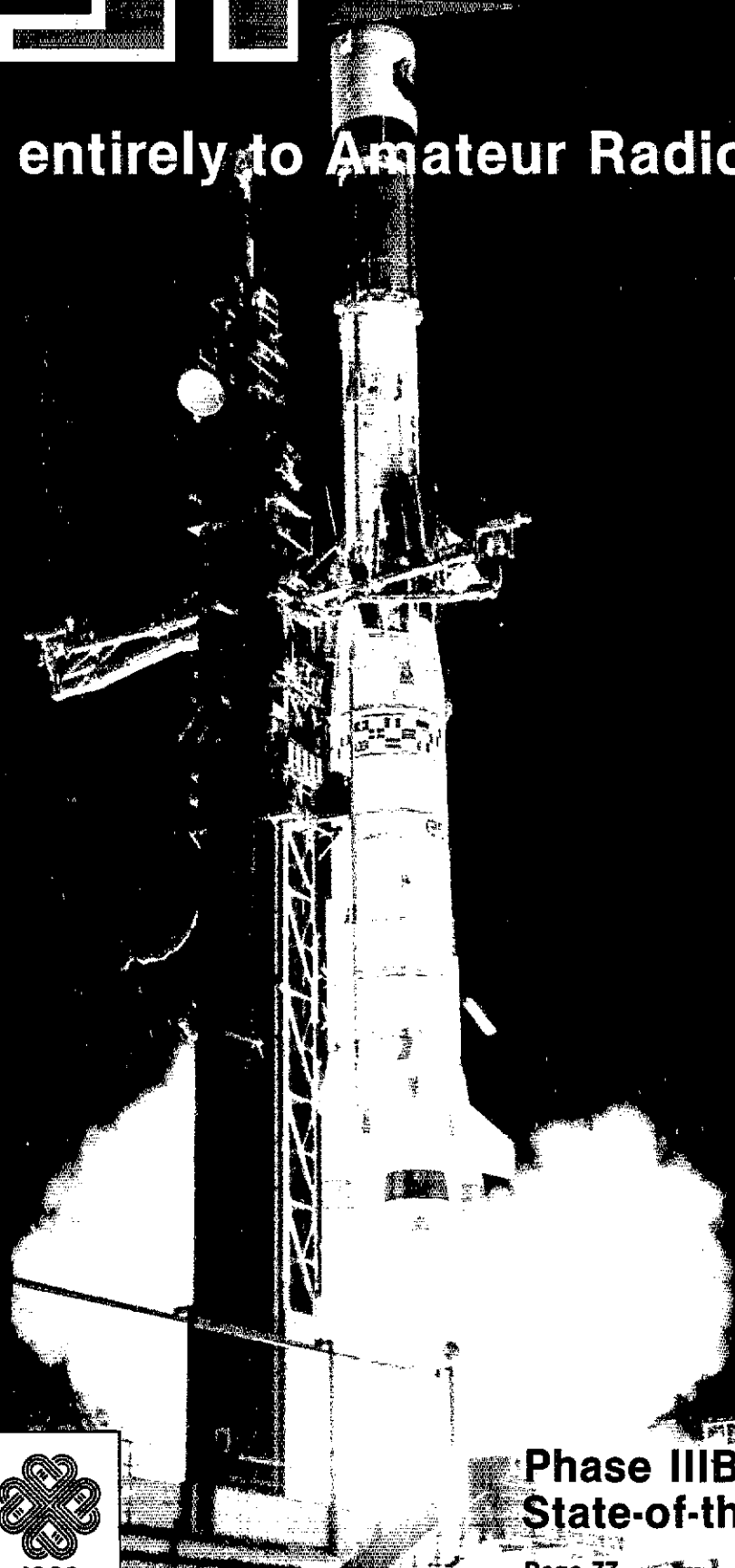


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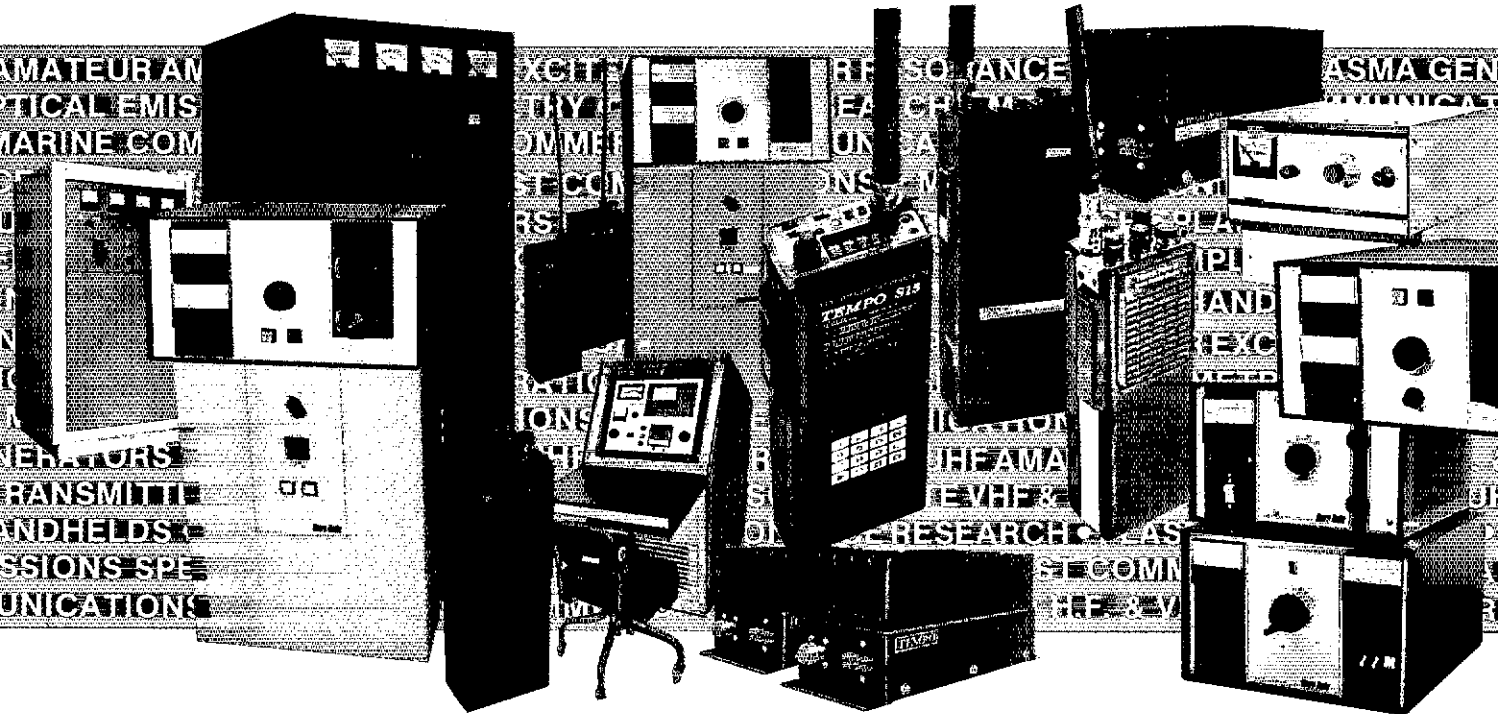
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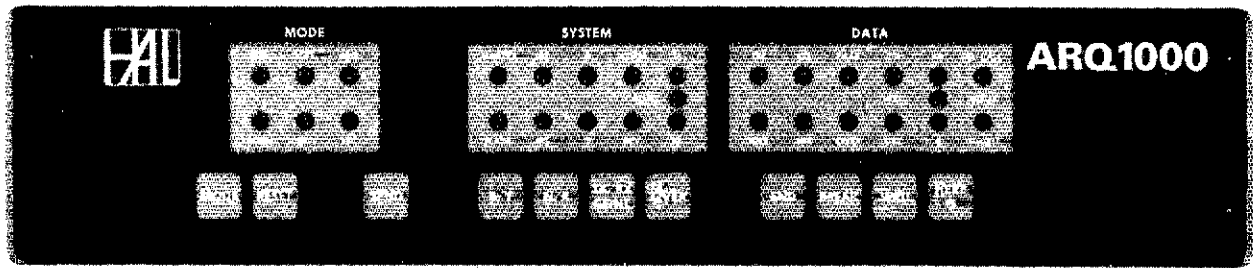
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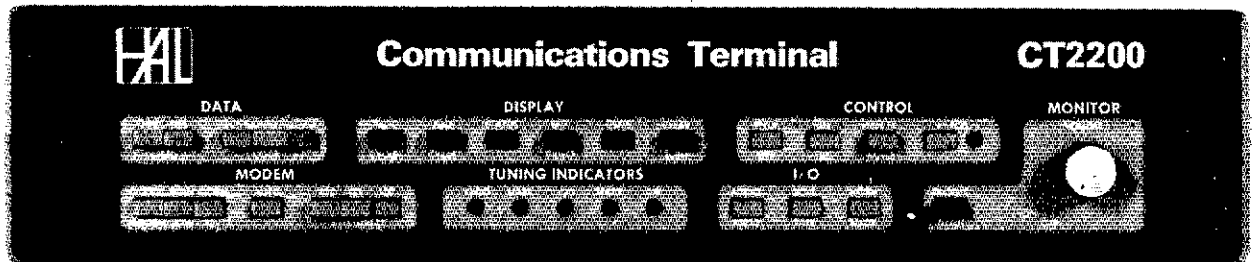


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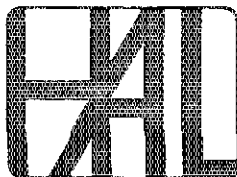
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- Tuning scope outputs (a MUST for AMTOR)
- Built-in demodulator for high tones, low tones, "103", or "202" modem tones
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- 2 pages of 72 character lines or 4 pages of 36 character lines
- Split screen or full screen display
- Baudot or ASCII, 45 to 1200 baud
- Full or half duplex
- Morse code send/receive at 5 to 99 wpm
- Send/receive loop connection
- Automatic transmit/receive control (KOS)
- Audio, RS232C, or Loop I/O
- On-screen tuning and status indicators
- Clearly labeled front panel switches, not obscure keyboard key combinations
- Separate convenient lap-size keyboard
- Internal 120/240, 50/60 Hz power supply
- Attractive shielded metal cabinet

In addition, an update kit is available so that all CT2100 owners can update their CT2100's to include CT2200 features. The kit even includes a new CT2200 front panel! Rather than making a proven product obsolete, HAL put even more behind the buttons. Pick up a CT2200 at your favorite HAL dealer and join the RTTY fun. Write for our full RTTY catalog.

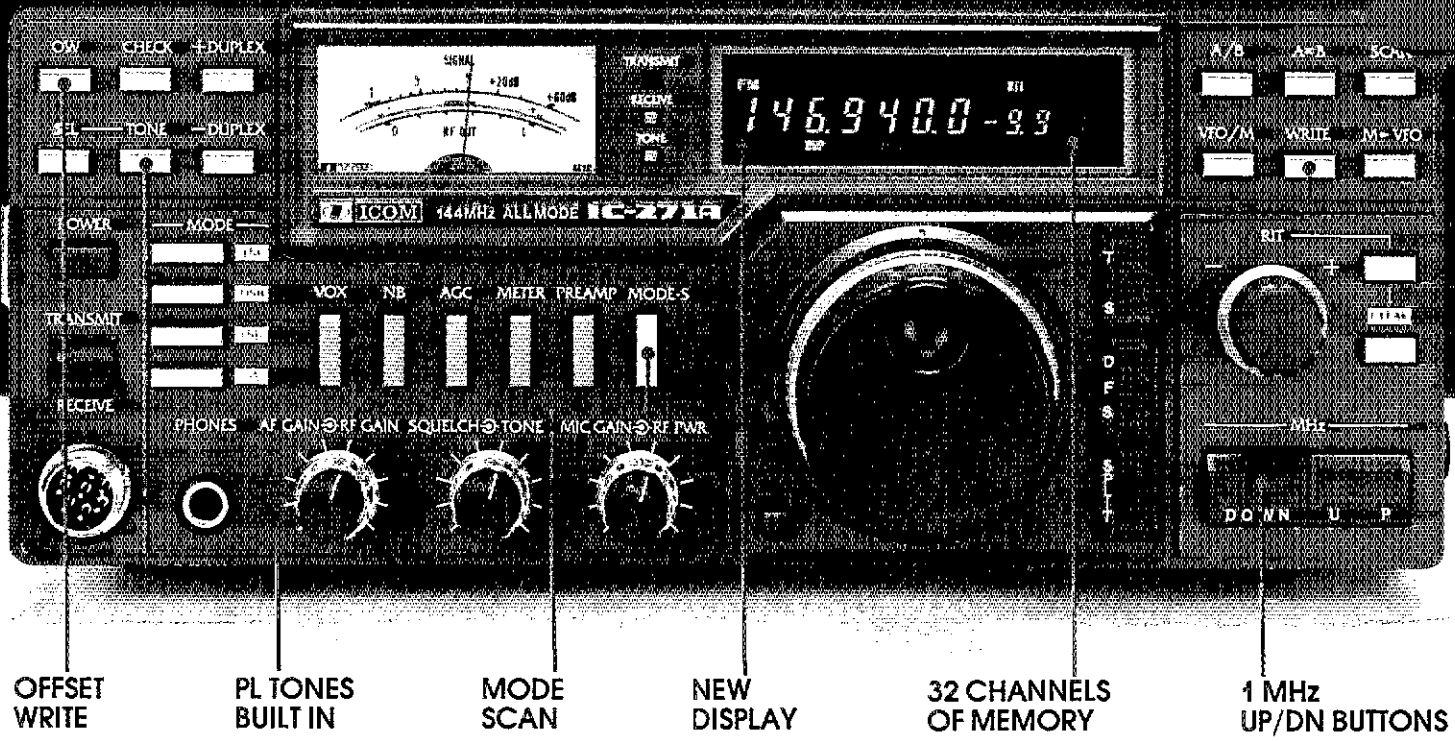


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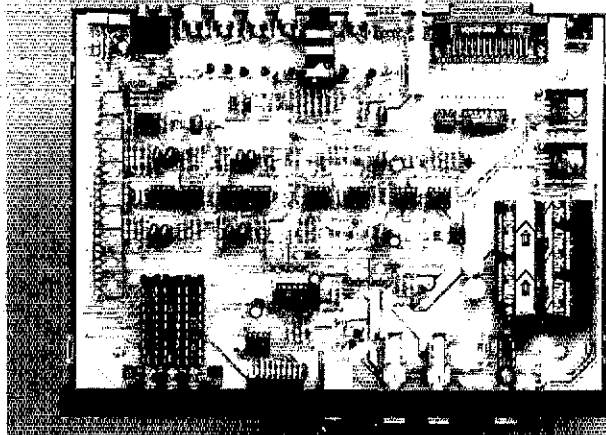
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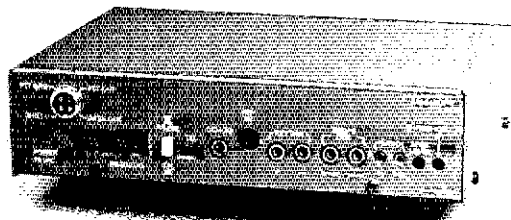
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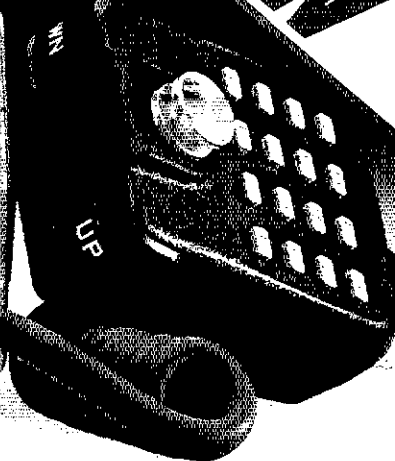
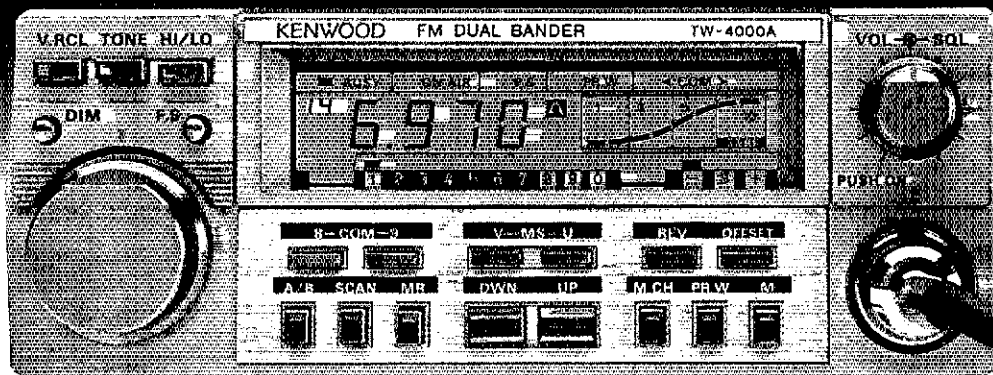


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Installs inside the TW-4000A. Voice announces frequency, band, VFO A or B, repeater offset, and memory channel number.
- **Front Panel Illumination**

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- **Programmable Memory Scan**
Programmable to scan all memories, or only 2 m or 70 cm memories. Also may be programmed to skip channels.
- **Band Scan in Selected 1-MHz Segments**
Scans within the chosen 1-MHz segment (i.e., 144.000-144.995 or 140.000-140.995, etc.). The scanning direction may be reversed by pressing either the "UP" or "DOWN" buttons on the microphone.
- **Priority Watch Function**
Unit switches to memory 1 for 1 second each 10 seconds, to monitor the activity on the priority channel.
- **Common Channel Scan**
Memory 8 and 9 are alternately scanned every 5 seconds. Either channel may be recalled instantly.
- **Dual Digital VFO's**
Selectable 5-kHz or 10-kHz for 2 m, and 5-kHz or 25-kHz for 70 cm. Depress "UP" or "DOWN" key on the front panel for band change in 1-MHz steps.
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- **Repeater Reverse Switch**

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 - **VS-1 Voice Synthesizer**
 - **TU-4C Two-Frequency Programmable CTCSS Encoder**
 - **KPS-7A Fixed station power supply**
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TS-780 FEATURES:

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- 10 memories include band and frequency data, backed up by internal batteries (not supplied). Battery life exceeds one year. Memories 9 and 10 for priority instant recall.
 - Band scan, with selectable 0.5, 1, 3, 5, and 10-MHz scan bandwidth.
 - Memory scan selectable for all memories, or 2 m or 70 cm only.
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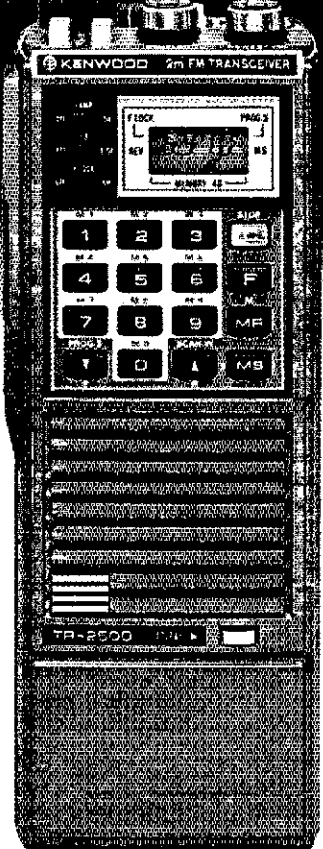
TR-2500

size, smaller price!

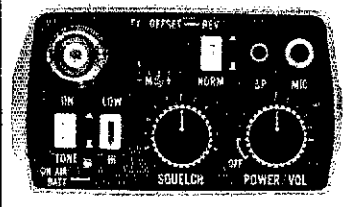
The TR-2500 is a compact 2 meter FM handheld transceiver with every conceivable operating feature.

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).
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- Built-in 16-key autopatch encoder.
- Slide-lock battery pack.
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 - 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 mA 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.

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TR-3500

70 CM FM Handheld

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- TX OFFSET switch, ± 5 kHz to ± 9.995 MHz programmable.
- Auto/manual squelch control.
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- WS-1 Wrist strap.
- EP-1 Earphone.

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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,

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- Programmable band scan width.
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- Scan resume selectable. Selectable automatic time resume-scan, or carrier operated resume-scan.
- Scan start/stop from up/down microphone.

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- Built-in 16-key autopatch encoder, 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.

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- SP-40 compact mobile speaker.



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20 Years at 225 Main

July 1 marks the 20th anniversary of the opening of what is still described by many visitors as the "new" ARRL Headquarters building at 225 Main St., Newington, Connecticut. The significance of that move in 1963, from seriously overcrowded facilities in downtown West Hartford to spacious quarters in the suburbs, probably cannot be fully appreciated by those of us who came on the scene later, and who tend to take the present building and grounds for granted.

Financed primarily by members' contributions to a Building Fund, the new structure was air-conditioned, adjoined a sizable parking area, and had nearly twice the floor space of the old. It was built on land originally purchased in the '30s as the site for the Maxim Memorial Station, W1AW, housed then, as now, in a separate building at the front of the property. The 1963 ARRL staff was genuinely grateful to the more than 11,000 members and clubs who contributed to the Building Fund, and staff and members alike took great pride in their new Headquarters.

August 1963 *QST* had this to say: "Not a pretentious structure, the new headquarters is more aptly described as neat, pleasant or handsome than as plush or ornate. Within its red-brick walls are 24,000 square feet of usable floor space, enough to handle today's and tomorrow's needs without crowding." The first statement is as true today as it was 20 years ago; the second remained true until the late '70s, when rapid increases in membership and in League programs necessitated staff expansion and a consequent addition to the building. The ARRL of 1963 had 100,000 members and a Hq. staff of 77; today's is an organization of 130,000 members, and its staff of 120 offers a level of service undreamed of two decades ago.

A 1963 visitor returning to 225 Main St. today will note many changes, both inside and out. The W1AW antenna farm has been expanded considerably, including a 120-foot tower; three flagpoles, for the U.S., Canadian and ARRL flags, now adorn the grounds; the parking area has been expanded; the building itself is half again as deep as it was, though its frontal appearance is unchanged.

Much greater progress is evident within. A Honeywell computer provides instant access to membership and accounting records through more than a dozen terminals in various parts of the building, and produces the labels for monthly *QST* and other

mailings. Sophisticated typesetting and graphics equipment permits us to do publishing work in-house for which we previously had to rely on outside vendors. The laboratory is well equipped with modern test equipment. Word processors crank out articles, documents and letters; other microcomputers are kept busy from morning to night generating satellite orbital data, checking contest entries, controlling W1AW code practice and bulletins, and performing a host of other functions. One thing that has not changed is that the building and grounds are well kept and carefully maintained, reflecting the pride of the staff in its quarters and our desire for visiting members always to think of it as "the new building."

Another thing hasn't changed since 1963, or, indeed, since the founding of the League in 1914: ARRL Headquarters is not the center of the Amateur Radio universe. We who work on your behalf in Newington are not the League; proud as we are of our headquarters facilities, this fine building is not the League. *You, the members, are the League.* We are here to support your volunteer efforts as you work for the protection, promotion and advancement of Amateur Radio in your communities. We provide services that will cause you to want to be members. We perform some functions, particularly at the national and international levels, for which "volunteer power" is unavailable or insufficient. We are here to do your bidding, as expressed through your elected representatives on the Board of Directors. What the League is, and what it does, is as dependent upon what *you* do as upon what happens in Newington.

If your travels take you to New England this summer, please plan a visit to ARRL Headquarters. We're just a few minutes from Interstate 84 or Interstate 91, about five miles southwest of the Connecticut State Capitol dome and a mile north of Newington Center. Directions generally are available on W1AW/R, 145.45 MHz, or we'll be glad to send you a map of the local area in advance of your trip. Tours are given on the hour, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours. If you can't visit in person, a new slide show with a 30-minute cassette tape narration by ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, is available on loan to affiliated clubs; ask the Club and Training Department for slide collection SC-25. Either way, we hope you will share our pride in your League's headquarters facilities! — *David Sumner, K1ZZ*

League Lines...

Effective June 15, 1983, U.S. radio amateurs using radio teleprinter codes or fast-scan TV will no longer be required to identify in international Morse Code or plain language voice. If using Baudot, ASCII or AMTOR, stations may identify using the particular digital code being used for the communication. If using other digital codes above 50 MHz, stations may identify using Baudot, ASCII or AMTOR. Fast-scan TV transmissions may be identified in video using the U.S. 525 scan-line standard described in Part 73 of the FCC rules. The cw or plain language voice i-d requirement will still apply to facsimile and SSTV transmissions. Amateurs will have the option to continue using cw or voice i-d as at present for radioteleprinter or fast-scan TV. Also, the maximum frequency shift for digital communication will be raised from 900 to 1000 Hz in the hf bands. Above 50 MHz the maximum shift will depend on the signaling rate used. According to the Commission, the prior notice and public procedure requirements were not necessary because of the non-controversial nature of the rule changes.

In keeping with a general trend toward deregulation, the FCC has voted to eliminate routine station logging in the Amateur Radio Service. U.S. radio amateurs, in general, will no longer be required to keep station logs. For example, elimination of the third-party traffic logging requirement means that repeater stations will no longer need to tape-record autopatch and other third-party messages. FCC engineers-in-charge, however, have been given the authority to require a station licensee to maintain such operating and maintenance records as may be necessary to resolve conditions of interference or deficient technical operation. Amateur licensees may, of course, voluntarily keep station logs of routine operations after the effective date of this action in PR Docket 82-726. Information about non-routine operations will still be required as part of the station records. Examples of non-routine information include repeater data when certain power restrictions are exceeded, auxiliary and remote control operations, and the names and call signs of the control operators other than the station licensee. The new rule becomes effective upon its publication in the Federal Register.

The FCC has proposed to make additional Amateur Radio Service frequencies available to the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). One of the major factors in the Commission's action was the Department of Defense's observation that in the event of a declared national emergency it would be most valuable for RACES stations to have access to amateur repeater stations. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in PR Docket 83-524 has a comment deadline of August 2, with replies to comments due September 1. Details in next month's "Happenings."

There are two full-time immediate openings in the Technical Department at ARRL Hq. Applicants must have experience as a radio amateur, hold a current Amateur Radio license, possess a solid technical background and have writing and editing skills. Recent design experience is desired in one of the following areas: (1) rf analog circuitry, (2) digital circuitry, and (3) software development, including assembly and machine levels. These are entry-level positions with opportunity for advancement. Salary is dependent upon academic background and experience. Contact Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, Manager, Technical Dept., ARRL Hq., 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111, telephone 203-666-1541.

The new address for the Virgin Islands ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau is: Virgin Islands ARC, GPO Box 11360, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, VI 00801.

To keep track of those grid squares worked for the VHF/UHF Century Club Award, the ARRL Grid Locator map is a must. It's available for only \$1 from Hq. See June QST, p. 146, for particulars.

Two Oregon state senators, Tony Meeker and Steve Starkovich, have introduced Oregon Senate Bill 623, which would prohibit the operation of any "nonionizing electromagnetic radiation source without a permit." There is a provision, however, which exempts among other things "an amateur intermittent sole source emitter having an average output of less than one kilowatt." According to local hams, the bill was prompted by a citizens' group called People Against the Tower (PAT) based in Silverton, Oregon. The credit for the amateur exemption is due in large part to local hams who turned out en masse to oppose a similar proposal in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has circulated another draft of its proposal to regulate "fixed facilities which generate electromagnetic fields." While this proposal does not generally exempt amateur operators from its limits on rf emissions, amateur intermittent single source emitters of less than 1 kW average output rf power are exempted from having to obtain prior permission from the director of the Department of Public Health. ARRL is on record as being completely opposed to state involvement in this area.

An Introduction to AMTOR

This mode adds space age excitement to RTTY!



By Paul Newland,* AD7I

On January 27, 1983, the FCC approved the error-correcting teleprinter protocol known as AMTOR for use by American radio amateurs. What is AMTOR, anyway?

AMTOR (*Amateur Teletype Over Radio*) is an exciting new mode of radioteletype (RTTY). It offers all the utility and enjoyment of conventional RTTY plus one great advantage: AMTOR removes virtually all errors caused by interference, fading or other disruptions. It also has built-in capability for selective calling. If your station is configured for AMTOR, it has the option of not responding to ASCII, Baudot or cw; only AMTOR signals will print on your teleprinter. This new system should prove useful for avid RTTY operators and traffic handlers as well.

I will provide an overview of how AMTOR operates and how amateurs can make use of it. Those interested in more of the technical details of AMTOR are encouraged to read the excellent *QST* article by Peter Martinez, G3PLX.¹

AMTOR is a derivation of the commercial teleprinter system, SITOR, which stands for *Simplex Teletype Over Radio*.² SITOR is a commercial hf RTTY error-correction system used by many ships and coastal marine radio stations. SITOR allows a shipboard teleprinter to be connected to the international Telex network via hf radio so ship owners can send messages directly to their ships in real time. In addition to having error-correction capability, SITOR also includes selective calling. With this feature, coastal stations can call any ship that is monitoring, and

forward a message to it without error or operator intervention.

AMTOR, in most respects, is the same as SITOR. With an AMTOR code converter, however, it is possible to monitor other stations using either AMTOR or SITOR operating in Mode A. This feature is important for radio amateurs so they can continue to self-police their bands. Most SITOR code converters do not have this capability.

Modes of Operation

AMTOR features four modes of operation.³ They are: A — Automatic Request for Retransmission (or, fills), B — Broadcast, L — Listen, and S — Selective Broadcast. Before discussing the modes in detail, it is useful to define some terms:

Master Station (MS) is the station that starts the communications. It does not show who is sending data at any one time, but only who began the contact. All stations synchronize their transmissions to those of the master station.

Slave Station (SS) is the station that is called by the MS.

Information Sending Station (ISS) is the station that is generating or sending data. I will sometimes use the term *sending station* when I mean, more correctly, ISS.

Information Receiving Station (IRS) is the station that is receiving and printing data. I will sometimes use the term *receiving station* when I mean, more correctly, IRS.

Of all the modes, Mode A is the most immune to errors, but is also the most complex. In Mode A, both the ISS and IRS send bursts of data to each other. This requires both stations to operate in a VOX-like manner. The ISS sends three AMTOR characters in a burst, and the IRS sends one

AMTOR character in a burst. After each station sends a burst, it switches to receive so it can detect and decode bursts from the other station. This requires radios capable of switching from transmit to receive or receive to transmit in 10 to 20 ms. Most modern ssb radios meet this requirement.

To begin a QSO in Mode A, the operator tells the AMTOR code converter the selective calling characters of the station to be called.⁴ The MS code converter begins to send the selective call characters, using bursts of three characters and switching to receive between the bursts. The gaps between the bursts provide time to listen for the receiving station. The receiving station, when correctly decoding its own selective call characters, will respond with a special AMTOR signal that says, "I hear you and I am ready." When the MS code converter hears that signal, the MS becomes the ISS, and it will alert the operator (usually through the use of LEDs on the code converter) that the IRS is ready to copy. The ISS may now send data to the IRS. During communications, the ISS (either the MS or SS) transmits characters in groups of three and the IRS replies with a one-character AMTOR signal that says either, "I received the last group of three correctly; send the next three," or "I missed that last group; send it again." Because AMTOR enables the ISS to repeat characters until they are received without error, the number of errors actually printed on the teleprinter is reduced drastically in comparison to conventional RTTY.

When the ISS wants to let the other stations send data, it sends the three characters, FIGS Z B.⁵ This sequence of three characters is the AMTOR "over" signal for Mode A. Now, the IRS becomes the ISS, and vice-versa. Similarly, when the

¹Notes appear on page 13.
²P.O. Box 205, Holmdel, NJ 07733

new ISS wants to convert back to an IRS, the operator types in the characters FIGS Z B. In addition, the IRS station is able to break into the ISS transmission at any time. To do this, the IRS operator presses the OVER button on the code converter. Instead of the IRS sending the usual "send it again" or "give me the next block of data" bursts, it responds with another special one-character message that says, "I want to send you some data; let's exchange places." When the ISS receives this message, the exchange is made and the ISS may begin sending data.

When the ISS wants to close the QSO, the operator presses the QRT button on the code converter, causing both converters to "handshake" and go off the air. If the IRS wants to close the contact before the ISS is finished, the IRS can "break" into the ISS and exchange places. The operator may then press the QRT button to close the contact.

Mode B

Mode B is useful for broadcasts when the sending station wants to reach more than one station simultaneously, or when the IRS cannot send acknowledgements to the ISS. Examples of this type operation are W1AW bulletins or net operations.

In Mode B, the transmitter is on continuously, unlike Mode A, in which the data is sent in bursts. The sending station AMTOR converter sends each teleprinter character twice, with the second transmission of a character delayed from the first by 280 ms. These transmissions are made synchronously, as opposed to conventional RTTY, which uses start and stop signals before and after each character. In synchronous communications, all data characters are sent one after the other, without start and stop signals, and at a rate that is controlled by an accurate time base, such as a crystal oscillator. When there are no characters from the teleprinter to send, the code converter fills this "dead time" with AMTOR idle characters. These characters are used to fill the periods of time when the sending teleprinter is not generating data, but they do not print on the receiving teleprinter; they are like a conventional RTTY "diddle."

The advantage of Mode B, compared with conventional RTTY, is that the teleprinter only receives data from the code converter when there are valid AMTOR signals present. Because the characters are transmitted in pairs, AMTOR B stores the first character in memory and waits for the second. When it receives the second character, it checks both in the pair for errors. If one of the two characters has been received correctly, it is printed. If both are in error, a space will be printed to mark the error. This space is easy for the operator to spot and provides a place on the hard copy for a manual fill to be made.

Listen for AMTOR over W1AW

If you can receive AMTOR, try listening for W1AW AMTOR transmissions, Mode B, following the 11 A.M. EST/EDST (presently 1500 UTC) RTTY/ASCII transmissions Monday through Thursday on 14.095 MHz. W1AW has been transmitting AMTOR bulletins since February 8, first under an STA (Special Temporary Authority granted by the FCC) and continuing after the Commission authorized AMTOR for general use in the Amateur Radio Service. The W1AW AMTOR schedule will soon expand; watch the W1AW schedule, published in alternate issues of QST, for full details.

W1AW has also made several two-way contacts using Mode A, mostly with stations in Europe, where AMTOR has been popular for some time. It's still a thrill to have a DX station say, "Please QSL — you're my first U.S. QSO on AMTOR!" — Chuck Bender, W1WPR, Chief Operator, W1AW

Mode S

Mode S is just like Mode B, except that it includes selective calling. It is rarely used today, although it probably will be used often in the future. Mode S is useful if you are unable to operate in Mode A and only want to receive messages that are specifically intended for you. Teleprinter paper can be used up at a fast pace if you are on a channel that is active with Mode B traffic!

Mode L

Mode L is useful for monitoring two stations that are using Mode A to communicate. Of course, since the sending station is not getting acknowledgments from the Mode L station, but instead from the other Mode A station, the Mode L station will not obtain the benefits of error correction. This is hardly a problem, because the only purpose of this mode is to allow for monitoring, not error-free communications.

Which Mode?

It is important to understand that for all modes except L an AMTOR controller that is monitoring a channel will automatically switch to the proper mode when it is called by an MS. When someone calls your station, you don't have to be concerned with which mode is being used. The AMTOR controller will determine whether the call is in Mode A, B or S, and will adapt to that mode immediately. Only when a station places a call does the operator choose what mode to use.

Error Detection

AMTOR is able to process data without error because it rejects data that it believes is incorrect. How does AMTOR know when the data is wrong? It converts each five-unit Baudot character to a seven-unit character that always has four 1s and three 0s before transmission. At the receiving sta-

tion, AMTOR checks each received character to see if it meets the 4/3 criterion. If it does, the code converter assumes that the data is correct.⁶ If it does not, the character is assumed to be in error.

Even though this method of error detection may appear to be overly simplistic, it provides adequate performance for "outwitting" the error-causing phenomena found on hf radio circuits.

How to Hook It All Up

AMTOR equipment is available for moderate cost and is *simple* to hook up. Those totally unfamiliar with RTTY might want to review the information on this mode found in the ARRL *Handbook*. The basic equipment used for AMTOR is the same as that used for normal RTTY, with the addition of an AMTOR code converter between the terminal unit (modem) and the teleprinter. As an added plus, with AMTOR you don't need a terminal unit with auto-start, mark hold, and so on. The AMTOR code converter provides all those features for you.

Where and When

Most AMTOR operation is centered around 14,075 and 3637.5 kHz. These two frequencies are typically used for calling. After contact is established, and if both operators are present(!), they will usually move the QSO to another frequency.

Some stations have their radios configured for scanner operation. They will tell other AMTOR operators the frequencies they scan and what their hours of operation are. When someone wants to contact them, they locate a frequency that the other station is known to scan, make sure it is inactive, and then begin a Mode A call. Usually, if the "receiving" station is not in a QSO on another channel, it will respond to the Mode A call within 40 seconds and the QSO can proceed. If stations are using scanners, there is no need to move off channel because the QSO can begin on a *working* channel, instead of a calling channel.

Some stations, such as G3PLX and HB9AK, monitor 14,075 kHz continuously and have computers attached to their AMTOR systems. The computers can be used to store or retrieve messages intended for their station or others. Some AMTOR computer systems can also act as store-and-forward repeaters. When you call these systems, you can request that your message be relayed to another station on completion of your QSO.

As an example of this capability, G3PLX and I were trying to pass some information on 20 meters, and the path between us was just not there; we found that by relaying messages from G3PLX to A4XFW in Oman, to HB9AK, to AD7I near New York City and back again, we could communicate. It is noteworthy that there were *no* operators at HB9AK or A4XFW during these relays. [This type of unattended

transmitting is not presently allowed under FCC rules without special authorization. — Ed.] Everything at these two stations was under computer control. Now *that* has to be a new form of long path!

Simple, But Robust

I have been involved with AMTOR for some time now and I continue to be impressed with its robust capabilities, while maintaining simplicity. It has proved to be a simple and inexpensive addition to any amateur RTTY station. Finally, the most compelling reason I can offer for becoming active with AMTOR is that RTTY is more fun without errors!

Readers' comments and suggestions are always welcome. I would like to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with AMTOR. Please include an s.a.s.e. with your correspondence.

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¹J. Martinez, "AMTOR, an Improved Error-Free RTTY System," *QST*, June 1981, pp. 25-27.

²The exact specifications of SITOR are outlined in CCIR (International Radio Consultative Committee) Recommendation 476-2.

³Not all controllers include all modes. If you consider building or purchasing a code converter, you should know which capabilities you want. In addition, if you purchase a commercial AMTOR code converter, make certain the unit meets or exceeds all specifications outlined in CCIR Recommendation 476-2 for the modes you want to use.

⁴AMTOR uses four-letter combinations for selective calling. With a 26-letter alphabet, this provides for 456,976 unique calls. Although it might be desirable to have more calls available, this is all the internationally agreed upon standard allows. Most amateur stations use the first letter and last three letters of their call sign for the selective calling characters. Using this algorithm, the calling characters for W1AW would be WWAW.

⁵On CCITT no. 2 coded terminals, FIGS Z B will print as *?. On terminals commonly used by American radio amateurs FIGS Z B will print as *?.

⁶This leads us to why I must say that AMTOR provides *virtually*, rather than *absolutely*, error-free communication. There is a chance, although small under normal conditions, that some "hits" during transmission will result in a data error that will pass the 4/3 test at the receiving station.

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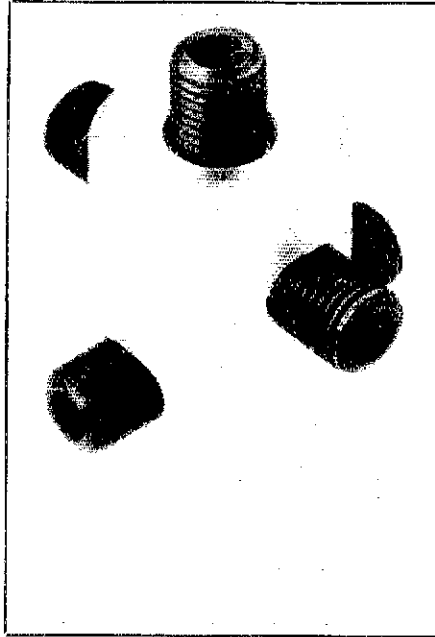
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Paul Newland, AD7I, was first licensed in 1971 and is currently active on hf and vhf with new modes such as AMTOR and packet radio. He is presently focusing his Amateur Radio activities on development of hardware and firmware for AMTOR code converters and modems. Professionally, Paul is employed by a major research and development company where he designs microprocessor-based communications interfaces for computers. He received a BSEL degree from California Polytechnic State University in 1979 and a MSEE from the University of Michigan in 1980. Paul is a member of the ARRL and IEEE.

New Products



X-PANDA-FIVE

□ A new accessory for the hf mobile enthusiast is available from JL Industries. The X-PANDA-FIVE is an adaptor that permits the installation of up to five resonators on one mobile mast.

The manufacturer claims ease of installation and convenience of operation. The mobile operator no longer needs to stop to change resonators — a distinct advantage, especially during bad weather. In addition, hams who own motor homes or RVs, or who live in modular homes, apartments or condominiums, might find the X-PANDA-FIVE a useful accessory for erecting a multiband hf antenna where limited space is available.

Complete installation and resonator tuning instructions are furnished with the X-PANDA-FIVE. The adaptor is machined from solid aluminum stock and incorporates resonator mounting studs of high-tensile carbide steel. All threads are 3/8" x 24 to accept either Hustler or HyGain resonators and masts. The suggested retail price is \$14.95, and the unit is available direct from the manufacturer, JL Industries, P.O. Box 030413, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33303 — *Sandy Gerli, AC1Y*

UNIMEC SWITCHES

□ A/S MEC-75 of Copenhagen, Denmark, offers a unique modular switch available in two forms: momentary contact and push-push action. Both types provide five different contact configurations. These are determined by selecting the appropriate switch terminals with pc-board traces or hard wiring. Essentially, each switch is a programmable 4pdt type.

In addition to the two basic switches, MEC offers a 10-color variety of keycaps and bezels. Bezels illuminated by LEDs are available, too.

MEC also provides a matrix mounting system (UNIMEC/VARIO-SUPPORT) for their switches. This enables a designer to realize a custom keyboard or switch panel almost instantly. The desired layout and switch functions are determined simply by inserting the appropriate switches into the matrix. According to the manufacturer, this makes panel mounting easy and stops over-pressure as well as flexing of the pc board.

Switches and pricing information are available from Forsbert Sales, Inc., 646 Summer St., Brockton, MA 02402, tel. 617-522-6300, and Switches, Inc., 949 Stierlin Rd., P.O. Box 4248, Mountain View, CA 94040, tel 415-962-8649. — *Paul K. Pagel, N1FB*

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QEX: THE ARRL EXPERIMENTERS' EXCHANGE

□ The June issue of *QEX* featured:

- "Many Modifications to the Ten-Tec Omni," by Robert E. Helms, AF5Z.
- "Lowpass Speech Filter Using Surplus Inductors," by Ed Wetherhold, W3NQN.

It also reviewed the Ninth Annual Eastern VHF/UHF Conference and carried a request from Hank Magnuski, KA6M, for information from potential users of the AMSAT OSCAR Phase IIIB AMICON Special Service Channel, which has been designated for packet-radio operations.

This issue, the 16th, was the first one produced at ARRL Hq. Please send all subscription requests, manuscripts and correspondence for *QEX* to ARRL Hq. The domestic subscription rate for ARRL members is \$6 for 12 issues; \$12 for nonmembers. There are additional postage charges for mailing outside the U.S.; write to Hq for details.

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Spread-Spectrum Applications in Amateur Radio

Through the properties of their coded modulation, spread-spectrum systems can provide multiple-access, low-interference communications to radio amateurs.

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Traditionally, the emphasis in Amateur Radio has been to make a transmitted signal as narrow in bandwidth as possible. Also, receivers are made as narrow and as interference-immune as possible. In this way, many signals can occupy a ham band successfully. This approach has been successful, to a point. But if a group of stations is on one frequency (the pileup!), the system does tend to break down, with disastrous results.

A new approach is being advanced that amateurs should take a look at. Military and commercial organizations are developing spread-spectrum systems. Such systems deliberately occupy a wide band of frequencies, as part of a strategy to make communications more reliable and more secure, or private. (The word "privacy," as used here, has a special meaning in Amateur Radio, which will be considered later.)

To be more exact, a transmitter sends its message in such a way that a wide spectrum is used, according to a very carefully designed plan. The receiver has the ability to use this same plan in reverse, to convert the signal back to narrow-band form. By performing these actions in the right way, privacy and interference immunity are improved. Fig. 1A shows a conventional transmitter output of, say, 1 kW. With spread-spectrum operation, this same power is spread out as shown in Fig. 1B. There is no strong carrier at any one frequency. Within a 3-kHz band, the amount of signal is greatly reduced. In fact, it may be less than the noise level. But after "despreading," the signal once again looks like the signal at A.

This scheme is different from wide-band fm in that the message itself does not produce the spread spectrum. Instead, another agent is employed to spread the signal. Also, there is no carrier, as in an fm system.

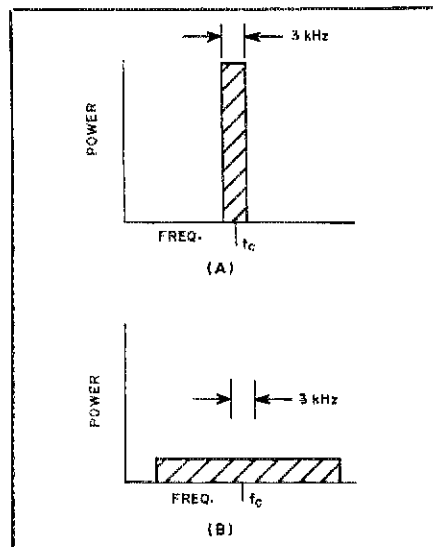


Fig. 1 — The power distribution of a conventional communications signal (A) versus a spread-spectrum signal (B). The same total power is contained in both signals.

do the same. Or, A can address all stations. Also, a member of this net can address an entirely different net or a single member of the other net. Or, B could address all nets simultaneously. In a particularly large region, these nets all use the same frequency band, and no equipment retuning is needed for any of the above operations.

In any of these operations, a degree of "privacy" is achieved, in the sense that communications are programmed according to the requirements of the moment. This "selective calling" is achieved by using the microcomputer-based "protocol," or message-routing procedures. The use of spread spectrum is an enhancement of the "packet radio" techniques that advanced amateurs are now experimenting with. By adding to this packet system a carefully managed spread-spectrum protocol, it should be possible to greatly reduce "collisions," avoid interference and add significantly to the repertoire of the packet system.

This extra element of spread-spectrum management, in addition to time management, makes it possible to reduce the guesswork with respect to frequency selection, which is a major problem in Amateur Radio. The difficulty is that a clear frequency at my station may not be clear at

Why Amateur Spread Spectrum?

Consider the network shown in Fig. 2. Using spread spectrum, stations A and B can communicate privately, while C and D

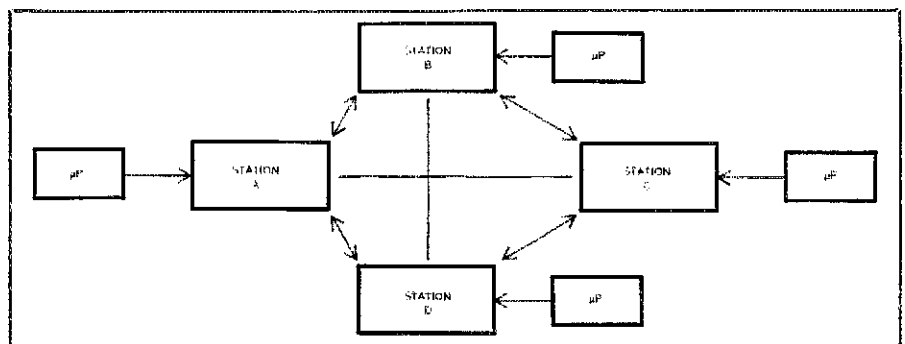


Fig. 2 — A network of stations using μ P or microprocessor-based protocols. Network and inter-network communication may be obtained without equipment retuning.

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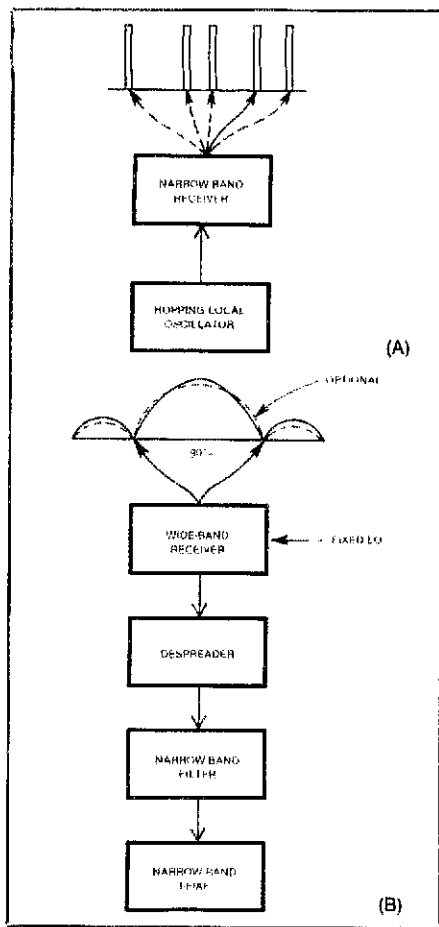


Fig. 3 — The two major types of spread-spectrum operation. At A, the frequency-hopping mode is illustrated; at B is the direct-sequence mode. The spreading is caused by applying a coded modulating signal at the transmitter that is independent of the intelligence modulation. The same predetermined code is applied in reverse at the receiver to despread the signal, and the intelligence is then demodulated in conventional fashion. If different spreading codes are appropriately chosen, interference-free operation may be obtained with different stations sharing the same frequency spectrum.

your station. We need a way to improve this situation. The communication is not restricted to data. Digitized voice messages can be sent, stored at the receiving station and converted back to speech at the completion of the message.

The information below summarizes the possible advantages of combining spread spectrum with packet-network protocols. There is no particular argument in favor of using spread spectrum by itself.

- Voice or data
- Simultaneous net combinations
- Network privacy
- Reduced collisions between
 - A) spread and nonspread systems
 - B) other spread systems
- Combines well with packet protocols
- Enhances packet repertoire

The important extra element is the voluntary "discipline" to which the various players can subscribe. The discipline is handled by the various personal computers involved, leaving the operator with a great deal of freedom.

Fig. 3 illustrates the two major types of spread-spectrum reception that amateurs might consider: frequency hop and direct sequence. At A, a narrow-band receiver is rapidly tuned through a predetermined set of frequencies. The desired signal is available at each of these frequencies when the receiver tunes there, according to a predetermined plan. Other signals are programmed so that they are seldom on the frequency to which the receiver happens to be tuned at one particular moment, although they may share this frequency at different times.

At B, a wide-band receiver, tuned to a fixed frequency, listens to a signal that has been carefully spread out in the manner shown, according to a predetermined plan. The receiver possesses the key by which to despread this signal and put it through a narrow filter. All other signals using the

same frequency band are essentially ignored. A different spread-spectrum signal fails to despread. A conventional signal is likewise unable to penetrate the narrow filter, because it is converted to a wide-band signal by the receiver.

On the hf bands, frequency hopping would be better because of its narrow-band nature. At uhf, direct sequence offers advantages. By carefully selecting the kind of modulation in direct sequence, the spectrum is improved as shown in the dashed line in Fig. 3B. This could be msk (minimum-shift keying) modulation.

Direct-Sequence Spreading

Fig. 4A shows a conventional phase-shift-keyed data signal and the transmitted spectrum it produces. The width of the main lobe is twice the data rate, and in an amateur RTTY system would be less than 1.5 kHz wide. In Fig. 4B, each data bit is modulated by a PN code, where PN means pseudo-noise. There may be thousands of PN code bits for each data bit. The data bit has the effect of inverting, or not inverting, a group of PN bits, depending on a data 1 or 0. After combining these code streams, a mixer with a fixed-frequency local oscillator produces the spread-spectrum rf signal. The width of the main lobe is twice the PN code rate.

The design of the PN code is critical to the performance of the spread-spectrum system, and will be covered in the next section. The spectrum in Fig. 4B shows that, when listened to by a conventional receiver, a weak, hissing, noise-like signal is heard. It is not truly random noise, because of the nonflat nature of the spectrum, and because the PN code does repeat itself after some long time interval. The expression "pseudo" noise is therefore appropriate.

Fig. 5A shows a PN code generator. A shift register with N stages, initially loaded with all 1s, generates an output that is

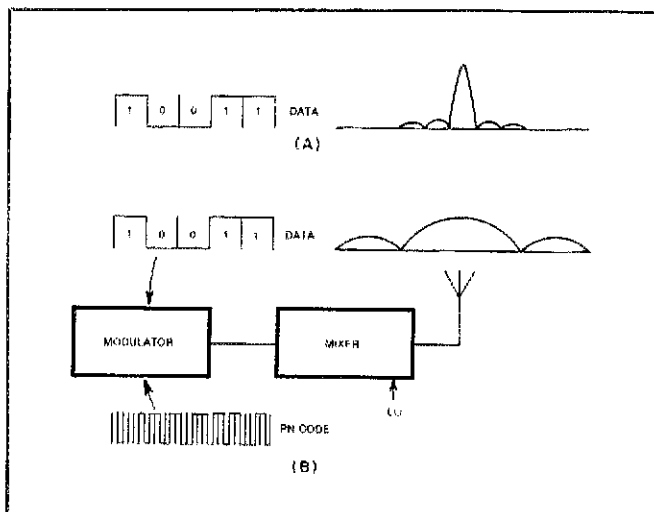


Fig. 4 — At A, a conventional phase-shift-keyed (psk) data signal and the transmitter spectrum that it produces. At B, the same data signal and a pseudo-noise (PN) code are combined to produce a direct-sequence psk signal with its much broader spectrum.

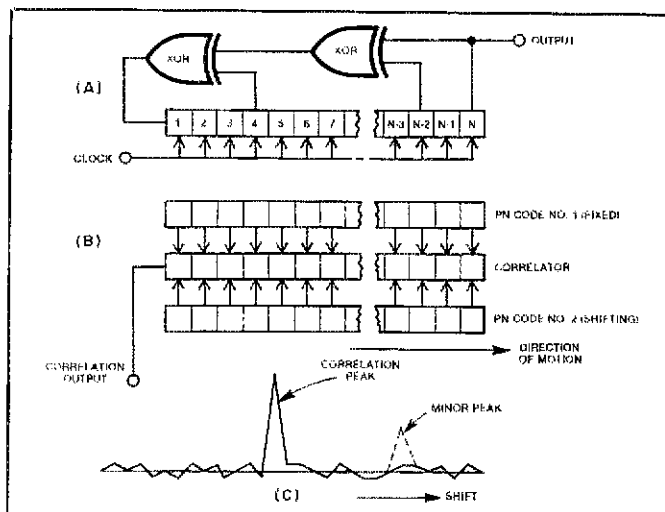


Fig. 5 — A PN code generator, A, and a correlator, B. The strings of blocks represent shift registers. At C is shown the correlation output with shifts of data in the lower shift register. This output peaks when synchronization is obtained.

influenced by the XOR feedback gates. After as many as $2^N - 1$ pulses, the code repeats itself. Code length can be from, say, 10 bits, to 10 million or more. If my transmitter and your receiver use the same PN generator circuit, we can communicate.

Fig. 5B shows a correlator. One input is a fixed (or static) PN code that has been stored. The other input is the received signal, which ripples through the bottom section. The output of the correlator, Fig. 5C, is very small (± 1 or 0) except when the two codes exactly coincide, at which time the output equals N . When this peak occurs, the two codes are "synchronized," or correlated.

A well-designed code has only one of these sharp peaks. Other codes will have other minor peaks that can produce "false" synchronization. Also, a short segment of a good code may not be so good in this respect. Therefore, the register length should be as long as the code, or at least as long as possible. A good possibility for amateur use is to combine two short Gold codes.¹ The resultant codes have good correlation properties and are easy to generate.

Fig. 6 shows two types of direct-sequence receivers. In Fig. 6A, the despreading is done at i-f. A narrow-band crystal filter lets only the despread signal get into the data or voice detector. In B, a double conversion takes place, and the correlator, operating at baseband, performs the despreading. A low-pass filter then passes the desired signal only, which can be derived from the correlator output. Some receivers use both methods, that at A for data detection, and that at B for synchronization.

Direct-Sequence Synchronization

Fig. 7 shows, in a very general way, how synchronization is achieved and maintained. One way is to slow down or speed up the PN code generator in such a way that it can search backward and forward in time to "acquire" the incoming code. Once the code has been acquired, a tracking operation takes place, so that the PN code stays closely aligned with the desired signal. Acquisition is greatly aided by the use of very stable clocks and by prealignment of the codes, so that only a small amount of searching is needed. For example, using WWV, all code generators could be initialized each hour.

Another method uses a special, short preamble that the receiver quickly recognizes. This recognition starts the tracking operation. In an amateur application, this would be easier and cheaper to implement. In this case, the prealignment

[Editor's Note: Gold codes are a family of codes named after the developer, R. Gold. The significance of the family is that a large number of codes may be obtained with relatively short shift registers in the code generator.]

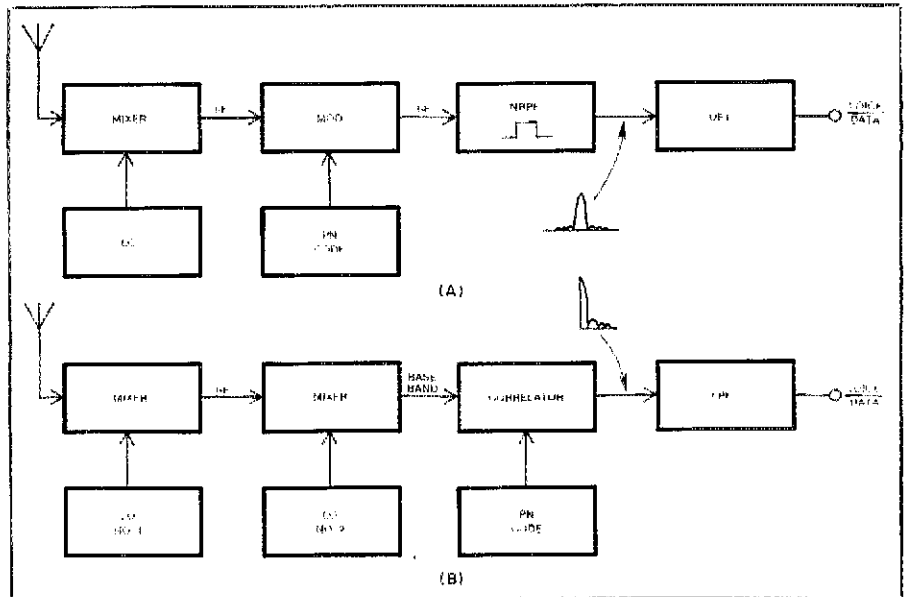


Fig. 6 — Block diagrams of two types of direct-sequence receivers. See text.

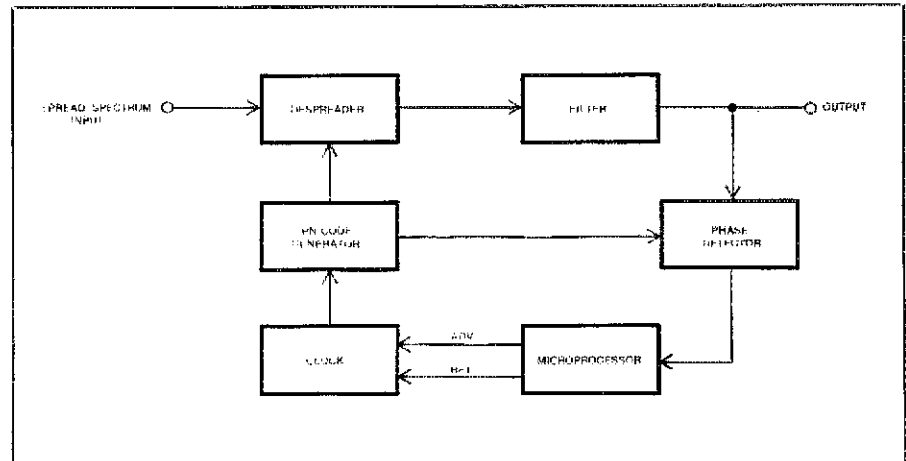


Fig. 7 — A system for synchronizing and tracking with direct sequence.

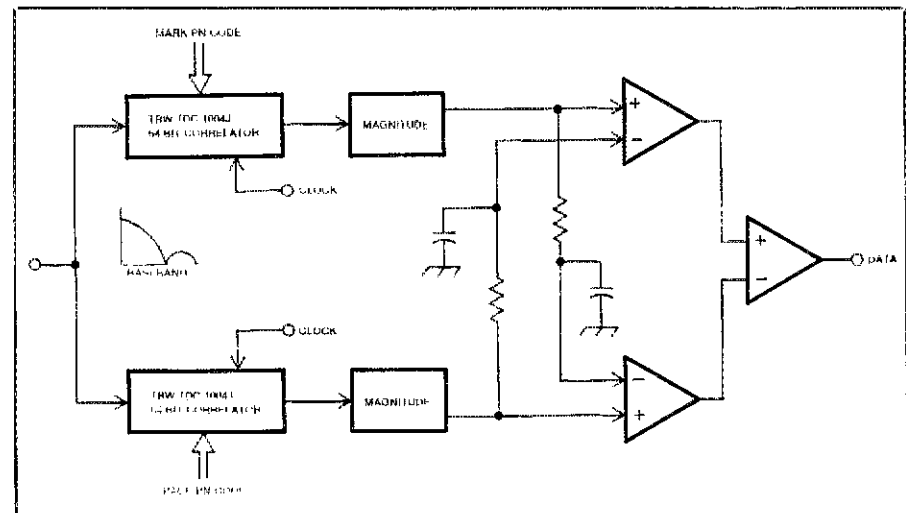


Fig. 8 — A correlator that operates at baseband with direct sequence.

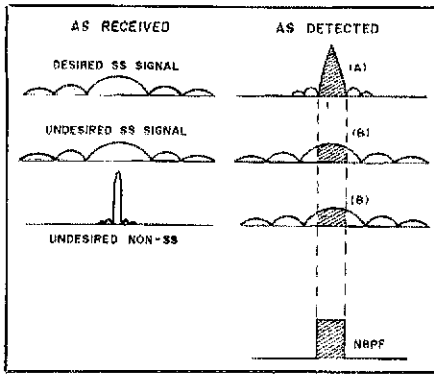


Fig. 9 — Illustrating interference rejection in direct sequence. Processing gain is obtained with despread, and in decibels is equal to $20 \log (A)/(B)$, where (A) and (B) are the amplitudes depicted in the shaded areas at the right.

of codes and time-of-day clocks would not be needed. When the preamble is sent, it is immediately followed by the start position of the long PN code. The receiver performs the identical operation. Sometimes, the preamble is sent as a frequency-hopping signal rather than direct sequence.

The circuit of Fig. 8 uses two TRW 64-bit correlators. One recognizes a PN sequence that identifies a mark, and the other recognizes an unrelated sequence that signifies a space, using bi-phase modulation. The correlator outputs can be positive or negative, so a full-wave rectifier (using op amps and diodes) is needed.

Each comparator looks at the instantaneous output of its correlator and the average output of the opposite correlator. This circuit, with very little modification, can detect marks and spaces in a frequency-hop radio, in which up to 64 bits of information would signify the message bit.

Fig. 9 shows how a desired spread spectrum and an undesired signal, either spread or narrow-band, are interpreted by a spread-spectrum receiver. The narrow-band signal is "smeared" by the receiver so that little energy is passed by the narrow band-pass filters. If the undesired local signals are strong enough, however, they

can still override the desired distant signal, even after it has been despread, as shown. This "near-far" problem in direct sequence is an important limitation. Frequency hop seems to be more immune.

Frequency-Hop Spreading

Fig. 10 is a block diagram of a frequency-hop transmitter. A fast-frequency-change local oscillator is needed. The time that it takes to settle on the next frequency should be less than 10% of the dwell time on that frequency. Hop rates of 10 to several thousand per second are feasible with today's technology, and amateurs should experiment with speeds over the entire range. For example, a real opportunity exists for innovation in a low-cost, fast-hopping synthesizer design.

Shortly before changing frequency, the signal is smoothly attenuated, as shown. After the hop, the signal is brought up again, smoothly. This is necessary to reduce the transmitted spectrum (key clicks) as much as possible and to allow the LO time to make its frequency change. The hopping pattern is all under microprocessor control and determines which station or network will be addressed.

The analog voice or fsk data is filtered by the narrow band-pass filter. In other words, frequency hop is basically a narrow-band mode at any one frequency. Following the mixer, wide-band amplifiers and a wide-band antenna are needed so that equal power output occurs at each frequency.

For voice, a-m (with carrier) is preferred to single sideband because ssb causes phase jumps between hops, which produce excessive noise and distortion. Analog voice is not a preferred mode, in general, in frequency hop. At very low hop speeds, however, ssb should be considered as a possibility.

Fig. 11A shows the transmitted signal, smoothly attenuated between hops. The dashed lines show possible amplitude variations with a-m operation. Fig. 11B shows the spectrum. The tapered Christmas-tree shape at each frequency is caused by the turning on and off (Fig. 11A), and also by

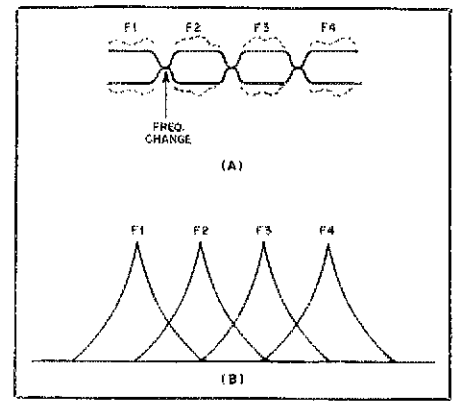


Fig. 11 — At A, an amplitude-versus-time representation of a frequency-hopping signal. The broken lines indicate possible variations arising from amplitude modulation of the signal. At B, an amplitude-versus-frequency representation of the same signal; any predetermined arrangement of frequency hopping may be used.

the mark/space information or a-m sidebands. To minimize interference, the drop-off in the spectrum should be as fast as possible, consistent with good communication. We can also visualize that the receiver bandwidth should be only wide enough to receive, say, 90% of the total signal energy at each frequency.

A frequency-hop receiver is shown in Fig. 12. An antenna input switch controls the turn-on at each frequency in a way that reduces intermodulation with strong, undesired signals on nearby frequencies. After mixing, a narrow filter leads to the signal detectors. The outputs of these detectors provide signal information to the microprocessor to control the synchronization algorithm and to determine that sync has occurred. When synchronization is achieved, a tracking operation is started in which the hop clock rate is adjusted momentarily. Later paragraphs cover this topic more thoroughly.

Instead of a single filter plus discriminator, consider two narrow filters, one for mark and one for space. The outputs are rectified and compared to determine the

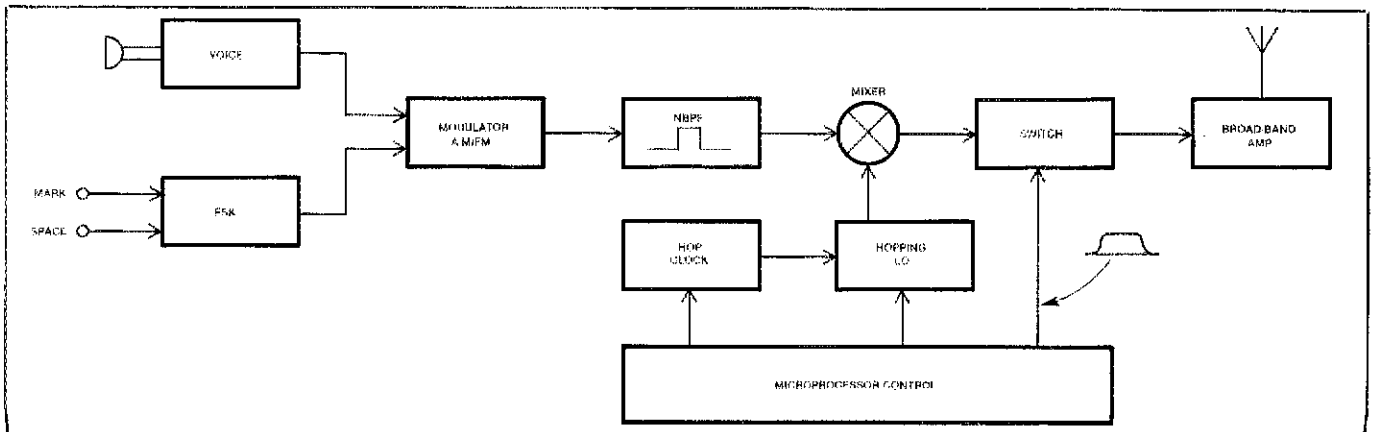


Fig. 10 — A frequency-hop transmitter. The hopping LO must be capable of making fast frequency changes with short settling times.

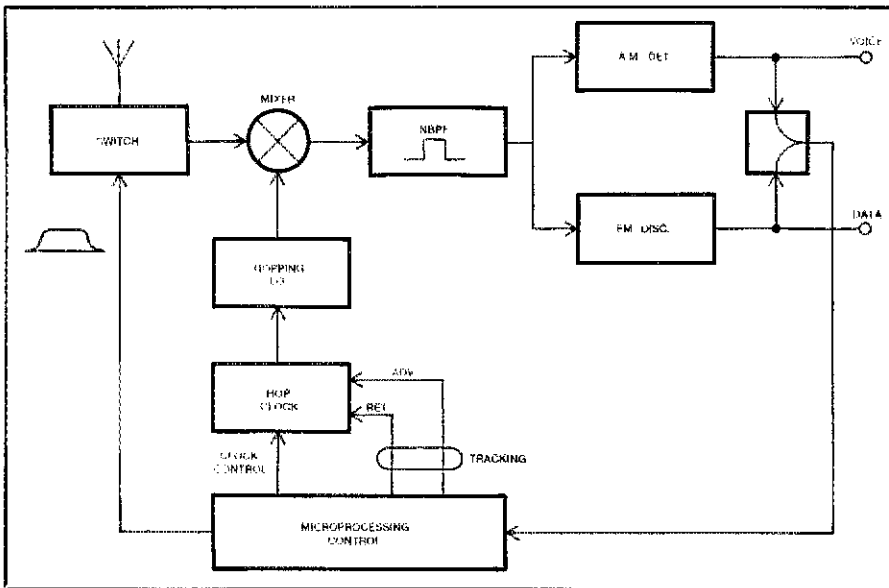


Fig. 12 — A frequency-hop receiver. The antenna switching reduces intermodulation from strong adjacent-frequency signals.

mark or space condition. For data reception, each filter has a 3-dB bandwidth that in hertz is about 1.25 times the number of hops per second. Linear-phase filters, called “matched” filters, are needed.

Frequency-Hop Synchronization

One way to synchronize is to use very stable hop-clock oscillators. The hopping code patterns are then all initialized at some time, say each hour, using WWV as a time reference. Then, only a slight amount of searching back and forth in time is needed to align the receiver with the signal.

At the start of each reception time, a small sync adjustment is made. A block of data would be preceded by a special segment that sets up the receiver to copy data. A latecomer in a net would also need opportunities to get fully synchronized.

Sync searching is illustrated in Fig. 13. We see that the incoming signal, at A, does not completely coincide in time with the receiver tuning, at B. The signal switches to frequency f2 before the receiver is ready to switch to f2. The result is that the receiver output has a signal only during the interval shown at Fig. 13C. The receiver uses this information to advance or retard the hop clock slightly until the overlap has improved sufficiently. In the example shown, the receiver hop clock would be speeded up.

In another synchronization method that is somewhat more complicated, the receiver slow hops until the computer recognizes that sync has occurred. Then, the receiver fast hops in sync with the signal. The advantages of this method are that very stable hop-clock oscillators are not needed, and no prealignment of hopping codes is needed.

An additional method is to reserve certain frequencies as “start” or “stop” fre-

quencies. When the start frequency is detected, hopping automatically begins according to the hop pattern plan. A stop frequency advises that the net control is available.

Interference Rejection

In Fig. 14, two kinds of interference are shown. In one case, a steady signal appears on one of the frequencies. In the second case, another hopping signal occasionally occupies the same frequency at the same time. Also shown in Fig. 14 is a common occurrence, signal fading from time to time on various channels.

Ways to combat these conditions are (1) make the receiver bandwidth narrow, to reduce interference; (2) design the hop codes to minimize “collisions” between nets and between net members; (3) use a fast-responding agc; (4) use a lot of message redundancy, i.e., repeat everything on several frequencies; (5) use error-correction codes; and (6) delete occupied frequencies and insert clear frequencies. Possibly certain frequencies would be reserved for backup use only.

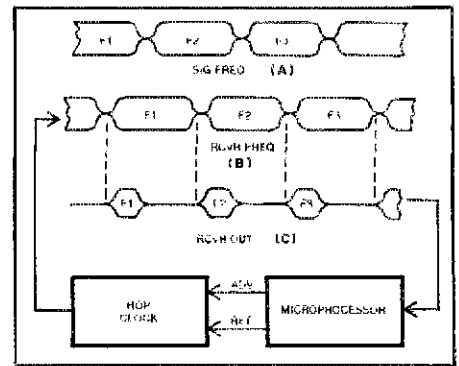


Fig. 13 — Illustrating frequency-hop sync searching or tracking.

Network Protocol

How could frequency hop be used to enhance an amateur packet network? Consider the format in Fig. 15.

Block 1: The net control has a hop code that addresses the net. The stations in the net are using this hop code to monitor the net control station and synchronize to it.

Blocks 2 and 3: The net control also sends data that contains the information in blocks 2 and 3.

Block 4: Having acquired frequency-hop sync, the net members acknowledge.

Block 5: The net control listens for my message using my frequency-hop code. Other stations in the net communicate with each other at the same time, using predetermined hop patterns that do not interfere with other members.

Block 6: The stations use two kinds of code simultaneously: frequency-hop pattern and mark/space code. This makes it possible, for example, to address a particular station and to identify the caller at the same time, or to inform the recipient how to respond to the call. Once the net members become synchronized, it should be possible to maintain sync for a long period of time, with tracking adjustments as required. If a member requires sync, he can send a sync-request message to which the recipient responds.

These ideas are offered for illustrative purposes and do not represent any known system in use. The important thing is that

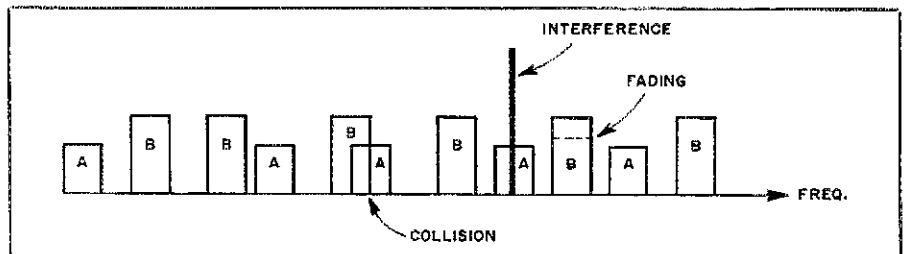


Fig. 14 — This drawing depicts interfering signals and fading in a frequency-hop system. The letters A and B identify emissions from two different transmitters sharing the spectrum, but with different hopping codes. The two frequency sets are almost orthogonal. The coding system is designed to reject interference, fading and collision. The same hop frequencies may be used by both stations, A and B, but at different times.

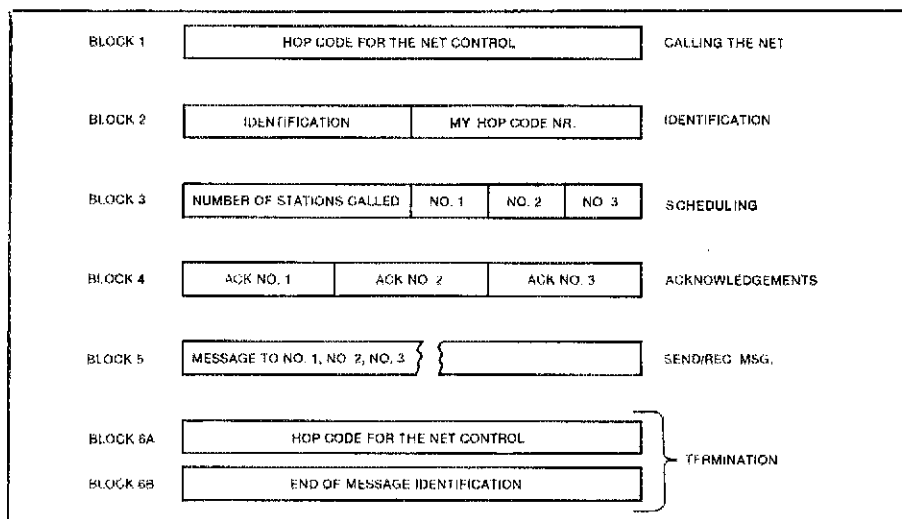


Fig. 15 — Possibilities for network protocol.

amateurs are free to devise schemes that are right for them.

The key to success in frequency hop is to repeat the message often and to provide error correction. This means the message rate must be reduced to improve reliability. In frequency hop, the possibilities of interference are strong. This means that any part of the message must be repeated on several different frequencies. In a slow-hop system, a block of data is sent on each fre-

quency and then the frequency is changed. A typical dwell time on each frequency might be 0.1 second.

It is important to have some way of detecting "bad" frequencies and moving away from them. The network protocol should include an avoidance strategy. The key is to find out if excessive errors occur on certain frequencies. This frequency management is under computer control. My computer tells your computer what

action is needed to improve the message reliability.

In a fast-hop system, the dwell time on each frequency might be 1 ms. The message rate is the same as with slow hop, but now each data bit is repeated on several different frequencies. After each bit is received, a vote is taken and the majority decides whether the bit is a 1 or 0. The addition of error correction adds to the reliability. The fast-hop method should be a better scheme for amateur use because, with good design of hopping code patterns, collisions and loss of data should be less.

The Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation (AMRAD) is a group of amateurs who are dedicated to advanced technology in Amateur Radio. Within this group are subgroups interested in spread spectrum and packet networks. The *AMRAD Newsletter* is helpful to anyone wanting to learn more, or to get in touch with others having similar interests. (Another interesting newsletter, *QEX*, an experimenter's exchange, is published by the ARRL.) AMRAD is also in touch with the FCC and has obtained special permits to do various kinds of experimental work. The address is AMRAD, P.O. Drawer 6148, McLean, VA 22106. Terry Fox, WB4JFI, is president of AMRAD. Hal Feinstein, WB3KDU, heads the spread-spectrum subgroup, and Dave Borden, K8MMO, heads the packet-protocol group.

New Books

MICROPROCESSORS AND MICROCOMPUTERS

by Ronald J. Tocci and Lester P. Laskowski. Published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. Second edition, 1982. Hardbound, 7-1/4 x 9-1/2 inches, 404 pages including index. \$20.95.

This comprehensive book does exactly what the authors intend it to do. It addresses a broad spectrum of readers, providing a practical introduction to the world of microprocessors and microcomputers. Concentrating on the fundamentals of microprocessor-based systems, it leans specifically toward the 6502.

The authors' writing style is about the nearest you can come to having a personal tutor without actually employing one. If you can't find the time (or money) to attend classes on this subject, you can bring

the class into your home for a small cash outlay. And should you attend a formal class, you'll still find this book to be a valuable reference.

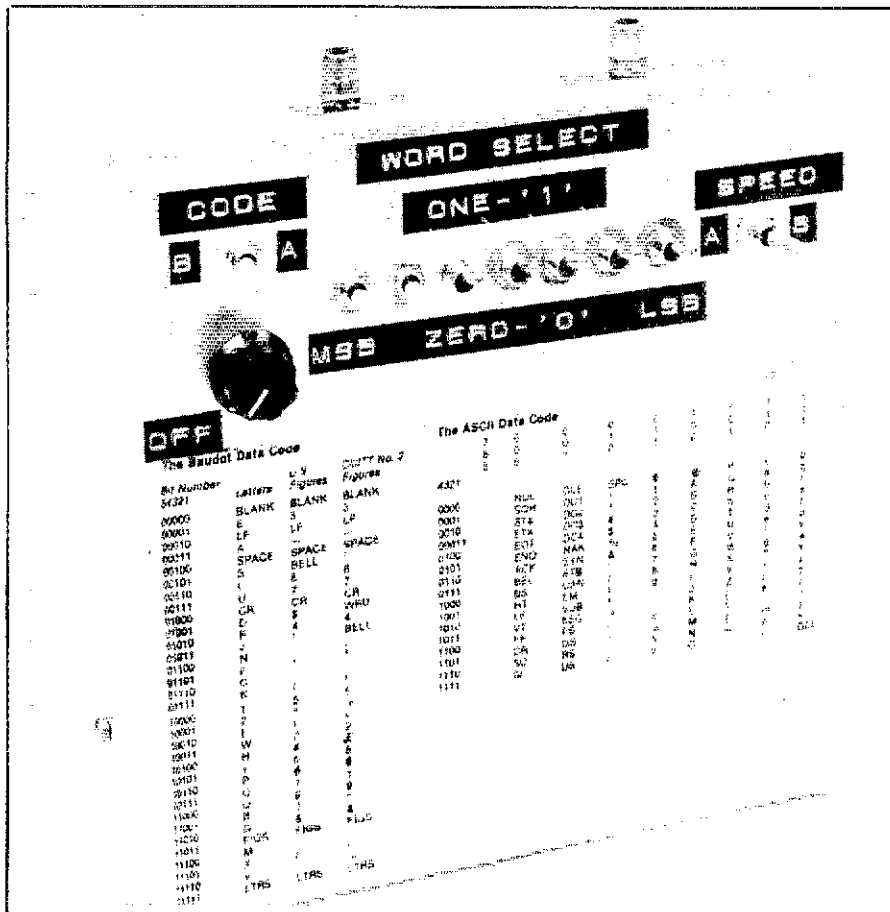
From number systems and codes used in the world of computers, you're stepped through digital circuits, an introduction to computers and then into microcomputer hardware. After voyaging through the inner workings of the microprocessor itself, you're led to the ports of I and O — input/output interfacing. These are important ports of call, as this interfacing allows you to communicate with the computer, and the computer to respond to you. The many facets of microcomputer software are covered in the last section, and the appendix contains the 6502 instruction set and op codes. Budding assembly-language programmers will find some helpful examples.

Each chapter has a number of questions, plus problems for the reader to solve. This helps you to discover gaps in your understanding of the material. More than likely you're not going to remember *everything* you've read the first time around, but it's a simple matter to turn back a few pages and refresh your memory — sort of a dynamic RAM operation!

Weak points? My only gripe is that there is no answer section. It would be nice to have absolute verification of the answers you've provided for the example questions and problems.

If by now you haven't gathered that I recommend the book, let me state emphatically that I do! I wish all my schoolbook texts had been written this clearly. This is one volume that shouldn't collect dust on your bookshelf. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB

A Serial ASCII/Baudot Character Generator You Can Build



Looking for a simple way to test your printer or video terminal? This "weekend" project may be just what you need.

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Wouldn't it be nice to be able to *easily* generate serial Baudot or ASCII characters for test purposes? I constructed a simple, low-cost device to do just that. It provides Baudot or ASCII characters at the most frequently used speeds, has a variable character rate and can be battery powered. Easy-to-add modifications include 8-bit ASCII operation, selectable parity generation and additional speeds. The unit is based on a UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver Transmitter), an LSI (large-scale integration) IC widely used in data communications applications.

Brief UART Theory of Operation

At first glance the UART appears complicated, but it's really very easy to use. Several articles have described its operation

in detail, so we'll cover just enough of the theory to understand how to put the UART to work.^{1,2} A UART is a circuit subsystem (many functions in one package) that can receive and transmit binary information of varying word lengths. In doing this, it incorporates the start, stop, control and error-detecting information necessary for asynchronous communications with many standard data terminals and computers.

This may be easier to understand by first looking at the transmission time sequence of the Baudot (Murray) and the ASCII character codes (Figs. 1 and 2). Circuitry within the UART allows you to concentrate on the binary code for the Baudot or ASCII character and to forget about the generation of the start, stop and optional parity bits. You don't have to worry about the timing,

the spacing or the sequencing, either, as the UART handles all of that, too! Most UARTs have control pins that are used to select the format and size of the Baudot or the ASCII word (or any 4- to 7-bit code) you wish to use. A description of the function of each UART pin is given in Table 1.

How the Character Generator Works

The schematic diagram of the character generator is shown in Fig. 3. The heart of the circuit is the UART, U2. S2 through S8 control the UART data inputs and are used to enter the binary code for the Baudot (see Table 2) or ASCII (see Table 3) character you wish to send. S9 enables you to send 5-bit (Baudot) or 7-bit (ASCII) characters. If you wish to be able to send 8-bit ASCII characters, a switch can be added to connect UART pin 38 to the positive supply (8-bit) or to ground (5- and 7-bit). I hard

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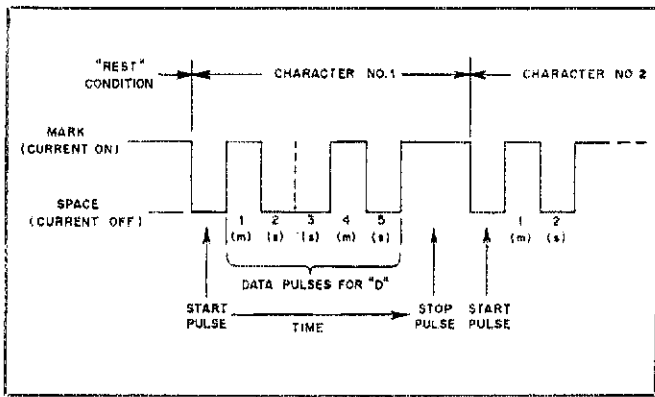


Fig. 1 — Time sequence of a typical Baudot character, the letter D.

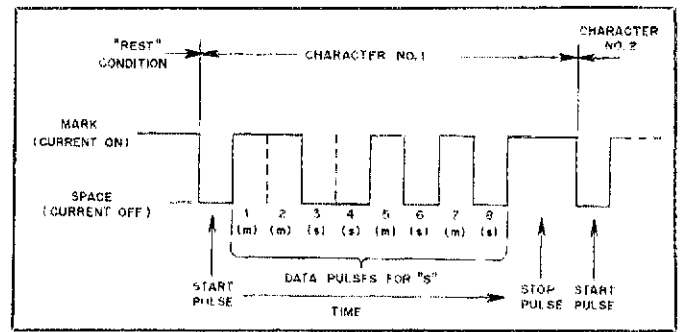


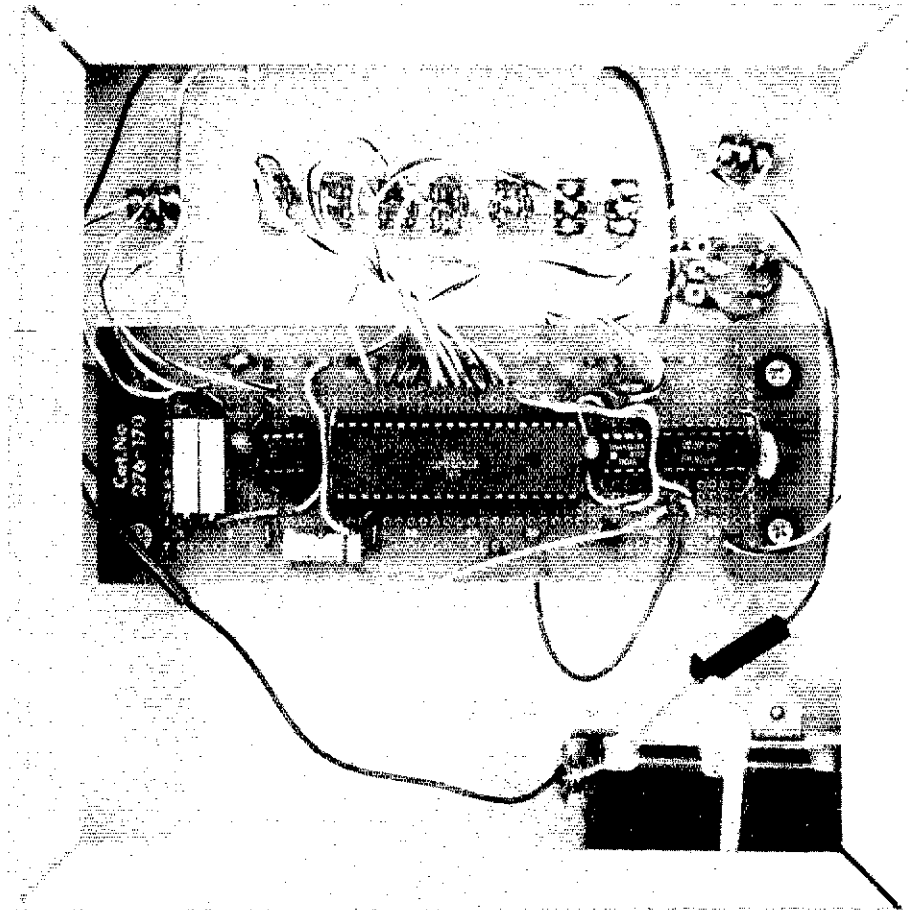
Fig. 2 — Time sequence of a typical ASCII character, the letter S. The eighth, or parity, bit (when used) may be set to one of four possible conditions: (1) always mark, (2) always space, (3) odd parity or (4) even parity.

Table 1
UART Pin Descriptions

Pin no.	Function															
1	Positive supply: Usually +5 V (4 to 6 V used in this circuit).															
2	Some UARTs require -12 V on this pin (not used).															
3	Ground.															
4	Receive data output enable: Parallel data outputs are enabled when this pin is low (not used).															
5-12	Receive data outputs (not used).															
13-16, 18, 19	Receive status outputs (not used).															
17	Receive clock input (not used).															
20	Receive serial input (not used).															
21	Reset: Operational status of the UART is reset when this pin is pulsed high.															
22, 24	Transmit status outputs (not used).															
23	Transmit strobe: Data transmission is initiated when this pin is pulsed high.															
25	Transmit serial output.															
26-33	Transmit parallel inputs.															
34	Control strobe: Control inputs are entered into the UART when this pin is high.															
35	Parity enable: Parity generation is enabled when this pin is low.															
36	Number of stop bits: Two stop bits are generated when this pin is high. One stop bit is generated when this pin is low and the select-data word length is greater than 5 bits. One and one-half stop bits are generated when this pin is high and the data word length is 5 bits.															
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39	Parity select: If parity is enabled (pin 35), this pin is used to select even or odd parity.															
40	Transmit clock input.															

wired pin 38 to ground for 5- and 7-bit-only operation.

A similar situation exists for pin 35: If you wish to be able to send parity-encoded ASCII characters, a switch can be con-



A look at the interior of the ASCII/Baudot character generator. The CHARACTER RATE CONTROL is above and to the right-hand side of the circuit board. At the bottom right-hand side of the chassis is a NiCd battery pack used to power the unit.

nected to this pin to allow parity to be selected. I chose to disable parity by hard wiring pin 35 to the positive supply. If you do elect to utilize parity, another switch should be connected to UART pin 39 to enable you to select even or odd parity.

An R-C circuit (R2 and C2) connected to the UART RESET input (pin 21), ground and the positive supply provides a reset pulse to the UART when power is first applied. U3 provides the data-strobe signal to the UART. Each strobe pulse causes the

selected binary code to be loaded into the UART and transmitted. By varying the data-strobe pulse rate with R1, you can adjust the rate at which characters are sent. R1 does *not* affect the words-per-minute speed or baud rate of the individual characters, but simply controls the time interval between characters. The circuit shown in Fig. 3 provides a rate of approximately 1/2 to 60 characters per second. You could eliminate U3 and use a momentary-contact push-button switch to

Table 2
The Baudot Data Code

Bit Number	Letters	U.S. Figures	CCITT No. 2 Figures
54321			
00000	BLANK	BLANK	BLANK
00001	E	3	3
00010	LF	LF	LF
00011	A	—	—
00100	SPACE	SPACE	SPACE
00101	S	BELL	'
00110	I	8	8
00111	U	7	7
01000	CR	CR	CR
01001	D	\$	WRU
01010	R	4	4
01011	J	'	BELL
01100	N	:	:
01101	F	!	!
01110	C	:	:
01111	K	((
10000	T	5	5
10001	Z	"	+
10010	L)	
10011	W	#	2
10100	H	#	ε
10101	Y	6	6
10110	P	0	0
10111	Q	1	1
11000	O	9	9
11001	B	?	?
11010	G	&	&
11011	FIGS	FIGS	FIGS
11100	M	.	.
11101	X	/	/
11110	V	=	=
11111	LTRS	LTRS	LTRS

Note: FIGS-H (10100) may also be used for MOTOR STOP function. "!" = mark = hole in punched tape

Table 3
The ASCII Data Code

Bit Number	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
5	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
4321										
0000	NUL	DLE	SPC	0	@	P	/	p	q	r
0001	SOH	DC1	!	1	A	Q	a	b	c	d
0010	STX	DC2	*	2	B	R	b	c	d	e
0011	ETX	DC3	#	3	C	S	c	d	e	f
0100	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	T	d	e	f	g
0101	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	f	g	h
0110	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	g	h	i
0111	BEL	ETB	'	7	G	W	g	h	i	j
1000	BS	CAN	(	8	H	X	h	i	j	k
1001	HT	EM	)	9	I	Y	i	j	k	l
1010	LF	SUB	*	:	J	Z	j	k	l	m
1011	VT	ESC	+	;	K	[	k	l	m	n
1100	FF	FS	.	<	L	\	l	m	n	o
1101	CR	GS	.	=	M	]	m	n	o	p
1110	SO	RS	.	>	N	^	n	o	p	q
1111	SI	US	/	?	O	_	o	p	q	r

- ACK = acknowledge
- BEL = signal bell
- BS = backspace (←)
- CAN = cancel
- CR = carriage return
- DC1 = device control 1
- DC2 = device control 2
- DC3 = device control 3
- DC4 = device control 4 (delete)
- DEL = (delete)
- DLE = data link escape
- ENQ = enquiry (WRU)
- EM = end of medium
- EOT = end of trans.
- ESC = escape
- ETB = end of block
- ETX = end of text
- FF = form feed (home)
- FS = file separator
- GS = group separator
- HT = horizontal tab (←)
- LF = line feed (↓)
- NAK = not acknowledge
- NUL = null
- RS = record separator
- SI = shift in
- SO = shift out
- SOH = start of heading
- SPC = space
- STX = start of text
- SUB = substitute
- SYN = synchronous idle
- US = unit separator
- VT = vertical tab (↑)

Note: "!" = mark = hole in punched tape

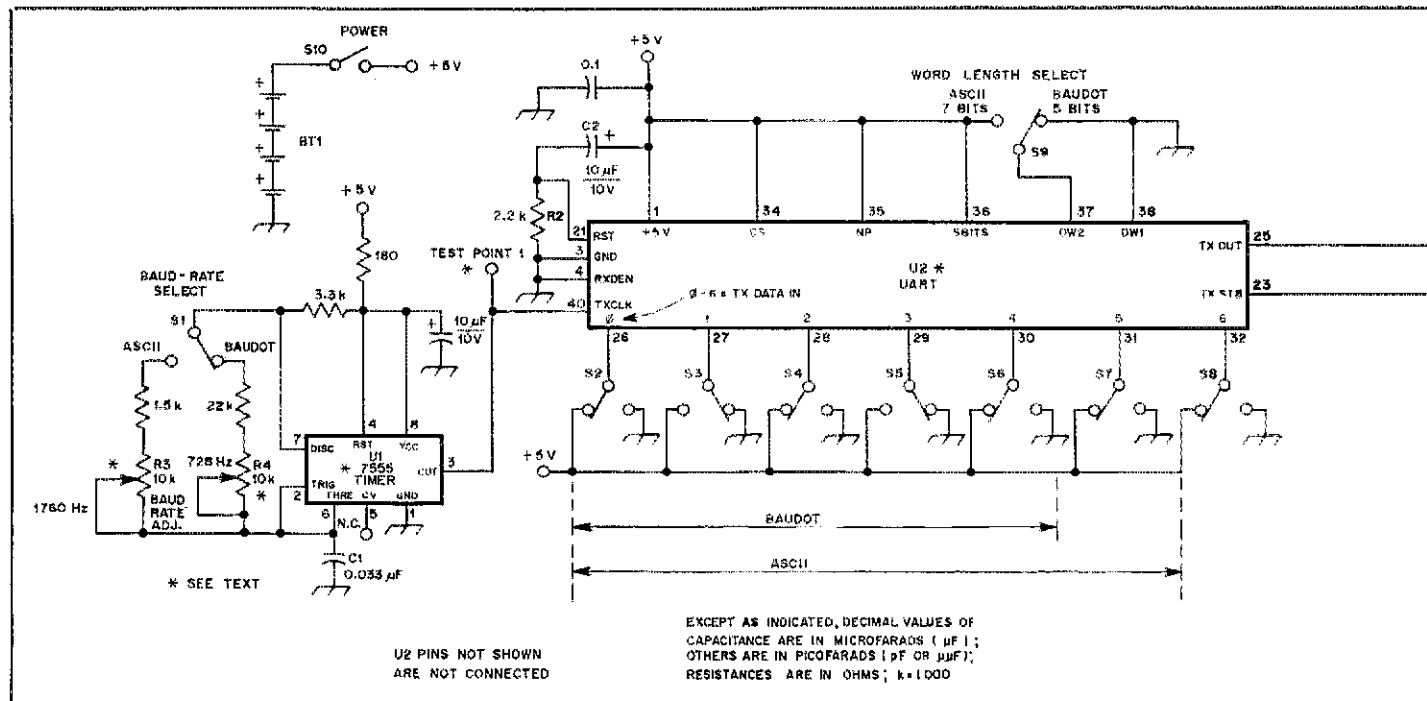


Fig. 3 — Character generator schematic diagram. All resistors are 1/4-W, 5%-tolerance carbon types. Except as indicated, capacitors are disc ceramics. Polarized capacitors are electrolytic or tantalum types.
 BT1 — Four AA-size NiCd or alkaline cells in series.
 C1 — 0.033-μF Mylar or polystyrene capacitor.
 R3, R4 — 10-kΩ pc-mount multi-turn control.
 R1 — 100-kΩ panel-mount control.
 S1-S9, incl. — Spdt toggle switch.

Table 4
Part Comparison

	CMOS	Standard
U2	CDP6402	AY-3-1015
	IM6402	AMI S 1602
U1, U3	7555	555
U4	74C02	74LS02
Current drain	3.5 mA at 5 V	60 mA at 5 V
Approximate total IC cost	\$13	\$9

pulse pin 23 high when you want a character to be transmitted. Unused sections of U4 could be used to debounce the switch.

U1 provides the transmit-clock signal to the UART (pin 40). It is the frequency of this signal that determines the words-per-minute speed or baud rate at which each character is sent. S1 allows you to select between two preset operating speeds. I have one set for 60-wpm Baudot operation and the other set for 110-baud ASCII.

Four "AA" NiCd or alkaline batteries provide the power to operate my unit. The total current drain with the parts I use is less than 4 mA. The current requirements and voltage ratings of various component alternatives are given in Table 4. Once you've selected the parts, choose the battery type and capacity necessary for the length of service you desire. I've operated my unit at supply voltages from 4 to 6 V without trouble. Be sure that the circuit

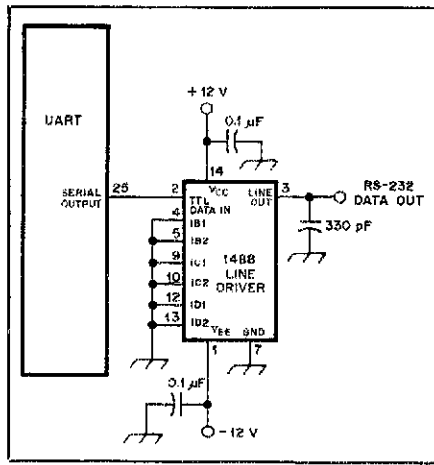


Fig. 4 — RS-232 interface circuit.

being driven can handle the maximum voltage of the battery pack you plan to use. Be careful not to exceed the maximum voltage ratings of the parts you use.

Construction and Alignment

The construction technique you use when building the character generator is not critical. I used a Radio Shack experimenter's board (cat. no. 276-170) and provided sockets for all ICs. I mounted the board in a 7 × 7 × 2-inch aluminum chassis with all the switches and controls mounted along the top edge.³ This arrangement permitted sufficient room to attach copies of the ASCII and Baudot code tables below the switches for easy reference.

I am presently using the low-power CMOS parts listed in Table 4. The UART is an RCA CDP6402. The IM6402, available from JDR Microdevices, should be an exact replacement for the RCA part.⁴ The 74C02 is also available from JDR Microdevices, and the ICM7555 CMOS timers are available from Radio Shack. I also tried non-CMOS parts in the circuit, with no change in performance except for a large increase in battery drain and a higher supply-line noise level. The non-CMOS UART I tested was the AMI S1602, which is an exact replacement for the GI AY-3-1015D (available from Radio Shack). A Mylar or polystyrene capacitor should be used for C1 to ensure frequency stability under varying temperature conditions.

Alignment is simple: Connect a frequency counter to the output of U1 (TEST POINT 1, Fig. 3) and adjust the trimmers (R3 and R4) for a clock frequency equal to 16 times the desired baud rate. For 60-wpm Baudot (45.45 baud) and 110-baud ASCII, the frequencies are 728 Hz and 1760 Hz, respectively. If you wish to operate 100-wpm Baudot (74 baud) or 300-baud ASCII, the frequencies are 1187 Hz and 4800 Hz.

Using the Character Generator

I use the output of U2 (J1) to drive (through an appropriate bias resistor) the

keying transistor in my Model 15 printer loop system. The output from U4A (J2) will drive the RS-232 input of my ADM3A CRT terminal. Although this output does not meet the RS-232 standard specifications, I have used it successfully with several RS-232 printers and terminals.⁵ The circuit shown in Fig. 4 can be used to ensure full compliance with the RS-232 standard if you desire. Notice, however, the need for additional power-supply voltages. You could probably use 9-V batteries to supply these voltages, but I would try single-supply operation first.

To operate the character generator, you simply connect your equipment to J1 for transistor keying or to J2 for "RS-232 polarity" (mark = 0 V). Set the switches to the desired mode and character code, turn on the power and adjust the character rate by means of R1. That's all there is to it! You now have a simple way to test your Baudot or ASCII terminal or printer.

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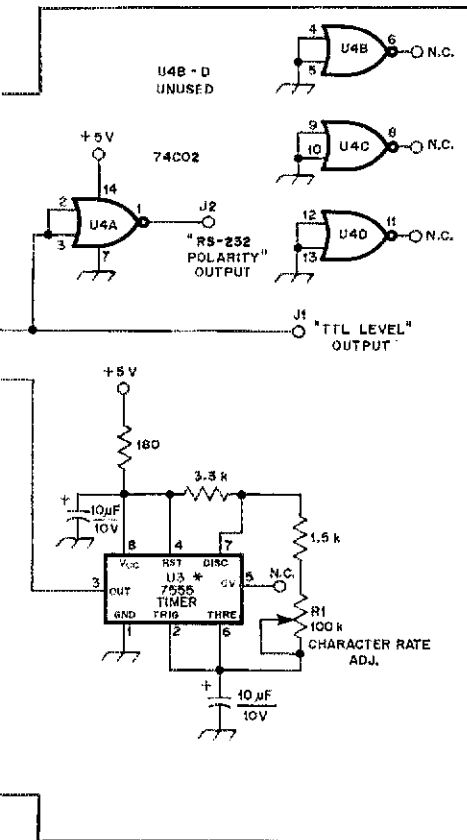
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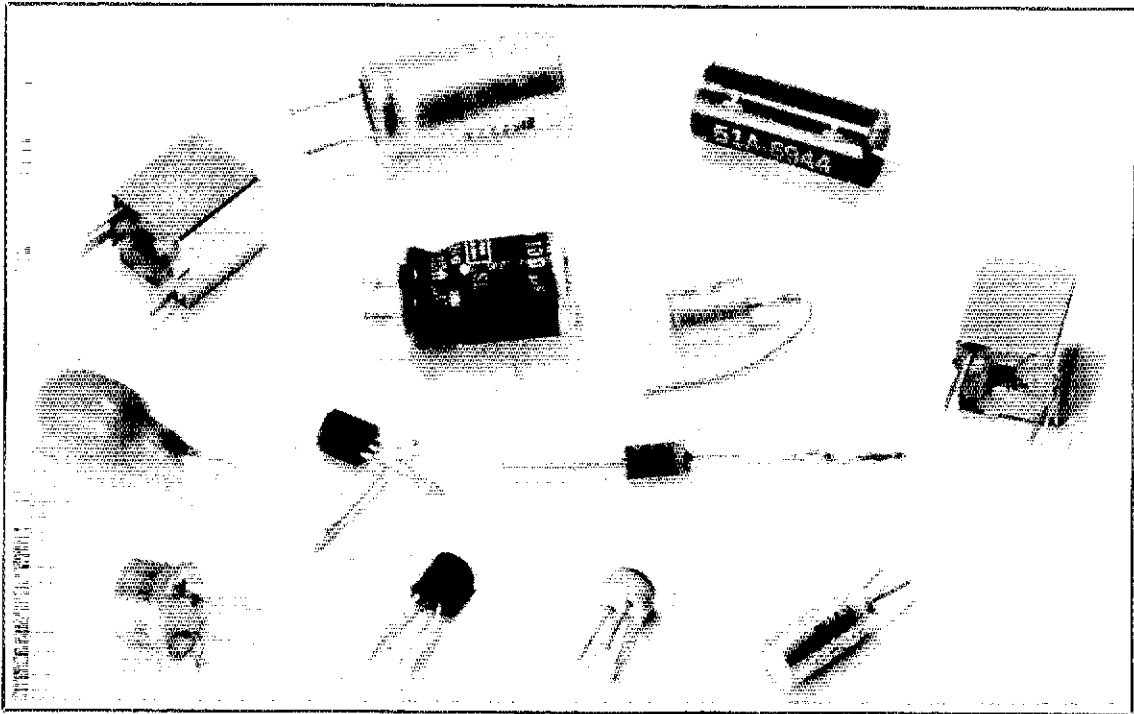
It's being called the "Amateur Radio Event of the Decade" — Astronaut Owen Garriott's upcoming operation aboard the Space Shuttle *Columbia*. How can you take part? Check out August QST, which will provide details on when and where to listen, and how to have the best chance to complete a QSO with W5LFL while he conducts the first Amateur Radio activity from space.

On the more mundane side, the August issue will feature several top-notch technical articles. One will describe a means of approaching fast-scan TV quality using slow-scan methods. Another, aimed at beginners, will delve into rf power measurements — including how to use an rf ammeter, an rf probe and a scope. Finally, "A Boom-Excited Antenna" will tell you how to put an existing Yagi on 10 MHz and below by gamma-matching the boom.



S10 — Spst toggle switch.
U1-U4, incl. — See text and Table 4.

Salvaged Parts: A Gold Mine for the Radio Amateur



Parts procurement a problem? If you're a builder, you're a "scrounger." Here's a map to another treasure trove of parts and a sample of what can be done with salvaged parts.

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After my retirement in 1976, I engaged in part-time work that involved me with a-m/fm digital clock-radio circuits. This work had two results. It triggered a desire to put together some gear and get back into Amateur Radio activities using current technology. (From 1931 to 1945 I had done a considerable amount of experimenting, building and constructing on the 160-through the old 2½-meter bands.) I also realized that understanding the intricacies and eccentricities of the clock-radio circuits could be extremely useful to amateurs whether they build anything or not. Also, there is a gold mine of salvageable parts in defunct clock-radios. These parts may be retrieved easily using a solder sucker or wicking material and a 25- to 45-W soldering iron. Bypass and electrolytic capacitors,

transistors, diodes, fixed resistors and some useful miniature a-m/fm i-f transformers are there for the taking.

Discovering the I-F Transformers

The i-f transformers are housed in bright metal solderable containers coded with paint dots on the container or on the end of the adjustable core. Typically, those with yellow or black dots are used for a-m i-f circuits at a nominal frequency of 455 kHz. The red-dot units provide inductance for the a-m local oscillator/mixer tuning circuit at 455 kHz, and have an output coupling loop. The ferrite-core material employed is suitable for use at frequencies from somewhat less than 455 kHz to at least 2500 kHz.

Transformers with orange, green, blue or lavender dots are used in 10.7-MHz fm circuits. The green and blue transformers have collector-matching taps and are

therefore preferred for general amplifier service. These coils will generally be satisfactory in applications requiring tuned circuits at frequencies from about 14 MHz to less than 7 MHz, depending on the amount of lumped circuit capacitance present. These coils may also have an integral fixed capacitor across the input winding that should be removed to increase the upper resonance range. This capacitor may be located within the shield can or externally just below the plastic base.

The external capacitor can be removed easily by breaking it with long-nosed pliers. The shield will have to be removed to accomplish the job if the capacitor is mounted internally. For frequencies below 10.7 MHz, this capacitor may be left as is and additional capacitance can be added to resonate the inductor at a frequency as low as 7 MHz without an excessively dominant C to L ratio. For lower frequencies, it is

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desirable to rewind the transformer. This can be done with a little patience.

Rewinding the Transformers

A supply of no. 40 enameled copper wire should be on hand. Be certain it is of the self-stripping variety that strips the insulation from the wire during soldering. A small vise, good illumination, a low-wattage soldering iron with a clean tip, a penknife and long-nosed pliers should also be available.

Usually, the shield can is crimped to the plastic base. This crimping can be undone by passing a knife blade around the base several times between the shield and the base. Then, one at a time, grasp each corner solder pin with your pliers and, while holding the shield can with your other hand, gently work the can loose. Inside the can you will find a threaded plastic insert with a threaded ferrite cup core. Up and down movement of the cup changes the flux density of the coil and the coil inductance. The unique design of the cup core completely shields the coil from outside influences.

Secure the coil base in a small vise by catching opposite edges in the vise jaws. The coil is wound on a dumbbell-shaped ferrite core and will probably be surrounded by a thin plastic protective membrane that should be removed with the aid of a knife blade. The core is usually held in place with wax in a seat provided in the plastic base. The coil also will be wax-impregnated and will have to be heated briefly with the soldering iron to remove the existing wire turns. During this procedure, the core probably will loosen from the base. It can be reset by reheating the assembly with the tip of the iron. Or, the bottom end of the core and the mounting space on the base can be cleaned of wax and a drop of epoxy cement used to make a solid assembly.

Coil winding is best accomplished with the core in place. Leave enough slack in the wire terminations to the solder pins so these leads may be dressed closely to the winding area, because the cup core must clear these fragile leads. A 3:1 winding ratio between input and output windings will work for usual common-emitter amplifiers. The same ratio applies for determining the input tap for the driving-stage collector. Ensure that certain windings are polarized properly. Make a drawing of the pin arrangement showing the winding connections, because after the shield can is replaced this information may prove invaluable!

The ferrite material used in the 10.7-MHz transformers is probably useful up to at least 150 MHz. The cup core arrangement limits use of practical coils to something less than 40 MHz, however, because of the high flux density and correspondingly few turns of wire. At least one of these dumbbell-core coils is found in the

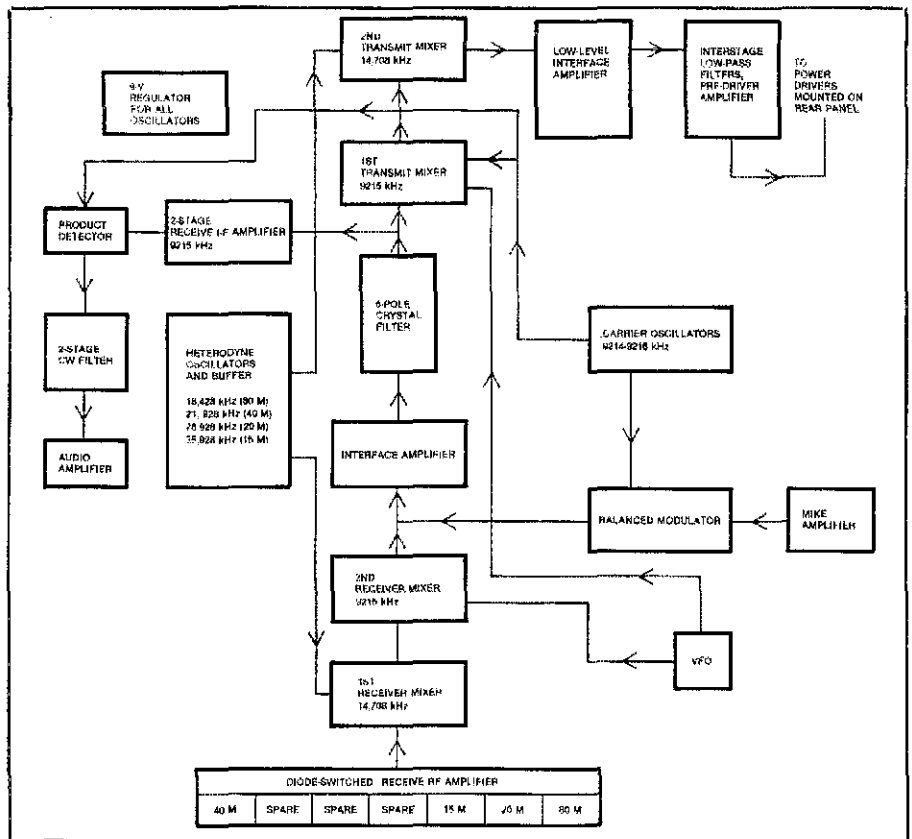
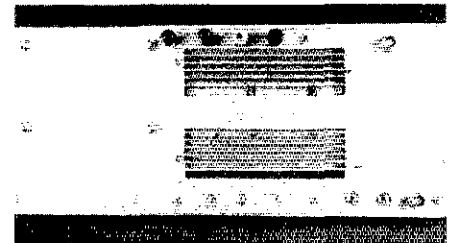
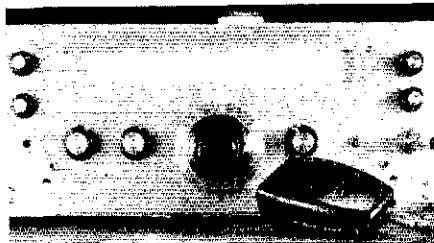


Fig. 1 — A block diagram of the author's homemade transceiver.



Front and rear views of the homemade transceiver. (photos by Russ Planck, W9RGH)

emitter circuit of the high-frequency, common-base fm mixer/oscillator of these clock-radios as a tuned choke for a dc return.

These ferrite-core transformers exhibit a lower Q than air-wound coils. For use as rf/i-f stage transformers for the bands from 160 through 20 meters, however, they exhibit flatter loaded-Q characteristics and far better shielding.

Other Components

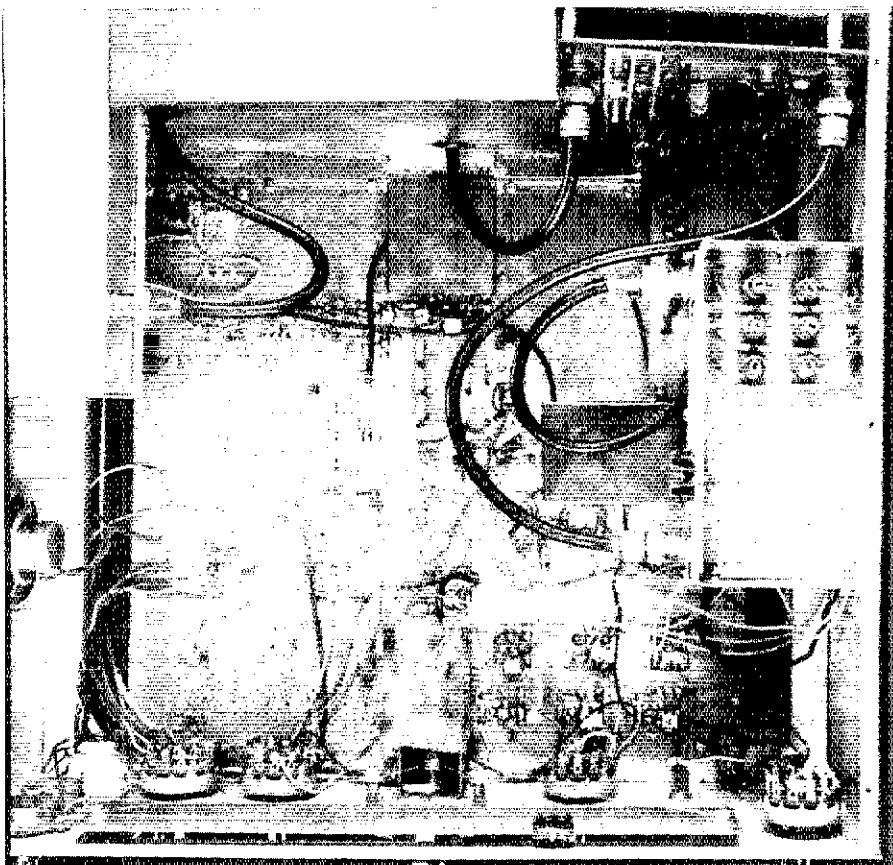
The front-end rf transistors in these sets will oscillate and amplify beyond 150 MHz. They are suitable for noncritical circuits at 2 meters, but leave something to be desired as low-noise, high-gain amplifiers at the higher frequencies. These devices are quite suitable for 9-MHz i-f service, as are transistors found in the radio i-f circuits.

Generally, high-frequency germanium diodes of the 1N60 variety can be retrieved from these sets. One such diode is located in the fm mixer collector circuit, and others in the ratio detector. These diodes exhibit low-threshold, low-capacitance characteristics and are suitable for use in rf probes at frequencies up to at least 1000 MHz.

Other devices include npn and pnp transistors suitable for use in low-frequency service, rectifiers of the 1N4000 type and electrolytic capacitors ranging in value from 1 to 1000 μ F usually with 16-V dc ratings. Fixed resistors with values ranging from a fraction of an ohm to perhaps 1 megohm are abundant.

A Transceiver is Born

As mentioned earlier, the part-time work triggered a desire to put together some gear



transistors for the final amplifier. These transistors have a 250-W dissipation rating and a maximum continuous collector current rating of 20 A. At 13-V dc, this amplifier functions satisfactorily at better than 200-W cw input without forced-air cooling. Bias is set for about 800 mA of collector current for satisfactory linear operation.

The power amplifier driver is a two-stage affair consisting of an input stage using push-pull MRF237 transistors and an output pair of MRF475s. This amplifier operates at a lower power level, supplying from 1 to 5 W of driving power. Both amplifiers are broadband types, and no tune-up is necessary.

The high-current power-supply output is fed directly to the driver and final amplifiers continuously, even during receiving periods. A 30-A meter provides for current monitoring.

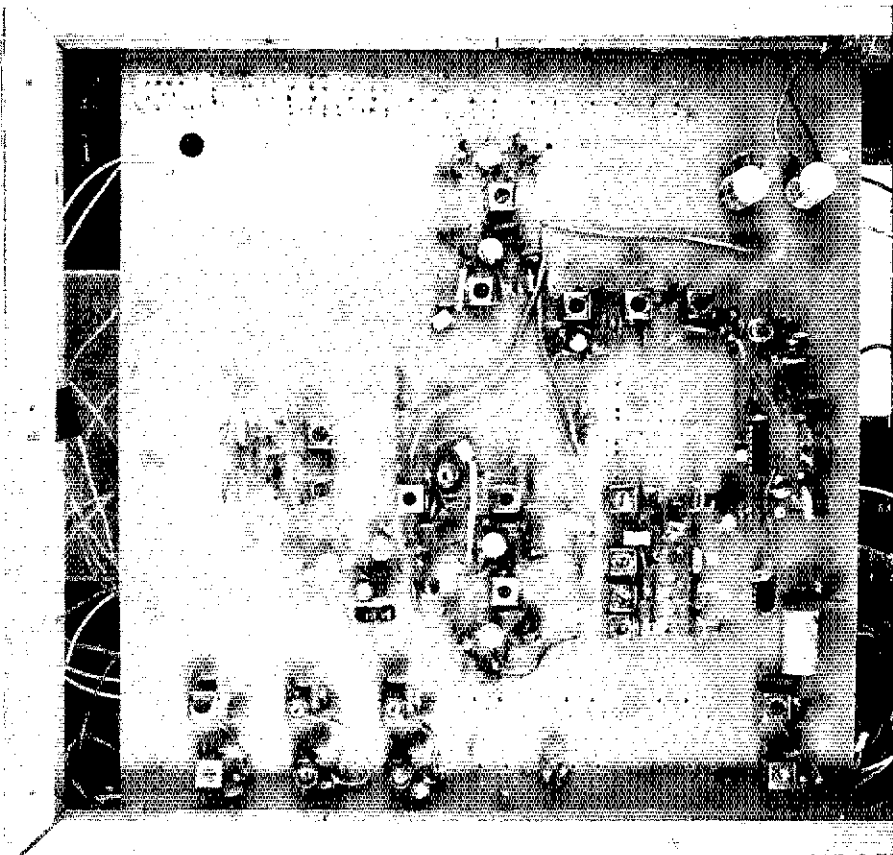
Driver and final-amplifier modules are mounted vertically on the rear panel of the transceiver. This panel may be removed for servicing without unsoldering a connection. I found it imperative that the final amplifier be completely shielded; otherwise, massive regeneration resulted from coupling between the output and the transmitter second mixer circuits. Little shielding is required for the driver module. Cables equipped with BNC connectors are used for

and get back into Amateur Radio activities using current-technology equipment. A transceiver with multiband switching capability and enough power to permit operating during prime times was an absolute requirement. It had to be all solid-state (with a minimum of direct, mechanical switching), be self-contained (with the exception of the power supply), incorporate an antenna-matching network and SWR indicator, and be definitely more than a novelty since it would have to serve as the only hf equipment at W9GLW.

Several goals were established: (1) tuning must be consistent from band to band and progress from left to right (using a slide-rule dial), with the lower-frequency end on the left; (2) all tuned circuits must present negligible levels of unwanted signals, especially in the mixer; (3) remote-diode or transistor switching would be employed for all low-level, multiple-frequency or multiple-function circuits. A block diagram of the transceiver is shown in Fig. 1.

A regulated power supply provides a 12-V dc source for all low-level transmitter and receiver circuits, a 20-A high-current source adjustable from 6- to 13-V dc for the power stage drivers and final amplifier, and a source of 117-V ac. The latter is switched from a hand-held microphone through a low-current dc circuit and is used to operate an external coaxial antenna T-R switch.

I selected a pair of Motorola MRF454



Top (left) and bottom (right) views of the author's homemade transceiver. A number of salvaged parts were used in its construction and the pc boards are handmade. (photos by Russ Planck, W9RGH)

interconnections. Separate antenna connections for transmit and receive are used, and an external coaxial switch allows for antenna switching.

The consistent tuning goal dictated a double-conversion scheme for transmit and receive. Cascaded balanced mixers satisfy this requirement. The interstage transformers were salvaged and modified as outlined previously, and no interstage amplification is required.

To a great extent, the antenna interface circuit treatment determines the overall effectiveness of any receiving system. This transceiver uses a single rf amplifier stage with diode-switched, individually tuned input and output transformers for all bands.

The two-stage i-f amplifier is patterned after circuits found in a-m/fm radio sets, and the cw filter and audio amplifier are similar to circuits found in *QST* and semiconductor manufacturers' applications notes. A three-position panel switch selects cw sharp, cw medium and ssb bandwidths. The transistors and transformers used are salvaged items. Occasionally, an LM386 will be found in imported radios. I used one for the audio amplifier. A small salvaged speaker provides adequate audio for communications-quality sound.

The inclusion of a receiver agc circuit is, in the final analysis, one of personal preference. An agc loop is included in this circuit. It is without dc amplification, excludes the rf amplifier, and is inoperative except on extremely strong signals. Separate rf and af gain controls are provided. This arrangement is entirely satisfactory for digging out weak DX signals and working through full-power neighboring-station signals. An S meter wasn't feasible with this circuit, so that device was omitted... and hasn't been missed!

The VFO uses inductive tuning and has a nominal range of 5700 to 5200 kHz, providing for 500-kHz-wide bands. The rather unusual oscillator end-points were dictated as a convenience to the manufacturer of the carrier oscillator and filter crystals; they

enabled the use of on-hand blanks. John Holmbeck, W9KZO, was of help in this area.

The heterodyning oscillator circuits are diode-switched. A set of steering diodes, energized by the microphone PTT switch or cw setup switch, diverts the buffered oscillator signal to the transmit or receive mixer. All oscillators are supplied with 9-V dc from an inboard regulator and filter system. This approach isolates these critical circuits for emergency operation from an unknown power source. Rear-panel jacks are included to permit operation from a single power source.

Seven-band operation has been provided. At the present, only the 80, 40, and 20-meter bands have been activated for transceive, and 15 meters for receive only. Seven low-pass transmitter output filters are mounted in a shield box on the left side panel of the transceiver. Filter selection is made by means of a two-section rotary switch. A relay, activated by the microphone PTT switch or the cw setup switch, controls distribution of low-current supplies to both transmitter and receiver circuits.

The cabinet is made of individual pieces of aluminum for the sides, front and back panels, and top and bottom covers. A length of U-shaped 1-inch-wide aluminum countertop stock was formed into a rectangle.¹ To this is attached the main circuit board, the four cabinet sides and the bottom cover. The top cover attaches to a lip formed along the top edge of each side panel. Top and bottom covers are removable for transceiver alignment or examination purposes without affecting the mechanical integrity of the vertical members of the assembly.

PC-Board Construction

All pc boards are handmade, including the 12-inch-square main circuit board. I use a high-speed rotary hobby tool and dental burr.² Component-mounting holes are drilled using a drill press. I have used this

method of circuit-board construction for many years with excellent results.

Should you wish to try this method of pc-board construction, here's an outline of the procedure from circuit conception to finished board: (1) a schematic diagram is drawn; (2) rough artwork is sketched disregarding dimensions, but placing components and electrical runs to eliminate as much as possible the need for jumpers; (3) final artwork is drawn to scale on 0.1-inch-ruled graph paper; (4) the artwork is taped to the copper-clad board and all component and mounting holes are drilled; (5) the artwork is removed and all connecting runs and other features are drawn free hand on the board using the drilled holes as guides; (6) the board is then screwed to 1-inch lumber stock for ease of handling, and only the lines encompassing the electrical runs and pads are routed. Most of the copper remains on the board for ground plane use or the later addition of other circuits; (7) the board is then sanded to a smooth finish, and all circuits are checked with an ohmmeter for shorts and continuity.

Complicated single- and double-sided boards filled with 6- to 40-pin ICs have been prepared in this manner. To the uninitiated, they look like etched boards with more copper remaining than usual. After you've had a little practice, an audio amplifier or oscillator project can progress from an idea to a finished board in a couple of hours.

Try your hand at a salvaged-parts project. You'll save money and gain some valuable experience!

Notes

¹mm = in. \times 25.4

²Router burrs supplied by the tool manufacturer have never been found to be suitable for this service; the shanks are too long, and control of the tool is lost. In addition, the burrs lose sharpness quickly and must be replaced often. Your friendly dentist might give you a package of used burrs or tell you where to purchase them. Dental burrs have short shanks and retain their sharpness for a long time. (R-1)

Strays

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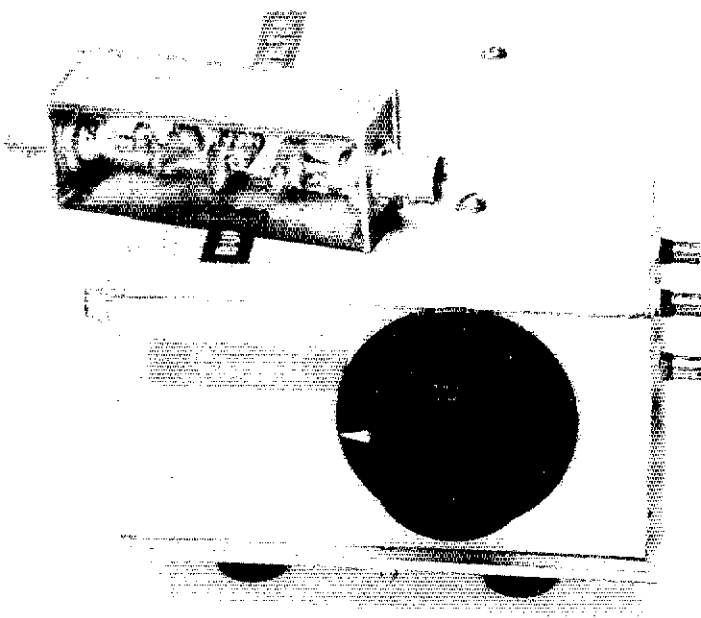
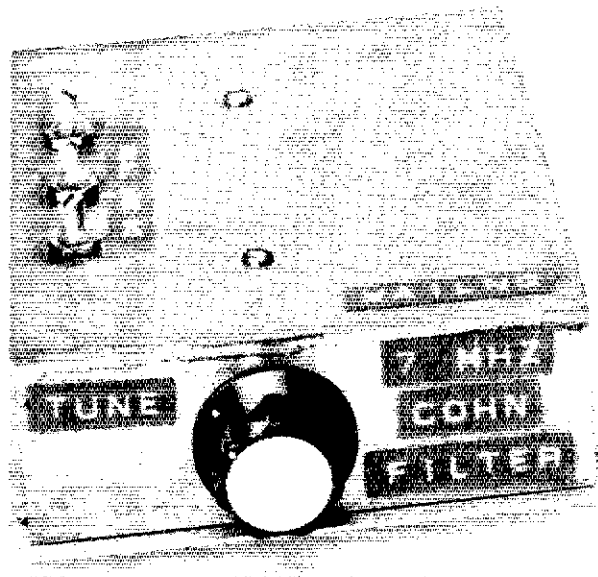
□ In April, officials of the Newington Amateur Radio League (NARL) and the American Radio Relay League put their signatures on an agreement that formalized the club's assistance to local police, particularly during emergencies. In a ceremony at WIAW attended by the local news media, NARL President Tom Namnoun, KM1O, and WIAW trustee John Lindholm, W1XX, signed a Memorandum

of Understanding between the club and WIAW/R. Under the terms of the agreement, NARL will provide operators to the Newington Police Department for public service events and during emergencies. NARL members will also give information over WIAW to visitors requesting directions to ARRL Hq. ARRL is responsible for supplying and maintaining the equipment.

With the signing of the pact, the issuing of photo identification and the completion

of mock disaster drills, NARL is now the official backup communications group to the Newington Police Department. Police Chief Thomas Ganley said that NARL members and their equipment will be put to use during major disasters, such as floods and blizzards, and if the Police Department's communication system should fail. The amateurs will also help police during parades and on holidays. The NARL volunteers have been incorporated in the town's civil preparedness division to further formalize the assistance program.

Filter Systems for Multi-transmitter Amateur Stations



Have you ever operated from a station that has had two or more transmitters on simultaneously? The intrastation interference can drive you crazy! Here's how to cure the "multi-multi" syndrome.

By Gerald B. Hull,* AK4L/VE1CER

Modern hf receivers are designed to tolerate very large input signals; after all, the bands *are* crowded with QRO signals. But there are situations in which receivers will "fall apart" when they are most needed. Multi-multi contest stations, emergency communications centers and Field Day sites are prime examples. In each case, fundamental and harmonic energy from close-by transmitters can overload a receiver front end, causing intermodulation distortion (IMD) and other spurious products to appear at the output.

Just how bad can this problem be? To illustrate by way of a mathematical exam-

ple: Imagine a transmitter delivering 600 W (+58 dBm) at 3505 kHz to a dipole antenna.¹ The second harmonic is 40 dB below the fundamental, or +18 dBm. If we neglect antenna system loss and/or gain, the free-space attenuation between two antennas placed 200 feet apart would be 25 dB on 7 MHz.² This means a 7-MHz receiver would be subjected to a signal of -7 dBm (+58 - 40 dB - 25 dB = -7 dBm), or 100,000 μ V, at its input! Signal levels of this magnitude can raise havoc within a receiver.

Another cause for intrastation interference, although not as prevalent, is rf

leakage into the ac power lines. This can be caused by improper bypassing at the equipment supply, or leakage from cabinet openings.

The Solution

A sure-fire cure to the above problems is simple — external filter networks. Stand-alone low/high-pass filters can reduce harmonic energy to a near-zero level. Fixed-frequency or tunable band-pass filters can be used as narrow preselectors to reduce "crud" in a receiver front end. "Brute-force" ac-line filters can reduce rf energy on power lines drastically.

Which filter should you use? Each type has its particular advantages and disadvantages, and each application must be chosen

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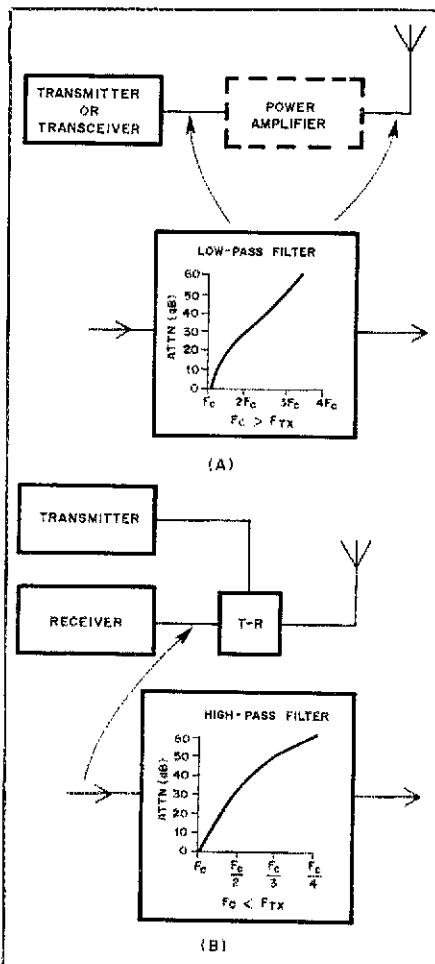


Fig. 1 — Block diagram of a high/low-pass filter system. When an external power amplifier is used, low-pass units should be located at the *output* of the amplifier.

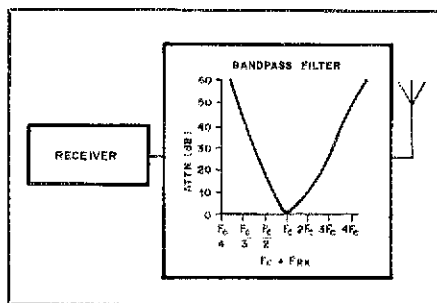


Fig. 2 — Band-pass filter system diagram. When these filters are used with a transceiver, the equipment must be modified to prevent transmitter energy from entering the filter.

carefully. An improper choice can result in minimal interference reduction or an unnecessary expense.

Low-Pass/High-Pass

External low-pass filters can be used when transmitter harmonic signals are causing receiver overload. Simple 3- to 7-pole filters can reduce harmonics to a

Table 1

Chebyshev High-Pass and Low-Pass Filter-Attenuation (dB)

No. Poles, Ripple	VSWR	$2f_c$	$3f_c$	$4f_c$	$5f_c$	$6f_c$	$7f_c$
3 pole, 0.1 dB	1.36	12.24	23.60	31.42	37.39	42.22	46.29
5 pole, 0.1 dB	1.36	34.85	54.21	67.27	77.21	85.26	92.04
7 pole, 0.1 dB	1.36	57.72	84.83	103.11	117.03	128.31	137.80
9 pole, 0.1 dB	1.36	80.60	115.45	138.96	156.86	171.36	183.55

Note: For high-pass filter configuration $2f_c$ becomes $f_c/2$, etc.

Table 2

Chebyshev Low-Pass Filter — PI Configuration

No. Poles, Ripple	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	L1	L2	L3	L4
3 pole, 0.1 dB	3283.6	3283.6				9.131			
5 pole, 0.1 dB	3650.4	6286.6	3650.4			10.91	10.91		
7 pole, 0.1 dB	3759.8	6673.9	6673.9	3759.8		11.32	12.52	11.32	
9 pole, 0.1 dB	3805.9	6794.5	7019.9	6794.5	3805.9	11.48	12.87	12.87	11.48

Component values normalized to 1 MHz and 50 ohms. L in μ H; and C in pF.

Chebyshev Low-Pass Filter — T Configuration

No. Poles, Ripple	L1	L2	L3	L4	L5	C1	C2	C3	C4
3 pole, 0.1 dB	8.209	8.209				3652.3			
5 pole, 0.1 dB	9.126	15.72	9.126			4364.7	4364.7		
7 pole, 0.1 dB	9.400	16.88	16.68	9.400		4528.9	5008.3	4528.9	
9 pole, 0.1 dB	9.515	16.99	17.55	16.99	9.515	4591.9	5146.2	5146.2	4591.9

Component values normalized to 1 MHz and 50 ohms. L in μ H; C in pF.

noninterference level. The principal disadvantage of discrete low-pass filters is the requirement for filter components that will withstand high power levels. High-voltage capacitors for a 1-kW filter are expensive and almost impossible to locate. Low-pass filters are installed at the transmitter or final-amplifier output (see Fig. 1).

An alternative to the reduction of transmitter harmonics, although not as effective, is the addition of a quarter-wave coaxial stub at the transmitter output. The coaxial line should be $1/4\lambda$ at the *harmonic* frequency. One end of the line is open-circuited and the other end connects to the transmitter output through a coaxial "T" connector.

A high-pass filter mounted at the receiver input will prevent overload from strong transmitter fundamental signals. Since relative signal levels at the receiver input are low, standard-size components may be used.

Fixed/Tuned Band-pass

Band-pass filters are useful for eliminating interfering signals that may be present in a receiver front-end passband but outside the i-f system passband (see Fig. 2). Typical fixed-tuned band-pass filters for 1.8 to 30 MHz have bandwidths of 50 to 200 kHz. This type of filter can be used to attenuate energy that falls outside the filter passband, e.g., to lower the effective level of broadcast carriers present in the upper portion of the 7-MHz band. The disadvantage of fixed-tuned band-pass filters is the need for several units to cover a single band. Tunable bottom-coupled, minimum-

loss band-pass filters have been described in amateur literature.^{3,4,5} Commonly called "Cohn filters," these units have the advantage of tuning over an entire band and, depending on the design center frequency, *very* narrow bandwidths. Cohn filters work well up to 14 MHz, after which the bandwidth and loss increase dramatically. The alignment of Cohn filters is tricky, but despite this fact they remain one of the most popular external interference-rejection filters.

AC Line

When interference exists between stations that have proper input/output filtering, there is a good chance that rf energy is being coupled into the receiver via the ac power line. To confirm this, transmit into a dummy load and monitor the second-station receiver. If the interference persists, the path is probably the ac line. A "brute-force" ac line filter should clear up this type of interference.

Construction Data

Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 are used in conjunction with Figs. 3 and 4 to design each of the above mentioned filters for a specific frequency or band. The high-pass and low-pass filter component values in Tables 1 and 2 are normalized to 1 MHz.^{6,7} To find a component value for the frequency of interest, divide the normalized value by the frequency in megahertz. For example, to calculate values for a low-pass filter that has a cut-off frequency of 8 MHz, you would divide the table values by 8. A practical 7-pole low-pass filter is shown in Fig.

Table 3

Band-pass Filter Component Values

$BW_{1}(3\text{ dB})$	$L1, L2$ (μH)	C_0 (pF)	$C1, C5$ (pF)	$C3$ (pF)	$BW_{1}(3\text{ dB})$	$L1, L2$ (μH)	C_0 (pF)	$C1, C5$ (pF)	$C3$ (pF)
1.8-1.9 MHz	5.12	1446	291	55.3	7.0-7.2 MHz	2.05	245	42.4	4.88
1.8-1.85 MHz	5.12	1485	192	28.8	7.0-7.3 MHz	2.05	242	53.2	7.17
1.8-1.9 MHz	8.74	847	221	32.4	7.0-7.2 MHz	8.74	57.5	19.1	1.14
1.8-1.85 MHz	8.74	870	148	16.8	14.0-14.2 MHz	0.8	158.7	14.4	1.59
3.5-3.6 MHz	5.12	393	75.1	7.8	14.0-14.2 MHz	2.08	61	9.2	0.61
3.5-3.6 MHz	8.74	230	56.6	4.58	14.0-14.4 MHz	2.08	61	14.7	1.2
3.5-3.7 MHz	5.12	352	110	15	21.0-21.3 MHz	0.49	115	9.2	1.15
3.5-3.7 MHz	8.74	224	83.4	8.8	21.0-21.5 MHz	0.49	114	14.1	1.9
3.8-4.0 MHz	5.12	325	93.2	11.8	21.0-21.5 MHz	0.82	68.4	11.4	1.14
3.8-4.0 MHz	8.74	191	70.7	6.9	28.0-28.5 MHz	0.48	65.3	7.2	0.82
7.0-7.1 MHz	2.05	248	26.6	2.5	28.0-29.0 MHz	0.48	64	11.8	1.6

$C2 = C_0 - C1 - C3$
 $C4 = C_0 - C3 - C5$

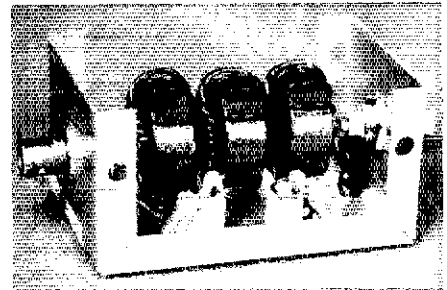


Fig. 5 — A practical 7-pole low-pass filter built around the information given in Table 2. The unit is housed in a small aluminum box.

5. Toroid cores are used for the inductors. They are self-shielding, which will decrease the internal coupling in the filter, improving the ultimate attenuation. The filter is mounted in a small aluminum box to prevent leakage.

Table 3 shows the component values for a fixed-pole band-pass filter for 1.8 through 30 MHz. The construction techniques described in the previous section can be used for the band-pass design.

An important factor to consider when constructing band-pass filters is insertion loss. This loss is directly proportional to the Q of the inductors used. For optimum performance, always choose the highest-Q core material for the frequency range desired, keeping in mind the trade-off between highest Q (maximum selectivity) and insertion loss.

Variable Passband

Tunable Cohn filters are perhaps the most complex to construct and align. The schematic diagram of a three-resonator bottom-coupled Cohn filter is shown in

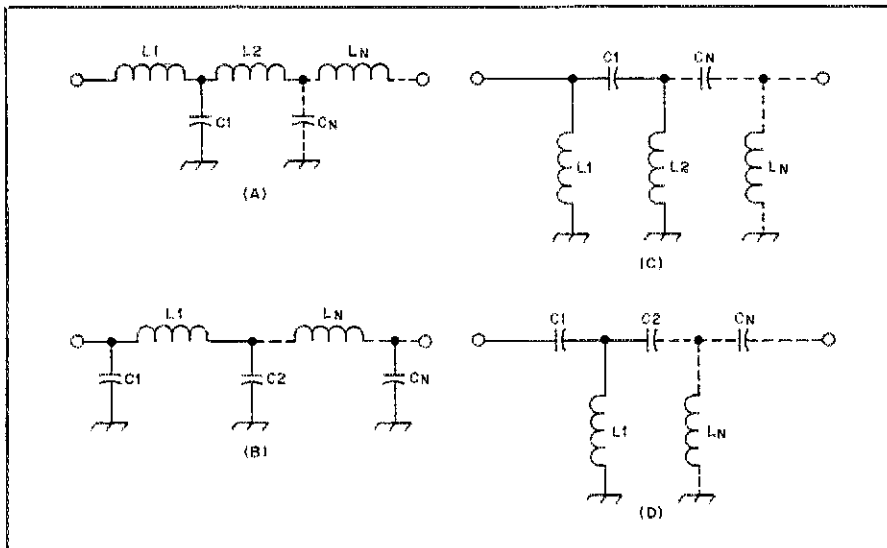


Fig. 3 — Schematic diagrams for low- and high-pass networks. The choice of a "T" or "pi" configuration will depend on the components on hand.

Table 4

Cohn Filter Parts Values

Band	L1	L2*	L3	L4	L5*	L6	C2	C3	C4**	C5	C6	C7	C8	CX†	CY†	CZ†
80	29	0.8	60	60	0.8	29	150	33	2-14	2-14	2-14	33	150	5	33	5
40	14.5	0.38	29	29	0.38	14.5	68	18	1-20	1-20	1-20	18	68	—	15	—
20	2.37	50 nH	3.0	3.0	50 nH	2.37	240	20	1-20	1-20	1-20	20	240	—	—	—

Inductance values are in μH ; capacitance is in pF unless otherwise noted.
 On 80 and 40 meters, L1, L3, L4 and L5 are wound on 2-mix ferrite cores ($\mu = 10, Q_u \geq 250$).
 On 20, 8-mix cores are used ($\mu = 8, Q_u \geq 250$).
 *L2 and L5 are air core inductors, except on 40 meters, where a T37-2 core is used.
 **C4, C5 and C6 2-14 pF units are Johnson 193-5-1; others are Cardwell 160-107. See note 4 for availability.
 †May not be required.

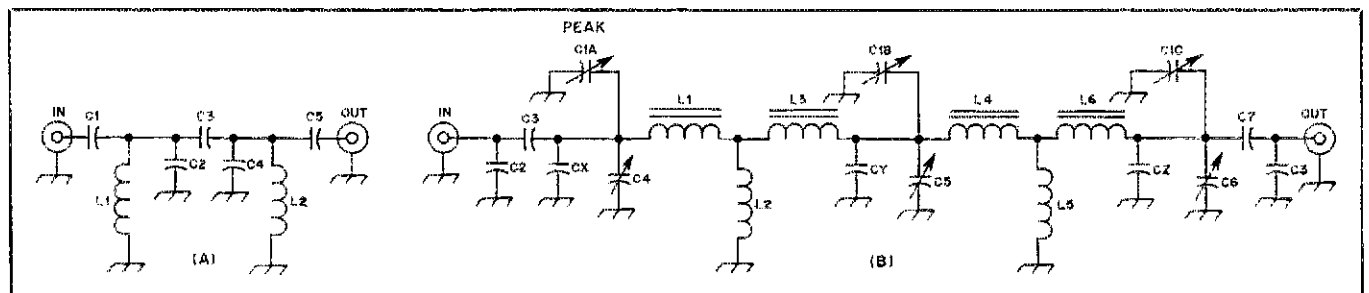


Fig. 4 — Fixed and tuneable band-pass filter schematic diagrams. Component values are in Tables 3 and 4.

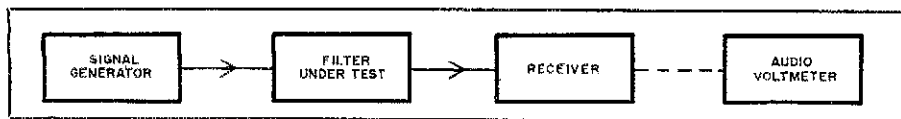
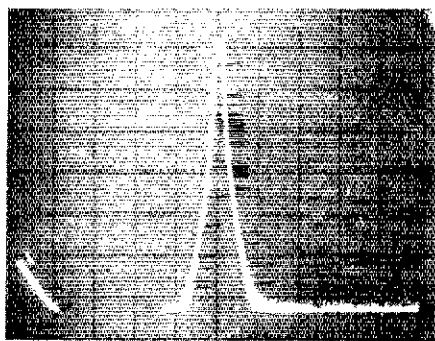
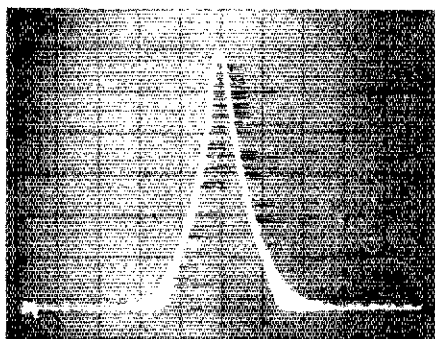


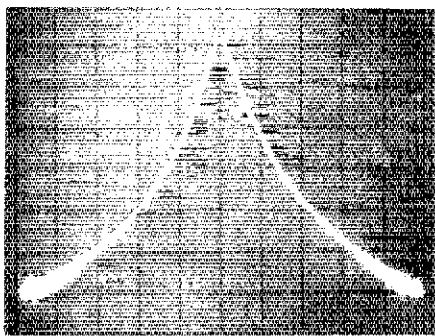
Fig. 6 — Cohn filter alignment setup. See text for details.



(A)



(B)



(C)

Fig. 7 — Response curves of three Cohn filters for 3.5 (A), 7 (B) and 14 (C) MHz. Top of the picture represents 0-dB loss. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 500 kHz.

Fig. 4B. The parts values for 3.5- through 14-MHz filters are given in Table 4. Inductance values in the table must be adhered to *strictly*, or the filter will be impossible to align! The three-gang tuning capacitor, C1, is a Miller 1460 (23 pF per section), which is available from Radio Kit.* Substitutes for this capacitor can be used, but be sure the three gangs track properly and that the capacitance value for each section is the same.

Two pieces of test equipment will be required to align the filter — an hf receiver and a signal generator, both of which cover

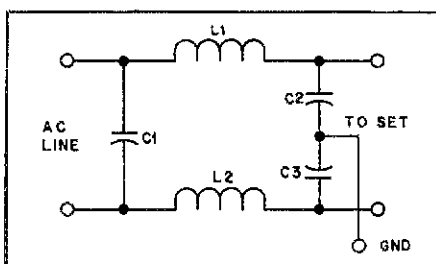


Fig. 8 — "Brute-force" low-pass ac line filter schematic diagram. All capacitors are 0.005- μ F disc-ceramic units. L1 and L2 are 15 μ H, with wire size depending on current demand.

the filter frequency. Hook up the test gear and filter as shown in Fig. 6. The receiver S meter or an external audio voltmeter can be used to measure the receiver output. Set the generator and receiver to the filter center frequency. Apply a signal to the filter and adjust C1 for maximum output. Next, adjust C4, C5 and C6 for maximum output level. These three capacitors will interact, so they will have to be adjusted and readjusted to ensure minimum insertion loss. L4 and L5 determine the mutual coupling between filter sections. The coil turns may have to be compressed or expanded to find the coupling that will give a single-hump response. Over-coupling will cause a three-hump response, and under-coupling will severely restrict the bandwidth and increase insertion loss.

Fig. 7 shows the response curves of three Cohn filters built by Jay Rusgrove, W1VD. The loss in these filters varies from 7 to 10 dB. By carefully adjusting the coupling inductors and trimmer capacitors, these filters can be adjusted for minimum loss or minimum bandwidth, whichever is more important to the builder.

AC Line

A "brute-force" ac line filter is shown in Fig. 8. The inductors should be air core, and wound with enamel-coated wire of sufficient cross-sectional area to handle the current of the equipment involved. The unit should be enclosed in a metal box with a ground lug connected directly to an earth ground.

Conclusions

These filters should enable the multioperator-oriented amateur to design a station in which intrastation interference does not exist. These filter methods are not meant to take the place of proper station engineering, i.e., proper placement of

antennas, use of high-dynamic-range receivers, and so on.

I have operated both multi-single and multi-multi contest stations that incorporate these filters, and have met with great success. Thanks to ARRL Hq. Lab Supervisor Phil Accardi, AJ1N, for his assistance in testing and confirming the Cohn filter designs.

Notes

*The unit "dBm" is used to express power in reference to 1 mW, or 0 dBm. A level of +58 dBm is 58 dB above this reference.

*m = ft \times 0.3048.

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*Trimmers and three-gang tuning capacitors are available from Radio Kit, Box 411, Greenville, NH 03048.

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QRP MOVEMENT IN EUROPE

□ Enthusiasm for QRP (low power) in Great Britain and other parts of the world has heightened considerably in recent years. According to a U.S. spokesman for the American QRP movement, some 40,000 amateurs around the world are now actively engaged in QRP activities in the high-frequency spectrum. This seems due in part to the appeal of building inexpensive, simple homemade projects. Another reason for the keen interest in low-power operation is the challenge offered by using less than 10 W of transmitter output power to span the globe with cw and ssb signals.

The Rev. George Dobbs, G3RJV, who founded the G QRP Club in the UK some time ago, publishes *SPRAT*, the club's quarterly QRP bulletin. He reported on April 1, 1983 that the club has gained more than 450 new members since Christmas of 1982. This remarkable surge in affiliation is indicative of the interest being shown in QRP activities. Membership in the G QRP Club is available to any amateur, irrespective of nationality. The club also offers an interesting QRP type of booklet (100 pages) called *Circuit Handbook*. RSGB will soon reprint and distribute this publication for the G QRP Club. Those interested in the club may contact G3RJV, 17 Aspen Dr., Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham B37 7QX, England. — Doug DeMaw, W1FB

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□ anyone with information or a schematic diagram for an amplifier using an 833A or 8122 tube. Nick Ferro, KU2A, Box 167, Lake Placid, NY 12946.

A Simple Computer Model for VHF/UHF Propagation

Understanding propagation basics will help you predict vhf/uhf coverage. A BASIC program makes the calculations easy.

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Wouldn't you like to be able to predict how far beyond the horizon your vhf or uhf signals will travel? By using the simple propagation model presented in this article, you can estimate terrain clearance and line-of-sight (los) coverage from, for example, a repeater site. You'll also learn how to account for the effect of varying meteorological conditions. To ease the job of making the necessary calculations, a simple BASIC computer program has been included.

Basic Concepts

The idea that the velocity of propagation along an rf transmission line depends on the dielectric constant of the material separating the conductors is familiar to most amateurs. However, it is not generally appreciated that this concept also applies to the bending of a radio wave as it propagates through the atmosphere. The velocity of propagation depends on the refractive index — the square root of the dielectric constant. The dielectric constant of air is a function of pressure, temperature and humidity and it generally decreases with altitude. It is this decrease with altitude that is important.

A radio signal at a slightly higher altitude, $h + \Delta h$, travels just a little faster than the same signal traveling at the reference altitude, h . The effect is to tilt the radio wave front ever so slightly, so as to bend the ray path toward the earth. This is illustrated in Fig. 1. If a curve with a radius greater than the radius of the earth is used to draw the ray path, it can be seen that the refracted, or bent, ray will intercept the earth beyond the geometric tangent point.

The distance to the geometric horizon (the tangent point for the straight ray path) is calculated easily because the tangent to a circle is perpendicular to the radius of the circle. This distance is

$$d(\text{ft}) = \sqrt{(a + h)^2 - a^2} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

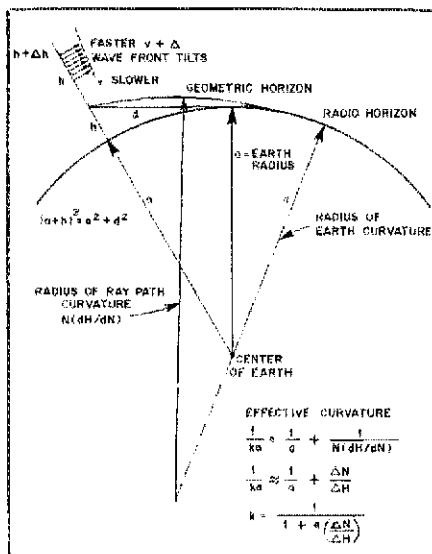


Fig. 1 — The geometry used to calculate the geometric and the radio horizons.

where

$$a = \text{radius of the earth in feet (3690 mi} \times 5280 \text{ ft/mi)}$$

$$h = \text{antenna height in feet}^1$$

Neglecting the h^2 term, which is small compared with $2ah$, the distance in miles to the geometric horizon is very closely approximated by the expression

$$d(\text{mi}) = \sqrt{1.5h} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where h = antenna height in feet.

Meteorological Considerations

The typical long-term average refractive index of the air at the surface of the earth is 1.000300. This normally decreases with altitude at an average rate of 12 parts per million per 1000 feet of elevation (39 parts per million per km). It is the custom to describe the refractive index in terms of

N-units. The N-unit being defined as $(1 - \text{the refractive index}) \times 10^6$. With this definition, the surface refractive index is 300 N-units, and the gradient, $\Delta N/\Delta H$, is -12 N-units per 1000 feet, or -39 N-units per km.^{2,3,4}

The effective earth-radius factor, k , which determines the distance to the radio horizon, is related to the refractive-index gradient by the expression

$$k = \frac{1}{1 + a(\Delta N/\Delta H)} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

where a = the true earth radius

$\Delta N/\Delta H$ = the refractive index gradient in the same units as the earth radius (i.e., both in feet or in meters).

The distance to the radio horizon in miles is

$$d(\text{mi}) = \sqrt{1.5 kh} \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

where h = antenna height in feet.

The refractive-index gradient is determined by the changes in air pressure, temperature and humidity with altitude along the propagation path. Temperature inversions and sudden changes in humidity, as occur at the interface between fog and clear air, can cause rapid changes, or discontinuities, in the rate of change of N with altitude. Since it is difficult, if not impossible, to measure the detailed micro-meteorology of the propagation path, it is necessary to use an average k value for the path. Over a period of many years, the average value of k is $4/3$. This results in the familiar expression

$$d(\text{mi}) = \sqrt{2h} \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

where h = antenna height in feet.

The propagation model to be described allows the user to specify a value for k . The computer uses this value to calculate the

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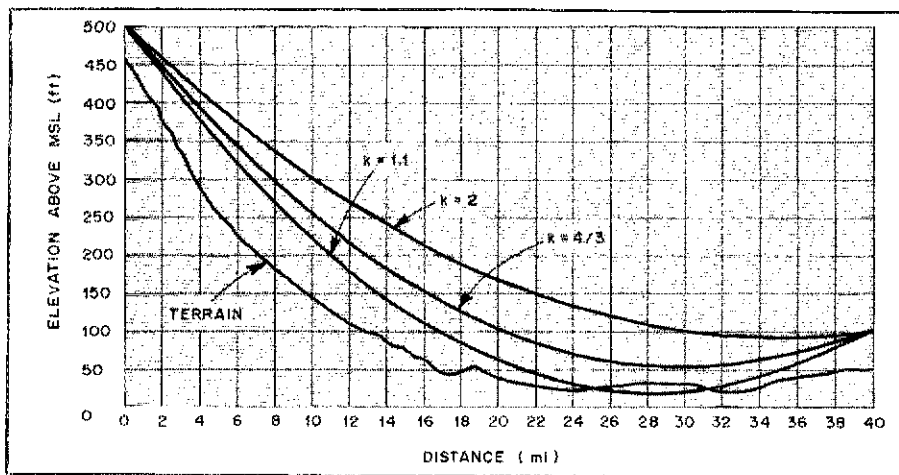


Fig. 2 — Shown here are the ray-path-versus-distance plots for the example described in the text. Three values of k are used to illustrate the effect of varying atmospheric conditions.

height of the ray path above a smooth earth as a function of the distance between the two antennas. Different meteorological conditions can be simulated by using different values of k .

Computer Results

Fig. 2 is a plot of the computer-calculated ray-path height between two antennas, 40 miles apart, located at 500 and 100 feet above mean sea level. This might be a propagation path between a repeater site and a fixed station. A terrain profile was sketched in using elevation data taken from a topographic map. From Fig. 2 it can be seen that under average propagation conditions ($k = 4/3$) the ray path clears the terrain by 50 feet. For meteorological conditions where $k = 1.1$, however, the ray path is blocked by the terrain, and a reduction in signal level would be expected. It can also be seen that when conditions are such that $k = 2$ the ray path clears the terrain by 100 feet. These curves illustrate nicely the effect of short-term meteorological conditions on this propagation path.

For other combinations of antenna height, separation distance and terrain, the ray path may be blocked for the average ($k = 4/3$) conditions. In this case, the path will open up when meteorological conditions increase the effective earth radius. This partly explains the extended repeater coverage and the interference between repeaters sometimes observed.

The Computer Program

The vhf/uhf ray-path computer program (Table 1) is written in BASIC and should run on most home computers with little or no modification. For simplicity, extensive operator directions and input prompts have been omitted from the program. These features can be added, if desired, by anyone familiar with BASIC programming.

The operator enters, by means of the keyboard, the altitude of the antennas, H_1 and H_2 , in feet above mean sea level, the

Table 1
Program Listing

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10 INPUT H1
20 INPUT H2
30 INPUT D0
40 INPUT K0
50 DH=H1-H2
60 K1=1.5*K0
70 K2=(D0A2)/K1
80 IF ABS(DH)K2 THEN 170
90 D1=0.75*K0*DH/D0+D0/2
100 H0=H1-D1A2/K1
110 IF H0<0 THEN PRINT "LOS NOT POSSIBLE"
120 FOR N=0 TO 20: D3=N*D0/20
130 H3=H0+(D3-D1)A 2/K1
140 PRINT D3, H3
150 NEXT N
160 END
170 K3=DH/D0+D0/K1
180 FOR N=0 TO 20: D3=N*D0/20
190 H3=H1-K3*D3+D3A 2/K1
200 PRINT D3, H3
210 NEXT N
220 END

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separation distance, D_0 , in miles, and the earth radius factor, K_0 . The computer output is a listing of the distance in miles from the antenna at H_1 and the height of the ray path in feet above mean sea level.

If the antenna heights are too low for the separation distance, the ray path will be blocked by the curvature of the earth and the computer will print "LOS NOT POSSIBLE." The computer will then print negative altitudes where the ray path falls below mean sea level. This is useful information, as it can be used to estimate the increase in antenna height required for a line-of-sight path.

The ray-path height is calculated at 20 equally spaced points along the propagation path. Twenty points were chosen because it is a convenient number of lines to display on the computer terminal. By changing the number 20 in program lines 120 and 180, the number of points and lines printed can be changed.

The ray-path height calculations use either of two programs: lines 120 through 140, or lines 180 through 200. If the absolute difference in the antenna height,

ABS(DH), is less than the difference in height needed for line of sight at the separation distance, D_0 , the path height is calculated by lines 120 and 130. In this case, it is necessary to first calculate the distance, D_1 , to the point of minimum path height, H_0 . This is done in lines 90 and 100. If the absolute difference in antenna height is greater than that needed for line of sight, the ray path is calculated by lines 180 and 190. In this case, the distance D_1 and the height H_0 are not used, as the minimum height will be either H_1 or H_2 . However, it is now necessary to include the height change caused by the slope of a straight line connecting H_1 and H_2 . Line 170 calculates the slope, and line 190 calculates the ray-path height with distance, including the height changes resulting from the curvature of the earth.

Final Comments

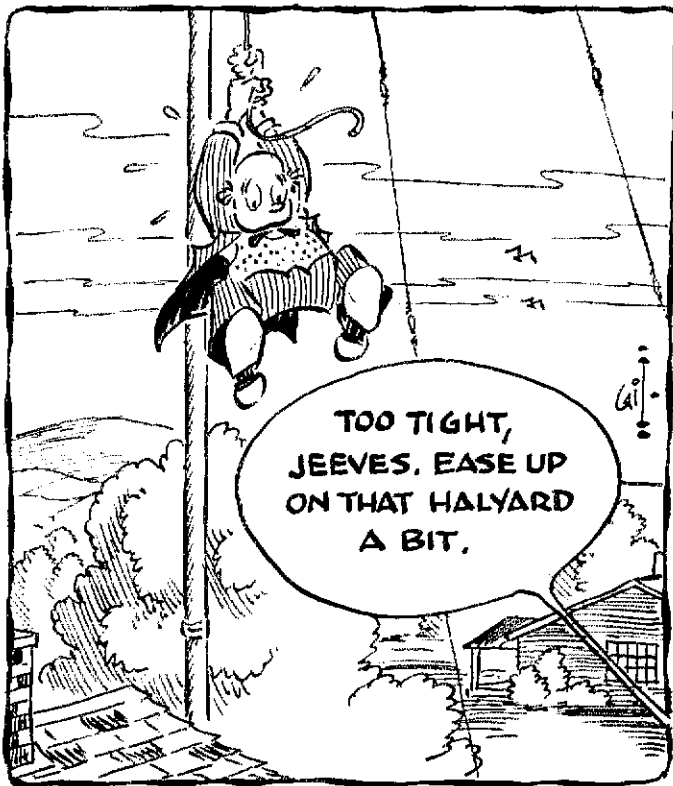
No mention has been made of Fresnel zone clearance criteria used in selecting sites for microwave relay stations where highly reliable paths are required to minimize circuit outage.⁵ These have been omitted because the midpath first Fresnel zone clearance for a 40-mile path at 146 MHz requires a 600-foot terrain clearance. Since there are few, if any, amateur repeater sites that can meet this criterion for the majority of the users, first Fresnel zone clearance is, in this case, academic. We amateurs are conditioned to accept varying signal strengths and an occasional path outage. Since Fresnel zone clearance decreases as the square root of the signal frequency, in the gigahertz frequency range it is considerably less than the 600 feet required for 2-meter operation.

It has been assumed, for this simple model, that the refractive-index gradient is constant with altitude and that it extends over the entire propagation path. Discontinuities caused by a temperature inversion or a sudden change in humidity, as occurs at the interface between fog and clear air, have not been considered. Since it is these discontinuities that produce "ducting," or "trapping," of the ray paths, extended propagation coverage resulting from these effects is not predicted by this simple model. Nevertheless, this simple computer model is a useful tool for estimating terrain clearance and potential coverage of a repeater site. It should also help you to better understand vhf/uhf propagation.

Notes

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Getting the Most out of Your Antenna



All dipoles are created equal, but some work better than others. Is your antenna doing the best it can for you?

By C. L. "Chuck" Hutchinson,* K8CH

Asking which is the best antenna is about like asking which is the best automobile. Almost everyone has a different opinion. Personal operating habits have a lot to do with one's choice. But more important, consider *where* and *how* your antenna can be installed!

For the amateur who wants a simple, effective and low-cost antenna for hf, a 40-meter dipole is a great way to get started. The cost is minimal, it will fit on most housing lots, and you get the bonus of 15-meter coverage. That's right, two bands for the price of one and no Transmatch (tuner) is needed. If casual contacts are what you seek, this antenna may be all you'll ever need. Should the "DX bug" bite, you will not be "uncompetitive" on 40 meters; on 15 meters, it is unlikely that yours will be "the loudest signal on the band."

How well your dipole performs depends on a number of factors, not the least of which is where you install it. It is easier to

contact China using a dipole installed in Japan than with one in Vermont, but that is not what I mean! For a dipole to work best, it should be erected high and in the clear. To understand why requires a knowledge of how horizontally polarized antennas act when installed over the earth. Furthermore, one should grasp the concept of how radio waves get from one place to another.

Dipole Radiation Patterns

Consider a dipole in "free space." That means completely removed from the vicinity of all other objects, including the earth! A dipole in those circumstances will exhibit the familiar radiation pattern shown in Fig. 1. You may have seen the figure-8 pattern before, but be aware that this is only a partial representation. A more complete picture is shown in Fig. 1B. The doughnut shape represents the three-dimensional dipole radiation pattern.

All antenna patterns are three dimensional. They are seldom represented that way in books and magazines because there is no easy way to represent three-dimensional-pattern intensities accurately on a flat surface. Most of the time you can

get a good idea of pattern shape by looking at pattern plots taken in horizontal and vertical planes. Fig. 1A illustrates the pattern of a dipole in a plane that contains the antenna. Let's call it horizontal, even though that means nothing in space. The pattern in a perpendicular or "vertical" plane would be a circle. Combining the two patterns results in the one shown in Fig. 1B.

Getting Down to Earth

What happens when the dipole is moved from free space to your backyard? As you have probably guessed, the presence of earth will modify the dipole radiation pattern. Energy striking the earth will be reflected from it. This reflected energy will combine with the directly radiated energy causing reinforcements and cancellations (lobes and nulls) at various angles.

There is a major difference in the way horizontally and vertically polarized radio waves reflect off the earth. In Fig. 2 you can see this difference represented graphically.

A radio wave has two components — magnetic and electric; by definition the two exist at right angles to each other and at right angles to the direction of travel. All

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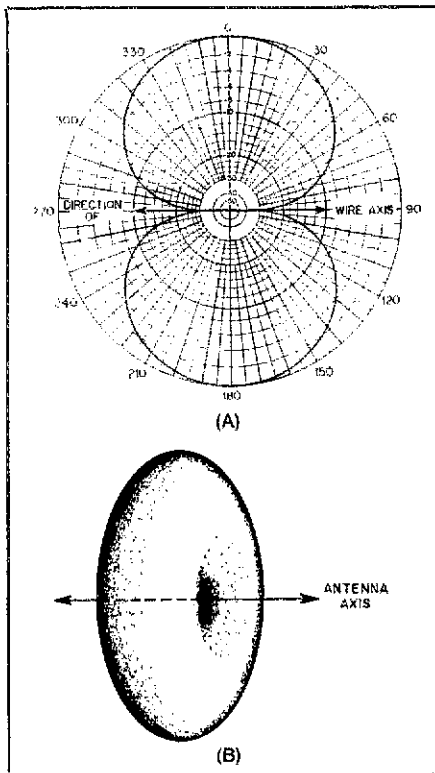


Fig. 1 — At A, radiation pattern of a half-wave antenna in the plane containing the wire axis. At B, the solid pattern of the same antenna.

three can be thought of as vectors, or arrows, all mutually perpendicular. To visualize how this works, think of the seams in the corner of a room — where the two walls meet and where each wall meets the floor. These three seams are all at right angles to each other.

The electric field of a horizontally polarized antenna is horizontal, and the magnetic field is vertical. With a vertically polarized antenna the relationship is reversed; the electric field is vertical, and the magnetic is horizontal.

Alignment of the magnetic component (H vector) of the radio wave determines the nature of the reflection. In the case of horizontally polarized radio waves, the H vector is coming to the ground at an angle. You can visualize what happens during reflection by thinking of that H vector as an arrow that is made up of thousands of short pieces. Each piece reflects from the earth as it hits. The result, as seen in Fig. 2A, is that the vector is turned over. The electric field (E vector) must retain the "right sense" to the magnetic field. Therefore, the E vector (shown going into the page before the reflection) is shown coming out of the page afterward. This change in direction represents a 180° phase shift.

In the case of vertical polarization, the magnetic vector comes down parallel to the earth. This time there is a simple reflection with no phase shift or reversal. This

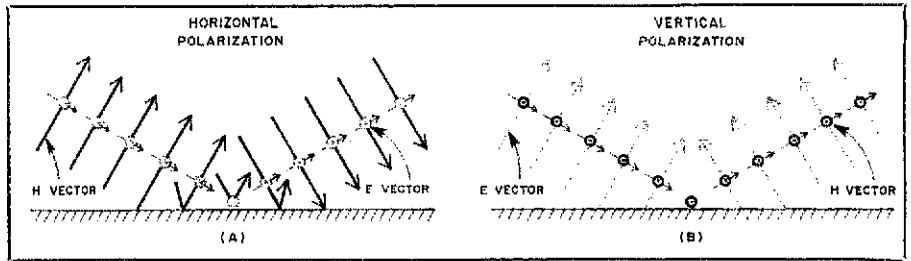


Fig. 2 — Horizontally polarized waves are shifted 180° in phase upon reflection, as shown at A. Vertically polarized waves, as shown at B, are not shifted. Circles with an X in the center are vectors (arrows) pointing into the page; those with dots in the center are pointing out of the page.

assumes that the earth is a perfect conductor.

The effect of the ground reflection is the same as if a second "image" antenna were placed as far below the earth as the "real" antenna is above the earth. The image antenna acts as if it were fed the same amount of energy as the real antenna. For horizontally polarized antennas, the two are 180° out of phase. That means that when a point on the real antenna is at a positive peak the corresponding point on the image is at a negative peak (Fig. 3). For vertical polarization, the antenna and image are in phase.

Let's assume that a dipole is installed 1/4 wavelength above ground. We could also say the dipole is 90 (electrical) degrees above ground. (One wavelength represents a full cycle or 360°.) Can you imagine the pattern that exists in a plane perpendicular to the antenna? In free space it would be a circle. What will it be here?

Fig. 4 shows two antennas spaced $\lambda/2$ apart and fed 180° out of phase. The drawing "freezes" an instant in time. The heavy solid lines can be thought of as positive peaks and the lighter, dashed lines as negative peaks. Where solid lines (or dashed lines) touch, the energy from the two antennas is in phase and they combine by adding. Where solid and dashed lines touch each other, there is a cancellation or nulling of energy.

The situation depicted in Fig. 4 is like placing a horizontal dipole $\lambda/4$ above the ground. There is one difference, however. We can ignore the bottom half of the figure — radiation exists only above the ground. You can see that there is maximum radiation straight up. Also notice that there is a complete cancellation, or null, along the horizontal center line. That line corresponds to the earth's surface.

Let's review the situation as we now understand it in the case where we have a horizontal dipole $\lambda/4$ above the ground. First, the doughnut-shaped pattern of free space is altered by the presence of the earth. Second, the resulting pattern is the same as if another dipole antenna were placed $\lambda/4$ below the ground and fed an equal amount of power, 180° out of phase with

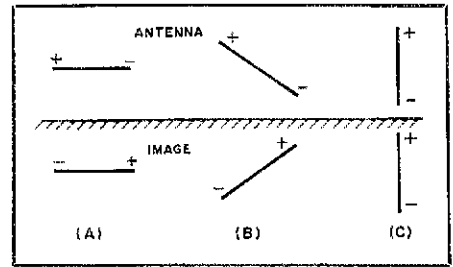


Fig. 3 — Antenna and image phase relationships are shown at A, B and C.

the real antenna. The radiation pattern will have a maximum straight up and a minimum along the ground.

How can we determine the pattern intensity of our dipole at angles between the horizontal and the vertical? The method is illustrated graphically in Fig. 5.

At the angle of interest two rays contribute to the radiation, one direct and one reflected. The reflected ray will travel farther than the direct ray (refer to Fig. 5). We see that the difference would be zero (wavelengths or degrees) if the antennas were located at A and C. Line AD (the distance from A to D) is equal to BD. The reflected ray travels a distance equal to BC farther than the direct ray. This effect creates a delay or phase difference at a receiving antenna. Even if the rays were to travel 100 or even 1000 miles, the reflected wave would still have to travel that relatively short distance farther.

It is not enough to know how long in feet or meters the distance BC is. That distance must be converted to electrical degrees.¹ The result is the phase difference, or phase angle, between the two rays. With that information, the two can be combined mathematically. This sounds involved and difficult, and it can be. However, through the use of trigonometry the calculations turn out to be straightforward.

Vertical radiation patterns for horizontal dipoles at various heights can be seen

¹Notes appear on page 37.

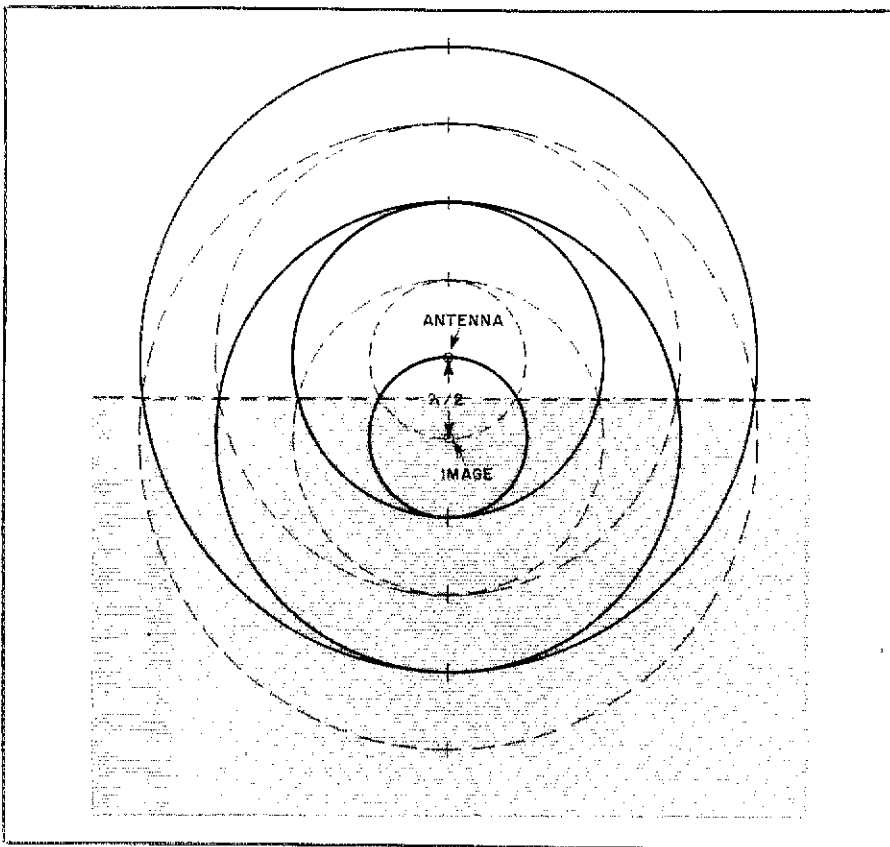


Fig. 4 — Interference between waves causes directional effects. See text.

in Fig. 6. When the antenna is placed at odd multiples of $1/4$ wavelength above ground, there is maximum radiation vertically; at even $1/4$ -wavelength spacings (multiples of $1/2$ wavelength) there is a vertical null. The higher the antenna is raised, the lower the angle of the first lobe.

Why the Vertical Radiation Pattern is Important

Radio communication is possible at hf because, depending on conditions, the ionosphere refracts radio signals, returning them to earth. Fig. 7 shows an ionized layer above the earth. When radio signals enter that layer at an angle, they are bent or refracted; when conditions are right they return to earth. Lower-angle radiation returns to earth at a greater distance; higher angles yield shorter distances. Actual conditions are much more complicated than this. A future article in the *Beginner's Bench* series will cover radio propagation in more detail. We will be concerned only with a few general principles for now.

Our first rule of thumb is that lower radiation angles yield greater distances. The second is that lower frequencies tend to use higher angles of radiation. It is useful for you to capture those two concepts. Let's look at some numbers.

Table 1 is taken from *The ARRL Antenna Book*. Observe that the angle of arriving signals varies with frequency. A close examination reveals three numerical

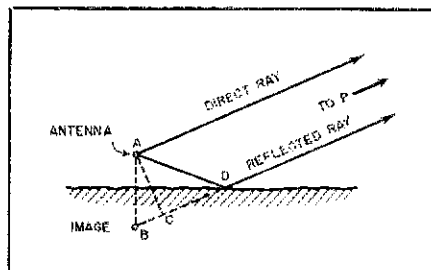


Fig. 5 — At any distant point, P, the field strength will be the resultant of two rays, one direct from the antenna, the other reflected from the ground. The reflected ray travels farther than the direct ray by the distance BC, where the reflected ray is considered to originate at the "image" antenna.

values and relationships for each band on the England-to-New Jersey path. First, useful radiation angles will be below the "upper angle." The upper angle is determined by merely changing the meter-band designation to degrees. For example, on the 40-meter (7-MHz) band, the upper angle is 40° . Second, the most useful angle will be about half the upper angle. Third, at times you may use angles at or less than one quarter the upper angle.

The numbers in Table 1 apply to the path across the North Atlantic; they don't apply to all situations. As you can see, there is no single angle that is best for a given path or band. There is, however, a preferred

range of angles. Let's look at a practical example.

Earlier, I stated my preference for a 40-meter dipole as a first antenna. Let's suppose you have two supports 69 ft high ($\lambda/2$) and properly situated to support a dipole.² Fig. 6C shows the vertical radiation pattern off the sides of the antenna. (There will be little useful radiation off the ends.) Comparing with Table 1, we see that the radiation from our dipole is concentrated in angles a bit higher than optimum for the North Atlantic path. To center dipole radiation on the angles indicated in the table would require that the dipole be raised to 100 ft or more! Few of us have trees, or other supports, that are anywhere near that high. (Perhaps I can find some 30-ft-high planters for the 70-foot oak trees in my front yard.) Most of us will be content if we get our dipoles close to 69 ft high.

Our friendly 40-meter dipole also works on 15 meters, but the pattern is a bit more complicated. The horizontal "free space" pattern is shown in Fig. 8. A 15-meter dipole 69 ft above the earth would have the pattern of Fig. 6F off the sides. Our ($3/2$ -wavelength) dipole will have a pattern that is the sum of these two patterns. As with the 40-meter band, radiated energy is concentrated in angles a bit higher than optimum. Nevertheless, this also represents a reasonable compromise.

What happens if we erect an 80-meter dipole at 69 ft ($\lambda/4$)? The broadside, vertical pattern will be that of Fig. 6B. This is not a very good DX antenna; most of the radiated energy goes straight up. This combination should work well for local contacts and for communication out to several hundred miles, however.

Most experienced hams agree that it is best to get your antenna up at least $1/2$ -wavelength if you want to work DX. But there is nothing magical about 69 ft for the 40-meter (or any other ham) band. Think of it as a desirable height, not as an absolute minimum height.

Getting your antenna up high will not only give you a lower radiation angle, it will help minimize losses. Trees, shrubs, buildings and the like will tend to scatter and absorb radio waves. This phenomenon increases with frequency, becoming critical in the uhf and microwave ranges. Whenever possible, you should try to get your antenna above such objects.

But I Can't Get It up That High!

Not all, perhaps not many, of you have a pair of well-spaced, tall supports for a dipole. In fact, you don't need two tall supports. Maximum antenna radiation takes place at the high current points. In a half-wavelength dipole, the high current point is at the center. For that reason, you may choose to put up your dipole as an "inverted V."

For best radiation, the angle between the two sides of an inverted V should be as

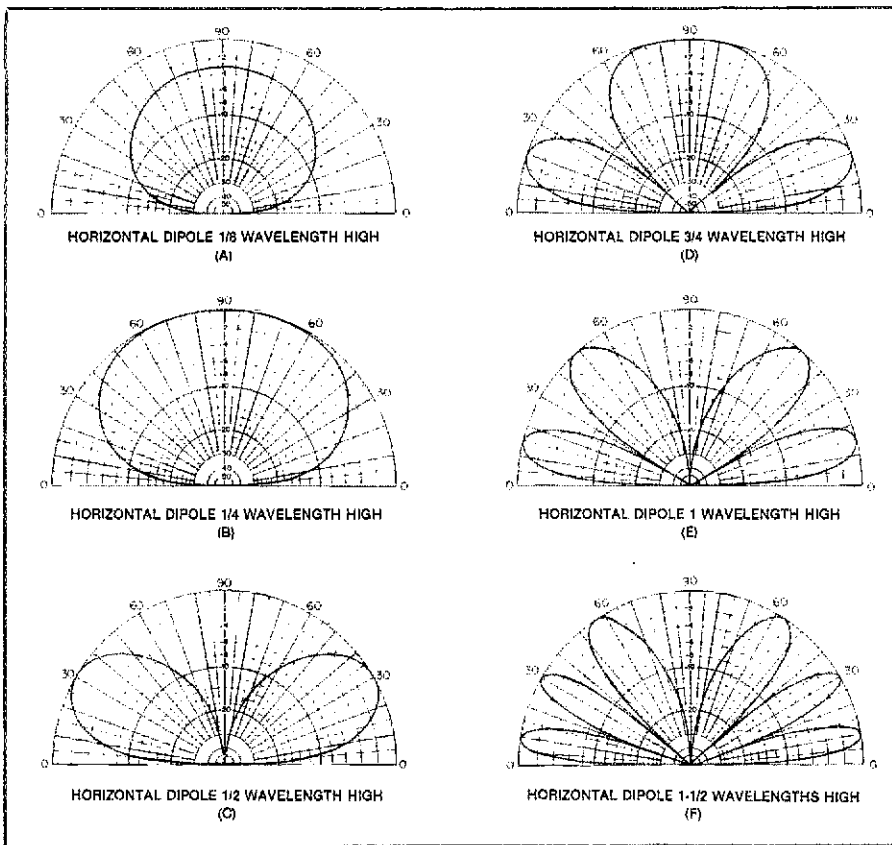


Fig. 6 — Vertical radiation patterns for horizontal dipoles at various heights above ground. The free-space pattern would be a circle at -6 dB on the scale. For directional antennas, these are factors to which the free-space radiation pattern should be added to include the effect of reflection from perfectly conducting ground. These patterns are only for the vertical angle of radiation of horizontal antennas.

Table 1
Measured Vertical Angles of Arrival of Signals from England at Receiving Location in New Jersey

Freq. (MHz)	Angle below which signals arrived 99% of the time	Angle above which signals arrived 50% of the time	Angle above which signals arrived 99% of the time
7	35°	22°	10°
14	17°	11°	6°
21	12°	7°	4°
28	9°	5°	3°

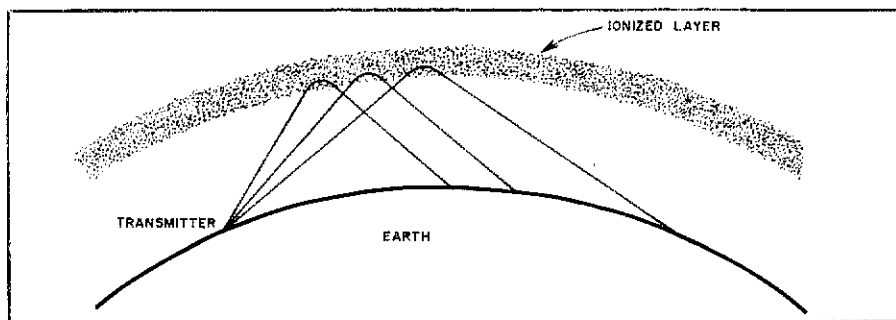


Fig. 7 — Simplified model of the ionosphere showing how hf radio signals are propagated over long distances.

great as possible. If the sides were parallel (zero-degree angle), the results would be the same as from a feed line: There would be no appreciable radiation. With a 120° angle

between sides, losses in effectiveness should not be noticeable; at 90° , they will be. Try to avoid angles of less than 90° between sides of an inverted V. My 40-meter in-

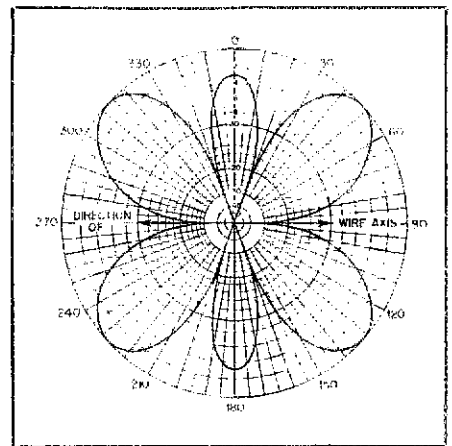


Fig. 8 — Radiation pattern of a $3/2\lambda$ dipole in the plane containing the wire axis.

verted V has its center at about 60 ft; the angle between sides is between 120° and 90° . I have had good DX and domestic performance from that antenna.

Vertical antennas can be good DX performers, particularly on frequencies below 14 MHz. But they depend on ground conductivity and certain installation factors for good low-angle radiation. While vertical antenna DX performance can be very good, the same cannot be said for performance at a range of more than a few miles to a few hundred miles. Much more could and should be said about vertical antennas, but that must await another time.

For a low-cost, versatile antenna it is hard to beat the horizontal, center-fed dipole. For best results, get your dipole up as high and in the clear as you can. Good luck.

Notes

¹The distance, in feet, divided into 984 gives the number of wavelengths. Wavelengths times 360 equals degrees. To change meters to wavelengths, divide into 300. To change wavelengths to radians, multiply by 2 times π (3.1415927...). Most computers use radians in making calculations.
²m = ft \times 0.3048.

Strays

I would like to get in touch with...

former members of the Lawrence Institute of Technology ARC, W8QOA, of Southfield, Michigan. Eric Janle, KA8OBP, 3032 Golfhill Dr., Pontiac, MI 48055.

anyone having a parts list or schematic drawing for a Side Band Engineering Del Mar Model 225 12-channel vhf marine radio transceiver. Francis E. Erdle, N3AJ, 21930 New Hampshire Ave., Brookeville, MD 20833.

A 400-Hz POWER SUPPLY FOR A RADIO COMPASS

I needed a 400-Hz supply that could power two surplus radio compass units, one for azimuth and one for elevation with my EME antenna system. After many unsuccessful attempts to wind a 400-Hz transformer for a previous design, I decided to try a 555 timer and a flip-flop. Fig. 1 shows the schematic diagram for my circuit. Most of the parts were ones I found in my junk box, but the parts list gives Radio Shack part numbers for anyone who wishes to buy all new components. I tried a variety of transformers at T1, and they all seemed to work well.

As an additional use of this circuit, I discovered that it is ideal for finding the operating frequency of transformers. The oscillating frequency of the timer can be adjusted over a wide frequency range, and the transformer under test connected as T1. Find the frequency of maximum output voltage and current, with minimum current drawn from the dc supply. This will be the optimum operating frequency of the transformer. — Gene Wasson, K8UDZ, Rapid City, South Dakota

RETUNING MOBILE ANTENNA, FAST AND EASY

I use a Hustler mobile antenna mounted on the rear bumper of my car. During extended trips from home, I keep cw and ssb schedules on several bands. Peak performance of this antenna requires resetting the adjustable whip to resonance when changing from the cw to the ssb portions of a band. Hustler provides a collar on the adjustable tip. It acts as a preset guide for the correct length at the higher frequency, but resetting for a preferred lower frequency requires some other method of measuring tip length. The method I devised involves placing strips of electrical tape on the rear bumper. These are spaced a distance equal to the resonant length of the tip at my preferred frequency. I simply lay the entire resonator along the bumper, adjust the tip to match the spacing of the tapes and tighten the jamb nut. Of course, a pair of tape strips is required for the resonator of each band. — Victor Woodling, W9JNH, East Peoria, Illinois

MULTI-BAND HF MOBILE ANTENNA

My mobile station consists of a Kenwood TS-120S and four Anixter-Mark Heliwhip antennas. These antennas are helically loaded. A separate fiberglass rod is used for each band. Stopping along the highway to change the antenna for each band change became a nuisance.

I fabricated a three-band adapter. Later, I made a four-band adapter, using 1/8-inch hard aluminum plate.² For the four-band version, I

¹E. L. Campbell, "Antenna Rotators and Indicators," *QST*, April and May 1967.

²mm = in. × 25.4; m = feet × 0.3048.

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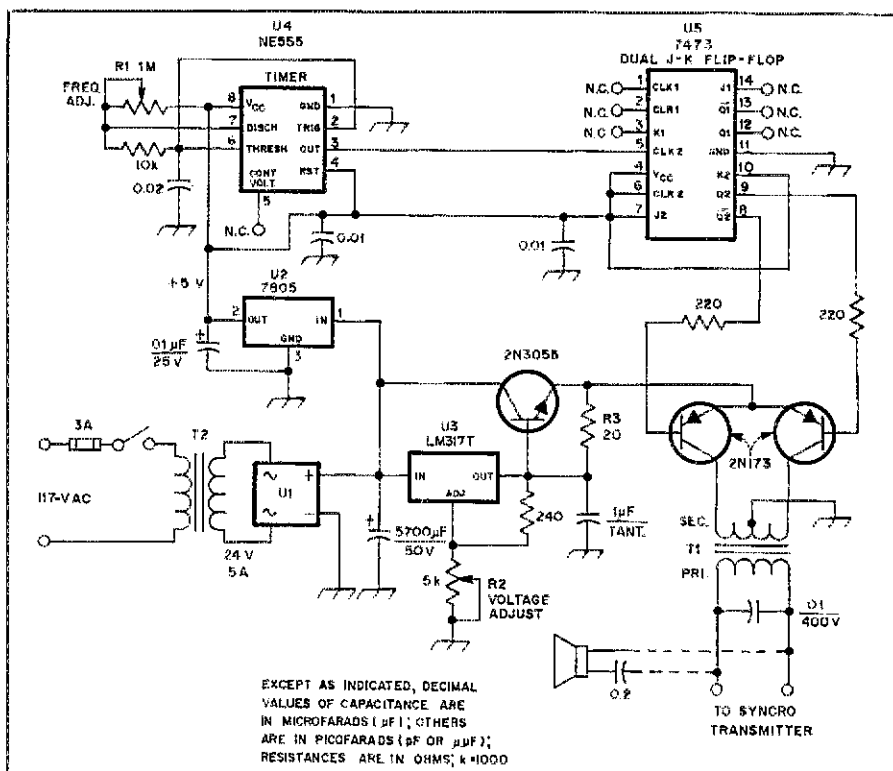


Fig. 1 — Schematic diagram of a 400-Hz power supply that can be used with a radio compass for antenna-direction readout (part numbers in parentheses are Radio Shack).

- T1 — 117-V primary, 25-V secondary, used as a step-up transformer (273-1512).
- T2 — 117-V primary, 12- to 18-V secondary, at least 4-A rating.
- U1 — 6-A, 50-PIV full-wave bridge rectifier (276-1180).

- U2 — LM 7805 5-V regulator (276-1770).
- U3 — LM 317T adjustable voltage regulator (276-1778).
- Q1 — 2N3055 or equiv. (276-2041).
- Q2, Q3 — 2N173 or equiv. (276-2006).

used a T-shaped piece of aluminum. The three end portions of the bracket were bent down at an approximate 30° angle. I drilled four holes in the bracket to clear the standard 3/8-inch × 24 antenna-mounting stud. To assemble the antenna, I mounted the longest whip through the top of the T and into the base. The remaining three coils were then secured to the adapter by means of lock washers and nuts.

I have experienced no problems with this system. Band hopping is now effortless, and my mobile operating is more enjoyable. This principle should be useful with other types of mobile antennas, such as those that employ interchangeable loading coils. — Merritt Scarff, W4FAH, Lakeland, Florida

COLLINS EQUIPMENT 40-METER COVERAGE CHANGE

While changing the 8.9775-MHz crystal in position 3C of my Collins equipment to provide coverage of the 30-meter band, I decided to make another crystal change. By removing the 10.355-MHz crystal in position 2B and replacing it with a 10.255-MHz unit, I shifted the coverage on this 40-meter segment from 7.2-7.4 MHz to

7.1-7.3 MHz. This enables me to tune the entire 40-meter phone band in one segment. I believe this was a worthwhile change. — John Wasmuth, W8BP, Marquette, Michigan

TOWER THRUST BEARING PROTECTION

I have a 65-foot tower with a 5-element tri-band beam antenna. To make the rotator easier to service, I have it mounted at the 20-foot level. I use a 50-foot mast pipe (1-11/16 inch OD) from the rotator through a heavy-duty thrust bearing mounted on the top plate of the tower. The thrust bearing supports the entire weight of the mast and antenna.

I was concerned about what would happen to my investment if water were allowed to find its way into the bearings over a period of time. A protective cover will prolong the useful life of the bearing and minimize the need to replace this expensive piece of hardware at frequent intervals.

My solution was to use a "plumber's helper" to form a cover. Carefully enlarge the hole that the handle threaded into until it is about 1/4-inch smaller in diameter than your mast. Slide it down the mast until the cover is against the bearing

plate. A small bead of silicone sealer around the top of the helper completes the job. Fig. 2 illustrates the final arrangement. I inspected the bearing after six months of exposure to our inclement Michigan weather, but found no traces of rust. — *Dick Carter, N8DMO, Jenison, Michigan*

(NOT) STORING IC CHIPS IN STYROFOAM®

□ When I opened my copy of the new *Hints and Kinks* book I was shocked to see the suggestion about using foam-plastic meat trays to store ICs.³ The trays I have seen are completely nonconductive and are capable of holding large static charges. Static-sensitive ICs would be destroyed instantly! That's why commercial foam for storing IC chips is conductive, and will not hold a static charge. You can easily verify this with an ohmmeter. — *Kjeld Hvatum, N1BSP, Cambridge, Massachusetts*

□ A word of caution is in order about the use of foam-plastic trays to store IC chips. As integrated circuits become more compact, and operate on less and less power, they become even more sensitive to the ravages of static electricity. How sensitive? This was the subject of a videotape shown recently to the employees of NCR Corporation, a computer-systems manufacturer.

You don't have to walk across a carpet in a dry room to build up enough charge to damage or destroy an integrated circuit. With the right combination of synthetic fibers in your clothes, you can ruin an IC through mishandling it while sitting at a workbench. But the most dramatic demonstration on the videotape was a perfectly good commercial-grade IC destroyed by the static electricity in a foam-plastic cup waved once over the chip! No spark, no sound, just one defective IC.

Most amateurs don't deal with such high-performance, large-scale integrated circuits — yet. But we can all save ourselves some trouble and expense by keeping our IC chips away from nonconductors capable of holding even a small electrostatic charge. This would include cellophane tape, foam-plastic and ordinary plastic bags. Computer manufacturers use specially treated plastic bags with conducting surfaces. Only then can the components be safely shipped in a box of foam-plastic "peanuts." — *Ken Nollet, KØEN, St. Paul, Minnesota*

TOWER THRUST BUSHING PROTECTION

□ For several years, I have been using a rubber boot to keep the thrust bushing on my tower clean and dry. The boot was fashioned from a rubber toilet-tank ball. [This is the part that fits in the drain hole at the bottom of the tank. — Ed.] Cut the top of the ball to fit snugly around the mast, and cut the bottom so it will stretch fit over the thrust bushing. Slide the boot down the mast until the bottom can be stretched over the bushing. A stainless-steel hose clamp placed over the boot just above the thrust bushing holds it in place (Fig. 3). Be sure to pack the bushing with grease before installing the protective cover. — *Thomas Kruszon, WB2PXL, Riverhead, New York*

³*Hints and Kinks for the Radio Amateur*, 11th ed. (Newington: ARRL, 1982), p. 1-2.

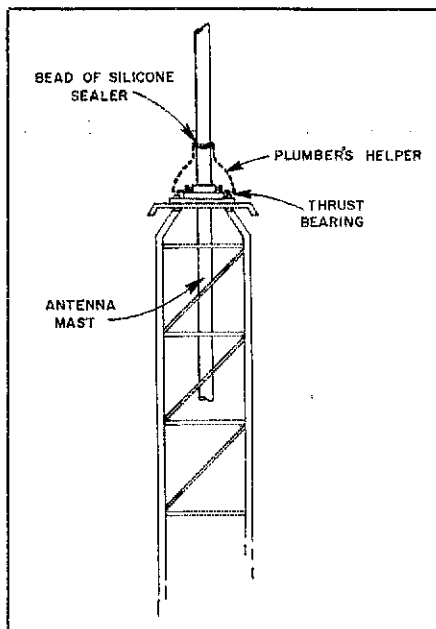


Fig. 2 — A "plumber's helper" can be used to protect a thrust bearing from the weather.

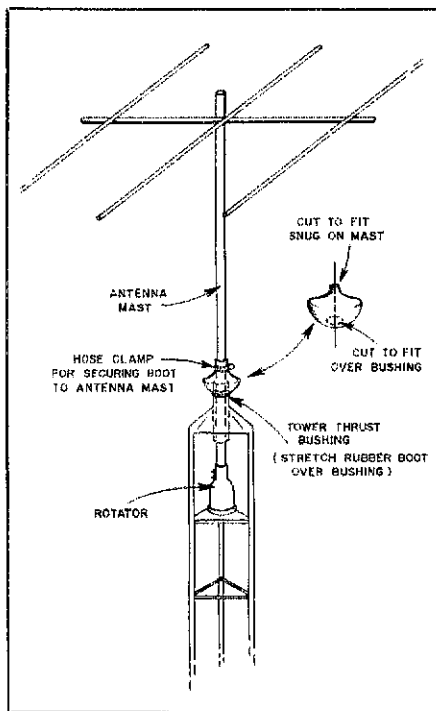


Fig. 3 — WB2PXL uses a rubber toilet-tank ball to form a protective boot for the thrust bushing on his tower.

□ I use a piece of rubber-impregnated material, such as the cuff from an old rubber glove, to make a weatherproof cover for the thrust bushing on my tower. Fig. 4 shows this technique. The cuff is secured with a stainless-steel hose clamp, just above the top of the bushing. Be sure to apply a good coat of bearing grease between the mast pipe and the bushing. — *Ed Lynch, WB2YKX, Latham, New York*

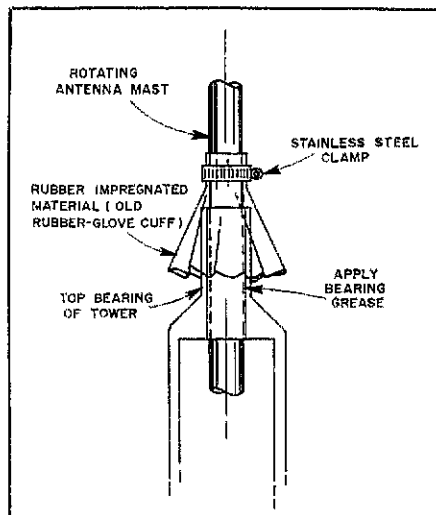


Fig. 4 — Illustration of the protective cover used by WB2YKX to weatherproof the thrust bushing on his tower.

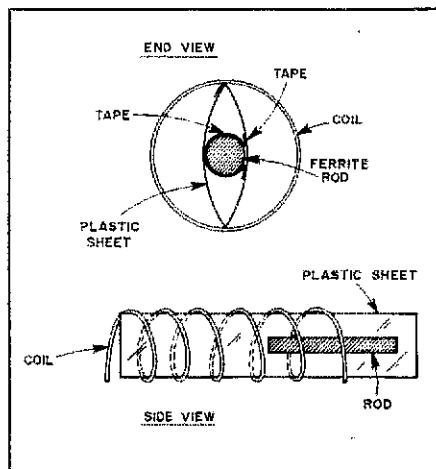


Fig. 5 — A piece of stiff plastic and a ferrite rod can be used to make a homemade variable inductor.

FERRITE-ROD SLIDER FOR VARIABLE INDUCTOR

□ Here is an idea that I have employed to make a homemade variable inductor for use in a Transmatch or other piece of equipment. I mount a ferrite rod inside the coil, and slide the rod through the coil to change the inductance. To mount the slider inside the coil, I use a piece of stiff plastic (the type used for covers on greeting-card boxes works fine) that is twice as long as the coil. Next, I cut the plastic to a width of 2.75 times the inside diameter of the coil. Tape the ferrite rod to the sheet as shown in Fig. 5 and fold the sheet in half. The assembly will fit into the coil with just a slight compression. This arrangement will minimize any dielectric loss and provide an easy way to slide the rod back and forth through the coil. You could fasten a wood or plastic handle to the end of the assembly and add a scale for setting the inductance. — *Glenn Morrison, KO9L, Evanston, Illinois*

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OPERATING WITH AMTOR

□ [Editor's Note: The following is taken from a report outlining on-the-air experiments with AMTOR. The report was submitted to the FCC on November 12, 1982 in accordance with the terms of STA 7130. This STA allowed K4PA to experiment with AMTOR prior to legalization of this mode on hf for all duly licensed American amateurs.]

A Report on Experiments With the CCIR 476 ARQ Teleprinter Code:

1.0 INTRODUCTION

AMTOR (MODE A) is a teleprinter system that is described in CCIR Recommendation 476 and uses a fast-break simplex radio channel to automatically request repeats (ARQ) of garbled data.^{1,2} This "handshaking" process is a significant improvement over traditional RTTY operation and provides nearly error-free copy over marginal hf circuits.

Beginning in January 1982, I (K4PA) commenced two-way communication with other AMTOR stations around the world, in an effort to field test microprocessor equipment used to generate and detect CCIR 476 signals, and to determine whether the AMTOR system was suitable for use by amateur RTTY stations. From January through October, 22 AMTOR stations in 11 countries were contacted, with a total operating time of 80 hours. All contacts were made on 14,075 kHz.

2.0 AMTOR PERFORMANCE

Is It Really Error-Free? Yes, almost perfectly so! AMTOR performance is so near to its promise that a meaningful error-rate estimate is difficult to make. Typing errors are the most significant source of garbled copy.

AMTOR is much like wideband fm communication in that, as propagation conditions vary, a sharp threshold marks the boundary between perfect copy and an unusable circuit. That boundary, however, is substantially below the signal/noise ratio usually necessary for hf RTTY work. When signals fade, AMTOR automatically reduces the "throughput rate," maintaining perfect copy until finally giving up at what seems to be the last possible moment. If signals fade and return repeatedly, AMTOR operators communicate with ease while conventional RTTY operators try to fill in the garbled portions of their messages.

What is the Data Rate? The block timing specified in CCIR 476 permits a maximum rate of 66 wpm. This "throughput" is realized if no repeats are requested. Band conditions determine how often repeats are needed. On the average, circuits seem to run at 30 to 60 wpm, probably a result of the operators using AMTOR in conditions that are otherwise unacceptable. Speeds

of less than 10 wpm may be accompanied by significant errors and are not generally used.

Unfortunately, CCIR 476 ARQ timing is somewhat complicated and adapting it to faster rates is not a simple clock-frequency change. In most stations, changes to the microprocessor code in ROMs would be required. To my knowledge, no amateur experiments along these lines have been conducted.

3.0 THE AMTOR OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

AMTOR has several unique characteristics related to the basic ARQ process:

Message Receipt Confirmation. By virtue of the ARQ handshaking technique, operators using AMTOR are certain that all transmitted data blocks have been received correctly. They can monitor the transmission process at any time to learn exactly how much of a message has been sent.

Full Break-In Operation. CCIR 476 allows the changeover between sending and receiving data to be initiated from either end of a circuit. Information-receiving stations may interrupt incoming messages by pushing a control key.

Transmitter Look-Thru. With AMTOR, the radio equipment at both ends of a link is continually cycling between transmit and receive at a 0.45-second rate. Activity on the channel is noticed easily during the listening periods.

Effective Power Adjustment. When propagation is good, the AMTOR operator can reduce power and immediately observe the effect on channel speed. He or she can do this while either sending or receiving data, and can experiment without affecting reception quality. It is quite dramatic to observe how superfluous a "full gallon" is on good circuits — and how helpful a 10-dB power increase is with marginal conditions.

Reduced Interference Potential. An interesting feature of AMTOR is that both ends of a link are "always" transmitting. This precludes the common situation in which a frequency is erroneously thought to be clear due to inability to hear one side of a contact. No QRL? transmissions are needed.

4.0 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Almost all AMTOR equipment takes the form of a hardware interface between conventional data terminals (ASCII or Baudot) and the RTTY station modem. The signaling rate is 100 baud, within the 45 to 110 range commonly employed. The transmitter shift may be anything the operators agree upon, and has been exclusively 170 Hz in my experience.

AMTOR operation requires radio equipment capable of relatively fast break-in operation. A nominal requirement is that the transmitter achieve nearly full output within 20 ms after changeover is signaled. AMTOR equipment generally provides a delay adjustment to withhold transmission until receive/transmit changeover is completed. Tardiness at this point limits the maximum range at which other stations may be contacted. CCIR 476 block timing allows 170 ms for the round-trip delay, but receive/transmit changeover time must be subtracted from this value for range calculations. I have learned that a 30-ms delay prohibits ARQ

communication between Virginia and Australia!

Most amateur equipment uses mechanical relays as part of the transmit-receive changeover process, most often in antenna-switching circuits. A subtle difficulty arises when other transmitter circuits can switch faster. In this case, we find that an antenna relay will "hot-switch" the transmitter output and generate a click over considerable portions of the band. The problem, of course, has been solved with most modern rigs operating in the cw mode. Yet, this does not guarantee a particular transmitter will be clean when running RTTY or when speeded up for AMTOR. One solution, employed by KB6BT and me, uses a gated afsk generator that is delayed and shaped to provide a clickless turn-over after all relays have settled.

A second timing requirement with AMTOR is that the transmit-to-receive changeover be made as quickly as possible. That is, when the transmitter is turned off, the receiver agc must allow full sensitivity in 20 ms or less. Interestingly, this delay affects the *minimum* range over which AMTOR stations may communicate. If a nearby slave station begins control signal transmission 20 ms after changeover, the master station must be ready to receive at that time. When the two stations are distant, signal propagation delay mitigates this constraint.

5.0 TYPICAL AMTOR EQUIPMENT

Most stations are using the Mark 2 AMTOR kit from G.P.W. Electronics, Ltd.³ This is a single circuit board designed by G3PLX that translates CCIR 476 to and from Baudot code at 45 or 50 baud. A 1023-character typing buffer is also provided. Input/Output are at TTL levels.

A few stations are reportedly using software-only modifications to popular hobby computers and single-board microprocessor systems. I use a machine-language program for AMTOR Mode A in a Kim-1 microcomputer dedicated to RTTY operations.

6.0 AMTOR SIGNAL CHARACTERISTICS

Compatibility with Other Signals. The frequency shift and signaling rate used with AMTOR are commensurate with present amateur RTTY equipment. Only the characteristic "chirp-chirp" of the simplex ARQ process distinguishes these transmissions from other amateur RTTY. I believe that most RTTY operators are now familiar with AMTOR signals as a result of experiments conducted by U.S. stations and the considerable activity in other parts of the world. It is estimated that at least 80 stations in 20 countries are now active with AMTOR.

An interesting aspect of AMTOR operation is that it is fully compatible with commercial TOR equipment now gaining acceptance in maritime use. AMTOR stations have adopted the practice of using the alphabetic portions of their call signs to determine a four-letter selcode unique to each station. Commercial apparatus uses a five-digit sequence assigned to each sta-

¹J. Martinez, "AMTOR, an Improved Error-Free RTTY System," *QST*, June 1981, p. 25.

²J. Martinez, "AMTOR, an Improved Radioteletype System Using a Microprocessor," *Radio Communication*, Aug. 1979, p. 714.

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tion, which is converted internally to four characters, in accordance with CCIR Recommendation 491. Nevertheless, amateur and commercial stations may communicate easily with one another once the appropriate selcode is determined.

Is the AMTOR Block Design Appropriate? Recognizing that AMTOR achieves nearly perfect elimination of transmission error, one may ask what can be done to improve transmission speed. CCIR 476 yields a communications efficiency of 50%, in the sense that a 100-baud radio channel (with ARQ handshaking) produces a 50-baud teleprinter output. To increase the AMTOR data rate one may adjust either the signaling speed or the ARQ efficiency.

The question of efficiency recalls a most striking feature of AMTOR — the relatively few characters (three per block) transmitted at a time. One may ask if increasing the block length will substantially reduce handshaking overhead. In my opinion, the block length cannot be increased usefully beyond a factor of 5 or 10. The problem is that with marginal hf circuits the probability of a "hit" in an interval of several seconds is very high. Using a block length of 80 characters (one line of text) seems foolhardy if communication is to be attempted during poor conditions. Perhaps an adaptive system that matches block length to channel statistics, or a method of correcting individual errors within a long block, would yield useful improvement in ARQ efficiency.

7.0 PREDICTIONS FOR AMTOR USE

AMTOR performance is such a significant improvement over conventional RTTY that enthusiasts are given to forecasting its exclusive use within a few short years. Comparison with the history of ssb telephony is unavoidable. Yet AMTOR, as is, suffers from the 50-baud limitation on transmission rate. This is adequate for any link involving a typist, but how soon will the amateur's need for computer-to-computer communication grow beyond this modest speed? Stations may already be heard lamenting that more than 40 minutes is required to send an 8-K program over the air.

Thus, the future of AMTOR involves an estimate of amateur data transmission needs and our progress with the proposed wideband vhf data networks. If the need does not materialize quickly, or if the networks still require years of development, AMTOR may well establish itself as the dominant mode of amateur data communications.

Another factor affecting my prediction of exclusive AMTOR use on hf is my preoccupation with long-haul circuits that are reliable 24 hours per day. These considerations are not typical of the great bulk of amateur RTTY communication. 100 wpm (or, possibly, 300 wpm) Baudot and ASCII codes work well on continental U.S. paths during good band conditions. Nevertheless, I find that, when a station has the option, AMTOR is invariably selected. It extends our communication range, increases the time "window" during which a circuit is open, and provides that wonderful certainty of perfect print on the other end. — *William C. Meyn, K4PA, Reston, Virginia*

AID FOR PROGRAMMERS

□ First, congratulations on publishing the fine article by Rose, K6GKU, on the MINIMUMUF Program (Dec. 1982 *QST*). I was, however, somewhat disappointed when I read the editor's note on page 38. There is, and has been for some

time, a book addressing the problem of using a program on a computer for which it has not been written. The book is David Lien's (W6OVP) *BASIC Handbook*, available from CompuSoft Publishing, 535 Broadway, El Cajon, CA 92021, for \$19.95 + \$1.65 postage and handling.

With the *BASIC Handbook*, anyone can translate the many different BASIC language "dialects" to their own computer syntax. The book is really a "must have" for any serious microcomputer owner. — *Leslie S. Smith, KA6AXX, San Diego, California*

LINE LOSS AND SWR

□ While it is true that moderately high SWRs on transmission lines of average length at the lower frequency bands are of minor importance, things can get out of hand. When the 10-MHz band legally opened, my friend W7IR was anxious to give it a try, since his new rig includes that band. He has an inverted V cut for 3.6 MHz, and reasoned that since the third harmonic of that band is not too far from 10 MHz, it might work on the new band. The SWR at 10 MHz was about 5:1; this was overcome easily with a matching network. Signal reports were disappointing, however, even allowing for the 100-W output of the transceiver.

He then realized that his transmission line (mil-spec RG-8A/U) is 350 feet long, and perhaps the attenuation was causing the SWR to look much better than it really was. (At 10 MHz, RG-8A/U has an attenuation of 0.55 dB per 100 feet, or about 2.0 dB for the whole line.)

This attenuation figure means that, even if there is no antenna connected to the end of the line, the return loss measured at the shack end can be no greater than 4.0 dB; *the SWR can never look higher than 4.4:1!*

Actually, the antenna (there really was an antenna at the end of the line!) was radiating a small amount of power, but W7IR had not intended to operate QRP! W7IR is now looking for a place to hang a 10-MHz antenna, preferably closer to the shack. — *Harry R. Hyder, W7IV, Tempe, Arizona*

Feedback

□ W2HXF correctly points out that the pictorial drawing of T1 in Fig. 4 of "Go Class B or C with Power MOSFETs," March 1983 *QST*, p. 27, has an error. Leads D and E should be joined, rather than leads C and D. The schematic diagram for T1 is correct, however. Also, T2 should have been described as a bifilar choke.

□ There is a typographical error in "More MINIMUMUF Program Mods" (Technical Correspondence, May 1983). The following line should read:

2010 B1 = (remainder per May issue)

Author Bramwell is credited with the correction.

□ VE2CV has pointed out that in Fig. 7 of "The Effect of Supporting Structures on Simple Wire Antennas," Dec. 1982 *QST*, p. 34, the angles in the small insert have been reversed. The angle θ is the angle of elevation for launch of skywaves; ϕ is the azimuthal angle ($\phi = 90^\circ$ is the plane orthogonal to the plane containing the antenna).

□ In "SOLAR FLUX/SUNSPOT NUMBER CONVERSION FOR MINIMUMUF" (Technical

Correspondence, May 1983), there are errors in Eq. 3. It should read $S9 = 62.5 * (\text{SQRT}(0.73))^{2-0.0032 * (65-SF)} - 0.73$ (Eq. 3)

Thanks to K4JW for picking this up.

□ Author Belrose points out that there are several errors in the Appendix of his January 1983 *QST* article entitled, "Beverage Antennas for Amateur Communications." Eq. 1 should read: Z_o equals 60 times the natural logarithm of $2h/a$. While the symbol n is defined correctly, this definition should have appeared in the text after the list of definitions following Eq. 6. Eq. 5 should read

$$G = \frac{377 \pi \sin^2 \delta}{Z_o \lambda^2} \left| \frac{1 - e^{-\Gamma}}{\Gamma} \right|^2 \quad (\text{Eq. 5})$$

Eq. 4 was converted incorrectly from metric to English units. It should have read

$$Z_o = 60 \ln \frac{2(3.7)(12)}{0.0404} = 462 \text{ ohms (Eq. 4)}$$

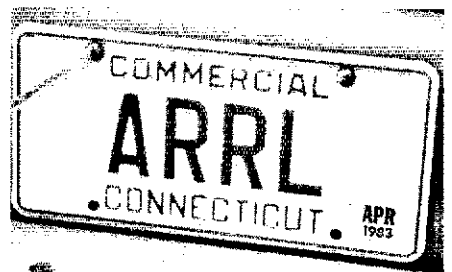
where

$$h = 3.7 \text{ feet (1.13 m)}$$

$$a = 0.0404 \text{ inches (0.1026 cm)}$$

□ *QST* has received a virtual landslide of information from various sources telling us that the June Stray entitled "Contact-Lens Wearers Beware!" (page 22) is erroneous. Apparently, we (along with several other publications) were the victims of a hoax: The incident described in the Stray, according to the information we've received since the Stray appeared in print, did not occur. The underlying message is this, according to the National Society to Prevent Blindness: "Contact lenses, of themselves, do not provide eye protection in the industrial sense. For occupational use, contact lenses should be worn only in conjunction with appropriate industrial eye protection." □

Strays



The League's 1979 GMC pickup truck, used mainly for hauling mail to and from the Post Office, is sporting a new license plate, compliments of the family of the late Francis E. Handy, W1BDI. The family graciously transferred ownership of the license plate to the League in memory of Handy's 42 years of service to the ARRL and Amateur Radio. Known affectionately as "Mr. Amateur Radio," Handy is best known for creating *The Radio Amateur's Handbook* ("Handy's Handy Handbook") and for founding the ARRL section-level organization and Field Day, which, by the way, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Spectrum Communications SCR 1000 2-Meter FM Repeater

Reliable, trouble-free, solid-as-a-rock — those are the words that first come to mind when I think of the Spectrum Communications SCR 1000 2-meter repeater. Spectrum has relied heavily on time-proven circuits and components to put together a package that should be a good performer for any group that doesn't want to "roll their own."

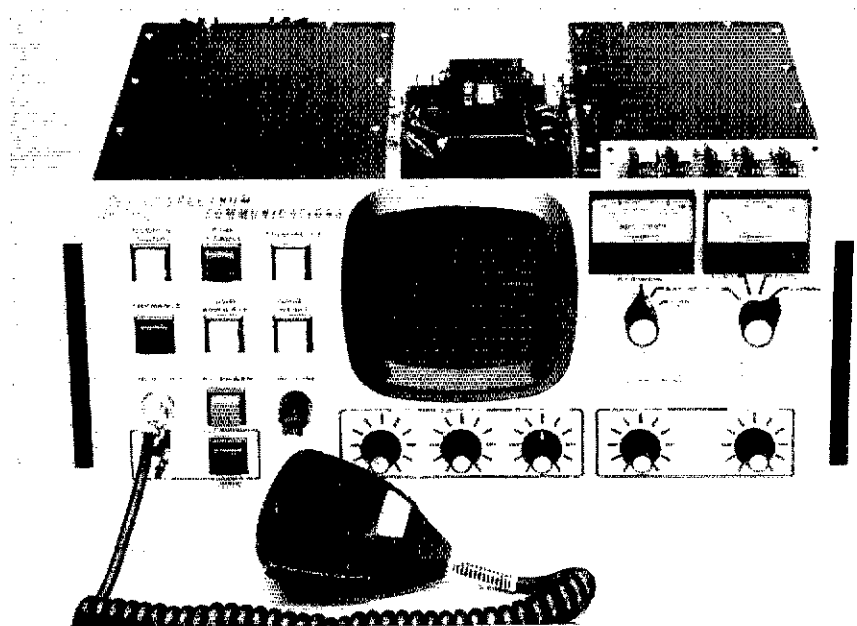
The review unit was in use daily at W1AW/R during a period that stretched from mid-July through the following January. After overcoming some initial difficulties, we experienced no significant problems with the unit. W1AW/R is located in an elevator penthouse in a large public building in Newington. The penthouse is neither heated nor air conditioned, which means the temperature extremes are *not quite* as severe as would be experienced if the unit were housed in a metal box hanging on the side of a tower.

During the first couple of weeks of the review, the unit twice failed to transmit. On both occasions, we pulled it from service and returned it to the ARRL lab for testing. The first time we found nothing wrong with it back at the lab, so we returned it to service. After a few days it again failed to transmit. This time we sent it back to the factory. Although there was some minor damage in shipping, the factory could find nothing basically wrong with it. They returned it to us after a few days, and we put it back into service. Craig Baker, one of Spectrum's engineers, suggested that the problem might have been falsing in a remote inhibit circuit.

The inhibit circuit can be activated or deactivated by remote means. On a few occasions after that, the transmitter failed to operate. The first time, one of the technical crew made the trip to the site and found the INHIBIT indicator light on, indicating that the inhibit circuit had been set. (Because we were unfamiliar with the unit and were not testing it at the site, we neglected to notice if the light had been on during the first two "failures.") The transmitter also failed to transmit on three other occasions. Each time, we were able to deactivate the inhibit function remotely and return the repeater to service without "making a house call." Because the repeater could be inhibited remotely, we were never really certain whether the incidents had been true "falses" or were the acts of some whimsical jester. Also, we could not make it "false" in the lab. Those were the only difficulties experienced with the unit during the entire review period.

On-the-Air Reports

The repeated audio fidelity is excellent. Frequently, I tried listening to the input and output of the repeater. Except for the obvious variations in signal strength, there was little, if any, difference between the tonal qualities of the two. The audio is handled the "right way." Audio from the fm detector in the receiver is deemphasized at 6 dB per octave rolloff according to EIA specifications. In the transmitter, the audio is preemphasized, again according to EIA specifications, before being applied to the modulator, a



Spectrum Communication SCR 1000 2-Meter Repeater, Serial No. 1844

Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency range: 136 to 174 MHz.
Sensitivity: 0.3 μ V for 12-dB SINAD.
Squelch/COR threshold: 0.1 to 0.2 μ V
typical, 0.25- μ V maximum.
Hang time: 0.1 to 6 seconds.

Time out range: 0.5 to 4 minutes typical.

Power output: 30 W at 13.8-V dc, 25-W minimum.
Modulation: True fm, 7-kHz maximum.
Preemphasis: 6 dB per octave.
Spurious emissions: -75 dB typical, -70 dB minimum.
Size (HWD): 7 x 19 x 13 in.[†]
Weight: 21 lb.

[†]mm = in. x 25.4; kg = lb x 0.454.

Measured in ARRL Lab

0.42 μ V for 20-dB quieting.

0.13 μ V.
Less than 0.5 second (minimum)
to approx. 10 seconds (max.).
Approximately 12 seconds (min.)
to approx. 5 minutes (max.).
28 W.
Not measured.
Not measured.
See Fig. 1.

modified Clapp oscillator configured to produce true fm. The acid test for such a unit is the application of a human voice having a deep "gravelly" quality. We are blessed with two such test cases on W1AW/R, and I am happy to report that the SCR 1000 passed both voices with flying colors.

The SCR 1000 replaced a real "clunker." Users were ecstatic with the increased range of the new machine. The output power seemed well-balanced with the sensitivity of the receiver. Transmit and receive ranges appeared to be nearly equal for a typically equipped 10-W mobile station with a 5/8- λ antenna. Our unit came outfitted with a CTCSS decoder built in. Being located near the coast, we are subject to periods of tropospheric ducting. For hours at a time, the repeater may key up on weak distant signals. Experiments with the CTCSS decoder indicated it is an effective means of keeping the distant weak

signals from activating the repeater without decreasing the range. If your repeater suffers from this sort of "interference," it may be worthwhile considering adding a CTCSS decoder for use at such a time, if not all the time. Modern encoders are inexpensive and easily installed in most transceivers, including hand-held portables.

The receiver front end consists of eight high-Q resonators with an amplifier following the first two and another amplifier following the next three resonators. A doubly balanced mixer converts the 2-meter output of the front end to the first i-f at 21.4 MHz. Two monolithic crystal filters follow the mixer and deliver the i-f signal to a single-stage amplifier. The output from the amplifier is then filtered by an additional set of monolithic crystal filters. From there, the signal is processed by a MP5071, which provides the functions of second mixer, amplifier, limiter, fm detector and squelch noise amplifier. The squelch

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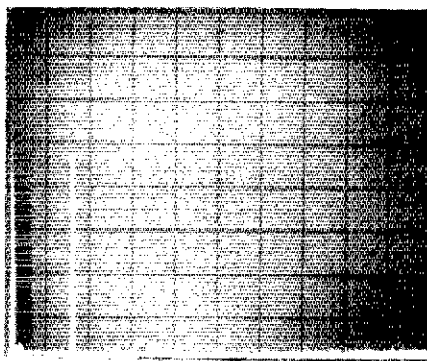


Fig. 1 — Spectral display of the SCR 1000. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 100 MHz. Output power is approximately 28 W at a frequency of 145.45 MHz. The fundamental has been reduced in amplitude approximately 33 dB by means of notch cavities; this prevents analyzer overload. All spurious emissions are about 78 dB below peak fundamental output. The SCR 1000 complies with current FCC specifications for spectral purity.

circuit detects noise above 35 kHz, which makes it immune to many of the shortcomings found in some simpler squelch circuits.

Audio from the receiver, local microphone and i-d generator is applied to a varactor diode supplying load capacitance to the 18-MHz crystal. From the modulator, the signal is multiplied, filtered and amplified to provide approximately 2-3 W of 144-MHz energy at the exciter output. From there, the signal is fed to the power amplifier that boosts the level to the 30-W range. Spectrum currently uses a 2N6082 in this stage. A 75-W PA is also available as an option.

Control circuitry consists of TTL-compatible CMOS logic. Relays are not used; current consumption for the circuitry is quite low, a critical parameter when operating from emergency back-up power sources. Squelch range, hang time and time-out functions are all adjustable, as would be expected.

One observation about the squelch is in order. Aside from operating on 35-kHz noise, the squelch circuit has hysteresis. That is, it takes a stronger signal to open the circuit than it does to keep it open. Without this provision, a weak, fading signal is apt to be "chopped" up by the squelch opening and closing as the signal crosses back and forth over the critical point that opens the squelch. We did not notice such chopping with this circuit, but we have with our "clunker." The hysteresis is a true blessing for the operator attempting to talk with another station having a weak, fading signal.

Besides the circuits necessary for the functioning of the repeater, the SCR 1000 comes with a number of goodies that make life a lot easier for the repeater technical crew. Two meters on the front panel provide means for making a quick check of the entire system without the need to remove a single screw. The first meter can be switched between EXCITER RF, FINAL RF and RECEIVED SIGNAL STRENGTH. The second permits reading of the 5-V SUPPLY VOLTAGE, 12-V SUPPLY VOLTAGE, EXCITER CURRENT and FINAL AMPLIFIER CURRENT. MONITOR VOLUME, SQUELCH, REPEATED AUDIO, HANG TIME and TIME OUT can all be adjusted with controls located on the front panel. An ac line fuse holder is also found on the front panel. A push-button switch turns the ac power on and off (as with the other switches on the

panel, this one is illuminated when activated). The control operator can either inhibit the COR or simulate it with another pair of push-button switches. Another switch provides for manually keying the i-d circuitry. A final push-button switch will inhibit the transmitter when activated (illuminated). The switch will also light when the transmitter has been inhibited remotely. The switch (local control) can override the remote inhibit, but a remote reset will not override a local inhibit. Another indicator illuminates with an incoming signal.

The owner's manual for the SCR 1000 is a pleasure to read. Aside from explaining the functioning of the repeater circuitry in detail, the manual provides general information on repeater operation and general troubleshooting of the system — not just the repeater itself. Solutions are suggested for several commonly encountered problems. Complete technical specifications, schematic diagrams and alignment data are provided.

Although the unit came with a built-in (optional) autopatch circuit, we were unable to give it a test at the repeater site. (Because of conditions beyond our control, we were unable to get a telephone line installed at the repeater site.)

Users have found the SCR 1000 delightful. It was a sad day when we boxed the SCR 1000 up to ship back to the factory and brought the "clunker" out of storage. Price class for the SCR 1000 is \$1600; for the CTCSS option, \$120; for the autopatch, \$600. Additional information can be obtained from Spectrum Communications Corp., 1055 W. Germantown Pike, Norristown, PA 19401. — Peter O'Dell, KB1N

CUSHCRAFT CORPORATION 40-2CD 40-METER SKYWALKER YAGI

□ Most amateurs who take their contesting seriously eventually ask themselves the following question: "What can I do about 40 meters?" Why 40 in particular? Well, it's on this band that the Sweepstakes is won and lost, and it's on this band that the outcome of most cw DX contests is decided. Forty is the one band where nine times out of 10 the average dipole or inverted V just doesn't "cut the mustard." Most successful contest stations have gain antennas on 40 for two reasons: The added signal strength puts them a cut above the rest in the pileups, and the front-to-back and front-to-side ratios help get rid of some of the trash that makes hearing the weak ones so difficult.

What kind of gain antenna to use depends on several factors. A vertical array is nice, but an extensive ground system is essential if it's going to be effective. And often the radiation angle is so low that a vertical system isn't optimum. Fixed wire beams and quads are popular too, but they're only good in one or two directions. Eventually, the choice becomes clear: Some sort of rotatable horizontal antenna is the solution.

Again, the would-be 40-meter "big gun" is faced with a bewildering number of options. Currently on the market are full-sized 2- and 3-element Yagis, 2-element quads and shortened 2, 3, 4 and 5-element Yagis. The full-sized antennas offer good bandwidth and gain. They are also large and heavy, often requiring use of spacial towers, masts and rotators. The shortened beams are lighter and somewhat smaller, but many are a compromise in terms of performance and SWR characteristics.

Enter Cushcraft Corporation's most recent addition to its line of hf "Skywalker" antennas. Designated the 40-2CD, this 2-element beam

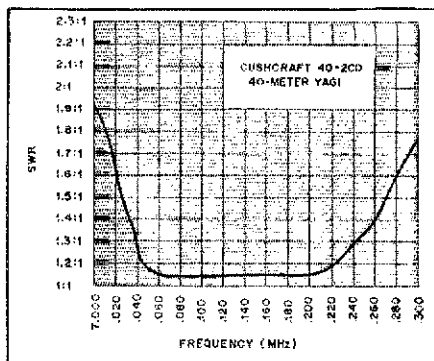


Fig. 2 — SWR curve of the Cushcraft 40-2CD 40-meter Yagi.

offers good performance in a practical package. The antenna consists of a driven dipole element and a reflector element mounted on a 22-foot boom. Each element is shortened to approximately 43 feet through the use of loading coils and small capacitance hats. A 3-element 40-meter beam of similar design has been described in the ARRL Handbook for the past several years.

The antenna is made from high quality, polished-aluminum stock. The boom consists of four separate pieces. The center section is made from two 2-1/8 inch OD pieces joined by a coupler at the boom-to-mast plate. A 56-inch-long piece of 2-inch-OD stock is inserted into each end of the center section to complete the boom. The larger-diameter tubing is slotted at each junction, and a steel worm gear-type hose clamp holds the sections together securely.

Each element is made from telescoping sections of tubing. Reflector halves are joined at the boom by a 3-foot length of 1-3/8 inch OD tubing. Driven element halves are joined at the boom by a black plastic insulator tube that is 8 inches long. Element tubing decreases from 1-1/4 inches OD at the center to 1/2-inch OD at the tip.

The elements are secured to the boom by 1/4-inch-thick aluminum plates and U bolts. These plates have grooves machined in them to help prevent element twisting. The 1/4-inch-thick boom-to-mast plate and associated U bolts and saddles provided by Cushcraft will accommodate masts up to 2-1/8 inches OD. A boom brace made from aluminum tubing runs from the mast to the ends of the boom to provide support.

The hardware provided with the beam is all first-rate. What isn't stainless steel or aluminum is well-plated and should hold up without rusting for a long time. In addition to the construction steps outlined in the owner's manual, I coated the telescoping tubing sections with conductive grease at each junction to prevent aluminum-oxide buildup, which can cause antenna performance to deteriorate over the years. I also coated the threads of every screw with noncorrosive silicon sealant to prevent any vibration from loosening the nuts. Plastic end caps for the boom and elements completed the installation.

The antenna went together in about three hours. The instruction manual is fine. Cushcraft seems to subscribe to the theory that a picture is worth a thousand words; the clearly labeled detailed drawings left no questions in my mind as to which bolt went where. My only complaint is that four of the hose clamps were missing from

¹m = ft × 0.3048; mm = in. × 25.4;
km = miles × 1.609.

Cushcraft Corporation 40-2CD 40-Meter Yagi

Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Boom length: 22.3 feet.
Longest element: 43 feet.
Turning radius: 24 feet.
Assembled weight: 44 pounds (20 kg).
Wind surface area: 6.38 ft.²
Frequency coverage: 7.0-7.3 MHz.
Bandwidth (2:1 VSWR): 200 kHz.
Material: 6063-T832 seamless tubing.

Measured by ARRL

As specified.
As specified.
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Not measured.
As specified.
See Fig. 2.

the parts package. Although Cushcraft is very good about sending replacements for missing or damaged pieces, I decided to purchase replacements at a local hardware store to save time.

It took Gary Hitchner, WA2OMY, and me about half an hour to install the completed antenna atop 100 feet of Rohn 25. We installed the antenna in one piece. Gary pulled a rope rigged through a pulley on the mast while I followed the antenna up and fished it around guy wires. The relatively light weight and small size of the antenna made it an easy job. Caution should be taken, however, to watch the capacitance hats at the element tips. They do tend to get caught on guy wires, and too much bending and twisting could detach them.

The completed antenna is mounted on a no. 4130 seamless steel tubing mast about 5 feet below a 3-element 20-meter monobander. It is fed through a 12-turn decoupling choke made from RG-8/U cable, as suggested in the manual. The feed line is 165 feet of RG-8/U. Physically, the antenna is about the same size as the 20-meter beam. The elements do droop some, caused in part by the weight of the loading coil assemblies, but this hasn't caused any problem.

In the construction manual, Cushcraft gives three options for the resonant antenna frequency: 7.025 (cw), 7.140 (middle) and 7.220 (phone). I assembled mine for the middle of the band. The resultant SWR curve (Fig. 2) was obtained using a Bird Thru-line wattmeter connected at the antenna end of the feed line. As the curve shows, my transmitter is extremely happy on both cw and phone! This type of SWR curve is not characteristic of some of the other shortened 40-meter beams on the market, but other 40-2CD owners have had similar results.

On-the-air performance of the antenna is excellent. Transmitted signal reports confirm that the antenna works significantly better than a dipole at 70 feet. Observations on receive indicate significant nulls off the side and back of the antenna. Perhaps the biggest thrill is being able to hear the many weak signals that are inaudible on the dipole.

During the three-month evaluation period (October through December 1982), more than 110 different countries were worked with the antenna. It acquitted itself well during the CQ Worldwide DX Contests and the ARRL CW Sweepstakes. Although we have had no ice yet at the time this is written, the antenna has weathered several storms with winds in excess of 50 mph with no apparent problems. The antenna still works as well as it did when first installed.

I would highly recommend this antenna to anyone looking for that added "something" on 40, but who doesn't have the desire or resources to install a full-sized antenna. The 40-2CD lists for \$380. Manufacturer: Cushcraft Corporation, P.O. Box 4680, Manchester, NH 03108. — Mark Wilson, AA2Z

VIBROPLEX "BRASS RACER" AND EK-1 PADDLES

□ Many electronic-keyer-paddle designs have appeared in the past 10 years or so. Each manufacturer tries a new approach to certain aspects of paddle construction: base material, paddle shape and material, type (single lever or iambic), tensioning method and overall weight. The Vibroplex Co.'s latest entries, the Brass Racer and the EK-1, are fashioned after the former HAMCO "Scotia" design.² The two models discussed here are constructed of hardwood, polished brass, steel and molded plastic.

Triangular paddles are used in the "Racer" — similar to the Bencher and HAL "FYO" designs. Fig. 3 is a close-up of the pivoting system; it is similar to that of the Bencher and incorporates locking screws to prevent the paddles from flying apart (remember that malady, "FYO" owners?). Paddle tension is adjusted by two permanent magnets mounted just behind the paddle arms. (Ten-Tec uses a similar tensioning scheme in one of their designs, although it uses electromagnets.) One word of caution when adjusting the tension: *Do not* pull the magnets out of their holes. There is a tiny spring and a small plastic ball that keep tension on the magnet. These parts will fly out of the paddle, and may be impossible to locate. The paddles come with a 2-foot, three-conductor cord and an unattached 1/4-inch phone plug.³

The EK-1 has a Curtis 8044 IC keyer built into the base. A pc-mount potentiometer is used as the SPEED control, and it protrudes through the right-hand side of the keyer base. The keyer is powered by an internal 7.5-V battery (EP-175) that the manufacturer claims should have a life-time of up to 12 months under average use. To gain access to the battery or keyer, two recessed, bottom-mounted screws must be removed.

The keyer is constructed on a single-sided, glass-epoxy pc board. No battery polarity markings were on the board of the review unit, but the manufacturer has stated that later production models do have such identification. The instruction sheet does caution that the positive terminal be placed toward the SPEED control potentiometer.

Adjusting sending speed is a bit awkward, especially when sending with your right hand. Also, the potentiometer movement is stiff, and precise speed control settings are made difficult. Employing a centrally mounted miniature rotary control might be preferred.

The EK-1 is wired as a "right-handed" keyer. The dot and dash contact posts are connected to foils on the pc board, and no provisions have been made to swap the dot/dash keyer inputs to the opposite posts.

Initially, the review EK-1 wouldn't send over

²Product Review, Dec. 1978 QST.

³mm = in. × 25.4

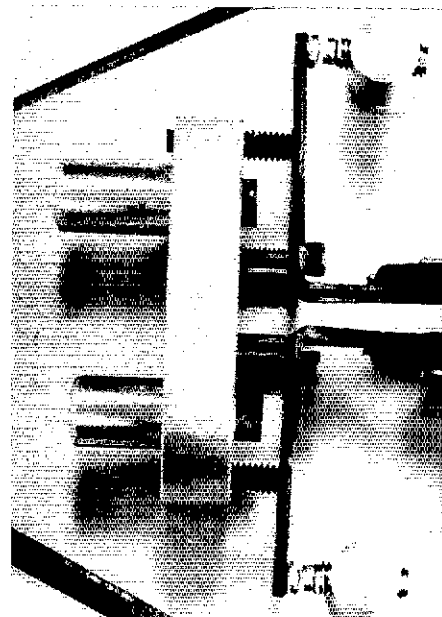


Fig. 3 — A close-up of the Vibroplex paddle.

20 wpm. A 150-k Ω board-mounted fixed-value resistor in series with the SPEED control had to be changed to 47 k Ω to reach the higher sending speeds. This, too, is a production-line change incorporated in later models.

Output line keying is accomplished by means of an MJE-350 high-voltage pnp transistor. The collector and emitter are "floating," enabling the single transistor to be used to key both positive and negative key-line voltages by correctly connecting the shield and center conductor of the two-conductor output line to the transmitter. A diode placed across the output line serves to protect the transistor in case the wrong polarity is inadvertently used. The transistor has a V_{CEO} rating of 300 V and should handle key-line voltages found in most amateur equipment. The presence of a 50-V disc-ceramic capacitor across the output line surprised us, but no problems occurred when keying a TS-820S with a key-line voltage of —65.

Although the Curtis IC has provisions for weighting control and sidetone output, these functions are not used with the EK-1. Weighting could be changed, however, by altering the value of a fixed-value resistor across pins 15 and 16 of the IC.

The paddles have a different feel, but we found them easy to adjust, and soon became comfortable with the light touch required to operate them. The heavy weight of the paddle prevents it from "walking" across the operating desk. Wood, brass and black metal are combined to make an attractive addition to any ham shack. For those with a crowded operating position, the EK-1 will free up a little extra desk space.

The Brass Racer and EK-1 are available from The Vibroplex Co., Inc., P.O. Box 7230, 476 Fore St., Portland, ME 04112. Price class: Brass Racer, \$75; EK-1, \$110. — Paul K. Pagel, N1FB and Gerry Hull, AK4L

MICROCRAFT CODE*STAR READER KIT

□ In the last few years, it has become common practice for many hams to abandon the quiet murmur of clanging gears and the sweet

fragrance of stale machine oil associated with mechanical RTTY equipment in favor of the ubiquitous home computer with an RTTY or cw send/receive program. As the price of microprocessor chips dropped, it became conceivable to build a dedicated "reader" around these chips. Such is the Microcraft Code*Star.

The amazingly compact unit (7-3/4 × 5-3/4 × 3-3/8 inches) houses a dedicated microprocessor chip, eight multisegment LED readout chips and all the circuitry needed for filtering audio signals and translating them into logic levels the microprocessor can understand.* Only about half of the circuit board is used; the rest is reserved for adding an optional ASCII output port — and there is plenty of room inside for building in an ac-operated supply or installing the otherwise necessary 12-V battery.

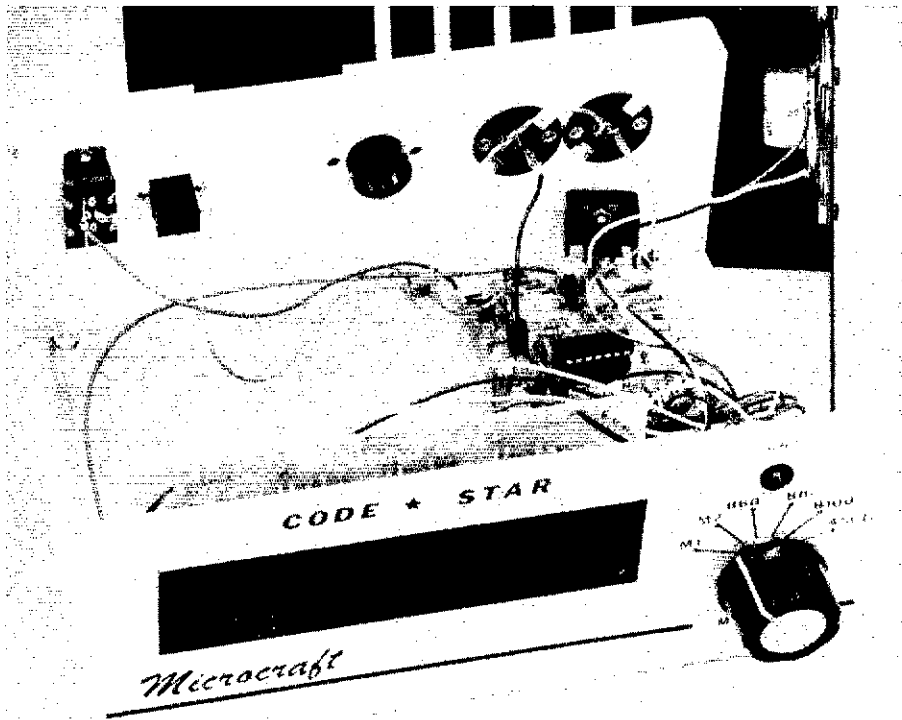
The obvious question, then, is: "If it is so small and has so few parts, does it work?" The answer is yes, it does work — and I think it works well, considering the cost. There are a few drawbacks to using the unit, though. Several other staffers used the Code*Star briefly during the review period. The most often heard complaint was that at the higher speed settings (110-baud ASCII and 100-wpm Baudot), the user found it difficult to read the display as the letters shifted left from one display unit to the next. I did not find this to be a problem, but I am a speed reader and found it easy to follow the characters on the display as long as I used a soft focus. That is simply a matter of training and conditioning.

A somewhat more serious complaint is that the unit tends to "false" on sloppy code and on good code if another signal is in the passbands of the internal filters or the receiver filters. Careful tuning, additional filtering, lowering the receiver volume-control setting and similar measures can be used to minimize the effects of other signals in the passband, but nothing short of the vengeance of T.O.M. can abolish sloppy code. Fading band conditions also tend to disrupt the functioning of the Code*Star.

Provisions are made for connecting a key (or keyer) to a special input of the Code*Star for sending practice. It is a truly humbling experience to watch the machine display what you are *actually* sending!

Six modes of operation are available to the Code*Star user. M1 and M2 copy cw; M1 utilizes "heavy filtering" and has a speed range of 3 to 33 wpm, while M2 has light filtering and a speed range of from 3 to 70 wpm. Using my (memory) keyer directly into the Code*Star, I found that it copied accurately up to about 85 wpm in the M2 range. Modes M1 and M2 both auto-track, which means they automatically adjust to the speed being received within a few characters. Speed adjustments (but not mode adjustments) are handled by the microprocessor, and there are no manual means for adjusting the speed, save the MODE switch on the front panel.

Baudot (five-level RTTY code) can be copied at three speeds — no need to change those oily gears, just flip the switch. Speeds of 60, 67 and 100 wpm are available. Since amateurs tend to use either 60 or 100 wpm, I spent very little time using the 67 wpm code. It is on hand for those who like to listen to RTTY stations found outside the amateur bands.



As with the Baudot mode, I found it rather tricky to tune in an ASCII station (despite the tuning indicator LED on the front panel). I understand from friends who are RTTY addicts that this is one of the curses of the mode. Once I found the proper receiver dial setting, the Code*Star functioned beautifully. After some practice, it did seem to become considerably easier to tune stations in. With these modes, the only glitches occurred during deep signal fades or when interfering signals were in the passbands. (The perfection of mere machines will never conquer the human tendency to err. Some RTTY operators compensate for their mechanically flawless sending and receiving equipment with terrible spelling and atrocious grammar.)

The Code*Star kit is intended for intermediate to advanced builders. Microcraft offers to refund the purchase price minus a handling charge for any unassembled kit within 10 days of the original shipping date if the purchaser feels he or she is not able to construct the kit. The Code*Star is available in assembled form at a slightly higher price.

The kit instructions are straightforward, and there are only 3-1/2 pages of them. That is a little misleading, though. The second instruction is, "Install all fixed resistors and solder. Save scrap leads." There are nearly 60 resistors. An average kit builder could expect to complete the kit over a weekend.

The microprocessor, three support ICs and six transistors are installed on the main board. A second board, mounted perpendicular to the main board, holds the displays and drivers. The two boards are attached with several jumpers made from the scrap leads saved in step 2. Both boards have parts-placement guides silk-screened onto the front sides to aid construction.

All parts except the custom microprocessor are covered by a 90-day warranty. According to the manual, the custom microprocessor is "100% tested and burned-in. However, it can be damaged by mishandling and incorrect voltages

and therefore is not included in the warranty."

Initially, the Code*Star did not function correctly. I returned it to the factory, and they found I had installed a transistor backward. Afterward, it *usually* functioned okay, but there were times I couldn't get it to copy anything. My initial assumption was that rf was affecting it (I was using it in the ARRL lab while W1AW was on the air). That assumption proved incorrect. Finally, after a few months of sporadic failure, it "died." Back to the factory, where the technicians found a faulty capacitor in the input circuit. Apparently, it had intermittently failed. They replaced the capacitor, and I have experienced no more problems with the unit. Microcraft reports that this was a highly unusual failure.

In my opinion, the unit has a lot of value per dollar. It does a reasonably good job of copying cw, Baudot and ASCII. It is small, lightweight and convenient to use, having no external controls other than the MODE switch and the ON/OFF switch. To connect it to the receiver, one merely plugs a jumper into the headphone output of the receiver. A tuning LED indicates when you are "in the ballpark" while tuning in a station.

When the unit is in use, receiver audio is passed to a 2-inch speaker in the Code*Star. At times, I would have preferred having the ability to use headphones and the Code*Star. The volume control is a pc-mounted trimmer potentiometer that is accessible only by removing the cover. Both of these shortcomings could be remedied with a couple of minor circuit modifications. (Gee, I've got 20 minutes, a 25-k Ω volume control and a phone jack. Think I'll go turn the soldering iron on!)

Price class of the Code*Star kit is \$160; wired, \$220. The optional ASCII output port kit has a price class of \$60; wired, \$80. Additional information can be obtained from Microcraft Corporation, P.O. Box 513Q, Thiensville, WI 53092, tel. 414-241-8144. — Peter O'Dell, KB1N

*mm = in. × 25.4.

W5LFL: First Ham in Space

Ever work an Astronaut aboard an orbiting spacecraft? Not likely! Here's your chance.

By Roy Neal,* K6DUE

“W5LFL, from the flight deck of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.” Those exciting words came a step closer to reality when ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, and other ARRL officials, accompanied by Vern Riportella, WA2LQQ, President-Elect of AMSAT, went to Houston on May 17 for a meeting with Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, and a team of NASA officials and engineers.

NASA has granted permission for Garriott, an Advanced class amateur and electrical engineer, to carry a 2-meter transceiver on the flight of STS-9. The Space Shuttle is now scheduled for a nine-day mission to be launched on September 30. He will operate up to an hour a day with the understanding that his hamming will not interfere with his work as an astronaut.

The *Columbia* is now at the Kennedy Space Center, being modified to carry the European Spacelab 1. The flight path, at an inclination of 59°, will carry it over most of the heavily populated areas on earth.

It was agreed that W5LFL will operate on the low end of the 2-meter band, between 144 and 146 MHz. Many foreign amateurs are restricted to those frequencies.

Garriott will transmit on several preannounced frequencies and listen for replies on perhaps a dozen others. He will probably transmit for one minute, identifying himself and the stations he has been able to copy. Then he will listen for a minute, logging calls received. Exact transmit and receive frequencies and format will be announced once they are determined.

He will fly at an altitude of around 155 miles, with a speed of some 17,000 miles an hour. This will permit line-of-sight communication up to 8 minutes over most locations on the flight path. Orbital tracks and times also will be made available and disseminated widely.

NASA engineers estimate that small gain antennas will be needed to ensure good reception. Designs will be suggested for



The STS-9 NASA Space Shuttle-Amateur Radio project is one step closer to reality. Meeting recently at Johnson Space Center in Houston to work out the details were (l to r): AMSAT Executive Vice President WA2LQQ, NBC Science Editor K6DUE, ARRL Satellite Program Manager W9KDR, ARRL President W4KFC, ARRL Public Information Coordinator KB1N, and NASA Astronaut W5LFL. (NASA photo)



During a tour of the Shuttle trainer, Astronaut W5LFL shows ARRL Public Information Coordinator KB1N the window where the antenna will be mounted in the *Columbia*. (NASA photo)

simple, inexpensive construction. Garriott, by the way, will probably use a special

helical type of antenna on a printed-circuit board, built by NASA and constructed to mount in one of the windows at the rear of the flight deck. He will probably use 5 W on fm and may even try to pound brass for a few cw contacts.

He will use his astronaut's mini-cassette recorder to tape all activity, including the signals received. This will constitute the log of amateur space station W5LFL. The League will act as his QSL manager, and cards will acknowledge listener reports as well as QSOs.

There are many details still to be worked out, but the teams are now at work to coordinate the effort to write some pioneering history into the annals of Amateur Radio with the first ham in space, Dr. Owen Garriott, W5LFL, this fall. Stay tuned for the "how to" details. They'll be released soon by NASA, AMSAT and the ARRL.

*c/o NBC News, 3000 West Alameda Ave., Burbank, CA 91523

International Youths Delight in Amateur Radio

Think of the possibilities Amateur Radio offers for international goodwill! Here is a program that combines the two, and does so in the best of environments — summer camp.

By Clayton Jones,* N4GZY

With my trusty transceiver packed carefully away in my old VW van and an antenna mast tied to the roof rack, I arrived last July at the Legacy International Youth Program near Bedford, Virginia. I was greeted enthusiastically by friends there, both staff members and children from previous summer sessions, who escorted me to a room near the swimming pool. This was to be the radio shack for the next two weeks, headquarters for DXing and classroom sessions, and the hub of excitement for the entire Legacy community.

The Legacy Program was founded by J. E. Rash, KB4DWV, and is sponsored by the Institute for Practical Idealism. It is a unique summer experience for young people ages 9-18. The program is designed to bring youths from widely varying cultural, racial and social backgrounds into one community where they can work together at learning how to understand each other and how to live in harmony with people very different from themselves.

During those two weeks last year, 31 children from 10 countries and five continents experienced Amateur Radio for the first time. Excitement ran high as we made our first DX contact, with Austria. Red pins went into the U.S. and world maps on the wall. Small faces pored over the atlas day and night. A globe and string were used for azimuth bearings, and a compass for hand-turning the mast and beam. Code-practice oscillators were built, and the blackboard became filled with component symbols, dipole formulas and other such Novice fare.

The shack became a stopping off place to and from the pool. Bright, eager faces would peer in through the screen door to see what was going on. "Russia! They contacted Russia!" By dinner time every even-



One of the 31 young people from five continents and 10 countries who participated in the Legacy Youth International Summer Camp Amateur Radio program last year. The author is in the background.

ing, word would get around the entire community about our latest QSOs.

Communication is an important factor in the entire Legacy Program. Activities are geared to awaken youthful potential for exciting, creative personal growth. For example, in addition to Amateur Radio, participants explore computer and video technologies.

The official purposes of the Amateur Radio Service harmonize beautifully with Legacy concepts and ideals. Our hopes for the Amateur Radio program at Legacy were expressed perfectly by Richard Baldwin, W1RU, President of the International Amateur Radio Union, in his address to the Japan Amateur Radio League in Tokyo last October: "I would like to see the DX capability of Amateur Radio be used for more than just obtaining a QSL card from rare countries. Just think what a wonderful influence 1 million or 5 million radio amateurs can have toward interna-

tional friendship and understanding . . . I think that we are not yet making full use of that capability."¹

Amateur Radio is at a turning point, and youth involvement is the axis of rotation. The hobby is the only pastime that not only reaches deep into the most modern technologies, but does so to expand communication and understanding among people, and develop goodwill between nations. It is the ideal medium through which international boundaries may be transcended. During the Legacy camp, these ideals are realized to the benefit of both the participants and the hobby.

Special-Event Station

This summer, in keeping with the 1983 World Communications Year, the foundation will be laid for a Legacy International Youth Amateur Radio and computer network. Its purpose is to allow Legacy participants to promote dialogue among world youth on important issues, and to bring these young people into contact with scientists, experts in various fields and world leaders, as well as their peers.

Listen for us on the bands this summer as a special-event station, transmitting from the Legacy International Youth Program. We will probably spend a good bit of time on 20-meter phone and on the Novice bands. We'll be on the air during the day, some evenings and, of course, late at night, DXing after the campfire burns low.

Anyone who would like more information should contact Dr. Ira Kaufman, Executive Director, 1141 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington, VA 22201, tel. 703-522-1407.

Clayton Jones, N4GZY, is a professional musician who owns and operates Southcoast Music in West Palm Beach, Florida. He has been on the Legacy International Youth Program staff for three years.

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¹International News, Dec. 1982 QST, p. 71

Disaster Strikes Amateur Operation in Texas

By Arthur Kay,* W5APX

"The airport terminal roof is caving in. We are moving out," a voice crackled over the 2-meter repeater. The warning fell on anxious ears as radio amateurs stationed inside the Jackson County Airport terminal scurried for safety. Moments later, the roof came crashing down. One amateur didn't make it out alive.

No one could have predicted this tragic turn of events. After all, for the past three years, members of the Port Arthur (Texas) ARC have provided communications, without any major problems, during the Bum Phillips Celebrity Golf Tournament (named for the head coach of the National Football League New Orleans Saints). And the forecast for the weekend, although it included rain, never even hinted at the violent weather ahead. Set up some portable stations, scout around with some hand-holds, pass some traffic; just a routine operation, for a good cause — some of the Tournament proceeds go to the Thomas W. Hughen Center, a nonprofit organization in Port Arthur that has been providing services to physically disabled children and adults since 1939.

Things went smoothly Friday morning, May 20, as the volunteer drivers were kept busy chauffeuring celebrities from the airport to their motels. During the afternoon, one of the drivers, Arthur "Pete" Vela, K5YLU, arrived at the airport with Darrell Holland, WD5GJP. They checked in with Virginia Nutt, KA5MEQ, the airport liaison for the event, and waited for arriving Tournament celebrities.

At about 2:30 P.M., our local weather bureau became concerned about the weather conditions. About 15 minutes later, the bureau issued a tornado watch and SKYWARN was activated on the 147.90/30 repeater. As most of our amateurs were involved in the celebrity operation using the 146.625/025 repeater, it fell to Barnette Singleton, KB5SY, our Emergency Coordinator, and me to function as a net. KB5SY was net control and I was his observer.

The weather bureau called again at 3 P.M., stating that a violent-looking cell was developing 30 miles away. They told us to



Rescue workers rummage through the debris of the collapsed Jackson County (Texas) Airport terminal, where radio amateur Arthur "Pete" Vela, K5YLU, lost his life. (Port Arthur News photo)

find an observation point from which to watch the approaching storm. A few minutes after I arrived at the observation point, the cell found me. All hell broke loose with winds of up to 125 mph, hail the size of golf balls and total darkness that was broken only by the flashing of fallen power lines. No funnel was sighted. The weather bureau was notified, and they notified the state police and the power companies.

Communication lines to various ambulance and other public services were damaged. Also, the weather bureau and our net control lost power temporarily, so I switched over to the 146.625/025 repeater just in time to hear WD5GJP on his hand-held radio saying that the airport terminal roof was caving in. A few moments later, he came on again saying, "The roof has fallen in. We got Virginia [KA5MEQ] and Brenda [a nonham] out, but we can't find Pete." The women had run for the back exit and were safe. It is thought that Pete had hesitated in his run to safety and looked to see where the women were; in that instant, the roof came crashing down, killing him.

The emergency power at the weather bureau and the net on 147.90/30 were restored, and the celebrity operation resumed. As word spread as to what had hap-

pened, more hams came aboard. KB5SY and Ron Crowe, KB5SZ, our club president and net control for the 146.625 repeater, started coordinating the operations to provide the best balance of services.

Our group and all of hamdom have lost a devoted amateur and friend. It seems that in all our training to try to save the lives and property of others we somehow lost one of our own. We will now try to study more effective ways to ensure our own safety as well as the success of future operations.

Bum Phillips, shocked and saddened by Pete's death, started a fund with a personal donation of \$1000 to purchase, in Pete's name, a special communications room at the Hughen Center as a memorial. Also, we have received word that the New Orleans Saints football team has donated \$3000 to the fund. The goal is \$40,000, to be used to equip the room with the technology needed to teach those who can't converse verbally to communicate with others using Morse code and Amateur Radio as well as computers. Those wishing to contribute to the Pete Vela, K5YLU, fund should make their donations, which are tax-deductible, payable to "Fund for Benefit of Hughen Center," c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box 651, Port Arthur, TX 77640. [QRT]

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- *Nominations Open for Board Representatives*
- *Scholarship News — Goldwater, Hadlock*
- *More 10-M Repeater Frequencies Proposed*

League Members To Choose Board Representatives

"Newington" doesn't dictate what the League will and will not do — you do! As a Full member, your voice determines the direction of ARRL policy. This fall, members of the Atlantic, Canadian, Dakota, Delta, Great Lakes, Midwest, Pacific and Southeastern Divisions will choose directors and vice directors to represent their interests on the ARRL Board of Directors for two-year terms beginning January 1, 1984.

ARRL Divisions

The policies of the League are established by 16 directors, who are elected on a geographical basis to represent their divisions and constituents on the Board (see page 8 of any *QST* for a list of the divisions, directors and vice directors). These directors serve for two-year terms, with half standing for election in alternate years. Just as in national, state or provincial politics, the voters/members have the privilege and responsibility either to decide they like the actions of their incumbent representatives and support them actively for reelection, or to decide that other representatives could do a better job and work for the election of those persons. At the same time directors are elected, vice directors, who can fill in when the director is unable to serve, are also chosen.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for director and vice director in the Atlantic, Canadian, Dakota, Delta, Great Lakes, Midwest, Pacific and Southeastern Divisions for the two-year term beginning January 1, 1984. From now until August 20 at noon, League headquarters will accept nominating petitions signed by 10 or more Full members of a division, naming a Full member of that division as a candidate for director or vice director.

The candidate must submit information (on a form provided by Headquarters) that will allow the Executive Committee to determine the eligibility of the candidate in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association and By-Laws, and a statement of not more than 300 words setting forth the candidate's qualifications. The statement will be included with the ballot mailed to members and will be reprinted without content editing; if the statement as submitted exceeds 300 words, the first 300 words will be used. The statement must not contain any derogatory reference to any person or entity. The candidate must also submit an accompanying signed statement certifying that the information is true to the best of the candidate's knowledge

and belief. Any willful violation of this statement will be grounds for disqualification by the Executive Committee.

The nominee must hold at least a General class amateur license or a Canadian Advanced Amateur Certificate, must be at least 21 years of age, and must have been licensed and a Full member of the League for a continuous term of at least four years immediately prior to the election. No person is eligible whose business connections are of such nature that he or she could gain financially through the shaping of the affairs of the League by the Board, or by the improper exploitation of his or her office for the furtherance of his or her own aims or those of his or her employer. The primary test of eligibility is the candidate's freedom from commercial or govern-

"The future of the League is in your hands. Come election time, vote!"

mental connections of such nature that his or her influence in the affairs of the League could be used for his or her private benefit. The idea behind these rules is to ensure that candidates (1) possess a lasting interest in Amateur Radio and the League (2) have the legal capacity to make decisions for ARRL and (3) are free from conflicts of interest.

Balloting Will Follow

Whenever there is more than one candidate for either office, ballots will be sent to all Full members of the League in that division who were in good standing on September 10. (You must be a licensed radio amateur to be a Full member.) The ballots will be mailed not later than October 1, and to be valid, must be received at Hq. by noon on Monday, November 21. A group of nominators can name a candidate for director or vice director, or both, but there are no "slates" as such — each candidate appears on the ballot in alphabetical order. If a person is nominated for both director and vice director, the nomination for director will stand, and that for vice director will be void. A person nominated for both offices does have the option, however, of declining the higher nomination and running for vice director if he or she wishes. Since all the powers of director are transferred to the vice director in the event of the director's death, resignation, recall, removal outside the

division or inability to serve, careful selection of candidates for vice director is just as important as for director.

Nominating Form

The following form for nomination is suggested; it may be copied onto any paper, or a blank following this form may be obtained from headquarters upon request:

Executive Committee
The American Radio Relay League
Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned, Full members of ARRL residing in the . . . Division, hereby nominate . . . of . . . as a candidate for director; and we also nominate . . . of . . . as a candidate for vice director from this division for the 1984-1985 term.

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

Nominees, or indeed any member, may obtain a copy of the Articles of Association and By-Laws, along with a pamphlet outlining the duties and responsibilities of elected League officials.

Absentee Ballots

All ARRL members who are licensed by FCC or DOC but are temporarily residing outside the U.S. or Canada are eligible for Full membership. Those members overseas who arrange to be listed as Full members in an appropriate division prior to September 10 will be able to vote this year where elections are being held. Members with APO and FPO addresses should take special note of this provision; in the absence of information received to the contrary, ballots will be sent to them based on their postal address.

Even within the U.S., Full members temporarily living outside the ARRL division they consider home may have voting privileges by notifying the secretary prior to September 10 giving their current *QST* address and the reason that another division is considered home. If your home division is in the Atlantic, Canadian, Dakota, Delta, Great Lakes, Midwest, Pacific or Southeastern Divisions, but your *QST* goes elsewhere, please let the ARRL secretary know, as soon as possible, but no later than September 10, so you can receive a ballot for your home division.

The Incumbents

These persons presently hold the offices of director and vice director, respectively, in the divisions conducting elections this year: Atlantic — Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC, and George

*Membership Services Assistant

W. Hippisley, K2KIR; Canadian — Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM and Harry MacLean, VE3GRO; Dakota — Tod Olson, K0TO, and Howard Mark, W0OZC; Delta — Clyde O. Hurlbert, W5CH and Edward W. Dunn, W4NZW; Great Lakes — Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC and George S. Wilson, III, W4OYI; Midwest — Paul Grauer, W0FIR and Claire Richard Dyas, W0JCP; Pacific — William J. Stevens, W6ZM and Jettie B. Hill, W6RFF; Southeastern — Frank M. Butler, Jr., W4RH and Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR.

Petitions need 10 or more signatures of Full members, and are due at Headquarters by noon, August 20. If there is only one candidate for an office, he or she will be declared elected by the Executive Committee; otherwise, ballots will be mailed not later than October 1 to Full members of record September 10. To be valid, ballots must reach Headquarters before noon, November 21. The new term will begin at noon, January 1, 1984.

For the Board of Directors:

June 1, 1983

David Sumner, K1ZZ

Secretary

NEW 10-M REPEATER FREQUENCIES PROPOSED

The Commission has adopted an NPRM in PR Docket 83-485, which would make additional 10-meter frequencies available for amateur repeater operation. The current 29.5-29.7 MHz segment authorized for repeater use would be expanded to include 29.0-29.5 MHz, increasing the number of "channels" from approximately 4 to 17.

The FCC noted that the Further NPRM in Docket 82-83 would expand the 10-m telephony segment to 28.3 MHz, offsetting most of the loss of frequencies to nonrepeater operation caused by this proposal. Further, it specifically requested comments weighing the

- need for the proposed repeater subband expansion;
- impact of the proposed expansion on existing and future repeater and nonrepeater operation;
- acceptability of that impact to the amateur community.

Part 97.16(c) of the Rules would be changed by this proposal to read:

(c) All amateur frequency bands above 29.0 MHz are available for repeater operation, except 50.0-52.0 MHz, 144.0-144.5 MHz, 145.5-146.0 MHz, 220.0-220.5 MHz, 431.0-433.0 MHz, and 435.0-438.0 MHz. Both the input (receiving) and output (transmitting) frequencies of a station in repeater operation shall be frequencies available for repeater operation.

Comments are due on or before July 25, 1983; reply comments on or before August 24, 1983. Formal participants must file an original and five copies of their comments. Participants who wish each Commissioner to have a personal copy of their comments should file an original and 11 copies. Members of the public who wish to express their interest by participating informally may submit one copy. All comments are considered. Each set of comments must state on its face "PR Docket No. 83-485" and be addressed to The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

CB, R/C LICENSING ELIMINATED

Stations in the Radio Control and Citizens Band Radio Services no longer need individual licenses. (See February 1983 QST, p. 63, and March 1983,

p. 58, for background information.) Also, CB stations may now operate legally without station identification (R/C rules permitting such operation are continued), and there are no longer any minimum age requirements.

In a 42-page Report and Order, the FCC emphasized that the Rules must still be followed. (For example, manufacturers are required to pack a copy of CB regulations with each transmitter.) The Commission said that "elimination of individual station licenses in these services would result in no lessening of the operating privileges or responsibilities of R/C and CB users. An operator of an R/C or CB radio station would still be required to comply with the Communications Act and with the rules of each service." All pending R/C and CB applications and any others received by the Commission in the future will not be acted upon.

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the New Mexico, Alabama, Western Massachusetts, Alaska, Santa Barbara, Kansas, Tennessee, Michigan, East Bay and Delaware sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Incumbents are listed on page eight 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, September 9, 1983.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters September 30, 1983. Returns will be counted November 22, 1983. SMs elected as a result of the above procedure will take office January 1, 1984.

If only one valid petition is received for a section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1984.

If no petitions are received for a section by the specified closing date such section will be resolicited in January 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

SM APPOINTMENT

In the Alaska Section, Will Darsey, AL7AC, has been appointed to complete the term (December 31, 1983) of Richard Henry, AL7O (resigned).

In the Colorado Section, Bill Sheffield, KQ0J, has been appointed to complete the term (September 30, 1983) of Larry Steimel, W0ACD (deceased).

PERRY F. HADLOCK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The ARRL Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Perry F. Hadlock Memorial Scholarship Fund, a \$500 annual award, for electrical engineering students/hams. Hadlock, K2IK, was a pioneer in the amateur and commercial communications communities.

He installed one of the first dipole antennas on Admiral Byrd's sea plane, which was used to explore the North Pole. Perry was also a personal acquaintance of Marconi and later worked for David Sarnoff, heading up RCA's Brazilian manufacturing facility for 26 years. Much of the communications equipment used during World War II was manufactured at this facility.

Perry was a member of the ARRL, the Old Old Timers Club, QCWA and, recently, the Magnificent Group Net. Donations to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Perry F. Hadlock may be sent to the ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.



Perry F. Hadlock, K2IK

JESSE BIEBERMAN MEMORIAL MERITORIOUS MEMBERSHIP FUND

Thanks to contributions to the ARRL Foundation's Jesse Bieberman Memorial Fund, memberships in the League are available to disabled or elderly individuals (with long-standing ARRL membership records) who cannot afford to renew on their own accord. Jesse Bieberman, W3KT, past-Director of the Atlantic Division, held a special empathy for the disabled and elderly amateur communities; he often brought this sensitivity to meetings of the ARRL Board. Mrs. Bieberman and the League felt that the Jesse Bieberman Memorial Fund was a particularly fine way to perpetuate his memory.

If you, or someone you know, has accumulated 25 or more years of League member-

ship, is over 65 and/or disabled, and cannot afford membership renewal, please write the ARRL Foundation. All applications will be given every consideration.

MAXIM AWARD AND GOLDWATER SCHOLARSHIP KEYNOTES OF ARRL FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING

An exciting and vital year is in store for the ARRL Foundation thanks to measures taken by its Board of Directors on April 22, 1983. Heading the slate is the announcement of the Foundation's participation in fund raising for the ARRL in its Scholarship Endowment Fund honoring Senator Barry Goldwater. An annual \$5000 award is the target, commencing September 1984.

A revitalized Hiram Percy Maxim Award, to be awarded annually, will honor young people who make outstanding contributions to Amateur Radio. The Foundation has transferred \$1000 to the ARRL in support of the Hiram Percy Maxim Award.

The success story of the Twentieth Anniversary Satellite Fund Drive unfolded: \$100,828 in total donations from 1449 contributors. And, contributions continue to roll in at a steady rate indicating the spirit and enthusiasm for "hams in space."

The Foundation will participate with funding for the new League educational film on the WSLFL Space Shuttle Mission. The aim is youth, with an emphasis on showing connections between Amateur Radio and computer/space science. A \$5000 grant was approved by the Board in support of the project and of the goal of attracting bright, young people to the pursuit of Amateur Radio.

The Board also considered a request for funding from the Courage HANDI-HAM System — the national organization specializing in Amateur Radio services and Radio Camps for the handicapped amateur community. The HANDI-HAMs are looking toward establishing an East Coast Radio Camp (see June 1983 *QST*) and to expand its library of materials for Amateur Radio study. The System is hoping to reach more hams and interested persons with their special resources and skills. The request was referred to a committee for further study and recommendations.

Got a question concerning the ARRL Foundation and its programs? For answers and an attractive information pamphlet, write ARRL Foundation, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. — *Richard Palm, KICE, Assistant Secretary, ARRL Foundation*

MORE ON CUBAN INTERFERENCE

In this column in March 1983 we told you about harmful interference from a beacon-like signal occupying several discrete frequencies in the 1800-1825 kHz amateur band. Amateurs in Florida were particularly affected; in fact, amateur communications in that part of the band were completely disrupted. The FCC sent a telegram of complaint to the Cuban telecommunications authorities. The offending signals abated for a while, but have returned and are causing harmful interference anew to Florida hams.

The FCC has come to our assistance again. This time, since there was no response from Cuba in this matter, it sent a telegram to the International Frequency Registration Board in Geneva, Switzerland. The IFRB serves as the "appeal" agency in such matters. FCC's cable uses the language, "Please be advised this harm-

ful interference has occurred in the past and a notification was sent to Cuba on 3 January 1983. . ."

We'll keep you posted on developments. In the meantime, let us know if the interference persists.

COMPLAINTS BRING RESULTS

Claypoole, ex-N6BII

Saying that it "views malicious interference as a very serious matter," the Commission revoked the station license and affirmed the suspension of the operator license of Harold R. Claypoole, N6BII, of San Diego, California. This action came about as a result of several complaints the FCC had received about Claypoole's operation.

Claypoole has a history of Amateur Radio Service rules violations. His 1961 amateur application was at first denied on the basis of violations. After promising compliance, however, Claypoole was subsequently relicensed.

The current revocation and suspension result from 1982 breaches of Amateur Radio rules. Commission engineers monitored Claypoole "maliciously causing interference to the communications of other operators by making transmissions, including unmodulated carriers, directly on top of the ongoing transmissions of the other operators, broadcasting recorded material including music, and identifying with a false call sign."

During the monitored transmissions, Claypoole repeatedly stated that his purpose was to "cause the Commission to issue him a citation." FCC engineers did then inspect his station. According to the Commission, "Following the inspection Claypoole telephoned the FBI and stated that, if a certain Commission engineer returned to his house, he (Claypoole) would shoot the engineer with a .45 caliber pistol and then hit him over the head with a beer bottle."

Claypoole claimed that he was not at home to make the transmissions. However, the Commission determined that his claims couldn't be believed because the transmissions had been traced to Claypoole's residence and his voice was the same as that recorded on the dates in question. Furthermore, Claypoole mentioned facts in his transmissions that undercut his claims of innocence.

The Commission concluded that Claypoole "willfully and repeatedly violated Sections 97.125, 97.121 and 97.115 of the Rules. His malicious interference, together with his other violations, clearly disqualifies him from holding an amateur license and warrants license revocation and affirmation of suspension." — *FCC Order*

BURBANK UPDATE

The lawsuit being brought by radio amateurs against the City of Burbank, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago) passed an important procedural hurdle on May 20. Federal Magistrate Carl B. Sussman recommended to the U.S. District Court Judge in charge of the case that the case go forward. The City of Burbank earlier had filed a motion to dismiss the case for lack of jurisdiction, but Magistrate Sussman disagreed.

According to Sussman, the radio amateurs and CBers who are plaintiffs in the case "allege that the ordinance and its enforcement violate their rights under the First Amendment, the Equal Protection Clause and the Due Process Clause. These allegations present a direct and essential element of their federal claim. Thus, the Plaintiffs state a claim 'arising under' the Constitution of the United States."

Attorney Jim O'Connell, W9WU, who is representing several named radio amateurs and CBers in a class action suit against the City, is very encouraged. The Magistrate's recommendation means that the City is not going to get off the hook simply by saying that there is no federal jurisdiction of the radio operators' claims.

Persons wishing to help with financial support are invited to send their contributions to The Burbank Tower Fund, c/o Roger Borowski, WA9EKA, Chairman, 6107 West 80th Pl., Burbank, IL 60459. — *W. Dale Clift, WA3NLO*

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER PROPOSAL — ARRL FILES REPLY COMMENTS

On May 19, the League filed its reply comments to clear up some errors and misconceptions that had developed in comments filed by other parties. The ARRL specifically addressed four main issues:

- *League participation as Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.* Some commercial publishers felt that the ARRL is not allowed to participate in the Volunteer Examiner Program because of the "conflict of interest" provisions of PL 97-259. The League pointed out that the law, passed last year, prohibits ARRL Headquarters employees from directly administering tests, but that the legislation actually encourages organizations such as the League to be involved in coordinating the activities of examiners.

- *The availability of sufficient Volunteer Examiners.* Some commenters said that very few radio amateurs are likely to participate in the Volunteer Examiner Program, ignoring the outstanding public record of amateurs who have volunteered considerable time and resources in Novice examining, Amateur Radio class instruction and countless instances of public service communications. The League noted that Extra Class licensees particularly are well aware that much is at stake in running a smooth and honorable examining program, and that their participation is vital. The alternative, drastically reduced test opportunities, is one that radio amateurs definitely do not want.

- *Any examination program costs money.* The League's directors determined at the April 1983 Board meeting (see June 1983 *QST*, p. 60) that the ARRL will participate as the Volunteer Exam Coordinator only if mandatory nominal examination fees are allowed. A nominal fee could cover the costs of printing and distributing the tests, and cover the costs of administering the program. Many individuals who filed comments on this docket also supported the reinstatement of fees.

- *Bureaucratic delays in processing results.* The League, and others, want the present "instant upgrading" procedure continued under the proposed Volunteer Examiner Program, and set forth simple procedures in support of that position. The ARRL also feels that the FCC will need a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator to process the vast quantities of test activity information. The FCC Licensing Branch in Gettysburg is not equipped to have direct contact with hundreds or thousands of individual examiners, thus making the VEC necessary.

The Commission has made it plain that budgetary restrictions in the next fiscal year will result in further drastic cuts in the examination schedules. Therefore, the ARRL urged the Commission to reach a swift decision in establishing the Volunteer Examiner Program. — *Curt Holsoopple, K9CH, Manager, ARRL Volunteer Examiner Program*

Moved and Seconded...

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ARRL Foundation President Bob Chapman, W1QV (left) and ARRL General Manager Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, take a coffee break during a lull in the Board meeting. (photos courtesy W0OZC)



Directors Carey and Sullivan seem absorbed with something or someone out of range of the camera. The complete Minutes of the April Board meeting appear in June QST.

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Band Edges

"How close can I set my dial to the band edge?" is a question asked not only by the beginner, but by experienced amateurs as well. This month, we'll tell you how close you can go to get that rare DX QSL card — and avoid that rare FCC "QSL" card.

Q. I'm an active hf phone DXer. How close to the band edges can I set my VFO?

A. Many factors are involved. A-m double-sideband signals occupy about 6 to 7 kHz of band space, or *bandwidth* — 3 kHz on each side of the carrier (center) frequency. Most amateurs, though, use single-sideband emissions on the popular DX phone bands. Properly generated single-sideband signals have only one discernible sideband and no audible carrier because of strong suppression of the carrier and the unwanted sideband. Thus, to determine where you may set your VFO in relation to the band edge, you must consider (1) which band edge you're near (upper or lower) and (2) which sideband is suppressed. For example, if you're an Extra Class licensee working near the bottom edge of the 20-meter phone band (14.150 MHz) and using the upper sideband, your VFO can be set just inside the band edge if the unwanted lower sidebands are suppressed by at least 40 dB (97.73[a]). The carrier frequency should be located inside the band edge regardless of the level of suppression. The carrier frequency is the frequency of operation and is required to be within the authorized frequency band (97.63[a]). Always allow a margin of safety for possible inaccuracy of your frequency readout.

If you're operating near the top edge (14.350 MHz) with the upper sideband, you must set your VFO dial at least 3 kHz away to accommodate your sideband. Remember, all of your sidebands must be confined within the amateur bands and subbands as applicable (97.63[b]).

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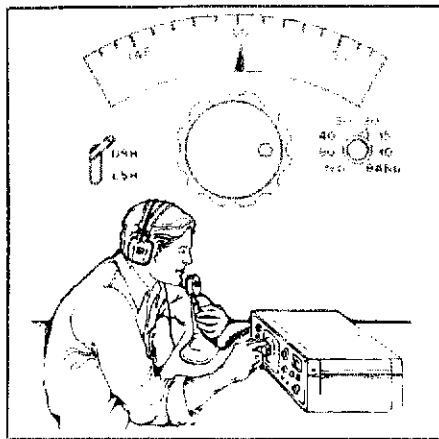
Q. When operating cw, how close to the band edge can I go?

A. The answer depends upon how fast you send your code. The bandwidth of a cw signal in hertz is approximately four times the sending speed in words per minute. For example, if you're honking along at 25 wpm, the signal occupies about 100 Hz of spectrum. So, keep your VFO at least half of the bandwidth away from the band edge: 50 Hz or more. Also, most rigs offset the transmit signal from the receive by 600 to 800 Hz, so this factor should be considered in your final frequency determination. Remember, the faster your fist, the greater space you're taking up on the band!

Bandwidth Limitations

Q. How wide can my voice signal be?

A. For a-m double sideband voice, bandwidth



should not be greater than 7 kHz to be consistent with good engineering and amateur practice. You should take precautions to avoid over-modulating your transmitter so you don't "splatter" and make your signal wider than necessary. Single-sideband signal bandwidth should normally be confined to 3 kHz per good engineering practice (97.78, 2.202). Incidentally, the Commission defines *bandwidth* as the width of the frequency band outside of which the mean power of any emission is at least 26 dB below the average power level of the total emission (97.65[e][3]).

Q. How about my fm voice signal?

A. The bandwidth of an fm voice signal is determined by the audio frequency employed and its amplitude. The only FCC restrictions on fm voice signals apply to operation below 29 MHz, where their bandwidths may not exceed that of an A3 double-sideband emission with the same audio characteristics: about 6 to 7 kHz. Wider fm bandwidths are permitted above 29 MHz. Common fm repeater and repeater-user signals occupy 15 to 25 kHz (16 kHz is the norm) of spectrum, usually depending on the attenuation character of the filter preceding the modulated stage. That is, the carrier frequency deviates off center by 5 kHz on either side, with the rest of the bandwidth occurring from sidebands of the input signal based on the Bessel function distribution. This type of fm operation is generally referred to as 16F3 narrow-band fm and is used almost exclusively by gentlemen's agreement below 450 MHz on the popular repeater areas.

Some repeater transmitters use 7 or 8 kHz of deviation from the center frequency. But, such operation is generally frowned upon by the fm community because more space than necessary is used to carry out the desired communications. The FCC 29-MHz cutoff rule for fm voice bandwidth is found in Section 97.65(c).

TV and Facsimile

Q. Why is fast-scan television not found on the hf bands?

A. Fast-scan television, a mode in which images appear in the same manner as a home broadcast TV, is not found at hf because of the bandwidth limitations. To get across all the information necessary for a fast-moving TV picture, much spectrum is required; so much, in fact, that on the relatively small hf bands other modes of communication would be precluded. Thus, bandwidth limits restrict hf TV operation to the slow-scan variety, whereby images appear as a photograph, or "stop-action," and do not require oodles of band space.

When using a-m or fm TV and facsimile (fax is a method of sending pictures and words for permanent display on paper) below 50 MHz, signals must not be wider than a single-sideband voice emission, about 3 kHz (97.65[d]).

Between 50 and 225 MHz, a-m fax and TV *single-sideband* signals may not be wider than a voice ssb signal, about 3 kHz. A-m fax and TV *double-sideband* signals may not be wider than an a-m double-sideband voice signal, about 6 to 7 kHz, when operating between 50 and 225 MHz. On fm at this segment, 20 kHz is the limit for fax and TV (97.65[e]).

No special bandwidth limits apply above 420 MHz, so you'll find wider bandwidth modes, such as fast-scan television, there. But, remember that in all cases not specifically covered by the rules, the various signals must be used in accordance with good engineering practice. Use state-of-the-art equipment that is properly adjusted. Conserve spectrum!

Digital Codes

Q. What are the bandwidth limits for RTTY modes?

A. Bandwidth limits for digital transmissions are indirectly provided by FCC restrictions on sending speeds. The amount of spectrum employed depends largely upon the speed at which data is transmitted and the frequency shift. The slower the sending speed, the less band space used.

Sending speeds are specified by FCC in terms of baud. Baud rate is the reciprocal of the time of one data pulse in a digital character, e.g., $1/0.022 \text{ seconds} = 45 \text{ baud}$. At hf, where the bands are narrower than their vhf counterparts, sending speeds are more restrictive: 300 baud between 3.5 and 28.0 MHz. Spectrum conservation is the name of the game at hf, as we've seen from our discussion of slow- versus fast-scan television.

The limit for digital transmission between 28 and 50 MHz is 1200 baud; 19.6 kilobaud between 50 and 220 MHz; and 56 kilobaud above 220 MHz, where there is much greater space to play.

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

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tificates and hold them until you have enough for the book of your choice. (The certificates will expire six months from the date issued, though.)

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WIAW ON AMTOR

□ There is no doubt: More than 30 years of amateur activity were packed with lots of excitement. It must have been just the long-time experience which caused the doubts on what happened the eve (local) of April 11 — a day I surely will not forget.

For quite some time I had not logged any RTTY DX contacts. While some European stations tried to satisfy themselves with local "chats," I suddenly heard an AMTOR station calling CQ in mode B and, to my greatest surprise, I clearly copied WIAW, being well aware who is "hidden" behind the call. As fast as this call had appeared, it faded out.

Despite my anger on the missed contact, I remained alerted and my waiting for another half hour paid off for a real exciting event: my first ARQ [Automatic ReQuest] contact with the U.S. since the FCC had "sacrificed" AMTOR on February 22, but also another first with ARRL's WIAW with "Chuck" at the keyboard. He must have been astonished on certain questions I had put to make sure he really was the genuine WIAW. I was rewarded with an excellent QSO with faultless copy until the band faded out again for the rest of that exceptional night.

Another "special" followed the nice contact. I know it would have been easy to deposit the QSL in the bunch of all the thousands in transit from ARRL. No, when I started to bring this story to paper, the postman brought the rare WIAW card. It obviously had been forwarded the fastest possible way. — *Max Suss, HB9JV, Switzerland*

A POSITIVE APPROACH

□ Thank you for including the annual financial statement in May *QST*. I hope that this practice will continue. While the data has always been there for the asking, making it available to everyone through *QST* is the more appropriate and positive approach. — *J. W. Dreher, W2TKG, Baldwinville, New York*

SAY WHAT?

□ The comments attached to membership totals listed on page 56 of the April 1983 *QST* lead me to believe that some ARRL bureaucrat has realized that many amateurs have been priced out of League membership in the quest to promulgate bureaucracy and establishment of the League as a branch of the Federal Government.

Maybe you money-hungry rascals will soon get the message that all amateurs are not rich and the League cannot afford to be all things to all people. — *R. Alton Simpson, WA5TJB, Forrest City, Arkansas*

AH, THE HAM SPIRIT . . .

□ During the night of the recent California earthquake (May 2-3), several people in our newsroom monitored the special "nets" on 40 and 75 meters.

The manager of KOMO walked into the newsroom to listen to the shortwave monitor. He was duly impressed with how ham operators had coordinated the effort. Just as I was telling him my own call letters, an operator in California came on and said, "Get your f---g emergency network off my g---n radio." For the first time since becoming an amateur, I was embarrassed with the association. I listened more that night . . . and heard more of the same. — *Glenn H. Lambert, N0DED/7, Seattle, Washington*

LIDS AND KIDS

□ Either a new operating procedure has just made the scene or maybe I've just not noticed. I refer to the use of KN where it isn't called for.

You often hear two novices in QSO using it. Who but a friend of theirs would want to break in? Whenever I hear it, I wonder just who they think they are. When I was operating from the Greenland Ice Cap I never used it.

What prompted this note was a WB2 who was calling CQ this evening and signing KN. No one answered him. — *David L. Wiesen, K2VX, Newark, New Jersey*

LIDS AND OLDER KIDS

□ I have been listening to many cw operators calling CQ in the Extra Class bands and, in many instances, they have called CQ for at least 20 times and without signing their calls. Then they call CQ again for another 20 times or more, also without signing their calls. Then, when they do, they sign their calls at least six to 10 times with DX. I have listened many times, and then found out they are local stations that sound like DX. I would suggest that any ham calling CQ on cw and also ssb, would call three times and sign twice and repeat the same procedure the same way for a few more times. I bet they will get more results if they do it this way. — *Raymond Van Handle, W2BAI, Passaic, New Jersey*

READ THE SPECS

□ I have been interested in RTTY for some time now and one recurring dissatisfaction among RTTY users bears mention — the frequency stability among the crop of transceivers usually used on the bands by hams is marginal for RTTY. This is especially true with the advent of the MSO, where it is desirable to "listen in" for long unattended periods. A frequency drift of about 100 cycles (or less in many cases) will cause garbled copy or no copy. A check of the specs will immediately show that few modern transceivers have this kind of stability. Many will drift more than this even after a lengthy warm-up, and little can be done to improve the situation in most cases except keep your hand on the tuning knob!

The moral of the story is to look carefully at the frequency-stability specification before you buy that new rig for RTTY. If the rig has good stability, the manufacturer will show it prominently in his specifications. If it isn't so good, he will probably leave it out or express it as "parts per million," which is technically more exact but more difficult for the average ham to interpret. For reference, a drift of one part in 1 million will result in 14 cycles of drift at 20 meters. Many current rigs quote specifications of 20 parts per million or more. — *J. H. Mehaffey, K4IHP, Atlanta, Georgia*

TO LIST OR NOT TO LIST

□ When I first read "DX Lists — Pros and Cons" (Sept. 1982 *QST*), I was absolutely against all DX nets. My views were completely final — DX nets are garbage in the hobby of cleanliness. (You may quote me on that!) Well, not long ago, I pulled out this issue of *QST*, turned to the article and began reading. I have changed indeed! The only statement I found reasonable was W4PTT's: "If a DX station does not want to have a list taken for him or to get on a net, all he has to do is refuse. If one does not want to participate in lists/nets, that's your prerogative." Think about it for a second: The people who are not interested in DX nets won't use them. The people who are interested will use them. It's all very uncontroversial, realistic and simple when you come right down to it. — *Andrew Rieser, KA2MZQ, Bedford, New York*

30 METERS

□ I have just returned from our local ham club meeting where this month's program was entitled "Characteristics of the New 30-Meter Band." This made a very interesting topic, and the ARRL is indeed to be commended for its key role in getting us on this fine new band. Of course, we discussed equipment and the excellent propagation characteristics of 10 MHz, but I was surprised that so much of the discussion centered on the operating traits of the new 30-meter users. One of our elder and most respected members commented, "You had better get on 30 meters now before someone louses it up, because this is the closest thing I have ever seen to real hamming the way it was 30 years ago." At least three other members spoke up to emphasize the real and unexpected joys of working the fine, relaxed operators they are encountering on 10 MHz. There is indeed a noticeable difference!

Since we are constantly lamenting the boorish behavior on our other bands, I wonder if we might learn something constructive here? What makes the operators on 30 meters different and more pleasing? Well, how is 30 different from its adjacent neighbors, 20 and 40 meters? Let's see — no phone operation, 250-W power limitation, generally simple antennas, no contests. That's about it, except that we have encountered very few homebrew rigs, but that is true of all bands nowadays. — *Dave Christie, WB5KFP, Bartlesville, Oklahoma*

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This Ham Takes to the Wild Blue Yonder

Once a department store management trainee, Verne Orr, WA6IOG, has spent much of his working life as a public servant, rising to the position of Secretary of the Air Force, a post he has held since February of 1981. Born and raised in the Midwest, Verne moved with his family from his native Iowa to California at about the time he entered high school. There, he was graduated from Pomona College with a BA degree, and from Stanford University Graduate School of Business with an MBA in 1939. During WW II, he was an ensign in the Supply Corps of the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving in both the American and Pacific theaters. He was released from active duty as a lieutenant in 1945, and six years later was honorably discharged from the Naval Reserve as a lieutenant commander. Following his release from active duty, Verne spent the next 15 years as a partner in his father's new car dealership in Pasadena, and the next three years as president of a savings and loan association. Then-governor of California Ronald Reagan invited Verne to serve as the state's director of motor vehicles, a position he held from 1966 to 1969. He served for a brief time as the state's director of general services, and in January 1970 began a five-year term as California's director of finance. From 1975 to 1980, Verne taught government finance courses at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Public Administration. He achieved national prominence when he served on the Reagan Presidential Campaign Committee and was deputy director of the Office of the President-Elect during the transition.



Holding a model of an F-15A Eagle fighter aircraft, Air Force Secretary Verne Orr, WA6IOG, relaxes for a moment in his Pentagon office. Although his busy work schedule has him QRT, Secretary Orr looks forward to having "the leisurely ragchew" once he returns to the private sector. (U.S. Air Force photo)

QST: How and when did you first become interested in Amateur Radio? What in particular attracted you?

Orr: I became interested in 1959. Our daughter Carolyn was 12, and I thought if she had an Amateur Radio license it would give her an easy way to talk with boys. So, she and I studied together for our Novice licenses. Our son Robert, 10, also became interested, and we all three got our licenses together. Robert and I went on to get our General class licenses, although Carolyn stopped with Novice.

QST: What are your present amateur-related interests and activities? Do you ever get involved with Field Day or contesting, for example?

Orr: Although I am a member of the Pentagon Radio Club and was recently invited to cut the ribbon on the opening of their refurbished shack, my schedule has not permitted participation since assuming my present position. Before coming to Washington, the two activities from which I got the greatest pleasure were contacting stations the night before Field Day, when they were setting

up their new remote locations and there wasn't the jam up or intense hurry to establish contact and move on, and the annual YL-OM contest.

QST: Are there any facets of the hobby you might delve into in the future?

Orr: When I return to a more normal life, my interest in the hobby will be exactly that which I had before coming to work for the Federal government. I have no urge to get into the pileup that accompanies chasing a rare DX station nor to move into satellite communications. I enjoy the leisurely ragchew and the checking out of equipment with other amateurs who have just bought new transmitters or put up new antennas and are anxious to get reports. General Curtis LeMay (W6EZV), known to many amateurs as one of the most outstanding Air Force officers, has a net of friends with whom he communicates regularly, and I very much look forward to joining that net when I can be home in mid-morning, the hour in which he goes on the air.

QST: Do you remember your first on-the-air contact?

Orr: Definitely I do. Our daughter had been given the privilege of keying out the first contact and was exhilarated at holding an intelligible code exchange. I took over the transmitter next, using my call sign, and was immediately called down by her contact who reported to me

that he had just talked to someone at that address and, since it was her station, I should be using her call sign and not my own. For the entire year she was a Novice, she delighted in insisting that I was illegally using my own call sign instead of hers.

QST: What are some other of your most memorable on-the-air experiences?

Orr: The experience I remember best happened to our son Robert. He had just built a Heath 2-meter rig and, when we finally got it working properly, his first contact was only a few blocks away, but it was Herbert Hoover, Jr. Mr. Hoover learned of Bob's age and his interest in Amateur Radio, and invited him to the Hoover residence. Mr. Hoover was extremely generous to Bob and helped him grind some crystals to get added frequencies, and I felt very grateful that a man of his prominence would take that much time to assist a young boy just getting started.

QST: Has Amateur Radio helped you, either with your career or in other ways?

Orr: In my present position as Secretary of the Air Force, I find my knowledge of Amateur Radio exceedingly beneficial. So much of the Air Force involves communications, satellites and radar, that my knowledge is helpful. In addition, it serves as a common introduction when I go into our avionic shops and talk with our technicians.

QST: In the early '60s, the Air Force literally helped launch the amateur satellite program by providing space aboard their rockets for OSCARs 1 through 4. How would you compare the growth of the OSCAR program over the past 20 or so years with commercial efforts in this area? Are launch opportunities in general going to become more difficult to obtain in the future?

Orr: The growth of the OSCAR program has closely paralleled the growth of commercial COMSAT programs, but at a lower level. The satellites have increased tremendously in capability and complexity over the last 20 years, and will make a major jump with the upcoming Phase IIIB satellite launch. This new satellite is computer-controlled, has an apogee kick motor, a peak rf power of 50 W/channel and 128 telemetry channels, and weighs 250 pounds — all in all, a very impressive satellite.

The launch opportunities are decreasing and will probably become more difficult in the future. As the satellites have grown in capability, they have grown in size and weight. They are no longer a small satellite to be "tossed over the side"; they are system drivers, as complex as the potential host. The best opportunity for launch is the Space Shuttle, where weight and size are relatively unconstrained for small, "important" secondary payloads. In this case, "important" is defined as in our interest because of the positive international goodwill created by supporting worldwide Amateur Radio operators. □



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The CRRL Survey

At last, the results of the CRRL Survey! But first a few words on the background. Last December, we were busy preparing a mailing, to twist some arms a bit and get a few more of you to join the League. That mailing was going to every amateur in Canada. It was about then that President Tom Atkins called and said, "Why don't we spend a few dollars and take advantage of the mailing to ask a few questions?" Thus, the CRRL Survey was born.

No, it wasn't a professional survey like the Florida State University Survey done by the League a few years ago. If we had to do it again, we'd likely indulge in some rewording, throw out a question or two and add in others. But the survey did meet our basic objective: to find out about Canadian amateurs — their operating preferences, the organizations they support, the services they use or find useful and their opinions on a number of issues that will likely require decisions in the future.

Were there any surprises? Speaking personally, I expected more amateurs who were younger, and more amateurs interested in fm and repeaters or DX. I was surprised by the number of amateurs who had their Digital licence or were involved in packet radio or OSCAR. Sometimes you do lose touch — and that's what these surveys are for.

Special thanks to Ray, VE3ZJ, Audrey, VE3KGS, and all the members of the Staines family who spent hours entering data from over 3000 survey sheets into their computer. Thanks also to Dave Toth, VE3GYQ, who found time between delivering babies and removing appendices to write the computer programs that resulted in many pages of interesting figures, including the Canada-wide totals below. [Note: Figures in parentheses after each question indicate the number of amateurs responding to the question. The figure after each answer indicates the number of amateurs choosing the answer, followed by the calculated percentage (in parentheses).]

1) *In what call area do you live?* (3016)
 VO—45 (1%), VE1—230 (8%), VE2—353 (12%),
 VE3—1269 (42%), VE4—152 (5%), VE5—140
 (5%), VE6—266 (9%), VE7—548 (18%), VE8—8
 (<1%), VY—5 (<1%)

2) *When did you first become a radio amateur?*
 (3016)
 before 1920—82 (3%), 1920-29—60 (2%),
 1930-39—332 (11%), 1940-49—242 (8%),
 1950-59—376 (12%), 1960-69—545 (18%),
 1970-79—962 (32%), after 1979—417 (14%)

3) *What class of licence do you presently hold?*
 (3016)

Amateur—878 (29%), Advanced—2085 (69%),
 Digital—4 (<1%), Amateur and Digital—8
 (<1%), Advanced and Digital—41 (1%)

4) *What is your present age?* (3016)
 under 20—69 (2%), 20-29—213 (7%), 30-39—555
 (18%), 40-49—620 (20%), 50-59—608 (20%),
 60-69—698 (23%), over 69—253 (8%)

5) *As an amateur, how active do you consider yourself to be?* (3016)
 very active—478 (16%), moderately active—2189
 (72%), inactive—349 (11%)

6) *If you are active, indicate your major areas of interest.* (3016)

160 metres—199 (6%), 80-10 metres—2360 (78%),
 fm and repeaters—1506 (50%), other vhf-uhf—243
 (8%), cw—1484 (49%), ssb—1745 (58%),
 RTTY—365 (12%), SSTV—65 (2%), FSTV—52
 (2%), packet—76 (2%), OSCAR—131 (4%),
 ragchewing—1337 (45%), traffic—410 (13%),
 emergency—466 (15%), DX—891 (29%),
 contests—294 (10%), awards—155 (5%), building
 and experimenting—1023 (34%), other—348 (11%)

7) *To what Amateur Radio organizations do you belong?* (3016)

CRRL—1519 (50%), CARF—1297 (43%),
 provincial—909 (30%), local club—1783 (59%),
 special interest—308 (10%) [Note: Of the survey
 group, 692 (23%) were members of both CRRL
 and CARF.]

8) *How much weekly are you prepared to pay to protect your privileges and receive an Amateur Radio magazine and other services that national Amateur Radio organizations provide?* (2290)
 \$0.50—611 (27%), \$0.75—526 (23%), \$1.00—738
 (32%), \$1.25—72 (3%), \$1.50—83 (4%), \$1.75—17
 (1%), \$2.00—243 (11%)

9) *As in Canada, some countries have two national Amateur Radio organizations. Do you think this is a good idea?* (2888)
 yes—855 (30%), no—1388 (48%), not sure—645
 (22%)

10) *Which organization do you feel has the experience and resources, and should represent Canadian amateurs nationally and internationally?* (2126)
 CRRL—954 (35%), CARF—487 (18%), both
 CRRL and CARF—1022 (37%), a new
 organization—263 (10%)

11) *Do you listen to the CRRL "QST" news bulletins read regularly on stations and nets across Canada?* (2909)
 yes, often—301 (10%), yes, occasionally—1008
 (35%), no—1600 (55%)

12) *Do you use the CRRL-ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau in your province or territory?* (2879)
 yes, often—373 (13%), yes, occasionally—770
 (27%), no—1736 (60%)

13) *Do you plan to use the new CRRL Outgoing QSL Bureau?* (2777)
 yes, often—307 (11%), yes, occasionally—1041
 (37%), no—1429 (51%)

14) *Should amateurs and Amateur Radio organizations be prepared to help DOC administer Amateur Radio examinations?* (2900)
 yes—1971 (68%), no—542 (19%), not sure—387
 (13%)

15) *If yes, what kind of Amateur Radio organization should do this?* (2039)
 national—983 (48%), provincial—349 (17%), local
 clubs and groups—707 (35%)

16) *Some amateurs have suggested that when the 160-metre band is deregulated, DOC should designate a 160-metre phone subband as is now done on 80-10 metres. Do you think this is a good idea?* (2849)
 yes—1442 (51%), no—438 (15%), not sure—969
 (34%)

17) *Other amateurs have suggested that DOC should not designate phone subbands on any amateur bands. They say phone operation should be regulated only by gentlemen's agreement as is now done on 160 metres. Do you think this is a good idea?* (2854)
 yes—390 (14%), no—1914 (67%), not sure—550
 (19%)

18) *A few amateurs have suggested that DOC should designate subbands according to bandwidth of mode in use, rather than according to mode (e.g., subbands for modes up to 300-Hz bandwidth, other subbands for "wider" modes). Do you think this is a good idea?* (2764)
 yes—476 (17%), no—980 (35%), not sure—1308
 (47%)

19) *Finally, what do you feel are the most pressing needs, issues or problems facing Canadian Amateur Radio today? Please add any general comments at the end. Here's a selection from our "soapbox":* Malicious interference...Intruders...cable TV operators and Amateur Radio equipment should have RFI standards imposed on them by the government...Amateur towers, antennas and dishes should be under jurisdiction of DOC...Clean it up; cut power to 500 W...Get rid of all damn contests...Stop American infringement of our Canadian-international phone bands...Stop telling Americans where they can and cannot operate phone...Maintain a high standard for obtaining a licence...Back off on difficulty of exams...Increase exams to once a month...Clear delineation of knowledge required to write DOC exams...I was a ZS before coming to Canada; now I must sit for exams...Have one strong body, namely CRRL...Get rid of CRRL; we have CARF...CRRL and CARF should continue to co-exist and give individuals a choice...CRRL and CARF should co-operate...CRRL and CARF should form one strong organization...More Canadian content in QST...Speed delivery of QST...No problems as far as I'm concerned...How to tell your wife you need a new rig!

CRRL NOTES

DOC has announced a new reciprocal-operating agreement with Yugoslavia.

Under the CRRL Constitution, the CRRL President and the ARRL Canadian Director are one and the same, and the CRRL Vice President and the ARRL Canadian Vice Director are one and the same. Elections for these offices will be held this fall. For details, consult the Happenings column in this QST.

Nominations for CRRL Amateur of the Year are now open. Send names and supporting material to CRRL, Box 7009, Station E, London, ON N5Y 4J9.

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The International Amateur Radio Union — since 1925, the federation of national Amateur Radio societies representing the interests of two-way Amateur Radio communication.

How to Become a Licensed Amateur in Japan

Just about all hams, wherever in the world they may live, are interested in Amateur Radio in Japan. First, Japan has a so-called "no-code hf license," and as a result sports the highest number of licensed amateurs of any nation. Then, much of the amateur equipment in use around the world was designed and manufactured in Japan, whose passion for electronics is widely known and admired.

There are four license classes in Japan: First Class, Second Class (limited to 100-W output), Telegraphy Class (all modes, but limited to 10 W and excluded from 14 MHz) and Telephony Class (all modes except telegraphy, limited to 10 W and excluded from 1.8 and 14 MHz).

State examinations are held twice a year, in

April and October, in the capital cities of the 10 call districts (JA1-0) and of Okinawa Prefecture (JR6). In addition, examinations for the Telephony Class license are conducted about eight times a month in Tokyo. All examinations for First Class, Second Class and Telegraphy Class licenses are essay-type exams, and are given only in Japanese. The technical level of the exams is similar to those in the U.S., but the language barrier would be considerable even though there is no citizenship requirement.

For a Telephony Class license, one may take a 36-hour course given by the Japan Amateur Radio League — the completion of this course is considered equal to having passed the state exam. Last year, 710 courses were conducted by the 11 district offices of JARL, both in the

evenings and on holidays. Candidates for the other exams usually self-study, although local clubs sometimes give courses.

The code-speed requirements are 12 wpm for First Class, 9 wpm for Second Class, 5 wpm for the Telegraphy Class and none for Telephony. In addition, applicants for the First Class license must also pass a Japanese-code test at 10 wpm (there are a number of additional characters). As of September 30, 1982, Japan had 532,349 amateur operators, 90% of which were Telegraphy Class licensees.

For overseas visitors, there is good news on the horizon. Negotiations are right now in progress for a reciprocal-operating agreement between the U.S. and Japan. More on that in a subsequent column.

IARU TO ATTEND HF BROADCASTING CONFERENCE

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) holds both General World Administrative Radio Conferences (WARCs) and specialized WARCs dealing with a single service or area of the spectrum. WARC-79 was an example of a General WARC, one that comes only every 20 years or so and which revises the Radio Regulations and the Table of Allocations from stem to stern. General WARCs, as you might suspect, are the most critical to the Amateur Radio Service. Depending on the agenda, some of the specialized WARCs can also influence (for better or worse) the Amateur Radio Service.

For five weeks during January and February of 1984, there will be a High-Frequency Broadcasting WARC in Geneva, to deal with the "planning" of hf broadcasting. Because of the large number of hf broadcasting stations, and because of the widely variable propagation conditions, broadcasters try to coordinate their operations to minimize mutual interference. An entire Article of the ITU Radio Regulations, Article 17, is devoted to the procedure for working out seasonal schedules. The smaller countries feel this procedure doesn't protect their interests adequately, and would prefer a system of assigned channels; countries such as the U.S. say the bands aren't wide enough for such a system to work. Further, as our Intruder Watchers well know, hf broadcasters habitually operate "out-of-band" (that is, outside the bands allocated to broadcasting in the ITU Table of Allocations) when they feel that their broadcasting needs are not adequately served otherwise.

Because of the appetite of hf broadcasting for additional spectrum space, and because out-of-band broadcasters are often found on amateur frequencies, it is essential that Amateur Radio closely monitor what is happening in the world of hf broadcasting. Therefore, at its March meeting in Tokyo, the IARU Administrative Council determined that IARU would participate in the 1984 HF Broadcasting WARC. Application has already been made to ITU for IARU to have a team of observers on hand, in accordance with the provisions of the ITU regulations. It is expected that the members of the team will include representatives from each region.

FOREIGN AMATEUR REPEATER IN TOKYO

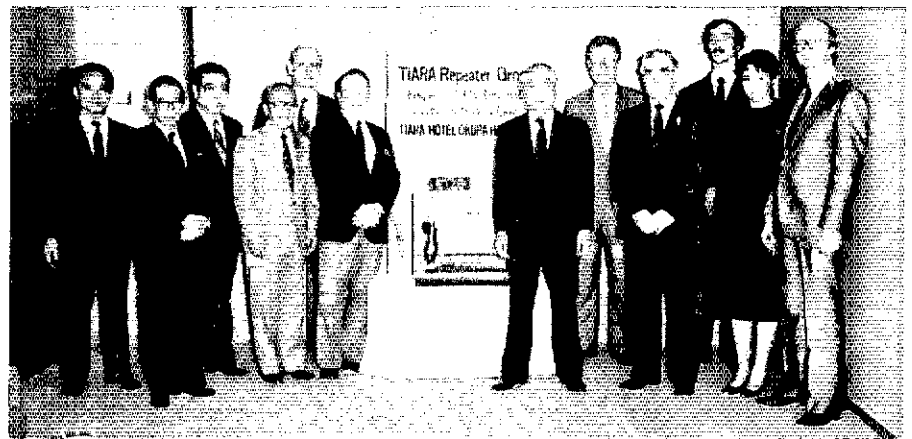
In April 1983, the Tokyo International Amateur Radio Association (TIARA) celebrated the approval, thanks to support from the Japan Amateur Radio League, of its application for a foreign amateur repeater in Tokyo. The repeater operates on 434.78 (in) and 439.78 (out), and is located on the new wing of the Okura Hotel in Akasaka, Tokyo, with the antenna about 75 meters above ground. An 88.5-Hz subaudible tone is required for access. The location is central to the business area and is convenient for the Foreign community living in or just visiting Tokyo. The Okura Hotel is also the meeting place for TIARA. (It just happens that the managing director of the Okura Hotel is an amateur!)

TIARA is a group of 80 foreign amateurs from 14

countries living in Japan. First organized in 1970, it has grown steadily and over the years has assisted many foreign amateurs in getting on the air in Japan. Visitors are welcomed at meetings, which are usually held on the last Friday of the month. TIARA's mailing address is P.O. Box 119, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107. — AH0A

GOOD NEWS FROM TURKEY

After years and years of effort comes this word from Turkey that in early April the Turkish government accepted a new set of wireless rules that provide for radio amateurs. At the end of six months (in October), Turkish amateurs will become legal and licensed. Our congratulations to all those whose persistence made this achievement possible. [AH0A]



Present at the TIARA ceremonies at the Okura Hotel were (l-r) JN1WLE (Okura Hotel ARC), JG1SIY (president, Okura Hotel ARC), JI1TUY (Okura Hotel ARC), JA1CLN (manager, External Affairs, JARL), AH0A (president, TIARA), W1RU (president, IARU), JA1AN (president, JARL), W2ZWA (vice president, TIARA), G4JFM (TIARA), WA4PRF (TIARA), I1RYS (TIARA) and SM6CPI (secretary, TIARA).

*President, IARU

Board Adopts Alert Frequency Concept

At their Annual Meeting in April, the ARRL Board of Directors accepted an Emergency Communications Advisory Committee recommendation concerning the ABIZ Eastern Massachusetts emergency alerting plan, directing the General Manager to implement this recommendation. New England Division Vice Director KIPAD summed up the essence of the unique alerting plan:

"The method is infinitely simple and requires no modification for anyone with a 2-meter fm rig. The idea is this. Set aside a simplex frequency and, when you aren't using your rig for anything else, monitor this frequency. There will be no two-way communication on the frequency. In the event of an emergency during odd hours, people would be alerted by an alert transmit station and told which repeater to go to for more information. A group of alert transmit stations have been trained and would retransmit the alert right on the simplex frequency to spread the message over an increasingly large geographical area.

"The beauty of this system is that absolutely no hardware modifications or additions are necessary and people can participate immediately. The only requirement is the discipline to dial up the alert frequency instead of turning the rig off. Not having two-way communications on the frequency keeps it quiet and also puts into action the only proven way to cure any malicious interference that might occur — and that is 'dead silence.' This technique has been used a number of times in Eastern Massachusetts, most notably during a huge fire in Lynn, Massachusetts (see Feb. 1982 *QST*, pp. 83-84). I know the system works."

Readers of the Lynn fire article will remember that the Eastern Massachusetts ARRL leadership decided to use 145.695 MHz as their alerting frequency (for reasons explained below). However, the League's Emergency Communications Advisory Committee chose not to designate an official frequency for this emergency alerting plan, preferring to let the decision be made at the local level. The ECAC recommendation (as submitted by chairman W5GHP) which the Board adopted, is as follows:

The committee agrees with the ABIZ emergency alerting plan. This plan is very easy to implement and can be used in its present form, even though more advanced systems may be in the planning stage or even the hardware stage. No special equipment is required. Concerning the recommendation of a specific frequency, it is felt that this should be a consideration of the local ARRL Emergency Coordinator in cooperation with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator. The ECAC therefore recommends that as much publicity as possible be given to this plan, and that information on it be published in all manuals concerned with emergency communication.

ABIZ, the originator of this idea, has generated an extensive amount of documentation on the concept. Here's a portion of his explanation:

The alert frequency is a new kind of OFF position for any 2-meter transceiver or scanner. The designated simplex frequency is the place to leave the knobs when you want silence. This frequency is reserved for an emergency announcement when hams are urgently needed to provide communication. The emphasis is on speed; it will bring you

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Shirley, KA0BGB, and Christine Law, chairman of the "Business and Professional Women's Fun Run," discuss the progress of the marathon held in Gering, Nebraska. The Scotts Bluff County Amateur Radio Emergency Service provided communications for the event over the WD0BQM repeater. (Jeanne Weber photo)

the word hours sooner. The alert frequency can also be used to transmit a warning when a major emergency is imminent; that could give you just the time you need to protect yourself and your family.

Like tone signal systems, the alert frequency is a selective alert system. The receiver stays silent except when there is an alert. Unlike tone systems, the alert frequency doesn't require any hardware. No black boxes need to be built or hooked up. The frequency itself is the selective feature. This means that any ham with a synthesized rig or scanner can "install" it immediately just by punching it in. That's what this concept is all about.

The alert frequency idea grows out of the Eastern Massachusetts Plan's philosophy of reliability through redundancy. No single person or piece of equipment is essential for its success.

The alert frequency isn't intended to be the only method of getting hams in an emergency. Many other methods may be appropriate. The alert frequency fills in the gaps left by the limitations of other methods. Its virtue is that it can reach many hams outside the hours when repeaters are active, without requiring any special hardware.

It's not a distress frequency. The addressee for a distress call is not the ham community but a public safety agency. To reach them, we have autopatches. . . Metropolitan areas usually have many repeaters within range; most times it's possible to raise someone on at least one of them. Remember, a call on the alert frequency may wake hundreds of people, so using it should be a last-ditch response to a truly desperate situation.

It's not an emergency operating frequency. The actual operation takes place on one of the many available repeaters, standard simplex frequencies or RACES frequencies.

It's not an emergency check-in frequency. The alert announcement specifies the frequency to check in on. The alert frequency goes silent again as soon as the alert announcement is finished, in case a further alert might be needed later.

Obviously, it's not a routine calling frequency. Yes, your friend might be listening. But if you use the alert frequency to call, you'll be discouraging other hams from using it as a way to shut the rig off. That's what we all want to avoid.

To avoid confusion about any of these points, it's not called an "emergency frequency." Its only name is "the alert frequency."

We have many operating frequencies, many methods of calling for help and many frequencies that can be used for calling; but we have only one recognized and reserved alert frequency. Therefore, its usefulness should be protected by using it only for its recognized purpose.

Basically, just treat the designated simplex frequency as the receiver's OFF position. No changes in operating habits are needed, except to discon-

tinue the practice of shutting off the power. Leaving the offset switch wherever it was for the last repeater used will make sure that any accidental transmission isn't on the alert frequency.

The ECAC and the Board, in adopting this concept in principle for nationwide implementation, did not name any specific 2-meter frequency, therefore leaving that decision to the local emergency communications leadership. However, it may be useful to readers to understand why Eastern Massachusetts amateurs adopted 145.695 MHz. ABIZ addressed this point:

The basic criterion for a frequency that hundreds of hams will be listening to around the clock is that it should be completely free of anything except high-priority alerts. A channel is needed that has nothing already on it.

Obviously, repeater channels and fm simplex frequencies can't be used. That leaves out everything above 146 MHz and the inputs and the outputs of the 145 MHz group. We don't want to come into conflict with the active cw and ssb segment at the bottom of the band or its logical expansion space. Scratch 144.9 MHz and below. Satellite frequencies are out. So everything above 145.8 MHz is eliminated. 144.9-145.1 MHz is assigned to fm weak signal work; however, it's also used for simplex operation sometimes. So is 145.52 MHz, which is a simple click down from 52/52 on a lot of rigs. Better rule out everything below 145.6 MHz.

We also wanted the channel chosen to be a RACES frequency so that it could legally be used in case of a presidentially declared emergency, which might shut down the rest of 2 meters. [The FCC is presently exploring the idea of bringing the 2-meter RACES allocations in harmony with established 2-meter amateur usage — Ed.]. At this writing, the lower RACES segment extends up to 145.71 MHz. . . that leaves exactly one RACES frequency meeting all the specifications — 145.695 MHz.

As for possible conflicts with the regular band plan, 145.5-145.8 MHz is listed as "miscellaneous and experimental modes" in the band plan in the latest *Repeater Directory*. There isn't a lot of that, and we're out in the middle, away from the frequencies most likely to be used. This type of activity is likely to involve weak signals, which would not ordinarily be detected by typical fm receivers with average antennas and locations. As for interfering with these activities, alert transmissions (including test transmissions) will be extremely rare. Thus, the time taken away from other possible uses is insignificant.

As a cross-check, several stations, including one at a well-known repeater site, monitored the frequency for a couple of months without detecting any carriers. So we really do have the channel we need. The wide publicity being given to the alert function should also reduce the chance for casual use.

It should be reemphasized that the ECAC and the Board, in adopting this concept, decided to make the specific frequency choice a local option. If such an alerting plan will enhance the emergency response of your local radio amateur organization, then serious consideration should be given to implementing a simplex alert frequency in your area. Further details on this innovative approach to emergency alerting can be obtained by sending a business-sized s.a.s.e. to John A. Carroll, ABIZ, 25 Evergreen Ave., Bedford, MA 01730.

THE COALINGA QUAKE

The quake was quite strong in Los Altos and surrounding cities; consequently, over a dozen local Amateur Radio operators reported in on the local repeater, W6ASH/R, within a minute. All local reports were about the same, so operators were assigned to

monitor other repeaters and networks. W6ASH put out a general call on the Mt. Diablo repeater, WA6EZR/R, and in seconds had reports of approximate strength of the shake from 20 cities stretching from Shasta to Fresno. It appeared that the strongest shake was in the Fresno area. After returning to the local repeater and within 15 minutes of the shake, reports from Coalinga were picked up, stating "downtown in ruins and burning." Immediately, KGO-TV was called with the report. Later, KGO-TV called back and got up-to-the-minute reports from WB6OML, our PR man, and put him on the air on the 6 P.M. newscast.

Meanwhile, N6IUU was monitoring our network. He passed the information to the Red Cross Division Headquarters in San Francisco. His information updated theirs, and since Coalinga is in our division, they decided to immediately send the Palo Alto radio-equipped van down with a damage-assessment crew. N6IUU came back on W6ASH/R and called for volunteers. W6ASH, KT6W and WA6ZBX responded. I (W6ASH) loaded my car with hf, vhf, scanner and antennas; KT6W loaded his car with a gasoline generator and antennas; and N6IUU got the Palo Alto van loaded with cots and vital disaster kits. Through coordination on the repeater, we were on the road in a convoy by 7 P.M.

The repeater mentioned above, W6ASH/R, is owned by the Southern Peninsula Emergency Communication System (SPECS). It is located on the El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, and is dedicated to public service. Some other frequencies used en route and at the disaster scene were 3902 kHz and 147.33 MHz.

N6IUU is the Disaster Chairman for Palo Alto Red Cross. Representing the Division, he was in contact by Amateur Radio with San Francisco and Coalinga during the trip. He obtained clearance through the CHP roadblocks, got directions to the temporary Red Cross shelter and, among other things, arranged for feeding the victims!

We arrived at the Red Cross shelter in the West Hills Community College gymnasium, about five hours after the quake. Power to this area was intermittent, so we started KT6W's generator and had hf and vhf radios in operation in 20 minutes. We checked into a network already in operation in the area.

The local hams had responded immediately after the shock and had coverage of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), the airport, the police station, the church temporary shelter and the Fresno Red Cross. KV6W was the acting emergency coordinator for the local hams. Since we had established a semipermanent, portable station on emergency power at the Red Cross shelter, he asked us to take control of the network. WA6ZBX became chief operator for the next 72 hours. He was assisted by many volunteers from the Kings County ARC and the Visalia Radio Club. KV6W assumed control on Thursday, changing from a 24-hour day to an 8 A.M.-8 P.M. schedule.

The *Hanford Sentinel* gave Amateur Radio many accolades for their operation, particularly to the local operators who were on the scene when it happened. The Fresno Radio Club kept their radio-equipped van at CHP headquarters overnight Monday.

Although the four men from Palo Alto/San Francisco were amateurs, their primary mission was to spearhead the damage assessment which must be done before the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) could declare it a disaster area. Our leader, N6IUU, had trained thirty five members of SPECS in Red Cross Damage Assessment. They had previous experience when they assessed the Alviso flood area in March where 400 homes were under one to four feet of water for several weeks.

At 9 A.M. Tuesday, the day after the quake, N6IUU conducted a crash course covering the fine points of assessment. Twenty teams consisting of amateurs as leaders, County Health people and Building Inspectors set out to evaluate the damage. By midnight Wednesday, the survey was complete and the data was tabulated. National Red Cross personnel rushed the data to Washington, and President Reagan declared Coalinga a disaster area, which qualified the victims for low-interest loans to rebuild. When the assessment work was finished, N6IUU assumed an official Red Cross staff duty in charge of Supply and Transportation at the Red Cross Field Headquarters.

Everything possible was done to coordinate Health and Welfare traffic incoming and outgoing. When the SPECS gang left on Saturday, KT6W and his crew from the Kings County Amateur Radio Club were still busy sending out amateurs to locate victims. Welfare Traffic — or Disaster Welfare Inquiries (DWI), as the Red Cross prefers to call it — was lighter than expected. A large amount of it would probably have been generated in the shelter, but of the 7000 victims, less than 50 used the shelter. Most of the victims stayed near their homes and slept in trailers or tents. About 5000 per day were fed by the Red Cross and the National Guard. Blank message forms and signs were posted, but response was low.

A large portion of the phone service was restored in

a day or two. The Red Cross was so busy with disaster-related work that they banned incoming DWI for three days. When it was accepted, it came in batches by radio and landline. Those messages that could not be phoned were delivered, mostly by the local amateurs in their personal vehicles. The Red Cross policy on DWI requires that all DWI traffic be routed to and from the local Red Cross chapters throughout the country to the Red Cross chapter nearest to the disaster scene.

During our stay down in Coalinga, we kept in contact with home and San Francisco Headquarters by skeds on hf with WA6LLJ, WB6OML, N6FW, KE6PQ and WA6LDW.

We in the San Francisco Bay area have gone years without a disaster; however, this is our third emergency this year. We were lucky they were all on a rather small scale. It has gradually built up our experience and training and we feel that now we are better prepared for "the big one," when it comes. Of course, SPECS has many drills annually, but this year has been a real workout! — *Walter Read, W6ASH, DEC-at-Large, Santa Clara County*

REPEATER LOG LIVES!

Yes, the Repeater Log, formerly a monthly feature of this column, is alive and well, and living in the FM/RPT column. This change of QTH will provide even more recognition for the important public service communications activities handled on repeaters. The Communications Department staff (and not FM/RPT Conductor WA1LOU) will continue to compile the Repeater Log, so please send your reports (preferably on form CD-258) to ARRL Hq. as before.

NWA AWARDS

The National Weather Association has announced its Award Program for 1983, and as was the case last year, organizations and members of the Amateur Radio community may well qualify for recognition under two of the award categories. Those two categories are:

1) The greatest contribution to meteorological operations by an organization that is not directly a part of the professional meteorological community. This category could include organizations such as clubs, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, or Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service groups or nets that are distributing vital forecast information that results in prompt evacuation of people from an area where severe weather has been forecast.

2) The greatest contribution to meteorological operations by an individual who is not a member of the professional meteorological community. This could be a radio ham operator who transmits observations to the National Weather Service during a hurricane or heavy rain from an area where there is a scarcity of data or distributes warnings of severe weather to an area where normal communications are limited or have been disrupted.

Narrative nominations, with comments or endorsements as might be applicable, should be forwarded to: Mr. Edward J. Maree, Chairman, NWA Awards Committee, 25 Hillcrest Dr., Pembroke, MA 02359.

Nominations should be received by the NWA committee prior to September 30, 1983. The presentation of award plaques and possible honorable mention certificates will be made at the National Weather Association's annual banquet. If you need any additional information, feel free to contact me by mail or phone. My office number is 617-861-2552. — *Darell R. Whitehead, 11 Patterson Rd., Bedford, MA 01730*

PUBLIC SERVICE DIARY

□ Near Bozeman, Montana — February 19-20. A cross-county skier lost his life in an avalanche near Bozeman. Local amateurs WB7AZJ and WA7GHW helped in the accident area in the search of the skier's body and in providing back-up communications. Primary communications were provided by the sheriff's radio system between the site and Bozeman. Amateur communications were contributed by on-site portables and by portables which were used along with the Bozeman WR7ANC repeater. W7JMX, N7AIK and KB7Q supplied off-site contacts. (N7AIK, SM Montana)

□ Dallas, Texas — April 5-6. A 120-block area of the Oak Cliff section of Dallas lost its telephone service when a man cut the telephone trunk line with an axe. At 6 P.M., the city's Office of Emergency Preparedness contacted Dallas RACES officials to request Amateur Radio assistance. Within minutes, over 40 local amateurs and the Dallas County ARC communications van were enroute to both the city EOC and the place where the phone line had been severed. Within an hour, the van had been set up at a nursing home in the affected area, and a vhf station had been established on-board the fire department's command van to conduct the emergency net. Amateurs were dispatched to pro-

vide additional mobile support. Since a hospital was located in the same area, a second station was set up at the hospital and was operated throughout the night.

By 11 P.M., the amateur operation was running so successfully that the fire department companies pulled out, leaving only the amateur operators on patrol until the next morning. The ham operation was secured about 7 A.M. While no fires or major incidents were reported by amateurs, several pieces of third-party traffic were handled on behalf of the hospital. City officials were pleased with the Amateur Radio operation, and expressed their thanks to the participants. (N5FDL, PIO Northern Texas)

□ Saugus, Massachusetts — April 19. The North Shore Repeater Association issued a call for Amateur Radio operators to help search for a 13-year-old boy who had been missing all night. NSRA control operators WIHOQ, WIMCX and K1VLK from the 19-79 Repeater Association coordinated volunteer efforts with the Saugus Police. Hams cooperated with the Boy Scout troops and other volunteers searching the marshy area and nearby woods until 11 A.M., when the Saugus Police notified the searchers that the boy had been found safe in a friend's treehouse. (KAIHVC, public relations director, North Shore RA)

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE REPORTS

□ Warren, Ohio — December 25, 1982. An early Christmas morning fire in a 148-unit apartment complex forced the evacuation of between 150 and 200 tenants. Once fire departments had been notified and were at the scene, EC KC8GI was contacted by the Red Cross for communications help by the local ARES. Red Cross officials set up emergency facilities for the evacuees at a nearby school in Niles, and ARES members from both Mahoning and Trumbull Counties conducted relay communications over W8VTD/R and on MARS frequencies for fire and Red Cross officials. (KC8GI, EC Trumbull County)

□ Riverside County, California — February 21. SEC W6UBQ issued a general call over W6TJR for radio operators to go to the Riverside County General Hospital, which had just lost its telephone service. Once the ten operators who responded to the call arrived at the hospital, they were each assigned to critical points within the building. During the five-hour outage, they used simplex frequencies for paging hospital officials and relaying time-valued advisories and consultations. (W6UBQ, SEC Orange)

□ Ventura County, California — February 28-March 5. Heavy rainstorms resulted in all county reservoirs being filled to maximum capacity, and caused flooding and mudslides in the area. When the Sinaloa Dam face moved about 5 feet and threatened to break, between 1400 and 2000 Simi Valley residents were forced to evacuate the area. During the three-day crisis, ARES members conducted emergency communications over WA6ZTT/R between the four established evacuation shelters and the disaster officials. WB6RVA ran the amateur portion of the operation, while WD6EVT coordinated the efforts of the Simi Valley ARES members. (W6RIC, DEC Ventura County)

ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

□ For April, 41 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 23,596. Sections reporting were: AL, AB, AZ, AR, CO, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, ME, MI, MN, MO, NE, NH, NJ, NC, NF, NTX, OH, OK, ON, ORG, PAC, RI, SV, SDG, SJV, SC, SD, SFL, STX, TN, VA, WA, WV, WMA, WNY, WPA and WI.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM

Effective May 22, PAN Cyles One and Two changed its meeting frequency to 14,247 kHz. Congratulations to WB2ZJF, who has become an assistant net manager for 2RN/c2. Thanks go out to N2CER for his help in that slot. An 8RN/c4 certificate went to K2BQ.

April Reports

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Cycle Two							
Area Nets							
EAN	30	1050	35.0	894	98.3		
CAN	30	858	28.6	548	100.0		
PAN*	30	685	13.4	398	83.3		
Region Nets							
1RN	57	324	5.7	329	86.7	100.0	
2RN	60	332	6.5	352	98.0	100.0	
3RN	30	235	7.9	456	96.7	100.0	
4RN	60	548	9.1	359	74.7	100.0	
RN5	60	591	9.8	340	98.8	100.0	

RN6	60	484	8.1	.386	95.0	83.3
RN7	90	596	6.6	.450	80.6	100.0
RN8	58	322	5.5	.338	90.6	100.0
9RN	60	437	7.3	.319	100.0	100.0
TEN	30	400	13.3	.367	93.7	100.0
ECN						90.0
TWN	60	242	4.0	.307	74.0	83.3
TCC						
TCC Eastern	99 ¹	499				
TCC Central	78 ¹	374				
TCC Pacific	111 ¹	490				

Cycle Four

Area Nets						
EAN	30	1812	60.4	1.570	98.3	
CAN	30	941	31.4	.934	99.4	
PAN	30	1107	38.9	1.212	99.4	
Region Nets						
1RN	60	736	12.3	.591	98.7	96.7
2RN	89	720	8.1	.590	95.2	93.3
3RN	61	331	5.4	.512	97.8	100.0
4RN						100.0
RN5	60	639	10.6	.653	95.0	100.0
RN6	80	757	12.6	.644	100.0	100.0
RN7	80	542	9.0	.737	98.9	100.0
8RN	53	336	6.3	.356	84.0	100.0
9RN	60	454	7.6	.415	99.2	100.0
TEN	60	380	6.3	.374	84.8	98.3
ECN	60	365	6.1	.529	94.0	100.0
TWN	58	437	7.5	.397	84.8	98.3

TCC						
TCC Eastern	112 ¹	696				
TCC Central	54 ¹	350				
TCC Pacific	109 ¹	810				
Sections²	6753	26,163	3.9			
Summary	8179	45,689	5.6			
Record	9642	58,155	19.1			

*PAN operates both cycles one and two.
¹TCC functions not counted as net sessions.
²Section and local nets reporting (241): APSN ATN (AB), AENB AEND AENH AENJ AENK AENL AENY AENZ ATNM ECAARESNC MCENS (AL), ACN ATEN HARC (AZ), NCTN SCN1/ SCN2 SCNV SVTN (CA), CN CPN NVTN RSN WCN (CT), DEPN DTN SEN (DE), BEN DEN ENMC FAST FMSN FMTN FPON PFTN GN LOEN NFPN PBTPN PEN PRVAN QFN QFNS SEFTN SPARC SWFTN SVTN TPTN (FL), CIARES IGLARES ISBN ITEN PCARES PMN TLOC (IA), IILN ITN (IL), ICON ITN QIN (IN), CSTN KMMN KPN KSN KWN KWS QKS QKS-SS SARES 4ARES 5ARES 6ARES 11ARES 13ARES BARES KEN KNTN KRN KSN KTN KYN KPN LCARES MKPN PAEWTN SEKEN TSTMN WTEK (KY), C12MN EM2MN EMRI EMRIPN EMRIS HHTN NEEPN (MA/RI), MPSN XORACES PTN SGN SPSN (ME), MACS MITN MNN QMN UPN (MI), MNAMWXN MSN MSPN MSSN PAW (MN), CMEN JCARES MOSSB MTN SLARES (MO), MTN (MS), GEN CFARS CMN CUNCTN JFK M2MEN PCTN RARS THEN (NC), CN CSN (NC/SC), BVARES CEN DFW EN2MARES MNARES NCHN NCN NE40 NE75 NMPN PV2MN PVTN SBARES WNN (NE), GSFM GSPN NHN (NH), JSARS MCN NJM OBTN SJVN TCETN (NJ), NSN (NV), CDN CNYTN EPN HVN NCVHFTN NLI NLIPN NYPON NYS NYSPN OCTEN SCVHFTN SDN STAR WDN (NY), ALERT BN BRTN COARES LGTN MCTN OBMN RARA VVN (OH), NWOSN OLZ ONON OPEN OTN OTWN STN (OK), KTN OLN OPN OSN OSN2 OSND TIN (ON), BSN ORARES OSN PDXARES PTTN (OR), GCESN D3ARES D5EN EPA EPAEPTN NWPA2MTN WPA WPA2MTN WPAPTN (PA), PFTN (PAC), QSN WQVUARES (PO), A2MN GPD2MN LC2MN SCNTN SCSSBN (SC), SDN SDSMEN SDTIN SDDN (SD), TNCW TNCN TNVHFN TSNR (TN), TEX TSN TTN (TX), BUN CDN UCN (UT), VTN (VT), STARES SVEN VLN VN VSN VSN (VA), EWTN NTN PSTS WARTS WSN (WA), WVARES WVFN WVMND WVN (WV).

1 - NET
2 - SESSIONS
3 - TRAFFIC
4 - AVERAGE

5 - RATE
6 - % REP.
7 - % REP. TO AREA NET

Transcontinental Corps

1	2	3	4	5
Cycle Two				
TCC Eastern	103	96.1	989	499
TCC Central	90	86.7	748	374
TCC Pacific	120	92.5	980	490
Summary	313	91.8	2717	1363
Cycle Four				
TCC Eastern	138	81.2	1390	696
TCC Central	80	90.0	661	350
TCC Pacific	120	90.8	1601	810
Summary	318	87.3	3652	1856

1 - AREA
2 - FUNCTIONS
3 - % SUCCESSFUL

TCC Roster

The TCC Roster (April) Cycle Two - Eastern Area (N2CER, Director) - AA4AT N3ADU N1BHH N2CER K1EIC WA2FJJ VE3GOL WB3GZU KO2H WA2HEB

WB1HIH VE3HTL KB3LF WA4LJI WD8LRT AH2M
W8PMJ WB4PNY W1QYY W2RQ KB3UD AF8V AK1W
WB8WKQ N2XJ W1XX WB8YDZ. Central Area (W9JUU, Director) - N5AMH N5AMK K5BNH N5BT N5CRU W5CZT N5DFO W0FRIC WA4JL W9JUU K5KJN W5KLV KD5KQ KA4MZ Y W9NXG KA4SAA KB5CT WB9WGD WF4X WB5YDD. Pacific Area (W0HXB, Director) - N1GA K7BA N0ACW N7AFZ N6ANL VE6CHK N7CSP N0CXI KU6D W7DZX W0EJD KB7FE W7GHT N6GWI KBHAD W0HXB KM6I W5JOV KB0MB W0BMTA K8OWA WA7OYI KF7R ND5T W7TGU WB7TQF KV5U K6UYK W7VSE WB7WOW KM7Z. Cycle Four - Eastern Area (W2CS, Director) - W3ATQ VE3AWE W3BBN K13C WA4CCK W2C8 VE3CYR WB2EAG W1EFW K1EIR W2FR WD4FTK W2GKZ VE3GOL WB3GZU KO2H KN1K N4KB K2KIR KBKQJ AH2M WB8MTD N1NH K8OZ W8PMJ WB4PNY W3PQ W1QYY K3RZR WA2SPL KA1T WA4U VE1WF WB8WVQ W2XD N8XX N2YL K4ZK. Central Area (W5GHP, Director) - W0AM W9CXY K0EZ K5GM W0HI W5LQ W5RB N5TC W5TFB K5TL WB9UYU KB5W KB9X W4ZJY. Pacific Area (K0DJ, Director) - AD8A W0BAIT KN7B K0BN K0C0 K0DJ W7DZX N2EC W6EOT W7E0 W7GHT WA7GYQ W0HXB WA7KHE K7KSA W7LDF W7LG W7LYA K0NLI ND5T WA7TEH W7VSE W6VZT VE6ZK.

**Public Service Honor Roll
April 1983**

This listing is available to amateurs whose public service performance during the month indicated qualifies for 60 or more total points in the following nine categories (as reported to their SM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into cw nets, 1 point each, max. 30; (2) Checking into phone/RTTY nets, 1 point each, max. 30; (3) NCS cw nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max. 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max. 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max.; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max.; (8) Serving as emergency coordinator or net manager for the entire month, 5 points, max. 5; (9) Participating in a public service event, 5 points, no max. This listing is available to Novices and Technicians who achieve a total of 40 or more points.

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 823 | KA4SAA | KU4W | N2CER |
| W0ZWL | K4ZK | KA4GFU | W2BIW |
| 211 | 111 | 97 | K5UPN |
| K7VW | W7VSE | WB2RBA | 87 |
| 210 | N7DNG | W7GHT | WA8GMT |
| K5CXP | WB4WYG | W6VOM | VE3JT |
| 204 | 108 | WD9ESZ | N3CQK |
| WB7TQF | WB2MCO | N2DPN | N2DPN |
| 184 | 107 | WB8MIO | 86 |
| WB7WOW | WA4YPQ | WB2WJO | W2YJR |
| 180 | 106 | WBKAWT | KB4WT |
| K4SCL | WA7LGN | KA3EJG | KA3EJG |
| 164 | W4ANK | W6WTF | 84 |
| WD4COL | WA4CCK | N6GWI | N6GWI |
| 140 | KC2QQ | W6NTN | N5EFG |
| WF4Y | WF4X | WB2VUK | KY4U |
| 137 | WA4JDH | W2AET | KB5UL |
| KA1GBS | W0CYH | K57I | KB2VI |
| 134 | N16A | KD5FR | K8IAF |
| W2AHV | NG4J | 95 | 83 |
| KM9B | KB3UD | KB5EK | WB7NHR |
| 133 | 104 | 94 | WA2ARC |
| KU0G | WA5RVT | KF8J | K7LCA |
| 128 | W1TN | K8CPS | KA1AVU |
| WB2UVB | WBKJZ | K9CMO | KG9B |
| KAIT | VE3HTL | K6UYK | 82 |
| 127 | 103 | K2VX | WB2IDS |
| WB5YDD | VE3BDM | 93 | W6INH |
| 124 | N6AWH | WD4AWN | W1RWG |
| WA4QXT | KA8GJV | W1PUO | KA4BCM |
| 122 | 102 | N2AKZ | 81 |
| W1EOF | WA3WIY | KA4GUS | AK2E |
| KC9CJ | W9JUU | 92 | WA2KOJ |
| KC00O | W3YVQ | 90 | W2ZOJ |
| 118 | K2BQ | K83KJ | KD4P |
| WB1GXZ | 101 | KA1EPO | KA4AUR |
| N2XJ | WA2HEB | 91 | 80 |
| KA3DLY | W4CK5 | WA1YNZ | WD9PRI |
| WA4PFK | K8KQJ | VE3DPO | WA2CUW |
| WA1TFY | K7GXZ | N8DPU | VE3KK |
| 117 | 100 | N1ARI | NFT5 |
| 116 | WD8RHU | 90 | 79 |
| WD8LRT | WB2ZJF | W9DM | W5DGKH |
| 115 | KV5X | W5CTZ | WB1ABQ |
| N4FQD | 99 | N5TC | KT6D |
| 114 | WA7GQO | K11M | KE8NO |
| KAJST | WD4ALY | KC2TF | 78 |
| W9YCV | KY2P | KB40Z | W6RNL |
| 113 | AL7W | 89 | WB4AID |
| K2ZM | AK1W | W2MTA | WA4LXP |
| WB3GZU | W5DTR | N3COY | K2ZVI |
| WA4EIC | WD4CNQ | KT6A | K4VWK |
| 112 | N8EES | AK1E | KD9K |
| WB2IQJ | N1BGW | AG9G | 76 |
| | KA5HDT | 88 | WB5LBR |
| | | NP4D | N7BGW |
| | | | N4GDT |
| | | | KA0BCB |
| | | | K6SI |

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| 75 | 70 | N1CLV | W0FRIC |
| WB5MMI | WB1HIH | KC4WN | N5BT |
| WB2GHN | W4ZJY | K7AID | N2BLX |
| WA5QFD | W1YOL | | KP4DL |
| W9NXG | KC2SW | 65 | KB7FE |
| W7LNE | KA9HPQ | | KA7ELI |
| W3VA | W4LKB | WA8DHB | 61 |
| K3CR | K1JHC | WD4OCW | W4BQCA |
| 74 | AC3N | NW4R | K8MBE |
| WB4TZR | 69 | WAALJI | A16E |
| W7EP | WB8MTD | KA5AZK | 60 |
| N1AJJ | KA4IUM | WB4NTW | WD4BSC |
| KSSV | W3DKX | WB2OMP | WB8HOX |
| KJ3E | VE2E0 | WA6ZUD | KD5GM |
| KA2BHR | KA3DTE | WA4JTE | WA8SCP |
| KA1BHT | K8JDI | W0U0D | W4FMZ |
| 73 | N0CFS | KA2MBP | N3ADU |
| W0LAE | WD4HBP | N4UF | KB3LF |
| KD4TY | N9BYK | KB2G | KA4BBA |
| 72 | N5FDL | K4WJR | 56 |
| WA3UNX | KA9NLI | 63 | WD8KBW |
| W2GJ | KE1U | | W4SME |
| W6IPL | 67 | N0EII | 53 |
| KA8BWM | W43EHD | NE4H | 66EPG/T |
| K3ZJJ | W4HON | KC3DW | 45 |
| 71 | N3CJP | KA8ARP | KA9OBPN |
| WB3FKW | W2PKY | AG2R | KD2QA/T |
| WB2LKF | KT0U | 62 | 43 |
| W5KMF | K4ZN | WD9IBH | K8GGZT |
| W5KLV | 66 | WB8EK | 40 |
| KB3FW | W6BQBZ | WB8KK | WD8ECM/N |
| KA1TJ | WB4GHU | K6TWJ | |
| | WA4EYU | N9ATP | |
| | N9ATP | | |

**Brass Pounders League
April 1983**

BPL Medallions (see April 1979 QST, page 77) have been awarded to the following amateurs since last month's listing: KA1GBS K3RZR WD4ALY NN4I KB4WT K5CXP K5CXW KB5EK N0BQP.

The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and U.S. possessions who report to their SM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in standard ARRL form.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
K3NSN	2118	1196	196	100	3810	
W3CUL	645	996	1384	52	3077	
KA9CPA	32	1439	211	1037	2719	
W9JUU	1	508	428	3	940	
W3VR	197	289	378	31	895	
W1E0F	0	289	482	26	797	
WB7TQF	283	126	185	125	719	
K8NCV	24	334	353	5	716	
WA25PL	20	285	338	48	891	
W7VSE	0	328	314	12	654	
KT6A	5	353	272	6	636	
W7DZX	15	312	300	5	632	
VE3HTL	7	287	297	15	606	
WB7WOW	23	257	243	63	588	
K0BAS	157	222	132	19	530	
WB5YDD	5	267	220	18	510	
WD8MIO	26	240	216	22	504	

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:
K5CXP 130
W0FIR 123
N1CLV 110
WA4PFK 104
N16A 102

1 - CALL
2 - ORIG.
3 - RCVD.

4 - SENT
5 - DLVD.
6 - TOTAL

Independent Nets (April 1983)

1	2	3	4
Amateur Radio Telegraph Society	29	441	282
Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	31	407	2429
Clearing House	30	85	333
Empire Slow Speed	30	45	459
Golden Bear	30	190	1762
Hit and Bounce Slow	30	70	372
IMRA	25	622	1285
Mission Trail	30	189	1098
New England Novice	30	84	367
North American Single Sideband	26	68	250
Vermont Sideband	30	152	534
20-Meter ISSB	26	883	467
75-Meter ISSB	30	378	1122
7290 Traffic	47	533	4230

1 - NET NAME
2 - SESSIONS
3 - TRAFFIC
4 - CHECK-INS

Coming Conventions

By Marjorie C. Tenney,* WB1FSN

July 2-3 West Virginia State, Weston	September 2-4 Southwestern Division, Anaheim, CA
July 8-10 Northwestern Division, Spokane, WA	September 23-25 Dakota Division, Sioux Falls, SD
July 10 Indiana State, Indianapolis	September 25 Great Lakes Division, Cleveland, OH
July 29-31 Oklahoma State, Oklahoma City	October 22-23 Tennessee State, Chattanooga
August 5-7 Rocky Mountain Division, Jackson, WY	November 26-27 Florida State, Clearwater
August 6-7 North Florida Section, Orange Park	ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS
August 13-14 Delta Division, Shreveport, LA	October 7-9, 1983 Houston, Texas
August 19-21 Pacific Division, Reno	July 20-22, 1984 New York, New York
August 20-21 Alabama State, Huntsville	September 27-29, 1985 Louisville, Kentucky

INDIANA STATE CONVENTION

July 10, Indianapolis

The ARRL Indiana State Convention, in conjunction with the Indianapolis Hamfest and Computer Show, will be held on Sunday, July 10, at the Marion County Fairgrounds at the southeast intersection of I-74 and I-465. There will be inside and outside flea markets, a separate computer show and flea market, and commercial vendor display area. Technical forums all day. Club activities. (We invite your participation.) Women's activities and professional food services.

Setup after noon on Saturday, July 9. Camper hookup facilities available on the grounds; motels close by. Security provided Saturday night and Sunday. Your gate ticket of \$4 entitles you to all activities. For further information, contact Indianapolis Hamfest, Box 11086, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION

July 29-31, Oklahoma City

This is Ham Holiday no. 10, folks! Sponsored by Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs, Inc. (CORA), this year's event again combines the specialty interests of a "computerfest" with the annual state ARRL convention. We have so outgrown our humble beginnings in 1974 that we again require the spacious, all-air-conditioned facilities in the "incomparable" Myriad in downtown Oklahoma City. Talk-in on 34/94.

During QLF contests, computer seminars, QRM party, antennas, ARRL forums, dealers' displays, inside flea market, etc., nonhams have the options of a

style show, jazzercise, microwave cooking, tours of downtown and shopping centers, a luncheon and games.

Saturday evening dining in the buff (we'd call it a buffet but E.T. went home) and dance will be held at the Quality Inn, Reno at Eastern. Tickets are \$11/person for both events; \$3/person or \$5/couple for the dance only. Music by "The Midnight Express," but please wear clothes for both. QCWA breakfast Sunday morning will be at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

Pre-registration is \$6 by July 17, \$7 at the door. First pre-registered flea-market tables are \$1 each; additional tables are \$4 each in advance, \$5 each at the door if available. Mail checks or money orders (no cash) to CORA, P.O. Box 14268, Oklahoma City, OK 73113. Sorry, no confirmations available.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION CONVENTION

August 5-7, Jackson, WY

The 1983 Rocky Mountain Division Convention combined with the 51st WIMU Hamfest will be held August 5-7 at the Virginian Motel, Jackson.

Registration begins Friday, from 4 P.M. to 9 P.M. Hamfest and registration are on Saturday, from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M., and Sunday, from 8 A.M. to noon. There will be programs for all hams and nonhams on Saturday. Sunday morning there will be a breakfast and a business meeting.

Pre-registration is \$8; \$10 at the door. Pre-registration cutoff date is July 15. Exhibit space for dealers, and space for flea market is free. Plenty of motels and camping facilities are available in the area, but reserve early, for Jackson is a busy place. For more information, write to Pete Stull, WB7AMP, 1314 Kimberly, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

NORTH FLORIDA SECTION CONVENTION

August 6-7, Orange Park

The Greater Jacksonville Hamfest Assn. is pleased to announce the ARRL North Florida Section Convention and 10th Annual Jacksonville Hamfest, to be held August 6-7 at the Orange Park Kennel Club. This facility is conveniently located near the intersection of I-295 and U.S. 17, just south of Jacksonville, and offers over 30,000 sq. feet of indoor display space.

Swap tables, exhibitor booths, MARS, computer clubs and many other activities. Special motel rates available. Admission is \$4, and the hours are 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday and 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. on Sunday. For further information, contact Wayne Oehlman, WB3DBE, P.O. Box 23134, Jacksonville, FL 32241, tel. 904-268-3981.

DELTA DIVISION CONVENTION

August 13-14, Shreveport, LA

The Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA) will host the ARRL Delta Division Convention at the Shreveport Convention Center, on the riverfront, August 13 and 14, 1983. Hams and their spouses from several states are in for a super convention with Louisiana flair. Top guest speakers, exhibitors, forums and diverse entertainment will be presented.

The lineup will include sessions on both Saturday and Sunday with Delta Division Director Clyde Hurlbert, W5CH, hosting the ARRL forum. Guest panelist will be ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC. President Clark will also be the speaker at the Saturday Night barbecue. His topic will be "ARRL '83 and Beyond," and will cover happenings this year and what's ahead for Amateur Radio. ARRL Assistant Communications

Manager Don Search, W3AZD, will head the DXCC forum and will verify QSL cards. Don will talk about the DXCC program and what's happening with DX. The technical forums will be presented by ARRL TA Al Markwardt, W5PKH. Al will discuss antenna tuners, hf quad antennas and RFI. The IBM Personal Computer Division will present a basic and an advanced program on home computers. Ernest Ethridge of the National Weather Service will lead the SKYWARN presentation. Other forums on tap include a MARS forum and a Satellite TV demo and discussion. After attending a special program on handicapping the horses, you can board a chartered bus to visit Louisiana Downs for a few hours of racing. Nonhams are invited to our free arts and crafts flea market, so bring your goodies for the swap meet. Other activities include a bus tour of Libbey Glass Outlet, Shreveport's largest shopping mall, and the Norton Art Gallery, which features some of finest western art in this part of the country. Free video entertainment will be provided both days of the convention, and the kiddies will have their very own area. And, of course, everyone will want to drag out all those old "boat anchors" and participate in our indoor or outdoor flea markets.

A heavy turnout is expected (the convention will be held during the racing season at Louisiana Downs) so hotel and motel reservations should be made as early as possible. For more information, contact John Harris, KD5QS, Convention Chairman, 129 Herndon St., Shreveport, LA 71101, tel. 318-222-5886.

PACIFIC DIVISION CONVENTION


August 19-21, Reno, NV

Resting as a sparkling jewel midst the snow-capped grandeur of the Sierra Nevada range is Reno, site of the 1983 Pacific Division Convention, August 19-21. The MGM Grand Hotel, with its spacious, newly converted Tennis Pavilion, has been reserved, and 199 exhibitor booths await commercial and club exhibitors.

The Wide Area Data Group has put together a program that allows for plenty of time to roam through the Convention hall, while enabling visitors to attend all forums. You are invited to stop by the official "Welcome Booth" for a chat, maps of the Convention floor and Reno-area sites and other tidbits of interest to our guests. In addition to scheduled forums, there will be plenty of on-site meeting rooms for special gettogethers with VIPS and executives.

The banquet will feature roast of prime rib with all of the trimmings, and a special after-dinner speech by Roy Neal, K6DUE, of NBC News. Also present will be Vic Clark, W4KFC, Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, and the Honorable Richard L. Bryan, Governor of the Silver State. K7UGA has also been invited.

Special tours have been arranged to the world-famous Harrah's Automobile Museum, and a dinner journey across beautiful Lake Tahoe aboard the M.S. Dixie awaits the romantic at heart. A night out on the town, embraced in the brilliance of Reno at night, is scheduled.

The Convention hall will open at 6 P.M. on Friday and will continue until 3 P.M. Sunday. An indoor swap meet has tables at \$5 each. The MGM RV park has 500 spaces reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. For room/RV reservations, call MGM direct at 800-648-5080. Advance tickets are \$7.50 (admission) or \$35 (includes banquet, etc.). The Communications Command Center will provide talk-in on 147.63/03 (high-level), 147.90/30 (MGM Grand, low-level) and 222.86/224.46. Simplex talk-in is on 52. For more information, write to P.O. Box 3132, Sparks, NV 89431. You will want to attend this convention in Reno, "The Biggest Little City in the World." 

*Convention/Travel Coordinator, ARRL

Hamfest Calendar

[Attention those who send in items for Hamfest Calendar and Coming Conventions: Postal regulations prohibit mention in QST of prizes of any kind and games of chance such as bingo.]

Alberta: The 49th Glacier-Waterton International Hamfest will be held July 15-17 at Waterton

Homestead Campground, just north of Waterton National Park entrance on Hwy. 6, Alberta. Bunny hunt, technical sessions, entertainment, swap tables. For information and pre-registration write to P.O. Box 148, Milk River, AB T0K 1M0, Canada.

Arizona: Fort Tuthill Hamfest 1983, sponsored by the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona, will be held at Fort

Tuthill County Park, airport exit off I-17, Flagstaff, July 29-31, from 1 P.M. Friday to 3 P.M. Sunday. Swapfest, dealers, food, cw contest. Speakers will include ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, ARRL Hq. representative Dale Clift, WA3NLO, and Lew McCoy, W1ICP. Talk-in on 22/82 and 60/00. Further information from Graham Lloyd, AJ7I, 1023 N. 62nd Ave.,

Phoenix, AZ 85043, tel. 602-233-9676.

British Columbia: The Pentiction ARC is sponsoring the 1983 Okanagan International Hamfest July 30-31 at Oliver Centennial Park, Oliver. Registration on Saturday, July 30, 9 A.M. PDT; activities from 1 P.M. Saturday to 2:30 P.M. Sunday. Nonhams: Bring your hobbies, crafts and flea market items for display or sale. Entertainment, bunny hunts and pot luck luncheon at 11:30 A.M. Sunday. Talk-in on 34/94 and 76/76. First-come, first-serve basis; no reservations at Centennial Park. For information, write to John Juul-Anderson, VE7DTX, 8802 Lakeview Dr., Vernon, BC V1B 1W3, or Lota Harvey, VE7DKL, 584 Heather Rd., Pentiction, BC V2A 1W8.

Colorado: The Ski County ARC will hold its second annual swapfest on July 23 at Colorado Mountain College, 1402 Blake Ave., Glenwood Springs. No admission charge; tables are \$5 each. Talk-in on 07/67. For further information, contact Frank, WA0BBI, Box 280, El Jebel, CO 81628.

Illinois: The DuPage ARC Hamfest/Computerfest will be held at the Downers Grover American Legion Post grounds on Sunday, July 10, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Large outdoor flea market. Tickets \$2, available at the gate only. Plenty of parking space. Food and drink available. Talk-in on 144.89/145.49. For more information, send an s.a.s.e. to W9DUP, P.O. Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514, or call 312-971-1156.

Illinois: The Quad-Co. ARC will sponsor the 26th annual hamfest of the "Breakfast Club" on July 16-17 at Terry Park, 3/4 mile east of Palmyra. All other groups are invited to meet at the hamfest, giving prior notice to the Hamfest Committee. Dancing and movies Saturday night. Bring your own basket lunch. Sandwiches and soft drinks available on the grounds. Talk-in on 3973 kHz from noon Saturday to 11 A.M. Sunday. Games, contests, golfing and fishing. Bring your swap gear. Camping facilities open from Friday afternoon until Monday morning. Pre-registration until July 7 is \$1.50; at the gate \$2. Write to "Hamfest," c/o Quad-Co. ARC, 602-D East Walnut, Chatham, IL 62629.

Illinois: The Belvidere hamfest sponsored by the Big Thunder ARC will be held on July 31 in Belvidere. Camping available on Saturday, July 30, beginning at 6 P.M.; small fee. Sunday hours from 6 A.M. to 3 P.M. Advance admission is \$2; at the gate \$2.50. Acres of flea market space (free); tables at \$2 available. Indoor facilities, in the event of rain. Talk-in on 52 simplex. For further information, contact Bob Anderson, 910 W. Locust St., Belvidere, IL 61008, tel. 815-544-3215.

Illinois: Illinois' oldest hamfest — established in 1929 by The Fox River Radio League — will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles. Located midway between Elgin and Aurora in the Fox River Valley, the FRRL Hamfest can be reached easily from either the Northwest or the East-West Tollways via the SR 31 exits and driving south or north, respectively. Talk-in on 94 simplex or 21/81. All commercial exhibits, contests, demonstrations and part of the flea market will be indoors. Additional flea market outside, adjacent to main hall. Overnight parking for campers and motorhomes on Saturday, August 20, available by prior arrangement for fee of \$3. Campers, commercial exhibitors and flea marketers contact George R. Isely, WD9GIG, 736 Fellows St., St. Charles, IL 60174. Advance tickets \$2; send business-size s.a.s.e. to Gerald Frieders, W9ZGP, 1501 Molitor Rd., Aurora, IL 60505. Tickets at gate are \$3.

Indiana: The combined LaPorte-Michigan City ARCs will sponsor their Summer Hamfest on Sunday, July 17, at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds, on State Road 2, west of LaPorte, 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. Paved outdoor parking; indoor tables by reservation, 40¢ per ft. Write to P.O. Box 30, LaPorte, IN 46350. Good food, cold drinks. Donation \$3 at the gate.

Indiana: The Steuben County Radio Amateurs present the 25th Annual FM Picnic and Hamfest at Crooked Lake, Angola, on Sunday, Aug. 7. Picnic-style barbecue chicken, inside tables for exhibitors and vendors, overnight camping (fee charged by County Park). Talk-in on 81/21 and 52. Admission is \$2.50.

Kansas: The Central States VHF Society will sponsor the Central States VHF Conference at Doubletree Hotel, Overland Park, July 28-31. Varied hours each day; banquet at 7:30 P.M. July 30. Admission for all sessions is \$12. Barbeque on Thursday evening. Technical sessions on Friday and Saturday, 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., including antenna measuring. For further information, contact Tom Bishop, K0TLM, tel. 816-452-6953.

Louisiana: The Central Louisiana ARC will sponsor a hamfest July 30-31 at the Bolton Avenue Community Center, Alexandria. Swap tables will be available.

Maine: The second annual Greater New England Hamfest, sponsored by the Blackstrap Repeater Assn.,

will be held on Saturday, July 30, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., at the Cumberland Fairgrounds, Cumberland. Forums, lectures, giant flea market, exhibits, dealers, food, free camping. Advance tickets \$1, at the gate \$2, under 16 free. Talk-in on 69/09, 13/73, 52 and 3/940. For more info, call Ed Williams, KA1FZD, tel. 207-846-3509, or write to P.O. Box 321, Cumberland, ME 04021.

Maryland: The Baltimore Radio Amateur Television Society again presents the famous BRATS MARYLAND HAMFEST on Sunday, July 31, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, Rte. 144 at Rte. 32, adjacent to I-70 in West Friendship, about 15 miles west of Baltimore. Fairgrounds available for setup on Saturday, July 30, at 2 P.M.; overnight security provided. Facilities for RVs overnight available. Talk-in on 63/03, 16/76, 52 and 29.54/64. For table reservations and information, call Mayer Zimmerman, W3GXK, at 301-655-7812.

Michigan: The Straits Area ARC will host its annual Swap'n Shop on Sunday, July 17, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the Harbor Springs High School gym. Go 8 miles north of the State Police post (in Petoskey) on M119 and follow signs. Talk-in on 31/91 and 52. Free parking Saturday night provided at site for self-contained RVs. Refreshments available Sunday. Donation at the door is \$2.50; plenty of table space available for \$2.50. For more information and/or tickets, write to Straits Area ARC, W8GQN, P.O. Box 444, Conway, MI 49722.

Michigan: The Hiawatha ARA of Marquette County is celebrating their 50th Anniversary as a club and its affiliation with ARRL by sponsoring the Annual Upper Peninsula Hamfest on July 30 at the Michigan National Guard Armory in Ishpeming. Doors open at 9 A.M.; registration is \$1. Tables will be available for displays, sales, etc., at the rate of \$3 per table. Computer demonstrations, net meetings and other activities. Talk-in on 16/76. Come help us celebrate this Golden Anniversary. For further information, contact Stu Sihtala, KO8U, Hamfest Chairman, 1836 Prairie Ave., Ishpeming, MI 49849, tel. 906-485-5720.

Michigan: The Amateur Radio Public Service Assn. of St. Joseph County will hold its 5th Annual Swap and Shop on Sunday, July 31, at the St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, Centreville. Doors open at 8 A.M. Tickets are \$2 in advance, \$3 at the gate. Indoor tables \$3; trunk sales are free. Camping available Saturday night for \$6. Talk-in on 52. For more information, contact Warren Harder, N8EOX, 14820 Broadway Rd., Three Rivers, MI 49093.

Minnesota: Faribault ARC will have its 2nd Annual Swapfest on Saturday, July 9, at the Rice County Fairgrounds, north edge of Faribault, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Talk-in on 19/79. Lunch available; close to parks, fishing, tourist spots. Amateur Radio gear, computer gear, miscellaneous electronic equipment. General admission \$1.50; selling space and admission \$3 (indoor or outdoor). Tables available by pre-registration only at \$3 each (7-ft tables). Contact Donal Klier, 1118 N.W. 8th St., Faribault, MN 55021, for further information.

Minnesota: The Iron Range ARCs will be holding their Range-Wide Hamfest on July 10, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the Clinton Community Center on Hwy. 37, 13 miles east of Hibbing, 6 miles west of Hwy. 53. Tickets are \$1; tables \$2 each. Talk-in on 25/85. Food, picnic area, playground and tennis courts. For more info, send an s.a.s.e. to Teresa Dall, KA0CDO, Rte. 1, Box 284, Iron, MN 55751, tel. 218-744-5212.

Missouri: The Zero-Beaters ARC Hamfest will be held at the Washington Fairgrounds on July 17, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. No admission charge. Cake walk, candy scramble, traders row, sandwiches, dinners, refreshments available. Talk-in on 52. For further info, write to Zero-Beaters ARC, Box 24, Dutzow, MO 63342.

Missouri: The 5th Annual North Missouri Hamfest will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Moberly Municipal Auditorium, Moberly. The auditorium has 12,000 sq. ft. of air-conditioned space available. Flea market inside with limited number of free tables. Forums and films during the day. Doors open for flea market and distributors at 8 A.M., and for hamfest from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M. Tickets are \$2 at the door or \$1.50 in advance. Sponsored by the NEMO ARC, Kirksville, and the Tri-County ARC, Moberly. For information and/or tickets, contact Sam Fischer, KA0ILO, P.O. Box 341, Moberly, MO 65270. Talk-in on 69/09.

New Hampshire: Fly into New Hampshire's third largest electronic flea market, Saturday, July 16, at 9 A.M., at the Manchester Airport. Rain date is Sunday, July 17 — monitor 52. Sponsored by the New Hampshire FM Assn. General admission \$1; seller's \$5 per lot. Seller's lot = 2 parking spaces (16 ft); includes one admission. Bring your umbrella and table or tailgate.

New Jersey: Sussex County ARC will sponsor "SCARC '81" at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, Plains Rd., off of Rte. 206, Augusta on Saturday, July 16. Doors open at 8 A.M. Admission \$2; indoor tables \$5 in advance, \$6 at door; Tailgate space \$4 in advance, \$5 at gate. Food and refreshments, plenty of free parking. Talk-in on 90/30 and 52 simplex. For further information, write to L.loyd A. Buchholz, WA2LHX, 10 Black Oak Dr., RD 1, Vernon, NJ 07462, tel. 201-827-6062.

New Jersey: The 5th annual hamfest sponsored by the West Jersey Radio Amateurs will be held at the Super 130 Drive-In, Rte. 130, Edgewater Park, on Sunday, July 17, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Setup for vendors at 7 A.M. Admission \$3. Flea market, QLF contest, refreshments, ARRL info table. Bring your own table. Hamfest to be held rain or shine. Talk-in on 75/15 and 52 simplex. For further information, contact Mary Lou Shontz, N2CLX, 107 Spruce La., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060, tel. 609-267-3063.

New York: The Genesee Radio Amateurs, Inc. (GRAM), Batavia Hamfest will be held at the Firemen's Grounds in Alexander on Sunday, July 10, 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. Admission is \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door. Cw contest, flea market, boat anchor auction, exhibitors, indoor display area, free camping (electricity \$2), radio clinic. Commercial vendors open at 9 A.M. Talk-in on 144.71/145.31 and 52. For further information, write to GRAM, P.O. Box 572, Batavia, NY 14020, or call Dave at 716-343-6770.

New York: The Mt. Beacon ARC hamfest will be held on Saturday, July 23, at the Arlington Senior High School, Poughkeepsie/Lagrange. Tickets are \$2; women and children free. Tailgating space is \$3 (1 free admission). Tables \$4 (1 free table and admission). Doors open at 8 A.M. Talk-in on 37/97 and 52. For more info, call or write to Art Holmes, WA2TIF, 2 Straub Dr., Pleasant Valley, NY 12569, tel. 914-635-2614.

North Carolina: The Cary ARC will sponsor its 11th annual Mid-Summer Swapfest on Saturday, July 16, at the Lion's Club Shelter (next to Cary Senior High School) in Cary, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Buying, selling, trading, haggling, bartering and visiting. Open auction — we sell all. Never an admission or commission at the Mid-Summer. Talk-in on 28/88, 75/15 and 52. Rain or shine. Bring tables and chairs.

North Carolina: WCARS Hamfest and Computer Fair of 1983, sponsored by the Western Carolina ARS, Inc., will be held at the Buncombe County Firemen's Training Center, Asheville, July 30-31. Doors open at 9 A.M. Admission is \$4, good for both days. McElroy Memorial CW Competition (home of cw record), computer talks, ARRL booth, camping and RV parking — no charge. Free flea market area outside; \$5 per table inside per day. Free RV overnight parking. Talk-in on 16/76, 31/91 and 52. For further information, contact Garland Lance, 845 Sand Hill Rd., Asheville, NC 28806, tel. 704-667-3758.

North Dakota: The 20th Annual International Hamfest is scheduled for July 9-10, at the International Peace Garden between Dunseith, North Dakota, and Boissevain, Manitoba. Contests, transmitter hunts, mobile judging contest. Excellent camping facilities. Talk-in on 147.33. For more info and advanced reservations, contact Mike Manky, WB0TEE, 518 East Columbia Dr., Bismark, ND 58501, tel. 701-258-5114.

Ohio: The Wood County ARC's 19th annual "Ham-A-Rama" will be held at the Wood County Fairgrounds, Bowling Green, on July 17, starting at 8 A.M. Free admission. Talk-in on 78/18 and 52. Advance table rentals (\$5) to dealers only. Saturday setup available until 8 P.M. For more information or dealer rentals, send an s.a.s.e. to Wood Co. ARC, c/o Craig Henderson, Box 366, Luckey, OH 43443, or Chuck Dicken, WD8ICP, 1002 Revere, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

Ohio: On Sunday, July 17, The Canton ARC, W8AL, and the Tusco ARC, W8ZX, will present the 9th Annual Hall of Fame Hamfest. It will be held at the Nimishillen Grange, 6461 Easton St., Louisville. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance and \$3 at the gate. Flea market opens at 9 A.M.; space is \$2. AMSAT Forum, ARRL Forum, dealers, food and much more. Talk-in on 71/12 and 52; call W8ZX or W8AL. Children under 16 free. Tables available on reserved basis for \$3.50 each; check must accompany reservations. For information or reservations, contact Butch Lebold, WA8SHP, 19877 Hazelview Ave., Alliance, OH 44601, tel. 216-821-8794.

Ohio: The Northern Ohio ARS is pleased to announce its 6th Annual NOARSFEST. Saturday, July 23 is the date; the Lorain County Fairgrounds, Wellington, is the place. Flea market setup from 6 to 8 A.M.; gates open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Donation is \$2.50 in advance, \$3.50 at the gate; children under 12 free. To order admission tickets, write to

NOARSFEST, P.O. Box 354, Lorain, OH 44052. Huge blacktopped flea market area. Flea market \$1 per car space. Large indoor exhibit hall. Campers may park overnight Friday at no charge; no hookups. Talk-in on 144.55/145.15 and 52. Dealers: Indoor exhibit space with 8-ft tables (\$8 each). Send check for advance registration to Don Winner, WD8RZG, 8927 Torrance Ave., Brooklyn, OH 44144, tel. 216-749-6594.

Ohio: Warren ARA presents the Warren Hamfest on August 21 at Kent State University-Trumbull Branch, Warren. Flea market opens at 6 A.M. Main building with dealers opens at 8 A.M. Tickets are \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at gate. For tickets or information, write to WARA, P.O. Box 809, Warren, OH 44482, c/o Frank Fitzhugh, KA8GGD.

Oregon: The 8th annual Lane County Ham Fair will be held at the Oregon National Guard Armory, 2515 Centennial, Eugene, on July 16-17. Doors open at 8 A.M. both days. Major ham equipment suppliers, computer demos, technical seminars, swap tables. Free parking for RVs; no hookups. Talk-in on 28/88, 86/26 and 52. Registration is \$4. Swap tables (2 max.) are \$5 each. Checks payable to Lane County Ham Fair should be sent to Tom Temby, Treas., WB7WPU, 3227 Crocker Rd., Eugene, OR 97404, tel. 503-689-1761.

Pennsylvania: The 46th annual South Hills Brass-pounders and Modulators hamfest will be held on Aug. 7, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the South Campus of the Community College of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh. Tickets are \$3 each or 2/\$5. Computers, OSCAR, ATV demo and flea market. Talk-in on 13/73 and 52 simplex. Further information from Andrew L. Pato, 1433 Schaeffer Dr., W. Homestead, PA 15120.

South Carolina: The Charleston Hamfest, sponsored by the Charleston ARS, Inc., will be held July 23-24 in Charleston. Hours are 8:30 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturday and 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Sunday. Admission is \$5. QCWA and MARS meeting. Talk-in on 16/76. For further information, contact the Charleston Hamfest

Committee, tel. 803-747-2324 or 795-1737.

Tennessee: The Plateau ARC will again sponsor the Crossville Hamfest at the Cumberland County Community Complex, Hwy. 70 North, Crossville, July 9-10. Admission at the gate is \$1 for adults. Exhibit and flea market space available on a first-come basis. Talk-in on 93/33. Dutch-treat dinner Saturday night. For further information, contact Plateau ARC, P.O. Box 2621, Crossville, TN 38555.

Tennessee: The Radio Amateur Transmitting Society of Nashville will hold its annual hamfest at downtown Municipal Auditorium on Sunday, July 31, from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. Admission is free; hotels and motels, ample parking and the Grand Ole Opry nearby. Tables will be \$10 for the center aisle and \$5 for all others. The hamfest will feature amateur and computer activities, a cw proficiency test, HANDI-HAMS, booths and exhibits, Region 2 Air Force MARS, flea markets and swapfests, and food and refreshments, along with other activities for everyone. Talk-in on 34/94 and 52. For additional information, contact Willie Porter, KB4BLL, 4907 Idaho Ave., Nashville, TN 37209, tel. 615-269-9757.

Texas: The 18th annual Northwest Texas Emergency NET Picnic and Swapfest will be held on Sunday, Aug. 7, at 8 A.M. in the City Park in Levelland. Cosponsored by the Northwest Texas Emergency NET and Hockley County ARC. Talk-in on 28/88. A family event; bring your own picnic basket. Swapping all day, with tables provided. A \$3 registration fee is requested, but not required.

Virginia: The 33rd annual hamfest sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley ARC, Inc., will be held at the Raritan Fairgrounds, Berryville, on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 7 A.M. to 3 P.M. Admission at the gate is \$3; women and children free. Many activities, arts and crafts (noncommercial), Raritan chicken barbeque. Talk-in on 22/82 and 52 simplex. For further information, contact Carl Horner, K4BRK, Siler Route, Box

154, Winchester, VA 22601, tel. 703-662-4934.

Washington: The Western Washington DX Club, W7FR, hosts the 31st annual Northwest DX Convention on July 29-31, at the Double Tree Plaza Hotel, located near the South Center Shopping Mall and the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. For further information, call or write to "Registration," Ruth Bennett, WA7RVA, 6729 Beach Drive, S.W., Seattle, WA 98116, tel. 206-932-1335, or Roy Foote, N7AIF, Chairman, 3029 - 48th Ave., S.W., Seattle, WA 98116, tel. 206-935-8041. Also use the WWDX club repeater. Call Frank, W7FR, on 146.40/147.00.

West Virginia: The Triple States RAC will present its 5th annual Wheeling WV Hamfest at Wheeling Park on Sunday July 24, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Dealers, flea market and auction, free parking, refreshments, ARRL, SWOT booths. Admission \$2; children under 12 free. Indoor display; tables available (with price of admission), but reserve space. Contact TSRAC, Box 240, RD 2, Adena, OH 43901, tel. 614-546-3930.

Wisconsin: The Sheboygan County ARC, Inc., will sponsor the annual Lake Shore Swap Fest and Public Brat Fry on Saturday, July 16, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., at Wilson Town Hall, Sheboygan. Adults \$3, advance \$2.50, children under 12 with family free. Advance deadline is June 30. Free tables. Camping available. Public auction, swap-buy-sell. Bring your odds and ends. See ham video tapes. Talk-in on 66/06 and 52. For information, write to P.O. Box 895, Sheboygan, WI 53081, tel. 414-457-3203.

*ARRL Hamfest

[Note: Sponsors of large gatherings should check with the League Hq. 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.]

Strays



Hudson Division Vice Director Stephen Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, says hello to President Reagan in the office of Costa Rica President Monge prior to Reagan's radio speech to that nation last December. An engineer with CBS Radio in New York, Steve was part of the broadcast team that covered the President's tour of South and Central America. (photo courtesy WA2DHF)

SAFETY FIRST

□ There are reasons for accidents involving radio gear, but never good reasons. Take no chances with electricity. Even a low-voltage shock can be serious — sometimes fatal.

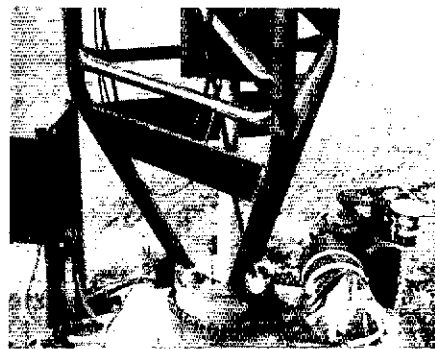
Heed the ARRL safety code: While there's no reason for you to be involved in a ham-related accident, that possibility always exists if you are not thinking safety. Following the ARRL safety code will make your ham



John G. C. Miller, W2ORI (center), of Lockport, New York, receives an ARRL 60-year membership plaque from Atlantic Division Vice Director Bud Hippisley, K2KIR (right), at a meeting of the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the QCWA. Helping with the presentation is chapter President Ray Griswold, W2SD.

experience more enjoyable. Read it and practice it.

- 1) Kill all power circuits completely before touching anything behind the panel or inside the chassis or the enclosure.
- 2) Never allow anyone else to switch the power on and off for you while you're working on equipment.
- 3) Don't troubleshoot in a transmitter when you're tired or sleepy.
- 4) Never adjust internal components by hand. Use special care when checking energized circuits.
- 5) Avoid bodily contact with grounded metal (racks, radiators) or damp floors when working on the transmitter.
- 6) Never wear headphones while working on gear.
- 7) Follow the rule of keeping one hand in your pocket.
- 8) Instruct members of your household how to turn



Shown is the base of a 138-ft, 2500-lb rotatable tower completely hand constructed by Dennis Homerick, KN8COQ, of Mansfield, Ohio. The tower, erected in one piece with the aid of a crane, telescopes with the help of a 2/3-hp winch that was designed using two gear motors and a drum placed in the center. An identical gear motor rotates the tower.

the power off, and how to apply artificial respiration. (Instruction sheets on the latest approved method can be obtained from your local Red Cross office).

9) If you must climb a tower to adjust an antenna, use a safety harness. Never work alone.

10) Do not install antennas at levels that permit humans or animals to come in contact with them. Not only might the victim sustain a severe rf burn, he or she could run into the antenna and be injured.

11) Do not operate high-power uhf or microwave gear that has inadequate shielding against radiation. Similarly, do not look into or stand near microwave antennas when transmitter power is being fed to them.

Take time to be careful. Death is permanent.



Have You Heard?

What may have been one of the most noteworthy events in the annals of Amateur Radio DXing took place on remote Heard Island in January and February of this year. It had been almost three years since VKØRM had activated this part of the Australian External Territory in the South Indian Ocean, and Heard was very much on the "want" list for many of the DX persuasion.

The ground was set back in April of 1982, when a representative of the Wireless Institute of Australia rocked the faithful at the Visalia DX Convention with news that an expedition would go to Heard Island, and that a group of mountain climbers eager to assault the famous 6000-ft mountain dominating that forbidding part of the world would accompany them. This group ultimately would put VKØCW and VKØHI on the air, with VK3DHF and K8CW operating.

It wasn't long after the above announcement that Jim Smith, VK9JS, of Norfolk Island fame, announced that the Heard Island DX Association (HIDXA) would also go to Heard. The bands and periodicals blazed with the news for the better part of the remainder of 1982.

Amid many trials and tribulations and attempts to get financial support, both groups did indeed accomplish the incredible goal of getting to Heard (and back) safely, activating Amateur Radio in a substantial manner and accompanying important scientific projects.

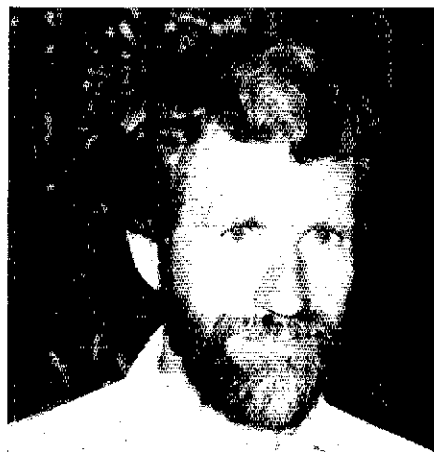
Your column editor had the privilege of talking with both K8CW and VK9JS at this year's Visalia DX Convention (April 1983). Here are some comments by both principals.

K8CW: "I first learned of the planned Heard Island DXpedition at Dayton in 1982, when VK5QX presented the fact that an Australian expedition was being planned, which would include mountain climbers and scientific people. In Australia, VK6XI and VK6NE were already working with expedition leader William Blunt about taking Amateur Radio along. It ended up that there were two of us hams who actually went. We sailed from Fremantle, Western Australia, on New Year's Eve, arriving on Heard on January 20. Enroute, we stopped at Kerguelen and then the MacDonal Islands. Our first QSO was at 1257Z on January 22, with VK6FS. The mountain climbers and scientists were 25 miles away, on the other end of the island. They made their base camp at Skewer Beach, which was completely flattened later on when hit by a hurricane.

"Personally, I was very pleased to have gone. I was in the right spot at the right time, being associated with IDXF. The boat trip was a fantastic experience, and the Anaconda was superb. This is an 84-ft sailing vessel with a 100-ft mast. The weather was such that we blew 25 sails, which had to be sewn together. The seas were overwhelming (40 ft). Our supplies were substan-



VKØCW/K8CW (W1YL photo)



VKØJS/VK9JS (W4WJ photo)

tial (we had seven man-years of food on the boat), and we did leave some on Heard for emergency provisions.

"I was part of an expedition that included the scientific fields of medicine, biology and glaciology. Even pollution experiments took

place to see if there was any evidence of pollution at this remote place.

"We had worldwide support; even King Hussein helped! Ultimately, we worked JY3ZH, but the king was out of the country! We had technical support worldwide, and information and input from thousands. We brought back many pages of information on Heard Island.

"The best QSO? There wasn't a best in particular. *Every one* of them was the best."

VK9JS: "I started the road to Heard in 1980, when, in those days, I was quite influential working for the Australian Government in Papua/New Guinea. I pulled every string I could to get the Amateur Radio VKØRM operation going. Australia wanted to restate their claim on Heard at that time. In 1951, they had abandoned Heard for the slightly easier climate of the Antarctic Continent.

"Eventually guidelines for private expeditions to Heard Island were generated, and I obtained permission in principle to go to Heard and to use the buildings which was a tremendous gesture on behalf of the Australian government.

"When I heard that IDXF, WIA, the Northern California DX Foundation, and others were going to sponsor the Amateur Radio portion of the WIA expedition, I realized there would be no need for me to back out of my plans. The VKØCW/HI operation was quite a different thing than the aims and goals of the HIDXA. 762 donations were received to help the HIDXA goal of getting Amateur Radio on Heard. We put on a 17-member team, with intentions of steaming the southern route to Heard. I was responsible for all the organizational details of the entire operation.

"We solicited expert advice on the capabilities of the Cheynes II charter vessel and whether a special survey certificate would be required, etc. In December, we received authorization from Canberra to undertake the proposed private Amateur Radio project."

The VKØJS QSL notes: "Sincere thanks to the hundreds of individual radio amateurs and small radio clubs around the world who contributed to our funds and continued to believe, despite adverse publicity. Special thanks to Sojo and Kirsti, coorganizers of the Amateur Radio and Scientific Expedition, for their faith in the impossible..."

Impossible it was. But the impossible became possible early this year, with sincere and dedicated hams, operating under the most trying conditions, furnishing treasured VKØ contacts for the rest of us.

SPRATLY

This group of small reefs is located in the central part of the South China Sea, about 280 miles southeast of Camranh Bay and about 775 miles northeast of Singapore. The "islands" were seized by Japan in June of 1940 and became a submarine base. The rights to the islands were renounced by Japan in 1951. Spratly was added to the ARRL DXCC list of "entities" in early

1966. The first operation from Spratly took place almost a couple of decades ago (W9WNV), and the second 1S1A (by K7ZZ). XV5AC, N5TP and possibly others have operated from this precarious area of the world. The last major operation (April 1979) was manned by VK2B JL, K4SMX and K1MM. At that time, they attempted to land on Amboyna Cay, but were fired



PY1APS took time out from a recent KH6-type trip and other trips to North America to work BY1PK for country no. 337. Gerson notes that it took him 17 years to get to no. 337. He still has logs of his PY7APS/Ø 1967 operation, as well as records for his 1968 and 1969 PYØAPS ventures.



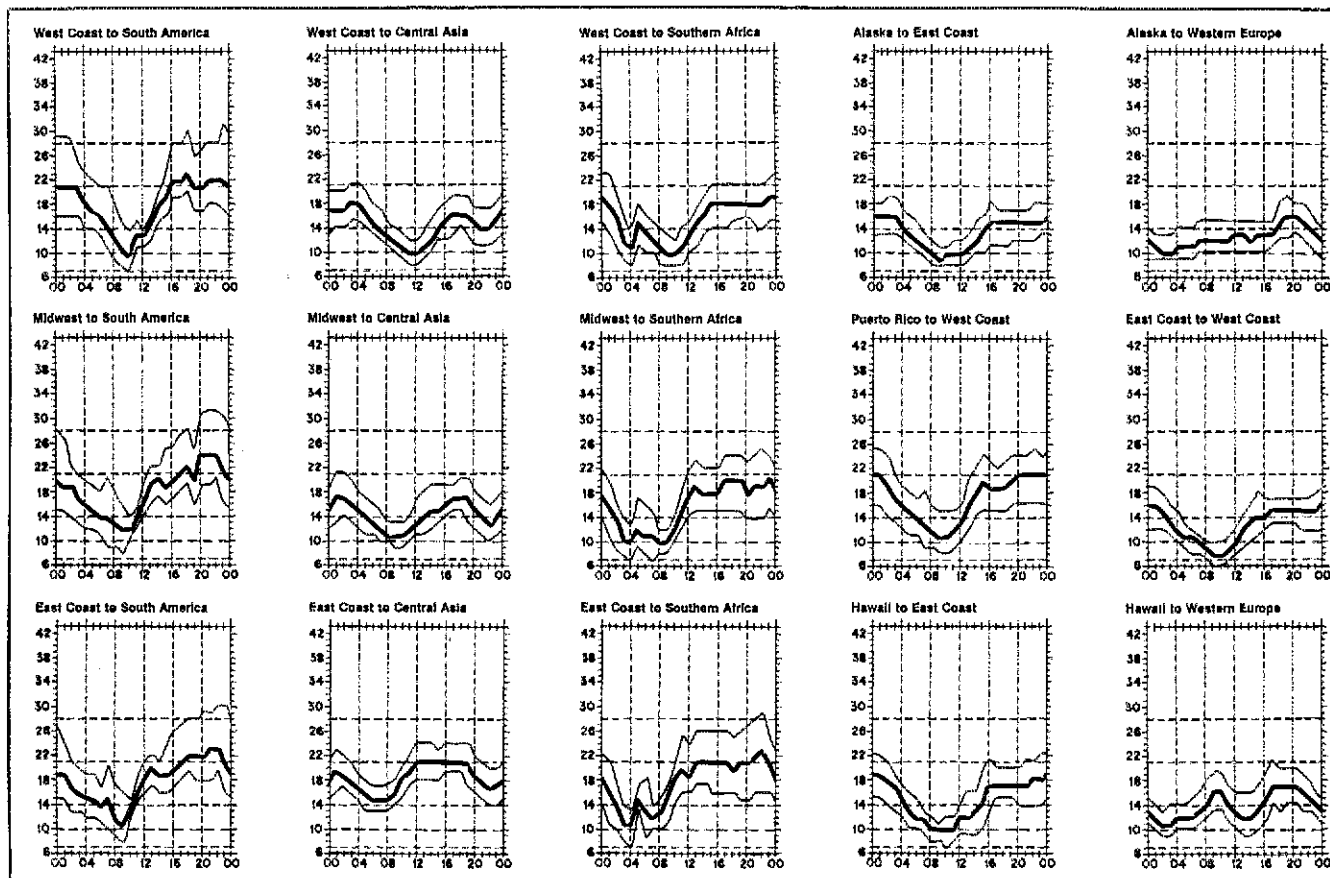
On the left is K8TCR, an electrician for the City of Hamilton, Ohio, followed by retired firefighter N8BCV, and DL8OL and KB8YK. K8TCR met DL8OL on the air and discovered that he wished to meet other U.S. firefighters. Several years later, Klaus got his wish on a visit to the U.S. Out of that meeting, and with L.A. Fire Department retiree N6AXQ, a net was formed that now includes over 200 firefighters from ZL DU VE JA DL OZ VK XE W and the Marianas. Interested? Contact KB8YK. (Jim Denney photo)

upon. They wound up operating on an unoccupied bit of land, Barque Canada Reef, for several days.

In early April 1983, an eagerly awaited expedition by four German amateurs approached Amboyna Cay in the Spratlys. The German amateurs, DJ3NG, DJ6SI, DJ4EI and DF6FK, were accompanied by the boat owner and his wife. On April 10, at 0652Z, their ship was fired upon and sank, apparently while attempting to use the Cay as a navigation aid to find a nearby reef. Search operations combed the area by air and sea, but were suspended on April 18. At that point in time, prospects for finding *any* survivors from the 51-foot yacht Siddharta were very dim. On April 20, official word surfaced that both DJ3NG and DJ4EI lost their lives and that others had sustained some injury — this news released following their discovery by the Freighter Linden on April 19. DJ6SI and DF6FK returned to Germany as rapidly as was possible, and their story still awaits telling. All Amateur Radio mourns the loss of DJ3NG and DJ4EI, and thoughtfully rethinks the dangers inherent in any operation of this kind. Some talk was heard at once that Spratly should be eliminated from the DXCC List. Careful observation certainly points up the dangers of many, many areas, however. The DXCC Criteria (on the ARRL DXCC List) indicates the points that are in question for country determination.

THE CIRCUIT

□ VK2DIK left on Stage 3 of his around-the-world helicopter flight in May. His itinerary: departing Prince Rupert, Alaska, July 7; Seattle, July 18; Amarillo, July 21; Fort Worth, July 22 (exactly 50 years from the date



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. Once 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

that Wiley Post arrived back in the USA after his first-ever solo flight around the world in a fixed-wing aircraft!). Dick planned 15-meter operation (21.385/21.185). QSL via Dick Smith, Box 321, North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia.

□ WIBWS will be operating July 19-28 from Lajes Air Force Base, in the Azores, in between classes of a course he will be teaching. 10-80, ssb/cw will be used. QSL via his home QTH.

□ HC7: In 1981/82, W5VFO operated as W5VFO/HC7 and HC7CM. If you still need Buck's card, QSL via C. M. Brecheisen, Jr., W5VFO, 919 Waterview Circle, Richardson, TX 75080.

□ Turkey. TAIUA informs IARU/ARRL Headquarters of the happy news of the new rules accepted and published by the Turkish government. By about October, Turkey will license radio amateurs. Special congratulations to the Turkish Radio Amateur Society for their years of effort that will soon bear fruit.

□ French Polynesia: All FO8s and FO9 will again be on the air this year, July 10-17, for the annual Tiurai Celebration. Participants will announce certificate details. Your requests go to Tiurai Special Certificate, Radio Club of French Polynesia, B.P. 5006, Pirae, Tahiti, French Polynesia, South Pacific.

□ Northwest DX Convention: A DX-celent extravaganza is being planned by the Western Washington DX Club, at the 31st annual Northwest DX Convention, July 29-31. The Double Tree Plaza Hotel, located near the Seattle-Tacoma Airport, will provide easy access. For further information, call Ruth Bennett, WA7RVA, at 206-932-1335.

□ Malpelo: The 50th anniversary of the Colombian Society, the LCRA, will provide for HK8TU/Malpelo, during 5 days in October. Multiband and multimode operation details will appear in a future issue. HK3DDD will manage the avalanche of cards!

□ W3HNK gets special kudos from KA1JOC. Meddy notes that, after sending out various duplicate cards and awaiting 11 years, he received a confirmation of his QSO with UJ50A, while operating as CP1FW — thanks to W3HNK, who furnished him various leads.

Still need Meddy's CP1FW card (including his slow-scan "first"? Send your card with an s.a.s.e. to Meddy Landry, KA1JOC, 10 Oak Ridge Dr., Somersworth, NH 03878.

□ WCY Award: Commemorating World Communications Year 1983, the DARC is sponsoring an attractive award for two-ways with special WCY stations. A minimum of 25 on hf or five on vhf are required (same conditions for SWLs). All modes/frequencies permitted. The award may be applied for until the end of 1984. Your verified list with 20 reply coupons or \$3 (U.S.) goes to Award Manager Hans-Peter Gunther, DL9XW, Am Strampel 22, D-4460 Nordhorn, Federal Republic of Germany.

□ 5A5TH: KØJS has repeatedly tried (and failed) to pry a card out of this station (June 1970). Any tips go to Jeff Sudeith, 545 W. Sandhurst Dr., Roseville, MN 55113.

□ ZD9BR: Manager ZS2RM still has the old logs. Remember, though, Buck can't use IRCs, but some U.S. Commemoratives would be appreciated. (thanks W6LFB)

□ IARU: Special congratulations to two new member societies of IARU, The Dominica Amateur Radio Club and the Lesotho Amateur Radio Society, unanimously elected late April.

□ NØEEN had hoped for extensive European operation in June. If you worked John, QSL via manager KAØGOA, 2 Monticello Ct., Davenport, IA 52806.

□ Gabon: Bill Harrison, WD4HQB, ex-TL8WH, worked a year for it, but finally has obtained TR8HWG. Confirmations via N4AXR.

□ 10-Meter Beacons: KA1YE/B is on 28.287 MHz with 3 W into a vertical (soon to be a turnstile). Keith notes that WA1IOB/B is at 28.208 and W3VD/B is on 28.295 MHz. (thanks KU7G of the ARRL Technical Information Service!)

□ Shortly after the German Spratly attempt, the DU1CK DXpedition to Spratly operated from Thitu as IS1CK. Limited numbers of contacts were made.

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 along as we receive it and, therefore, may not be accurate. The call sign in parentheses is the QSL manager.

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| CR9T (WA4IKZ) | VP5SSX (KB9AW) |
| CR9Z (JA1ELY) | VQ9TO (KC4OK) |
| CR0UA (CT1UA) | VR6KY (NE5C) |
| HH2VP (W1FJ) | V3CH (WBØMIV) |
| J37XC (W2BJ) | V3HE (DL1JW) |
| J37LT (K4LTA) | V3WTM (WD5CKF) |
| P29JM P.O. 9205, Rawa, Papua | YB4AEP (N5COP) |
| P42J (W1RM) | ZD7CW (N4CID) |
| TR8JD (F6AJA) | ZD9BZ (KA1DE) |
| TT8AD (HB9CLA) | 7P8CL (SM5GOJ) |
| TU2LS (K3GYD) | 9Q5JE (DJ3TY) |
| VP2EH (KC5EA) | TR8JD (F6AJA) |
| VP5FUX (KB9AW) | T7ØA P.O.B. 1, Rep. of San Marino, 47031 |
| VP5LDX (WB8LDH) | ZS1OU (KA3FIB) |
| | ZY1JF (PY1DOQ) |

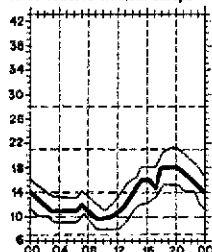
QSL Manager Volunteer

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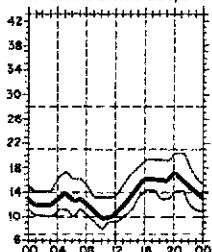
Special Notes

- WA2CDE is not manager for C53AL.
- K4ON is not manager for 3D6AR.
- WB8SSR is not manager for V2AW.
- June 1983 QSL Corner contains information and addresses for the Incoming Bureaus. April 1983 QSL Corner contains information on the operation of the ARRL-Membership 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.

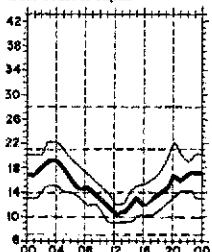
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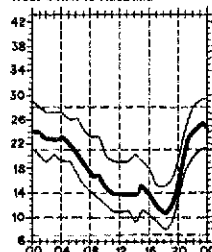
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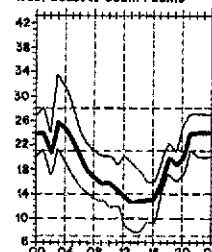
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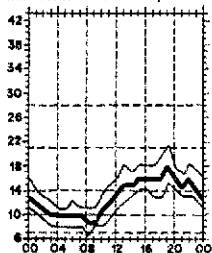
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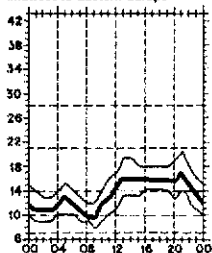
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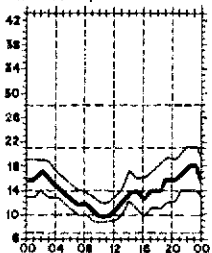
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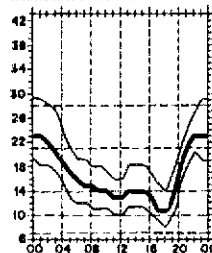
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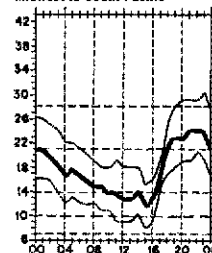
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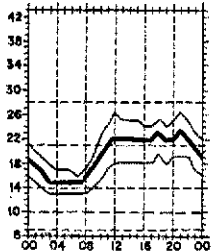
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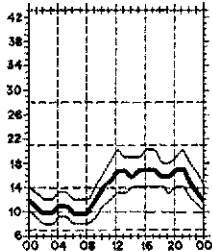
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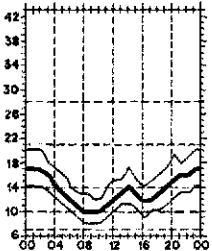
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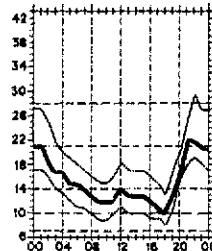
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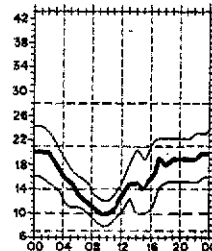
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East Coast to South Pacific



lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or f_{ot}). See January 1977 QST, page 58, September 1977 QST, page 35 and January 1979 QST, page 11 for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for July 15 to August 15, 1983, assume a sunspot number of 67, which corresponds to a 280-MHz solar flux of 118.

DX Century Club Awards

Administered by Don Search, W3AZD

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC List. You may also submit cards to endorse your award in 25-country increments through 250, 10-country increments through 300, and in 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from April 1 through April 30, 1983. An. s.a.s.e. will bring you the full rules for participation in the DXCC, the DXCC list and application forms.

New Members

Mixed

AL7DN/124 CE3GN/290 DJ8TK/324 DJ8AU/104 DK1HH/102 DL4FA/108 DL5GT/124 DL9GAU/107 F8HMJ/103	G3YJI/305 GM3PPE/202 H8KVK/123 HB9CJX/117 I2QEA/154 JG1FVZ/212 JA2ELA/134 JA2GPR/285 JA2GXJ/125	JF2GYH/208 JH3UBF/105 LX1DA/129 OE3WWB/328 ON6HE/307 P57ER/141 SM3KIF/102 SM4AXL/105 YU1GTU/261	YU1OXW/137 G2G/J200 9M2AX/106 KA1AQD/105 KA1KF/100 N1BRT/128 N1BZG/103 W1FOV/109 W1HVH/118	W1SSX/105 K2VX/114 KC2NX/211 KK2A/110 W2NKC/125 KA3GK/132 WA3ZPW/103 WB3PE/114 KA4SPJ/201	KD4QP/102 K4AJO/100 KF4FF/102 N4EDX/101 W5VUF/116 WB4JRL/125 WD4JFF/105 WM4Z/101 K5ND/102	KB5IM/214 KD5RO/202 KM5A/149 W5HK/116 W5VUF/141 WNSZAH/100 KJ6Z/116 KU6T/102 NH6H/103	WB6ZHT/211 AC6W/255 AD8T/101 KB8TZ/274 K8CQT/221 K8SWG/102 N8DEQ/107 W8MEX/114	WA8QXS/100 K9GF/110 KA9AGT/110 K9SM/108 WA9CYG/100 KD9Z/153 N8DGE/102 WA9QIT/161
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RTTY

IBZSG	K4VDM	DK4KK	WB3HAZ
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160 Meters

W6RW

5BDXCC

EA1ABT W4DZZ DJ6DU

KK1X I2PKF KE3A

NN4Q I2J5B SV8CS

LA4HW JA4IKD

W3ICM W1BBJ

W6SQP EA8LD

JH7BRG K9QVB

W4YE N6HR

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Endorsements

Mixed

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A-Bomb Proof Repeater

The first Amateur Radio repeater in the United States to be housed in a federally funded "atomic bunker" is W4HBB/R, a 2-meter repeater located in Savannah, Georgia. The repeater is owned and operated by the Amateur Radio Club of Savannah (ARCS) on 146.37/146.97 MHz and is housed in a bunker specifically designed to protect commercial radio broadcast stations in the event of an emergency.

The primary purpose of the bunker is to protect WJCL-FM, which has been designated the Emergency Broadcast Station for the Savannah area. In the event of a nuclear disaster, the radio station transmitter and its operators would be protected from the nuclear blast and its resulting fallout. And if a hurricane or other kind of weather emergency struck, equal protection would be provided. In either case, information and instructions from Civil Defense would be broadcast from the station to the Savannah area.

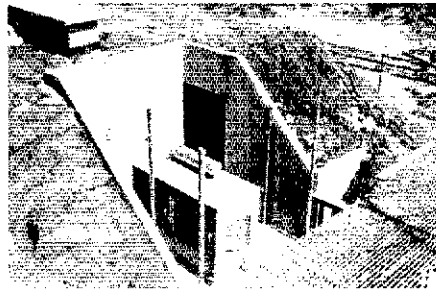
The bunker has some very impressive features. The walls of the bunker are constructed of reinforced concrete and are more than 1 foot thick. The walls are also banked with 8 feet of earth for additional protection. The structure can withstand extreme over-pressure, such as that produced by a nearby nuclear blast. If commercial power fails, the site is equipped with a diesel generator and two weeks' supply of fuel, which can power all of the equipment located in the bunker. The electrical system also has electromagnetic pulse (EMP) protection to counteract voltage spikes. A special design permits air ventilation while providing protection against fallout debris. There are enough food and provisions to supply two occupants in the bunker for two weeks.

The broadcast tower is 1500 feet high and is heavy-duty in design (it was originally designed to accommodate several television and/or fm radio broadcast antennas). The tower can probably withstand extreme over-pressure produced by a nearby nuclear blast or high winds produced by killer hurricanes.

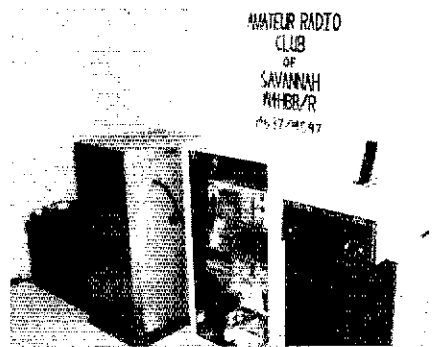
An installation such as this is costly. Through the assistance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), funding was obtained to build the bunker at a cost of about \$55,000 (the generator cost an additional \$25,000).

Repeater History

The ARCS 37/97 repeater also has some features concerning its history and design that are worth mentioning. The first repeater was a 1964-vintage Motorola 60-W vacuum-tube machine that was donated to the club in December 1976. In early 1977, the repeater was installed at the WJCL transmitter site, with an antenna height of 350 feet. It soon became well known throughout southeast Georgia and South Carolina as the "hot bucket of bolts," nick-



An atomic bunker houses the Amateur Radio Club of Savannah's 2-meter repeater as well as a commercial fm broadcast station.



The W4HBB/R installation inside the atomic bunker features a Motorola Micor repeater with a backup Motorola tube-type machine.

named from the suffix of its call sign, W4HBB.

The vacuum-tube repeater provided reliable service for three and one-half years, but after Hurricane David, the club realized it was not prepared for all emergencies. For example, the old repeater was not easily adaptable for emergency power. The membership agreed to purchase a more modern and efficient machine that could be operated from 12-V batteries.

After selling many bales of paper, aluminum cans and raffle tickets, the bright, shiny, new solid-state Motorola Micor repeater arrived for installation in 1980. The Micor produces an output power of 100 W with a continuous duty-cycle rating. To keep modifications to a minimum, the identifier, control circuit, autopatch and other accessories are housed in a separate cabinet. Interconnect cables with mating plugs connect the accessory cabinet with either the Micor or the old vacuum-tube repeater. If the new Micor fails or needs servicing, it takes very little time to get the old Motorola repeater back on the air.

The Micor repeater is equipped with a heavy-duty power supply that serves a dual purpose. The power supply powers the repeater and charges a bank of 12-V batteries. If there is a power failure, the repeater can operate from the batteries for nearly a week at full-rated output power under normal use.

Move Down Under

In early 1982, the club was offered the opportunity to install the repeater in the WJCL-FM radio "atomic bunker." The club accepted the offer and, in September 1982, the repeater was transferred from the old transmitter building to the adjacent bunker. To date, the ARCS 37/97 repeater has operated with very little downtime.

ARCS is grateful to the Lewis Broadcasting Co. for allowing their equipment to share the protection of the bunker. This protection has made the Amateur Radio operators in the Savannah area more confident of their capabilities to provide public service if an emergency situation of the worst kind arises. — *Andy Blackburn, WD4AFY*

TWO-METER SPLINTER BAND PLAN

After several studies, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted the position of the VHF Repeater Advisory Committee (VRAC) on the issue of 15-kHz "splinter" channels in the 146-148 MHz repeater subband. West of the Continental Divide, there is no particular problem, so the resolution leaves good enough alone.

East of the Divide, two conflicting coordination plans are in effect — the "upright" and the "inverted" plans. Either system works, but mixing the two does not. Since there are more upright splinter repeaters east of the Divide, the Board adopted a five-year phase-in of a policy of all upright repeaters east of the Divide to minimize inconvenience. That is, all Eastern repeaters in the 146-147 subband will be low in/high out, and all in the 147-148 subband will be high in/low out.

PAYING YOUR DUES

This suggestion comes from an 8-land reader: "How about encouraging repeater-owning Amateur Radio clubs to establish nonvoting associate or sustaining memberships at lower dues for hams who would like to help with the financial burden of repeaters they use but do not want to or cannot become active members of the club. I belong to one club, which owns the repeater I use most, but I would contribute \$5 or so to at least two other machines I use regularly."

REPEATER LOG

□ According to reports received between March 10 and May 9 repeaters were involved in the following public service events: 36 weather emergencies, 11 crimes, 14 medical emergencies, 443 vehicular emergencies, 14 fires, 7 search and rescues, 8 public safety events, 97 drills/alerts and 7 power failures.

The following repeaters were involved (followed by the number of events): K1FFK 5, W1XJ 10, K1ZZN 5, WB2IWT 1, N2MD 2, W2ODV 5, WA2PAV 14, K2QIJ 11, W2VL 72, WB2ZII 7, WA2ZWP 2, W3ACH 3, N3AIA 5, N3BFL 11, K3HKI 1, WB3JVX 35, K3PSP 1, VE3RPT 3, W3UER 4, WR4AMJ 3, W4ATD 2, W4BEJ 1, KA4CLL 2, N4DMA 2, W4DPH 2, K4DXZ 1, KF4EV 1, WA4GIC 5, K4GSO 2, K4HY 2, K4IJY 2, W4JNB 1, WB4LHO 1, WA4QBG 1, WB4QES 19, K4SCL 1, WA4SFW 2, VE4UMR 1, VE4WPG 1, W5FC 1, W5GIX 12, WA5LHL 2, WA5LVT 1, KB5NO 1, VE5RRG 1, W5RVT 3, W5VLY 1, W5WX 1, KH6AH 1, WD6AWP 13, WB6CAN 4, WD6FGX 11, WB6FMC 2, KH6H 3, KH6HHG 2, WB6HUK 1, WB6IY 3, KC6K 1, N6ME 1, K6TZ 23, WC7AAT 10, K7CC 10, W7EX 242, W7HSG 14, W7OMR 6, K8DDG 8, WD8IEL 10, W8VA 2, WB8VAZ 2, K8VXH 1, WR9ACD 1, WB9DGO 2, K9HGX 1, W9JMH 1, W9KXQ 3, W9NSS 1, WB9VLY 1, W9WDD 1, WR0ACD 1, WR0AEV 2, W0AFG 1, WR0AMJ 1, WD0BQM 2, W0EBE 11, W0EQU 1, W0GKP 1, WB0HAC 1, K0KKV 1, K0KRB 1, W0KUJ 3, K0SCM 2.

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Silent Keys

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

KA1CBE, James S. Hutchins, Sanford, ME
 KA1CWR, Burton K. Still, Winthrop, ME
 W10LG, Leigh C. Tryon, Meriden, CT
 *W1SJ, Valentine J. Morris, New Haven, CT
 WAI7JB, C. Barton Smith, Torrington, CT
 W1ZS, Glenn C. Sabin, Northampton, MA
 W2DFV, Harold W. DeRusha, Edison, NJ
 WA2DVL, Willard W. Davis, Port Kent, NY
 W2ELN, Norwood V. Bradshaw, Woodhaven, NY
 W2HVC, Maurice Grossman, Jamaica, NY
 K2IS, Morris L. Rosenfield, New Paltz, NY
 W2OG, Alfred B. O'Hara, Hawthorne, NJ
 WA2PRW, Ralph L. Marks, Holiday, FL
 W2QHL, Robert L. Clute, Oneonta, NY
 K2QOS, Michael F. Fekete, Sr., Trenton, NJ
 W2RUT, Roger E. "Kernie" Curran, Hannibal, NY
 K2SWL, Horace D. "Mike" Runey, Horseheads, NY
 WA2YXB, Peter A. Metroka, Liverpool, NY
 N3CEN, George E. Jones, Clear Spring, MD
 KA3DHH, Robert M. McClain, Lake City, PA
 W3DQJ, Fernley A. Gartrell, Westminster, MD
 W3DZL, Harold E. Stoneback, Quakertown, PA
 W31WD, Carmine Pastella, Monessen, PA
 WB3JIE, John C. Barch, McKeesport, PA
 *W3KVZ, Paul Damanskis, Glen Mills, PA
 W3MRK, Jack E. Phillips, Sr., Hyattsville, MD
 W3NRY, David L. McConaughy, North East, PA
 W3QKW, Damon D. Holton, Norristown, PA
 WB4BLI, Leonard K. Davenport, Kingsport, TN
 *W4BSB, Hugh Y. Meetez, Manassas, VA
 WA4ENE, Ervin Stockinger, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
 WD4EUX, Abraham B. Sutker, Columbia, SC
 WA4FYZ, Gary H. Toncre, Miami, FL
 K4GMA, Paul E. Hillard, Mt. Dora, FL
 WA4HJA, Fred B. Colvin, Bradenton, FL
 K4JVK, Royal C. Dickson, Greenville, SC
 K4KMG, Harold R. Champion, Sr., Centerville, AL
 WB4KYG, Edgar "Ed" Reichelderfer, New Port Richey, FL
 W4LXL, Ernest S. Allman, Athens, GA
 WD4OTC, Vincent J. Slomka, Columbus, GA
 K4UD, Henry F. Friebe, Jr., Dunwoody, GA
 W4ULX, Giles Tuck, Greensboro, NC

KY4X, Ferenc Pankotay, Raleigh, NC
 WB4YTA, Frank Baque, Jr., Miami, FL
 KA5CCA, Edward Wilson, Deer Park, TX
 NS5DAU, George W. Starns, Rhome, TX
 K5JZR, Marmaduke Corbyn, Jr., San Antonio, TX
 KA5LDL, Robert E. Van Winkle, Corpus Christi, TX
 W5LVQ, Rolland M. Sifers, Guthrie, OK
 WB5TFX, Ben Gard, Hollenville, OK
 W5UGJ, Carroll P. Mulliniks, Lake Charles, LA
 WA5VVV, Irvin D. Collins, Denham Springs, LA
 K5YLU, Arthur B. "Pete" Vela, Groves, TX
 W6DUC, Victor H. Peterson, Needles, CA
 W6FRH, Taubner G. Hamma, Stockton, CA
 K6GRS, Richard K. Brown, Gardena, CA
 WD6GTZ, Raymond D. Barnes, Winter Haven, FL
 W6HYZ, John C. "Jack" Burke, Fresno, CA
 W6KBD, Herbert Gordon, San Diego, CA
 KA6LJK, Harold E. Palmer, San Jose, CA
 WB6LYD, Lee O. Smith, La Honda, CA
 WA6MJT, Garland D. Moorehead, Fortuna, CA
 W6NHP, George T. Savage, Redondo Beach, CA
 W6NUI, Thomas L. Rutherford, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
 W6OSY, Dunstan S. Gross, Oakland, CA
 W6PKH, Howard G. Young, Mountain View, CA
 WA6QVH, James J. Murphy, San Diego, CA
 K6QXN, Louis D. Rush, Spring Valley, CA
 W6STV, Morris Holmen, West Point, CA
 K6UX, William H. Phillips, Vallejo, CA
 W6WPV, Sherman F. Desper, Turlock, CA
 W6ZCT, Arthur P. Lorenz, Oxnard, CA
 N7AXB, B. John Prestini, Clayton, WA
 W7DXL, Thomas G. Schuele, King City, OR
 WA7EPT, James Pendlebury, Henderson, NV
 W7GPJ, William E. "Steve" Stevenson, Portland, OR
 W7HN, Charles A. McDonald, Spokane, WA
 W7JQO, Robert E. Foltz, Sedona, AZ
 KB7RO, Winfred M. Harvey, Everett, WA
 W7SO, Howard B. Truax, Albany, OR
 *KB7UC, Joseph J. Ireland, Cheyenne, WY
 W7WVD, Charles B. Heap, Emmett, ID
 N8CIM, George E. McGuiggan, Sr., Tallmadge, OH
 W8EFI, Robert D. Binting, Sandusky, OH
 W8KEU, Jesse E. Antwright, Jr., Largo, FL

WB8LHV, Harold A. Flesch, Sr., Springfield, OH
 K8ODY, Richard R. Bregge, Rogers City, MI
 KB8UJ, Kyle J. Kinder, Salem, OH
 N9BPP, Herb J. Lieski, Juneau, WI
 WD9EKK, Roby H. Parker, Muncie, IN
 W9GGX, John F. Gerety, Madison, WI
 W9GX, Clarence "Ed" Ridgely, Princeton, IN
 KC9IJ, Dale R. Harner, Egan, IL
 K9LQB, Gareth H. Bundy, Mascoutah, IL
 K9MXX, Bernard Isaacson, Delray Beach, FL
 W9ZII, George P. Entreklin, Greenfield, IL
 K8ATK, Francis L. Smalley, Fessenden, ND
 K8AWK, Lyman P. Culp, Charleston, MO
 W8EUR, Rubin J. Overson, Donnelly, MN
 WB8FVT, Charles F. Best, Harvey, ND
 W8IDD, Norris S. Preston, Marceline, MO
 WA8KOE, Chester A. Dill, Lincoln, NE
 KA8NSP, Eugene B. Wagner, Hastings, NE
 KA8ORF, Eric A. Hoke, Jr., Manhattan, KS
 WA8PSN, Marie Gorr, Chadron, NE
 W8QNP, Allan T. Smith, Culbertson, NE
 K8VDT, Samuel A. George, Princeton, MO
 WB8ZCB, George L. Potter, Wilcox, NE
 VE3ACA, Anthony R. Clinchy, London, ON
 VE3AT, Hugh Gill, Woodstock, ON
 VE3DII, Ashton W. Johnston, Islington, ON
 VE7AXH, Willem A. Broeksma, Prince George, BC

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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.

50 Years Ago

July 1933

- Governors from 35 states sent messages via amateur radio channels to President F. D. Roosevelt on his inauguration, a relay project organized by the Washington Radio Club.
- Swinging Zepp feed lines produce frequency wobble from self-excited rigs, but George Grammer found that using twisted pair cord is not the answer, since high capacity results in heavy losses (heat). Such a feed line works okay, though, on center-fed wires.
- The Editor looks forward to the Cairo radio conference set for 1938, saying that with large increases in the amateur population we're going to need more space. However, some of us are turning out rather poor quality signals, which is no way to win the support of authorities.
- W8ALK laments the "loss" of 3.5 kc., which results from using a frequency meter at 3.5 Mc. with "only" 0.1% accuracy, so he uses a micrometer for the dial of his tuning condenser.
- A new "A-1 Operator Club" is sponsored by the League, with criteria for membership being good keying (or voice techniques), proper procedure, copying ability and courtesy.
- W1DBM started with a used Model T Ford axle and completed a "shack on wheels" with galley, sleeping quarters, and 160, 80 and 5-meter capabilities.
- Meters are expensive, and hams usually employ shunts and rectifiers on one milliammeter for additional measurements. W9BLK goes it one better with a homemade thermocouple to permit antenna current measurements.
- The League has gone d.c.! The Board of Directors decided to ask the Federal Radio Commission to re-

quire direct current for all transmitter stages and thus eliminate tone modulation and a.c. applied to amplifier stages.

- To save space (and power) in his portable 5-meter superregenerative receiver, W3ACD used a self-quenching circuit rather than a separate tube.
- Prof. Dan Noble of the University of Connecticut, concerned about our poor phone signals, explains the fundamentals of impedance vs. turns ratios in audio transformers, and what happens when we ignore those principles.
- OA4U operates at 11,000 feet on a mountain in Peru, using a Ford engine-driven generator and a 325-foot Hertz antenna.
- W3CXL is consistently at the top of the Brass Pounders' League listings, with traffic totals around or over 2000.

25 Years Ago

July 1958

- Progress in improvement of receiving techniques continues with W6STA's tuner for 3500-4000 kc. The stability and tuning rate remain optimum even on higher bands with the use of crystal converters.
- W9LIJ suggests that Technicians interested only in 6 meters should build a receiver for optimum performance on that band, rather than an "all-band" job with converters.
- Smaller than the two D cells powering it, W9KRU's multivibrator standard produces 50-kc. spots through 30 Mc.
- Using any old capacitor in the junk box may be the wrong approach, as W1ZEO points out that factors such as frequency (audio or r.f.), component reactance,

stability requirements and losses may dictate specific types.

- The frequency of WIPLJ's rig can be controlled by the receiver v.f.o. for spot frequency operation, or by a separate one for split frequency QSOs.
- An absorption-type wavemeter may be old hat but is still a most useful adjunct to a ham station, particularly Novices, W1ICP points out.
- The Editor recites the history of one of our most sacred traditions — the Wouff Hong, and the elite society of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong.
- W1JLN, a traveling salesman, built a 25-watt portable unit covering 80 and 40 meters for his trips. Back-to-back chassis make a nifty cabinet enclosure.
- If you'd like to be a top scorer in the CD Party, K2KIR has lots of good tips on techniques and operating procedures.
- To facilitate DX work on 2 meters, the League will ask F.C.C. to restrict the lowest 100 kc. for c.w. telegraphy work only.
- W8BP finally did it — a WAS on radioteletype, two-way.
- Aimed especially at the nonengineering ham who is still deeply interested in antenna performance, W6DOB provides some basics on beam design and construction.
- K6PYB avoided expensive filters in his teletype terminal unit by use of a pulse-counting detector which responds to the frequency difference in the f.s.k. signals.
- Unusual reception of the Sputniks when halfway around the world from the receiving point has piqued scientific interest, and Stanford Professor W6QYT requests reports from amateurs to add to other data being collected.
- Early reports indicate that KH6IJ and W3LOE are top scorers in the League's 1958 DX contest.
- For the 2-meter enthusiast, W8WXV has some useful hints on building and operating converters.

Power Indicator for a 1296-MHz Slug Tuner

Recently (April 1983), a two-slug tuner for 1296 MHz was described in this column. This month's column describes a simple directional power coupler that can be added to this tuner to produce a low-cost power-output indicator.

The power indicator is, in reality, a short (much less than 1 wavelength) section of transmission line that is placed in close proximity to the center conductor of the two-slug tuner, which is itself a section of air-dielectric 50-ohm transmission line. When two sections of transmission line are in close proximity, power will couple from one to the other, and the coupling is directional (for more on this topic, see a recent edition of the ARRL *Handbook*, p. 3-10). The power transferred into the coupled line can then be rectified and displayed on a meter.

Construction

Brass bar of the size used in this project may be obtained from Small Parts, Inc., 6901 N.E. Third Ave., P.O. Box 381736, Miami, FL 33138.

1) Take two brass pieces 1.4 in. long, 3/4 in. wide and 3/8 in. thick, and tightly clamp them together with the 3/4-in. sides in contact so as to make a block 1.4 in. long and 3/4 in. square (see Fig. 1).

2) Drill a 17/32-in. hole axially through the center of the block, as shown in Fig. 1. Do not remove the clamp yet.

3) At the four corners of the block, drill a no. 50 (0.07-in.) hole through both halves of the block. Now remove the clamp.

4) Take one of the two brass pieces and enlarge the four corner holes to 2-56 clearance (no. 43, 0.089 in.) size. Take the other brass piece and tap the holes with a 2-56 thread. The two pieces of the block can now be secured together with four 1/2-in. x 2-56 screws. Alternatively, the holes could all be drilled with a no. 43 drill and long 2-56 screws and nuts used to hold the pieces together.

5) The two brass pieces when bolted around the body of the two-slug tuner should be a tight fit. If they are not, file the mating faces down a little until a tight fit is obtained.

6) Take either one of the brass pieces and drill two holes 0.8 in. apart on the center line of the broad face (see Fig. 1B and 1C). The size of these holes depends on the size of the insulated feedthroughs available. If feedthroughs are not available, the coupling loop can just be passed through the holes, with care being taken to fasten it securely to the components at either end. In this case, the diameter of the holes should be such that they preserve the 50-ohm impedance of the coupling loop. Using no. 22 swg wire (0.0253-in. diameter) for the coupling loop, the holes should be drilled with a no. 51 (0.069-in.) drill.

7) The coupling loop itself is designed to have a 50-ohm impedance. Using no. 22 gauge wire, it should be installed (see Fig. 1B) with approxi-

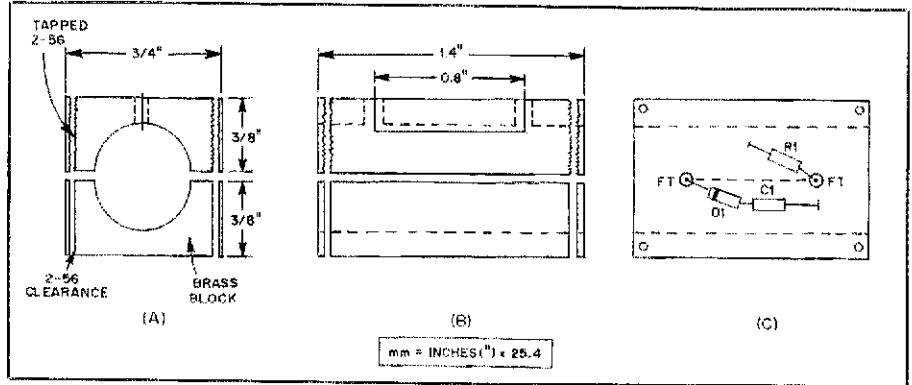


Fig. 1 — Power sampler for the two-slug tuner described in April 1983 QST, page 62.
FT — Insulated feedthrough capacitors.

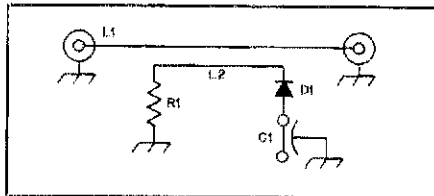


Fig. 2 — Schematic diagram of the power sampler.

C1 — 1000-pF feedthrough capacitor.

D1 — Hot-carrier diode, HP 5082-2900 or equiv.

L1 — Center conductor of 50-ohm air line (tuner).

L2 — Coupling loop.

mately 0.06 in. between the center of the wire and the body of the brass block.

8) The components shown in Fig. 2 can now be installed as shown in Fig. 1C. If a 1000-pF feedthrough capacitor is not available, a small disc-ceramic capacitor with minimum lead length may be substituted.

Use of the Power Indicator

The power indicator should be clamped around the output end of the two-slug tuner, with the 50-ohm resistor nearest the output connector and the coupling loop positioned in the center of the slot. Make sure that the coupling loop does not short against the body of the two-slug tuner or the body of the power indicator. A meter and a series resistor should then be connected between the output of the diode on the power indicator and the body of the block. To start with, try a 500-microamp meter and a 10-kΩ variable resistor. The power indicator is very useful in tuning up power amplifiers and drivers for maximum output. In addition, if the power indicator is reversed (i.e., with diode closest to the output socket), the meter should give a measure of reflected power, but be warned that

the indicated reflected power may be influenced by the real forward power unless the directivity of the directional coupling loop is high. In a simple design such as this, it is probable that directivity will be low.

Directivity is a measure of the degree to which the observed output from the power indicator is proportional to the true forward or reflected power. It may be defined as the ratio of the voltage measured when reading reflected power to the voltage measured when reading forward power when the transmission line is terminated correctly (i.e., no real reflected power). If the coupling loop is not terminated in its characteristic impedance, then standing waves will be set up on it, resulting in an output not directly proportional to the forward or reverse power sampled. In the case of this power indicator, since the terminating resistor is 50 ohms if the coupling loop does not present a 50-ohm impedance all the way along its length, then a loss of directivity will result. Lack of directivity isn't much of a problem when the power indicator is being used simply to indicate when an amplifier is tuned for maximum output. It does become a problem, however, when trying to accurately measure reflected power, since a small reflected power usually is measured in the presence of a relatively large forward power. If the directivity was 10 dB, then for 100 W of forward power, even if the line were perfectly matched, 10 W of reflected power would be indicated.

The sensitivity of the power meter is a function of the degree of coupling between the center conductor of the two-slug tuner and the coupling loop, and will therefore depend on the exact size and positioning of the coupling loop. If an accurate determination of power is required, then calibration against a known power meter should be carried out.

For more information on power indicators, reflectometers and directivity, interested readers are referred to the RSGB *VHF/UHF Manual*, 3rd edition, pp. 10.1 to 10.10.

The World Above 50 MHz

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Updated Terrestrial DX Records

The July 1982 column featured a discussion of the then-known terrestrial DX records for the various bands above 50 MHz. Many questions were raised, prompted by a lack of detailed information regarding potential record-breaking QSOs. Particularly emphasized was the need for specific details such as time, date, signal strength, propagation mode (if known) and, most important, the geographical coordinates of both stations. Since that column appeared, additional information has been received concerning apparent record-breaking contacts on 6 meters, 2 meters and 70 cm. In addition, new records have been established on 1-1/4 meters, 3 cm and 1.24 cm.

After recomputing information furnished by JA5HTP, I conclude that his contact from a portable location with PY5BAB, also operating portable, comes the closest to the antipodes, or half way around the world. Several others, such as HL9TG and HL9WI with their LU contacts, have worked almost as far, but not quite. KH6IAA's QSO with ZS3E also approaches the mark. Since I have already said that only geographical distance will count, not the length of the propagation path, I believe that JA5HTP and PY5BAB have the 50-MHz record.

In the case of the 2-meter record, there is conflicting information as to whether a two-way contact actually took place between I4EAT and ZS3B. Part of the controversy apparently involves the use of a 10-meter liaison frequency. One piece of correspondence is from I4SN, a physicist specializing in radio-wave propagation. It attests to the legitimacy of the contact and

Terrestrial DX Records*

6 Meters	JA5HTP/6 and PY5BAB/5 March 11, 1982	12,433 miles (20,008 km)
2 Meters	I4EAT and ZS3B March 31, 1979	4303 miles (7890 km)
1-1/4 Meters	KP4EOR and LU7DJZ March 9, 1983	3670 miles (5906 km)
70 Cm	KH6IAA/KH6 and KD6R July 28, 1980	2552 miles (4106 km)
23 Cm	VK7KZ/P and VK5MC/P Jan. 23, 1980	1422 miles (2288 km)
13 Cm	VK6WG and VK9QR Jan. 17, 1978	1170 miles (1883 km)
9 Cm	ZL2THW and ZL2TSM Feb. 1975	236 miles (383 km)
5 Cm	K5FUD and K5PJR Sept. 20, 1977	267 miles (430 km)
3 Cm	I0SNY/EA5 and IW0BFZ/0 Aug. 10, 1982	726 miles (1168 km)
1.24 Cm	DJ2UH/P and DJ4YJ/P Feb. 21, 1982	152 miles (244 km)

*as of April 15, 1983

encloses a photocopy of a confirming QSL from ZS3B. Unless other more convincing evidence is forthcoming, I must conclude that a two-way 2-meter contact did take place between these two stations and accord them the current 2-meter terrestrial record.

Like the 2-meter record, the new 1-1/4 meter record was established via Transequatorial Propagation or, as some prefer to call it, FAL. The contact was between KP4EOR and LU7DJZ, and surpasses, by more than 1000 miles, the previous record held for many years by W6NLZ and KH6UK. I have received sufficient information concerning the various 70-cm contacts from Southern California to Hawaii in July 1980 to accord the record for this band to KD6R and

KH6IAA/KH6. A new 23-cm record was missed across the same path last summer only because no one was available at the KH6 end to put the station on the air for a two-way QSO. But, the KH6HME beacon from up on Mauna Loa was heard in Southern California for several hours one evening last July. Surely, it's only a matter of time before the record for this band is captured by stations using this tropo path, one of the world's best. No information has reached me regarding new records for the 13, 9 and 5-cm bands.

The Italians once again showed the rest of the world that they know how it's done on 3 cm. To set the new record, I0SNY journeyed to the east coast of Spain and, as in previous record-breaking contacts, took advantage of sea ducting and optimum terrain at both ends to work IW0BFZ operating portable near Rome and set a record that will be hard to top. SM5AGM, who keeps the Region 1 records, lists on his latest sheet a new 1.24-cm (24-GHz) record set by DJ2UH and DJ4YJ. I have received no information on work on the higher bands, so I will continue to leave them blank until I do.

The accompanying table lists the terrestrial world records as I presently know them. I feel that this information is far more authoritative than that published last July, but, as noted, there are still some missing data, particularly with respect to all important geographical coordinates. I continue to solicit all the help I can get in making published records correct and keeping them up to date.

DAYTON POSTLOGUE

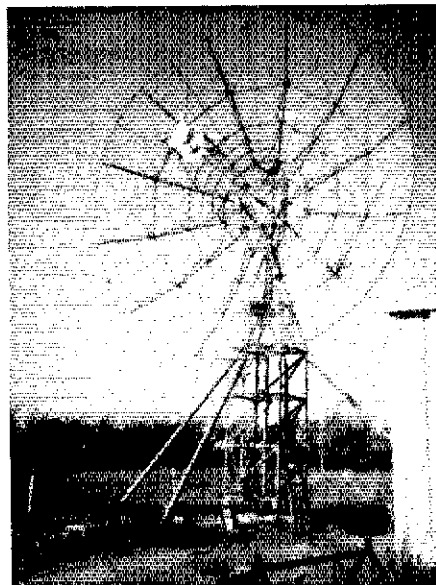
Once again, Dayton was interesting and fun, despite the rain. This year's affair was especially worthwhile to vhfers because of the fine program put together by WA8ONQ and his crew of helpers. Such well-known practitioners of the radio art as it applies to the bands above 50 MHz as W1JR, K1WHS, K2UYH, WB5LUA, K6MYC and W6JKV, to mention only a few, provided the lowdown on subjects from antenna design to conducting successful 6-meter DXpeditions. The Friday evening get-together and noise-figure-measuring fest was a hit and afforded a fine opportunity to talk things over with those one does not meet very often. It was too bad that the antenna gain tests were rained out. Better luck next year.

The vhf operating and contest forum produced several lively discussions, and it was especially nice to witness the presentation, to W1JR, of the first VUCC Award. Joe earned it on 70 cm, taking advantage of moonbounce to collect the required grids. The Ad Hoc Committee for VHF/UHF Contesting held a spirited meeting and came up with a number of suggestions for future changes to these League-sponsored events. W1XX will have more to say on this subject in upcoming issues of QST.

It was great to have the opportunity to meet many vhfers from around the U.S. and Canada as well as a number of overseas countries.

1983 CENTRAL STATES VHF CONFERENCE

This year's meeting of the Central States VHF Society, the 17th since these conferences were begun, will



The new 28-foot 0.43 f/d dish at K5JL.

be held during the weekend of July 29-31 at the Doubletree Inn, Overland Park, Kansas, near Kansas City. Speakers scheduled for this year include W0PW, K0RZ, W4WD, W3IW1 and others. WB0TEM will preside over the antenna-gain tests and, of course, noise-figure measuring is also planned. In addition to

the fine technical presentations, the Central States Conference always affords one of the best opportunities available to renew old friendships and make new ones. For details, send an s.a.s.e. to Ted Mathewson, W4FJ, 1525 Sunset La., Richmond, VA 23221.

CU there!

ON THE BANDS

6 Meters — As this is being written, May 15, the 1983 summer E_s season is just getting under way. If the opening we were treated to yesterday is a reasonable sample of what is in store, the months to come will be interesting indeed. It started as a fairly routine early-season opening to Florida from our part of the country. But then the word was passed from the south that Caribbean stations such as HH2PR, J88AR, VP2MO and J6LOV were being worked. Listening intently, a number of us in the mid-Atlantic states began to hear not these Caribbean stations, but LU8YYO. In only a few minutes, Victor's signal built up to well over S9 and remained there for about 20 minutes. It was the first real DX for this part of the country since March 12. Also worked by this conductor was LU2WM. I did not hear the Caribbean stations, but I understand that W4JWH/KP2 and several KP4s were worked in this area. HH2PR was also worked well into the U.S. K8EFS in Michigan is one known to have made the grade with him for country number 55. Also active, and worked in south Florida, was Guantanamo station KG4GN. PJ9EE was also on and working Florida stations. The only sour note was the fact that a few U.S. stations were working other U.S. stations in the 50.1 to 50.125 DX window. This is one factor that may have prevented some of us in this part of the country from hearing the weaker DX signals. Most, I am sure, would be glad to cooperate and move out of this part of the band when working Ws and VEs, when the band is open for DX. But if it's not, most reason with some justification, why bother. The trouble is, 6 meters can open rather suddenly and, if one is involved in a long-winded contact with S9-plus signals both ways, a weak DX station may not be heard by either participant in

*Send reports to Bill Tynan, W3XO, P.O. Box 117, Burtonsville, MD 20866, or call 301-384-6736 to record late-breaking information.

1-1/4 Meter Standings

Listing is call, state, U.S. states worked and call areas worked. Call areas are the 10 U.S. call areas plus KH6 and KL7, each VE and XE call area and DXCC countries not located within the continental limits of the U.S., Canada or Mexico. Those not showing some indication of activity or interest in remaining in the standings over the last two years have been deleted. Compiled May 15, 1983.

W1JR*	MA	31	20	W2DWJ	NJ	15	6	K4LHB	VA	18	9	WB6NMT*		10	6	KB9NM	WI	5	4
K1FO	CT	22	7	K2DNR	NY	15	6	WD4HS	GA	18	7	W6WSQ		6	4	WB0TEM*	IA	39	—
K1PXE	CT	18	6	K2YGO	NY	14	7	K4GL	SC	14	6					WBVB*	MN	34	12
W1YTW	MA	14	8	WA2FGK	NJ	14	6	WA4SBC	VA	14	5	K7NII*	AZ	18	11	K8DAS	IA	16	7
W1GXT	MA	14	8	WA2FUZ	NY	14	5	N4CD	VA	13	5	W7JF	MT	8	5	W0PW*	CO	14	6
W1HDQ	CT	13	5	W2SEU	NY	13	5	KC4P	AL	9	2	W7CNK	WA	6	3	W8SD	SD	9	5
W1QXX	MA	13	5	WA2YWP	NY	6	2	K4XC	FL	5	3	K7ICW	NV	4	2	WA8QLP	SD	4	2
K1JXX	MA	13	4					WB5LUA*	TX	33	12	WB8BK*	MI	28	9	WA9NOK	MO	4	2
W1AZK	NH	10	3	W3GPY*	PA	40	12	K5FF*	NM	31	13	WA8TXT	OH	20	10	K0BW	ND	3	1
K1BFA	MA	10	3	K3HZO	MD	20	10	W5RCI	MS	24	6	W8IDU	MI	15	7	VE1UT		4	1
				W3UJG	MD	15	8	K5GM	OK	22	—	W8AXU	OH	12	7	VE2YU		8	3
W2GRS	NY	21	—	W3RUE	PA	14	7	W5HN	TX	20	6	K8HWW	MI	11	7	VE2DFO		7	8
K2CBA*	NY	19	7	W3IP	MD	13	7	W5FF*	NM	18	10	WB8PAT	OH	8	6	VE2HW		5	2
W2PGC	NY	16	10	W3HMU	PA	13	4	N4JS/5	MS	13	7					VE3EMS		37	13
				W3JUF	PA	12	5	K5SW	OK	11	5					VE3SS		13	7
				K3IUV	PA	12	4	W5RCI	MS	10	5					VE3AIB		10	12
				W3XO	MD	9	4	K5JL	OK	7	4								
								W5NZS	OK	4	2								
								WASVJB	TX	3	2								
				W3IY4	VA	23	10												
				WA4CQG	AL	20	—												

*Indicates some contacts via EME.

the QSO. There is no reason we can't move above about 50.130 at all times to work U.S. and Canadian stations. Better still, if we use the 50.2-MHz domestic calling frequency for CQs and spread out from there, the bottom end of the band will be entirely free for those looking for DX. If a few start this ball rolling, most of the rest will follow. I do most of my CQing at 50.2 if I think that the band is open only for U.S. stations. However, if I believe that there is DX about, I am in there looking for it like many others. If conditions give us a break, there should be lots of DX to chase this summer. Last month's column carried a listing of a number of DXpeditions and other opportunities. In addition to those mentioned, a group including K8EFS should be on from St. Kitts beginning about June 18 until July 1.

The May 14 opening was not the first of the season. There have been several affecting limited areas prior to that. On May 2, W5DZF/4 south Florida reported a good Caribbean opening. The following day, VE1YX and KA1PE caught one to the Midwest with VE1YX reporting working a dozen 8s and 9s. KA5LVP Hattiesburg, Mississippi, reports working 2s on the 11th. For some southern areas, F, to South America is still in almost every day. W5UWB Kingsville, Texas, is one of the most frequent reporters of these openings. John has even worked one mobile, LU2WM.

K1MNS passes along word from G5KW that the first 6-meter two-way with a station outside the British Isles took place on May 6, when Ken worked ZB2BL at 0625Z.

2 Meters — The 2-meter news this month consists mostly of reports of those poised and ready for the action of the coming months. N7ARE Salt Lake City, Utah, is one of these. Gary has 90 W to a KLM 13-element Yagi at 40 and is already up to nine states — no mean accomplishment from his QTH! He is looking for DX of the aurora, m.s. or E, variety, and can be reached for skeds at 801-968-4208 or on the CSVHF 75-meter net. Another getting ready should be familiar to many. It's WA9DXZ, now /S. Bob had 36 states from Iowa and is starting anew from his present QTH in northeast Mississippi. The current rig is 90 W to a 19-element Boomer at 70 feet. Evening phone number is 601-324-0262.

From the other side of the world, JA1VOK reports TE contacts with VK4ZSH on April 23 and 24. The second-day signals ran up to S8 and S9. Then, on April

29 and May 1, he worked VK4BFO, about a 3900-mile path. This makes four VKs on 2 meters for Hatsujo. In beacon news, N6CA writes that the KH6HME is now on 144.052 with 35 W to a 16-element collinear. Other beacons at the same site on Mauna Loa are on 432.075 and 1296.0 MHz.

K9RIL, the new *SWOT Bulletin* editor, reminds all to remember the *SWOT* contest coming up in August. For details and membership information, contact George Bretz, KB5SV, 3530 Livingston, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

In recent weeks, a number of Washington, DC-area 2-meter enthusiasts have been giving ssb mobile a try. Regularly heard around 144.2 during morning and evening drive times are N3FL, WA2YRG and W3XO. All are using horizontal antennas. If you haven't tried 2-meter ssb in the vehicle yet, you should. It's lots of fun and very surprising as to what it can do. The secret, however, is the use of a horizontal antenna and reasonable power. Good contacts can be made with 10 W, but it's better to have five to 10 times that much.

1-1/4 Meters — KP4EOR provides additional information on the events leading up to and immediately following his record-breaking contact with LU7DJZ. The two worked many evenings on 144.150 and used that frequency to coordinate attempts on this band. David first heard Ramon's 220-MHz signals on November 26, 1982. Signals were 559, but David's 220-MHz transmitter was not completed at the time, so no two-way resulted. LU7DJZ was heard again, with somewhat weaker signals, on December 1, 2 and 13. Then, there was a dry spell until February 13, when LU7DJZ was copied at 419. Again, there was nothing heard until March 3, when LU7DJZ reported KP4EOR's ssb signals at 5 x 4. Four evenings later, David's signals were heard again, this time at only 519 on cw. The record-breaking two-way contact came on the 9th on cw, when 2-meter signals were well over S9. Propagation on 1-1/4 meters was present again the following two evenings, weakly on the 10th but with 5 x 7 signals on ssb and 589 on cw on the 11th. Unfortunately, KP4EOR was having amplifier problems, so he was reduced to SWL status on those occasions.

All of the 220-MHz propagation took place within a half hour of 0000Z, except in one instance. On December 13, LU7DJZ's signals were heard at 0225Z. Equipment at LU7DJZ consists of a 70-W-output cw/ssb transmitter feeding two 10-element Yagis


through 1/2-inch hardline. KP4EOR uses a 4CX250B, producing about 200 W to a single Boomer at 35 feet. David uses 3/4-inch hardline and a mast-mounted preamp.

Ramon informs David that two other LUs are preparing equipment for 220 MHz. KP4EOR is building a high-power amplifier for 432 MHz, and LU7DJZ already has 400 W going on that band. They will be attempting to break the 70-cm record beginning this fall.

The Higher Bands — The big 70-cm news this month is the EME operation from the 140-foot dish at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia. Using a 100-W solid-state amplifier mounted at the feed of the huge dish, W3IWI and crew, operating under the call K8HUH, worked well over 150 stations in 20 countries during the weekend of May 14 and 15. The occasion was the celebration of the identification by Dr. Carl Jansky, 50 years ago, of radio emissions emanating from the center of our Milky Way galaxy. This discovery is generally credited as being the beginning of the science of radio astronomy.

W3IWI says that the combination of the amplifier and a low-noise preamp right at the feed point was a real winner. Their own echos were S9. They had 30 dB of sun noise and 3 dB of moon noise, and were even able to detect the Crab Nebula. Fully one third of their QSOs were on ssb, including a 20-minute ragchew with VE7BBG.

On the negative side, Tom notes that the U.S. stations did not seem to be as capable as those in other countries, particularly in their ability to receive the signals from K8HUH. He identified many that did not seem to be hearing them. It seems very important for this type of work to have a good preamp located at the antenna, or to use a short length of very good feed line. Maybe next time many of us will be better prepared.

In 23-cm news, N6CA (DM03UT) says that he is now up to seven grids, his most distant coming from a contact with W6KGS (CM98), a distance of 402 miles. He comments that more activity is in the offing for the Southern California/Arizona area with WB5TCO now residing in Mesa and K7GNV having just moved to Tempe, where he expects to be on soon. Chip also notes that he is now in a position to offer a 7289 cavity amplifier capable of 100-W output with forced-air cooling and up to 250 W with water cooling. For info, drop an s.a.s.e. to Box 35, Lomita, CA 90717. 

- when the covers of *QST* were drawn by Clyde Darr, 8ZZ
- when there were only nine U.S. call districts
- winding 1/4-in. copper tubing for your 50-W rig
- connecting a mlke to a loop for phone operation
- receiving a QSL card that said "spark forever." — Harry Neff, W3JN, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania

NATIONAL YOUTH GROUP LEADERS:

Would you like to see Amateur Radio as a thriving, integral part of your group? An exciting new program is underway that will help you do just that. It's called Ham Radio on the Road, and we need your help to get things going. If you have ideas or suggestions, or if you

are a leader in a group such as 4-H, Girl Scouts or Campfire Girls, Boys Clubs or Boy Scouts, please contact Recruitment Program Manager Leo Kluger, WB2TRN, at ARRL Hq.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES

Amateur Radio will be prohibited in five years unless amateurs organize for beneficial protection! Will amateurs be organized body able to protect themselves from this impending calamity? Write us for absolutely latest particulars concerning this latest question. Future amateur radio depends on you — the loyal amateur! Only a slacker will hesitate. You write immediately! American Institute of Radio Engineering, Omaha. — an ad that appeared in the *Electrical Experimenter*, April 1919; tnx W6ZZN

Strays

NOSTALGIA TIME

- You know you've been in Amateur Radio for quite some time if you remember
- when Herbert Hoover's name was on your blue-green license
 - when the radio inspector came to your home to inspect your station
 - "Baldwin Phones"
 - when 20 meters was 14,000 to 16,000 kc.

Opinion Time

"There are as many opinions as there are people; each has his own correct way." — Terrance c. 190-159 B.C.

Today, it's reader opinions that are being sought. Why? News of YLs generally stems from the OMs and is very much appreciated. Time was when YLs would reply by return mail when news about them was requested. Times have changed. Not only are replies not in the next mail, many are never forthcoming. Why?

At my request, two YLs have expressed their views concerning YL News and Views in letters that follow. In keeping with the Views segment of the column's title, it seems appropriate and healthy that different opinions be expressed from time to time. It is hoped that this will be a catalyst for others to take pen in hand and write.

"Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about my opinion of YL News and Views. I suppose most YLs are too modest about their accomplishments to inform you when they have done anything outstanding. Personally, when my QST arrives, I always turn first to the YL column to see what they are doing and who is featured. There is

always a certain amount of excitement and satisfaction in finding someone there I know or have worked.

"I don't feel that the YL column is discriminatory in the least. The DXers have their page; those interested in vhf find a particular interest in that column; the traffic handlers have a section; so why not the YLs? I'm definitely in favor of keeping YL News and Views as long as there is news to print. Hope you get a good response to inquiries and a good cross-section of opinions.

33;
Jan Scheuerman, WB2JCE"

"Dear Jean:

I have thought for quite a while that the YL column in QST was an anachronism and that the time has long since past to relegate it to the shelf with the antiques in the ARRL museum. The face of the world has changed enormously since the column was first begun. Women now have an equal place in ham radio and the column does not reflect that fact.

"When I read your column, I often see

featured some perfectly ordinary ham, just like thousands of others, whose only claim to the limelight is that she happens to be female. This is demeaning for all of the other women who number among the top DXers, traffic handlers and contesters in ham radio.

"It is an accident of birth that I was born female. I take no credit for that. My accomplishments in ham radio I have worked for, and I am proud of them. If I were to be singled out for any recognition, I would certainly ask that it be for what I have done, not merely for what I am.

"Ham radio is one of the few places where I have never been subject to any kind of prejudice because I am a woman. Hams are very willing to allow people to prove their own worth. It is not at all fitting that a magazine which attempts to reflect the thoughts and feelings of these hams be the very place to shelter the vestiges of this kind of chauvinistic attitude. For this reason, I feel the column should be discontinued.

Very sincerely,
Linda Ferdinand, N2YL"

RESULTS, 1983 YLRL YL/OM CONTEST

Phone

YL	OM
KG1F† 89,770 Gold Cup	DL1RA 779
OK3CRX† 74,297 Second Place	OK3CWA† 962
KA4FVU† 73,287 Third Place	PA3BLA† 657

YL PHONE

KG1F† 89,770; WA2NFY† 1237; K2RUE/4† 1351; KA3DTE/4† 1680; KA4FVU† 73,287; WA4SRD† 6525; KM7E 50,988; WB7FDE† 10,057; N9ALC† 11,562; KC6GM† 3925; K8EPE 56,072; DF3TE 9940; DF9YY† 51,884; DJ0EU 10,368; DK9ZL† 8062; DL7AFJ 3712; DL7AGJ† 3660; DL3SAR 16,578; G4EZI 1706; OH8MA 43,648; IS0SFZ† 620; IK1AIF R136; IT9JLA† 51,810; OK3KFO 583; OK3CRX† 74,297; OK3YK† 242; OZ1AW† 1258; PA3ADR 902; SP2FF 8; TOSRC/F5RC.83† 3285; 5Z4CM† 11,124; VK3KS† 962; YU1EXY 3000; YU1YL 5250; YU4DLJ 640; YU7SF 20; YU7ADJ 84.

OM PHONE

WIHOZ† 80; K2LFG† 123; W3ARK† 195; WA3EXX†



Vermont's Joan Gibson, KG1F, is the Gold Cup winner for Phone in the YL/OM Contest.

100; W6ZT 143; W7ULC† 308; KB8GH† 100; K9FFC 60; W9LNO† 37; DL1RA 779; F6HNL† 251; IK3VU 85; IK0AUO 10; I8HZT† 191; IK1BAE† 270; 18ZLW† 288; JA9SSV† 1; JH3DPB 212; OK1AGN† 438;

OK1DKS† 288; OK1KZ† 190; OK3CWA† 962; PA3BLA† 657; VK3XB 5.

CW

YL	OM
I2RLX† 15,782 Gold Cup	LU1EWL† 1125
W8YL† 12,127 Second Place	VE3KUC 393
5Z4CM† 6,873 Third Place	EA3LA 270

YL CW

W2NFY† 1377; K2RUE/4† 4950; WA2WHE† 6162; WA4SRO† 2668; K8ONV/4† 4235; KA8PSA† 2250; W8YL† 12,127; N9AIB† 2351; WL7AZB† 96; OZ7YL† 1296; IT9KFO† 1330; CT1YH† 3325; DF6UI† 1187; DK6EH† 232; DL2SAP† 3258; DL3SAR† 373; DL5BAG† 2328; DJ0EK† 2925; GM4LUS† 280; 11MQ 25; I2RLX† 15,782; ISAZX† 330; VK3KS† 1976; 5Z4CM† 6873.

OM CW

WIHOZ† 220; WI0PJ† 151; W2AAU† 204; K2LFG† 123; W2UAP† 137; W3ARK† 135; WA3EXX† 88; W6ZT 160; W7RD† 67; W7ULC 292; W9LNO 270; VE3KUC 393; OZ6XR 79; DK3OI 140; EA3LA 270; LU1EWL† 1125; YU7SF 110; VK3XB 20.

†Low-power multiplier

Strays

STRAY HINTS

□ "Strays" are those interesting fillers used when space allows in QST. Think you have an item with Stray potential? Here are some hints to help your submission become one. (1) Be sure the information will be of interest to most readers of QST. (2) Submit your material before deadline — the 8th of the second month preceding desired

publication (i.e. arrive at Hq. before July 8 for September QST). (3) Any photographs you send should be good quality, black-and-white glossy prints. Color prints, slides and instant photos do not usually reproduce well.

Items submitted are normally acknowledged, but that doesn't necessarily mean that your Stray will be appearing in QST. We receive far more material than we can find room for. If you want your material returned, please include a statement to that effect and an s.a.s.e.

Follow the above hints and maybe your Stray will find a home in QST. — Andrew Tripp, K1JGG

CALL FOR PAPERS

□ Papers are invited for the 1983 Annual VHF Conference sponsored by the Electrical Engineering Department of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, to be held on October 29, 1983. Authors wishing to present papers on the design, construction or testing of vhf equipment should send a synopsis or abstract (typically two pages with diagrams) of your paper by August 15 to Dr. Cassius Hesselberth, W8FLH, Chmn., Dept. of Electrical Engineering, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Speakers will be notified of acceptance by August 20.

Amateur Satellite Program News

Conducted By
Bernie Glassmeyer,*
W9KDR

PHASE IIIB IS ASSIGNED A LAUNCH DATE

In late May, just as this issue of *QST* was being wrapped up, the European Space Agency (ESA) announced the new launch date for its Ariane L6 mission aboard which AMSAT-OSCAR Phase IIIB will ride. If all proceeded according to schedule, Phase IIIB was launched on Thursday, June 16, sometime between 1200 and 1345 UTC. If weather or other delays held the launch beyond this "window," a further delay of two weeks, or more, ensued. Therefore, as you read this, Phase IIIB has either just been launched or its launch is imminent.

Why go to all of this trouble to let you know that one of the major events in Amateur Radio in the '80s may have occurred a week or two ago? Simply because you have the chance to share in this history in the making. First, determine the current status of the Phase IIIB mission by listening to ARRL bulletins on W1AW or by tuning into the AMSAT Nets (Wednesdays on 3.850 MHz; E Coast 0100Z, Mid Continent 0200Z, W Coast 0300Z. Note that these are Tuesday night local times. The AMSAT International Net occurs on Sundays at 1800Z on 21.280 MHz and at 1900Z on 14.282 MHz).

If the launch has been delayed, you may still have the chance to listen in on the actual countdown on the AMSAT Launch Information Network Service (ALINS). W1AW will transmit the launch information live on all scheduled voice frequencies for the duration of the launch sequence and insertion into transfer orbit — dates and times of the ALINS are announced routinely on ARRL Bulletins. Worldwide coverage will be provided by several other stations operating in the 14.270 to 14.300 MHz window. If the launch took place as scheduled, you still have the chance to monitor the first signals from the OSCAR 10 General Beacon. (Note: AMSAT-OSCAR Phase IIIB will be assigned a numerical designator, OSCAR 10, its being the 10th in the OSCAR series, upon achieving a successful orbit.)

Phase IIIB — General Beacon During Early Orbits

You'll find the General Beacon at about 145.812 MHz when the satellite is in range; signals will be either cw or RTTY (170-Hz shift FSK at 50 baud). The Beacon format for early orbits will be approximately as follows (information provided by K1HTV of AMSAT); data frames, under software control, may differ slightly from what is presented here):

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HI HI AMSAT OSCAR 10 AT XX:XX:XX UTC
ORBIT XXX MA XXX/256 UBAT XX.X
VOLTS
TBATT XX.X C IARRAY X.X A SA ± XX DG
SPIN XX RPM
SATELLITE STATUS: FIRST MOTOR FIRING
AND ORBIT CHANGE EXPECTED DURING
ORBIT 3°
TRANSPONDER IS OFF UNTIL ABOUT ORBIT
10
LISTEN DAILY TO THIS BULLETIN FOR
LATEST OPERATING NEWS AT THE
HOURS AND + 30°
AMSAT OSCAR 10 HI HI
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*OSCAR Program Manager, ARRL



Space Shuttle Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL, and ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC, discuss some logistics of Owen's upcoming 2-m fm Amateur Radio project. They are aboard the Space Shuttle Trainer at Johnson Space Flight Center, Houston. (NASA photo)

Notes

- ¹Universal Coordinated Time in HH:MM:SS as computed by the onboard flight computer.
- ²Orbit number, which will change at each perigee.
- ³MA = Mean Anomaly expressed as a number from 0 to 256, with perigee = 0 and apogee = 128.
- ⁴Primary battery voltage in volts.
- ⁵Primary battery temperature in °C.
- ⁶Solar array current in amperes.
- ⁷Sun Angle, referencing the spacecraft's Z axis to the sun.
- ⁸Spin rate of the spacecraft about its spin (Z) axis in revolutions per minute.
- ⁹Note that the orbit 0 perigee occurs just before third-stage shutdown; apogee 0 occurs over the Indian Ocean; orbit number will increment at each perigee — perigee 1 over the Pacific, apogee 1 over South America.
- ¹⁰The typical early-orbit General Bulletin operating schedule, as measured from the hour, is 00-05 min. cw/RTTY bulletin, 05-15 min. PSK General Beacon (telemetry). 15-25 min. possible ranging or telemetry, 25-30 min. PSK telemetry. The second half hour will repeat this format.

Therefore, the best time to listen to the beacon frequency to determine the early status of the satellite will be the five minutes beginning on the hour and the five minutes beginning on the half hour each hour. Once again, the information presented here, relayed from

AMSAT just before our deadline, is at best a good approximation of what will transpire. Tune into W1AW for ARRL Bulletins, monitor the AMSAT Net frequency (3.850 MHz) for updates, and refer to the biweekly ARRL Letter and Amateur Satellite Report for the latest information available.

Monthly Listings

□ ASR (Amateur Satellite Report) is available for \$18 (\$25 overseas) for 26 issues (1 year) from Amateur Satellite Report, 221 Long Swamp Rd., Wolcott, CT 06716.

□ Project OSCAR 1983 Annual Orbital Predictions for every orbit of AMSAT-OSCAR 8 and RADIOS 5, 6, 7 and 8 are available for \$10 postpaid in Canada, Mexico and the U.S.; \$12 elsewhere. Send to Project OSCAR, Inc., P.O. Box 1136, Los Altos, CA 94022.

□ ARRL members only: Send a 4 × 9-in. self-addressed, stamped envelope with your call sign to ARRL Hq. Club and Training Department for a complete, monthly orbit schedule for all operating amateur satellites. A year's supply of s.a.s.e.'s may be sent at one time; be sure to include 1 unit of postage for each s.a.s.e.

□ Further information on the Amateur Radio Satellite Program can be obtained free of charge from ARRL Hq. The OSCAR locator package (satellite plotters and details) is now available for \$7 U.S., \$8 elsewhere.

Strays

A RUBBER DUCK AT 16,000 FEET

□ I had the opportunity recently to operate a mode that very few radio amateurs ever get to try — aeronautical mobile. As indicated in AC6M's article in December 1982 *QST* ("Captain, May I...?"), operation aboard a commercial aircraft is just not in the cards. If you ever get the opportunity during a non-commercial flight, however, jump at the chance to be "aero mobile."

My opportunity came on a noncommercial flight from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to Grove City, Pennsylvania

— a 40-minute trip. I had obtained the pilot's okay before we took off, and received permission to operate after we gained altitude. As we approached 16,000 feet, I apprehensively turned on my hand-held radio with rubber duck antenna. I listened on various repeater frequencies, and recognized many of the usual repeaters around Ohio. I gave out a call on 146.52 simplex and announced I was "W8UMH/aeronautical mobile listening," and had continuous QSOs with amateurs in Ohio and Pennsylvania during the trip. The greatest distance worked was 120 miles. Not bad for 1 W and a rubber duck antenna!

On the return trip that afternoon, 146.52 was busy and I had trouble hearing some stations. Thus, I invited those listening on 146.52 to QSY to 146.55, which was clear. Most stations met me on .55, and I had continuous QSOs there as well. My one call on a repeater frequency was done on 146.79 direct to call a friend rather than on the .19 repeater input frequency. In this way, I did not access other 19-79 repeaters. All in all, it was quite interesting hearing all the repeater and simplex activity from 16,000 feet — and being pursued like a "DX" station! — Donald T. Blizzard, W8UMH, Mercer, Pennsylvania

In Training

IN SEARCH OF ACCURACY

□ Part of the Club and Training Department's function at ARRL Headquarters is to refer prospective Amateur Radio operators in your area to you, an ARRL registered-instructor. As the March 1983 "In Training" column reported (March QST p. 80), the Training Branch staff this year is updating the registered-instructor file. A two-part mailing campaign is underway to help us chart an accurate file of registered Amateur Radio teachers. Your attention to our appeal for updated information will assist us in running an effective instructor and Elmer referral service.

Periodic but small revisions have occurred during this past year. Through letters and phone calls, you have helped a great deal in supplying corrected information. More action is needed, however. With over 6600 instructors, it's hard to keep track of all current addresses, call signs and teaching schedules.

Those who contact Headquarters seeking information about Amateur Radio are sometimes referred to instructors who no longer live at their listed addresses or to radio amateurs who no longer teach. These outdated referrals may undermine a person's determina-

tion to get a license. Therefore, it's only good public relations for Amateur Radio and your Training Program to have a reliable referral list.

The *Instructor's Newsletter* mailing in May has helped us gauge the accuracy of our instructor list. If you're an ARRL-registered instructor, please take part in the second step of our accuracy campaign. A request for current information is being mailed to you. An enclosed business-reply card will make it easy to respond — and at no cost to you. Your answers to a few pertinent questions on the card will help us get the referral listings back up to snuff.

Are your name and call sign correct? Because of upgrading we've found that call signs change frequently. Does your current address and ZIP code appear? Please make the necessary changes or spelling corrections. Our instructor-referral list is organized by state and then by ZIP code. ZIP codes help us to zero in on the closest registered instructor to a prospective student.

Are your training classes associated with an Amateur Radio club? If so, which one? We need to know these instructor-club connections, because this will help direct future ham radio operators to an active support group.

What levels of class do you teach? Some teachers

write that they have learned more from their classes than their students have. Soon, the instructor may upgrade his or her license and, in turn, teaching level. We would appreciate knowing where your current teaching interests lie. A better student-instructor match is our aim.

The reply card is not intended to replace class registrations. We urge you to register each class with Headquarters. The benefits of class registration were discussed in the March 1983 "In Training" column. If you're involved or getting started in Amateur Radio training and are not an ARRL registered instructor, then you're welcome to join the training corps. *Instructor registration* is a painless matter that requires answers to the above questions. *Class registration* requires only the starting and ending dates of your class, the number of students and class level (e.g., Novice or General).

Thank you for your active support of a high-quality Amateur Radio Service and the time spent in your Training Program. With your continued help, a revised list of program participants will be ready for the new training season and for whatever new responsibilities a Volunteer Examiner Program may bring. — *Steve Ewald, WA4CMS, Training Assistant*

Special Events

Conducted By Mark J. Wilson,* AA2Z

Cleveland, Ohio: Northern Ohio ARS will operate K8KRG until Sept. 5 from the vintage submarine U.S.S. *Cod*. Operations in the lower portions of the hf General class bands.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: The amateurs at Rockwell Collins will operate AD8C beginning July 1 to commemorate Collins's 50th anniversary. Suggested frequencies: phone—3.950 7.190 7.275 14.210 14.280 21.300 21.355 28.600; cw—30 kHz up from lower band edges.

Calgary, Alberta: Calgary ARA will operate VE6WSJ from July 1 to 16 from the XV World Jamboree Mondial. Operation on all bands and modes, with concentration on 7.030 on the half-hour and 14.190 on the hour.

Emington, Illinois: Livingston Co. ARC will operate K9ENM from 1600 to 2400Z July 2 and 3 to commemorate the town's 100th anniversary. Frequencies: phone—3.960 7.290 14.330 21.430; cw—20 kHz inside Novice bands.

Hannibal, Missouri: Hannibal ARC will operate W0KEM from Mark Twain's boyhood home from 1500 to 2100Z July 3 and 4 during the Tom Sawyer Days celebration. Frequencies: phone—7.245 14.290 21.400 28.770; cw—7.125 21.125.

Fort Laramie, Wyoming: High Plains ARC will operate K7YPT from the historic fort from 0000Z July 4 until 0000Z July 5. Frequencies: phone—up from 3.850 7.250 14.250 21.300.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Baton Rouge ARC will operate KD5SL July 5 to 18 from Louisiana State University during the 1983 International Special Olympics. Operation around 3.900 7.250 14.300 21.360 28.600.

Monroe, Michigan: Monroe Co. Comm. Assn. will operate WA8MTX from 1200 to 2400Z July 8 and 9 from the Floral City Festival. Operation 10 kHz above lower General class hf phone and cw band edges.

Bethlehem, New York: W1FHP and the Hen House Gang will operate July 9 during Christmas-in-July. Operation on 40, 15 and 10 meters.

Waterville, New York: Waterville Central School ARC will operate WD2ALL from 1300 to 2000Z July 9 to commemorate the birth of photography pioneer George Eastman. Operation in lower portions of hf General class phone and Novice class cw bands.

Jackson, Michigan: Cascades ARC and Michigan

Space Center will operate WB8CSQ during Space Day activities from 0000Z July 9 until 1700Z July 10. Frequencies: 3.900 7.235 14.285 21.360 28.510.

Paris, Texas: Red River Valley ARC will operate WB5RDD/5 on July 15 to commemorate the storming of the Bastille. Operation 10 kHz up from lower hf General class phone-band edges.

Country Club Hills, Illinois: Tri-Town RAC will operate W9VT from 2300Z July 15 until 0300Z July 17 in commemoration of Silverfest, the town's 25th birthday. Operation in the 40, 20 and 15-meter General class bands.

Wheeling, West Virginia: Northern Panhandle RC will operate W8ZQ July 15 to 17 during the Jamboree-in-the-Hills. Frequencies: 7.280 and 14.280.

Port Huron, Michigan: Eastern Michigan ARC will operate K8EPV from 1500 to 0300Z July 16 and 17 during the annual Port Huron-to-Mackinac Island Yacht Race. Frequencies: phone—3.910 7.235 14.285; cw—3.710 7.110 21.110.

Wapakoneta, Ohio: Reservoir ARA will operate K8QYL from 1400Z July 16 to 0400Z July 17 and 1400 to 1900Z July 17 from the home town of astronaut Neil Armstrong. Operation around 7.260 and 14.285.

Racine, Wisconsin: Racine Megacycle Club will operate W9UDU July 16 to 24 during the annual Salmon-arama on the shores of Lake Michigan. Operation during the afternoon and evening hours in the General class hf phone bands.

Essex, Ontario: Amateurs in Essex will be active using the prefix CH3 (instead of VE3) from July 16 to 31 to mark the town's 100th anniversary.

Peru, Indiana: Miami County ARC will operate K9ZEV from 1400 to 2300Z July 23 during the 24th annual Peru Circus City Festival. Operation primarily in the 40-meter General class phone band, with occasional operation on 20, 15 and 10.

Bend, Oregon: Central Oregon RA will operate during the Brothers and Sisters QSO Party from 0800Z July 23 until 1400Z July 24. W7ODD will operate from Brothers, Oregon, and N7CSH will operate from Sisters. Operation 10 kHz up from lower General class phone-band edges and 15 kHz inside the Novice bands.

Port Colborne, Ontario: Welland Co. ARC will operate XJ3PTC from 1200 to 2400Z July 24 to celebrate the town's 150th anniversary. Frequencies: phone—7.280 14.280; cw—up from 7.100 and 21.100.

Berne, Indiana: Adams Co. ARC will operate KC9TZ from 1300Z July 29 until 0200Z July 30 during Berne

Swiss Days. Frequencies: phone—7.240 14.285; cw—21.115.

Warren, Michigan: Tank-Automotive Command ARC will operate W8JPW from 1300 to 2000Z July 30 to celebrate Detroit Arsenal's 42nd year. Frequencies: phone—7.250 21.400 146.49; cw—7.055 (1500-1700Z).

Academia, Pennsylvania: Tuscarora ARA will operate K13D from 1200 to 2400Z July 30 from the Tuscarora Academy. Operation 10 kHz up from lower General class phone-band edges.

Celina, Ohio: Reservoir ARA will operate KR8M from 1330 to 1900Z July 30 during the Celina Lake Festival. Operation around 7.260.

Canton, Ohio: Canton ARC will operate W8AL from 1700 to 2100Z July 30 and 31 during the annual Professional Football Hall of Fame Inductee Enshrining ceremonies. Operation July 30 on 7.068 14.068 21.068 and July 31 on 7.277 14.277 21.377.

Indianola, Iowa: Warren Co. ARC and Des Moines RAA will operate W0AK during the U.S. Hot Air Balloon Championships from 2300 to 0200Z and 1130 to 1400Z daily July 30 to Aug. 6. Frequencies: phone—30 kHz up from lower General class band edges on 80, 40 and 20 meters; cw—7.030 14.060.

Lincoln City, Indiana: Pike Co. ARC will operate W9CZH from the Lincoln Boyhood Memorial from 1700Z July 30 until 1700Z July 31. Frequencies: phone—3.925 7.265 14.305 21.395; cw—7.133; RTTY—14.090.

Davenport, Iowa: Davenport ARC will operate W0BXR from 1600Z July 30 until 0300Z July 31 and 1600 to 2300Z July 31 during the Bix Biederbeck Memorial Jazz Festival. Operation about 10 kHz up from lower General class phone and cw band edges.

Greenville, Ohio: Treaty City ARA will operate W8UMD from 1400Z July 30 to 0100Z July 31 and 1400 to 2200Z July 31 from the Garst Museum, which houses Annie Oakley memorabilia. Operation about 20 kHz inside 40- and 20-meter General class bands; some 40- and 15-meter Novice band operation.

Huntington, Indiana: Huntington Co. ARS will operate KC9GS from 2100 to 0300Z Aug. 1 to 3 from the Huntington Co. 4-H Fair. Frequencies: up from 3.900 7.230 14.280 21.350 28.600.

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 August 15 to make the October issue.

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CLUBS AND COMPUTERS: A SIMPLE INTERFACE

One of the most significant technological advances to take place in the past decade was the introduction of the microprocessor. A process known as large-scale circuit integration has made it possible to incorporate enormous computing power and mass-memory in an affordable desk-top package. Typically, in the past, only large institutions had access to this type of computing power, usually found in main-frame computers, but recent technology has brought these electronic marvels into our homes and, in some cases, into our radio shacks.

Perhaps we can draw a parallel between the early days of radio and the personal computer. Both, of course, have had a tremendous impact on society, and both have been viewed in their infancies with some skepticism. If we take a closer look at the beginning of radio, it becomes evident that organized groups were responsible, at least in part, for many of the innovations and advances that took place in those early years.

A definite comparison can be seen between the first radio clubs and today's computer users groups. These organizations may have given the emerging personal computer industry the proverbial "shot in the arm," generating public support and acceptance while helping many beginners over the initial hurdles. Although some of these groups are large, complex organizations, many are loose-knit, local clubs lacking formal structure. On the opposite side of the coin, perhaps, are today's highly organized and well-established Amateur Radio clubs, some of which have successfully incorporated their expertise in Amateur Radio with an interest in computers. Reading the hundreds of newsletters that come across the club desk every month, we are struck by the number of radio clubs that have groups of individuals who are actively using computers, either as a hobby or with Amateur Radio.

Let's take a closer look at how some of these clubs have linked the two areas of technology. A typical radio club has a wide cross section of individuals within its ranks and, therefore, has several varied areas of expertise available to it. Some clubs have taken advantage of this and are consulting their members who are proficient in digital electronics or software development in much the same way early repeater groups, for example, relied on members who were familiar with commercial repeater systems. Members who are experienced in computer operation are most certainly an asset and should be called upon whenever possible. Often, these individuals are already performing some task for the club such as writing, editing or printing the newsletter on a computer. It should be remembered that many of these splendid people would be happy to share their knowledge if asked.

Incidentally, a recent spot check of club newsletters received at Headquarters revealed that close to 25% of them are now computer-generated. Clubs, especially those with large memberships, are finding it advantageous to use computer-generated lists for mailing purposes. Admittedly, these are small tasks for a computer. But, in many cases, they have successfully aroused the curiosity of the members. Other clubs are offering "hands-on" experience for those wishing to learn computer applications. This can be especially helpful if one is thinking of taking the plunge into computer-mania.

If your organization is having difficulty finding



The Shy-Wy ARC of Cheyenne, Wyoming, celebrated 50 years of club affiliation recently. In honor of this golden anniversary, Rocky Mountain Division Director Lys Carey, K8PGM (r), presented a special affiliation certificate to club officials.

SSC Kudos and Contacts

Congratulations to the League's newest Special Service Clubs. These clubs are recognized for extended efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio and service to their communities. For further information on these clubs, contact them at these addresses:

Delta Amateur Radio Club, W4BS

c/o P.O. Box 16343

Memphis, TN 38116

Club membership — 28

Fort Wayne Radio Club, W9TE

c/o P.O. Box 15127

Fort Wayne, IN 46885

Club membership — 195

Owensboro Amateur Radio Club, K4HY

c/o 1611 Chapel La.

Owensboro, KY 42301

Club membership — 71

Penn Wireless Association, W3SK

c/o P.O. Box 734

Langhorne, PA 19047

Club membership — 76

Rochester Amateur Radio Association, K2JD

c/o P.O. Box 1388

Rochester, NY 14603

Club membership — 824

someone to speak about computing, a trip to the local computer store could produce interesting results, as many shop owners jump at the chance to promote their products. The ARRL film library, by the way, has among its new additions two video-tapes on microprocessors: (1) *The History of Microprocessors* and (2) *Microprocessors*; they can be borrowed by contacting Karl Townsend at ARRL Hq.

With computer users groups springing up all over the country, contacting one of these groups could indeed prove worthwhile. Your club may want to consider a reciprocal agreement with your new-found friends. It may well be that computer enthusiasts are as interested in Amateur Radio as you are in computers. Along similar lines, a handful of radio clubs have branched off into smaller, special-interest groups, much like the users groups mentioned earlier. These groups do quite well, as the number of computer-related articles in recent newsletters indicates. It's common to find whole portions of club newsletters dedicated to computer science. A typical newsletter may include everything from product reviews to BASIC programs, while also explaining the various ways microprocessors can be used in the shack. The *QST* column On Line, conducted by Stan Horzepa, WA1LOU, is another informative source linking computers and Amateur Radio.

It is safe to say the number of computer applications suited for Amateur Radio are wide and varied, restricted only by the imagination. It would seem that radio clubs are well on their way to becoming pioneers in this emerging field, and we will be looking to them for advances and innovations in the near future. — Ed Raso, WA2FTC, Assistant Club Program Manager, ARRL

SSC UPDATE

Special Service Club applicants were originally asked to supply the membership control number for each ARRL member in their clubs. Good news! In response to your cries for help, we are now asking only for the current call signs of your club's ARRL members. All members know their call sign; most don't know their membership control number. We hear you! Please include a roster of your club's ARRL members including name, address, and call sign when applying through your section Affiliated Club Coordinator to become an SSC. Thanks for your cooperation.

NEW LIBRARY VIDEOTAPES

Several new videotapes are available from the ARRL film library through the courtesy of the Wireless Institute of Australia and Image Transform of Hollywood, California. The following tapes may be scheduled for club programs: VT-16, *Loaded Antennas* (50 min., color); VT-17, *Low Definition Television* (30 min., color); VT-18, *History of Microprocessors* (60 min., color); VT-19, *Microprocessors* (60 min., color); VT-20, *Wire Antennas* (30 min., b&w); VT-21, *ATV in Great Britain* (30 min., color); VT-22, *ATV in Australia, 1980-81* (60 min., color); VT-23, *Signal to Noise Story* (30 min., color); and VT-24, *Apollo 13 Disaster* (30 min., color).

All tapes come in 3/4-in. U-Matic and VHS formats and may be borrowed by contacting Karl Townsend, ARRL Club and Training Dept., 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

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Strays

I would like to get in touch with...

any hams who are high school or college-level basketball officials. Brad Fox, KA3R, 8881 Spiral Cut, Columbia, MD 21045.

other amateurs who collect sports memorabilia. Will Wiehe, WB2FEL, 154 Martling Ave., Bldg. 1, Apt. 6B, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

QST congratulates...

Josephine Jackson, W3LJF, of Erie, Pennsylvania, on receiving the MS Person of the Year Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Tom Bishop, K8TLM, of Kansas City, Missouri, on receiving the 1983 Missouri Kansas Amateur of the Year Award.

Orrie E. Thompson, W0DFC, of Elma, Iowa, on being named Midwest Amateur of the Year at the Midwest Convention in Sioux City.

Southern Texas SEC Allen R. Guy, WA5RVT, on being appointed the ARRL representative to the Texas State Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) Advisory Board.

Results, 10th Annual ARRL 10-Meter Contest

By Bill Jennings,* K1WJ and Mark Wilson,** AA2Z

If you find your call listed herein, you were an important part of the largest and best of the 10 Annual ARRL 10-Meter Contests. Through these 10 years, we have run the gamut of propagation conditions from the "pits" of the early 1970s to a "hint of better things to come" in the mid-70s and the increasing activity of the present solar cycle to the "peak" of the present solar cycle in the late 1970s to the "middlin'" conditions of the past couple of years as the solar cycle winds down.

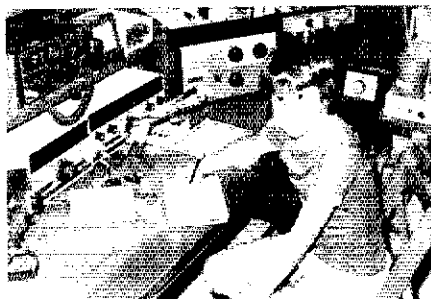
The best part of the 10-Meter Contest is that it isn't entirely dependent on good conditions to make for a good contest. This is a contest in which the operator can make of his/her operating time exactly what he/she puts into it. When there are no "monster" transcontinental openings, we can work locals on ground wave or take advantage of limited e/w E skip or a little N/S transequatorial propagation. We can also play the vifer's game and work some scatter as time and band conditions permit. In other words, just explore the vagaries and variations of propagation possibilities that 10 meters has to offer.

In the 10-Meter Contest we can enjoy the best or worst of band conditions that would simulate a domestic contest like the November Sweepstakes, or permit us the thrill of a large-scale DX competition like the February/March ARRL DX Contest. And, of course, the operator can choose his/her favorite mode — cw or phone, or a combination of both — or the fun and camaraderie of joining some friends in a multioperator effort. The 10-Meter Contest is truly an operator's event.

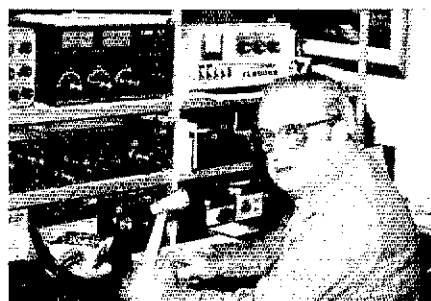
It was the individual operators who made this the largest 10-Meter Contest ever — 1678 or so (give or take a few for multiop stations) of them. There were 944 logs received from W/VE stations, while 734 entries came into ARRL Hq. for the December 11-12, 1982 event from overseas.

If you've thought of searching the world for the ideal spot from which to operate and win the 10-Meter Contest, a glance at the top DX scores table will show that it's a mixed bag of continental operators who appear in each of the four categories.

You'd find pretty much the same thing in searching for the "best spot" in the U.S. or Canada from which to make the W/VE Top Ten table. It does not seem that there is one "sacred" geographical area that would ensure a determined operator a sure-fire position in the Top Ten listings. It appears that if you were on either coast, in the north or south or from somewhere in between, your chances for success were equal to those of all other participants. It just depends on how much effort you were willing to invest in building and operating your station and, of course, on your level of operating skill. And



Twelve-year-old Stuart, KA4UDD, operated Mixed Mode from Virginia to the tune of 50,400 points.



EA2OB posted the number two phone entry from Spain.



N4RJ and crew took the number eight multiop spot for W/VE stations. Hugh also stood on his head to work multipliers, but we didn't have room for that photo.

that's precisely how a contest should be decided.

But for the fact that the average Top Ten W/VE as well as the average Top DX Scores are down slightly from last year's levels, the 1982 10-Meter Contest was a mirror image of its predecessor in 1981. A lot of the '81 "Top Tanners" repeat in '82. W0YK is again at the top of the W/VE mixed-mode heap, K5RC repeats as the code champ, and VE1YX nudged

Top Ten — W/VE

Mixed Mode

Call	Score
W0YK	700,344
WB7FDQ	675,480
N8II	625,084
W5XZ	601,660
AD8I	
(KU8E)	492,048
N6DDO	484,080
KG1E	467,614
WB5VZL	441,496
WB4BVY	414,256
VE1BPY	405,976

Cw

Call	Score
K5RC	405,288
N4AR	332,232
K6LLJ7	329,184
N6CW	320,144
K8NZ	306,614
K4VX	300,440
W0UA	293,180
N7CW	261,186
W5JW	252,420
K5NW	247,752

Phone

Call	Score
VE1YX	978,930
N7DD	830,850
K0RF	776,456
N5RZ	583,470
A18V	573,644
K6HNZ	562,500
K0UK	525,572
K1NG	
(K1TG)	508,370
N6ND	493,680
WB1GQR	475,236

Multiop

Call	Score
N6AU	859,270
AB0I	770,336
V5RRR	763,968
N4WW	708,300
W5VX	655,158
KF0M	577,752
K2RF	544,000
N4RJ	514,744
KD5SP	497,658
K5LZO	493,250

Top Five — DX

Mixed Mode

Call	Score
VP2KBU	
(KC0FW)	574,250
I4VEQ	548,352
G5CMX	497,166
J1QPU	334,412
UB5ILD	260,126

Cw

Call	Score
K9LAN/2A	340,684
YU1AWW	
(YU1RL)	262,386
DL1VJ	204,370
UB5ZAL	187,506
LZ1KAB	184,044

Phone

Call	Score
V2ARO	1,011,488
KB7J/KH2	583,440
L2M	
(LU1BR)	579,020
NP4CC	566,680
F6KBF	
(F6BKR)	471,724

Multiop

Call	Score
LU1E	713,880
YV3BRF	678,132
G4MBV	556,284
LU4DQ	509,520
XE1MDX	493,554

out N7DD and K0RF to take the top W/VE phone honors for 1982. Good work there through some heavy competition.

As any 10-meter operator knows, when you deal with this band you do the best with what it gives you in the way of propagation conditions. But that is half the fun — doing the best with what you've got. Perhaps that's the lure of 10 meters and what makes the ARRL 10-Meter Contest so popular. We make no promises as to what to expect from the band for the 1983 contest, but we do promise that it will be held on the weekend of December 10-11. Drop on in and join the fun.

SOAPBOX

This is my 10th consecutive ARRL 10-Meter Contest; I have been in it since the beginning. I wonder how many other "veterans" have also been in all of

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Main grid of call letters and frequencies. Columns include call letters, frequency, and other identifiers. Rows are organized by region such as A61LA, E14WD, F69KY, etc.

Table with columns for state/city, call letters, and phone numbers. Includes sections for Eastern New York, N.Y.C. & Long Island, Northern New Jersey, Southern New Jersey, Western New York, Eastern Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, Southern Florida, South Carolina, Southern Florida, Tennessee, Virginia, West Indies, East Bay, Los Angeles, New Mexico, Northern Texas, San Joaquin Valley, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Santa Clara Valley, Alaska, and Pacific.

Rules, 1983 ARRL UHF Contest

With the success of the VUCC awards program and the $2^\circ \times 1^\circ$ grid squares in the ARRL VHF/UHF Spring Sprints, the Ad Hoc Committee for VHF/UHF Contesting has elected to exchange Maidenhead grid squares in the UHF Contest. This year's exchange is the four-character grid-square locator (see January 1983 *QST*, page 49), and the multiplier is the number of different grid squares worked per band. Signal reports are optional. See rules 4 and 5 for details.

This year's rules also allow for single-band entry categories and awards, much like the VHF QSO Parties. Rules 3 and 9 contain the new wording. All vhf/uhf contests now have a common local starting time, so this contest starts an hour earlier at 1800 UTC.

Revised summary sheets are available for an s.a.s.e. from ARRL Hq. Send early to get yours.

Rules

1) **Object:** To work as many amateur stations in as many $2^\circ \times 1^\circ$ grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 220 MHz and all authorized modes of emission.

2) **Contest period:** Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, Aug. 6 and ends at 1800 UTC, Sunday, Aug. 7. Entrants may use as much of this time as they wish.

3) Categories:

(A) **Single operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions, as well as equipment and antenna adjustments.

(1) Multiband.

(2) **Single band:** Single-band entries on 220, 432, 1296 and 2.3 GHz and up categories will be recognized both in *QST* score listings and awards offered. Contacts may be made on any and all bands without jeopardizing single-band entry status. Such additional contacts are encouraged and should be reported. See also Rule 8, Awards.

(B) **Multioperator:** Multioperator stations must locate all equipment (including antennas) within a circle whose diameter does not exceed 300 meters.

4) **Exchange:** Grid-square locator (see Jan. 1983 *QST*, page 49). Example: W1AW in Newington, CT would send FN31. Exchange of signal reports is optional.

5) Scoring:

(A) **QSO points:** Count three points for each complete 220- or 432-MHz QSO. Count six points for each complete 1296-MHz QSO. Count 12 points for each 2.3-GHz or higher QSO.

(B) **Multiplier:** The total number of different grid squares worked *per band*. Each $2^\circ \times 1^\circ$ grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.

(C) **Final score:** Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score. Example: W1AW works W3CCX in FN20 on 220, 432 and 1296 MHz. This gives W1AW 12 QSO points (3 + 3 + 6) and also three grid-square multipliers. Final score is 12 QSO points \times 3 multipliers, or 36.

6) Miscellaneous:

(A) Stations may be worked only once per band for credit, regardless of mode. Crossband QSOs do not count.

(B) Partial QSOs do not count. Both calls, the full exchange, and acknowledgment must be sent and received.

(C) Fixed, portable or mobile operation under

one call is permitted. Contacts with aeronautical stations do not count. A portable or mobile station may not be counted for more than one QSO per band, even if the station is moving. However, a station that changes locations may be contacted for additional grid square multipliers, but not for QSO points.

(D) A transmitter, receiver or antenna used to contact one or more stations under one call sign may not be used subsequently during the contest period under any other call sign (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by the FCC/DOC). The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who share a rig, not to manufacture artificial contacts.

(E) All equipment and antennas used by entrants must be owned and operated by amateurs. Use of nonamateur-owned gear is not prohibited, but use of such equipment places the entrant in a separate category, ineligible for awards.

(F) While no minimum distance is specified for contacts, equipment in use must be capable of real communication (i.e., able to communicate over a distance of at least 1 km).

(G) Contacts made by retransmitting either or both stations, whether by satellite or terrestrial means, are prohibited. Frequencies regularly occupied by a repeater in a locality may not be used for contest work, even if the repeater is turned off.

(H) A station located *precisely* on a dividing line between grid squares must select only one as the location for exchange purposes. A different grid-square multiplier cannot be given out without moving the complete station (including antennas) at least 100 meters.

(I) Above 300 MHz, contacts are permitted for contest credit only between licensed amateurs of Technician class or higher using coherent radiation on transmission (e.g. laser) and employing at least one stage of electronic detection on receive.

7) **Reporting:** Entries must be postmarked no later than September 7, 1983. Official forms are available for an s.a.s.e. from ARRL Hq., and all entrants are strongly urged to send early for a set.

8) Awards:

(A) **Single operator**

(1) Top single operator score in each ARRL Division.

(2) Top single operator on each band (220, 432, 1296, and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band achievement stickers.) For example, if W3HQT has the highest single-operator multiband score in the Atlantic Division and his 432-MHz score is higher than any other Atlantic Division single op's, he will earn both a certificate for being the single-operator Division leader *and* an endorsement sticker for 432 MHz.

(B) Top multioperator score in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. Multioperator entries are *not* eligible for single-band awards.

(C) Additional certificates may be awarded where significant effort or competition is evidenced.

9) **Disqualification:** See January 1983 *QST*, page 85.

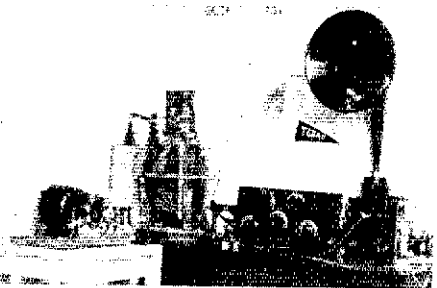
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Harris Robinson, W3LW (left), of Palmyra, New Jersey, receives his ARRL 60-year membership plaque from Atlantic Division Director Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC. In the 1930s, Roby was a frequent contributor of technical articles for *QST*, giving readers some ideas on modulating screen-grid rf amplifiers, improving the signal-to-noise ratio in receivers and using gaseous voltage regulators for power supplies.



Like the Phoenix, the bird of mythology rising out of the ashes, what appears to be a Wouff Hong looms above the remains of a house. Art Mueller, W3BKD, of McDonald, Pennsylvania, took this photo while traveling through the town of Slovan.



This spark-gap rig, circa 1922, belongs to Dr. Donald Long, KA7NZL, of Coos Bay, Oregon. Among the items used to construct this rig are a discarded 50-kV ac transformer, a Motorola horn and a 24-point rotary spark gap that operated at 3850 rpm.

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JULY

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A. Volta RTTY Contest, June QST, page 82.

Six Meter Invitational Net Activity Day, June QST, page 82.

Venezuelan World Wide Contest, phone, June QST, page 82.

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 0400Z July 7 (9 P.M. PDT July 6). W6WGP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090 kHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please include your full name, call (if any) and complete mailing address. A large s.a.s.e. will help expedite your award/endorsement.

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IARU Radiosport Championship, May QST, page 88.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 35-10 wpm, at 0200Z July 14 (10 P.M. EDT July 13). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.58 7.08 14.07 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See July 6 listing for more details.

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SSTV DX Contest, June QST, page 82.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 2300Z (7 P.M. EDT) July 20. See July 13 listing for more details.

23-24

ARRL Midnight Special, from 0300 to 0500Z July 24 (11 P.M. EDT July 23 until 1 A.M. EDT July 24). First hour, 40 cw; second hour, 80 phone. Work stations once per band. Suggested frequencies: 7.040-7.075 and 3.890-3.930. Exchange signal report and state. Score equals number of QSOs; no multiplier. Mail entries by Aug. 10 to ARRL Hq. Include s.a.s.e. for results; top scores will be listed in QST.

30-31

Venezuelan World Wide Contest, cw, June QST, page 82.

CW County Hunters Contest, sponsored by the CW County Hunters Net, from 0000Z July 30 until 0200Z Aug. 1. Work stations once per band. Work portables/mobiles again as they change county. Stations on county lines count as one QSO, but multiple multipliers. Exchange serial number, category (P for portables, M for mobiles), signal report, county (for U.S. stations) and state, province or country. Suggested frequencies: 3.575 7.055 14.065 21.065 28.065. Portables and mobiles call CQ below 7.055 and 14.065; others spread out above those frequencies. Count 1 point for QSOs with fixed stations, 3 points for portables or mobiles. Multiply QSO points by total U.S. counties worked for final score. Mobiles and portables calculate their scores both on a state-by-state basis and overall for awards. Mail logs by Sept. 3 (include a large s.a.s.e. for results) to Jerry Burkhead, N6QA, 7525 Baltic St., San Diego, CA 92111.

Armadillo Run, sponsored by the Texas DX Society, from 001Z July 30 until 0200Z Aug. 1. Runs concurrent with the CW County Hunters Contest. TDXS members will activate all 256 Texas counties, and the object is to work as many TX counties as possible during the contest period. Final score equals number of TX counties worked. Ties will be broken by TX QSO count. Only non-Texas single operator entrants operating from their own stations are eligible to compete. Exchange is the same as for the CW County Hunters Contest. Operation by the TDXS mobiles will

be generally restricted to between 14.055 and 14.075. Certificates for entrants working at least 50 TX counties. A plaque will be awarded to the entrant working the most TX counties. If the winner works more than 175 TX counties, this plaque will be presented at the 1983 ARRL National Convention in Houston. Mail entry by Aug. 31 to Dennis Motschenbacher, KZ5M, P.O. Box 82, Thompsons, TX 77481.

AUGUST

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 wpm, at 0400Z Aug. 3 (9 P.M. PDT Aug. 2). See July 6 listing for more details.

6-7

ARRL UHF Contest, this issue, page 85.

Illinois QSO Party, sponsored by the Radio Amateur Megacycle Club, from 1800Z Aug. 6 until 2300Z Aug. 7, with a rest period from 0500 to 1200Z Aug. 7. Work stations once per band and mode. No repeater QSOs. Exchange signal report and QTH (county for IL stations; state, province or country for others). Suggested frequencies: cw—40 kHz up from low end; phone—3.890 7.230 14.280 21.375 28.675; Novice—25 kHz up from low end (especially on the hour and half hour). Count 1 point per QSO (except 2 points for Novices/Techs worked in Novice bands). IL stations multiply by sum of states (max. 50). VE call areas (max. 10) and DXCC countries (max. 5) worked. Maximum multiplier is 65. Others multiply by total IL counties worked. IL portables and mobiles add 200 bonus points to final score for each county from which 10 or more contacts were made. All stations may take one bonus multiplier for each group of eight QSOs with the same county. Mail logs by Sept. 1 (include large s.a.s.e. for results) to RAMS/K9CJU, 3620 N. Oleander Ave., Chicago, IL 60634.

SWOT Open QSO Party, sponsored by Side Winders on Two, from 0000Z Aug. 6 until 2400Z Aug. 14. No time limitations. 144 MHz only. No fm or repeater QSOs. Entry classes: (A) single operator; (B) mobile or portable or multioperator. Exchange call signs, yes or no indicating SWOT membership, and Maidenhead grid square locator (see Jan. 1983 QST, page 49). Count 1 point per QSO with non-SWOT members, 2 points for SWOT members. Multiply QSO points by number of different grid squares for final score. Include ARRL section on summary sheet. Stations may send their QTH if they do not know their grid square. Mobile or portable operators may be reworked as they change square. Mobiles/portables combine logs for all operations and submit total of scores. Mail logs by Sept. 1 to Jerome Doerrle, K5IS, Rte. 2, Box 72, Booker, TX 79005.

13-14

European DX Contest, cw, sponsored by the Deutscher ARC, from 0000Z Aug. 13 to 2400Z Aug. 14. (Phone contest Sept. 10-11; RTTY contest Nov. 12-13.) Work stations once per band; 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz only. Entry classes: single op, all band and multiop, single transmitter. Multi-single stations must remain on a band for at least 15 minutes, except for a quick QSY to work new multipliers. Single ops may operate a maximum of 36 hours. The 12 hours of off-time may be taken in one to three periods and must be noted in the log. Non-EU stations work EU only. Exchange signal report and serial number. W/K stations also give state. Count 1 point per QSO and 1 point per QTC (explained later). Multiply by number of EU countries worked per band (DXCC list, plus GM-Shetland, IT and UN1). The multiplier on 3.5 MHz may be multiplied by 4, the multiplier on 7 MHz by 3, and the multiplier on 14-21-28 MHz by 2. A QTC is a report of a confirmed QSO that has taken place earlier in the contest and later sent back to an EU station. QTCs may be sent only by non-EU stations to EU stations. A QTC contains the time, call sign and QSO number of the station being reported (e.g., 1300/DJ1IQQ/134). A QSO may be reported once, and not back to the originating station. A maximum of 10 QTCs to the same station are permitted; the same station may be worked several times to complete this quota. Only the original QSO, however, has QSO point value. Keep a uniform list of

QTCs sent. For example, QTC 3/7 would indicate that this is the third series of QTCs sent, and that seven QSOs are reported. Awards. List 40 QSOs or QTCs per sheet. Use separate logs for each band. Dupe sheets must be submitted for bands with more than 200 QSOs. Deadlines: cw—Sept. 15; phone—Oct. 15; RTTY—Dec. 15. Mail to WAEDC Committee, Postbox 1328, D-895 Kaufbeuren, Fed. Republic of Germany.

New Jersey QSO Party, sponsored by the Englewood ARA, from 2000Z Aug. 13 until 0700Z Aug. 14 and 1300Z Aug. 14 until 0200Z Aug. 15. Work stations once per band and mode. CW QSOs in the cw subbands only. NJ-to-NJ QSOs allowed. Exchange signal report, serial number and QTH (county for NJ stations; ARRL section or country for others). Suggested frequencies: cw—1.810 3.535 7.035 7.135 14.035 21.100 28.100; phone—3.900 7.235 14.280 21.355 28.610 50.100 144-146. Suggested activity schedule: phone on the even hours; 15 meters on the odd hours 1500-2100Z; 160 meters at 0500Z. NJ stations count 1 point per W/VE QSO and 3 points for DX. Multiply by number of ARRL sections (including NNJ and SNJ, max. 74) worked. Non-NJ stations count 1 point per NJ QSO, and multiply by number of NJ counties (max. 21) worked. Awards. Mail logs in time to be received by Sept. 10 to EARA, P.O. Box 528, Englewood, NJ 07631.

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KCJ Single Operator CW Contest

New Mexico QSO Party

North American ATV DX Contest

SARTG World-Wide RTTY Contest

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WIAW Qualifying Run

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Alabama QSO Party
All Asian DX Contest
Occupation Contest

SEPTEMBER

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ARRL VHF QSO Party

Strays

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any amateurs interested in forming a net to discuss the problems of chemical dependency (drugs and alcohol). Friend of Bill and Bob, P.O. Box 541, Biloxi, MS 39533.

other amateurs who are interested in the use of early photographic processes. Tracy Diers, W2OQK, 58-14-84th St., Elmhurst, NY 11373.

anyone who has an operating manual for the RTTY telephone modem Phonics TV Phone, manufactured by AMF Electronic Products Development Division, Alexandria, Virginia. Gustavo Diaz, WA4MCJ, 240 S.W. 10th St., No. 2, Miami, FL 33130.

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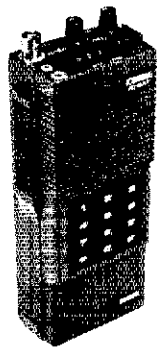
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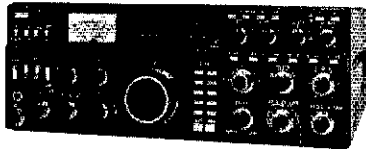
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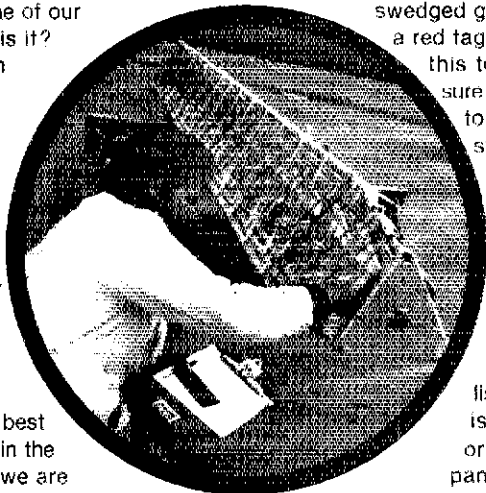
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will be deeply missed. EC W9BCWE reports that KA9LZF has upgraded to Advanced. Other upgrades this month, reported by D9DEP, include K4RFP, PG4, PG4 and PDW. W9SXL tells a handy trick to keep your dipole ropes in good shape: treat 'em with neatsoof oil. Keeps the water out to prevent rot, and keeps them flexible in cold wx. N9ALK is involved in Champaign Co. with a proposed tower/antenna ordinance. These seem to be quite the "in" thing with municipalities these days, and the only way to keep ham radio from getting stuck with an unfavorable ordinance in your area is to be involved with the process BEFORE it is enacted. Some such ordinances are clearly in conflict with federal law, but getting them repealed is a lot harder than preventing or modifying them before they become law. Keep your eyes open and report such proposed legislation in your area to the SM or to HQ. W9VQ tells us that he now has an Asst. EC, KB9KJ. SEC W9QBH attended the IL Emergency Services Management Assn. (IESMA) conference in Springfield April 8-10, and SM WD9EBQ represented ARRL at the Illinois Disaster Services Agencies Committee meeting on April 14 in Springfield. Other groups represented included Red Cross, Salvation Army, IL ESDA, IL Dept on Aging, Christian World Relief, IL Baptist Assn., IL Conference of Churches, IL Dept of Public Aid and the Mennonite Disaster Service. Forty-five-year-old mystery: An incident was reported in the March issue of *Short Circuits* that described some hams in a local club who ended up plugging up the chimney of the rival's clubhouse and smoking their way out. This incident had a lot of ham radio folks in W9LMJ, but W9MRT has come forward to say the LMJ was innocent. W9CFV says he never saw a pot belly stove smoke so much. The incident took place in the late 1930s. The truth finally comes out! Traffic: W9SUEA 222, W9HOT 216, K9CMO 213, W9NKG 183, KB9X 110, K9AZS 108, KA9NWO 84, KD9K 83, W9UJ 79, W9OK 76, WA9BXB 65, K9EHP 68, W9HLX 50, WA9SHE 38, W9DIB 37, W9WGD 36, KN9BAM 30, K9QEW 29, W9TLU 27, K9SW 20, W9RF 18, N9DIX 13, KA9NBH 13, K9BYE 12, W9DJB 12, KC9GT 9, WD9EED 8, KA9OZJ 6, WA9RUM 5, KA9ORI 5, KA9JN 4.

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Hoosier vhf nets: QNI 5561, QTR 167, QTR 5898, bulletins 113 for 24 nets. D9RN 100%, 437 messages in 1871 minutes. In stns W9URO W9UJ K9CGS W9IUM W99MIK KB9NR N9AEI. 9RN 98%, QNI 378, QTC 454, QTR 1093 for 60 sess. In stn. N9AEI W9CSJ W9EJ W9HJ K9JW W9UJ WA9QCF W9QLW K9R W94RNT W99UYU K9WWWJ. CAND 100%, 838 messages in 60 sess. In stns W9URQ W9UJ. Apts: State Government Liaison, WA9VQO; EC Vanderburg Co., W9RWB. Silent Key K9CJY, Frankfort. The Indianapolis Red Cross RC has made an interesting change in its constitution: resident radio persons holding a valid Amateur Radio license who resides in a county adjoining Marion Co. and obtained his or her Amateur Radio operators license by passing a test including the Morse Code is eligible for membership in the club. The National Weather Service offices at Indianapolis, Fort Wayne and South Bend have been awarded the NOAA Unit Citation. The Indiana WET Net and Skywarn programs have helped Indiana NWS to be FIRST, N9BHT KM9B W9BZQE and many others are to be commended. Congrats to W9UJ on her appointment as 9RN manager. The Annual Emergency Communications Forum will be held in connection with the Indianapolis Hamfest on July 10, 11 and 12. Hams of the Valley in the Newburgh, NY City. Novices are KA9PGE KA9PGD KA9PGA KA9PGB KA9PGC and KA9PGF. Fort Wayne area upgrades are KA9OIT(G), K9MWUA(A), KV9B(E), and KV9C(E). Congrats to WD9GH for his Army MARS Operator of the Month award in the Central Area. Traffic: W9UJ 940, K9UJ 210, W99UYU 200, W9QLW 145, KM9B 139, W9URQ 116, W9QYY 84, N9AEI 70, WA9QCF 60, KA9OIJ 53, W9JZV 50, W9PMT 44, KC9TA 42, KB9NR 41, W9UMH 41, W9BZQE 37, K9WWWJ 35, KC9ED 28, N9CQS 27, W99UJ 27, AB9A 26, K9DCX 26, KB9HH 26, KA9LAU 21, N9DHX 20, K9ET 19, W9ZGC 16, K9SD 15, WA9WV 14, W99HJ 14, W99OK 11, W99PFZ 10, W9RTH 10, WD9GV 9, WD9D 9, WD9CX 8, WD9DP 7, K9QUP 7, K9FW 5, K9KN 5, WA9JNC, N9AST 2, W9BDP 2, KC9GX 2, W9URS 2, W9UPI 1. (Mar.) W99PFZ 28, W99EBI 20, N9HZ 15, KA9LAU 13, K9KN 9, KB9DE 2, KC9GX 2, K9SBW 1.

WISCONSIN: SM, Roy A. Pedersen, K9FHI — SEC: W9OAK. STM: K9UTQ. BVN 3204, QNI 1385, QTC 1528. W99PY. SEN 3985. 18DIZ QNI 695. QTC 269. W99ESM. W9SBN 3985. 2300Z QNI 952. QTC 325. K9ANV. W9N 3723. 0000Z QNI 197. QTC 68. KA9HPO. W9SBN 3845. 0030Z QNI 232. QTC 92. KC9CJ. WIN-E 3662. 0100Z QNI 301. QTC 128. W9VQV. WIN-L 3662. 0400Z QNI 295. QTC 136. K9LGL. XPO 3925. 1831Z QNI 282. QTC 18. WA9GYF. NW7N .34/.94. 0030Z QNI 394. QTC 45. W99PY. Gr. BAY .72/.12. Thurs. 0245Z QNI 15. QTC 1. W99NRK. WCWTN .31/.91. 0030Z QNI 446. QTC 25. N9AUG. I appreciate the activity the Wisconsin stations give 9RN and CAND. W99ESM has life membership. W9JNY has been a ham for 50 years. The MARA swapeast was well attended. Everyone is wondering when spring will arrive. All I can say is have patience. Severe weather season will be with us soon. Hope you're all cured and operate in case of emergency. New Novices: southwest WI: W9OACON KA9PKZ. W9GZA, age 86, has WAC and WAC, congrats. At the Engineering Expo at Madison, BARS W9YT won 2nd prize for their exhibit. Please note W9SBN meets 2230Z effective April 28 until DST returns. BPL to KA9CPA. KA9IHR is now KV9U. KA9OVS KA9NOT KA9NPN KA9NPP K9NPO & KA9NTY have upgraded. W9BNCX & N9CPV have Advanced. Traffic: KA9CPA 2719, W9CXY 322, W99PY 241, W9VQV 238, KC9CJ 217, W9IEM 170, AG9G 183, W9CBE 158, WA9WYS 149, W9UCL 133, W9DND 127, K9FHI 124, KC9KQ 120, W99ICH 102, K9AKG 92, W9LDO 88, W99RFI 84, W99ESM 79, KA9BH 74, K9GB 72, W9SC 72, KA9NV 71, W99NRK 61, K9UO 66, KA9UO 66, KA9B 55, K9SAO 54, K9HDF 50, K9LGL 47, N9AJU 46, N9BCX 46, N9BDL 42, N9BY 40, W99PKL 39, W9UJ 39, N9ATP 34, K9VSO 34, K9JPS 33, W99JW 33, KA9NOT 33, W9SUNA 32, KB9GO 31, K9NGL 31, KA9KLZ 30, K9NKC 30, W99IID 29, WA9ZTY 29, KA9IKR 28, W99JGA 24, WA9DXW 23, KV9U 23, WA9VQV 22, N9DCF 21, K99FM 21, KC9MX 20, WA9GYF 12, KB9ED 11, W9IHW 8, KA9BHK 6, N9CP 6. (Mar.) KA9IKR 54, N9BDL 44.

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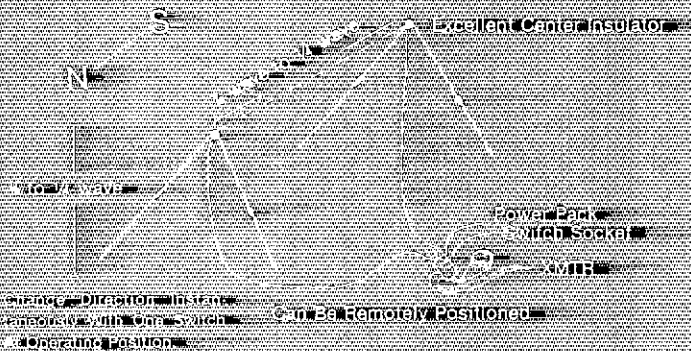
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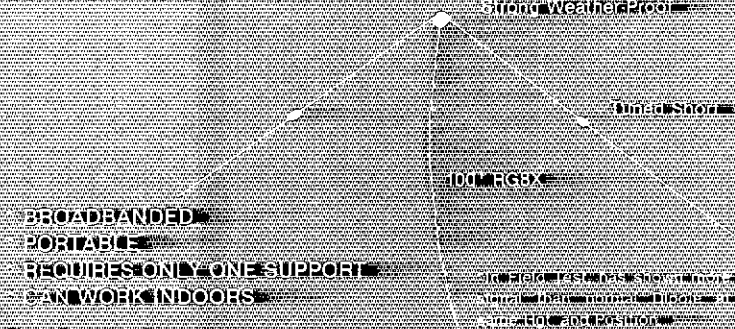
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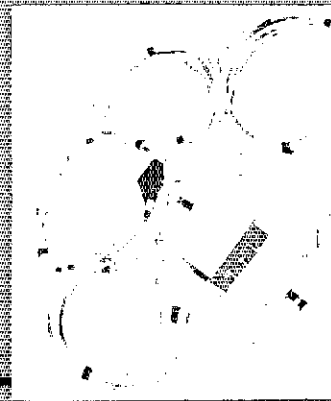


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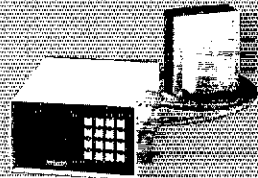
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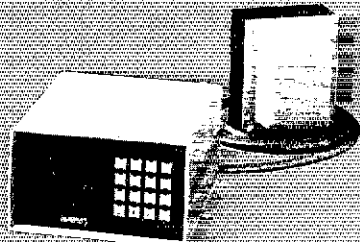
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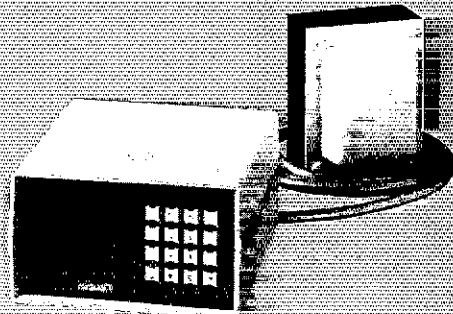
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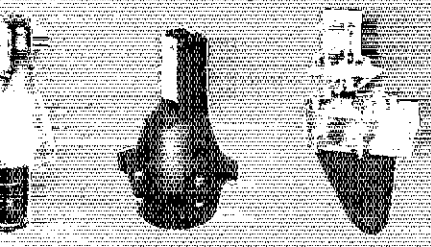
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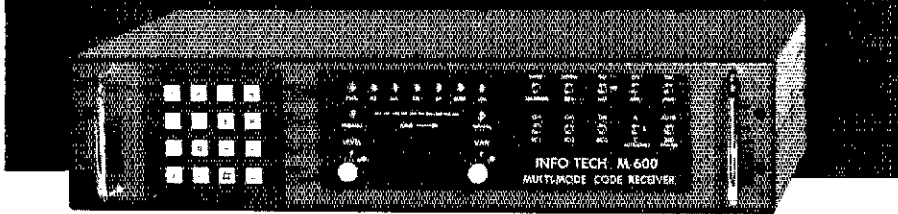
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MINNESOTA: SM, Helen Haynes, WB0HOX — SEC: KN0J. STM: KD0CL. Greetings! We finally made it into spring, but not in time for the Rochester Hamfest. Two years straight they've been snowed on. Sorry I couldn't be there. I went to Bemidji for the April 23rd hamfest. The turnout was great on a perfect day weatherwise. The Bemidji ARC had their emerg. services vehicle on hand and KA0KWM gave me the tour. It is a complete mobile communications unit with hi & vhf gear, telephone, CB, scanner and portable generators. FE gang! Speaking of hamfests, I'm informed by KA0CDO that the Range Wide Hamfest will be Sun, July 10 at the Clinton Comm. Center located 13 miles east of Hibbing on Hwy 37, CU there! Welcome to new Novices KA0PTU, KA0PR, KA0PTT & KA0PTU. Congrats to the following upgrade: Novice to Tech KA0PIB, Tech to Advanced KA0LTS, KA0LWV, & KA0MIV, Advanced to Extra KA0NRU. Hats off to the gang in Brainerd who assisted in the successful search for a 4-yr-old boy lost in a remote area near Merrifield. Responding to a call by KY0X was WB0CZZ, KA0NRU, KC0YG & K0ZTZ. The boy was found the same day unharmed. The Shriners Childrens Hospital in Mpls has its station on the air. KB0WV of the Zuhrah ARC and coord. for the station says the objective of the facility is to put patients in contact with their parents throughout the 5 state area. Net news: The WX Net will be off the air for July and August. The Piconet has dropped its 4th & 5th hours until Sept. For all you early birds like me that are on your feet at 4 A.M., WD0GEX is NCS on the Transcontinental Net 3940 KHz Thurs. By the way, we need net controls on all the nets, alternates and regulars. Any volunteers? Please contact me or any of the net mgrs and we'll get you started. Finally, I regret to report two Silent Keys, K7WV (ex-WA0GLI) & K8Z3, a former 50M Minn., accidently on March 8. Also WD0FX a wx net NCS left us. His humor and wit will be missed by us all. Our condolences to the families of these Silent Keys.

Net	Mgrs	Time	Freq.	QNI	QTC
MSN/1	W9DM	6:30P	3685	321	95
MSN/2	KA0EPY	10:00P	3685	297	43
MSSN	WB0WXU	7:00P	3710	74	11
MSPN/N	KA0JUX	12:05P	3945	713	112
MSPN/E	KC0T	5:30P	3929	1121	165
MNAMWXNT	WA0NE	6:15P	3929	588	423
PICONE	WB0ZU	Daily	3925	3314	283
Traffic: WA0TFC	WD9ESZ	277	WB0ZU	260	KA0JUX
233	KA0EPY	160	K70J	150	KD0C1
136	WA0NE	107	W9DM	96	N8CLS
89	WB0HOX	82	WB0KRI	72	K0CSE
70	K70R	50	KA0ARP	49	K0BDD
37	WB0HDD	32	WB0DUW	28	W0GRW
26	WB0LRK	19	K0GGI	18	KA0ODJ
15	N0JP	14	WB0BGS	12	KN9U
12	KN0J	12	KN0J	10	KA0JQ
7	KY0X	5			

NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Dean R. Summers, K09C — Goose River ARC hamfest at Island Park in Mayville June 4-5; contact WA0CSL. Congrats to new upgrade: Extra-WD0CQ (now NA0O); Adv-KA0NUD, WD0GMD, KA0XN, K0TMI, N0BQR (now K0BEM); Gen-KA0NTZ; Tech-KA0LLI, N0EPK. Special recognition to TRARC, Dickinson, for giving birth to a new newsletter, and to WB0SHD and XYL for new harmonic. ARRL books now on file at Bismarck and Mandan public libraries. tnx to BARK. Forx club has patches and T-shirts available; see KA0CAF. WA0RWM reports new NM needed next fall for YLWX net.

DATA 3.9965 Dy 2330Z KA0FSM
G.R. 1.990 Sn 1300Z WB0CO
NDSN 7.145 S 2200Z K0DL
DATA 251 QNI, 15 QTC; Goose River 72 QNI, 2 QTC. Traffic: KA0FSM 65, WB0CO 32.

SOUTH DAKOTA: SM, Fredric Stephan, K0800 — STM: KA0FJZ. SEC: W0YMB. TC: K0AS. ACC: WB0PWA. SGL: N0CDX. Emergency coordination and related emergency communications topics are always available to you daily with the South Dakota Evening Emergency Net on 3960 kHz at 8 P.M. MDT. The South Dakota Net (SDN) doing excellent example FB job of handling traffic everyday on 3650 kHz at 6 P.M. MDT. Upgrades now are K0CXL, KC0YT, KA0NFB, WB0PWA to Extra Class; WB0PZO, WB0YXK, N0BBP, N0EDF, WB0KUE, WB0KUF to Advanced class; KA0PMA, KA0KXG, KA0EER to General class; KA0AZK and KA0MNC to Technician class. Fine work everyone and congrats to TN Illinois were W0KJZ, K0FRF, K0800, WB0KWX, SDWAX Net 337 QTC, 328 QNI; SD Traffic Information net 118 QTC, 202 QNI; SDN (new net) 59 QTC, 129 QNI; SDSMEMG net 6 QTC, 120 QNI. PS: WB0ZWL, W0KJZ, N0CFB, N0EEH, K0800. Traffic: W0MZF, 315; WB0ZWL 203, K0800 142, K0AIE 105, WB0KWX 98, W0KJZ 75, WA0VRE 61, W0DVB 60, K0FRF 54, N0CFS 41, WB0DMF 39, K0CAF 30, KA0HMI 28, W7LDB 27, W0RWE 23, N0EEH 21, WB0SUM 20, W0YMU 19, K0KLD 13, W0NWM 11, WB0YDG 11, WA0BZD 10, N0GDH 8, WA0CIP 7, WB0ZMW 7, N0ABE 6, WB0LTV 3.

DELTA DIVISION

ARKANSAS: SM, Joel Harrison, WB5IGF — Welcome to new section officials: SEC-N5BPU, John Barnett; Technical Coordinator-W5FD, Elmer Wingfield; State Government Liaison-W5LCI, James Shaver. Contact these people if you need assistance in their respective fields. W5KL is home and recovering from a quad heart bypass. We all wish him the best. Don't forget to monitor 3955 kHz or 34/94 Little Rock during severe weather. W5RXU is weather net manager and can be contacted for more information. Ark nets: OZK CW 3760 kHz 000Z QNI 183, QTC 20, 424 minutes. Phone net 3937 kHz 1100Z QNI 580, QTC 34, 108 minutes. Razzorback 3895 kHz 2230Z QNI 1071, QTC 54, 191 minutes. Mockingbird 3920 kHz 2130Z M-F. Traffic: K5BIL 33, W5UAU 29, WA4ZJ 22, WB5IGF 18.

LOUISIANA: SM, John Meyer, N5JM — ASM: KC0SF. STM: W5GHP. SEC: WA4MUW. Welcome to WA4MUW, the new SEC. He is in Lake Charles and has been both SEC and SEC. Check in LEN and find out how you can assist him. New faces at the IDXX are N5NO, W5YV, K5PP, v.p.; WB5SD, Secy and WA5YFO, trass; At LCARA, K5DPG became chmn; K55V, v. chmn; N5NOX, W5YV secy/trass; K55JM, K55L, K55G, K5ANK, bd. mbrs. The BRASS KEY CLARC's Newsletter now springs forth from a computer in fine fashion. JARC balled 8 inches of water out of their club house during the April downpour and the wx bureau's land line went dead, so they QSYed to 7290 kHz and 2 meters to carry on business as usual. N5JM finally got to listen to the 10 MHz band by firing up a TCS rcvr. circa 1944, given him by WB5JO. The trc is still up this month owing to Jupiter Pluviosus.

Net	Freq. kHz	Time	Mgr.
LAN	3630	7 & 10 P.M.	K0FSF
LTN	3910	Dy 6-30 P.M.	N5ANH
LSN	3703	M-F 7-30 P.M.	WB5CWK
LRN	3587.5	Sn 6-30 P.M.	W5GHP
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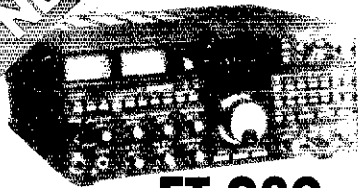
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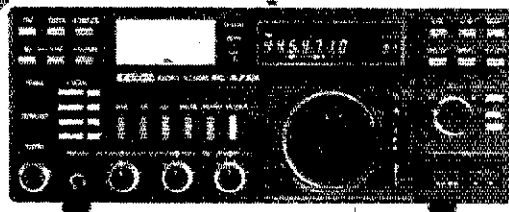


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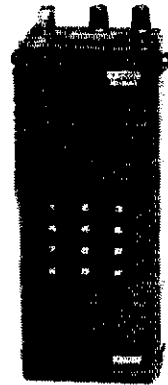
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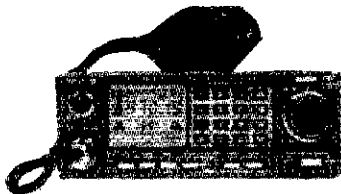
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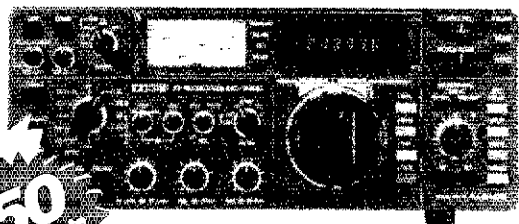
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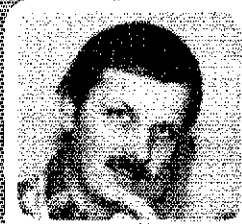


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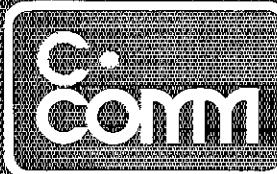
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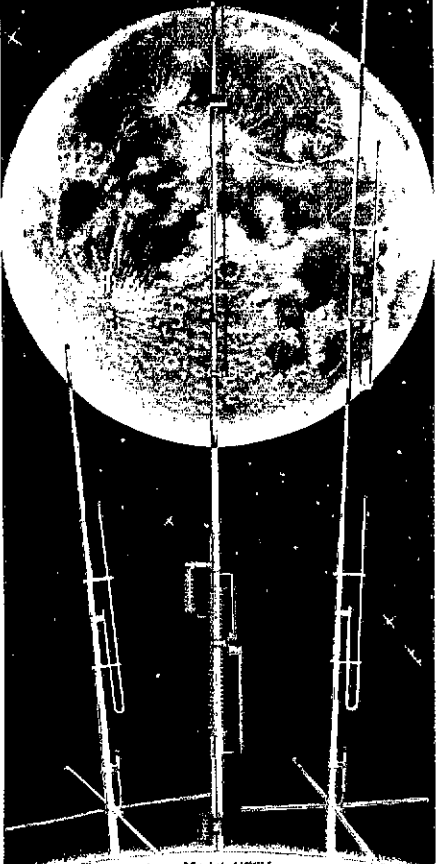
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MISSISSIPPI: SM, Thomas Hammack, W4WLF — SEC: N5DDV, STM: K85W, Congrats to KWST on FB SCM term and for his help in transition. Tnx to all who helped in MS & LA floods. Many hrs of hard work. Reports still coming in. Keesler AFB club now active. K5TYP rptg should be on soon. Comm for Special Olympics by club. FB. Need volunteers or nominations for OO/RFI Coord. Affiliated Club Coord., State Gov't Liaison, Tech Coord. & Bulletin Mgr. Need more QBSs, at least one on each rpt area. Many areas need ECs. Let's put MS on top. Come on — need activity reports. MTN - 30 sess., 57 QTC, 158 QNI.

TENNESSEE: SM, John C. Brown, NO4Q — ACC: W4AGLS, SEC: K4TKQ, SGL: W4WHN, STM: K4YOL, TC: W4HHK. Note that the usual warm weather drop in reporting of activity is making slim the station activity. Hope that's all it is. Congrats go to two clubs for becoming affiliated with ARRL: the Memphis Radio Relay Club and the Mid South VHF Assn. of Murfreesboro. The charters for the clubs will be presented at an early meeting. Hope to be getting more charters to present in the future. Some of the already affiliated may wish to make ARRL book donations to local libraries. If any of the clubs wish to do this, contact your ACC or the Section Manager about the procedure. W4JLY has set up a net for the net manager for the TSN. All you fellows and gal, need to get the old cw gear out and join the TSN gang to have some fun and get the fist back in the groove. Some need to get something other than a key to send the cw so the other station can read what ya gotta say, not guess. Also W4VQE has been appointed the TN section RTTY net manager. Now there is a place all of you can really use the computers and all the new gadgets on 3628 at 0030Z during the summer months. Try something other than the mike on the two nets. No cw honor roll this time. Had 100% coverage on DRN5. The station activity is kinda short this month. We still need some help with the DRN5 at 110030Z and 7280. Get the traffic: NG4J 361, W4ZLY 190, W4DDK 68, K4VWQ 64, K4VM 39, W4TYV 22, K4WOP 22, W4PEP 21, W4DGYT 18, W4BTD 16, K4V 14, K4ELS 11, W4DTI 9, W4PSN 7, N4M4 5, W4EWR 3, K4UMW 3. (Mar.) K4VM 29.

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KENTUCKY: SM, Ann Sloan, K4AGFU — STM: K44BCM, SEC: W4JAV, Bruce Apple, W4AJJ, Bowling Green to SEC, N6VQNIQ71 (KXN547231), K4CPN102718, KTN110390, KNTN1373103, KYN1254117, KSN121887, KEN10112, KYPON1689, PAEW1N120025, SEKEN12911, T3TMN136846, W1EN1347, BARES10212, LCARES1200, 3ARES14010, 4ARES1919, 5ARES18510, 6ARES17419, 11ARES1473, 13ARES1701. New Novices-Lex: KB4EFT KB4EHX; O'boro: KB4ESE, ORS appts: W4DXS N4HZT W44EBN, WTARC Jump Team at flooded cave rescue, 3ARES evacuates flooded nursing home during floods of April 30. Traffic: KA4SAA 185, W4D4YI 155, W44JTE 134, K44BCM 95, K44GFU 93, K44MZY 92, K24G 91, W44YQ 74, KB4OZ 67, K44WN 60, W5AIFL 58, W44RWU 50, K44RYV 43, K44MTX 41, W44BSC 38, W44AJA 31, K5AV 20, W44GD 20, W44WQ 20, W44WY 22, W44ML 20, W44APC 17, W44COP 17, W44AVV 16, W4CY 15, W44CJO 15, W44GHQ 15, W44AUN 10, K44MCF 10, K44YIV 10, W4PKX 9, W44AGH 8, W44NHQ 8, W44NOG 8, K44SN 8, K44GBZ 8, W44IX 3, W44IYH 3.

MICHIGAN: SM, James R. Seeley, WB8MTD — ASM: W4BDHB, SEC: W4BEFK, STM: W4BDHU, DECA: K8BH1 N8CUH W4BIXZ W48MBB W8VWY, HMA: W8CUP W4BDHB K8LNE K8KMQ K8KQJ K8NCR W8QHB W8SCW K8VU W8YIO K8ZJU.

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TASY	3922	1900 M	13	13	89	W88SUR
VHF nets	39	nets	3710	147	236	W8CUP

*NTS nets. Times local. Figures are for Feb. & Mar. & Apr. **QMN late net, 2200; MNN late net, 2000; MACS Sn. 1300. ARES net Sn. 3932, 1730. Traffic Workshop Sn. 3953, 1600. 3932 is MI hf emer. freq. Silent key, with deep regret: W8BHOI. New ECs: NBEOI, Clare Co.; W8BIZH, Cass; KA9JFM, Branch; K8BUU, Chippewa. New ORS: N8CNY K8BOWN. It was a pleasure to meet so many of you at the ARRL State Convention in Muskogon. A high point for me, four years in a row now, was presenting the MI Lady Amateur of the Year award. Sponsored by TASYLS. It was given this year to the highly deserving W48DHB. The coveted MAGS Amateur of the Year award went to W8BTTA. A topic common to all the net meetings was, "Why can't we get more traffic outlets in the (you name it) area," with Detroit being the prime target. Strange indeed, the most populous part of our state traditionally is the most poorly represented in traffic activity. What can we do about this? Welcome to the affiliated club ranks to the Southeast MI DX Assn. Our OO/RFI Coord., K8JH, has the "help wanted" sign out. We do need more OOs in MI. This activity is subject to take on even greater significance once the FCC phases in its volunteer monitoring program. If you are a League member, licensed four years or longer, hold a Technician or higher license, and are truly in tune with the self-regulating traditions of our hobby, get in touch with K8JH. Traffic (Mar. & Apr.): W8WMT 177, K8BTT 177, W8DT 177, W8DTZ 672, K8V 664, W8BMTD 374, W8QHB 352, W8B8Y 217, K8KQJ 230, W48DHB 219, W8MJB 205, N8BNC 177, K8GVJ 152, K8COWN 139, K8KMO 132, W8CUP 131, K8NCR 113, N8DNC 107, W8SCW 107, W8BTPM 89, W8BEJ 94, W8VIZ 89, W8HX 82, W8YIO 79, W8HPZ 78, K8LPE 75, K8LNE 68, W8BSYA 59, K8SP 51, W8B8SE 48, W8LDS 48, W8BRY 48, W8BECM 47, W8EFK 47, K8DD 40, W8YZ 39, W8BTTA 38, K8OCP 34, K8VU 30, N8B8Y 27, K8JFM 25, W8JXJ 22, N8EOI 21, K8J 20, W8BYWA 20, K8ZJU 20, W8BIZ 17, K8BFF 15, K8TB 14, W8B8J5 13, K8MJK 13, W8URM 10, W8B8OL 9, W8B8IT 7, W8BEE 6, N8CQA 6, K8FM 6, K8ST 6, W8B8NS 5, W8LQ 5, W8DSE 3, K8Z 3, K8JA 2, W8ABLK 2, K8N7M 2, N8EBN 1.

OHIO: SM, Allan L. Severson, AB8P — SEC: K8AN, STM: K8OZ, ACC: K8BUS, PIO & SGL: N8CVK, TC: K8BMU.

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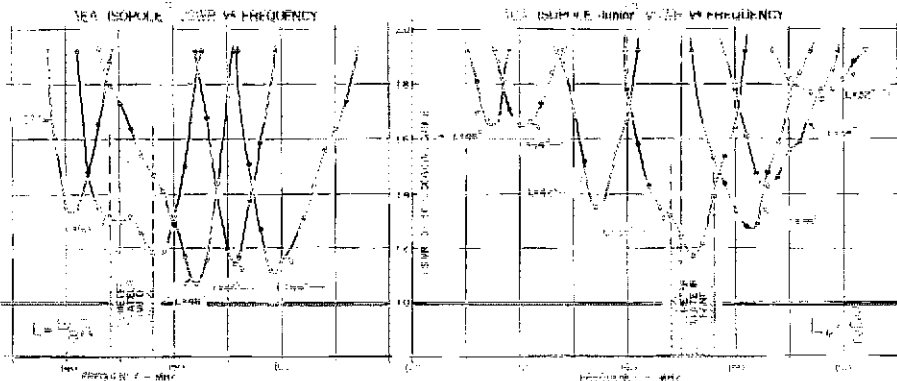
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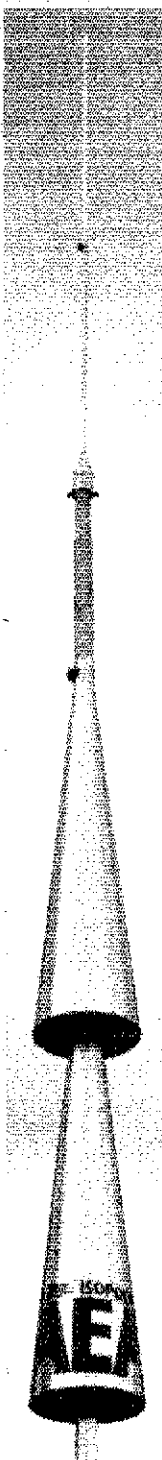
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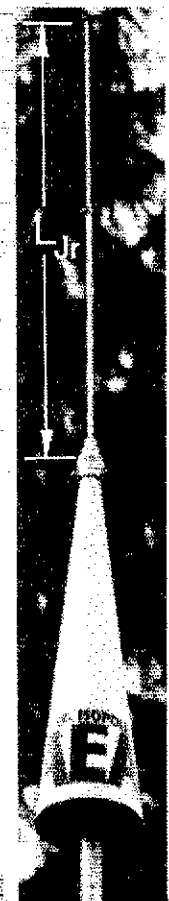
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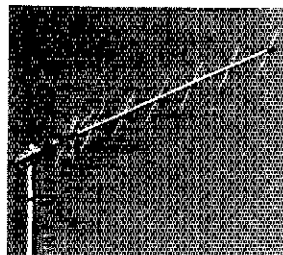
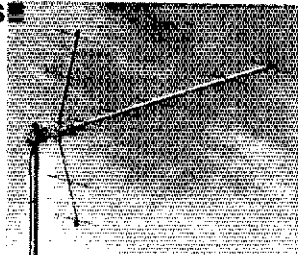
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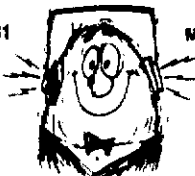
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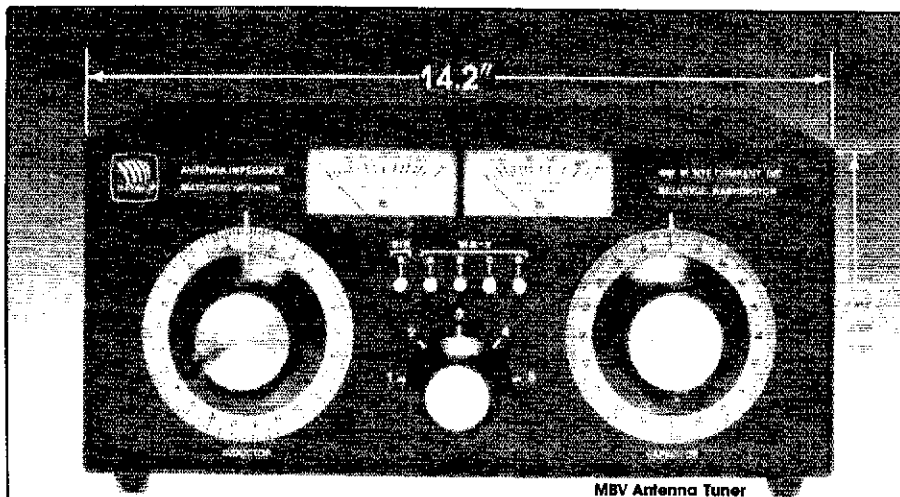
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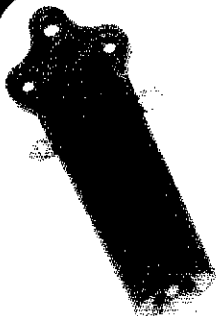
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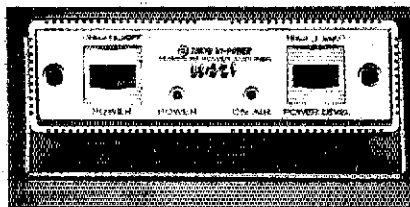
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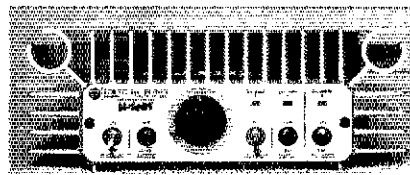
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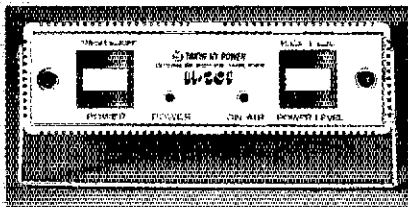
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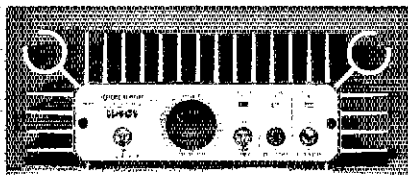
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As I've mentioned before, Ohio went on the new section program effective Jan. 1, 1983. I've been remiss in not introducing our new section-level leadership appointees before now. If you'll glance above, you will see whom we have in Ohio. Our SEC, KBAN, and STM, K8OZ, carry on with their responsibilities. Joining them are K8US as Affiliated Club Coordinator, K8BMU as Technical Coordinator, and N8CVR as Public Information Officer and punch hitting as State Government Liaison. You will be hearing from them all, and they'll welcome your questions. KBAN performed his usual organizational magic with the ARES forum at the Dayton Hamvention. It was very enjoyable. Incredibly, KBAN had door prizes left over after his drawing! This is not a reflection on attendance; it's a reflection on his well-known super-generosity. It was good seeing so many new and old friends at the Hamvention. But I was also sorry to miss others owing to meetings and forums scheduled in conflict. One of life's unavoidable problems. Even before my plea for more club newsletters last month, more arrived, including a super job from the Portage ARC. (Pres. WD8MPV is also EC Portage Co., and editor is Jole KJ30B.) Also another blockbuster from those Buckeye Belles, terrific job! Hope everyone is holding talents for this year's weather problems — tomatoes have already hit (including the Cuyahoga Co. for Pete's sakes! We don't have tomatoes, do we?) K8YUW N8CIX WA8NVW WD8PYV and many others showed how a Skywarn operation should be run. Let's hope it's the only one. Upgrades: to Extra — N8CIS and N8CWU. Congrats to you both!

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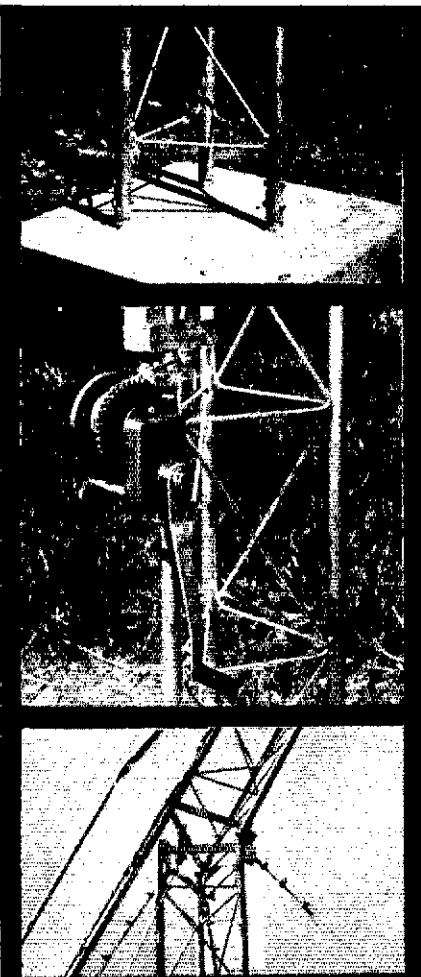
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EASTERN NEW YORK; SM, Paul S. Vydareny, WB2YUK — STM: WA25PL, ACC & SC: N2BFG, BM: WB2EAG. **CLUBS:** Albany ARA had Director W2IHA and Vice Director WA2DHF speak at the May meeting. Also gearing up for communications for Special Olympics weekend before Field Day. Communications club of New Rochelle recently had WA2DHF speak on No-Code. Overlook Mtn. ARC operated a special events station to celebrate 300th birthday of Ulster Co. Also with Ulster, RACES provided communications for a 10K race the same weekend! Rip Van Winkle ARS reports that assistance was provided when a toxic spill from a tank car occurred in the area. Schenectady ARA had K1ZZ speak at May meeting. Reports new members KA2RME KA2GYF W2CJO WA2TQR KA2PCE W2FQG. Westchester ARA and W10D from ARRL Technical Dept speak at May meeting. Westchester ECA had presentation on various computers and how they can be used in the ham shack. New info: EPN QNI 225; NYS 1036; NYPON 853; ESS 459. Best of luck to all on Field Day! All affiliated clubs: fill out and send in your forms for special service clubs—only one received so far from PEARL. BPL: WA25PL. PSHR: K2ZM WB2MCO WB2YUK KC2TF W2BIW W2YJR AK2E K2ZY W2PKY KA2MBP. Traffic: WA25PL 691, WB2MCO 326, K2ZM 222, WB2EAG 189, AG2X 121, W2BIW 110, KC2TF 98, W2YJR 81, WB2YUK 81, K2ZY 65, WA2CJL 58, W2YJR 48, AK2E 44, KA2MBP 42, WB2OHR 34, WA2JBO 31, AA2Y 25, WA2CJY 25, WA2TBM 21, N2BFG 19, K2HNW 18, WB2SON 16, N2AWI 12, W2SWA 11, K2DW 3.

NEW YORK CITY—LONG ISLAND; SM, John H. Smale, K2IZ — SEC: WA2KKJ, STM: K2GGE, ACC: WB2IAP. OO/RFI: WA2PMW, TC: W2JUP.
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*Denotes section net; all times are local; please try and help out by checking in whenever possible. WB2IAP has been appointed Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC). He will be getting in touch with the various clubs soon. Please give him all the support you can. K8YUW says the Hurricane Net will operate on 14.325 MHz when and if needed. WB2PYC has been appointed an OBS. He also runs "Pirates Cove" on 516-698-4008; speed is 300 bps, look for bulletins and other ARRL info. Radio Central will hold their indoor flea market on Sun. Nov 27 at Temple Isaiah of Stony Brook. For more info, contact K2RPZ. The following members of Radio Central provided back up communications for St. Charles Hosp. while their telephone system was being modified: N2DIA KA2DRR WB2FXN KA2HMJ KC2KU W2MZO K2VL K2YIM. Metroplex celebrated its 5th anniv. W2AHV was high QNI for NLI CW (early) and W2LWB was high QNI for late sessions. New Extra call in the Wantagh ARC is K2ZM. New members for Grumman ARC: WA2LOM W2ORW WB2YDS W2EAR KA2RAC W1HTL. Gt. South Bay ARC collected \$70 which was forwarded to Hand-Ham. If anyone is interested, con-



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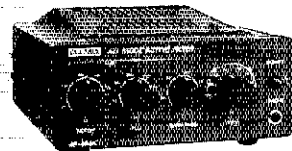
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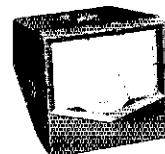
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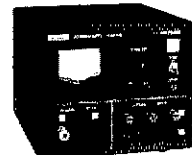
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	500CX Xcvr	269 m
	250 6m Xcvr	149 f
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	117XC AC ps/spkr	99 mfc
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	208 CW filter	19 m
	210 AC supply	19 f
	405 Linear	129 f
	570 Century 21 Xcvr	249 f
	276 Calibrator	19 m
	540 Triton IV Xcvr	299 mmw
	244 Digital display	79 w
	580 Delta Xcvr	499 mtv
	580/NB/250 Hz filter	549 m
	580/NB/500 Hz filter	549 m
	283 Remote VFO	129 m
	546 Omni D series B	489 w
	546C Omni D series C	649 mv
	252G AC power supply	79 m
	262G AC ps/VOX/spkr	89 w
	280 Power supply	99 m
	255 Deluxe supply	129 v
	234 Speech processor	79 m
	247 Ant tuner	49 w
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	670 Keyer	19 m
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	FR-101 Xcvr	399 w
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	FR-101E/CW filter	529 m
	FR-101EX Xcvr	469 f
	FR-101Z Dig Xcvr	549 w

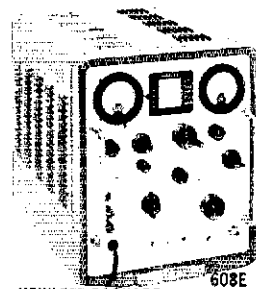
FV-101B Remote VFO	99 m
FT-301 Xcvr/AM/CW hits	369 m
FP-301 AC supply	99 m
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FP-4 Power supply	29 m
FT-901DM Xcvr	659 m
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FT-107M/DMS Xcvr	599 w
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FTV-707 Xcvr w/2m	189 w

FT-980 Xcvr (like new)	1199 e
FT-ONE Xcvr	1499 m
FL-2100F Linear	399 m
FRG-7000 SW receiver	279 v
FRG-7700 SW receiver	329 f
FR1-7700 Ant tuner	39 fe
FRV-7700F VHF rcv conv	89 f
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FT-690R 6m portable	249 m
FT-221 2m Xcvr	299 f
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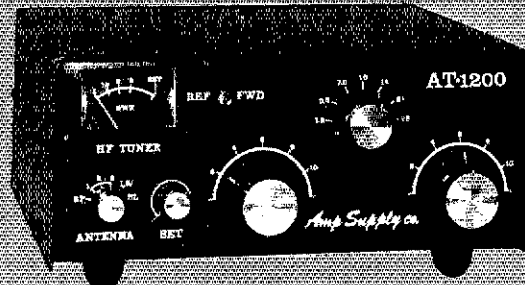
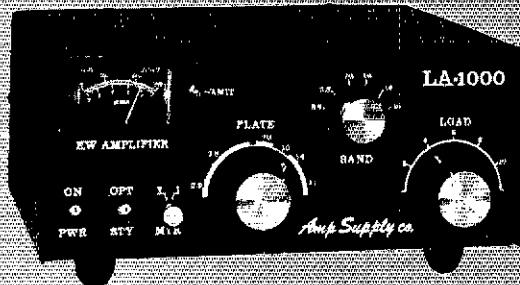


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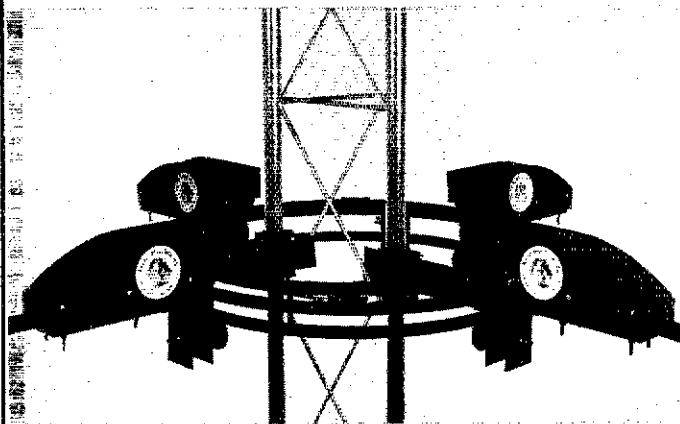


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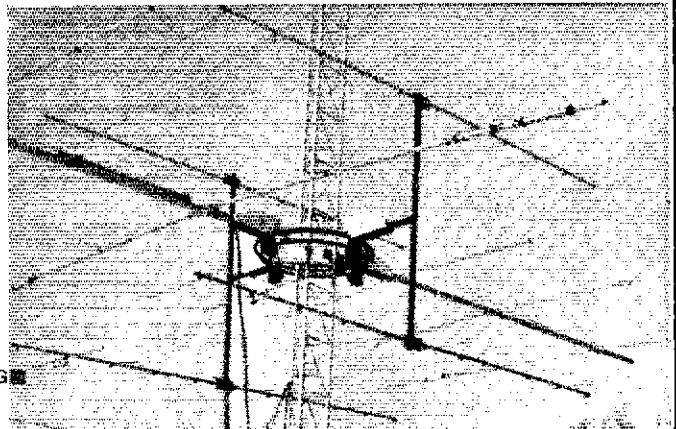


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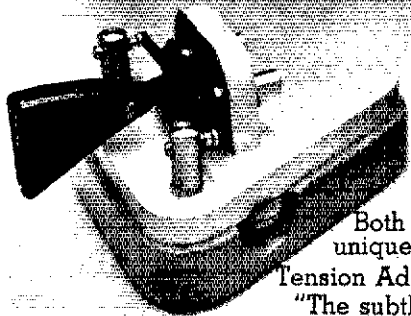
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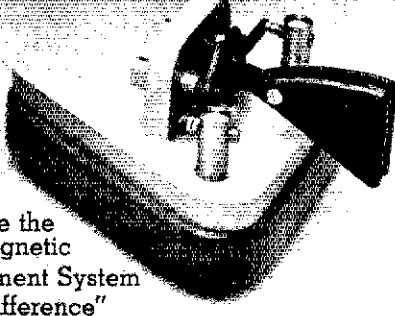
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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SM, Curtis R. Williams, W5DTR — SEC: WB2VUF, STM: W2XD, BM: N2BOP, ROC: W2CC, SGL: W2KB, PIO: WB2NQV, TC: AD7I, ACCs: KK2U KY2S, NMs: W2CC AG2R N2BNE KA2GSX KA2HNO WB2IQJ KY2D N2XJ W2PSU.

Net	Mgr.	Freq.	Time	Sess.	QNI	QSP
NJM	N2XJ	7083	1000 Dy	30	243	99
NJPN	W2CC	3950	1800 Dy	34	---	---
NJSN	WB2IQJ	3735	0900 Sn	29	276	77
NJNE	AG2R	3685	1830 Dy	30	410	220
TCETN	KA2GSX	147.255	1930 Dy	30	194	71
OBTTN	KY2D	147.12	2000 Dy	30	471	117
NJNL	AG2R	3695	2200 Dy	30	343	139
NJVN	KA2HNO	49/49	2230 Dy	---	---	---
NJRTTY	W2PSU	147.51	Autostart	---	---	---

UPLINK NEWS NUMBER: 201-735-8550
The New Jersey Morning Net meets on 3695 when propagation is bad on 40 meters. W2XD reports 2RN cycle 2 needs more NNJ liaisons at 1345 on 7237 and at 1530 on 3930 (alt. 7237). The 24th annual NJ QSO Party sponsored by the Englewood ARA will be held from 2000 UTC Sat. Aug. 13 to 0700 UTC Sun. Aug. 14, and from 1300 UTC Sun. Aug. 14 to 0200 UTC Mon. Aug. 15. Details from Englewood ARA, P.O. Box 528, Englewood 07631. Your ARRL-affiliated Club Coordinators KK2U for the northern half and KY2S for the southern half of the section, are looking for any ARRL-affiliated clubs in NNJ interested in becoming a Special Service Club. Remember reports should go to KB2WI, your new Section Manager effective July 1. A unique Amateur Radio news service is now available in the section thanks to PIO WB2NQV and PIA WB2ZHP. Dial 201-735-8550 for details and the latest news. Congrats to WB2NQV on upgrading to Advanced. The Sussex Co. ARC Hamfest will be held July 16, reports WA2LHX. The Cherryville RA supported the March of Dimes Walk-a-thon and on May 1 a double header — the YMCA River Ramble and Flemington Bike Races. A special congrats to this public service minded radio club. It has been a pleasure serving as your SCM and then your first Section Manager. I want to thank all your hard working section made my job bearable. Join me in supporting your new Section Manager, KB2WI, Bob Neukomm. Club newsletters should now be sent to him to help him keep up to date on your club activities. These newsletters were a big help to me, and I appreciate being on your mailing list — W5DTR. WA2KRZ has put a RTTY "mailbox" on 145.8 MHz, and discussed computer techniques at a recent meeting of the New Providence ARC — thanks *Mountain Spark Gaps Newsletter* PSHR: N2XJ KY2P W5DTR K2VX N2DPN KB2WI WB2GHN WB2KLF W2XD WB2QMP AG2R. Traffic: N2XJ 271, K2VX 219, AG2R 129, KY2P 127, W2RO 126, W2XD 107, KB2WI 86, WB2KLF 68, WB2GHN 61, N2DPN 57, W2ZEP 47, KA2GSX 43, W2UH 39, WB2QMP 35, W5DTR 29, W2RRX 17, W2CC 14, KX2L 10, N2EBA 8.

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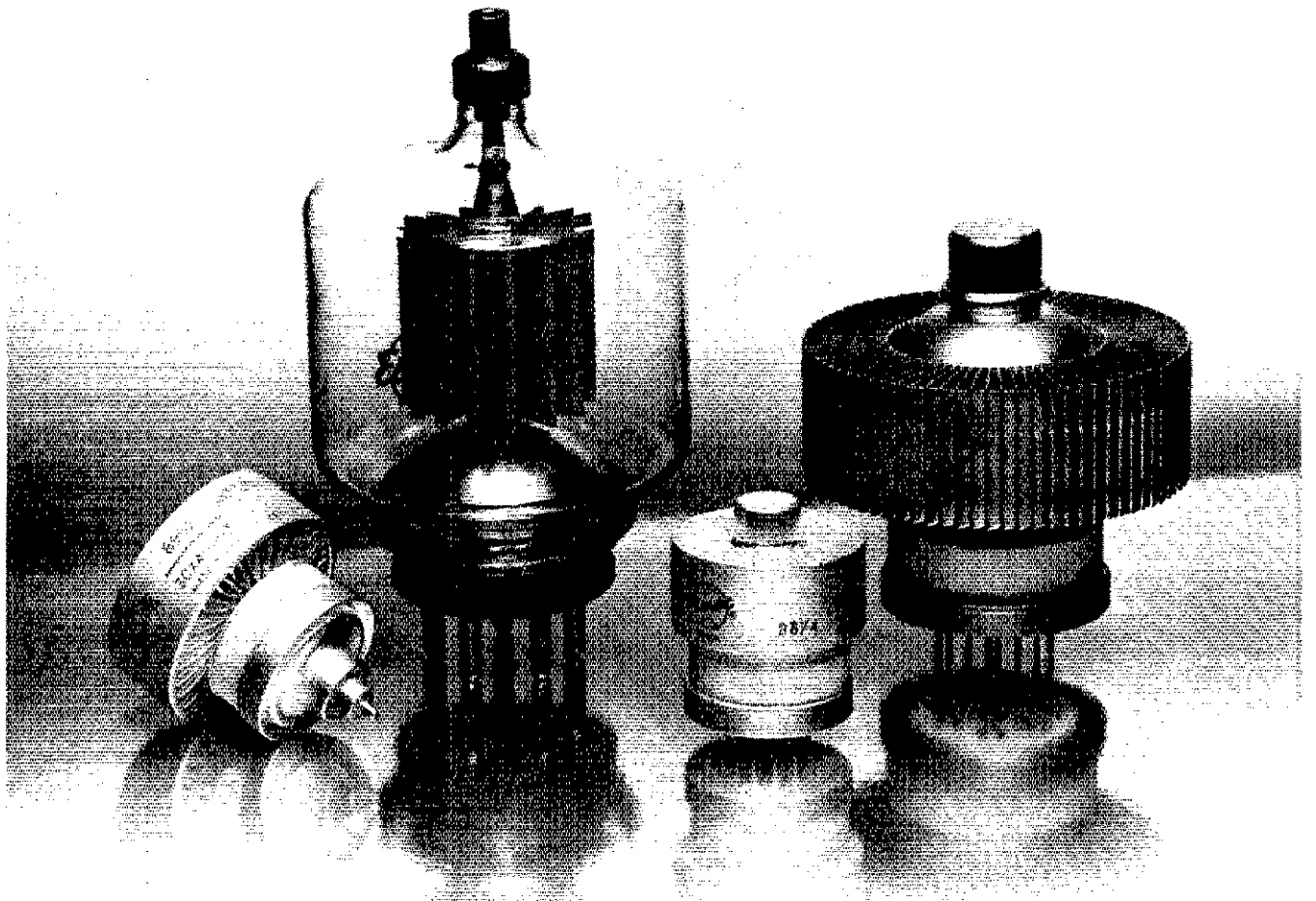
IOWA: SM, Bob McCaffrey, KØCY — SEC: WA4VWV, STM: KØGP, TC: KØDAS, BM: KØIR, PIO: KØZP, SGL: KØQC, ACC: WBØQAM. Hats off the the ARRS groups that participated during the four twx that ravaged the section in May, good job. District 1 furnished generator for Pleasant-hill public safety radio after tornado. Keep alert and assist your EC. WØFOY new EC in Plymouth Co. New OBS are KØKZ and WBØBGV. Tnx for your time. Both asbcw reps doing 100% to region; good job. Very disappointed in ICN becu of poor support. If you have some ideas let KØI or me know. This is a great training net and needs your support. WØDOK/KØAZP honored as "Neighbors of the Week" for their Amateur Radio activities. Two clubs have expressed interest in becoming SSCs. Are there more? Contact WBØQAM. The PIO has some PR tapes available, so if you can convince your local broadcaster to air them, let KØZP know. We can cover most of the state with OBS, so listen for regular bulletins. SEND ME YOUR HAPPENINGS. REMEMBER RAGBRAI!!!!

Net	Freq.	UTC	Dys	QNI	QTC	Sess.
75M Phone	3970	1730-2300	M-S	1144	129	52
TLCN	3560	2330-0300	Dy	331	105	60
ITEN	3970	2230	Sn	37	7	3
PM Net	3983	2230	M-F	95	0	16

Traffic: WØAUX 286, WØSS 154, WØYLS 122, KØGP 119, WØFVB 72, KØADF 69, KØCY 62, WØJL 55, WØJFF 42, KØBSC 39, NØEHV 38, WØBAV 26, WA4VWV 22, KØBØZ 20, WØBW 17, KØJQG 13, KØBY 9, WØFQ 8, KØBMHJ 2, KØXY 2.

KANSAS: SM, Robert M. Summers, KØBXF — SEC: WØKLL, STM: WØOYH, NM (cw): WØBZEN, NM (ssb): KØCUF. Congrats are in order to WØKL who was recently elected to a 4-year term as a city commissioner of Ottawa. We all wish "Willie," YL of WØCHJ the best on her recovery from recent illness. Computers seem to be the fad now, and the rpt around Hiawatha is being dominated by such talk according to WØPB. It appears that it won't be long before the Amateur Radio community will soon be responsible for the enforcement of rules and regulations set forth by the FCC. The responsibility could be TOTAL. The FCC may be involved only if the Dept of Justice is involved. Let us all shape up. Wichita ARC are planning for a river run and a Boy Scout show for forthcoming events. What are you and your club doing??? I missed the Division Convention; owing to the new League budget system, we could afford to send only one rep north. WØKL reported a fine convention turnout and programs. Be sure you get a copy of the new ARRL publication *THE FCC RULE BOOK*. It is a must for every station. Traffic: WØFQ 286, WØBZEN 158, WØHT 148, WØFIR 131, WØLBB 123, KØJØ 74, WØOYH 70, WØMT 56, KØBXF 56, WØPB 51, WØYLP 27, WØTJU 22, KØGSC 15, WØCHJ 14, WØRBO 9, KØE 2.

MISSOURI: SM, Ben Smith, KØPCK — The Central Missouri RA will underwrite the Amateur Radio booth at the Missouri State Fair this year. KTSY and I will coordinate the operation of the booth. It takes both money and operators to run the state fair station. Any club or individuals wishing to contribute to the state fair station may send their contributions to CMRA P.O. Box 283, Columbia 65201. Anyone wishing to operate should contact KTSY or me. The amateur station at the state fair is a great way to promote Amateur Radio in Missouri. It takes a lot of operators to run the station, so we need volunteers.



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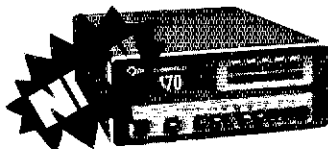
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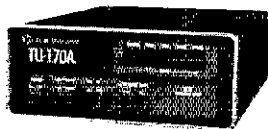
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NEBRASKA: SM, Reynolds Davis, K0GND — Lots to do this month! The Victoria Springs get-together is planned for July 30 & 31. Flea market, pot luck, and family camp-out all rolled together into a fun weekend! Let's see some Nebraska representation in the July 9-10 Radiosport contest. Nice to see the Lincoln club run off with the honors among all entries in last ARRL "Sweepstakes." Hats off to K0BWM, the first with 100 percent participation in both NE cw nets during April. Southwest group helping with Don Child's Marathon & Oregon Trail Days parade July 14-15. Omaha's Akarsben club will tour the KFAB transmitter site July 29 before their meeting at the Bellevue Queen. Club news on the weekly Nebraska Section Bulletin. New appts: DE C-4, W0BGCW, EC-W0RAB; OR-K0KBC, W0K K0BWM; OBS-W0AWRL. Traffic: K0DKM 82, W0KX 8, W0SGA 58, K0BSC 49, W0HOP 29, K0IXY 20, K0GND 19, K0BWM 18, W0BGCW 17, W0NIK 11, K0ELI 10, W0ZNI 10, W0BOK 9, W0BGMQ 8, W0BSCP 7, W0APCC 6, K0BJLH 4, W0HTA 3, K0ODH 2, K0TUH 2, W0WZR 2.

NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

CONNECTICUT: SM, Pete Kemp, KA1KD — SEC: K1WGO. STM: K1EIC. OO/RF: KA1ML. BM: WA1DWE. TC: W1HAD. ACC: N1AZF. SGL: K1AH. PIO: W01AJU.

Net	Freq.	Local Time	QTC	QNI
CN	3540	1900/2000	311	333
CPN	3965	1800/1000 Sn	146	285
NVTN	2989	2100	66	277
WCN	78/18	2030	78	113
RTN	13/73	2100	94	265

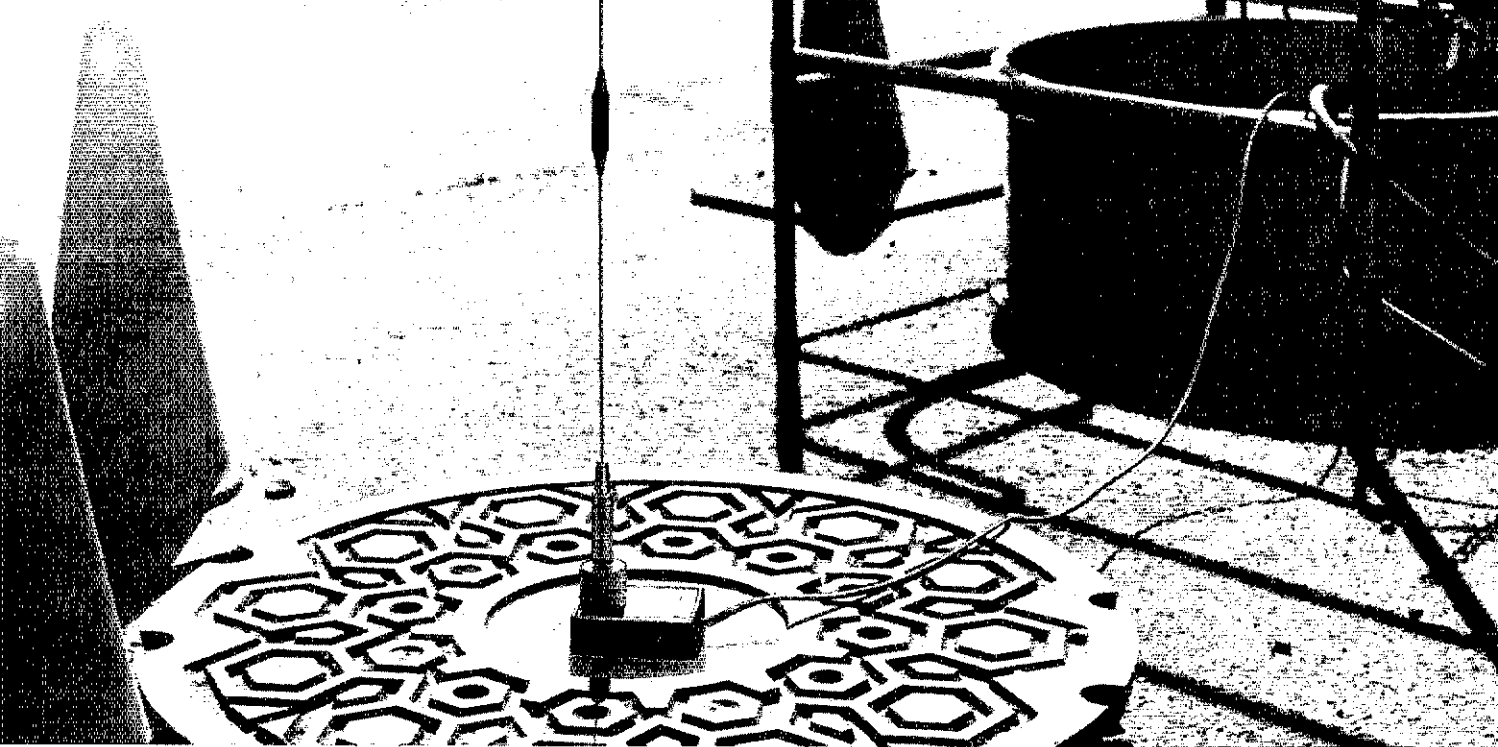
New OBS: KA1ECL. Everyone has been busy using their new found 20-meter phone privileges. Don't forget that the FCC is now accepting comments on future expansion on 10/15/80/40. W01EMD has become a Silent Key. Welcome to the Connecticut DX Assn., our latest ARRL affiliated club. WA1GNA has finally worked all 300 districts in West Germany to qualify for a DARC award. N1AWP is back in CT after a two-year stay on the west coast. FARA sponsors RTTY net 146.55; K01X for details. SCARA has been very busy on public service projects, providing communications for the Walk Against Hunger and for the March of Dimes WALK-AMERICA, both in the same month. SARA's rpt 146.655 has found a new home atop St. Joseph's Hospital. MARC members were recently treated to a fine presentation on sunspots by W1HDQ. W1CUT visited CARA to give a talk on the publication of QST. The new Net Directory is now being put together. All net managers please be sure to provide input to W091HH at HQ. FARA club provided communications for the town's annual Dogwood Festival. KA1GGT recently made his first satellite QSO. Tri-City ARC busy with communications for Expo 83. Bethel Middle School ARC has five more Novices on board. Summer is the time for antenna parties and maintenance checks. Be sure to keep safety up-to-date in your planning. Aluminum ladders, safety belts, grounding systems, hand hats, utility power lines should certainly be considered when preparing to do your work. BPL: N1CLV. Traffic: W1EFW 388, W01GXZ 380, N1CLV 221, W0BPUJ 168, W0BESJ 145, K1UQE 92, K1EJR 88, W1YOL 87, K1AQE 79, KA1BHT 58, KA1XG 45, K3ZJJ 31, W1BDN 29, W1CWH 12, W1QV 10.

EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM, Rick Beas, K1PAD — STM: WA1BY. SEC: W1AY. ASM: K9HI. ACC: K1AZE. OO/RF: & BM: WA4STO. TC: KA1IU.

Net	Freq.	Local Time	QTC	QNI
EMRI	WA1LPM 3.658	1900/2000/Dy	527	468
EMRIPN	KA1GBS 3.959	1730/Dy	306	186
EM2MN	N1BNI 23/63	2000/Dy	390	111
NEEPN	K1BZD 3.945	0830/Sn	62	10
HHTN	KA1MI 04/64	2230/Dy	529	179
EMRISS	N1BHH 3.715	2020/Dy	159	54
C12MN	N1BYS 045/845	1930/Dy	202	95

The ARRL Board of Directors has come out very strongly on the side of membership opinion by totally rejecting the FCC proposed No-Code License proposal. They also are refusing to entertain the volunteer licensing program unless some provision for out-of-pocket expenses is included. Board minutes will appear in QST. Please join me in welcoming our new section emergency coordinator W11AY aboard. Many thanks go to WA1BLG for his efforts from the beginning of my tour of duty as SC/SM. W11AY will stay active in section emergency communications. The first meeting of the new council of Eastern Mass radio clubs was held recently in Framingham, chaired by Affiliated Club Coordinator, K1AZE. Waltham ARA newsletter Intermod devoted entire issue to the handling by STM WA1TBY. Massachusetts club had a mini-auction run by W01FLA. Framingham club had a visit from a three generation ham radio family: Grandpa, W1TKD; son, K8AT and son, K2BF. Billence club had W1HBB give a talk on cellular radio. Norwood club had New England's Contest Advisory Committee member K1DG give a talk on

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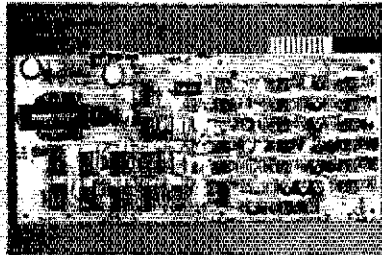
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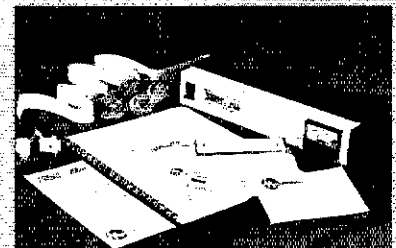
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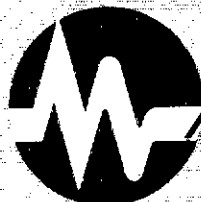


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Field Day and contesting. **K1JMR** newsletter also passed the sad news of the passing of **W1ATX**, known to many of us as an avid traffic handler and constant monitor on 52 direct. Middlesex club had a slide presentation by **N1DM** on satellite communications. Amateur Radio was well represented at the Boston Marathon again, with groups from the Wellesley and Framingham clubs helping out, as well as a group helping the Boston Red Cross. **Colonial Wireless** also assisted in Lexington on Patriots Day. Many of us had the pleasure of each other's company again this year at the Deerfield (NH) flea market. The wx was great and the fleas were biting. **K1VXB** now **K1MY**, **KS6X** now **KN1K**, **W1TPB** now Extra Class Traffic: **WA1TBY** 461, **KA1GBS** 313, **N1BHH** 242, **KA1EPO** 183, **N1BGW** 155, **N1AJJ** 137, **K1BA** 96, **WA4S0** 92, **N1BQQ** 92, **KE1U** 88, **W1CE** 81, **WB3FOC** 78, **K1GN** 61, **KA1BBU** 59, **KA1KF** 58, **KA1DJV** 55, **WA1DXT** 49, **N1BYS** 47, **K1II** 37, **K1BZD** 34, **W1QLL** 33, **WA1FNM** 26, **KA1AMR** 17, **N1BUY** 16, **KA1EXJ** 13, **W1ZHC** 11, **W1MJ** 8, **K1LCQ** 5, **WA1FOD** 1, (Mar.) **W1AF** 225, **WB3FOC** 128.

MAINE: SM, Cliff Lavery, **W1RWG** — SEC: **KL7JG/1**, STM: **AK1W**, ACC: **KA1EIV**, OO/RFI: **W1JK**, SGL: **K1N1T**, PIO: **KA1TJ**, TC: **K1YFY**, OBM: **W1JTH**. The Aroostook Emerg Net is to be commended for its communications support of a realistic scenario of a simulated plane crash at Loring AFB. CEP said it was their most successful operation. Hams included were **EC WA1YNZ**, **KA1CNC**, **WD5ICQ**, **KA1JC**, **N1BJX**, **KA1SO**, **WA9TVH**, **KA1IWH**, **WA1UPK**, **KA1ENL**, **KA1HIW**, **WA1JRS**, **N1ANG**, **N1BGO**, **KA1FGZ**, 52 simplex was very effective. PSHR: **AK1W**, **N1BJW**, **WA1YNZ**, **KA1AU**, **W1RWG**, **KA1TJ**, **KL7JK**. Number of station activity reports down ten. Please submit your traffic totals.
 Net Sess. QNI QTC Mar.
 Pine Tree 51 478 185 AC1G/N1BJW
 Sea Gull 25 931 145 K1GUP
 RACES 4 40 3 W1RWG
 Aroos. Emerg. 5 53 1 WA1YNZ
 Traffic: **AK1W** 202, **W1ISO** 85, **W1RWG** 77, **N1BJW** 67, **KA1AVU** 57, **KA1TJ** 52, **WB1BYR** 49, **N1BLZ** 43, **KL7JG** 36, **W1BMX** 28, **W1JTH** 22, **W1KX** 15, **WA1YNZ** 14, **W1AHM** 12, **WA1JHT** 11, **W1OTQ** 11, **N1BME** 10, **KA1AIF** 6, **K1PV** 5, **KA1ENL** 4, **KA1FTL** 4.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: SM, Robert C. Mitchell, **W1NH** — STM: **W1TN**, SEC: **AK1E**, NMS: **N1NH**, **W1VTP**, **K1IM**. Electronic flea market July 18 at Manchester Airport. Call **W1KQZ** or **K1WPM** for details. **W1FZ** donated Azden PCS-300 to Great Bay RC. Deerfield extravaganza will be done again on Oct. 8. **K1OX** hosted Nashua club at Ham Heaven Hill. Seen on Hyways & Bypass: **K1BIP**, **WA1NYS**, **W1UJN**, **KB1A**, King Ridge Hamfest Sept. 25. **W1NH** has new IC3AT. **W1AF** interfacing Vlc-20 to ham radio. **W1HNZ** on 220. **W1GS** vacationed in Greece. Traffic: **W1T24**, **N1NH** 183, **AK1E** 117, **W1OYV** 110, **K1IM** 108, **KK1E** 92, **KA1BJ** 86, **K1YMH** 86, **W1VTP** 65, **WB1CFP** 54, **W1GUC** 49, **W1ALE** 48, **W1MHX** 28, **K6UXQ** 28, **N1ALM** 28, **WA1PEL** 25, **WA1YZN** 25, **N1AKS** 22, **KA1FRM** 14, **K1OIG** 14, **N1BEV** 12, **W1FYR** 12, **K1UOX** 12, **K1ACL** 11, **K1PQV** 5, **W1LQQ** 4, **N1BVI** 4, **KA1DSC** 4, **K1NH** 3, **W1OKU** 2.

RHODE ISLAND: SM, Gordon F. Fox, **W1YNE** — SEC: **KA1EHR**, STM: **W1EOP**, TC: **AB1D**. New appointment: **KB1G** - Kent Co. EC Endorsements: **W1LFF**, **EC Newport Co.**; **KB1G**, **OPS**. STM **W1EOP** has just made his 20th BPL with a traffic total of 797. Sorry to report the passing of **W1IMY**. He will be missed on the rpt for his sense of humor and humanity. Most of the new upstarts don't know that he was one of the finest cw traffic handlers in NTS, and not many today can hold a candle to him. Again I have to report that the station activity reports were very scarce this month. No info, no column. Traffic: **W1EOP** 797, **KA1EHR** 20, **KA1OC** 17, **K1AOS** 12, **N1RI** 7, **KA1PPP** 6.

VERMONT: SM, Reed Garfield, **WB1ABQ** — STM: **N1ARI**, BM: **AE1T**, PIO: **W1RNA**. Tnx to hams who aided M. of D. Walkathon in Burlington 4/24. **K1VTR** 146,25/85 carrying Westlink News TThSn 2030Q & Teleconference Net June 2 2030Q. **BARC** Int'l Hamfest 9/13-14; plan now. **N1COB** new NM/VFMM; congrats. Tnx to **K1PQE** for QSP VT tc.
 VTN 30/134/97
 GMN 28/365/34
 Carrier 28/589/27
 4/8/7/23
 VSBN 30/53/152
 VPN 4/75/4
 CVFMM 4/48/2
 Traffic: **K1BQB** 139, **N1ARI** 109, **N1COB** 90, **W1KRY** 61, **AE1T** 70, **WB1ABQ** 55, **W1OAK** 36, (Mar.) **AE1T** 74, (Feb.) **W1OAK** 71.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM, William J. Hall, **W1JP** — Good news from the Mt. Greylock gang! The Advisory Council and Task Force technical experts have agreed that the rpt antenna must remain on the tower for amateur use. This should have very positive influence on upcoming legislation. Speaking of which, the section still needs a State Gov't Liaison (SGL) appointment. Any suggestions? **EC K1JHC** reports that 13 Worcester hams covered the annual walk for the blind from Ashby to Pepperell. **K1JHC** has achieved PSHR every single month since I became SCM Jan '81; quite an achievement! News from Massachusetts ARA of the membership, 3% count contesting as their primary interest, 16% traffic, and 39% computers. Hmmm. The UMass club still very active in public service but has no luck in obtaining money for equipment or repairs. I am sad to report that **W1VON** and **W1ZS** have both become Silent Keys. PSHR: **KA1T**, **W1PUO**, **K1JHC**, **WB1HIH**. Traffic: **KA1T** 397, **W1UD** 182, **WB1HIH** 128, **W1PUO** 81, **WA1YYW** 71, **W1KX** 69, **K1JHC** 63, **KA1CDC** 39, **W1JP** 38, **KB1W** 36, **K1IUV** 25, **W1HKN** 16, **W1UKX** 12, **KA1EKQ** 11, **W1ZPB** 10, **KR4N** 5.

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ALASKA: SM, Will Darsey, **AL7AC** — **AL7O** resigned as Section Manager effective 30 April. His new residence and return to unlimited duty status did not permit the daily communications required to provide adequate representation for the Alaskan amateur community. His contribution to Alaska hams has been immeasurable, and we all look forward to his return. Good luck to Rick, Cynthia and Mary. In a combined public service/emergency preparedness exercise, the Nome amateurs provided support for the All-Alaska Sweepstakes Sled Dog Race. Temporary stations were set up and operating under harsh arctic operating — 20°F conditions. Stationing and operating from tents, the group passed over a strong aurora rendered poor band conditions caused by the aurora rendered s/b useless at times. But, thanks to the expert cw operators of **KL7OD**, **AL7X**, **AL7BE**, **KL7UX** and **KL7DZ**, all traffic was handled quickly and accurately. Good work, Nome! Traffic: **KL7LA** 42, **KL7VY** 36, **AL7AC** 28.

IDAHO: SM, Dennis Hall, **K7KX** — The Emmett rpt is on the air with good coverage. Frequency is 147.18/78 and

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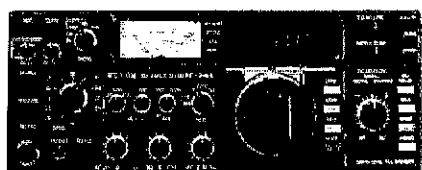
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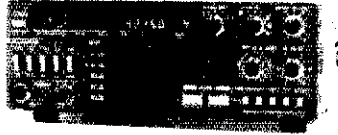
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Net	Sess.	QTC	QNI
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ICD	21	13	764
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MONTANA: SM, Les Belyea, N7AIK — STM: KF7R, SEC: W7LR, OO/RFI: KS7U. Lots of upgrades reported: to Extra-WB7TNH; to Adv-KA7HEZ, K7JAZ, KA7LRD; to Gen-KA7NMI, N7DKY, KA7OJC, N7EOM, N7EOL, KA7ONU; to Tech-KA7HEY, KA7MGI. Congrats to all. W7PC of Bozeman got his first license 60 years ago, in July 1923 under the call 7FC. KB7SE is the new net mgr for the MTN; also KB7P is the new mgr for the MSN. The Yellowstone ARC will have a new updated Montana Callbook out this month. This is a very handy item to have, so please obtain a copy. The May meeting of the Lower Yellowstone ARC, known as the "Mothers Day Bash," was held at the home of WB7UTJ. The ACC and SM were there. Many thanks to all. More upgrades: Extra-WB7UJO; Adv-N7DKL, WDBXG; Gen-KA7NXX; Tech-KA7PKK, KA7PKM. PSHR: WA7GQO.

Net	Sess.	QNI	QTC	Mgr.
MTN	21	668	91	KB7SE
MSN	4	80	0	K0PP
BSN	15	198	6	WB7UTJ
IMN	21	174	56	K7RX

Traffic: KD7EG 122, WA7GQO 44, WB7WVD 37, N7AIK 27, W7LBK 10.

OREGON: SM, William Shrader, W7QMU — STM: W7VSE, SEC: N7CPA, PIO: K07YN, SGL: KA7KSK, ACC: WB7WTD, RFI: K7TT, CO: N78C, UPGRADES: KA7PRS, KA7PVL (Voice), KA7WB, BY7GAS, KA7DNY, KA7OTC (Tech), KA7OM, KA7IJO, KA7JCK, KA7MAA, KA7WIS, KA7GNQ, N7EUS, N7EUT (General); WB7VBO, WA7VZ, KA7LWK, N7EET, KD7FD, KD7BF (Advanced); N7CVA, NB7Y (Extra). Hearty congrats to all! AL7W made Public Service Honor Roll in March. WB7BPI made a rush trip to Kenya but did not operate. WB0FF was touring Europe. Morse Telegraph Club has new officers. N7CYR is pres.; and KN7B is v.p./secy./treas. They are looking for new members who want to learn history of telegraphy. Oregon State Univ. ARC officers are: KS4E, pres.; KH6JOD, secy.; WB7BSF, v.p.; N7AUO, treas. The club will be giving a demonstration at the Benton Co. Boy Scout Camporee to help the scouts with their communication skills. Hoodvay ARC had a visit by OSP officers N7CJU, KB7UY and WB7WZ for instruction in emergency reporting techniques for Amateur Radio. The Lane Co. Ham Fair will be July 18-17 at the National Guard Armory in Eugene, so plan to be there. W7IC is out of hospital and mending. W7VSE says Mother's Day traffic from Alaska is about to do him in. Keep up the GOOD work, Vic. Traffic; W7VSE 654, WA7LGN 125, KA7EL 99, KA7AID 51, K17Y 43, N7BGW 39, W7LNE 34, N7FAP 15, W7DAN 2.

WASHINGTON: SM, Joe Winter, WA7RWK — SEC: K7SH, STM: W7GB, ACC: K7RS, TC: K7UJ, BM: KD7G, PIO/SGL: W7CKZ, OO/RFI Coord.: KB7WC.

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EVTN	146.64	0030/0430	96	80	55
PSTS	145.33	0030/0430	186	141	59

N7AFZ replaces W7IEU on the ECAC. Congrats. Tnx to W7IEU for his work. Radio Club of Tacoma's Mothers Day breakfast was again a huge success. Twenty-five mbrs worked the Tac. Daifodil Parade. Thirty mbrs worked the Walk-a-thon. Sixty five hams from Tacoma, Seattle, Olympia & Grays Harbor area provided comms and emerg. help for the large Norwester & Olympus Auto Races with great success. Clark Co. ARC operated Spec. Events Sta. W7AIA May 20-22 and issues Awards in memory of KA7AMF who died in the 1980 eruption. KB7WC is Awards mgr. K7SUQ rpts a new award plaque (the Sparkey Sherman Award) for outstanding public service. It will be presented each year to a worthy ham. W7EEA, the first recipient, received the '82 award posthumously. Clark Co. EC WB7TKZ rcd the '83 Award at Vancouver HF. Congrats! Computer ops — join the Amateur Computer Experimenters (ACE) net 146.55 slmp. Dy 7 P.M. PDT. Puget Sound area. Informal to encourage hi-speed digital. Olympia ARS (W7FNE) is planning a build 220. BEAR, call W7EAS, spkr. K7FF demonstrated his D.F. equip. He has an interesting approach to Direction Finding. N7IL is a new OBS. N7IL was also chrmn for Volunteer Exam's proposal. W7JIE was chrmn for No-Code Lic. proposal. Chehalis VARS preparing for Field Day, and is busy with 3 races and setting up the club std in the new quarters. Everett ARS club sale at Skagit Hamfest went well. Also held a spring garage sale. Last NOTICE Northwest '83 July 8-10, KA7CSP and committee have worked hard to provide an interesting NW Div Convention. Will see you there! Wash. State Amateur Radio operators were congratulated by Gov. Spellman to have been nominated for the 1983 Gov's Distinguished Volunteers Award. Although the hams were not selected for this year's Award, he did "thats" the citizens, applaud your outstanding volunteer contributions. In recognition, he issued a certificate of appreciation with his thanks. PIO W7CKZ picked the following as Regional PIA's: Rgn 1-KC7KI & KA7CVI; Rgn 2-WA7QQN; Rgn 3-WB7P8O; Rgn 4-KA7DWH; Spec Events PIA-K6DOW. Traffic: WB7TQF 719, W7DZX 632, WB7WOW 586, KS7I 282, N7DNG 210, K7GKZ 166, W7HNA 152, W7BG 110, W7LG 109, K7CTP 104, N7YANE 94, WA7BDD 82, N7AFY 76, W7APS 54, WA7JEB 54, N7AFZ 51, KD7G 42, K7AJT 12, N7CT 6, KA7INX 4.

PACIFIC DIVISION
EAST BAY: SM, Bob Valilo, W6RGG — ASMs: W6ZF, N6DHN, VE2AQV/W6. SEC: W6LKE has made the following appointments: N6DRT, A/SEC: WB6JGV, DEC and liaison with state and Contra Costa Co. OES: W6CPO, A/DEC and liaison with Calif Dept. of Forestry: KA6IVF, EC for Contra Costa Co.: WA6ZFZ, EC for East Contra Costa Co.: N6EEC, EC for Red Cross liaison, Diablo Chapter, STM N6BA made BPL again with 102 org & del. he and W6JGM made PSHR. New officers of NCCC are: K6HNZ, pros.; NR6I, v.p./contest chrmn; K6SD, secy./treas.;

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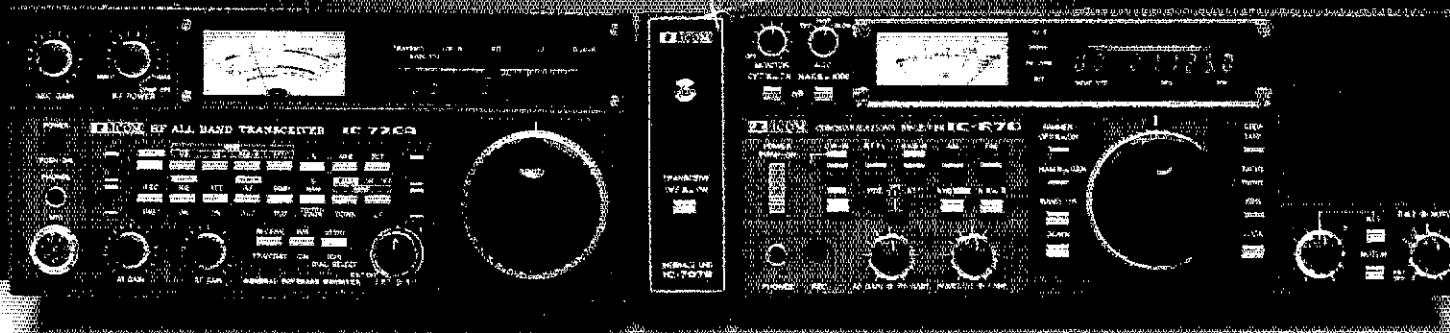


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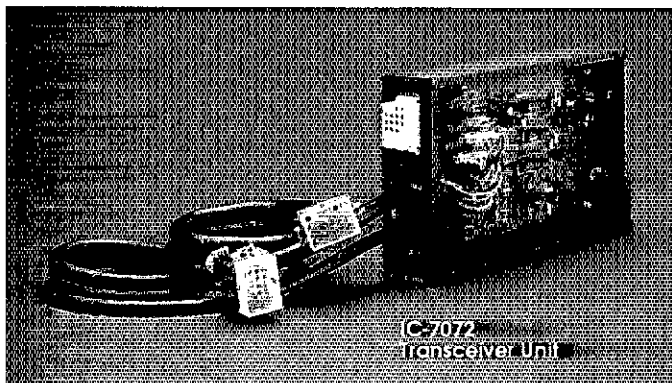
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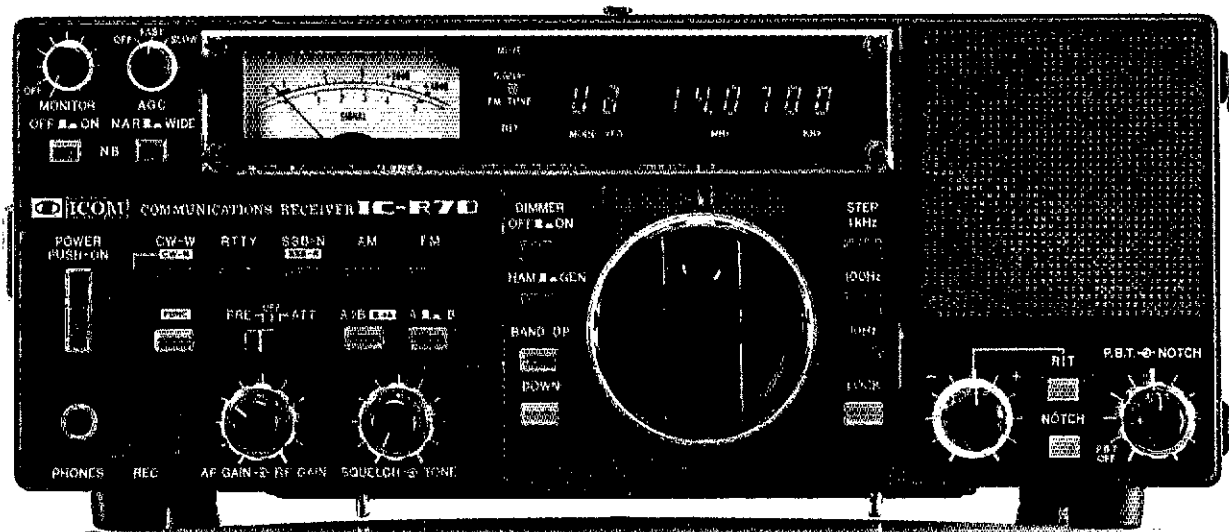
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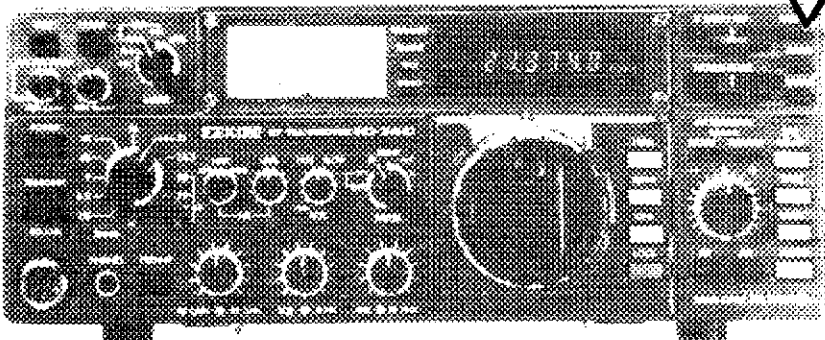
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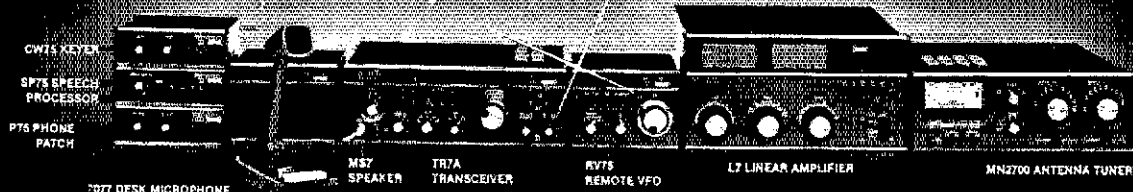


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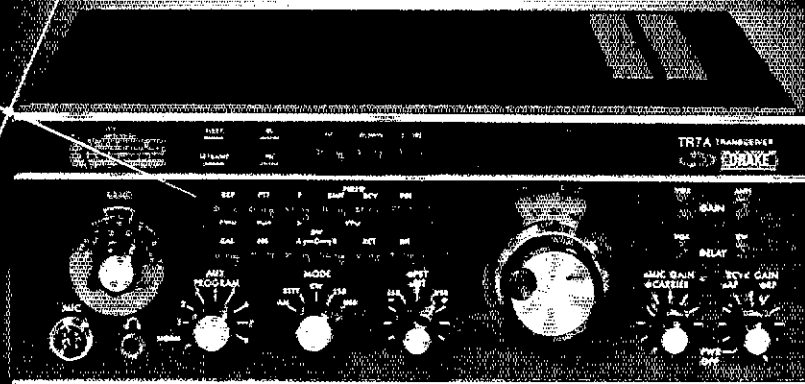


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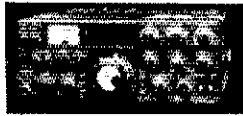
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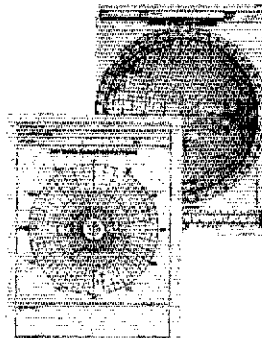
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NEVADA: SM, William J.D. Marshall-Gratrix, KA7O — STM: W7BS. This is in fact the final activity report by this writer; the new SM is taking over on July first of this year. In addition to the outstanding work preparing for the 1983 Pacific Area ARRL Convention being held at the MGM Grand in Reno Aug. 19-21, being carried out by the Wide Area Data Group, I would like to salute the achievement of K7ICW of Las Vegas who has just received 5BDXCC #1402, culminating a ten-year effort. His junior op, N7AKB, a disc jockey at KUNV-FM, recently worked W8JKV/KH0 on 6M, which is rare DX on any band. For convention details, write Dave Collier, P.O. Box 3132, Sparks, NV 89432-3132. Nevada Sagebrush Net meets weeknights at 1930 PDT on 3905 kHz.

PACIFIC: SM, Army Curtis, AH6P — Aloha and hafa adai to all of the Pacific. The Maui group has been very active with their support of the Maui Triathlon and the March of Dimes WA8America. Even more activity is planned. Nice work, gang! Kaula has a new rptr at KMVU at Waimea. KH8FMT has a new log periodic antenna up. KH8S hoping to use FMT's old KWM2 long enough to get his KWM2 back up to snuff. Good luck, KH8JHK helping KH8HJ with traffic and doing a FB job. Mahalo! For those of you on Oahu, KH8WM is holding licensing classes at Waipahu Evening School, for Novice as well as for General/Tech. Please pass the word and have your hopefuls contact KH8WM for more info. Traffic: KH8B 204, KH8HJ 88, KH8S 56, KH8H 18.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SM, Norman Willson, N6JV — SEC: N6AUB. ASM: K1BT, STM: KE6NO. Congrats to KE6NO WA8ZUD and N6EPG on making Public Service Honor Roll. The annual North Hills Ham Swap in Roseville was another big success with over 400 registered and a lot more in attendance. KE6NO and N6BKO (EC-Shasta Co.) both passed their Extras, KA4HWW/8 made Advanced, and N6GEK is now a General class. N6EPG has been operating portable while in the hospital. Public service activities included the three-county Bike-For-Sight and a rain shorted in Redding. Traffic: WA8WJZ 53, WD8FEH 34, KE6NO 33, KA6VUC 18, W8ZUD 13, N6CVF 14, WB8SRQ 12, N6EPG 4, WA8ERZ 3, N6JV 2.

SAN FRANCISCO: SM, Bob Smith, NA6T — SEC: N6BLN. STM: K8TP. SM: W6GGF, TC: N1AL. As you can see, a few appts are still unfilled. Would you like to be a section OQ/RPI C, PIO or ACC? Let me know. The official League stand on NO-CALL is NO WAY!!! Don't forget to write your comments and MAIL them to everyone. See your club secy. for the proper forms, or write me with an e.s.s.e. Happy birthday to MARC, 50 years of continuous operation in Marin Co. FWRA rptr system in northern Cal. is now IDing with W6RNL/R, and a 220 MHz link to SF Bay Area is in the making. Mendocino Co. 145.13 rptr is being redone with a "hand-me-down" GE machine donated by AE6H. REDXA did a real good job at Visalia; congrats. K8ANP is closing in on 5BDXCC; just a few on 75 meters are left. The new REDWOOD EMPIRE AWARD is being offered by the REXDA for just contacting one amateur in each of the 5 Cal. counties Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Humboldt, Del Norte. Get out and support the award. Traffic: W6IPL 207, W6RNL 150, K8TWD 87, K8TP 65, W6BRT 16.

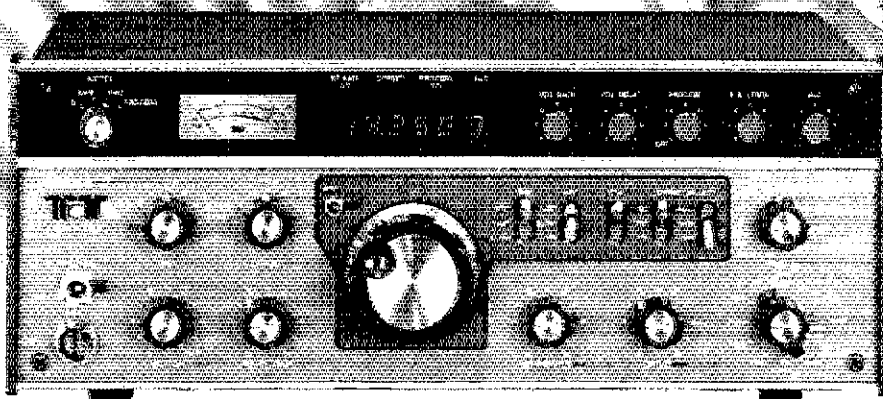
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY: SM, Charles McConnell, W6DDP — SEC: WA8YAB. STM: N6AWH. AJSMA: W6TRP K6YK N6R8. The ARS in Fresno and Kings Cos. came forward to provide communication that way the Mar 2 earthquake in Coalinga. Fresno ARC sent the emergency van. Kings Co. amateurs were at the disaster scene within minutes. Amateurs from Kern, Madera and Merced Cos. also assisted. ARS again proved it can get the job done. Appts renewed: N6AWH as ORS and NM. WA8TNR and W6WPV are SILENT KEYS. New officers of the San Joaquin Net are W6WHM, NM: W6DCKT, secy: WB8DAZ, asst. secy. KB6YA is N6SR, KA6WZM KA8UYC and KA6WCP are General. KE6UJ is N68F. K6JKQ has a TS820S. KE6CS found a Signal One. AK5B and KA5FUI visited the section. N6GJL is chasing DX. N6AWH makes PSHR each month. Traffic: N6AWH 90, WA8YAB 38, W6DDP 16, WA8JDB 4, W6SX 7, W6FRS 2.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY: SM, Ross Forbes, WB6GFJ — SEC: KA8R. PIO: WB8BPU. ACC: W6MKM. Now that we are into the summer months, many of us are building (rebuilding?) antennas for this winter. Let's not forget the weather problems of last winter, as it could be repeated. Contact your RC to see how you can help your local Amateur Radio club plan for the winter. I am through my current term as your SM, it is no too early to look to the next election. I want to take this opportunity to announce that I WILL NOT be running for re-election as your SM. Therefore, anybody interested in the position of SM for the next term, please feel free to contact me for job descriptions and election information. Clubs who are interested in using the ARRL films, contact Vice-Director W6RFF who is the custodian. If you have free time during the noon hour, drop by the AMPEX museum at AMPEX in Redwood City. You will be in for a real treat! The section was saddened to learn the passing of W8TFZ. With the recent drop of many home computers, MANY of those in the section have become bitten by the computer bug. Don't forget the Pacific Division convention next month in Reno! The WADG has a super convention planned for everyone. San Mateo RC had a program on such tone pads. AA4RE gave a talk on computers to the Galilian club. LERA club heard all about the current OSCAR plans from W6XN and W6SP. AA8T is having fun with his new antenna farm, while N6DAC is trying to improve his. SCCARA had K8AEP give a presentation on SSTV. W6PNV is busy with a new tower. Information on next month's flea markets can be found on 145.27. The Coastside ARC their Seagull hunt. Contact WA8AFT for more details. Congrats to K8BWP for placing first in the SSTV contest! Seems like SSTV and computers are really catching on in the section. Traffic: W6YBV 229, W6KZJ 155, W6PRI 75, W6RFF 28, W6OII 10.

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The Roanoke Div. LPM '83 was held at Myrtle Beach, SC in early May. As planning meetings go, this one had special significance. This was our first since new section reorganization went into effect. It quickly became apparent that this program has been a popular move. Only minor changes were suggested for that plan. Section reports by SAs and their staffs were all generally upbeat. Sunday, there was a general discussion period followed by the reading of, modifying, and voting on the resolutions which the assembly wished passed on to the ARRL Board of Directors. Many thanks to the Grand Strand ARC for a fantastic job of hosting our LPM. Reed Whitten, AB4W, is our new SGL. The present EC for Wake Co., he is expanding his duties to include the job of interfacing Amateur Radio with state govt. wherever and whenever it is needed. He is not on hr at present; seems every time he loads up the rig, he blows the heater switch on their waterbed. His spouse is taking a cold look at Reed's endeavors. In ham radio, that is. As of now this month, the GEN. The Carolina Evening Net is this section's NCS and evening phone net. The net meets nightly on 3.927 MHz at 6:45 P.M. local. CU there. Traffic: WD4CNR 142, WD4LRG 135, AB4S 132, KD4PJ 127, W4EAT 125, WD4CNO 125, WA4OBR 105, KU4W 95, W4GRO 76, K4NLK 67, WA4FKY 63, WB4JUP 56, KA4KJ 54, WA4SRD 51, NT4K 49, WB4N 39, NE4J 37, WD4CEB 33, KA4DHP 30, WA4YTO 29, K2AA 25, N4EHM 23, KB4CUI 22, K4JWW 22, WB4CYN 21, WD4LOO 14, KA4ATK 10, W4EHF 9, WD4JER 8, N4GGI 7, W4TWD 4.

SOUTH CAROLINA: SM, Jimmy Walker, WD4HLZ — Can you remember where you were April 7 at 1900 EST? If the answer is no, you did not check into the SCS5B net on its 25th anniversary. KA4LRM did a commendable job in bringing recognition to the SCS5B net for this historic event. Through her efforts, W4KFC W4UG and N4MM were listed as checkins. And because of a delay in the US Mail, W1XX showed up one day late for his congrats. Not to be intimidated by all the dignitaries, N4BCD skillfully guided the net with class and professionalism. As the net came to a close, N4BCD asked the net to give benediction. I know no better words to describe what the SCS5B net projects than its motto: PREPAREDNESS. SERVICE. FRIENDSHIP. Jan-April reports: SCS5B 467/555; SCNT 1232/277; Blue Ridge 6693/233; Greater Pee Dee 3752/366; Western Carolina 1590/119; Anderson 1353/74; York 818/103; Lancaster 550/53; Newberry 250/18; Carolina State Line 114/3; Laurens 27/0. Traffic: K4ZN 216, W4ANK 97, W4NTO 95, KA4AUR 81, K4WJR 81, W4FMZ 89, K4ZB 38, KA4LRM 34, WB4UDK 33, KE4WC 28, WD4FJP 24, K4FRX 24, WD4NMF 24, WA4MIY 15, WA4JWS 15, WB4KT 14, W4DRF 4.

VIRGINIA: SM, Phil Sager, WB4FDT — Regret to report that W4ZRJ is now a Silent Key. He was a very avid QRP cw operator who had been licensed over 45 years. He had also been licensed as W2CJL and W2CHS. Understand that ex-PAM WB4DBK is now living near Roanoke and teaches at a community college there. Remember the Winchester hamfest Aug. 8. About 200 hams attended the Lynchburg ARC's "Swampfest" on May 1. SEC WB4UHC, STM WD4ALY, ACC WD4KQJ, SM WB4FDT; K4LMB WB4MAE KA4VWUJ and several other Virginia amateurs attended the League Planning meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC. Several clubs in Virginia are planning to apply for "Special Service Club" status. The Valley Amateur Radio Assn. (VARA) has 80 paid members and averages 50 in attendance. N1PG is back in Virginia for the first part of the summer. The Southern Peninsula ARC in Hampton recently graduated 16 in its Novice class. WA5CCX taking over 4RN cycle 2 duties. WA1VRL, an active VN and VSBN/VLN member, recently got married. Congrats to WD4FTK who recently earned a BPL Medallion. Congrats to new ECs WA4TCJ of Virginia Beach and N4GOC of Lancaster Co. WB4KIT of W3ATQ and WA4CCK all report new cabs. Ex-PAM W4JJA now living in Israel and is active on 20 meter phone. N4VE and XYL expecting their first child in October. Traffic: WB4PNY 386, W3ATQ 344, WA4CCK 268, K4KDJ 238, K4JST 213, WD4ALY 195, WA4KJ 194, KA3DTE 181, KA4ET 156, W3BNN 152, AA4AT 125, KR4V 115, WD4OCW 106, KA4IUM 78, K4JM 73, W4UQ 62, NT4S 56, K4VVK 53, WB4UHC 51, NN4I 49, WB4KIT 48, N4PNT 41, KB4WT 41, W4NFA 37, N4HAK 35, W4NWM 35, N4YQ 35, KB4OQ 29, KA4ZTB 25, KA4JXZ 24, W3BBQ 21, KC4HN 21, K4MCL 20, W4CFV 18, NF4T 18, WB4FDT 16, W4LXB 15, WB4OZ 14, WB4MAE 14, W4HIF 9, K3RZR 8, W4PVA 7, N3RC 7, W4ATVS 6, K4W 6, W4X 4, W4VRL 4, N4BJX 4, WD4KQJ 3, W4TZO 3, N4LE 2, W4DM 1.

WEST VIRGINIA: SM, Karl S. Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEW, STM: K8DG, ACC: W8ACTO, TC: K8CG, SGL: K8BS, WB8JUDY is now Extra; new call is NC8G. W8BHH is now Gen. Congrats to both. WV Hillbilly Net now meets on 14290 at 800Z year round. W8PZT announces new Novices in Weston area are KA8FXU, KA8RUL and KA8RUY. Remember Jackson's Mill, July 2 & 3. Contact K8LG for info.

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WVN	3567	7:00	123	27	27
WVFN	3990	8:00	471	71	30
WVMD	7235	11:45	528	34	30
Hillbilly	14290	2:00	5n	127	4
KFC	8747	8:30	M	86	4

Traffic: K280 349, WA8KJ 52, K8KT 48, W8HZA 35, W8IWX 28, K8DG 22, N8AJC 21, W8FZP 18, K8QEW 17, W8ZTV 12, KC8CR 11, W8CAL 8, K8JQ 8.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION
COLORADO: SM, William Sheffield, K0AJ — SEC: K3PUR, STM: WD8AIT. On Wednesday, May 11th, a new Section Manager was appointed for Colorado. His name, address and phone are: Bill Sheffield, K0BJ, 1444 Roslyn St., Denver 80220, (home) 355-2488; (work) 355-6400. I have met with him already and he is excited and enthusiastic toward his new job. We will try and get the section back on its feet ASAP. Some records are missing so we will be rebuilding the files. No appointment changes will be made, except for vacant positions. K3PUR is leaving (has left for the readers) his SEC appointment in June and is moving to West Virginia. Many thanks to him for all the great things he has done for the section and all the best. The CCARC hamfest in Glenwood Springs will be July 23 at the CMC building, 1402 Blake Ave. Hope to see you there. A big "THANKS" to all those that helped with the 9 NEWS Hamfair and the March of Dimes walk-a-thon. Both operations went very well. CBers worked with the walk-a-thon and the walk-a-thon board was very impressed. Three prizes during the walk-a-thon: 1) Operators should stick to their assigned jobs. 2) Operators should be more familiar with their equipment (ex. battery life) and be prepared to correct the problem; 3) Operators



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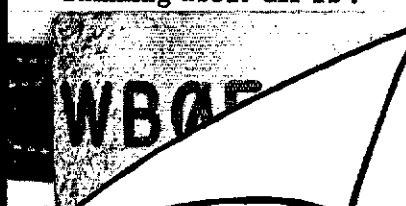
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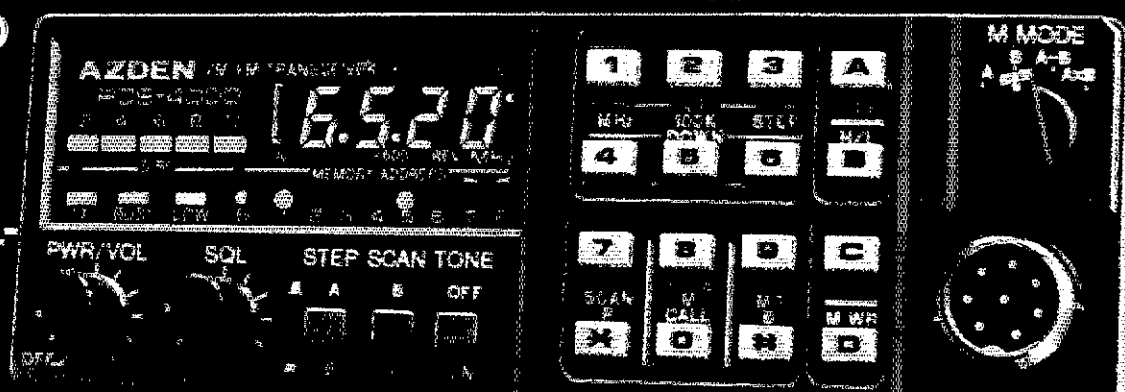
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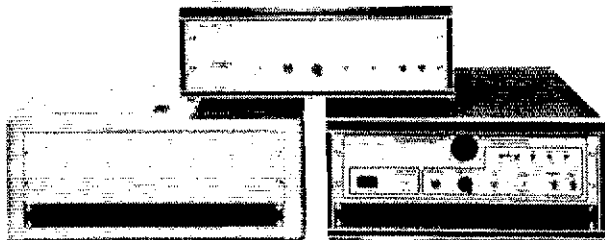
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should wear some sort of conspicuous identification for easy recognition in a crowd by non-amateurs. Good ideas to keep in mind for all operations. Remember WDBAIT will continue to take traffic counts, PSRR counts, and monthly net summaries. Please have all the reports in by the fifth of the month. KQBJ will take over this column next month. 73 — WDBAIT, Nets: CWNN-28 sess., QTC 137, QNI 194, time 710; HNN-30 sess., QTC 121 formal, 275 Informal, QNI 1797, time 1575. Traffic: NBBCP 2083, WDBAIT 115, WBLAE 115, K8ANI 110, K8BZ 108, W8BHA 63, W8EJD 56, W8BMMW 36, W8LQ 30, W8DFW 19.

NEW MEXICO: SM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY — DEC: K85XD. STM: KV5U. NMs: WA5UNO KB5LI W5VFG. Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 7.083 at 1930 local and handled 211 msgs with 229 stations in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net (NMRRN) meets daily on 3939 at 0100 UTC and handled 66 msgs with 109 stations in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3939 at 0830 local and handled 79 msgs with 1052 checkins. Yucca 2-Mtr Net 78/18 & 93/33 handled 9 msgs with 436 checkins. Caravan Club 2-Mtr Net 66/06 handled 5 msgs with 84 checkins. The Bean Feed was a great success with approx. 650. Great to have K0PGM & AG0X down from Denver. Sure missed K5EQC, the master chef! MVARC did a fine job, which was appreciated by all. Traffic: W5DAD 285, ND5T 132, W5JOV 100, W5ENI 77, N5SJ 61, KB5LI 28.

UTAH: SCM, Leonard M. Norman, W7PBV — June activity reports due July 1st should be sent to our NEW SM, Ronald C. Todd, K3FR7, 2112 West 12080 South, Riverton 84065. Vice-Director AG8X presented W7OCX with a PLAQUE at the joint meeting of the Ogden ARC and the Utah Code Net signed by W4KFC W8BWJ K0PGM and W7PBV for his quarter century plus Public Service via Amateur Radio. W8TRPF reports K7BFI K7BGU K7ERR K7FY WA7FFM WA7RZO WA7TNZ W87BEG W87RPF KA7IWL KP0Q N7IE and N70BU all providing emergency communications for towns of Birdseye and Thistle. This is completely flooded. W7LNI assembled a new low-band sub transceiver and is on the air thanks to the help from KA7YHD and KA7IMV. W7DKB talked about the early days of radio at the Army MARS meeting. Traffic: WA7MEL 93, WA7KHE 91, NA7G 39, W7OCX 17, K7CKF 13, W7PBV 12.

WYOMING: SM, Dick Wunder, WA7WFC — SEC: W7TVK. STM: W8QGH, KD7AN, TC & OO/RFI Coord: KC7QY, PIO 8 ACC: KC7QJ. The State Government Liaison appt. is open. W87NHR is looking for net control stations for the Wyo. Cowboy Net. Wyo. Hamfest is July 23 & 24 at Meadow Lark Ski Area. WIMU/Rky Mtn. Div. Convention is Aug 5-7 at Jackson. Both are worth attending, so see you there. W87NHR reports the Wyo. Cowboy Net held 21 sessions with 843 QNI & 13 QTC. W8PFFJ reports the Wyo. Jackalope Net held 26 sessions with 577 QNI & 2 QTC. Traffic: W87NHR 250, K7SLM 22, KD7AN 2.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

ALABAMA: SCM, H. H. Wheeler, W4IBU — ASCMs: WA4RNP KA4WVU. SEC: N4DMA. STM: WA4PIZ. If you are reading this you are an ARRL member. If not, you should be. Membership in the ARRL involves a certain responsibility. One of these is the election of the officials who direct the activities of the ARRL. Unless you read the fine print in the Minutes of the Director's meeting as published, you may not learn who stands for what issue or the proposals made at these meetings. At the present time, the directors have proposed an increase in their dues and a revision of the rules. This is a big change. Each member should remain aware of what is taking place and be able to cast their vote based on knowledge. Nearly 66% of the section voters failed to vote in the last SCM election and Directors election. Don't be apathetic!! Know the issues and vote your mind. The Muscle Shoals ARC got a big write-up in the local news. Each club should have a public relations rep on its staff. Still waiting for the first Special Services Club in Alabama. Alabama represented 98% on DRNs by NA4QD W4CKS KC4GS WA4JDH W4WJF KB4VI W4IBU NW4X WB4IXA. CA4ND represented 100% by W4CKS & NA4QD. Traffic: WA4JDH 307, W4CKS 109, NA4QD 84, W4IBU 54, W4WJF 40, KC4GS 38, WB4IXA 28, K4HJX 22, WA4JPK 18, KA4JIT 17, W4DGH 12, W4WJF 12, NW4X 12, K4AOZ 8, KB4GT 8, K4GXS 6, WB4TVY 4, K4UMD 2.

GEORGIA: SM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL — SEC: WB4HXE. ASEC: K4SWJ. STM: W4WXA. ACC: WA4ABY. PIO: WA4PNY. SGL: W4BTZ. OO/RFI: K4VHC. TC: K4UDR. NWS: WA4PZD. Red Cross: NC4E. G5SB pres. KF4EH invites all to the annual picnic to be held at Madison on July 9th. This is a family affair so bring the XYL & harmonica. 1983 Alford Memorial RC officers are: KD4LM, pres.; W4LHH, v.p.; WA3JBO, secy.; KB4BMU, treas.; KB4ZM, trustee. Trn to all who took time to write the ARRL on the subject of "No-Code licenses." In this day & time we must respond to the proper authorities on matters that pertain to our hobby. We will be heard. The ladies of M4LARC have been keeping active and want you to check into their Mon nite net on 148.28/88 at 8 P.M. Congrats to new Extras KB4XO & K4BWW. Drop me a card on your upgrade. Many clubs in the section starting new code & theory classes. FB way to make real HAMS. FD should be over when you read this; make sure that you get those tallies into the League if you need to write them. Savannah area hams furnished communications for March of Dimes "Superwalk." After you elect your new club officers, please send me a card immediately. First for the Column, secondly for ACC WA4ABY & my records. Please send your traffic reports to STM, W4WXA, & PSRR reports to me. W4HON & WB4NTW continue to make PSRR each month. I know that many more of you qualify each month, so if you need further info, contact me. I just returned from the first Albany Hamfest and we must all say congrats to a job well done. The efforts that were put in really made it a fine day for all who attended. It was really nice to see some of you from the southern section of this great state. In the middle of the middle of the middle of the summer, many things to do, but please take time out to check into one of the FB nets. Traffic: W4WXA 204, KA4ATM 88, WB4NTW 62, W4PIM 44, WB4RLUJ 44, N4BIM 26, KA4BA 18, K4NM 16, K4EV 15, W4HON 14, K4JNL 3, AA4EI 2.

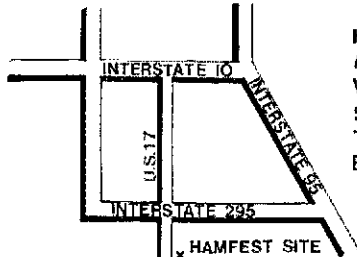
NORTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Billy Williams, N4UF — SEC: W4UEA. STM: WF4X. ACC: N4ADI. PIO: WA4PUP. BM: W4GUJ. Members of the Silver Springs RC provided comm. for the Rainbow Run in Dunnellon. Tallahassee hams helped with 200-mile bike marathon. K4MZA upgraded to Extra and KB4CVI to Tech. DBARA has new club "Emerald program." First ICARA hamfest was a big success and plans already under way for next year. ICARA filing for non-profit status, with WB4TPG heading up com-

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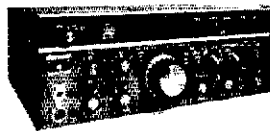
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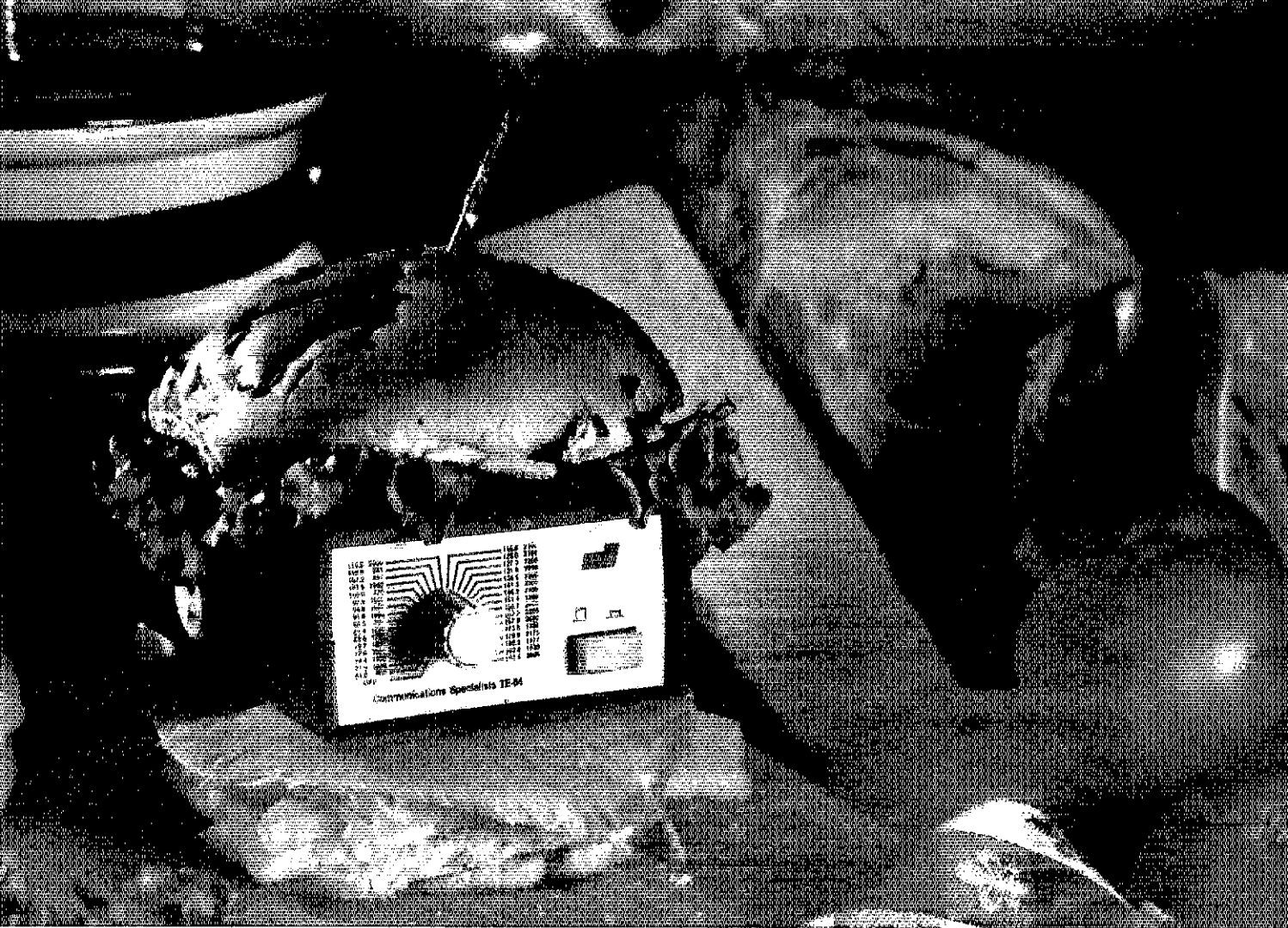
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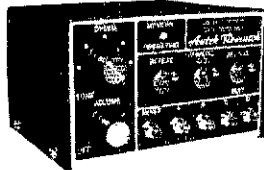
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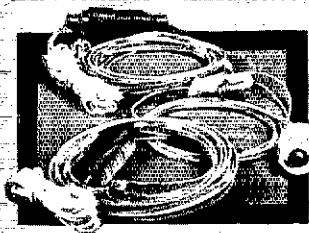
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mitter. GCARA very active in public service work. WB4TZR and KE80 holding mail displays. WA4SGF and Tri-County ARC had successful Mothers Day message station at Palatka Mall. N4ADI reports 50 hams assisted with comm. for Orlando Sentinels Safari. The route was 410 miles with 850 bikers participating. KW4VY club logo. Lake Monroe ARS club logo. AB6I recovering from hospital stay. Seminole Co. RACES Net meets at 1900 local on 145.52 simplex. Nineteen BARS members provided comm. for 1983 Beaches Opening Day Festival. New OBS is N4DWH. New BARS officers are WB4QBM, pres.; KA4RDQ, v.p.; WB4JL, secy.; WA3UBA, treas.; WB4K WA4KMX, directors. RANGE and NOFARS provided comm. for St. Andrews Society Scottish Games. More severe wx south of Jax caused Duval and Clay Co. ARES to be on standby. W4PCM had yard full of large tree limbs, and a group of hams came to his aid. For the latest news pertaining to Amateur Radio and ARRL, join the ARRL Information Net each Saturday morning at 1800 Eastern on 3.940 kHz. Questions can be answered and comments made to and by your Florida League Officials. KFAU, manager of Gator Net, reports another good month. CW traffickers are urged to check in at 0830 daily on 7.080 kHz. (3,651 alt.) A large number of comments on the no-code license concept were generated in the NFL section. In addition to FCC, many were sent to Senators Chiles and Hawkins. Thanks to the many hams who wrote. Traffic: WF4X 682, WA4QXT 395, N4PL 379, WB4ADL 252, WD410 184, WA4EYU 172, WF4Y 155, WD4HBP 142, N4GDT 131, KB4LS 111, K69J 117, W4MGO 95, KD4K 83, WD4LH 82, K4YJ 68, W4GLU 68, W4JL 67, KA4G 67, N4E 62, N4ADI 60, WB4RIQ 55, WB4JG 49, N4F4Q 47, W4K1X 37, K4DQZ 35, KB4T 33, W3IDO 28, N54C 25, N4UF 25, WA4STZ 22, WB4AWG 17, K44ETX 15, WB4FJY 15, KA4RBY 15, N4P 15, WD4ORO 14, N4HGD 11, W4LUV 10, W4QOM 10, WB4YQP 9, KF4GY 8, KA4VXT 8, WD4FAB 6, KD4FI 5, KA4RMH 5, WB4DTS 2, WD4GJUZ 1. (Mar.) KF4EU 12.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Richard D. Hill, WA4PFK — SEC: W4SS, STM: K4ZK, ACC: AA4WJ, BM: WA4EIC, TC: K4IT. Summer is just around the corner because VE3BSY is on his way back to Canada and W4SME is heading back to W1-land. W4JM says he has been attending hamfests for 55 years and kept his record 100% intact—never won a prize — Hi. N4KB said summer conditions limit him to QFN, so W1N1JM is doing his TCC ahead for the summer. Received the first report from the Bulletin Manager, WA4EIC. He reports that there were five bulletin stations reporting a total of 40 received and 83 transmitted this month. FB, Fourteen Polk Co. hams provided communications for the 1983 March of Dimes Walkathon. They were WA4WKA, K4W4L, K4W4Z, W4W4Z, W4W4Z, W4W4Z, W4W4Z, K8RIF, N4Z4, WB4NSQ, WA4ZRB, WB4RSC, K9VTV, KF4UQ and NW4R. A March of Dimes Walkathon was also held in Central Brevard during April. Fifteen hams assisted with the communications: W4BAL, WB4HDX, W4JMH, W4PRK, WA4WRI, KB4HQ, N4AKA, W4DXZ, WA4AJT, W4JJC, W4OTM, KB4IM, W4YWA, W4HVU, WB4WYG. All hands said they felt their efforts were worthwhile, and a letter of thanks was received from the sponsor. K4URX reports that the Florida Keys Community College offered a 3-credit course, "Amateur Radio License" during Term 2. The class, taught by K4URX, covered FCC requirements of Novice and General/Technician Class Licenses, including Morse Code. WA4PFK originated 79 messages for participants in the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair held at Broward Community College. K7LCA and W4EQ have been appointed EC and Asst. EC respectively for Broward Co. Congrats to KE4DA who made Extra in April, and to KM4G, who received his degree in Electrical Engineering from Florida Atlantic University. N2WX in Palm Bay wants to know of anyone on the East Coast interested in a computer packet link. W4JM enjoyed a visit with DL3ME. He was enroute home from the National QCWA meeting in Texas. He spoke at a luncheon about ham radio in Germany. 73 de WA4PFK. Traffic: W3CUL 3077, W3VR 895, WA4PFK 464, K4ZK 360, WD4CC 337, WA4EIC 322, K4SC 250, K4I 221, K4E 170, K4G 167, W4W4Z 167, W4NFK 159, WD4AWN 149, W4YCL 138, K4AEG 133, VE3BSY 132, W4DL 127, WB4WYG 109, W4SH 95, WB8ZY 82, KA4ASZ 79, KY4U 76, WD9AEP 75, W4SME 61, N4KB 58, W3TLV 53, WA4HX 50, KA4NFX 50, W4PKP 47, KF4RL 44, N2WX 41, K7LU 40, KA4FZI 38, K5IHH 37, NW4R 34, W04L 33, KA4YHS 32, W4DVO 28, WK4F 28, WB4GCK 26, WD4KBW 26, K3NMR 25, AA4B 19, W8ARW 18, WB2OUK 15, W1DLP 13, KA9AKY 12, KA4BBA 12, N4JO 12, K4FQU 11, KB4KB 11, W4MVP 10, W3JJC 6, W4WYR 6, KA1CLP 4, K4JLL 4, WA4LKY 4, KF4UX 4, NX4X 4, K8BXT 3, W4MFD 3, KA4RWV 3, N8EL 2, K4KPP 2, WD4CPA 2, K4BCKX 1, W8PFL 1, KA4GDU 1, KF4JA 1, K4OVC 1. (Mar.) WA4TWD 92, K8BXT 18, N4BXU 2. (Feb.) WA4TWD 39.

WEST INDIES: SM, Gregorio Nieves, KP4EW — During the month of April, members of ARES and RACES, in coordination with Puerto Rico CD, collected food, clothing and medicines for the victims of the earthquake at Popayan, Colombia. This team, headed by SEC, NP4CF, and assisted by WA4B, KP4EBG, K4EJ, KP4EJ, KP4EJ, KP4EJ, and WPA4TZ, spent almost two weeks in the classification, packing and shipping of these goods, sometimes up to late in the evening. Congrats for a job well done. The Puerto Rico ARC will be assisting in the communications for the World Veterans Games (MASTERS) to be held at San Juan from Sept. 23-30. The radio communications committee is composed of: KP4EBQ, communications coordinator; KP4ABN, KP4ABG, special events radio coordinators; KP4ATZ, club photographer; KP4EV, SM. A meeting was held on April 28 with coordinators of the games and representative of the San Juan Mayor, who is the patron of these games. NP4D reports the following totals for WINC NCS phone 3, NCS cw 12, liaison 12, QNI cw 30, QNI phone 18, Net Mgr. 5, Div 2, Total: 87. Traffic: NP4D 104, KP4DJ 77, KP4ABX 18.

SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

ARIZONA: SM, Erich J. Holzer, N7EH — STM: W7EP, NMs: WA7KQE, WA7FDN. April seems to have brought the fair weather of spring to AZ with continued public service activity by section amateurs. In March, the ARA reported that the following participated in the March of Dimes Walkathon: W7NWG, WA7VWG, K7TPW, W7GFE, N7ETP, N7EE, N7AUW, N7DDM, K7ATL, K7LKI, K7DFV, N7ATP, N7BHY, WA7PMS, K7PMS, KA6BG, KA7DSR, WB6TIX, WA7DXQ, WA7DZU. Meanwhile in Tucson, those participating in this event were: KB0W, W7DMT, K7CHU, WB7CGQ, K7KYW, WA0NNC, K47FY, Superstition ARC reports the following officers: WDHDCD, pres.; WA7JZL, v.p.; WB7FAJ, treas.; KA7AKK, secy.; WA7VA, WB7QZB, WB7DFD, WB7CRK, W7JPJ, directors. The TRA reports that the following participated in either the Old Pueblo Endurance Ride or the Camp Wildcat Triathlon comm. ac-

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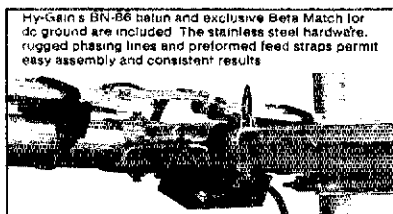
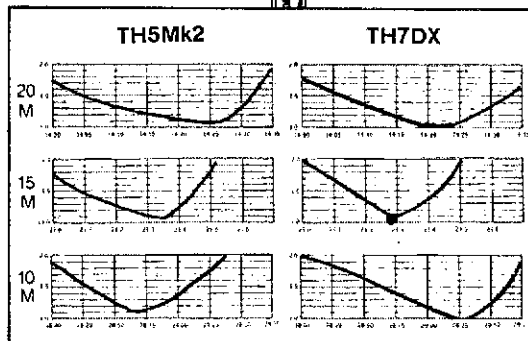
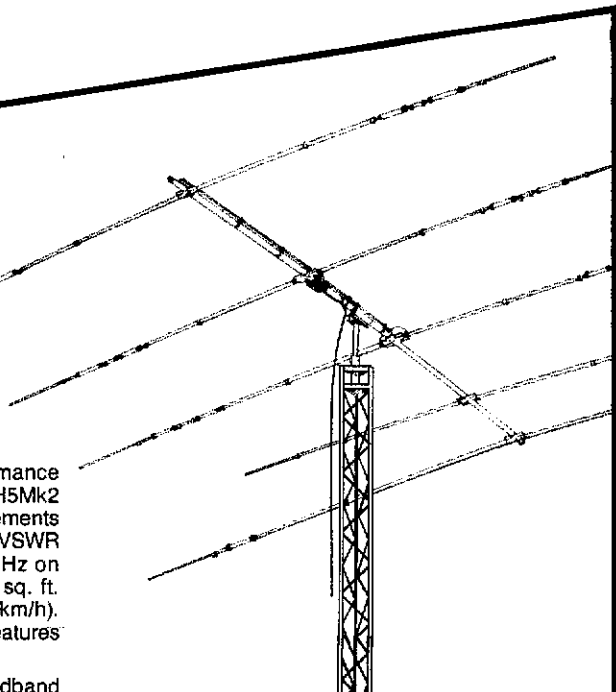
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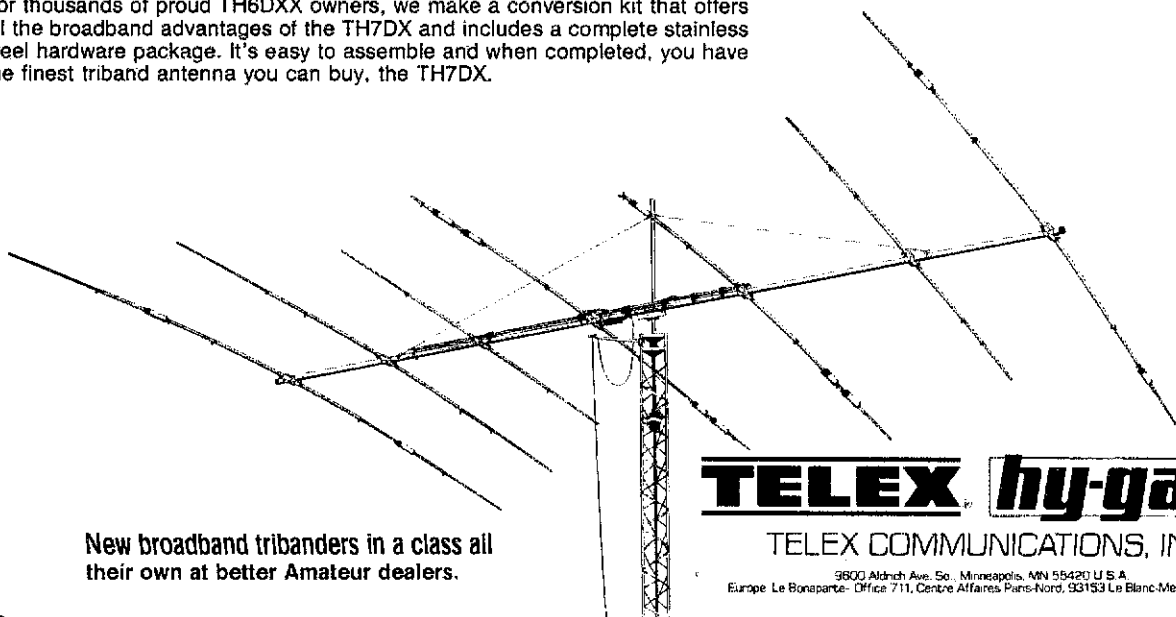
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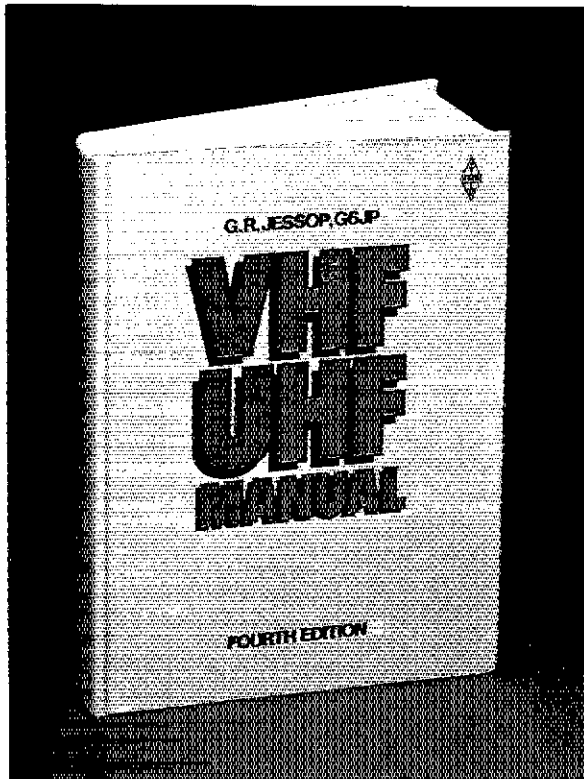


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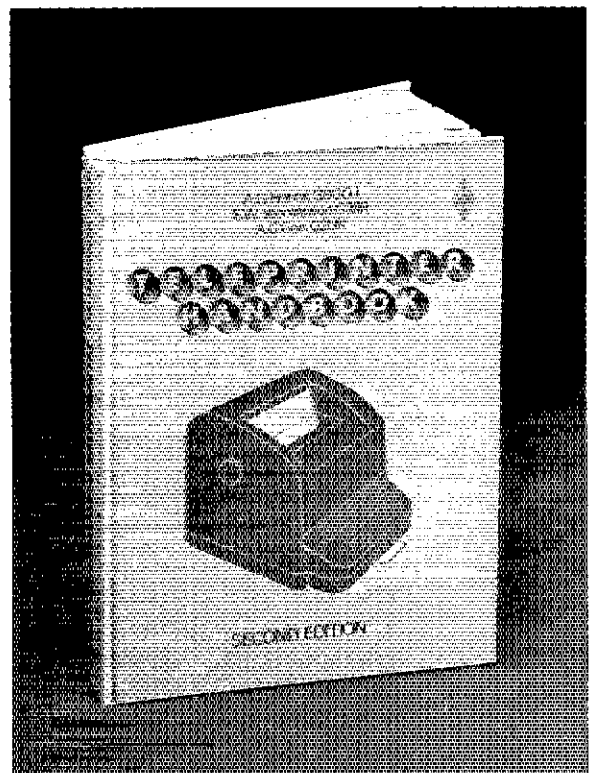
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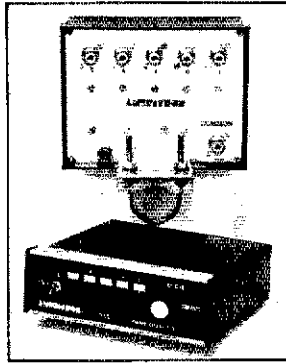
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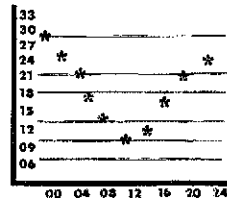
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LOS ANGELES: SM, Stan Brokl, N2YQ — SEC: N6UK. STM: W6INH, ACC: NF6D. Hughes El Segundo Employees Assn. (HESEA) ARC provided communications for the Playa Vista 10K Run and the 2nd Annual Jimmy Stewart National Relay Marathon on Sunday, April 11th. A total of 38 hams participated. Three more runs will be supported in June. On April 24 the JPL ARC supported the Burbank Glendale March of Dimes Walkathon/Walkathon/Walkathon and the 2nd Annual Jimmy Stewart National Relay Marathon on Sunday, April 11th. Also on April 24 the Downey ARC and Rio Hondo ARC ran communications for the March of Dimes Walkathon in the Downey/Whittier area. Rio Hondo ARC Pres. WA6GEV will teach a Novice to Advanced level class at Rio Hondo College in Whittier beginning on May 17th. Info no. is 213-692-0921, ext. 288. Lockhead Employees Recreation Club (LERC) ARC has reorganized and has a net on Tuesdays 1900 PST on 147.42 MHz. LERC will teach Novice classes starting on June 6th. Northrop RC is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year with a banquet to be held in October, probably at USAF Space Division, El Segundo. The Northwestern District of the ARES supported the normal Triathlon Competition on May 1. N6ZTH led the cooperation with the Red Cross. Over 70 operators helped in this pre-Olympic event. OO reports: K6CL 1, K6KA 80. Traffic has been lite this last month. Let's get busy and originate some, fellows. Also keep check on your appointments and let me know if a renewal is in order. New ORS appointments N6DZO AD7G congrats. Traffic: K5UYK 472, W6INH 308, WA6OCM 93, K7BD 82, AD8A 72, W6NKE 16, K6CL 6, N6DZQ 2.

ORANGE: SM, Sandi Heyn, WA6WZN — SEC: W6UBQ. STM: WA6QCA. ACC: K6NLY. BM: W6DXL. OO/RFI Co.: N6PE. SGL: N6HIQ. TC: AA8DD. DECA: WB6JBI W6LKN K6GGS WB6ZY. Owing to EC K5ED5's resignation, his asst, WA6OFT, has been appointed EC for San Bernardino RACES Dist #8 (Victorville/Apple Valley area). Congrats to AEC WB6ULU on his election of Commander of Coast Guard Aux Flotilla 24. For info on the new Org Co. YL Club Ladies Amateur Radio Assn. (LARA), contact founder VE7DLW/K6AWAH. EC WB6QHB reports growing activity with Asst ECs W6BQL (Upland), WB6JSC (Ontario), WB6DFI (Chino) and W6BLV (Montclair). New club of fliers — Barstow ARC, pres.: N6ZDV, v.p.: W6HUG, secy/treas.: Coachella Valley ARC (Indio): WB6VMR, pres.: N6EP, v.p.: WA6QGH, secy/treas.: Hughes Fullerton ARC: WA6JKZ, pres.: N6CU, v.p.: W6JXC, secy.: KA6PMT, treas. Mission Trail Net: K6UGS, pres.: N6ESU, v.p.: K6QMD, secy.: KA6BTU, treas. Western Public Service System (WPSS): K6BZO, pres.: W6B6NA, v.p.: WA6FOU, treas.: KA6EGO, secy. New directors for South Org. AR Assn. (SOARA) are: N6ARZ WB7BNJ WA6ACB WB6SDU W68AVP KF6EX KA6BJO. Nets on RTTY rpt WB6ZIR, 145.12 (-8) at Running Springs; ARES net Mon 8 P.M. ASCI net Wed 8 P.M., and PIX net Thur 7 P.M. 146.595 simplex is being used for 2000 band ASCI packet radio. On N6GWD, 146.595, Palm Springs is phone operated days and RTTY at night. Lake Elsinore Valley ARC supports W6WPP/R on 148.78 (-6). Rptr WB6RSD 146.985 (-6) on Keller Peak now plays Westlink Tues & Thur 8 P.M. Rptr W6ZJU 147.33 (+8) at Big Bear gives road and weather info with 4-6-3-6 touch-tone access. An ATV net meets Mon. 7:45 P.M. on 146.43 (video on 434 MHz). That includes Westlink tape and ATV swap net. Active ATV rpters are W6ORG/R 1265.0 MHz on Johnstone Peak and WA6SVT/R 1263.0 MHz on Mt. Wilson (which is expected to be moved to Santiago Peak). Morongo Basin ARC (Yucca Valley) supports rpt on 148.79 (-6), with new trustee K6ST and autopatch K4WRW/R on the 148.79. SCS WB6UQ is running code practice Mon 8 P.M. on 21.15 MHz. The local Org Co. has hands out on 147.54 meet for breakfast Sat 8 A.M. at Denny's in Costa Mesa on Harbor near 405 freeway; a "non-roster" can be obtained from K6LBJ. SW ARRL convention (with chairman WB6QKB and vice chairman N6BH) will be held Sept 2-4 at the Marriott Hotel in Anaheim; astronaut W6ORE will be main banquet speaker. PSHR: W6NTN N6GIW WB6QBZ WA6QCA A6I6.

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SCN/1	3598 kHz	7 P.M.	454	422	K6XI
SCN/2	3598 kHz	8:15	183	138	K6XI
SCN/V (FM)	146.545	9 P.M.	682	319	WA6QCA
RTTY	147.12	8:58	682	319	K6JK

Traffic: N6GIW 309, WA6QCA 211, W6NTN 142, K6XI 125, KA6HJK 118, WB6QBZ 89, W6RE 66, K6GGS 83, N6GOT 36, W6TKV 25, N6FRW 15, W1PBE 10, WB6LGL 8, WA6WZO 3. (Mar N6GOT 35).

SAN DIEGO: SM, Arthur P. Smith, W6INI — PIO: WA6CUP. ACC: WA6COE. BM: WA6JUL. STM: N6GW. SEC: W6IHL. New appointees: W6CUP. Multi-4 Information Officer: SD Amateur Radio Council officers for '83: W6SLF, chmn: N6CQW, v. chmn: W6GVK, secy: W6RHI, treas. New 220 Club officers: W6INI, pres.: W6PDA, v.p.: N6BT, secy. Our good friend W6KBD became a Silent Key on Apr 13. April public service events included March of Dimes Walkathon, glider meet, Boy Scout Fair and a mass casualty drill in Ramona. Congrats to N6GGW who is now KP6TF. Palomar ARC solved its rpt site problem by buying the lot. The North County Yc Net, sponsored by Palomar ARC, held 29 sessions and handled 148 msgs. The net meets nightly at 2000 on 146.1373. New meeting place for the 220 Club is the Serra Mesa Recreation Center, 8020 Village Glen. New secy: N6GOW. Monday, April 19, Escondido ARS is whipping up interest in 7-hunts among its members. The club meets in Glendale Fad S&L, cor Valley Pkwy and Rosa, Escondido, on 4th Mon at 1930. Traffic: KT6A 636, KM6I 203, K6HAP 201, W6HUJ 147, K6BAI 70, N6AT 32, N6GW 24, W6BIK 7, W1LE 2.

SANTA BARBARA: SM, Robert N. Dvuff, W6POU — COALINGA, CA — 30 miles outside SBAR SCTN pop. 6400. May 2, 4:45 P.M. 6.5 Richter QUAKE! Zero dead! 47 injured, \$21 x 10⁶ private prop. damage + \$3.7 x 10⁶ contents + \$6 x 10⁶ public prop. damage; 563 uninhabitable homes, 250 hospital, 1,000 displaced persons, 9 blocks bus. dist. destroyed; 3,000 fed daily by public/private agencies. Comms severely disrupted. Hams volunteered in great numbers across state. Neighboring cities in Kern, Tulare, Kings & Fresno Counties supplied ops. W6IY/R was mainstay rpt. Adjacent ctns linked via WB6QEV/R and

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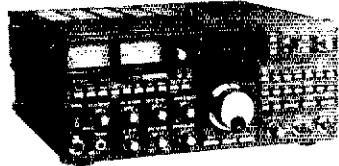
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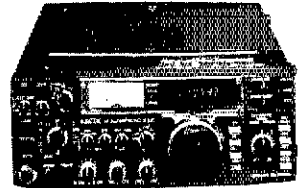


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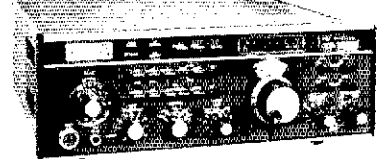
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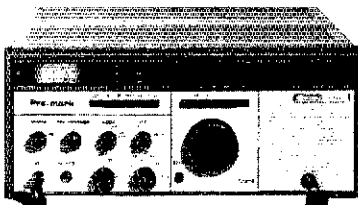


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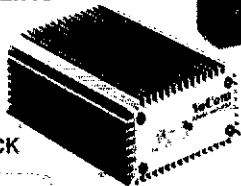


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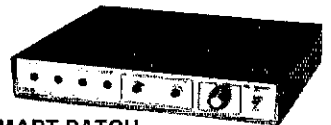


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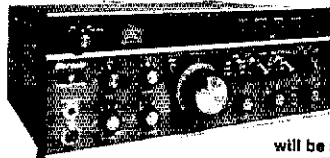
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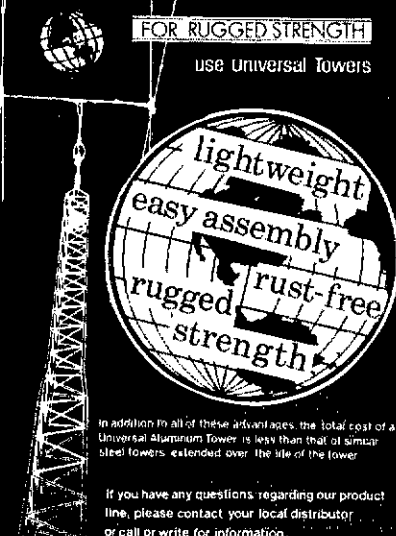
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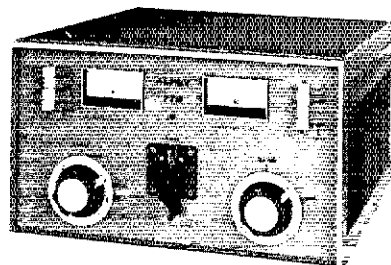
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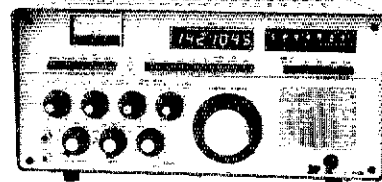
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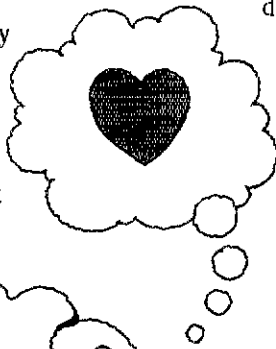
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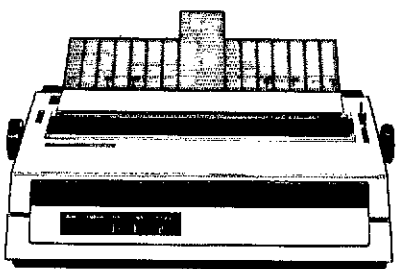
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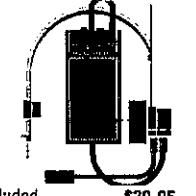
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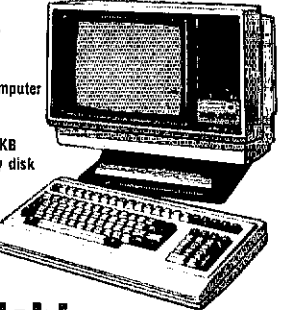
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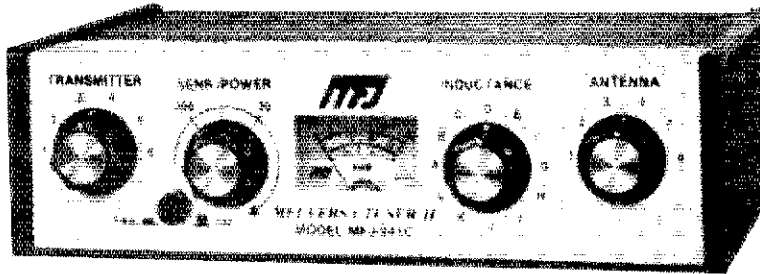
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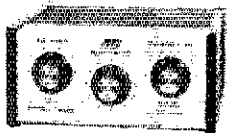
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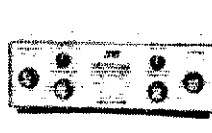
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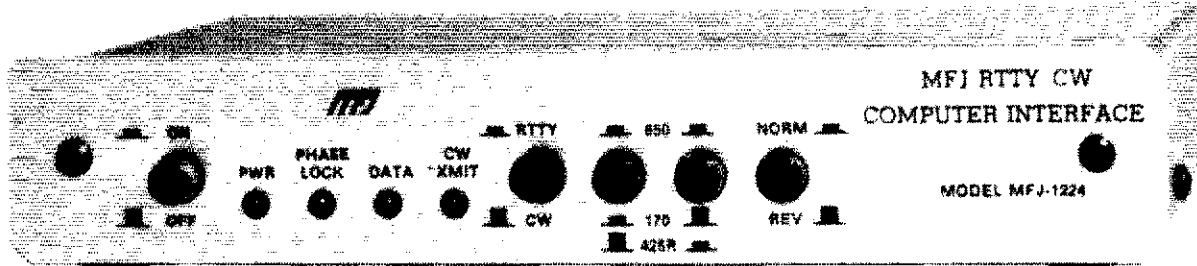
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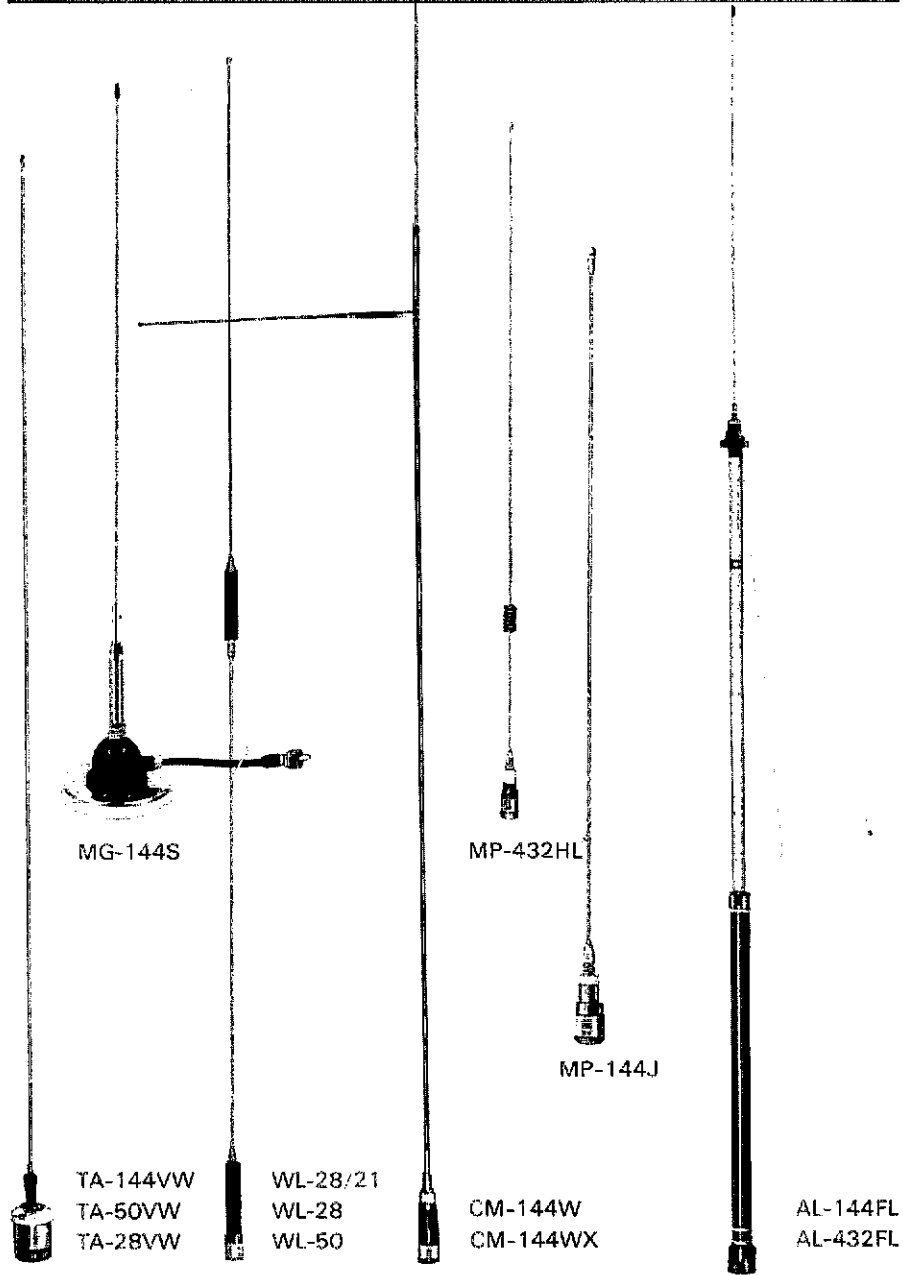
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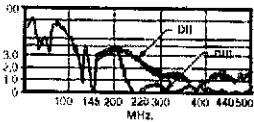
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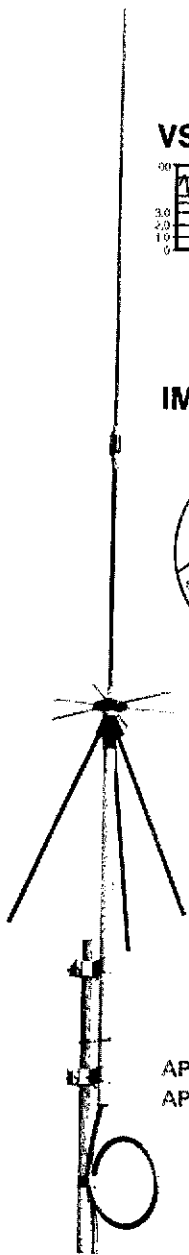
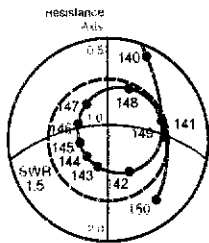
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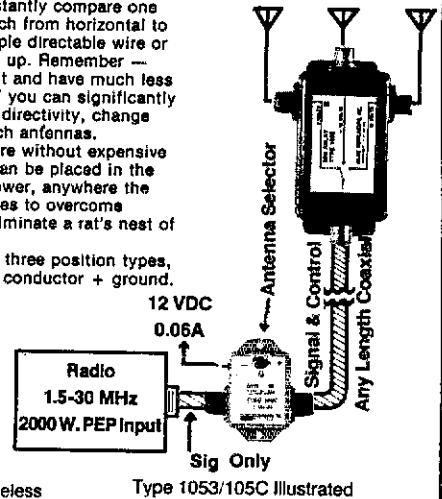
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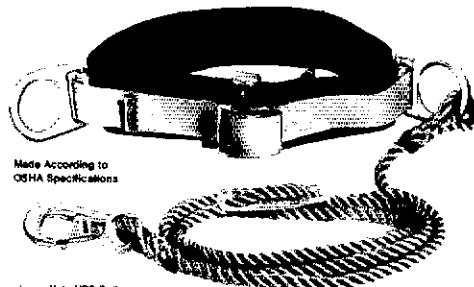
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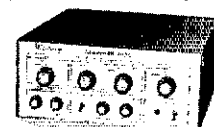


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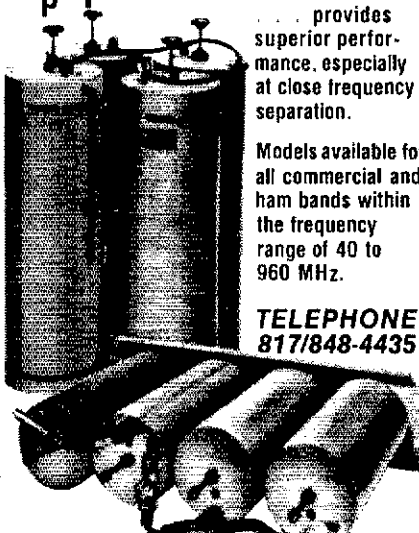
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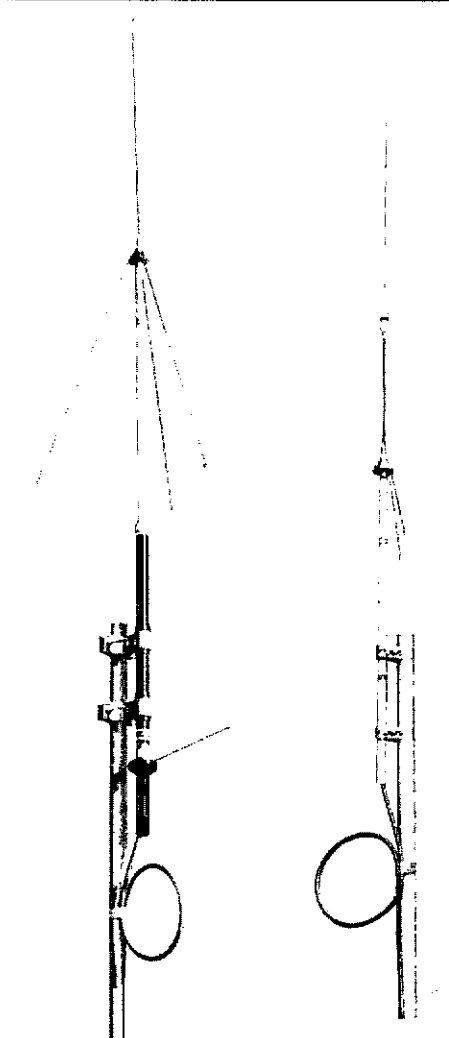
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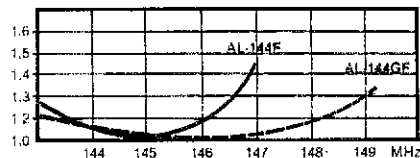
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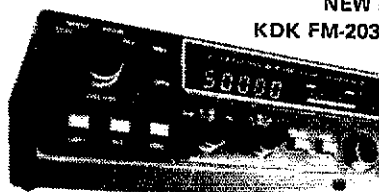
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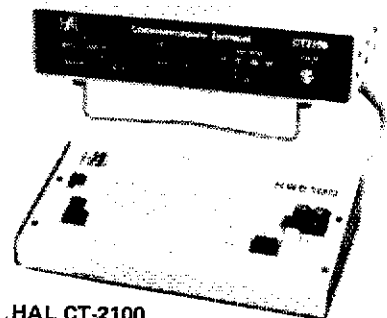
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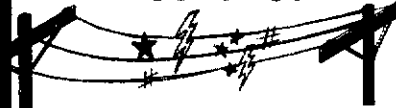
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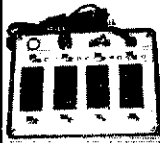
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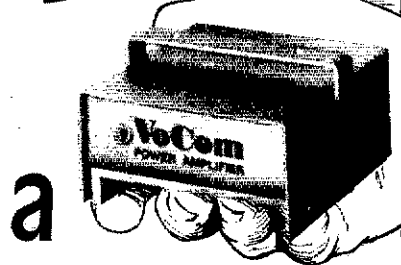
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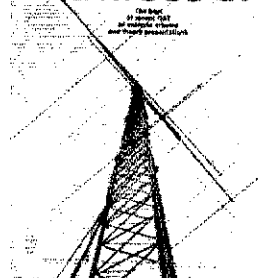
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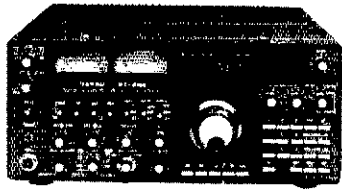
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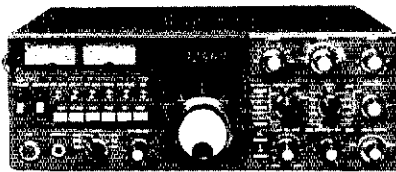


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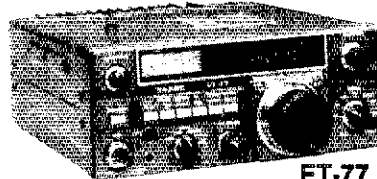


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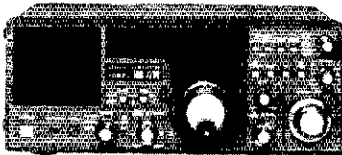
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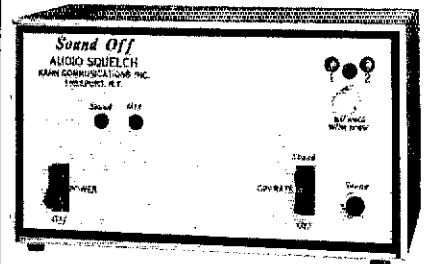
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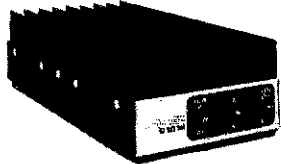
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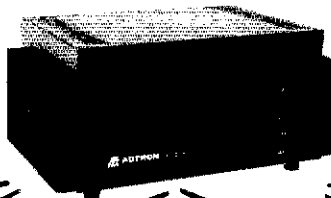
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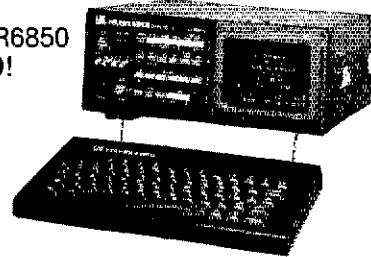
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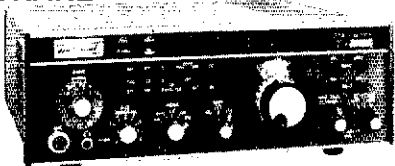
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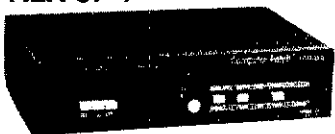
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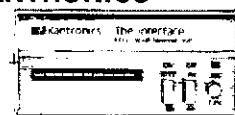


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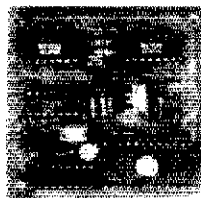
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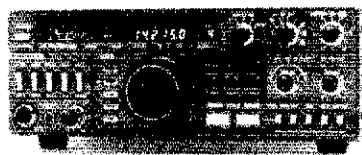
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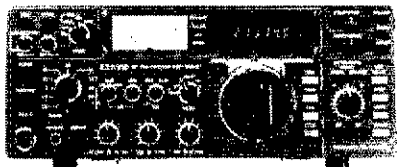
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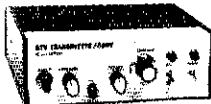


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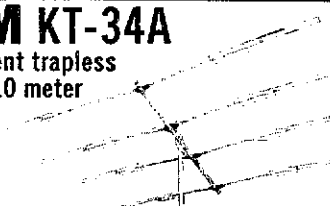
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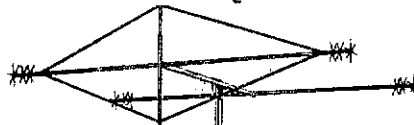
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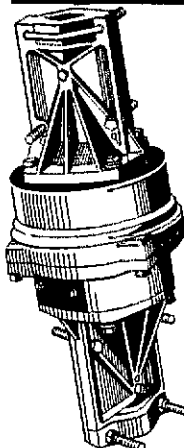
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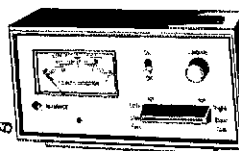
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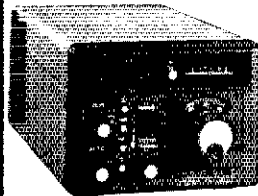


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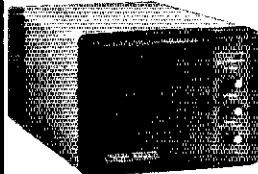
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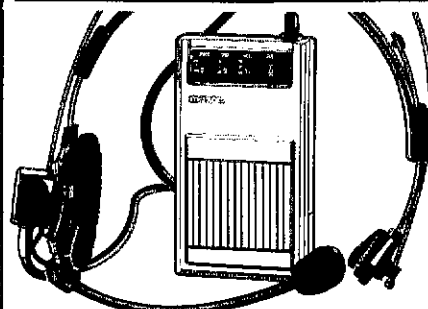


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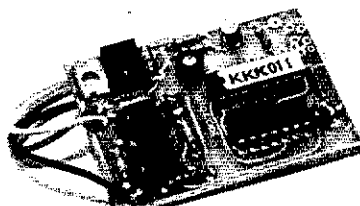
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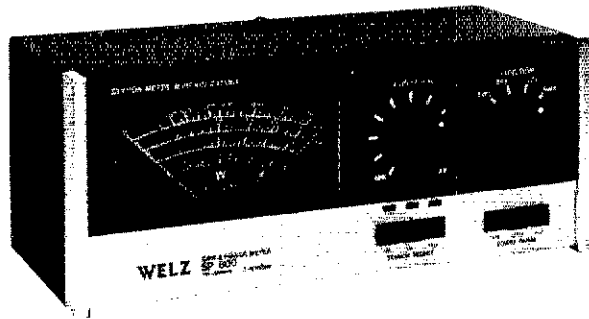
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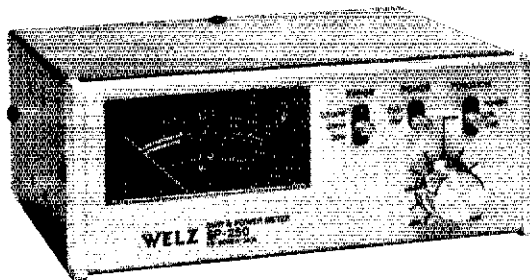
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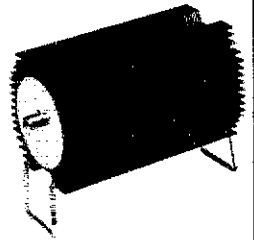
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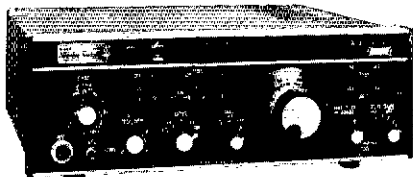


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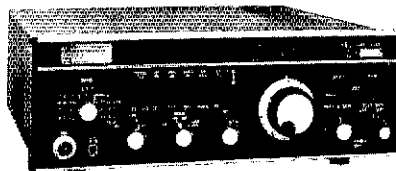
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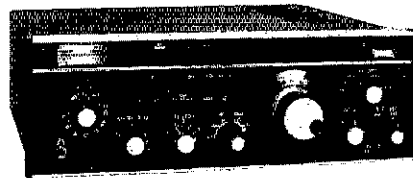
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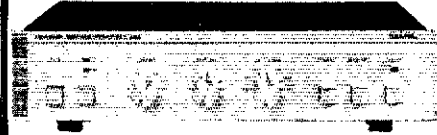
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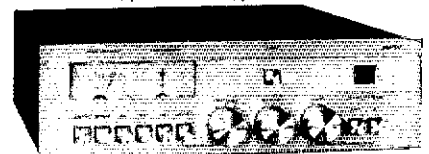
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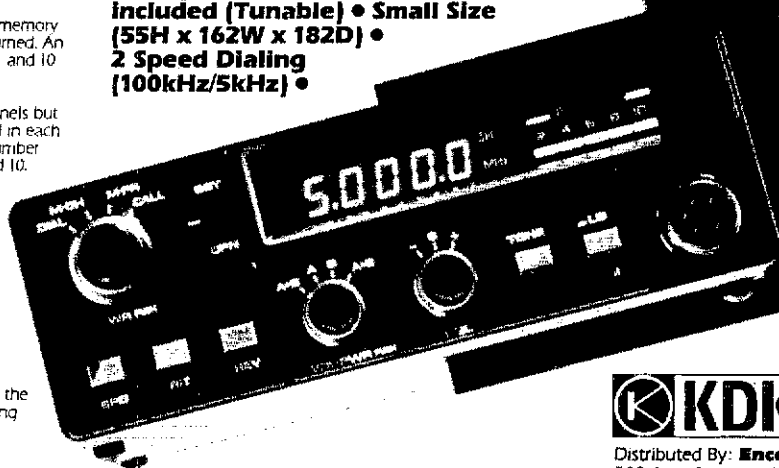
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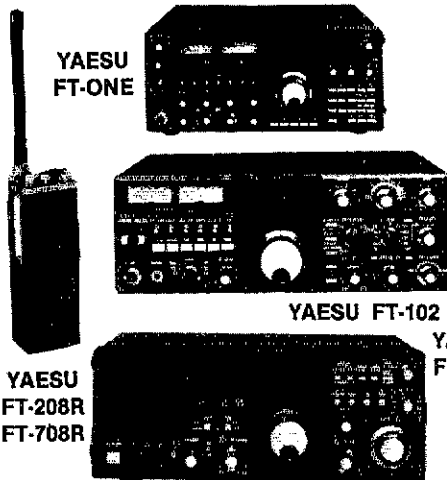
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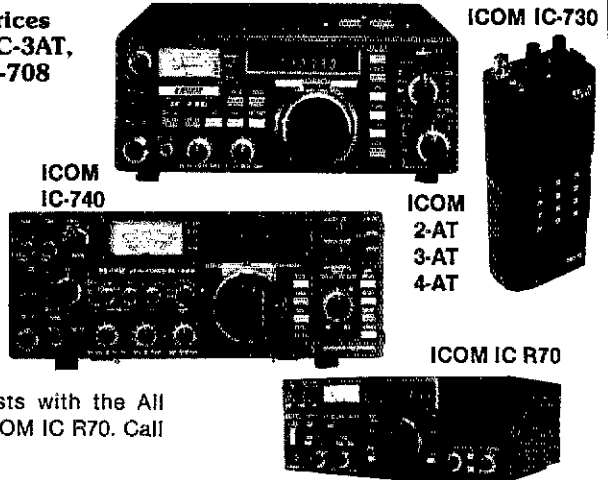
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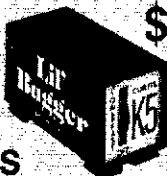
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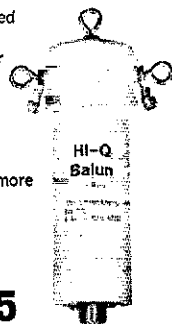
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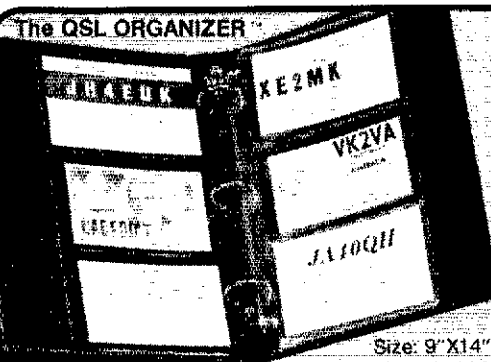
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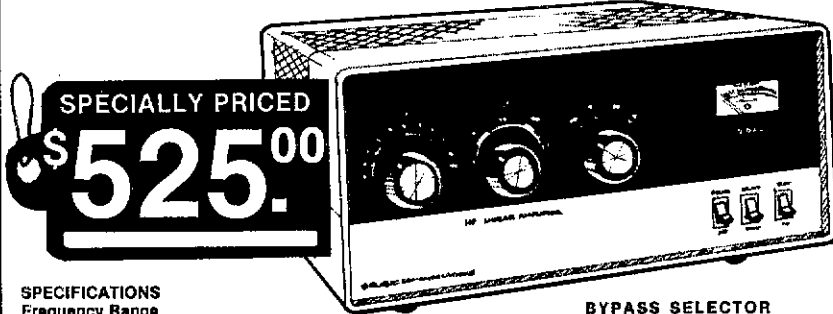
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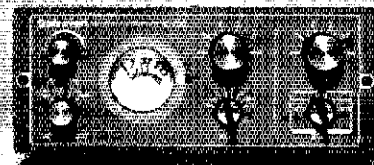
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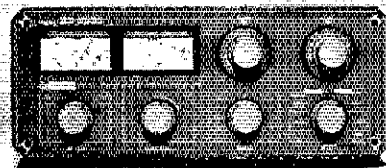
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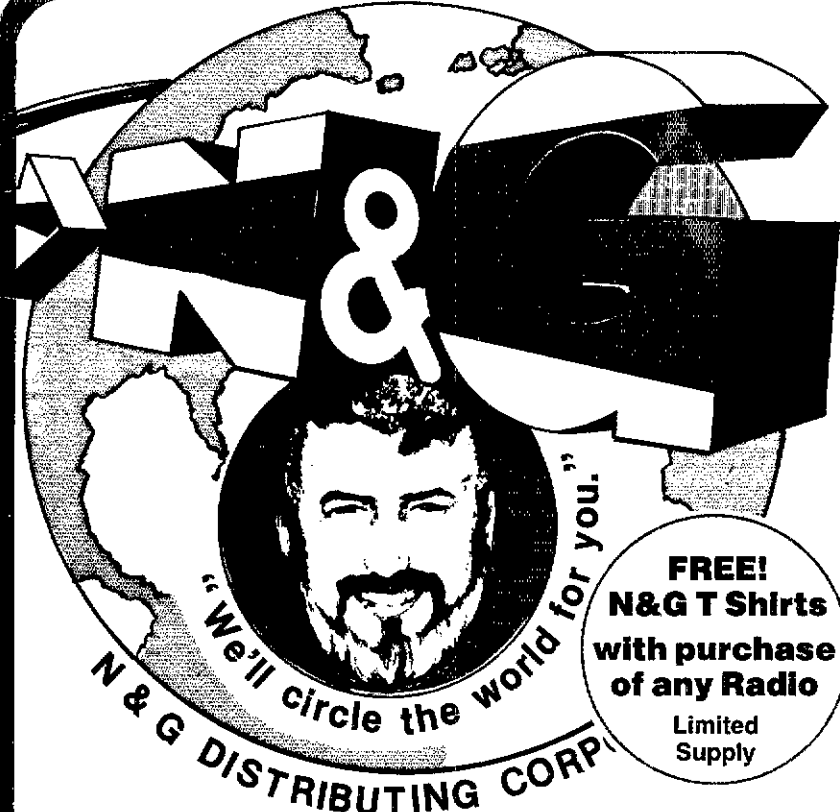
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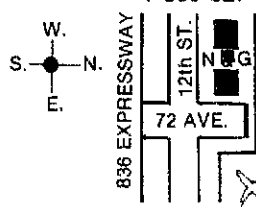
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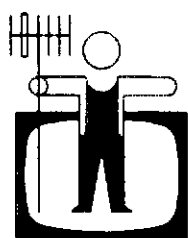


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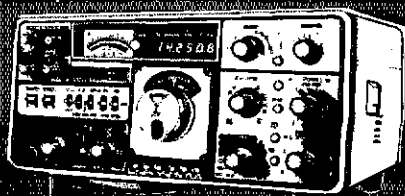


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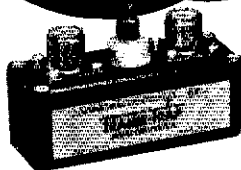
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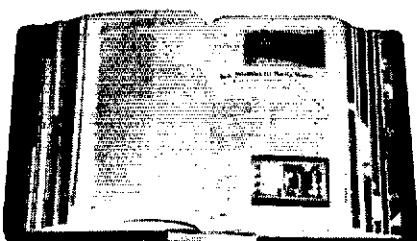
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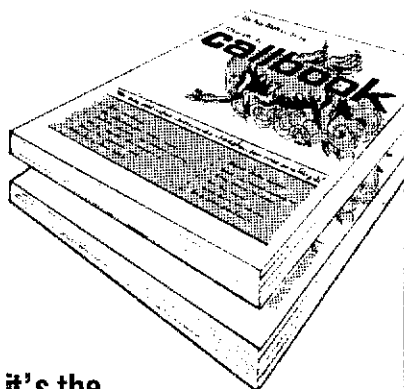
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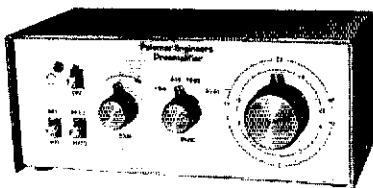
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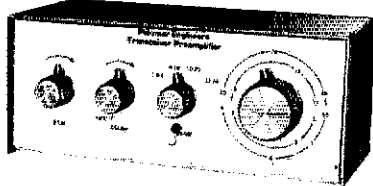
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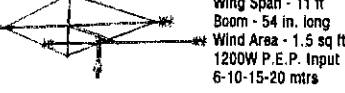
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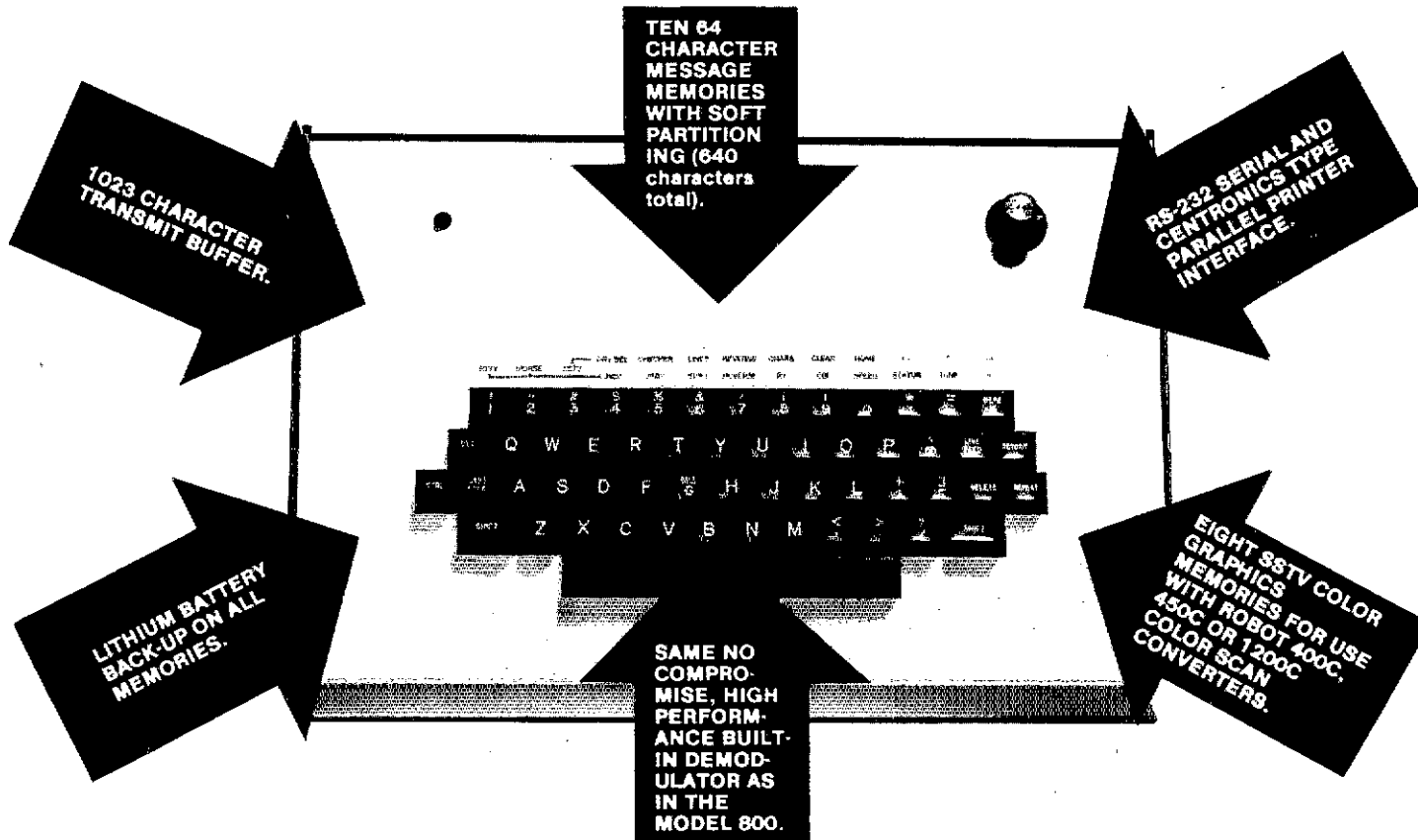
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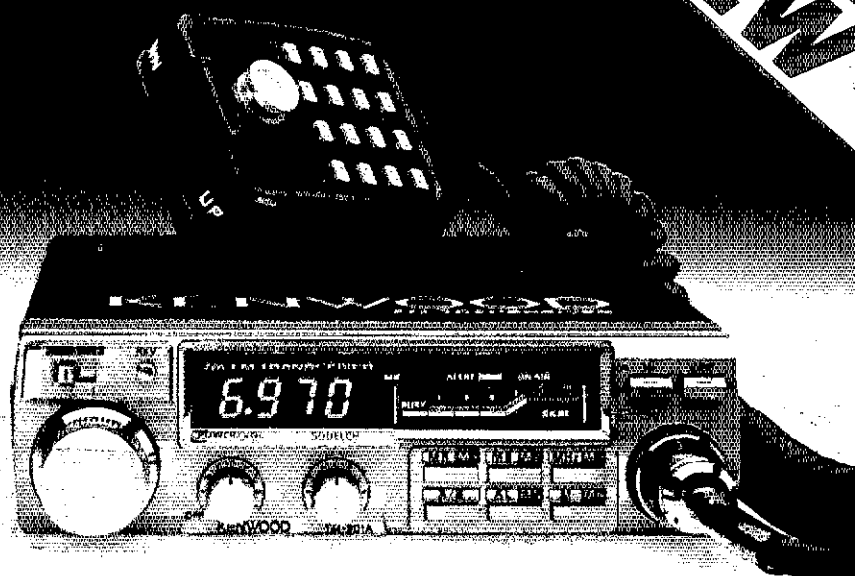
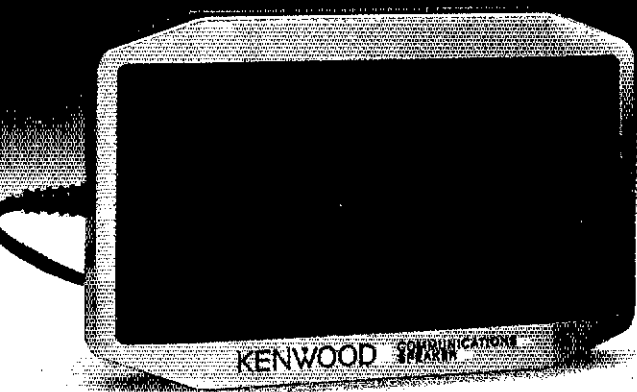


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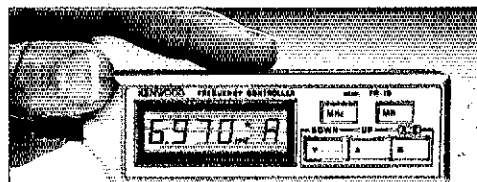
TM-201A FEATURES:

- **Ultra compact and lightweight**
Measures 5.6 (141)W x 1.8 (39.5)H x 7.2 (183)D, inch(mm), weighs 2.8 lbs., (1.25 kg).
- **25-watt output, with HI/LO power switch**
Produces a powerful 25 watts RF output from a surprisingly compact design.
- **Dual digital VFO's built-in**
Covers 142,000 to 149,000 MHz in 5-kHz steps, includes certain MARS and CAP frequencies. A "MHz" key shifts the frequency in 1-MHz steps.
- **5 memories plus "COM" channel, with lithium battery back-up (est. 5 yr. life)**
Memories 4, 5, and the COM (common) channel store transmit and receive frequencies independently, for either odd or

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- **Priority alert scan**
With ALERT switch "ON," once every 6 seconds the unit scans back to memory channel 1 for approximately 0.3 seconds to monitor the activity on the priority channel (channel 1). A dual "beep" will sound if a signal is present on memory 1.
- **Memory scan/programmable band scan**
Scan skips memories in which no data is stored. UP/DOWN switch on microphone initiates band scan in appropriate direction. Memory 5, set band scan limits. Scanning stops on busy channel, resumes after 6 seconds or when the signal ceases. Scan delay prevents scan resume if signal fades or is momentarily interrupted.
- **Highly visible yellow LED frequency display**
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- **Audible "BEEPER" confirms operation**
- **Easy-to-install mobile mount**



Optional FC-10 frequency controller

May be easily connected to the TM-201A or TM-401A. Convenient control keys for frequency UP/DOWN, MHz shift, VFO A/B, and MR (memory recall or change memory channel). A green, easy-to-read, back-lighted LCD display indicates transmit/receive frequencies, memory/channel number, ALERT, and SCAN (with blinking MHz decimal). Size: 4.4 (112)W x 1.4 (35)H x 0.9 (22)D, inch(mm). Weight: 3.5 oz. (100 g).

Other optional accessories:

- **TU-3** programmable two frequency tone encoder
- **KPS-7A** fixed station power supply

More information on the TM-201A and TM-401A is available from authorized dealers of Trio-Kenwood Communications 1111 West Walnut St., Compton, CA 90220.

TM-401A

70-cm FM ultra compact mobile transceiver

- **Dual digital VFO's covering 440-450 MHz**
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- **Repeater offset switch, plus reverse switch**
±5 MHz or simplex. Odd offset with memories 4, 5, and COM channel.
- **HI/LOW RF output power switch**
Selects 12 watts or 1 watt
- **Virtually same size and weight as TM-201A**
- **Other features similar to TM-201A**
The complete TM-401A

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