, Rocky Mountain, Southwestern and West Gulf Divisions*. The ARRL Board's Executive Committee met September 11 to examine the nominating petitions filed by members in these eight divisions. The following were the only candidates nominated and eligible in their divisions, and for that reason the Executive Committee declared them elected without need for membership balloting.

New England Division: For Director — John C. Sullivan, W1HHR.

Northwestern Division: For Vice Director — Mel C. Ellis, K7AOZ.

Roanoke Division: For Director — Gay E. Milius, Jr., W4UG. For Vice Director — John C. Kanode, N4MM.

Rocky Mountain Division: For Director — Lys J. Carey, K0PGM.

Southwestern Division: For Director — Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ. (The Committee was also in receipt of a petition nominating Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, as a candidate for Director. Mr. Heyn declined to have his name placed in consideration for this office.)

West Gulf Division: For Director: Raymond B. Wangler, W5EDZ. For Vice Director — Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC. (The Committee was also in receipt of a petition nominating Amelia E. Wise, W5OVH, as a candidate for

Vice Director. Mrs. Wise, however, withdrew her name from consideration.)

Ballots already have been sent to all ARRL full members (of record as of September 10) in those divisions in which two or more candidates were found to be eligible for elective office. Those divisions and the eligible candidates are as follows:

Central Division: For Director — Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, and Don C. Miller, W9NTP. For Vice Director — Kenneth A. Ebner, K9EN, and Howard S. Huntington, K9KM.

Hudson Division: For Director — George A. Diehl, W2IHA; John J. D'Luhy, K2EXI; and Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL. For Vice Director — Philip H. Bradway, KB2HQ; Paul A. Lindgren, AH2M; Dennis B. McAlpine, K2SX; Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF; and Alex M. Pontus, W2FCR.

New England Division: For Vice Director — Richard P. Beebe, K1PAD, and Clevis O. Laverty, W1RWG.

Northwestern Division: For Director — Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP, and Joseph N. Winter, W7RWK.

Rocky Mountain Division: For Vice Director — Marshall Quait, AG0X, and Robert A. Scupp, WB5YYX.

Southwestern Division: For Vice Director — Fried Heyn, WA6WZO; Peter F. Matthews, WB6UIA; and Joseph Merdler, N6AHU.

To be valid, ballots must be received at Headquarters by noon, November 20. A committee of tellers, under the supervision of the accounting firm of Price Waterhouse, will count the ballots, and results will be announced over WIAW and in *QST*. Any full member of record September 10 in one of the divisions in which elections are being held should receive a ballot by November 1. Those members eligible to vote who have not received a ballot should immediately contact Donna Frechette at Hq.

BURBANK UPDATE

Amateur Radio operators have filed a class-action suit against the City of Burbank, Illinois. The complaint names as plaintiffs 10 amateur and CB operators who are suing on behalf of themselves and all other persons similarly situated who reside in Burbank. The action is backed by League-pledged financial support. James C. O'Connell, W9WU, the plaintiffs' attorney, seeks a declaration by the Court that Ordinance 9-4-82 and Section 4-295 of the Municipal Code of the City of Burbank and the policies they implement are unconstitutional abridgments of the plaintiffs' rights. Section 4-295 (1) places a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for the installation

*Membership Services Assistant, ARRL

of Amateur Radio and CB radio antennas for one year from the effective date of the Ordinance; (2) requires existing antennas to be registered and owners to submit proof of bond and proof of homeowner's liability insurance; (3) requires that every CB or Amateur Radio antenna be inspected annually for a fee; (4) requires approval of local building officials for all antenna structures more than 20 feet high, whether ground- or roof-mounted, and; (5) sets forth other overly broad and restrictive conditions. (See Happenings, page 56, September 1982 *QST*, for further details.)

The complaint also asks for an order temporarily restraining, and permanently and preliminarily enjoining, the City of Burbank from bringing any civil or quasi-criminal action or complaint against anyone erecting or maintaining an amateur or CB antenna. The action further seeks recovery of costs and attorneys' fees, plus any other relief the Court deems just.

CANADIAN DIVISION DIRECTOR POWELL RESIGNS; ATKINS IS NEW DIRECTOR

Citing an unexpectedly heavy schedule, and his feeling that he would be unable to do justice to both his job and his League responsibilities, Mitch Powell, VE3OT, has resigned, effective September 20, from his position as Canadian Division Director. Mitch served as director for about three years and did an outstanding job for the ARRL and CRRL during that time.

Succeeding VE3OT as Canadian Division Director is Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM. Tom has served as vice director and was the Canadian representative at the IARU Region 2 Conference in Lima, Peru, in 1980. He has served as assistant director since 1978 and was also a member of the ARRL Public Relations Advisory Committee. Born and educated in the United Kingdom, Tom has lived in the Toronto area for 30 years and is vice president of Standard Broadcast Sales Co., Ltd.-Television.

ARRL President Clark has appointed Harry MacLean, VE3GRO, as new Canadian Division Vice Director. Harry is the conductor of Canadian NewsFronts in *QST*, and has been active in both ARRL and CRRL affairs. He has also been appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Strengthening of the CRRL.

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Montana, Mississippi, Iowa, Arizona, Ontario, Orange, Northern Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, Wyoming and West Indies sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. In accordance with the restructuring of the ARRL Field Organization, the position of Section Manager will supersede the position of Section Communications Manager in each section. Incumbent SCMs are listed on page 8 of this issue.

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)

General Manager, ARRL
225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned full members of the . . . ARRL Section of the . . . Division, hereby nominate . . . as candidate for Section Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office.

(Signature . . . Call . . . City . . . ZIP . . .)

An SM 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 10, 1982.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on December 31, 1982. Returns will be counted February 22, 1983. SMs elected as a result of the above procedure will take office April 1, 1983.

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, 1983.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date, such section will be resolicited in April *QST*. An SM elected through the resolicitation will serve a term of 18 months.

Vacancies in any SM office between elections are filled by appointment by the General Manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.

David Sumner, K1ZZ

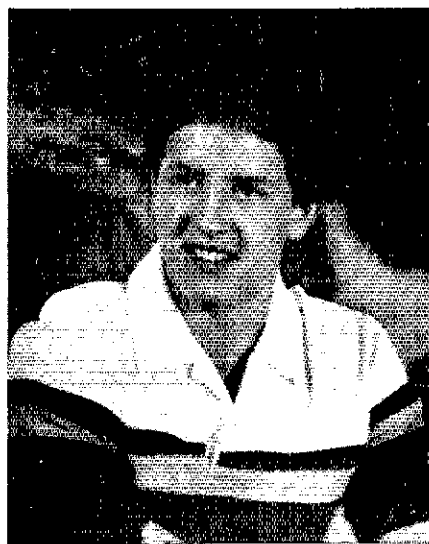
General Manager

ARRL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The officers and directors of the ARRL Foundation take pride in announcing the recipients of two awards for the 1982-83 academic year. The Long Island Scholarship, for youths attending Long Island colleges or universities, has been granted to Paul Michael Silverman, KA2DSP, of Levittown, New York. Paul enters the State University of New York at Farmingdale in September to pursue courses in electronics technology. The \$250 ARRL



Paul Michael Silverman, KA2DSP



Larry Edwin Smith, Jr., WB9UKE

Foundation-administered award was given to this young man for his demonstrated interest and excellence in promoting Amateur Radio, and for his aspirations to an electronics career.

The YL ISSB Memorial Scholarship has been awarded, for the second year in a row, to Larry Edwin Smith, Jr., WB9UKE, of Vincennes, Indiana. The awarding of \$709 to Larry concludes the Foundation's administration of this scholarship fund for the YL ISSB. Larry is pursuing associate and bachelor's degrees in electronics engineering, and he aspires to a career in communications with NASA. An Amateur Extra Class and 2nd class commercial licensee, Larry maintains an A average and remains very active in extracurricular activities at Vincennes University.

ARRL Foundation-administered scholarships are open to all applicants. Qualifications and specific criteria are reviewed by screening boards of Foundation officers and directors and panels provided by sponsoring organizations. Application closing date is May 1, 1983, for the next academic year. Address all inquiries to Andrea T. Parker, K1WLX, Secretary, ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

ENERGY-EFFICIENT RF-EMITTING DEVICES NEED MORE TESTING

The ARRL commented unfavorably regarding a North American Philips Lighting Corp. request for a waiver of FCC Rules 18.142(b) and 18.142(c) to permit the manufacture and marketing of a new energy-efficient light bulb. League comments on an International Energy Conservation Systems request for waiver of FCC Rule 18.142 to permit manufacture and marketing of an electronic ballast for a fluorescent lamp were also negative.

The ARRL contended that there was inadequate testing of the NAPLC light bulbs; only 250 lamps were field tested, and the manufacturer submitted no data related to the effects of the light bulb on Amateur Radio or other hf receivers. NAPLC nevertheless proposes to market a million of these units in 1983. Its only reference to potential interference problems was the statement: "Through our Corporate Quality Assurance Department, we will report any field complaints to the FCC during the first

six months after introduction with a statement of all actions taken."

The IECS is silent about the potential interference problems caused by its electronic ballast. It proposes, rather, "... a grant of the requested waiver *prior* (emphasis added) to evaluation of the test data it promises to submit."

In both these cases, the League submits that such after-the-fact attention to potential interference problems is not a substitute for adequate pre-certification testing. Furthermore, the potential benefits of precaution in these matters far outweigh the slight detriment to NAPLC and IECS caused by a marketing delay of their new devices. Therefore, the ARRL requests that the waivers sought by NAPLC and IECS *not* be granted unless and until "appropriate engineering data, which establishes the interference potential of these devices to Amateur Radio or other high frequency receivers, is prepared and submitted to the FCC."

FCC NIXES GRADING, LABELING OF TV RECEIVERS

The Commission has ended a proceeding that considered a program of government involvement in labeling and grading of television receiving equipment, begun four years ago in a Notice of Inquiry in General Docket 78-307. This proposal was an effort to help consumers get technical information that would help when choosing, installing and operating TVs.

ARRL comments at that time supported the proposal because it would have been a step forward in the resolution of the overall RFI problem.¹ The League's concerns about RFI have just been addressed with the enactment of P. L. 97-259, which allows the FCC to place responsibility for rf-interference susceptibility on manufacturers of the equipment. The League hopes the RFI problem ultimately will be diminished as a result of this legislation.

The Commission's termination of the proceeding was based on industry and consumer response that it would be "an unwise expansion of our authority to initiate such a (grading and labeling) program," and that the existing environment "does not, however, call for a labeling and grading program for television receiving equipment sponsored or mandated by government." The FCC has asked, however, that these six key points regarding the most important aspects for adequate uhf television reception be passed along to the public:

- 1) An outdoor antenna is much more likely to provide better picture quality than an indoor antenna.
- 2) Separate uhf and vhf outdoor antennas can provide better performance on uhf than can a combination uhf/vhf antenna, at little or no extra cost.
- 3) Four-bay and eight-bay "bowtie" uhf antennas provide good performance at low cost. (The most expensive antennas are not necessarily the best.) A two-bay bowtie uhf antenna is a good choice for an indoor antenna.
- 4) Antennas should be installed by "probing" for the best receiving location. Signal strength can vary significantly over a very short distance; thus, the antenna should be installed at the location that provides best picture quality.
- 5) Shielded cable (either coaxial or shielded

twin lead) generally is recommended over conventional "twin lead" cable to connect an outdoor antenna to a TV set. RG-6 is a good quality cable. Coaxial cable should be used with baluns when connected to the antenna and the set.

6) Preamplifiers that boost the TV signal may provide improved uhf picture quality, but a television service technician should be consulted about their use, since in the wrong circumstances "preamps" can cause interference.

CURRENT RECIPROCAL OPERATING LIST

The United States has reciprocal operating arrangements with the countries listed below. U.S. amateurs wishing to apply for a reciprocal permit from one of these countries should write to the Membership Services Department at Hq. (be sure to include an s.a.s.e.) for information.

Governments that have reciprocal arrangements with the U.S. are:

Argentina	Greece	Nicaragua
Australia	Grenada	Norway
Austria	Guatemala	Panama
Bahamas, The	Guyana	Paraguay
Barbados	Haiti	Peru
Belgium	Honduras	Philippines
Belize	Iceland	Portugal
Bolivia	India	St. Lucia
Botswana	Indonesia	Seychelles
Brazil	Ireland, Rep. of	Sierra Leone
Canada*	Israel	Solomon Is.
Chile	Italy	Spain
Colombia	Jamaica	Suriname
Costa Rica	Jordan	Sweden
Denmark	Kiribati	Switzerland
Dominican Republic	Kuwait	Trinidad & Tobago
Ecuador	Liberia	
El Salvador	Luxembourg	Tuvalu
Fiji	Monaco	United Kingdom
Finland	Netherlands	Uruguay
France	Netherlands Antilles	Venezuela
Germany,	Fed. Rep. of	Yugoslavia
	New Zealand	

*The U.S. and Canada have an automatic reciprocity agreement, and visiting amateurs no longer need reciprocal operating permits.

FCC TAKES ACTION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB REPEATER CASE

Armstrong, ex-WA6CGI

An Administrative Law Judge recently revoked the Advanced class operator license and station license, WA6CGI, of Henry C. Armstrong, III, of Sylmar, California, for "willful and malicious interference with the transmissions of other amateur operators." The action stemmed from continuing complaints of interference to the Southern California DX Club repeater.

Commission engineers determined that Armstrong's signals, one-way transmission of his call sign by synthesized voice, was interfering with the repeater, making it virtually useless for days at a time. Armstrong contended that he was performing tests related to the development of a "pseudo-intelligent computer program with whom a human could communicate by voice in plain English." However, Armstrong "tested" very close to the SCDX club repeater's input frequency despite complaints that he was causing interference. Club members even offered by buy crystals for him to do testing on a different frequency.

The presiding Judge found that "Armstrong's story that he was engaging in legitimate testing was only a subterfuge to disguise his campaign to drive the SCDX repeater off the air. This willful

interference . . . and his attempt at subterfuge through the hearing process are bases for finding him lacking in the requisite qualifications to be a Commission licensee in the Amateur Radio Service." — *from FCC News Release*

CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CLEARED OF RULES VIOLATION

An FCC Judge has vacated an order to show cause why the license of Amateur Radio station W6UCB should not be revoked, and has set aside the suspension of Robert N. Frizzell's amateur Advanced class operator license. Frizzell, of Dana Point, California, had been accused of violating station i-d requirement rules, transmitting music and making unidentified communications.

Resolving the case on the credibility of Frizzell's denial, as opposed to the evidence presented by the Bureau, the presiding Judge found that the Private Radio Bureau "failed to meet its burden of proof and [failed] to establish that Frizzell was the source of the transmissions at issue." — *from FCC News Release*

ARIANE LAUNCH FAILS

According to the European Space Agency (ESA), the failure of a September 9 launch of the L5 Ariane rocket was caused by a malfunctioning turbo pump in the third stage of the launch vehicle. Because the failure was specific to that individual pump, the unsuccessful launch is expected to result in a delay of only one or two months for the Phase IIIB satellite.

ESA came into being to fill the rocket-launch void created by NASA's decision to rely on reusable space shuttles for launches. ESA provides commercial rocket launches. In fact, Ariane 6, scheduled for launch in November, will carry two commercial satellites loaded one atop the other. There is, however, a possibility of swapping the Ariane L6 and L7 launches, allowing Phase IIIB to ride on the L6 vehicle.

FCC DISMISSES PETITIONS

James C. McKinney, FCC Private Radio Bureau chief, has dismissed a petition filed by Peter Wechter to permit the assignment of specific call signs to General class and higher operators. The Commission had considered this issue previously and had found that the entire licensing system had become burdensome and difficult to administer properly. Accordingly, and because the petitioner presented no new issues, the Commission dismissed this petition.

Another petition, to implement the allocation of 902-928 MHz at the earliest possible date to the Amateur Radio Service, was also dismissed. The Commission said it would be inappropriate to proceed until the 1979 WARC Agreement has been ratified. Thus, the FCC felt that this petition, filed by William Tynan, was premature and was therefore dismissed.

GEOSTATIONARY AMATEUR RADIO TRANSPONDER PROPOSED

By 1986, Amateur Radio may have two operational geostationary transponders. Thanks to

¹See QST, Jan. 1979, p. 63.

RCA, the Cablesat General Corporation and ARNET (see League Lines, October *QST*) may be using state-of-the-art communication to commemorate the 25th year of satellites carrying Amateur Radio.

Early this year, ARRL was contacted by Cablesat President Ray Kassis, WA4OHK, about the possibility of these transponders being donated for Amateur Radio use. The ARRL replied:

Dear Mr. Kassis:

We have read with considerable interest the preliminary draft of the CGC proposal prepared by RCA Astro-Electronics, to include a C-Band Amateur Radio Network Experimental Transponder (ARNET) aboard the CGC satellites. We would very much appreciate the opportunity for the American Radio Relay League to participate in this project on a no-cost basis.

For more than 65 years, the ARRL, a non-profit, bi-national organization with more than 150,000 members world wide, has been the principal spokesman for radio amateurs. In 1961 the ARRL granted backing to Project OSCAR, in the name of the amateurs of the United States, to help launch the first Amateur Radio satellite, OSCAR 1. The same support and enthusiasm for amateur satellites has continued since then and we thank you for the consideration and attention you have given this project.

A 10-MHz-wide transponder with a 5.67 GHz uplink and 3.40 GHz downlink in a geostationary orbit would provide Amateur Radio with a valuable new resource. We could expand into new areas of experimentation, education, public service and emergency communication. Such a transponder would provide the amateur community with an important opportunity to broaden its involvement in space communication and experimentation.

We are looking forward to working with you in helping Amateur Radio benefit from this opportunity. Please let us know of any way we may be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,
David Sumner, K1ZZ
General Manager

Should a geostationary transponder come to pass, it is conceivable, for example, that earth stations could be erected at repeater sites and used to communicate directly with other sites in all 50 states, Canada, Central America and northern South America using hand-held transceivers. A national emergency and traffic-handling network could be established that would operate 24 hours a day, regardless of terrestrial or ionospheric conditions. Experimental and special modes of communication could be accommodated, perhaps even live TV. These are a few of the possibilities that could become a reality.

There is much that still remains to be done to make the dream of an Amateur Radio geostationary satellite a reality. We'll be reporting as progress is made toward this ambitious goal. — *Bernie Glassmeyer, W9KDR*

EXPERIMENTAL DIGITAL CODES NOW PERMITTED ABOVE 50 MHZ

Effective October 28, 1982, the FCC will permit the use of any digital code on amateur frequencies above 50 MHz, except those frequencies on which only A1 emission is permitted. A1 emission is the only emission permitted on 50.0-50.1 MHz and 144.0-144.1 MHz. This action amends Section 97.69 of the Amateur Rules so that "an amateur radio communication may include digital codes which represent alphanumeric characters, analogue measurements or other information."

In October 1980, ARRL petitioned the FCC for a rules change to permit greater experimentation with digital techniques (see January 1981

QST, page 65). Citing a "compelling need" if radio amateurs are to continue as the primary contributors to the advancement of the radio art, the League requested that amateurs be permitted a wider scope of authority to conduct digital experiments.

One of the major issues considered by the Commission was balancing its objectives of encouraging new technologies against assuring FCC enforcement capability. The ability of the Commission to verify that the content of messages complies with its rules would be hindered by authorizing experimentation with "exotic" technologies. However, the FCC agreed with the ARRL that special provisions, such as providing that identification be made in plain English or with the international Morse code, combined with the zealous effort of the amateur community to protect their frequency bands, provide adequate protection against unauthorized use of amateur frequencies.

Communications using such digital codes are authorized for domestic operation only, except where special arrangements have been made between the U.S. and the other country concerned. The bandwidth of such digitally coded transmissions may not exceed 20 kHz on frequencies between 50 and 220 MHz, and 100 kHz between 220 and 1215 MHz. On frequencies above 1215 MHz, any bandwidth may be used, provided the sidebands are confined within the authorized amateur band and all spurious emissions are reduced or eliminated in accordance with good engineering practice. Furthermore, the station log must contain a description of the experimental code, and the FCC engineer-in-charge may require that further steps be taken by an amateur to ensure compliance with the rules.

More specific rules dealing with use of the International Telegraphic Alphabet No. 2 and the American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) remain. The commission, is also authorizing greater ASCII sending speeds, however, and it is eliminating the requirement that stations "using the Baudot code" maintain the sending speed within certain tolerances.

Accordingly, the Report and Order in PR Docket 81-699 amends Sections 97.7 and 97.69 as follows:

§97.7 Privileges of Operator licenses.

(e) Novice Class. Radiotelegraphy in the frequency bands 3700-3750 kHz, 7100-7150 kHz (7050-7075 kHz when the terrestrial station location is not within Region 2), 21,100-21,200 kHz, and 28,100-28,200 kHz, using only type A1 emission and using only the international Morse code.

2. Section 97.69 is revised to read as follows: §97.69 Digital Communications.

Subject to the special conditions contained in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) below, an amateur radio communication may include digital codes which represent alphanumeric characters, analogue measurements or other information. These digital codes may be used for such communications as (but not limited to) radio teleprinter, voice, facsimile, television, communications to control amateur radio stations, models and other objects, transference of computer programs or direct computer-to-computer communications, and communications in various types of data networks (including so-called "packet switching" systems); provided that such digital codes are not intended to obscure the meaning of, but are only to facilitate, the communications, and further provided that such operation is carried out in accordance with other regulations set forth in this part. (For purposes of this section, the sending speed (signaling rate), in baud, is defined as the reciprocal of the shortest (signaling) time interval (in seconds) that occurs during a transmission, where each time interval is the period between changes of transmitter state

(including changes in emission amplitude, frequency, phase, or combination of these, as authorized).)

(a) Use of the International Telegraphic Alphabet No. 2 (Baudot code) is subject to the following requirements:

(1) Transmission shall consist of a single channel, five unit (start-stop) teleprinter code conforming to the International Telegraphic Alphabet No. 2 with respect to all letters and numerals (including the slant sign or fraction bar); however, in the "figures" positions not utilized for numerals, special signals may be employed for the remote control of receiving printers, or for other purposes indicated in this section.

(2) The sending speed shall not exceed 100 words per minute (75 baud).

(3) When frequency (or phase) shift keying (type F1 emission) is utilized, the deviation from the mark signal to the space signal, or from the space signal to the mark signal, shall be less than 900 hertz.

(4) When audio frequency shift keying (type A2 or F2 emissions) is utilized, the highest fundamental modulating frequency shall not exceed 3000 hertz, and the difference between the modulating audio frequency for the mark signal and that for the space signal shall be less than 900 hertz.

(b) Use of the American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) is subject to the following requirements:

(1) The code shall conform to the American Standard Code for Information Interchange as defined in American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard X3.4-1968.

(2) F1 emission shall be utilized on those frequencies between 3.5 and 28 MHz where its use is permitted; and the sending speed shall not exceed 300 baud.

(3) F1, F2 and A2 emissions may be utilized on those frequencies above 28 MHz where their use is permitted; and the sending speed shall not exceed the following:

(i) 1200 baud on frequencies between 28 and 50 MHz;

(ii) 19.6 kilobaud on frequencies between 50 and 220 MHz;

(iii) 56 kilobaud on frequencies above 220 MHz.

(4) A1 emission may be used for ASCII where F1 is permitted; and the sending speed shall not exceed that specified for other ASCII coded emissions on the same frequency.

(c) In addition to the above provisions, the use of any digital code is permitted on amateur frequencies above 50 MHz, except those on which only A1 emission is permitted, subject to the following requirements:

(1) Communications using such digital codes are authorized for domestic operation only (communications between points within areas where radio services are regulated by the U.S. Federal Communications Commission), except when special arrangements have been made between the United States and the administration of any other country concerned.

(2) The bandwidth of an emission from a station using such digital codes shall not exceed the following (where for this purpose the bandwidth is defined as the width of the frequency band, outside of which the mean power of any emission is attenuated by at least 26 decibels below the mean power of the total emission; a 3 kHz sampling bandwidth being used by the FCC in making this determination):

(i) 20 kHz on frequencies between 50 and 220 MHz;

(ii) 100 kHz on frequencies between 220 and 1215 MHz;

(iii) On frequencies above 1215 MHz any bandwidth may be used provided that the emission is in accordance with §97.63(b) and §97.73(c).

(3) A description of the digital code and the modulation technique shall be included in the station log during all periods of use and shall be provided to the Commission on request.

(4) When deemed necessary by an Engineer-in-Charge of a Commission field facility to assure compliance with the rules of this part, a station license shall:

(i) Cease the transmission of digital codes authorized under this paragraph.

(ii) Restrict the transmission of digital codes authorized under this paragraph to the extent instructed.

(iii) Maintain a record, convertible to the original information (voice, text, image, etc.), of all coded communications transmitted under authority of this paragraph. — *W. Dale Clift, WA3NLO*

Correspondence

Conducted By Peter R. O'Dell, *KB1N

All letters will be considered carefully. We reserve the right to shorten letters selected in order to have more members' views represented. The publishers of QST assume no responsibility for statements made herein by correspondents.

BLOODY BORE?

□ Must agree with WIBNN saying that QST is a "bloody bore" (QST Aug. 1982, p. 61). Please, cut your pages and pages of station activity drivel, etc., because none of it has any practical value for the average radio amateur. QST can't seem to get their minds out of the thirties, and I cannot remember having seen any important innovations to the world of radio in QST in the last 10 years (including that NBVM system)!

I just cannot see how QST can claim any technical superiority when the rest of the world is racing ahead. That includes many of your homebrew projects that are much too expensive when you consider you can buy the same thing for half the price ready-made. It is often said reform must come from the bottom up, because it never comes from the top down. Your QST (or should I say "our QST") proves it. — Robert H. Fransen, VE6RF, Sherwood Park, Alberta

TEMPUS FUGIT

□ Just received the 50-year member plaque, and it is beautiful. I hung it above my station, which is in a spare bedroom. Thanks very much, and I am very proud to have it. It doesn't seem like 50 years. — Robert E. Valgren, W9IPH, Villa Park, Illinois

CHINA REVISITED

□ Thank you for publishing BY1PK's photograph with caption (July, p. 49). I would like to tell you a story which developed from that photo. Mr. Dave Kennedy, N4SU (formerly W8BRA), saw that photo and was attracted by my old call sign — C1BC. He then dug into his old QSL file and found my C1BC card confirming a QSO 34 years ago, which he sent me.

I was surprised and very happy to see my old card. I almost forgot this card, even though I designed it myself. Gratefully, I sent him a thank you note and told him that I had never received his card due to the Chinese civil war.

Dave is a nice guy. He immediately filled out and sent me his W8BRA card addressed to C1BC confirming that QSO of 34 years ago. In addition, we renewed our long missed ham friendship. I want to thank you again, because if it were not for ARRL and QST this dramatic ham radio story never would have happened. — Frank Wen, KM2X, Woodside, New York

SLUSHY, SLOPPY FISTS?

□ Deliver me from slush-hand key hacks and sloppy-bug buffoons who, with their pseudo old-timer fists are easily outclassed by any conscientious first-year Novice. — Dean E. Lewis, W7TC, Klamath Falls, Oregon

COMPUTER KEYING

□ A new computer will be available in the U.S. around the end of this year with a price

tag of about \$100. The secret of this computer is a new microprocessor chip running at 3.58 MHz. With the low price and marketing they should sell at a fast rate. Maybe I should purchase one and key it on 80 meters for a super-duper microprocessor controlled QRP rig. When will it end? — Richard Gunn, K7EXO, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

TURKEYS OF THE MONTH AWARD

□ I recently witnessed a serious automobile accident, which took place on a very remote stretch of highway near Hancock, Maryland. My 2-meter rig is crystal-controlled, and with our local repeater off the air, I was somewhat limited in communication ability.

Due to elevation, I was able to break a QSO on a repeater in a neighboring state. I explained my situation to the other hams and asked them to notify their state police, who could relay the message to our local authorities.

I could not believe their response! They told me that they had no autopatch on their machine and suggested several other repeaters that I might try (including my local repeater, which was down). I reminded them that I had a life and death situation on my hands and that I had to QRT in order to render first aid.

Although I'm sure that my fellow amateurs thought that they were doing the most helpful thing, they left me hanging in somewhat of a limbo. Other passersby did drive to the nearest town (about 5 miles away) and report the accident. — Duke Ward, K3QWO, Hagerstown, Maryland

A LEAGUE OF HIS OWN

□ A year and a half ago my daughter moved out of state. My first thought was the League. I sent to the "building in Newington" (QST, Dec. 1981, p. 99) for information on a League-sponsored club in her city, which I received in the mail. I sent a letter to this club of "radio amateurs banded together" in her city for assistance. I never received a reply.

I looked in QST for the SCM in her state. Hooray! He lived in the same city. Off went the letter to this amateur for assistance. I never received a reply.

In July, my wife and I went to visit our daughter. My first time on one of the local repeaters put me in contact with Ted. Ted not only invited me to his home and made me welcome, but supplied me with the names, addresses and phone numbers of the ham class instructors at the university radio club. My daughter will be enrolled in a Novice class this fall.

For reasons of his own, Ted is not a member of the "alliance of radio amateurs banded together for a common cause." From my experience, however, Ted and others like him are in a "league" of their own. — Bill Maggs, WB7DLM, Portland, Oregon

LISTS

□ The law says we may run 1000-W dc input to the final, and that is the only sign of

equalization amongst operators. [See September QST, page 44 — Ed.] Those hams who have the real estate, financial power, time and interest to create tremendous antenna facilities will always be the first in the pileups. Because someone else doesn't have those resources and/or doesn't expend the energy does not give them the right to demand equality. Nor does someone who by his choice runs QRP have the right to demand equality.

I'd like to hit the big gun argument once more. W9BG, who was top of the Honor Roll, never had more than a TH6 at 55 feet. Of the Honor Roll members in our DX club, the largest array is a trihandler at 65 feet. I submit that skill and dedication are the key ingredients to success once you're on the air. To me, the final answer rests with the DX station. It's always been his ball game. — Ed Toal, K9QXY, Cross Plains, Wisconsin

□ At last! An article in QST with some meat to it! The real issue here is the importance of a DXCC certificate. If a ham thinks he should have one and gets it the hard way, he and his friends will know it. That's what is important. I hope this article on DX lists is an indication that members can expect at least one issue-oriented piece each month. — David Zeigler, KA7FAT, Bellevue, Washington

THE STORM RAGES

□ It's encouraging to see many who haven't touched a key in years coming out of the woodwork to sing the praises of cw now that the FCC is threatening to issue licenses without a code test. And yet, the proposal does have merit, although not in the form presently being proposed, everything above 50 MHz. Make it everything above 500 MHz, and it could be as beneficial for Amateur Radio as was the Novice license program.

It would stimulate more activity on our microwave bands (if we don't, we could lose them). It would encourage manufacturers to develop microwave gear for the mass market. The FCC could always open the lower-frequency bands later, should it seem to be in the public interest, but it would be much harder to close them later, if it decides it was a mistake. — Chuck Clark, K4ZN, Moncks Corner, South Carolina

□ I've been telling my wife about the discussion in the ranks of ham radio about the codeless license. Her reaction was that the use of phone should be ended since if you're going to talk you might as well use the landline. After all, cw is the hobby. — David L. Wiesen, K2VX, Newark, New Jersey

□ If there are, in fact people who can not master five words per minute then there must also be people who can not handle the simple theory involved in getting a license. Why not do away with the written exam as well? Then hams could say with pride, "That's a big 10-4, good buddy," while using their rubber duckies on 2 meters. Next they will try to wipe out our cw subbands. Keep the code! — Hessel Kooistra, III, NG6Y, College Station, Texas

Biological Effects of RF Energy — Part 1

The Federal Communications Commission regulates the use of radio waves and microwaves for communications. Because of its responsibilities in this area, the Commission often receives inquiries concerning potential hazards to human health and safety from radio-frequency (rf) and microwave radiation. In recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in public awareness and concern over this issue. Increased publicity about new uses of rf and microwave technology has generated much discussion and speculation concerning the alleged "electromagnetic pollution" of the environment.

The matter of rf exposure standards is the subject of a current FCC proceeding in General Docket 79-144 looking toward the agency's responsibilities in this area. The League's Committee on the Biological Effects of RF Energy has focused its resources on the Commission's proceeding, and continues to participate formally in each stage. See *Happenings*, April and October 1982 *QST*.

This month, and next, we turn the reins over to FCC's Office of Science and Technology for answers to common questions concerning the biological effects of radio-frequency energy.

Q. What is radio-frequency radiation?

A. Radio-frequency radiation is a form of electromagnetic radiation found near the low-frequency end of the electromagnetic spectrum. The electromagnetic spectrum includes all of the various forms of electromagnetic energy from extremely-low-frequency (elf) radiation with very long wavelengths to X rays and gamma rays, which have extremely high frequencies and correspondingly short wavelengths. In between these extremes lie radio waves, microwaves, infrared radiation, visible light and ultraviolet radiation.

Electromagnetic radiation consists of waves of electric and magnetic energy moving together through space. Each electromagnetic wave has associated with it a wavelength and a frequency that are inversely related to each other by a simple mathematical formula. The rf part of the electromagnetic spectrum ranges from frequencies below 100 kHz to frequencies above 1 GHz.

Q. What is radio-frequency radiation used for?

A. Modern society has developed literally hundreds of uses for rf energy. The most familiar applications are a-m and fm radio, television, citizens band (CB) radio, hand-held walkie-talkies, Amateur Radio, shortwave radio and other communications services. Not so well-known, but also important, are devices that use rf radiation in industrial heating and sealing operations. These devices generate rf energy that in turn rapidly heats the material being processed in the same way that a microwave oven cooks food. Radio-frequency

energy also has medical applications in a technique called diathermy, which takes advantage of the ability of rf energy to heat tissue below the surface of the body.

Q. What is microwave radiation?

A. Microwave radiation is also a type of electromagnetic radiation. It is usually characterized as electromagnetic radiation at the high-frequency end of the rf spectrum and includes frequencies from about 300 MHz to 300 GHz. The most recognizable use of microwave energy is probably in microwave ovens, which rely on the principle that microwaves generate heat beneath the surface of an object rather than just at the surface as in conventional ovens. Other common uses of microwave energy are: in the transmission of telephone and telegraph messages through microwave relay towers; in military and civilian radar systems; in the transmission of signals between satellites and earth stations; and in the relay of signals in certain broadcasting operations, such as subscription television. Medical diathermy is a therapeutic application of electromagnetic energy that utilizes microwave radiation as well as radiation at other frequencies.

Q. Are some forms of radiation more hazardous than others?

A. The amount of energy contained in an electromagnetic wave depends on its frequency (or wavelength); the higher the frequency (and the smaller the wavelength), the greater the energy. Therefore, X rays and gamma radiation, which have very-high frequencies, contain a large amount of energy; at the other end of the electromagnetic spectrum, elf radiation is much less energetic. In between these extremes lie ultraviolet radiation, visible light, infrared radiation, and rf and microwave radiation, all differing in their energy content. Of these various forms of electromagnetic energy, X rays and gamma rays present the greatest relative hazard because of their greater energy content and consequent greater potential for damage. X-radiation and gamma radiation are so energetic, in fact, that they possess the ability to cause ionization of atoms and molecules and thus are known as *ionizing* radiation. Ionization is a process by which electrons are stripped off of atoms and produce chemical alterations that can lead to genetic damage. Other forms of electromagnetic radiation, such as rf and microwave radiation, that lack the ability to ionize atoms are often referred to as *nonionizing* radiation.

Q. What biological effects can be caused by rf radiation?

A. It has been clearly established that rf radiation can be hazardous because of its ability to heat biological tissue rapidly. This is the principle by which microwave ovens cook food, and rf fields of sufficiently high intensity can result in significant heating of the human body and an increase in body temperature. However, rf environmental levels normally encountered by the public are far below those necessary to pro-

duce this effect. It is generally agreed that exposure to levels of rf energy of about 10 mW/cm² or more can cause significant heating of biological tissue.¹ However, the extent of the heating would also depend on factors such as frequency of the radiation (see discussion below), the length of exposure and environmental conditions.


Two areas of the body, the eyes and the testes, are particularly susceptible to heating by rf energy. Laboratory experiments have shown that acute exposure to high levels of rf energy (100-200 mW/cm²) can cause cataracts in animals, and there are some cases of cataract production in humans allegedly caused by exposure to high-intensity rf radiation. Temporary sterility, caused by such effects as changes in sperm count and in sperm motility, is possible after exposure of the testes to high rf levels.

At low levels of rf energy, i.e., below the intensities that produce significant heating, the evidence for harmful effects is less clear. Although there have been reports of a wide range of "non-thermal" biological effects, most of these reports have come from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. Western scientists have, in general, not been able to confirm the existence of these effects.

The low-level effects reported have included behavioral modifications, effects on the blood-forming and immunological system, reproductive effects, changes in hormone levels, headaches, irritability, fatigue and cardiovascular effects. Research is continuing to determine whether these effects do indeed occur and, if so, whether they may be harmful.

In addition to intensity of the radiation field, scientists have found that the electromagnetic frequency is important in determining the relative hazard. Data have shown that the human body absorbs rf energy at a maximum rate in the region of the electromagnetic spectrum between about 30 and 300 MHz. Because of this phenomenon, rf safety standards are being developed to take this frequency dependence into account. For example, the most restrictive standards will be in the frequency range of maximum absorption.

Another biological effect of rf radiation that has received attention in recent years is the so-called microwave "hearing" effect. Under certain specific conditions of frequency, signal modulation and intensity, it has been shown that animals and humans can perceive an rf signal as if it were heard. Although a number of theories have been advanced to explain this effect, the most widely accepted hypothesis is that the microwave signal produces thermoelastic pressure within the skull that is, in turn, perceived as sound by the auditory apparatus.

Next month: How safe are some common rf energy sources? Who can you contact regarding a possible rf hazard? 

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¹Rf radiation is often measured in units of power density, such as mW/cm².

Canadian NewsFronts

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Saint Paul '82

It's fun to work a DXpedition, but it's even more fun to go on one, even if it doesn't take you thousands of miles from home.

Saint Paul Island is located in the Cabot Strait, 18 miles northeast of Cape Breton, 42 miles southwest of Newfoundland. Really, Saint Paul is two islands. The larger one is about three miles long. The smaller one, where the DXpedition was held, is less than a quarter of that. Total population: two people — a lighthouse keeper and his assistant.

So what's the attraction at Saint Paul? Saint Paul is part of Canada, but it's not part of any province. It's administered directly from Ottawa. Because of this, Saint Paul has been able to qualify as a DXCC country. And because permission to visit Saint Paul is difficult to obtain, it's become a rare DXCC country.

Saint Paul '82 was organized by John Perkins, VE1FH, and Gerry Hull, VE1CER/AK4L, (of ARRL Hq.). The group included Maritimers VE1AI and VE1ASJ, and other ARRL Hq. staffers K1WJ, W1GNC and W1XX. Everything for the five-day DXpedition was brought to Saint Paul on a 42-foot fishing vessel. Unfortunately, the vessel could

only approach Saint Paul's rocky shore. Rigs, tower section, antennas, generators (there is no commercial power on Saint Paul), food and bedding had to be transferred to smaller craft, taken to the dock, and carried up a long incline to the vacant house where the station, VE1SPI/1, was set up. It was hard work.

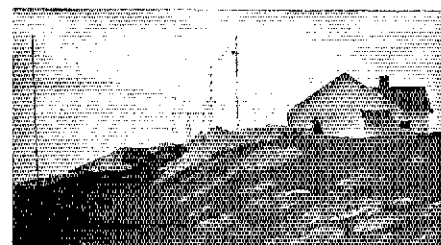
VE1SPI/1 was active on all bands from 160 to 2 metres, on cw, phone and RTTY. Dipoles were used on 160 to 30 metres. Tri-banders were set up for 20, 15 and 10. Long Yagis, at rather low elevations, did the trick on 6 and 2. It took five hours to set up the station, and no contacts were attempted until the entire station was set up. First contact: VE3FRA, at 1854 UTC July 8.

From then on it was operate, operate, operate. Over the next five days, VE1SPI/1 operators logged 258 contacts on 160, 681 on 75-80, 1612 on 40, 120 on 30, 5625 on 20, 2454 on 15, 1099 on 10, 440 on 6 and 122 on 2, including 20 RTTY contacts and 53 contacts through the Soviet RS satellites, for a total of 12,411 contacts. There were plenty of tired operators when the station closed down. Last contact: NU4B, at 0725 UTC July 13.

During the five days, the group had few

problems. The first director did fall off the 6-metre Yagi. The normal problem of exhaustion was compounded by the fact that the DXpedition's entire supply of pillows had fallen off VE1ASJ's truck somewhere between Saint John, New Brunswick, and the Nova Scotia border. (VE1ASJ is still looking for his pillows, his pots and pans, a butter dish and two lawn chairs. A reward is offered. . .) And the group was not especially proud of its signal through the RS satellites. But what can you expect when you send cw by keying the press-to-talk switch on the microphone of a 2-metre fm transceiver?

On the other hand, there was plenty of good stuff. Rf from the transmitters did not trip the foghorns out in the strait! The lighthouse keepers were friendly and helpful, and served great lobster. The group asked us to publicly thank John McEvoy and Bill Fitzgerald for their kindness. And, finally Saint Paul '82 was able to chalk up a few firsts: the first use of the 30-metre band from the island, and the first really successful 6- and 2-metre operation there. Saint Paul to South Dakota on 2 is an achievement that any amateur would be proud of. (Compiled with notes from VE1ASJ)



Left: Unloading the boat. Rigs, generators, food, everything had to be brought from the mainland. Centre: The VE1SPI/1 group. Included (l-r) were Dick Grantham, VE1AI; Bill Jennings, K1WJ; John Nelson, W1GNC; John Lindholm, W1XX; John Perkins, VE1FH; and Gerry Hull, VE1CER/AK4L. Not shown in the photo is Andy McLellan, VE1ASJ. Right: The operating site. Beams for 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2; dipoles for 160, 75-80, 40 and 30. Yes, that 2-metre beam is very low. (VE1ASJ photos)

CRRL NEWS

□ Bill Loucks, VE3AR, and Ray Perrin, VE3FN, have successfully established liaison with representatives from the Canadian cable television industry. Bill, along with Tom Atkins, VE3CDM, recently met with the chief engineers of MacLean-Hunter Television in Toronto. Out of this meeting came a procedure that will be used to uniformly report on cable television interference problems. Interference would be reported to the local cable company, with copies going to the District Office of DOC, and to the Canadian Cable Television Association, 405-85 Albert St., Ottawa, ON K1P 6A4. Ray Perrin subsequently met with representatives of the Canadian Cable Television Association. He found them sympathetic to amateurs and their problems involving cable television. They agreed to cooperate in every way.

□ The Ad Hoc Committee on the Strengthening of CRRL, created at the ARRL Board Meeting in Cedar Rapids this year, met at League Headquarters on September 12. Task of the committee is "... to study possibilities for strengthening the Canadian Radio Relay League, and to examine and make recommendations as to such rearrangement of resource allocation and responsibility sharing between ARRL and CRRL, as would result in optimum benefit to each corporation and its respective members."

□ Audrey Staines, VE3KGS, is our new manager of CRRL. Box 7009, London. For the past six months, Audrey and her husband, Ray, VE3ZJ, have been processing inquiries, membership renewals, book orders and requests for ARRL-CRRL materials in a speedy and efficient manner. It's really become a big job. CRRL Box 7009 receives 20 to 30 pieces of mail each and every day.

□ Earlier, we reported that Bill Gillespie, VE6ABC, had set up a Western depot for ARRL-CRRL publications and materials. Bill is at 10129 90th St., Edmonton, AB T5H 1R5. Now, Don Welling, VE1WF, has set up a similar depot in the East. Con-

tact Don at 36 Sherwood Dr., Saint John, NB E2J 3H6.

□ Here are the totals for the CRRL Central QSL Bureau in Saint John, New Brunswick, up to the end of July: January, 20,399; February, 34,074; March, 21,984; April, 66,819; May, 56,994; June, 44,236; and July, 35,189, for a total of 279,695 QSL cards processed by mid-summer. Yes, there have been more since...

□ CRRL has three new assistant directors. Dave Fancy, VE7EW1, of Surry, British Columbia, is involved with distribution of the CRRL *Questions and Answers Book*. Wally Garret, VE7CJT, of Burnaby, British Columbia, is widely known as the voice of VE7QST on the Sunday Trans-Canada Net. Dave Toth, VE3GYQ, is an expert on vhf-fm repeaters.

□ CN Rail has officially recognized ARES, the ARRL-CRRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Emergency coordinators in Ontario are now listed in CN Rail's "crash book." They will be called for assistance if a need arises. Similar listing of emergency coordinators in other provinces is expected soon.

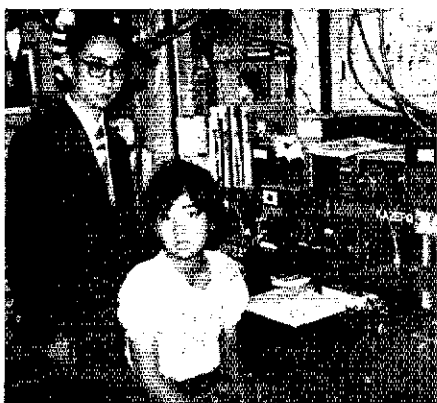
International News

Conducted By Richard L. Baldwin,* W1RU

CHINA

Amateur Radio in the People's Republic of China continues to be a subject of outstanding interest in international Amateur Radio. Recently, in June, Mr. Wang Chuan-Shan, professor and chief engineer of the Space Science and Technology Center, Chinese Academy of Science, visited Japan and paid courtesy calls to the Hq. of the Japan Amateur Radio League in Tokyo and to the Hq. of Region 3 IARU. Professor Wang is ex-C1SS and currently an advisor of the Chinese Radio Sports Association. His visit to Japan extended over a period of three weeks, during which time

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Professor Wang, ex-C1SS (left), visits the station of J11VLV.



At a dinner party by JARL honoring ex-C1SS are (l-r) JA1AN, ex-C1SS, JA1BK.

he attended the 13th International Symposium on Space Science and Technology, and visited the Japan Broadcasting Corporation and the stations of two JA amateurs, JH1WIX and J11VLV. He was also the guest of honor at a dinner party hosted by Shozo Hara, JA1AN, president of JARL. Professor Wang indicated that five more Amateur Radio stations might soon commence operation in China — two in Beijing, and one each in Nanking, Chungking and Kwangchow.

BRAZILIAN 10-METER BEACON

IARU societies around the world have put into operation a number of 10-meter beacons in order to provide indications as to when the band is open over a particular path and to provide the basis for propagation research. The latest such beacon to come to our attention is PY2AMI, operating on 28,399 kHz, with a power of 10 W. It is located in Americana City, which is 80 miles from Sao Paulo. This beacon was designed and assembled by PY2VRX and PY2FUZ. Reports on its reception may be sent to the PY2AMI Beacon Project, P.O. Box 31, 13470-Americana-Sao Paulo, Brazil.

INTRUDERS

A perennial problem for Amateur Radio is the presence of intruders in the amateur bands. Most of these intruders are stations of other services operating out-of-band, and there are extensive Intruder Watches organized in each of the three IARU Regions. Yet another intruder, however, is the kind who moves down from the vicinity of the 11-meter band to operate in the amateur 10-meter band. This appears to be a problem of great severity in some areas of the world, and we were encouraged by the report of Robert G. Wheaton, W5XW, who relates what is being done in Brazil. There, Dentel (Brazil's equivalent of the USA's FCC) has cracked down in no uncertain manner, the result being jail sentences and confiscation of equipment for those illegal operators. If you want to applaud Dentel for this support of the Amateur Radio Service, write to Mr. Antonio Fernandes Neiva, Director-General, Dentel, Ministry of Communications, 4th Andar, 70066 Brasilia, D.F., Brazil.

VE3CJ HONORED


For his long service to Amateur Radio, including his service as President of the Inter-



In June, the Irish Radio Transmitters Society celebrated its 50th Jubilee Year at a dinner in Dublin. Present to honor IRTS on this 50th anniversary were (l-r) Robert Barrett, GW8HEZ, executive vice president of RSGB; Louis van de Nadort, PAØLOU, chairman of IARU Region 1; Tom O'Conner, EI9U, president of IRTS; and Con Hunter, EI9V, past president of IRTS. (photo by K1CM)



At the General Assembly of the Réseau des Emetteurs Français (REF) in May, these distinguished leaders of REF were present. From left to right are Past Presidents Pierre-Louis Trolliet, F5PT, and Pierre-Beo Herbet, F8BO; President Jacques Hodin, F3JS; Past President Claude Bare, F9BC; and Honorary President Robert Brochut, F9VR.

national Amateur Radio Union for nearly a decade, Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, has been named a Knight of the Golden Key by the Norwegian Radio Relay League. This award is presented by NRRL only for outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio, and has only twice before been presented to an amateur who was not a resident of Norway. Thus, VE3CJ has received a high honor, indeed. 

Strays

Peter D. Martin, WD9EKV (center), of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, has been named this year's recipient of the \$500 Tri-County ARC Scholarship, given annually to a second-year electronics student from Jefferson, Walworth or Rock counties. Presenting the award are Scholarship Committee Chairman KA9KFC (left) and club President WA9WFA. (WA9SAB photo)



QST congratulates . . .

□ Arthur Westneat, W1AM, of Newmarket, New Hampshire, on being selected a Fellow of the Marine Technology Society.

□ Jim Talens, N3JT, of Arlington, Virginia, on being promoted to Chief of the Domestic Services Branch, Common Carrier Bureau, of the FCC.

□ retiring Hudson Division Director Stan Zak, K2SJO, who has been elected to the first Board of Trustees of the new village of Rye Brook, New York.

Moved and Seconded...

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 402 SEPTEMBER 11, 1982

Agenda

1. Recognition of new Life Members
2. Affiliation of Clubs
3. Approval of Conventions
4. Report of requests for direct Antenna Case funding
5. Report of FCC actions
6. Review of status of H.R. 3239 implementation
7. Review of actions taken by General Manager in response to previous Board Meeting actions
8. Funding for Ad Hoc Committees created during 1982
9. Certification of candidates for Director and Vice Director, and review of candidates' statements
10. Discussion of policy concerning candidates' statements: Is a requirement for camera-ready copy preferable to the existing requirement?
11. Regional Emergency Coordinators
12. Request from Director Wangler for consideration of Houston as site for 1983 Second Meeting of the Board
13. Request from REACT for support of their position in opposition to CB delicensing
14. Progress reports from Ad Hoc Committees
15. Appointment of Committee of Tellers for the November 20 ballot counting

Pursuant to due notice, the Executive Committee of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met at 9:15 A.M. EDST Saturday, September 11, at the Headquarters offices of the League in Newington, Connecticut. Present were President Victor C. Clark, W4KFC, in the Chair; First Vice President Carl L. Smith, W0BWJ; Directors Paul Grauer, W0FIR, Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ, and William J. Stevens, W6ZM; and General Manager David Sumner, K1ZZ. Also present as observers were Vice Presidents Larry E. Price, W4RA, and Gar Anderson, K0GA; Vice Director Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM; Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, N3AKD; and Washington Area Coordinator Petry F. Williams, W1UED. Director and committee member Mitch Powell, VE3OT, was ill and unable to attend.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, the Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted in the form in which they were distributed.

1) On motion of Mr. Grauer, the Committee recognized the names of 71 newly elected Life Members, and directed the General Manager to list their names in QST.

2) On motion of Mr. Grauer, the affiliation of the following clubs as Category I affiliates was approved: Amador County ARC, Pioneer, CA; Athens County ARA, Inc., Athens, OH; Clyde Amateur Radio Society (CARS), Bellevue, OH; Great River ARC, Dubuque, IA; Greater Louisville Hamfest Association, Inc., Louisville, KY; Gwinnett AR Society, Lilburn, GA; Lake Area AR Klub, Lewisville, TX; Megahertz Manor Maniacs, Cambridge, IA; Pompano Beach ARA, Pompano Beach, FL; Salt City DX Association, Syracuse, NY; Sandy River ARC, Wilton, ME; Selma ARC, Inc., Selma, AL; Southern Arizona DX Association, Tucson, AZ; Sylvania ARA, Mountain View, CA; 10-70 Repeater Association, Inc., Maywood, NJ; United Radio Amateur Club, Mansfield, LA.

With this action, the League now has the following number of active affiliated clubs: Category I, 1758; Category II, 10; Category III, 225.

3) On motion of Mr. Stevens, approval was granted for the holding of the following ARRL conventions: South Florida Section, October 15-17, 1982, Clearwater, FL; Roanoke Division, March 19-20, 1983, Charlotte, NC; Southwestern Division, September 2-4, 1983, Anaheim, CA; Southwestern Division, September 4-7, 1986, San Diego, CA.

4) Mr. Imlay reviewed the status of local litigation and regulation concerning Amateur Radio, as follows:

4.1) In the Bynum (WB2SZK) case, at its November 21, 1981 meeting the Committee had voted to provide financial support in the event the Supreme Court of New Jersey accepted certification (i.e., agreed to hear) the case on appeal. This decision is still pending.

4.2) In the matter of the Burbank, Illinois, anti-amateur ordinance, a class-action complaint on behalf of affected residents of Burbank was filed with the

U.S. District Court in Illinois on September 10 by attorney James C. O'Connell, W9WU.

5) Mr. Imlay reviewed recent FCC matters as follows:

5.1) Mr. Imlay summarized the comments received by FCC in Docket 82-83, concerning expansion of the hf telephony subbands. On motion of Mr. Smith, it was voted to authorize the preparation of suitable reply comments in support of the League's position in this proceeding.

5.2) Comments were filed September 1 supporting the League's request for rulemaking, RM-4040, which seeks a prohibition on the use of amateur frequencies by cable television. Comments in reply to those of the National Cable Television Association, which opposes the petition, are in preparation, in coordination with the RFI Task Group, for filing by the deadline of September 16.

5.3) Based upon the exchange of letters between Senators Goldwater and Schmitt and FCC Chairman Fowler on the subject of 10-MHz amateur operation, favorable Commission action is expected within the month.

5.4) Comments have been filed by ARRL in opposition to requests for waivers of FCC rules by two manufacturers of energy-efficient lighting systems. The products appear to have a potential for causing rf interference, and should be tested thoroughly before marketing is permitted.

5.5) As the result of the signing into law of H.R. 6955, the membership of the Federal Communications Commission will drop from seven to five as of next June.

6) The Amateur Radio legislation previously identified as H.R. 5008 and S. 929 has passed both Houses of Congress as H.R. 3239, and now awaits President Reagan's signature. A discussion of the steps being taken in anticipation of H.R. 3239 becoming law included a preliminary report by Mr. Anderson as chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Preparations for Monitoring and Licensing Activities created at Minute 57 of the Second 1982 Meeting of the Board.

7) Mr. Sumner presented an oral report on actions taken in response to previous Board Meeting actions. All actions arising from the 1982 Annual Meeting of the Board have been completed with the exception of Minute 60, on which work is continuing. Action on several matters arising from the 1982 Second Meeting is underway, including implementation of the section-level reorganization and the new affiliated-club program. The Committee was in recess from 12:00 to 1:34 P.M.

8) On motion of Mr. Stevens, it was voted that each Ad Hoc Committee formed during 1982 is authorized up to \$6000 for reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to the 1983 Annual Meeting of the Board.

9) The Committee then proceeded to examine the nominations for Director and Vice Director for the 1983-1984 term. During the course of the examination, the Committee was in recess from 2:32 to 2:40 P.M. while a telephone call was made to one candidate to clarify the text of the candidate's statement. The Committee's findings and actions are detailed below:

Central Division — For Director: Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, and Don C. Miller, W9NTP, were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

For Vice Director: Kenneth A. Ebner, K9EN, and Howard S. Huntington, K9KM, were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

Hudson Division — For Director: George A. Diehl, W2IHA, John J. D'Luhy, K2EXI, and Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

For Vice Director: Philip H. Bradley, KB2HQ, Paul A. Lindgren, AH2M, Dennis B. McAlpine, K2SX, Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, and Alex M. Pontus, W2FCR, were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

New England Division — For Director: John C. Sullivan, W1HHR, was found lawfully nominated and eligible. Being the only eligible nominee he was thereupon declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Director from the New England Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

For Vice Director: Richard P. Beebe, K1PAD, and Clevis O. Lavery, W1RWG, were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

Northwestern Division — For Director: Mary E. Lewis, W7QGP, and Joseph N. Winter, WA7RWK, were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

For Vice Director: Mel C. Ellis, K7AOZ, was found lawfully nominated and eligible. Being the only eligible nominee he was thereupon declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Vice Director from the Northwestern Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

Roanoke Division — For Director: Gay E. Milius, Jr., W4UG, was found lawfully nominated and eligible. Being the only eligible nominee he was thereupon declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Director of the Roanoke Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

For Vice Director: John C. Kanode, N4MM, was found lawfully nominated and eligible. Being the only eligible nominee he was thereupon declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Vice Director of the Roanoke Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

Rocky Mountain Division — For Director: Lys J. Carey, K0PGM, was found lawfully nominated and eligible. Being the only eligible nominee he was thereupon declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Director of the Rocky Mountain Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

For Vice Director: Marshall Quait, AG0X, and Robert A. Scupp, WB5YYX, was found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

Southwestern Division — For Director: Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, and Jay A. Holladay, W6EJJ, were found lawfully nominated and eligible. However, the Committee was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Heyn withdrawing his name from consideration, as he preferred to run for Vice Director, for which he had also been nominated. Therefore, Mr. Holladay was declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Director of the Southwestern Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

For Vice Director: Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, Peter F. Matthews, WB6UIA, and Joseph Merdler, N6AHU, were found lawfully nominated and eligible, and their names were ordered listed on ballots to be sent to Full Members of the Division.

West Gulf Division — For Director: Raymond B. Wangler, W5EDZ, was found lawfully nominated and eligible. Being the only eligible nominee he was thereupon declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Director of the West Gulf Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

For Vice Director: Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC, and Milly Wise, W5OVH, were found lawfully nominated and eligible. However, the Committee was in receipt of a Mailgram from Mrs. Wise withdrawing her name as a candidate. Therefore, Mr. Comstock was declared, pursuant to the By-Laws, to be duly elected as Vice Director of the West Gulf Division for the 1983-1984 term without membership balloting.

Messrs. Anderson, Grauer and Williams left the meeting at 3:07 P.M.

10) At the request of Mr. Stevens, the Committee discussed the policy that invites candidates to submit statements of not more than 300 words to accompany ballots mailed to members in their respective Divisions. The advantages and disadvantages of requiring candidates instead to submit statements in the form of camera-ready copy of a particular size, without a limitation on the number of words, were explored without formal action.

11) On motion of Mr. Stevens, after discussion, it was voted that the Communications Manager is requested to investigate the desirability of reactivating the Regional Emergency Coordinator appointment in the state of California, with a recommendation of an appointee, if appropriate, to be submitted to the Executive Committee for ratification.

12) On motion of Mr. Holladay, it was voted to conduct a mail vote of the Directors, as prescribed in By-Law 21, to assess the desirability of holding the 1983 Second Meeting of the Board in Houston, in con-

junction with the ARRL National Convention.

13) A request from REACT for support of its efforts to retain CB licensing in the face of Congressional action on H.R. 3239, which authorizes the FCC to delicense CB, was discussed. It was agreed that, at such time as the FCC initiates rulemaking on this subject, the League should consider filing comments emphasizing the need for the U.S. to honor its international commitment to maintain adequate control over any radio station capable of causing harmful interference to stations in other countries.

14) Mr. Price presented a preliminary report on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Intruder Watch created at Minute 16 of the Second 1982 Meeting of the Board. Some correspondence already has been exchanged by committee members, and background material prepared by Mr. Steinman at Headquarters is being circulated. Mr. Price anticipates the need for two in-person meetings for the committee to complete its work.

15) On motion of Mr. Stevens, a Committee of Tellers for the November 20th ballot counting was appointed as follows: Director Zak, Vice President Price, Mr. Huntoon, W1RW; alternates, Director Sullivan and Honorary Vice President Chapman.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:57 P.M.

The next meeting is scheduled for 8:30 A.M., Saturday, November 20.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sumner, K1ZZ Secretary
Victor C. Clark, W4KFC President

LIFE MEMBER APPLICANTS SEPTEMBER 11, 1982

List No. 1: David H. Barstow, WA1WVC; Sandra M. Boatman, N0DPX; Philip H. Bradway, KB2HQ; Robert B. Bruce, WD4EPO; Richard H. Burke, VE3NMH; Gary D. Foster, WD8OXE; William H. Gleason, W7JAZ; Laurent N. Horne, N2NY; Yadin Kaufmann, WB2FHO; Thomas L. Kramer, KE0Y; Charles V. Lanza, K5PR; Scott A. Larson, KC0TY; Martin Lewis, KA2CHO; John T. Ronan, III, K3ZJJ; Herman F. Schaur, K4CTG; Russ Schwandt, VE3JUZ; George Walter Sebastian, WA4QXT; Donald R. Smith, AE1Q; Miriam W. Smith, KB4C; Roy G. Smith, N4BYU; Sally L. Taylor-Gardner, N8EEG; Robert Tims, WD0AQZ.

List No. 2: William K. Barr, KA1EJE; Robert C.

Beach, W8LCZ; Scott Pryor Belfield, KD6FY; A. E. Britton, K10J; David J. Brownell, WB2EFB; Chester L. Buchanan, W3DZZ; Gary Lee Carpenter, KA9CZD; Craig A. Cooper, KA9DUS; Edward Demarest, WB2LVC; Herman J. Doetsch, WB2PHC; Richard H. Doolittle, WD9GMA; Randall Lea Elliott, WA4QXV; Cleyborn Emert, K5TRW; John W. Farrish, Jr., NM4N; Robert J. Fehr, K4HLT; Marvin Fleischman, N1AWJ; John A. Forslund, N9EZ; Rex A. Gage, WA4OAS; Barrie S. Gauthier, K6ICQ; Peter S. Gingras, KA4IBI; Bruce Goff, KC5CR; Gerald Griffin, W8MFP; Ronald J. Griffin, N8AEH; James M. Hairston, WB6HFL; David B. Hamilton, N0CLW; James C. Hepburn, W2HC; H. James Hire, W8ZET; Stephen J. Huss, W0VY; Gregory Hussey, KT8Q; David L. Jordan, NIACM; Wayne Keeney, N6CCU; Gary G. Kraemer, WD0DUD; Michael A. Krzystyniak, K9MK; Leo A. Le Bel, K1DPO; George Liepins, KE4HW; Lawrence P. McCauley, N1CAY; John H. Mineham, KG1M; Kenneth D. Moak, WA2IQW; Robert D. Moseson, W4CFE; Terry L. Nelson, AD7P; Oscar L. Nugent, N5LN; Martin J. Oppenheimer, KB6BW; William H. Pattillo; Carter P. Pfaelzer, W1TCD; Don Louis Scherig, KA4LSX; Mary A. Webster, KA3HDM; Ron Wheeler, N0CRR; Harold Winard, KB2M; Robert J. Woodward, KA6LJP.

Club Corner

Conducted By Sally O'Dell,* KB1O

NOT ME? VOLUNTARISM WITH A VENGEANCE!

If your club's S9 action programs fizzle when Vinny Volunteer fades into the QRN, you've got a problem. (See "Not Me!" this issue, page 61.) But it's a problem with a remedy.

Your club is, obviously, a collection of individuals. Whether it amounts to more than that, whether the whole is greater than its parts, depends on your shared goals and ambitions. If your members' interests lie solely in contesting, for example, you'll probably have little trouble scrounging volunteers for multi-single or multi-multi operations. But try to get a commitment from someone to head up a Novice class! The "Not me!" will ring loud and clear. Conversely, general-interest clubs, the backbone of Amateur Radio at the local level, usually field Novice classes each year with little more than the usual logistics problems; attempts at getting all-out 24-hour participation by all club members in both the cw and ssb November ARRL Sweepstakes, however, will certainly have the "Not me's" echoing down the hallways as members flee in terror.

The first step, then, is to know why your individual members joined the club, what their shared interests are and what they want out of the club this year. You don't squeeze a watermelon to get lemonade.

Once you know where your club is heading during a particular year — don't rule out trying new activities as long as you have a consensus, a shared interest in the activity — you can get the ball rolling effectively by using a few straightforward techniques. The foundation for a successful year is planning by your officers, delegating the tasks (effective voluntarism) to your club members well in advance, and following through. The planning part is easy if you're mindful of the desires of all your members. Pinpoint those activities that your club will try this year and lay out an annual calendar. Don't take on more than your club can pull off! If events fall too close together or fall on typical holiday or family seasons, you're building trouble into the schedule. When the calendar is roughed out, share it with the rest of your members in the club bulletin or at the monthly meeting. By involving everyone before the annual plan of attack is finalized, everyone will feel they have more of an investment in creating a successful season.

Early in the year, once you know what the club will be doing, you'll have to find members to oversee each activity. If your club is like Mr. Prez's, when the call for volunteers goes out faces turn to stone, eyes glaze over and a deathly hush settles over the clubhouse. Why should volunteering be so threatening? We suspect that process issues have a lot to do with it. Process is the *how*, not the *what* of the situation. How is your president asking for help? Is he so uncomfortable that he asks for the "next sucker" with a nervous chuckle? He'll get what he asks for. A better

approach is to describe the job on an upbeat note, mentioning anecdotes and successes from years past, offering realistic expectations for the upcoming year and giving a concise description of the responsibilities.

Seen as an interesting opportunity and a well-defined challenge, the job will be more appealing. Volunteers will gain, not lose, prestige among fellow club members, and will know what to expect once they've offered their services. The final touch is to make sure your volunteers know that (1) you stand behind them, (2) you believe their job is a vital one for the club and (3) they won't be left floundering if they need help.

No volunteers still? Don't despair if you've done your homework. Who is the best qualified? Second best qualified? Who has relevant experience? Useful contacts? Untapped leadership ability? The respect of the majority of club members? If you don't know what your club people-resources are, you'd better find out quickly! A beginning-of-the-year membership survey is the easiest way to find out who does what for a living, who belongs to what nonham organizations and who has what other hobbies. Knowing whom you'd like to do the job, you'll have less difficulty convincing that person. Don't limit your pool of "available" to the famed inner circle — bring new blood into the inner circle from the periphery.

Once again, process issues will make or break you. When a president singles any individual out for a job by saying "Sorry Jack, you look like the best choice; better luck next time," he's looking for a laugh but asking for trouble. His stating, "Jack, you're active in emergency preparedness with the Red Cross, you're often heard on the state traffic net, and you've done a good job in the transmitter hunts we've had — I think you came in second last year; we'd like you to head up the SET this year," might just net him a dedicated volunteer! Stress the positive. Let him know that you take the event seriously and that you haven't made your choice lightly. You want success and you believe Jack is the man to deliver. When he accepts, thank him for the club and say you're really looking forward to a good SET this year.

The follow through begins here. Lay out the first few steps for your volunteer immediately. Let him know that it's his job to choose two or three others to assist, though the primary responsibility is his. He should arrange for them to meet before the next club meeting and should assign tasks to his volunteers so that each one is the responsibility of one individual. His committee should mutually agree to deadlines and should report to the club at the next meeting.

Subsequent follow through involves one of the officers periodically checking the progress of all committees to head off problems before they swamp otherwise well-intended efforts. Report progress to the rest of the club routinely, giving credit to the committee; use your club newsletter for this. A month or so before the event, the president should call a meeting of the committee to hash out final details. And certainly, once the job is done, recognize the efforts of the committee and its chairman loudly and often. Effective voluntarism simply requires a little effort.

Know what your club wants to do and don't force it in unwanted directions. Know your club people-resources; you may uncover a heretofore-unknown wealth of talent. Pay attention to the process issues when asking for volunteers or picking the right person for the job at hand. Follow through. A strong dose of "Voluntarism with a Vengeance" will drop the "Not Me" bug in its tracks! — Steve Place, WB1EYI, Manager, Club and Training, ARRL

FILM LIBRARY ADDITIONS

New shows available from the ARRL Film Library are:

- 1) "Field Day Fever" — A look at the annual outing in Texas that answers the question, "Why do they do it?" Videotape available in BETA and VHS formats.
- 2) "AMSAT Slide Show" — A short history and look at the accomplishments of the AMSAT-OSCAR Program. Videotape available in BETA and VHS formats.
- 3) "Amateur Television (ATV)" — A short overview of amateur TV and its uses. Videotape available in VHS only.
- 4) "Dayton Hamvention" — An amusing look at the activities surrounding the Dayton Hamvention. Slide/audio tape available.
- 5) "Service Beyond Subscription" — An in-depth overview of the services ARRL provides for its members. Slide/audio tape available.

For further information, contact Karl Townsend, ARRL Club and Training Department, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.



Richard Lachenauer, W2JYF (center), gave 25 years of dedicated service to Amateur Radio in New Jersey before retiring to Florida. Mike Stencel, WB2ANK, president of the Nutley ARS, presented Richard and his wife Doris, with a plaque in appreciation of W2JYF's service before the couple left New Jersey. (photo by Gordon M. Cox, WD2AHL)

DXer to be DXpedition

To chase DX is one thing. To be DX is a thrill and a half. As this issue is mailed, Jan O'Brien, K6HHD, and her OM, Jay, W6GO, will be in French Polynesia being DX. They leave October 21 with plans to be there for two weeks. Both incurable DXers, they're really looking forward to what it's like being on the other end.

Jan was introduced to ham radio in 1952 by a charming young man. His name was Jay, and his call was W6GDO. He drove a Hillman Minx that sported a mobile rig. On dates, they talked to the world. When Jay took Jan home to meet his parents, she was introduced to two more hams. His mother, Mildred, W6HTS, since widowed, is still very active. A year later, Jan and Jay were married.

Just prior to their first anniversary, Jan, six months pregnant took the Conditional class exam. Her family doctor, a ham, predicted the baby's birthdate for a Sunday in August. The doctor then scheduled his antenna raising for the same Sunday knowing first babies seldom respond to a schedule. Jan's first son entered the world on the predicted Sunday. Fortunately, he chose early in the day. Jan had a baby. The doctor installed his 20-meter beam. The proud new father helped with the antenna installation. The next day, Jay appeared at the hospital doubly excited: A new son, and he was carrying Jan's new Amateur Radio license, K6HHD.

Three Generations

Jan and Jay later had a second son. When the boys were teenagers, they both obtained Technician class licenses. Two meters provided a convenient and fun way to keep in com-

munication with the family, both with mom and dad, and with their grandparents. They were truly a three-generation ham family.

In the mid '70s, the "D" fell out of Jay's call — he is now W6GO. Jan and Jay have been involved in many different aspects of Amateur Radio: RTTY, civil defense, MARS, vhf and uhf meteor scatter, satellite and moonbounce communications, and repeaters. In 1978, the microcomputer craze infected them too. With thoughts of computer communications via radio dancing in their heads, it was time for them to again become active on hf. With a new radio and antenna installed and the sunspot cycle about at its peak, they were hit by the DX bug. Pileups became irresistible. With all the DX contacts in the log, DXCC was beckoning. The quest was on for QSL cards for each contact.

They discovered a very useful QSL manager list that was published periodically by Gary Yarus, WB0MSZ. At the time, he worked at a university, and had access to a computer and the college print shop. His QSL manager list was started as an aid to his own DXing, but was soon being shared with others basically for the cost of handling and mailing. When he found employment outside of the university, he discontinued this service. DXers lamented the loss of this valuable tool, as Gary had proven his reputation for accuracy and completeness. At this point, Jan and Jay contacted him about the possibility of continuing his work. He was enthusiastic about having it continued and provided them with all of his data as the basis of a whole new project for Jan and Jay. In March 1980, their first issue was published. It's been going strong ever since. Jay develops the com-



Jan O'Brien, K6HHD (photo by W1YL/I4)

puter programs, handling all the data and subscriber records. Jan does the editing and publishing.

On a Moment's Notice

Jan still finds time to get on the air. Working at home, she can be on the air given a moment's notice. Since March 1979, she has amassed a DXCC total of 287 countries. Talking with people from all over the world (and having many visit) has added another most enjoyable dimension to their lives.

DXing prompted Jan to upgrade to Advanced after 25 years of hamming. She has been a YIIRL member for that long. During that time, she has served as sixth district chairman and as disbursing treasurer. She is a member of QCWA and QCWW.

To repeat: To chase DX is thrilling. To write about it is exciting. But to *be* DX is both and more! Look for Jan and Jay from French Polynesia.

ROCK AWARDED TO DOROTHY DIRICKSON, WB5ELG

The 7290 Net presents their Rock Award each year to the net member who has demonstrated outstanding congeniality, cooperation and traffic handling. The 1982 Rock was awarded to Dorothy Dirickson, WB5ELG, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. It is just a "plain old rock," as Dorothy describes it, that lists her call letters and those of previous recipients, and it's now hers to proudly display for a year. Another determination will be made in 1983, in this fun way to improve net operating.

Bill Rogers, WASRAW, who submitted the news of Dorothy, believes that she is one of the best examples he has ever known of the old adage, "Lose yourself in service to others in order to find yourself." Dorothy

checks in regularly to several traffic and other daytime nets on 75, 40 and 20 meters. Oklahoma City is well served, as she passes traffic and runs phone patches for the area.

Amateur Radio reared its head in Dorothy's life at a point in time when she and her OM, Dearl, faced some very dramatic changes. After being successfully employed for 15 years, Dorothy learned that eye problems caused from diabetes were turning to blindness. A rehabilitation counselor and a teacher worked with her helping with housework and discussing possible job opportunities and hobbies. At this point, Dorothy chose Amateur Radio as her main pursuit. With the help of C. E. Waddle, WASSUD, and Mike Head, WB0CA (ex-WASTWM), she passed the General class exam in 1971. C. E. and Mike also helped her to establish her first station, which consisted of a transceiver, a tuning aid and a trapped inverted V — all set up for 75 and 40 meters. She recently has added a new transceiver, as well as a beam antenna with rotator. This expanded her band capabilities to include 20, 15 and 10 meters. Bill Rogers contributed an audible beam-position indicator, together with the means for switching between the two rigs for Dorothy's present station.

Net activities began for Dorothy by checking into the Handicappers Information Net on 7.270 MHz. Net members, not necessarily handicapped, exchange ideas and information, and provide assistance when needed. She since has expanded her net operation to include other handicappers and traffic nets, as well as the Texas Young Ladies Roundup Net.

Dorothy works as a volunteer at a Veteran's Hospital and is a member of the Oriole Rebeckah Lodge. Together, she and Dearl work with the deaf. They also enjoy camping and fishing.

Not only has she contributed to Amateur Radio, Dorothy has made many friends during her 10 years of activity. The Rock certainly was justly awarded.



The Caribbean's best known YL, Hyacinth Mathew, V2AYL, was honored recently by her fellow hams throughout the Antilles region. Hya, in her home land of Antigua, was presented with a plaque featuring a map of the islands forming the network of the Antilles Emergency and Weather Net for her outstanding services. She has provided detailed weather reports for the region twice a day, every day, for the past four years. Ramez Hadeed, V2AU, vice chairman of the Antigua and Barbuda Amateur Radio Society, presents the award to Hya. (photo courtesy V2AC)



Dorothy Dirickson, WB5ELG



WØDX — Early DXpeditions

Researching the pages of *QST* has led this writer down a retrospective path, on the search for clues that pointed to the start of the post-WW II era of DXpeditioning as we know it today. There surely had to be some specific point in time that could be focused upon. Luckily there was, and happily, at that, it turned out that one of the prime instigators of this particularly virulent form of operating turned out to be available for in-person inquiry. Part and parcel of the DX scene is Bob Denniston, VP2VI/WØDX, former ARRL President, distinguished under the former pseudonyms of WØNWX, W9NWX, W4NNN, FO8AJ, HKØTU, etc.

As has been noticed by this writer in past investigations, some of the really great contest and DX people evolved in the mid-'30s. Bob is further proof of this, having been licensed in 1933 — when W9NWX was Iowa (the call areas later being changed by FCC, resulting in WØNWX). During this period, Bob found special pleasure in 80/40 cw and 160-meter phone (that was during an era when you could play a phonograph record to test your a-m rig!). The insidious DX bug was nibbling on WØNWX, and Bob recalls that time quite well — when he built a 210 rig for the ARRL International DX Competition, turning it upside down in a bucket of oil to permit a little more power without it overheating. In that operating event, his big DX worked was Germany, D4.

The shadow of the "big war" was on the horizon, and radio operators were needed badly. Along with many others, Bob responded to *QST*'s plea for radio operators to join the service. He went to Washington, DC, where he enlisted in the 17th Signal Service Corps. After a brief period of time, he — along with two other hams — was assigned as radio operator on President Roosevelt's train, a mobile assignment that kept him in contact with the District of Columbia as the President's train rolled along. Later in the war, he became radio operator on President Truman's train — staying in that post as a civilian when he left the service in 1946.

It was right after the war that several DC locals got together and formed the nucleus for what would prove to be the famous Potomac Valley Radio Club. Bob had worked a lot of DX from member stations (W3GRF, W3JTC [now W4AAV] and others), and kept thinking that it might be great fun to be on the other end of the pileups; a notion well ahead of its time. However, he had a mighty difficult time convincing others in the fraternity of the validity of his notion (Bob says he knows full well how Columbus must have felt!) Finally, though, a couple of hams agreed to go with him, and he promptly called Telecommunications in Nassau asking for a license, prepaying the answer. It came back as "Yes," resulting in

VP7NG, the first of the Bahamian licenses to be issued following WW II. The whole world fell in on VP7NG when they opened up in the ARRL International DX Competition — a pattern that would occur frequently in the coming years. The July 1948 issue of *QST* covered VP7NG — "Expedition Gon Waki" — so named on the heels of Thor Heyerdahl's Expedition Kon Tiki.

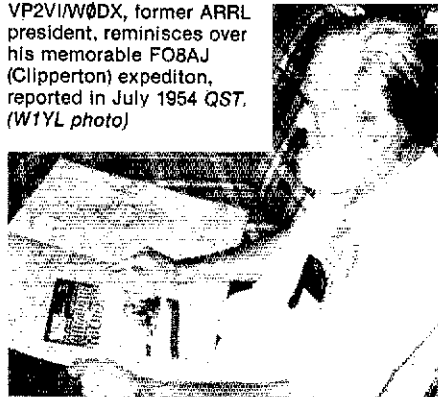
Up to that time, DXpedition terminology — as we know it today — just wasn't known. VP7NG was a DX Expedition. The contraction in terminology Bob attributes to Phil, CM9AA, an American in Cuba, during the few years following the VP7NG "coup" — that period of time when the whole idea of going places to activate Amateur Radio caught on.

The Nassau foray was such fun that Bob knew he'd just have to do the expedition route again. There were several places on the ARRL DXCC List that had never seen operation. Clipperton looked to be a good choice, primarily because it was geographically close — off Acapulco and the west coast of Mexico. A Mexican general, XE1H, proved to be very helpful in aiding the party of four get the gear through Mexico. Prior arrangements had been made with the French Society, via a license issued in Tahiti, to operate from Clipperton. The French Government, however, pointed out most clearly (upon providing the call FO8AJ) that their government would not be responsible for injury to persons or property. The first chartered boat went out, couldn't locate the island, and returned to port. Happily, a second try a week or so later proved successful. In the brief period between the two trips, the group enjoyed the fruits of the devaluation of the peso, with rooms in a lovely hotel complete with three meals a day (including steak) at \$4 a day per person! July 1954 *QST* came up with a cover first for our Amateur Radio journal — a DXpedition cover showing the crew landing on Clipperton, FO8AJ, eating coconuts. The story makes as exciting reading today as it did in the mid-'50s.

Denniston's ARRL political period began in 1955, when a number of Iowa hams asked him to run for Midwest Division Director, the start of five two-year terms. While Director, he went to VP1 in 1960, during the DX Competition, using VP1JH to put British Honduras on the air. It was a competitive effort that was particularly difficult for DXpeditions — a time when each mode of the DX Test was run over two different weekends (in February and in March). Regardless, VP1JH turned in the top score worldwide, a record that stood for seven years. He found the location ideal, directly south of Chicago geographically, with all those time zones "above" allowing him to work the USA on several bands all the time. He notes the location was perfect for both 160 and 10 meters to "work," and included a location just by the sea.

Malpelo, an inviting DX location with less than an inviting terrain was visited twice. HKØ proved even tougher than Clipperton for

VP2VI/WØDX, former ARRL president, reminisces over his memorable FO8AJ (Clipperton) expedition, reported in July 1954 *QST*. (W1YL photo)



landing. In fact, the president of the Colombian National Society received a broken leg during the hazardous landing venture and had to be transported back to Bogotá for medical attention, leaving the HKØTU crew on Malpelo for five days.

Ten years as ARRL Director was followed by six years as ARRL President, following the retirement of Herbert Hoover, Jr. Bob served as President of the International Amateur Radio Union simultaneously and for an additional year, taking great satisfaction in involvement with IARU prior to the important World Administrative Radio Conference — a period of time that saw the start of both Regions 2 and 3.

Ham radio certainly has been very much a part of the fabric of his life. In the '60s, he took his family vacationing in the U.S. Virgin Islands (naturally to check out BVI, which had no operating at the time). During that trip, the Dennistons rented one of KV4AA's homes, staying three weeks (coinciding again with the DX Competition). The checkout of BVI led to the whole family falling in love with the island, and with Bob returning the following year, winding up in the hotel business, and as holder of VP2VI.

There have been many changes within Amateur Radio during Bob's ham career, but most significant to him has been the growth of Amateur Radio in many countries, leading to the continuing increase in strength of the IARU.

As a postscript to my recent talk with Bob, I asked him to denote those he considered to be the very cream of the crop operators. His list, though short, is certainly indicative of the quality he had in mind and included the recently departed KV4AA; the famous Juan Lobo y Lobo, XE1A/XF1A; W9BRD, outstanding DX Column editor of *QST* for 30 years; and still one other operator cut from the same bolt of cloth as Denniston himself, the inimitable Katashi Nose, KH6IJ.

As for future DXpeditioning, Bob says in his inimitable low-profile manner: "Well, every now and then KP2A gets an idea and off we go!"

DX TIPS

N6RJ suggests the start of a series dealing, in brief, with ideas that can help upgrade DXpertise (input hopefully supplied by you, the readership). Let's start this month with a reminder of the efficacy of shadow-edge or gray-line DXing. On the low bands (40, 80 and 160), in particular, optimum DX conditions will occur at sunrise/sunset, an event sure to surprise the newcomer. (A particularly useful tool for determining critical times continues to be advertised herein — the DX Edge, a Xantek product, Box 834, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10159.) Now, how about sharing your ideas?

ARE U.S. AMATEURS SENDING OUT THEIR QSL CARDS?

IV3TQE has an interesting rebuttal to WIBBJ's analysis (Nov. 1981). Edgardo examined the period from the beginning of his activity in April 1978 until July 1982, including cards received through July 1982. He sent 1262 cards to U.S. stations with the following results: 503 (39.8%) replies received.

Call Area	No. Cards Sent	No. Cards Received	% Received
W1	109	41	38%
W2	126	52	41%
W3	85	42	49%
W4	173	60	35%
W5	107	41	38%
W6	249	84	34%
W7	112	48	43%
W8	93	42	45%
W9	95	33	35%
W0	113	60	53%

The worst percentage is in the W6 area, particularly discouraging to IV3TQE, as he is trying to get the California certificate. Edgardo finds it all pretty discouraging: For every 10 cards sent out, six will not be confirmed.

THE CIRCUIT

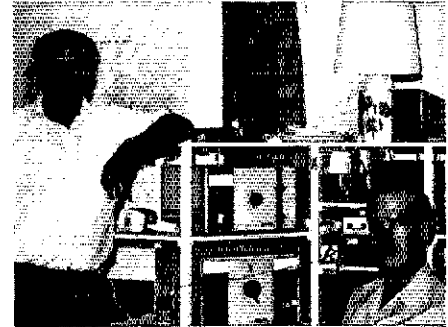
□ K4YT relates the hectic proceedings that led to his

early-July stint at TYA11 (N4HX). Thanks to some last-minute maneuverings, K4YT was able to rearrange his schedule and arrive in TY in time to run 1900 contacts in the Radiosport Contest (and a total of 5000 for his brief trip). The political situation between Benin and the United States is changing for the better, but N4HX feels it will be some time before another ham license is issued in Benin. Had it not been for his ambassadorial rank there never would have been a TYA11. (TY9ER, who was with the German Embassy, left last year for DL, as his assignment was finished.)

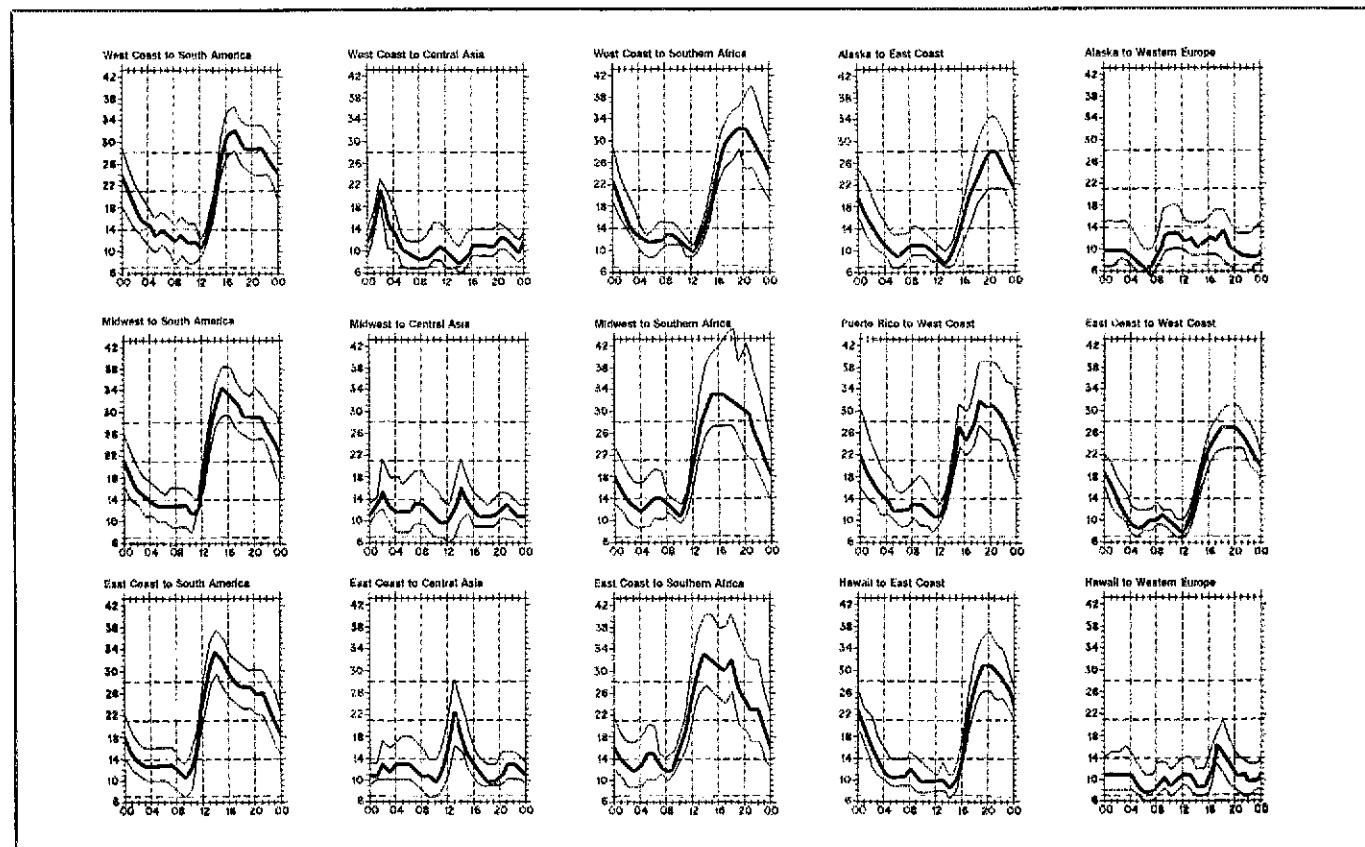
On July 29, K4YT went to Lagos, paid his licensing fee, and was immediately able to operate K4YT/5N0 (it takes 3-6 months to get a regular call from the PTT). In mid-September, 5Z4, 5X and ET3 were still on the agenda for visits. In January, Karl hopes to attend the SEANET convention with K3ZO. All cards go via his brother Bob, W2TK, 366 Rutherford Ave., Lyndhurst, NJ 07071. QSLs are not expected to be "ready" until the very end of the year, or possibly January 1983. AS

□ Dave Bell, W6AQ, has been unanimously elected to the Board of Directors of the Northern California DX Foundation. Dave, a prominent business executive and well-known Southern California DXer, is expected to be an active board member and, as such will lend his expertise to several NCDXF standing committees. NCDXC was recently honored by the Iberia DX Club of Madrid with the award of the PLACA 1DXC, in recognition of "continuous contribution to DX." Previous award recipients include Geoff Waits, for his long-term production of the *DX News Sheet*; EA9EO, for his outstanding cw work at 3CIAA and 3C0AB; the Mexico DX Club, for XF4 expeditions; and the master DXer ZL1AMO, for his well-conducted DXpeditions in the Pacific Area. Further information on the NCDXC Foundation is available from Bud Bane, W6WB, 391 Monterey Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94131.

□ G6DN, one of the pioneers within Amateur Radio, died June 29 at the age of 90 years. Charles Mark Denny was secretary of one of the earliest clubs, the Newcastle-on-Tyne Wireless Society (in 1911). At the



When not making last-minute appearances at exotic locations, you might well spot K4YT at DX meetings throughout the country. Here's Karl (in Washington last June) with Jane, KG3R (QSL manager for C53CG and VU2YOU). On the right, Karl visits Benin at TYA11's shack, last July.



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

outbreak of WW I, G6DN was a telegraphist in the Royal Navy, was commissioned in the Royal Flying Corps on its formation and was engaged in the development of early aircraft radio. Of recent years, he has been president of the Thornton-Cleveleys Amateur Radio Society, and will be sadly missed by the members and his friends worldwide. The Fylde, the area around Blackpool, feels it has lost a dear friend in G6DN, the first English amateur to work America.

Record keeping: KA2HWW finds column material voluminous and of interest, but rather unwieldy in handling. If you've developed any ideas on keeping track of various column information for easy retrieval, share it with Jim and other readers of How's DX? by forwarding it to the column editor.

IDXF member KA3BUJ/8R1 finished up his summer stint from Guyana; QSL via N7YL. Cards should have begun showing up about a month ago. IDXF volunteers continue to be needed. Contact Bob Schenck, N2OO, IDXF, Box 117, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

Cards for the March/April 1982 ZM7VU Tokelau operation have been showing up and, much to this author's surprise, manager, F6DYG turns out to be old contest/DX pro DL7AH — active since 1938.

The September FP0JA foray, manned by KP2A of the International DX Foundation, will be confirmed via WB2MSH, Henry O. Feltman, Jr., 20 Progress Ave., Woodbury, NJ 08096.

along as we receive it and, therefore, may not be accurate. The call sign in parentheses is the QSL manager.

- AM02AAL/Z P.O. 171, Zaragoza, Spain
- CO2HQ (KB7SB)
- CO2HS (KB7SB)
- CR9BK (JA1HGY)
- CT7CB P.O. 44, Santa Marie, Azores
- CX4CC (W3HNC)
- C31JX (DK9FE)
- C30LM (EA3BKZ)
- C30MK (EA3WZ)
- DU7RLC P.O. 901, Bacolod City, Philippines
- EK0K (UA9OBA)
- FO8BW (W6JFM)
- GJ3ZAY P.O. 146, Cambridge, England
- GJ4LVH P.O. 146, Cambridge, England
- HS1BV (KO2A)
- HT1MAT P.O. 1474, Managua, Nicaragua
- JY9RC (W1VBI)
- J3AVT (W8UVZ)
- J6LB (KO2A)
- J6LZA (K4LTA)
- OX3GH (WA2TT1)
- OX5RD (N9BEM)
- OZ7GI/5N9 (OZ7GI)
- SM0GNU/OH0 (SM0GNU)
- SV0CJI P.O. 349, Rhodes, Greece
- S79ARB (WA4VDE)
- TA2KS (G3SCP)
- T32AF (WH6AIF)
- VE1GU (WB2LCH)
- VK9NA (VK3LG)
- VK9ND P.O. Box 279, Norfolk Is., Australia
- VK9YB (KB9UV)
- VP2MDX P.O. Box 7681, Houston, TX 77270
- VP2MN (WB2LCH)
- VP5EPX (N4CTC)
- VQ9CI (KA4UMB)
- V55HG P.O. Box 980, B5B, Brunei
- V2AAW (KG6S)

- V2ANH (KE1A)
- YB9BV (W5GZI)
- ZF2FM (N2DH)
- ZK1YL (ZL2BAO)
- ZP5JAL (KO2A)
- 3B8FA (N8ANC)
- 3B8FE (3B8CF)
- 3D2ER (W5RBO)
- 3V8AL (DL5MBY)
- 4S7XS (DL7XS)
- 4X6BL (KO2A)
- 5H3DM P.O. Box 9112, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- 5N8KRT P.O. 2773, Kano, Nigeria
- 6D5V1C (KV8U)
- 6Y5PL (G3SXE)
- 6Y5MJ (K8ZBY)
- 9M6VW (KO2A)
- 9X5WP Box 1, Nyana, Rwanda
- 9Y50NP (W3HNC)

QSL Manager Volunteers

- KC8NO
- KB0ZP
- KB3DH

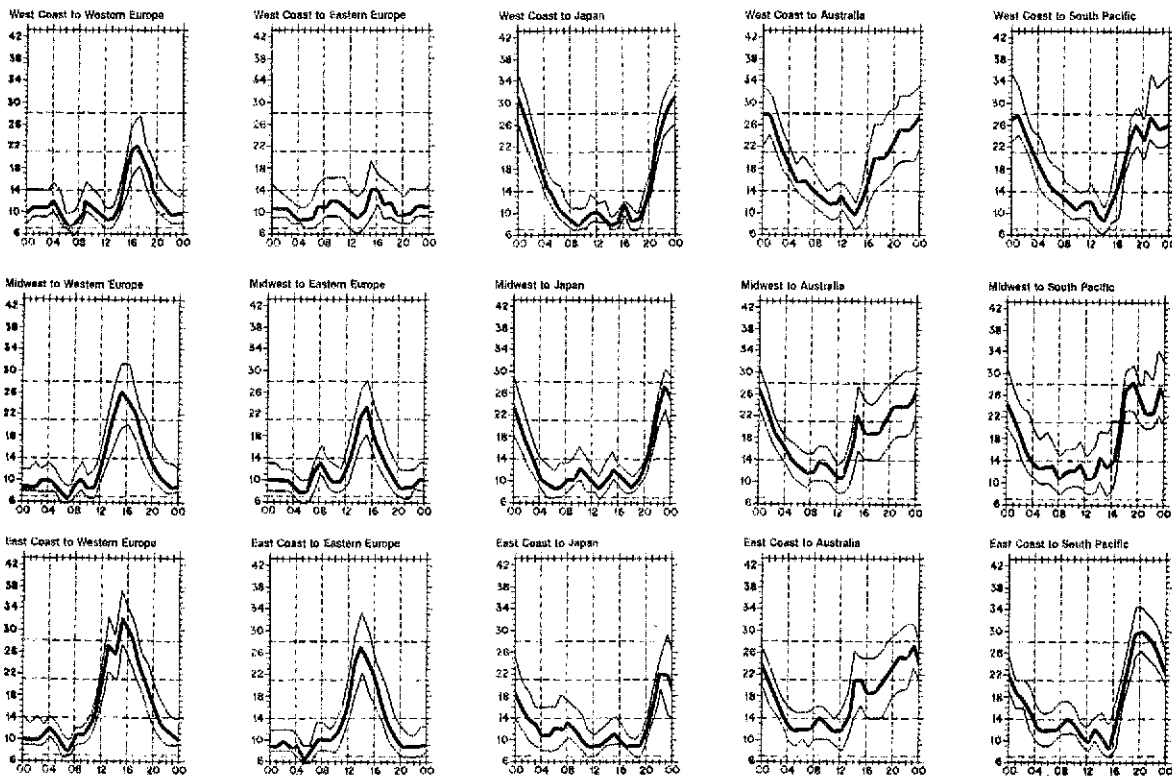
SPECIAL NOTES

- K2CM is QSL Manager for BV2A only.
- K2JL is not manager for these stations: 5U1BA, FM7AY, A4XIO.
- W8UVZ is not manager for J3AUT.
- June 1982 QSL Corner, page 72, contains information and addresses for the Incoming Bureaus. September 1982 QSL Corner, page 65, contains information on the ARRL Outgoing Overseas QSL Service. For information on bureau operations (Incoming and Outgoing), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ARRL QSL Bureau, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

QSL Corner

Administered by Joan Becker, KA1IFO

Here is some information for those of you who would like to QSL direct to the station location. It is passed



lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or fof2). See January 1977 QST, page 58, September 1977 QST, page 35 and January 1979 QST, page 11 for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for November 15 to December 15, 1982, assume a sunspot number of 87, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 136.

Repeater Jam

Some people are ornery. You run into them every day; you can't avoid them because ornery people go out of their way to get in your way.

The world of Amateur Radio has its share of ornery people, too. The ornery ham gets on the net frequency, fully aware that the net starts in five minutes, and refuses to move ("I was here first") when the net control tries to get started; later, he complains that "... those nets think they own the frequency."

In a pileup, the ornery ham continues sending his call sign after he has heard the DX station come back to someone else. If he can't get through, he's going to make sure that no one else gets through.

The ornery ham doesn't like repeaters "in principle" and insists on QSOing on the input of the repeater. "Hey, I'm just rag chewing on this old frequency. . . can't help it if it's the input of some repeater!"

HERE AND OVER THERE

Last year, over 650 responses to the FM/RPT survey were received, including a number from overseas. Richard J. Molby, WB7NZG/DA1DB, took the time to put together a five-page typewritten letter that addressed the survey questions in detail. His answers are insightful because of his familiarity with the fm and repeater mode on both sides of the Atlantic. The following excerpts from Richard's letter should be read carefully and considered by all fmers.

- 1) QTH is Kirchem/Neckar, near Stuttgart in southern West Germany.
- 2) General class licensee.
- 3) Active five years in the fm and repeater mode.
- 4) About 75% of my operating time is on 2-meter fm, but only about 10% using repeaters. Most of the time it is not necessary to use a repeater to maintain contact with the local gang. Using 10 W and a small Yagi, most of southern Germany is within range, as are parts of France, Switzerland and Austria.
- 5) I only use 2 meters in the fm and repeater mode at the present time. 220 is not legal in Germany. I am presently working on equipment for 70 cm.
- 6) I use a crystal-controlled transceiver for mobile and portable operation; for base operations, I use a VFO to make best use of the spectrum.
- 7) My primary activity is experimentation (design-

Simplex vs. Duplex

Well, ornery hams beware! The folks from Gettysburg have passed on a new policy decision that takes a dim view of the activity of ornery hams in the repeater subbands. According to FCC, when a conflict arises between a coordinator repeater and simplex operation, "... good practice dictates that the simplex operation must move." The Commission's reasoning is spelled out in the following paragraphs.

- 1) Repeater operation is not permitted on some Amateur Radio bands.
- 2) On those bands where repeater operation is permitted, such operation is confined to a limited portion — a subband — of the band.
- 3) The nature of repeater operation necessitates some form of channelization; haphazard frequency selection would result in poor spectrum utilization, and constant frequency change is impractical.

ing and building 2-meter equipment).

8) Can access five repeaters using 10 W and a ground-plane antenna.

9) I use two repeaters, but only rarely. I use simplex 90% of the time to maintain local communications.

10) I am a member of Deutscher Amateur Radio Club, which supports and coordinates all repeaters, and there are a minimal number of problems (very unlike the USA).

11) Unfortunately, autopatches are not legal in Germany because of Bundespost regulations.

12) If it were available, I would use the autopatch as little as possible.

13) I would not want to be a repeater owner, and it should not be legal for any individual to own a repeater. Only clubs should be allowed to establish repeaters — if there is a demonstrated need for one in a particular area. "Need" should not be defined as "desire." If there is a genuine need for another repeater to fill dead spots in the coverage of existing repeaters to ensure good communications during emergencies, then it should be approved. FCC should not be involved in the decision; that should be left up to an Amateur Radio coordinating council.

14) The purpose of an autopatch should be to provide an interface with nonhams, particularly for emergency operations.

15) The problems in the fm and repeater mode are many:

- a) Too many frequencies are used for repeater operations.
- b) Not enough space is left for simplex operations.

Simplex and Duplex Cooperation

Simplex stations do not have these limitations and must avoid frequencies designated for repeater operation. Cooperation in this regard is required on any band where a widely accepted band plan exists. (FCC recognizes the national acceptance of the ARRL band plans, as evidenced by the thousands of repeaters listed in the ARRL *Repeater Directory* that are in compliance with a plan.) Pick up a *Repeater Directory*; the band plans begin on page 17 of the current edition. They clearly indicate the frequencies designated for repeater operation, and those designated for simplex operation.

And if you operate simplex fm, don't operate on frequencies designated for EME, satellite and other weak-signal operations. Fm operation on these frequencies not only runs counter to well-established band planning, in some cases it is outright illegal (fm is not permitted on some frequencies above 50 MHz).


c) Too many hams are too lazy to use simplex instead of repeaters for local communications, thereby creating a greater "need" for more repeaters.

d) Subaudible access should not be allowed. It makes equipment unnecessarily expensive, complicated and failure-prone. Single-tone COR (1750 Hz) has been in use for years in Europe and is more than adequate for repeater control. It has the advantage that, without a tone-burst oscillator, one may whistle up the repeater.

e) There is no worldwide coordination of tone burst, channel spacing, repeater channels and offsets.

f) Overemphasis on channelized operation wastes space. Experience in Europe has shown that spacing as close as 2 to 3 kHz is possible using fm with reduced power and a little cooperation. Much local traffic here takes place at power levels of less than 1 W with directional antennas.

16) A solution: Slash the number of available repeater frequencies and encourage the use of simplex, especially on fm. Germany is not ideal vhf country, but with 10 W and a decent antenna it is usually possible to maintain communications out to at least 60 miles, and often several times that distance.

17) No doubt the biggest attraction of the fm and repeater mode is the reliability of communications using low power and small equipment. However, the repeater mode is nearly like using a telephone; gossips gather and tie up machines for hours on end. There is also a lot of talk these days that there are so few meaningful QSOs; but is that surprising with only three minutes or less to talk? My advice is to get on simplex and find out what vhf fm is all about. 

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Strays

HAM RADIO HEAVEN

□ An assorted group of hams were having an eyeball QSO, and, as often happens, the subject ranged far afield of radio — this time into metaphysics. Someone asked about the existence of the Hereafter, and speculation began on what Heaven must be like. All had their own ideas, but here are some of the congregated hams agreed on.

- Heaven is a place where:
- final amplifiers do not burn out no matter how

hard they are pushed (in the other place, they do so even at zero power).

- there are no limitations on power, yet with QRP operation it is no problem to break a pileup on first try and get a 5-9 to boot.

- there is no QRM, QRN or QSB, and you can never get out of band.

- everyone enjoys Extra Class privileges, even if one is only a Novice.

- everyone QSLs 100%, even without IRCs or green stamps.

- it is quite simple to earn your WAU (worked all universe), and earning DXCP (100 planets) is a snap.

- batteries never die, and there are no such things as power surges, transients and lightning strikes (those do occur in the other place).

- there are no jammers (they're in the other place).

—Angelo Polvere, KA9CSO, Inverness, Illinois

AMATEUR RADIO, FAMILY STYLE

□ The *Callbook* reveals that the following calls belong to the Clay family of Ridgefield, Connecticut: WA1NHJ (Candice), WA1NHR (Kelly), WA1NHL (Betty), WA1NHM (Judy) and WA1NHN (Edward). The family that takes exams together may QRM together. — Kenneth Bishop, W1EWD, Middletown, Connecticut

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ any amateurs who are interested in joining the Air Traffic Control Net, an international roundtable on 14.277 kHz from 1100 to 1200Z daily. Walter Endlich, PA0GJA, Brewerstraat 18, 6369 EN Simpelveld, Netherlands.

The World Above 50 MHz

Conducted By William A. Tynan,* W3XO



It's up to Us!

We who espouse the use of narrow-band techniques such as ssb, cw and even a-m on the vhf bands are quite jealous of our territory. After all, we don't ask for much. Our needs are served by roughly one-eighth of the 6- and 2-meter bands, slightly less on 1-1/4 meters and a very small fraction of the 70-cm band.

Being the most popular of the vhf bands, 2 meters certainly provides the greatest degree of competition among the various modes vying for a chunk of spectrum space. All too frequently one hears another tale about those "so and so fmers" operating right on 144.2, or some other almost-as-"sacred" frequency. Many times, the fm operator doesn't know any better. Perhaps he just bought his new, fancy, synthesized 2-meter box, and merely turned the knob to some number in the 144- to 148-MHz band. He might have looked up the band limits in the *Handbook* or some other reference and noted that the first 100 kHz is reserved exclusively for cw and similar modes, just as it is on the hf bands. If he did, he also knows that from 144.1 up is for voice, and certainly his new rig is intended for voice. After all, isn't all voice work on those vhf bands accomplished via fm?

In almost all cases the problem is solved once these new people are told that, in accordance with the ARRL band plan published in the ARRL *Repeater Directory* and elsewhere, 144.0 to 144.5 should be used only for narrow-band modes, and that many people actually do use ssb on 2 meters. Upon being so informed, they usually QSY to the upper 7/8 of the band and enjoy the newfound contacts available to them. Of course, there are exceptions who unfortunately require further convincing before they agree to go somewhere else to do their thing and let us do ours.

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — Late summer is supposed to be a pretty dull time for 50-MHz propagation, and the casual observer in most parts of the country would probably conclude that this year has been no exception. However, there have been some occurrences that point to some really exciting times ahead. For example, the strong and long-lived aurora of the Labor Day weekend not only provided many fine QSOs, but also provided evidence that the sun is still quite active. Another indication was the surprise opening for us in the mid-Atlantic states to Argentina on Sunday, September 5. At about 1550Z, this conductor, W3JO near Philadelphia, W2BN, AE3T, WB2MD and several other mid-Atlantic-state stations worked LU8YYO. This opening certainly fits the pattern of enhanced north-south propagation in conjunction with geomagnetic disturbances.

From South Texas, a region better known for its north-south propagation than is this part of the country, comes word of another LU opening a few days earlier. W8AGH/5 Houston says that on September 2, at about 2200Z, he worked LUs 8YYO and 4VBY. About an hour and a half later, K5ZMS reported LU8YYO and LU3EX, with the former putting in a particularly good signal. As this is being writ-

ten, another San Antonio resident, WA5IYX, reports that the first day of the September VHF QSO Party was enlivened by a three-hour opening to LU, as well as backscatter stations from Florida to Arizona. That should do something for a few contest scores!

Whether or not this early appearance of these openings into southern South America represents a good omen, only time will tell. We should know by the time this appears in mailboxes. WA5IYX, who keeps track of such things, says that propagation has been the best he has ever seen for early September.

The 6-Meter DX Standings, which appears with this column, clearly shows the outstanding conditions that we have been experiencing over the past few years. Who would have dreamed, a few years ago, that we would see many stations over the 50-country mark and numerous others with WAC to their credit? The number of updates received revising the totals listed in the May running of the box is quite large. Nevertheless, many did not submit new information, so their totals must remain as they were. Next May is the most likely time for the next publication, which means that I must have information by early March. Lead time for the column is about five weeks, and QST goes into the mail on about the 20th of the month preceding the cover date.

So, please drop me an s.a.s.e. for the form and get it in the mail by the end of February at the latest. Let's hope that the propagation gods provide for many higher totals by then.

Some may notice that the totals listed for them are not quite as submitted. In a few cases, they are higher

by one or two countries. This is usually a result of people forgetting to list the U.S. or Canada. If they are Ws or VEs, I have assumed that they have worked these countries and given them the benefit of the doubt. In more cases, however, the listed totals are lower; this results from a number of causes. One is that many assume that some countries count as DXCC Countries when they don't. VO1, VO2 and VY1 are good examples of this. One individual even listed Prince Edward Island. Unfortunately, all of these count as Canada. Others have taken credit for two-way contacts with stations that are operating on 6 meters in direct defiance of the expressed rules of their governments. The only exception made in this situation has been the PA0s, where there did appear to be an intent on the part of the Netherlands authorities to permit operation on the band. Of course, consideration has been taken for the special permits, such as in the cases of 15TDJ and SZ2DH. A few have listed contacts made from another part of the country. One East Coaster, for example, shows a JA contact made while he was operating portable in California. Yes, Japan is difficult to work from the Eastern U.S. Even though the DXCC rule on this has been changed recently, it appears reasonable, for the purpose of truly showing what can be accomplished on 50 MHz, to stick to the old limit of 150 miles. I will entertain other thoughts on the subject, however.

Another apparent discrepancy involves the cross-band listings. As stated with the box, only those cross-band countries not worked via 6-meter two-way are counted. The crossband list is considered somewhat of

band operation to set a good example and practice what we preach. If we don't we will have nobody to blame but ourselves if, in a few years, there is nothing but fm on the vhf bands we presently love. The portions of the bands designated for cw, ssb and a-m are not that way to keep certain people out, and they do not belong to us just because we may use ssb or cw most of the time. If, for some reason, it is advantageous to switch to fm, QSY to an fm-simplex portion of the band. It doesn't take much more time and sets a good example.

In addition, let's do all we can to increase activity and spread out when the band is well occupied, rather than crowding around one frequency. Try conducting local ragchews well up in the band. A well-occupied band is much safer from intrusion. On 6 meters, there is quite a contingent of a-m operators around 50.4. Several have suggested that 2-meter a-m might be revitalized around the corresponding frequency of 144.4. There are certainly a lot of old a-m rigs gathering cobwebs in cellars and attics. They could be dragged out, dusted off and put on the air. These resurrected relics can provide a lot of fun for practically no expenditure, and they won't bother anyone on 144.4. Who knows, many users of these '50s and '60s units eventually may decide to join the ssb ranks once they hear how effective that mode is at vhf.

We can do much to help preserve what we cherish — a small slice of each vhf band in which to pursue those weak, elusive signals or merely talk about the latest in antennas or preamps with knowledgeable locals. The foregoing discussion has included a few suggestions toward this end. I am sure you can think of many others. But the principal message is: It's up to us.

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The New Frontier

The World Above 1 Gig

Conducted By Bob Atkins,* KA1GT

New 10-GHz DX Record

As reported briefly in last month's column, a new DX record of over 1000 km has been set on 10 GHz. It will come as no surprise to those who have been following the progress of 10-GHz DX that Nicola Sanna, I0SNY, was involved in getting it. Over the last few years he has investigated enhanced propagation across the Adriatic Sea (off the east coast of Italy) and has held the world DX record twice on this path — once at 757 km, and once at 860 km. The Adriatic Sea is geographically interesting in that it is well sheltered by land masses and is almost completely closed, in a manner similar to a lake. These factors often lead to calm surface conditions, and, together with warm temperatures, this seems to lead to a high incidence of enhanced tropospheric ducting propagation. On this occasion, Nicola decided to investigate the path across the Mediterranean between Spain and Italy. This region is not known for calm conditions, but luckily, during the first two weeks of July there was a high-pressure area over the region, leading to unusually hot and calm weather.

On July 3, at 1630Z, I0SNY/EA5, operating from a hill 470 meters above sea level near Valencia, worked I0YLI near Rome at a distance of 1101 km, for the first ever contact on 10 GHz over 1000 km (see map in Fig. 1). On July 6, at 1926Z, from a site again near Valencia a few meters above sea level, I0SNY/EA5 worked IW0BFZ near Rome at a distance of 1117 km, for a new DX record. Not content with this (!), on the 10th of July, I0SNY/EA5, from a hill to the west of Valencia, at a height of about 900 meters above sea level, worked IW0BFZ again, this time at a distance of 1166 km, for yet another record. All these contacts are believed to have been made using 30-mW Gunnplexer systems and 1-meter-diameter dishes. Subject to ratification



I0SNY/EA5 poses near the site in Spain from which he set a new 10-GHz DX record.

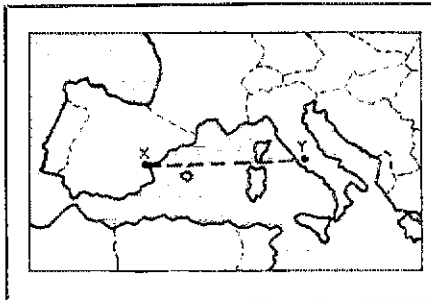


Fig. 1 — The record-setting path between I0SNY/EA5 near Valencia, Spain (X), and the sites of I0YLI and IW0BFZ near Rome (Y).

by the RSGB, the contact between I0SNY/EA5 and I0YLI should qualify for the Microwave Associates award for the first 10-GHz contact over 1000 km (see *The New Frontier*, Nov. 1981).

In addition to the 10-GHz work, Nicola was active on 1296 MHz. Among other DX contacts, on July 12 he worked I2K5X/8 in Calabria (southern Italy), at a distance of 1396 km, for a new European DX record on 1296 MHz, using a 4-W transmitter and a 17-element Yagil. It shows that, when conditions are right, you don't need the power. Congratulations are certainly due to all those involved with this well planned and highly successful piece of work.

INFORMATION NEEDED

Willard Zahalka, K4HOE, 204 Westover Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601, is looking for any information on modifying an APX6 for amateur use. Can anyone help?

*103 Division Ave., Millington, NJ 07946

1296-MHz DIRECTORY

The 1982 revision of the 1296-MHz *Directory* is now available from Al Ward. It is free to members of the Central States VHF Society; all others should send \$1 to cover the cost of postage and handling. The address to write to is: Al Ward, Rte. 7, Box 32, McKinney, TX 75069. Al also requests that those interested in being included in a directory of 2304 MHz-and-up activity should write to him at the same address with details of their operation.

MICROWAVE SATELLITE NEWS

The problems with UoSAT-OSCAR 9 reported in this column last month seem to have been solved. Command of the spacecraft was achieved using the 150-foot Stanford University dish (see "UoSAT-OSCAR 9 Lives," p. 25). Number L5 in the series of ESA Ariane launch vehicles has failed. This is the same rocket that is scheduled to launch the Phase III B satellite into orbit early next year (see *Happenings*, this issue, for more details).

Strays

I would like to get in touch with . . .

□ any Century-21 transceiver owners who are interested in exchanging ideas or starting a club. Edward G. Bowley, W2VLH, 86-22 Dongan Ave., Elmhurst, New York 11373.

□ amateurs who are also serious stamp collectors. Dr. Max Horbach, PA0MAC, Haareneweg 1, 5061 VJ Oisterwijk, Netherlands.

TIARA: ALIEN HAMS IN JA-LAND

□ The Tokyo International ARA (TIARA) is a group of about 60 amateurs from nine countries who live in Japan. Alien amateurs residing in Japan who are citizens of the U.S., W. Germany, Finland or Ireland can operate via Japanese club licensing procedures. Many members are active in this way. Negotiations for full reciprocal licensing agreements with 12 countries are under way, so alien operating privileges may be expanded. Amateurs coming to Japan can contact Joe Speroni, AH0A, President, TIARA, P.O. Box 119, Akasaka, Minato, Tokyo 107, Japan.

QSL IS A LONG TIME COMING

□ Waiting weeks, maybe months, to receive a QSL from an overseas contact may be a bit irritating, but not uncommon. But that's nothing compared with the 22-year wait John Dunlap, K8RRQ, of Toronto, Ohio, had for a QSL from New York. It was on February 15, 1960 that K8RRQ made his contact with the New York amateur, but somehow the QSL destined for K8RRQ got filed in a "junk box." Only recently did the New York operator discover it and mail it on to K8RRQ, who received the QSL, finally, on May 3, 1982. A Novice at the time of the contact, K8RRQ says it's a good thing he didn't need it for WAS.

UPGRADING: NOVICE TO GENERAL

League instructors are busy teaching classes again this fall, as in so many falls before. Most are teaching aspiring new hams and preparing them for their Novice licenses. But last year's Novices are this year's aspiring Generals, and a good instructor does not forget that his "Elmering" continues beyond his students' first license.

The transition to General class traditionally has been the major upgrading step in an amateur's career. The largest number of amateurs of any one class are Generals. Perhaps the most coveted prize earned with the General class ticket is the amateur's first high-frequency phone privileges for which the 13-wpm code test has always been the key. There probably has been more discussion of this medium-speed code test than of any other test in the amateur service. It is the test most likely to cause a "case of nerves," because so much rides on a short five-minute period and it is often the first FCC-supervised test a ham ever takes. A great deal of an instructor's time must be spent helping students pass the 13-wpm code exam. Students should strive for a code speed of at least 15 wpm to make up for that "case of nerves" so commonly felt. Instructors should give practice tests in the FCC comprehension-type format to instill confidence in the students' ability to pass the exam.

Practice sessions using code-practice cassettes and W1AW code-practice transmissions are a proven way of increasing code speed. Instructors should set goals every week for students, keeping in mind that there is a very common learning plateau at about the 10-wpm level. For many students, progress slows down around 10 wpm and the level of frustration goes up. Some people speculate that at 10 wpm one must begin to recognize sound patterns as letters or words rather than as simple dits and dahs; gaining this new skill re-

quires some time. If the instructor foresees this learning plateau, though, he or she can help the student pass a discouraging obstacle.

The present FCC 13-wpm code test is the so-called comprehension-style exam. A typical QSO-style cw transmission is played from a cassette tape for five minutes, followed by a fill-in-the-blank test that asks for key words in the QSO. Seven out of 10 answers correct is the minimum passing grade.

Past In Training columns compared the virtues of practicing with straight or random text versus the FCC-type QSO format. The consensus voiced to the Training Desk at that time was that straight or random text is the preferred method for building code speed, but an FCC-type code test should be used at the end so that students will be practiced in the regulation format. Instructors should encourage their students to practice for frequent, short periods — for example, every day for 20 minutes to half an hour — instead of a small number of marathon sessions near the time of the FCC exams. Informal studies show that progress and success come easier with short and frequent practice periods.

The written portion of the General class examination is called Element 3, covering rules and regulations, basic radio theory and operating practice. As with all other written exams, the FCC publishes a Study Guide for Element 3 that is an outline of the topics to be covered in the test. A thorough knowledge of the topics in the FCC Study Guide ensures passing the exam. At the present time, an Element 3 exam contains 50 multiple-choice items. A number of exams exist in the FCC's present exam bank, and the FCC from time to time replaces exams and individual questions in the bank. Only the particular topics in the Study Guide remain the same. Thus, there is no guarantee that memorizing the questions and answers from past tests will prepare your student for a future exam. Mastery of the subject matter should be the objective of any course.

The Element 3 Study Guide (which can be found in the League's *Radio Amateur's License Manual* and in March 1980 *QST*) introduces a number of new technical topics and a host of Amateur Radio regulations and operating practices. Mathematical formulas, such as Ohm's Law, and formulas for series and parallel combinations of resistors, capacitors and inductors are introduced. Power supplies and filters make up most of the practical circuit study. Quite a bit of new material on signals, antennas and propagation is included. The topics in Element 3 seem to be chosen so as to lay a groundwork in radio theory for those amateurs who will go on to more specialized aspects of radio communication. As a General class instructor, then, you are helping to lay that groundwork!

The League offers training materials to both individual students and instructors who teach General classes. The already mentioned *Radio Amateur's License Manual* is the main text for anyone preparing for the Element 3 exam. Text, study questions and all of Part 97 (updated in the 78th edition) help prepare the student to upgrade his or her license. For the 13-wpm code exam, the League offers the *ARRL Code Kit*, which takes the student from 5 wpm to 13 wpm with two cassettes of code practice and an informative booklet. For the instructor of General classes, we've produced an Instructor Guide, which suggests a way of presenting material for a 10-week upgrading course, and our General slide set can add an attractive visual aspect to the course. *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* is an indispensable reference book for both instructor and student, though some students find studying from a reference handbook to be difficult. For them, we offer the "junior Handbook," *Understanding Amateur Radio*, a very readable presentation of theory and practical applications at the General class level.

If you have any suggestions for helping others to upgrade, drop a note to the Training Branch. We're always eager for new ideas. □

*ARRL Training Program Manager

50 Years Ago

November 1932

□ The Federal Radio Commission now issues operator's licenses for three-year periods; station licenses continue to be for one year.

□ The cover photo shows the rig described by George Grammer, W1DF, in "Building a Crystal-Controlled Transmitter." The inexpensive sender uses a '47 pentode oscillator and a '46 high- μ doubler; a follow-up article promises a power amplifier.

□ "Efficiency in the Power Amplifier" is discussed by Fred Schnell, W9UZ. He tells what he did to boost the power output-to-input ratio in his push-pull '04As monster from 0.25 to 0.5.

□ The "Sure-Fire Condenser Microphone," described by Howard Anderson, WIBVS, is built from the base of an old Atwater-Kent horn loudspeaker, a 4-1/2 inch diameter cylindrical metal housing and a few more miscellaneous parts. A '30 preamplifier is housed in the case.

□ "The Single-Signal Receiver at Work" is a symposium of Bob Parmenter's results at Hq. station W1MK, and a description by Don Lusk, W3ZF-W3CGI, of the modified layout he used in his version of the Jim Lamb milestone.

□ Grid modulation and 'phone break-in (with and without relays) are hot subjects in the "For the Experimenter" section, rating two items each.

□ The "Third All-Section Sweepstakes Contest" for U.S., Canadian and Cuban hams requires the transmission of at least one message (complete with

correct ARRL full preamble, signature and 10-word minimum text) for a count of one. An exchange of messages is a 2-count. Another feature of the nine-day no-time-limit event is that the high scorer in each section will receive a bronze charm.

□ Wallie Gee, W6EGH, set a new "fastest WAC" record when he worked (7 Mc.) VK3CP, CR7AC, VS6AB, (14 Mc.) G5BJ, LU4ML and W6FAL between 6:25 and 9:32 A.M. on September 18. VK3LP held the previous record of 4-1/2 hours.

25 Years Ago

November 1957

□ Lots of interest in the IGY and upcoming earth satellites. W. H. Pickering, director of Jet Propulsion Labs at Cal Tech, tells about "Project Moonbeam," in which radio amateurs and others are invited to monitor an orbiting beacon and data transmitter, "Artificial Earth Satellites," by V. Vakhnin, is translated and reprinted from the USSR publication *Radio*. V. R. Simas and W. B. Moriarty, of the Naval Research Lab, write about "Tape Recording the Mark II Minitrack Signals" for later transfer as visual presentations. BUT — the USSR launched "Sputnik" on October 4, sending signals on 20 and 40 Mc., and they caught almost everybody off guard.

□ Call letter license plates are now available in 40 U.S. states, two Canadian provinces and the Canal Zone.

□ The "Compact AB₁ Kilowatt," described by Ray Rinaudo, W6KEV, features the new 4CX1000A external-anode tetrode. No tuned grid circuit is used, just a resistor. Drive requirement is 15 watts with 100 ohms, 30 for 50 ohms. Efficiency is about equal to that obtained with AB₂ or B operation.

□ The 24th ARRL Sweepstakes will run on two weekends in November, with no entry to exceed 40 hours total time. The "exchange" resembles a message preamble, with the RST report substituting for the normal "check," and your ARRL section for the normal "origin." C.w. scores are multiplied by 1.25 and 'phone by 1.5 if transmitter input at all times is below 150 watts. Certificates are awarded to high-scoring 'phone and c.w. stations in each section.

□ It takes 13 pages for *QST* staffers Ellen White and Phil Simmons to record the results of the 23rd ARRL International DX Competition. VE1PQ, legendary Juan Lobo y Lobo (signing XF1A) and some upstart signing W4KFC were high scorers for their countries in North America.

□ YL News columnist Eleanor Wilson, W1QON, reports that the Second International Convention of the YLRL (over Labor Day weekend in Chicago, with the Ninth ARRL National) saw 90 YLs from 23 states and two countries.

□ The lead photo in Ed Tilton's "World Above 50 Mc." shows a new antenna built near Collierville, Tennessee. The work of W4HHK and W4GYS, the 50-Mc. 24-element broadside array, is mounted on two adjacent 100-foot towers. It was built especially for IGY experimentation; the beam can be switched.

□ For serious 2-meter DXers, Walter Morrison, W2CXY, lightheartedly describes his preparations for and experiences during August in "Project Perseids — 1957." — *Byron Goodman, W1DX* □

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.]

Arkansas: The Arkansas DX Assn. will hold its annual DX meeting and banquet Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Ramada Inn, Fort Smith. Mixer and hospitality suite Friday evening at the Inn for early arrivals. ADXA annual business meeting and election of officers (1983) Saturday A.M., followed by DX forum. Afternoon activities include Texas/Arkansas football party. ADXA's annual DX and awards banquet, with a DX speaker of note, in the evening. For further information, write to or call Harold Wilson, KB5RF, 3507 Lochlane, North Little Rock, AR 72116, tel. 501-753-8625.

Connecticut: The Southcentral Connecticut ARA's (SCARA) third annual Electronics Flea Market will be held on Sunday, Nov. 7, indoors at the North Haven Recreation Center, Linsley St., North Haven. Admission is \$1.25, free for children under 12 with an adult. Seller's spaces \$6; best spaces assigned first. Some free tables for those reserving early; after these are gone, space will be available for selling from the floor or from your own table. Food available. Sellers may set up at 8 A.M.; others admitted from 9 to 3. For reservations, send check or money order payable to "SCARA" to Ed Goldberg, WA1ZZO, 433 Ellsworth Ave., New Haven, CT 06511. Include s.a.s.e. for confirmation.

Florida: The Broward Hamfest, sponsored by the Broward ARC, will be held in Building 19, Port Everglades, Ft. Lauderdale, on Dec. 4-5, from 9 to 5 both days. Tickets are \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door for both days. Flea market, vendor booths, ARRL Forum, prizes. Talk-in on 146.31/91. For info and reservations, contact Earl Goldberg, W4OAS, 5940 S.W. 16th Ct., Plantation, FL 33317, tel. 305-791-9706.

Georgia: The Alford Memorial RC will host the 10th annual Stone Mountain Farnvention at Stone Mountain Park, Nov. 6-7, from 9 A.M. to 7 on Saturday and from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Sunday. Camping and motel facilities available inside park grounds. Highlights include seminars, dealer displays, boneyard, FCC exams, prizes and the Saturday night HOTDOG HAMJAM — a combination weiner roast and pickin' and grinnin' session featuring the Ringo Rangers. Admission fee of \$3 covers everything. Talk-in on 16/76 and 52 simplex. Contact Faye, N4HLE, 490 Village Green Ct., Lilburn, GA 30247, tel. 404-921-7588, or Jim, KE4BI, tel. 404-447-6937.

Hawaii: The Honolulu ARC hamfest will be held on Dec. 11-12, at the Honolulu Airport Holiday Inn, Honolulu. Doors open from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday, with a banquet starting at 7 P.M. Sunday hours are 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Talks, ARRL Forum, flea market, vendors' booths, prizes. For further information, contact Jim Wakefield, AH6CO, 647

Kunawai La., No. 201, Honolulu, HI 96817, tel. 808-524-0050.

Iowa: The Sooland Repeater Assn. will hold its 7th annual auction at the KD Stockyards Station in Sioux City on Sunday, Nov. 7. The dock opens at 8 A.M.; auction starts at 11 A.M. Prizes. This is a large auction; plan to attend. For info, call K0TFT, tel. 712-239-3053. Talk-in on 37/97, 31/91 and 52.

Indiana: The 10th annual Fort Wayne Hamfest will be held Nov. 14. Sponsored by the Allen County ARTS, Inc. (AC-ARTS), it will be held at the Allen County Memorial Coliseum. Admission: \$3 at the door, \$2.50 advance, children under 11 free. Regular tables \$6; premium tables \$20. Parking fee charged by Coliseum is \$1. Doors open to general public at 8 A.M.; vendor set up starts at 5 A.M. For further ticket or table information, write to Becky Skinner, KA9GWE, 9720 Pinto La. Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Massachusetts: The Hampden County Radio Assn. will hold its annual auction on Friday, Nov. 5, at the Granger School, intersection of Rtes. 57 and 187, Feeding Hills. Doors open at 7 P.M., and auction begins at 8 P.M. For more information, contact Dick Manner, N8BQU at 413-783-9380.

Massachusetts: The Honeywell 1200 RC, sponsor of the 147.72/12 repeater, and the Waltham ARA, sponsor of the 146.04/64 repeater, will hold their annual Amateur Radio and electronics auction on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Honeywell Plant, 300 Concord Rd., Billerica, Exit 27 off Rte. 3. Snack bar and bargain parts store. Doors open at 10 A.M. Free admission and parking. Talk-in on both repeaters. For more information, contact Doug Purdy, N1BUB, 3 Visco Rd., Burlington, MA 01803.

Michigan: The 17th annual Hazel Park ARC Swap and Shop will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, at Hazel Park High School, Hazel Park. The school is located on Hughes St., at 9-1/2 Mile Rd., 1 mile east of I-75. Tickets are \$1.50 in advance, \$2 at the door. Tables are \$1 per ft. Doors open at 8 A.M. Plenty of food, parking and prizes. Talk-in on 52. For tickets, table reservations and information, send s.a.s.e. to Hazel Park ARC, P.O. Box 368, Hazel Park, MI 48030, or call 313-398-3189.

Minnesota: The Annual Handi-Ham Winter Hamfest will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at the Eagles Club in Faribault, starting with registration at 9 A.M. There will be a Handi-Ham equipment auction, dinner at noon, program and prizes. Talk-in on 19/79. For more information, contact Don Franz, W0FIT, 1114 Frank Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007.

Missouri: The PHD Fall Auction and Swap Meet moves to the old Airport, Kansas City, same location as the ARRL Missouri State Convention in April of each year. Doors open at 9 A.M. on Saturday, Nov. 6; auction starts at 12:30 P.M. Tables are \$5 each at the door; 250 available. You may swap, sell, trade or auction. Charge on auction, 10%. Admission free. For further information, contact Chuck Miller, WA0KUH, tel. 816-781-7313.

New York: "Ham Central," 1982 edition, will be sponsored by Radio Central ARC at Temple Isaiah, 1404 Stony Brook Rd., Stony Brook, L.I., Sunday, Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving weekend). Doors open at 7:30 A.M. for dealers, and 8:30 A.M. for general admission. Table space (9 ft) is \$5; general admission \$2,

with women and kids under 12 free. Antennas by Art (W2LEJ) and Madeline (W2EEO) Greenberg; lecture and slide show on the "Father of Radio," Nikola Tesla, by Peggy McKinnon Clark. Slide show on Little Gull Island DXpedition by Frank Kiefer, K2PWG. Prizes, food and drinks. An all-inside hamfest just before the holidays, with dealers and plenty of free parking. Near Smithhaven Mall for easy shopping. Talk-in on 144.550/145.150 and 52. For information and reservations, contact Scotty Policastro, KA2EQW, 80 7th St., Bohemia, NY 11716, tel. 516-589-2557, or Bob Yarmus, K2RGZ, 3 Haven Ct., Lake Grove, NY 11755, tel. 516-981-2709.

North Carolina: The second annual Greensboro Hamfest, sponsored by the Greensboro ARC, is to be held Nov. 27-28 at the National Guard Armory, Greensboro, from 9 to 5 on Saturday and from 9 to 3 on Sunday. Tables and tailgating available. Admission is \$4 (\$3 if pre-registered by Nov. 12). Please send s.a.s.e. for pre-registration. Talk-in on 145.25, 19/79 and 52 simplex. For more details, contact Russ Brandt, KE4KL, 1301 Dayton St., Greensboro, NC 27407.

Ohio: The Massillon ARC, W8NP, presents "Auctionfest 82," to be held Nov. 21 at the Nazir Grotto Hall, conveniently located at 6th and Duerber Ave. S.W., Canton. Doors open at 7 A.M. for set up, 8 A.M. for others; auction starts at 11 A.M. Advance tickets \$2.50; \$3 at the door. Prizes. Talk-in on 52. For advance tickets or tables, contact Steve Nevel, W8MJI, 1864 Massachusetts Ave. S.E., Massillon, OH 44646.

Coming Conventions

February 5-6, 1983
Southeastern Division, Miami, Florida

February 26-27, 1983
Ohio State, Sharonville (Cincinnati)

March 26-27, 1983
Georgia State, Columbus

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

October 7-9, 1983
Houston, Texas

July 20-22, 1984
New York, New York

September 27-29, 1985
Louisville, Kentucky

†ARRL Hamfest

*Convention/Travel Coordinator, ARRL

Strays

"WRITE" APPROACH AT THE WRONG TIME

□ Earlier this year, in a continuing-education class I was taking to get my Novice ticket, the instructor, AJ Haddad, N2AMS, was demonstrating the best way to copy code.

"You might find it easier to write rather than print when you copy cw," N2AMS said. "Any questions?" At that point, an 8-year-old girl, who was studying

for the Novice license along with her father, raised her hand.

"Yes," said N2AMS. "What's your question?"

"I haven't learned to write yet!" — John J. Dempsey, KA2FJN, Orchard Park, New York

'TAINT' THE CAPTAIN'S RIG

□ Who ever says something is "ghigantic"? It's "giant," so say "jigahertz." Also, a meter is always a meter, in parts or multiples, so don't say "kill-ah-meter" (ugh!), but "kill-oh-meter."

Nano is like nanny, pico is like peek. NBS tells these right ways to speak of units, large or small. It's high time to quit the common, uninformed errors we hear. Show you know. — Temple Nieter, W9YLD, Evanston, Illinois

QST congratulates . . .

□ Dave Bell, W6AQ, of Hollywood, California, on being elected to the Northern California DX Foundation Board of Directors.

□ the Northern California DX Club on receiving the Placa IDXC from the Iberia DX Club of Madrid, Spain, for its "continuous contribution to DX."

□ Donald Bishop, N0EA, of Aurora, Colorado, on being named as Chief Executive Officer of Vir James P.C. of Denver, Colorado.

□ Frank C. Baxter, Jr., K2ZLA, of Latham, New York, on becoming Vice President of Engineering at the General Electric Cablevision Corporation in Schenectady, New York.

Silent Keys

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

N1BPF, Edward R. Donovan, Methuen, MA
*WA1GBZ, Ellsworth Philbrick, Jr., Milford, CT
W1JSX, Winston E. DuBois, Rindge, NH
W1MKN, Edward T. Maguire, Manchester, MA
WA1PDB, John W. Day, Gloucester, MA
W1RX, Squire Bateman, Reading, MA
W1VXC, June R. Burkett, Rumford, RI
W1YUF, Peter DeSimone, Johnston, RI
W1YZ, John E. Sanborn, Dennisport, MA
K2AXU, Edward A. Kampmeyer, Ocean City, NJ
W2CTQ, Frederic C. Carpenter, Belfast, NY
WA2DSU, Eugene R. Finn, Woodbridge, NJ
WA2FLI, Victor W. Anderson, Neptune, NJ
KA2GAQ, Valentine C. Kern, West Islip, NY
W2GSE, Peter G. Caviglia, Bronx, NY
KA2IOX, Andre J. Heussi, Plattsburgh, NY
K2JRA, Thomas E. Perrine, N. Plainfield, NJ
K2JXL, Harold Thorn, Woodland Hills, CA
WB2MMU, Erwin S. Cooper, Chittenden, NY
KA2OMB, Eugene F. Ulrich, Bethpage, NY
WA2TUK, Bernard Durkee, Ft. Edward, NY
W2UJZ, Frederick G. Roesch, West Seneca, NY
W2ZNC, Milton N. Lieberman, North Lauderdale, FL
K3AG, Otto J. Goohs, Pittsburgh, PA
W3AUA, Walter Davis, Monessen, PA
W3CJT, James A. "Bill" Sutherland, Suitland, MD
WA3DNN, Finis O. Boyce, Bridgeville, PA
W3DQZ, Philip R. "Buddy" deCourcelle, Wilmington, DE
W3EH, Reginald K. Harris, Rockville, MD
KA3EHI, William Mason, Philadelphia, PA
K3ELJ, Gene B. Hasbrouck, Cory, PA
WB3HCM, William T. Markland, Pocomoke City, MD
W3HTS, Charles M. Dibbell, Allentown, PA
K3ISZ, Walter D. Clark, Pittsburgh, PA
WB3JGQ, Robert C. Mears, Pittsburgh, PA
W3KA, Ralph B. Ladd, Silver Spring, MD
W3KGD, Richard D. Althaus, Silver Spring, MD
W3RXY, Alfred N. Hendershot, Bangor, PA
WA3ZMS, Wayne R. Sphar, Ocala, FL
W4AQM, Charles W. Roberts, Miami, FL
K4BI, James E. Martin, Valdosta, GA
N4BIT, Albert J. Lankford, Montgomery, AL
W4BMF, Raymond J. Green, Port Charlotte, FL
K4BQQ, Edgar J. Love, St. Petersburg, FL
WB4CCN, Arthur H. Bond, Jr., Casselberry, FL
W4CI, John J. Fogarty, Tampa, FL
K4CIE, Bertie B. Padgett, Andalusia, AL
KD4DP, Stanley J. Horbarek, Citrus Springs, FL
W4FHE, Paul S. Leach, Bluemont, VA

W4FSW, Herbert F. Arnold, Clanton, AL
K4GFL, Thomas L. Sheets, Dyersburg, TN
WA4JMY, O. Mark Hillman, Daytona Beach, FL
W4JRB, Dave Horton, Silver Springs, FL
W4KJS, Charles E. Beard, Winston Salem, NC
W4RNX, William V. Jacoway, Fort Payne, AL
W4SHC, Clarence J. Esarey, Louisville, KY
W4SIZ, Dwight W. "Charlie," Lake Panasoffkee, FL
W4TD, Edward B. Manley, Melrose, FL
W4TM, Lloyd K. Rush, Jackson, TN
WB4USQ, Oscar L. Eldridge, Enterprise, AL
W5ADU, Thomas E. Hampton, Baton Rouge, AL
W5AOZ, William A. Simo, New Orleans, LA
K5AWR, John M. Clardy, Dallas, TX
WD5CPZ, Sidney E. Purser, Austin, TX
*K5DM, Carroll E. Smith, Richardson, TX
KA5DRX, Betty G. Couch, Guthrie, OK
W5IHS, Roland J. Balusek, Eagle Lake, TX
K5IUW, Charles Pimm, Brady, TX
WD5IXC, Travis O. Cameron, San Antonio, TX
WD5IYE, J. David Short, Fort Worth, TX
W5KHF, Ben B. Dibrell, Ardmore, OK
W5KLL, Thomas A. Chase, San Antonio, TX
W5KME, Truman D. Eneet, Saint Francisville, LA
W5NGV, Harold Buckspan, Austin, TX
W5OLC, Charles R. Sanford, Sr., Sulphur Springs, TX
WA5VIL/N5DVT, Clyde L. Johnson, Yukon, OK
K5ZBN, Frederick K. Hankinson, Arlington, TX
W5ZHM, Arthur J. McCleery, Kennedale, TX
K6AAB, Lyman G. Swendsen, N. Hollywood, CA
K6AFD, C. J. Macumber, Pico-Rivera, CA
W6BJR, Edgar T. Howes, Pasadena, CA
WD6CCT, Bert E. Stone, Hollywood, CA
WD6DLA, Quido H. Ciardi, Tullahoma, TN
W6FVM, Jesse L. Swift, Cloverdale, CA
KA6IFK, Frank G. Denison, Santa Maria, CA
W6IGY, Howard Harvey, Anaheim, CA
WA6ILE, Ronald W. Rast, Orangevale, CA
WA6INV, Clell Passmore, San Lorenzo, CA
KA6KIK, Walt Strzalkowski, Brea, CA
WA6LBO, Donald W. Hussey, Sierra Vista, AZ
W6LDX, Theodore A. Still, Ventura, CA
*K6LZO, Clarence L. Touw, Graeagle, CA
WB6RBP, Loren O. Merriman, Bakersfield, CA
KA6RMN, Howard L. Bromwell, Redding, CA
K6RO, Robert E. Doherty, Los Angeles, CA
K6SEQ, Nicholas A. Hurtig, Fresno, CA
WA6WJT, Irwin L. Horwitz, Wrightwood, CA
W6ZLO, Glen D. Berwick, Pacific Grove, CA
W7AE, Leonard L. McFord, Phoenix, AZ

W7AJO, Joe M. Demic, St. David, AZ
W7DYQ, James P. Campbell, Freeland, WA
W7EXX, Robert G. Scott, Lyons, OR
WA7PWG, Leroy J. Atkinson, Las Vegas, NV
N8BB, Robert G. Black, Marshall, MI
W8DEV, Ulysses C. Grugel, Euclid, OH
WA8DQJ, Burleson Grimes, Christianburg, OH
W8FGD, John R. Garrison, Sun City, AZ
W8HMI, Frank R. Smith, Alexandria, VA
W8LEZ, Harold E. Collins, Lowell, MI
K8MLS, Stephen L. Eller, Ellenton, FL
W8MMH, James R. Jones, Akron, OH
*K8PCF, Norman N. Hemenway, Parkersburg, WV
WB8RAI, Perrie V. Boureau, West Bloomfield, MI
W8VHQ, John W. Schmoek, Ludington, MI
W9ELY, William G. Raatz, Van Dyne, WI
WA9HID, John Bell, Aurora, IL
W9IPW, George W. Swau, Brighton, IL
K9LBF, Robert C. Brandon, Muncie, IN
W9LBW, Oliver L. Jones, Portage, WI
WB9LNQ, Joseph P. Kuchera, Kenosha, WI
W9RJM, Wilson McFadden, Des Plaines, IL
W9WIN, Hector E. Hickman, Martinsville, IN
*W9WS, Herman R. Schmitt, Logansport, IN
WD0GOU, Ray E. Newbill, Colorado Springs, CO
*W0HKC, Charles E. Nickson, Kansas City, MO
K0LEA, Joseph L. Rebol, Pueblo, CO
KA0LOB, Palmer G. Keil, Thompson, IA
KA0MJV, Robert Littrell, Carthage, MO
WB0MMN, Johnnie J. Hammons, Springfield, MO
**K0MOA, Edgar W. Freeman, Yankton, SD
WB0OOM, Richard T. Lindsey, Parsons, KS
W0RVO, Robert C. Molitor, Saint Cloud, MN
W0UZA, Edwin H. Oshier, Hill City, SD
W0VTK, Alva C. Suedekum, Sarcoux, MO
VE2AMP, Melvin A. Pearce, Montreal, PQ
VE3AWB, Ross Huffman, Hamilton, ON
VE3HO1, Henry E. "Ted" Dubois, Newmarket, ON

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**Charter Life Member

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.



Special Events

Conducted By Mark J. Wilson,* AA2Z

Burlington, Wisconsin: KA9ADJ will operate from 1400-2400Z Nov. 6-7 to commemorate the 53rd anniversary of the Burlington Liars Club, founded in 1929. Frequencies: phone — 3.984 7.245 14.285. Certificate for large s.a.s.e. and contact number to: I. Welker, KA9ADJ, 35000 Oak Knoll Rd., Burlington, WI 53105.

Houston, Texas: Johnson Space Center ARC operates W5RRR during Space Shuttle missions, providing special QSL cards and retransmitting live air-ground communications between the Orbiter and Mission Control in Houston. The next mission is scheduled for Nov. 11, for five days. Frequencies: phone — 3.940 7.265 14.280 21.365 28.600. There may be some color SSTV operation, including video from NASA, on the usual frequencies (mostly 20 meters). QSL for s.a.s.e. to: JSC Ham Club, RFD 1, NASA, Houston, TX 77058.

Kennedy Space Center, Florida: Cape Kennedy ARC will operate NF4B from Nov. 11 to 18, during the next Space Shuttle mission. Operation will commence just after orbit is achieved Nov. 11, and will continue from 1400-2400Z each day for the mission's duration. Full-color liftoff photo certificate available for large s.a.s.e. (2 units First Class postage) to: CKAARC,

P.O. Box 21065, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32815.

Washington, District of Columbia: ABC-TV Washington Engineering Group will operate KB7ZZ/3 in celebration of its first year of operation from the network's new Washington News Bureau from 1400-2400Z Nov. 13. Frequencies: phone — 7.245 14.285; cw — 7.125 at 45 minutes past each hour. Special QSL for s.a.s.e. to: S. Malis, KA4ORL, 2520 Heathcliff Lane, Reston, VA 20091.

Glades Co., Florida: Fort Myers ARC will operate W4LX during their Gladspedition on Nov. 13. Operation in General class phone and cw bands. Some Novice operation also planned. QSL via: D. Fox, KA8CXQ, P.O. Box 051131, Tice, FL 33905.

Gaylord, Michigan: Tri-County Wireless Group will operate N8COY from 1400Z Nov. 13 until 0600Z Nov. 14 from the 45th parallel, halfway between the Equator and the North Pole. Frequencies: phone — 3.925 7.250 14.300 21.375 28.550. Certificate for QSL and s.a.s.e. to N8COY.

Sandusky, Ohio: Sandusky (OH) Radio Experimental League will operate W8LBZ from 1800Z Nov. 13 until 1800Z Nov. 14 in celebration of the club's 50th anniversary. Frequencies: phone — 3.910 7.265 14.280 21.360 28.600; cw — 40 kHz from low end; Novice — 7.125 28.150. Special QSL/certificate for QSL to: W8LBZ, 2909 West Perkins Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Tulsa ARC will operate W5FU from 1400Z Nov. 20 until 0600Z Nov. 21 in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Oklahoma's statehood. Frequencies: phone — 25 kHz up from lower General class band edges. Certificate for large s.a.s.e. to: TARC, 1010 S. Main, Tulsa, OK 74119.

Trinidad and Tobago: Trinidad and Tobago ARS will sponsor the 9Y4 QSO Party from 0000Z Nov. 20 until 2359Z Nov. 21 to celebrate 20 years of independence, 5 years as a republic and 50 years of Amateur Radio. 160-10 meters, phone and cw. Exchange signal report and serial number. Certificate for working five or more 9Y4/9Y50 stations. Send log data by Dec. 21 (include IRCs for certificate) to: TTARS, P.O. Box 1167, Port of Spain, Trinidad, West Indies.

Bethlehem, Connecticut: W1FHP and Santa's Helpers will operate from Christmastown from Nov. 28 until Jan. 3 (1983). Operation 25 kHz from lower General class band edges, 40-10 meters. QSL available. Award also available for working five towns named Bethlehem throughout the world. QSL to W1FHP Callbook address.

Note: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 15th of the second month preceding publication date. For example, your information would have to reach Hq. by Dec. 15 to make the February issue.



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Rules, ARRL 160-Meter Contest

The rules for this year's 160-Meter Contest are identical to last year's. Please remember that W/VE stations are prohibited from transmitting in the 1825 to 1830 kHz DX Window.

Official entry forms are available from ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.e. If you want enough log sheets for more than 300 QSOs, please include two units of First Class postage. Good hunting!

Rules

1) **Object:** For amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with W/VE amateurs on 1.8 MHz cw only. DX-to-DX QSOs are not permitted for contest credit.

2) **Contest Period:** 2200 UTC December 3 until 1600 UTC December 5. Forty-two-hour period with no time limitation.

3) Categories:

(A) **Single Operator:** One person performs all transmitting, receiving, spotting and logging functions.

(B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter only. Those obtaining any form of assistance such as

relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

4) Contest Exchange:

(A) W/VE: Signal report and ARRL section.

(B) DX: Signal report and country name (or ITU Region if maritime or aeronautical mobile).

5) Scoring:

(A) QSO points: Two points for QSOs with amateurs in an ARRL section. W/VE stations count five points for DX QSOs.

(B) Multipliers: ARRL sections plus VER/VY1 (maximum of 74) and DXCC countries (W/VE participants only).

(C) Final score: Multiply QSO points by multiplier. Example: W8LRL works 357 stations, including 13 DX stations, and has a multiplier of 67. His score would be 753 QSO points (344×2) + (13×5) multiplied by 67 for 50,451 points.

6) **Adherence to Band Plan:** W/VE stations may transmit only in the segments 1800-1825 and 1830-1850 kHz in conformance to the ARRL band plan.

7) Reporting:

(A) Official forms are recommended (available for an s.a.s.e. or one IRC from ARRL Hq.).


(B) Logs must indicate time in UTC, call and exchange. Multipliers should be clearly marked in the log the first time worked. Entries with more than 200 QSOs must include cross-check sheets (dupe sheets).

(C) Postmark your entry within 30 days after the end of the contest (January 4, 1983).

8) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the top-scoring single-operator station in each ARRL section and DXCC country, and to the top-scoring multioperator stations in each ARRL Division and continent.

9) Conditions of Entry:

(A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions, as well as the intent, of this announcement, the regulations of his or her licensing authority and the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.

(B) Disqualifications: Excess duplicates and call sign/exchange errors. See January 1982 QST, page 92, for complete details. 

Rules, ARRL 10-Meter Contest

Will Old Sol allow us another outstanding 10-Meter Contest this year? Why not make plans now to tune into the 28-MHz band the weekend of Dec. 11-12 and find out if this year's contest will be as exciting as the last few were? Even if things aren't fantastic, there will still be plenty of people to work.

One note that we can't seem to stress enough: You *must* include the full exchange (signal report and serial number or state) for each QSO you claim for contest credit. Logs not containing full exchanges for all QSOs will be classified as checklogs, which are ineligible for awards. Please bear this in mind as you prepare your entry!

Official entry forms are available from ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.e. If you need log sheets for more than 200 QSOs, please include extra postage (one First Class unit for each additional five sheets ordered).

Rules

1) **Object:** For amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible on 28 MHz.

2) **Contest Period:** Second full weekend of December (December 11-12, 1982). Forty-eight-hour period, all stations operate no more than 36 hours. Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2400 UTC Sunday. Listening time counts as operating time.

3) Categories:

(A) **Single Operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets (operator arrangements involving assistance through DX-alerting nets, etc.) is not permitted.

(1) Mixed mode (phone and cw).

(2) Phone only.

(3) Cw only.

(B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter mixed mode only. Those obtaining any form of assistance such as relief operators, loggers or use of spotting nets.

4) **Contest Exchange:** (A) W/VE stations (including KH6/KL7) send signal report and state or province. (B) DX (including KH2/KP4, etc.) transmit signal report and serial number starting with 001. (C) Maritime or aeronautical mobile stations send signal report and ITU Region (1, 2 or 3). Novice and Technician stations sign /N or /T.

5) Scoring:

(A) QSO points: Count two points for each complete two-way QSO, except four points for QSOs with U.S. Novice or Technician stations (28.1 to 28.2 MHz only — signing /N or /T).

(B) Multipliers: Fifty U.S. states, Canadian call areas (VE1-8, VY1, VO1-2), DXCC countries (except the U.S. and Canada), ITU regions (maritime and aeronautical mobiles only).

(C) Final Score: Multiply QSO points by the sum of states/VE call areas/DXCC countries/ITU regions. Example: K9HMB works 3100 stations, including 10 Novices, for a total of 6220 QSO points. He worked 49 states, 10 Canadian call areas, 53 DXCC countries and a maritime mobile station in Region 2 for a total multiplier of 113. Final score = 6220 (QSO points) \times 113 (multiplier) = 702,860 points.

6) Miscellaneous:

(A) Call signs and exchange information must be received by each station for a complete QSO.

(B) No crossmode contacts; cw QSOs must be made below 28.5 MHz.

(C) Mixed-mode single operator and all multioperator stations may work stations once on cw and once on ssb.

(D) Your call sign must indicate your DXCC country (K6LL in Arizona need not send K6LL/7, but DL8PC in Ohio must send DL8PC/W8).

(E) One operator may not use more than one call sign from any given location during the contest period.

(F) All entrants may transmit only one signal on the air at any given time.

7) Reporting:

(A) Official forms are recommended (available for an s.a.s.e. or two IRCs from ARRL Hq.).


(B) Logs must indicate time in UTC, mode, call and exchange for each QSO. Multipliers should be clearly marked in the log the first time worked. Entries with more than 500 QSOs must include cross-check sheets (dupe sheets).

(C) Postmark your entry within 30 days after the contest (January 12, 1983).

8) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the highest scoring single-operator station (in each category) from each ARRL section and DXCC country. Top multioperator entries in each ARRL Division and each continent will receive certificates. Additional certificates will be awarded as participation warrants.

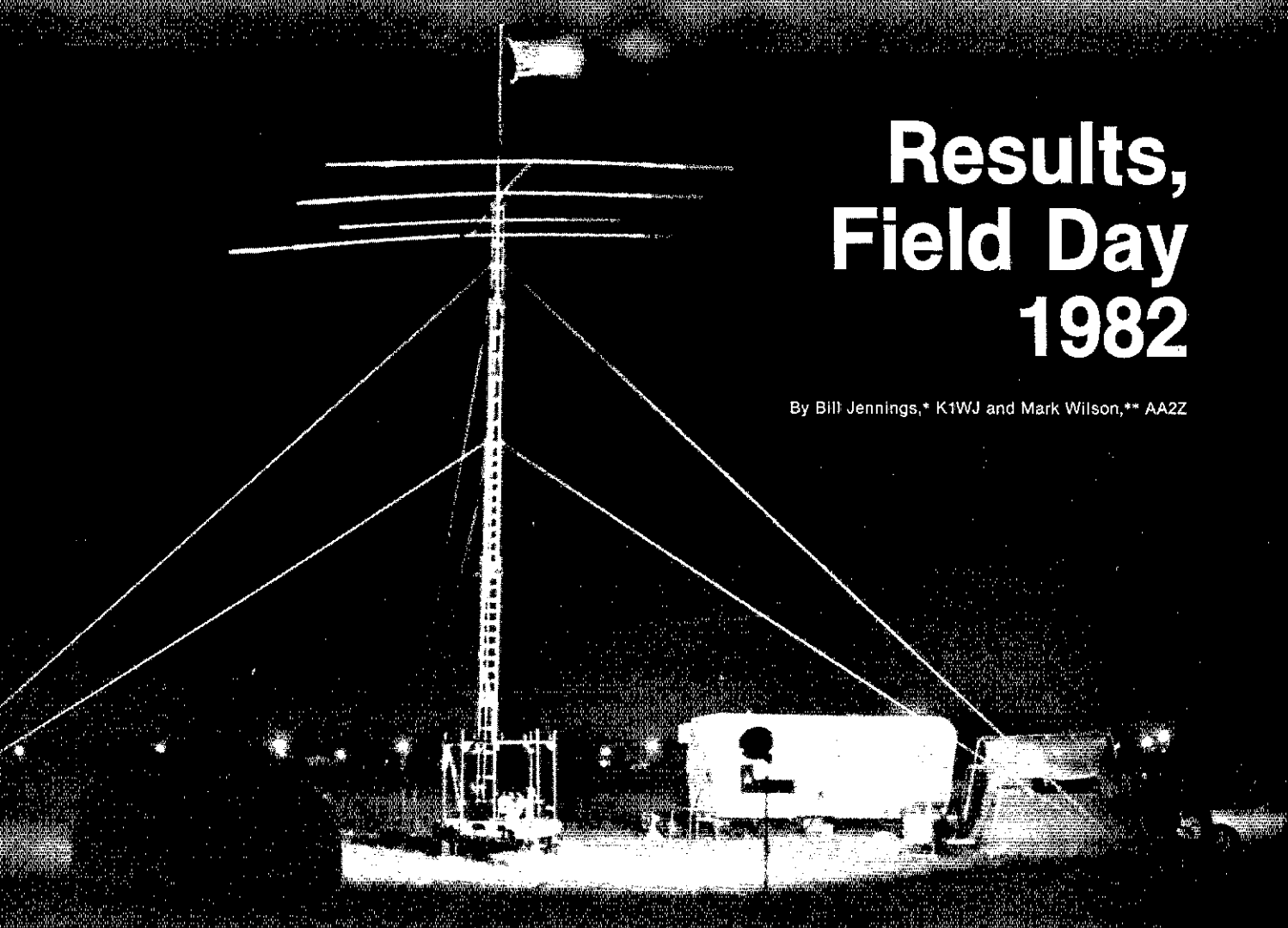
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Results, Field Day 1982

By Bill Jennings,* K1WJ and Mark Wilson,** AA2Z



Nighttime at the site of the Armadillo Gang FD operation. (KC5UN 5A)

Field Day gives us, as radio amateurs, a time to honor tradition and a time to look forward to enhancing the communications art through innovation and our own efforts. If we look back at the reports of Field Days past, we find enough changes to signal advances in the technical end of Amateur Radio, but not enough differences in the "human factor" of Field Day to make those past FDs all that different from the latest running of FD on the weekend of June 26-27, 1982.

This year marked the 46th time in 50 possible years that there has been an ARRL Field Day. The only thing that kept this from being the "golden anniversary" (50th) Field Day were four years of a little unpleasantness called World War II.

In checking the report of the first ARRL Field Day in the September 1933 issue of *QST*, we can see just how far we have come in nearly 50 years. F. E. Handy reports on Field Day number one:

The first Field Day was pronounced an unqualified success, according to about 50 accounts of station participation received. The gang who took part are looking forward to more similar occasions for the practical testing of portable (poten-

tial emergency) equipment, combined with a good time for all.

Portables were operated from all conceivable locations and on almost all Amateur frequency bands. . . . In addition to power limitations, participants reported insect and weather hazards. . . . the results shown in the reports indicate the effort successful, both from the viewpoint that practical building and testing of emergency communication equipment was furthered and from the standpoint that an enjoyable operating activity was made possible. . . . Is your portable equipment independent of interruptions of power? Are you ready for the next tests?

Sound familiar?

Now check the reports of Field Day 1982. Sure, the technology has changed. The 1933 state-of-the-art FD station was a "pair of 46s on 7 and 14 Mc." powered by "B-bats, motor-car B power packs, dynamotors, diesel driven generators and filtered spark-coil step-up devices." A typical 1982 portable station might consist of a solid-state all-band transceiver small enough to carry in one hand, powered by a couple of lantern-sized batteries and a couple of solar-cell panels to recharge them.

What hasn't changed in all of these 46 Field Days is the purpose of FD and the attitude of the FD operators. Field Day is still, always has been and always will be, first and foremost, an

exercise to test our preparedness to deal with any situation during an emergency in which good solid communications are needed. That is the very justification for the creation and maintenance of the Amateur Radio Service. Of course, the competitive aspects of FD, as well as the good times to be had in taking part in a FD operation, are no lesser enticements to join in the fray on that fourth weekend in June.

FD '82 was a tad bigger than its forefather of 1933, which saw reports of 50 active stations with nearly 100 participants. This year 1735 reports were received, documenting the activity of 29,890 operators.

The same inventiveness and stick-to-it spirit that got those FD pioneers of 1933 through FD number 1 in fine style saw the Field Day operators of 1982 survive and, in fact, enjoy the 24/27 hours of the latest outing.

The usual obstacles were overcome and, in some cases, turned to the FD participants' advantage. There were the usual bouts with Murphy: broken rigs, fallen antennas, failing generators and forgotten station accessories. Natural forces also played a big part in Field Day. We had to put up with a solar flare on Saturday afternoon and the usual gauntlet of freak rainstorms, hail, and biting, stinging and annoying insects/flora/fauna — your typical

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Field Day is a grave undertaking for the North Augusta-Belvedere RA. (K4FR 2A)



Crime Prevention is one feature of Field Day that we've never thought of before — it does keep a lot of amateurs off the street for a weekend, though. The van was lent to the Ottawa ARC by the Ottawa Police. (VE3RC 4A)

Field Day occurrences. And when the smoke had cleared, according to most accounts by the news media that were received at Hq. as proof of the FD publicity bonus, Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio operators were lookin' pretty good in the public eye. Well done!

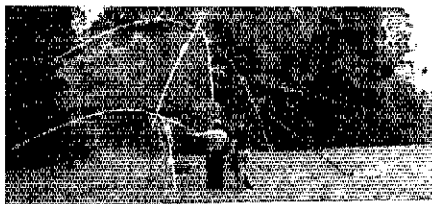
The WIAW FD message this year contained a surprise bonus. It said that by contacting WIAW during the FD period (yes, it really was WIAW in class 25A to the tune of nearly 13,000 QSOs) and so indicating on your FD Summary Sheet, 100 bonus points would be added to your FD score. It was surprising to note that only about 60% of those class A and B stations that were eligible for this bonus bothered to apply for it. It pays to copy the WIAW Field Day Message.

The following is a fictional composite of some of the Field Day stories we received this year.

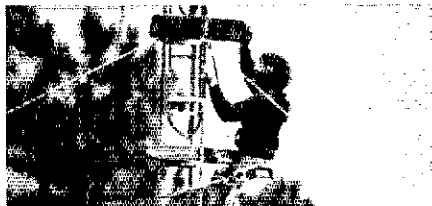
January 6, 1982: Harry Hambone, WAØXYZ, the new activities chairman of the Valley ARC, stands up at the club's first meeting of the year and announces that it's time for the group to start thinking about what the club should do for Field Day. "I know it's early," he says, "but if we want to have a successful effort like we have had for the past 13 Field Days we've got to start planning early." Harry isn't making any definite plans yet, but

Table 1
Entries per Field Day Class

Class	Entries	Class	Entries
1A	209	1C	39
2A	473	2C	2
3A	300	4C	1
4A	175	1D	81
5A	98	2D	8
6A	36	3D	9
7A	25	4D	3
8A	13	5D	1
9A	2	1E	42
10A	2	2E	4
11A	2	3E	5
13A	1	4E	2
17A	1	15E	1
21A	1	check logs	27
1B	129	late/incomplete	15
2B	29		



Members of the Scranton/Pocono ARC administer last rites to their 20-meter quad. At least it was a good try. (K3CSG 4A)



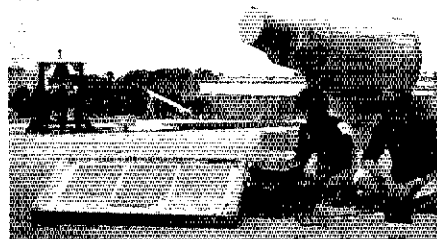
KØNA tries to unjam the telescoping tower at the Arapahoe RC FD operation. (KØNA 2A-Battery)



The Parkersburg ARK has the perfect operating position to take care of those big runs on Field Day. (K8UC 4A)



A banner Field Day for the Green Fox ARC.



Solar power for the Goddard ARC came from using three spare solar panels from the International Sun Earth Explorer spacecraft. The site used was the visitor's center at the Goddard Space Flight Center — that's it in a capsule. (WA3NAN 2A)

he asks his fellow members to think about what they can do to help the club's effort. He says that, starting at the next meeting, he'll ask for specific commitments.

February 3, 1982: Snow from this morning's storm still blankets the roads, but about half of Valley ARC's 83 members, including Harry, make it to the meeting. After the regular agenda items, talk turns to Field Day. Harry's first piece of business is to ask the club what class they should plan to enter. He has a copy of the May 1981 QST with the Field Day rules for last year to help refresh everyone's memory of how the Field Day classes are determined. For years the club had entered in the 3A class, but last year they added another transmitter and went 4A. The ensuing discussion examines the merits of both classes, and the conclusion is that 4A was one transmitter too many because of a lack of operators. The group decides that 3A is "golden."

With the basic question settled, Harry asks for volunteers to handle the following areas: power, equipment, antennas, food, the Novice/Technician station, traffic (for the bonus points), OSCAR and the natural-power station. Hank, AAØXX, whose call shows up in the QST BPL and PSHR listings each month, volunteers to copy the WIAW FD Message and draft a message for relay to the

SCM. This will be good for an extra 200 bonus points. Howard, KØZZZ, says he can build a solar-cell array that will power a QRP rig if someone can supply the rig. Someone can; another 100 bonus points accounted for. Henry, KBØZYX, the club's newest Novice, volunteers to set up the Novice/Tech station if at least one other person will help out. Hubert, KBØXXX, and Hobart, KBØZZZ, raise their hands and volunteer to get together with Henry to iron out the details.

Hazel, ARØX, offers to prepare a press release for the *Valley Gazette*. Hiram, NØZZZ, says he'll try to round up some generators for the club to use. By the end of the meeting, Harry still needs volunteers to arrange for rigs, antennas, food and OSCAR. Still, he's happy that the club has enough interested people to fill half of the subcommittees. A few phone calls and he'll have the rest of the volunteers at the next meeting. The last order of business is a vote on where to hold the FD operation. The consensus is that Memorial Park was a great site and that they should try to reserve it again this year. Harry makes a mental note to fire off a letter to the town council.

March 3, 1982: Harry stands up in front of the club and reviews what happened at the February meeting. He explains that Field Day is a group effort and that people are needed to

round up rigs, antennas and food. As it turns out, the food is the easiest problem to solve, as Harley, KD0XX, suggests that everyone bring something different and have a "pot luck" supper this year. He'll coordinate so that they don't end up with 23 pork and bean casseroles. Before he starts pressuring people into bringing rigs and antennas, Harry explains his course of action. They'll set up one station for use on cw on all bands. Another will be dedicated to phone operation on 80 and 40. The third will operate 20, 15 and 10-meter phone. The natural-power QSOs will be made at the cw station, and the traffic will be handled at the 80 and 40 phone station. The way Harry sees it, they need three transceivers, two triband Yagis and some wire antennas. He'll bring his rig and an 80/40 dipole for the 80/40 phone station. Hollis, WD0XXX, says he plans to move his tribander from a roof mount to a new tower this coming summer, so he'll postpone the new antenna raising until after Field Day. Hilda, N0XYZ, says she'll bring her rig again this year on the condition that Horatio, AL4K/0, doesn't plug it into the 220-V line as he did last year. Horatio promises not to, and at the same time offers his trap dipole, so the cw station is complete. All Harry needs now is another antenna and rig for the 20-10 meter phone station. A few more phone calls . . .

April 7, 1982: Harry is pleased to announce that the town council voted to allow the FD operation at Memorial Park. The mayor also noted that he will proclaim the week before Field Day as Amateur Radio Week. Some of Harry's buddies have volunteered enough equipment for the third station. The Novices unveil their plans for a 200-foot wire vertical supported by a helium-filled weather balloon. Hiram reports that he still needs one more

generator because Homer, WA0XZZ, refuses to bring his again. Seems someone ran it out of oil last year and the engine seized. Harry says the club will rent one from We Rent Anything, if need be. Still no volunteer for the OSCAR station.

May 5, 1982: Harry brings in the May QST with the Field Day rules. He asks the club secretary to send an s.a.s.e. to Hq. for a Field Day package. "For 60 cents," he explains, "we can be sure we get the right forms, so ARRL Hq. can report our score accurately. Remember the year the FD Chairman didn't send for the right forms and left out some info? After all our hard work, our entry ended up listed with the incomplete entries." Howard reports all is well with the solar-cell array, and that they've tried it out. Everything works fine. The Novices can't get the helium balloon, so they've opted for an all-band, G5RV-type antenna. Another club member has arranged to borrow two 35-foot push-up masts from a local contractor to support the tribanders. Homer will bring his generator after all. The food is all squared away; looks as though a fine repast is scheduled. Harry can't believe it; more than a month before Field Day and all is taken care of except the OSCAR station.

June 2, 1982: Everything is in a "go" condition. The bulk of the club meeting is devoted to reviewing the club's game plan and taking care of last-minute problems. There is still nobody willing to attempt OSCAR, but all of the other bonus points are accounted for. Should be another successful FD operation. Harry's parting words are, "Pray for good weather."

June 26, 1982: It's 7 A.M. The sun peeks over the horizon basking Memorial Park in a subdued glow as Harry and 28 members of Valley ARC set up for the most enjoyable ham

radio weekend of the year.

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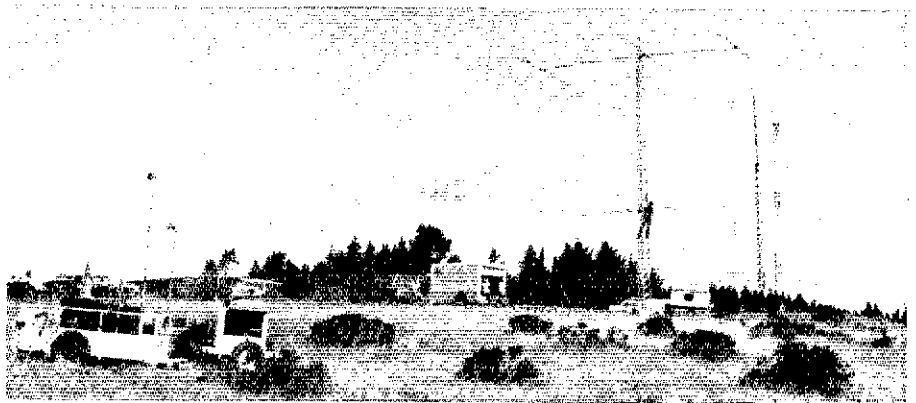
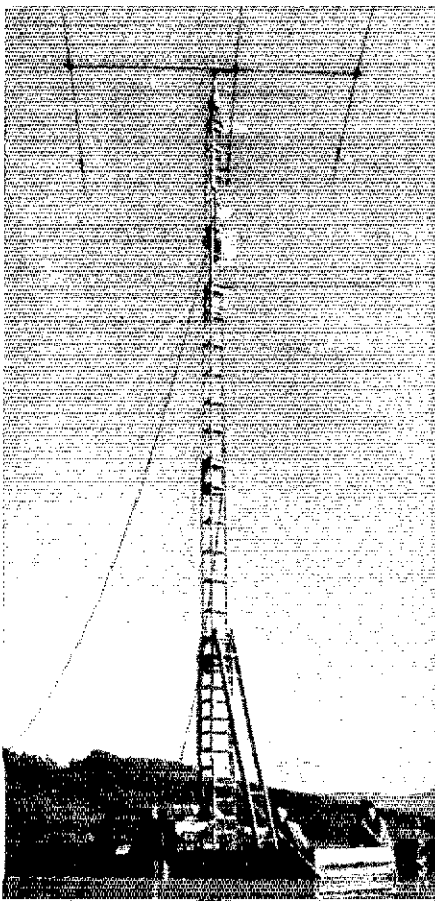
We hate to have to keep repeating ourselves, but it seems that this must be said year after year. With all the time and effort that your group puts into its Field Day effort, it makes sense to spend some time to submit your Field Day entry correctly. Homemade FD entry forms seem to be the major culprit in incomplete and indecipherable FD entries. Really, is it too much to spend 60 cents and a few moments of time to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ARRL Hq. for official forms? The official forms even come with instructions on how they are to be filled out. Put a responsible person in charge of sending in your FD entry. Even a correctly filled out entry is useless if it is received after the deadline. Watch those mailing deadlines. The Field Day Rules, which appear every May in QST, tell all there is to know on how to play Field Day. It's worth the time to read the rules *before* FD rolls around.

Thanks for all those FB Field Day photos. Obviously, we get more than we can use in the FD report. We do use as many as possible in other articles and publications, and are grateful for all the photos we receive.

We owe a special thanks to Brandy Kenney, ARRL Contest Aide, who worked very hard to ready the FD scores for this listing.

That just about wraps up the report on FD '82. We think it's pretty hard not to get involved in a Field Day operation. If you've been out at FD before, you know what we're talking about. If you have yet to participate in Field Day, why not start your own Field Day tradition with an outing on FD '83. You'll be glad you did.

A truck-mounted tower used on FD by the Loveland Repeater Assn. (W0OSK/0 2A)



The Foothills ARS brought out an impressive array of antenna hardware to do battle in the 4A category from their site near San Francisco. (K6YA 4A)



The OQUIRRH group had quite a view in looking down from 9300-foot ASL Peak into the Bingham Open-Pit Copper Mine. (N7ARE 1A-Battery)



The old snow bucket gets a workout even in summer with the Ottawa Valley Mobile RC. (VE3RAM 2A-Battery)

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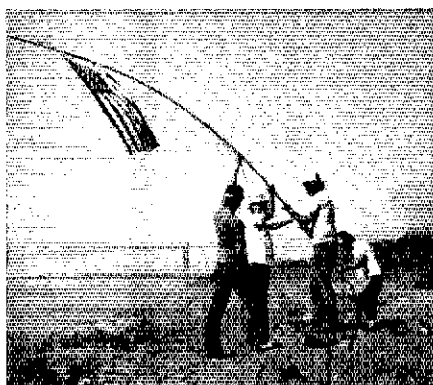
Some Field Day nostalgia from the Chehalem Valley ARC. (K7FM 2A-Battery)



The Beacon ARC has participated in every Field Day since the club was formed in 1937. W3CNP is doing 20-meter ssb, while W3MRM keeps the dupe sheet on the computer.



How's this for "natural power"? Communications were strung a little thin at the Surely Temple Solar Society. (WB8QKR 1A-Battery)



The operators at AE6H/6 (4A) (see cover) raise the antenna mast atop 781-foot Mount Livermore at the start of their mini-expedition. All five members of the Redwood Empire DX Assn. took part.



Gourmet chef Souly, VE2FFS, keeps the troops happy at the Montreal ARC FD site. (VE2BG 2A)



The natural-power bonus station at the Monsanto ARA. (W8DYY 4A)



The University of Pennsylvania ARC and the Holmesburg ARC joined forces on Field Day on the grounds of the Pennsylvania State Hospital in Philadelphia. (N3KZ 2A)

SOAPBOX

The name of the N7ZZ 2A Field Day group (7313 points) is: The Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon Conspiracy dedicated to burying the Decaying Corpse of the Roasted Turkey Gut Group Fortified by the Loose Individuals DX Society in Coalition with the Rubber Circle Contest Cheaters Club and further dedicated to winning Field Day bets no matter what (N7ZZ). We had an endless stream of deluges for the entire week before Field Day. Our site absorbed all the moisture it could, until the water table moved above ground level. All our campers and RVs had to be pulled out later with a Jeep and winch . . . our generator and its propane tanks sank almost out of sight . . . walking to and from the stations in the ankle-deep quagmire was a nightmare, but every operator made it on schedule. If there had been a *real* emergency, the conditions we'd be operating under couldn't be much worse than what we experienced during FD '82 (AJ4L, 5A). We set up near a church graveyard. The only problem we had was during a 20-minute period Saturday, when all receivers went dead. We suspect that the spirits came to inspect the installation, found all well, and allowed us to proceed (K4FR, 2A). We set up on the Ottawa River. The site was chosen so as to have a water reflecting plane/ground plane. On 40 meters, we used two antennas: a half-wave coaxial vertical and an over-the-water Half-Delta Loop (VE3CZ). We started setup at 1800Z Saturday and hoped to be operating in a matter of minutes, but Murphy slowed us down at the start. Found Jim, K8JOS, trying to talk to a bullfrog about 4 A.M. (Hi!) Sure had a lot of fun (K8JK, 2A). We had a great time again this year, even though conditions were not as good as in past years. At one point, stations reported that the bottom fell out of everything! Must've been a solar flare. We improved our effort this year with planned meals, and we had the use of a boom truck for a "tower." The mild temperature made for comfortable operating. Lost one generator, but had a spare ready (W6PIY, 2A). The highlight of FD was working ZL2BMC on 75-m phone with 10 W and a low dipole. For the second year, we ran on total wind power. It not only ran perfectly, but also generated more power than we could use in the 10-W category (K7FM). Our newly designed log sheets made it necessary to invite only operators who could write small. The new logs were a good idea, however, since we kept the filled-sheets-per-hour quota the same as last year (K1GQ/2, 1A). We had one less rig, but made 90% as many QSOs as last year. Many people sent faster than we could receive, making some contacts unusable (N2DM, 2A Batt.). Not every station in California is a kilowatt! This was our first FD; we'll have to get serious next year (K6EWM, 1B-2). Been a ham for 11 years, and this is the first time I went out. My Heath HW-7 got a lot more contacts than I expected. It didn't rain, and

2-Meter Nets and NTS

Some confusion exists concerning the proper format for National Traffic System (NTS) nets that operate on 2-meter fm repeaters. There are numerous opinions as to why NTS format should not be used on repeaters even though it is followed on hf nets.

Don't be misled. The system is structured for use on all frequencies and is to be followed by all NTS nets. Our outline is found in the ARRL *Public Service Communications Manual*, which includes procedures that are to be followed by NTS nets regardless of band/mode.

Originally, 2-meter fm nets were run by emergency coordinators (ECs) for the passing of emergency traffic within the local area. Since the widespread use of repeaters, repeater traffic nets have sprung up all over the U.S. and Canada, and are used for the daily handling of third-party formal radiograms. Traffic nets serve many functions. They keep operator skills sharp and train new operators. Such nets operate to convey traffic of a formal nature on behalf of a third party. Just by their existence, nets train operators (even those who are not active participants) when to transmit and when not to transmit, and how to follow directions. This comes under the heading of discipline.

Disciplined operations on traffic nets do not, in the least, preclude their use for emergency communications; in fact, they aid in the emergency communications effort. ECs still hold their emergency nets, but only on a limited basis because of the daily traffic nets that occupy the repeaters. Voila! Training *daily* instead of weekly.

Unfortunately, training is usually performed only on the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) nets once a week, or whenever the EC schedules the net. Training in net operation is the single most important function that a 2-meter fm net can perform. ECs conduct their nets for this purpose. All the hams in the area who listen to the repeater are subjected to the training procedures and operating skills used by the net participants. Why, then, should a

traffic net that operates daily *not* use proper procedures and operating habits that are needed by the entire Amateur Radio community during emergency conditions?

Sounds more like the individual citizens of our community who say, "Why have an emergency plan for the evacuation of a nuclear power plant? Why not close the plant down; then we don't have any need for emergency preparedness." Keeping your eyes closed won't make it go away, and you also won't have any juice. Well, hams have been thinking the same way about 2-meter fm traffic nets. What is the sense of having a traffic net that operates using incorrect procedures? When we need traffic passed during an emergency, the entire ham community will want "to come to the rescue" and foul up the operation with incorrect procedures. That is precisely what they have been training to do by listening to a poor traffic net.

I ask you which is worse: having no traffic net, or having a traffic net that uses poor procedures and, when an emergency occurs, falls flat on its face in front of the public? Great public relations and community service? Even worse, a poorly operated net can obstruct an emergency communicate and possibly cause damage or injury to the people we are trying to help.

The general attitude of the amateur population toward emergency preparedness needs much work. Amateur Radio will no longer be what it is today if we don't do something about our present operating habits while engaged in traffic handling on 2-meter repeaters.

Amateur Radio has much more to offer our fellow citizens than just a lot of crowded air waves. We can set a good example by using the proper procedures and by operating with courtesy. Two-meter nets do not just train the participants; they train the listener. By listening to proper procedures on a daily basis, operating with correct format comes automatically in emergency situations. Ever hear of Pavlov's theory? Ring my bell and I'll use proper procedures without having to think about it.

I'm sure you know the reason that manufacturers put commercials on radio and television to sell products. It has been shown that people buy what they are exposed to in commercials. That is to say, whether they are directly involved in listening to the commercials or just casually listening with half an ear, they are subjected to the sales pitch and are mentally primed. They may not remember the commercial, but the product name will sure ring a bell, and that is what they will buy. There's my man Pavlov again!

The same holds true with operating procedures. Whether we are directly involved in a traffic net or just casually listening to our favorite repeater, we are taught to operate in the prescribed manner. If we are directly involved, we are taught by participating properly; if we are just listening while an efficient net is in operation, procedures rub off and things start to happen in our heads. Ideally, everything that we do over a 2-meter repeater trains both the participant and the casual listener. Now that we have a sequence of events, we can set that chain in motion by starting at the beginning.

In traffic handling, people who listen to a good net have learned how to operate in the correct manner. In this way, we set the right example and train the non-emergency personnel how to act when the real emergency occurs. We must practice what we preach, or the entire system is in jeopardy. Operating procedures must remain the same, no matter what net or mode we use. This is the single-most-important idea that I have stressed since becoming section emergency coordinator (SEC) of Eastern New York. We must be able to integrate operators anywhere in the system, no matter what band, mode or repeater is in use. Operating procedures must remain constant for every net that operates within the NTS, or the system fails. Standard operating procedures shall be in accordance with the ARRL *Public Service Communications Manual*; under no circumstances should they be ignored. — Charles H. Johansen, KB2KW

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Kenora, Ontario — July 11. VE4MY was monitoring CB channel 11 when a call requesting medical help came over the air. A woman visiting the Minaki area in southwestern Ontario had sustained a compound fracture to her wrist. VE4MY alerted VE3FY over the VE3LWR repeater. VE3FY notified the Lake of the Woods District Hospital, which dispatched a plane to fly up to the Minaki area and pick up the injured woman. She was transported to Winnipeg, some 90 air miles, for treatment. (VE3JJH, secretary/treasurer, Lake of the Woods ARS)

□ Kokomo, Indiana/Denver, Colorado — August 16. KJ9G received a phone call from W9PLO, who told him that there had been a death in a family near Kokomo. KJ9G's help was needed in tracking a member of that family traveling through the Denver area. KJ9G got on the 20-Meter Independent County Hunters Net and contacted WB0ICP, who was mobile about 60 miles from Denver. WB0ICP put out the

word about the search over local repeaters and contacted WB0DUL, who then joined the search. After driving more than 20 miles, WB0DUL located the person's car. He stayed at the car until the owner showed up, and delivered the message that the driver was to call home. (W9UMH, SCM Indiana)

□ Cline, Texas — August 26. WA7GBU was mobile when he spotted a house on fire. He contacted W5LFG, using W5LFG/R in Brackettville, some 20 miles west of Cline. W5LFG telephoned the fire department, which quickly responded. When two other residences became involved in the fire, the firefighters required additional support from another fire company. The fires were later contained, and no injuries were reported. (KCSRP, DEC Kinney, Maverick and Val Verde Cos.)

□ Camarillo, California — August 29. WD6DND and his family were on their way to an outing when a small car cut across the median in front of them and struck a station wagon. Two of the four occupants in the wagon were killed instantly; the other two were injured. Using the Shelter Mountain RA's repeater, WA6ZTT/R, WD6DND contacted W6RIC, who notified the highway patrol by phone. After pulling

over to the side, WD6DND got out of his car and crossed the highway on foot to free the other passengers in the wagon, which was smoking. County fire officials arrived on the scene only six minutes after the collision, and an ambulance appeared five minutes later to take care of the injured persons. (W6RIC, DEC Ventura Co. ARES)

□ Lawton, Oklahoma — September 12. A fire broke out in the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. offices and caused more than half of the city to lose service. The city's emergency operating center telephone link with the state EOC office was also severed. K5VRL was requested to activate the state EOC station in Oklahoma City to provide a direct radio link with the Lawton area. Communications with the stricken area were maintained on both 40 meters and the WR5AJV repeater for several hours until phone service was restored. (W5REC, ASCM Oklahoma)

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Akron Ohio — August 16. A hazardous chemical — sulfur monochloride — escaped from a storage

*Deputy Communications Manager, ARRL

Third-Party Traffic Agreements

Here is the latest list of countries with which U.S. and Canadian amateurs may legally handle third-party traffic.

U.S. Agreements

North America: Antigua and Barbuda, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Lucia.

South America: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Europe: 4U1ITU.

Africa: Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia.

Asia: Israel, Jordan

Oceania: Australia, Pitcairn Island*.

*Informal agreement. See League Lines, October 1981 QST, for details.

Canadian Agreements

North America: Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, United States.

South America: Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Europe: 4U1ITU.

Africa: none.

Asia: Israel.

Oceania: Australia.

Keep in mind that during emergency situations special, temporary third-party agreements are often established between the countries concerned. W1AW carries information on these temporary authorizations. When in doubt, monitor W1AW.



Among the ARRL dignitaries attending the WIMU Hamfest (combined Northwestern/Rocky Mountain Division Convention) was Oregon SCM W7QMU. (W1YL photo)

court house. K7DEO went with the search team to keep the team linked with K7SKW. The weather on the mountain was bad all day, and the search was concluded for the night, with no positive results.

Although the search itself had been called off until the next morning and the court house closed at 2230, K7SKW stayed on the air, and WB7DSA, WB7EP1, and WA7RUB monitored their own radios at home all night.

On August 14, the operations resumed about 0500. N7AEP, King County EC, volunteered his group's efforts, should they be required to assist with the search. Not only was their help needed, but a general call for additional communications assistance was put out. Responses from North Vancouver, Maple Ridge, Chilliwack (BC), Bremerton, Tacoma and Snohomish County came in. The group from the Seattle area included a nine-man team from Mexico, which was just visiting the area.

The weather on the second day of the search was improved somewhat, but was still questionable. About 1000, the weather cleared enough for a helicopter, dispatched from the Snohomish Sheriff's Office, to perform an aerial search.

The chopper quickly found the missing trio, who later explained that they had taken a wrong turn because of poor visibility. They had just started out again when the searchers in the helicopter spotted them. The Whatcom County Court House and Mt. Baker ARC station K7SKW were secured at 1445.

Approximately 130 people were involved with the search. Groups represented included the Whatcom County Sheriff's Department, the Whatcom County Department of Emergency Services, Bellingham Mountain Rescue, 4 x 4 Search and Rescue (a four-wheel-drive group), Explorer Search and Rescue, REACT and the Mt. Baker ARC/Whatcom County ARES. During the search, some 2500-plus man-hours were expended. (Karl J. Peterson, WA7RUB, AEC Whatcom Co. ARES)

ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

☐ For August, 42 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 22,121. Sections reporting were: AL, AK, AB, AZ, CO, CT, ENY, IN, KS, KY, ME, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NC, NFL, NTX, OH, OK, ON, ORG, PAC, SV, SK, SDG, SF, SJV, SC, SD, SFL, STX, TN, VA, WV, WMA, WNY, WPA and WI.

REPEATER LOG

According to reports received between August 21 and September 21, the following repeaters were involved in the delineated public service events.

	Weather Emergency	Medical Activity	Vehicular Emergency	Public Safety Events	Search and Rescue	Fire	Power Failures	Drills/Alerts	Total
WR1AE								1	1
K1HF								1	1
K1KTB						1			1
KC2CY				5				1	11
WB2ID								1	1
WA2PAV				9				5	14

	Weather Emergency	Medical Activity	Vehicular Emergency	Public Safety Events	Search and Rescue	Fire	Power Failures	Drills/Alerts	Total
K2QJ								1	1
W2VL	1	1		18	1			4	21
WB2ZJ				2				1	3
W3BFL				1	3			4	8
W3UER				1				1	2
W3VRZ				2					2
KA4BQH				2					2
WB4LET	2			2				5	9
VE4MAN								1	1
NN4N				4					4
WB4QES	1	1		19	3				24
WA4SWF				1				1	2
WB4UGH				1					1
W5GIX			1	5					6
WA5LHL	2								2
W5RVT				1	1				2
WD6AWP				9					9
WD6FGX			1	4					5
W6GNS				3					3
KH6HHG	1							1	2
WB1YY				6				1	13
WA6QXV	2			3	1			5	6
K7CC				10				4	14
KC7FA			1	4				5	10
W8CCI				1				1	2
K8DDG								5	5
W8EWD	1							1	2
W8FG								1	1
WR9ACD								1	1
K9J8I	1								1
W9KXQ				1	1	1			3
K9LPW	1			1					2
K9LSB	1	1		4				4	12
N9RD	1							2	3
W9VCF								1	1
WR0AFT	1							2	3
WD0BQM								1	1
W0CVX	2							1	3
WD0GOL								1	1
WB0HAC			1						1
K0HPY								1	1
W0MME	1			2				1	4
WA0REX								1	1
WB0SBH	1								1
Total	17	8	3	123	8	3	24	48	237

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

The United States now has a third-party traffic agreement with Antigua/Barbuda, V2, and with St. Lucia, J6.

Certificates: 8RN/c4 — W8LYV, K8KMQ, W3RC; RN6/c4 — N6WP, W6RBT, W6NL, K6YD; 1RN/c2 — K1AQE, W1GKXZ, W1TBY, W1EOF, K1AON, N1BHH, N1AWX, AK1W, N1BJW, W1JTH, W1AHM, W1TN, KA1BJ, AK1E, W1CUE, N1ALM, K1OSM, K1IM, K1BOB, K1AIT, W1YYW, KA1CDC, W1KK, W1AITL, W1BIH.

August Reports

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cycle Two							
Area Nets							
EAN	31	1059	34.2	.699	91.4		
CAN	31	826	26.7	.473	100.0		
PAN*	59	657	11.1	.381	93.0		
Region Nets							
1RN	53	222	4.2	.247	64.0	98.8	
2RN	62	303	4.9	.259	94.5	100.0	
3RN	31	146	4.7	.361	94.4	87.1	
4RN	62	575	8.3	.289	81.1	100.0	
RN5	31	367	11.8	.348	96.8	100.0	
RN6	60	483	8.0	.330	80.6	95.2	
RN7	81	471	5.8	.355	76.7	95.2	
8RN	58	263	4.5	.258	73.1	90.3	
9RN	62	361	5.8	.358	99.2	100.0	
TEN	31	318	10.3	.300	79.2	100.0	
ECN						74.2	
TWN	62	265	4.3	.355	59.0	88.7	
TCC							
TCC Eastern	112 ¹		818				
TCC Central	81 ¹		341				
TCC Pacific	103 ¹		467				
Cycle Four							
Area Nets							
EAN	31	2213	71.4	1.517	96.8		
CAN	31	1256	40.5	.909	99.5		
PAN	31	1214	39.2	.840	96.2		
Region Nets							
1RN							100.0



Keeping track of over 1000 marathons is easy when you have Lancaster (Nebraska) Co. ARES and Lincoln ARC to help. Here, N0COO, marathon coordinator for the Lincoln ARC and an assistant EC, passes information into the WR0AEV net. The record board in front of him allowed spotters to pass data to the public-address announcer. (photo courtesy K0GND)

VHF/UHF Ad Hoc Contest Committee Progress Update

It was your typical smoke-filled back room. A bottle of Coors, half-filled with oxygen-quenched butts, teetered on the edge of the table. Bodies were sprawled out on the carpet, the bed and the few chairs of the well-appointed hotel room. Orderly discussion was suddenly broken, as the ether was ionized by an alien contribution from the doorway: "You guys just wanna make the contests for contesters!" The inflection was clearly caustic. An icy chill of resentment permeated the room. "Waddya mean we want the rules just for contesters? We're trying to make the best rules possible for everybody," fired back one of the group in self-defense. The dissident persisted, leading to an exchange of verbal volleys that had all parties in grid current. As the group filed out of the room for dinner, the vitriolic attack was dismissed as a case of having had one too many of "Dr. Pepper."

Awareness is brought about in strange ways. And it may seem rather elementary that the concerns of the "little guy" must be given great consideration. Not that these concerns are not being properly attended to, but the above true incident proved to be a positive, if gnawing, influence on the deliberations of the ARRL V/UHF Ad Hoc Contest Committee. The fellow who inadvertently wandered into the aforementioned informal meeting of the Committee, and promptly alienated all present, will probably never know what a positive influence he exerted.

This ad hoc committee was constituted nearly 18 months ago to investigate and make recommendations on how to better meet the objectives of v/u/hf contesting. Functioning as an arm of the Communications Department with liaison to both the Contest and the V/UHF Advisory Committees, has ensured that that effort becomes reality. Internal exchange of communication has been conducted according to a rigid schedule, while cor-

respondence from all interested parties has been distributed to the Committee on a weekly basis. Both have proved invaluable in producing welcome modification of the v/u/hf contest rules. The latest report of the Committee's activities appeared in February *QST*. As an update to that report, the Committee has since taken action as follows.

The initial efforts were instituted in the QSO Party in June and repeated successfully in September. The new availability of single-band awards proved to be an overwhelming success. Unlike the hf contests, in which entries must be designated as single-band, the v/u/hf scene demanded a novel approach. This resulted in single-band awards being made available regardless of the number of bands an entrant may have utilized. The banning of contest activity on 146.52 MHz (and the lifting of restrictions on 223.5 MHz) was approached with a bit more trepidation. Such fears proved unfounded, however, as almost universal recognition of the unique status of that frequency was evidenced. Thus, this good-faith effort by contest enthusiasts properly recognized the rights of noncontesters.

These successful efforts were followed by moving the EME contest to more favorable dates and instituting RANGE scoring in the August UHF Contest, whereby more distant contacts are rewarded with more QSO points. Although the latter generally received a favorable response from the uhf crowd, it may be a concept too complicated for use in the "general" vhf contests. Thus, save the possible elimination of the serial number in the January Sweepstakes, no further rules modifications appear warranted at this time. Although it may be ill-advised to extend RANGE scoring to the other vhf contests, the grid-square multiplier appears to have great appeal.

The grid-square concept gained some considerable stature at the Region 3 IARU Con-

ference held in Manila in May. There, the so-called "Maidenhead Proposal" of 2° × 1° grid squares was received favorably in parallel with longitude-latitude for implementation "when appropriate." Thus, the QTH grid locator, which has seen widespread European use for nearly a quarter century, could lead to a worldwide system for contest and award purposes.

The Committee, therefore, has devoted much thought to possible ARRL sponsorship of such a grid square "Century Club" award. This has met with great enthusiasm at several convention forums where the trial balloon has been launched. Many feel that with few worlds left to conquer on the traditional hf DX bands, perhaps the time is ripe for providing new goals on the very- and ultra-high frequencies. Mini-DXpeditions to rare grid squares tantalize the operating appetite. Adequate publicity plus readily available maps and simple, easy-to-read instructions to locate your grid square would be a prerequisite for instituting any such program. Also under consideration by the Committee is the desirability of offering specific single-band "sprints" as an adjunct to the present "activity nights." Such a spring fling could kick off the aforementioned grid-square awards program.

In addition to the above, the Committee is considering a host of other matters, including the ultimate best time frame for each contest activity. As has been the case right along, your input offers the best guide to produce the best results. The Committee recognizes its need to hear not only from those who have the greatest interest in contests, but the many "little guys," without whom there would not be good contest activity. Your letter to ARRL Hq., addressed to the Ad Hoc Committee, will find their individual receivers "on." After all, the contests are "not just for the contesters," and the format of the contest program must take that into consideration.

MIDNIGHT SPECIAL RESULTS

Shown below are the high scorers in two Midnight Special contests — one held on April 24, and the other July 31 and August 1. The April affair used 40-meter cw and 10-meter ssb, with a one-hour break in between for coffee or breakfast. Although 10-meter early morning conditions were not optimum that weekend, those with patience made out well. The exchange consisted of telephone area code and the type of rig (exciter) in use.

In July/August, we tried the 0300-0500Z time slot and a combination of 40-meter cw and 80-meter ssb. These two factors worked to produce some fine top scores. This Midnight Special had an added twist that might be of interest to club activities managers all over. If you want to stir up interest in contesting and have some fun, take a tip from the Poughkeepsie ARC and the Overlook Mountain ARC, both from eastern New York. These two groups had a challenge going for the MS to see which group could make the most QSOs. PARC fielded 10 members who made 850 QSOs, while OMARC mustered 18 entrants and 1250 QSOs to win the "Hudson Valley Challenge."

We received a total of 49 logs for the April event and 79 for the July/August event. Each entrant who sent an s.a.s.e. received a complete copy of the results, while the top scorers from each call area are listed

below. If you have any comments and/or suggestions for future Midnight Special contests, let us know. — Bill Jennings, K1WJ and Mark Wilson, AA2Z

April scores

(call, score, 40-m QSOs, 10-m QSOs, state)

K1XM (K1PR, opr)	124	55	69	MA
AB1A	105	42	63	MA
W1TN	104	45	59	NH
K2AU (N1EE, opr)	98	60	38	NY
WB2EZG	88	41	47	NY
W3TS	84	51	33	PA
N3RR	77	52	25	MD
KX4V	55	33	22	VA
KS4Q	48	36	12	GA
AA5B	140	36	104	NM
WB5VZL	94	30	64	TX
K6XO	28	0	28	CA
WA6OTU	26	19	7	CA
KN7N	71	22	49	AZ
N7TE	47	10	37	OR
WD8NMM	51	36	15	MI
K8JM	48	47	1	MI
W9YB (KK9W, opr)	68	54	14	IN
K9GDF	63	58	5	WI
A1@W	67	16	51	CO
VE3KK	32	29	3	ON

July/August Scores

(call, score, 40-m QSOs, 80-m QSOs, state)

K1VUT	98	36	62	MA
N2MF	208	77	131	NY
K5NA	194	72	122	NY
K2AU (N1EE, opr)	157	78	79	NY
W2XL	150	61	89	NY
KC2FV	100	51	49	NJ
K3LR	269	116	153	PA
W3TS	162	59	103	PA
K2SD	129	59	70	NC
NW4P	121	43	78	KY
K4JEX	112	56	56	NC
W5PWG	37	23	14	TX
N6PE	83	51	32	CA
N7AM	54	40	14	WA
KW8N	201	83	118	OH
K8MR	192	83	109	OH
AA8S	143	72	71	OH
KN8P	135	80	55	MI
KJ9W	180	79	101	IL
K9CW	163	86	77	IL
W9YB (KB9YO, opr)	157	55	102	IN
K9GDF	147	83	64	WI
WA4PGM	112	56	56	MO
KM0L	102	53	49	MO
VE2QST (VE2BP, opr)	20	11	9	PQ

Amateur Radio Satellite Schedule

AMSAT-OSCAR 8				Soviet RADIO 5		Soviet RADIO 6		Soviet RADIO 7		Soviet RADIO 8	
Date (UTC)	Ref. Orbit, Mode	Time (UTC)	EQX W. Long. (Deg.)	Time (UTC)	EQX W. Long. (Deg.)	Time (UTC)	EQX W. Long. (Deg.)	Time (UTC)	EQX W. Long. (Deg.)	Time (UTC)	EQX W. Long. (Deg.)
1 Nov.	23,738A	0016	80	0009	297	0157	326	0102	310	0133	317
2 Nov.	23,752A + J	0020	81	0004	297	0142	324	0052	310	0130	318
3 Nov.	23,766X	0025	82	0158	327	0126	322	0043	309	0127	318
4 Nov.	23,780A	0029	83	0153	327	0111	319	0033	308	0125	319
5 Nov.	23,794A + J	0033	84	0147	327	0055	317	0023	307	0122	320
6 Nov.	23,808J	0038	85	0142	328	0040	315	0014	306	0119	321
7 Nov.	23,822J	0042	87	0137	328	0025	312	0004	305	0116	322
8 Nov.	23,836A	0046	88	0131	328	0009	310	0154	334	0113	322
9 Nov.	23,850A + J	0050	89	0126	328	0153	338	0144	333	0110	323
10 Nov.	23,864X	0055	90	0121	328	0137	335	0134	332	0108	324
11 Nov.	23,878A	0059	91	0115	328	0122	333	0125	331	0105	325
12 Nov.	23,892A + J	0103	92	0110	329	0106	331	0115	331	0102	326
13 Nov.	23,906J	0108	93	0105	329	0051	328	0106	330	0059	327
14 Nov.	23,920J	0112	94	0059	329	0036	326	0056	329	0056	327
15 Nov.	23,934A	0116	95	0054	329	0020	324	0046	328	0053	328
16 Nov.	23,948A + J	0121	97	0049	329	0005	321	0037	327	0051	329
17 Nov.	23,962X	0125	98	0043	330	0148	349	0027	326	0048	330
18 Nov.	23,976A	0129	99	0038	330	0133	347	0017	325	0045	331
19 Nov.	23,990A + J	0133	100	0033	330	0117	344	0008	324	0042	331
20 Nov.	24,004J	0138	101	0027	330	0102	342	0157	353	0039	332
21 Nov.	24,018J	0142	102	0022	330	0047	340	0148	353	0036	333
22 Nov.	24,031A	0003	77	0017	331	0031	337	0138	352	0034	334
23 Nov.	24,045A + J	0008	79	0011	331	0016	335	0128	351	0031	335
24 Nov.	24,059X	0012	80	0006	331	0000	333	0119	350	0028	335
25 Nov.	24,073A	0016	81	0001	331	0144	0	0109	349	0025	336
26 Nov.	24,087A + J	0020	82	0155	1	0128	358	0059	348	0022	337
27 Nov.	24,101J	0025	83	0149	1	0113	355	0050	347	0019	338
28 Nov.	24,115J	0029	84	0144	2	0058	353	0040	346	0017	339
29 Nov.	24,129A	0033	85	0139	2	0042	351	0030	345	0014	340
30 Nov.	24,143A + J	0038	86	0133	2	0027	348	0021	345	0011	340
1 Dec.	24,157X	0042	87	0128	2	0011	346	0011	344	0008	341
2 Dec.	24,171A	0046	88	0123	2	0155	14	0002	343	0005	342
3 Dec.	24,185A + J	0051	90	0117	3	0139	11	0151	12	0002	343
4 Dec.	24,199J	0055	91	0112	3	0124	9	0141	11	0159	14
5 Dec.	24,213J	0059	92	0107	3	0109	7	0132	10	0157	15
6 Dec.	24,227A	0103	93	0101	3	0053	4	0122	9	0154	15
7 Dec.	24,241A + J	0108	94	0056	3	0038	2	0113	8	0151	16

Orbit predictions by Project OSCAR, K1HTV, KA1GD and W9KDR. To keep abreast of the latest developments, tune in the regular phone and cw bulletins over W1AW, or the AMSAT nets. Tuesday — East Coast and Mid States at 9 P.M. and West Coast at 8 P.M. local time on 3850 kHz. Saturday — International at 2200 UTC on 28,878 kHz. Sunday — International at 1800 UTC on 21,280 kHz and 1900 UTC on 14,282 kHz. OSCAR 9 orbits are no longer listed — because of its low altitude, long-range predictions are not always accurate. Use W1AW and AMSAT Bulletins for weekly updates. O8 modes of operation are Monday and Thursday — Mode A. Tuesday and Friday — Modes A + J. Wednesday is reserved for authorized experiments or recharge of the batteries. Do not operate through the OSCAR or RADIO satellites on Wednesday UTC. Do not use more power than is needed to operate through the OSCAR or RADIO satellites. Your downlink signal should never be stronger than the satellite's telemetry beacon. Reduce your uplink power to prevent overload causing 10 dB attenuation of received signals. Advise operators whose signals are stronger than the telemetry beacons.

Orbit numbers will not be used for the Radio satellites.

Satellite	Period (min.)	Increment (deg.)	Inclination (deg.)	Height (km)
OSCAR 8	103.1645	25.7934	98.79	919
RADIO 5	119.5555	30.0157	82.95	1682
RADIO 6	118.7174	29.8061	82.95	1632
RADIO 7	119.1968	29.9260	82.94	1654
RADIO 8	119.7640	30.0679	82.95	1681

RADIO 3 and RADIO 4 orbital data will not be listed because these satellites are for Soviet experiments. QSLs and telemetry reports should be sent to Box 88, Moscow.

Spacecraft Frequencies

	Uplink	Downlink	Beacon
OSCAR 8			
Mode A	145.850-145.950 MHz	29.400- 29.500 MHz	29.402 MHz
Mode J	145.900-146.000 MHz	435.200-435.100 MHz	435.095 MHz
RADIO 5	145.910-145.950 MHz	29.410- 29.450 MHz	29.330/450 MHz
RADIO 6	145.910-145.950 MHz	29.410- 29.450 MHz	29.410/450 MHz
RADIO 7	145.960-146.000 MHz	29.460- 29.500 MHz	29.340/500 MHz
RADIO 8	145.960-146.000 MHz	29.460- 29.500 MHz	29.460/500 MHz
RADIO 5 ROBOT	145.828 MHz	29.331 MHz	
RADIO 7 ROBOT	145.835 MHz	29.341 MHz	

RADIO 3 and RADIO 4 are for experiments only to be announced by USSR.

OSCAR 9

Hf Beacons — 7,050, 14,002, 21,002 and 29,510 kHz. On-off keying with Morse telemetry. Interspersed with a carrier or continuous carrier.

Vhf Beacon — 145.825 MHz nbm ± 5 kHz. ASCII, Baudot, voice, atsk and Morse.

Uhf Beacon — 435.025 MHz nbm ± 5 kHz. ASCII, Baudot, voice, atsk and Morse.

S-Band Beacon — 2401.0-MHz nbm ± 10 kHz. ASCII, Baudot, voice, atsk and Morse.

X-Band Beacon — 10.470-GHz steady carrier. S- and X-band beacons use Ithp.

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, W9MXG, 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 s.a.s.e., to ARRL Hq.

W1AW NOTE

The complete W1AW winter operating schedule appears in October QST, page 67. A W1AW schedule also is available on request from ARRL Headquarters. Please enclose an s.a.s.e. See the Contest Corral section of QST for times and dates of W1AW Code Proficiency Runs.

5-Band WAS

Awards issued June 2, to September 10, 1982

1089 N4XM

1090	1100	1110
1090 KA4PKB	1100 VE3JJP	1110 W2ARQ
1091 KN0L	1101 WD8EMI	1111 N2JJ
1092 W0KXZ	1102 VE6OA	1112 NI4U
1093 W5AYZ	1103 WA3GNW	1113 K7DVK
1094 W6KON	1104 N3UN	1114 KA7FIP
1095 WD0CQA	1105 VK9NS	1115 N6BAK
1096 W6JAZ	1106 KC4UC	1116 KW8G
1097 W6SZN	1107 KB6ZZ	1117 EA9E
1098 KGJAD	1108 W4OWJ	1118 N6DWS
1099 W7WMO	1109 WD4KXB	1119 K8SA
		1120
		1120 XE2MX

SCM ELECTION RESULTS

The following were elected for a two-year term of office beginning January 1, 1983:

Uncontested: Quebec — Harold Moreau, VE2BP; Saskatchewan — W. C. "Bill" Munday, VE3WM; Western Pennsylvania — Otto L. Schuler, K3SMB; Southern New Jersey — William C. Luebke, Jr., WB2LCC.

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

Notice of impending elections for Section Manager appears in Happenings elsewhere in this issue. [REDACTED]

Strays



It's probably not so, but could there really be a movie out about EME? W1BG, of Andover, Massachusetts, spotted this ambiguous sign at a nearby theater.

I would like to get in touch with . . .

any amateurs who are interested in producing local programming on Amateur Radio for cable television. George Fisher, KC0KM, Operations Supervisor, Minnesota Cablesystems-Southwest, 10210 Crosstown Cir., Eden Prairie, MN 55344, tel. 612-941-9820.

hams engaged in any phase of the newspaper business who would be interested in a net or occasional contacts with other members of the same profession. — John Black, WD4CVR, 279 W. Wood St., Spartanburg, SC 29303.

any hams who were in the Radio Controlled Airplane Target Group at Fort Bragg about 1943. Nick Bourisk, W4APN, 3221 71 Ave., N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

aviation-oriented hams in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, area who are interested in joining a very informal net. Mike Pozzani, W3SV, RR 2, Box 435, Elverson, PA 19520

Further information on the radio amateur satellite program can be obtained free of charge from ARRL Hq. The OSCARLOCATOR package is now available: \$7 U.S., \$8 elsewhere.

Contest Corral

A Roundup of Upcoming Operating Events



Conducted By Mark J. Wilson,* AA2Z

NOVEMBER

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 0500Z Nov. 4 (9 P.M. PST Nov. 3). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090 kHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please enclose your full name, call (if any) and full mailing address. A large s.a.s.e. will help expedite your award/endorsement.

3-4

YL Anniversary Party, phone, Oct. *QST*, page 92.

6-7

ARRL November Sweepstakes, cw, Oct. *QST*, page 73.

ARRL International EME Competition, Part 2, Sept. *QST*, page 77.

Corona 10-Meter RTTY Contest, Aug. *QST*, page 82.

International Police Assn. Contest, sponsored by the IPARC German Section, from 0000 to 0300, 0700 to 1000 and 1400 to 1800Z each day, Nov. 6-7. Cw and phone. Non-IPA stations work IPA members only. Exchange signal report and serial number. U.S. stations also send state. Work stations once per band. IPA members also send "IPA." Count 2 points per QSO on 80 and 40, except 8 points for DX. Count 4 points per QSO on 20-15-10 meters. Multiply by sum of IPA countries/states worked per band. 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: Anton Kohten, DK5JA, P.O. Box 40 01 63, 4152 Kempen 1, Federal Republic of Germany.

10

W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 0300Z Nov. 11 (10 P.M. EST Nov. 10). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.835 3.58 7.08 14.08 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See Nov. 3 listing for more details.

13-14

European DX Contest, RTTY, July *QST*, page 84.

Delaware QSO Party, sponsored by the Delaware ARC, from 1700Z Nov. 13 until 2300Z Nov. 14. Work stations once per band and mode. Exchange serial number, signal report and QTH (country for DE stations; ARRL section or country for others). Suggested frequencies: cw — 1.805 and 60 kHz from low end; phone — 3.975 7.275 14.325 21.425 28.650; Novice — 3.710 and 20 kHz from low end. DE stations count 1 point per QSO; multiply by total ARRL sections and countries worked. Others count 5 points per DE QSO; multiply by total DE counties worked per band and mode (max. 36 possible total). There are 3 DE counties: Kent, New Castle and Sussex. Awards. Mail logs by Dec. 17 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to: Charlie Sculley, AE3H, 103 E. Van Buren Ave., New Castle, DE 19720.

ALARA Contest, sponsored by the Australian Ladies' ARA, from 0001-2359Z Nov. 13. YLs work everyone; OMs work YLs only. Work stations once per band and mode. Exchange signal report, serial number and name. ALARA members so indicate. Suggested frequencies up from: cw — 3.525 7.010 14.050 21.125 28.100; phone — 3.570 7.100 14.280 14.180 21.350 21.180 28.480. Count 10 points per ALARA club station QSO (VK3DYL, VK3DYF); 5 points per ALARA member; 3 points for nonmember YLs; 1 point per

OM (YLs only). Cw QSOs count double points. Mail entry to be received by Dec. 31 to: M. Loft, VK3DML, 28 Lawrence St., Castlemaine, Victoria, Australia 3450.

CQ-WE Contest, sponsored by the Bell System AR fraternity, with various sessions from 1400Z Nov. 13 until 0500Z Nov. 15. The contest is open to all present and retired employees of Bell, WE, AT&T and subsidiaries of AT&T. Contact local interworks coordinator for logs and information.

North Carolina QSO Party, sponsored by the Alamance ARC, from 1700Z Nov. 13 until 0200Z Nov. 14 and from 1200Z Nov. 14 until 0100Z Nov. 15. Work stations once per band; no crossband or repeater QSOs. Exchange signal report and QTH (country for NC stations; ARRL section for others). Suggested frequencies: phone — 3.980 7.280 14.280 21.380 28.580; cw — 60 kHz from lower band edge; Novice — 20 kHz from lower band edge. NC stations count 1 point per QSO; multiply by total ARRL sections. Others count 2 points per NC QSO; multiply by total NC counties worked. Bonus of 25 points for working club station K4EG. Mail logs by Dec. 13 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to: F. R. Ashley, WB4M, 2731 Blanche Dr., Burlington, NC 27215.

OK International DX Contest, sponsored by the Central Radio Club, for the 24-hour UTC period Nov. 14. Phone and cw, 160-10 meters. Exchange signal report and ITU zone. Count 1 point per QSO; OK QSOs count 3 points. Contacts with own country count for multiplier credit only. Multiply QSO points by sum of zones worked per band. Single op — all band and single band, and multiop categories. Mail entry by Dec. 31 to: CRC, P.O. Box 69, 11327 Praha, Czechoslovakia.

Puerto Rico QSO Party, sponsored by the Adjuntas Radiotelegraphers RC, from 0000-2400Z Nov. 13. All bands, cw; work stations once per band. Exchange signal report and QTH. Suggested frequencies: cw — 35 kHz up from low end; Novice — 30 kHz up from low end. Count 2 points per QSO and 5 points for each KP4/NP4/WP4 QSO. Multiply by total KP4/NP4/WP4 QSOs for final score. Add 200 points to final score for each QSO with: KP4s EMD, EY, FI, NP4s BN, C, WP4s BFQ, BYY, CHM. Awards. Mail entry by Dec. 13 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to: Ivan Belvis, KP4FI, P.O. Box 952, Adjuntas, PR 00601.

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 2100Z (4 P.M. EST) Nov. 20. See Nov. 10 listing for more details.

20-21

ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone, Oct. *QST*, page 92.

27-28

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, cw, Oct. *QST*, page 92.

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 0500Z Dec. 1 (9 P.M. PST Nov. 30). See Nov. 3 listing for more details.

DECEMBER

4-5

ARRL 160-Meter Contest, this issue, page 84.

Telephone Pioneers QSO Party, sponsored by the Telephone Pioneers of America, from 1900Z Dec. 4 until 0500Z Dec. 6. Open to TP members. For more information, contact T. Phelps, W8TP, c/o WE, Dept. 45430, 6200 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43213.

EA DX Contest, phone (this year's rules not received).

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-40 wpm, at 0300Z Dec. 10 (10 P.M. EST Dec. 9). See Nov. 10 listing for more details.

11-12

ARRL 10-Meter Contest, this issue, page 84.

HA-DX Contest (this year's rules not received).

EA DX Contest, cw (this year's rules not received).

26-31

QRP Winter Sports, see Feb. *QST*, page 88, for details.

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W1AW Qualifying Run

JANUARY

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World Communications Year Contest, sponsored by the Potomac Valley Radio Club (USA), from 0001-2400Z Jan. 15, 1983. All bands and modes, 1.8 MHz through 275 GHz (excluding the 10, 18 and 24-MHz bands). Single and multioperator, mixed mode only. All stations are limited to one transmitter. Exchange ITU region and ITU zone (example: DL1AA would send 128; W1AAA would send 208; JA1AA would send 345). A map showing zones and regions is available from the sponsor for an s.a.s.e. or IRC. Work stations once per band; telegraphy and telephony emissions count as separate bands (SSTV counts as telephony, RTTY counts as telegraphy). No cross-emission contacts. Count 1 point for contacts in your ITU zone, 2 points for contacts in your ITU region but outside your zone, and 4 points for contacts outside your region. Multiply by total of ITU zones worked per band. Logs should indicate UTC time, band, call, complete exchange and QSO points. Indicate multipliers. Dupe sheets required if more than 200 QSOs are made on any band. Summary sheet must show QSOs, QSO points, multipliers and score calculation. In addition: entrant's call, name, address, Region and Zone. Multiops also show names/calls of all operators. Entries may be disqualified for more than 2% score reduction and will be disqualified for more than 2% duplicates left in log. Penalty of 8 QSO points assessed for each duplicate QSO, miscopied call or exchange found during checking. Awards. Mail entry by Feb. 28, 1983 to: PVRC, P.O. Box 337, Crownsville, MD 21032 USA.

Standard Contest Guidelines

1) Make sure your log details the date, time, band, call sign and complete exchange sent and received for each QSO claimed for the contest credit.

2) Your summary sheet should indicate your score, including how you figured it, and a declaration that you followed FCC/DOC regulations and the contest rules. Your name, call sign and complete address should be typed or printed in block letters.

3) Crossband, crossmode and repeater contacts are usually not permitted. Contacts with the same station on different bands are usually permitted.

4) Your log should be checked carefully for duplicate QSOs, and, if more than 200 QSOs are made, dupe sheets should be included with your entry.

5) Your log may be considered a checklog or disqualified if it is incomplete or if too many errors are detected by the contest committee.

6) Avoid standard net frequencies.

7) International contests generally offer awards to top scorers from each U.S. call area and each country; state QSO parties to each state/province.

8) Your summary sheet should include the following statement: "I have observed all competition rules as well as regulations established for Amateur Radio in my country." The declaration should be signed and dated.

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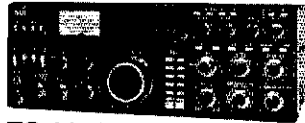
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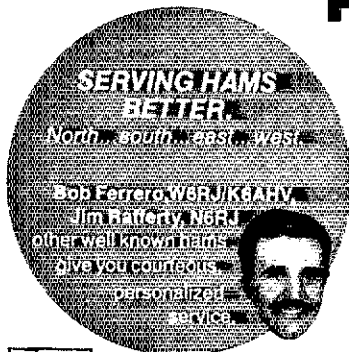
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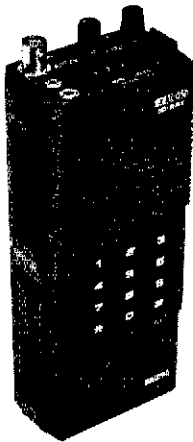
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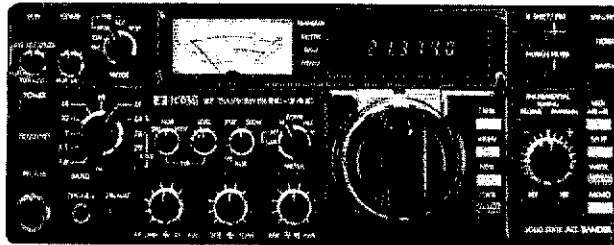
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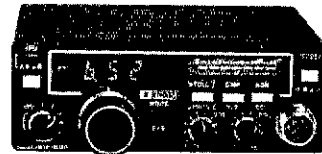
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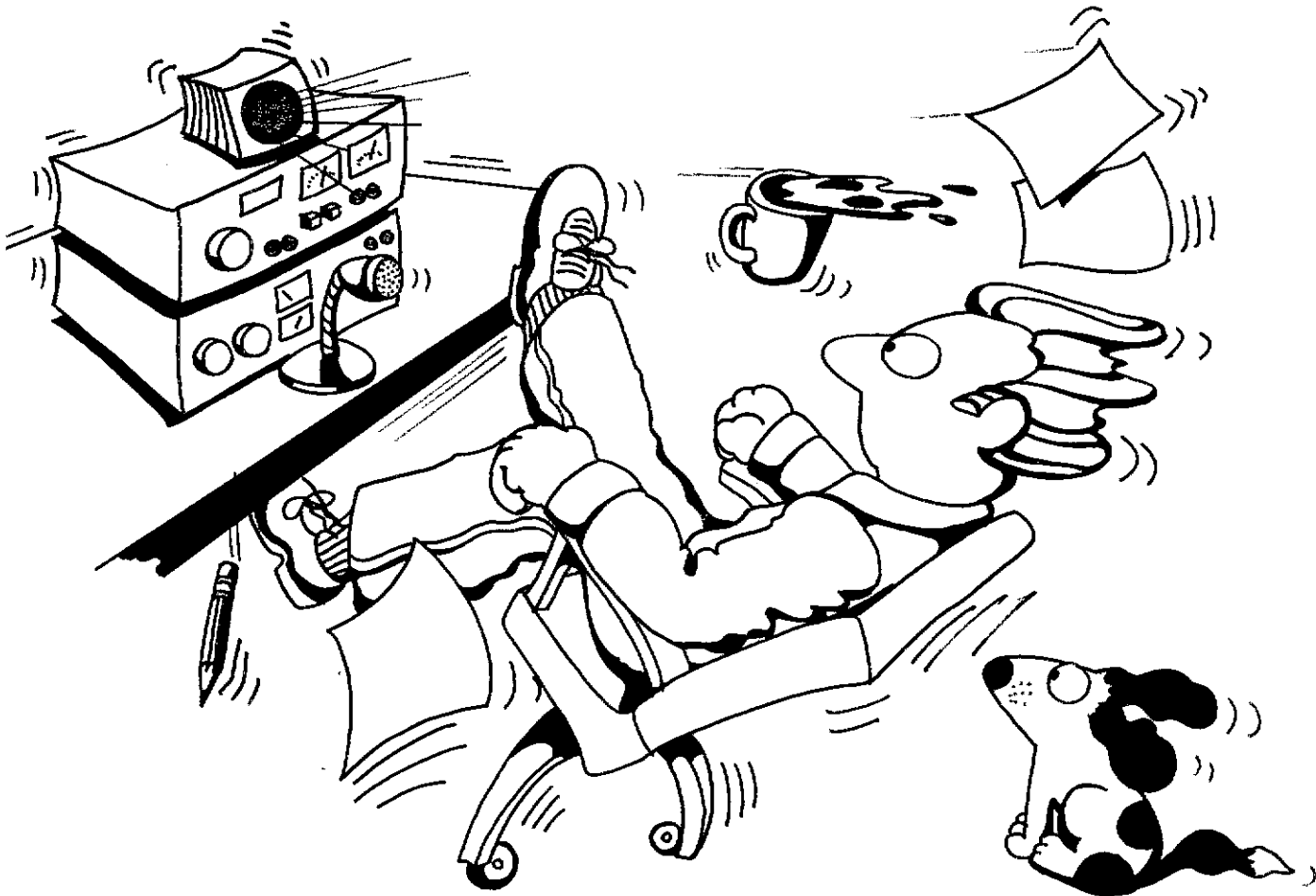
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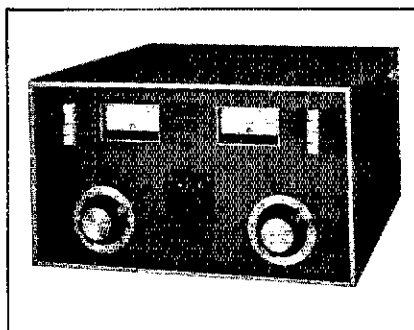
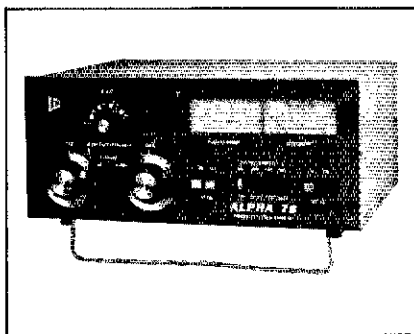
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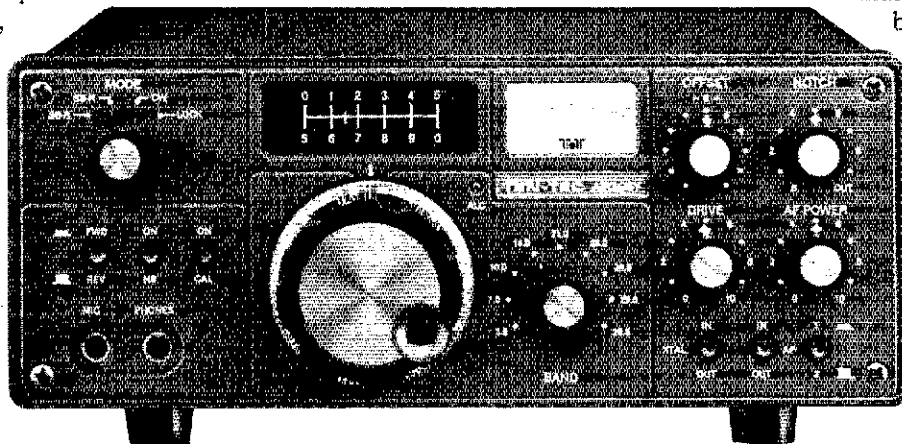
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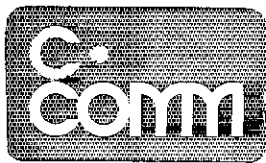


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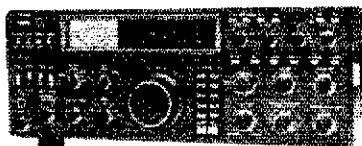


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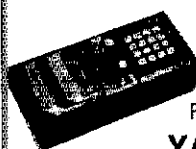
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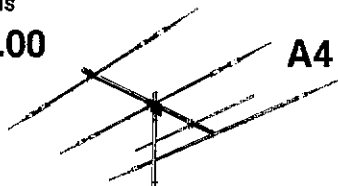
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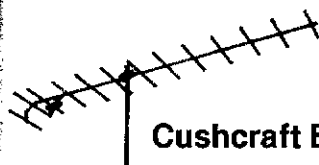
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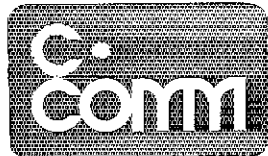
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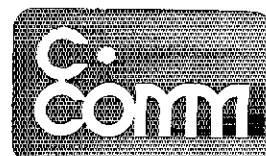




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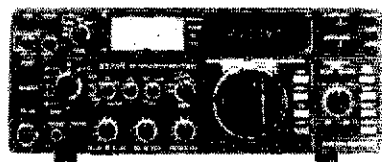
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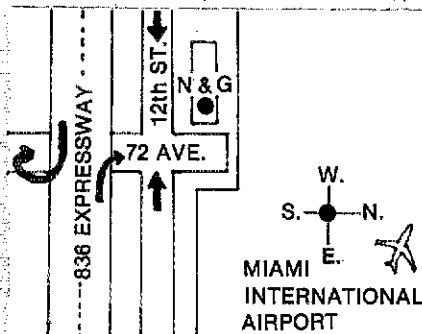
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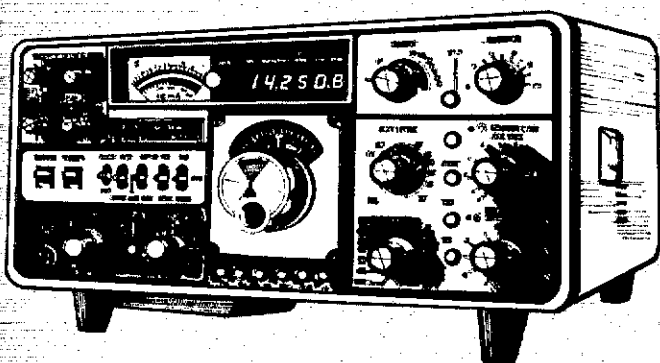
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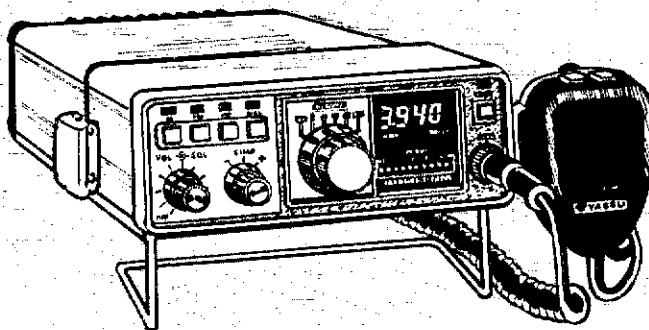
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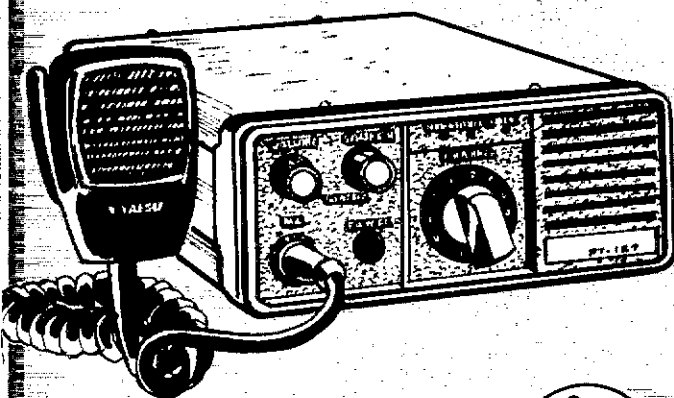
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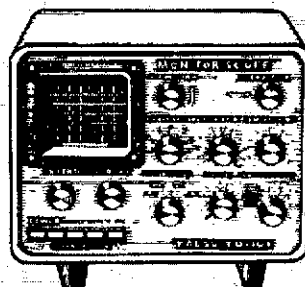
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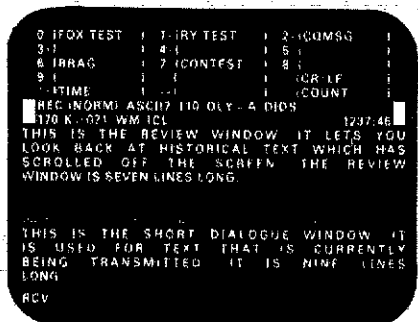
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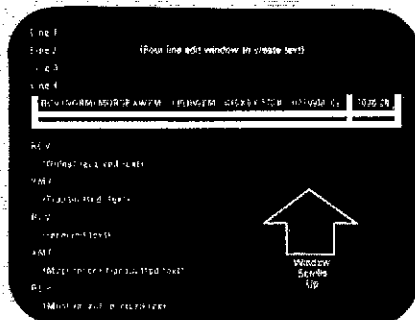
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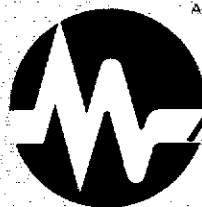
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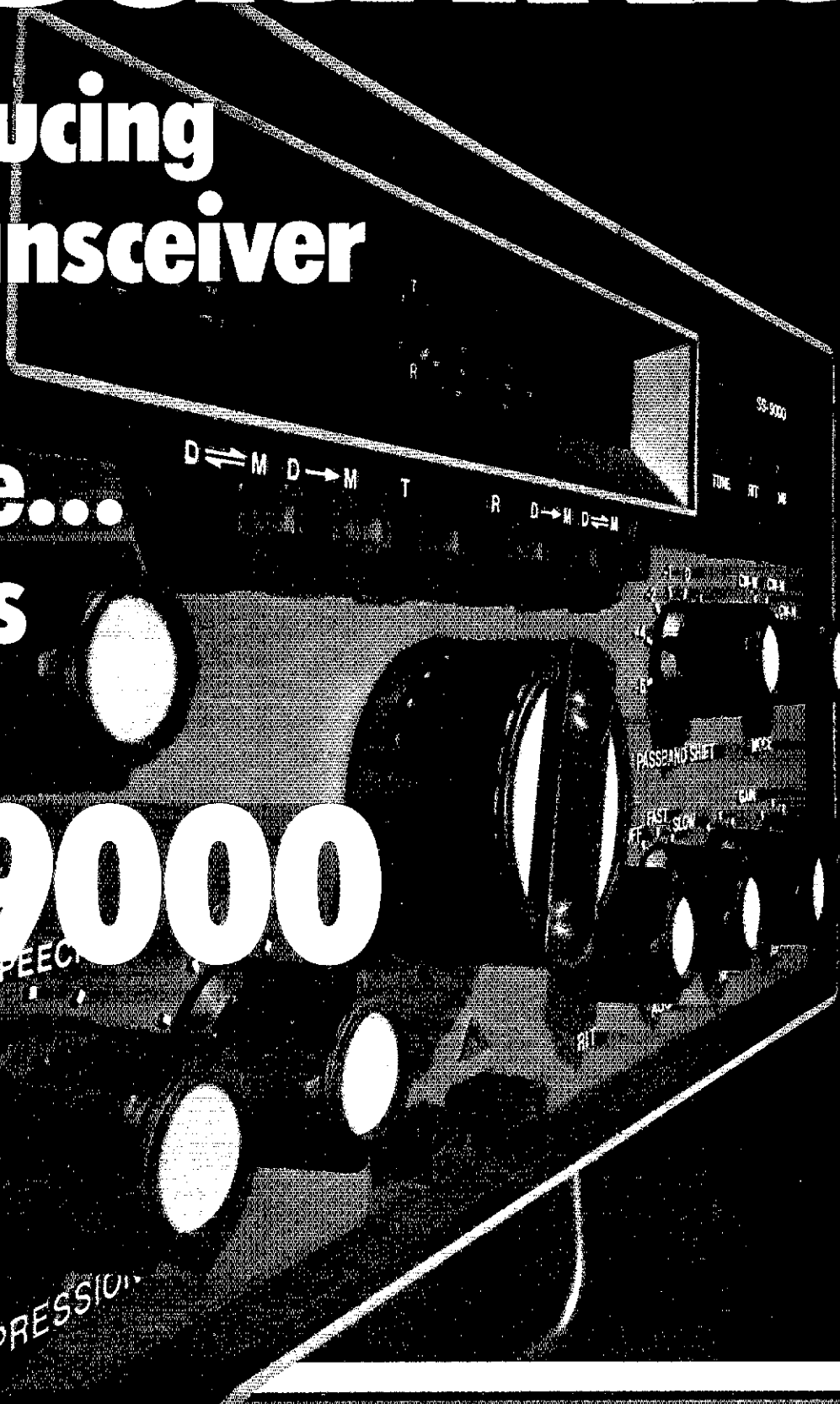
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SS-9000



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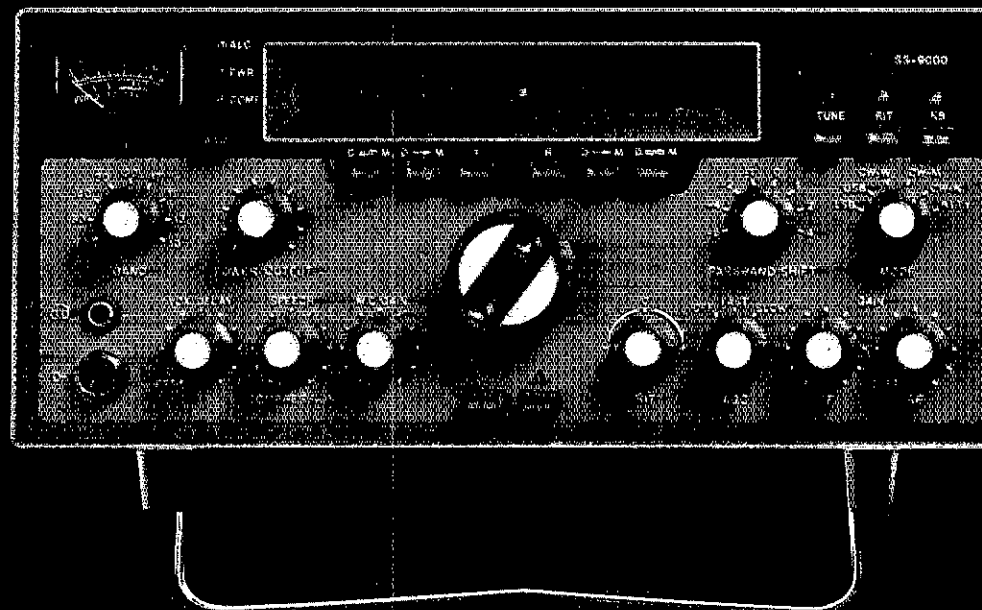
Contest or rare DX — the world is waiting to hear from the new breed of HF operators who'll have the power of a microcomputer at their instant command. Introduction of the Heath SS-9000 signals a new era in Amateur Radio communications. An era full of exciting promise. Challenge. And opportunity...

Anticipating the future, the Hams at Heath have created a remarkably advanced HF transceiver based on microprocessor logic. And with it, they open an entire universe of innovation and potential to the serious, active ham.

MORE WORLD HORIZONS

In the SS-9000, Heath met a major design goal: *provide the highest-tech, most versatile transceiver possible.* Our objective? Nothing less than setting the pace for transceiver performance in the next decade. And transforming the whole state-of-the-art in amateur telecommunications.

As a microprocessor-controlled, nine band (including WARC) Transceiver, the SS-9000 pioneers the revolution in com-



puter-enhanced hamshacks — with advanced design applications yet to be imagined. At your command under direct, modem, RS-232 terminal or computer control, it could break all known records for station performance.

MORE TOTAL TALK POWER

Even without a command terminal, Heath's SS-9000 will be the best transceiver your club or QTH ever aired. The superbly sensitive front end is mated to a transmitter providing 1W QRP or 100W PEP output on SSB/CW/RTTY. At any level, dedicated operators who appreciate the finest and expect great results will discover it to be a hot CQ and DX magnet.

The SS-9000 features push-button up or down band scan and

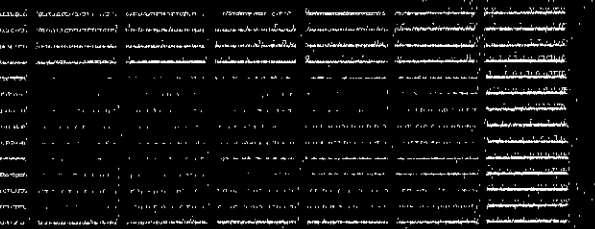
RIT with a rotary tuning dial that utilizes an optical encoder (plus quartz PLL-synthesized BFO, HFO and a VFO linked to separate readouts). This gives you digitally-precise tuning with ± 100 Hz resolution in 16 selectable scan rates. Our dual fluorescent display is not just an advance in panel design ... it's a quantum leap forward in T/R/Tr flexibility! Now you can write, recall and shift a total of 27 separate frequencies (3 per band) around the dual display and work simplex operation on one or two frequencies, split operation on different T & R frequencies or cross-mode on either or both displayed frequencies. The unseen frequency stored in memory remains available for instant exchange and

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display, offering you speed and advantage that was undreamed of until now.

MORE MICRO CONTROL

Harness the SS-9000 to a video terminal, ASCII teletype or home computer. You'll have an unbeatable team to travel the airwaves. Using built-in ROM (Read-Only Memory) commands, the Terminal Interface within each SS-9000 acts as a control/monitor with battery backup to handle a wide variety of tasks the user may define. This unique feature lets you write-in and display (or change) the operating and memory frequencies for each band, set T/R/Tx activity on each readout, toggle between and alternate either one freely with the memory frequency.

Keyboard command also allows you to set and switch the band, mode, pass-band shift, baud and scan rates, plus switch to one of five band-matched antennas. One on-board F8 CPU raises switching efficiency to the highest limit.

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

Try one for the most exceptional capability ever offered. More QSO action than you thought possible. And all for a lot less than you'd expect to pay. Test-prove the SS-9000. See how it's perfectly matched to the PS-9000 AC Power Supply that has an in-cabinet speaker and two digital 12 or 24-hour clocks. Both units benefit from thermal and over-current protection with high VSWR cutback. Ahead of their time, the SS-9000 and PS-9000 are not kits. They come to you fully assembled, calibrated and aligned, with a one year limited warranty.

MORE IN STORE FOR YOU

Your local Heathkit Electronic Center* is eager to demonstrate the SS/PS-9000 Team – our first 'intelligent' rigs. *Ready for the future of Amateur Radio, they're here, today!* Get a hands-on tryout at your nearby Heath Ham Headquarters.

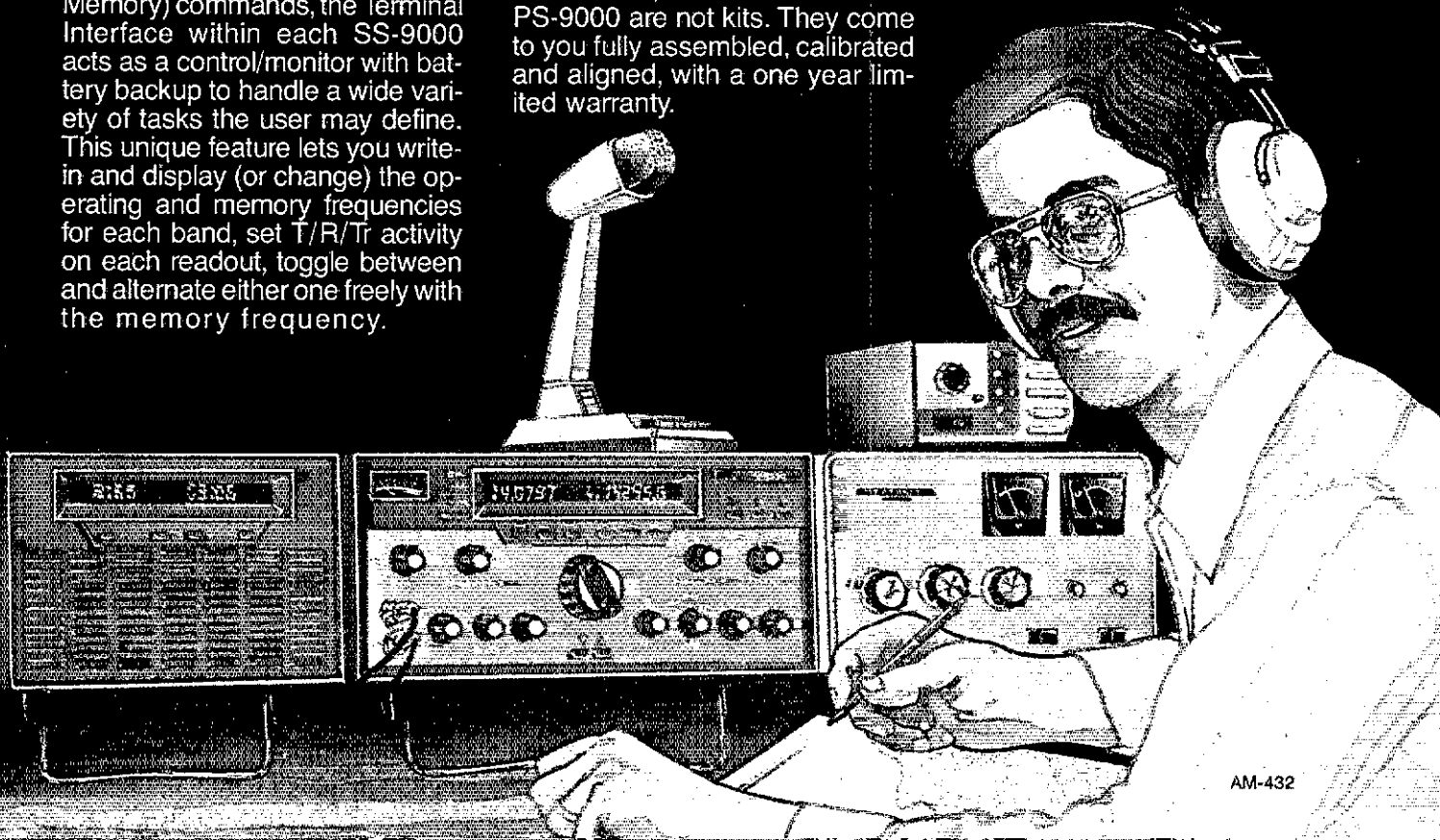
MORE IN CATALOG, TOO

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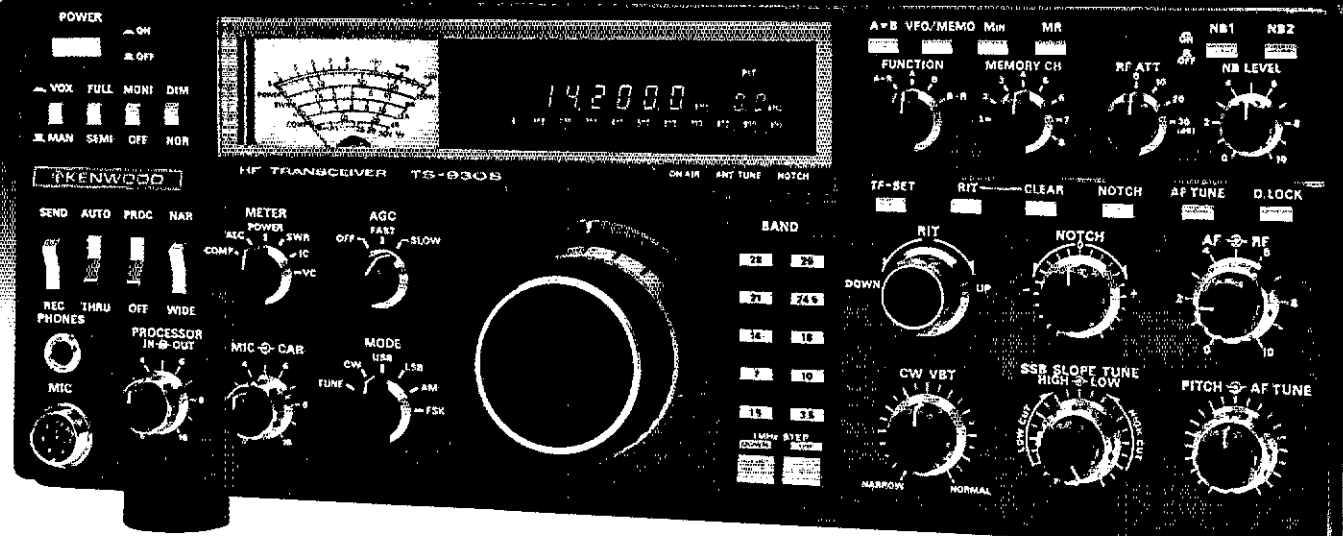
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NEW

"DX-traordinary."



Superior dynamic range, auto. antenna tuner, QSK, dual NB, 2 VFO's, general coverage receiver.

TS-930S

The TS-930S is a superlative, high performance, all-solid state, HF transceiver keyed to the exacting requirements of the DX and contest operator. It covers all Amateur bands from 160 through 10 meters, and incorporates a 150 kHz to 30 MHz general coverage receiver having an excellent dynamic range. Among its other important features are, SSB slope tuning, CW VBT, IF notch filter, CW pitch control, dual digital VFO's, CW full break-in, automatic antenna tuner, and a higher voltage operated solid state final amplifier. It is available with or without the AT-930 automatic antenna tuner built-in.

TS-930S FEATURES:

- **160-10 Meters, with 150 kHz-30 MHz general coverage receiver.** Covers all Amateur frequencies from 160-10 meters, including new WARC bands, on SSB, CW, FSK, and AM. Features 150 kHz-30 MHz general coverage receiver. Separate Amateur band access keys allow speedy band selection. UP/DOWN bandswitch in 1-MHz steps. A new, innovative, quadruple "UP" conversion, digital PLL synthesized circuit provides superior frequency accuracy and stability, plus greatly enhanced selectivity.
- **Excellent receiver dynamic range.** Receiver two-tone dynamic range, 100 dB typical (20 meters, 50-kHz spacing, 500 Hz CW bandwidth, at sensitivity of 0.25 μ v, S/N 10 dB), provides the ultimate in rejection of IM distortion.
- **All solid state, 28 volt operated final amplifier.** The final amplifier operates on 28 VDC for lowest IM distortion. Power input rated at 250 W on SSB, CW, and FSK, and at 80 W on AM. Final amplifier protection circuits with cooling fan, SWR/Power meter built-in.
- **CW full break-in.** CW full break-in circuit uses CMOS logic IC plus reed relay for smooth, quiet operation. Switchable to semi-break-in.

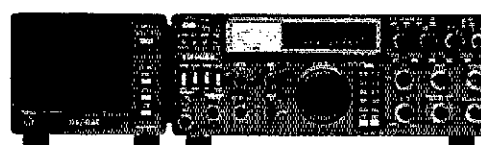
- **Automatic antenna tuner, built-in.** Covers Amateur bands 80-10 meters, including the new WARC bands. Tuning range automatically pre-selected with band selection to minimize tuning time. "AUTO-THRU" switch on front panel.
- **Dual digital VFO's.** 10-Hz step dual digital VFO's include band information. Each VFO tunes continuously from band to band. A large, heavy, flywheel type knob is used for improved tuning ease. T.F. Set switch allows fast transmit frequency setting for split-frequency operations. A-B switch for equalizing one VFO frequency to the other. VFO "Lock" switch provided. RIT control for ± 9.9 kHz.
- **Eight memory channels.** Stores both frequency and band information. VFO-MEMO switch allows use of each memory as an independent VFO, (the original memory frequency can be recalled at will), or as a fixed frequency. Internal Battery memory back-up, estimated 1 year life. (Batteries not Kenwood supplied).
- **Dual mode noise blanker ("pulse" or "woodpecker").** NB-1, with threshold control, for pulse-type noise. NB-2 for longer duration "woodpecker" type noise.
- **SSB IF slope tuning.** Allows independent adjustment of the low and/or high frequency slope of the IF passband, for best interference rejection. HIGH/LOW cut control rotation not affected by selecting USB or LSB modes.
- **CW VBT and pitch controls.** CW Variable Bandwidth Tuning control tunes out interfering signals. CW pitch controls shifts IF passband and simultaneously changes the pitch of the beat frequency. A "Narrow/Wide" filter selector switch is provided.
- **IF notch filter.** 100 kHz IF notch circuit gives deep, sharp, notch, better than -40 dB.
- **Audio filter built-in.** Tuneable, peak-type audio filter for CW.
- **AC power supply built-in.** 120, 220, or 240 VAC, switch selected (operates on AC only).

- **Fluorescent tube digital display.** Six digit readout to 100 Hz (10 Hz modifiable), plus digitalized sub-scale with 20-kHz steps. Separate two digit indication of RIT frequency shift. In CW mode, display indicates the actual carrier frequency of received as well as transmitted signals.
- **RF speech processor.** RF clipper type processor provides higher average "talk-power," improved intelligibility.
- **One year limited warranty on parts and labor.**
- **Other features:** SSB monitor circuit, 3 step RF attenuator, VOX, and 100-kHz marker.
- **Optional accessories:**
 - AT-930 automatic antenna tuner.
 - SP-930 external speaker with selectable audio filters.
 - YG-455C-1 (500 Hz) or YG-455CN-1 (250 Hz) plug-in CW filters for 455-kHz IF.
 - YK-88C-1 (500 Hz) CW plug-in filter for 8.83-MHz IF.
 - YK-88A-1 (6 kHz) AM plug-in filter for 8.83-MHz IF.
 - SO-1 commercial stability TCXO (temperature compensated crystal oscillator). Requires modifications.
 - MC-60A deluxe desk microphone with UP/DOWN switch, pre-amplifier, 8-pin plug.
 - TL-922A linear amplifier (not for CW QSK).
 - SM-220 station monitor (not for pan-adapt).
 - HS-6, HS-5, HS-4, headphones.

More information on the TS-930S is available from all authorized dealers of Trio-Kenwood Communications, 1111 West Walnut Street, Compton, California 90220.

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TS-830S

"Top-notch"...VBT, notch, IF shift, wide dynamic range

The TS-830S has every conceivable operating feature built-in for 160-10 meters (including the three new bands). It combines a high dynamic range with variable bandwidth tuning (VBT), IF shift, and an IF notch filter, as well as very sharp filters in the 455-kHz second IF.

TS-830S FEATURES:

- LSB, USB, and CW on 160-10 meters, including the new 10, 18, and 24-MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.

- Wide receiver dynamic range. Junction FETs in the balanced mixer, MOSFET RF amplifier at low level, and dual resonator for each band.
- Variable bandwidth tuning (VBT). Varies IF filter passband width.
- Notch filter high-Q active circuit in 455-kHz second IF.
- IF shift (passband tuning).
- Noise-blanker threshold level control.
- Built-in digital display. (fluorescent tube), with analog dial.
- 6146B final with RF negative feedback. Runs 220 W PEP (SSB)/180 W DC (CW) input on all bands.
- Built-in RF speech processor.
- Narrow/wide filter selection on CW.
- SSB monitor circuit.
- RIT and XIT (transmitter incremental tuning).

Optional accessories:

- SP-230 external speaker.
- VFO-230 external digital VFO with five memories, digital display.
- VFO-240 external analog VFO.
- AT-230 antenna tuner.
- YG-455C (500 Hz) or YG-455CN (250 Hz) CW filter for 455 kHz IF.
- YK-88C (500 Hz) or YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filter for 8.83 MHz IF.
- KB-1 deluxe heavyweight knob.



TS-530S

"Cents-ational"...IF shift, digital display, narrow-wide filter switch

The TS-530S SSB/CW transceiver covers 160-10 meters using the latest, most advanced circuit technology, yet at an affordable price.

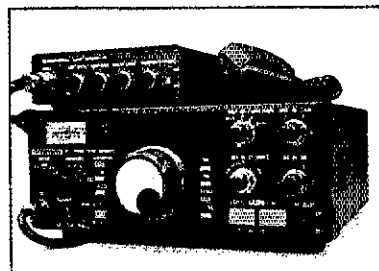
TS-530S FEATURES:

- 160-10 meters, LSB, USB, CW, all amateur frequencies, including new 10, 18, and 24 MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.
- IF shift tunes out interfering signals.

- Built-in digital display (six digits, fluorescent tubes), with analog dial.
- Narrow/wide filter selector switch for CW and/or SSB.
- Built-in speech processor, for increased talk power.
- Wide receiver dynamic range, with greater immunity to overload.
- Two 6146B's in final, allows 220W PEP/180 W DC input on all bands.
- Advanced single-conversion PLL, for better stability, improved spurious characteristics.
- Adjustable noise-blanker, with front panel threshold control.
- RIT/XIT front panel control allows independent fine-tuning of receive or transmit frequencies.

Optional accessories:

- SP-230 external speaker with selectable audio filters.
- VFO-240 remote analog VFO.
- VFO-230 remote digital VFO.
- AT-230 antenna tuner/SWR/power meter.
- MC-50 desk microphone
- KB-1 deluxe VFO knob.
- YK-88C (500 Hz) or YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filter.
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter.



TS-660

The TS-660 "QUAD BANDER" covers 6, 10, 12, 15 meters.

- FM, SSB (USB), CW, and AM
- Dual digital VFO's
- Digital display
- IF shift built-in
- 5 memories with memory scan
- UP/DOWN microphone
- All-mode squelch
- Noise blanker
- CW semi break-in/sidetone
- 10 W on SSB, CW, FM; 4 W on AM.

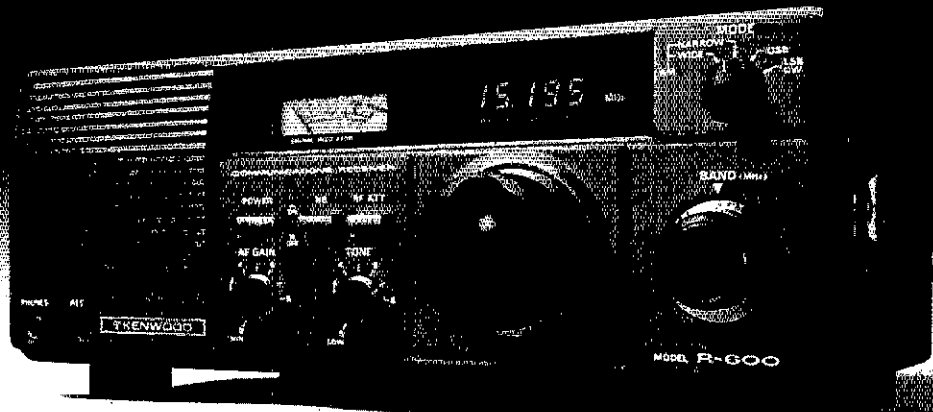
Optional accessories:

- PS-20 power supply
- VOX-4 speech processor/VOX
- SP-120 External speaker
- MB-100 Mobile mount
- YK-88C, YK-88CN CW filters
- YK-88A AM filter.

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R-600

"Now hear this"...digital display, easy tuning

The R-600 is an affordably priced, high performance general coverage communications receiver covering 150 kHz to 30 MHz in 30 bands. Use of PLL synthesized circuitry provides maximum ease of operation.

R-600 FEATURES:

- 150 kHz to 30 MHz continuous coverage, AM, SSB, or CW.
- 30 bands, each 1 MHz wide, for easier tuning.
- Five digit frequency display, with 1 kHz resolution.
- 6 kHz IF filter for AM (wide), and 2.7 kHz filter for SSB, CW and AM (narrow).
- Up-conversion PLL circuit, for improved sensitivity, selectivity, and stability.

- Communications type noise blanker eliminates "pulse-type" noise.
- RF Attenuator allows 20 dB attenuation of strong signals.
- Tone control.
- Front mounted speaker.
- "S" meter, with 1 to 5 SINPO "S" scale, plus standard scale.
- Coaxial and wire antenna terminals.
- 100, 120, 220, and 240 VAC, 50/60 Hz. Selector switch on rear panel.
- Optional 13.8 VDC operation, using DCK-1 cable kit.
- Other features include carrying handle, headphone jack, and record jack.

Optional accessories for R-600 and R-1000:

- DCK-1 DC Cable kit.
- SP-100 External Speaker.
- HS-6, HS-5, HS-4 Headphones.
- HC-10 Digital World Clock.



R-1000

High performance, easy tuning digital display

The R-1000 high performance communications receiver covers 200 kHz to 30 MHz in 30 bands. An up-conversion PLL synthesized circuit provides improved sensitivity, selectivity, and stability.

R-1000 FEATURES:

- Covers 200 kHz to 30 MHz.
- 30 bands, each 1 MHz wide.
- Five-digit frequency display with 1-kHz resolution and analog dial with precise gear dial mechanism.
- Built-in 12-hour quartz digital clock/timer.
- RF step attenuator.
- Three IF filters for optimum AM, SSB, CW.
- Effective noise blanker.
- Tone control.
- Built-in 4-inch speaker.
- Dimmer switch.
- Wire and coax antenna terminals.
- Voltage selector for 100, 120, 220, and 240 VAC. Operates on 13.8 VDC with optional DCK-1 kit.



TS-130SE

"Small talk"...IF shift, Processor, N/W switch, affordable.

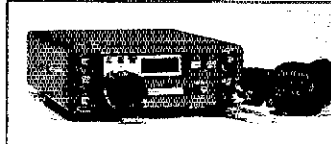
A compact, all solid-state HF SSB/CW transceiver for mobile or fixed base station, covering 3.5 to 29.7 MHz.

TS-130SE FEATURES:

- 80-10 meters including the new 10, 18, and 24 MHz bands. Receives WWV on 10 MHz.

- TS-130SE runs 200 W PEP/160 W DC input on 80-15 meters, 160 W PEP/140 W DC on 12 and 10 meters. TS-130V version at 25 W PEP/20 W DC, all bands, also available.
- Digital display, built-in.
- IF shift circuit.
- Speech Processor, built in.
- Narrow/wide filter selection on CW and SSB with optional filters.
- Automatic SSB mode selection (LSB on 40 meters and below, USB on 30 meters and up). SSB reverse switch provided.

- RF attenuator, built-in.
- Effective noise blanker.
- Final amplifier protection circuit assures maximum reliability. Output power is reduced if abnormal operating conditions occur. For very severe operations, optional cooling fan, FA-4, is available.
- Dimensions: 3-3/4 H x 9-1/2 W x 11-9/16 D (inches). Weight: 12.3 lbs.
- Other features: VOX, CW semi break-in with sidetone, one fixed channel, and 25 kHz marker.



Optional DFC-230 Digital Frequency Controller
Frequency control in 20-Hz steps with UP/DOWN microphone (supplied with DFC-230). Four memories and digital display. (Also operates with TS-120S, TS530S, and TS-830S.)

Optional accessories:

- PS-30 matching power supply (TS-130SE).
- KPS-21 power supply (TS-130S).
- PS-20 power supply (TS-130V).
- SP-120 external speaker.
- VFO-120 remote VFO.
- FA-4 fan unit (TS-130SE).
- YK-88C (500 Hz) and YK-88CN (270 Hz) CW filters.
- YK-88SN (1.8 kHz) narrow SSB filter.
- AT-130 antenna tuner.
- MB-100 mobile mounting bracket.

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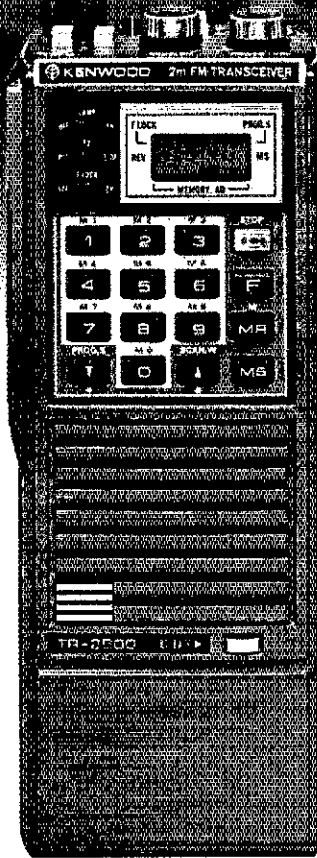
TR-2500

...performance, small size, smaller price!

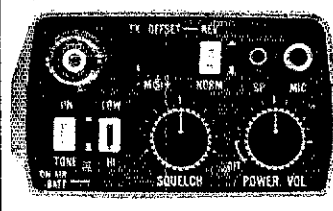
The TR-2500 is a compact 2 meter FM handheld transceiver with every conceivable operating feature.

TR-2500 FEATURES:

- Weighs 540 g. (1.2 lbs), 66 (2-5/8) W x 168 (6-5/8) H x 40 (1-5/8) D, mm (inches).
- LCD digital frequency readout.
- Ten memories includes "MO" for non-standard split repeaters.
- Lithium battery memory back-up, built-in, (est. 5 year life).
- Memory scan.
- Programmable automatic band scan, and upper/lower scan limits; 5-kHz steps or larger.
- Repeater reverse operation.
- 2.5 W or 300 mW RF output. (HI/LOW power switch).
- Built-in tunable (with variable resistor) sub-tone encoder.
- Built-in 16-key autopatch encoder.
- Slide-lock battery pack.
- Keyboard frequency selection.
- Covers 143.900 to 148.995 MHz.



CONVENIENT TOP CONTROLS



- Optional MS-1 mobile or ST-2 AC charger/supply for operation while charging.
- Battery status indicator.
- Complete with flexible antenna, 400 mAh Ni-Cd battery, and AC charger.

Optional accessories:

- ST-2 Base station power supply/charger (approx. 1 hr.)
- MS-1 13.8 VDC mobile stand/charger/power supply.
- VB-2530 2-M 25 W RF power amps., (TR-2500 only).
- TU-1 Programmable CTCSS encoder (TR-2500 only).
- TU-35B Programmable CTCSS encoder (mounts inside TR-3500 only).
- PB-25H Heavy-duty 490 mAh Ni-Cd battery pack.
- DC-25 13.8 VDC adapter.
- BT-1 Battery case for AA manganese/alkaline cells.
- SMC-25 Speaker microphone.
- LH-2 Deluxe leather case.

NEW



TR-3500

70 CM FM Handheld

- Covers 440-449.995 MHz in 5-kHz steps.
- Hi-1.5 W, Low-300 mW.
- TX OFFSET switch, ± 5 kHz to ± 9.995 MHz programmable.
- Auto/manual squelch control.
- Tone switch for opt. TU-35B
- Other outstanding features similar to TR-2500.

- BH-2A Belt hook.
- RA-3 2 m 3/8 λ telescoping antenna (for TR-2500).
- WS-1 Wrist strap.
- EP-1 Earphone.

TR-7950/7930

Big LCD, Big 45 W, Big 21 memories, Compact.

Outstanding features providing maximum ease of operation include a large, easy-to-read LCD display, 21 multi-function memories, a choice of 45 watts (TR-7950) or 25 watts (TR-7930), and the use of microprocessor technology throughout.

TR-7950/TR-7930 FEATURES:

- New, large, easy-to-read LCD digital display. Easy to read in direct sunlight or dark (backlighted). Displays TX/RX frequencies, memory channel, repeater offset, sub-tone number, scan, and memory scan lock-out.
- 21 new multi-function memory channels. Stores frequency,

repeater offset, and optional sub-tone channels. Memory pairs for non-standard splits. "A" and "B" set band scan limits. Lighted memory selector knob. Audible "beep" indicates channel 1 position.

- Lithium battery memory back-up. (Est. 5 yr. life.)
- 45 watts or 25 watts output. HI/LOW power switch for reduction to 5 watts.
- Automatic offset. Pre-programmed for simplex or +600 kHz offset, in accordance with the 2 meter band plan. "OS" key for manual change in offset.
- Programmable priority alert. May be programmed in any memory.
- Programmable memory scan lock-out. Skips selected memory channels during scan.
- Programmable band scan width.
- Center stop circuit for band scan, with indicator.
- Scan resume selectable. Selectable automatic time resume-scan, or carrier operated resume-scan.
- Scan start/stop from up/down microphone.

- Programmable three sub-tone channels with optional TU-79 unit (encoder).
- Built-in 16-key autopatch, with monitor (Audible tones).
- Front panel keyboard control.
- Covers 142.000-148.995 MHz in 5-kHz steps.
- Repeater reverse switch. (Locking)
- "Beeper" amplified through speaker.
- Compact lightweight design.

Optional accessories:

- TU-79 (three frequency tone unit).
- KPS-12 fixed-station power supply for TR-7950.
- KPS-7A fixed-station power supply for TR-7930.
- SP-40 compact mobile speaker.



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TR-9500

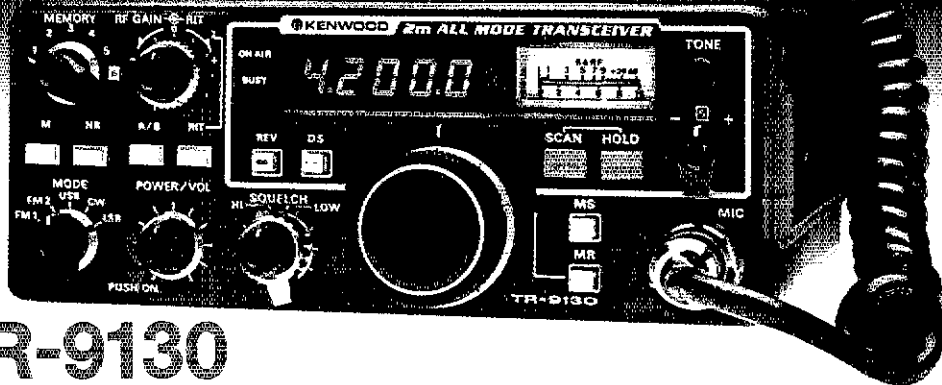
70 CM SSB/CW/FM transceiver

- Covers 430-440 MHz, in steps of 100-Hz, 1-kHz, 5-kHz, 25-kHz or 1-MHz.
- CW-FM HI-10 W, Low-1 W, SSB 10 W.
- Automatic band/memory scan. Search of selected 10-kHz segments on SSB/CW.
- 6 memory channels.

- HI/LOW power switch. 25 or 5 watts on FM or CW.
- RF gain control. • RIT circuit.

Optional accessories:

- KPS-7A AC power supply.
- PS-20 AC power supply (TR-9500 only).
- BO-9A system base with memory back-up supply.
- SP-120 external speaker.
- TK-1 AC adapter for memory back-up.



TR-9130

All mode (FM/SSB/CW) 25 watts, plus...!!!

The TR-9130 is a powerful, yet compact, 25 watt FM/USB/LSB/CW transceiver. Available with a 16-key autopatch UP/DOWN microphone (MC-46), or a basic UP/DOWN microphone.

TR-9130 FEATURES:

- 25 Watts RF output on all modes, (FM/SSB/CW).
- FM/USB/LSB/CW all mode. Selectable tuning steps of 100-Hz, 1-kHz, 5-kHz, 10-kHz.

- Six memories. On FM, memories 1-5 for simplex or ± 600 kHz offset, using OFFSET switch. Memory 6 for non-standard offset. All six memories may be simplex, any mode.
- Memory scan.
- Internal battery memory back-up, using 9 V Ni-Cd battery. (Not KENWOOD supplied). Memories are retained approx. 24 hours, adequate for the typical move

- from base to mobile. External back-up terminal on the rear.
- Automatic band scan.
- Dual digital VFO's.
- Transmit frequency tuning for OSCAR operations.
- Squelch circuit for FM/SSB/CW.
- Repeater reverse switch.
- Tone switch.
- CW semi break-in; sidetone.
- Compact size and lightweight.
- Covers 143.9 to 148.9999 MHz.
- High performance noise blanker.

TR-7730

Dyna-"mite" ... miniaturized, 5 memories, memory/ band scan.

The TR-7730 is an incredibly compact, reasonably priced, 25 watt, 2 meter FM mobile transceiver, with five memories, memory scan, automatic band scan, plus other convenient operating features. It is available with a 16-key autopatch UP/DOWN microphone, (MC-46), or with a basic UP/DOWN microphone.

TR-7730 FEATURES:

- Dimensions: 5-3/4 W x 2 H x 7-3/4 D, inches. Weighs 3.3 lbs.
- Extended frequency coverage, 143.900-148.995 MHz, in 5 or 10-kHz steps.

- 25 watts RF output power, with HI/LOW power switch.
- Five memories. Simplex or repeater operation, with transmit offset switch. The 5th memory stores receive and transmit frequencies independently, for non-standard splits. Memory back-up terminal on rear panel.
- Memory scan, plus automatic band scan. Locks on busy channel, resumes when signals disappear, or when scan switch is pressed. Scan HOLD

- or PTT switch on microphone cancels scan.
- UP/DOWN manual scan on microphone, either version.
- Four digit LED frequency display.
- S/RF bar meter. LED indicators for BUSY, ON-AIR, REPEATER operation.
- Tone switch for internal tone encoder (not Kenwood supplied).
- Offset switch ± 600 kHz, or simplex. Fifth memory for non-standard offset.

Optional Accessories:

- MC-46 16-key autopatch UP/DOWN microphone.
- SP-40 Compact mobile speaker.
- KPS-7A Fixed station power supply.



TR-8400

Synthesized 70-cm FM mobile rig

- Covers 440-450 MHz, in 25-kHz steps, with two VFO's.
- Transmit offset switch for ± 5 MHz. Non-standard offset uses fifth memory.
- HI/LOW power switch selects 10 or 1 watt RF output.
- Similar to TR-7730 in other features, including five memories, memory scan, automatic band scan, UP/DOWN manual scan, four digit display, S/RF bar meter, LED indicators, tone switch, and same optional accessories.
- Basic UP/DOWN microphone supplied with unit.

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TL-922A

Maximum legal power on 160-15 meters

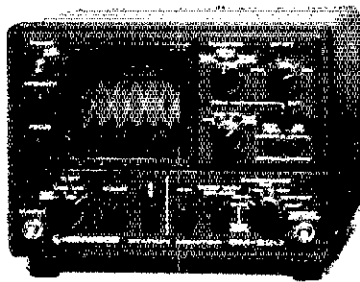
The TL-922A linear amplifier provides maximum legal power on the 160-15 meter Amateur bands.

TL-922A FEATURES:

- 2000 W PEP (SSB)/1000 W DC (CW, RTTY) input power on

160, 80, 40, 20, and 15 meters, with 80 W drive.

- Excellent IMD characteristics.
- Pair of EIMAC 3-500Z high-performance transmitting tubes.
- Safety protection.
- Blower with automatic turnoff-delay circuit.
- Variable threshold level type ALC.
- Two meters, one indicating plate current, and the other indicating grid current, relative RF output, and high voltage.



SM-220

High-performance oscilloscope for various monitoring functions

The SM-220 Station Monitor provides a variety of waveform-observing capabilities, and an optional pan display.

SM-220 FEATURES:

- Monitors transmitted SSB and CW waveforms from 1.8 to 150 MHz.
- Monitors signal waveforms in receiver's IF stage.
- Functions as high-sensitivity, wide-frequency-range (up to 10 MHz) oscilloscope.
- Tests linearity of linear amplifiers (provides trapezoid pattern).
- Allows observation of RTTY tuning points (cross pattern).
- Built-in two-tone (1000-Hz and 1575-Hz) generator.
- Expandable to pan-display capability for observing the number and amplitude of stations within a switchable ± 20 kHz/ ± 100 kHz bandwidth.

Optional accessories:

- BS-8 pan-display module for TS-180S, TS-830S, and TS-820 Series.
- BS-5 pan-display module for TS-520 Series.

ACCESSORIES

A wide selection of optional accessories is offered for optimum operating flexibility. In addition to the optional items listed with each piece of equipment described in this catalog, the following accessories are also available:



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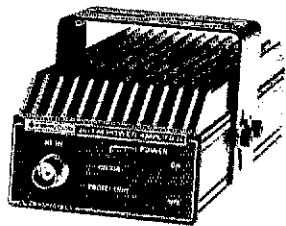
PC-1A Phone Patch

PC-1A Phone Patch with hybrid circuit and VU meter for null and audio gain measurements.



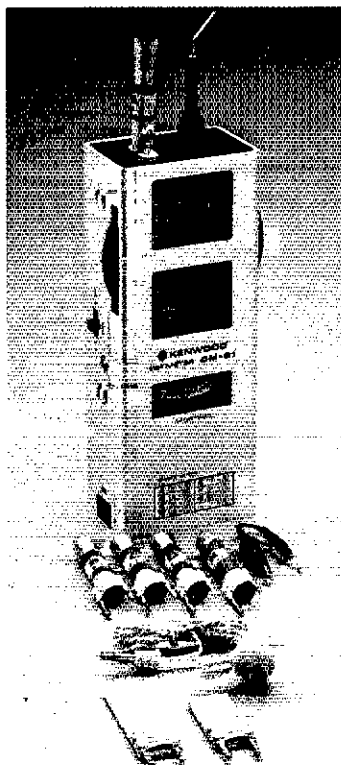
BO-9A System Base (for TR-9130, TR-9500, TR-9000)

With memory backup supply, speaker sound port, ST-BY switch, power switch, headphone jack.



VB-2530 25 W RF Power Amplifier (for TR-2500)

BNC-BNC cable, and mounting bracket supplied.



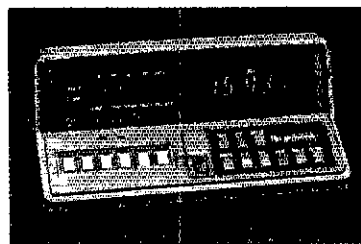
DM-81 Dip Meter

The DM-81 dip meter is highly accurate and features, in addition to the traditional inductive-coupling technique, capacitive coupling for measuring metal-enclosed coils and toroidal coils.

DM-81 FEATURES:

- Measuring 700 kHz-250 MHz in seven bands.

- Capacitance probe for measuring resonant frequencies without removing coil shields, and also for measuring resonant frequencies of toroidal coils.
- Built-in storage compartment for coils, and accessories.
- All solid-state and built-in battery.
- HC-25U and FT-243 sockets for checking crystals and marker-generator function.
- Amplitude modulation.
- FET for good sensitivity.
- Absorption frequency meter function.
- Earphone for monitoring transmitted signals.



HC-10 Digital Quartz Clock

The HC-10 digital world quartz clock with dual 24-hour display shows local time and the time in 10 preprogrammed plus two programmable time zones.

MICROPHONES:

- MC-60A Deluxe desk microphone with UP/DOWN switch, pre-amplifier, 50 k Ω /500 Ω , 8-pin. Adapter cords PG-4A (4-pin), PG-4B (6-pin), available. PG-4C, supplied with MC-60A.
- MC-60N4 Deluxe desk microphone. 50 k Ω /500 Ω , 4-pin. (UP/

DOWN switch, pre-amp. (not included). PG-4C available.

- MC-50 Desk microphone. 50 k Ω /500 Ω , 4-pin.
 - MC-46 16-key autopatch UP/DOWN microphone, 6-pin.
 - MC-42S Hand microphone with UP/DOWN switch, 500 Ω , 8-pin.
 - MC-30S Hand microphone, 500 Ω , noise-cancelling, 4-pin.
 - MC-35S Hand microphone, 50 k Ω , noise-cancelling, 4-pin.
- #### Microphone Plug Adapters:
- MJ-48 (4-pin microphone to 8-pin transceiver).
 - MJ-84 (8-pin microphone to 4-pin transceiver).
 - MJ-86 (8-pin microphone to 6-pin transceiver).

HEADPHONES:

- HS-5 Deluxe headphones.
- HS-6 Lightweight headphones.
- HS-4 Standard headphones.

GENERAL PURPOSE AC POWER SUPPLIES:

- KPS-7A 13.8 VDC, 7A intermittent.
- KPS-12 13.8 VDC, 12A intermittent.
- KPS-21 13.8 VDC, 21A intermittent.

OTHER ACCESSORIES:

- SP-40 Compact external mobile speaker.
- RD-20 Dummy load, 50 Ω , DC-500 MHz, 50 W intermittent, 20 W continuous.
- PG-3A DC line noise filter for mobile.

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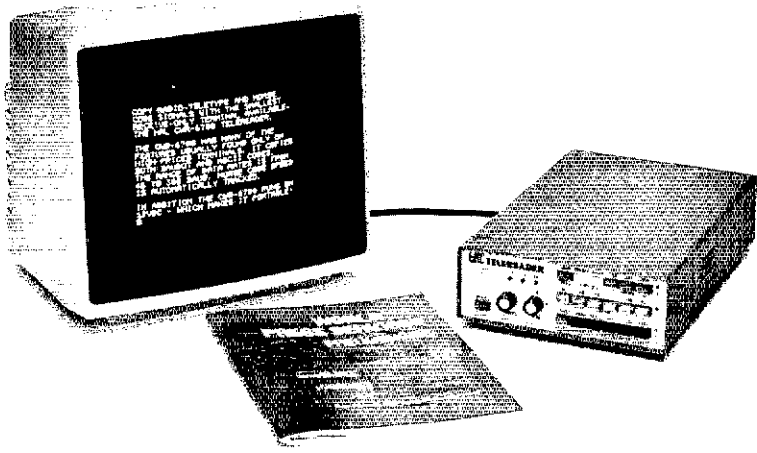
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CENTRAL DIVISION

ILLINOIS: SCM, David E. Lattan, WD9EBQ — ASCM: K9ORP. SEC: W9QBH. STM: WB9JIS.
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D9RN 100%: W9HOT W9NXG WD9WGD WB9ODN.
 CAND 100%: W9HOT W9NXG WD9WGD. W9VEY memorial station reports 78 QNI and 69 QTC in 5 sess. SEC W9QBH is working on filling in the blanks in the counties left that don't have ECs. Interested? If your county doesn't have an EC, or you don't know who your EC is, contact W9QBH at PO Box H, Riverside, IL 60546. QBH's accomplishments since becoming SEC a little over two years ago have been amazing. Let's ALL help him to keep up the effort by being active in the ARES. The asst. SEC for northern IL, K9ZDN, has been assisting W9QBH by handling the software engineering of computerizing some parts of the weather data operation at Brookfield. The new system is up and running there, and is being considered as a replacement for the mechanical selection which is used in the southern part of the state. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! ASCM K9ORP spoke during the three hour workshop on disaster management held for area EMts. As EC for McLean Co., he explained the role of ARES as it applies to EMts working a disaster site. He also reports that 15 members of McLean Co. ARES participated in the tornadic storm there that caused two million dollars worth of property damage and destroyed 1000 acres of crops on Aug 24. So IL ARS reports that they are sponsoring a damage assessment class which is being taught for them by the disaster staff of the American Red Cross Bi-State Division office at St. Louis. Interest in this idea came up when local ARES members working on the disaster relief effort at Marion IL, were informed by the ARC staff there that hams trained in damage assessment can help cut the ARC response time by as much as 24 hours in a disaster. Many ARES groups have enhanced their comms. abilities by being trained as spotters by the NWS. ARC disaster damage assessment training will help enhance our comms. abilities, such that we can assist them when called upon. Remember that both ARRL and ARC are members of NVOAD. If interested in this contact your local chapter office. REMEMBER: In a disaster PRIOR PLANNING makes the difference. Trying to break into NTS? ILN too fast? Remember ITN is alive and well and living on 3705 nightly at 7 P.M. I WA9RUM reports having a ham radio demo set up in his yard during the local homecoming festivities with help from XYL. WB9OYF Great way to spark some new interest! W9VEY memorial station was used for the passing of traffic to and from the "Old Settlers Days Celebration" this month. Tnx to K9AXS. Traffic: W9HOT 385, W9OK 102, K9DK 82, W9NXG 74, W9TLU 69, WA9RUM 65, K9BVE 52, WA9SHE 42, W9LNO 32, K9KR 26, K9EHP 13, K9ORP 12, N9DIX 10, K9DQU 6.

INDIANA: SCM, Bruce Woodward, W9UMH — SEC: WB9ZOE. STM: W9UJ. SOOC: KJ9G. NMs: ITN-W9OYY; QIN-K9JL; ICN-W9GCSZ; VHF-W9PMT; IWN-N9BHT; IPN-W9WKM: 6SSB-W9HQJ.

Net	Freq	Time/UTC/Daily	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sess.
ITN	3910	1330/2300	2101	402	2193	62
QIN	3656	1430/1000/0400	716	406	2134	92
ICN	3707	0015	—	—	—	—
IPN	3910	2130	1033	117	830	31
IWN	3910	1310	3714	—	720	31
6SSB	50150	0030	296	7	2630	31

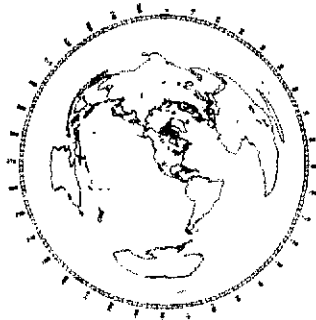
Hoosier vhf nets: QNI 4339, QTC 204, QTR 5596, bulletins 51 for 21 nets. D9RN 100% 361 messages in 62 sess. IN stns W9UJ K9CGS W9URQ KA9EIV KB9NR. CAND D9RN 100% 826 QTC in 31 sess. IN stn W9UJ. Appts: NM 6SSB Net-W9HQJ; SOOC-KJ9G; QO-KJ9G WA9LHP KC9C; OBS-K19R; ECs-W9SIO for Bartholomew Co., WA9IPS for Montgomery Co., K9ET for LaPorte Co., W9VX for Randolph Co., WB9SBI for Fayette Co., KA9ENN for Martin Co., KBDCS for Clinton Co. Silent Keys: K9RFY WB9ACI. The Lafayette Hamfest forum was better this year, thanks to W9UJ WB9ZOE and N9BHT. If you haven't attended one of our forums you ought to. We are getting better and better. I talked at the Clark Co. club meeting. If there was a rating system for clubs they would top the list. Thanks to N9AOJ and N9AST for a fine welcome. I have created one of the new section level appts. this month, SOOC. I fear that trends in Washington are going to make it imperative that we do a more effective job of monitoring what is going on on our frequencies. Thanks to W9DLF's XYL, the camper group met for a weekend at Lapel. Included were W99BK W9UJ W9NI K9HH W99PO W99D W99IC W99IC W99DK W9AJN K9VLF K9CEG WB9URS W9WKM KA9NWS and the Drums. Yes, I've joined the computer craze. Any Trash 80 color programs would be appreciated. I have a good data base program, thanks to K9JRI, and am updating all records on tape. I have two cw send programs, thanks to WB9UNG and WB9JKU. What I am running out of is time. Traffic: W9UJ 1256, KJ9J 205, WB9UYU 184, W9QLW 139, W9EI 111, W9OYY 111, W9URO 107, KM9B 104, K9FZX 76, WB9ZOE 76, W9UMH 67, WA9OCF 56, KB9HH 56, W9PMT 55, WD9DWD 45, K9WVJ 40, KA9EIV 36, KK9N 35, N9AEI 28, N9PS 28, W9JZY 26, WB9MIK 24, WA9OKK 24, WB9JAA 19, K9DLY 15, W9LJM 12, KA9EIV 12, KA9EIV 11, WA9OHX 15, W9RTH 15, K9GD 14, W9LKL 13, W9OUP 12, K9FVN 11, K9CGS 9, N9CDS 9, W9BDP 5, W9ENU 4, W9XD 4, WA9JNC 3, W9UPI 3, W9YEW 3, WB9AJY 1, W9KNY 1, W9VJX 1. (July) K9D 17, N9AEI 16, K9OUP 2.

WISCONSIN: SCM, Roy A. Pedersen, KF9HI — SEC: W9OAK. STM: K9UTQ. BWN 3984 1115Z QNI 1050, QTC 1128 WB9PY. BEN 3985 1700Z QNI 660, QTC 162 WB9ESM. WBSN 3985 2200Z QNI 980, QTC 329 WD9ESZ. WNN 3723 2300Z QNI 144, QTC 20 KA9HPQ. WSSN 3645

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Other Hy-Gain vertical multiband antennas are available though not shown here. The 12AVQS (20, 15, 10 meter) is similar to 18AVT above but with VSWR of 1.5:1 or less on all bands. The 18VS (80-10 meter) comes with a base loading coil and may be installed on a short mast driven into the ground. All include stainless steel hardware.

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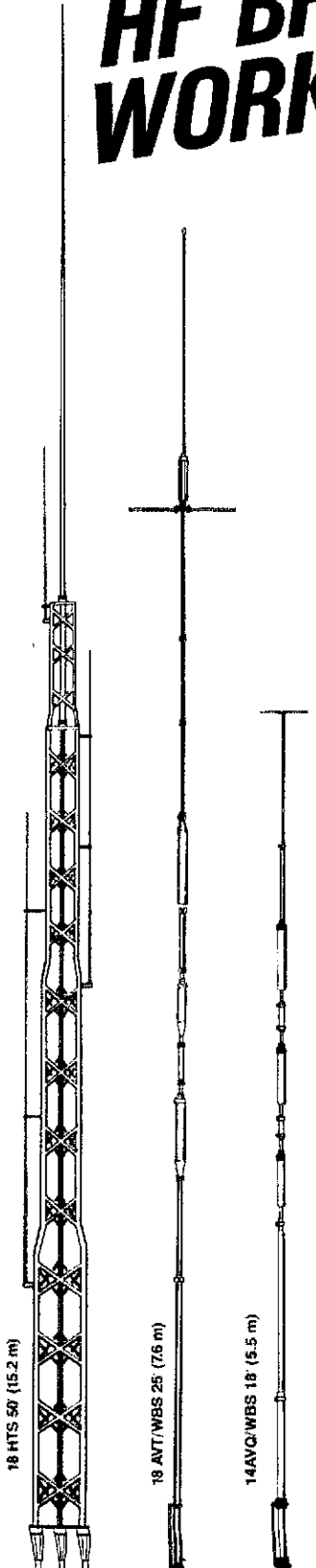
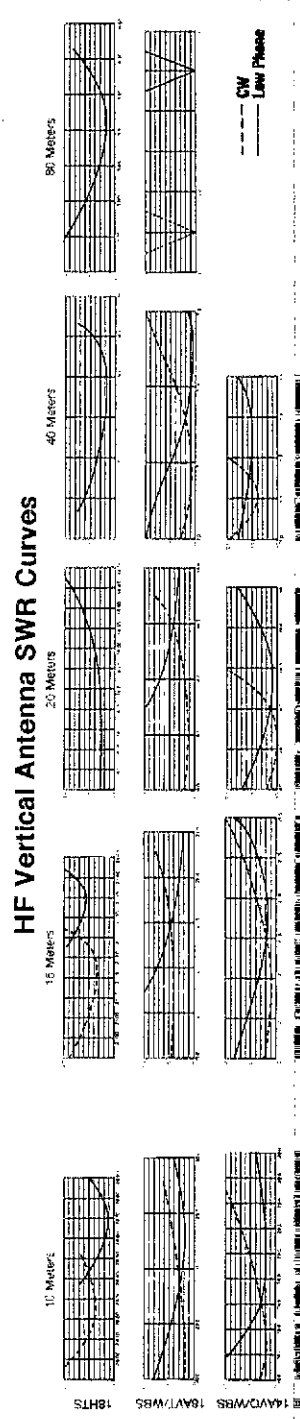
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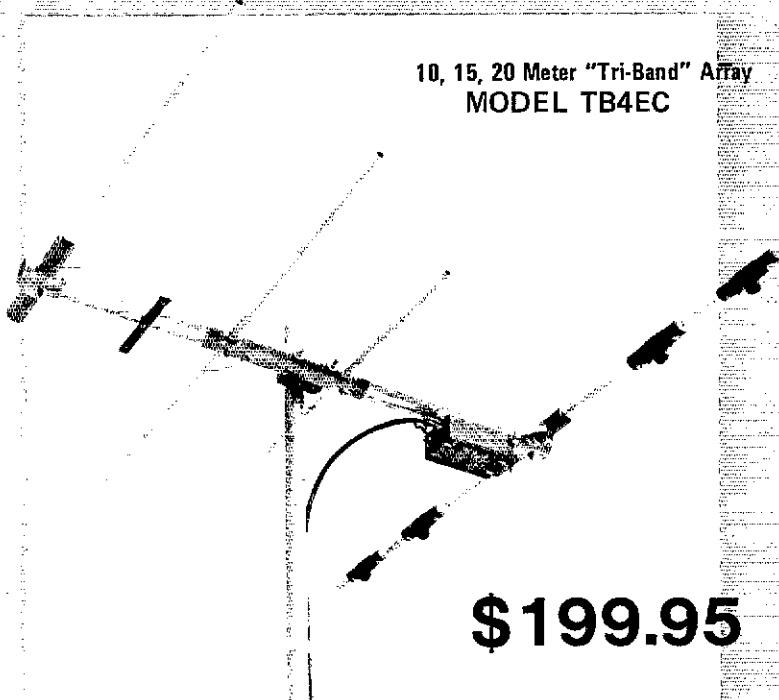
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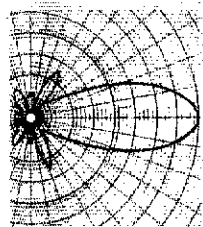
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DAKOTA DIVISION

MINNESOTA: SCM, Helen Haynes, WB0HOX — STM: AD0S, SEC: KN0J, ASCM: KC0T. Congrats to: WB0HOX on her reelection as SCM; KA0OTX on his Novice; N0DUQ KA0KOU & N0DWM, who are new Generals; KC0UN & KC0VD (no jokes please) for new Advanced calls. The Int'l Canoe Classic was held at Anoka, with comms by WD0GCP, KK0C, N0CSS, KN0D, WA0DVH, KH0FJ, K0JE, K0OLG & W90SNP for 4 hours for the 25 miles. St. Paul ARC meets 1st Fri. at Red Cross bldg. They had a fine picnic Aug 1 at the zoo. The Wx net is back, short summer. HI, CU at Dakota convention Sept 16-18. Annual Handi-ham winter hamfest at Faribault Eagles Club Dec. 4. Call W0FIT.

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PICO	3925	12:00 P.M.	2329	273	W0HZU
MSPN/E	3929	5:30 P.M.	1215	217	KC0T
MSPN/N	3945	12:10 P.M.	564	70	WA0AIN
MSN/1	3685	6:30 P.M.	379	171	W9DM
MSN/2	3685	10:00 P.M.	195	78	K0JCF
MS5N	3710	7:10 P.M.	—	—	WB0WJU
MINWX	3929	7:15 P.M.	—	—	WB0CGM

Traffic: WA0TFC 452, W0HKF 356, KB0MB 224, W0HZU 155, KT0J 131, KA0EY 126, WB0HOX 118, N0CLS 105, KC0T 103, W9DM 91, W0TRW 56, W0MFW 52, KA0JUX 50, KA0IAQ 41, AD0S 41, K0JCF 31, KT0R 30, W0AIN 28, W0OPX 19, W0RIO 12, N0DUQ 11, KA0GDS 11, KA0MZJ 10, K0CSE 8, KN0J 8, W0BGS 7, WB0DJQ 4.

NORTH DAKOTA: SCM, Lois Jorgensen, WA9RWM — SEC: WB0TEE, OBS: W0DM, OPS: W0CAQ, NM: KR0W. Congrats to our new SCM, Dean Summers, K0QC. I hope you all will give him the cooperation you gave me. New call signs from BARK are N0DYZ, N0DYX, KC0UP and KA0OUK. N0EAD is publicity chrm for BARK. WB0QHC WA0VGJ and WA0RWM were asked by the local Rotary Club to demonstrate and tell what Amateur Radio can do for the public. WA0UJ is now running slow speed. This is my last column, so direct your new letters to K0QC. Thank you all for making my job easy as SCM.

Net	Freq	Sess	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
DATA	3996.5	26	220	24	KH0W

Traffic: KA0FSM 43.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SCM, Fredric Stephan, KC0OO — Leadership and station appts. available. Sioux Falls ARC elected new officers: K0LXE, pres.; WIGM, v.p.; W0RWE, secy.; N0BOU, treas. Minnehaha Co. ARS was recently formed with 30 participants, lead by W0NRW. WB0YGT WA0ARS and WB7DRU. Hot Springs ARC have exciting xmt hunts. Emergency Services Fair in Rapid successful, with WB0UJ xmt and W0K0C. KA0DFH, K0CJ, W0AGE, N0CTK, KA0IKA, W0BGM0, WB0FP0, N0CDDY, KA7DSC, KC0WC, N0CDX, and KA0EER. Good job in uht contest by W0PUF, AA0F, K0UDZ and WB0LTV. NTS regional phone and pw nets pres. were W0KJZ, K0FRE, WA0TNM, WA0AOY, and WB0KWY. We need more traffic handlers for DTRN and TEN. SD Mng Net 80 QTC, 814 QNI; W0NEO Net 31 QTC, 961 QNI; W0NJQ Net 25 QTC, 583 QNI; Sun Mng Emg Net 8 QTC, 84 QNI. Traffic: W0HOJ 114, K0AIE 56, WA0VRE 83, W0DVB 56, K0QOO 38, W0KJZ 34, WB0QMF 33, W0MZI 29, W0RWE 10.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SCM, Dale Temple, W5RXU — SEC: W5SIGF, Net Reports: OZK NM W5MYZ 107 checkins, 13 tlc. Mockingbird NM WA5ZWZ 520 checkins, 17 tlc. Arkansas Phone Net mgr W5QFU 300 checkins, 32 tlc. Razorback Net mgr KC0CE 809 checkins, 44 tlc. AE5L W5TUM W5SGQH W5UWL W4AZJ & W5YCE represented AR 100% on DRN5. Thanks guys. W5KL advises the Jasper rptg frequency will be changing from 146.01/.61 to 146.025/.625 to avoid interference with Jonesboro, Arkansas is losing a fine ham family, that of KB5HV & KB5HW who are moving to Temple, TX. Good luck. Traffic: W5QFU 46, W5UAU 8, W5KL 4.

LOUISIANA: SCM, John Meyer, N5JM — ASCM: KC5SF, STM: W5GHP. In 1957 I built a 100w xmt and it worked right off. Last month I replaced a Heath H-89 computer and it flunked the smoke test. Who said hams get better with age? Hopefully this new addition will speed up section correspondence and other matters. W5GXO, 75 years young and still helping others, had a fine write-up in the local paper on his good deeds. Congrats! K5RSG, avid DXer and DDXA pres., has authored a book on DXing of all things! KA5LJ drumming up interest around B.R. area for a Sunday net on 144.210 USB, vert. mode at 9 P.M. local. Looks like an Amateur Radio exhibit at the 84 World's Fair is out owing to a need to man a booth 12 hours a day. Any ideas out there? With the heat of summer behind, now is the time to pursue the new 4RRL Antenna Book and to return to pursue the for DXing, ratcheting or perhaps checking into one of the nets listed below; no experience necessary.

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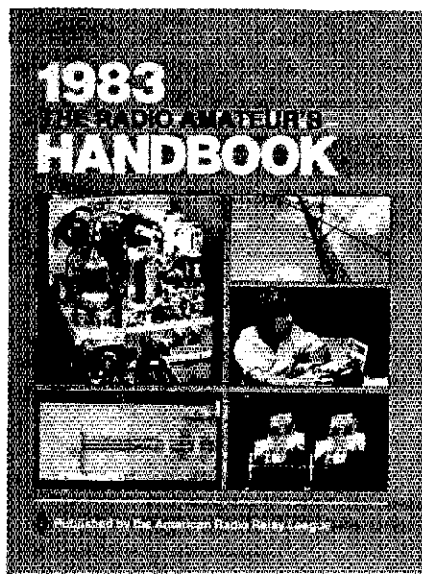
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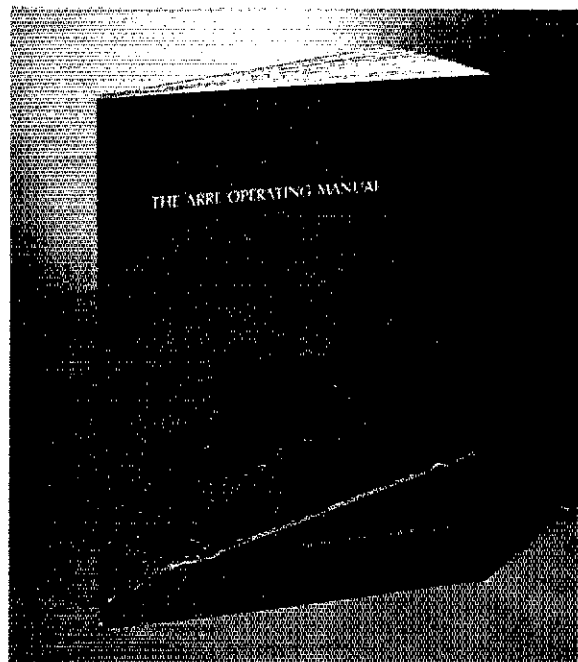
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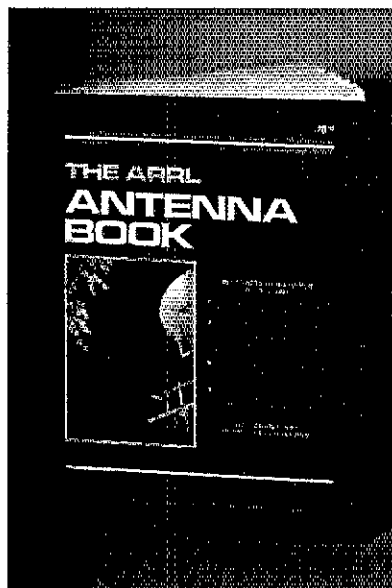
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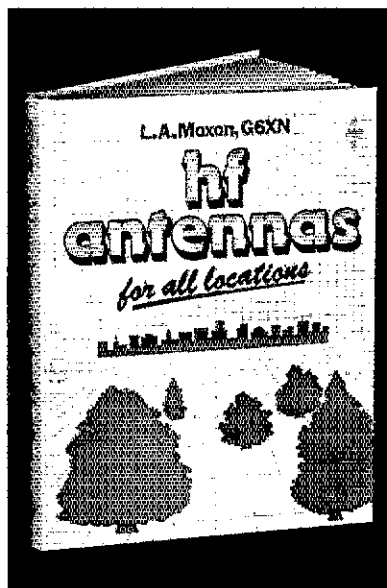
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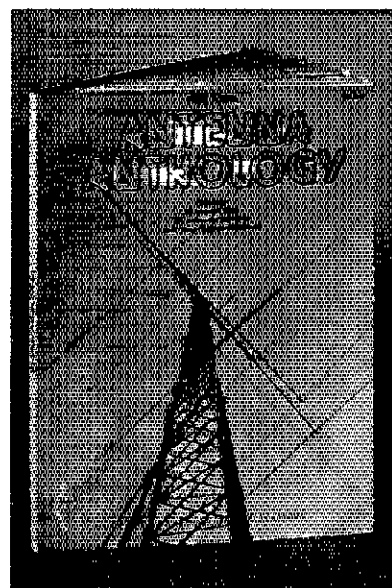


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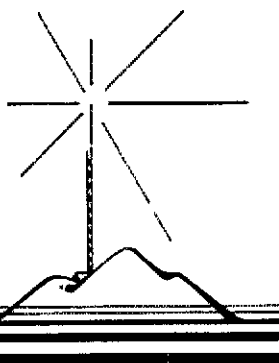
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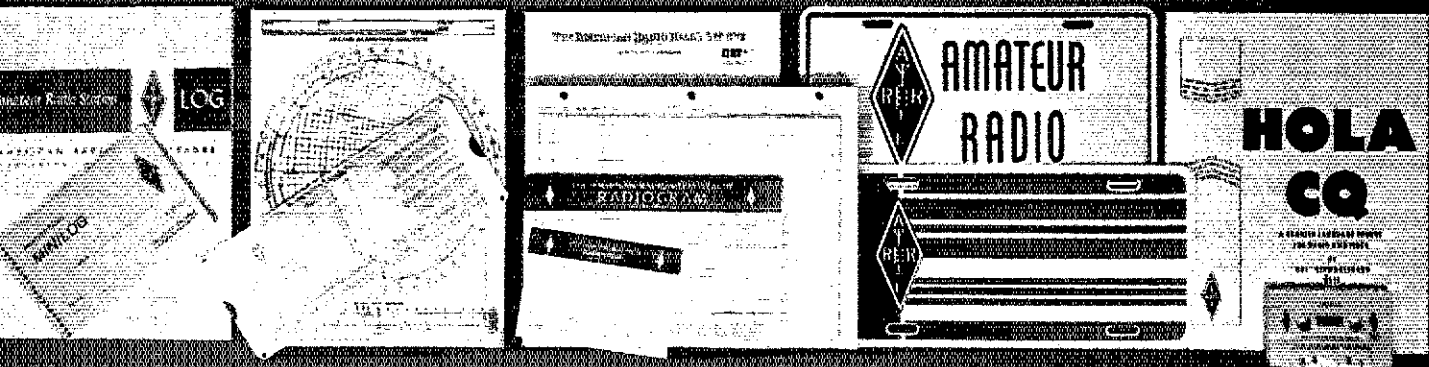
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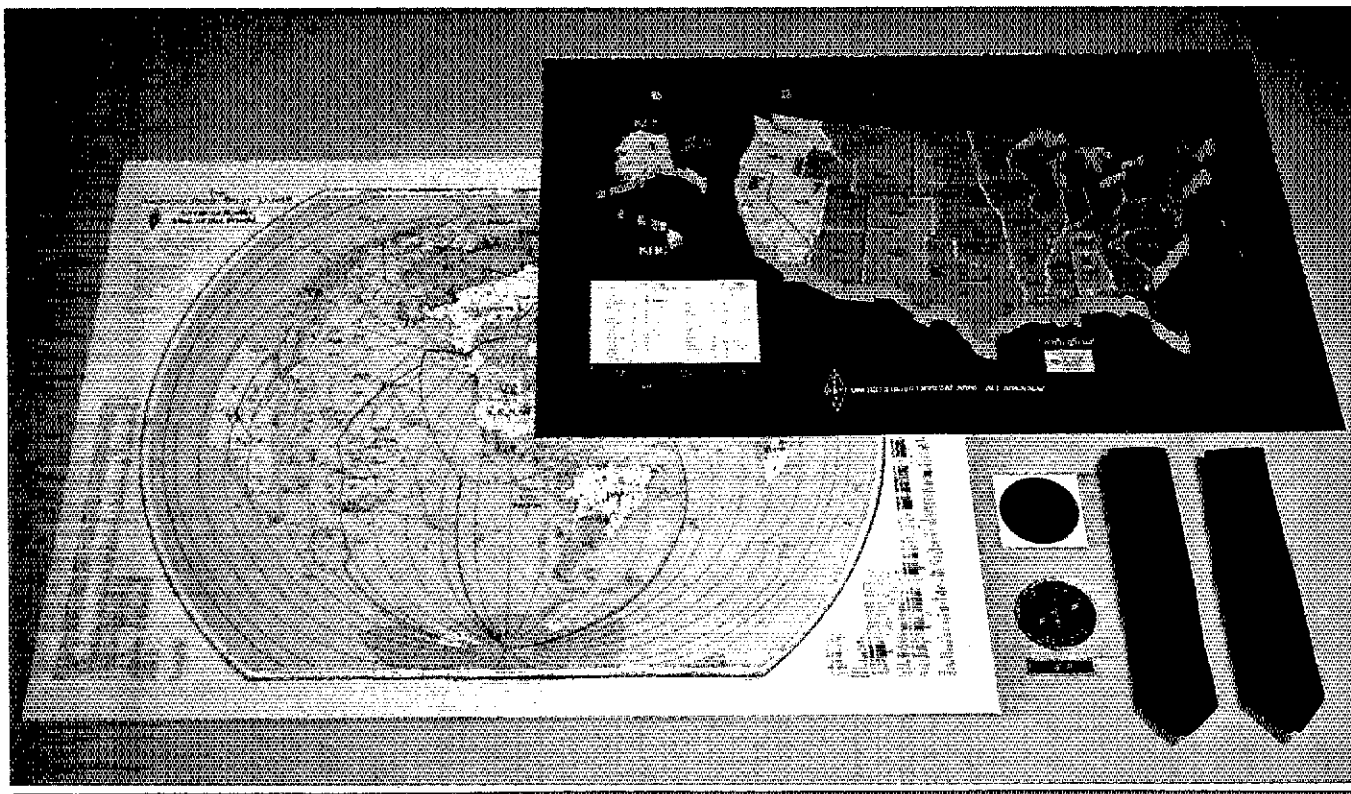
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For the short wave listener, the readout section of the R70 gives all the information for logging a station to be returned to at a later time. Frequency, mode, VFO, signal strength are all displayed. A dial lock prevents accidental loss of a signal.

A front mounted speaker provides 3 watts of crisp clear audio. A tape jack allows easy attachment of a tape recorder.

ICOM SYSTEM

Like all ICOM HF products, the R70 fits into the ICOM system concept of accessories allowing you to use previously purchased accessories such as the HP1 headphone, SP3 external speaker, and AH1 auto bandswitching antenna.

PRICE

Check with your local ICOM dealer for pricing on the R70. You will be amazed.

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The Dynamic Duo

ICOM's 2 Meter and 440 MHz FM

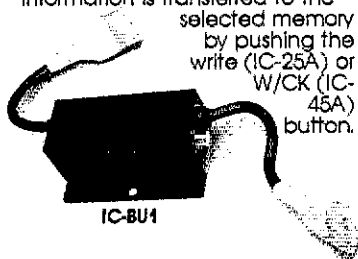


25 wait/5 memories/2 scanning systems in a 2"H x 5 1/4"W x 7"D package is what has made the easy-to-use IC-25A the most popular 2 meter FM mobile transceiver ever. Now ICOM presents the second half of its mobile duo...IC-45A. The IC-45A covers 440-449.995 MHz. Both transceivers are supplied with touchtone® microphones standard.

Dual VFO's. Dual VFO's give an extra stored frequency for scanning (memory scan scans 5 memories plus 2 VFO's) and each VFO has a different tuning rate for easy QSY.

	VFO A	VFO B
IC-25A	5 KHz	15 KHz
IC-45A	5 KHz	25 KHz

5 Memories. Instant access to most used frequencies. VFO A information is transferred to the selected memory by pushing the write (IC-25A) or W/CK (IC-45A) button.



IC-BU1

Priority Channel. Any memory channel may be monitored for activity on a sample basis, every 5 seconds, without disruption of a QSO conducted on a VFO frequency.

LED Bar Meter. Shows strength of received signal as well as relative transmitter output from the fully protected final RF amplifier. APC (automatic power control) is used to detect SWR and adjust the power output to a safe level.

Simplex/Duplex Operation. Standard 600 KHz offset initializes into radio at turn on. Offset may be changed by pressing the priority button while in VFO operation. Rotating the main tuning knob will now change the offset up or down and the offset will be displayed on the frequency readout.

Adjustable Power Levels.

	Hi Pwr	Lo Pwr
IC-25A	25 W	1 W
IC-45A	10 W	1 W

Pulling the squelch knob out places the unit into low power. Both the high and low power may be independently set to accommodate your simplex/repeater requirements or amplifier input characteristics.

Nor/Rev Capability. Use of this button on the IC-25A or the W/CK button on the IC-45A, in the duplex mode, allows one touch monitoring of the repeater input frequency. If simplex operation is possible you will know instantly.

Scanning. Pushing the S/S button initiates the scan circuitry. With the mode switch in a memory position the unit will scan all 5 memories plus the 2 VFO frequencies.

With the mode switch in a VFO position, the unit will scan the entire band or the portion of the band defined by memories 1 and 2. Full band scan or program band scan is selected from the front panel in the IC-25A, internally on the IC-45A.

Both units have internally switched scanning choices of adjustable delay period after a

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Memory Backup. When the optional IC-BU1 backup power unit is installed on the back of the IC-25A or IC-45A, memory will be maintained while transferring the unit from power source to power source. If the unit is not removed from power it will maintain memory even when turned off with or without the IC-BU1.



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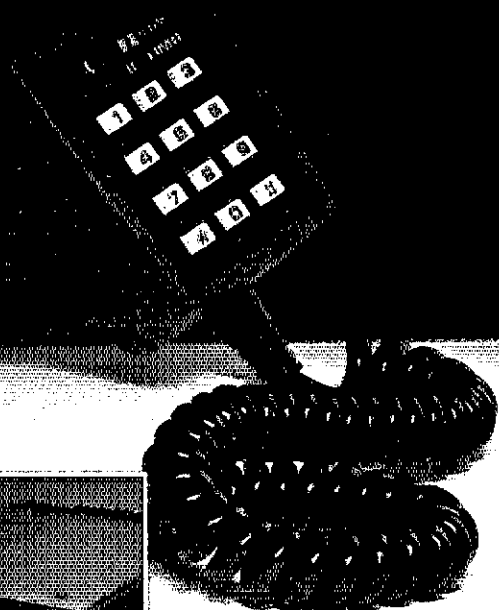
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IC-290H

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Dual VFO's. Provide ease in marking frequencies. Tuning rates are 5KHz in FM, 100Hz in CW and SSB, and 1KHz with the tuning speed button pushed.

Priority Channel. Any memory channel can be monitored for activity on a sample basis, every 5 seconds, without disruption of a QSO conducted on a VFO frequency.

Adjustable Power Levels. Both the hi and lo power levels are independently adjustable for meeting simplex or amplifier input requirements.

Squelch in All Modes. Standard noise squelch in FM and AGC derived squelch for CW and SSB reduce fatigue factors and allow scanning silently while looking for band openings or satellite signals.

Multimode Capability. FM, SSB, and CW modes provide solid communication modes for repeater, simplex, satellite or the CW enthusiast. Sidetone is provided on CW.

Adjustable Duplex Splits. Offset may be changed from its initial value by pressing the priority button while in VFO mode, then rotating the main tuning knob. The offset is displayed on the frequency readout.

Scanning (S/S). Memory scanning and full or programmable band scan are standard features. Internal switches select busy/empty modes, adjustable delay or carrier operated resume, and full or program band scan.

Memory Backup. The optional, heatsink mounted, BU1 memory backup battery option provides retention of memory when moving the transceiver from one power source to another.

Touchtone® Microphone Supplied. Each unit comes with a touchtone® microphone as the standard unit microphone.



IC-490A

The operational characteristics of the IC-490A are the same as the IC-290H except for the features outlined in the following chart.

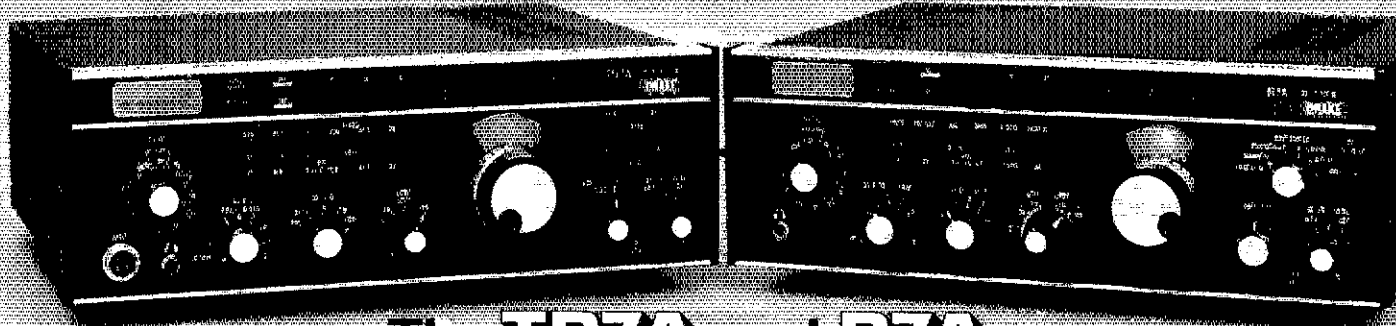
	IC-290H	IC-490A
Freq. Range (MHz)	143.8-148.199	430.0-439.999
Power	Hi 25 Lo 1	10 1
Memories	5	4
Initial Offset	600KHz	5MHz
1MHz Up Button	Not Req'd	Yes
Normal Tuning Rates (KHz)	FM1 5 FM2 Not used SSB 0.1 CW 0.1	5 25 0.1 0.1



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The **TR7A** and **R7A**
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TR7A Transceiver

- **CONTINUOUS FREQUENCY COVERAGE** — 1.5 to 30 MHz full receive coverage. The optional AUX7 provides 0 to 1.5 MHz receive plus transmit coverage of 1.8 to 30 MHz, for future Amateur bands, MARS, Embassy, Government or Commercial frequencies (proper authorization required).

- **Full Passband Tuning (PBT)** enhances use of high rejection 8-pole crystal filters.

New! Both 2.3 kHz ssb and 500 Hz cw crystal filters, and 9 kHz a-m selectivity are standard, plus provisions for two additional filters. These 8-pole crystal filters in conjunction with careful mechanical/electrical design result in realizable ultimate rejection in excess of 100 dB.

New! The very effective NB7 Noise Blanker is now standard.

New! Built in lightning protection avoids damage to solid-state components from lightning induced transients.

New! Mic audio available on rear panel to facilitate phone patch connection.

- **State-of-the-art design** combining solid-state PA, up-conversion, high-level double balanced 1st mixer and frequency synthesis provided a no tune-up, broadband, high dynamic range transceiver.

R7A Receiver

- **CONTINUOUS NO COMPROMISE** 0 to 30 MHz frequency coverage.

- **Full passband tuning (PBT).**

New! NB7A Noise Blanker supplied as standard.

- **State-of-the-Art features** of the TR7A, plus added flexibility with a low noise 10 dB rf amplifier.

New! Standard ultimate selectivity choices include the supplied 2.3 kHz ssb and 500 Hz cw crystal filters, and 9 kHz a-m selectivity. Capability for three accessory crystal filters plus the two supplied, including 300 Hz, 1.8 kHz, 4 kHz, and 6 kHz. The 4 kHz filter, when used with the R7A's Synchro-Phase a-m detector, provides a-m reception with greater frequency response within a narrower bandwidth than conventional a-m detection, and sideband selection to minimize interference potential.

- **Front panel pushbutton control** of rf preamp, a-m/ssb detector, speaker ON/OFF switch, i-f notch filter, reference-derived calibrator signal, three agc release times (plus AGC OFF), integral 150 MHz frequency counter/digital readout for external use, and Receiver Incremental Tuning (RIT).

The "Twins" System

- **FREQUENCY FLEXIBILITY.** The TR7A/R7A combination offers the operator, particularly the DX'er or Contester, frequency control agility not available in any other system. The "Twins" offer the only system capable of no-compromise DSR (Dual Simultaneous Receive). Most transceivers allow some external receiver control, but the "Twins" provide instant transfer of transmit frequency control to the R7A VFO. The operator can listen to either or both receiver's audio, and instantly determine his transmitting frequency by

appropriate use of the TR7A's RCT control (Receiver Controlled Transmit). DSR is implemented by mixing the two audio signals in the R7A.

- **ALTERNATE ANTENNA CAPABILITY.** The R7A's Antenna Power Splitter enhances the DSR feature by allowing the use of an additional antenna (ALTERNATE) besides the MAIN antenna connected to the TR7A (the transmitting antenna). All possible splits between the two antennas and the two system receivers are possible.

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We wish we could take about ten pages in this magazine and reprint the stacks of rave notes that come back in with the warranty cards from our happy KDK owners. Then again, we wish we could take the space to go on and on about how the many thousands of KDK owners have put us in the number one spot in two meter FM equipment.

Better still, we think that just to show you the picture and give you the specifications and then slyly suggest you ask any KDK owner about the radio, will convince you. If that won't convince you, well, you just can't be convinced of anything!

- KDK continues the tradition of being the ultimate in VHF FM mobile operations. We make maximum use of multiple function, multiple shaft controls and only three sets of knobs are located on the front panel. Still many new features have been added, such as digital RIT, reverse button, memory channel readout number and more!

- The new KDK 4 bit microprocessor chip has in-house developed software which makes all these new features possible.

- Modern styled front panel with dials intelligently arranged so you can best utilize the multi-function, easy to handle controls. We gave it a very heavy textured paint finish that is highly resistant to scratching!

- Frequency coverage 143.005 - 148.995 mhz. S/N better than 35 db at 1 uv input. Better than .2 uv at 12 db SINAD. Squelch sensitivity better than .15 uv. Bandwidth at -6db: ±6khz, at -60db: ±16khz. Image ratio better than 70db. Double superhetrodyne. Transmitter uses variable reactance frequency modulation with maximum deviation set at ±5khz.

- RF power is a good, clean no spurious signal of 25 watts on high and 5 watts (adjustable) on low.

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- Nicads for memory retention built in, nothing extra to buy. Disconnect the FM2030 from the power source and the memories remain!

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FM2030

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INTRODUCTORY PRICE!

Includes Tone Pad Microphone and all accessories. Shipping: \$5.00 eastern U.S.A. \$7.50 western U.S.A.

- 10 memories in 2 memory banks of 5 each (A&B). Any memory can be changed instantly.

- Control functions: Select memories, show memory channel number, or select memories and show frequency of channel, or dial frequencies with two speed selectable control. Instant choice of either 5 or 100 khz tuning steps. Programmable band scan limits and memory scan.

- Frequency shown in 5 bright LED digits. LED indicator shows when signal is received (unquelched), LED indicator shows transmit. Modern LED bar meter shows signal strength of received signal and on transmit shows relative output power.

- Microphone includes tone pad, and up and down buttons to change dial frequency or memory channels.

- A standard microphone with up-down buttons only is available separately.

- The FM 2030 is basically as easy to use as a crystal receiver with rotary switch frequency selection for full "eyes-on-the-road" mobile operation.

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Solid State: All circuits use the newest transistors. Integrated circuits assure high reliability and low power consumption.

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Built-in Accessory Circuits: All circuits and functions necessary for amateur station operation are provided.

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Continuous Coverage, All-mode Reception: Continuously covers an extensive range of 100 KHz and 30 MHz and receives in any of the AM, LSB, USB, CW and RTTY modes. Filter/tuning circuits permit reception of LF/MF bands below 1.6 MHz.

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96-Channel Frequency Memory Unit (option): NHD-18 stores up to 96 channels. Memory manipulation and frequency changes are easily performed. When a channel is selected, the receiver automatically tunes to it.

NSD-515 TRANSMITTER:

When paired with the NRD-515, the transmitting frequency band is automati-

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No-Adjustment of All Bands: To eliminate adjustments, the transmitter uses wide-band power amplifiers, low-pass filters, and double-tuned band pass filters extensively.

New Amateur Bands: The transmitter is designed for compatibility with new amateur bands approved by the WARC.

VOX System: Incorporated VOX system is capable of automatically switching to SSB transmission and reception, semi break-in operation in CW mode and CW key monitoring.

Over-Mod Indicator: When over-modulation occurs, LED indicator lights up and alerts operator.

Speech Processor: RF-limiter speech processor uses a crystal filter to eliminate splutter and interference with adjacent channels.

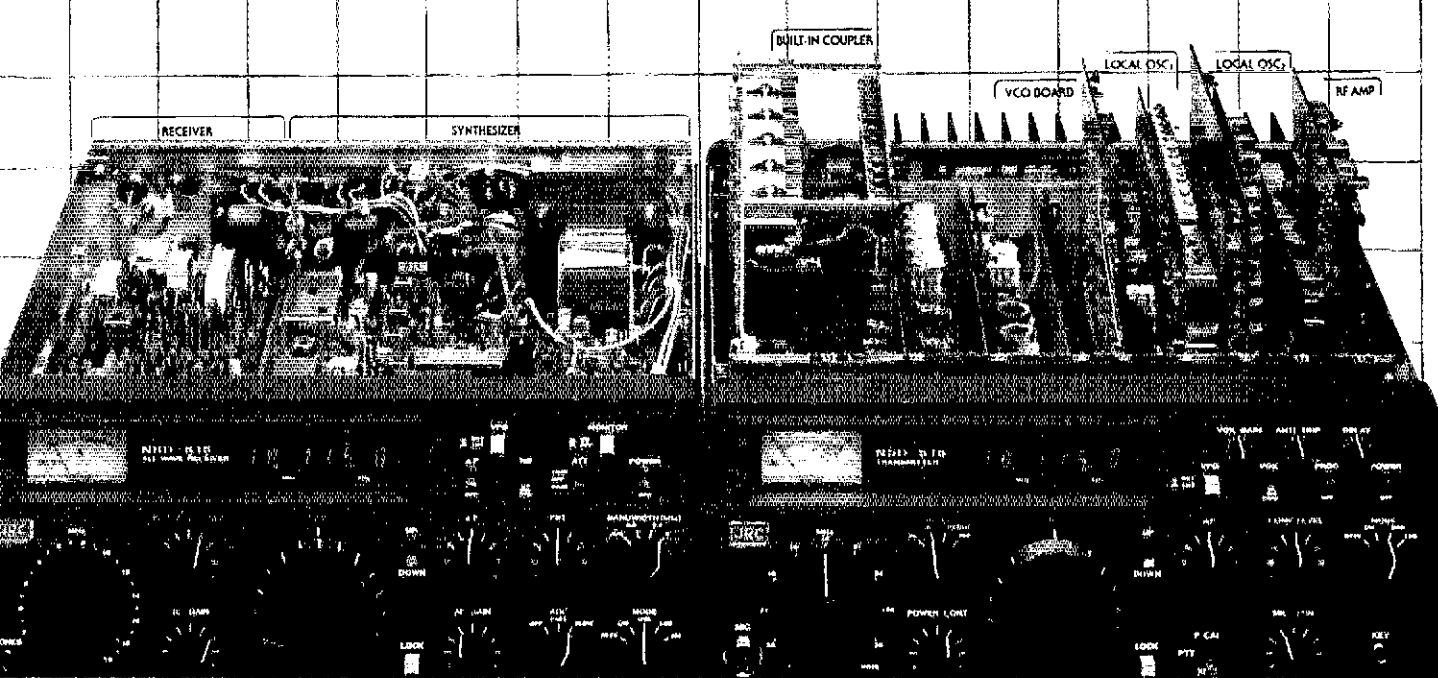
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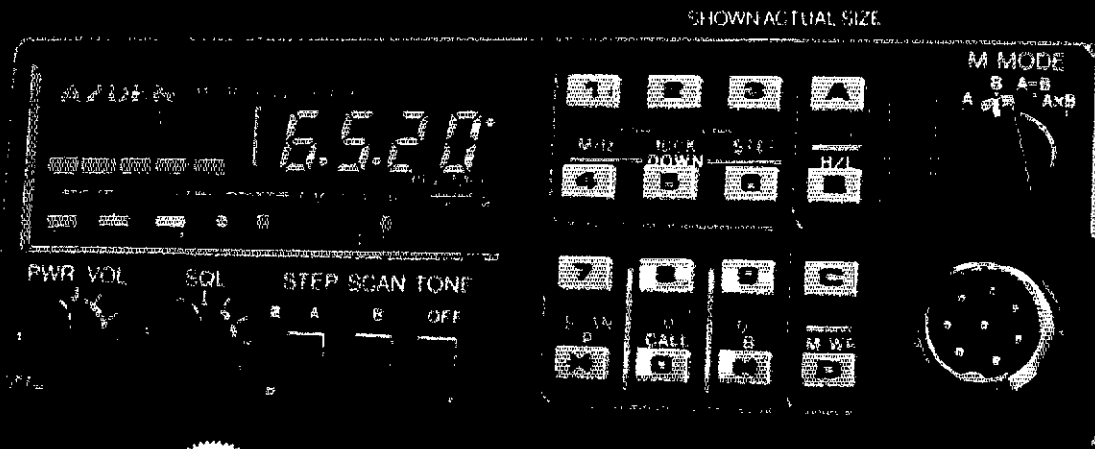
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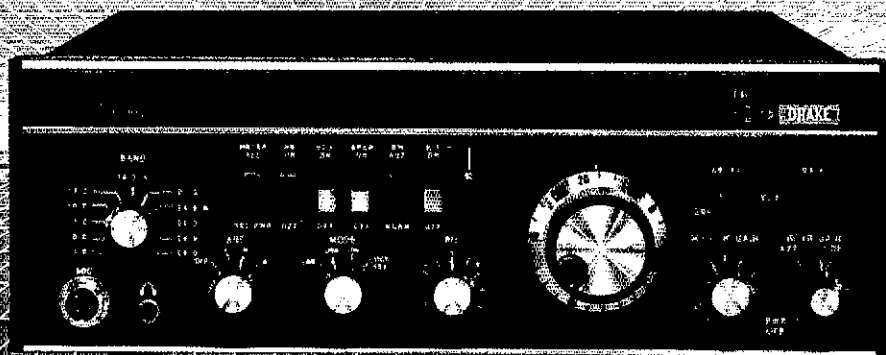
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GENERAL

Frequency Coverage: 1.8-2.0*, 3.5-4.0, 7.0-7.5, 10.0-10.5, 14.0-14.5, 18.0-18.5*, 21.0-21.5, 24.5-25.0*, 28.0-28.5*, 28.5-29.0, 29.0-29.7* MHz. (*With accessory range crystal).

Modes of Operation: Usb, Lsb, Cw.

Frequency Stability: Less than 1 kHz drift first hour. Less than 150 Hz per hour drift after first hour. Less than 100 Hz change for a $\pm 10\%$ line voltage change.

Readout Accuracy: ± 10 ppm ± 100 Hz.

Power Requirements: 13.6 V-dc regulated, 2 A. 12 to 16 V-dc unregulated, 0.8 V rms maximum ripple, 15 A.

Dimensions:
Depth: 12.5 in. (31.75 cm), excluding knobs and connectors.
Width: 13.6 in. (34.6 cm).
Height: 4.6 in. (11.7 cm) excluding feet.
Weight: 14 lb. (6.35 kg)

TRANSMITTER

Power Input (Nominal): 150 Watts, PEP or Cw.
Load Impedance: 50 ohms.
Spurious and Harmonic Output: Greater than 40 dB down.
Intermodulation Distortion: Greater than 30 dB below PEP.
Carrier Suppression: Greater than 50 dB.
Undesired Sideband Suppression: Greater than 60 dB at 1 kHz.
Duty Cycle:
 Ssb, Cw: 100%.
 Lock Key (w/o FA7 Fan): 30%, 5 minutes maximum transmit.
 Lock Key (w/FA7 Fan): 100%.
Microphone Input: High Impedance.
Cw Keying: Instantaneous full break-in, adjustable delay.

RECEIVER

Sensitivity: Less than 0.5 μ V for 10 dB S+N/N except less than 1.0 μ V, 1.8-2.0 MHz.
Selectivity: 2.3 kHz minimum at -6 dB, 4.1 kHz maximum at -60 dB (1.8:1 shape factor).
Ultimate Selectivity: Greater than -95 dB.
Agc: Less than 5 dB output variation for 100 dB input signal change, referenced to agc threshold.
Intermodulation: (20 kHz or greater spacing) Intercept Point: Greater than 0 dBm. Two-Tone Dynamic Range: Greater than 85 dB.
I-f Frequency: 5.645 MHz.
I-f Rejection: 50 dB, minimum.
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Audio Output: 2 watts, minimum @ less than 10% THD (4 ohm load).
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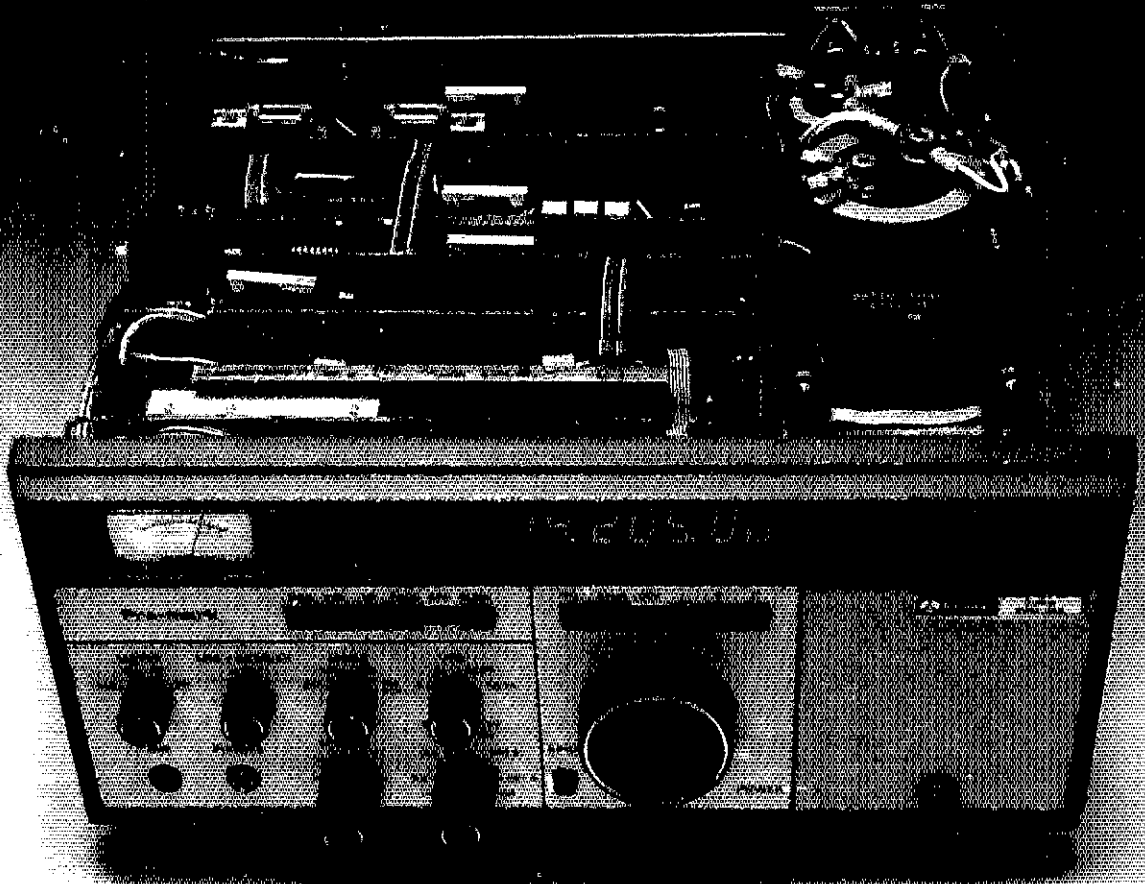
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- Model 7022 SL500 CW Filter
- Model 7027 SL1000 RTTY Filter
- Model 7023 SL1800 RTTY Filter

- Model 7026 SL4000 AM Filter
- Model 7024 SL6000 AM Filter
- Model 1570 PS75 AC Power Supply
- Model 1545 RV75 Synthesized Remote VFO

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- Model 7077 Microphone



The real beauty of the Collins KWM-380 is behind the panel, not on it.

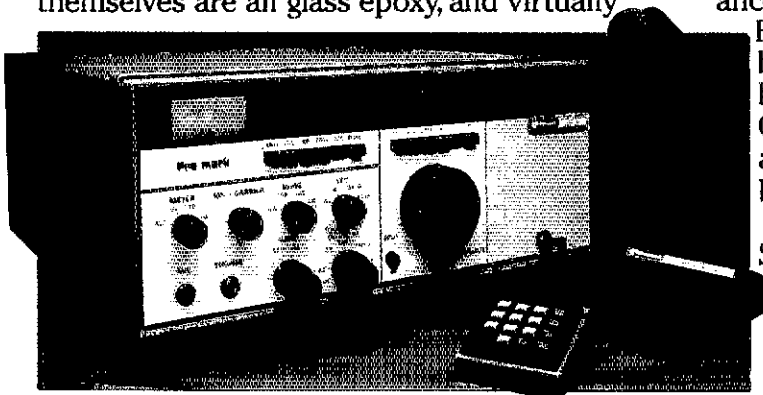


At Collins, we know serious operators don't settle for less than professional performance. So we build every KWM-380 to commercial rather than amateur standards. For example, our PC boards are connected by ribbon cables with gold-plated pinfield connectors. The boards themselves are all glass epoxy, and virtually

Once built, every KWM-380 undergoes 24-hour burn-in, then is aligned and tested to meet or exceed every spec on the data sheet. Which makes us very confident about warranting your KWM-380 for one full year.

The result is a radio with superior performance and lasting quality, not front-panel glitter. Frequency stability is just one example of its beauty: typically, drift is as low as 10-12 Hz per hour for normal ham shack environments. Other companies haven't matched our performance because they don't match our quality behind the panel.

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- Exact and compact size measures 12" W x 16" D x 13" H.
 - For CW and broadcast applications the AL-80 is the only amplifier in its price range to offer CW (no break in).
 - The AL-80 incorporates the most rugged amplifier design yet (66102).
 - Individually tuned pi network, broad-banded tuned input matching 4 percent SWR and selective load to carrier transfer.
 - Certified coverage of the new WARC bands.
- With the AL-80 you can spot activity, may move them over your amplifier and need a whole lot of experience from the AL-80. It can actually make legal first copying.

AL-80 Specifications and Features:
 Frequency coverage: 1.87-2.14 MHz to meet bands
 1.87-2.14 MHz to meet bands

CW - 100 Watt PEP

Drive requirements: typically 60W PEP or 55W CW and 200V or 12V

Input impedance: 50 ohms, 50 ohm and low power transformer tap.

Output impedance: adjustable, variable 30-100 ohms with SWR of 7:1 or less. Intermodulation distortion products in excess of 30 dB below PEP.

Power requirements: 240 volts 50/60 Hz, 10 ampere 20A, with 5000 hours 20 ampere fuse and safety mode included with amplifier.

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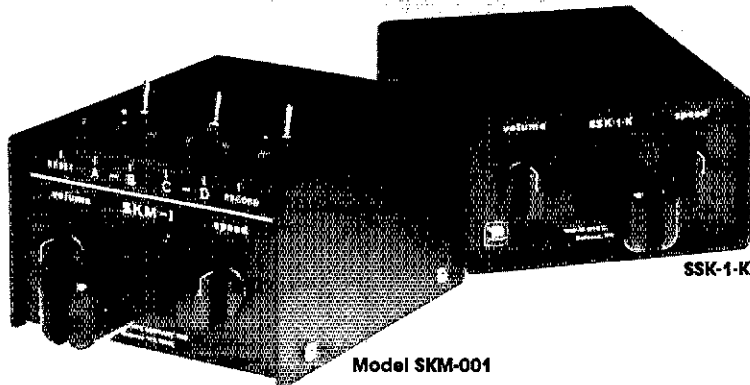
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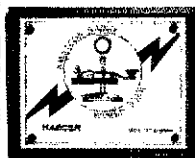


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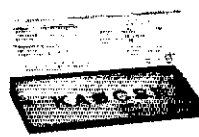
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MISSISSIPPI: SCM, Paul Kemp, KW5T — SEC: N5DDV. STM: KB5W. Congrats to upgrades: Tech KA5OSH, Gen. N5EUE. New calls: KA5EDV now N451, N5EUF now N45P. K5AVG appointed DEC for Southern District. JARC in Jackson needs comm support to aid Red Cross with comms at the ballgames in Memorial Stadium. For details contact KW5T AD5O or N5DDV. This is a chance to develop techniques and see the football games. N5DDV requests anyone interested in working in areas of emergency comms to contact him. CAND (W5KLV) 31 sess., 825 QTC DRN5 (WB5YDD) 31 sess., 367 QTC. MTN (K5OAF) sess. 31, QNI 161, QTC 67. MSBN (N5DSK) sess. 31, QNI 2179, QTC 71. CAEN (KA5AGD) sess. 5, QNI 128, QTC 2. G5EN (KB5W) sess. 22, QNI 407, QTC 26. MSN (N5ERX) sess. 18, QNI 122, QTC 7. MTN/2 (K5OAF) sess. 22, QNI 23, QTC 30. Traffic: KR5W 432, N5AMK 324, K5OAF 185, N5RN 60, W5HKW 41, W5WZ 40, W5LSG 31, KT5Z 20, N5XA 1.

TENNESSEE: SCM, John C. Brown, NO4Q — STM: K4YOL, SEC: K4TKQ. Looks like the section has been a bit lax in covering the DRN5 net. Note that we just had a representation of 84% for the period. We usually run about 100%, so if you would like to be a DRN5 rep, contact your STM or SCM. If you meet the net and the scheduled rep is not on freq., pick up the traffic and not let it be held over for the next schedule. A review of the fall issue or supplement of the 1982 Callbook reflects a lot of activity on recruiting new amateurs and upgrading as has been indicated before. There was a total of 573 actions, of which at least 80% were the calls of new amateurs. That is the result of some hard work on the part of some instructors in the various clubs and also of some singular efforts. Keep up the very fine work and many thanks for the FB effort. Hope many will decide to swell the ranks of the ARRL by a like amount. The additions to the new section staff, or at least part, will be named in the next report. The TSN Honor Roll for this period is N4EFB NG4J N4GJX KA4PWU WA4UCE NS4X NQ4Y & W4ZJY. Congrats and keep up fine work. The TSN is getting a new net manager, WC4M, as N4EFB is to devote full time as a student, which is FB action when that time is about. The TN section of HTTY net will be back on 3.625, and is looking for lots of action if you are so inclined. Traffic: NG4J 791, W4WXH 434, W4ZJY 410, NQ4Y 168, W4DDK 144, K4WCP 81, K4VM 46, KE4XA 45, KA4BSG 33, W4TYV 27, N4W 24, N4MAY 23, KE4OL 19, W4PFP 18, K4DN 15, W4EWR 8, KE4EO 2, KA4USF 2, W4DPO 1.

GREAT LAKES DIVISION

KENTUCKY: SCM, Dave Vest, K24Z — STM: KA4GFU. Net Freq Time/Day QNI Tfc Sess. Mgr.
KRN* 3960 0630 M-F 448 33 27 WA4IUW
MKPN* 3960 0830 Dy 1147 108 31 WA4JTE
KTN* 3959 1900 Dy 1039 108 31 WD4BSC
KNTN 3727 1900 Dy 422 99 40 KB4OZ
KTN* 3600 2000 Dy 204 89 31 K4JX
KSN* 3600 2200 Dy 232 82 31 KC4WN

Other public service nets reporting: KEN, BARE5, CCEN, GARN, I3ARES, I1ARES, 5ARES, 4ARES, 3ARES, KYPN, PAWN, PAEWTN, SEKEN, TSTMN, WARES, LGAN. Totals: Sess. 135, QNI 1634, QTC 191. D9RN 100%. PSHR: KA4GFU KA4SAA KB4OZ KA4BGM KD4TY WD4BSC WA4JTE KA4MTX. WA4JDJ & K4AVX have new Novice class in Hazard. WA4IUW new ORS. New officers RCARA: KM4Q, pres.; WB4TAT, v.p.; KA4MGN, secy.; KA4MBF, treas. WA4JTE is new manager of D9RN. Happy Thanksgiving. Traffic: KA4GFU 163, KA4SAA 149, WA4JTE 137, WA4YPO 122, KA4MZV 110, KB4OZ 87, WD4JY 76, NVAZ 74, WD4BSC 68, K4MHL 66, KA4BGM 62, WA4WV 53, WB4NV 52, K4M 41, K4JLX 38, WA4GAL 27, N4GD 27, K4HOZ 27, KA4MTX 25, WA4AVY 22, KD4TY 20, W4PKX 19, W44UN 14, N4W4 13, WD4CJO 13, WD4COF 12, K4DZM 11, N4ZL 10, K44GBZ 9, W4RHZ 9, WA4JAV 8, WA4SWF 8, K24G 7, K4AXE 6, NN4H 6, WB4PSP 5, WA4SAC 3, K4AVX 2.

MICHIGAN: SCM, James R. Seeley, WB8MTD — ASCM: WA8DHB, SEC: WA8EFK, STM: WD8RHU, DEC: K8BTH N8CUH WD8IXZ WD8MBB WB8VWY. NMS: WA8DHB N8DSW K8LNE K8KMQ WD8LRT WA8PIM W8SVC KV8U WB8YDZ W8YIQ K8ZJU.

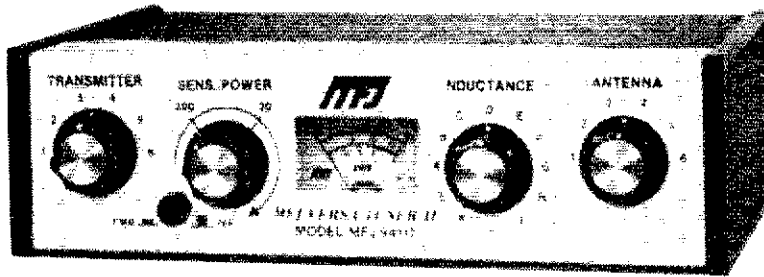
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QMN* 3863 1800 Dy** 1003 281 62 WA8PIM
GLETN 3932 2100 Dy 1188 154 31 WD8BY
M/N* 3932 1730 Dy 383 132 62 WD8SV
MACS* 3953 1100 Dy** 505 108 31 K8LNE
UPN* 3922 1700 Dy 582 101 36 WA8DHB
WSSBN 3935 1900 Dy 464 35 31 WB8SR
TASYL 3922 1900 M 13 5 5 KM8E
BR 3930 1730 MS — — — — WB8SUR
MEN 3930 0900 Sn — — — — WB8SUR

*NTS nets. Times local. **QMN late net, 2200; MNN late net, 2000; MACS Sn 1300. Vhf nets, 7 rpts, QNI 388, tfc 21, sess. 32, mgr. WD8RHU. 3932 is MI emer. freq. ARES net Sn. 3932, 1730. Traffic Workshop Sn. 3953, 1600. Silent Keys, with deep regret: K8DPS W8M. B8TIG. OC reports: WB8IKJ AC8Y. Enjoyed my first time ever at the 5-county swap in Flint. I know what I've been missing! This was the summer for change. WD8LRT has resigned as manager of our fine MITN after 32 months of superb service. He's a tough act to follow, but I'm sure KBKQJ, who takes over the net in Sept., is equal to the challenge. We also are losing the services of WB8YDZ as liaison manager, a post he has held for over four years. He is deserving of much thanks for his efforts. The job will be taken over by the STM temporarily. For any who wonder how those traffic totals are achieved or how to get started in traffic handling I recommend our Traffic Workshop, a weekly on-the-air seminar held each Sunday on 3953 kHz at 4:00 P.M. local time. Basics and fine points alike are covered, and as our STM keeps saying sincerely, "there's no such thing as a dumb question" in these sessions. I note that some other sections are picking up on this idea, with good results. Another longstanding weekly service activity is our statewide ARES net, also Sundays, 3932 kHz, 5:30 P.M. This is a favorite meeting place for ECs and others whose interests are in emergency and public service operating. Again, a lot of questions can be answered, much benefit gained from the experience of others. Traffic: WB8YDZ 359, K8BCPS 350, AF8V 310, K8GKJ 233, N8DSW 209, WD8LRT 186, WB8MTD 174, K8KMG 166, WB8HB 137, W8PIM 118, N8B 108, WB8RHU 105, WB8YDZ 105, K8BNCR 79, WB8X 69, K8OCF 54, WB8PDM 34, W8BUB 31, K8BNCR 79, WB8X 69, K8OCF 54, WB8PDM 34, W8BUB 31, K8GXY 41, N8DTZ 38, W8YIQ 35, KV8U 33, KU8H 32,

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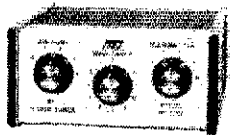
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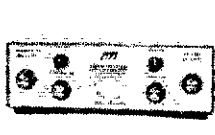
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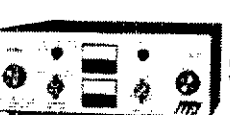
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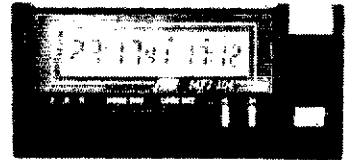
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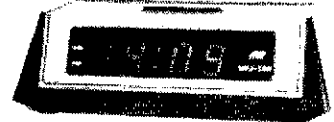
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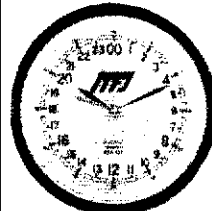
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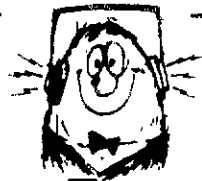
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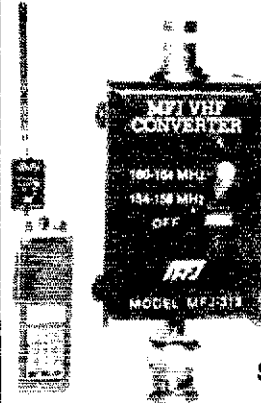
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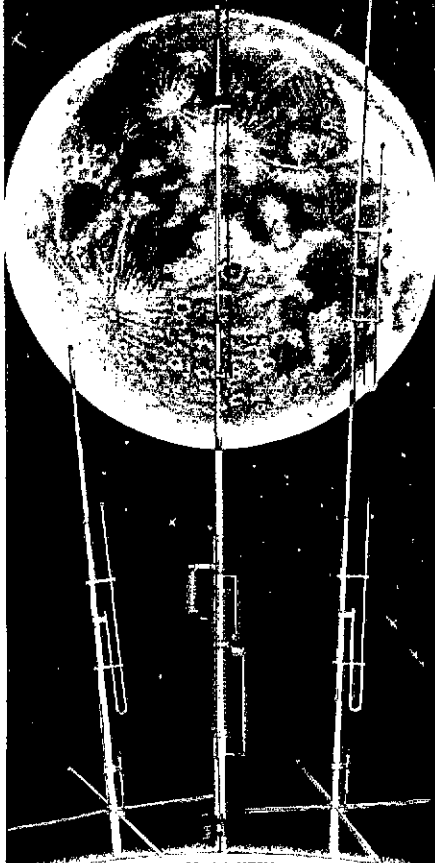
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Net	QNI	QTC
HBN	339	23
MEOW	374	153
MOEN	152	148
CMEN	82	37
MON 2	107	47
MOSSB	523	186

W6JLC is now sporting a KT-34 at 52 feet as well as a new Butternut vertical. KB0X and W9FI are also sporting new Butternut verticals. WB0PJS is sporting a new IC-730. The Kansas City DX Club has begun production of its new extravaganza for the Hamvention in Dayton next April. Looks like it's going to be a winner. Traffic: KC0AS 824, N9AJJ 358, K0SI 251, W0BMA 160, K0PCK 127, KU0G 78, WB0SSB 69, W0NUB 55, KG0L 54, W0UOD 53, KM0L 26, K0RWL 6.

NEBRASKA: SCM, Shirley M. Rice, KA0BCB — SEC: N0AIH, STM: WD0BQG. Best wishes for a fast recovery to KA0JLH, EC of Chadron. He was seriously injured in a cycle accident. He was able to call for help using a horizontal ant on 145.20/8B atop Laramie Peak, WY. Our TX to Great Plains Sprr. Assn. for such a fine rpt. Congrats to KA0CRI & I on adopting a new baby BOV! Upgrades: Extra-KA0DKP; ADV-KA0GMY; GEN-KA0LQC N0DGM, N9AJU had a very BUSY vhf report for Aug. We were pleased to have NE hams visit us this month. WA0WRI W0IOO & WB0SIP cked in with us while they visited relatives. It rained all day they were here, with little since, so hurry back! W0BER & XYL attended Scotts Bluff ARES Picnic. ARRL Pres. W4KFC & WA4PAE "broke sopapillas" with us while touring the Pan Handle. Loving, caring people! Will be Howling Broom Mobile on Oct 31. Happy Thanksgiving. 161. Traffic: K0DKA 86, WB0G0B 41, KA0BCB 41, W0NIK 12, WB0GMO, WA0QX 4, KA0IOM 2, K0DFD 2, WA0PCC 2, K0TUH 2.

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CONNECTICUT: SCM, Pete Kemp, KA1KD — STM: K1EIC. SEC: K1WGO. ASEC: KA1AMK K1AH.

Net	Freq.	Local Time	QTC	QNI	NM
CN	3640	1900/2200	255	376	K1EIR
CPN	3965	1800/1000 Sn	89	252	W1OD
NVTN	28188	2130	—	—	WA1ELA
WON	7818	2030	59	373	W1DPR
RTN	1373	2100	84	78	WB1ESJ

Appt: QES-N1ABY Upgrades: Extra-H01AM, K11QA; General-KA1GSY N1BXO KA1IL; Novice KA1JDD. Call change: WA1TNK/KA1ZG, N1BYX to DL land for the next two years. W1HEO has moved to TX and will be missed. WA1GNA has just completed WASRTRY. Glad to have WB1DSB & K1WGO back after stints in the hospital. K1BCI active at Goshen State Fair. Norwalk ARC busy at the Oyster Festival. CARA sponsored Connecticut QSO Party, Dec 4/5 Details to KA1ECL. Be sure to register your rpt for Nov 1. WR1AIE provided comms for the annual Stamford-Denmark Friendship Yacht Race. A BIG TX to KJ1B WB2OSY & WB1ABV for their aid to the CT Wing of CAP binding a downed aircraft in Danbury Aug 2. A SPECIAL CONGRATS to K1DR & W1OD for their life saving rescue of four drowning fishermen in Long Island Sound. Despite personal danger, they located the men clinging to life preservers and brought them back to shore. With their boat taking on water from overcrowding, they used the autopatch of WR1AIE and managed to coordinate the rescue with Stamford's emergency services. A job well done in the true spirit of Amateur Radio. Don't forget the section reorganization goes into effect Jan 1. Dec reports from section appointees go to: STM-K1EIC; SEC-K1WGO; OO/RP-KA1ML; SGL-K1AH; Clubs-K1UQE; PIC-WB1AU; OBS-WA1DWL; Tech-W1HA; Adm-W1MN; and his South Killiney Bulletin Board are on line. Call 779-0445, 300 baud. SMAG has been busy homebrewing 2-meter beams. EI9ADB visited SARF to talk about 2-meter activity in Eiland. Welcome to W1NJM on his asst dir. appointment. Traffic: W1EFW 295, WB1PJU 213, WB1GXZ 190, W1NJM 145, K1UQE 114, WB9HHH/1 69, WB1ESJ 68, K1AQE 66, KA1BHT 51, WA1WVG 7, W1QV 6, W1CUH 5, N2BOA 4, K1XA 4.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, Rick Beebe, K1PAD

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EMRI	N1GO	3.658	1900/2200/Dy	579	579
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EM2MN	N1BN	23.63	2000/Dy	82	370
N1EEN	K1BE	3.945	0830	68	32
HHTN	KA1MI	04/64	2230/Dy	640	254
EMRISS	N1BHH	3.715	2030/Dy	129	65

By the time you read this HR5008, or its equivalent, will have been signed by the president, and Amateur Radio will face some long sought after challenges. Amongst other things this legislation will allow the FCC to use volunteers for administering all license exams. Of primary concern, of course, is establishing and maintaining a high level of integrity throughout the process, whatever the details of that may be. The ARRL has also responded to the FCC's request ph phone band expansion with a proposal to modestly expand the 75- and 15-meter bands, expand the 10-meter phone band by a whopping 200 kHz and to leave the 40-meter band alone. All expansion would be down in frequency, but details of the plan show virtually no impact on cw. In fact a survey taken in the Crossbander indicated that many hams who operated mostly cw favored the concept of phone band expansion in recognition of the crowding. Remember that previous action by the Board of Directors petitioned for expansion of the 20-meter band, which is perhaps our most crowded phone band, N1BBTJMM operated from the training ship "State of Maine" during July and August, and many hundreds of third party messages were handled via Eastern Mass hams into the National Traffic System. This really picked up the volume of traffic during the normally slow summer months and at the same time provided a service to the cadets and crew. Thanks to all the hams who helped, and I hope this will be the beginning of a tradition between Mass maritime and the hams of East MA. W1GXT reports outstanding DX on 6 meters via aurora. PAWA of Taunton running Novice and Advanced classes. Wellesley club members active in vhf and uhf contests from Mt. Equinox. Billerica club had a tour of the Honeywell Computer Center. Framingham club had its annual barbeque at WA1GL's QTH and WA1UEH says a good time was had by all. SSRA had a talk by WA1CDD on operating aids for the handicapped. Traffic: N1BBT 1010, W1BY 328, KA1DB N1BHH 374, WA5AK 334, W1DK 289, W1BY 245, KA1GBS 194, KA1GK 180, N1AJJ 161, KA1ON 148, K1BA 147, KE1U 124, WA1LPM 113, KA1BU 108, KA1MI 93, W1BNS 60, KA1AE 52, WA1DXT 46, WA1FNM 43,

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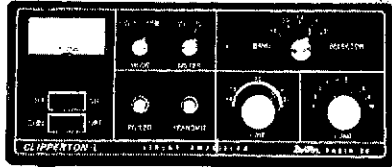
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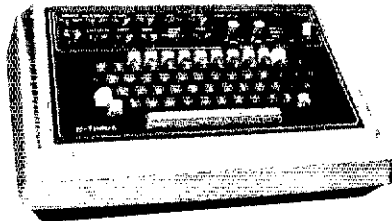
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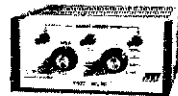
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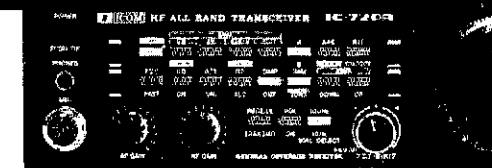
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MAINE: SCM, Cliff Lavery, W1RWG — SEC: KL7JG, STM: AK1W. New OO appointees include W1KX and K1PV. Good response to new reorganization; three appts including PIO K1NIT, OOC W1TAC, ACC KA1EW. Thanks. Under leadership of K1NIT, ARRL hamfest at Windsor a surprising success with W1RU and W1HHR conducting the forum on ARRL activities.

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AEN	5	82	1	WA1YNZ
CMEN	9	135	14	W1WCI
SGN	24	899	165	K1GUP
PTN	53	468	202	W1HDC/N1BJW

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NEW HAMPSHIRE: SCM, Robert G. Mitchell, W1NH — SEC: AK1E, STM: W1TN. Net: N1NH. K1OSM W1VTP. Greetings again from the Kancamagus highway. Ham radio is even here with AF1V in next composite on 40 cw. KA1ISL received 30 wpm sticker. Thirty five attended the Nashua club's outing at the much improved Benson's wild animal farm. WA1PEL is new AEC for Stratford Co. My thanks to all the NH tlc handlers. Because of their efforts we are up on top with the best in the US. W1LQO needs one more for DXCC Honor Roll. K6UXO/1 now Extra. W1AQO/R now on 145.11 in East Hampstead. WB6YEP/1 now in Greece for a year. NH was well represented at Charlotte, VA hamfest. KW5K visited RB1A AK1W & KA1HUW. FRN certificate issued to K1K1OSM. N1ALM, K1CUE AK1W, W1BJ and W1TN. Retired postman K1NOR enjoying ham radio and new computer. Nashua club's 1982 mail show was featured in QST's "Club Corner." Happy Thanksgiving to all. Traffic: K1M 160, W1TN 157, W1GUX 146, W1VTP 105, KA1CJ 82, K1OSM 78, K1YMH 77, AK1E 67, KA1BJ 57, N1ALM 46, K1R 46, W1ALE 37, KA1FKM 32, KB1A 30, K6UXO 30, KA1FFX 22, N1BOF 11, W1CUE 9, KA1ISL 8, KA1HUW 7, WA1PEL 5, K1ACL 3.

RHODE ISLAND: SCM, Gordon F. Fox, W1YNE — SEC: KA1EHR. STM: KC1G. KA1FPP upgraded to Extra and N1BEE to Advanced Newport Co. RC active in Lions Club Road Race and in Battle of RI reenactment. SubSg Club at Raytheon is planning a permanent operating location at the plant in Portsmouth, which will include a new tower. Sober to report that we have a Silent Key. He was one of the iron men of traffic in Rhode Island in the 60s. OSARG and ARES provided comms for the North Central Air Show under direction of EC AE1S and SEC KA1EHR. RIEM2MTN, WA1OSL NM, 22 sess., 168 QNI, 37 QTC. RI Tele Net, KB1G NM, 8 sess., 24 QTC. Traffic: W1EOF 618, WA1CSO 51, KA1FPP 42, KA1EHR 34, W1YNE 31, KC1G 23, KB1G 15, AE1S 14, KA1SO 10, N1BEE 8, N1RI 6.

VERMONT: SCM, Bob Scott, W1RNA — SEC: WB1ABQ. STM: N1ARI. By the beginning of the year, you will have a new SCM; I am not running. I wish to thank those who have cooperated with this office in promoting the main areas of public service; in particular, the SEC, STM, net mgrs, NCSs and DECs. I trust your selection of a new SCM will be one who has demonstrated active involvement in the same areas on & off the air. VSSB 31/57/1130, VFMM 31/407/11; VTN 27/85/42; GMM 28/37/134; Carner 26/54/128; RFD 5/84/14; VPN 5/84/5. W1KOO rptr emergency use: 8/25 WB2YCV reported via VFMM to W1RNA power lines down across road. Info called into pwr co. & VT State Police. Traffic: KA1GB 144, W1RNA 141, K1BQB 130, AE1T 96, N1ARI 79, WB1ABQ 58, W1KRV 40, W1KJG 16.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SCM, William J. Hall, W1JP — SEC: WB1HH. STM: W1UD. ACC: W1YI. Amateur Radio is coming back to life in W. Mass. WB1ABF, W1JP, KA1T, W1ZPB, KB1W and KA1CDC attended 1RN picnic in Dublin NH. W1OYY proposed an interesting idea on cleaning intersection traffic in the same evening. Clubs came out of hibernation too in the Sept. Such topics discussed at meetings in the way of June's FD and VHF contest. Plans are underway for section-wide participation in the October SET exercise. Net schedules and emergency scenario were established in August. The U. of Mass ARS members looking for a suitable site for W1PUO. A dorm site on Orchard Hill is likely, pending RF1 measurement results. As a possible source of income for the club, members are developing a beam heading program to be sold through ham publications. The Mt. Tom ARA, with 30 new members in July, is planning its annual raftie. Prizes are Kenwood all-mode 2M rig, an Icom 2A1 or cash. KA1BNN regretfully resigned as club president because of health. K1HS temporarily fills slot. WB1HKN, W1ZC, W1SPB provided comms for championship pony race. K1s IJU & IJV happily recovering from son's wedding. PSHR: WB1HH, K1JHC. Traffic: KA1T 107, W1UD 102, WB1HH 87, W1K6 68, KA1CDC 56, K1JHC 54, K1IJV 53, KB1W 34, W1JP 16, W1ZPB 15, W1BVR 4, WA1MJE 2.

NORTHWESTERN DIVISION
ALASKA: SCM, Richard Henry, AL7O — ASCM/SEC: AL7AC. STM: WL7H. DEC: KL7JFT, AL7AW. August saw Alaska's first QSO party with stations from the third and fourth districts out in force. Stations from the first and second districts were conspicuously absent. KL7NO reporting moonbounce activity on 220 MHz. Arctic ARC supplied communication support for the Yukon 800 marathon river boat race. Owing to medical reasons have had to leave Alaska. Will be in the Tacoma area at least through the Spring of 1983. AL7AC and I will continue to do our best to represent and serve you. MARR reports a new rptr active in the MAT valley. Traffic: KL7LA 58.

IDAHO: SCM, Dennis L. Hall, KK7X — It is a pleasure to be writing my first section column for QST. As the new SCM for Idaho, I welcome any and all ARRL members to apply for an official station appointment. I welcome monthly reports from all affiliated clubs with an update of your activities. Emergency communications is my number one priority for our section, especially for the more sparsely populated areas of the section which would be entirely cut off in the time of an emergency. Thank you to the Idaho Amateur Radio population for this opportunity to serve you on behalf of the American Radio Relay League. Traffic: W7JMH 72, AC7P 61.

MONTANA: SCM, Les Belyea, N7AIK — New Section Traffic Manager is KF7R replacing WB7DZX who resigned. W7BQE from Sidney reports that he and his XYL enjoyed the GRRL/ARL Midwest Saskatoon Convention. The Havre annual picnic was held Aug. 21 at Beaver

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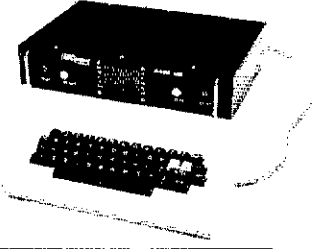
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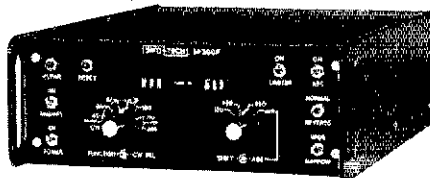
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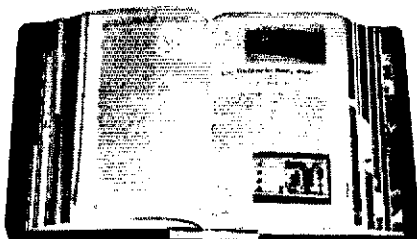
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Greek. The Hi-Line ARC installed a new 80 + 10-meter antenna on the Hill Co. court house to be used for civil defense. W7DB continues to do a fine job sending ARRL bulletins on the traffic net. A Field Day highlight was when KA7EFT from Butte had a QSO with a Swedish station on two meters, most of it conducted in German. A new rptr was installed on Red Mtn using the call of WA7KZF, replacing the WR7ABY machine that had logged over 2 1/2 million transmissions in the past 6 years. KR7BJ & N7BJS made a ten-day trip to KL7-land. Out-of-state visitors were K7MB & N7AMJ. PSHR: WB7WVD, BPL: W7TGU.

Net	Sess.	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
BSN	13	98	3	WB7UTJ
IMN	22	187	54	K7JV
MTN	22	599	76	K7TQM

Traffic: W7TGU 665, WB7WVD 50, N7AIK 42, W7DB 2, W7LKB 2.

OREGON: SCM, William R. Shrader, W7QMU — STM: W7VSE, SEC: K7WWG.

Net	Time/Day	Freq.	QNI	QTC	NM
OSN	0230/0600Z Dy	3587	695	824	KA7ELI
BSN	0145Z Dy	3908	959	49	W7FO
SOFM	0330Z T	146.64	156	4	W7FDU
LB1ARES	0330Z Dy	146.79	1140	30	K7ZOU
WGN (July)	0300Z Dy	3702	352	125	WB7RAKU
WGN	0300Z Dy	3702	352	125	WB7RAKU
OARES	0115Z Dy	3993.5	509	79	W7HLE

Upgrades: Tech-KA7MTY KA7EJ: Adv-N7CZH N7DJE N7CRP KC7WX KC7YC; Exira-K7UK K7TDX. DXCC for KN7B. KV7F new DEC for Portland area WB7RPJ new OBS for McMinnville. K7ZFG completed WAS on 6 meters and QRP at same time. WB7TJ won first place in "Rusty Key" night with OTVARC. WB7KY will study at MIT this fall. A real hearty CONGRATS to all the above. Salem ARC held a "coffee break" again at the Santiam rest stop on I-5. They also had a booth at the state fair. Both line ways to show off to the public. If you want to learn the American Morse Code, listen on Mon/Wed/Fri at 2030 PST (0330Z Tues/Thu/Sat) on 3587 kHz for practice at 10 to 55 wpm. OSN racked up new record traffic month. Douglas Co. ARES helped with Scottsburg Fair boat races. Traffic: W7VSE 594, KN7B 411, WA7LGN 306, KA7ELI 184, K7NTS 176, W7ZB 165, KV7F 154, W7LNE 73, K7X 48, WB7OEX 47, KA7AID 27, N7BGW 21, W7L 6. (June) W7DAN 2.

WASHINGTON: SCM, Joe Winter, WA7RWK — ASCM: KD7G, SEC: K7SH, STM: W7GB.

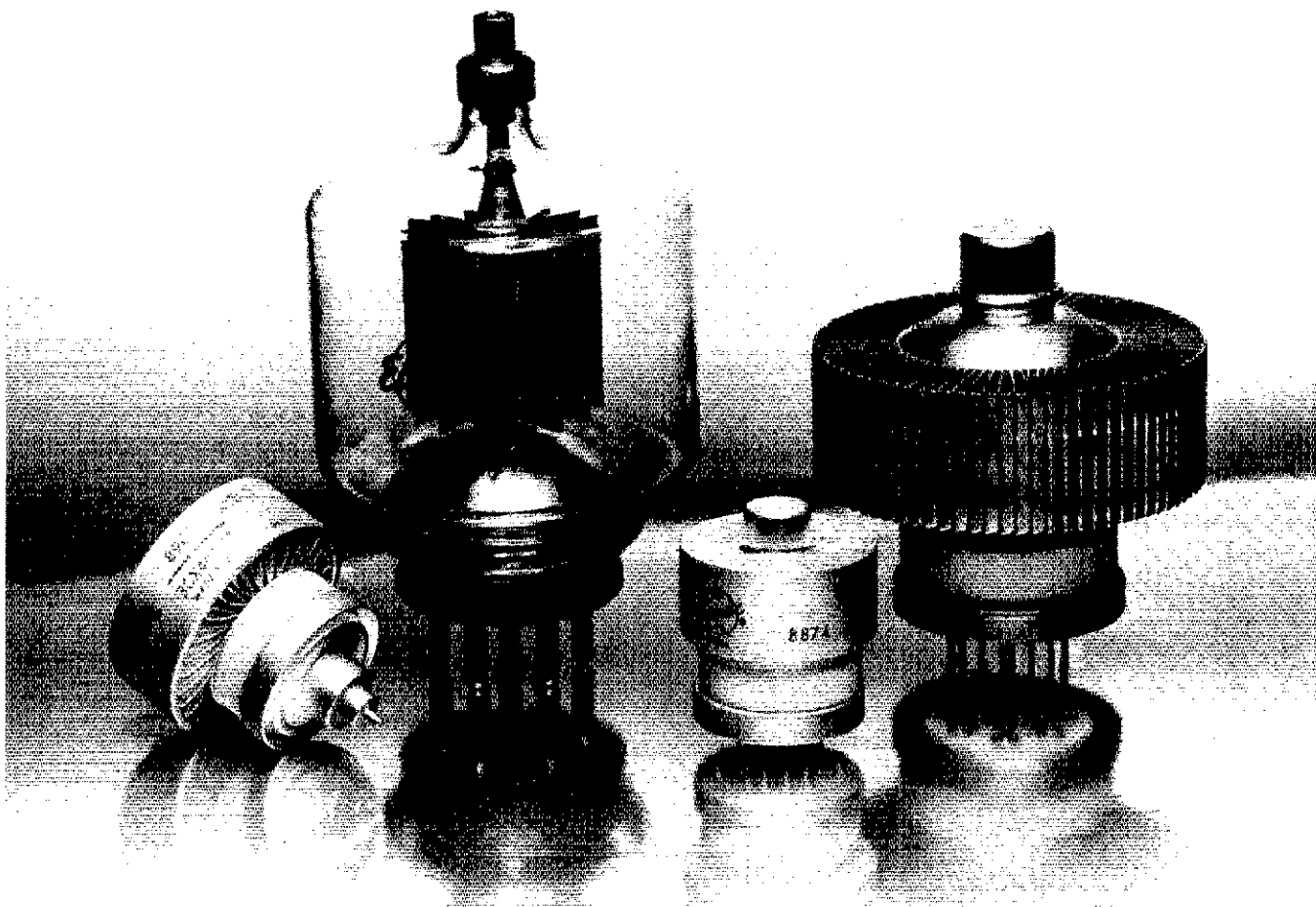
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WSN	3590	0145/0445	609	218	62	W7GB
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NWSSB	3945	0130	723	49	31	W7JHR
EWTN	146.64	0030/0430	68	70	40	WA7CJBN
NTN	3470	1830	133	50	31	W7VIL
PSTS	145.33	0030/0530	133	166	62	W7IEU
SCARES	147 18	0230 (W)	23	2	4	KA7AML

WB7VSY Inland Empire ARC EC rpts 7 hams wkcd Vietnam Veterans Run & Parade. Clallam Co. ARC and Victoria. BC. Int'l Picnic was huge success with 169 attending. Tax to N7DHY & Donna. W7LG rpts Clallam Co has new emerg. stn in courthouse, IRT & Kenwood 2-mtr rig with more to come. Island Co. EC KB7LR rpts successful DEC chem. spill test. Fifteen ARES mbrs responded DEC KC7FA says Kitsap Co. surprise test got 17 (42%) of group out in the field. W7DXX plans mini-DX convention next summer. W7AF is chairman. Congrats to A7FT K7EY & K7ZL on joining the DXCC family. BEARS rptr chmn KA7COD says 220 rptr & AP is almost ready to go. The 145.33 machine is on & doing fine after major rebuild. Clark Co. ARC set up ham display at Tower Mall for AR Wk. headed by KU7G. Great. We need more of this. CCARC had 32 upgrades so far this year, eleven are women. Congrats. Clark Co. ARES EC WB7TKZ plans to have hams at all 9 com. ctrs. in Clark & 1 in Skamania Co. during DEC test. DEC KC7SZ rpts 50 Tri-City ARC/ARES mbrs provided excellent comms for many agencies during Columbia Cup #2 hydroplane races. Good PR on this. N7EIK hosts picnic for Chellis valley ARES mbrs 23 checked in on the fun. Mt. Baker ARC & Whatcom Co. ARES responded to ARRL mission for 3 boys. Eleven ops did fine job. N7DJR observed 17 tt. boat with 3 people aboard, no power & broken-thru hull floating. Took them in tow to Sequim WA with no further incident. WB7RM on shore handled comms for CG, which sent helicopter that was not needed. Radio Ams. of Skagit Co. heard talk on DF equip. by W7ZEG. KB7XH heads comms for Skagit Flats run with 300 runners. KB7NR heads comms for 140 team Slow Pitch Tournament. RC of Tacoma Hamair '82 was again a great success. AD7S Headed booth at WW Fair but broke leg & OM WA7ZZA pitched in to set up booth. AD7S still active handling work list. Sorry about the leg. RCT rptr comms raised bid bucks on the fun. New 220 machine. Traffic: WB7TQF 644, W7DZX 589, WB7NWW 304, K7GXZ 231, N7DNG 225, N7CSP 209, N7ANE 150, K7I 141, W7HNA 120, W7LG 94, W7GB 87, K7CTP 86, W7GIP 81, W7IEU 74, W7BUN 68, K7VW 39, N7DDP 37, WA7BDD 33, WA7JEB 24, K7YF 22, WA7LOV 22, W7APS 15, K7BFL 14, KD7G 11, K7OXL 7, N7CT 2, K7RBT 2.

PACIFIC DIVISION

EAST BAY: SCM, Bob Vallo, W6RGG — ASCMs: W6ZF N6DHN VE2AQV/W6 SEC: W6LKE, STM N6GA made BPL again. FB job. New CA member W6BDSV seeks your views on contest matters. Write to him at his Gallatin address. OOs K6ARE and N6DP both tending toward poor quality cw sigs. K6ARE rec'd the 25 wpm endorsement for his Code Proficiency Award. MDARC starts their Novice training class in Sept. Their members K6DEJ and WA6KDA are on the injured list; the latter recently passed his General test while bed-ridden. I just rec'd the Dec. '81 issue of the LARK Newsletter in the mail! I know the P.O. will do better this year! Their Aug. "Klutz of the Month" was W6RGH, and they have changed meeting days to Friday, with the first one falling on the 13th! EBARC planning a trip to the WW1 Liberty Ship "Jeremiah O'Brien". Traffic: N6GA 585, W6VDM 103, K6APW 83 (July) W6VDM 88.

PACIFIC: SCM, Army Curtis: AH6P — STM: KH6HJ, SEC: KH6B, ECs: Hawaii: J6K: Kauai: KH6S; Maui: KH6H; Oahu: KH6NP. We have a STM! Thanks very much to KH6HJ, we now have a start on getting traffic under control once again into and out of the Pacific Section. But please, he cannot do it alone. He is going to need a lot of help and you can help. Please contact him or me and ask how. Have you checked out the Hawaii Afternoon Net yet? August saw over 285 check-ins. Look for it on 7290 kHz every day at 4:00 P.M. The latest ARRL bulletins are sent just before the net starts, so you can catch up on the latest news and meet a great group of



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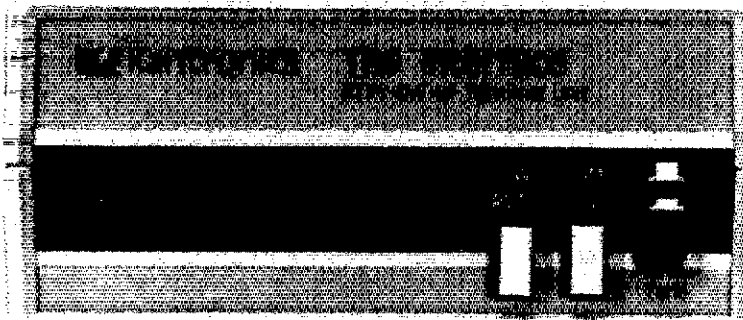
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SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SCM, Norman Wilson, N6JV — SEC: N6AUB, ASCM: K1G7. The Shasta-Cascade ARS VIP unit provided assistance for the Division of Forestry during fire near Fall River Mills. Telephone and CDF rpters failed, and all comms had to be run on Amateur Radio. N6AUB has been appointed to the ARRL Emergency Advisory Committee. K6FO has been appointed to the Advisory Committee for club activities. W6YKU has been reelected by the YLRL to serve as their disbursing treas. WA6ZGM will serve as their 6th Dist. chairman. WA6IHX gave a presentation on RFI to the Aug. meeting of the Yolo ARS. Congrats to KA6VLA, new Novice in the Chico area. The GEARS have noted the passing WA6TNB. Traffic: KE6NO 12, N6EPG 6, K6MLW 4, W6RS 4.

SAN FRANCISCO: SCM, Bob Smith, NA6T — SEC: N6BLN, STM: K6TP. SFRC activated the VA club station and now needs operators. K6BKM has EME computer programs available. SCRA has new mobile camping group going. If you like to camp and go mobile, see WA6ACX. MARC now has the antennas in place, including a dish for 1296 MHz. See N6AQY or K6LRN about operating from HAFB. W6RNL had a nice writeup in RAIN. K6LRN and WB6TKD were awarded Certificates of Merit for their contributions to Amateur Radio and public service. Congrats from the San Francisco section. Section ECs: Don't forget the SF Admin. Net, 3920 kHz, 8 P.M., on first and third Tuesdays. Don't forget the SET on October 16-17. PSHR: W6RNL. Traffic: WB6RTE 12, NA6T 9, W6GGR 6, WA6QXV 2.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SCM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: WA6YAB, STM: N6AWH, ASCMs: W6TRP, K6YK, N6FK. New appt: W6WME and W6Kern Co. W6QHA and W6QEP. CONTACT SILENT KEYS. Contact W6BYH for info on the Central CA DX Club. The Fresno-Madera Chapter of the Northern CA DX Club meets for breakfast at Denny's, near First and Shaw on the first Saturday of each month, except during the ARRL DX test. Contact W6XP for info. Club newsletter editors are asked to be sure to include the director, vice director and SCM on the mailing list. WB6ZCJ is Extra. N6DQE is Advanced. WB6QYF and WB6VDX are General. KA6VTA is Novice. KA6GDS is N6HEW. N6BNW has TR7850. KD6BF has TS930. WB6EHH has FT230R. KA6SDH has IC3AT. WB6QDN has TR7500. KE6CZ has TS5500. W6EJL has an A1 tribander. Happy Thanksgiving to all. Traffic: N6WYB 159, WA6YAB 32, W6DPD 11, W6dFRS 11, WA6JDB 6, W6SX 5.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SCM, Ross Forbes, WB6GFJ — STM: W6ZRJ. SEC: KA6R. Welcome to the new SEC, KA6R, who has been meeting with ECs in each county. We can look forward to a section-wide emergency plan being developed. W6ZRJ is contacting all tic stations to survey new ideas. If you are interested in an ORS appointment, be sure to contact W6ZRJ. Congrats to PAARA, who received the Field Day plaque as the winner for this year's CGRC competition. New AEC for Mt. View is KE6ZA. For a list of all club and general interest nets in the section, drop an s.a.s.s. to SCM. Don't forget to send a copy of your club's bulletin to the SCM. News and info for this column should be received by the first of each month; my address is on page 81 of QST. New DEC for Santa Clara Co. is W6PLT. Any Novice or Tech who wants an RCG should contact WA6HAD, who also transmits bulletins on the low end of Novice bands. N6XI getting active again after changing QTH. K6PU now QRV from Great Britain. Any station in the section with a home computer and modem, please contact the SCM. BBS possibility! New members of the San Mateo RC are N6GVS and KA6VRO. Santa Cruz CARC is happy with their new rpt. W1PWR is back on the air on 146.995. New members of NPSARC include KK1D, W6KBI and K6JBO. K6BGV is enjoying his new tower and antenna. WB6LZF is commuting to W6 and SJ (Egypt). The San Jose S & R portable rpt. saw activity in the VIP activities. Effective January 1, 1983, this section WILL convert to the new section structure. K6AYB active as OO and chasing some DX. WB6GFJ busy cleaning up after fire damage to property; house all OK. Traffic: W6KZJ 130, WB6SVS 30, W6ZRJ 30, WA6HAD 12, KE6ZA 6, WB6GFJ 2, N6XI 2.

ROANOKE DIVISION

NORTH CAROLINA: SCM, Ian C. Black, WD4CNR — STM: W4EAT, SEC: NB4L

Net	Time	Freq.	Sess.	QNI	QTC
CMN	1145	3.927	31	487	190
CN	2300/0200	3.574	61	580	352
JFKN	2230	3.923	31	867	165
THEN	2330	3.923	31	839	205

Alamance ARC announced sponsorship of the NC QSO Party and also of the Pig Pickin' Contest, not necessarily in that order, but both coming soon. Pig Pickin'? I'd like the results of that one. Rcvd copy of interesting letter to hq. from N4UE. He suggests a fund to be set up which all of us could contribute, but which would be monitored by the League, for use by smaller rpt. clubs. The funds would be used to defray legal expenses caused by anti-ham local govt. action. An obvious question is how to decide whom to help. It is noted that practically every Board meeting attacks the problem of how best to use the legal power of the League in defense of our hobby. N4UE's point, a good one, is if the League administered the funds, at least we'd know it wasn't a hoax we were contributing to. Shelby Hamfest attended and enjoyed again this year. Possibly the best weather ever for a mainly outdoors event. Fellowship at all time high; dealers doing good business, and a lot of smiles on the faces of the tall-guards. Poolside activity notable. WA4OBR trying to rescue a young thing who appeared able to swim OK to me; K4IWW comely. Uninterested in our conversation-action on the balcony had his attention. Wonder what she did do with all that ice? Note to Hq.: The item "47 cups of coffee" on NB4L's expense sheet is fraudulent. Actually, he lost the bet concerning Loretta's and Dottie's ability to finish the bottle. Admittedly, these are "in" type stories, but if they have you wondering, join us next year round the pool at Shelby. Traffic: K4GCN 581, WD4CNO 431, WB4W11 238, W4EAT 192, WA4FKY 164, KD4PJ 143, NJ4L 101, AB4S 88, WB4N 78, WD4LRG 75, WD4CEB 68, KA4KJ1 62, WA4OBR 60, WA4K 50, N4IWD 54, K4IWW 50, WD4LDO 49, NE4J 48, WB4CYN 43, KZ4A 31, WB4CES 28, K4LDH 28, N4NP 14, NB4L 13, WA4EH 12, W4RVE 12, WD4BXC 10, KA4LKF 10, N4UE 7.

SOUTH CAROLINA: SCM, Jimmy Walker, WD4HLZ — ASCM: WB4UDK, SEC: K4SGV, STM: W4ANK, NMs: K4PFC, KC4LA, NJ4L, AB4S. Congrats to NT4W for receiving "100 Nations Award." National Weather Service is

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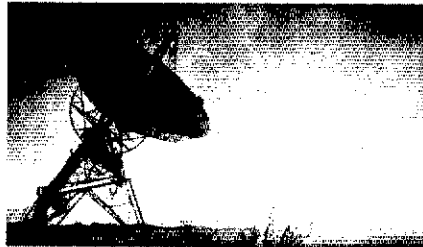
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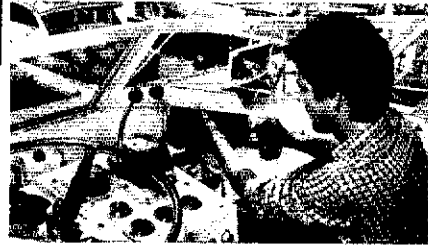
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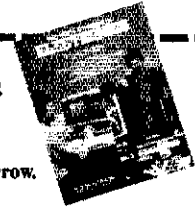
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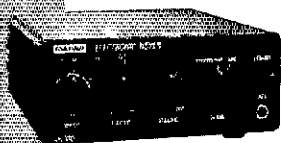
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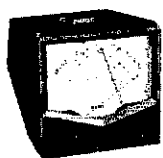
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beginning SKYWARN training for 1983. Contact WVS Columbia if your club is interested. October is the time to elect an SCM for next 2-year term. WA0CX and WD4HLZ will be on the ballot you will receive from the ARRL. Don't forget to mark your ballot and return before November 1. Have you noticed the change in this column over the past few months? I have been devoting more space to other activities besides traffic. Additional space could be provided if traffic and nets are combined quarterly. Send me your ideas and comments. SCSSB 1087/107, SCNT 405/61, CSN 189/39, Blue Ridge 2279/92, Greater Pee Dee 1134/124, Western Carolina 391/30, Newberry 62/4, Carolina State Line 58/4, Traffic K4ZN 249, W4TQ 138, W4ATL 11, W4EJZ 47, KE4CZ 47, W4FMZ 45, K4ALRM 42, K4FRX 39, W4DFJP 35, KE4WC 33, K4ALA 29, K4ZB 25, W4AMIY 21, W4UDK 20, N4ATO 12, W4DRF 9, W4PLB 6.

VIRGINIA: SCM, Phil Sager, WB4FDT — ASCM: K3RZR, SEC: WB4UHC, STM: KY4K, Chief OBS: K3RZR, Chief OO: W4HU.

VNTN	Noon	7260/3905	WD4FTK
VSNB	6:00 P.M.	3947	W4NWM
VSN	6:30 P.M.	3680	K4VWK
VN	7:00 P.M.	3680	K4JSTW3ATQ
VN	10:00 P.M.	3680	K4JSTW3ATQ
VLN	10:15 P.M.	3947	WD4ALY
VRN (RTTY)	7:30 P.M.	3630	KA4ERP

After over a year, the Virginia Slow Net (VSN) has moved out of the Novice band back to its former frequency, 3680 kHz. VSN manager K4VWK says the move is owing to the lack of any Novice or Technician participation. Congrats to WA4CCK, whose traffic total earned him a BPL this month, only the third awarded to a Virginia amateur over the last 6 months. WB4FLT, WB4KSG, AF4O N4DR and WB4FDT were present at N4YE's bachelor party. Understand WB2RBA will be working in 2-land during the winter months. Virginia ARES getting a workout in September with a mock nuclear power plant disaster. SVEN reports 47 QTC and 488 QNI. WA4CCK, K4JST, N44I, KY4K, WD4ALY, KA3DTE, K4VWK, KA4ERP, WB4UHC, NW4O and W4LXB all earned PSHR awards this month. K3RC new ORS appointee, K4T5U now living in Sterling Park, KY4K and WB4FDT gave a talk on N4YS and the Virginia Traffic net system at a meeting of the Mount Vernon RC, WB4KIT traveling in Texas. Virginia will switch to Section Manager position in January. I am looking for a state-wide club coordinator and a local and State Government Liaison. I will discuss this change in depth next month. Traffic: WA4CCK 510, K4JST 434, W3ATQ 345, WA4LJ 340, WD4FTK 298, N44I 255, KY4K 194, WD4ALY 193, KA3DTE 163, WB2RBA 153, WB4FLT 136, W4NWM 130, K4KDJ 108, K4VWK 87, N44S 77, KB4PW 73, KA4ERP 72, KA4IUM 71, WB4UHC 69, NW4O 68, WB4FDT 67, N4YG 55, KB4OG 52, KC4HN 51, W4JIR 50, W3BBN 45, N4FNT 45, N4UJ 41, K3RZR 40, W3BBQ 34, K4MLC 31, W4BODZ 28, N4EPT 25, WB4KIT 22, W4AWY 22, W4CV 20, W4LXB 19, W4PVA 18, WB4RKN 18, W4UJ 18, K4RC 16, K4DHB 14, W4KX 13, AA4T 12, N4FTN 12, WB2OMZ 11, N4BJX 6, WB4DQZ 6, N4LE 6, W4OKN 6, K3RC 5, W4ATV 3, W4DUU 2, N4YE 2, N4DW 1, W4TZX 1, (July) N4YQ 78, W4PVA 8.

WEST VIRGINIA: SCM, Kari S. Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEW, STM: KD8G, Rptr Coord, WD4KHL, WD4GRF is now Adv. KA8OAV is now Gen. KA8PNK is now Tech. Congrats to all who have upgraded. WB8KUU is now KV8T. KC8CG is now KV8S. Interested in 160 mtrs? Listen for WV hams on 1835 and 1850 around 7:00 P.M. Bluefield hamfest was nice affair again this year. WB8VAZ was wed on Aug. 25. Congrats.

Net	Freq.	Time	QNI	QTC	Sess	NM
W4N	3967	7:00	108	55	2	WBLYV
W4FN	3990	8:00	565	25	31	N8AJC
W4MD	7235	Noon	479	52	31	WB7ZP
W4NN	3730	6-15	32	20	20	WB9TJN
HILLBILLY	14290	Noon	Sn179	47	4	W8YP
KARC 2Mtr	28/88	8:30	Sn 94	2	5	W8BAEW
KFC 2Mtr	87/47	8:30	M 84	5	4	WD4KHL

Traffic: W8JWX 80, KA8GHF 69, K8QEW 61, K8KT 58, KC8CR 38, WB8ZA 38, N8AJC 37, W8BYLW 15, KV8T 12, WB8ZMX 12, N8CFY 7, N8DLK 7, W88MJE 2, WB8W8 2.

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COLORADO: SCM, Lawrence E. Steinel, W0ACD — SEC: K3PUR, STM: W0AIT, NMs: W0AIT, W0HXB, W0LAE, W0ARYL. With the passage of HR 5008, the radio amateur fraternity has passed another milestone as many times as in the past. However, with the FCC directing their staff to write a proposal for creation of a No-Code amateur license, we again will be faced with a decision. We as radio amateurs should be prepared to submit our comments at the proper time. The Northwest and Rocky Mountain Division convention at West Yellowstone was well attended with over 500 registrations. There were several League Officials as well as eight SCMs from the two divisions there. It was a good convention, thanks to the organizers. With the ARRL Board's approval of the new Field Organization as recommended by the LRPC, the new system will be implemented in the Colorado Section on 1 Jan. 1983. This will change the reporting channels for some of the positions and will create four new positions. This will in no way replace the ARES or National Traffic System, as handling of traffic will always be of major importance to the ARRL. Keep up the good work and don't forget to report your activities. HNN sess. 26, QNI 1443, QTC 105, inf 213, QNF 1327, Colombine sess. 2R, QNI 912, QTC 81, inf 146, QNF 1095, Colombine July sess. 27, QNI 956, QTC 81, inf 189, QNF 98, Traffic: N8AJC 2266, W0HXL 1705, W0ACH 678, W0ACD 607, K0JAN 540, K0DJ 245, N6CK 166, W0LAE 137, N0ACW 118, W0EJD 57, KB9Z 40, K0CNY 12.

NEW MEXICO: SCM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY — SEC: W5ALR, STM: KVSU, NMs: W5UNO, K85LJ, W5VFC. Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 3.583 at 1930 local and handled 245 msgs with 238 stations in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net (NMRN) meets daily on 3.939 at 0100 UTC and handled 114 msgs with 858 stations in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3.939 at 0630 local and handled 94 msgs with 915 checkins. Yucca 2 Mtr. Net, 7/818 & 93/33, handled 12 msgs with 459 checkins. Caravan Club 2 Mtr. Net 6/6/06 handled 12 msgs with 459 checkins. W5VJX/5 operated from Duck Downs, the world's richest duck race, Domingo, NM Aug 21 & 22, handling over 100 msgs. W5VJX, KVSU, W0BVC, K5DUV, W5G60, N5DGE, W4P0VY & others, helped Traffic: KVSU 300, K5DUV 217, W0BVC 176, W5J0V 148, W5DAD 144, W5ENI 84, W5MIY 36, K85LJ 30.

UTAH: SCM, Leonard M. Norman, W8PBV — SEC: WB7BZJ, STM: W7OCK, W7OCK is not retiring from Amateur Radio, just turning the helm over to younger

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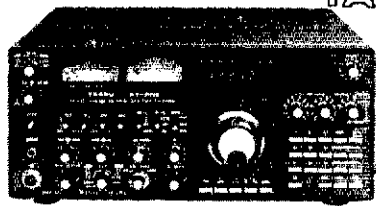
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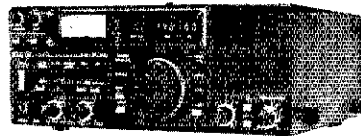
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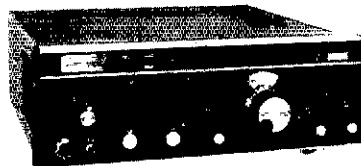
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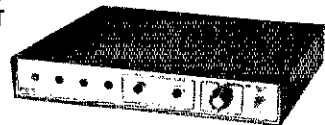
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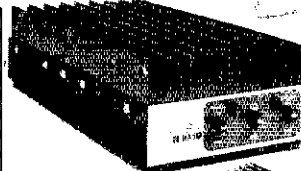
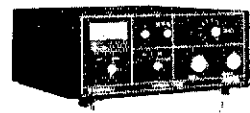


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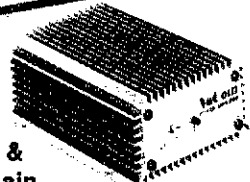


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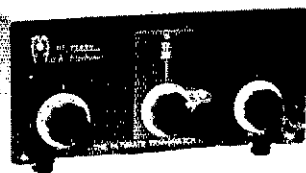
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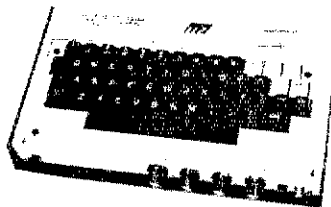
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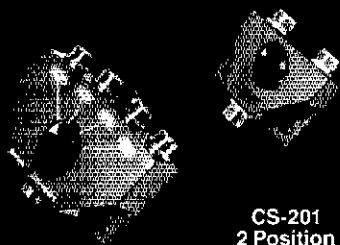
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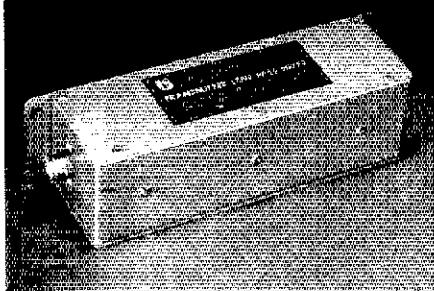


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WYOMING: SCM, Dick Wunder, WA7WFC — SEC: WB7EIN. STM: W00GH. Had a very enjoyable time at the WIMU Hamfest at West Yellowstone, MT. The WIMU group was the sponsors for the Rocky Mtn & Northwestern Division ARRL Convention. Our thanks for everything. It was my pleasure to visit with our new president, Vic Clark, W4KFC, and his lovely wife. The next year is going to be full of changes with the new ARRL organization going into effect and the additional responsibilities for the Field Organization. Your input and help are most welcome. WTN held 12 sess. with 37 QNI & 12 QTC. Cowboy Net held 22 sess. with 487 QNI & 16 QTC. Jackalope Net held 20 sess. with 325 QNI & 0 QTC. New Novice is KA7OGI. Cokeville rpt: 147.9D30. Traffic: W00GH 178, WB7NHR 118, KA7FK7 78, K7BLM 44, W7SQT 8.

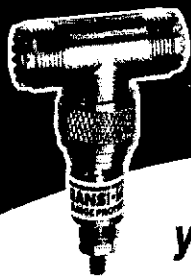
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ALABAMA: SCM, H. H. Wheeler, W4IBU — SEC: N4DMA. STM: WA4PIZ. ASCMs: N4DRV KA4WVU. Amateurs who have graduated from Auburn are requested to contact WA4LJU, prez of the Auburn ARC. The Huntsville Hamfest was an outstanding success. The committee and assistants are commended for their efforts. Don't fail to give your opinion, by letters to the officials, concerning the so-called no-code license contemplated by the FCC. The Amateur Radio bill is now awaiting the President's signature. This may cause many changes in the way things are done, so study it well. Congrats to the many who upgraded to the FCC testing site in Montgomery via ARRL Info Net on Tuesday nights after the "M" net is now getting more activity. Members and non-members are invited to participate. Give and receive information of interest. N4SO and W8IM have received their 1st Class Radiotelegraph tickets. A poll is being taken to determine the advisability of a cw training net being established within the section. Direct your opinions to WA4PIZ or W4IBU. 145,695 has been recommended as a national emergency alerting frequency. This would require the cooperation of the entire amateur fraternity. The SEC is conducting tests! DRN5 represented 100% on CAND by W4CKS and W4IBU. Alabama represented 100% on DRN5 by W4IBU W4WJF W4AJDH W4KRA & W4ARA. Traffic: W4AJDH 758, W4CKS 140, K4AOZ 84, W4ALXP 74, W4IBU 48, N4HIR 21, KA4JIT 18, W4BIXA 10, K4GX8 8, W4BTVY 8, W4DGH 7, W4AOEA 2, W4ASLZ 1.

GEORGIA: SCM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL — SEC: WB4HXE. ASEC: K4SWJ. STM: W4WXA. Chieft OBS: W4BIA. KB4IT reports winners of the Atlanta RC Trust Fund Memorial Scholarships as follows: K4AEJ award to WB5MJK, who will enter Rice Univ.; KJ9I, winner of the W4IO memorial, plans to attend Milwaukee Sch of Eng.; Georgia's own KS4Q, (1st GA winner) recipient of the N4YO scholarship, will study at the U. of Dallas. Congrats to all the winners & our hats off to the sponsors. WB4ZVX is the 1982 Georgia Amateur of the Year. This award is sponsored each year by the GA 5B Assn. Recipients of the Georgia State Award for the GA State Convention at Warner Robins were the Central Georgia ARC, W4HON & KF4EH (ex-W4DADV). The section's 1982 hamfest concludes with the Stone Mt. Farmvention on Nov 6th & 7th. The 1982 SET is now history. All results are due into the ARRL by Jan 31, 1983. If you need forms let me know a.s.a.p. Colquitt Co. HRS again successful with "Expo '82." The citizens of the Sunbelt really get exposed to Amateur Radio at work. K4VN received WAS certificate for sbb. 2-letter Extra Class calls on 75. Bill Gremillion RC again out in full force at Powers Crossroads Festival. Been licensed 25 yrs or longer and want to join OCWA? Contact W4JWO or K4JNL for info. Spalding Co. ARES Net meets each Mon eve (local on 144.7915.39. Join them. The Thronateska Chapter of 10-10 is sponsored by the Albany ARC & meets Sat at 1900 UTC on 28.550 MHz. It's election time for most clubs in the section. Please send me a list of your new officers. This is the month of Thanksgiving. Hope all have nice family gatherings. Traffic: W4WXA 149, K5TF 118, WB4NTW 100, W4FIZ 39, W4HON 39, K4EV 35, K4JNL 32, KA4ATM 31, K4NM 29, W4BIA 20, W4AAV 18, K4BAI 8, N4BIM 6, K4PIK 4, N4UZ 3, W4IZI 2.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SCM, Billy F. Williams, Jr., N4UF — SEC: W4UEA. STM: W4DHF. ASEC: KEBO. NM: WA4QXT NY4E, KA4MGQ KA4MGR KF4U. New district (East Central) has been formed. KB4LB has been appointed as DEC. This includes East Volusia, West Volusia and Seminole Co. New EC for Bradford Co. is K4SRA, while WB4UBK takes over EC duties for Putnam Co. WN4IV has resigned as NFFN net mgr., and is replaced by KA4MGQ who previously served as asst. mgr. The Gulf Coast ARC chose WC4E as recipient of its scholarship award. N4EDQ very busy handling traffic for the Int'l Communications For Christ (ICFC) net which serves missionaries. Through the use of RTTY system and computers, this system handles 10,000 pieces of formal written traffic monthly. Novice class instructors are busy this fall with training new hams. Congrats to K4CIN (a), W4DTV (a), K4DQ (a), W4WY (a), KEBO & AA4FG (NPR) & N7SD (Daytona) for their services as instructors. In Gainesville WA4HFR & KA4NGX built an emcgy power supply charger for the K4DPZ rpt, which is being reinstalled at tul power on the Ch. 5 tower. SEC W4UEA is working on updating the N. Fla emergency plan. BARS rovd nice newspaper writeup on their race coverage in marathon. Greater Jax Hamfest attendance up considerably over last year. Tnx to committee for first class event. Enjoyed meeting many members there. Sunday NCS on FMTN is now W4ARIC. Send correspondence and reports to me at P.O. Box 9673, Jacksonville, FL 32208. Traffic: N4EDQ 2749, W4DHF 561, N4PI, 434, W4QXT 315, W4EYU 185, KB4LZ 119, W4MGO 107, WB4TZR 104, WB4GHU 98, KD4QZ 77, N4EDH 76, W4AADL 93, W4DHP 62, KA4MGQ 53, N4ADI 52, K4BT 49, WB4FJY 45, N4UF 44, W4HIO 32, W4DRIC 31, WB4DTS 21, W4DTP 21, W44STZ 21, KA4OFG 18, KA4RBY 17, W3IDO 15, N4ESM 11, W4AMSU 11, WD4NTO 10, W4LUW 7, KA4NPI 7, KA4RMH 6, WB4YQP 6, W4B4YP 5, W4COOS 4, WD4NVJ 3, WD4FAB 1, WD4NKA 1, WD4NVI 1. (July)

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SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SCM: Woodrow Huddleston, K4SCL — ASCM: W4KGI, SEC: KB4OW, STM: WA4PFK. This being my last Section Activities write-up, I wish to thank especially the above assistants as well as other LOs, official appointees and active radio amateurs for their contribution making this an outstanding section. I have the greatest of confidence that we can grow to even greater heights under the able leadership of WA4PFK, your new SCM beginning October 1st. He may also become your first Section Manager under the new ARRL reorganization about January 1st or within two years thereafter. Those of you who read your CD Bulletin (QCD) know the OVS appointment has been abolished. There are no more Official VHF Stations. It is hoped that the stations carrying on vhf work will continue to do so and will participate in other ARRL programs. We are a little disappointed that the Official Emergency Station appointment has not caught on more. We have 20 in the section, which is not bad, but we believe there should be more. Each EC especially and most ARES members should hold this appointment. KB4OW is doing an outstanding job as SEC, and has agreed to continue under the new SCM. K4ZK is to take over the STM job on Oct. 1st. We have appointed the first DEC ever for this section. AA4BN is now District Emergency Coordinator for Hendry and Glades Cos., thus bringing official ARRL representation to Glades for the first time in many years.

Palm Beach Co. has been combined under one EC, WD4BCC, thus abolishing the split into East and West for emergency coordination. With Mercury Co. having been skittish about not having enough hams to handle a large scale emergency, W4YIT and Dade Co. ARES have agreed to send help if needed. That's the kind of cooperation which makes us proud to be hams and proud of our fine section. On August 16, Palm Beach ARC pulled off a big Simulated Emergency Test in cooperation with CD, Red Cross, CAP Search & Rescue, Sheriff's Posse and National Weather Center. Forty hurricane shelters were activated and over 200 hams took part. Good going, gang. We welcome K4ZK back after a 12-week vacation in Canada. KA4FZI has a new Ten Tec Omni D. Congrats. Most of the nets which moved to 40 meters to avoid summer static are now moving back to 7580. QFN (3551 at 7 & 10 P.M.), first on the Traffic Hounds list with 585 messages handled, is managed by that very capable YL from Fort Myers, WD4AWN. QFN handles all your out-of-state traffic into the evening cycles of the National Traffic System, sending reps to both ARN and RNS. FMTN (7247 at noon) does the same for Daytime NTS, with TPTN (3940 at 5 P.M.) being responsible for bringing traffic into state from D4RN and RN5D. I hope everybody is ready for the Simulated Emergency Test, scheduled nationwide for Oct. 16-17. This being the same weekend as the Clearwater Convention (Southern Florida Section Convention), we may postpone our section drill until the following weekend. This is to be considered at the Melbourne Hamfest, Sept. 11-12. Traffic: W3CUL 3027, W3VR 582, WA4PFK 414, K4TH 396, K4SCL 293, K4EUK 229, K4JA 200, K4ZK 194, WA4EIC 190, WD4AWN 185, WA4FK 164, WA4GPL 149, KY4U 129, KA4ASZ 108, KE4DA 107, WA4HU 105, WA4TWD 105, WB4WVG 103, KE4CQ 97, W4DL 91, WD4CHO 84, KA4FZI 78, WB4AID 74, WB4MPJ 72,

W4ESH 71, W3TLV 45, KA4BBA 44, W4IRA 43, NJ4O 39, W4DVO 34, W4LVA 34, KA4AMC 33, K5IHH 32, W4PKP 30, KB4OW 29, KC4GT 28, AA4VJ 28, WB4GCK 28, N2WUX 23, WB2OUK 15, WB4FVN 14, AA4BN 8, WD4AEP 7, WD4LP 6, WA4LQO 5, KM4G 4, WB4ITH 4, (July) W4YIT 25, WA4LOO 3.

WEST INDIES: SCM, Julio Negrone, KP4CV — KP4EU is new section emergency coordinator, effective Aug. 1. KP4CU left for New York and therefore vacated post. KP4EMX and KP4EU passed Extra Class license exams this month. Congrats! STM informs WINS gave way to win at 13 to 15 pm starting Sept. 1 by popular demand. Section is beefing up for SET next Oct. 18-19. PSRR: WP4AOH NP4D KP4DJ. Traffic: NP4D 162, KP4DJ 102, WP4AOH 93, WP4AMA 30, KP4ABK 28, WP4BPD 22, NP4L 17.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SCM, Erich J. Holzer, N7EH — STM: W7EP, NM: WA7KQE WA7FDN. The month of August has come to an end; it has been a quiet month. I have upgraded the following ECs to DEC: W7KAX N6HJ K7NTG. This should enable ARES within the section to achieve a firmer foundation. N7CSC reports that when the AZ MVD returns your application for amateur call sign plates, your plates are ready to be claimed. W7KMA reports that WB7TOV is the first AZ YL to work 50 countries on 6 meters. AA45 is planning their participation in the Thunderbird Balloon Race, to be held in November. The July issue of *Squeech Tail* has many fine pictures from Field Day. AA will be sponsoring a ham community swapmeet for Oct. 16. Congrats to W7KOY on being awarded a Certificate of Commendation and Appreciation from the Phoenix P.D. for her public service. It is with regret I report the following Silent Keys: W7AE KA7CEJ W9AHV. PSRR: K7NTG W7EP. ATEN: QNI 798, QTC 224. Traffic: W7EP 117, K7NTG 117, W0GMO 63, K7UXB 57, WA7KQE 51, W7AMN 38, K7NMQ 33, KE7W 33, N7CQY 16, N7EH 14, W4TYUL 8, WA7NXL 7, K7GLA 4, N7CVT 3, KQ7Y 2. (July) K7UXB 76.

LOS ANGELES: SCM, Stan Brokl, N2YQ — SEC: N6UK, STM: K5DY. DEC: Northeastern District-WB6MKA; Northwestern District-WA6LAU; Southern District-KE6EF. Congrats to the following new EC appointees: WA6HHA WB6JBO WB6LOY WB6FRM WA6QZY. This completes the reorganization of the Los Angeles ARES. WB6MKA did a fine job getting these new ECs in his

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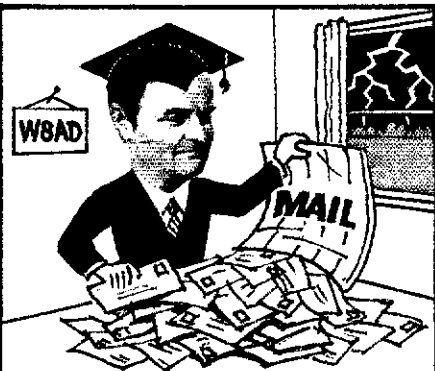


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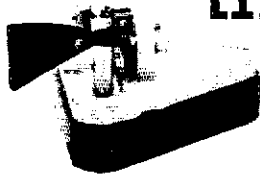
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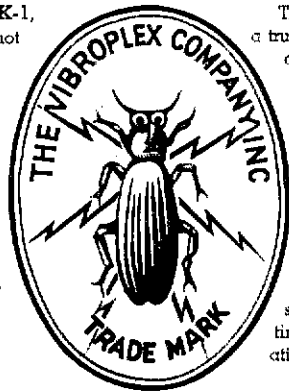
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district. The Tri-County ARC Hamfest at the LA Co. Fairgrounds was a great success. Special thanks to W6ELZ and his committee for a job well done. W6NAZ was recently awarded the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. The award was given for individual achievement as a volunteer. The Southwestern Division has just established two new calling frequencies: 3952 kHz nights, and 7275 kHz days. These are primarily for inter-sectional requests for assistance and cooperation. This does not affect anything presently in place in the Los Angeles section. The solar powered station W6HCS reported into 10 nets this past month. The station operates both hf and vhf bands. Section PR net meets weekly Wed 7:30 on K6QQN/R 147.705, down 800. Appointees net meets Thurs 8:00 P.M. on K6QQN/R 147.705, down 600. OO reports: K6DNL 2; K6DNL (July 7); K8KA 19. Congrats to N6VI, applied to assist. for tower and antenna litigation. Anyone having information on any recent cases in the Southwestern Division should make it known to N6VI. Traffic: K6UYK 283, N6DZQ 133, KT8D 103, W6INH 84, AD6A 63, WA6OCM 49, K6CL 30, W6NKE 13, (July) AD6A 75, N6DZQ 56.

ORANGE: SCM, Fried Hevn, WA6WZO — ASCM: WA6WZN. SEC: W6UBQ. STM: KN6C. DEC's (by counties): K6GGS, San Bernardino; W6LKN, Riverside; W6JBI, Orange; W6YZY, Inyo. At the beginning of next year the SCM will become Section Manager and under the reorganization I will need to fill the following six additional section level positions: Official Observer and RFI Coordinator, State Government Liaison, Technical Coordinator, Affiliated Club Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Bulletin Manager. If interested, contact me (SCM). The Orange Co. Council ARC began planning the Labor Day (and) 1983 Amateur City Division Convention. W66QKB will be the chairman assisted by NC8H. Silent Key W66OSP, a close friend, contributed much to Amateur Radio, will be missed by all. N6CBK appointed OBS. For info on the Radio Communications Monitoring Association (RCMA) contact K6AJCX or N6CRI. For SWL info write American Shortwave Listeners Club, 18182 Ballard Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92649. For Westlink schedules and rpt directory send s.a.s.e. to N6BVU. The largest monthly swap meet in the division is still put on by TRW ARC the last Saturday at the corner of Compton and Aviation in Manhattan Beach. Irvine Police Dept. has reorganized volunteer comms under the title of Irvine Disaster Emergency Communications (IDEC) Team headed by WA6TMM, pres: W66CFY, v.p.: N6GQP, secy. Bishop rpt W66EBI/R 146.70(-6) is now K6E0Z/R 146.88(-6). West Coast ARC started additional net Fridays 7:30 P.M. 144.33 simplex. For latest xmtr hunt schedule send s.a.s.e. to K6BMG. Coast Guard Auxiliary has new rpt with an output of 143.825 MHz; info on joining, contact OES W6BULU or Flotilla Commander K6ZMI. Catalina RA is having a picnic Sunday Nov 7th 11 A.M. at Craig Park in Fullerton. For info on off-road racing comms, contact W6NHX, past pres. Baja AR Racing Assn. Beach Cities Wireless Society rpt W6PMJ/R 146.925(-6) has discontinued their PPSHR. N6GVI W6CPB W6NTN K6ABNW W66BZ WA6QCA. Net: Freq: Time: QNI QTC NM SCN/1 (20) 3598 kHz 7 P.M. Dy 327 341 K6UYK SCN/2 (13) 3598 kHz 8:15 P.M. 162 152 K6HAP SCN/V (FM) 146.045/645 9 P.M. Dy 509 345 WA6QCA Traffic: W6NTN 316, W66QBZ 181, N6GIW 125, WA6QCA 100, KN6C 60, W6RE 54, K6ABNW 52, W6TKV 39, W6CPB 36, K6ZCE 26, AE6N 16, W6PNS 12, A16E 8, WA6WZN 4, WA6WZO 3. (July) A16E 19.

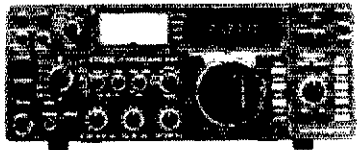
SAN DIEGO: SCM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — STM: N6GW. SEC: W6INI. The City of San Diego Office of Emerg Mgmt presented awards to KM6S WA4SHP and W6INI for exceptional service. Success of the city's emergency plans will depend heavily upon Amateur Radio volunteers in order for ARES to provide adequate support, many more volunteers are needed. Contact W6INI (273-1120) for info on joining San Diego's Emergency Mgmt Volunteers. W66HMY is new manager for North County Traffic Net. In August, 30 sessions were held and 149 msgs handled. The net meets daily at 2000 on Palomar ARC's 13/73 rpt. YL's may be interested in a net each Tue at 0900 on the 13/73 rpt. N6GGW is the spark plug. Good friends made special arrangements for N6GGW to attend the Palomar APC picnic. Poway ARS reports good activity on its 10-meter net (Tue 1900, 28.7 MHz). Is your rpt disaster oriented? In addition to emergency power sources, rpts must be anchored to floors and walls to withstand earthquakes. All other loose equipment should be securely anchored. Flimsy tables & insecure racks are a no-no. Antennas should be guyed to prevent whipping. Traffic: K1BA 741, KM6I 357, K6UD 204, K6HAP 127, W6HUJ 123, N6AT 24, N6GW 4.

SANTA BARBARA: SCM, Robert N. Dyrut, W6POU — Ever thought of joining the ARRL "team" by taking on a Section-level appointment? Under the new reorganization SECTION MANAGERS will start replacing SCMs, with added functions. You might qualify/perform for the good of the fraternity one of the following: Section Emerg. Coord., Sec. Tfc. Mgr., Dist. Emerg. Coord., local Emerg. Coord., or Ass't, ARES mbr, Net Mgr., Official Relay Stn, Official Emerg. Bn., Gov't Liaison, Official Observer, Interference Coord., Affiliated Club Coord., Public Info Officer, Bulletin Mgr., Official Bulletin Stn., Technical Coord., Rpt. Coord., ARRL/Amateur Radio prospers when you serve. Contact W6POU. New Official Observer W6PNI Who's next? Six hams joined W6IIV N6BUY & W6MSG in SLO County-wide area PG&E siren test for nuclear facility. Traffic: K6YD 299, K6DZM 5.

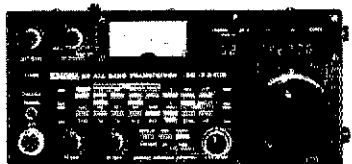
WEST GULF DIVISION

NORTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Phil Clements, K5PC — ASCM: WA5QFD. STM: W5VMP. SEC: W5GPO. NMs: AE5 KC5FX KA5MAY AA5J WD5JYI. The Lubbock area ARES unit participated in a simulated disaster drill on Aug 2. The exercise was a mock airplane crash, and involved all area public safety and hospital personnel. Much was learned about the logistics of providing comms for several different agencies simultaneously, under emergency conditions. DEC W6SDUC and EC WA5RWW were very pleased with the performance of the unit. This is an ideal way to show all local officials our capabilities. I wish all ECs could stage a drill of this type to foster co-involvement in emergency preparedness within our section. DEC W6SKZA reports from Paris that the new EOC is in operation, complete with wall-to-wall carpet! Stations on 2 mtrs and hf have been installed along with the public safety radios and a few scanners. The ARRL Board of Dir. has done away with the Official VHF Station appointment. I wish to

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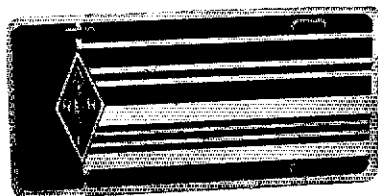
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thank the NTX OVBs for all their reports, especially the fine job that KE5C has done from Temple. I hope that the OVB appointees will apply for an appointment in some other area of interest. I will be glad to process your requests! PSHR: KA5AZK WD4SIH KC6NN KK5B. D/FW Net: QNI 537, QTC 11491 in 31 sess. TSN: QNI 392, QTC 53/31. Traffic: KA5AZK 148, KK5B 137, KC5NN 85, W9OYL 82, KC5FX 58, WD4SIH 53, W5EPT 37, N5BT 26, W5E2T 20, W5PBN 16, K5HGX 12, K5PC 9.

OKLAHOMA: SCM, Leonard Hollar, WA5FSN — ASCM: W5REC. Thanks to W5MPL for code practice on the 88 Tulsa rpt. KD5JR and W5E2Z are congratulated for their work in trying to update Woodward's weather radar. Some fine exposure in print in August: K5KIX in the Shawnee paper and KD5JR and W5EGZ in Woodward. Hats off to K5LLZ and all the operators who supported the Great Raft Race in Tulsa on Labor Day. W5JCE doing a great job as liaison between the Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net and the 75-Meter Interstate SSB net. Good to see KF5A reporting back on CAND to help W5ELG. Region Five mgr reports OK represented 100% (as usual) because of the devotion of W5EAY W5ELG W5FW W5IMO W5OHK K5RZS W5TFX & KV5X. Have you winterized your antenna system and other gear?? Traffic: W5REC 329, W5RS 247, KV5X 207, KA5CXW 188, W5AS 171, W5IFB 167, KB5EK 142, K5CKP 133, W5ELG 119, W5OUV 94, WA8FSN 58, W5VXU 56, W5EAY 32, W5SSQ 29, W5VLW 28, W5VOR 24, W5ZOO 24, W5FW 23, K5CAY 22, W5LSW 21, KC5OU 6, W5JJ 2.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SCM, Arthur Ross, W5KR — TM/ASCM: N5TC, SEC: WA5RVT, BPL: W5YDD N5DAA K5KRI. New EC for San Jacinto Co. is N5AMH. OBS W5KLV made 131 broadcasts of ARRL bulletins. DRN5 Manager W5YDD reports STX section was represented 100% by W5VLT K5OWK WA5RVT KD5JX W5YIF N5DFO W5URN KA5EFJ K5WOB KD8ZF K5KJN W5YDD. Hill Country ARC secretary has her call, KA5ORX. W5NTJ upgraded to Advanced, making the total 1 Extra Class, 4 Advanced class, 1 Technician class and 3 Novice class licenses from the club school. CAND mgr W5KLV says STX section was represented 100% on CAND by W5UYN N5AMH W5YDD W5KLV K4QWK KD5KQ WA5OCH N5DFO N5CRU, plus TCC helpers K5KJN KB5TC W5CTZ and KV5W. The Call Letter, Corpus Christi ARC, reports W5JJO built his own tilt-over tower. ORS N5CRU has added Hal ST-500 TU to his station. Traffic: W5YDD 588, W5CTZ 401, N5EPG 323, N5DAA 315, KA5KRI 277, W5KLV 255, K5HZR 250, W5MMI 180, N5TC 117, N5CRU 82, K5GM 77, WA5RVT 46, W5KR 29, K5RG 23, W5EFJ 18, W5GKH 15. (July) N5DAA 94, W5MMI 40.



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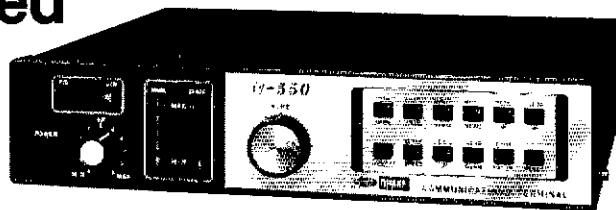
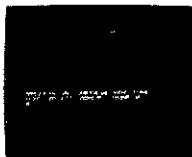
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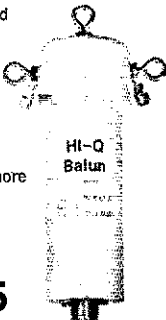
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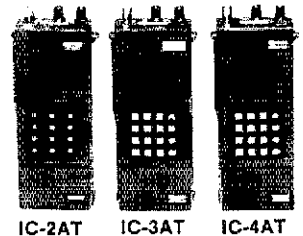
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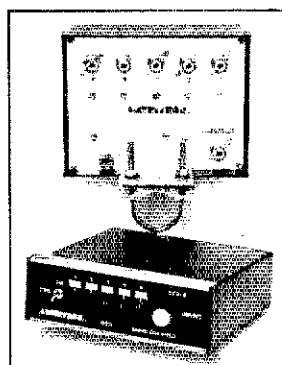
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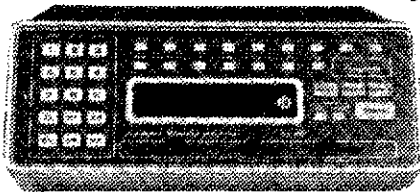
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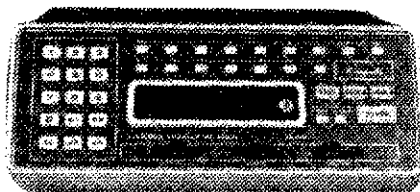
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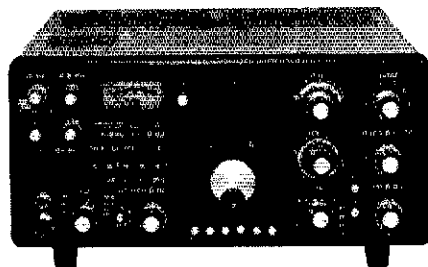
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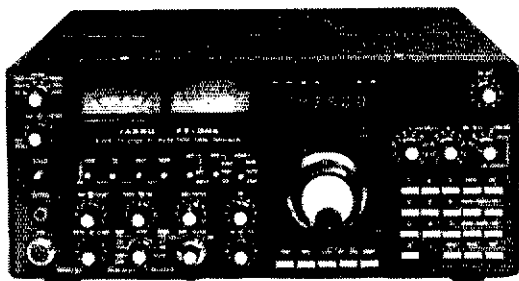
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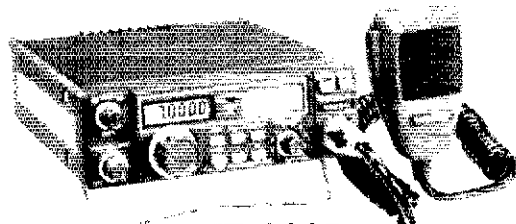
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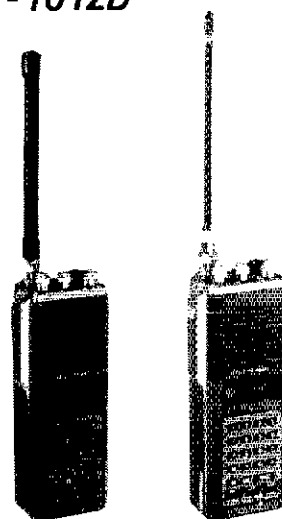
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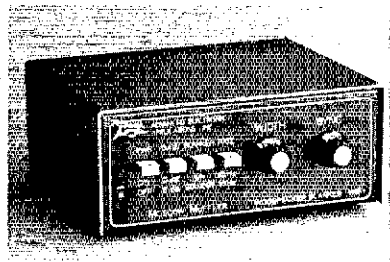
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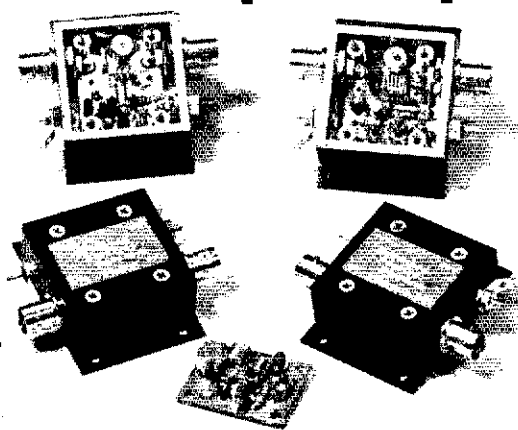
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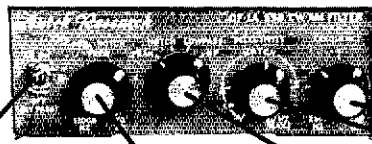
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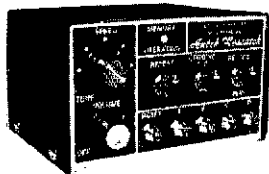
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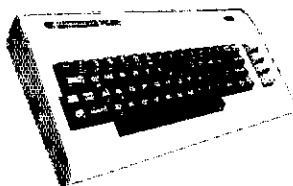
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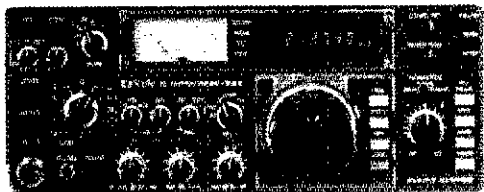


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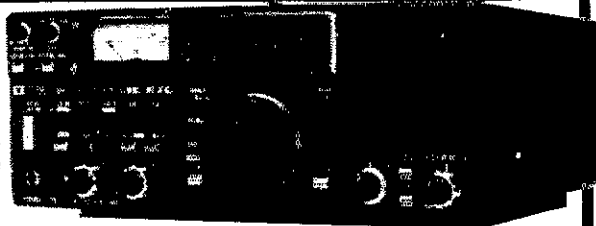
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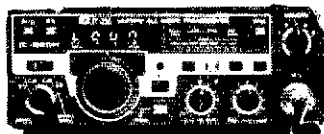
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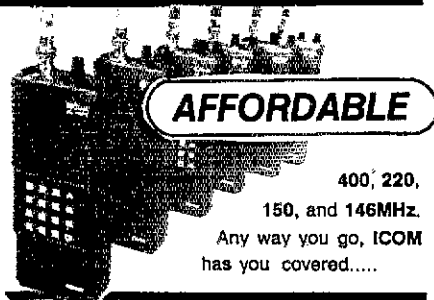
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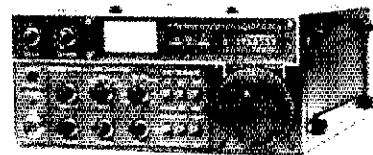
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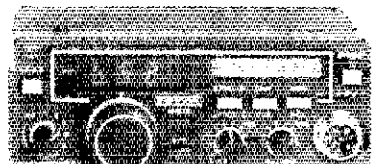
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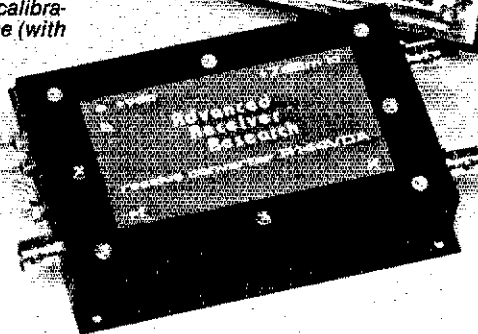
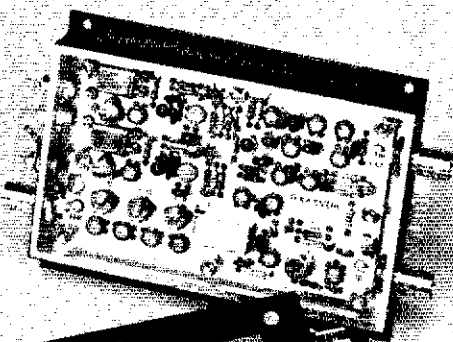
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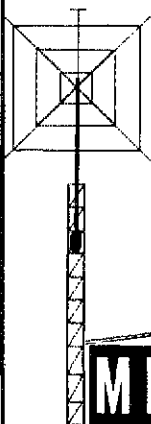
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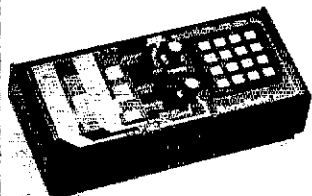
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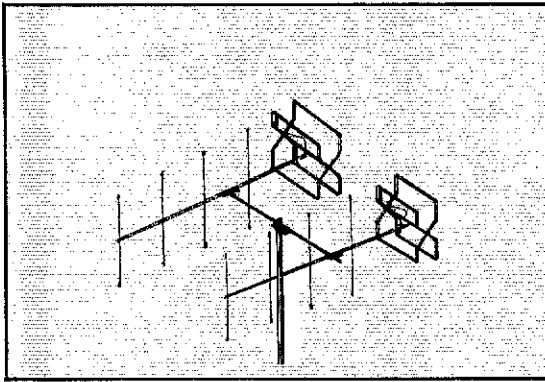
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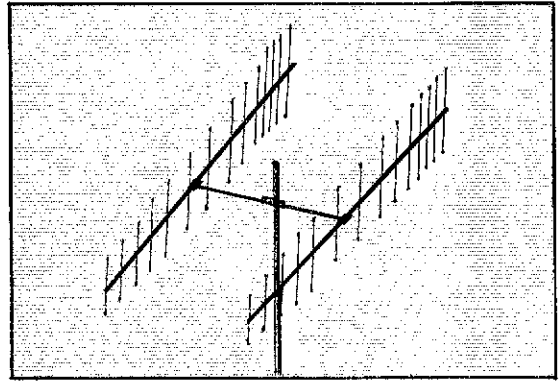
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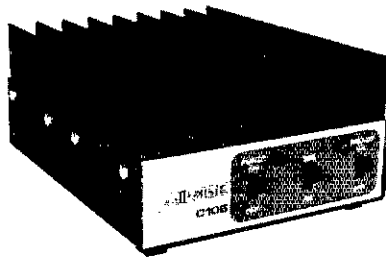
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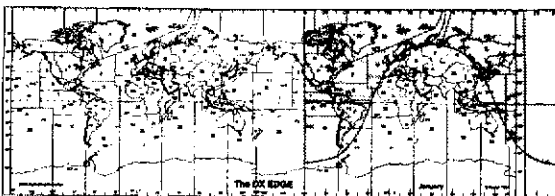
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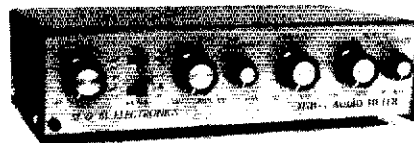
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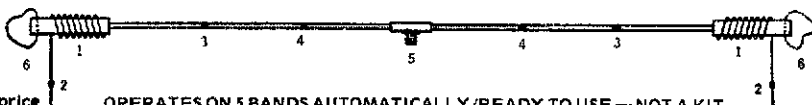
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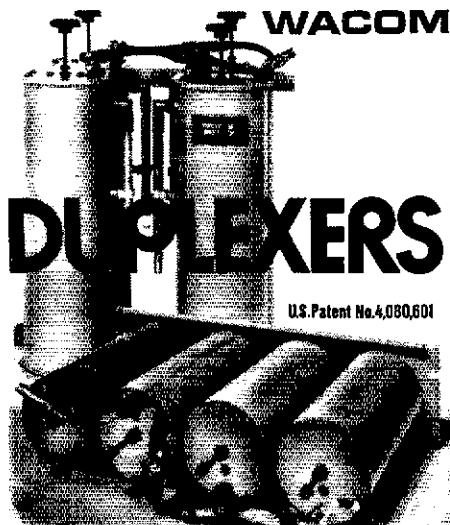
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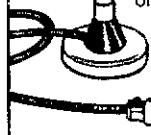
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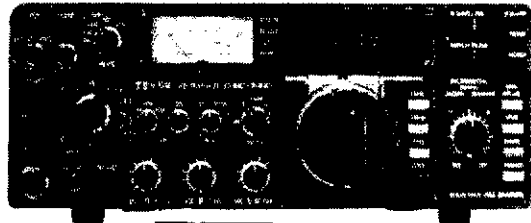
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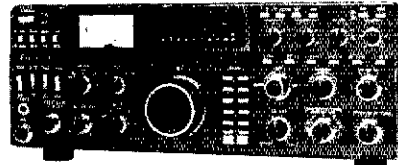
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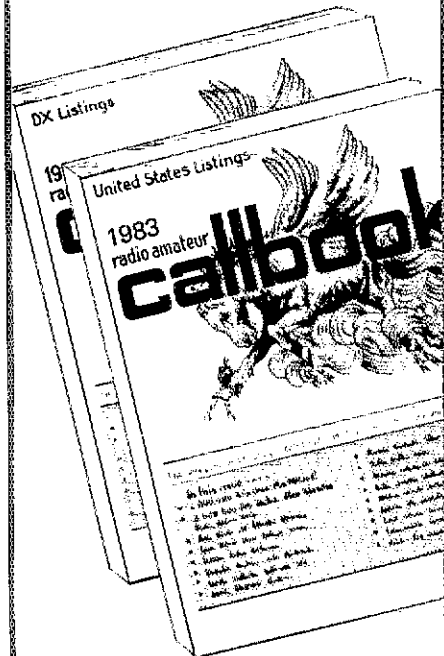
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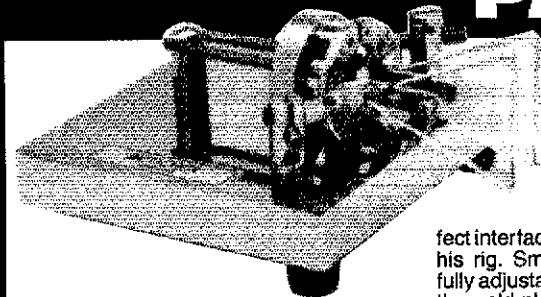


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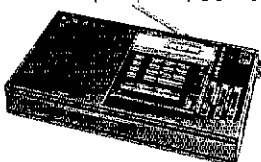
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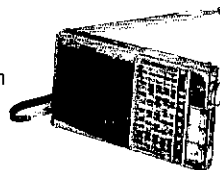
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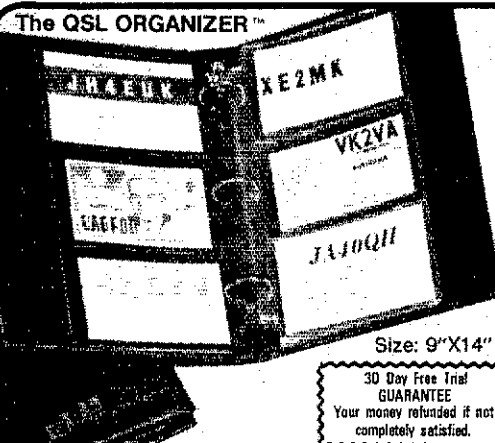
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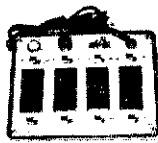
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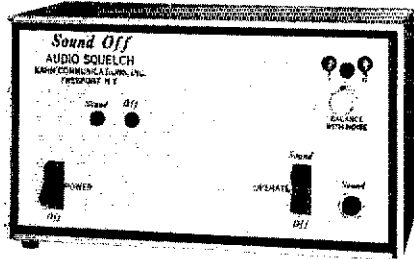
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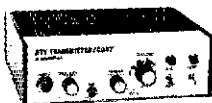
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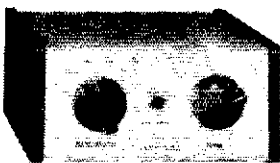
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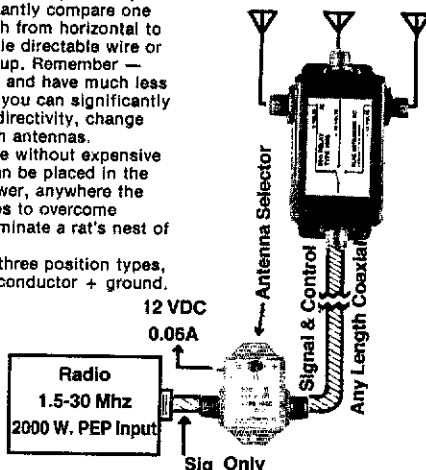
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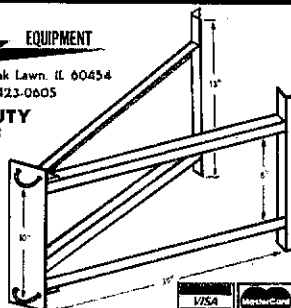
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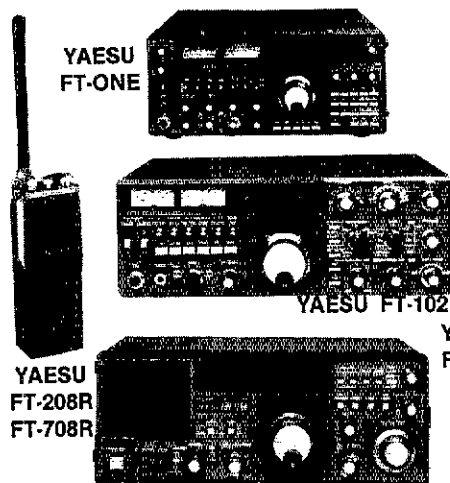
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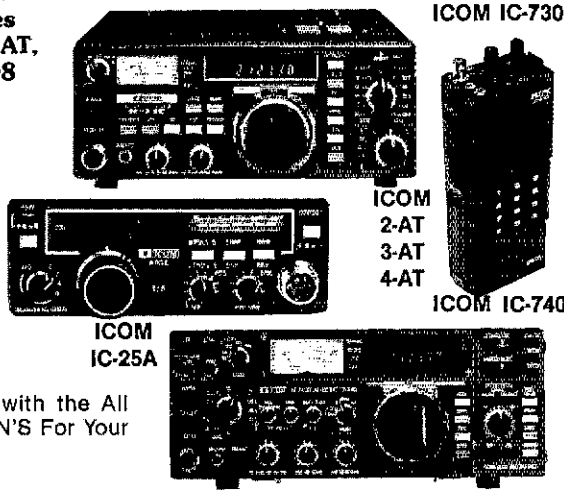
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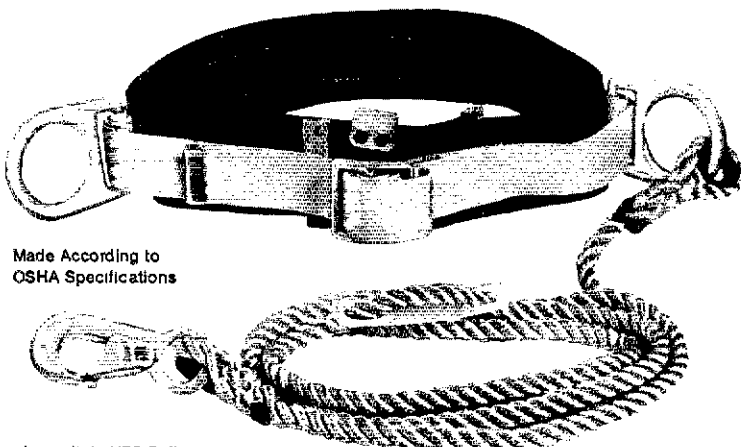
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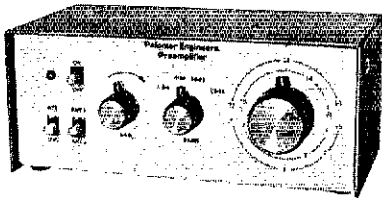
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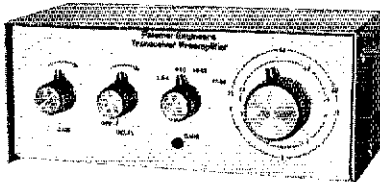


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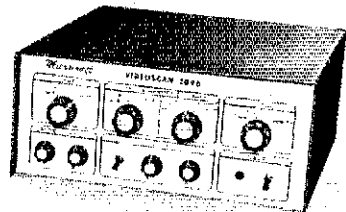
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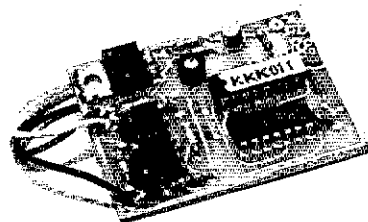
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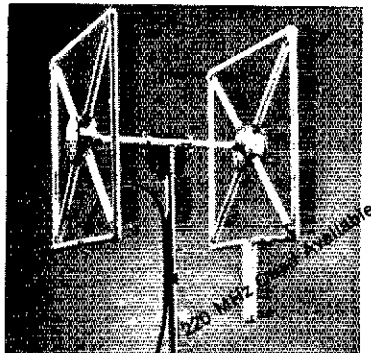


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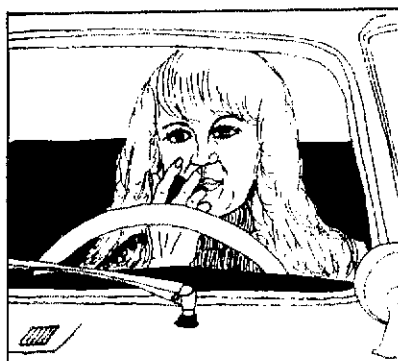


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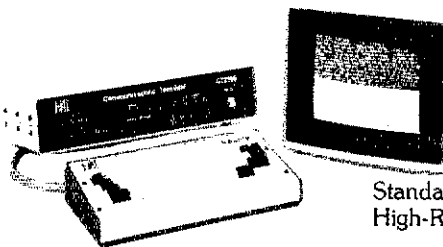
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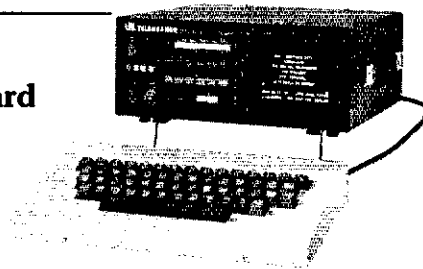
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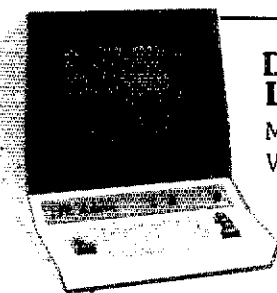
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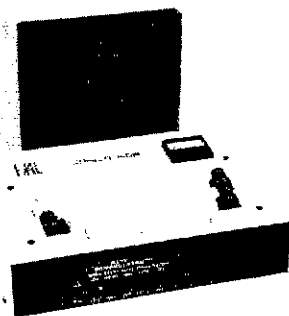
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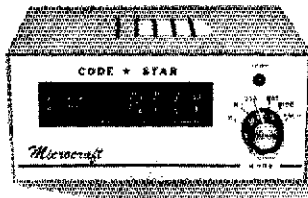
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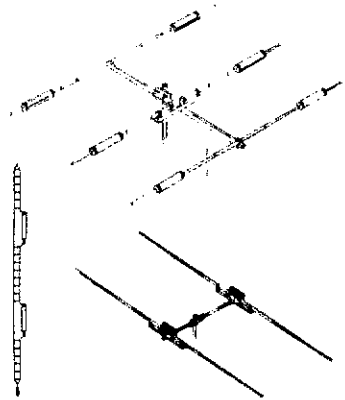
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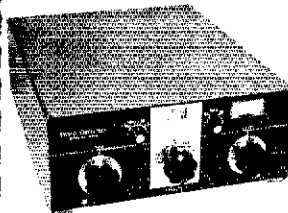
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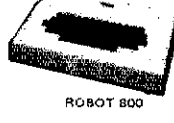
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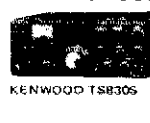
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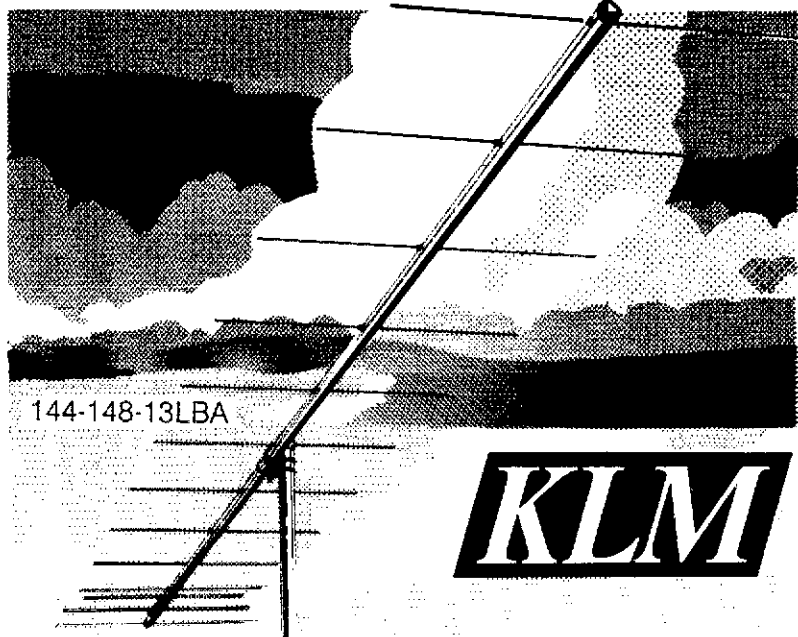
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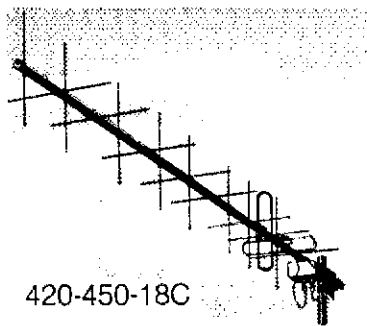
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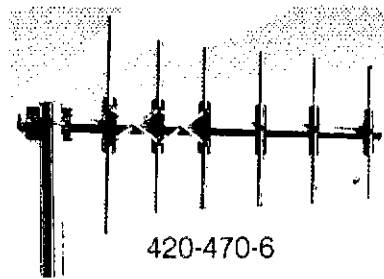
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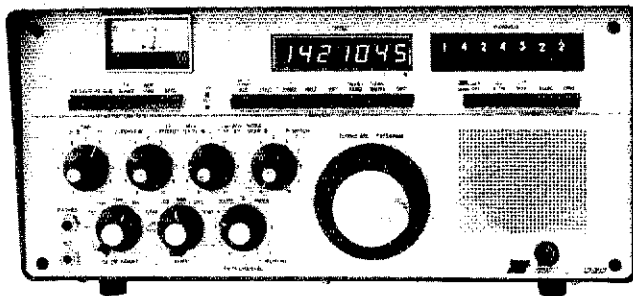
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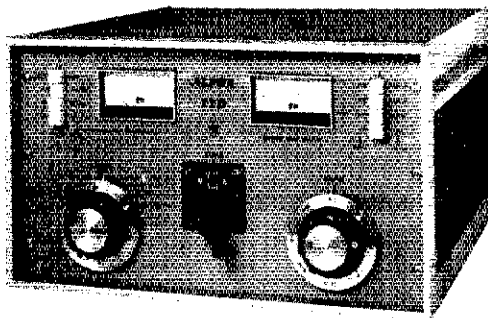


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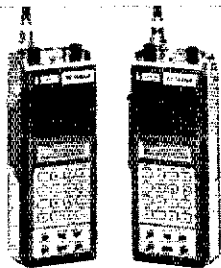
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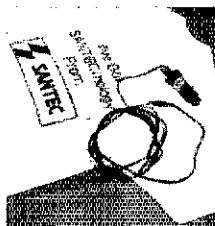
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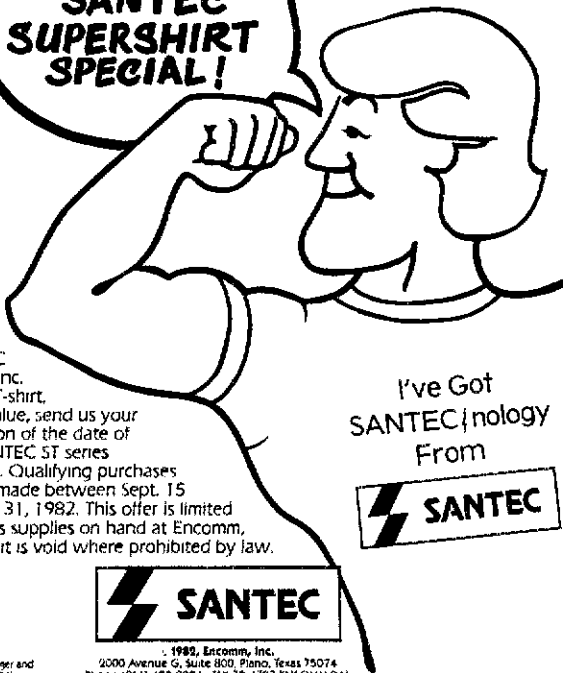
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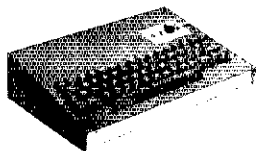
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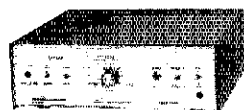
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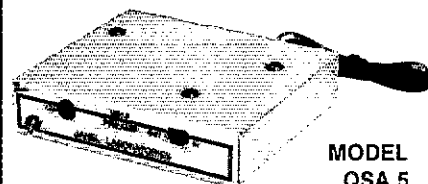
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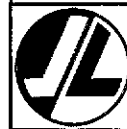


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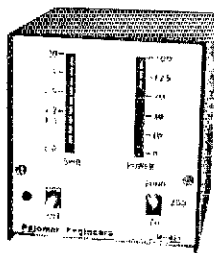


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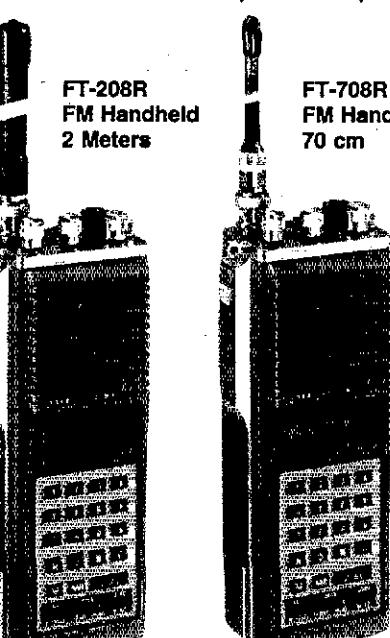
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