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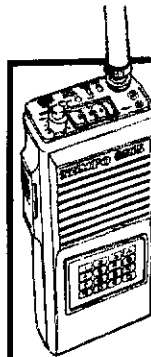
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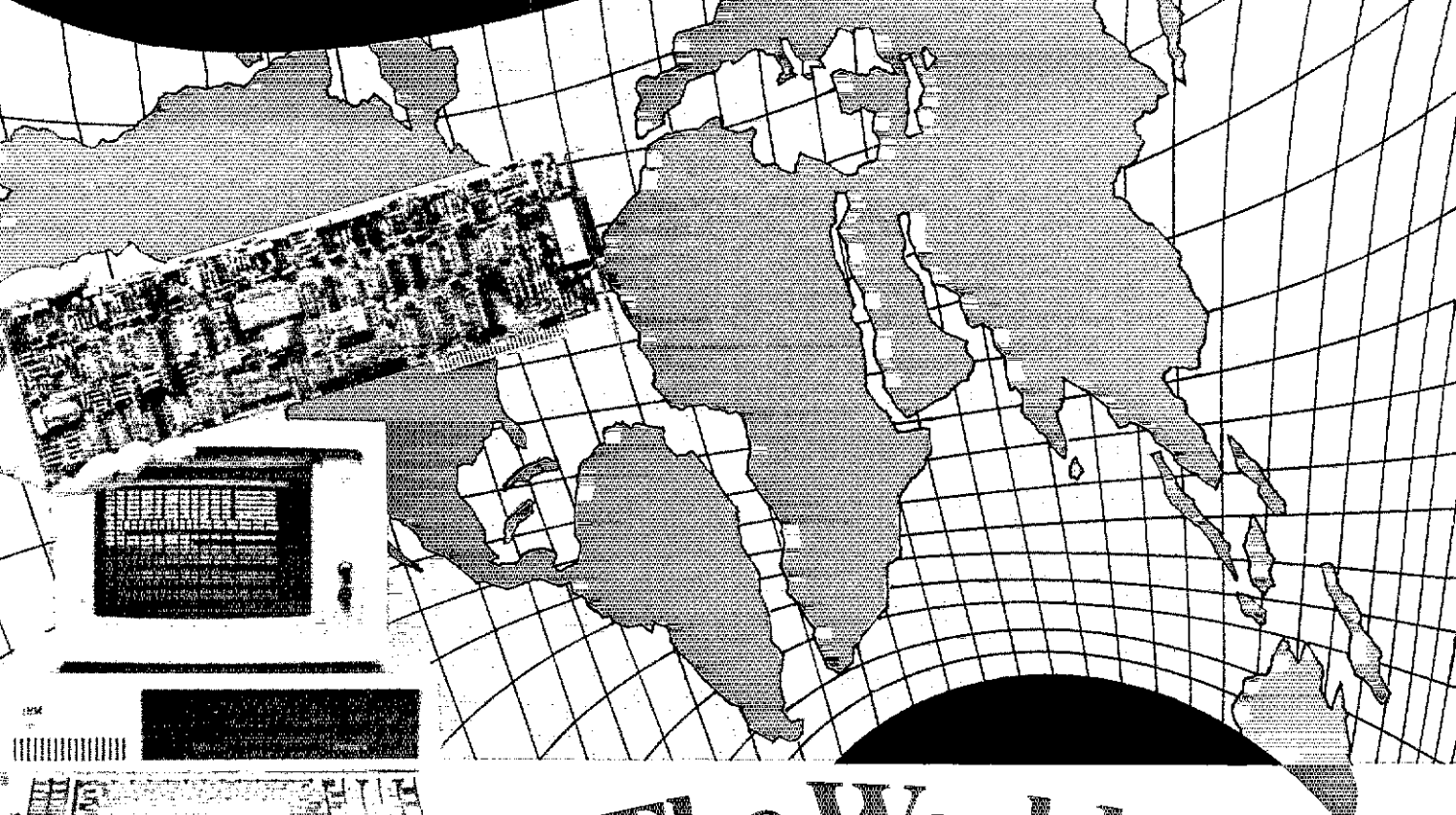
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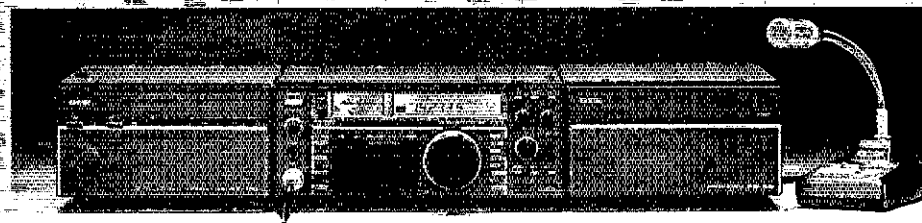
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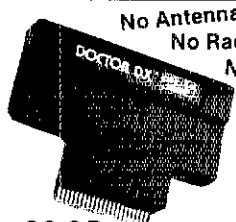
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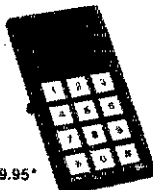
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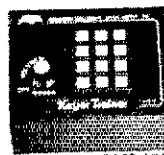
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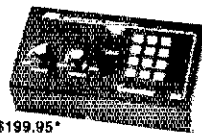
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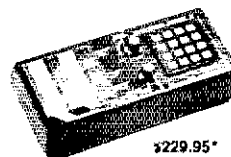
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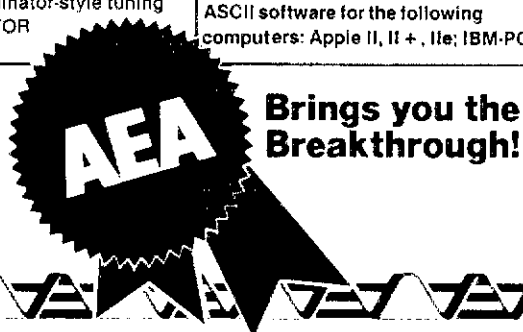
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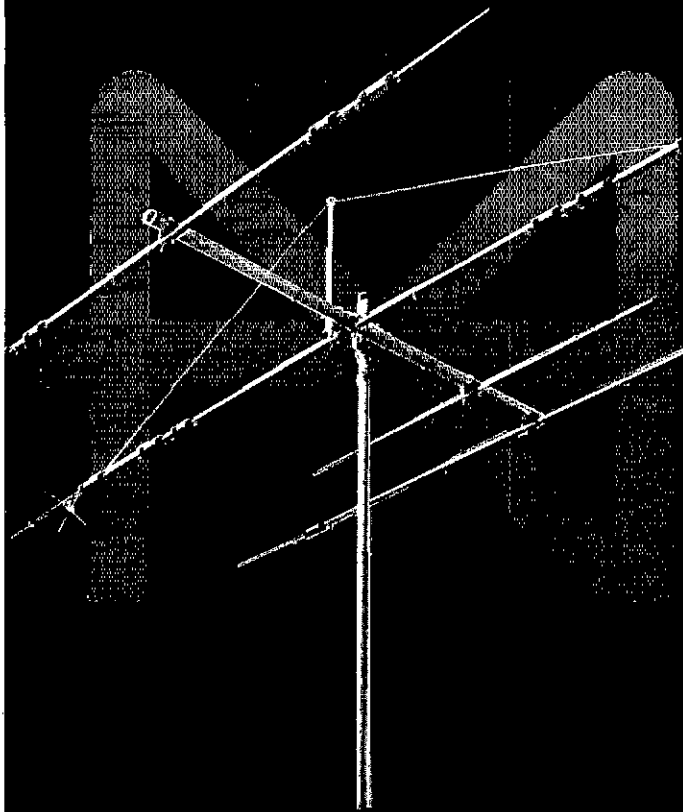
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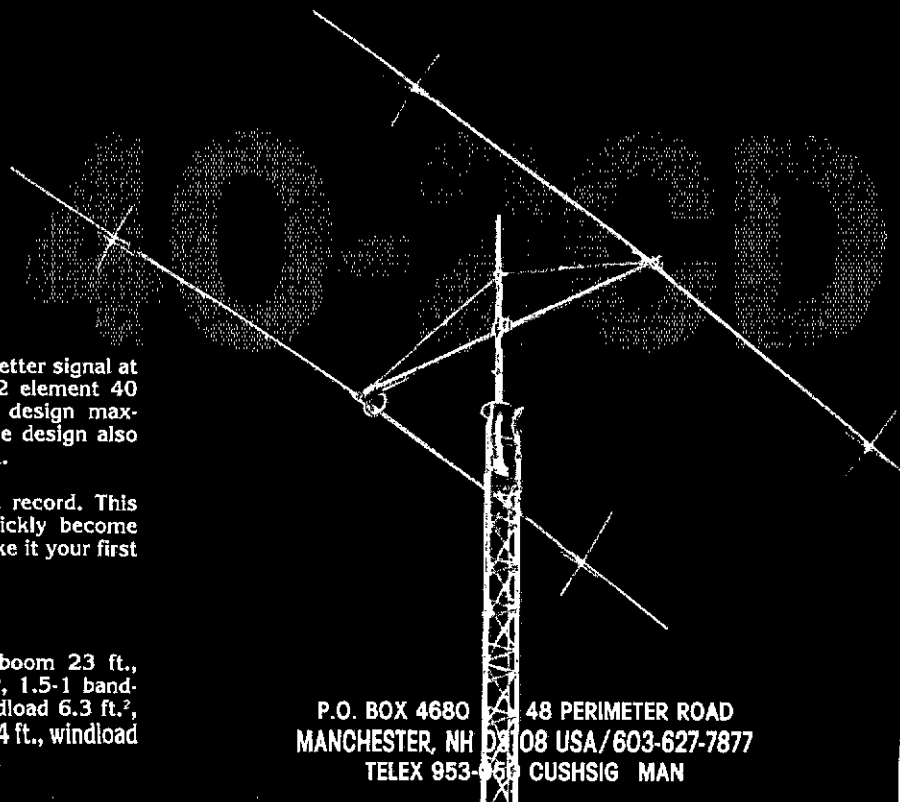
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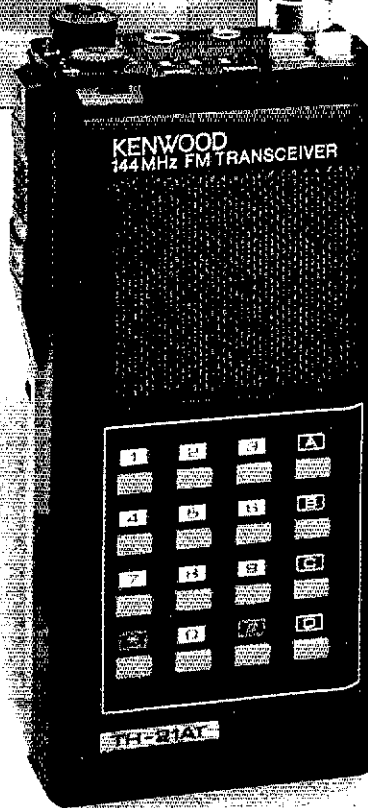
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- BT-3 AA manganese/alkaline battery case
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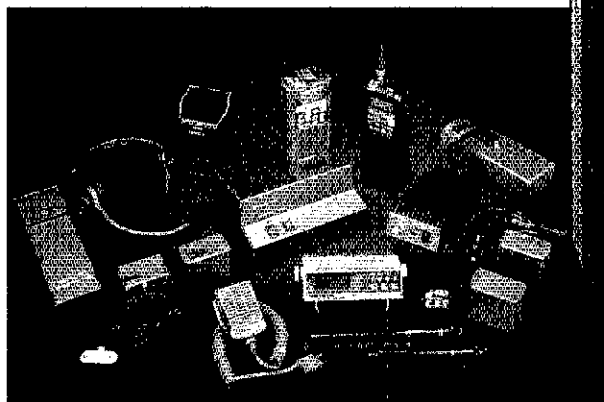
#### • SLIDE-LOC battery case

#### • 10 Channels

10 memories, one for non-standard repeater offsets.

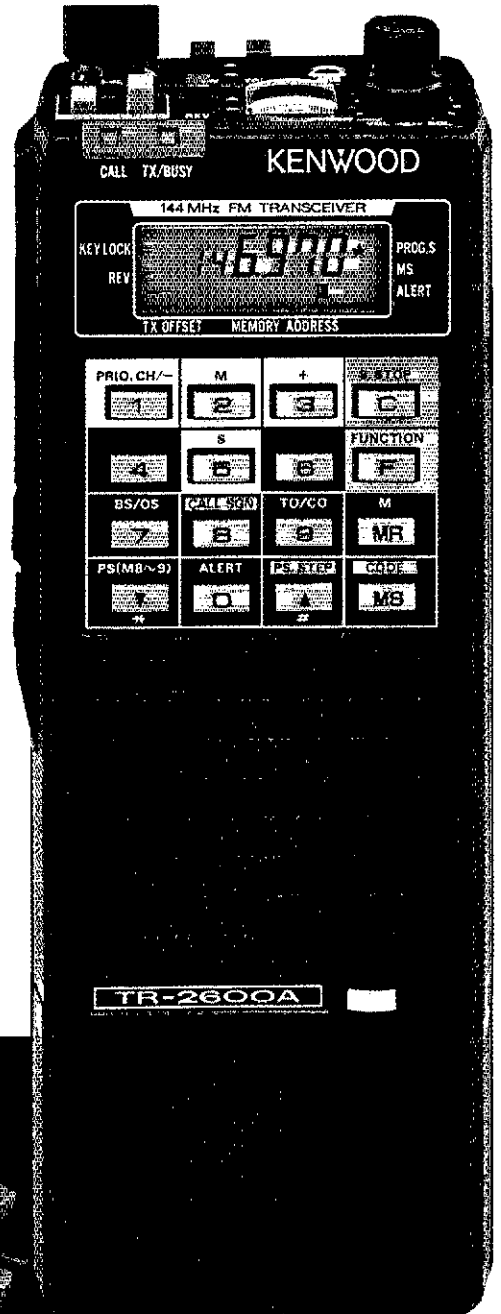
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## “It Seems to Us ...”

### Shuttle Mission 51-F Takes Shape

Just before press time, we received some good news—and some bad—from NASA in Houston concerning the sequel to Owen Garriott's historic Amateur Radio operation from space.

The bad news is that it will not be possible to complete, in time for this mission, the Shuttle modifications that would have permitted antennas to be mounted in the cargo bay. This scrubs any possibility of a 28-MHz downlink, such as had been envisioned when the January *QST* cover article was prepared.

The good news is that, despite this setback, plans are moving forward for Tony England, W0ORE, to operate on 2 meters using the same window-mounted antenna that was used by W5LFL in December 1983, during the STS-9 mission.

Tony's mission is designated 51-F, and is now slated for launch on July 15 (although that date, like all Shuttle launch dates, is subject to change). It is scheduled

to last seven days, and because of other mission requirements it probably will not be possible for the Amateur Radio antenna to be used until midway through the third day. Accordingly, Tony's operating time will be more limited than Owen's and it is unlikely that there will be much opportunity for random contacts. The focus will be on making contacts with youth groups through Amateur Radio clubs and other groups who want to assist in exposing young people to this exciting aspect of Amateur Radio and the nation's space program. In addition, time will be devoted to experimental transmissions of slow-scan television from the spacecraft, to test this mode as a possible backup to NASA's own video links.

At this writing we're still awaiting formal confirmation from NASA Headquarters, but it's not too early to think about how you'll tune into the next radio amateur in space!—David Sumner, K1ZZ

### Are You Ready For 24 MHz?

There are promising signs that General, Advanced and Extra Class licensees may gain access to the new WARC band at 24.89-24.99 MHz very soon—in a matter of weeks, if that long. Remember how quickly things happened when the 10-MHz band was opened back in 1982? Then you know it's time to turn your antenna plans into reality!

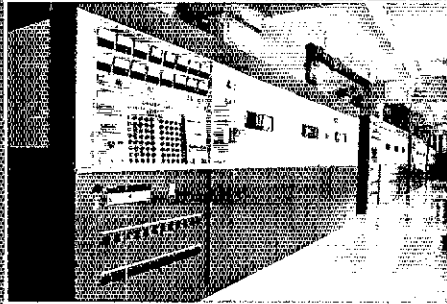
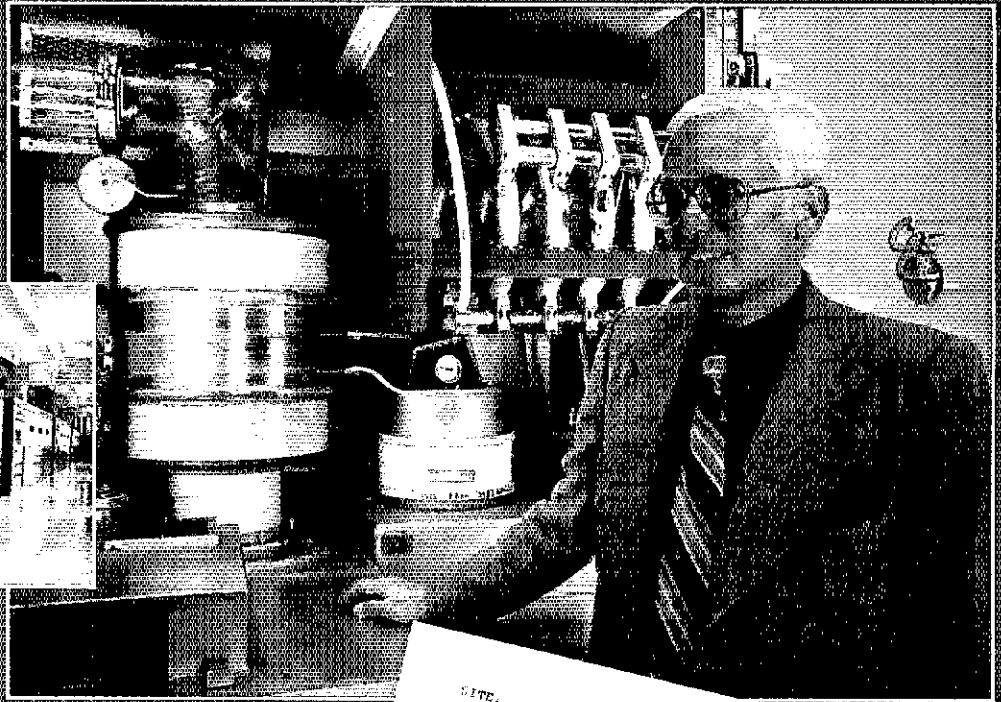
While this isn't the best part of the sunspot cycle for us to be trying out a new band at the high end of the HF range, there are a lot of reasons why 24 MHz should hold particular interest. For one thing, unlike the other HF bands it has no harmonic relationship to any television channel below Channel 7. This means that some hams in fringe areas who have been plagued with TVI problems in the past should be able to operate here problem-free. For another, the 24-MHz band is just 7.5% removed in frequency from the CB band, which means that CB antennas should work fine with just a little lengthening or tweaking. Finally, the band should provide lots of interesting sporadic-E propagation, and there should be plenty of that this spring. Usually the sporadic-E excitement is found on 50 and 144 MHz, it being a bit more rare there than on the

HF bands where we take it pretty much for granted; but with the novelty of a new band to learn about and enjoy, there should be lots of activity to hold our interest.

The power, emission and license class limits that will apply to this 100-kHz-wide band will not be known until FCC actually releases it for our use; check W1AW and your other usual sources of up-to-date, accurate information. Finally, a word of caution: The band will not be exclusively ours worldwide until July 1, 1989. Until then, we must avoid interfering with the few Fixed Service stations that may continue to operate in the band. For this reason, in accordance with Minute 77 of the October 1984 Meeting of the Board, ARRL will not be granting contest or awards credits for 24-MHz contacts until the Board has determined what policy should be adopted. If you have any comments or suggestions, please address them to the Membership Services Committee, c/o ARRL Headquarters.

According to the International Amateur Radio Union, there are now about four dozen countries that permit their amateurs to operate at 24.89-24.99 MHz. Let's hope the U.S. will be joining them soon!—David Sumner, K1ZZ

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## RF Bio-Effects Rule: Are Amateurs Safe?

This fall, the FCC will be looking very closely at the biological effects of RF energy when it licenses stations or authorizes RF-emitting equipment (General Docket 79-144). The major criterion is whether a given station or equipment exceeds ANSI standards, and thereby would expose workers or the public to excessive levels of RF energy. In a related document, the FCC proposed that the Amateur Radio Service be excluded from the provisions of this rule, citing evidence submitted by ARRL that **amateur RF energy levels do not normally pose a hazard to the public.** See this month's Happenings for details.

## Cable-TV Leakage Levels to be Raised?

CATV is in the amateur picture again, this time because of FCC efforts to update rules governing the cable television industry. Of particular concern to amateurs is an FCC proposal to **increase the authorized cable signal-leakage levels in the 54-216 MHz spectrum.** For details, see this month's Happenings.

## Third-Party Rules Tightening Proposed

The FCC has moved to close a loophole in the Rules concerning third-party messages. Basically, the Commission proposed changes in Part 97 to **prohibit participation in third-party communication by any amateur whose license has been revoked or suspended (PR Docket 85-51).** In taking this action, the FCC cited instances in the past in which individuals whose privileges had been terminated took advantage of the Rules by participating in third-party communication from stations licensed to amateurs in good standing. The proposal also seeks penalties against amateurs who knowingly allow a disqualified person to participate in third-party communication. The ARRL Executive Committee has given the League's endorsement to the change. Details are in this month's Happenings.

Jim Neiger, N6TJ, used this antenna array at W6YA to make a clean sweep on his way to becoming the Southwestern Division winner on CW during the 1984 ARRL November Sweepstakes. Of course, the Newport, California, amateur had help from some friends: Note the plastic owls attached to the 20- and 10-meter booms to scare real birds away. See the SS '84 Results, beginning on page 74 of this issue, to see how others fared in the contest.



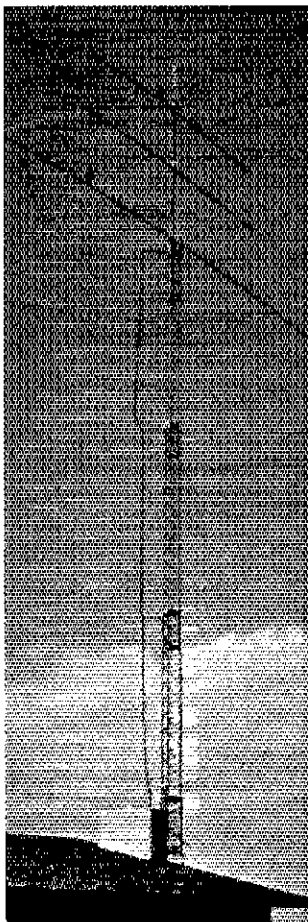
A three-alarm fire in a Palo Alto, California, apartment complex in early March brought local amateurs out in a hurry. Among them was Rick Joslin, WB5VUL, shown here talking with some of the victims. Rick headed up an American Red Cross Disaster Services action team, offering alternate housing and other assistance to those displaced by the fire. During the emergency, he stayed in constant contact via 2 meters with Ted Harris, N6IU, Director of Disaster Services for the Palo Alto Red Cross. (WA6AOD photo)

## We're Listening!

As you look through this issue, you'll notice there's a different format for columns. It's designed to be a cleaner, more modern design, and to save some space for the most important part of the column—the text. Speaking of which: In response to those who've told us they have a hard time with the small print in QST, we've eliminated most of it. The result is a QST that's a bit easier to read and more pleasant to look at.



During a swing through Milwaukee recently on a concert tour, recording star Ronnie Milsap, WB4KCG (left), stopped by a local radio station for a chat with fellow ham Dick Stout, KD9IV, a morning talk-show host. Although most of the talk was about music, Dick didn't let the opportunity go by without getting in a plug for Amateur Rad.io. Ronnie told listeners that he used Amateur Radio in his spare time to relax, preferring to work European amateurs on 80 meters.





By year's end, Ralph Ernstein, W6SPQ, will have invested 50 years in Amateur Radio. Judging by the size of his radio collection, he certainly has a lot to show for it. Licensed in 1935, the Northridge, California, amateur credits his brother with sparking an interest in radio. Ralph amassed much of the more-than-250-piece collection—many dating to pre-1925—while working for many years in electronics-related fields. Others were donated or acquired through swap meets and ads he placed in several club bulletins.

### Space Shuttle Audio to be Retransmitted

Interested in finding out what happens aboard upcoming Space Shuttle missions, but don't want to wait for the 6 or 11 o'clock newscast? The Goddard ARC, WA3NAN, at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, retransmits live audio during Space Shuttle

flights. Coverage begins about an hour before liftoff and ends about an hour after landing. WA3NAN is not on the air during Astronaut sleep periods, however. Tune in to 3860, 7185 and 14,295 kHz. Washington, DC-area listeners may also monitor 147.45-MHz FM. WA3NAN operates under a blanket waiver of Section 97.113 issued by the FCC for the duration of all Space Shuttle flights (see November 1983 Happenings for details of the waiver, and It Seems To Us, this issue, for more on the next ham/astronaut mission).



Most of the technical details of AMSAT's first packet-radio satellite have been worked out. That's the result of the March design-review meeting on the full-service **Packet Communications Satellite (PACSAT)** project held in Rosslyn, Virginia. Among the many participants (shown above, l-r) were WA9FMQ, of VITA; NK6K, of AMSAT; WA7GXD, of TAPR; G3YJO, of UoSAT; WA3ZIA, of AMSAT; and K8KA (standing), of ARRL. Scheduled for launch in early 1987, PACSAT will provide an effective means of using packet radio to communicate worldwide. One question that does remain is **finding major sources of funding for the project.** Ideas are welcome, and should be forwarded to Dr. Gary Garriott, VITA PACSAT Project Officer, 1815 North Lynn St., Arlington, VA 22209.



With the welcome return of warm sunshine, it's a good time to get some exposure for your club and for Amateur Radio. Last year, members of the McMinnville (Oregon) ARC set up a booth at the Yamhill County Fair, where they had the chance to reach many hundreds of visitors. One club member, Todd Carlson, WB7RPJ, put on a good show for passersby, working a Georgia station on RTTY and a Russian amateur on CW. The club also enlisted some prospects for their fall Novice class. (KG7YN photo)



Folks at the Squire Senior Center in Newton Square, Pennsylvania, stay fairly active these days, particularly with a little help from K3PAQ (second from left), K3TCG and WB3BDP. Since the Center opened, in April 1984, the trio has helped in setting up and maintaining the station, and teaching beginners. Recently, W3ZK (left), the oldest resident at the Center, joined the group. He was first licensed in 1913.



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# League Lines

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On March 29, the ARRL filed its comments in opposition to MM Docket 85-38, the cable TV deregulation docket. This proposal, if adopted, would delete quality performance standards for cable television systems and increase permissible signal leakage levels in the 54-216 MHz band. The League's comments stated, in part, that an increase in signal leakage levels sends the wrong message to those cable companies that are not complying with the present rules. The League also pointed out that the Commission's analogy of CATV emissions to RF emissions from computers was invalid. For example, computers may be switched on and off, but a leaky cable is constant. Copies of the ARRL comments in this proceeding are available from Hq. for a large s.a.s.e. with 56 cents postage affixed. Details will appear in next month's QST.

The FCC tackled Federal preemption in residential zones "head on" at its regular Open Agenda meeting March 28, 1985. Under discussion was the petition of United Satellite Communications, Inc. (USCI) requesting preemption of local zoning regulations that unreasonably interfere with the right to construct and use receive-only satellite earth stations. The Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM in CC Docket 85-87) and proposed the following rule: "State and local zoning or other regulations that discriminate against satellite receive-only antennas in favor of other communications facilities are preempted unless they have a direct and tangible relationship to reasonable, valid, demonstrable and clearly articulated health, safety or aesthetic objectives and constitute the least restrictive method available to accomplish such objectives." While this NPRM deals only with satellite dishes, it is believed that FCC action is a good omen toward favorable action on amateurs' own preemption proposal, PRB-1, later this Spring.

In view of diminished federal resources, Uncle Sam has made it "perfectly clear" that we are to resolve our own operating matters. Writing or calling the FCC about every questionable on-the-air event or dreaming up abstract regulatory hypotheticals is precisely the wrong way to show the FCC that we have the maturity and good judgment to deal with our own affairs. The best approach is to contact your ARRL Section Manager (see p. 8), who is the chief administrator of the Amateur Auxiliary in your section/state. Created by formal agreement between the FCC and ARRL, the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC's Field Operations Bureau addresses both maintenance monitoring, through an enhanced Official Observer program, and amateur-to-amateur interference, handled by specifically authorized Local Interference Committees. Your Section Manager can unleash the Amateur Auxiliary problem solvers to bring about direct, cooperative solutions.

The Publications Office reports that there are some problems with the newly revised DXCC Countries List Booklet. Some bad copies have already been shipped -- If you have a bad copy, send it back to ARRL Hq., and we will replace it free of charge.

WIAW Field Day bulletin schedule -- To give Field Day groups extra opportunities to copy the WIAW Field Day Message, four additional bulletins will be transmitted. An extra CW bulletin will be run at 1400 UTC (10 A.M. EDT), and an extra phone bulletin at 1500 UTC (11 A.M. EDT) on both Saturday and Sunday mornings. See April QST, page 73, for a detailed bulletin schedule.

Packet Radio during Field Day -- Field Day groups that complete one or more QSOs via packet radio during the Field Day period will qualify for 100 additional bonus points. The repeater provision (Rule 7C) is waived for packet radio QSOs. A packet station does not count as an additional transmitter. Indicate packet radio QSOs on the summary sheet as a separate "band." Complete Field Day Rules appear in this issue.

Remember the bonus points for Field Day publicity! It's not too soon to start planning. This year the ARRL Development Office would like Field Day groups to pay special attention to television and radio, and we would like to receive videotapes and audio cassettes of Field Day coverage. Don't forget cable television -- local access channels may be the perfect place for more than a 30-second spot.

Job Opening at ARRL Hq. -- Repeater Directory editor Jim Clary, WB9IHH, has moved to a new position in the Volunteer Examiner Department, thus creating an opening at Hq. Primary responsibility is editing the Repeater Directory, with additional responsibilities as staff resource person regarding repeater coordination and FCC Rules as they affect repeater operation. Candidates should have a Technician class (or higher) amateur license, good oral and written communications skills and a familiarity with repeater operation and coordination. If you are interested in this position, contact Bruce Hale, KB1MW, Manager, Regulatory Information Branch, ARRL Hq.

# A Simple 435-MHz Transmitter

Step up to UHF! Try this simple construction method for your next project.

By John C. Reed,\* W6IOJ

The OSCAR 10 435-MHz uplink has increased interest in UHF transmitters. If you are a do-it-yourselfer, you may be considering building one of your own. If you're concerned about tackling a UHF transmitter project, don't be. This 15-W transmitter is easier to build and make work than one operating at a lower frequency! In addition, all parts are readily available—most from Radio Shack, and a few by mail order.<sup>1</sup> The transmitter uses a variable-frequency crystal-controlled oscillator (VXO)/tripler section having 145-MHz output, and a UHF assembly consisting of a tripler and three amplifier stages. The UHF assembly features the use of a novel glue-down stripline technique that is as effective as etched-circuit-board striplines and much simpler to construct. Included in the package is a dummy load that also serves as a power-measuring device and a sampler for frequency-spectrum evaluation.

## Glue-Down Stripline Construction

The three-stage 435-MHz amplifier chain employs stripline circuitry. Generally, etched PC board is used for making striplines; excellent examples of this technique are described in the Motorola *RF Data Manual*.<sup>2</sup> Etching PC boards can be a messy operation, and mistakes or changes require new etched circuit boards—a particular concern with multistage circuitry.

The glue-down stripline method solves these problems. Strips of the required size are cut from double-sided glass-epoxy PC board using the same dimensions as those called for with etched PC-board striplines. One side of the stripline is smeared with glue and firmly pressed against the PC board used for mounting the components. Parts can be soldered to the stripline immediately without waiting for the glue to dry. Dc isolation can be provided by filing a groove in the stripline and soldering the dc-blocking capacitor across the groove. Changes can be made within minutes by lifting the glue-down stripline with a knife

and replacing it with one of the desired dimensions.

This approach really makes building UHF hardware a pleasant experience! Tests indicate that the glue-down stripline per-

formance is equivalent to that of etched-stripline circuitry.

## Circuit Details

Refer to Figs. 1 to 3. A varactor-tuned

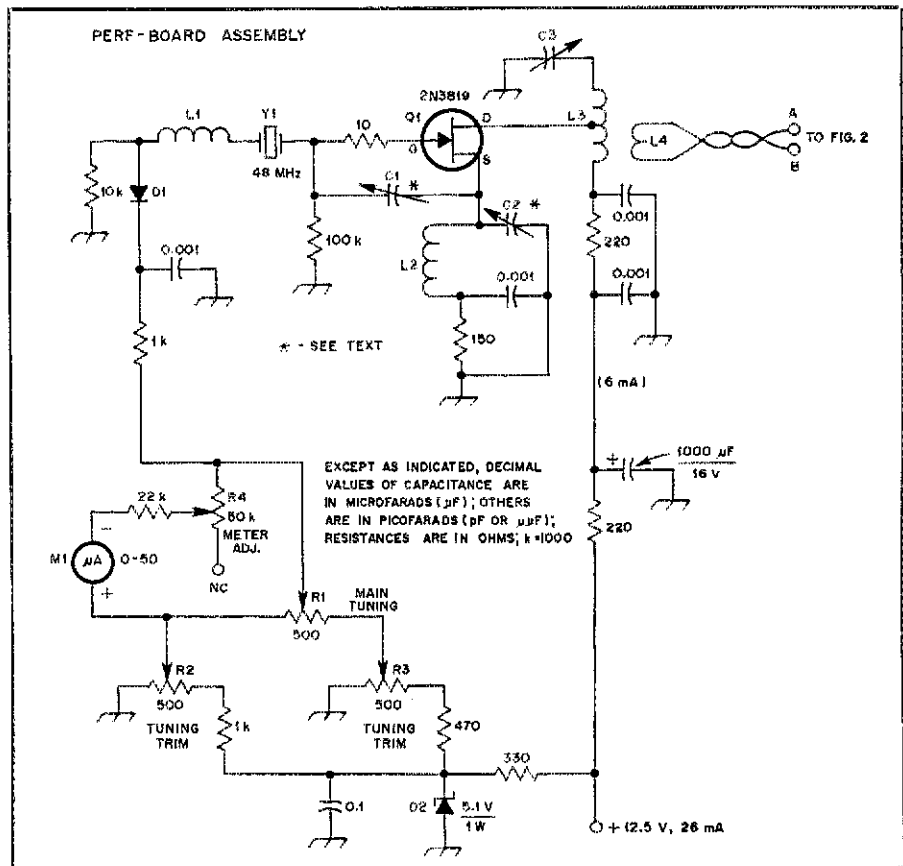


Fig. 1—Schematic diagram of the VXO. Unless otherwise noted, all resistors are 1/4 W, 5%; values are in ohms. Fixed capacitors without polarity markings are disc ceramic, 50 V.

- C1, C2, C3—5- to 60-pF trimmer (RS 272-1340 or equiv.).
- D1—1N4001 (RS 276-1101).
- D2—1N4733 5.1-V/1-W Zener (RS 276-565).
- L1—27 turns no. 26 wire, 5/16-inch dia on Plexiglas form.
- L2—15 turns no. 26 wire, 1/4-inch dia on Plexiglas form.
- L3—4 turns no. 14 wire, 1/4-inch dia, 1/2-in long, tap at 2 turns.
- L4—1 turn no. 22 stranded hookup wire

- wound on end of L3.
- M1—50- $\mu$ A panel meter (RS 270-1751).
- Q1—2N3819 (RS 276-2035).
- R1—500- $\Omega$ , 10-turn potentiometer, TRW7400 or equiv. (Meshna SP264A-27).
- R2, R3—500- $\Omega$  trimmer potentiometer (RS 271-225).
- R4—50-k $\Omega$  trimmer potentiometer (RS 271-219).
- Y1—48.381-MHz third-overtone (International Crystal Mfg. Co., Inc.).

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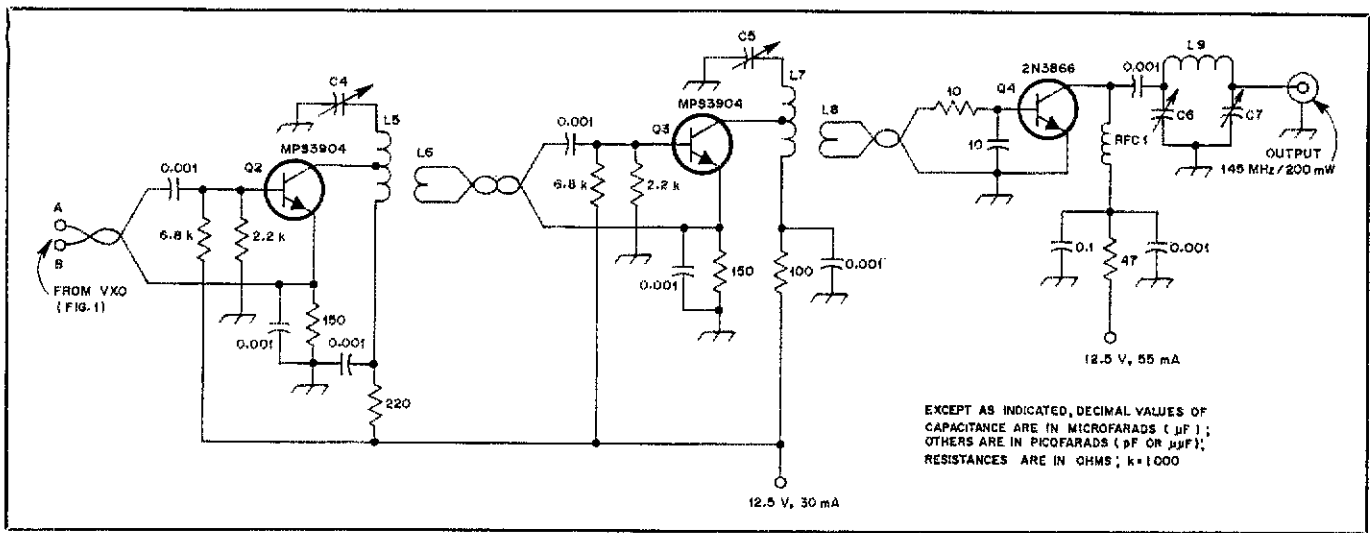


Fig. 2—Schematic diagram of the VXO amplifier. Unless otherwise noted, all resistors are ¼ W, 5%; fixed capacitors are disc ceramic, 50 V. C4-C7, incl.—5- to 60-pF trimmer (RS 272-1340). L5, L7—4 turns no. 14 wire, ¼-inch ID, ½-inch long, tap at 2 turns. L6, L8—1 turn no. 22 stranded hookup wire wound on end of L5 and L7, respectively. L9—5 turns no. 14 wire, ¼-inch ID, ½ inch long. Q2, Q3—MPS3904 (RS 276-2016). Q4—2N3866 (RS 276-2038 or order from MHz Electronics). RFC1—14 turns no. 30 wire wound on ½-W, 1-kΩ resistor. VXO cabinet—3 × 5¼ × 5-7/8 inches (RS 270-253).

VXO/tripler is chosen as a signal source because of its simplicity. Reasonable care in mounting the parts results in a T9 signal having acceptable stability. The circuit is built in a 5 × 3 × 6-inch cabinet. A front-panel tuning knob rotates a 10-turn potentiometer, and a 2¼-inch panel meter is used as the frequency indicator or "dial." Varactor-diode voltages are adjusted so the potentiometer tunes the crystal from 48.333 MHz to 48.355 MHz, producing an output tuning range of 435 to 435.2 MHz.

This VXO is essentially a VFO that is synchronized with the crystal. The free-running frequency is determined by the gate and source tuned circuits; the relationship between the two establishes the varactor-tuning sensitivity. Optimum crystal synchronization depends upon maintaining a low-C input circuit. Stray capacitance is minimized by mounting the parts on perf board, securing components with push-in terminals and attaching the perf board to the chassis with ¼-inch standoffs. Crystal lock-up is also sensitive to abrupt turn-on. This is avoided by using a filter with a long time constant that consists of a 1000-µF capacitor shunting a 220-ohm resistor, placed in series with the 12.5-V line. The tuning diode is a 1N4001 operated in the reverse-bias mode to function as a varactor. Tuning range is a function of the L1 value. L1 should be tailored so the potential applied to the varactor is in the range of 0.3 to 2 V when covering the desired frequency band. The VXO upper-frequency limit will be lower than that of the marked crystal frequency; 25 kHz has been allowed for this offset.

A 500-ohm, 10-turn potentiometer is chosen simply because of its availability on the surplus market. The single limitation

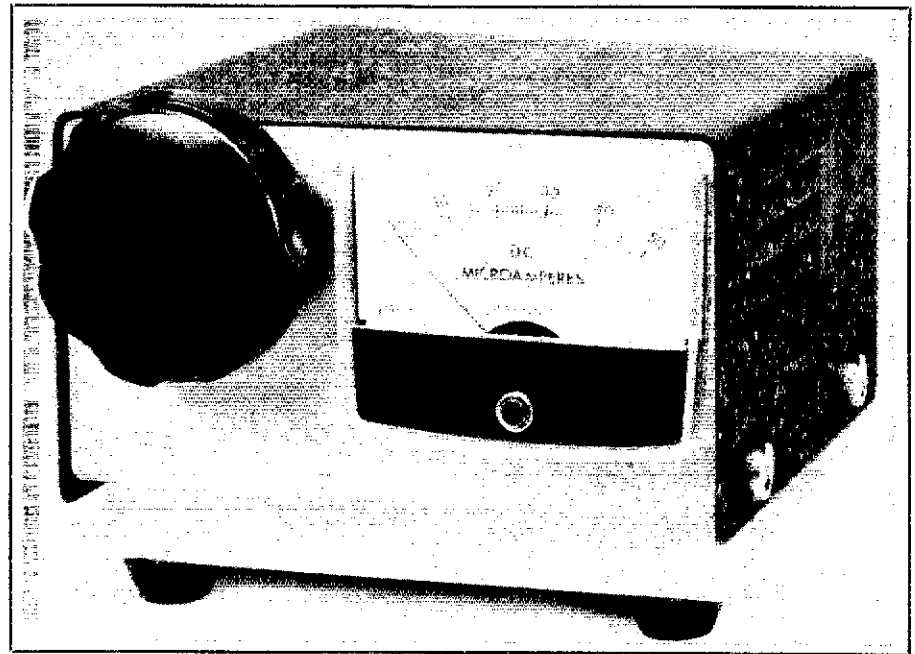


Fig. 3—The VXO assembly.

of the potentiometer is that the wire-wound configuration creates approximately 100-Hz tuning steps; consequently, the VXO output sounds like that of a synthesizer. This VXO has proven to be quite effective and reliable.

The low-level 145-MHz VXO signal is amplified to produce a final output of over 200 mW. Two narrow-bandpass stages are used to filter the VXO fundamental and second-harmonic components. These stages are followed by a relatively wide-band output stage. Link coupling between stages

allows several inches of coupling variance, simplifying layout considerations. The three stages are mounted on a 3- × 5-inch circuit board. Parts are secured with push-in terminals, and a ¼-inch-diameter circle of foil is removed around the terminals. Double-sided PC board is used with components mounted on both board sides to provide maximum isolation between stages. Spurious responses at the output are less than -40 dB.

The UHF assembly (Figs. 4 to 6) contains a tripler and three 435-MHz amplifier

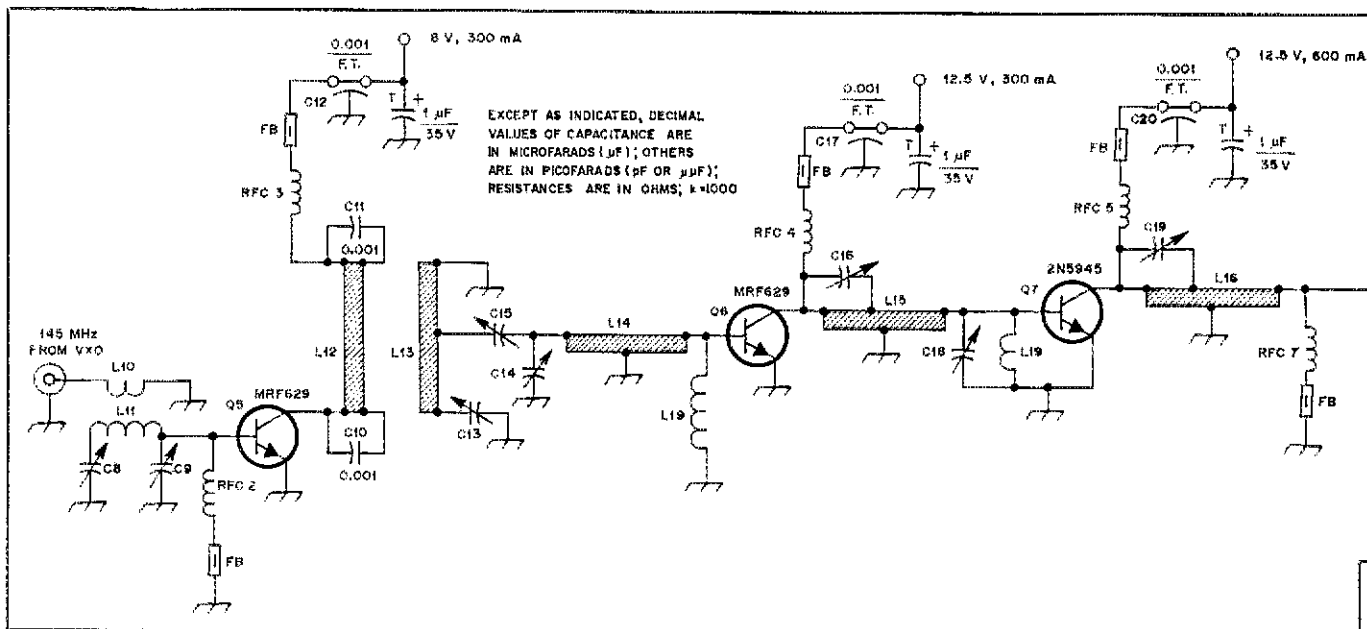


Fig. 4—Schematic diagram of the UHF assembly. Unless otherwise noted, fixed capacitors are disc ceramic, 50 V (RS 272-126 or equiv.). Tantalum capacitors are Radio Shack 272-1434 or equiv.

C8, C9, C13-C16, C18, C19, C21-C24—5- to 60-pF trimmer (RS 272-1340).  
 C10, C11, C25, C26—0.001- $\mu$ F, 50-V disc ceramic (RS 272-126).  
 C12, C17, C20, C27—0.001- $\mu$ F feedthrough (Meshna H-30).  
 FB—Ferrite bead (RS 273-098).  
 L10—1 turn no. 22 stranded hookup wire wound on end of L11.  
 L11—5 turns no. 14 wire,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch dia,

$\frac{1}{2}$ -inch long.  
 Note: L12-L18, inclusive, are stripline inductors made from 1/16-inch-thick, double-sided G-10 glass-epoxy PC board (Meshna PCB-28). L14-L18, inclusive, are glued to the PC mounting board with Scotch<sup>®</sup> 3M Super Strength Household Cement.  
 L12— $\frac{1}{4}$  ×  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch copper S bracket; spaced  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the PC mounting board

L13— $\frac{1}{4}$  × 2-inch copper S bracket; spaced  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above the PC mounting board and  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch from L12; tap at  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch from S bracket.  
 L14— $\frac{3}{16}$  × 1 inch.  
 L15— $\frac{3}{16}$  ×  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches; file groove for pad  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from end.  
 L16— $\frac{3}{16}$  ×  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches; file groove for pad  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from end.  
 L17— $\frac{3}{8}$  ×  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches, folded to conserve

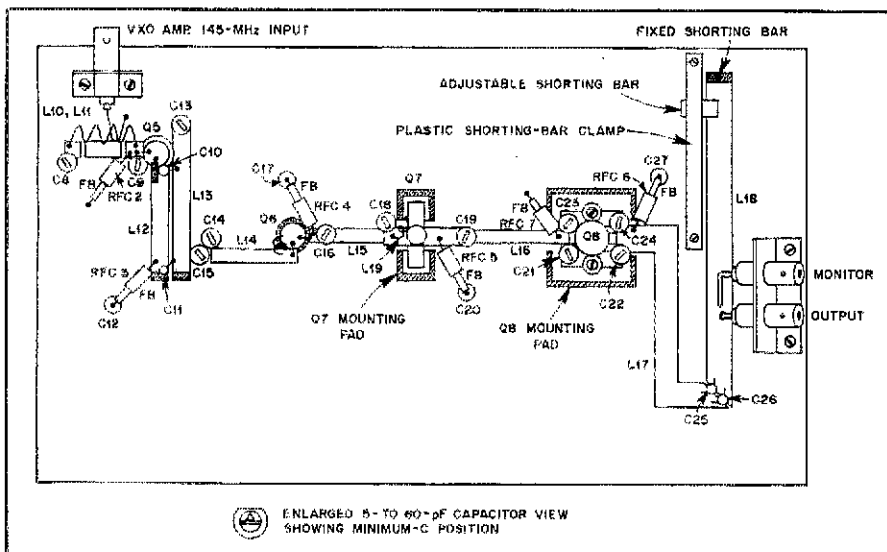


Fig. 5—Pictorial diagram of the UHF assembly layout. The 1- $\mu$ F bypass capacitors are mounted on the opposite side of the board.

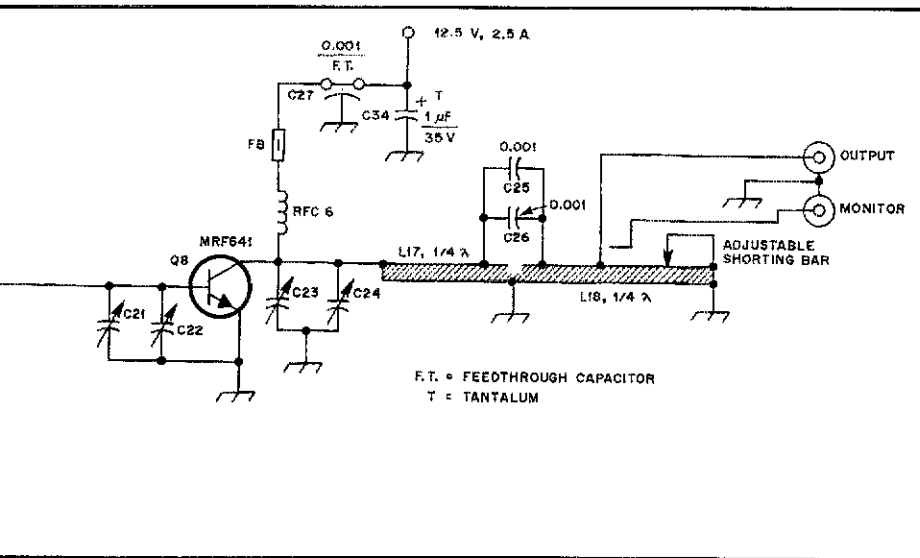
stages mounted on a  $6\frac{1}{4}$  × 11-inch double-sided PC board. The MRF629 used at tripler Q5 is a 2-W, 500-MHz device. This transistor has two unusual features. First, the emitter is tied to the TO-39 case; in most applications, soldering the case to

the PC board provides adequate heat sinking. Second, it contains Faraday-shield diodes between the collector and emitter for the purpose of isolating the base input from the collector.

When operated below the rated voltage,

the diodes function as varactors, and the transistor then operates as an effective frequency multiplier. The manufacturer (Motorola) claims this feature minimizes the "witchcraft" usually associated with solid-state frequency multipliers. In the circuit, the third harmonic is picked off by a pair of  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-wide striplines placed  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch above the base-mounting board. The first stripline is untuned and connected directly to the collector of Q5. The second stripline is inductively coupled to the first and tuned as a relatively high-Q circuit for discriminating against outputs other than the third harmonic. With more output than necessary to drive the following stage, the resulting light coupling maintains optimum selectivity.

Impedance transformation to the base of Q6, the second MRF629, is accomplished by L14/C18 with C18/C19 controlling the coupling and drive from the tripler. Similar coupling arrangements are made for Q7. In this case, L15 and L16 have  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch pads at the end to accommodate connections for the transistor collector, a choke and a series capacitor. The pads are made by filing a small groove in the stripline, eliminating about  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch of the copper. The striplines raise the stud-configured Q7 above the main circuit board by the stripline thickness. The two emitter connec-



space (see pictorial) to  $2\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$  inch. L18— $3/8 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$  inches, fixed shorting bar at end. Sliding  $1/4$ -inch-wide shorting bar allows 2-inch adjustment. BNC output is  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inches from open end. BNC monitor output  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches from open end consists of a  $1/2$ -inch length of no. 22 wire spaced  $1/32$  inch above and parallel to the stripline. L19—2 turns no. 24 wire,  $1/8$ -inch ID,

$3/16$ -inch long. Q5, Q6—MRF629 (MHz Electronics). Q7—2N5945 (MHz Electronics). Q8—MRF641 (Westcom). RFC2-7, incl.—14 turns no. 30 wire wound on a  $1/2$ -W,  $1\text{-k}\Omega$  resistor. Misc.—Base mounting board,  $6\frac{1}{4} \times 11$ -inch double-sided G-10 glass-epoxy PC board (Meshna PCB-28).

tions are accommodated by gluing two  $3/8$ -inch-square PC pads to the mounting board. Three sides of both pads are grounded by soldering copper strips around the edges. A similar arrangement is used in mounting Q8. In this case, the pads are  $7/16 \times 1\text{-}1/16$  inch in size.

The final output transistor, Q8, is coupled to the antenna with two  $1/4$ -wave striplines. Significant losses are avoided in

the low-Q striplines by using low-impedance lines of approximately 25 ohms. This makes the high-voltage junction point about 150 ohms. The antenna is matched by tapping into the final shorted  $1/4$ -wave section. Output resonance and loading can be optimized for a variety of antenna loads by means of an adjustable shorting bar. This sliding shorting bar is a  $1/4$ -inch, S-shaped piece of copper bent to make a

firm connection to the stripline when the other S-shaped side is clamped to the mounting board.

Alongside the antenna connector is a second output connector holding a short length of wire in close proximity to the stripline. This is a pick off used to permit monitoring of the output—which is especially useful when optimizing tune-up variables. Although the Radio Shack 5- to 60-pF miniature capacitor is an excellent component, its current-handling capability can be exceeded in the final-amplifier section. This problem has been avoided by using two capacitors in parallel at the base and collector of Q8. It is necessary to maintain the capacitor pairs close to the same value for maximum protection.

Q7 and Q8 require heat sinks. The stud of Q7 is fastened to a  $1/8$ -inch-thick,  $1- \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ -inch aluminum plate, and the mounting base of Q8 is fastened to a similar plate measuring  $1\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$  inches. It is important that the transistor/heat-sink interface places the transistor at the proper height. One of the chief causes of transistor failure is stress at the connecting tabs. Aluminum shims between the heat sink and the mounting board are used to achieve the proper height. Silicon heat-sink compound is used at the transistor/heat-sink interfaces. Heat sinking is increased further by fastening an aluminum U-shaped chassis to the heat sinks. The U-shaped chassis is the size of the mounting board and is  $3/4$ -inch deep.

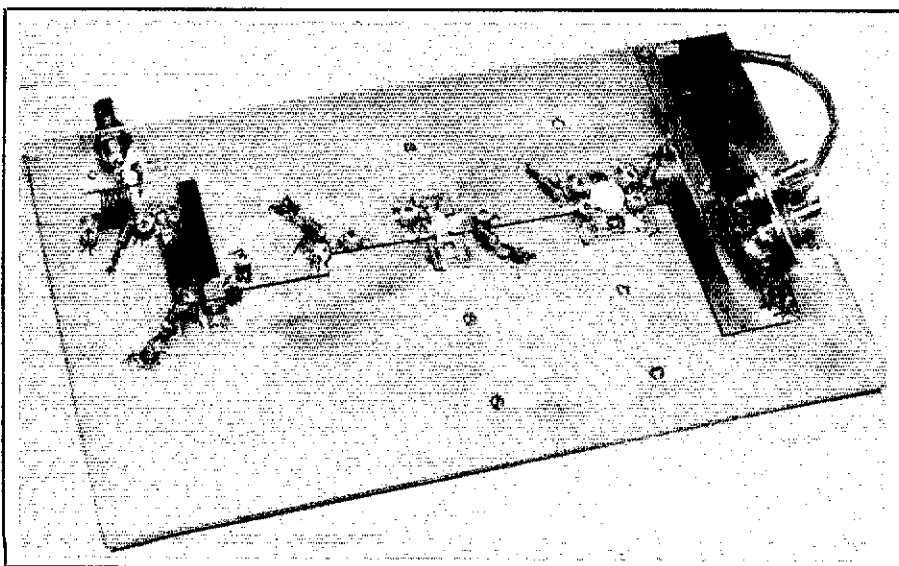


Fig. 6—The UHF assembly.

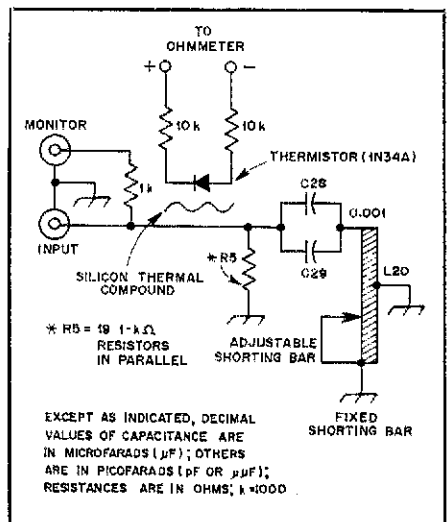


Fig. 7—Schematic diagram of the dummy load/power-measuring assembly.

C28, C29— $0.001\text{-}\mu\text{F}$ , 50-V disc ceramic (RS 272-126).

D3—1N34A (RS 276-1123); used as thermistor.

L20— $1/16 \times 3/8 \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch stripline glued to  $3\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ -inch PC-board base, fixed shorting bar at end. Adjustable shorting bar permits  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch adjustment.

R5— $19\text{-}1\text{-k}\Omega$ ,  $1/2$ -W resistors (RS 271-023).

Misc.—Thermal compound (RS 276-1372).



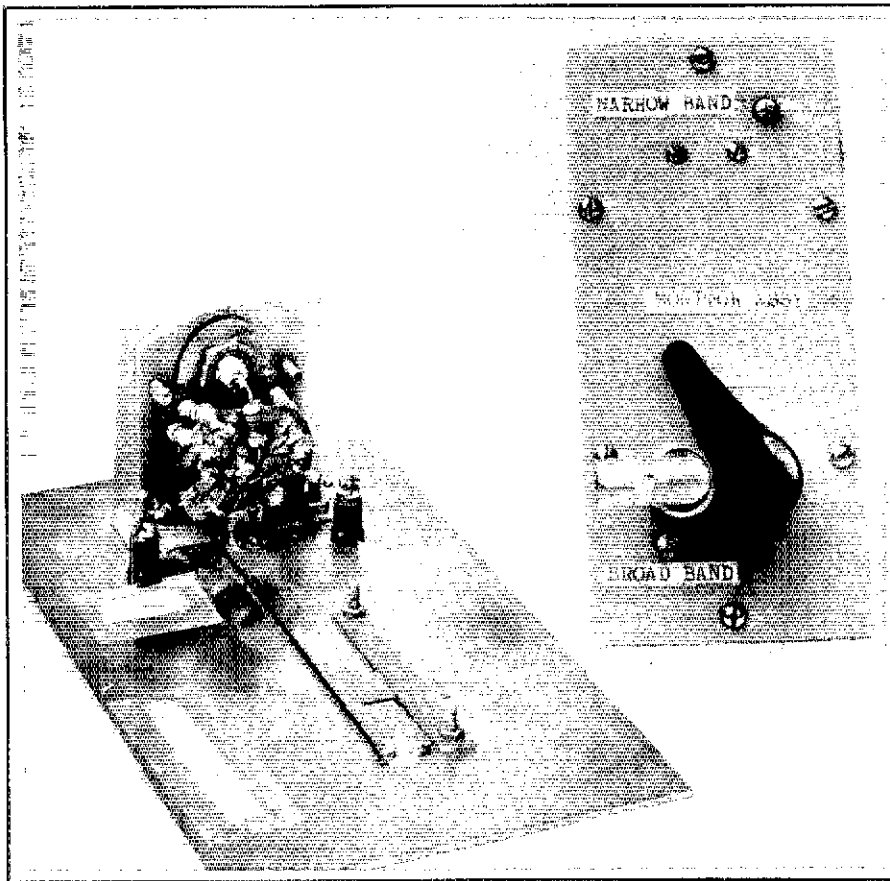


Fig. 8—The dummy load and monitor assemblies

C30—25-pF miniature variable (Johnson 9M25 or equiv.). A Radio Shack 272-1340 5- to 60-pF trimmer can be used.  
 C31, C32—0.001- $\mu$ F, 50-V feedthrough (Meshna H-30).  
 C33—0.001- $\mu$ F, 50-V disc ceramic (RS 272-126).  
 L21— $3/8 \times 2$  inches. Copper S bracket at

end spaces L21  $3/8$  inch above the mounting board.  
 L22— $3/8 \times 2$  inches; tap at center. Copper S bracket at end spaces L22  $3/8$  inch above mounting board and  $1/8$  inch from L21.  
 Misc.— $2\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4}$ -inch single-sided PC mounting board.

One safe-handling consideration concerning the 2N5945 is that torque applied to the stud nut is specified at no more than 5 in-lb for repeated assemblies. Having no torque wrench, I simply used caution when I tightened the nut.

### Test Equipment

In developing this project, I used no esoteric test gear—a Heath GDO for evaluating the VXO resonant circuits, Lecher wires for confirming the 435-MHz harmonic of the UHF tripler and a dummy load/power-measuring assembly. Not having the use of a spectrum analyzer for a project of this type is a serious limitation. The problem was resolved by using high-Q tuned circuits in conjunction with a 1N34A detector. Tuned circuits were made to cover the frequencies near 145 and 435 MHz. Use of a peak detector alone, though, can be misleading, as it will read the sum of all signals, including harmonics and spurious responses.

The dummy load (Figs. 7,8) is made of 19 1-k $\Omega$ ,  $1/2$ -W resistors connected in parallel and clustered in a tight circle

around a BNC connector. The resistors are soldered to 1-inch-diameter copper discs. There is a 20th resistor connected to the center plate, but returned to a second BNC connector rather than the common plate. This second BNC connector is cabled to the 435-MHz tuned circuit/peak-detector diode. It is used to optimize the transmitter performance at the desired frequency. At 435 MHz, there is reactance associated with the dummy load; this is tuned out with a  $1/4$ -wave stripline connected to the center plate. With 15 W applied to the load, it can be operated continuously with forced-air cooling. Without such cooling, the center plate reaches a temperature of about 100°C in one minute.<sup>3</sup>

Power measurements are made by calibrating the dummy-load temperature gradient with a dc input and operating at ambient conditions with no forced-air cooling (Fig. 9). This information is then compared to the temperature gradient caused by the RF power applied to the load. The reverse resistance of a 1N34A diode is used to measure the temperature gradient. With 15 W into the dummy load, the resistance

changes from 3 M $\Omega$  to 100 k $\Omega$  after 59 seconds of power input.

The monitor assembly (Figs. 8,10) uses two striplines. The first is loaded with the input power, while the second is inductively coupled to the first and tuned through the 435-MHz region. A 1N34A diode tapped into the second stripline presents a relative power indication as picked off from the narrowband tuned circuit. Another 1N34A diode reads the broadband input.

### Alignment and Operation

I used my old homemade receiver and its 100-kHz marker generator for calibrating the VXO frequency. First, a reference was established by shorting L1 and assuming the crystal is operating at its marked frequency. I then noted the frequency offset when removing the short and applying 2 V to the varactor diode. By pruning L1 and adjusting the source tuned circuit, the VXO

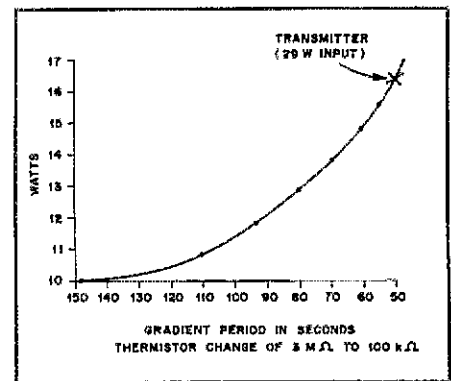


Fig. 9—Power-measurement calibration graph.

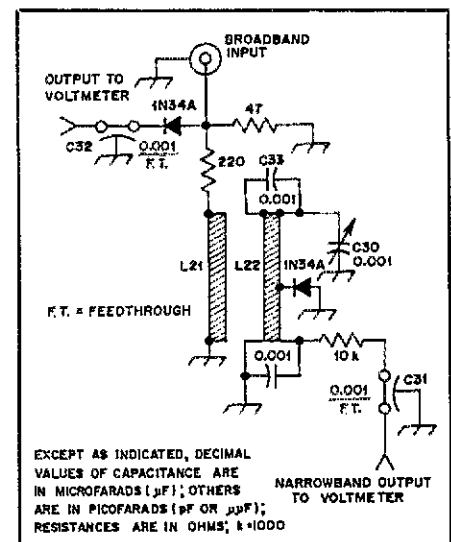


Fig. 10—Schematic diagram of the UHF narrowband pick-off.

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# How to Perform AC-Circuit Analysis



Here's a pathfinder to help guide you through the ac-circuit jungle —and the FCC Extra Class exam.

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When working with dc circuits, we can directly apply the basic arithmetic operations. Solving ac-circuit problems is a bit different. If there is an impedance consisting of a resistance and an inductance in series, for example, we cannot disregard the fact that the voltage across the inductance will be 90° out of phase with the current and that the resistive voltage drop will be in phase with the series current. Similarly, we must take into account the 180° phase difference between capacitive and inductive voltages.

When we work with parallel ac circuits, things start to get unpleasant! Now we have several branch currents that are out of phase with one another in addition to out-of-phase voltages that may be present within the parallel branches. There must be a better way! There is—it's called complex notation, or complex numbers.

Learning to use complex notation may be a little slow going at first, but once you've mastered the method, ac-circuit calculations will become quick and easy. In addition to making your calculations quicker and easier, complex numbers completely analyze an ac circuit including phase angles without graphs or guesswork. Also, when ac problems get complex (more than one reactance per branch in a parallel circuit, for instance), it's the only way to solve them.

## Complex Numbers

A complex number treats not only real numbers, such as positive and negative numbers, but also "imaginary" numbers.<sup>1</sup> An imaginary number is one that does not reside on the real axis (positive and negative numbers are on the real or X axis).

Imaginary numbers exist on the Y axis, which is displaced 90° from the real axis. In electronics, the letter "j" designates the imaginary, or Y, axis. Plus j is at +90°, and -j is 270° (see Fig. 1). The positive real axis has a factor of +1. That being the case, 180° will then have a factor of -1. The letter j signifies a rotation of 90°; the rotation of 90° is equal to multiplying by j. For example, a complex scalar (sometimes called a "vector") rotation to +90° from the real axis equals  $1 \times j = j$ . Further rotation to 180°, equals  $j \times j = j^2$ . However,  $180^\circ = -1$ ; therefore,  $j^2$  always equals -1. At 270°, we have  $-1 \times j = -j$ , and  $360^\circ = -j \times j = -j^2 = -(-1) = +1$ .

Fig. 1 shows the real and imaginary axes (the real axis is horizontal, and the imaginary axis vertical). In electronics, magnitudes of resistance are marked off on the 0°, or real, axis since resistive voltages are in phase with the current. Inductive reactances,  $X_L$ , reside on the +j axis because the voltage across an inductor leads the current through the coil by 90°. In a similar way, the -j axis signifies capacitive reactance, since capacitive voltage lags the

current. When we speak of reactive currents instead of voltages, the reverse is true:  $IX_C$  on the +j, and  $IX_L$  on the -j axis.

## Form of a Complex Number

Complex numbers take the form  $R \pm jX$ , where R is the magnitude of the real or resistive term and +jX is the magnitude of the reactive term. This is called the *rectangular-coordinate* form because it designates a magnitude by a set of numbers that define a rectangle.

A second form of complex notation is termed the *polar-coordinate* form because it gives an angle and magnitude (expressed as a radius) of the term. Thus, polar coordinates describe the magnitude in a circular form. As you will learn, we can convert from rectangular to polar form, and from polar form back to rectangular. In rectangular form, a complex number is readily added or subtracted; in the polar form, it is a simple matter of multiplying and dividing.

## An Essential Tool

Complex numbers become an essential tool when dealing with complex ac circuits.

<sup>1</sup>An imaginary number is an indicated *even* root of a negative number. There is no factor that will yield a negative quantity when the factor is multiplied an even number of times. Thus, the square root of a negative number does not exist; for example,  $(-2) \times (-2) = +4$ . With complex numbers, however, we must deal with the even roots of negative numbers. This is accomplished as

$$\sqrt{-4} = \sqrt{4} \times \sqrt{-1} \quad \text{where } \sqrt{-1} = j$$

In pure mathematics, the letter i is used to indicate an imaginary number. In electronics, so as not to confuse the imaginary symbol with the symbol for current, we use the letter j. Any good algebra text will afford the interested reader much more information on imaginary numbers.

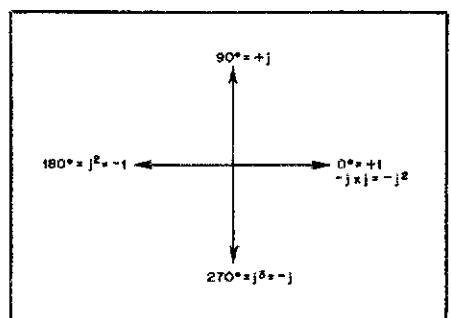


Fig. 1—The real axis is horizontal; the imaginary axis is vertical.

We are all familiar with the formula for finding ac impedance:

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$

This is the "square-root-of-the-sum-of-the-squares" formula, known also as the Pythagorean theorem. This formula is part of complex numbers, but it doesn't go nearly far enough. For example, suppose you are faced with a parallel ac circuit that contains more than one reactance in each branch or two parallel branches containing more than one reactance in each, separated by a series-reactive branch? It would not be possible to solve these problems without complex numbers. Additionally, the FCC syllabus for the Amateur Extra Class examination includes reference to complex numbers.

Fig. 2 shows several series impedances and their rectangular notations. This is called the rectangular form because a number such as  $5 + j10$  describes the two scalars along the sides of a rectangle: 5 ohms on the real axis and 10 ohms on the +j axis  $(5 + j0) + (0 + j10) = 5 + j10$ . Note that a series circuit containing several reactances is easily reduced to rectangular form by inspection.

### Addition and Subtraction of Complex Numbers

As suggested earlier, the rectangular form lends itself to addition and subtraction. The rules are simple: add or subtract the real and j terms separately. Examples:

$$\begin{aligned}(5 + j10) + (2 + j5) &= 7 + j15 \\ (5 + j10) + (2 - j6) &= 7 + j4 \\ (5 - j10) + (2 - j6) &= 7 - j16 \\ (5 - j10) - (2 - j6) &= 3 - j4\end{aligned}$$

Multiplication and division are also possible using the rectangular form, but this becomes cumbersome. For instance, it is not possible to divide a real number by an imaginary number. You must first rationalize the fraction by multiplying both the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate number. Multiplication isn't as bad, but it does increase the chances of errors. It's common practice, therefore, to use the polar form for multiplication and division.

### Polar Form

The polar form uses the square root-of-the-sum-of-the-squares formula:

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$

$$\text{Polar form} = Z \angle \theta$$

where

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$

$$\theta = \text{the angle whose tangent} = X/R$$

Fig. 3 shows the method of converting from rectangular to polar forms. First, use the familiar impedance formula to find the magnitude of the complex number.

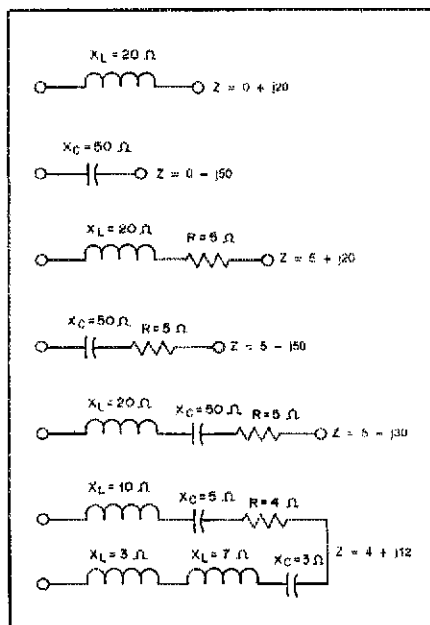


Fig. 2—Several types of series impedance and their rectangular form of notation.

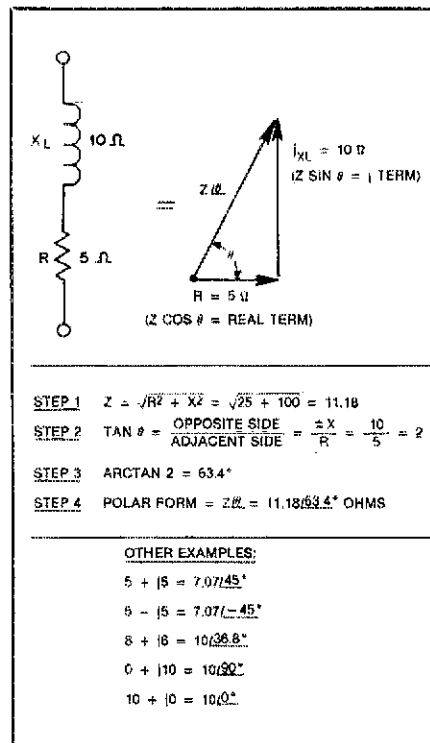


Fig. 3—The method used when converting from rectangular to polar representations.

Second, find the tangent of the phase angle, being careful to observe the sign of the reactive term. A negative reactance (capacitance) will yield a negative tangent and, thus, a negative phase angle. Then, find the angle that this tangent represents (arctan).

### Multiplication of Complex Numbers

Multiplication of complex numbers is a

simple process in the polar form. Rule: Multiply the magnitudes, and add the angles. Examples:

$$(5 \angle 30^\circ) (6 \angle 40^\circ) = 30 \angle 70^\circ$$

$$(5 \angle 30^\circ) (6 \angle -40^\circ) = 30 \angle -10^\circ$$

$$(5 \angle -30^\circ) (6 \angle -40^\circ) = 30 \angle -70^\circ$$

### Division of Complex Numbers

Rule: Divide the magnitudes, but subtract the angle of the divisor from the angle of the dividend. Examples:

$$\frac{100 \angle 75^\circ}{20 \angle 50^\circ} = \frac{100 \angle 75^\circ - 50^\circ}{20} = 5 \angle 25^\circ$$

$$\frac{100 \angle -20^\circ}{10 \angle 30^\circ} = \frac{100 \angle -20^\circ - 30^\circ}{10} = 10 \angle -50^\circ$$

$$\frac{100 \angle -20^\circ}{10 \angle -30^\circ} = \frac{100 \angle -20^\circ - (-30^\circ)}{10} = 10 \angle 10^\circ$$

### Converting from Polar to Rectangular Form

The polar form of a complex number is convenient for multiplication and division, but for addition and subtraction we need the rectangular form. Therefore, converting from polar to rectangular form is a common operation. Referring to Fig. 3 again, you will note that the real term is equal to  $Z \cos \theta$ , and that the j term is equal to  $Z \sin \theta$ . Multiplying the magnitude by the cosine of the angle gives us the real term, and multiplying the magnitude by the sine of the angle yields the reactive, or j, term. Example from Fig. 3:

$$\text{Polar: } 11.18 \angle 63.4^\circ$$

$$\text{Step 1: } \cos 63.4^\circ = 0.4477$$

$$\text{Step 2: } \sin 63.4^\circ = 0.8942$$

$$\text{Step 3: real term} = Z \cos 63.4^\circ$$

$$= (11.18) (0.4477) = 5.005$$

$$\text{Step 4: j term} = Z \sin 63.4^\circ$$

$$= (11.18) (0.8942) = 9.997$$

$$\text{Rectangular: } Z = 5.005 + j9.997$$

$$= 5 + j10$$

Other examples:

$$100 \angle 30^\circ = 86.6 + j50$$

$$100 \angle -30^\circ = 86.6 - j50$$

$$100 \angle 45^\circ = 70.7 + j70.7$$

$$100 \angle -90^\circ = 0 - j100$$

### Working with Complex Numbers

Now that we know something about complex numbers and the j operator, let's put them to work for us. You will find that

complex numbers provide a very thorough analysis. Our analysis will take the form of  $Z_t = Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 \dots$ , for series impedance, and  $Z_t = Z_1 \times Z_2 / Z_1 + Z_2$  (product over sum) for parallel impedances.

### Series AC-Circuit Analysis

Refer to Fig. 4.

- Step 1:** Arrange each impedance in its complex form and add algebraically.
- Step 2:** Find the tangent, and note the sign of reactive component,  $-X/R$ .
- Step 3:** Find the angle corresponding to the tangent. Note the negative angle.
- Step 4:** Calculate the magnitude of the scalar in polar-coordinate form. Include the angle from Step 3 and you have the impedance in polar form.
- Step 5:** Find the total current.
- Step 6:** Calculate the voltage drop across R (ER).
- Step 7:** Calculate the voltage across the capacitor ( $X_{C1}$ ).
- Step 8:** Calculate the voltage across the inductor ( $X_{L1}$ ).
- Step 9:** Calculate the voltage across the inductor ( $X_{L2}$ ).
- Step 10:** Calculate the voltage drop across the capacitor ( $X_{C2}$ ).
- Step 11:** Find the cosine and sine of each voltage phase angle.
- Step 12:** Use the sine and cosine to convert each voltage polar form to rectangular form, and add them algebraically. The answer must equal the

applied voltage.

- Step 13:** Calculate the power consumed. Since power is consumed only in a pure resistance, power is equal to voltage times current times the cosine of the angle theta, or current squared times resistance.
- Step 14:** Show a scalar diagram of the circuit just analyzed (Fig. 4).

### Series-Parallel AC-Circuit Analysis

Now, let's look at a series-parallel circuit. We will use the product-over-sum method (see Fig. 5). ( $Z_1 \times Z_2 / Z_1 + Z_2$ ). We can save a lot of time if we immediately put our impedances into both rectangular and polar form.

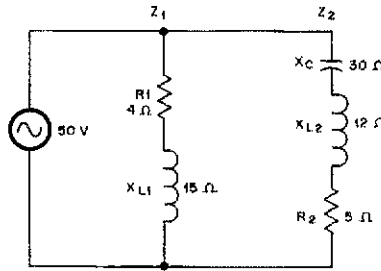


Fig. 5

$$Z_1 = 4 + j15 = 15.5 \angle +75^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

$$Z_2 = 5 - j18 = 18.7 \angle -74.5^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

$$Z_1 + Z_2 = (4 + j15) + (5 - j18) = 9 - j3$$

$Z_1 + Z_2$  in polar form =

$$9.5 \angle -18.4 \text{ ohms}$$

Find the total impedance:

$$Z_t = \frac{Z_1 \times Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2}$$

$$\frac{(15.5 \angle 75^\circ)(18.7 \angle -74.5^\circ)}{9.5 \angle -18.4^\circ}$$

$$= 30.5 \angle +19^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

Find the branch currents:

$$I_1 = \frac{E}{Z_1} = \frac{50 \angle 0^\circ}{15.5 \angle +75^\circ} = 3.2 \angle -75^\circ \text{ A (inductive)}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{E}{Z_2} = \frac{50 \angle 0^\circ}{18.7 \angle -74.5^\circ} = 2.7 \angle +74.5^\circ \text{ A (capacitive)}$$

Find the line current (total current):

$$I_T = \frac{E}{Z_t} = \frac{50 \angle 0^\circ}{30.5 \angle +19^\circ} = 1.64 - j1.64 \angle -19^\circ \text{ A (inductive)}$$

Find the voltage across  $X_{L2}$  and  $X_{C2}$ :

$$E_{L2} = I_2 X_{L2}$$

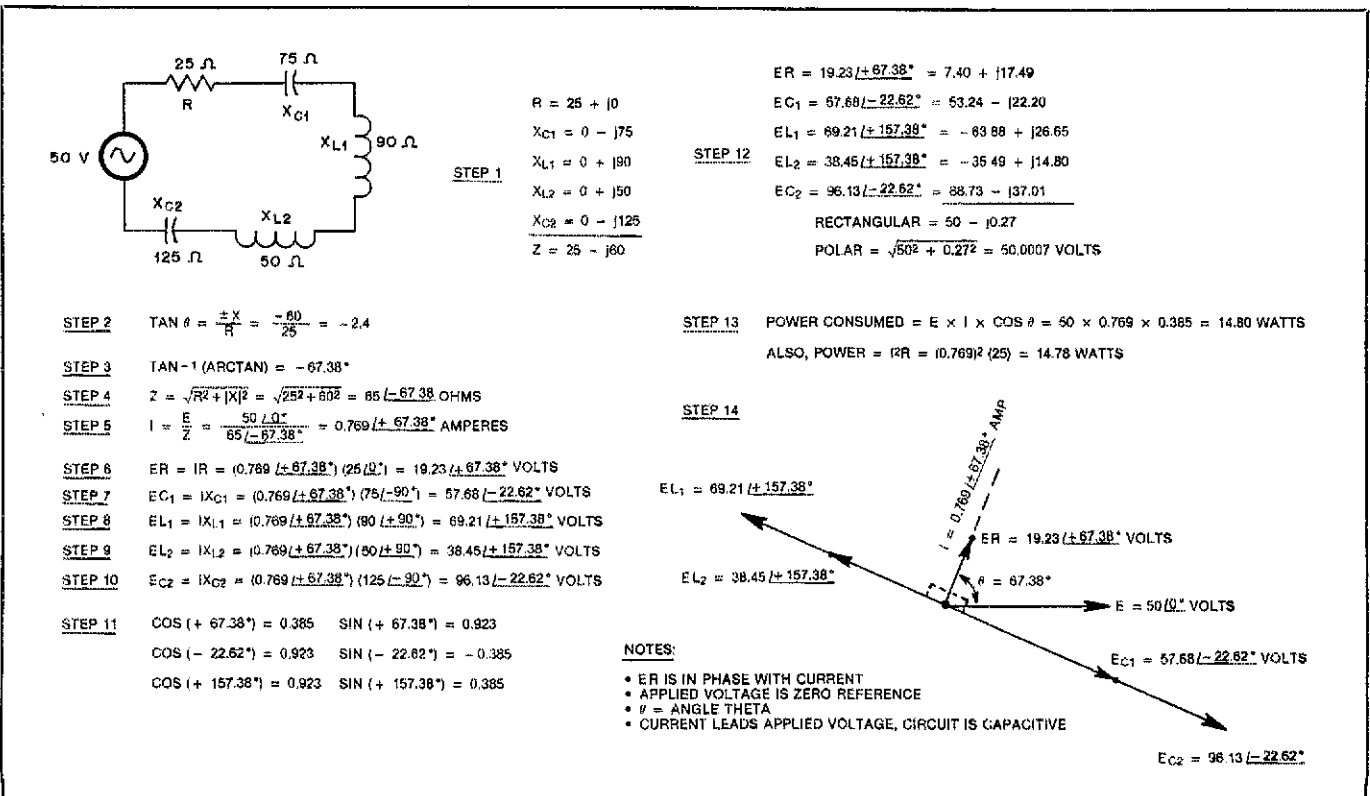


Fig. 4—Analysis of series ac circuits.



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handed a problem on an exam and be expected to solve it using the rectangular form. The following example shows how to manipulate the rectangular form in order to multiply and divide. Notice how unwieldy this form becomes. This is the same problem as the one in Fig. 5.

**Problem:** Find the total impedance of the parallel circuit shown in Fig. 5.

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } Z_1 = 4 + j15 \quad Z_2 = 5 - j18$$

$$\text{Multiply } Z_1 \times Z_2 = (4 + j15)(5 - j18)$$

$$= 20 - j72 + j75 - j^2 270$$

$$\text{Combine terms (Note } j^2 = -1) \\ = 20 + j3 - (-1)(270)$$

$$\text{Product} = 290 + j3$$

$$\text{Add } Z_1 + Z_2 = (4 + j15) + (5 - j18) \\ = 9 - j3$$

$$Z_t = \frac{Z_1 \times Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \\ = \frac{290 + j3}{9 - j3}$$

**Rationalize fraction**

$$\frac{290 + j3}{9 - j3} \times \frac{9 + j3}{9 + j3}$$

$$= \frac{2610 + j870 + j27 + j^2 9}{81 + j27 - j27 - j^2 9}$$

**Divide and combine terms**

$$\frac{2610 + j897 + [-1(9)]}{81 - [-1(9)]}$$

$$= \frac{2601 + j897}{90} = 29 + j10$$

**Proof** Compare to Fig. 5

$$29 + j10 = \sqrt{841 + 100}$$

$$= 30.6 \angle 19^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

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$$= (2.7 \angle +74.5^\circ) (12 \angle +90^\circ) \\ = 32.4 \angle +164.5^\circ \text{ V} \\ E_C = I_2 X_C = (2.7 \angle +74.5^\circ) \\ (30 \angle -90^\circ) = 81 \angle -15.5^\circ \text{ V}$$

## Parallel Circuits Containing More Than Two Branches

When analyzing parallel ac circuits that have more than two branches (see drawing below). It is more convenient to solve for branch currents rather than using the product-over-sum formula twice. Since the applied voltage is common to all branches, it is a simple matter to find each branch current, add them vectorially, and then use total current to find impedance.

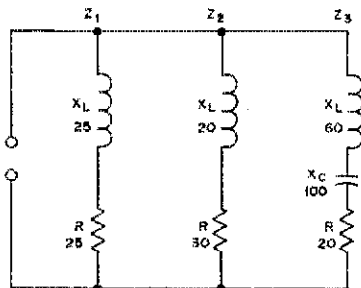


Fig. 6

$$Z_1 = 25 + j25 = 35 \angle +45^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

$$Z_2 = 30 + j20 = 36 \angle +34^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

$$Z_3 = 20 - j40 = 45 \angle -63^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

**Note:** If the applied voltage value is not given, any convenient value may be used. In this case, we'll use 100 V.

$$I_1 = \frac{100 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}}{35 \angle +45^\circ} = 2.9 \angle -45^\circ \\ = 2.1 - j2.1$$

$$I_2 = \frac{100 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}}{36 \angle +34^\circ} = 2.8 \angle -34^\circ \\ = 2.3 - j1.6$$

$$I_3 = \frac{100 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}}{45 \angle -63^\circ} = 2.2 \angle +63^\circ \\ = 1.0 + j2.0$$

$$I_{\text{Total}} = (2.1 - j2.1) + (2.3 - j1.6) \\ + (1.0 + j2.0) = 5.4 - j1.7$$

$$I_T = 5.4 - j1.7 = 5.7 \angle -17.5^\circ \text{ A}$$

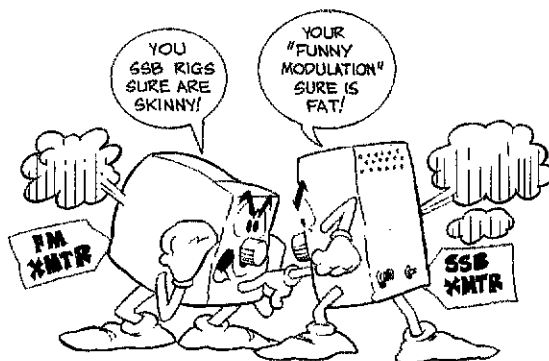
$$Z_{\text{Total}} = \frac{E_{\text{applied}}}{I_{\text{Total}}} \\ = \frac{100 \angle 0^\circ}{5.7 \angle -17.5^\circ} \\ = 17.5 \angle +17.5^\circ \text{ ohms}$$

## Working with Rectangular Form

It is quite possible that you may be



# Understanding FM Transmitters



**Part 17:** Odds are, you'll operate VHF or UHF FM someday, so why not learn how frequency modulation works.

By Doug DeMaw,\* W1FB

**F**M stands for *frequency modulation*. Its cousin is *phase modulation*, or PM. Either method of modulation will permit reception of the transmitted energy by an FM receiver. This month, we'll concentrate on FM and PM transmitters. FM receivers will be addressed in a later installment of this series.

## Creating an FM Signal

Two ingredients are necessary to generate an FM radio signal. First, we must have a *carrier frequency*. Second, we need some AF (audio frequency) energy to modulate the carrier. If we allow the audio frequency signal to vary the frequency of the carrier, we'll have an FM signal.

Assume that you're examining the transmitter carrier, as displayed on an oscilloscope (Fig. 1A). Next, suppose a steady audio tone, such as 1 kHz, is generated. It will also appear as a sine wave (Fig. 1B). Note that A and B are on vastly different frequencies, as shown in the illustration. When the 1-kHz audio frequency is applied to the RF carrier, we find a waveform such as that in Fig. 1C.

What is happening here? When the audio energy is applied to the RF carrier, the carrier frequency increases (goes higher in frequency) during half of the audio cycle (positive), and it decreases (shifts lower in frequency) during the negative half of the audio cycle. The RF cycles occupy less time (higher frequency) during the positive period of the modulating cycle, and occupy more time during the negative cycle.

*Deviation* is the term used for a shift in the RF carrier frequency. Deviation is proportional to the amplitude of our

modulating signal; that is, the lower the audio level, the smaller the amount of deviation (frequency swing). Conversely, the higher the audio level, the greater the deviation.

Unlike AM transmitter output, the output from an FM transmitter does not change amplitude during modulation. Rather, the carrier frequency of the FM transmitter swings above and below some center carrier frequency during modulation, but the carrier amplitude remains the same.

## Phase Modulation (PM)

The major difference between FM and PM is the method of creating the deviation. Frequency modulation takes place in an

oscillator stage. Phase modulation occurs after the oscillator. See Fig. 2.

Another difference is how the frequency of the modulating signal affects the deviation. In FM, the deviation does not change if you change the modulation frequency, assuming the signal level is the same. In PM, on the other hand, the deviation increases with modulating frequency with the signal level held constant.

## FM Sidebands

FM signals usually occupy a much wider bandwidth than do AM or SSB signals. Commercial FM stations have peak deviation of 75 kHz, while most amateur and commercial land-mobile FM stations use 5-kHz deviation. These extremes represent wide-band and narrow-band FM, respectively. A peak deviation of 15 kHz was the standard many years ago, but it was abandoned in favor of 5-kHz peak deviation to conserve frequency spectrum in the crowded commercial and amateur bands. In amplitude modulation, there is one set of sidebands, one above, the other below, the carrier frequency. In FM and PM, there can be one, three, five or more sets of sidebands.

The number of sideband pairs that occur during FM or PM operation depends on the ratio between the audio modulating frequency and the carrier-frequency deviation. That ratio is called the *modulation index*. Expressed mathematically:

$$\chi = \frac{D}{m} = \phi \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where

- $\chi$  = modulation index
- D = peak deviation (half the difference between the maximum and minimum values of the instantaneous frequency)
- m = modulation frequency in hertz
- $\phi$  = phase deviation in radians (a

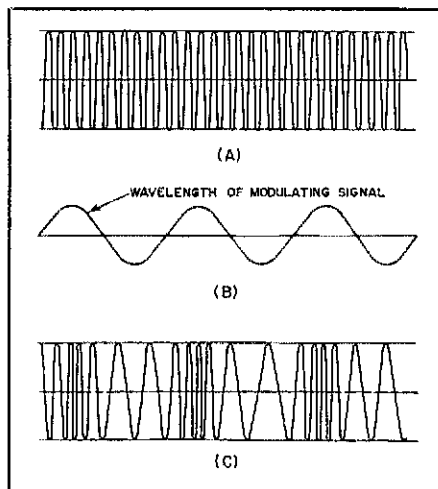


Fig. 1 — A graphic representation of FM (and PM). The unmodulated carrier is illustrated at A. The audio-frequency waveform is shown at B. When the modulating energy at B is applied to the RF energy at A, we obtain the display shown at C. (See text).

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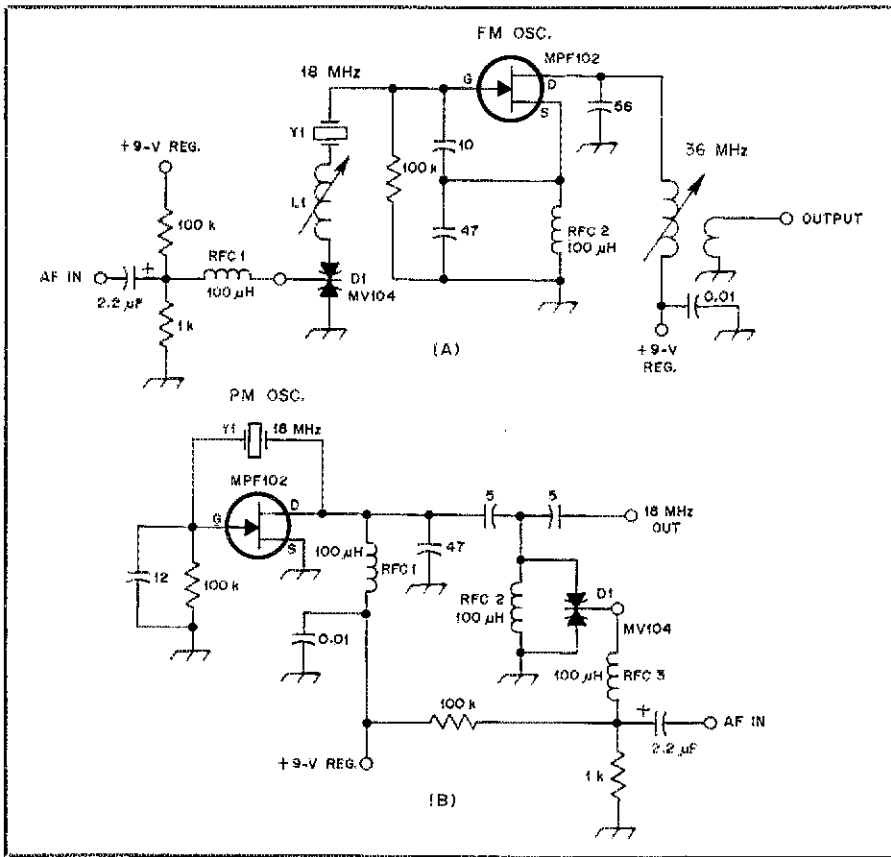


Fig. 2 — Examples of oscillators used for FM and PM generators in a crystal-controlled system. At A, the internal capacitance of D1 changes in accordance with the audio voltage impressed upon it. This change in capacitance causes the crystal frequency to shift above and below the frequency for which it is cut, thereby causing FM. The circuit at B shows how we might generate a PM signal. When audio energy is applied to D1, the phase of the oscillator signal is shifted instantaneously, which results in a frequency shift above and below the frequency of Y1.

into the modulator), the modulation index is constant, irrespective of modulating frequency. In other words, if a 1-kHz tone causes a 500-Hz deviation, a 2-kHz tone of the same amplitude causes a 1-kHz carrier deviation. In an FM (or PM) system, the ratio of the *maximum carrier-frequency deviation* and the *highest modulating frequency* is called the *deviation ratio*.

The bandwidth of an FM signal depends on the amplitude of the sidebands farthest from the carrier frequency. For a complex waveform such as voice modulation, a good rule of thumb is that the bandwidth is twice the deviation, plus twice the highest modulating audio frequency. Thus, an FM transmitter with 5-kHz deviation modulated by a voice with an upper limit of 3 kHz will have a bandwidth of approximately 16 kHz.

### Audio for FM Modulators

To obtain maximum effectiveness from our FM signal, we must ensure that ample audio is available. The average audio level may be increased by means of clipping. This will give the FM signal more apparent volume at the receiver. A simple circuit for creating a clipped and filtered modulating voltage is shown in Fig. 3. Q1 amplifies the audio energy from the microphone. This amplified audio is passed to the speech clipper (D1, D2), where the positive and negative peaks of the audio sine wave are squared or clipped. R1 sets the amount of clipping. The clipped audio would cause distortion if it were applied directly to the modulator, so we must filter it first. C1, C2 and R2 of Fig. 3 serve as a simple filter that restores the audio waveform to a sine-wave shape.

Some audio power is lost in the filtering process, so we have added Q2 for the purpose of building up the audio level to a sufficient value for modulating the transmitter. The deviation (frequency swing) of the transmitter signal is determined

radian =  $180/\pi$  or approximately 57.3 degrees)

Therefore, if our maximum deviation were 5 kHz (5000 Hz) either side of the center carrier frequency, and the modulating frequency were 1000 Hz, we

would obtain the following for the modulation index:

$$\chi = \frac{5000}{1000} = 5 \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

In the case of PM (with constant amplitude

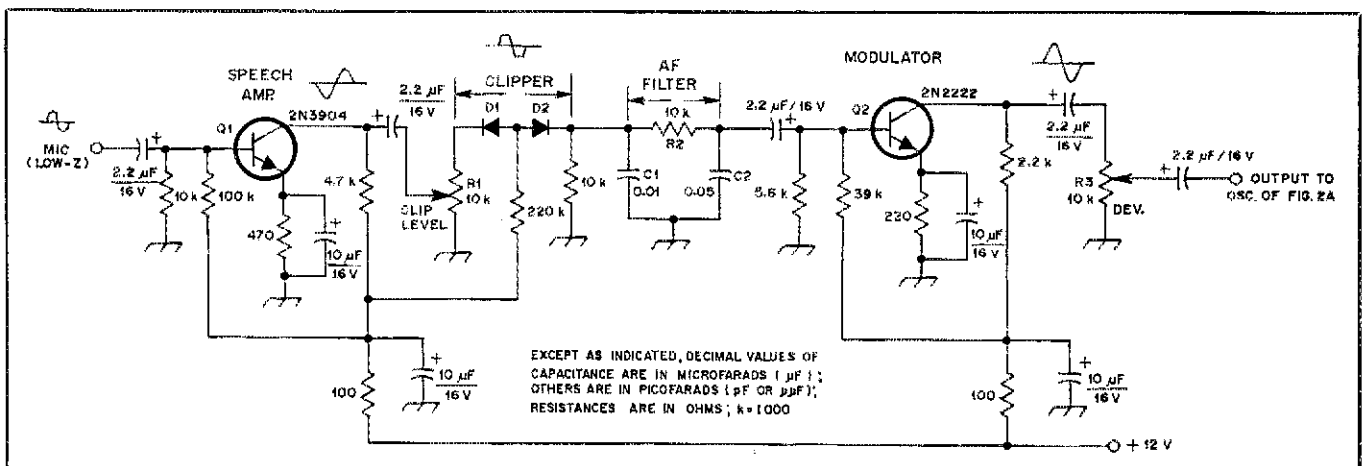


Fig. 3 — Circuit for a simple audio channel that might be used in an FM transmitter. Observe the changes in wave shape as the signal passes through the circuit. Note also the changes in audio signal amplitude. A detailed description of how this circuit operates is given in the text.

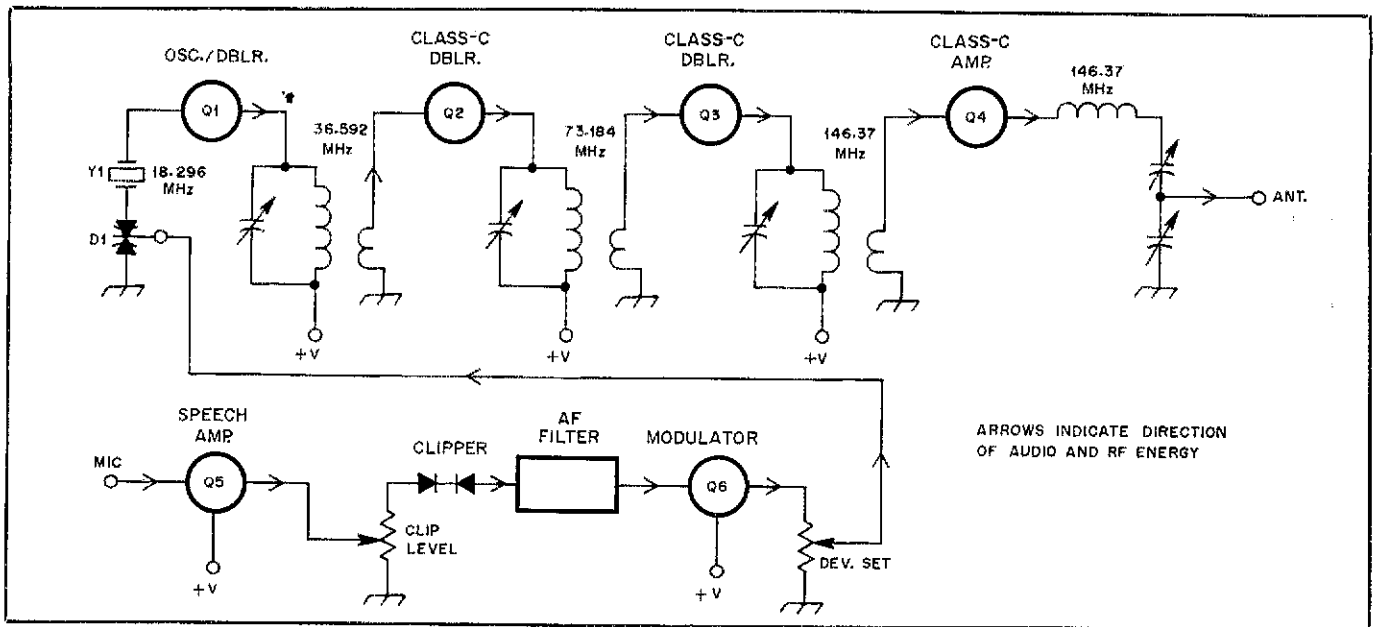


Fig. 4 — Hybrid block diagram of a composite FM transmitter. The frequency of Y1 is multiplied by a factor of eight as the various doubler stages amplify the signal. Similarly, the deviation at Y1 is increased by a factor of eight during the multiplication process. Class-C stages are used throughout the transmitter RF section.

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small amount when using D1 as a voltage-variable-capacitor (VVC) diode. The audio energy impressed on D1 causes its internal capacitance to change during the audio cycle, thereby causing the transmitter to swing above and below the carrier frequency.

Use of FM or PM results in perhaps the simplest type of voice transmitter. Very few parts are necessary compared to an SSB transmitter, and we can use class-C transmitter stages without worrying about distortion of the transmitter signal. (Class-A or class-B linear amplifiers are required for SSB transmitters, and their design is somewhat more complicated, to say nothing of the additional components needed.)

### Wrap-Up

The aspects of frequency and phase modulation covered in this installment are those you'll be most likely to encounter when taking your amateur license tests. To be fully prepared for exam day, be sure to obtain a copy of the appropriate *ARRL License Manual*. Also, a great deal more about FM circuits and operation can be found in the League publications, *Understanding Amateur Radio* and *FM and Repeaters for the Radio Amateur*.

### Glossary

- carrier — the RF output from a transmitter, without modulation. It contains no signal information.
- clipper — a circuit that limits the peaks of a waveform by clipping or squaring the otherwise rounded positive and negative peaks of a sine wave.
- deviation — the amount of frequency swing above and below the FM transmitter carrier frequency when modulating voltage is applied to the low-level RF energy.
- FM — frequency modulation.
- modulator — a circuit designed to add information to a carrier.
- modulation index — pertains to an FM or PM transmitter. The ratio between carrier-frequency deviation (in hertz) and modulating frequency (also in hertz).
- PM — phase modulation.
- sidebands — bands of frequencies that appear above and below, but close to, the carrier frequency during modulation.
- VVC diode — voltage-variable-capacitor diode. The diode internal capacitance changes as the voltage applied to the diode is varied. Sometimes called a varactor diode.

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### Composite FM Transmitter

How do all the circuits we have discussed fit together? We can consider a typical setup for an amateur FM transmitter, as shown in Fig. 4. This diagram shows the direction of flow (arrows) for the audio and radio frequencies. Consider Q1 the oscillator of Fig. 2A. Q5 and Q6 represent the circuit in Fig. 3. You can see that the oscillator also functions as a frequency doubler. This frequency-doubling action also increases the deviation by a factor of two. The deviation is also doubled in the Q2 and Q3 stages. In this circuit example, the deviation is increased from Q1 to Q4 by a factor of eight. Therefore, in order to have, say, a 5-kHz deviation at 146.37 MHz, we would need only 0.625 kHz of deviation at 18.269 MHz. It is easy to shift the frequency of Y1 that

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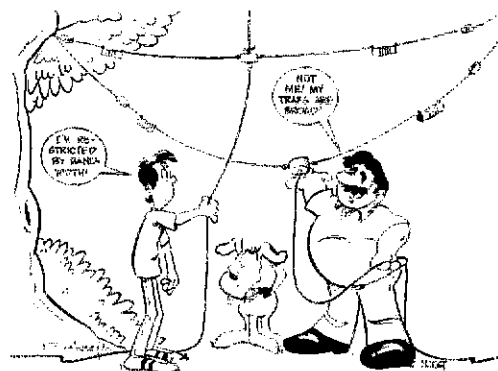
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# Multiband Trap and Parallel HF Dipoles—A Comparison

Traps have a decided effect on antenna bandwidth and performance. KA3BLO describes his tests and provides performance data for trap and fanned, parallel multiband dipoles.

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Are you interested in operating on several HF bands with the same antenna? If so, among your choices are trap and parallel dipoles. They are easy to construct from wire and can be fed with 50-ohm coaxial cable. Unraveling the mystery of how these multiband wire antennas work has revealed some limits on freedom for the designer.

The WARC bands at 10, 18 and 25 MHz pose a challenge to the amateur who wants to operate on all the HF bands with a single antenna. This article describes the performance of trap and parallel dipoles. The solutions apply also to trap and parallel verticals. We'll center our attention on bandwidth (the range of frequencies over which the antenna SWR is less than a specified value). We'll identify some rules of thumb for optimizing the design of trap and parallel dipoles, and discover some limitations of these antennas. Some of these restrictions aren't apparent until we consider the relatively close-spaced WARC bands.

The amateur HF bands and the related percentage bandwidths are given in Table 1. We will define percentage bandwidth as the width of the band divided by the band center frequency. This number is a measure of the width of the band, independent of the frequency, and can be used to determine whether a given antenna can cover an entire band. It allows us to study a specific antenna, and then extrapolate the results to other bands by scaling the parameters. For instance, a half-wavelength wire dipole in free space constructed from no. 14 wire will have a 2:1 SWR bandwidth of 4.3% in a 50-ohm system on 80 meters. On 10 meters, the bandwidth increases to 5.6%. The 3:1 SWR bandwidth will be 7.3% on 80 meters, increasing to 9.5% on 10 meters. In going from 80 to 10 meters, we have

**Table 1**  
Percentage Bandwidth for the Amateur HF Bands

Band (m)	Frequency (MHz)	Bandwidth %	Dipole Bandwidth (%) at 3:1 SWR
160	1.800-2.000	10.5	6.8
80	3.500-4.000	13.3	7.3
40	7.000-7.300	4.2	7.9
30	10.100-10.150	0.5	8.2
20	14.000-14.350	2.5	8.6
17	18.068-18.168	0.6	8.9
15	21.000-21.450	2.1	9.1
12	24.890-24.990	0.4	9.3
10	28.000-29.700	5.9	9.5

80 and 160 meters with less than 3:1 SWR at the antenna feed point. The dipole bandwidth shown in Table 1 is the theoretical 3:1 SWR bandwidth of a free-space dipole constructed from no. 14 wire. Trap dipoles and parallel dipoles have less bandwidth.

Most modern transmitters have transistors in the final amplifier, generally eliminating the need to tune the output amplifier. The transmitter must work into a load with a low SWR. If no Transmatch is used between the transmission line and the transmitter, the SWR at the input of the line must not exceed the SWR rating of the transmitter. Operating a solid-state transmitter into a load with excessive SWR can result in reduced output power, possible increased harmonic radiation and excessive heat generation in the output transistors. In some cases, these conditions can destroy the transistors!

Because of transmission-line loss, the SWR at the equipment end of the transmission line is lower than is the SWR at the antenna feed point. Fig. 1 shows the SWR required to achieve a 2:1 and 2.5:1 SWR at the input of the line as a function of the transmission-line loss. A line with more loss will show a greater bandwidth at a given SWR. However, such a system radiates less power.

One hundred feet of RG-58 cable will have a loss of 0.8 dB at 80 meters, increasing to 2.5 dB at 10 meters. A similar length of RG-8 will have a loss of 0.4 dB at 80 meters, increasing to 1.2 dB at 10 meters. Line losses of this magnitude will increase the apparent bandwidth of the antenna. The exact increase depends on the type of coaxial cable, the line length and the operating frequency. Because of this loss, I feel that the antenna bandwidth is best specified as the bandwidth between the 3:1 SWR points at the antenna.

I made a number of measurements of SWR performance of trap and parallel dipoles. The same test setup was used to

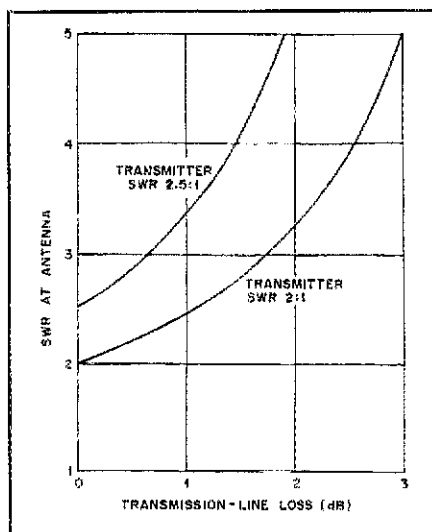


Fig. 2—Circuit of the trap dipole used in these tests. One set of traps was made from coaxial cable. The other was formed with lumped L and C components.

Fig. 2 - Ant SWR v. line loss. Plotted for line input made everything about eight times smaller, with the exception of the wire size. A smaller ratio of antenna length to diameter increases the bandwidth. A simple wire dipole will cover any amateur band except

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compile this data. All of the SWR measurements were made in a 50-ohm system while using a Bird 4381 computing SWR meter. The transmission line was 75 feet of RG-8X, and the SWR measurements were corrected for line loss. A line choke made from 12 Amidon (Fair Rite) FB-77-6301 ferrite beads over a short length of RG-58 was used at the antenna feed point to limit currents on the outer conductor of the cable. Small changes in the length of the transmission line did not affect the SWR.

The measurements of antenna bandwidth for the trap and parallel dipoles were made in the 10-meter band. Dipoles were constructed from no. 14 stranded copper wire. The antenna under test was a half wavelength above earth ground. The results are presented in percentage bandwidth, or percentage change in frequency, and can be scaled easily for any HF band by

$$f = \frac{C_f \times \%f}{100 + 1} \text{ MHz} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

and 
$$C_f = \frac{\%f}{\left[ \frac{100}{\text{BW}} + 1 \right]}$$

$$\text{BW} = \frac{C_f \times \%f}{100} \text{ MHz} \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

where

$f$  = frequency

$\%f$  = percentage change in frequency

BW is the bandwidth

$C_f$  is the center frequency

Throughout this article, I have referred to the antenna resonant frequency as the point at which the antenna SWR is minimum. Strictly speaking, the antenna resonant frequency is the point at which the antenna is purely resistive and the reactance is zero. However, the antenna resonant frequency and the minimum SWR frequency are generally quite close.

### Trap Dipoles

A trap dipole contains one or more parallel resonant LC traps within the antenna. At the trap resonant frequency, the antenna sections beyond the trap are decoupled from the rest of the antenna. At frequencies below the trap resonant frequency, the trap acts as a loading inductor. The antenna becomes inductively loaded, and the overall length is shorter than that of a similar unloaded antenna.

Recent articles in *QST* describe a trap constructed entirely from a length of coaxial cable.<sup>1,2</sup> The equivalent circuit of such a trap is a parallel resonant LC circuit. The cable shield forms the inductor and the inner conductor-to-shield capacitance forms the capacitor. The resonant frequency of a coaxial trap can be computed by

$$f = 440 \sqrt{\frac{9PD + 20N}{N^3 D^3 QP}} \quad (\text{Eq. 3})$$

where

$f$  is the resonant frequency in megahertz

<sup>1</sup>Notes appear on page 31.

**Table 2**

**Comparison of Capacitance Per Foot for Three Common Styles of Coaxial Line**

Cable Type (MIL-C-17D)	Pitch, P		Cable Capacitance, Q (pF/ft)
	Close-Wound Turns (Turns/Inch)		
RG-174	9		30.8
RG-58	5		28.5
RG-58A	5		30.8

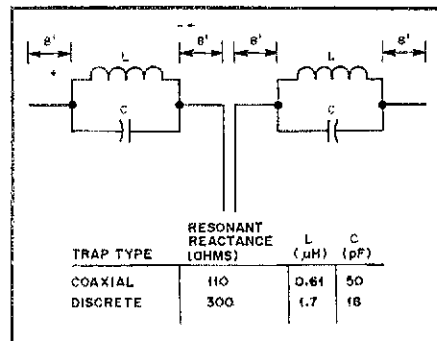


Fig. 2—Circuit of the trap dipole used in these tests. One set of traps was made from coaxial cable. The other was formed with lumped L and C components.

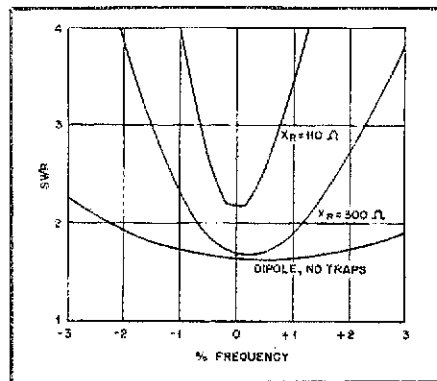


Fig. 3—SWR for a wire dipole, a dipole with coaxial traps, and a dipole with discrete L and C traps.

D is the diameter of the coaxial coil in inches

P is the pitch of the coaxial coil in turns per inch

Q is the capacitance of the coaxial cable in pF/ft

N is the number of turns in the coaxial coil

This equation is similar to the one given by Noble, but the variables are defined differently.<sup>3</sup> Typical values of P and Q are given in Table 2. The results using this formula are within a few percent of the data given by Johns (see note 1). I have found that in winding coaxial traps, it is important to use cable with known parameters, such as RG-58A. Some brands of cable, such as RG-58, do not have the same parameters as Mil Spec coaxial cable, and the trap resonant frequency will not be the predicted value. I have seen RG-58 cable with capacitances varying from 20 pF/ft to 47 pF/ft.

A test setup for measuring the performance of the inner section of the trap dipole is shown in Fig. 2. The inner and outer sections of the trap dipole were 8 feet long. The outer section was selected to be this length because at 10 meters an 8-foot wire has a fairly low impedance. This represents a worst-case situation for the trap, since it will need to isolate the high impedance at the end of the inner section from the low impedance of the outer section. Varying the length of the outer section of the trap dipole had a negligible effect on the results.

Two types of traps were used: A coaxial-cable trap was constructed by winding 3½ turns of RG-58A coaxial cable on a form 1¼ inches in diameter. Each trap was resonated at 28.85 MHz by varying the spacing of the turns. This coaxial trap will have a resonant reactance of approximately 110 ohms. The resonant reactance of a trap is the reactance of the trap inductor at the trap resonant frequency.

A discrete component LC trap was constructed from a coil and capacitor. The coil had an inductance of 1.7 μH and the capacitor was 18 pF. This trap was also resonant at 28.85 MHz. This trap had a resonant reactance of 300 ohms.

The performance of these traps and of a simple wire dipole is shown in Fig. 3. Both trap antennas yield substantially narrower bandwidths than does the wire dipole. Of the two trap antennas, the coaxial version has the narrowest bandwidth (only 1.6% at the 3:1 SWR points). A dipole constructed with coaxial-cable traps would achieve a 3:1 SWR over a small part of most amateur bands. The discrete-component trap achieves a bandwidth of 3.9% at the 3:1 SWR points.

The prime reason the traps differ is the resonant reactance. The magnitude of the impedance of these two traps, as a function of percentage frequency, is shown in Fig. 4. The curves are based on the assumption that the traps have no losses. Trap losses will only affect this curve near the resonant frequency.

The 2:1 SWR points occur when the trap impedance has decreased to approximately 15 kilohms, and the 3:1 SWR points occur at a trap impedance of 7 to 8 kilohms. The loading of the antenna ends (by the trap impedance) can change the antenna feed impedance substantially. It is readily apparent that the bandwidth of the inner section of a trap dipole is limited by the impedance of the trap.

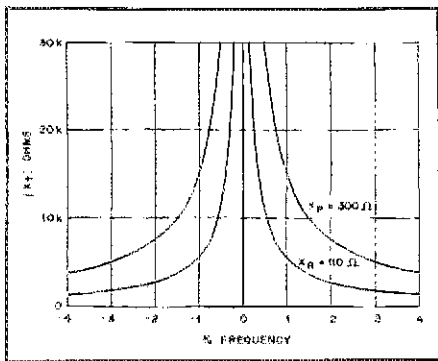


Fig. 4—Impedance magnitude for a parallel-resonant LC trap. Curves are based on  $X_L$  at resonance of 110 and 300 ohms.

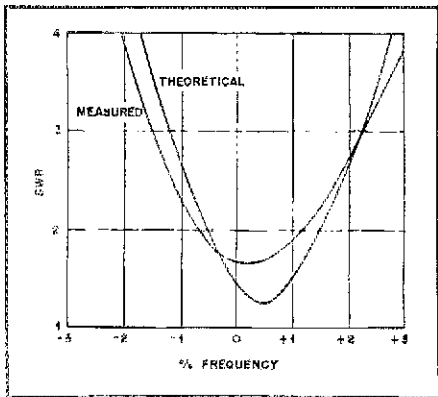


Fig. 5—Measured SWR of a 10-meter trap dipole. Dipole length was 16 feet. No. 14 wire was used; the center frequency was 28.85 MHz; and the antenna height was a half wavelength.

Changing the length of the inner section of a trap dipole will shift the resonant frequency of the dipole. When a simple wire dipole length is increased by 1%, the resonant frequency decreases by 1%. The inner sections of a trap dipole will always show a smaller shift in resonant frequency for a 1% change in length. Changing the length of the inner section of the coaxial-trap dipole by 1% will change its resonant frequency by only 0.12%. The discrete-component trap dipole would show a 0.33% change in resonant frequency for a 1% change in length of the inner section. This effect is a function of the resonant reactance of the trap. The trap pulls the antenna resonant frequency toward the trap resonant frequency. The antenna bandwidth does not change substantially for small changes in length.

### Theory of Trap-Dipole Performance

The feed impedance of a trap dipole can be derived from the feed impedance of a short dipole. The mathematics of the trap-dipole feed impedance is given in Appendix A. The computation of the feed impedance assumes that the dipole is in free space, less than a half wavelength long and that the traps are lossless and nonradiating. All of these assumptions are good for

typical ham-band antennas.

Fig. 5 shows the theoretical and measured SWR of the inner section of a 10-meter trap dipole. Each side of the inner dipole section is an 8-foot length of no. 14 wire. The inductive reactance of the traps at resonance is 300 ohms. The theoretical and actual responses are in good agreement; the theoretical response has a lower minimum SWR. This difference is probably due to the antenna radiation resistance being modified by the ground. The frequency of minimum SWR differs by about 0.5% from the predicted value, which is equivalent to a change of less than 1 inch in the length of the dipole. The bandwidths of the two antennas are nearly the same. Considering this and other results, I believe the theory described in Appendix A can make a good prediction of the trap-dipole feed impedance.

Using this theory, we can predict the SWR response of the inner and outer sections of a trap dipole. This allows us to select the resonant reactance of the traps to achieve optimum bandwidth on all bands. If we select a trap resonant reactance that is too low, the inner sections of the dipole will have insufficient bandwidth. If we select a trap resonant reactance that is too high, the outer sections of the trap dipole will have insufficient bandwidth.

Fig. 6 shows the 2:1 and 3:1 SWR bandwidths of the inner section of a trap dipole as a function of the trap resonant reactance. The computations were performed for a 20-meter dipole constructed from no. 14 wire. The curve remains essentially unchanged for other wire dipoles in the HF bands. For large-diameter wire or higher frequencies, the bandwidth is slightly increased.

As expected, the bandwidth increases as the trap resonant reactance increases. A trap with a 110-ohm resonant reactance should have a 3:1 SWR bandwidth of 1.4%; this is consistent with the measured value of 1.6%. Since the measurements were made in the 10-meter band, one would expect the measured value to be slightly greater.

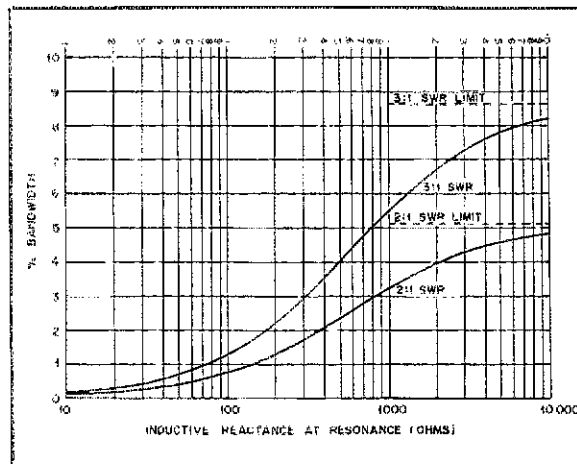


Fig. 6—Bandwidth of the inner section of a trap dipole as a function of the  $X_L$  of the trap at resonance. The 2:1 and 3:1 SWR curves are for the percentage bandwidth for an SWR less than 2:1 and 3:1. Tests were made at 14 MHz, using no. 14 wire.

The computations of antenna impedance can also be used to predict the bandwidth of the outer section of the trap dipole. Fig. 7 is a plot of the antenna percentage bandwidth for a 3:1 SWR as a function of the resonant frequency of the entire antenna; it is expressed as a percentage of the resonant frequency of the trap. Consider, as an example, a 40/20-meter trap dipole operated with a trap resonant frequency of 14.2 MHz and designed so that on 40 meters the resonant frequency is 7.1 MHz. For this antenna, the antenna resonant frequency of the outer section would be 50% of the trap resonant frequency.

This function is plotted for a trap resonant reactance of 100 to 1000 ohms. It is possible, using this curve and Fig. 6, to select an optimum trap resonant reactance to give maximum bandwidth on both the higher and lower operating frequencies of the antenna. This value is between 500 and 600 ohms, and will achieve a 3:1 SWR bandwidth of about 4%. If the inner section should have a greater bandwidth than the outer section, the trap resonant reactance must be increased. The opposite condition can be achieved by decreasing the trap resonant reactance.

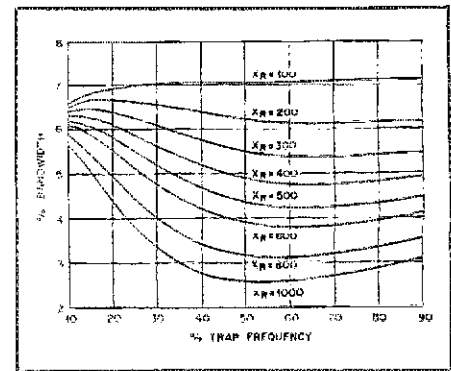


Fig. 7—Theoretical bandwidth of the outer section of a trap dipole.  $X_R$  is the percentage of the trap resonant frequency. Percentage bandwidth is for the 3:1 SWR points of the antenna.



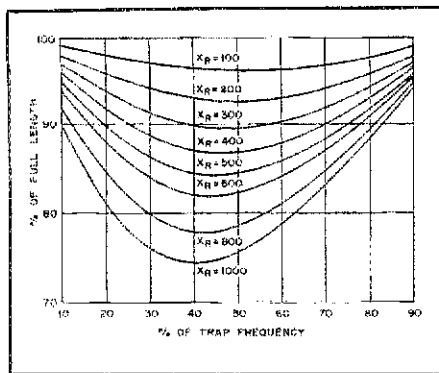


Fig. 8—Percentage shortening for a trap dipole as a function of resonant frequency of the antenna outer section. XR is a percentage of the trap resonant frequency.

Multiple-trap antennas will decrease the antenna bandwidth of the outer sections because of the inductive loading of each trap. Using the formulas given in Appendix A, one can compute this effect. The effect can also be estimated by determining which trap has the greatest effect on the bandwidth. The overall antenna bandwidth will certainly be no greater than that. In general, it is best to design trap dipoles with the minimum trap resonant reactance required to achieve the desired bandwidth on each band.

A formula for predicting the length of the section that must be added to a trap dipole to achieve resonance at the desired frequency is given in Appendix A. Fig. 8 is a plot of the percentage the trap dipole is shortened because of the inductive loading of the traps. To determine the length that must be added beyond each trap, we need to know how much the antenna is shortened as a percentage of full length. This number is multiplied by the length of one half a dipole (determined from  $234/f[\text{MHz}]$ ), and the length of the inner section is subtracted from this value. The resulting length is added to the outside end of each trap. If A is the length of the inner section of the trap dipole, and B is the length of the outer section, then

$$B = \left( \frac{\% \text{ full length}}{100} \right) \times \frac{234}{f} - A \quad (\text{Eq. 4})$$

As an example, let's use these graphs to design an 80/40-meter trap dipole. The first thing we need do is select the trap reactance. We want the dipole to cover the entire 40-meter band and the 75-meter phone band. The 40-meter band has a bandwidth of 4.2%. Look at Fig. 6. We see that the trap resonant reactance required is 550 ohms. The trap resonant frequency is 7.15 MHz, and the length of each leg of the inner section of the trap dipole is 32.7 feet. The 75-meter section of the dipole is centered at 3.9 MHz. This is 55% of the trap resonant frequency. In consulting Fig. 7, we see that the antenna bandwidth

for a 550-ohm trap resonant reactance on 75 meters is 4.1%. This is equivalent to a bandwidth of 160 kHz. The trap dipole will cover most of the 75-meter band with less than a 3:1 SWR.

The antenna length can be determined from Fig. 8. The length of the total dipole will be 84% of the length of a full-size 75-meter dipole. One side of a full-size dipole, resonant at 3.9 MHz, is 60 feet; 84% of this is 50.4 feet. The length of the inner section of each side is 32.7 feet. Therefore, the length of the outer section is the difference between these two lengths, or 17.7 feet.

### The Parallel Dipole

The ARRL Antenna Book states that several half-wavelength dipoles may be connected in parallel to form an antenna that is resonant on each band.<sup>4</sup> I decided to make measurements on a two-element parallel dipole to determine exactly the effects on resonant frequency and bandwidth. One dipole was cut for the center of the 10-meter band and had a length of 8 feet on each side. The other dipole was suspended 2 inches above the 10-meter dipole. The length was adjusted while measuring the SWR of the combination antenna across the 10-meter band. The antenna bandwidth and resonant frequency were then computed for each length of the adjustable antenna. The results were surprising.

When the adjustable antenna was longer than the 10-meter dipole, the resonant frequency of the 10-meter dipole increased by 2.5% over the single-antenna value. This is equivalent to saying that the antenna needed to be lengthened by 2.5% in order to keep the resonant frequency constant. If the antenna spacing was decreased to 1 inch, the resonant frequency increased by 3% over the single-antenna value. When the adjustable antenna was shorter than the 10-meter dipole, the resonant frequency of the 10-meter dipole was the same as the single-antenna value. When the two antennas were equal in length, the resonant frequency decreased by 1%. This is expected since it is equivalent to having an antenna with a larger diameter.

The antenna bandwidth, as a function of length of adjustable antenna, is shown in Fig. 9. When the adjustable antenna was more than 50% longer than the 10-meter dipole, the 3:1 SWR bandwidth was 3.5%. As the two antennas became closer in length, the bandwidth decreased dramatically. But when they were equal in length, the bandwidth jumped to greater than 11%. As the adjustable antenna was shortened to a length less than that of the fixed antenna, the bandwidth decreased to the expected 10% value of a wire dipole on 10 meters. The 2:1 SWR curve followed a similar pattern. Decreasing the antenna spacing had no effect on bandwidth.

I also made measurements when the two dipoles were oriented at an angle relative

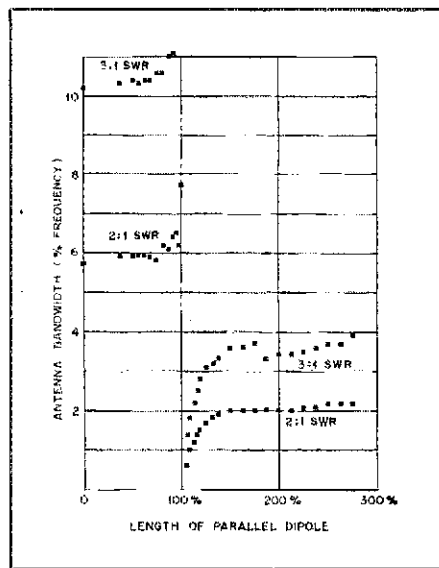


Fig. 9—Bandwidth of a 10-meter dipole in parallel with an adjustable-length dipole. The dipoles are 2 inches apart and made from no. 14 wire. (see text)

to each other. When the two dipoles were at right angles, there was no interaction between them. They acted as if they were two independent antennas. However, there was interaction between the dipoles when there was a 45° angle between them. In this case, the shorter dipole showed an increase in resonant frequency and a decrease in bandwidth. The changes weren't as great as when the antennas were parallel.

From this data, we can make several observations about parallel dipoles. First, the shorter dipole will have little effect on the longer one. Second, the shorter dipole should be lengthened by several percent relative to its stand-alone length. Third, the bandwidth of the shorter dipole will be significantly decreased because of the presence of the longer dipole.

I have also constructed several parallel dipoles with more than two elements. In general, I find that the lengths of all of the shorter dipoles need to be increased by several percent. The 3:1 SWR bandwidths of the shorter dipoles are always less than 3.5%. On a 40, 30, 20 and 10-meter parallel dipole, I measured a 3:1 SWR bandwidth on 20 meters of less than 2%.

### Conclusions

Both the trap and parallel dipole antennas are useful in certain circumstances. The trap dipole is more versatile because it allows the designer some control over the antenna bandwidth. With the parallel dipole, the designer has no control over the antenna bandwidth.

A trap dipole is designed and adjusted from the higher frequencies to the lower frequencies. The highest-frequency section is cut first and adjusted for the desired resonant frequency. The length of any section of the antenna that terminates in a trap is not critical because the trap tends to pull

the antenna resonant frequency toward the trap resonant frequency. The trap resonant reactance is selected to give the desired bandwidth in the band for which an antenna section is terminated by a trap. The trap is then added to the antenna, and the next section of the antenna is added beyond the trap. This section is then trimmed to give the desired antenna resonant frequency. This process is repeated for each lower frequency band added to the antenna.

I avoid using coaxial-cable antenna traps. Their resonant reactance is generally too low to yield satisfactory bandwidths for full coverage of most amateur HF bands. The resonant reactance of coaxial traps constructed from 50-ohm coaxial cable is in the range of 100 to 200 ohms. The antenna designer is better off using a discrete component trap where he can select the desired resonant reactance.

Parallel dipoles should be adjusted from the lower to the higher frequencies. We know from measurements that the shorter elements have a negligible effect on the longer elements. Therefore, cut the first element to the lowest frequency band and adjust the length to the desired resonant frequency. Then add the next-lowest frequency element; make sure it is cut about 3% longer than it would be for a single dipole. Adjust the length to the desired resonant frequency. Continue adding elements in ascending frequency order. There is no adjustment available for the antenna bandwidth: You have to take the bandwidth you get!

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#### APPENDIX A

The complex impedance at the input of a lossless antenna consists of a resistive component called radiation resistance, and a reactive component called antenna reactance. For the purpose of this discussion, we will talk about the antenna impedance of the vertical antenna above an infinite lossless ground plane. The results may be converted to a dipole in free space by doubling both the radiation resistance and the antenna reactance.

In deriving these equations, we made several assumptions:

1) The length of the radiating section of the vertical is not much greater than a quarter wavelength.

2) The length of the vertical is much greater than the diameter.

3) All traps are lossless and do not radiate.

4) A trap below resonance doesn't significantly distort the current distribution on the wire sections of the antenna. This assumption implies that the trap reactance is not too great.

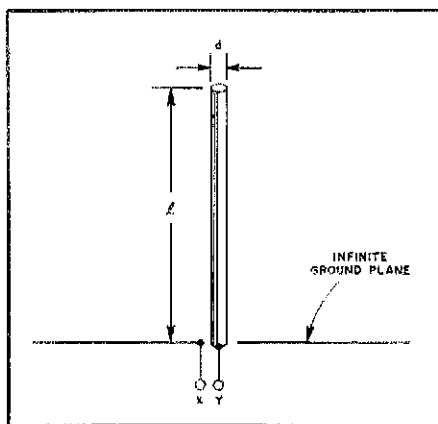


Fig. A1—Vertical antenna above an infinite, lossless ground plane. Impedance is measured at X-Y.

5) This is a theory based on observations.

A diagram of our model is shown in Fig. A1. The vertical has a length of ( $l$ ) feet and a diameter ( $d$ ) inches. The antenna is driven between the conductor and the ground plane.

As long as  $l \gg d$ , the radiation resistance of the vertical is only a function of  $l$ . Hall gives a good power-law approximation of the radiation resistance.<sup>3</sup> This equation is reasonably accurate for antenna lengths of up to approximately  $3/8$  wavelength.

$$R_a = 1618 \frac{(fl)^{2.736}}{984} \quad (Eq. A1)$$

where  $f$  is the frequency in megahertz.

A number of authors have presented formulas for computing the reactance of an antenna.<sup>5-8</sup> Their formulas all have roughly the same form, but their results may differ by 50%. I prefer the following format, which is within reasonable agreement of the experimental data given by Jasik.<sup>8</sup>

A vertical above a ground plane acts as a transmission line with a varying characteristic impedance. The characteristic impedance increases as the distance from the ground plane increases. Kraus<sup>9</sup> states that we can replace this varying impedance with the average impedance of the antenna given by

$$Z_k = 60 \left[ \ln \frac{24l}{d} - 1 \right] \quad (Eq. A2)$$

The antenna can then be treated as an open-circuited transmission line with characteristic impedance,  $Z_k$ . From this we can compute the reactance of the antenna. However, we have to take into account the end effect of the antenna. We know from experimental results that a resonant quarter-wavelength vertical is about 5% shorter than a physical quarter wavelength. Using this knowledge, we can then approximate the reactance of a vertical antenna as

$$X_a = -Z_k \cot \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{fl}{936} \right) \right] \quad (Eq. A3)$$

The reflection coefficient and standing-wave ratio may be then computed from

$$\rho = \frac{R_a - 50 + jX_a}{R_a + 50 + jX_a}$$

$$SWR = \frac{1 + |\rho|}{1 - |\rho|} \quad (Eq. A5)$$

So far, these results are for a vertical with no traps. Fig. A2 shows the diagram of a trap vertical. The antenna diameter is still  $d$ , but the length is now broken up into a lower section of length  $A$  and an upper section of length  $B$ .

The trap is a parallel resonant LC circuit, with its reactance given by

$$X_t = \frac{X_o \left( \frac{f}{f_o} \right)}{1 - \left( \frac{f}{f_o} \right)^2} \quad (Eq. A6)$$

where

$f_o$  is the resonant frequency of the trap in megahertz

$X_o$  is the resonant reactance of the trap in ohms, and is given by

$$X_o = 2\pi f_o L \quad (Eq. A7)$$

assuming that  $f_o$  is in megahertz and  $L$  is in microhenrys.

At or near trap resonance, the radiation resistance is determined solely by the length of the lower section,  $A$ . The trap acts as an open circuit and prevents current from flowing into the upper section. Therefore, the radiation resistance can be computed by setting  $l = A$ .

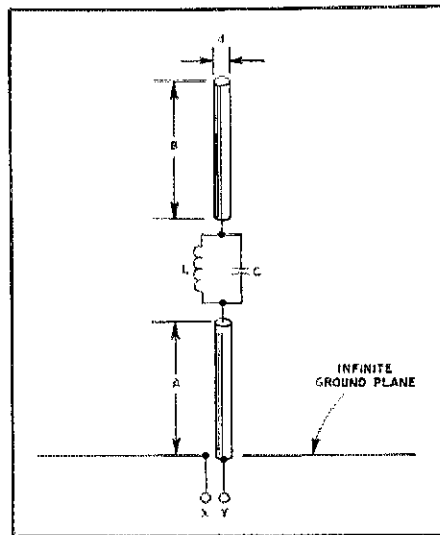


Fig. A2—Trap vertical above an infinite, lossless ground plane. Impedance is measured at X-Y.

Below trap resonance, the radiation resistance is determined by the total length of the vertical. The trap acts as an inductive loading element. This affects the antenna reactance, but has a minimal effect on the antenna radiation resistance. Therefore, the radiation resistance can be computed by letting  $\ell = A + B$ .

It is obvious that there must be a transition region between these two conditions. However, this theory is not capable of handling that region. For my computations, I have assumed that if the trap reactance is less than 2000 ohms, the radiation resistance is computed from the total length of the antenna. If the trap reactance is greater than 2000 ohms, the radiation resistance is computed for the lower section only. This seems to work okay when compared with experimental results.

Computing the reactance of the trap dipole is more complicated. If we know the reactance of an antenna, we can compute its equivalent length  $\ell'$ , which is given by

$$\ell' = \left( \frac{936}{2\pi f} \right) \tan^{-1} \left( - \frac{Z_k}{X_t} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. A8})$$

I have assumed that the domain of the inverse tangent is from  $-\pi/4$  to  $+3\pi/4$ . For some antenna reactances this will result in a negative equivalent antenna length.

To compute the antenna reactance we may follow this procedure:

1) Compute  $Z_k$  based on the length of the antenna used to compute the radiation resistance.

2) If  $X_t < 2000$  ohms, compute the antenna reactance for section B.

3) If  $X_t < 2000$  ohms, add the reactance of the trap to the reactance of section B. If  $X_t > 2000$  ohms, then  $X$  is just the reactance of the trap alone.

4) Compute the equivalent length of this reactance.

5) Add the length of section A to the equivalent length.

6) Compute the antenna reactance of the sum of these two lengths.

This procedure may be applied iteratively to successive traps. When working with a multiple-section trap, always start at the trap near resonance and work toward the transmission line. If no trap is near resonance, start at the end of the antenna and work toward the transmission line. Expressed mathematically, this procedure yields the following sets of equations:

For  $X_t > 2000$  (trap near resonance)

$$R_a = 1618 \left( \frac{fA}{984} \right)^{2.736} \quad (\text{Eq. A9})$$

$$Z_k = 60 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{24A}{d} \right) - 1 \right] \quad (\text{Eq. A10})$$

$$\ell' = A + \frac{936}{2\pi f} \tan^{-1} \left( - \frac{Z_k}{X_t} \right) \quad (\text{Eq. A11})$$

$$X_a = -Z_k \cot \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{f\ell'}{936} \right) \right] \quad (\text{Eq. A12})$$

$$\text{For } X_t < 2000 \quad \text{trap not near resonance}$$

$$R_a = 1618 \left[ \frac{f(A+B)}{984} \right]^{2.736} \quad (\text{Eq. A13})$$

$$Z_k = 60 \left\{ \ln \left[ \frac{24(A+B)}{d} \right] - 1 \right\} \quad (\text{Eq. A14})$$

$$\ell' = A + \frac{936}{2\pi f} \tan^{-1} \left\{ - \frac{Z_k}{X_t - Z_k \cot \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{fB}{936} \right) \right]} \right\} \quad (\text{Eq. A15})$$

$$X_a = -Z_k \cot \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{f\ell'}{936} \right) \right] \quad (\text{Eq. A16})$$

These equations have been used in a computer program to predict the performance of several trap dipoles. In all cases tested, the predicted and the measured antenna SWR are in good agreement.

We can also predict the length that needs to be added to a trap dipole to bring it into resonance on a lower band. Given the model in Fig. A2, this length is

$$B = \frac{936}{2\pi f} \tan^{-1} \left\{ \frac{Z_k}{X_t + Z_k \tan \left[ 2\pi \left( \frac{Af}{936} \right) \right]} \right\} \quad (\text{Eq. A17})$$

Most of these equations are rather complicated, but they can be solved on a programmable calculator or a home computer. I have written a program which uses these equations to compute the SWR of a trap dipole. The program is written in HP BASIC 2.0 for execution on an HP-9836 computer. HP BASIC cannot be run directly on most home computers, but would have to be translated into a simpler form of BASIC. However, if anyone is interested in a copy of the computer listing, I will send it to them if they include a business-size s.a.s.e. with their request.

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anyone with information on modifying the Yaesu FT-227RA 2-m FM transceiver to receive outside 144-148 MHz. Joseph R. Koval, W3IVG, 705 W. 12th St., Hazleton, PA 18201.

anyone with schematic diagrams for converting a Clegg VHF Interceptor (6 and 2 meters) to NBFM and for an Allied 2517 and 2518, and an SSB adaptor for an IC-245. Tony Bodo, WA9YOZ/9, 2696 Benton St., Lake Station, IN 46405.

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# An RTTY Operator's Guide

You've just bought a computer, worked out the details of interfacing it with your radio and are ready to get on RTTY for the first time. But just as you start to hit the keys you freeze up: "I don't know the operating procedures!"

By Bill Snyder,\* W0LHS

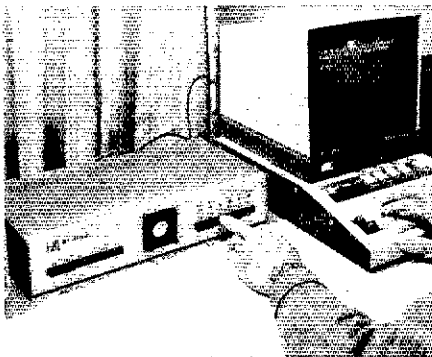
Since 1953, when frequency-shift keying was first allowed on the high-frequency bands, a small group of radio amateurs have been enjoying the wonders of amateur radioteletype (RTTY) operation. This group has been like a cozy club with limited membership, partly because you had to own a machine to belong. In the first few years, printers were in short supply and extremely hard to obtain, so few hams could join the club.

Inexpensive computers have changed all that. Now, because it is easy to get on the air with a home computer and a simple interface, thousands of hams are discovering the joys of worldwide printed communications. Most newcomers are amazed that they can communicate without high-powered amplifiers and sophisticated equipment. Even if they cannot type well, they can still enjoy the excitement of a "new" mode.

So, with this influx of newcomers "diddling and chirping" on the bands, I would like to share a few basic RTTY-operating hints I have gleaned from over 31 years of operating RTTY. Most of these suggestions have been sifted out of the many letters I received from old-timers while I was DX editor of an RTTY publication.

There are two basic types of RTTY used today. In one system, each station takes a turn at transmitting. This system uses the Baudot code, although some stations now use ASCII, too. Each character in the Baudot code consists of five elements, either a *mark* tone or a *space* tone, precisely timed so the five elements fit in the interval of one letter at the transmission speed in use. Some stations use the American National Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII), a 7-element code commonly used to transfer information between computers or computer equipment.

The second type of RTTY is called AMTOR, Amateur Teleprinting Over Radio. With this system, the transmitting station waits for a confirmation report after every three characters. The switching time



For many, the heavy, loud RTTY teleprinters of days gone by are appropriate only for museums. All-electronic systems tied in to personal computers are rapidly taking over.

between stations for this acknowledgment is very critical. AMTOR stations require some type of computer control, so you will only be working other computerized systems on this mode.

## Sideband Selection

If you are using audio-frequency-shift keying (AFSK), make sure you are operating on the proper sideband. Today, all ham transmissions in the HF bands are on the lower sideband, with the mark tone higher in frequency than the space tone. RTTY equipment manuals usually explain which sideband to use, but in one's haste to get on the air this little item has been overlooked more than once. Some of the older books tell you to transmit on the upper sideband on 80 and 40 meters, but this practice is no longer followed.

Some modern transceivers have two positions on the sideband-selection knob, labeled NORMAL and REVERSE. This labeling may cause some confusion. Check the manual for both your transceiver and the RTTY equipment to determine which setting to use. On 80 and 40 meters, normal SSB operation uses the lower sideband, so setting the selection switch to NORMAL will put you on the lower sideband for RTTY operation. Upper sideband is used on the other HF bands, however, so you will have to set the switch to the REVERSE position

to select the lower sideband for RTTY operation on those bands.

If you are not using the correct sideband, your signal will be "upside down," (the *space* tone will be the higher-frequency tone), and other operators will have to change their normal operating setup in order to copy your signals. If other operators switch their modems to work with inverted tones, it will probably affect their transmitter mark-space tone relationships; you may then have to switch your system to copy them. So be sure you always select the lower sideband and transmit signals that are "right-side up."

## Transceiving

Almost all Baudot and AMTOR operations are done on the same frequency. If everything is going properly, you should not have to touch your receiver dial when you ask the other station to transmit. There have been a few DX stations who have used split-frequency techniques, but that is the exception. On AMTOR, you must be zero-beat to make the systems link properly. If the two stations are not aligned perfectly, or one of them is drifting, the master calling station should use only the RIT or CLARIFIER knob to make any necessary fine-tuning adjustments.

## Keyboard Use

It is considered poor practice to use the letter "O" in place of a zero. It is good practice to insert more than one space between words when conditions are marginal, but it is not necessary under good conditions, although some operators do it habitually.

In the days when almost everyone used surplus teletypewriters, it was customary to send the "LTRS" character as a "diddle" during pauses between typing, to make certain that the transmitting and receiving stations remained synchronized. The letters key does not advance the carriage, and so the print head stands still and does not waste paper during these idle moments. The letters key clears the possibility of text being garbled by numerals and punctuation. There are still a few of these machines being used, so adapt your computer operating to

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does not have outputs for a scope, use the easy-to-build audio tuning aid described recently in *QST*.<sup>1</sup>

### Calling Another Station

You have just heard 9K2KA in Kuwait calling CQ. He is booming in with an S9 signal, and this would be a new country for you. So you jump in and excitedly run a full string of RYs to get his attention, then you send his call 10 times to make sure he knows you are calling him, and then sign your call 15 times just to be sure he gets it right! But, alas, when you stand by after doing all that, you find Adnan working another station. And chances are, you will have a bunch of RTTY DXers angry with you for being so long-winded.

Keep your calls short. Forget the RYs, and send the other station's call sign only once and your call no more than five times. Then listen. If she or he doesn't answer, try another one by five call. The DX station has a better chance of picking out someone to answer if she or he has a pile of short calls rather than long-winded strings of RYs and call signs. I have seen rare DX stations go QRT because of such bedlam getting on their nerves. I have worked a number of DX stations by sending my own call three times. It works, but only if everyone keeps their calls short. One hog can take up the whole mud puddle and wreck it for everyone!

### Line Feeds and Other Things

When another station answers your call, gives you a report and then turns transmission back to you, what should you do? Always send a line feed (LF) and a carriage return (CR) first. This will put the receiving computer and/or printer into the letters case, and eliminate the possibility of part of your message being garbled by numbers and/or punctuation marks.

Next, send the other station's call and your call once each. On your first exchange, send your name and QTH message from the computer memory, but on subsequent transmissions do not send this line—it is unnecessary. If you have a type-ahead buffer on your system, you can compose some of your reply before it is actually transmitted. This saves time, especially if you are not a fast typist.

Do not send a string of carriage returns to clear the screen. The other operator may be copying on a printer, and multiple carriage returns will waste a lot of paper. The last two characters of each transmission should be carriage returns, however. The purpose of this is to move the other station's printer (or screen cursor) to the left side of the page, and thus avoid leaving the print head or cursor stranded in the middle

of a line of type.

### Date and Time Generators

One of the little "goodies" of the computerized RTTY station is the date and time generator. Unless you are bragging to the world that you have one of these gadgets in your tool kit, don't use it! When computers first started to show up on the ham bands, it was considered quite classy to put the date and time on every transmission, but that is old hat now, and mostly a waste of time. There are legitimate uses for including a date and time in your transmission, such as for message-storage operations on a "mailbox" system, and for auto-start timing, so let that be your guide.

### Signing Off

You have now completed your QSO with 9K2KA and are about to sign off. What prosign do you use? The standard prosigns mean the same thing on RTTY as they do on CW, and should be adequate:

K—invitation to transmit.

KN—invitation to the addressed station only to transmit.

SK—signing off. End of contact.

CL or CLEAR—I am shutting my station down.

SK QRZ—signing off and listening on this frequency for any other calls. (The idea is to indicate which station "owns" the frequency).

Some operators use some other combinations:

SK KN—signing off, but listening for one last transmission from the other station.

SK SZ—signing off and listening on this frequency for any other calls.

### Frequency "Ownership"

Frequency ownership is not a good phrase, but I am using it here to describe an unwritten rule for all of Amateur Radio. Prior use of a frequency gives you a right to continue using it. If you called CQ on an unused frequency, or have made another contact on the frequency prior to this one, you should be able to stay on frequency to work other stations if you wish. Many times it is not clear which station in a QSO has these prior rights, and this lack of knowledge has occasionally resulted in some unpleasant confrontations. Other times, operators assume that since they have the more powerful transmitter or better antenna system, they can take over the frequency. This is poor operating practice; courtesy should be the rule. It is common courtesy on RTTY to ask if the frequency is busy either by sending "QRL?" or by asking in clear text.

AMTOR is another story. If you eavesdrop on an AMTOR QSO, it is quite difficult to ascertain just which station is the master station and which is the slave. AMTOR operators should include both call signs in every exchange, so other amateurs

can determine the identity of both stations.

Calling one of the two "chirping" stations when they finish a contact and break the link can be a race. The first person to get the called computer to recognize their SELCALL (SELECTIVE CALLING) code gets the contact. Once the link is established, it becomes a two-way contact. No three-way contacts or roundtables will work with AMTOR, unless the stations all use the broadcast mode. But that defeats some of the best error-correcting properties of AMTOR.

Some indication of who "owns" the frequency is in order with AMTOR operation. Use QRZ and your SELCALL code if you are going to stand by for calls, and send QRT if you are leaving the scene after the contact.

### Mailboxes and Auto-Start Operation

While on the subject of frequency ownership, we should examine auto-start and/or mailbox operation. Recently, during an international RTTY contest, I found a clear frequency, queried twice to see if it was busy, then called CQ CONTEST. I got an answer from a European station, and we exchanged contest messages. Then, just as we were about to sign, a U.S. station plopped on the frequency and said, QSY, QSY, YOU ARE RIGHT ON TOP OF W7\*\*\*S MAILBOX.

We operate on a first-come, first-served basis on the ham bands. I realize there are skip-distance problems that will inadvertently cause QRM to other stations, but we learned to live with this years ago. Because auto-start and mailbox operations must necessarily operate on fixed frequencies, I believe subbands should be allocated for these operations. Then, the general conversational RTTY contacts will not bother the automated operations, and vice versa.

The calling frequency for AMTOR operation on 20 meters is 14,075 kHz. For the past few years this has been a general calling frequency for European AMTOR operation. It is both an auto-start and Forward-Error-Correction (FEC) calling channel. Call CQ on this frequency in Mode Bc (FEC), wait for a Mode A (ARQ) answer, then move to another frequency for the balance of the contact. This frequency is also used by CW operators, so now and then the modes clash. I was once told by an irate CW operator that we were not to operate RTTY below 14,080 kHz. To try driving us off the frequency, he deliberately held his dot key down for about five minutes. It was like a range war between the cattlemen and the sheep herders!

Of course when an AMTOR system receives interference, it just keeps on chirping until the QRM stops, then it continues transmitting from the buffer and goes

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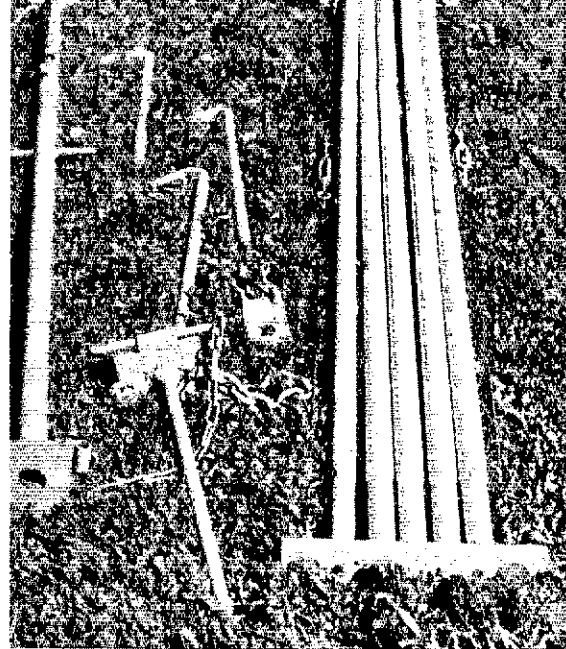
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# Try This Field-Day Antenna Support

A maze of guy wires + no natural support structures = an unnecessarily complicated Field Day operation.

By John W. Merlyn,\* WD5FZD



The trees are never in the right places at Field Day time, right? This problem affected me for several years, during which I threaded my way between 100-foot guy lines that kept my 20-meter antenna in place. I knew there had to be a better way to do the job!

I tried a 30-foot pole mast because it could be erected by two people—or by one person if the need arose. The design objective was to make the support as portable as possible. This would make it useful also for vacation trips that included ham radio. I used the first version of the portable mast during Field Day a year ago. It was used again this year, after some modifications. It worked great!

## Construction Notes

Fig. 1 shows the general detail of the parts. Dimensions are provided where necessary. Most of the measurement figures are not critical, so you may want to depart from the design shown here to make the support structure fit your exact needs. Some welding is required. A welding shop in your region should be able to handle the assignment at reasonable cost.

I used six Radio Shack heavy-duty TV masts for the pole. The masts are made of 16-gauge steel and are 5 feet long. One mast section was altered, but the remaining five were left as is. Normally, the swaged end of the mast is at the top of each section, following erection. I reversed this format and had those ends at the bottom.

The modified mast is cut off about 1 inch above the swaged part, as illustrated in Fig. 1A. The swaged piece is then welded to the steel plate of Fig. 1A. A hole is cut in the plate under the swaged section of the mast to permit the T-bar (Fig. 1B) to be dropped

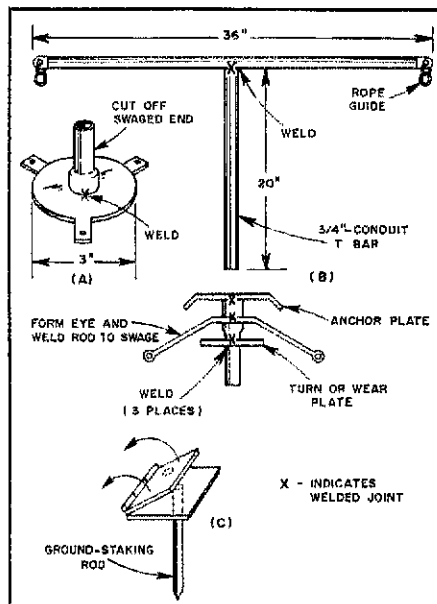


Fig. 1—Details of the various parts for the portable antenna mast. Dimensions are not critical.

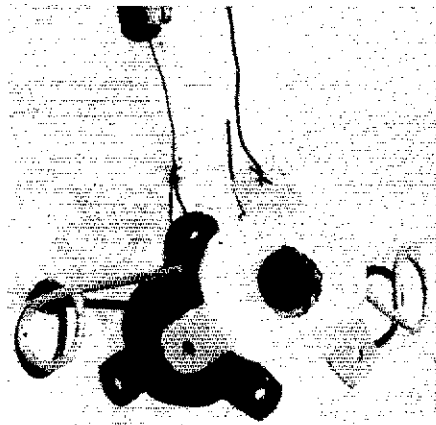


Fig. 2—A hole is cut in the anchor-line plate to allow the T bar to slip into the mast tubing

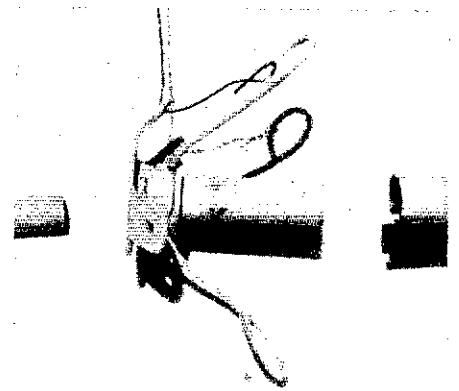


Fig. 3—The T-bar tube is at the left. The center unit is the anchor-line assembly. The masting is at the right.



Fig. 4—Bottom plate hinged unit. The ground-staking pin is at the lower center.

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into position. Holes are drilled in the three tabs (Fig. 1A) to accommodate guy wires. After drilling the holes, bend the tabs as shown in Fig. 2.

I wanted to be able to rotate the anchor plate from ground level by means of the anchor ropes without twisting the pole. The lower drawing of Fig. 1B gives details of the antenna-line eyelets formed at the ends (Fig. 3). This is welded to the swaged section of Fig. 1A, as shown. Ropes for turning the antenna are connected to the two eyelets.

Two people were required to erect the first-run structure. The second person had to hold the base of the mast in place as the completed structure was pulled aloft. I simplified this procedure by placing a hinged plate at the bottom of the support mechanism (Fig. 1C and Fig. 4). A staking rod (Fig. 1C) is welded to the hinged plate to permit anchoring the hinged plate into the ground. The hinge is created by welding two 3/8-inch pipe nipples to the bottom plate of the hinge. A third nipple is welded to the top section of the plate, forming a hinge. An L-shaped hinge pin slips into the 3/8-inch nipple stock. A small chain is welded to the pin and the bottom plate of the hinge assembly. This arrangement permits me to pull the hinge pin from ground level.

Nylon rope is used for all guys and lines. Fig. 5 shows hooks of three different shapes. The different shapes help me identify where the various guy lines connect to the system. The two hooks on the left have 1-inch-radius bends and attach to the antenna center support. In the middle of

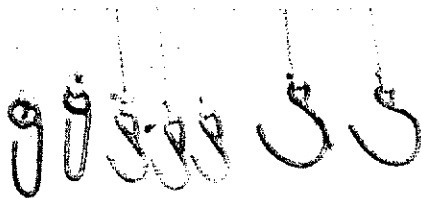


Fig. 5—Hooks for the guy lines (three sets needed). The hooks are shaped differently to help identify the guy-line sets. Each set is a different length. The large-radius hooks at the right go into the antenna insulators.

the picture, three hooks with 1½-inch-radius bends are shown. These connect to the three anchor lines. The pair of hooks on the right in Fig. 5 have 3-inch-radius bends and pass through the antenna end insulators. The guy-line anchors shown in Fig. 6 are made of steel rod.

#### Erection and Use

Drive the bottom plate with the staking rod into the earth. Put the mast sections together and insert the pin in the hinge. Be sure that all the parts shown in Fig. 1 are in place before raising the overall support structure. One person can walk the pole erect while another assists by pulling the guy lines. Install the ground-anchor pins and attach the guy lines. Following this procedure, the antennas can be pulled aloft. You may pull up two to four antennas, depending on your needs. I'm sure you'll find this portable "tree" a welcome addition to your Field Day and vacation outings.

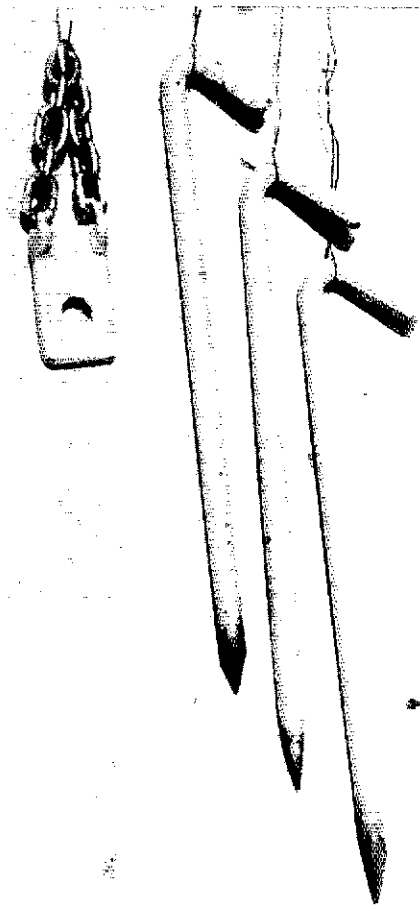


Fig. 6—Guy-anchor stakes (right) and a stake puller (left). In hard soil, use a bumper jack to extract the stakes from the ground.

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merrily on its way. I didn't appreciate what I thought to be deliberate interference, though, so I called the dot maker on CW and tried to explain the use of the frequency by AMTOR stations. My "opponent" answered caustically that he would QRM any FSK station who attempted to use the 14,075-kHz frequency, and with that he promptly started calling CQ DX. Darned if he didn't raise a Japanese station!

As the use of RTTY spreads around the world, I believe we should create, by gentlemen's agreement, subbands for each of the CW, AMTOR, RTTY and automated modes of operation. Then we should publicize these subbands so that every ham would have some idea of where to operate with the least friction between modes. One of the problems, however, is that all countries do not allow the various modes to use the same bands as the United States does.

#### Signal-Strength Reports

If you give another station a signal report

of RST 599 or RST 519, it means you are copying him solid. If he gives you a like report, then it is unnecessary to repeat everything twice. Give honest reports—if the copy is solid, the readability report is 5. Adapt your operating technique to the reported conditions. If copy is marginal, repeats or extra spaces are in order. But with solid copy, you can zip right along. It's that simple.

#### Contests

RTTY contests are fun. The pace is much slower than the frantic operations on CW and SSB, but they are very enjoyable. If you are not entering the contest because you feel your typing is not up to speed—perish the thought! Jump right in and join the fun!

I will caution you to read the contest rules carefully and do as they say. Recently one top DXer had his potentially winning score tossed out of the competition because he did not log the time the other stations sent to him. The rules called for both times sent and received to be logged.

RTTY contests are run on a gentlemanly basis, and renewing friendships is part of the excitement. So there is nothing wrong with pausing for a chat after the contest exchange has been made. There are enough

contests during the year to make each one a special event for all entrants.

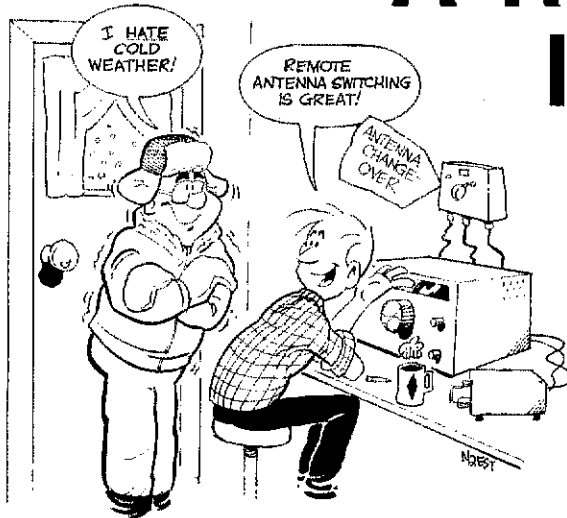
#### DX Operations

Chasing DX is just as much fun on Baudot or AMTOR as it is on the other modes. The leading DXers using this mode have a country count of about 240, so there is still room at the top! Less than 100 DXCC certificates with a RTTY endorsement have been issued by the ARRL, but the pace is picking up. Many countries have only one active RTTY station, so the chase is quite spirited. When a new country appears on the screens, word spreads like wildfire. Avid DXers begin alerting each other with the news. This great spirit of cooperation is one of the really rewarding facets of RTTY DX operating.

#### Conclusion

I hope these few little operating hints will help you get more enjoyment out of pounding the "green keys" as they were known in the early days of RTTY. Ever since I put that old Model I2 Teletype® machine on the air during the first weekend of FSK ham radio in 1953, RTTY has been a great source of enjoyment for me. I hope it will be just as much fun for you.

# A Remotely Switched, Inverted-L Antenna



Cover two parts of a single band, or more than one band, by means of remote switching in the antenna system. Relays, a dc power source and a control cable will get the job done.

By Doug DeMaw,\* W1FB

Too many feed lines coming into your shack? Tired of going outdoors in the rain or cold weather to switch antennas manually? Few of us have a one-antenna station these days, owing to the varied interest in operating modes and frequencies. Being an "all bander" usually requires two or more antennas, along with the countless feeder cables that must be routed into the ham radio station. The exception, of course, is when a trap antenna or a dipole with tuned feeders is used.

I needed a single antenna that would cover 160 and 80 meters by means of remote switching. Furthermore, I required an impedance match at both ends of each of those bands. The thought of a single coaxial feed line was appealing, so I developed the system described here. Most of the parts are available from Radio Shack; substituting equivalent components is okay. The antenna is a simple inverted-L, or Marconi. But the control techniques we shall discuss can be applied to all manner of switching circuits, provided the switching is done at low impedances (under, say, 500 ohms).

## Inverted-L Antenna

There is nothing new or exciting about the antenna shown in Fig. 1. It is a proven design favored by DX chasers on 160 and 80 meters. The polarization is vertical, and the angle of radiation is favorably low. Its

simplicity makes it appealing to urban dwellers who have limited real estate. The only complication to the system is a need for a ground-radial system. The greater the number of in-ground or on-ground radials, the lower the radiation losses and the higher the feed impedance will be. In other words, the better the ground system, the higher the antenna efficiency. Ideally, you would install 120 radials, and each would be 130 feet or greater in length. For most of us, this

is impossible or impractical. Good results have been had with only a few short radial wires or with no radials. In the latter case, ground rods were used near the antenna feed point, and the water pipes, chain-link fence or whatever could be used were substituted for a ground screen. I recommend that you use what is available and see how the antenna works in your location.

In Fig. 1, note the use of an antenna trap (L3) for 80 meters. L3 is built in accordance

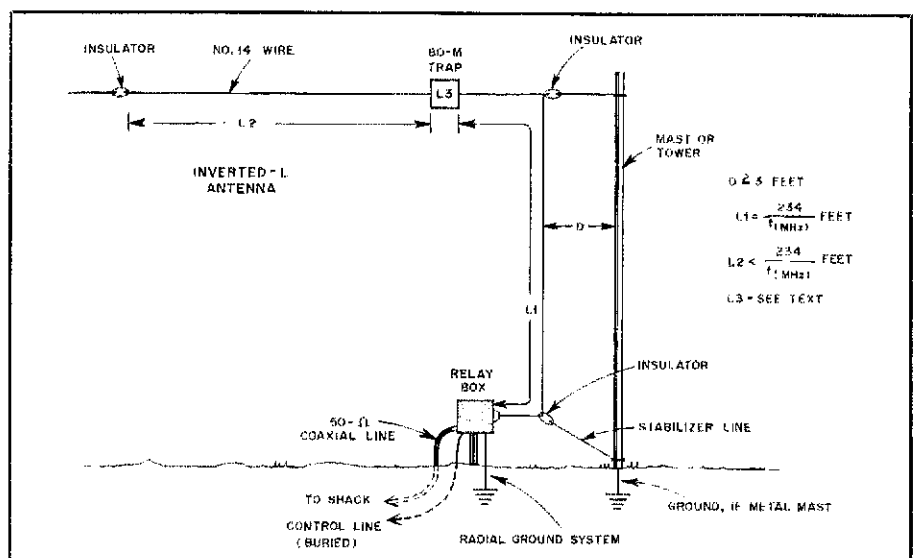


Fig. 1—Details of the W1FB two-band inverted-L antenna for 80 and 160 meters. An 80-meter trap is used (L3) to divorce L2 from L1 during 75- or 80-meter operation. A relay box (weather-proof) houses the control relays and the two matching inductors. See the text for data on the ground system.

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with a design that appeared in a recent *QST* article.<sup>1</sup> Any properly designed 80-meter trap can be used. The portion of the antenna (L1) between the trap and feed point is  $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength at your preferred 75- or 80-meter frequency. L1, L2 and L3 are combined to provide a  $\frac{1}{4}$ -wavelength system at 160 meters. L2 is adjusted for overall antenna resonance in your favorite part of the 160-meter band. The longer the vertical portion (L1) of the antenna, the better. This will be dictated by the height of your mast or tower.

I wanted to use the upper and lower ends of both bands. This made it necessary to develop a remote switching/matching system I could control from the radio room. The necessary components are housed in a homemade, weatherproof wooden box. I buried the control cable and feed line, but both can be laid on top of the ground as a temporary measure.

### Coil and Relay Circuit

Two DPDT 12-V relays are used (K1 and K2 of Fig. 2). L1 and L2 are small coils of heavy-gauge wire. They provide a means to tap the feed line at a 50-ohm point.

To use general-purpose relays, we must isolate them from ground. This will prevent arcing to ground at the higher power levels. The relays are mounted on a small piece of Plexiglas affixed to the interior of the outdoor housing by means of an aluminum L bracket. The field coil of each relay is RF-isolated from the control line and ground by an RF choke inserted at each side of each field coil, as shown. D1 and D2 are used to suppress transients when the relays are de-energized: When the field collapses, a voltage spike results. D1 and D2 clip the spikes. Both relays are effectively "floating" at RF when wired as shown in Fig. 2.

The 12-V-dc control line at each relay is bypassed by means of 0.01- $\mu$ F ceramic capacitors. These measures, and having the feeder and control cable in the ground (or on the ground), keep RF energy from entering the ham shack via these lines.

K1B and K1C, in the nonenergized state, provide operation on 75 or 80 meters. When K2 is nonenergized also, one coil tap on L1 is selected. The second coil tap on L1 is selected when K2 is activated.

When I wish to operate in the 160-meter band, I energize K1. This places L2 in the matching circuit. Again, two coil taps are available (L2) by using K2 in the energized or nonenergized states. A simple procedure, eh? For the most part, it's a basic "go, no-go" arrangement.

### Tapping the Coils

The best way to adjust the system is to decide first the matter of antenna resonance

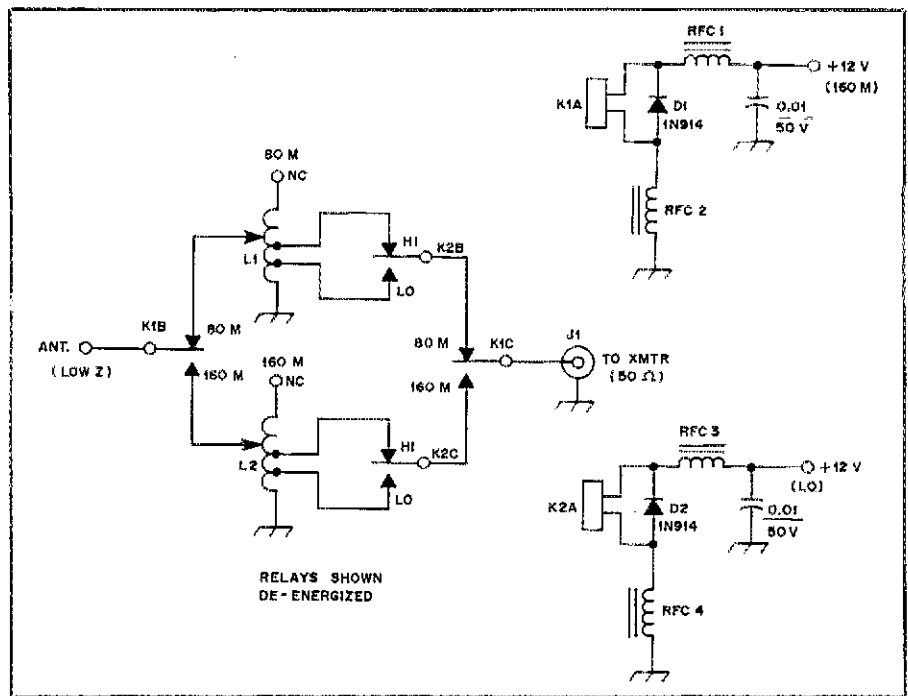


Fig. 2—Control circuit and matching system for two-band (two frequencies per band) operation with the inverted-L of Fig. 1. K1 selects the band to be used, and K2 selects the coil taps for various parts of the bands. K1 and K2 are floating at RF by means of RF chokes. D1 and D2 (RS 276-1122) suppress voltage spikes when the relay field coils are de-energized. Coil-tap adjustment is described in the text. K1 and K2 are RS 275-218 units or equiv. L1 is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter and 3 inches long; it has 8 turns of no. 10 or 12 solid-copper wire. L2 is the same diameter, but is 6 inches long; it has 15 turns of no. 10 or 12 copper wire. Miniductor stock can be used in place of homemade coils. Coils made from  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch-OD copper tubing are recommended for minimum loss and high-power operation. J1 is an SO-239 jack (RS 278-201). RFC1-RFC4, inclusive, are 100- $\mu$ H chokes (RS 273-102 or equiv. low-dc-resistance units).

at our favored part of each band. Two simple methods of adjusting the system are available: Use a dip meter coupled to a

small two- or three-turn link between the feed point and the ground system. Adjust the length of L1 (Fig. 1) for resonance in

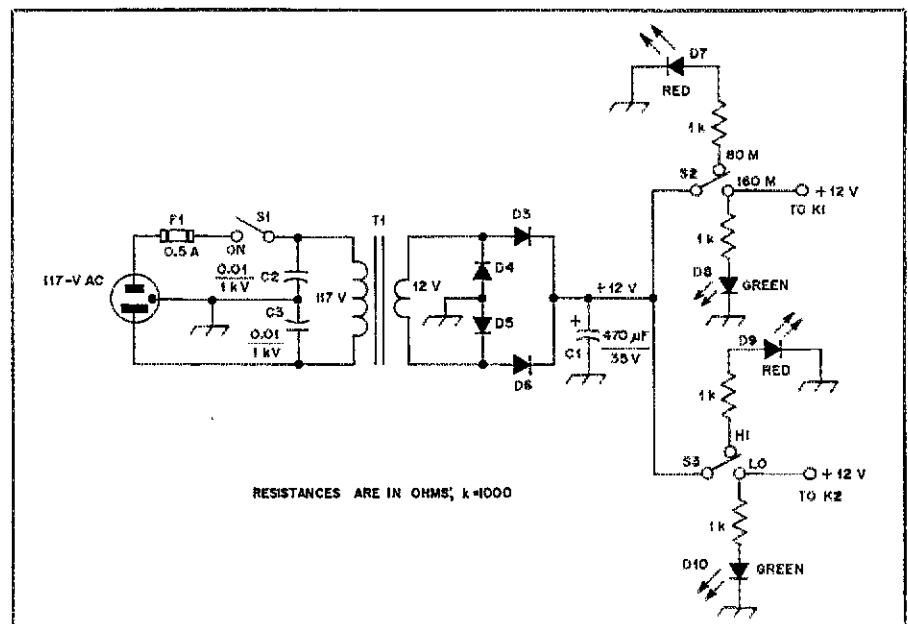


Fig. 3—Schematic diagram of the dc power supply. It can be housed in an RS 270-253 cabinet ( $5\frac{1}{4} \times 3 \times 5\frac{7}{8}$  inches).

- C1—RS 272-1018.
- D3-D6, incl.—1-A, 50-PRV diode (RS 276-1101).
- D7, D9—Red LED (RS 276-041).
- D8, D10—Green LED (RS 276-022).
- F1—0.5-A fuse (RS 270-1282) in RS 270-739 clip holder.
- S1—SPST toggle (RS 275-324).
- S2, S3—DPDT toggle (RS 275-326).
- T1—12.6-V, 450-mA transformer (RS 273-1365).

<sup>1</sup>R. C. Sommer, "Optimizing Coaxial-Cable Traps," *QST*, Dec. 1984, p. 37.

the CW or phone bands on 80 meters. Repeat the procedure on 160 meters by adjusting the length of L2 of Fig. 1.

Alternatively, you may connect an SWR indicator between the antenna feed point and the 50-ohm feeder (do not include the matching network). Adjust L1 and L2 of Fig. 1 for the lowest SWR (it will not be 1:1). The lowest SWR condition will occur at resonance, where the feed impedance is purely resistive.

Next, connect the relay-coil network of Fig. 2. Adjust the coil tap on L1 (Fig. 2) for an SWR of 1:1 at 75 or 80 meters. Now, energize K2 and make a second coil tap on L1 for some other part of the 80-meter band. It may be necessary to adjust the number of L1 coil turns (arrow near top of coil in Fig. 1) while selecting taps. Once the proper taps are determined, solder them to the coil.

The same method is followed in setting up L2 for 160-meter operation. It may be necessary to have the coil taps near one another, or they may be two or more turns away from each other. It will depend on how far apart your chosen operating frequencies are within a band.

The antenna of Fig. 1 is resonant at only

one frequency in each band. The second coil tap chosen for L1 and L2 of Fig. 2 will simply provide an impedance match to the feed line. However, you will not notice a difference in performance from one end of the band to the other—at least not by ear or when observing your receiver S meter!

### Relay Control Box

Fig. 3 shows a simple power supply you can build for your remote switcher/matcher. C2 and C3 may be hard to locate, even though they are standard values. The power supply will function properly without them, but they should be included if you have them.


All of the LED indicators and the associated current-limiting resistors can be eliminated if you do not wish to have a status indicator for the band in use, or the coil tap you have chosen. The cost of these visual indicators is small, so I recommend that you include them.

The control line from the power supply to the remote-control box at the antenna can be a three-wire cable with vinyl outer jacketing. The control wires should be no. 24 gauge or heavier in order to minimize

the voltage drop to the relays. The greater the control-cable length, the more significant this becomes. The open (antenna) end of the control cable should be sealed to prevent moisture from entering it.

### Final Remarks

The concept introduced here is by no means limited to this type of antenna system. In some matching networks, it is necessary to include variable capacitors that need to be adjusted for various parts of a given amateur band. I have found that small 1-r/min, geared clock motors work nicely for adjusting capacitors remotely. A reversible motor is best, since it makes tuning quicker and less complicated. The torque on the motor can be reduced when using large variable capacitors. Simply loosen the tension on the capacitor rotor bearings, but not so much that the rotor will creep after it is set (without the motor coupled to it).

Relay switching is not satisfactory at high impedances. There is too much RF voltage present under that condition, and the relays will surely arc or burn up at the higher power levels. Good luck in figuring out new remote-control techniques! 

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## New Books

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### WORLD-WIDE SUNRISE/SUNSET TABLES

by J. Devoldere, ON4UN, P.O. Box 41, B9000 Ghent, Belgium. Soft-bound, 6½ × 8¼ inches, 130 pages. \$10 airmail delivery (banknote or international money order only).

John Devoldere, ON4UN, has established himself as an expert on 80-meter DXing. His accomplishments are well known and recognized worldwide. Is there anywhere he has not worked on the 80-meter band?

Those who chase DX on the 160, 80 or 40-meter bands soon learn that the time around sunrise and sunset provides enhanced propagation. This enhancement can be dramatic. Wise low-band DXers take advantage of this to increase their DXCC country or contest multiplier count.

There are two propagational peaks (short path) for east-west (plus or minus 45 degrees or so) great-circle paths. The first peak occurs around sunset at the western end of the path. The second peak occurs around sunrise at the station on the eastern end of the path.

For north-south paths, neither sunrise nor sunset produces pronounced peaks. Usually, the peak for these paths occurs around local midnight. That means I don't need the information in this book to tell me when to try an 80-meter schedule with a friend in Ecuador. If I want to work Hong Kong, however, knowledge of sunrise and sunset times will be very useful in

setting a schedule or operating time.

This is the second and completely revised edition of the sunrise/sunset tables that first appeared in 1977. This new book lists sunrise and sunset times at half-month intervals for 502 areas of the world. These areas include all DXCC countries, and many different locations in large countries. For example, there are 100 listings for the USA.

The formulas used to compute the tabulated values have been refined since the first edition. Times listed will be very close to actual sunrise and sunset times at the given locations. It is not necessary to know sunrise or sunset time to the exact second. There are other ways of determining this—these tables are more accurate than most and they are easy to use. Three pages of instructions, complete with examples, tell how to use the tables in the book.

Does it work? You bet it does! I know this to be true from years of contesting experience. Last year, I decided to try some casual operation (no schedules) for a few weeks in November and December on the 40-meter band. My reward? Just as the table showed it might happen, I enjoyed a number of juicy DX QSOs (such as FO8, KH8, UA8, VK2 and VK3) and added a number of stations in my SWL log including UH8, VU2 and VS6). My modest 40-meter station is far from world class!

Be sure to include the coordinates (latitude and longitude) of your QTH when you place an order. That way you will receive a large (8½ × 11 in), personalized sunrise/sunset table for your location. You will also receive a personalized printout listing beam headings and great-circle distances to 502 locations from your QTH.

With the present decline of the sunspot cycle, the low frequencies will become more important to the DXer and contester. To achieve DX success on those bands, you will need good

operating practice and equipment and the right antenna. The *World-Wide Sunrise/Sunset Tables* will be one of the most important tools in your shack.—Chuck Hutchinson, K8CH

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## Next Month In QST

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With the Field Day, summer vacation and fox-hunting seasons on their way, what better time to build a new 2-meter portable antenna. An article in June QST provides the details; you need only provide the inexpensive materials and some enjoyable labor.

Elsewhere in June QST you'll find:

- a practical article on the many uses of surplus ac and dc wall transformers
- a look at the latest proposal that Novices be given 220-MHz phone privileges
- a colorful article showing how owners of IBM PCs can capture four-color weather-satellite pictures
- the latest word on the upcoming ham/astronaut Space Shuttle mission.

Please note: Although we try our best to include, in the next issue, all the items we've advertised, from time to time we have to postpone publication for a month or two. If the item you're particularly interested in doesn't appear "next month," it most likely will be in the following month's issue.

## ICOM IC-271A 2-Meter Multimode Transceiver

The VHF/UHF crowd is indeed fortunate that ICOM has more than a passing interest in multimode operation for the bands above 50 MHz. ICOM's current offering of VHF boxes includes not one, but two 2-meter base-station multimode rigs. The IC-271 is offered in two different versions in the U.S. marketplace. The IC-271A features SSB, CW and FM operation from 143.8 to 148.2 MHz, 25-W output, 32 memories, a scanning system, and built-in subaudible tones. It may be powered from one of two optional power supplies: the IC-PS15 external power supply (common to all other ICOM transceivers) or the IC-PS25 internal supply. The IC-271H offers the same features as the IC-271A, except power output is 100 W.

### Frequency Control

The IC-271A shares many of the elaborate frequency-control features found on other ICOM HF and VHF transceivers. There are two built-in VFOs, a scanning feature that allows scanning of selected portions of the band or preset memory channels, RIT, and complete flexibility in selecting standard repeater offsets or programming oddball ones.

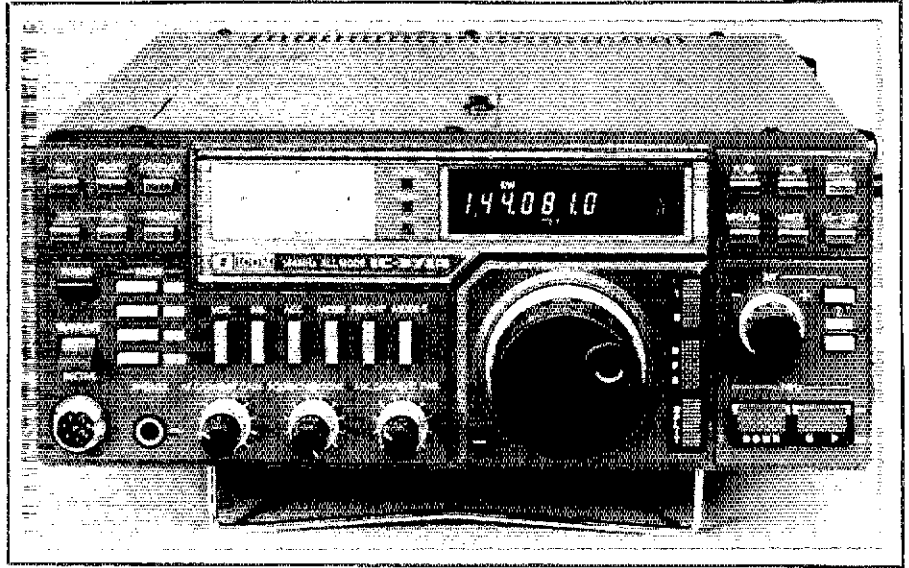
The MHz UP and DOWN switches in the lower-right-hand corner of the front panel move the transceiver frequency up and down in 1-MHz steps. Once you're in the right MHz range (for example, 144 MHz for SSB and CW operation or 146 MHz for repeater operation), you can use the main tuning knob to tune around at several different rates. On SSB or CW, normal tuning is in 10-Hz steps at 2 kHz per knob revolution. If you spin the knob quickly, the rate steps up to about 5 kHz per revolution in 100-Hz steps. Normal tuning in the FM mode is 5-kHz steps at 250 kHz per revolution. When the TS switch is pressed in any mode, the tuning switches to 1-kHz steps. For SSB or CW, the TS feature is handy for large frequency excursions, while for FM it is useful for tuning odd splits or working in the lower simplex area.

Like most HF rigs these days, the IC-271 has two built-in VFOs. These VFOs may be used to operate SPLIT—one for transmit, and the other for receive—or they may be used independently; the effect is the same as having two radios in one box. The VFOs need not be set to the same part of the band or to the same mode.

The dial-lock switch disables the tuning knob to prevent accidental frequency changes. This feature is especially handy during mobile operation.

Another feature of the '271 not always found on VHF radios is RIT. Its range is  $\pm 9.9$  kHz, and the control knob has a prominent place next to the main VFO knob.

Repeater offsets are handled by the +DUPLX, -DUPLX and OW (offset write) buttons. Pushing the +DUPLX button automatically shifts the transmit frequency up 600 kHz from the displayed receive frequency. The -DUPLX button moves the transmit



ICOM IC-271A 2-Meter Multimode Transceiver, Serial No. 02468

### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage: 143.800 to 148.200 MHz.  
Mode of operation: FM, USB, LSB, CW.  
kHz per turn of knob: Not specified.  
Frequency display: 7-digit luminescent.

Frequency resolution: 100 Hz.  
S-meter sensitivity ( $\mu$ V for S9 reading): Not specified.  
Transmitter output power: 1 W to 25 W, adjustable.  
Harmonic suppression: Greater than 60 dB.  
Spurious suppression: Greater than 60 dB.  
Third-order IMD: Not specified.  
Receiver sensitivity: SSB/CW — less than 0.5  $\mu$ V for 10-dB S + N/N; FM — less than 0.3  $\mu$ V for 12-dB SINAD; less than 0.6  $\mu$ V for 20-dB quieting.

Squelch sensitivity: SSB/CW — less than 0.6  $\mu$ V;  
FM — less than 0.4  $\mu$ V.  
Receiver audio output at 10% THD: More than 2 W.  
Color: Two-tone green.  
Weight: 11.4 lb without internal power supply.  
Size (HWD): 4-3/8 x 11-1/4 x 10-3/4 in.

### Measured in ARRL Lab

As specified.  
As specified.  
FM — 50 or 250; SSB/CW — 2 or 50.  
White fluorescent, 5/16-inch-high digits.  
As specified.  
21.  
2 W to 30 W.  
70 dB (see Fig. 1).  
70 dB (see Fig. 1).  
-28 dB worst case (see Fig. 2).  
Noise floor (MDS) dBm: -138.  
Blocking DR (dB): 108.  
Two-tone, 3rd-order IMD DR (dB): 84.  
Third-order intercept (dBm): -12.  
Receiver quieting ( $\mu$ V for 12-dB SINAD): 0.16.

Min. 0.15  $\mu$ V; max. 0.36  $\mu$ V.  
2.65 W.

frequency 600 kHz down. With the IC-271 in the FM mode, you can press the OW button and change the offset from 600 kHz to anything you like.

### Memory and Scanning

When the M/VFO switch is pressed the main tuning knob also controls the elaborate memory system incorporated in the IC-271. There are 32 memory channels available. Each memory stores not only the frequency, but also the mode of operation and any information on repeater splits. For example, memory 1 might store 144.200 USB, while memory 2 could store 146.520 FM (simplex) and memory 3 could store 146.940 FM

(duplex, -600 kHz transmitter offset). The possibilities are endless. Memory information may be written right from the VFO dial with the WRITE switch. Similarly, you may turn frequency control over to the VFO at the memory channel selected by pressing the M>VFO switch.

The scanning functions are everything a VHF operator could want. There are three scanning modes. The first, activated by the SCAN button, checks all programmed memory channels for activity. If activity on the channel opens the squelch, scanning will stop and you can press the SCAN switch again to remain on that channel. If you do not press the switch, scanning resumes after

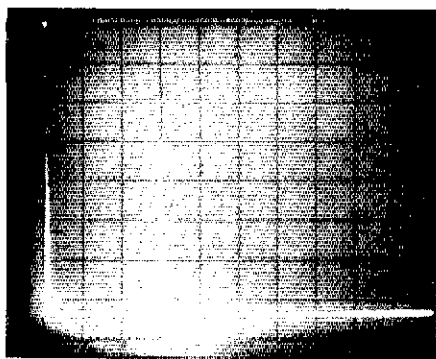


Fig. 1—Spectral display of the IC-271A. Horizontal divisions are each 50 MHz; vertical divisions are each 10 dB. Output power is approximately 30 W on 144 MHz. The fundamental has been reduced in amplitude approximately 30 dB by means of notch cavities to prevent analyzer overload. All harmonics and spurious emissions are at least 70 dB below peak fundamental output. The IC-271A complies with current FCC spectral-purity specifications.

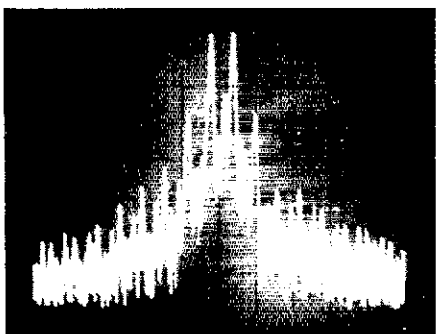


Fig. 2—Spectral display of the IC-271A during two-tone IMD testing. Third-order products are approximately 28 dB below PEP, and fifth-order products are approximately 42 dB down. Vertical divisions are each 10 dB; horizontal divisions are each 2 kHz. The transceiver was being operated at 28-W PEP output on 144 MHz.

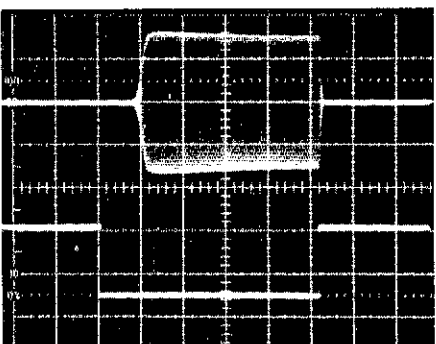


Fig. 3—CW keying waveform of the IC-271A. Upper trace is the RF envelope; lower trace is the actual key closure. Each horizontal division is 5 ms.

about 10 seconds. The second scanning mode, activated by the MODE-S switch, scans only those memory channels with the specified mode (for example, only those channels with FM). The third scanning function scans those VFO frequencies between specified start and stop points. For example, you might want to

let the transceiver scan 144.080 to 144.250 MHz if you anticipate a band opening, but don't want to sit next to the rig and turn the knob all evening.

### Receiver

The IC-271 has several useful receiver features. The SQUELCH control works in all modes. Besides the obvious uses on FM, it allows you to leave the receiver tuned to the SSB calling frequency, 144.200 MHz, with the squelch on and the volume control turned up. You can go about your business, and if you hear the squelch break, you can then go into the shack and find out who's on frequency. The PREAMP switch turns on an optional preamplifier (the review unit was not equipped with this feature).

The noise blander is sometimes effective against pulse-type interference such as automobile ignition noise. Unfortunately, with the noise blander in operation the dynamic range is reduced and strong local signals create noise and spurious signals that mask weaker signals.

Two choices are afforded by the AGC switch—FAST and SLOW. The slow position offers a hang-type AGC that is appropriate for strong-signal SSB. On weak signals and on CW, the faster AGC setting is preferable.

### Transmitter

While most multimode VHF radios offer 10-W output, the IC-271A offers at least 25-W output on all modes. The extra 4 dB or so is useful if the transceiver is used barefoot, and 25-W is just about right for a solid-state power amplifier requiring high drive power or a triode tube amplifier using an 8874 or a 3CX800A7. You must be very careful, however, when using this transceiver with a run-of-the-mill solid-state power amp that requires 10-W drive or with a tube amplifier using a tetrode such as a 4CX250 or 4CX1000A. Excessive drive will cause unwanted splatter and could damage the amplifier.

A panel on the top cover provides access to the VOX controls. There are separate delay controls for CW and SSB. The sidetone monitor level control is also located under this cover.

ICOM has included a subaudible tone encoder on the '271. Any tone between 1 and 55 Hz can be chosen by pressing the tone SELECT button and turning the main tuning knob until the correct tone number appears on the display.

### Operation

I enjoyed using the IC-271 for almost a year. During this time, I operated it on FM, both on simplex and through local repeaters. It took a little getting used to, but I quickly learned how to set up the transceiver for almost any type of duplex FM operation. The memory features enhance the radio's desirability—after the initial setup, there is very little to do but recall your most-used channels.

The IC-271 "holds its own" at the weak-signal end of the band. The receiver was sensitive enough to hear plenty of signals around New England, in Canada and down into the Washington DC area. There are no provisions for a narrow-bandwidth CW filter, and this hurt during weak-signal work. Most of the time I used the rig barefoot or with a

Mirage B215 power amplifier, and had many enjoyable contacts. Under strong-signal conditions, the receiver held up as well as can be expected for a synthesized multimode rig. Two strong local stations caused synthesizer noise problems—problems not normally encountered when I use my clean, non-synthesized IF transceiver and transverter.

I found two inconveniences on the IC-271 that were present on earlier ICOM rigs, but which have been cleaned up on the latest ICOM HF transceivers. First, there is no way to key an external power amplifier directly from the rear panel of the '271. There is a multipin accessory socket that makes available +8 V at 5 mA on transmit—enough to turn on a suitable switching transistor. It is inconvenient, however, to have to build an amplifier interface for a "full-featured" transceiver.

The other inconvenience I found was that not all electronic keyers will key the '271. The ICOM will only key if the KEY terminals are brought within 0.4 V of ground. Keyers with reed relays in the output will do this fine. Some keyers that use transistor switching will work; others will not. Also, the key jack accepts a 1/8-inch mini phone plug instead of the almost universally accepted 1/4-inch plug.

### Digital Display Problems

We examined two IC-271A transceivers during the review—serial nos. 01276 and 02468. During the initial lab testing, we noticed that the frequency display on no. 01276 was intermittent. This problem cleared itself up for a while, but after a few months the display quit altogether. Lab examination revealed that ICOM had placed a foil shield around the rear of the display, perhaps to keep noise from the display from getting into the receiver. This foil shield did not have an insulated backing, and it touched the exposed leads of several components on the display board. R26, a 2.2-ohm, 1/4-W resistor, burned and scorched the foil. We replaced R26, but the multivibrator circuit (consisting of T1, Q12 and Q13) still did not function. We returned that transceiver to ICOM for repair. It is interesting to note that this foil shield is not present in no. 02468.

The IC-271A is an impressive radio. While it has some faults, it is worth considering if you're in the market for a multimode radio for 2 meters. Price class: IC-271A, \$700; IC-PS15 external power supply, \$150; IC-PS25 internal power supply, \$100. Manufacturer: ICOM America, Inc., P.O. Box C90029, Bellevue, WA 98009, tel. 206-454-8155.—Mark J. Wilson, AA2Z

### TEN-TEC CENTURY/22 HF CW TRANSCEIVER

□ I've always tried to dismiss the overworked expression, "good things come in small packages," but the Century/22 fits that description nicely. This is particularly true if we consider some specific areas of need in amateur communications—the beginner's first station, the RV enthusiast's portable rig, or the QRPer's home rig or camping station. This compact equipment should appeal also to those who are just plain "wringing out" from paying high prices for QRO transmitters and the high-power accessories that go with them.

I found it refreshing to fire up with only



20 W of RF output power on the CW bands. Signal-strength comparisons between the 20 W and 100 W from my main station transceiver were not in the least significant. Most stations contacted reported that they could detect no audible change in signal strength, owing to the AGC action of their receivers. S-meter comparisons, however, did show a few-dB-less signal from the Century/22. However, this small reduction in signal power did not impair my ability to effectively work DX when using a tri-band Yagi on 20 and 15 meters. My 80-meter full-wave Delta loop provided excellent coverage on 80 and 40 meters with the little 20-watter.

The Century/22 is an updated version of the popular Century/21. The '22 is more compact (volume about the same as a shoe box, without the power supply) than is the Century/21. To me, the new unit looks much better: The front and rear panels are beige, and the cabinet is charcoal gray; black knobs with chrome inserts are used on the controls.

The transceiver covers six bands: 3.5-4.0, 7.0-7.5, 10.0-10.5, 14.0-14.5, 21.0-21.5 and 28.0-28.5 MHz. Although it is designed for CW operation only, other modes can be monitored with the receiver.

Other features include RIT ( $\pm 2$  kHz), a pulsed crystal calibrator (pulsing helps to identify the calibrator signal) and a four-pole, variable band-pass audio filter. I found that the filter works very well in reducing QRM and elevating weak signals above the noise. Filter "ringing" is minimal, even in the most selective mode.

#### Performance Notes

A direct-conversion (synchronous) receiver is used in the Century/22. This means that single-signal reception is not possible, as with a superheterodyne receiver, and that a CW signal can be tuned in above and below the signal frequency. In the case of a superheterodyne receiver with an IF filter, a CW signal can be tuned in on only the upper or lower sideband without resetting the sideband-selection switch. Had I not known that the Century/22 had a direct-conversion receiver, I would have been certain I was operating a conventional "superhet"—that is, until I discovered a beat note on both sides of the incoming signal zero beat. Normally, this is not an inconvenience, but when the QRM gets heavy (and close by), you may experience more QRM than with a conventional receiver.

I was favorably impressed with the smoothness of the audio-derived AGC. Gone were the loud clicks and thumps that are characteristic of some of the earlier Ten-Tec gear that used audio-derived AGC. I have built many a direct-conversion receiver with audio AGC, but I have not achieved the smooth operation I find in the Century/22.

As on earlier Ten-Tec transceivers, the PTO shaft floats above ground. If you touch the metal insert in the main tuning knob, you'll notice a slight frequency shift. Simply keep your fingers off the insert to prevent this from occurring.

Receiver sensitivity appears to be more than ample for the HF bands. I was able to copy any signal that could be dug out of the noise with my \$1200 transceiver. Local-oscillator stability is good, with about 100-Hz maximum drift during the first 15 minutes of operation. After that, the drift is minimal, as



#### Ten-Tec Century/22, Serial No. 579-0004

##### Manufacturer's Claimed Specifications

Frequency coverage: 3.5-4.0, 7.0-7.5, 10.0-10.5, 14.0-14.5, 21.0-21.5 and 28.0-28.5 MHz, plus 40-kHz overrun on each end of tuning range.  
Mode of operation: CW on transmit; CW and SSB on receive.  
kHz/turn of knob: 17.  
Tuning steps: Not specified.  
Backlash: Not specified.  
S meter sensitivity ( $\mu$ V for S9 reading): not listed.

Transmitter output power: 20 W all bands.  
Receiver AGC: Not listed.  
Receiver type: Direct conversion with RC active audio filter.  
Receiver sensitivity (3.5 to 28.5 MHz): 0.5  $\mu$ V for 10-dB S + N/N.

Receiver selectivity: 750-Hz center frequency, 200-Hz bandwidth, variable skirt selectivity.  
Audio output 1 W @ < 2% THD.  
Color: Two-tone — beige panels, charcoal gray cabinet.  
Size (HWD): 4 x 10 x 10.5 in.  
Weight: 6 lb.

##### Measured in ARRL Lab

As specified.  
As specified.  
As specified.  
1-kHz increments, analog.  
Nil.  
Filter out (filter in): 80 m, 17 (48); 40 m, 13 (34); 30 m, 14 (40); 20 m, 22 (54); 15 m, 15 (50); 10 m, 16 (42).  
As specified.  
Audio derived.

As specified.

	80 m	20 m
Noise Floor (MDS) dBm:	-131	-128
Blocking DR (dB):	112	109
Third-order intercept (dBm):	82	81

As specified.  
1.4 W @ 10% THD.

the VFO moves up and down no more than 20 Hz (typical of most LC local oscillators).

I received good reports concerning the quality (shaping) of the CW note from the transmitter. No buzz or clicks were reported. Similarly, no one could detect chirp on the signal. The QSK (full break-in) feature was a bit hard for me to get used to, since I am not a QSK enthusiast. Hearing noise and signals between words when transmitting was distracting at first. But after two days of QSK operation, I learned to like it better than the break-in delay feature of my other transceivers. If you like to handle CW traffic, you will definitely enjoy QSK operation! It is great also for contesting and non-monologue ragchewing.

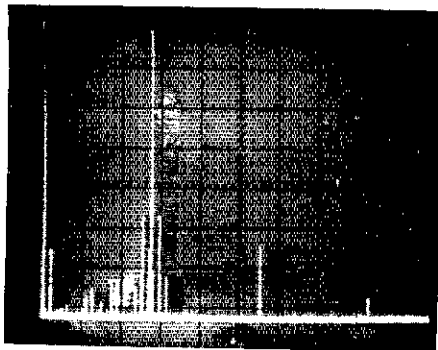
There is an S meter for observing the

relative strength of received signals. The meter does double duty by providing relative RF output and SWR readings.

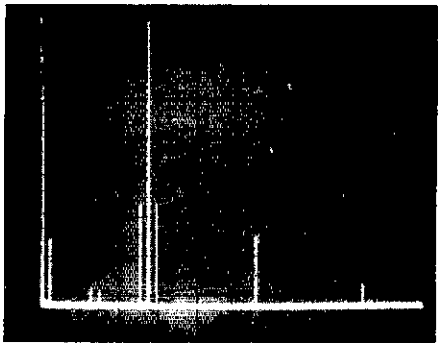
True QRP (less than 10-W dc input to the PA stage) can be realized with this transceiver by simply reducing the amount of RF drive by means of the front panel DRIVE control. I had an enjoyable time (and many QSOs) while operating at 1 W output.

#### General Impressions

A Model 679 keyer was added to one of the two Century/22 transceivers on hand for review. This optional accessory consists of a PC board, a speed control and 3-circuit jack that you wire into the '22. The keyer speed control and the paddle-input jack mount on the rear apron of the rig. Labeled mounting



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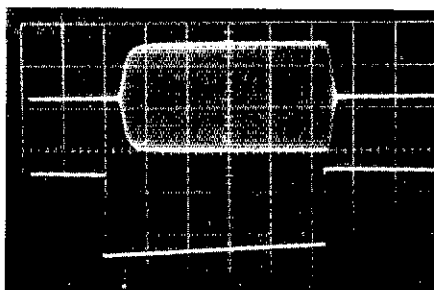
Fig. 4—At A, worst-case spectral display of the Century/22. The crystal calibrator was on during this measurement. Vertical divisions are 10 dB each; horizontal divisions are 5 MHz each. Output power is approximately 23 W at a frequency of 14 MHz. All spurious emissions are at least 48 dB below peak fundamental power. The Century/22 complies with current FCC specifications for spectral purity. At B, all conditions are equal, but the calibrator has been turned off.

holes are provided for these two items; simply push out the plastic plugs sealing the holes and insert the potentiometer and jack. There's even a label on the inside chassis telling you where to mount the keyer board! The keyer works well and has the feel of a Curtis Keyer, but is composed of a 7476NA IC and five transistors.

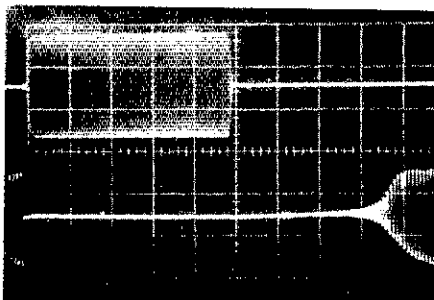
The various modules that make up the Century/22 appear to be built on high-quality glass-epoxy circuit board rather than on phenolic material. The transmitter RF power board is made of double-sided PC material, providing a ground plane for improved stability.

With a minimum number of "bells and whistles," the rig should be excellent for beginners and persons with disabilities. There is no tuning required when changing bands. All you need do is change the band-switch setting and adjust the DRIVE control until the ALC LED illuminates, at which point the DRIVE control should not be advanced further.

If I were to be picky about the overall package, I might say that the instruction manual is a tad short of necessary data. For example, the review unit arrived with a 2.5-kHz offset between transmit and receive. I wondered why no one was answering me! Nothing was found in the book to indicate the cure. Luckily, I spotted an arrow on the photographic view of the bottom side of the Century/22. It pointed to a TX OFFSET



(A)



(B)

Fig. 5 — CW-keying waveforms of the Century/22. At A, the photograph shows the characteristics of the leading and trailing edges of the RF waveform; the lower trace is key closure, and the upper trace is the RF envelope. Horizontal divisions are each 5 ms. At B, RF output (upper trace) versus receiver recovery time (lower trace) in QSK operation. Each horizontal division is 20 ms.

PC-board control on one of the circuit boards. I adjusted it while listening to my main station receiver, then checked the signal from my station transmitter. I adjusted the control for a 700-Hz offset between receive and transmit with the Century/22. The transmit signal was then 700 Hz lower than the beat note during receive. I think some troubleshooting data should be included in the manual, along with a more definitive explanation of the various functions of the unit. Also, there was no schematic diagram sent with the equipment. A letter to Ten-Tec requesting one brought a quick response.

All in all, I would definitely recommend this transceiver to anyone who likes to operate CW. It is small enough to tuck under your arm and take along on trips or to a friend's house. It could be a fine rig for Field Day as well. It operates from a 13-V dc supply. The Ten-Tec 979 ac-operated 13.5-V dc supply (5A) is available for fixed-station use. It also is a compact unit. The Century/22 is available from Ten-Tec Corporation, Hwy. 411 East, Sevierville, TN 37862, tel. 615-453-7172. Price classes: Century/22, \$390; Model 979 power supply, \$90; Model 679 internal keyer, \$27.—Doug DeMaw, W1FB/8

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Kantronics Interface II w/Kantronics Apple software, s/n 34869 (as a package only—see Sept. 1984 QST). Min. bid \$160.

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### CYLINDRICAL LITHIUM-BATTERY HOLDERS

□ An assortment of battery holders for use with cylindrical, 3-V lithium cells is available from Keystone Electronics Corp. These holders are designed for battery-backup-power applications, and can mount directly on PC boards.

Holders are available in aluminum or steel, with or without lugs that can be soldered to a PC board. The aluminum holders have brass, nickel-plated contacts, while the steel units have stainless-steel contacts. These holders accept 1/3N, 1/2A, 2/3A, 1/2AA and CR-2N batteries.

For more information, contact Keystone Electronics Corp., 49 Bleecker St., New York, NY 10012, tel. 212-475-4600.—Paul K. Pagel, N1FB



## MATCH YOUR RF PROBE TO YOUR METER

□ An RF probe for use with a high-impedance voltmeter is very handy in the shack; it can be used when tuning and checking the operation of oscillators and low-power transmitters. I prefer the fast response of an analog meter for stage tuning, but a digital meter is easier to read when measuring mixer injection level or verifying oscillation.

There is some measurement inaccuracy when an RF probe designed for use with an 11-MΩ voltmeter (as shown in Fig. 1 and many ARRL publications) is used with a meter having a different input impedance (Z). If the meter Z is near 11 MΩ, say 10 MΩ, the probe accuracy is within 1%, which is usually acceptable. Those who wish, however, can reduce the probe error. I decided to modify my probe so that it is most accurate with a 10-MΩ digital meter and accept less accuracy with an 11-MΩ analog meter.

Fig. 2 shows the probe and meter circuit. RF voltage is applied between the probe tip and ground. During the half cycle that forward biases the diode, the capacitor charges to the peak value ( $V_{PK}$ ) of the applied voltage. During the next half cycle, the diode is reverse biased, and the capacitor discharges through  $R_1$  and the voltmeter resistance ( $R_M$ ). The two resistances form a voltage divider that converts  $V_{PK}$  to  $V_{RMS}$ , which is shown on the meter. For a 4.7-MΩ probe and an 11-MΩ meter input Z:

$$V_M = \frac{R_M}{R_1 + R_M} V_{PK}$$

$$= (0.7006) V_{PK} \quad (\text{Eq. 1})$$

where

$$V_M = \text{measured voltage (across the meter)}$$

$$R_M = \text{meter } Z$$

$$R_1 = \text{probe } Z$$

Under these conditions, the measured voltage is almost exactly  $V_{RMS}$  (which is 0.707 times  $V_{PK}$ ), but consider the tolerance of  $R_1$ : A 4.7-MΩ, 5% tolerance could measure from 4.465 to 4.935 MΩ.

The probe can be matched to the input Z of any meter by varying the value of  $R_1$ . In order to preserve the  $V_{PK} - V_{RMS}$  conversion, the total resistance of the probe and meter must be 1.414 times the Z of the meter. This means

$$R_1 = 0.414 R_M \quad (\text{Eq. 2})$$

For my 10-MΩ meter,  $R_1$  should be 4.14 MΩ. I use a series combination of 3.9 MΩ and 240 kΩ for  $R_1$ . The probe is constructed as shown in recent ARRL *Handbooks*.

Keep the limitations of the probe in mind during its use: A single 1N34A diode has a 60-V PIV rating. Since the signal  $V_{PK-PK}$  appears across the diode, do not try to measure more than 30  $V_{PK}$  (21  $V_{RMS}$ ) with a probe using the 1N34A. The voltage rating of the

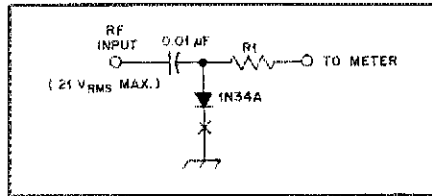


Fig. 1—A schematic of the RF probe shown in many ARRL publications.  $R_1$  is 4.7 MΩ in the standard probe, but may be varied to match different meter impedances (see text). The probe voltage rating can be increased by adding diodes at point X, using a single diode with a higher PIV rating or with a voltage divider (Fig. 3).

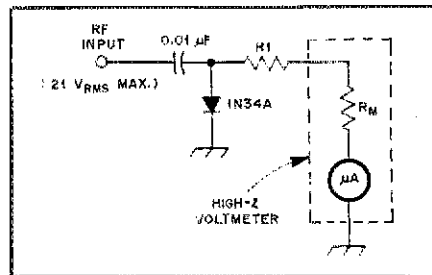


Fig. 2—The equivalent circuit of a probe and voltmeter.

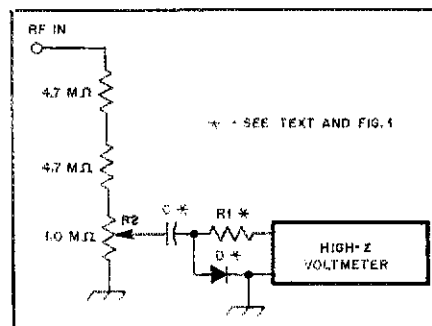


Fig. 3—A 10:1 resistive divider to extend the range of an RF probe. To calibrate the divider, apply 10.0 V dc across the input, short the capacitor in the RF probe and adjust  $R_1$  until the meter reads exactly 1.0 V. Remove the short from the RF-probe capacitor before use.

probe can be increased by adding a second diode in series with the first (at point "X" in Fig. 1), but the accuracy at low voltages decreases when multiple diodes are used.

[Higher voltages may also be measured by using a resistive divider (Fig. 3). Resistors that provide a large portion of the network resistance should have 1% tolerance. Consider Mr. Mann's 3.9-MΩ plus 240-kΩ network: The 3.9-MΩ resistor should have a 1% tolerance, while a 10% tolerance is acceptable for the 240-kΩ component—10% of 240 kΩ is only 0.58% of the 4.14-MΩ network total.—Ed.]

Although theory says that the change in measurement with the new resistors should be very small, it was larger than I expected. This is probably a result of changing from a 10%-tolerance, 4.7-MΩ resistor in the original probe to a 5%-tolerance resistor in the new one. I assume (my DMM does not read resistance greater than 2 MΩ) that the 4.7-MΩ resistor was toward the high side of the tolerance range, while the new resistors are very close to the calculated values. I am satisfied with the results of the change. —Steven E. Mann, N4EY, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

## HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AS TEST PROBES

□ Hypodermic needles of various sizes can be used to great advantage as test probes. The slenderness of the needle allows penetration into areas of tightly packed components that are normally inaccessible. The beveled point can make contact with exposed wires, components or solder joints that conventional thick probes cannot reach. Insulated conductors can be tested by piercing the insulation.

Male and female miniature connectors can be tested with reduced danger of accidental short circuits by using needle probes. A small needle may be inserted into a female contact for measurements. A large needle will slip over a male contact. Needles may be attached to conventional probes with an alligator clip, or holders can be fashioned for custom-made needle-tip probes. —Maurice Sasson, M.D., W2JAJ, Bronx, New York

[Editor's Note: In some states, hypodermic needles are available by prescription only. If you wish to use them for test probes, ask your physician for them. Remember that the needles are very sharp, and exercise appropriate care in their use and storage.

As an alternative, most hobby shops carry brass rod and tubing and steel piano wire that can be made into probe tips. These materials are less brittle than hypodermic needles; they can be formed into special shapes and sharpened as required. Use heat-shrink tubing to insulate all but the very tip of the probe for work in areas of tightly packed components.

Miniature connectors with separate pins that are inserted in the connector body after soldering are often available. Buy some extra pins, male and female, and make test probes from them.]

## A HOME-BUILT SPINNER KNOB

[A search of the local parts sources and several ham flea markets failed to produce the spinner knob and ¼-inch-shaft panel bushing needed to install a roller inductor in my latest construction project. Consequently, I developed my own hardware.

A ¼-inch phone jack, with the contacts removed, serves as the panel bushing. The spinner knob came from a small bait-casting reel at the local fishing-tackle repair shop. Begin the installation by threading the end of the inductor shaft for a ¼ × 28 nut. Next, file flats on opposite sides of the threaded shaft to fit the hole in the reel handle. Install the phone jack/panel bushing, insert the

shaft, place the reel handle and secure it with an acorn nut for appearance.—*Charles Barnhart, W9ARC, Mobile, Alabama*

## RFI AND TOUCH-CONTROLLED LAMPS

□ I have found a simple cure for those touch-controlled lamps that turn themselves on and off during nearby radio transmissions. In my case, 40-meter operation gave the most trouble, with 75-meter operation a close second. Higher frequencies presented no problem. (I use a ground-mounted vertical antenna for 80, 40 and 15 meters, and the lamp is approximately 150 ft from the antenna. An ac-line filter at the lamp did not eliminate the problem.)

A 1-k $\Omega$  resistor (in series with the signal-input lead to the encapsulated circuit that operates the lamp) cured the problem for me. I suppose the required resistor value would vary with the RF-field intensity and frequency.—*John M. Adams, W7OTC, Sun City, California*

## KEEPING MAGAZINES IN ORDER

□ Some publishers print a short diagonal stripe on the binding of each magazine issue so a continuous stripe is formed when all issues of a particular volume are arranged in order. This makes it easy to spot missing issues and refile those that have been taken out for reference. With a ruler and marking pen, you can apply this idea to any group of magazines or books. Simply arrange the magazines in proper order and mark a diagonal line across the bindings. You could mark each year separately or mark an entire shelf at once.—*Leonard Nielsen, N0AMJ, Yankton, South Dakota*

## TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

□ Although the incidence of mobile-rig theft has waned somewhat, I still worry about leaving my 2-meter mobile rig exposed when my car is parked all day at the train station. Here is a solution to the worrisome problem.

I asked my wife to cut a piece of black velvet for me, which I simply drape over my floor-mounted radio when leaving the car. The black material absorbs light and gives little or no reflection. I am surprised how well the rig "disappears" when viewed through the car window. This solution works very well with black floor mats. It is no longer necessary to put the rig in the trunk when leaving the car—at most, I disconnect and stow the antenna.—*Lewis I. Hegyi, N2BPO, Cinnaminson, New Jersey*

□ To my great consternation, there was absolutely no place to install a 2-meter mobile rig in my new Dodge Caravan. I solved the problem by building a center-mounted storage cabinet to fit between the front seats. The cabinet is large enough to ensure adequate ventilation, and has two adjustable tension hinges to hold the open swing top at a proper angle for operation.

Figs. 4 through 6 show my installation. The dimensions are not included, as they must be determined by the builder for each situation. Take care to mount the rig sufficiently far back in the cabinet so that the microphone and cable clear the box front when the top is closed. Provide openings in the side and

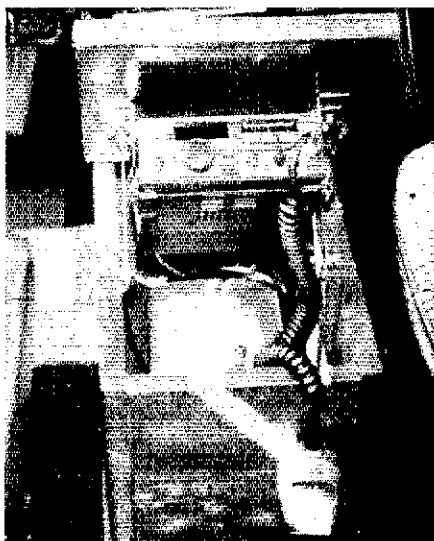


Fig. 4—N4GHK's crime-preventing mobile cabinet. Spring-tension hinges hold the open lid at a comfortable angle.

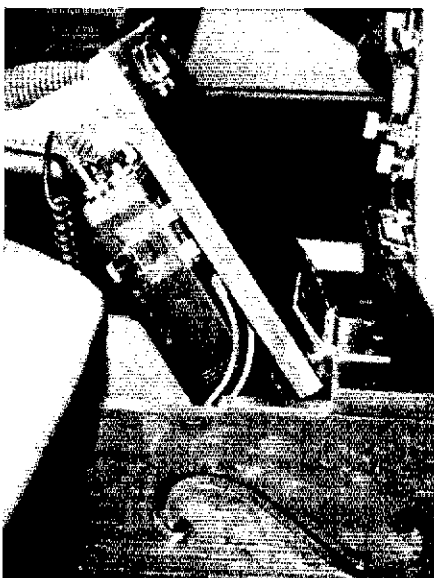


Fig. 5—Ventilation holes in the cabinet sides and back provide air flow to cool the radio.

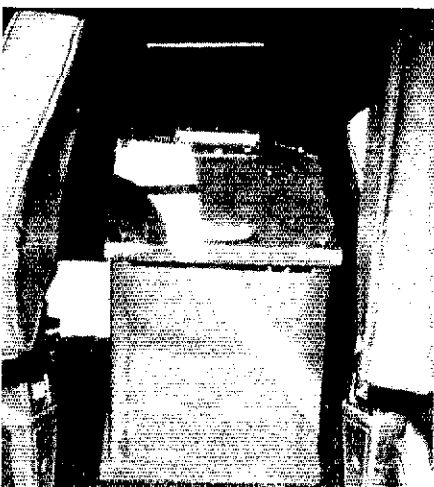


Fig. 6—The closed cabinet provides no temptation for radio thieves.

back for ventilation. (The side ventilation holes in my box are shown in Fig. 5.) I do not close the box when operating, only when leaving the car.—*Warren Johnson, N4GHK, Alexandria, Virginia*

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can be made to cover the desired 26- to 48-kHz offset range while varying the varactor voltage within the range of 0.3 to 2. The VXO amplifier trimmer capacitors are tuned for maximum 145-MHz output into a 50-ohm load. A VHF pick-off similar to the UHF pick-off is used to ensure alignment at 145 MHz.

Peak voltage rating for all the UHF transistors is 36 V, and it is difficult to exceed this value when they are connected to the low-Q stripline circuitry, regardless of load mismatch. Many transistor failures are caused by self-oscillation at lower frequencies, and the 1- $\mu$ F capacitors across the 0.001- $\mu$ F feedthrough capacitors are there to prevent this from occurring. One source of failure is an accidental transient short of the collector to ground. This can result in a high-voltage spike capable of destroying the transistor. It's possible to exceed the maximum rated current during tune-up. Start the alignment at a reduced voltage level while monitoring the current for each stage.

All trimmer capacitors in the UHF assembly will be near minimum value except for C12. All should be adjusted for maximum 435-MHz output except for C19. This capacitor is adjusted to the minimum value that produces the desired drive.

When tuned for maximum efficiency, the output is over 16 W with a final-amplifier efficiency of 56%. While not outstanding, it is acceptable, considering that the power-measuring method is likely pessimistic.

## Results

I have had consistent access to OSCAR 10 with the transmitter connected to a 7-turn helical antenna similar to the one described in the ARRL *Handbook*. There is 25 feet of mini RG-8 foam coaxial cable (Radio Shack RG-8M) between the transmitter and antenna. The homemade receiver uses an MRF901 preamplifier connected to a four-element Yagi. Satellite operation is great for the experimenter—you don't have to rely on someone else's report for a signal evaluation! Give this transmitter a try and have some fun!

## Notes

<sup>1</sup>International Crystal Mfg. Co., Inc., 10 N. Lee, P.O. Box 28330, Oklahoma City, OK 73126; John Meshna, Jr., Inc., P.O. Box 62, E. Lynn, MA 01904; MHz Electronics, 2111 W. Camelback Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85015; Westcom, 1320 Grand Ave., San Marcos, CA 92069.

<sup>2</sup>Motorola Semiconductor Products Inc., Box 20912, Phoenix, AZ 85036.

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## RADIATION HAZARDS

□ Dr. Ian White, G3SEK, and Roger Blackwell, G4PNK, have drawn attention to the paper presented by Henryk Cichon, SP9ZD (a member of the IARU Region 1 EMC Working Group) and Hubert Trzaska (of Wroclaw Technical University) at the fifth EMC Symposium at Zurich a few months ago, "RF Hazards and the Radio Amateur." White and Blackwell, whose work in this field is well known, write:

"The Polish authors have measured E fields around a number of typical amateur HF stations, and their conclusions agree rather well with our own (*Rad Com*, Feb. 1982), which were based on VHF/UHF measurements. At HF you are likely to be in the near field of your antenna, so E-field RF exposure limits are an appropriate basis for comparison. The present or proposed limits in Western countries are currently about 500 V/m at 3.5 MHz, decreasing as (1/f) to about 60 V/m at 28 MHz, and staying at that lower value through 144 MHz. SP9ZD's measurements are as follows:

"(1) On 14-28 MHz, 500 W into a three-element trap tribander 5 m above the roof ridge produced E fields of 1-2 V/m in the attic and 0.5 V/m upstairs. Fifteen centimeters away from the transmitter, and all along the feeder, the E field was 25 V/m, dropping off rapidly to 0.5 V/m at distances more than 1 m.

"(2) On 3.5-28 MHz, 500 W to a trap vertical on a flat roof produced 150-250 V/m on both lower floors. The shack was on the ground floor, and fields of 0.5 to 1 V/m on both the ground floor and the first floor were mainly from feeder radiation; up to 60 V/m was observed at 15 cm from the feeder or the rig. (So it seems that G6XN is right — it is very difficult to keep stray RF currents off the feeder of a 'ground plane' antenna with radials — G3SEK.)

"(3) In contrast, 150 W on 3.5 and 7 MHz to a trap dipole fed with a balun produced only 2 to 5 V/m around the transmitter and feeder.

"(4) The worst case reported by SP9ZD was that of a 42 m (138 ft) long-wire antenna strung between two five-story steel/concrete buildings. Part of the antenna was vertical, 1 m away from the wall, and led down to the shack on the first floor. With 100 W on 3.5-28 MHz, E fields of 20 V/m were measured in parts of both buildings. On 3.5 MHz, the transmitter case felt 'hot' when touched, and the E field close to the surface of the metal case was 1 kV/m.

"The situations reported by SP9ZD are representative of a wide range of amateur HF stations, so what can we learn from them? In most cases the E fields were well below the Western limits, and even below the much more restrictive Polish limits, so normally there seems little cause for concern about RF hazards from amateur HF stations, especially when the limited duty cycles of amateur transmissions are taken into account. However, severe symptoms of 'RF in the shack'

(sometimes indicated by tingling sensations when touching supposedly grounded metal objects) ought to be eliminated. RF in the shack isn't contributing to the strength of the signal—except in TV and hi-fi sets—and it may be hazardous."

What could be a potential but seldom-recognized RF hazard has also been brought to my notice by Bill Hall, G6ZRB. He recently attended a local society meeting with someone who had just passed the Radio Amateur Examination and arranged for another amateur to demonstrate to him two-way operation on his 144-MHz, 25-W mobile equipment. While the demonstration took place, G6ZRB stood beside the car with his head only a few inches away from the antenna. That night he awoke with violent head pains above his right eye, which persisted until noon the next day. He wondered if this could have been induced by the RF radiation.

While it would be near to impossible to say definitely whether or not this was the case, undoubtedly it is unwise to stay with your eyes only a few inches from a 144-MHz, 25-W transmitting antenna. It is now usually recognized that hand-held transceivers with "rubber duck" antennas pose a potential hazard if the RF output is more than about 7 W because of the proximity of the antenna to the eyes, which are the most sensitive organs to nonionizing radiation.

I do not recall having seen any previous comment on potential risk to a spectator watching operation from a stationary vehicle. While the chances are that G6ZRB's head pains were not caused by RF, it seems worth warning people not to stand so close to a VHF antenna radiating more than a few watts. —Adapted from the Dec. 1983 *Technical Topics* column of *Radio Communication*, the journal of *The Radio Society of Great Britain*.

## THE WINDOM J-L REVISITED

□ A new version of the Windom J-L, which outperforms the original on the 30-meter band, has recently been developed and tested.<sup>1</sup> The original Windom J-L antenna was configured as a standard Windom (fed with a single-wire, horizontally polarized) for the 30-meter band. This newer version is a half-wave, inverted-J vertical radiator.

My major reason for experimenting with a different configuration was to improve communications with Africa, Asia and South America from my station. (The original Windom J-L at my location favored a bidirectional pattern aimed at Europe and Oceania.) Also, I was not pleased with the radiated signal in the favored directions. By comparison, the inverted-J section of the original antenna performed quite well on the 20-meter design frequency. I thought conversion of the

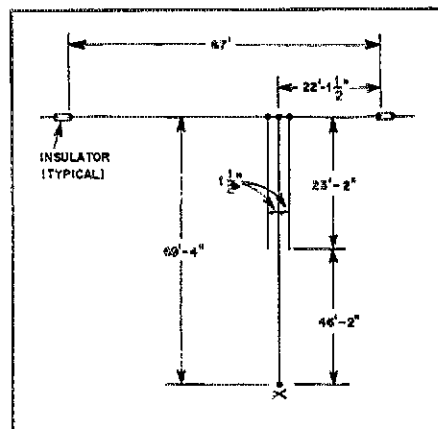


Fig. 1—The new Windom J-L antenna at full size, a configuration for mounting at a height of approximately 67 feet. The antenna is fed against ground at point X, where a Transmatch may be used (see Table 1).

Table 1  
Approximate Feed-Point Impedances of the Windom J-L

Band	Impedance (ohms)	Band	Impedance (ohms)
160 m	30-40	30 m	1000+
80 m	1000+	20 m	600
40 m	600	15 m	600

Windom J-L into a vertical radiator on the 30-meter band would produce a lower radiation angle and omnidirectional radiation pattern. The difference with the change is spectacular, especially on 30 meters, but also on 80 and 160 meters.

Two formats for the new Windom J-L are presented. Both were assembled and tested with practically the same on-the-air results. Fig. 1 depicts a multiband Windom J-L at a height of approximately 67 feet. Fig. 2 shows the antenna configuration for mounting at 58 feet above ground. Both versions are fed directly by a multiband Transmatch connected at point "X" in each figure. An appropriate Transmatch is necessary because this antenna is capable of radiating on all HF amateur bands. Feed methods are left to the requirements of the individual. Table 1 shows the feed-point impedance for each band.

The Windom J-L now operates as a quarter-wave inverted L on 160 meters, a half-wave inverted L on 80 meters, a half-wave regular off-center-fed Windom on 40, 20 and 15 meters and as a half-wave inverted J on 30 meters.

Similar to the original Windom J-L, this version requires an effective ground system for efficiency and to prevent unwanted RF in the shack. My installation incorporates a remote Transmatch, well separated from the

<sup>1</sup>R. R. Schellenbach, "A New Antenna Twist —The "Windom J-L," QST, Jan. 1984, pp. 37-39.

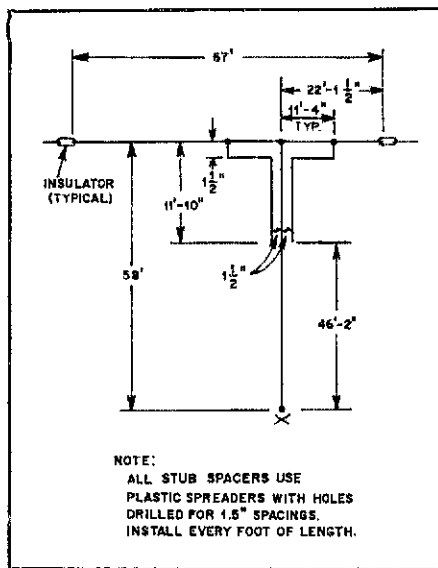


Fig. 2—A reduced-size version of the new Windom J-L antenna for mounting at a lower height than that of Fig. 1. The antenna is fed at point X.

base of the antenna. Coaxial cable is used from the station to the Transmatch; this helps reduce stray RF in the shack.

With the advent of decreasing solar activity, the HF bands above 14 MHz are becoming less productive for DX operation. The yeoman tasks for communicating will fall upon the bands at 10 MHz and below. The reconfigured Windom J-L is more compatible than its predecessor with developing propagation conditions.—Richard R. Schellenbach, W1JF, 12 Whitehall Ln., Reading, MA 01867

## BALANCED ANTENNAS

□ I have received a number of letters about the balanced-T antenna tuning unit (ATU) I briefly described in a previous Technical Correspondence item (May 1981 *QST*, p. 43). This subject has recently come to light as a result of remarks I made on the Teleconference Radio Network (June 21, 1984). My apologies to those who wrote me earlier, and to whom I did not reply.

There were questions about the terms "virtual ground," "balanced" and "unbalanced," as applied to circuits. Let me discuss the subject of "virtual ground." An equivalent circuit for a balanced antenna fed with a balanced feeder can be depicted as: (1) a balanced antenna fed by a balanced generator (with neither terminal grounded) matched to the antenna impedance; or (2) two current generators oppositely phased, (180°-phase difference) each matched to half of the antenna impedance. If the antenna is a balanced dipole, neither half of the antenna is grounded. The current generators of case two, which are in series, may be either isolated from ground or grounded at the series connection. Since the systems are electrically equivalent, the case with a physical connection to ground is equivalent to the case where there is no connection to ground (except for the advantage that a true ground removes any dc charge on the antenna). Therefore, the circuit that has no connection to ground can be visualized as connected to a virtual ground.

In antenna modeling, the virtual image of a monopole antenna of an electromagnetic ground plane (EMGP) loop or of a half loop can be replaced by a real image, which is the other half of the antenna. Each half of the antenna, therefore, is balanced with respect to a virtual ground, which for the monopole or half loop corresponds to a perfectly conducting ground plane.

In the balanced T-match ATU of my *QST* Technical Correspondence, the real ground connection is made through the transmitter side of a balun. The inductor, L1, does not have a grounded center tap, but the circuit is balanced; currents flowing in each half of the inductor behave as if there is a center tap connected to ground. Since there is no center tap, the circuit is balanced with respect to a virtual ground — as is the antenna.

Components that are suitable for an unbalanced T-match are suitable for the balanced version. That is, each section of C1 and C2 should be 200-350 pF, and L1 should be 25-28  $\mu$ H, depending on the range of antenna impedances to be matched and on the frequency of interest. The larger inductor and capacitor values are needed to match extremes in impedance variation for operation on the 160-meter band. The balun, T1, has a 4:1 impedance ratio.

A balanced ATU can be used to tune unbalanced loads without reconnection. Ground one of the ATU terminals and feed the unbalanced antenna from the other terminal. A wide range of balanced and unbalanced antenna impedances can be matched in this way. The balun stays cool with maximum legal input, and the balanced antenna is properly fed.—John S. Belrose, VE2CV, *ARRL Technical Advisor*, 3 Tadoussac Dr., Aylmer, Quebec, Canada J9J 1G1

## STRAIGHT-LINE FREQUENCY, ANYONE?

□ I write because of a statement in W4RHZ's article, "Shapes of Variable Capacitor Plates," in October, 1984 *QST*. He says, "For most Amateur Radio work, we are dealing with relatively small tuning ratios, such as from 7.0 to 7.4 MHz. In this narrow band, it is possible to make your own SLF capacitor by selecting a semicircular-plate capacitor . . . Draw the general shape of an SLF capacitor plate onto the rotor and stator plates of your capacitor. Then, carefully cut or file the plates to shape." Let us hope we can rescue some perfectly good variable capacitors from such an unkind fate.

The essential point, which neither W4RHZ nor Dr. Ghirardi in the 1933 "A Radio Physics Course" bring out, is that a given capacitor shape is valid only for the frequency ratio for which it is designed. This was well understood in 1933. Example: From a National Company advertisement in the 1936 *Handbook*, "Plate shape is straight-line frequency when the frequency range is 2:1."

Over the frequency range 7.0 to 7.4 MHz, a frequency ratio of about 1.06 to 1, the plate shape that would produce perfect straight-line-frequency tuning is so near to straight-line capacitance that the eye could hardly see the difference. Putting it another way, to cover any of the amateur bands, a tuning capacitor having straight-line-capacitance (semicircular) plates will give excellent straight-line-frequency tuning. Even on the

band of widest frequency ratio, 3.5 to 4 MHz (about 1.14 to 1), the departure from straight-line-frequency will hardly be noticed. So don't chop up those capacitor plates!

As a matter of interest, nearly all of National Company's SLF capacitors were shaped for a 2:1 tuning ratio. The very common "Midline" or "Centraline" plate shape was most nearly SLF at a tuning ratio of about 1.65:1. For the standard broadcast band, with its tuning ratio of 3:1 or even more, it is very rare to find a tuning capacitor giving true SLF tuning, although they do exist. Most broadcast-band capacitors are a compromise between cost, compactness and an artistic dial, and they give crowded tuning at the high-frequency end.

The discussion of bandspreading that appears in older editions of *The ARRL Handbook*, at least into the early '70s, is excellent, and will give excellent results when a straight-line-capacitance variable tuning capacitor is used. The one exception is that using a fixed capacitor in series with the tuning capacitor to restrict its frequency coverage will upset the frequency linearity.

One other minor point: If you should get into a situation where you really do have to modify the tuning curve of a variable capacitor, usually only the rotor plates have to be shaped.—Jim Lomasney, WA6NIL, 2501 Waverly St., Palo Alto, CA 94301

## Feedback

□ M1 of Fig. 3 in "Learning to Use Field-Strength Meters," March 1985 *QST*, page 27, should be a 0-1 mA meter.

□ With reference to the Technical Correspondence column in February 1985 *QST*, Art Rideout, WA6IPD, points out a fallacy in the Editor's Note, page 43, beginning at the bottom of column 2. Because of its small wire size, an average RF choke connected in series with the third (ground) wire of the ac line would not maintain ground integrity. The choke, if wound of no. 12 or no. 14 wire, would be too large for the electrical box, and in any event the scheme would be a violation of the National Electrical Code.

□ In the February 1985 *QST* article, "Six Winners Emerge from ARRL Antenna Competition," information on page 45 should indicate that the size of Robert T. Hart's loop is 8 feet in circumference, rather than 6 feet in diameter.

□ Errors appear in Fig. 3 of "First Steps in Radio," March 1985 *QST*, page 35. The two transformers should be shown with a 12-0-12 V secondary for T1 (24-V CT) and 18-0-18 V for the T2 secondary (36 V CT). In Fig. 5, page 36, no connecting dot should be shown at the R1-D1-transformer lead junction; R1 and D1 are series connected. Also, the negative dc output lead should be removed from the C1-C2-transformer lead junction and connected to chassis ground.

□ In the April Product Review of the Heath SW-7800, several words were inadvertently dropped from the text. The bottom of the first column on page 45 should read: "Checks of components and solder connections revealed nothing that could cause the problem. Tests with a signal generator showed . . ." □



- **Cable Television Deregulation**
- **Third-Party Participation**
- **ARRL Files Comments on 10, 24 and 902 MHz**

## RF Bio-Effects Rule Adopted; Amateur Radio Exemption Proposed

The Federal Communications Commission has adopted a Report and Order that implements the requirements of the National Environmental Act of 1969 that the Commission consider the biological effects of radio-frequency (RF) energy when licensing stations or authorizing RF-emitting equipment. The action, in General Docket 79-144, will have no noticeable effect on most amateur operations; nonetheless, the subject is pertinent to all radio amateurs. Effective October 1, 1985, FCC actions, including the licensing of certain transmitting facilities mentioned below, will be considered "major actions" if the operation would result in exposure of workers or the public to high levels of RF energy. The provisions of the new rule will apply only to radio and television broadcast stations authorized under Part 73, experimental broadcast stations and low-power TV stations authorized under Part 74, transmitting satellite-earth stations authorized under Part 25, and experimental radio stations authorized under Part 5.

High levels are those which exceed the "American National Standard Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 300 kHz to 100 GHz" (ANSI C95.1-1982).<sup>1</sup> Designation of an action as "major" means an applicant must file with the Commission a factual "narrative statement" dealing with prevention of excessive exposure. The FCC's

Office of Science and Technology is preparing a technical bulletin for release in August or September that will help licensees comply with the new rule.

Amateur Radio stations are mentioned in a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the same docket. This Further Notice seeks comments on whether certain RF sources should be "categorically excluded" from consideration under this new rule. On page 4 of its Further Notice, the Commission states, "... we propose to exclude the amateur radio service from the provisions of this rule amendment. In comments filed in this proceeding by the American Radio Relay League, evidence was presented that amateur operations, because of their intermittent nature and relatively low power levels, do not normally present a hazard to the public from RF radiation."

The Further Notice also proposes exclusions for other radio services. Among them would be land-mobile, microwave point-to-point, aviation, marine (other than shipboard satellite terminals) and certain low-powered broadcast equipment. Comments on the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in General Docket 79-144 are due on or before June 19, 1985. Any replies to comments must be filed on or before July 19. An original and five copies of all filings are required and must be sent to The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554.

One of the concerns raised by ARRL and others throughout this proceeding was the adoption or proposal of RF exposure standards by various state and local jurisdictions. The League contended that state and local regulation is largely because of the lack of a federal standard. The League and other communications industry representatives have been calling for the issuance of a Commission policy statement on federal preemption. The policy statement is necessary, according to preemption advocates, because state or local RF exposure standards may adversely affect operations and public availability of interstate telecommunications services.

According to its Report and Order, the Commission gave the federal preemption matter "serious consideration." However, it does "not believe it is necessary at this time to resolve the issue of federal preemption of state and local RF radiation standards." The FCC pledged, however, that "Should non-federal RF radiation standards be adopted, adversely affecting a licensee's ability to engage in Commission-authorized activities, the Commission will not hesitate to consider this matter at that time."

The ARRL's select Committee on the Bio-Effects of RF Energy is studying the Commission's actions and preparing recommended ARRL comments for consideration by the League's Board of Directors.—*W. Dale Clift, WA3NLO*

### CABLE TELEVISION DEREGULATION PROPOSED

The FCC has informed the public of its intent to reevaluate and update the rules governing cable television operation to reflect the current state of technology in the cable industry. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Mass Media Docket 85-38, released February 20, the Commission proposes, in part, to increase signal leakage levels from 20 to 50 microvolts per meter at a distance of 3 meters in the 54-216 MHz spectrum. Additionally, the FCC proposes to preclude local and state governments from the use of technical standards in franchising agreements that are more strict than those specified in bulletins published by the Office of Science and Technology.

According to a news release, the reasons for the Commission's actions include com-

petition from other video services and maturation of the cable industry over the past decade. The news release also stated that present cable leakage levels were far more conservative than those for computers, television receivers, intrusion alarms and auditory training devices (Part 15).

The FCC particularly sought comments by March 29 on the proposed leakage levels at 54-216 MHz because this band is "especially critical because it provides the spectrum for VHF-TV, FM Broadcast, aviation, amateur radio operators and VHF land mobile operations." ARRL comments opposing the proposed relaxation of leakage standards are summarized in League Lines, this issue.—*Katherine Hevener, WB8TDA*

### MORE ON THE REPEATER- COORDINATION DOCKET

The moratorium on new repeater operation imposed by PR Docket 85-22 may be gone, but the Commission doesn't want the Docket

to be forgotten. A copy of an undated letter from Ray Kowalski, Chief of the FCC Special Services Division, arrived at ARRL Hq. recently. Sent by the FCC to all frequency coordinators listed in the 1984-85 edition of the ARRL *Repeater Directory*, the letter says, in part: "We invite you to consider the matters raised in this proceeding and to file written comments." A copy of the NPRM and the Order rescinding the moratorium were also sent with the letter.

ARRL *Repeater Directory* editor Jim Clary, WB9IHH, mailed a copy of the NPRM to frequency coordinators soon after it was received at ARRL Hq., but this action by the FCC indicates that the Commission is actively seeking, in this proceeding, comments concerning ways to solve repeater-to-repeater interference problems. Details on the NPRM and the moratorium are in the Happenings column in April 1985 *QST*. Copies of the NPRM may be obtained from ARRL Hq. by sending a large s.a.s.e. with 56¢ postage. Comments are due by July 1, 1985—formal

<sup>1</sup>Copies of this standard are available from ANSI, 1430 Broadway, New York, NY 10018, tel. 212-354-3300.



comment requires the filing of an original and five copies to: The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. Single copies of comments will also be considered.

### ARRL FILES REPLY COMMENTS IN 84-960, REQUESTS EARLY ACCESS TO 24 MHz

On March 12, 1985 the ARRL filed reply comments in PR Docket 84-960, the proposal to allocate frequencies at 10, 24 and 900 MHz to the Amateur Service on a primary basis. For details on the proposal, see *Happenings*, December 1984 *QST*. League comments request expedited implementation of the 24-MHz allocation, given the fact that 44 other countries have already authorized amateur use of 24.890 to 24.990 MHz. If some portions of the proposal to allocate new frequencies to the Amateur Service are considered controversial, ARRL comments request that the 24-MHz allocation be considered separately, in order to expedite amateur access to the 24-MHz band.

### COMMISSION PROPOSES BAN ON THIRD-PARTY PARTICIPATION BY EX-HAMS

In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in PR Docket 85-51, the FCC proposes to amend Part 97 to specifically prohibit participation in Amateur Radio communications by anyone who has had his or her Amateur Radio license revoked or suspended. Section 97.79(d) permits an unlicensed person to *participate* in Amateur Radio communication: "The licensee of an amateur radio station may permit any third party to participate in amateur radio communication from his station, provided that a control operator is present and continuously monitors and supervises the radio communication to insure compliance with the rules." Individuals who have had their amateur licenses revoked or suspended have taken advantage of this provision. When Calvin Plageman, ex-WD6DSV, asked the Commission if he could "operate as a third party in the presence of a licensed operator," Robert Foonsaner, Chief of the FCC Special Services Division, replied,

Section 97.70(d) of the Amateur Rules allows a licensed amateur to permit a third party to "*participate* in amateur radio communication from his station." This rule exists to allow persons who are not licensed Amateur Radio operators to experience the benefits of this service and to stimulate their interest in Amateur Radio. Accordingly, it permits incidental communication by non-amateurs over amateur stations under certain very limited conditions. You, on the other hand, were formerly a licensed amateur who forfeited the right to operate an amateur station. Therefore you are not in the class of persons intended to be exposed to Amateur Radio by virtue of Section 97.79(d). Hence you are prohibited from communicating over Amateur Radio under any and all circumstances.

To clarify this policy, the FCC proposes to amend Section 97.114 to state specifically that the licensee of an amateur station may not permit an individual who has had his or her amateur license revoked to participate in amateur communications. Any amateur

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allowing such an individual to participate from his or her station would be in violation of Part 97 and could receive a Notice from the FCC.

Comments on this proposal are due by May 14, 1985, reply comments by June 17, 1985. Formal comment requires the filing of an original and five copies to The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC 20554. A single copy will be considered informally.

### MOBILE RADIO BAN DEFEATED IN ARIZONA

In February, a proposal was introduced into the Arizona state legislature that would have prohibited the operation of mobile communications equipment, including Amateur Radio equipment, in a moving vehicle. Arizona amateurs and other users of mobile radio equipment, including AT&T, responded quickly to the challenge, and the bill was killed.

Designated S.B. 1346, the proposed legislation stated, in part, "A driver of a vehicle shall not operate a car telephone unless the vehicle is stationary and at a location which does not interfere with other traffic. For the purpose of this subsection, 'car telephone' means a device which is attached to a vehicle and in which sound is converted into electrical impulses for transmission without a wire and includes citizen band radios or other similar mobile radios."

The bill also proposed to prohibit operating a motor vehicle equipped with a television receiver visible to the driver.

The proposed legislation would not have applied to authorized emergency vehicles, vehicles operated by an employee of "a political subdivision" of the state or vehicles operated outside the boundaries of an incorporated city or town. In a letter to Arizona Section Manager Jim Swafford, W7FF, State Senator Jack Taylor said the bill would not come up for consideration in the Transportation Committee during the current session.

### FCC CENSURE-Y CLUB

*Eugene Sykes, W400*—On February 15, 1985, a jury in the U.S. District Court

for the Southern District of Florida returned a verdict against Eugene C. Sykes in the case of U.S. vs. Eugene C. Sykes. The U.S. had brought suit against Sykes to collect a fine of \$550 imposed by the FCC for excessive power operation in the amateur Novice bands.

Sykes, W400, an Extra Class amateur, was caught operating on a Novice frequency with excessive power by Commission personnel on May 27, 1982. The FCC monitored him because of complaints that he had been causing malicious interference to another amateur operator. Engineers from the Miami field office and the Ft. Lauderdale monitoring station found that Sykes was operating with more than 540 watts on a frequency limited to 250 watts. As a result, the Commission imposed a \$550 fine for his willful violation of Section 97.67 of the Amateur Rules. Sykes refused to pay, and the Commission referred the matter to the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Florida to file suit to collect the fine.

The trial in the Sykes case was held in Miami on February 13 and 15, 1985, with U.S. District Judge Lenore Nesbitt presiding. Judge Nesbitt will determine the amount, including any court costs, that Sykes will have to pay.

### ARRL ASKS FCC TO CLARIFY VEC "SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION" RULES

Under the VEC Program, when a candidate passes an examination to upgrade, he or she is issued a Certificate of Successful Completion. The Certificate allows the amateur to operate with upgraded privileges until the new license arrives from the FCC. League staff have been informed by the Gettysburg FCC office that the Successful Completion Certificate is not sufficient to entitle a person to take the next higher class of license examination. A candidate must either wait for his or her new license to arrive before testing for a higher class license, or retake the element already passed, as well as the examination for the higher class of license.

A letter from ARRL Legal Counsel Chris Imlay, N3AKD, dated March 15, asks the FCC to clarify this situation. When the FCC gave amateur examinations, the Interim Operating Permit was sufficient evidence that a candidate held the class of license shown on the permit. The letter states in part, "It would not seem that one who earns upgraded privileges should be denied the ability to further upgrade his/her license class because of administrative delay in issuing a permanent license to that individual. Rather, the Successful Completion Certificate should do what it purports to do—offer evidence that a person has passed the exam elements for the class of license shown on the Certificate."

### FCC CHICAGO DISTRICT OFFICE MOVES

Effective March 4, 1985, the new address for the FCC Chicago District Office is: Park Ridge Office Park, Room 306, 1550 Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068. The new telephone numbers are 312-353-0195 and 312-298-5171 for a recording. The Chicago District Office will share this location with the



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Recent contributors of \$25 or more include the Keystone VHF Club.

Regional Office. Public inquiries concerning telecommunications matters, complaints of electronic interference and schedules for radio operator examinations should be directed to the above address. Office hours are 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. local time.

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The most outstanding feature of the program remains the cost. This comprehensive insurance program can be purchased for an entire year for only \$1 per \$100 of replacement cost value. Other policies on the market can cost up to \$8 per \$100 of replacement cost, with an added premium for mobile and computer equipment.

Complete details about the coverage provided by the ARRL "All-Risk" Ham Radio Equipment Insurance Program will be sent to League members. Simply write to ARRL Insurance Program, Information Services Department, ARRL Hq., 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. To save time, an application is provided on page 161 of this issue. Simply complete the short application, and mail it with your first annual premium check to the ARRL Insurance Administrator: Albert H. Wohlens and Co., ARRL Group Insurance Plans, 1500 Higgins Rd., Park Ridge, IL 60068, tel. 312-698-2221.

### ROBERT YORK CHAPMAN, W1QV, STEPS DOWN AS ARRL FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

At the annual meeting of the ARRL Foundation in Hartford this past January, Robert York Chapman, W1QV, for health reasons,

declined to run for reelection as President of the Foundation. Mr. Chapman has served the League as New England Division Director from 1965 to 1975 and as founding President of the ARRL Foundation. He will continue to serve the Foundation as industrial director.

ARRL Midwest Division Director Paul Grauer, W0FIR, has been elected to the office of Foundation President. Paul is a long-time League Director and supporter of the Foundation.

In other issues, the Foundation Board authorized a grant of \$10,000 to AMSAT as matching funds for the AMSAT Phase III-C satellite launch fund. The Board welcomed new directors Tom Frenaye, K1KI, and Linda Ferdinand, N2YL, ARRL New England and Hudson Division Directors, respectively.

### Chapman Elected President Emeritus

In a separate move, the ARRL Foundation Board elected Robert York Chapman, W1QV, to the office of President Emeritus, in recognition of his outstanding record of support for the Foundation and for Amateur Radio—Richard Palm, K1CE

### SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Southern Texas, Colorado, San Francisco, Sacramento Valley, Los Angeles, Georgia, West Virginia and Washington Sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Incumbents are listed on page 8 of this issue.

A petition, to be valid, must contain the signatures of five or more Full ARRL members residing in the Section concerned. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. No petition is valid without at least five signatures on that petition. It is advisable to have a few more than five signatures on each petition.

Petition forms (FSD-129) are available on request from ARRL Headquarters, but are not required. The following form is suggested:

(Place and date)

Field Services Manager, ARRL  
225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned Full members of the ... ARRL Section of the ... Division, hereby nominate ... as candidate for Section Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office  
(Signature ... Call ... City ... ZIP ...)

Any candidate for the office of Section Manager must be a resident of the Section, a licensed amateur of Technician class or higher, and a Full member of the League for

a continuous term of at least two years immediately preceding receipt of a petition for nomination.

Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 4 P.M. Eastern Local Time, June 7, 1985.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single Section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on or before July 1, 1985. Returns will be counted August 20, 1985. SMs elected as a result of the above procedure will take office October 1, 1985.

If only one valid petition is received for a Section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning October 1, 1985.

If no petitions are received for a Section by the specified closing date, such Section will be resolicited in October *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 Field Services Manager.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.  
Richard K. Palm, K1CE  
Field Services Manager

### REPEAT NOMINATING SOLICITATION

Since no petitions were received for the Kentucky Section by the petition deadline of December 7, 1984, as a result of notices in the October and November *QST*, nominating petitions for this Section are herewith resolicited. See the above notice for details on how to nominate.

### SECTION MANAGER ELECTION RESULTS

The following Section Managers will begin a two-year term of office July 1, 1985:

#### Uncontested

Maryland-DC—John Barolet, KJ3E  
New Hampshire—William Burden, WB1BRE  
(WINH withdrew his two petitions in favor of WB1BRE)  
Rhode Island—John Vota, WB1FDY  
San Joaquin Valley—Charles P. McConnell, W6DPD

### SECTION MANAGER APPOINTMENT

In the Santa Barbara Section, Byron W. Looney, K6FI, has been appointed to complete the term (until December 31, 1985) of Ernest L. Kappahn, WB6HJW (resigned).

**AUDITED ARRL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS RELEASED**

The audited financial statements reprinted below set forth the League's financial condition as of December 31, 1984, as compared to a year earlier. The statements show an after-tax net gain of \$61,866 on total revenues of \$6,684,493 for the calendar year 1984.

The financial statements and supplementary financial information will appear in the 1984 *Annual Report*, which will be available in May. Affiliated clubs that return the request form sent to them in April will be receiving a copy of the *Annual Report* as soon as it is received from the printer; members may obtain a copy for a \$1 postage and handling fee.



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203-525-4500

February 27, 1985

To the Board of Directors of  
The American Radio Relay League,  
Incorporated

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and the related statements of revenues and expenses and changes in general fund balance and of changes in financial position present fairly the financial position of The American Radio Relay League, Incorporated at December 31, 1984 and 1983, and the results of its operations and the changes in its general fund balance and of changes in its financial position for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied. Our examinations of these statements were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

Our examinations were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Schedules I - II are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Pricewaterhouse*

**THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
(Continued)

	December 31,	
	1984	1983
<b>Liabilities and General Fund Balance</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:-</b>		
Accounts payable:		
R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company	\$ 284,484	\$ 91,772
Other	178,034	109,438
	462,518	201,210
Accrued liabilities	338,346	254,604
Due to brokers for securities purchased	-	257,130
Deferred membership fees and subscriptions - current portion:		
Life members	324,258	298,802
Term members	1,152,887	1,205,174
Current portion of mortgage note payable	29,573	26,970
Income tax payable	86,892	216,156
Due to life membership assets	47,935	-
Total current liabilities	2,442,409	2,460,046
Deferred membership fees and subscriptions - non-current portion:		
Life members	3,458,869	3,353,036
Term members	320,473	112,536
	3,779,342	3,465,572
Mortgage note payable	37,905	67,479
Loan payable	36,500	36,500
Reserves:		
For promotion of amateur radio overseas	5,594	5,594
For Colorado Convention Fund	5,471	5,177
For Project Goodwill	20,136	20,219
For H.P. Maxim Award	21,258	21,571
	52,459	52,561
General fund balance	1,697,708	1,635,103
General fund balance and reserves	1,750,167	1,687,664
Total liabilities and general fund balance and reserves	\$ 8,046,323	\$ 7,717,261

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED**

**BALANCE SHEET**

	December 31,	
	1984	1983
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and short-term investments (including time deposits of \$100,000 in 1984 and \$220,000 in 1983)	\$ 1,065,693	\$ 948,350
Accounts Receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$26,500 in 1984 and 1983)	467,093	419,506
Due from brokers for securities sold	-	150,000
Accrued interest receivable	40,327	52,356
Inventories	241,659	235,188
Prepaid expenses	49,133	38,466
Due from life membership assets	-	179,516
Total current assets	1,863,905	2,023,382
Life membership assets:		
Due from (to) current operations	47,935	(179,516)
Accrued interest receivable	84,086	104,266
Marketable securities, at cost	3,643,013	3,794,753
Life membership plaques	8,093	4,216
	3,783,127	3,723,719
Regular portfolio marketable securities, at cost	1,199,367	673,356
Fixed assets:		
Land and Buildings	1,154,093	1,148,930
Furniture and equipment	1,061,370	982,295
	2,215,463	2,091,225
Accumulated depreciation	(1,060,653)	(837,401)
	1,154,810	1,253,824
Other assets	45,114	42,980
Total assets	\$ 8,046,323	\$ 7,717,261

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN GENERAL FUND BALANCE**

	Year ended December 31,	
	1984	1983
<b>Revenues:-</b>		
<b>Publications:</b>		
Advertising-QST magazine	\$ 1,975,111	\$ 2,071,876
QST newsdealers sales	142,779	133,188
Standard Handbook sales	543,861	416,289
Booklet sales	573,627	539,133
Booklet advertising sales	16,929	14,371
Tune in the World sales	134,023	125,675
Tune in the World advertising sales	10,216	12,425
Call Directory sales	93,575	68,993
QEX income	18,011	14,414
ARRL Letter	16,606	18,845
	3,524,740	3,415,210
<b>Other:</b>		
Membership dues (including membership subscriptions to QST magazine)	2,776,554	2,766,888
Membership supplies sales	138,004	131,469
Interest, dividend and royalty income	208,144	184,932
Revenue from donated equipment, materials and supplies	22,533	-
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	2,134	2,226
Contributions	680	4,021
H.P. Maxim and other awards income	500	19,375
Cash discounts taken	4,485	3,182
Overseas QSL service income	26,250	31,911
Gain on sale of investments	4,638	19,663
Legal defense contributions	-	1,602
Examination fees	17,736	-
RSGE membership dues	1,723	-
	3,203,381	3,165,269
Total revenues before deductions	6,728,121	6,580,479

Deductions from revenues:		
Discounts allowed	8,419	37,444
Exchange and credit card collection charges	19,758	17,830
Sales returns and allowances	15,451	16,490
Total deductions from revenues	43,628	71,764
Total revenues, net	6,684,493	6,508,715
Expenses:		
Operating expenses	6,199,343	5,685,456
Administrative expenses - other expenses authorized by the Board of Directors	336,392	309,780
Total expenses	6,535,735	5,995,236
Excess of revenues over expenses before income tax	148,758	513,479
Income tax on unrelated business income	(86,892)	(211,409)
Excess of revenues over expenses	61,866	302,070
General fund balances:		
Beginning of year	1,635,103	1,353,604
Reserve for H.P. Maxim Award	739	(20,571)
End of year	\$ 1,697,708	\$ 1,635,103

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

	Year ended December 31,	
	1984	1983
<b>Financial resources were provided by:-</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 61,866	\$ 302,070
Add (deduct) income charges (credits) not affecting working capital:		
Depreciation	240,472	212,527
Decrease in reserves	(102)	(2,534)
Increase in cash surrender value of life insurance	(2,134)	(2,226)
Working capital provided by operations	300,102	509,837
Increase in deferred membership fees and subscriptions - non-current portion:		
Life members	105,833	253,821
Term members	207,937	-
Total	613,872	763,658
<b>Financial resources were used for:</b>		
Additions to furniture and equipment	140,720	197,165
Reduction in non-current portion of mortgage note payable	29,573	26,970
Increase in life membership assets	59,408	289,394
Increase in marketable securities	526,011	88,199
Decrease in deferred membership fees and subscriptions - non-current portion:		
Term members	-	185,469
	755,712	787,197
Decrease in working capital	\$(141,840)	\$(23,539)
<b>Changes in components of working capital</b>		
Increase (decrease) in current assets:		
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 117,343	\$(305,636)
Accounts receivable, net	47,587	43,248
Due from brokers for securities sold	(150,000)	150,000
Accrued interest receivable	(12,029)	19,674
Inventories	6,471	(38,114)
Prepaid expenses	10,667	16,259
Due from life membership assets	(179,516)	179,516
Total	(159,477)	64,947
(Increase) decrease in current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(261,308)	237,550
Accrued liabilities	(83,742)	(122,061)
Due to brokers for securities purchased	257,130	(257,130)
Deferred membership fees and subscriptions - current portion:		
Life members	(25,456)	(7,020)
Term members	52,287	17,448
Current portion of mortgage note payable	(2,603)	(2,374)
Income tax payable	129,264	(6,777)
Due to life membership assets	(47,935)	51,878
	17,637	(88,486)
Decrease in working capital	\$(141,840)	\$(23,539)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The American Radio Relay League, Incorporated (the League) is a

not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization formed to promote interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation. The League publishes documents, books, magazines, newspapers and pamphlets necessary or incidental to its purpose.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed in the preparation of the League's financial statements. Certain reclassifications of 1983 amounts have been made to enhance comparability with the 1984 presentation.

Income Recognition

A portion of the revenue from membership fees and subscriptions applicable to acquisition costs is recognized at the time the memberships and subscriptions are received. The remaining portion is included in revenues on the straight-line basis ratably over the applicable membership or subscription period.

The League recognizes income on donated capital based on the fair market value of the item at the date of donation.

Deferred Life Membership Fees

By-laws of the League provide for a paid-up life membership in the League upon payment of a fee of twenty-five times the annual dues rate. Life membership fees received are deferred and invested to produce income to defray the cost of servicing life members. Deferred life membership revenues are amortized to current revenues and funds are transferred to current operations based on a rate designed to offset the costs of servicing the life membership.

Income Tax

The League is required to pay federal income tax on unrelated business income. Such income is derived primarily from net income earned on advertising placed in its OST Magazine.

Investments

Marketable securities are carried at cost.

Inventories

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost or market, cost being determined using the first-in, first-out method.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method for assets purchased prior to January 1, 1981. For assets purchased after that date, an accelerated depreciation method is used. Buildings are depreciated over a 40 year life. Furniture and equipment are depreciated over their useful lives ranging from 3 to 20 years.

NOTE 2 - INVENTORIES:

Inventories are comprised of the following:

	December 31,	
	1984	1983
Standard Handbooks	\$ 71,194	\$ 51,541
Booklets	90,720	112,465
Tune in the World booklets	23,715	19,798
Membership supplies	56,030	51,384
	\$ 241,659	\$ 235,188

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS:

	December 31,			
	1984		1983	
	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Life membership portfolio	\$ 3,643,013	\$ 3,384,485	\$ 3,744,753	\$ 3,447,748
Regular portfolio	1,199,367	1,244,687	673,356	704,895
	\$ 4,842,380	\$ 4,629,172	\$ 4,418,109	\$ 4,152,643

Investments are comprised of the following:

	December 31,			
	1984		1983	
	Cost	Market	Cost	Market
Bankers' Acceptances	\$ 379,812	\$ 392,344	-	-
Certificates of deposit	485,000	485,000	50,000	50,000
Preferred stocks	207,347	130,340	207,347	135,525
Common stocks	356,361	447,583	136,394	169,023
Corporate bonds	1,548,711	1,334,504	1,698,546	1,448,228
Government agency and other issues	1,827,955	1,812,202	2,175,617	2,149,867
Other investments	27,194	27,194	-	-
	\$ 4,842,380	\$ 4,629,172	\$ 4,418,109	\$ 4,152,643

The (decrease) increase in unrealized depreciation in the market value of investment securities for the years ended December 31, 1984 and 1983 was \$(102,253) and \$6,155, respectively.

NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT:

On March 1, 1977 the League signed a \$725,000 mortgage note payable bearing interest at 3.35%, the proceeds of which were used to finance a building addition. The note is secured by property, buildings and related equipment having a net book value of \$1,154,810 at December 31, 1984. Monthly installments are \$2,882, including interest through March 1, 1987. Required principal payments are \$29,573 in 1985, \$32,428 in 1986 and \$4,477 in 1987.

NOTE 5 - LIFE MEMBERSHIP ASSETS DUE TO CURRENT OPERATIONS:

As of December 31, 1984 and 1983, life membership assets included (\$47,935) and \$179,516, respectively, (due to) advanced from the League's operating funds.

NOTE 6 - RESERVES:

Reserves are established for purposes specified by donors or

the League's Board of Directors. Such reserves are administered by designated officials of the League in accordance with the directions of the Board of Directors.

	For promotion of amateur radio overseas	For Colorado Convention Fund	For Project Goodwill	For OSGAR Station Construction	For H.P. Maxim Award
Balance, December 31, 1982	\$ 6,075	\$ 4,896	\$ 21,426	\$ 1,127	\$ 1,000
Contributions		281		78	20,571
Income earned			(1,207)	(1,205)	
Expenditures	(481)				
Balance, December 31, 1983	5,594	5,177	20,219	-	21,571
Income earned		294			1,226
Expenditures			(63)		(1,539)
Balance, December 31, 1984	\$ 5,394	\$ 5,471	\$ 20,136	\$ -	\$ 21,258

**NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN:**

The League has a noncontributory group annuity retirement plan which covers full-time employees. The League's policy is to fund pension cost accrued. The total pension expense for 1984 and 1983 was \$188,400 and \$168,765 respectively, which included amortization of past service cost over a 30-year period. Accumulated plan benefits as of June 1, 1984, the most recent actuarial valuation date, are as follows:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits:

Vested	\$ 266,596
Non Vested	138,799
	<u>\$ 405,395</u>

At June 1, 1984 and June 3, 1983, net assets available for plan benefits at contract value (as reported by the insurer, including \$171,782 in 1984 and \$156,382 in 1983 payable to the insurer by the League) are \$330,741 and \$161,874. The assumed rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 7.5% in both 1984 and 1983.

**NOTE 8 - DEFERRED LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

The following is a summary of deferred life membership fees and subscriptions activity:

	December 31,	
	1984	1983
Current portion	\$ 324,258	\$ 298,802
Non-current portion	3,458,869	3,353,036
Total	<u>\$ 3,783,127</u>	<u>\$ 3,651,838</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 3,651,838	\$ 3,390,997
Additions:		
Membership fees received	85,593	264,038
Investment income	349,230	337,039
	<u>434,823</u>	<u>601,077</u>
Deductions:		
Net transfer to revenue	298,692	294,661
Administrative Expenses	4,842	45,575
	<u>303,534</u>	<u>340,236</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 3,783,127</u>	<u>\$ 3,651,838</u>

**NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY:**

The Canadian division of the League is incorporated as the Canadian Radio Relay League (CRRL). The operations of CRRL are reflected in the League's financial statements. CRRL collects membership and subscription fees and sells League publications. The proceeds from these activities are remitted directly by CRRL to the League. For the years ended December 31, 1984 and 1983, the League incurred \$20,986 and \$19,978 respectively in expenses pertaining to the operation of CRRL's Headquarters in Canada. On February 7, 1985, the League made a \$10,000 interest free loan to CRRL for the purchase of equipment to facilitate the transition of CRRL from a division of the League to an autonomous corporation. In 1985, CRRL began purchasing League publications for the purpose of reselling them to its members.

**SCHEDULE I  
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED  
OPERATING EXPENSES**

Year ended December 31,

	1984	1983
Publications:		
QST magazine	\$ 1,157,275	\$ 1,107,475
Standard handbook	170,021	113,034
Booklets	172,495	174,047
Tune in the World production costs	54,071	48,747
Advertising production costs	13,704	12,394
Advertising production costs credits	(10,711)	(8,654)

Call directory expenses	78,314	50,402
QEX production and other costs	11,064	13,262
ARRL Letter	18,526	22,149
Packet radio newsletter	2,113	-
	<u>1,666,872</u>	<u>1,532,856</u>
Salaries	2,068,313	1,892,745
Membership supplies	49,941	49,010
Postage	186,455	156,468
Forwarding expenses:		
QST subscriptions	291,266	312,408
QST newsdealers	2,552	7,341
Other publications	<u>152,218</u>	<u>151,790</u>
	<u>446,036</u>	<u>471,539</u>
Telephone and telegraph	51,614	47,224
Office supplies and expenses	145,707	128,435
General expenses	-	76,335
Laboratory expenses	23,201	12,126
Legal and professional fees	152,278	90,950
Stationery, printing and forms	203,816	175,994
Promotion and support	30,599	44,839
Payroll processing expense	3,060	2,497
Light, heat and water	55,925	56,020
Employee insurance and pension costs	275,876	256,820
Other employee expenses	26,692	-
Insurance	15,951	16,236
Interest expense	9,802	12,176
Temporary employees	29,516	-
Travel expenses:		
Business	46,717	46,513
Membership contacts	40,501	38,619
Overseas	<u>5,337</u>	<u>14,926</u>
	<u>92,555</u>	<u>100,058</u>
Automobile expenses	652	1,223
Building maintenance expenses	66,895	48,541
Property taxes	51,495	47,719
Payroll taxes	141,616	115,289
Sales and use taxes	1,125	807
Depreciation	240,472	212,527
Awards	12,758	10,484
Headquarters station expenses	9,389	5,698
CRRL Headquarters expenses	20,986	19,978
Provision for doubtful accounts	16,189	19,486
Electronic data processing	645	4,252
Unemployment compensation	134	2,884
Overseas QSL service	27,397	32,384
Distribution of films	4,987	5,926
Computer supplies and maintenance	23,109	25,427
Dues - region 2 and 3	25,370	-
House advertising preparation	8,707	10,503
Miscellaneous	6,423	-
Product review	4,084	-
Subscriptions	2,701	-
	<u>\$ 6,192,343</u>	<u>\$ 5,685,456</u>

**SCHEDULE II  
ADDITION INFORMATION**

**THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INCORPORATED  
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES - OTHER EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Year ended December 31,

	1984	1983
Division Directors expenses:		
Atlantic	\$ 6,058	\$ 7,993
Canadian	6,688	7,928
Central	4,801	5,799
Dakota	1,544	2,793
Delta	1,081	2,317
Great Lakes	5,792	4,071
Hudson	3,958	4,986
Midwest	5,922	5,000
New England	6,835	7,803
Northwestern	11,343	9,628
Pacific	7,996	8,272
Rosnoke	8,314	8,423
Rocky Mountain	4,932	3,435
Southeastern	7,789	5,890
Southwestern	9,586	7,994
West Gulf	6,456	6,224
	<u>99,115</u>	<u>98,556</u>
Board of Directors meetings	51,299	51,214
Executive committee	16,250	12,361
President's expenses	19,517	19,555
Other committees	6,365	4,692
Advisory committees	1,046	244
National traffic system	7,656	9,021
Officers' expenses	19,589	27,631
Strengthening CRRL	1,823	2,040
Membership affairs committee	4,333	5,521
Management and finance committee	11,414	9,648
Plans and programs committee	3,322	26
QSL Manager expense	1,531	2,106
Ad hoc committee on biological effects	1,099	1,129
Digital Communication Committee	10,447	5,054
Section level expenses	67,792	55,122
Committee to study monitoring and licensing activities	1,603	2,486
Forward Planning Committee	6,271	3,574
New Orleans World's Fair	<u>5,720</u>	-
	<u>\$ 336,392</u>	<u>\$ 309,780</u>

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# Moved and Seconded . . .

The following is a correction to Minutes of Executive Committee No. 416, November 19, 1984

Minute 4 is amended by deleting the text and substituting therefor the following:

4) Mr. Sumner and Mr. Imlay were excused from the room, at 2:20 P.M. Mr. Price continued in the Chair and Mr. Nathanson acted as recording secretary.

Mr. Metzger reported, as requested in Minute 81 of the Second 1984 meeting of the Board, for the Management and Finance Committee.

In response to the charge of the Committee of the Whole, Mr. Price distributed copies of the evaluation prepared of the performance of the General Manager for 1984. After extensive discussion, Mr. Price further distributed copies of a report he had previously submitted to the Management and Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Turnbull, it was voted to adopt the Report, resulting in a salary adjustment for the General Manager effective January 1, 1985 and in a further charge to the President and Management and Finance Committee to repeat the evaluation process in November 1985.

Next, Mr. Metzger outlined the necessity of additional funding for the Management and Finance Committee in view of the relocation study for which preliminary planning must soon begin. On motion of Mr. Milius, it was voted that additional funding of no more than \$7500 is allotted to the Committee.

At 3:00 P.M. Mr. Sumner and Mr. Imlay rejoined the meeting, and Mr. Nathanson departed, owing to travel commitments. Mr. Sumner resumed as recording secretary.

## MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE No. 417

March 23, 1985

### AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of November 19 meeting.
2. FCC matters
- 2.1 Report of the President and Secretary on recent meetings with FCC personnel
- 2.2 ARRL position with respect to MM Docket No. 85-38, cable-television leakage standards
- 2.3 ARRL position with respect to PR Docket No. 85-51, third-party participation in amateur communications
- 2.4 ARRL position with respect to PR Docket No. 85-21, proposal to leave the waiting period between examination attempts to the discretion of the VEC
- 2.5 ARRL position with respect to PR Docket No. 85-23, amendment of Part 97 to conform to Part 2 Table of Frequency Allocations
- 2.6 Review of reply comments in PR Docket No. 84-874, radiolocation at 1.9-2.0 MHz
3. Local antenna/RFI matters
4. IARU matters
- 4.1 IARU Proposal No. 180, concerning the admission of the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society
- 4.2 IARU Proposal No. 181, concerning the admission of the Brunei Amateur Radio Transmitting Society
- 4.3 Plans for joint meeting of ARRL Board with IARU Region 2 Executive Committee, in Hartford, July 27
5. Recognition of new Life Members
6. Approval of conventions
7. Date and place of meetings for the remainder of 1985
8. Affiliation of clubs
9. Report on other Board action items
10. Discussion of enhanced Novice privileges, with Travis Brann, WASRGU, of Kantronics, representing Amateur Radio industry
11. Progress report on Development Program
12. Minute 90, October 1984 Board Meeting (EC study of ARRL's spectrum-management activities) and preliminary discussion of ARRL position with respect to PR Docket No. 85-22, relative status of coordinated and uncoordinated repeaters
13. Other business

Pursuant to due notice, the Executive Committee of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met at 9:02 A.M. Eastern Standard time, Saturday, March 23, 1985, at the Marriott Hotel, Bethesda, Maryland. Present were President Larry E. Price, W4RA, in the Chair; First Vice President Leonard M. Nathanson, W8RC; Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ; Directors Thomas B. J. Atkins, VE3CDM, Paul

Grauer, W0FIR, William J. Stevens, W6ZM, and Hugh A. Turnbull, W3ABC; and Secretary Perry Williams, W1UED. Also present were Directors Mary Lewis, W7QGP and Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, Vice Director John C. Kanode, N4MM, and Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, N3AKD.

1) On motion of Mr. Stevens, the Minutes of the November 19, 1984, meeting were approved as amended by the Secretary.

2.1) Mr. Price reported on a series of meetings between ARRL and FCC in the previous three days. He and Mr. Williams had visited Chairman Mark Fowler, Commissioner Dennis Patrick, Field Operations Bureau Chief Richard Smith, Private Radio Bureau Chief Robert Foonsner, Chief Scientist Robert Powers and Special Services Division Chief Ray Kowalski. Among the subjects covered was the League's study of feasibility concerning ARRL assistance to FCC in the issuance of call signs as initiated by Minute 52, ARRL 1985 Annual Meeting. Following the report, on motion of Mr. Stevens, it was voted that the study of this issue be continued, looking toward the preparation of recommendations to the Second Meeting of the Board in July.

2.2) The Commission recently released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket 85-38, which proposes to (1) delete technical rules governing the quality of television pictures and (2) ease leakage restrictions in the 54 to 216 MHz band from the present limit of 20 microvolts per meter at 3 meters to 50 microvolts per meter at 3 meters, a standard presently applying to home computers. On motion of Mr. Grauer, it was voted that the League file, by the deadline of March 29, comments regarding the second issue in the Docket only, in opposition to any easing of the leakage restrictions.

2.3) Next, the Committee discussed the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 85-51, which proposes to prohibit third-party participation in amateur radio by any person whose license has been revoked, is under suspension, was voluntarily surrendered in lieu of disciplinary action or who is under an Order to Cease and Desist. On motion of Mr. Stevens, it was voted to file comments expressing ARRL's support for the proposed rule.

2.4) The Committee then discussed the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Docket 85-21, which would leave the waiting period after amateur examination failure up to the VEC. It would also continue to require public notice of an examination opportunity only for those sessions that would serve five or more applicants. On motion of Mr. Grauer, the Committee ordered that comments be filed asking the Commission to require a waiting period of 27 days after failure, and to require advance public notice of every examination opportunity (even those serving a single disabled person at his home) in the interest of preserving the integrity of the system.

2.5) Following discussion of FCC's proposals to grant amateurs access to the microwave bands in PR Docket 85-23, on motion of Mr. Stevens, it was voted to file comments urging the Commission to implement the planned allocations as soon as possible, but to continue our opposition to footnotes placed against the 10- and 24-GHz bands and against the 220-MHz band which would reduce the status of the Amateur Service relative to other services in the band.

2.6) The Committee reviewed a draft of Reply Comments in Docket 84-874, FCC's proposal to add a primary allocation of 1.9-2.0 MHz to the nongovernment radiolocation service rules in Part 90, and, on motion of Mr. Turnbull, authorized a filing of reply comments along the lines presented in the draft.

3) The Committee reviewed the report of Counsel on local antenna and radio-frequency-interference matters.

4.1) On motion of Mr. Grauer, the vote of ARRL was cast in favor of admitting the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society into membership in the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

4.2) On further motion of Mr. Grauer, a similar vote was cast in favor of the Brunei Amateur Radio Transmitting Society's membership.

4.3) The Chair announced plans for a joint meeting of the IARU Region 2 Executive Committee with the ARRL Board of Directors on July 27-28, 1985, immediately following the Second Meeting of the ARRL Board.

5) On motion of Mr. Atkins, the names of 69 newly elected Life Members were recognized, and the Executive Vice President was directed to list their names

in QST. The Committee was in recess from 12:05 to 12:18 P.M.

6) On motion of Mr. Atkins, the Committee approved the holding of the following ARRL conventions:

Texas State	May 31-June 2, 1985	Dallas
Kansas State	October 12-13, 1985	Concordia
Florida State	March 7-9, 1986	Orlando
Texas State	July 11-13, 1986	San Antonio

7) The next meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled for May 18, 1985 at Rochester, New York. Meetings were also tentatively set for August 24, 1985, in Scottsdale, Arizona, and November 23, 1985 in Hartford.

8) On motion of Mr. Grauer, the affiliation of the following clubs was approved (Category I unless otherwise noted): Allen County Team for Interference Verification, Ft. Wayne, IN; Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club, Gualala, CA; Chico State Amateur Radio Society, Chico, CA (Category III); Condor Repeater Association, Thousand Oaks, CA; Eastern Michigan Contest Club, Adrian, MI; Electchester VHF Club, Inc., Bayside, NY; Laurei Amateur Radio Club, Laurel, MS; Oklahoma Independent ARC, Ponca City, OK; Radio Amateur Service Club, Baton Rouge, LA; St. Barnabas Amateur Radio Club, Livingston, NJ; St. Croix Amateur Radio Club, St. Croix, WI; Short Mountain Repeater Club, Inc., McMinnville, TN; 67 Repeater Group, Gadsden, AL; Southeast Missouri ARC, Jackson, MO; Treasure Coasters Repeater Assn., Inc., Vero Beach FL; Ukiah Amateur Radio Club, Ukiah, CA; West Central Louisiana ARC, Leesville, LA; Zyo Amateur Radio Club, Middlefield, CT.

With this action, the League has the following number of active affiliated clubs: Category I, 1737; Category II, 11; Category III, 172.

9) Mr. Sumner reported that the second prototype design of the convention badge for ARRL officials had been approved and 250 blanks were on order. The Committee was in recess for lunch from 1:08 to 1:33.

10) At this point, Travis Brann, WASRGU, of Kantronics, representing the Amateur Radio industry, and William Lazzaro, N2CF, ARRL Development Manager, joined the meeting at the invitation of the President. There followed an extensive discussion of the philosophy of enhancing Novice privileges as one means of improving growth in the Amateur Service. Mr. Brann left the meeting, with the thanks of the Committee for his contributions, at 2:35 P.M.

11) Next was a progress report by Mr. Lazzaro on the various facets of the campaign to increase membership in the League. Mr. Lazzaro departed from the meeting and Director Gay Milius, W4UG, joined the group at 3:48. On motion of Mr. Stevens, it was voted that, in view of the success of the "Convention Special" free-book membership promotion at the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention in Miami earlier this year, the Executive Vice President is instructed to include a similar promotion for all ARRL Division Conventions for the balance of the year.

12) There followed a discussion of ARRL's spectrum-management activities, as ordained in Minute 90 of the October 1984 Meeting of the Board, especially focusing on the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR Docket 85-22, regarding the relative status of coordinated and uncoordinated repeaters. On motion of Mr. Turnbull, the Executive Vice President was asked to prepare an options paper concerning Docket 85-22 and circulate it by May 7, for discussion at the May 18 meeting of the Committee. On further motion of Mr. Turnbull, it was voted that ARRL seek a 45-day extension of time for comment in the docket beyond the present deadline of July 1, so that the full Board may discuss the issue at its Second Meeting on July 25, 1985.

13) Mr. Turnbull, as Chairman, presented the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on a More-Continuous Washington Presence. On motion of Mr. Stevens, the report was accepted and its recommendations (including transfer of the "Washington Oversight" function to the Executive Committee and dismissal of the Ad Hoc group) were adopted. On motion of Mr. Nathanson, the Committee adopted the

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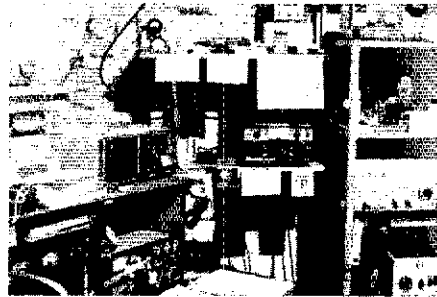
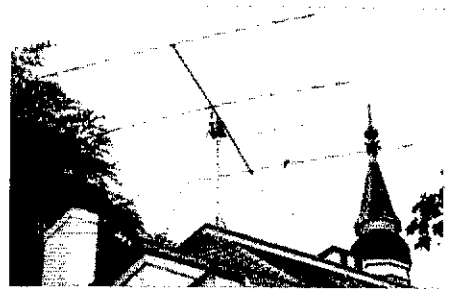
## ON4NC

Honor Roll member C. J. Wolf, ON4NC, has a very extensive CW background. Christian's father (born in 1866) could read Morse code and get the news from Paris (Eiffel Tower) around 1912; at the time, Christian was 7 years old. In 1925, Christian built his first receiver, and the first hams he heard were on 180/200 meters. The ON4NC license was acquired in 1930, when he became very interested in 28 MHz. One of his memorable thrills was hearing the first real opening to the USA in the fall of 1935. On CW, he contacted W1DF on Oct. 19, 1935. (W1DF went on to become the Technical Editor of *QST*.) Christian later made the first 10-meter CW contact between Belgium and the Belgian Congo, with OQ4CJJ, in Leopoldville, June 10, 1936. (OT ON4AU had made a previous crossband QSO, 20 to 10 meters.)

From the very beginning, DX was Christian's main object. He held DXCC pre-WW II, and in 1948 he started all over again. He had the good fortune to be active at the time of some rare, deleted countries, such as Goa (CR8) and French India (FN8). Christian has been chasing DX ever since, and now has over 360 countries confirmed.

An exciting event occurred in 1960—the Belgian Congo acquired its independence from Belgium. Their RTT (equivalent to the U.S. FCC) gave ONs permission to pass along to hams in the Republic of the Congo (now called Zaire) any kind of messages to be relayed to Belgians who were there; wives and parents were even allowed to speak to other members of their families. It was quite dramatic at times, Christian recalls.

ON4NC continues to work many W stations, but regrets that 10-meter propagation doesn't currently support this type of activity regularly. Although he is not as active as previously (the shack is on the second floor of his home), he does conduct regular



ON4NC, with XYL Monique, uses a TH-4 to radiate signals from this tidy TS-820 station at his home in Melle, Oost Vlaanderen, Belgium.

schedules on phone with the U.S.

Ham radio is certainly a family affair for ON4NC, with his son holding the call ON5NC. And, he notes he hasn't given up on getting his grandchildren interested in his lifelong avocation.

Always a gentleman DXer, Christian pays special homage to his

XYL, Monique, for her understanding and patience over those many hours of getting all those countries!

## THAILAND

We have received a detailed report from our sister society for Thailand. The following is the gist of the February 4 letter from HSI1BG and HSI1AMH.

"1984 was a fruitful year for the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand, one in which RAST worked toward full recognition and legalization of Amateur Radio by the Royal Thai Government—culminating in the lifting earlier this year of the ban on the service. During the ban, RAST had maintained Thailand's international status by applying for (and receiving) permission from their PTT to operate during major contests—demonstrating that Amateur Radio is very much alive in Thailand. In order to achieve that goal, club members worked to set up the club's own HF station, located at the Asian Institute of Technology campus at Rangsit (45 km north of Bangkok). The Society kept up ties in the international area through correspondence with the IARU as well as the ARRL and other major societies.

"In 1984, RAST celebrated its 20th anniversary with a daylong display of various aspects of the hobby. There was an exhibition by the Communications Authority of Thailand that demonstrated its international data-access facilities. Videotapes gave guests and visitors a glimpse of fox hunting in China (de JARL) and an overview of the hobby (de ARRL). The high point was November 11, 1984, when Minister of Communications Mr. Samak Sundharavej promised to do his best work for the legalization of Amateur Radio.

"The President of the Asian Institute of Technology gave permission for setting up a club station on the campus. Several RAST members spent many weekends constructing a six-element tribander. The final configuration at the club station comprises two antenna masts (about 40 feet high)—one supporting a rotary, and the other to allow a 40- and 80-meter dipole to be suspended. Equipment contributed by club members includes a Drake 4 line, as well as JA transceivers. A Collins 30L1 and assorted test equipment completes the picture. Big plans are afoot. A full-size beam for 40 is in the planning stages.

"Public Service is a strong part of the HS picture, with RAST participating in activities allied with the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund.

"In December of last year, at the Society's annual meeting, HSI1WB was reelected RAST President. Other officers are Vice President HSI1DS, Second Vice President HSI1YL, Secretary-General HSI1BG and Treasurer HSI1DC."

Every DXer offers good wishes to RAST for their reemergence into today's Amateur Radio.

## UA SATELLITES

In November 1984, the RS-9 beacon (29,402 KHz) went on the air, transmitting telemetry information analogous to that sent from orbit by the Soviet RADIO series of satellites. At the end of the year, the repeater was switched on, translating the band segment 145,860-145,900 KHz to 29,360-29,400. Many Moscow-area hams

(UK3A, RS3A, RA3AHM, RA3AMM and others) have already made initial contacts via this repeater. The transponder is switched on around the clock, but the "robot" is on the air irregularly, transmitting its own CQ on 29,320 KHz, announcing at that time the frequency on which it should be called. (tnx W4KM)

## RED ALERT

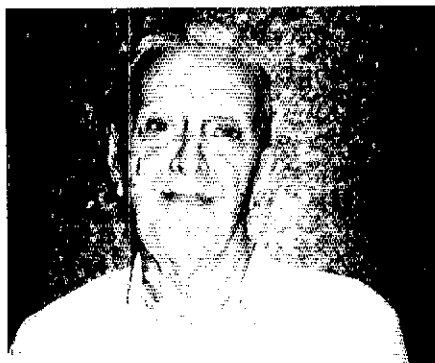
It was the spring of 1984. Declining Cycle 21 was riding a plateau with the solar flux hovering in the 120-130 range. There were openings on 20 meters over the pole on most evenings. As sunrise swept across the USSR, I was scanning the band looking for the needed, more obscure, Republics. Since many of those stations seem to be equipped with that ubiquitous "40 watts to a 2-element quad," the upper end of the band (where there is less QRM) was a logical hunting ground.

"A QSO between what sounded like two high school kids caught my attention. One was clearly U.S., the other uncertain. Some sixth sense beckoned me to tarry. Their signals were rather weak, and they weren't signing their calls very often. The prefix of the alleged non-W station eluded me.

The U.S. voice asked, "How far north of Norway are you located?" The light flashed and the horn resounded, decisively switching my status from yellow to red alert. How far north of Norway are you? On my map there isn't much up there (and I needed both of 'em!).

They chit-chatted for quite a while. It was enjoyable learning about Spitzbergen, but I got a little edgy as propagation deteriorated. When

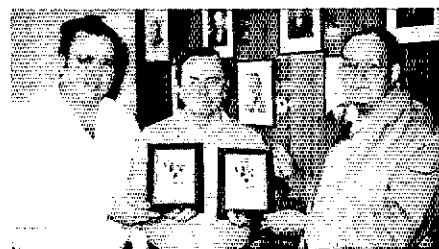




Whatever happened to that super CW op, YN1AA? Here's Jim Parker, these days masquerading as N4JTZ in Miami. (W1YL photo)



Same calls and QTHs; different times: Val, KH6OI, of Honolulu, lived in Homestead, Florida (the current QTH of your DX editor) many years ago and holds the call your editor originally held in Hawaii several decades ago!



K1DRN (left) and his dad, W1HGA (right), receive the first two DXCC Honor Roll plaques to be issued, while visiting W3AZD at ARRL Hq. in mid-February. Verne, Sr. shows up at 309 on the Honor Roll, with "junior" at 314—both phone totals.

they signed, a moment of hesitation allowed me to see how large a crowd they'd drawn. Apparently I was the sole eavesdropper, and thereby conditionally checked Svalbard off the list of my needed ones.

Prodded onward by my success, I continued tuning and caught the end of a faint QSO. A quick, reflexive call. If JW is good, JH must be even better! I still chuckle at myself for that one.—Marty Levin, W6BDN

### THE CIRCUIT

□ **KT:** The new name for Upper Volta is Burkina Faso, as confirmed by their Washington Embassy. [The old days were simpler—Ed.]

□ **J4ATC:** Work this station last March? If was a special call assigned for use at the Annual Conference of the International Federation of Air Traffic Control Associations in Athens, Greece. Both WIBFA and PA6GJA were licensed to

operate the facility. Ernie's address is Ernie Bracy, WIBFA, Box 88, Readfield, ME 04355.

□ **A22:** AK1E notes the closing down of A22ME and A22TE late February, with Mel returning to the States to work in the VOA studio in DC. Cards for the operation (1983-1985) are available from AK1E. A22 will still be active via A22CA, A22DX, A24DM and A24AS—all confirmed by AK1E. (A24DM is able to work RTTY for those needing this mode.) Many more new hams are receiving tickets in Botswana and will be active from their homes shortly.

□ **Kure:** If you worked KH6JFL/KH6 or /KH7 on the following date/times, send your s.a.s.e. to Ron Harburg, 2457 Aumakua St., Pearl City, HI 96782-1047: 26 Jan. 1978 0147Z to 08 Feb.

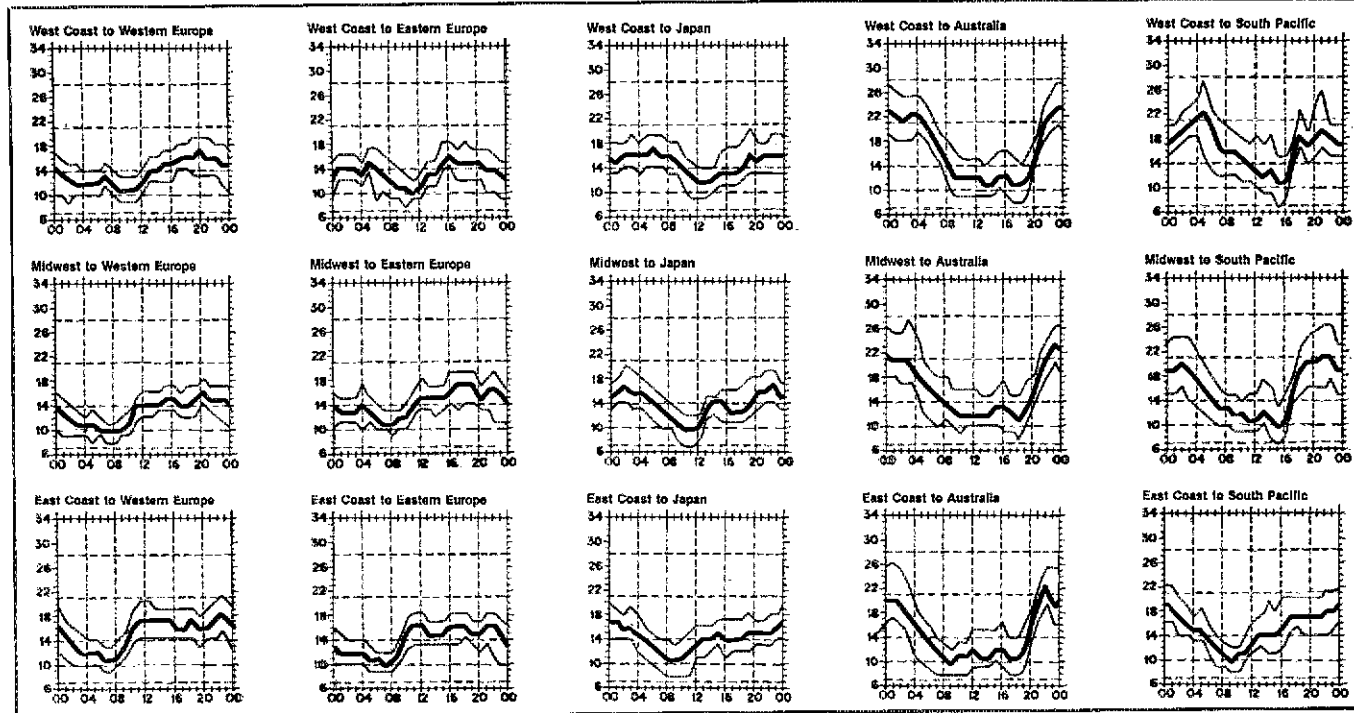
### Troster's Tips for Easy Listening

Is the skip moving with you or against you? If a DX station is weak and he is not yet working many stations in your general area (if any), consider whether the skip is moving so that communication will get better between you, or whether it will decline. If you decide the skip is with you, hang in there and keep calling. If the skip is "going out" or against you, and you want to continue calling anyway, try changing your calling tactics. (Ahhh, but sometimes the skip seems to come back a little later.)

More next month from W6ISQ.


2159Z; 7 Dec. 1978 0546Z to 8 Dec. 1828Z; 21 Nov. 1979 0342Z to 22 Nov. 0215Z.

□ **DX Convention:** This year's Pacific Northwest Convention is scheduled for July 27-28. More details soon.



When are the bands open? These charts predict this month's average propagation conditions for high-frequency circuits between the U.S. and various overseas points. One chart for East Coast to West Coast is also included. On 10 percent of the days of the month, the highest frequency propagated will be at least as high as the uppermost curve (highest possible frequency, or HPF). On 50 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the middle curve (maximum usable frequency, or MUF). On 90 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as

☐ **Help:** N8BC (ex-W8GQU) is looking for FB8WX (7/79), YJ8BW (3/67) and 7Q7JO (2/66).

☐ **Advice:** From the Winter 1984 issue of the *Northern California DX Foundation Newsletter*, by renowned DXer OH2BH: "A traveling DXpeditioner is one who should behave like an ambassador for our fraternity. He should never fail on his QSO target, but should not be found wanting in his diplomatic behavior either." 

**QSL Manager Volunteer**  
AC2F

**Special Notes**

- ☐ N2DWK is not the manager for C73AA.
- ☐ K9MX is not the manager for J73PP.
- ☐ There is no QSL bureau on Cape Verde (D4); cards go direct to the *Callbook* address of the station worked.
- ☐ 9M2FK: YU1HA (ex-YU4HA) notes that he still handles cards for this station (for contacts after Jan. 1, 1972) and also for HS9FK. Ivan has changed his address, however, so please note that he can be reached at Ivan Gorsek, YU1HA, Trg Narodnog Fronta 1/5, 34000 Kragujevac, Yugoslavia.

☐ KX6PO: According to QSL Manager W4FRU, no logs have been received for a couple of years. If you know how to extract a confirmation, please communicate with K4LVZ, who is anxious to know.

☐ Zaire: Dan (AK1E) also notes that cards for 9Q5ET will be available from him, but it may take a bit of time. Many problems exist in the bush in Zaire, so, please, be patient.

☐ HC1BW: KT1N is the manager for HC1BW, Orbra Bliss of Quito. For all contacts write to Roy Gould, KT1N, P.O. Box "DX," Stow, MA 01775.

☐ **Help:** Can anyone supply working QSL routes for 7P8WU or PY1EFM/PY0? Thanks.—KB3OM.

☐ QSL Corner, December 1984, page 61, contains information and addresses for the ARRL Incoming Bureaus. March 1985 *QST* contains information on the operation of the ARRL Outgoing Overseas QSL Service. For information on bureau operations (Incoming and Outgoing), send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ARRL QSL Bureau, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.



Dynamic NK4U ran the QSL Bureau booth at the Miami Hamboree. Nancy manages the ARRL QSL Bureau for all two-letter "4" prefixes on behalf of the Sterling Park (VA) Amateur Radio Club. (W1YL photo)

# QSL Corner


Administered By Joanna Hushin, KA1IFO

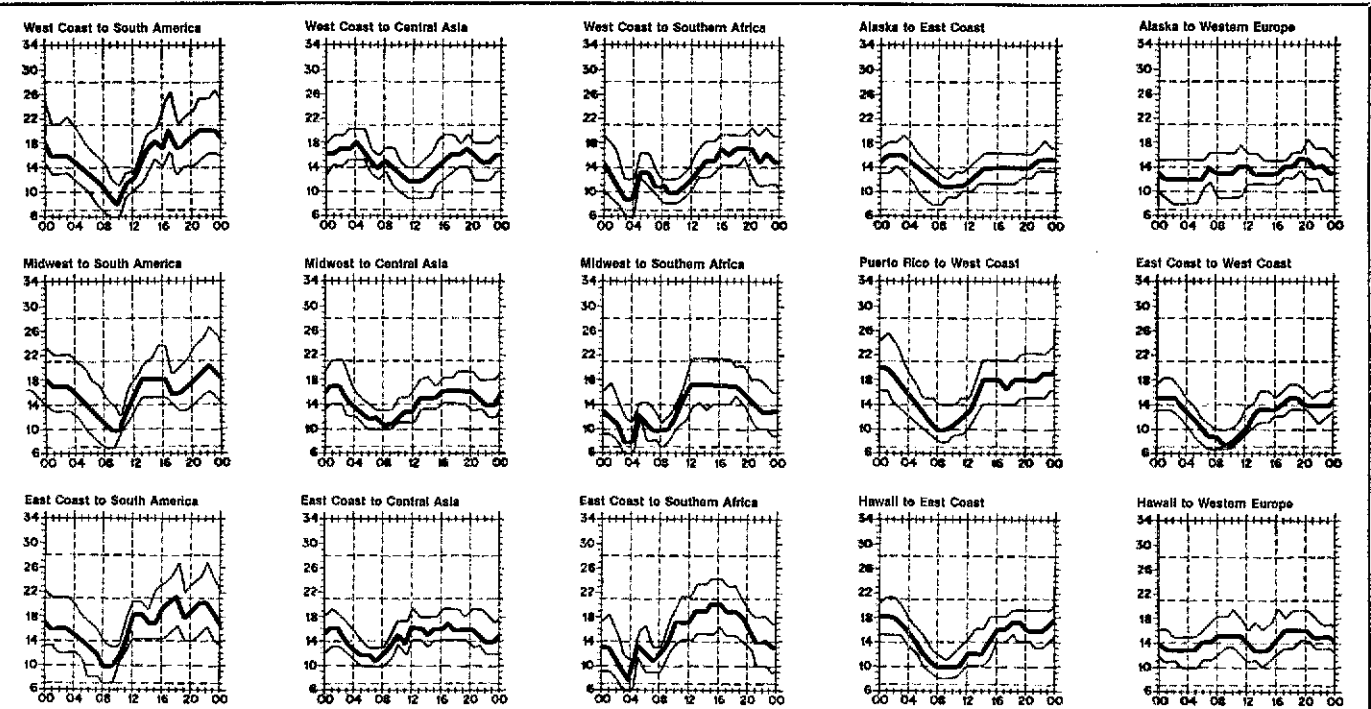
Here is some information for those of you who would like to QSL direct to the station location or to a QSL manager. It is passed along as we receive it and, therefore, may not be accurate. The call sign in parentheses is the QSL manager.

- EL2CJ (JF2QHC)
- FG0FT (W0RLX)
- FM5WD (W3HMK)
- G5DWY (WA7OGU)
- HC1BW (KT1N)
- TR8DM (F3CY)
- TR8JYC P.O.B. 2127, Libreville, Gabon
- YB0AFA (WA7OGU)
- V3DN (WB6ZTI)
- ZC4MR (G4SDJ)
- ZF2HI (KZ2E)
- ZF2HJ (KA2TPA)
- 3C1BC (K4PHE)
- 3C1YL (N4NX)
- 8P6NW (KA9EBM)
- 9G1LR (WA7OGU)
- 9N38 (W1GAY)
- 9N1AW (W1GAY)
- 9N1FO (W1GAY)

**Helpful Information**

An amateur sends in an s.a.s.e. to his call area QSL bureau to claim his QSL cards. That amateur places two First Class stamps on the envelope. He has just wasted 5¢ because the Post Office charges 22¢ for the first ounce and 17¢ for each additional ounce.

A good rule to go by is to place 22¢ on the s.a.s.e. and add 17¢ stamps for each additional ounce of cards you wish to have sent to you from the QSL bureau. It goes like this: 1 ounce = 22¢, 2 ounces = 39¢; 3 ounces = 56¢; 4 ounces = 73¢, etc. (tnx K3WKK) 



The lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or FOT). See April 1983 *QST*, page 63, January 1977 *QST*, page 58, September 1977 *QST*, page 35, and January 1979 *QST*, page 11, for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axis, frequency in MHz. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for May 15 to June 15, 1985, assume a sunspot number of 29, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 86.

# 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 awards 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 February 1 through February 28, 1985. An s.a.s.e will bring you the rules and application forms for participation in the DXCC program.

## New Members

<b>Mixed</b>									
DK1E/213 DL1MAJ/263 DL8XLJ/312 DL8EB/112 G3NOB/154 GM5EMM/101	GU4XEA/127 HK8HEU/294 IN3RZY/275 JH1IED/271 JP1EVN/118 JJ3UJC/105	JA4FWM/291 LA9SN/176 LU1CLA/128 OASCP/104 OE2SNL/122 OE1ZOS/115	OH2BJG/110 OK1OFA/100 SM4NLL/105 SP3BYZ/106 SV1PL/249 SV1UG/106	TF5BW/103 VE2NUP/109 ZP5LOJ/114 7P8CI/105 AB1N/104 W1JBW/330	KC2PX/165 K3QMX/253 KA3KZF/102 W3GIS/102 W3KYN/101 W3YJN/109	K4LW/257 KA4EQW/231 N4IQN/103 NN4S/105 WA2ACT/182 WA4EV8/104	WWW4E/316 WWW4J/109 NR8E/153 KW7Z/103 NG7K/103 K9LA/225	K8GACS/101 KU9T/103 W9AUO/142 WB2ZGY/157 K0WWW/323	
<b>Radiotelephone</b>									
CP5AI/171 DK8JB/114 DL1MAJ/181 EA5EBT/102 EA7CWC/139 F3DE/149 G3NOB/128	G4NKF/100 HK8AQN/105 HK8HEU/294 H1WZT/226 JA1VYQ/109 JP1EVN/117	JA4FWM/284 JA9RFN/115 KL7XO/108 LA9SN/162 LU1CLA/100 OE1ZOS/115	VU7WCY/101 YB3CDL/108 YC2BGZ/111 ZD9BX/138 ZF2GE/125 ZP5LOB/114	5N8HEM/110 7P8CI/105 KA1F5O/108 KA1GIP/100 W1YWP/102 K2DUX/154	KC2PX/165 WB2ODH/113 K3QMX/253 W3EMV/109 KA4CIZ/123 KA4EQW/111	N4DDW/102 N4IQN/103 N14M/104 WW4E/288 NES1/108 W5DZF/115	KJ6V/100 WB6EKR/259 NG7K/103 N8DJS/100 WB8JYF/140 K9LA/110	KU9T/100 N9EJL/128 W9PVD/101 WB2ZGY/153 K0TDO/101 W0LEC/141	
<b>CW</b>									
DL1MAJ/136 DL5YBU/112 G3FXA/189 G3NOB/105	H89BMU/104 I5EFO/101 IK5DEY/131 JA2HMF/116	JR3WXA/108 OE2SNL/118 SM8OL/105 YU3DV/100	8Y5HN/102 KB2MX/104 KE3A/131	KQ3E/136 W3CEI/100 KA4EQW/191	WU4E/103 K5WQG/104 KA5GHR/103	NES1/104 WD5DEQ/109 K07S/101	N7AIH/114 W7KT/120 W8PCS/101	K9BQL/102 K9LA/115 W9LT/180	
<b>RTTY</b>									
VK5RY/102	WB4UBD/101	WA6PJR/101							
<b>160 Meters</b>									
W2FCR/100	W9CG/100								
<b>5BDXCC</b>									
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## Endorsement

<b>Mixed</b>									
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## Edmonton Papal Visit

**January 1984:** The Pope is coming! 250,000 people are expected to attend the open-air mass that will be celebrated just outside of Edmonton, Alberta. Members of Northern Alberta ARC are sure they can help. Club officials checked it out, and it turns out that several committees preparing for the Pope's visit have been looking for communications. The amateurs learn that the medical committee will need a communications system capable of operating on several channels. They offer their help to the medical committee, and are accepted.

**Spring 1984:** The work begins. An ad calling for volunteers is placed in the club newsletter, but response is slim. A telephone campaign, however, nets 40 of the 55 operators needed. Sixty percent of the operators own hand-held transceivers; most of the rest own mobile rigs. All the radios will have to operate for 12 hours or more without a break. Extra batteries, some fitted with voltage regulators, will be needed. Getting these becomes a project in itself.

**June 1984:** Visit organizers are becoming worried. Can the amateurs really do what they say they can do? For instance, when an ambulance is dispatched to someone requiring medical aid, can the amateurs have an operator there? Will relief operators be on hand? It becomes apparent that 55 operators won't be enough. There will have to be 80 regular operators and lots of relief operators.

The call goes out for additional operators. Amateurs from as far as 200 miles away from Edmonton sign up.

**July 1984:** For the day of the visit, Edmonton police want 10 amateurs to monitor vehicle traffic within the city. Then, the ushers, who will be responsible for lost and founds, crowd control and dispatching golf carts to people not needing an ambulance, ask for help. They can use up to 150 radios! The amateurs decide to help.

**August 1984:** Visit organizers are predicting that 1000 people could need medical attention during the visit. Eighty doctors, 200 nurses, 160 St. John's Ambulance workers and 60 amateurs will be on site. The huge spectator area will be divided into 24 "pods." Each pod, the size of a football field, will have its own medical team and amateur operators. Operators will be assigned to one of three nets, each having its own frequency and net control. Additional frequencies will be set aside for medical consultations and general traffic among the amateurs. In an emergency, members of the medical team and an amateur will rush over to help; the operator will provide communications for the pod doctor.

**September 1984:** The system has been tested twice; both went well. DOC ran a check to uncover possible intermod problems and to recommend some frequencies. One small shift in frequency, one cavity in a transmission line,

and it worked. The only problem was the noise, as all 15 net control operators, amateur and commercial, were crammed into a 60-foot trailer. Then, the PA system was turned on. Loud! Headphones soon became standard equipment. Now, there's a new problem. Before and during the visit, highways in the area will be closed. Access to the site will be by bus or a five-mile walk. There will have to be sleeping and eating accommodations for the amateurs. The amateurs arrange to bring trailers and RVs onto the site.

**September 16-17, 1984:** The night before the Papal visit. Pods close to the altar are full, and it's only 7 P.M. Amateurs respond to the first calls for help as morning comes. It's been cold and windy. People who stayed overnight are cold and stiff, but don't realize they have a problem until they try to move. More calls, especially to help older people. The Pope arrives, and the mass moves along. The planning pays off; everything is under control. The Pope leaves, and the amateurs have time to reflect. There were calls for allergic reactions, hypothermia, a heart attack and some broken bones—but only 102, not the 1000 that had been predicted. Amateurs helping the ushers had found 20 lost objects and 25 lost people. That had gone well, too, in the single-largest public-service event in which Alberta amateurs had ever been involved. (Compiled from material written by Glenn Fritz, VE6AFF)

## CRRL NEWS

□ Recently, DOC asked CRRL to review several hundred new questions for the technical portions of DOC Amateur Radio exams. Surprise, surprise. The questions were all multiple-choice! DOC did not indicate when the multiple-choice questions will be phased in or what percent of the technical portions of exams will eventually become multiple-choice.

□ CRRL is starting an "Elmer" program. Every week, CRRL receives several letters from people who want to become radio amateurs. All who write are sent an information package, the name of a nearby club and, when possible, the name of a nearby amateur who has agreed to let himself be contacted and is willing to invite prospective amateurs to his station and show them what Amateur Radio is all about. What CRRL needs is the names of more such amateurs — probably *your name* — particularly if you live in one of the less-populated areas of Canada. Can you help? If so, send a note to the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario.

□ What is the present state of CRRL membership? CRRL membership did decline somewhat during the first part of 1984, but later increased — for a net gain of 5.7% and a total membership of 5120 by the end of the year. To all who joined CRRL during the recent membership cam-

paign, thanks for your support. Please call on your volunteer CRRL reps and workers whenever you need assistance. If you have the time and inclination, contact your CRRL Regional Director or Section Manager and ask how you can become part of the team. It's *your* League.

□ FCC's Notice of Proposed Rule Making on repeater coordination is of more than passing interest to Canadian amateurs. One question that was asked was "Should there be a single repeater coordinator for the U.S.?" Many repeater-coordinating groups along the Canada-U.S. border are bi-national, and at least one, the Western New York-Southern Ontario Repeater Council, has a frequency coordinator (responsible for coordinating repeaters in Canada and the U.S.) who is a Canadian. Would FCC be prepared to uphold coordinations made by a Canadian? What if a coordinated repeater in Canada and an uncoordinated repeater in the U.S. interfered with each other? Would FCC uphold the right of the Canadian repeater to remain in operation and take the U.S. repeater off the air? It all needs thinking about. CRRL will be making FCC aware of these "wrinkles" before things get too far along.

## RSO-CRRL '85

Plans are well under way for the RSO-CRRL '85

Convention, to be held in London, Ontario, on September 27-29. The "Friday-Night Eyeball" will feature music and Ontario wine and cheese. The Saturday and Sunday programs will feature top speakers from Canada and the U.S. By press time, the following were confirmed: AMSAT's John Henry, VE2VQ, on satellite communications; QST author Richard Miller, VE3CIE, on VHF/UHF propagation; IARU President Richard Baldwin, W1RU, on international Amateur Radio; PACSAT Project Manager Harold Price, NK6K, on digital communications; CQ author Tony Ward, VE3IAT, and the CANAD-X group on operating from exotic parts of the world; former QST Technical Editor Doug DeMaw, W1FB, on homebrew design and antennas; TCA Contributing Editor Michael Ross, VE2DUB, on microwaves; CRRL Counsel Bob Benson, Q.C., VE2VW, on Amateur Radio and the law; Radiosporting Editor Yuri Blanzarovich, VE3BMV, on contesting; CRRL Past President Mitch Powell, VE3OT, on teaching Amateur Radio; and more. The Saturday banquet will feature a cabaret show; at midnight, amateurs will assemble in solemn conclave for initiation into the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong.

RSO-CRRL '85 is *not* a local convention. It's a convention for you, whether you live in Victoria or Saint John's. Why not check out the airline seat sales as they come up, or the cost of

rail or bus transportation? Getting to London can be cheaper than you think.

## SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all CRRL members in the British Columbia Section: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Name of the incumbent appears on page 8 of this QST.

A petition, to be valid, must carry the signatures of five or more Full Members of the League residing in the British Columbia Section. It is advisable to have more than five signatures. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Signatures must be *on the petition*.

Petition forms (FSD-129-C) are available from the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario, but are not required. The following form is acceptable:

(Place and date)

The Secretary, CRRL  
Box 7009, Station E  
London, ON N5Y 4J9

We, the undersigned Full Members of the League residing in the British Columbia Section, hereby nominate . . . as Section Manager of this

Section for the next two-year term of office. (Signatures . . . Calls . . . Addresses, including postal codes . . .)

A Section Manager must be a resident of the Section, a licensed amateur holding a Canadian Amateur Certificate or higher and a Full Member of the League for a continuous term of at least two years immediately prior to the receipt of nomination at the CRRL Headquarters office.

Petitions must be received at the CRRL Headquarters office before 1600 EDT Friday, June 7, 1985.

If only one valid petition is received, the person nominated will be declared elected. If more than one valid petition is received, there will be a balloted election. Ballots will be mailed from the CRRL Headquarters office before July 1, 1985. Returns will be counted after August 20, 1985. A Section Manager elected as a result of these procedures will serve for a two-year term that will begin on October 1, 1985.

If no valid petition is received by June 7, 1985, the Section will be resolicited in October 1985 QST. A Section Manager elected after resolicitation will serve for 18 months.

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

Harry MacLean, VE3GRO  
CRRL Secretary

## NOTES FROM ALL OVER

□ Going abroad this summer? For information on how to obtain an amateur licence or operating permit for most foreign countries, contact Naralon Thorn, VE3LRU, at Foreign Licensing Information, CRRL, London.

□ Prefix hunters, take note! To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Parks Canada, Canadian amateurs may use the following special prefixes from June 29 to August 29: XO1 and XO2 in Newfoundland and Labrador, XK1 in the Yukon, and XJ1 through to XJ8 in the remainder of Canada.

□ Congratulations to Ray Thornton, VE3RT, and Frank Rapp, VE3RZ, who were both recipients of IEEE 1984 Centennial Medals. Congratulations also to Jim Swail, VE3KF, who was invested into the Order of Canada for his work in designing aids for the blind. Jim, who is blind himself, won a QST Cover Plaque Award for his fine article in March 1983 QST. He works at National Research Centre, Ottawa.

□ Seven-year-old Randy McLellan asks us to make a correction. His father, CRRL Director Andy McLellan, VE1ASJ, has a son and a daughter, not two daughters as reported in February QST. □

# IARU News

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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 communications.

## FRANCE

The REF (Reseau des Emetteurs Francais), the French Amateur Radio society, will be celebrating both its 60th anniversary and that of IARU during the national meeting of REF in Chateauroux, France, May 25-27, 1985. A philatelic exposition about Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio communications will be held during those three days. Special commemorative covers will be available, as follows: No. 1—an illustrated envelope for a period of two months from the Chateauroux Post Office. No. 2—the same envelope but with a big illustrated postmark for two days of the conference, from a special post office in the meeting building. No. 3—a deluxe illustrated philatelic parchment (limited edition), the original handmade by the last French parchment worker. This parchment will also have the special illustrated postmark. Each envelope will cost 6 IRCs, and the parchment 15 IRCs. For shipment at the end of May, send your orders, with payment, to FE1135, Mr. Raymond Aupetit, 14 Residence Bois Boutin, 16340 L'Isle d'Espagnac, France.

## TURKEY

It appears that after much work by the Turkish National Society (TRAC), Amateur

Radio licenses are now being issued by the Turkish government. The first license was issued to Dr. Unal Akbal, the General Secretary of TRAC, who formerly used the call sign TA1UA but will now sign TA1A. There is only one class of license, permitting all-mode operation on all bands, including 10, 18 and 24 MHz.

## THE UNITED NATIONS AT 40

On October 24, 1985, the United Nations will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the coming into force of the United Nations Charter, signed in San Francisco in 1945. To celebrate this event, and in the spirit of developing friendly relations among nations, the United Nations Staff Recreation Council Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring the "UN at 40 Award."

This award is available to any Amateur Radio station (or SWL) that has contacted (or heard) two of the three Amateur Radio stations operating with the UN prefix during the anniversary year of 1985. Any band, any mode, with 4U1UN in New York, 4U1TU in Geneva and 4U1VIC in Vienna. Send a list of stations worked—including date, time, mode, report and band—signed by the applicant and certified by an official of an Amateur Radio Club, along with \$5 U.S. or

10 IRCs (of which \$4 will be donated to UNICEF), no later than February 1, 1986 to United Nations Staff Recreation Council Amateur Radio Club, United Nations, Room DC1-0724, Box 20, New York, NY 10017.



A January 1985 visitor to the International Secretariat in Newington, Connecticut, was Mr. Erlangga Suryadarma, YB0BZZ (center), a member of the executive committee of the Indonesian Society. Here, he presents IARU Secretary Dave Sumner, K1ZZ (right), with a copy of *CQ Nusantara*, the journal of the Organisasi Amatir Radio Indonesia (ORARI). Looking on is ARRL Secretary Perry Williams, W1UED. (N1CIX photo) □

## Amateur Radio—Don't Leave Home Without It

Most of your ham radio activity will take place in the comfort of your ham shack. However, routine commutes, contests, picnics, vacations, etc., frequently present opportunities to operate from different locations. This month, we will see how Amateur Radio fits in to your travel plans.

**Q. What is the difference between portable and mobile operation?**

A. According to Section 97.3(1), portable operation is defined as "Radio communication conducted from a specific geographical location other than that shown on the station license"—a vacation site, for example. Mobile operation is "Radio communication conducted while in motion or during halts at unspecified locations"—at a traffic light, for example.

**Q. Do I have to indicate that I am operating portable or mobile?**

A. No, but many people do simply to avoid unnecessary "DX pileups."

**Q. May I operate from a location other than that shown on my station license for an extended period of time without modifying my ticket?**

A. Yes. However, you are responsible for making arrangements to receive your mail, as the FCC will send it to the mailing address shown on your station license (97.43). So, if you have any doubts about receiving your mail promptly, you should submit an application for modification of your station license to the FCC in accordance with Section 97.95 of the rules.

**Q. I'm planning to take a commercial flight to Las Vegas. May I operate "aeronautical mobile" while in the skies?**

A. Federal Air Regulations (FAR) rule 91.19 prohibits the use of portable electronic devices—including Amateur Radio equipment—aboard commercial aircraft. Rule 91.19 applies to both receiving and transmitting on board. The airline company (not the pilot), in special cases, may allow aeronautical mobile operation. These cases are the exception; don't expect that you'll be granted permission to operate aboard a scheduled airline flight. The captain has no legal authority to allow passengers to operate hand-held radios on board commercial airliners. But, the captain must be advised of any special grants, and "approve" the portions of the flight in which the hand-held radio may be used. If you are granted permission to operate your equipment on board the aircraft, you must comply with all the following special conditions:

(a) The installation and operation of the amateur mobile station shall be approved

by the master of the ship or captain of the aircraft; (b) The amateur mobile station shall be separate from and independent of all other radio equipment, if any, installed on board the same ship or aircraft; (c) The electrical installation of the amateur mobile station shall be in accord with the rules applicable to ships or aircraft as promulgated by the appropriate government agency; (d) The operation of the amateur mobile station shall not interfere with the efficient operation of any other radio equipment installed on board the same ship or aircraft; and (e) The amateur mobile station and its associated equipment, either in itself or in its method of operation, shall not constitute a hazard to the safety of life or property (97.101).

It is important to note that operation usually will not be permitted during takeoff and landing. Hams operating without the captain's knowledge are in violation of Rule 91.19 and endanger the lives of the passengers.

**Q. I am going to be sailing to several areas next year. What are the provisions regarding maritime operation?**

A. Even though your voyage may take you through international waters (those outside the jurisdiction of any country), Section 97.101 applies to your operation since you hold an FCC amateur license. You should be familiar with the rules regarding the installation and operation of a radio station on-board a U.S. registered vessel. As long as you are sailing or are anchored in international waters, you may operate with your FCC license. For informational purposes, you may wish to identify as "maritime mobile" followed by the ITU Region number, 1, 2 or 3. It is important to note that you are permitted to operate only on those amateur frequencies specifically allocated to the Region you are in at the time of operation (97.95). As soon as you enter the territorial waters of another country, you may operate *only* if you hold a license or permit issued by that country.

**Q. Within the next few years, I plan to visit several foreign countries. Is it possible to operate my amateur station while visiting?**

A. If the particular country you are planning to visit holds a reciprocal-operating agreement with the U.S., permission to operate should be readily obtainable from that foreign government. Procedures vary from country to country, however. For information on operating in specific countries, contact the Information Services Department, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111.

**Q. What if I am visiting a country that does not have a reciprocal-operating agreement with the U.S.?**

A. Many countries that do not have a reciprocal-operating agreement with the U.S. may still permit U.S. amateur operation within their boundaries. Again, ARRL Hq. is a good source for more information.

It is important to note that attempting to operate in another country without permission may seriously jeopardize the possibility that other U.S. amateurs will be granted such privileges. *Always* go through proper channels when seeking foreign operating privileges. *Never* make careless assumptions.

**Q. How can I find out which countries share reciprocal-operating agreements with the U.S.?**

A. You may obtain this information from your FCC Field Office or from the Information Services Department, ARRL.

**Q. Will I be issued a special call sign for use during my stay in each country?**

A. This varies from country to country. Some will issue your station a special call sign when authorizing your station operation. For example, in New Zealand, you will be issued a ZLØ call sign. In other countries you will use your own call with a suffix, such as "K1ET/C6A" in the Bahamas, or with a prefix, such as "G4/W10D" in the U.K. The important thing to remember is that reciprocal-licensing procedures vary greatly from country to country, and that application must be made to each country in which you plan to operate. Allow plenty of time for the processing of these applications.

**Q. What frequencies and privileges may I use when operating under a foreign operating permit?**

A. When a foreign country permits operation within its boundaries, the frequencies and emissions used will be prescribed by that country's government.

**Q. May I operate my station in countries in which I have not applied for a reciprocal-operating permit?**

A. With the exception of Canada, which shares an automatic reciprocal-agreement with the U.S., you may *not* operate your station without permission from the government of that country (97.95[b]). However, as long as the control operator is present to ensure compliance with that country's rules, you may *participate* as a third party in the rare cases in which such operation is permitted.

[Note: Questions appearing in this column are typical of those frequently asked of the FCC and other agencies. Answers, prepared at ARRL Hq., 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.]



## Microwave Ferrite Devices

A number of very useful passive microwave components are based on the use of materials known as ferrites. Such devices as isolators, phase shifters and circulators are all ferrite-based components. This month we will take a look at these ferrite devices and their basic principles of operation.

Ferrites are ferromagnetic materials formed by replacing some of the iron atoms in a form of iron oxide (known as magnetite) with other metal atoms, such as nickel, cobalt or manganese. The important property of ferrites is that they possess unpaired spinning electrons, which can interact with electromagnetic waves passing through them. Without going into too much detail, the spinning electrons have a magnetic moment along their axis of spin. In the presence of an external magnetic field, the spinning electrons do not align themselves along the fixed axis, but rotate or precess around it. The frequency of precession, called the gyromagnetic resonant frequency, is a function of the applied magnetic field.

Circularly polarized microwave energy has a rotating magnetic field. If the direction of field rotation is the same as the direction of electron precession, energy may couple from the microwaves to the ferrite. This energy can couple into the ferrite structure and eventually be dissipated as heat. Thus, the microwave energy is attenuated when passing through the ferrite. The interaction is at a maximum when the frequency of the rotating magnetic field component of the microwave energy is the same as the frequency of precession of the electrons in the ferrite. If the direction of the rotating magnetic-field component of the microwave energy is opposite to that of the electron precession, there will be little or no interaction between the two. Thus, the interaction of a ferrite material with circularly polarized radiation is very much a function of the direction of polarization. It is this anisotropic (unequal) interaction that is at the heart of ferrite microwave components.

Ferrite components may be coaxial or waveguide in construction. I will describe a couple of waveguide structures here, but the principles apply to both. As mentioned above, it is an interaction between circularly polarized energy and the ferrite that is the basis of operation of these devices. Most waveguide systems use rectangular waveguide, which transmits linearly polarized energy. However, even in rectangular waveguide, a circularly polarized magnetic field exists in places.

There is a vertical plane of circular polarization at a position approximately halfway between the center of the waveguide and the waveguide wall. Ferrite material placed at this position will interact with microwaves in the waveguide. However, energy propagating in one direction will interact with the ferrite much more than does energy propagating in the opposite direction (because of the different directions of circular polarization interacting with the ferrite). Such a device is an isolator, has the property of

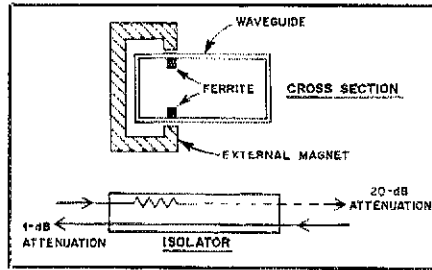


Fig. 1—A waveguide isolator.

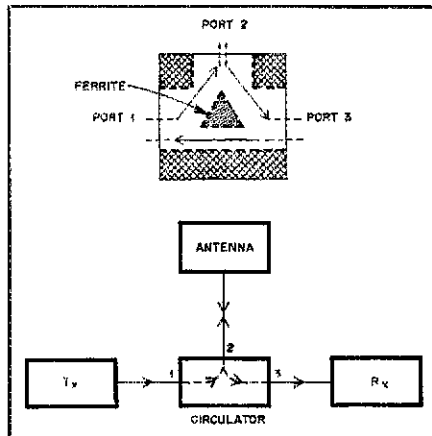


Fig. 2—A three-way waveguide circulator.

allowing energy to pass through in one direction with very little attenuation ( $\ll 1$  dB), but has a high attenuation for energy passing through in the other direction (20-30 dB). Such devices are frequency sensitive, since the frequency of maximum interaction of the ferrite with the microwave energy is governed by the strength of the external magnetic field.

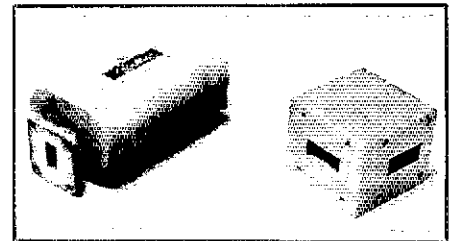
A schematic of an isolator is shown in Fig. 1. Isolators are very useful when connecting a microwave generator that is sensitive to load impedance to a variable load. Power reflected from the load is absorbed by the isolator and is therefore prevented from reaching the generator.

At frequencies removed from resonance, the dominant effect of ferrite materials on microwaves is that of phase shift. The phase shift may be reciprocal or nonreciprocal, depending on the location of the ferrite material in the waveguide. A very useful device that makes use of the nonreciprocal effect is the circulator. There are many types, one of which is the three-port circulator shown in Fig. 2. Energy entering port 1 is transferred to port 2, with very little appearing at port 3. Similarly, energy entering port 2 appears at port 3, and energy entering port 3 appears at port 1.

Such a device may be used to connect a separate transmitter and receiver to an antenna without the need for relays. Circulators are

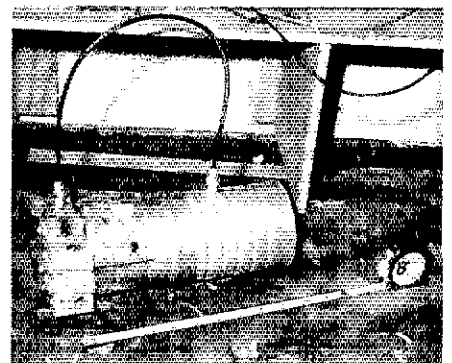
often used as duplexers in radar systems. Another use for circulators is injection locking a free-running oscillator. In this case, the free-running oscillator is coupled to port 1, and an antenna to port 2. The output from the oscillator is therefore transferred to the antenna. A low-power (perhaps 20 dB lower than the free-running source, depending on the system), highly stable (xtal-controlled) oscillator is coupled to port 3, and its output is therefore coupled only to port 1, the free-running oscillator. If the two oscillators are close enough in frequency for injection locking to occur, the free-running oscillator will lock to the xtal oscillator frequency, and its noise bandwidth will also equal that of the xtal-controlled source.

This has been a very brief outline of ferrite devices. If you keep an eye open at flea markets, they can be found and utilized in amateur microwave systems. The photograph shows what to look for. On the left is a K-band isolator (note the large external magnet); on the right is an X-band 3-port circulator (there is a small magnet within the body of the device).



### PHOTO FEATURE

From time to time, I receive photos of microwave activity from around the country. When space permits, I will print these photos here so we can all see what's going on. This month's photo, from WA8VFA, is of a self-contained 2.4-GHz ATV transmitter with a coffee-can antenna. The transmitter consists of a free-running oscillator using a single MRF901. The parts cost of the transmitter is about \$5 (who says microwave equipment has to be expensive!).





## Computer Nets

Milwaukee-area amateurs have a 2-meter FM net that K9IZV calls to order each Thursday at 9 P.M. on 31/91. The purpose of the net is to exchange information, ask questions, solve hardware problems and give technical talks — all on the subject of computers. Each session has about 30 computer owners representing eight different computer manufacturers. Over 140 different stations have checked in so far. It's not unusual for several enthusiastic operators to ask questions and share interesting comments. This net is an important resource to instruct, inspire and encourage both new and seasoned amateurs.

### SPRING SYSTEM COMPUTER INFORMATION MEETINGS

Spring Computer Info Net is called every Monday at 7:30 P.M. EST/EDST by net control KA3LUN on the Sharon (Pennsylvania) repeater, AF3P, operating on 145.30 MHz. With five satellite receivers, the repeater has extended coverage throughout Northwestern Pennsylvania and Northeastern Ohio, so you can expect a lot of computer information changing hands each week.

### AMATEUR RADIO BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEM

Amateur Radio Bulletin Board System (BBS) is run by Pat O'Farrell, K7NTV, and provides extensive ham radio files and messages and a unique ham radio magazine bibliography with over 3000 entries from eight magazines. The BBS is operational weekdays, from 6 P.M. to 7 A.M. PST/PDST, and 24 hours a day on weekends and holidays. Call 509-697-7298 and send three carriage returns to allow K7NTV's modem to detect your data rate (300 or 1200 bauds).

### ELMER

Elmer is a ham radio BBS in Fort Rucker (Alabama) run by system operator (SYSOP) Richard Pitts, WA6LMM/4. The board operates at 300 bauds (7- or 8-character bits, stop bit, no parity) and is available weekdays, from 1 P.M. to 9 A.M. EST/EDST, and 24 hours a day on weekends at 205-598-6079.

### MICHIGAN BOARDS

Fenton BBS has a large Amateur Radio section, with areas devoted to news from ARRL, packet radio, DX, ARES, space, swap and shop, and more. A program area for ham radio applications is forthcoming. The BBS supports 300 and 1200 bauds, and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 313-629-2854.

The Flint BBS is run by and for hams, with areas devoted to messages, programs, news and other ham-related topics. Telephone 313-238-4984 to access the bbs. N8DYB is SYSOP.

### PACKET UPDATE

Heath has introduced a packet-radio terminal node controller (TNC) that is based on the Tucson Amateur Radio (TAPR) TNC design. The Heath version is smaller than the TAPR TNC, yet it provides the same features. To facilitate building the kit, the parts are mounted on an adhesive strip in their order of assembly

There are several computer nets already in operation on the HF bands with operators willing to give you tips and guidelines in reply to your questions. Pertinent information about such nets appears in this column and in the ARRL *Net Directory*. The current edition of the *Net Directory* is available for the asking. It lists over 1200 public service nets by location and frequency, as well as many computer and maritime service nets. This directory is also packed with information on all the basics of traffic handling and net operation. You may obtain your copy by sending a 9- by 12-inch s.a.s.e. with 90 cents U.S. postage to ARRL Net Directory, 225 Main St.,

Newington, CT 06111.

Perhaps you are interested in the idea of a local 2-meter computer net and could coordinate others to get activity started. If you get a computer net going in your area, send the information to the conductor of this column (WA1LOU). The net will be publicized here, and the information will be passed on to the editor of the *Net Directory*. And if someone in your area starts a computer net, lend your support — the encouragement may make a difference. — Richard R. Regent, K9GDF, Wisconsin Section Manager

### PX Commodore 64

#### Program Number 56 Fix

The PX Library staff recently had some problems photocopying PX program number 56, lines 460 and 470. The correct listings of the troublesome lines are  
460 HEAD DDS(I)  
470 NEXT I

#### PX Guidelines

Here are some guidelines for submitting programs for the PX Library. The program listings should be printed directly from the computer; they should not be transcribed from the computer. Handwritten listings should be used as a last resort. To facilitate photocopying, the program listings should be printed using a fresh printer ribbon. Also, the program listings should be printed on white paper, page sized to 8½ by 11 inches with at least ¼-inch margins at the top, bottom and sides of each page.

#### Six for the 64

This installment of PX offers six programs for the popular Commodore 64 computer.

First, Art McLeod, KR5T, submitted program number 68 with the self-explanatory title of "Learn Code."

After you learn the code, program number 69 will help you pass the Novice exam by randomly quizzing its user with 60 Novice questions. It was written by John Bonar, NA2C. The s.a.s.e. for this program should include 73 cents postage.

Once you get your license, you will want to put up some antennas. Jaime E. Vega, HB9JEV, submitted two programs. Program number 70 assists in the design of a three-element antenna; program number 71, a four-element antenna.

Bob Unsworth, W6MTJ, submitted program number 72, for designing a helical antenna.

After you put those antennas to good use, program number 73 will come in handy. Written by Bonnie Mason, WB2WSY, it generates QSL cards.

To obtain a listing of any PX program, send a business-size s.a.s.e. with 39 cents postage to ARRL, Dept. PX, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111. Use a separate s.a.s.e. for each program request and write the PX program number of the desired program at the lower-left-hand corner of the s.a.s.e. Please do not send correspondence other than PX requests to Dept. PX.

#### VE PX

ARRL members can obtain listings of PX programs by sending a business-size s.a.s.e. to ARRL, P.O. Box 7009, Stn. E, London, ON N5Y 4J9. Use a separate s.a.s.e. for each program request and write the PX program number of the desired program at the lower-left-hand corner of the s.a.s.e.


(Heath Company, Benton Harbor, MI 49022).

The firmware of GLB's PK1 TNC has been updated to version 3.7. Consult the PK1 manual on how to obtain the latest version (GLB Electronics, 1952 Clinton St., Buffalo, NY 14206).

According to *Packet Software Approach Newsletter* No. 6, Bob Richardson, W4UCH, has updated his AX.25 software to version Dash 2, which makes it easier to connect a modem to a TRS-80 computer running his TNC emulation program (by eliminating the external port encoder/decoder (Richcraft Engineering Ltd., 1 Wahmeda Industrial Park, Chautauqua, NY 14722-1065).

### WANG PCS II

Bill Giel, KD1O, wants to get in touch with

anyone using a Wang PCS II (with twin disk drives) for RTTY or CW. Bill has written a propagation-forecasting program that incorporates MINIMUF 3.5 with a database of over 300 locations for the PCS II, and will provide free copies to those who send a blank 5¼-inch, hard-sectored diskette and a self-addressed, stamped disk-mailer to Bill at 524 Valley Ave., Yonkers, NY 10703. 

## Strays

I would like to get in touch with . . .

any amateurs using an Apple IIc computer to work RTTY. James Hughes, W3HGM, Box 243, Grove City, PA 16127.

## A Banner Year for Meteors?

This may be an especially good year for the "ping jockeys"—VHF operators who make meteor scatter, or MS, one of their principal pursuits. As mentioned in last month's column, Michael Owen, W9IP, believes this may indeed be "a year to remember." He bases his contention on the fact that several comets are approaching our part of the solar system. Since comets are accompanied by clouds of particles, and it is particles traveling through space crashing into the earth's atmosphere that are responsible for the ionization we know as meteor pings, it stands to reason that there may be some really interesting meteor showers in the months to come.

Meteor showers are named for the area of the sky, the constellation, from which they appear to come, not for the comets that provide the particles. Thus, the Perseids shower, so familiar to VHFers, appears to emanate from the constellation Perseus. Few of us are aware, however, that it is the Swift-Tuttle comet that furnishes the numerous particles that produce this shower. Probably the best known of the comets is Halley's. As almost everyone has heard by now, it is due to visit the inner portion of the solar system over the next few months, putting on a spectacular

visual show as it approaches the sun.

Last month's column contained W9IP's reminder that the Eta Aquarids Shower is due in early May. Mike pointed out that this shower is caused by particles traveling in the same orbit as Halley's comet but somewhat ahead of it. This is the first of the showers that he believes will be particularly productive for MS operators this year. W9IP further notes that its particles approach the earth almost head-on and thus slam into the atmosphere at higher-than-customary velocity. As a result, they ionize the atmosphere at a greater altitude than is the case with many of the other showers. Thus, the Eta Aquarids should be particularly productive for better-than-average MS DX. The shower is expected to peak about 1300Z Saturday, May 4, with east-west paths favored for us in North America.

Besides the Eta Aquarids in May and the Perseids in August, there are other meteor showers that W9IP believes bear more than mere watching this year. The October 3 Draconids, a product of the Giacobini Zinner comet, provides another potentially good opportunity. This comet will have passed the earth's orbit only 29 days before we arrive at

that point in space, so there should be a substantial quantity of particles still around when we get there. That should mean lots of meteors. Mike warns, however, that the peak of this shower will last only a hour or so, and will probably occur about 1600Z, favoring northwest-southeast paths. Eleven days later, on October 20, particles accompanying Halley's comet should produce the Orionids shower. W9IP notes that this close proximity of comets provides a similar situation to that which made the 1966 Leonids shower so spectacular, with over 150,000 meteors per hour.

W9IP has developed a computer program, which runs on the IBM® PC, that predicts the optimum times and directions for most of the major showers. It is an extension of an earlier program originally developed by W1JR. Mike says that for \$5 to cover his cost he will be happy to send a disk to anyone wishing to try the program. His address is Michael R. Owen, 21 Maple St., Canton, NY 13617.

This may be an MS year we will long remember. It should not only be great sport for experienced ping jockeys, but also serve as an ideal opportunity for newcomers to get their feet wet in this fascinating and productive propagation mode.

### ANOTHER ROUND OF VHF CONFERENCES COMING UP

As well as being the time of year for improved VHF propagation, we are also into the season for VHF conferences. These gatherings provide an ideal opportunity to meet fellow VHFers, exchange ideas and hear of the latest in techniques.

□ First up is the West Coast Conference. It will be held May 3-5 at the Hilton Hotel in Sunnyvale, California. The program includes speakers on antennas, amplifiers, preamps, ATV, packet radio, and gear for 23 and 13 cm. Also included are antenna-gain and noise-figure competitions, and a flea market. Lodging reservations may be made directly with the hotel at 408-738-4888. Be sure to mention the conference for the special \$55 per night rate.

□ Next on the list is the Eleventh Annual Eastern VHF Conference, set for May 17-19 at Rivier College, Nashua, New Hampshire. The program features a Friday night hospitality room and technical talks by well-known VHFers during the day on Saturday. Also scheduled are antenna-gain and noise-figure events, as well as a Saturday evening banquet. Until May 5, conference registration is \$13.50, and \$14 for the banquet. Both should go to David Knight, KA1DT, 15 Oakdale Ave., Nashua, NH 03062, with checks payable to the "Eastern VHF/UHF Conference." Accommodations are available at the college dormitory at \$16.50 per person per night or \$28 double. Those wishing these accommodations should include payment along with their preregistration. There are also a number of hotels and motels nearby.

□ The granddaddy of the VHF conferences, sponsored by the Central States VHF Society, will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 26-28. One thing guaranteed by this year's president, Charlie Calhoun, W0RRY, is that there will be

no snow for the antenna-gain contest. The affair will be held at the Sheraton Inn Skyline East, just off I-44 and 10 minutes from the Tulsa International Airport.

An impressive lineup of speakers, including WA4GPM of Varian on cavity amplifiers, WA4MVI on E<sub>s</sub> propagation, W4WD on automation in the ham shack, WB5MPU on automating the OSCAR station, WB5LUA updating the 1296 transverter design, K2UYH on 10 GHz, N6TX on antenna systems and W4HHK discussing 2304. In addition, W3IWI or NK6K from AMSAT will update plans for the exciting new PACSAT satellite project. K6MYC and W0PW may also be present to give what are always interesting and informative talks. This conductor will have a few minutes on the program to sample the group's thoughts on some of the operating issues currently before us, such as the proposed revisions to EME sequencing and reporting standards.

It is planned to continue the practice begun last year of publishing a *Conference Proceedings* so all of the technical papers are documented both for attendees and those who are unable to make the Conference. Another event initiated last year, the Friday evening indoor flea market, which proved very popular, will also be included. If the 1984 event was any indication, this may be the finest collection of VHF-related goodies one can expect to see anywhere. Of course, there will be noise-figure and antenna-gain events, and the fine Saturday evening banquet. Once again, WB5LUA is in charge of corraling a stable of first-class VHF-oriented items. I am sure A1 would be grateful for any help he can get in this regard, so anyone who may have something to donate is encouraged to do so. As is usually the case with Central States conferences, there is a fine women's program in the works. This year, Pam Marshal, N5KW, and Mrs. W0RRY, DeEdra Calhoun, are in charge of lining up a

great series of tours and events for those who prefer not to attend VHF technical talks. Contact W0RRY at 1119 Calleen Dr., Sapulpa, OK 74066, for further details.

### ON THE BANDS

**6 Meters**—Once again, WA5IYX comes up with another of his extensive reports on E<sub>s</sub> and F2 conditions as seen from his San Antonio QTH. As would be expected, Pat found E<sub>s</sub> occurrences in February considerably down from January, with the 6-meter totals dropping from nine separate openings during eight days of January to three openings during a like number of days during February. However, the total number of minutes of openings for the two months was identical at 445. This disparity was due to a massive event that took place February 3 in which 6 meters was open for over three hours, beginning at 2350Z. Despite the long opening, only a handful of stations were heard.

The true extent of the opening can be gleaned from Pat's FM broadcast observations. That band opened as early as 2140Z with low-end-of-the-band stations in the Maryland/DC area. It closed at 0150 February 6 with Mexican stations. In between, FM signals from the Mid Atlantic states and across the Northern tier of states to Minnesota were received. Frequencies up to the high end of the band, and into the airport VORs above 108 MHz, were open. Similar results were noted on TV Channels 2 through 6. WA5IYX makes the point that, during most of these winter openings, conditions, as indicated by TV and FM observations, were much better than would be inferred from listening only to 6 meters. The moral to this observation is that the band is open more than we think. The only way to take advantage of it is to make some noise. As they say on TV, "Be there!"

WA5IYX's eternal vigilance paid off again in

early March with reception, on the 8th at 0245Z, of the 50.099-MHz HC2FG beacon. Pat says that the signal was in for 40 minutes and peaked S9. From the lack of TV signals, it appeared that the propagation mode was entirely F2. This conclusion is interesting in light of the fact that the solar flux for that day was only 69.

From *Six News*, published by the U.K. Six Metre Group, comes confirmation that 25 Norwegian hams have been granted 6-meter operating privileges. Apparently, they are restricted in their hours of operation, as the British still are. In addition, they are limited to 25-W ERP. It is reported that some contacts between Norway and the U.K. have already taken place, with LA8AK working G4IJE on February 4 and G4DGU on the 12th, both via MS.

**2 Meters**—WAIJXN writes that his trip to the Bahamas was a great success despite problems with high winds and power-line noise. The antenna he used this time was similar to that employed on his previous visit—an array of four KLM 16-LBX Yagis. But this time, he had modified them to "18-LBXs" by adding two additional directors to each, making the booms 34 feet long. Even with this additional boom length and the aforementioned wind, they held together very

well. The system must also have worked electrically, as Lance racked up EME contacts with well over 50 stations, and completed WAC by virtue of a contact with ZS6ALE. He also did well on MS, working WA3HMK and K3HEC in Pennsylvania, K2TXB and WB2NPE New Jersey, WAI0UB New Hampshire, WA4NXY Tennessee and WB3LJK Maryland. Tropo conditions for WAIJXN/C6A were also very good, producing contacts with K5SM Louisiana, KA1BXB Connecticut, K2TXB New Jersey, a number of stations in Virginia, the Carolinas and Alabama, as well as numerous Georgia and Florida 2-meter operators. Lance expresses his thanks to VE7BQH for providing a 0.2-dB MGF-1202 preamp and for arranging the skeds, as well as to W5HUQ for handling liaison on 20 and 75 meters.

**1 1/4 Meters**—K4HWG has made it known that a new beacon has just been put into operation by Woodbridge Wireless, Inc. The beacon, which signs the call WB4FQR, is located at Woodbridge, Virginia (near Washington), in grid square FM18, and runs 13 W to an omni antenna on 220.055. Reception reports are invited and may go to the *Callbook* addresses of K4HWG or WB4FQR.

**The Higher Bands**—A note from WD4MBK fills us in on how the East Coast 70-cm Net has been going. Over its five-and-a-half-year history, the net has had 290 different stations check in from 24 states. Charles says, however, that although check-ins have generally been holding up well over the past few months, those from the Northeast have fallen off dramatically. He wonders if part of the cause for this may be the late hour (2330 Eastern time) that the net looks for stations in that direction. Consideration is being given to splitting it into two parts, with one net control, K4CAW, taking check-ins from the North beginning about 2100, and the other, WA4Z1A simultaneously collecting the Southern contingent. Of course, two closely spaced but separate frequencies would be used. A time would be provided when the two halves of the net would join and relay sked information and news of general interest. Charles would appreciate opinions on this approach. His address is Charles Osborne, 1427 Robin Hill Dr., Norcross, GA 30093.

VE4MA says that he has been having quite good success on 23-cm EME with 90 W to a 9-foot TVRO dish. So far, he has worked VE7BBG, K2UYH and OE9XXI. The current project is completion of an OZ9CR six-tube amplifier. Next, Barry has plans for 13 cm.

## EME Annals

Figures are number of different stations (not total QSOs), number of U.S. states, number of DXCC countries all worked via EME. Compiled March 16, 1985. Deadline for next update is March 1, 1986. Beginning with the next appearance of the EME Annals, stations not heard from over a two-year period will be dropped from the list. Minimum numbers of stations worked to qualify for list for each band are noted. These can be expected to change, depending on activity levels and available QST space.

### The Beginnings

January 27, 1953: first amateur reception of echoes from the moon—W4AO and W3GKP. Frequency used: 144 MHz.

July 27, 1960: first amateur two-way contact via the moon—W1BU and W6HB. Frequency used: 1296 MHz.

April 11, 1964: first 144-MHz two-way moonbounce contact—W6DNG and OH1NL.

May 20, 1964: first 432-MHz two-way moonbounce contact—W1BU and KP4BPZ (followed shortly by a number of other contacts from KP4BPZ using the 1000-ft dish at Arecibo, Puerto Rico).

March 15, 1970: first 220-MHz two-way moonbounce contact—WB6NMT and W7CNK (followed by a contact the next day between WB6NMT and K2CBA).

October 19, 1970: first 2304-MHz two-way moonbounce contact—W3GKP and W4HHK.

July 30, 1972: first 50-MHz two-way moonbounce contact—K5WVX (now K5CM) in conjunction with W5WAX (now K5SW), and WA5HMK in conjunction with W5SXD.

### Current Standings

#### 6 Meters

(No min. no. stations worked)

K5WVX	2	2	1
WASHNK	2	2	1
WB6NMT	2	2	1
VF2EME	2	1	1
W7FN	1	1	1
K6MYC	1	0	1
K6HCP	1	0	1

#### 2 Meters

(Min. no. stations worked, 20)

K1WHS <sup>1</sup>	552	48	61
VE7BQH <sup>1</sup>	443	50	54
WAIJXN <sup>1</sup>	344	50	43
SM7BAE <sup>1</sup>	306	50	65
W5UN	266	—	40
WA4NJP	235	—	36
SM2GGF	222	—	31
UA1ZCL	200	—	25
K1ZD	194	—	24
WA9KRT	188	—	32
OZ1EME	175	38	35
YU3USB	170	—	24
WB5LBT	162	—	38
W7FN <sup>1</sup>	161	45	24
OH7PI	160	—	42
W7HAH <sup>1</sup>	159	44	27
WA4LYS <sup>1</sup>	159	40	43
KBRPO	156	—	28
N4GJV	154	43	32
WA6MGZ <sup>1</sup>	150	46	33
N7N	150	—	25
JA6DR	138	—	25
WB5LU <sup>1</sup>	136	30	31
K1FO	132	35	20
K1MNS	132	—	34
KR5F	130	28	28
K3BO	125	—	25
W5HM	123	—	21
WB5LPM/KL7	119	49	11
F6CJG	118	—	62

<sup>1</sup>Worked all continents

Y22ME	118	—	58
WA4MV <sup>1</sup>	115	24	20
SM4IVE	110	—	45
UA3TYF	110	—	40
SM4GVF	110	—	40
KB7Q	105	32	24
WAIJXN/C6A <sup>1</sup>	102	32	26
F0BSU	99	—	55
YU3ZV	97	—	52
WA2GSX	93	—	18
SM2GVF	90	—	44
WA3VSV	88	38	27
PA0VST	87	28	24
WB0PAT <sup>1</sup>	87	27	28
K7KOT	86	—	17
K6GDH	83	22	27
WA8ZHE	83	—	26
DL8OAT	82	—	52
VE1UT	77	47	20
W0RWH	75	12	20
VE2DFO	71	22	13
KB7WW	69	23	21
K9XY1	68	28	16
W7UBI	67	36	7
K1GVM	64	48	17
N6AMG <sup>1</sup>	64	27	24
K5GW	63	34	14
K6MYC/KH6	60	—	14
W1JR	57	19	18
WB0GMN	57	18	27
KE5C	57	—	17
PA2VST	57	—	—
WB8ART	57	—	—
K2QR	56	21	15
W5UWB	56	20	17
N7WS	56	—	17
KD7GK	56	—	15
G5CSZ	55	39	11
K4PKV <sup>1</sup>	54	32	12
WA4CQG	54	—	17
K2OS	53	—	15
ON7RB	50	—	38
W8IDU	49	29	12
WB5LUA <sup>1</sup>	49	29	12
DK1PZ	48	—	12
WD4DGF	48	—	—
WA7KYZ	45	29	8
W9BOZ	43	19	11
SM2ILF	40	—	25
W2CNS	40	—	15

W0SD	39	21	11
I2MBC	39	19	11
K7NII	38	24	5
K3VXG	38	18	7
W7OI	38	14	4
UB5JIN	38	—	38
K5BMG	37	24	9
DJ5MS	37	—	—
WA3LUSC	36	15	10
KD9R	36	—	7
K3MD	35	15	8
WA7BJU	34	27	2
A83D	34	19	9
W1JR1	34	18	6
SM2JAE	34	—	19
K2RTH	33	19	6
SM5CFS	33	—	—
W6ZLSP	32	19	7
K9KFR	32	13	10
K5GUM	31	20	8
KA0Y	30	21	6
K5MB	30	14	4
OH6IY	30	—	29
JA0JCJ	30	—	10
N2MB	29	17	7
W0RRY/J5	28	22	6
W4WD	28	18	8
WD8ISK	28	—	18
WB9VEM	27	24	3
WB4EXW	27	17	8
4U1ITU	27	7	11
DL8GP	26	—	—
UA3MBJ	26	—	—
WD5AGO	24	12	11
K5FF	23	20	5
W4DFK	23	14	6
OZ1GFX	23	7	9
K6PVS	22	—	9
I4EAT	21	12	7
K9TI	20	—	11

#### 1 1/4 Meters

(No min. no. stations worked.)

K5FF	33	23	4
W1JR	26	—	3
W5FF	25	21	3
K8XY	16	16	3
WB5LUA	16	14	3
W0VB	6	5	1

WB6NMT	3	3	1
N6AMG	3	2	1
K7NII	2	1	1
W4WD	2	1	1
W7CNK	1	1	1
K2CBA	1	1	1
WB2BYP	1	1	1

#### 70 cm

(Min. no. stations worked, 20)

K2UYH <sup>1</sup>	268	44	41
DL9KR	225	42	35
ISMSH <sup>1</sup>	200	8	37
W1JR1	171	45	31
K3NSS <sup>1</sup>	167	25	20
W6ABN	142	21	13
WB5LUA	129	48	29
N4GJV	129	32	18
F9FT <sup>1</sup>	126	12	40
DL7YC	109	—	—
YU1AW	107	—	25
VE4MA <sup>1</sup>	106	31	26
W5FF <sup>1</sup>	100	48	19
HB9AB	100	—	—
G3LTF	98	32	36
W0RRY/J5	97	22	6
OE9XXI	89	—	—
SM3AKW	87	—	—
VE7BBG	86	39	21
JA9BOH <sup>1</sup>	86	19	18
K4QIF	86	19	15
W4WD <sup>1</sup>	75	35	22
F2TU	75	—	—
WA1RWU	75	—	—
K5FF <sup>1</sup>	73	37	19
W5HUQ/4	69	32	20
W8RAP <sup>1</sup>	65	27	21
K1FO	65	21	9
OK1KIR	64	—	32
SM6CKU	63	—	—
G3SEK	62	17	19
I2COR	61	—	—
KL7WE <sup>1</sup>	59	27	15
K8WW <sup>1</sup>	57	20	20
W1ZK/3	57	—	—
K0TLM	53	30	12
K3CCQ	50	—	16
ZL3AAD	43	—	—
JA4BLC	43	—	—
KU4F	42	—	—

W1UHE	41	—	—
DJ9DL	40	—	—
DL7OY	39	—	—
WB3ESS	36	—	13
WB4IZR	36	—	—
AD1C	35	20	12
W0VZS <sup>1</sup>	34	18	12
K0KFR	32	13	10
DL6WU	30	—	—
ON4DY	29	13	13
DL7VX	27	—	—
W3CCGX <sup>1</sup>	25	11	12
ZESJ1 <sup>1</sup>	25	9	13
KH6HP	23	13	8

#### 23 cm

(No min. no. stations worked)

K2UYH	46	—	20
OE9XXI	46	—	—
G3LTF	35	—	18
SM6CKU	25	—	—
VE7BBG	20	—	—
OK1KIR	20	—	—
WB5LUA	19	4	12
K4QIF	18	—	—
SM4DHN	14	—	—
N6CA	9	—	4
DL7YC	7	—	—
I2COR	6	—	—
SM6PHZ	5	1	5
YU1AW	5	—	5
G4COH	5	—	5
W2NFA	4	2	3
W1BU	4	2	3
PA8SSB	4	2	3
VE4MA	4	1	3
WB6IOM	2	2	2
HB9RF	2	2	1
W6HB	1	1	1
KH6UK	1	1	1
W1FZJKP4	1	1	1

#### 13 cm

(No min. no. stations worked)

W4HHK	2	2	1
WA4HGN	2	1	2
DF8EM	2	1	2
W3GKP	1	1	1
OE9XXI	1	0	1

## 220 and 450: Is Anybody Up There?

Recently, I received a letter from J. H. Stafford, NJ8F, who suggested that there was a need for increased repeater activity on 220 and 450 MHz, as an alternative to 2 meters. In most areas, 2 meters is full. Frequency coordinators are hard-pressed to assign new repeater pairs because all the pairs are assigned. In fact, some coordinators have "closed shop" as far as new 2-meter repeater assignments are concerned. To escape from the madding crowd, 220 and 450 provide attractive oases.

"Staff" points out that "one can accumulate an awful lot of radios to get on all of these bands. Is there a good way to determine the activity on 220 or 450 before spending the cash to buy radios for these bands?"

### Scanners and Repeater Directories

There are a number of ways of measuring the level of this activity without purchasing a transceiver. The best way is to monitor the band with a scanner. Many scanners cover the 450 ham band, and a few also cover 220. If you don't own a scanner, perhaps you can borrow one for a week or two.

There is one caveat to 450 monitoring. Although you may monitor activity on 450, whether that activity is accessible to you is another matter because many 450 repeaters are private. And a private repeater is one that is probably closed to you. So, if your interest in 450 runs high, contact some of the hams you have monitored on that band and find out whether the repeater they use is private.

Another way of measuring this activity is to consult the latest edition of the *ARRL Repeater Directory*.

### Do It Yourself

If you discover that the local activity on 220 and 450 is low, don't let that stop you from moving up from the 2-meter crowds. Your move up increases the activity on the band, and once you discover the joys of UHF and near-UHF, you can convince your friends to move up, too. Soon, the level of local activity will increase, and you will not have to worry about having purchased a transceiver you never use; you will have solved the activity problem yourself.

### MICHIGAN AND TEXAS GO 20

Michigan and Texas have adopted 20-kHz channel spacing for repeaters in the 146-148 MHz range. The plan was overwhelmingly approved at the December meeting of the Michigan Area Repeater Council (MARC) and by an 8 to 1 margin at the February 16 general meeting of the Texas VHF-FM Society. MARC and the Society, the respective frequency coordinating bodies of Michigan and Texas, studied the plan for over

a year before adoption. MARC plans to have all repeaters on 20-kHz-spaced channels by May 1986, while the Texas VHF-FM Society expects it to take several years for full implementation of the plan.

### REPEATER LOG

According to reports received in February, repeaters were involved in the following public-

service events: 10 weather emergencies, 1 criminal emergency, 6 medical emergencies, 218 vehicular emergencies, 7 fire emergencies, 7 public safety events, 60 drills and alerts and 5 power failures.

The following repeaters were involved (followed by the number of events): WA1DGW 20, WB2FKZ 2, W2VL 17, WAZZWP 3, N3BFL 11, NN4N 8, WB4QES 18, WB4UDS 3, WD6AWP 3, KH6HHG 3, W7EX 162, W7HSG 1, K8DDG 12, KD8GL 9, WD8IEL 14, WA8ULB 22, W8VTD 6.

## Strays



### YOUTH-, COMPUTER-ORIENTED SLIDES NEEDED

Have any slides showing junior or senior high school students learning about Amateur Radio? Or any slides showing amateur use of computers? The ARRL Development Office is looking for such slides for use in its programs. All subjects need not be licensed amateurs, but the emphasis should be on *people*, not equipment. Send all slide candidates to the ARRL Development Office, c/o Hq.

### UNIQUE JOB OPPORTUNITY

Are you an RF and/or digital design engineer with a hankering for a unique challenge? The Arecibo Observatory, operator of the famous 1000-foot dish in Puerto Rico, is seeking an

engineer for a group leader position to address a broad range of technology supporting research programs in radio astronomy, planetary radar and atmospheric science. The work at the Arecibo site involves a wide variety of equipment ranging from high-power transmitters to digital signal processors and cryogenically cooled receivers. Send resume to Jon Hagen, KP4I, Head, Electronics Dept., Arecibo Observatory, P.O. Box 995, Arecibo, PR 00613.

### QST congratulates...

Al Hamilton, AG1F, of Beverly, Massachusetts, on receiving a \$1000 award from the GTE Volunteer Initiatives Program payable to the HANDI-HAM Courage Center.

Don McDaniel, KJ3Q, of Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania, on receiving the Western Pennsylvania DX Association's outstanding DXer award.

ARRL Treasurer Jim McCobb, K1LLU, of Boxford, Massachusetts, on being appointed Ex-

ecutive Vice President and Treasurer of the Andover Savings Bank.

A. J. F. Clement, W6KPC, of McFarland, California, on being named a Fellow of the Radio Club of America.

G. Graham MaConomy, W6BUK, of Hemet, California, on 60 years as a member of the ARRL.

### I would like to get in touch with...

anyone with information on the bootlegging of my call sign by an operator identifying himself as "Steve" Robert Wanderer, KT2D, 32 Shore Rd., Wayne, NJ 07470-6321.

any amateurs interested in a guided tour of Europe. Betty Strattan, W2PVS, Box 3, LaGrangeville, NY 12540.

anyone interested in forming a trivia net. Shawn Sabo, KB4KGB, 1555 Mill Run Ct. Lawrenceville, GA 30245.

# Correspondence

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All letters will be considered carefully. We reserve the right to shorten letters selected in order to have more members' views represented. The publishers of QST assume no responsibility for statements made herein by correspondents.

## AMATEUR RADIO'S FUTURE GROWTH

□ Re: Correspondence by Mr. Steir, March 1985 QST. I make this urgent request: Please! Stop beating that poor dead horse with that "no-code" stuff and get on with the recruitment of new amateurs. The majority of the Amateur Radio fraternity has spoken in favor of code as the basic requirement for licensing, and the FCC has so ruled. Therefore, a continuing attitude of opposition toward the code requirement is only counteractive to the recruitment of new amateurs.

Because CW is the most basic form of communication, continuously used around the world by many thousands of amateurs, this mode should be honestly presented to prospective amateurs as a positive, efficient and basic communication method along with the other modes, rather than characterized as being a "sincerity test" or an obsolete "slide rule."—*Thomas F. Aughenbaugh, NY6Q, Big Bear Lake, California*

□ Re: "It's Later Than We Think," in March 1985 Correspondence. I submit that anyone capable of learning the basics of BASIC for any "simple computer" set-up can also learn the basic basics of the Morse code in much less time than it takes for all those discussions of its (presumed) merits or demerits to take place.

It's just a matter of exploding the myth and not making it sound more difficult than it actually is!

If we keep listening to all the doomsayers these days, we may indeed end up missing what Amateur Radio is really about.—*F. Paul Kosbab, NF4E, Tulsa, Oklahoma*

□ I suppose that sooner or later we will have to have a "no code" license. It is better to give penicillin to a pneumonia victim than to let him die as a result of a "no pills" principle. The pill may be bitter, but if we don't swallow it, we may end up with a dead patient. No more ham radio.

Although I am a CW operator and very much enjoy tapping out the code with an old-fashioned electronic keyer (would you believe a Hallicrafters T.O.?), I know we need a "no code" license if I am to be able to continue to do so.

We might encourage a "digital" license that would convey privileges for CW (using newfangled equipment or, if the operator wants, old keyers), Baudot, ASCII and AMTOR, but no voice privileges. Think of all the computer whiz kids that would go for this. No code knowledge would be necessary for such a license; of course, one could still learn it if one wanted.

I do not want to see ham radio die, and all my operating privileges whisked away from me, because of an insistence that everyone must have code proficiency and be able to send with a brass pounder.—*Stan Gibilisco, W1GV4, Tavernier, Florida*

□ I have noted all the comment lately about the drop in the ranks of licensed amateurs. I believe I know a source of at least some of

the drop-outs. They may be folks who "moved up" from CB, only to find they really didn't have an interest in serious radio. They disposed of their equipment, and let their licenses lapse. Since those licenses are of the "five year" type, now is about the time that they would be expiring.

As for getting new blood into our community, I agree that the rules and requirements must be upgraded and updated. I really do not think that code is a deterrent to the "children's band" mentality; Amateur Radio has enough of that sort even with the code requirement.—*David J. Mann, NB7X, Portland, Oregon*

□ What we can strive for is diversity. More power to anyone who wants to operate RTTY, AMTOR, OSCAR, or whatever. Let's keep our options open. CW and computerized modes have a special ability to cut across the lines of age, sex and nationality, and for this reason they are valuable. Those who favor no-code are actually suggesting less diversity, even though they may not intend it so. Arguments in favor of a particular mode based on efficiency are beside the point. We do what we do not because it is efficient, but because we like it.

One way to encourage newcomers is to clean up our act. Some of the conversation we hear on the 75, 40 or 2-meter bands is neither morally nor intellectually uplifting. If our image is one of profane bigotry, it isn't surprising that we don't attract as many recruits as we'd like.

Another problem is the cost of amateur gear. The cost of our hobby makes it much more attractive to the wealthy older person than to the young or less well-to-do.

Finally, it seems to me that what Amateur Radio once offered was romance. The hum of a blower, the glow of an 813, the soft pulsation of a mercury-vapor rectifier, the feeling of solidity in a 75A-4; these were the intangibles that drew us in years ago.

I think OSCAR and EME are among the best things we have going today, because they preserve some of that same feeling; the feeling of being on the very edge of things, of achieving something uncommon.

If this is the way we can make our hobby appear, our future will be secure.—*Clarence Wager, K6TBW, Tuolumne, California*

□ Why CW at all? Because I have proven to myself time and time again that Morse code gets through adverse conditions (QRM, QSB, QRN) more effectively than any other mode available to Amateur Radio.

By the way, I am one of the "young troops" that supposedly can't be recruited to Amateur Radio because of the "code barrier." I was first licensed at age 17, and had enough desire to get the code down. Did you ever consider that the youngsters you've tried to interest, who have given excuses such as "I can't learn the code" or "I don't want to learn the code" simply aren't interested in Amateur Radio? The amateur service does not interest everyone the way we would

like.—*Jim Holman, KU3J, Jacksonville, Arkansas*

□ As a recently licensed amateur, I have a perspective on increasing our ranks that I have not seen reflected in your column.

The "no-code" license is neither the problem nor the solution. Greater dedication to public service, while commendable, will do little to increase the popularity of our hobby.

The first and greatest problem I faced was finding ham radio. This may sound absurd to the old timer who knows everyone who's anyone in every club in his area. The problem is that hams talk to hams, and not to the general public. If the flyers for hamfests were posted on the street corners or announcements published in newspapers or broadcast via public events spots of local radio stations, or if they were held in shopping malls rather than in out-of-the-way racetracks or in the basements of churches or exhibition halls with no public access, more of the non-ham public would attend and get bitten by the bug.

Another way to reach the public, particularly the youth, is through computer magazines. An article in RUN magazine about a "Morse code" tutor program was one of the greatest influences on my decision to go for a license. The bright, technically oriented young people are the ones we most want to attract to Amateur Radio and the computer magazines are where we are going to find them.

Of course, once we have their interest we have to hold it. Maybe we can make the Novice bands a protected area where Novices can have a chance to discover what the hobby is all about without getting knocked aside in the rush. A little cooperation from the CRRL in discouraging phone nets below 3750 kHz would also help immensely.

If Amateur Radio is to be a living, growing hobby, we must bring ourselves to the public at large, and we must establish better ways for nurturing newcomers in our hobby.—*Alan Taylor, KA2WIJ/KT, Forest Hills, New York*

[Editor's Note: In March Correspondence, three letters discussed the future growth of Amateur Radio under the heading, "IT'S LATER THAN WE THINK." Those three letters triggered many more responses than we could print; some are presented above. All the responses made reference to the code requirement, and most discouraged any change of that requirement, which is consistent with past opinion polls.]

## HOME BREW HIGHER FREQUENCIES

□ Congratulations on printing the fine detailed construction article by "Chip" Angle, N6CA in April 1985 QST. As we move into the higher and higher frequencies, we need more information of this type. While some commercial gear is available for 1269 MHz, many of us would prefer to build our own. If we are to increase the occupancy of these higher frequency bands, equipment must be made available, and for the present, most of it will be "homebrew." Keep up the good work.—*Jim McKim, W0CY, Salina, Kansas*

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It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

WA1ASH, Edward F. McQuillen, Manchester, NH  
W1DLA, Horace U. Ohm, Marblehead, MA  
W1FRE, Jerome "Jerry" Erickson, Proctorsville, VT  
KA1FYO, Charles T. "Chuck" Hamilton, East Stoneham, ME  
W1GDU, W. Ward Nipper, Peace Dale, RI  
W1HSC, Warren E. Cann, Hampton Beach, NH  
KAILXO, Donald W. Behnken, Norwalk, CT  
W1OHU, Wallace K. Edwards, Underhill, VT  
W1ROS, Paul D. White, Norwich, CT  
W1RYB, Albert E. Johnson, Dorchester, MA  
W1UFH, George E. Demers, Little Compton, RI  
WA1WHT, Charles F. Bryan, North Port, FL  
W2DMO, Walter H. Borneman, Lynbrook, NY  
W2JUO, Howard C. Schubert, Sr., Leonia, NJ  
W2KVS, Edmund A. Krampert, Ramsey, NJ  
WA2OZN, Anthony C. Degutis, Basking Ridge, NJ  
W2TBO, Adelbert G. Freeland, Seneca Falls, NY  
K2UJA, Arthur R. Mason, Oceanport, NJ  
WB2WTR, Howard E. Moore, Jr., Mount Holly, NJ  
WB2YXS, Alfred G. Soeffing, Dingmans Ferry, PA  
W2ZK, Amory H. "Bud" Waite, Venice, FL  
KA3AJO, Walter E. McCabe, Jr., Owings Mills, MD  
W3COA, Charles W. Hackenyos, Philadelphia, PA  
W3DNP, Walter Hambleton, Milford, DE  
WB3FL, Robert W. Warrington, Harrisburg, PA  
WB3HP1, George A. Hoffman, Harrisburg, PA  
W3JKM, William E. Lynch, Upper Darby, PA  
WA3OBD, Robert W. Funk, Sharpsville, PA  
W4ALW, Walde H. Nilsson, Sr., Simpsonville, SC  
N4BGW, John Durkovic, Cape Coral, FL  
W4CLJ, Jesse R. Price, Sr., Orlando, FL  
K4DID, Thomas H. Donaldson, Kannapolis, NC  
WA4DSC, Charles E. Gorkes, Sarasota, FL  
W4DUW, Jack R. Patterson, Huntsville, AL  
KB4GRT, Garland Smith, Parksley, VA  
W4HAQ, Frank Wells, Darlington, SC  
WB4IRX, Peter P. Forst, Jr., Hollywood, FL  
WA4JQE, Herbert W. Mills, Owensboro, KY  
K4KJK, Harold A. Loring, Charlotte, NC  
K4MPP, James R. Spurlock, Princeton, KY  
KF4NF, Robert Mader, Englewood, FL  
W4PMJ, Harold M. Rosser, Sr., Belton, TX

K4QOC, Woodrow "Woody" Mitchell, Montgomery, AL  
K4QP, John P. Sweeney, Summerdale, AL  
WD4RHO, Charles W. Greig, Lighthouse Point, FL  
NF4W, Anthony D. Tartaglia, Titusville, FL  
W4YO, Fred J. Wadford, Jr., Palm Harbor, FL  
N5EZO, Donald F. Berry, Jackson, MS  
WD5FSH, W. Thomas Rothwell, Jr., Chapel Hill, NC  
W5MYM, Francis B. Kaczorowski, Truth or Consequences, NM  
W5VCU, Helen Sadler, Mound, TX  
W5VHT, Richard J. Bozeman, Sr., Marshall, TX  
W5VYT, Charles S. Stuttle, Little Rock, AR  
W6AVZ, Clifford Van Ciel, Salinas, CA  
W6ECB, J. Frank Irwin, Myrtle Beach, SC  
N6EPG, Wayne Heck, Davis, CA  
W6FC, Gerald A. Whitaker, Santa Rosa, CA  
W6ING, Douglas M. Smith, Woodland Hills, CA  
W6IPP, James E. Kavan, Encinitas, CA  
W6IY, Edgar L. Parkhurst, Salinas, CA  
W6KB, Lloyd E. Martin, Salinas, CA  
W6LFT, John H. Morecroft, La Crescenta, CA  
W6MOF, John E. Hurtt, Santa Rosa, CA  
W6MUF, Eric T. Ledin, Pebble Beach, CA  
W6MZV, Richard J. Best, San Rafael, CA  
W6NWQ, Robert L. Surtees, Carmel, CA  
WB6PKM, Warren W. Griffith, Salinas, CA  
W6RJV, Octa E. Williams, Montgomery Creek, CA  
\*WB6RTE, Verner W. Huntus, Eureka, CA  
K6SOP, Stephen J. Geng, Thousand Oaks, CA  
N7AN, Clarence H. Stevenson, Graham, WA  
N7BOR, Robert E. Scharping, Jr., Mesa, AZ  
W7BXL, Wallace C. Klocker, Helena, MT  
W7DJU, Willis D. Marshall, Bellingham, WA  
N7DSE, Donald R. Tyler, Kingman, AZ  
W7EZ, Earl L. Eggers, Eugene, OR  
W7OKU, Donna L. Gettman, Oregon City, OR  
W7RCF, Nels P. Nelson, Jr., Phoenix, AZ  
KA7RQS, Patrick J. Moehrle, Sumner, WA  
W7URG, Eldridge "Wally" Fosberg, Manchester, WA  
K7UZR, Mortimore Dunning, Moses Lake, WA  
NCTV, Charles Billings, Clark Fork, ID  
K7WL, Wallace H. Leland, Phoenix, AZ

K7WT, Wilbur E. Talbot, Eugene, OR  
WB8CJU, Laurence E. Pennell, Van Wert, OH  
KD8GR, William H. Macintosh, Lorain, OH  
WB8XR, Jerrold A. Swank, Washington Courthouse, OH  
WA8MCH, Stephan G. Stith, Centerville, OH  
W8RYH, Harry G. Wayne, Southfield, MI  
K8TAK, James W. Whipple, Midland, MI  
W8UB, Emery V. Qualman, Port Clinton, OH  
W8YAA, Roger R. Day, Findlay, OH  
K9BZL, David C. White, Athens, GA  
N9EEP, W. Fleming "Brownie" Brown, Chicago, IL  
W9GXQ, John Alexander, Rockford, IL  
W0BE, Robert W. Schoening, Minneapolis, MN  
K0BQH, Rolf Nyflot, Florissant, MO  
K0BWA, Ralph L. Anderson, Holyoke, CO  
N0BXP, Harold G. O'Brien, Minneapolis, MN  
K0DFJ, Elmer L. Burt, Salina, KS  
KA0KDK, Harry M. Matthews, St. Joseph, MO  
KA0TMI, Henry F. Doye, Sr., Atchison, KS  
W0VFL, Ben O. Edwards, Kansas City, MO  
KH6HRF, Sherman A. Manchester, Jr., Coronado, CA  
KH6IU, Reginald G. Field, Honolulu, HI  
KP4DGT, Jorge A. Lugo, Rio Piedras, PR  
VE7HA, Patrick W. Larkin, North Vancouver, BC  
VP5RJ, Robert J. McElvly, Lake Park, FL  
VP9CX, Athol J. Moulder, Warwick West, Bermuda  
VP9GK, Van M. Richardson, Hamilton, Bermuda  
**Feedback:** Laurence E. Pennell was listed in the Silent Keys column of the February issue with the incorrect call sign of KA9NSF. The correct call sign is WB8CJU.  
\*Life Member, ARRL

In order to avoid unfortunate errors in the Silent Keys column, reports of Silent Keys are 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

### May 1935

- After several years of comparative quiet, 10 meters is alive again, thanks to pioneers like W2TP, W4TZ, W6CAL, W6VQ, W9GFZ and W9NY. W1DF recounts some of the recent DX, largely with VK and ZL stations.
- CT2BK, a popular contact for several thousand Ws, describes his antenna setup, with particular attention to the calculations for the great-circle path; he feels antenna orientation was responsible for the strong signal from his '46 output tube.
- QST is now published in four editions—central, eastern, western, southern. Only the Station Activities columns for each area are included, releasing a bit of space for another feature article or two, and permitting "local" one-edition advertising at reasonable cost.
- Technical Editor James Lamb reports on interesting technical features of some of the latest manufactured ham-band superhets—Hallcrafters Super Sky rider, Hammarlund Super Pro, National HRO, RCA ACR-136, RME9D, for examples.
- Separately, Jim points out that we bandy about words like selectivity and sensitivity without really knowing what they mean. He illustrates, with example graphs, the several definitions of selectivity measurements.
- And some still prefer to build their own, largely for reasons of pride. W9ERU describes his improved version of the original single-signal superhet, which he feels holds its own against any commercial product.
- Though not all the logs are in as yet, the 1935 DX fray appears to have smashed all records. W1SZ, W2BHZ, W3SI and W6GRL are among the top

- scorers. And last autumn's SS similarly broke records; W9HKC's 113,000 points topped 'em all, yet he used only 20 watts. W9AUH worked 68 of 69 possible sections, missing only the Philippines.
- General Electric has developed a new line of tubes with metal instead of glass enclosures. Advantages in ham use are shorter leads and better stability through inherent shielding.
  - A survey through QST shows amateur activity as 10% exclusive 'phone, 46% telegraphy only, and the rest a combination of both. Less than 5% of interest is in 28 Mc. and above, most of that concentrated in 5-meter 'phone.
  - The Editor decries the amount of bootleg activity on 5 meters, and applauds F.C.C.'s actions in warning some of the less-scrupulous mail-order houses that their ads for such gear must include a caution that a license is required.
  - Progress in legitimate 5-meter DX continues, helped by improvement in design of gear. Ross Hill likes the new 955 pentode "acorn" tube for efficient receiving circuitry. Copper-tube "plumbing" is the "in thing" for transmitter circuits.
  - The Hq. staff now totals 30, with seven having more than 10 years service. The crew has built cabinets for a museum display, and now solicits donations of old gear for exhibition in the Hq. offices.

## 25 Years Ago

### May 1960

- You probably won't want to duplicate the 13-tube receiver built by W9BYI and W9IHT to cover 3.5 to

- 30 Mc., but there are plenty of useful ideas to inspire some ham construction of your own.
- Harmonics from Novice rigs continue to be a problem. WIICP once again outlines the causes and provides dope on simple filter remedies.
- U.h.f. pioneer W5AJG has long used the ARC-5 surplus rig to set 144-Mc. DX records, and now goes one step further by revamping it to handle the output of a small sideband exciter.
- W2AOE proposes a 4-kc. separation fixed-channel system for sideband use on 75 meters, which he says can avoid the "present cacophony of whistles, pops, squeals, moans and semi-coherent speech."
- FCC records show the number of amateur licenses passed the 200,000 mark last year, a growth of some 15,000.
- W3IMP describes his "IMP" sideband exciter, a 3-tube filter rig stripped to essentials. It can help anyone to a good start on that mode—economically, too, being built largely from odds and ends of surplus.
- The Editor says we are rightfully proud that we are permitted a full kilowatt input, but points out how silly and destructive it is to use such power for local traffic nets or ragchews. Besides, the law says that minimum power must always be used.
- W1DGL reports last autumn's Sweepstakes results, with nearly 100 participants working all sections. W9IOP topped the scores, just nosing out W4KFC.
- Hams in U.S. Armed Forces in Morocco used their CN8 calls, along with native licensees, to provide vital emergency communications after an earthquake leveled the city of Agadir.
- For Field Day, W9DWD built a portable mast of three 8-foot wood poles (such as come in rolled rugs) joined by short lengths of pipe.
- Seven Kansas City hams collaborated to design a grounded-grid linear using a 4XC1000A, and then each built one for his home station. Particular attention was paid to control and protective circuits.—W1RW

# Coming Conventions

## ATLANTIC DIVISION/NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

May 17-18-19, Rochester

The 1985 Atlantic Division/New York State Convention/Rochester Hamfest has been expanded to three days. The flea market opens at noon Friday, and will operate continuously through Sunday afternoon. Commercial exhibits open Saturday at 8:30 A.M. and Sunday at 9:30 A.M. Site of the big weekend is the Monroe County Fairgrounds, East Henrietta Road (Rte. 15A) and Calkins Road. Hotel headquarters is the Rochester Marriott Thruway. Both locations are near NY Thruway exit 46.

Volunteer license examinations will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday. Advance registration was necessary (see March 1985 QST, p. 73), but space may be available for last-minute registrants. Check with Chairman A. G. deBleek, KW2X, 59 Bay Knoll Rd., Rochester, NY 14622.

Programming begins at 10 A.M. Saturday. Groups presenting programs are SAYLARC, NTS, WDN, NYPON, NYS, NYSPTEN and Navy MARS. Feature programs will be Antennas and Towers by Gerry King, VE3GK, and an Instructor's Forum by John Foss, W7KQW, ARRL Training Program Manager. Highlight of the day will be a League Forum presented by Directors Turnbull, Ferdinand, Atkins, Nathanson, Stevens and Grauer. Also present will be League Executive Vice President Dave Sumner and ARRL President Larry Price. The sixth annual W2RUF Memorial Code Contest will be held at 2 P.M. The annual banquet will be on Saturday. Presentations will be made to the Code Contest winner and to the Amateur of the Year.

Registration is \$4 in advance, \$5 at gate. Banquet \$12. Flea market permits \$2 per parking space. For tickets, write to Rochester Hamfest Tickets, 174 Croydon Rd., Rochester, NY 14610. For all other information, call 716-424-7184 or 716-424-1100 during business hours. Computer bulletin board, 300 bauds 716-424-7136.

## ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

May 18-19, Birmingham

The 1985 Alabama State ARRL convention will feature a giant indoor flea market, manufacturer and retail exhibitor's booths and lots of interesting forums. FCC exams will be given on both days, free of charge. Admission is \$4 per person for both days. A homebrew contest and CW contest will also be a part of the proceedings. There are several motels in the immediate area of the convention site, the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. Make reservations as early as possible. The convention headquarters hotel will be the Hyatt, across the street from the Civic Center. There will be an information station operating on 34/94 to assist those needing directions. Flea market tables can be occupied on Friday from 4 P.M. to 10 P.M. for those wishing to set up early. A banquet and entertainment will be held on Saturday night, with cash bar open at 6 P.M.

May 4-5—South Carolina State, Greenville

May 18-19—Alabama State, Birmingham

May 18-19—Atlantic Division/NY State, Rochester

May 31-June 2—Northwestern Division, Seaside, OR

May 31-June 2—Texas State, Dallas

July 5-7—Dakota Division, Rapid City, SD

July 6-7—Georgia State, Atlanta

July 13-14—Indiana State, Indianapolis

July 19-21—Iowa State, Des Moines

## ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

October 4-6, 1985—Louisville, Kentucky

September 5-7, 1986—San Diego, California

July 10-12, 1987—Atlanta, Georgia

At press time, Amateur Radio exams are scheduled to be given at these conventions. For other exam opportunities see Hamfest Calendar.

Tickets should be purchased ahead of time. For more information on convention tickets and motel accommodations, write to Birminghamfest '85, P.O. Box 603, Birmingham, AL 35201.

## NORTHWESTERN DIVISION CONVENTION

May 31-June 2, Seaside, Oregon

The 1985 ARRL Northwestern Division/Oregon State Convention, cosponsored by the North Coast Repeater Association and the Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club, will be held at the Seaside Convention Center. Hours are 5-8 P.M., Friday, 8 A.M.-5 P.M. Saturday, and 9 A.M.-2 P.M. Sunday. Preregistration is \$5 per single (\$7 at the door); \$2 for teens with parents; children 12 and under free.

Seminars: antennas, DXpedition, packet radio, computers and Amateur Radio, power supplies, NiCd batteries and much more. Banquet speaker will be Dave Bell, W6AQ, Dave, a film producer, was 1984 Dayton Ham of the Year. Topic will be "The King and I" (his visit with JY1, King Hussein of Jordan). M/C is Rush Drake, W7RM, Northwestern Division Vice Director. Talk-in on 52 and 144.85/5.45. For more information and/or reservations, write to Doc McLendon, W7GW, P.O. Box 920, Seaside, OR 97132.

## TEXAS STATE CONVENTION

May 31-June 2, Dallas

The ARRL Texas State Convention and the 8th Annual Ham-Com Convention will be held at the Northpark Inn Convention Center in Dallas. The convention will feature manufacturers' and dealers' exhibits as well as an indoor, air-conditioned flea market. There will be a full slate of programs, covering everything from DXing to the latest word on the Volunteer Examiner program. Programs will be given by visiting experts as well as local authorities on all areas of Amateur Radio. The ARRL forum will feature ARRL President Larry E. Price, W4RA. John Foss,

W7KQW, ARRL Training Manager, will conduct a Training Seminar for instructors in the area. A full slate of programs for YLs includes a tour and luncheon. The convention begins Friday at 7 P.M. with a Ham-Com Party featuring an authentic Texas Western band. Preregistration prices are \$6 single, \$8.50 family. Flea market tables \$10 each. For more information, write to Ham-Com, Box 25028, Dallas, TX 75225, or call 214-521-9430.

## DAKOTA DIVISION CONVENTION


July 5-7, Rapid City, South Dakota

The Black Hills Amateur Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary by sponsoring the 1985 ARRL Dakota Division Convention at Howard Johnson's, 1-90 exit 59. Registration will be Friday 4-7:30 P.M. Please bring your QSL card for display. Social Hour is at 7:30 P.M. at Howard Johnson's.

Saturday will bring exhibits, registration, indoor flea market, free tables while they last. Along with the regular forums there will be women's activities and fun activities for the whole family. VE exams (limited walk-ins) will be given at 1 P.M. The 7 P.M. banquet is "all you can eat," so come hungry.

The 8:30 Sunday brunch (all you can eat) will be followed by the ARRL forum. Exhibits will be open. Preregistration and banquet (before 6/10/85) \$18. Preregistration (before 6/10/85) \$6.50. Additional banquet tickets \$12.50. Sunday brunch tickets \$6.75 (children 12 and under \$3.75). Registration (after 6/10/85) \$7.50.

For information, tune in the SD-Evening Net on 3870 kHz or call 605-787-5243 or 605-343-6791. Talk-in on 16/76 and 34/94.

The SDSM&T is also having a reunion at this time, so plan your vacation in the beautiful Black Hills, and catch the activities and attractions. Make checks payable to Black Hills ARC, c/o Gene F. Bauer, KX0U, 713 Blaine Ave., Rapid City, SD 57701. Confirmation by return mail. Indicate if you desire information on motels or campgrounds. 

# Hamfest Calendar

Administered by Marjorie C. Tenney, WB1FSN  
Convention/Travel Coordinator

[Attention—The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 15th of the second month preceding publication date. Hamfest information is accurate as of our deadline; contact sponsor for possible late changes. For 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.]

**Colorado (Boulder)—May 5:** The Longmont ARC will hold the annual Boulder Spring Hamfest on Sunday, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M., rain or shine, at the Colorado National Guard Armory, 4750 N. Broadway. Admission donation will be \$3 per family, and there is no seller's charge. We suggest sellers bring their own tables. If any seller needs more than one, contact the organizers in advance. There will be three technical

seminars: 9:30 A.M., repeaters; 10:30 A.M., packet radio; and 11:30 A.M., Amateur Radio satellite communications. In addition to the big hamswap and technical seminars, there will be technical demonstrations and equipment testing. Food and drink available. Talk-in on 16/76 and 52. For more information, contact William Currie, WD0EHJ, 1232 E. Fourth Ave., Longmont, CO 80501, tel. 303-776-2829.

**Connecticut (Southington)—June 2:** The 2nd Annual Radio and Electronics Flea Market sponsored by the Southington ARA will be held at Southington High School, Pleasant St., from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Admission \$1. Tables are \$7 advance, \$8 at the door. Tailgating \$5. Talk-in on 146.88 and 145.55 simplex. (Barry Electronics will be there.) For advance table reservations, send check or money order payable to Southington Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 873, Southington, CT 06489, with an s.a.s.e. Cut off date for advance reservations is May 24. Refreshments will be available.

**Connecticut (Newington)—June 9:** The Newington Amateur Radio League (NARL) will hold its second annual flea market at Newington High School, Willard Ave. (Rte. 173), on Sunday, from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. (dealers 8 A.M.). Tables \$8.50 (after May 31, \$10). Tailgating \$5, weather permitting. Tours of ARRL Hq. FCC exams may be given. Admission \$2. Talk-in on 52 or W1AW/R 145.45 and 224.840. Contact for table and FCC exam information, Tom Nannoum, KM10, 55 Spruce St., Newington, CT 06111, tel. 203-666-1615.

**Georgia (Hartwell)—May 18-19:** The Anderson, Hartwell and Toccoa Amateur Radio Clubs will hold the 6th Annual Lake Hartwell Hamfest at the Lake Hartwell Group Camp, located on Hwy. 29, 4 miles north of Hartwell. Features include free admission, free camping and free flea market space. Activities include a left-footed CW contest, horseshoes and many other activities for the whole family. Campgrounds open at 6 P.M. Friday. Talk-in on 19/79, 93/33 and 895/295. For further information, contact Ray Pettit, WB4ZLG,



Rte. 1, Dooley Dr., Toccoa, GA 30577.

**Georgia (Fort Oglethorpe)—June 8-9:** The North GA Hamfest, sponsored by the John Ross ARC, will be held at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School (new location, just off I-75), Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Sunday 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. No admission charge. Forums, xmit hunt, satellite TV demo, computers, FCC/VE exams both days, 9 A.M. Talk-in on 144.75/5.35, 223.34/4.94 and 52 simplex. For further information, contact Maxine Barrett, N4ECA, 702 Chickamauga Ave., Rossville, GA 30741, tel. 404-866-2302 (days).

**Idaho (Idaho Falls)—May 11:** Eagle Rock Radio Club is sponsoring a swapmeet from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Booneville County Court House. Admission is free; tables are available at \$5 each, DX, OSCAR and Shuttle presentations. Talk-in on 04/64. For further information, write to ERRC, Rte. 2, Box 411, Idaho Falls, ID 83401; please include s.a.s.e.

**Illinois (Chicago)—May 15:** The Chicago Amateur Radio Club (CARC) Mini-Hamfest will be held on Wednesday, from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M., at the Edgebrook Golf Course field house, 3900 N. Central Ave. (north of Elston Ave., south of Devon Ave.). For more information call 312-545-3622.

**Illinois (Tilton)—May 19:** The Illiana Repeater Station, Inc. 10th annual hamfest will be held at the UAW Civic Center. Talk-in on 22/82. Address all inquiries c/o Barbara Tolson, WD9AFF, P.O. Box G, Catlin, IL 61817.

**Illinois (Knoxville)—May 19:** The Knox County ARC, Inc. hamfest will be held at the Knox County Fairgrounds (right at Exit 51—1-74), rain or shine. Tickets \$2 advance, \$3 at gate. Camping available. For advance tickets or further information, contact Keith Watson, 119 South Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61401.

**Illinois (Princeton)—June 2:** The Starved Rock RC hamfest will be held at the Bureau County Fairgrounds. Grounds open at 12 noon, Saturday; exhibit building gates open at 6 A.M., Sunday. Advance registration, \$2.50 (May 20 deadline) at the door, \$3. Swap and shop, exhibits, demonstrations, FCC/VEC exams. No preregistration required. Bring original license, plus a copy, \$4 fee required. Registration for hamfest not required for taking exams. For details on exams, furnish s.a.s.e. to Denny R. Chestney, KM9J, 1212 Dogwood, Bloomington, IL 61701. Nominal fee for overnight camping. Exhibit space and/or sales space for rent to dealers. ARRL Hq. representative will be Jim Clary, WB9IHH. Talk-in on 12/72, 07/67 and 52 simplex. For further information, send business size s.a.s.e. to George E. Keith, W9QLZ, RFD 1, Box 171, Oglesby, IL 61348.

**Illinois (Willow Springs)—June 9:** The 28th annual hamfest sponsored by the Six Meter Club of Chicago, Inc. will be held at Santa Fe Park, 91st and Wolf Rd. (SW of Chicago), on Sunday from 6 A.M. to 4 P.M. Advance admission is \$2, at the door \$3. 1 large swap and shop, displays in pavilion, refreshments available, plenty of parking, Air Force MARS meeting. Talk-in on 37/97 and 52. Further information and reservations from Val Hellwig, K9ZWW, 3420 South 60th Ct., Cicero, IL 60650.

**Indiana (Evansville)—May 19:** The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society (IARS) Hamfest will be held at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center. ARRL/VE license exams will be given for all classes. Exam registration 30 days in advance guarantees seat at testing; limited number of walk-ins accepted. General admission is \$3. Inside dealer tables are \$7.50 each; outside flea market tables are \$3 (bring your own tables). Food available. Talk-in on 15/75. For information and registration forms contact: Make Anderson, KA9LQM, P.O. Box 3284, Evansville, IN 47732.

**Indiana (Terre Haute)—June 2:** The 39th Annual Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Hamfest will be held on Sunday at the Vigo County Fairgrounds, located on US 41, 1/2 mile south of I-70. Open Saturday for overnight campers (\$5 fee), open Sunday 8 A.M. Free outdoor flea market, covered flea market, \$3 for 12 x 12 space. Some ac and tables available on first-come basis. Food and refreshments, giant shopping mall nearby. Advance tickets \$2 (3 for \$5) or \$3 at gate. Children under 12 free. Talk-in on 25/85 and 52 simplex. For tickets and information, send s.a.s.e. to WVARA Hamfest, P.O. Box 81, Terre Haute, IN 47808.

**Indiana (Wabash)—May 19:** The 17th Annual Hamfest sponsored by the Wabash County ARC will be held at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds on Sunday, from 6 A.M. to 4 P.M., advance admission is \$2.75, at the door \$3.25. Large flea market, overnight parking available, food available all day. License exams, 8 A.M. to 12 noon. Talk-in on 63/03, 34/94 and 52. Further information and reservations from Don Spangler, 235 Southwood Dr., Wabash, IN 46992, tel. 219-563-5564.

**Iowa (Sioux City)—May 4:** Where: The Oasis—Sioux City Airbase. When: Saturday, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. What: The Sooland ARA Mini-Convention—including

indoor flea market (tables \$5 each); full-line dealer exhibits; technical programs; 10% consignment table; ladies craft table; coffee, cookies, lunch available on premises. Flea market closes and cash bar opens at 5 P.M. Banquet at 7 P.M. Admission \$3 at door, \$2 in advance. Banquet \$10 at door, \$8 in advance. Motel rooms available at Travelers Inn. Rates—\$22.42 single, \$31 double. Also Motel 6 nearby. Deposit required for late arrival (after 6 P.M.). For motel reservations contact Jim Rhodes, KC8XU, 429 E 26th, So. Sioux City, NE 68776, tel. 402-494-1856. For further information, advance registration or to reserve flea market tables, contact Loren Barbee, WB8YOW, 1015 16th St., Sioux City, IA 51105, tel. 712-258-4829.

**Kansas (Pittsburg)—May 19:** The Pittsburg Repeater Organization will hold its annual hamfest from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., in Lincoln Center, Lincoln Park. A flea market and covered dish dinner will be held. License exams will be given. Talk-in on 34/94. Please notify PRO if you plan to take an exam or wish a table reserved for the flea market. Admission is \$5 per ham and includes chicken and pop for your family. Please bring a covered dish. For more information, write to Steve Cooper, PRO Hamfest, P.O. Box 1303, Pittsburg, KS 66762.

**Maryland (West Friendship)—May 26:** The Maryland FM Association's annual hamfest will be held on Sunday at the Howard County Fairgrounds (about 30 miles west of Baltimore on I-70) from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Admission donation \$3; tables (inside in advance) \$6, day of hamfest if available \$10. For table reservations and hamfest information, contact: Craig Rockenbauch, WA3TID, 429 Sevenside Dr., Sevenside Park, MD 21146, tel. 301-987-6042 (6-10 P.M.). Commercial vendors must have proper tax license certificates available. Items offered for sale must be Amateur Radio related.

**Massachusetts (Dunstable)—May 19:** The first 1985 flea market sponsored by the Northern Berkshire ARC will be held on Sunday, at the Dalton American Legion, Rte. 9. Free overnight camping permitted from Saturday night at 6 P.M. Admission is \$1. A few tables available free on a first-come basis. Flea market breakfast and lunch concession provided by the Dalton American Legion. Talk-in on 146.91 Mount Greylock.

**Michigan (Cadillac)—May 11:** The Wexauke ARA will hold its 25th annual "Swap Shop and Computer Fair" on Saturday, at the Wexford Civic Arena. Talk-in WA8SUE/R 37/97. Camping available. Transportation provided for anyone wishing to fly in. For information contact Wexauke ARA, Box 163, Cadillac, MI 49601.

**Michigan (Midland)—June 1:** You are invited to attend the 11th annual Midland Hamfest on Saturday, from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. (setup 6 A.M.), at a new location—the Midland Civic Arena. Tickets \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Tables \$6 full table, \$3 half table. Trunk sales \$3. Free parking/handicapped parking. Refreshments on site. FCC exams: Send Form 610, check for \$4 (payable to ARRL/VEC), s.a.s.e. and copy of current license to WNNDI, by May 1. Talk-in on 60/00 and 52. For advanced tickets and reservations, contact: Raleigh L. Wert, W8Q01, 309 E Gordonville Rd., Rte. 12, Midland, MI 48640, tel. 617-631-5591.

**Michigan (Grand Rapids)—June 1:** The Independent Repeater Association of Grand Rapids will hold its annual Hamfest from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M., at the Wyoming National Guard Armory on 44th St., west of US-131. Admission \$3.50. Many interesting programs and entertainment for the non-hams. Indoor swap area. Free table space for all sellers. Dealer setup at 6 A.M. Advanced table reservations accepted. Talk-in on 165/765. For more information, call Paul Gardner, WDR1ZB, tel. 616-538-8241, or write to IRA, 562 92nd St., S.E., Bryon Center, MI 49315.

**Michigan (Chelsea)—June 2:** The Chelsea Communication Club hamfest will be held at the Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. Admission is \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at the gate. For further information, contact William Altenberndt, WBHNS, 3132 Timberline, Jackson, MI 49201, tel. 517-764-5785.

**Minnesota (St. Paul)—June 1:** "Amateur Fair" sponsored by the North Area Repeater Assn. will be held in the Dairy Bldg. and surrounding area at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Flea market from 6 A.M. to 5 P.M., indoor activities from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Flea market, exhibition and sales, local club activities. Talk-in on local repeaters. For further information, write to NARA, P.O. Box 857, Hopkins, MN 55343.

**Missouri (Kansas City)—May 18:** NARA-FEST is a special computer hamfest for Commodore Computers and others. Seminars on computer subjects and topics. A major feature will be a Commodore Computer Ham Radio Program Exchange at the Lodge at Bennet Springs State Park. For further information, send s.a.s.e. to Northland ARA, P.O. Box 6710, Kansas City, MO 64123.

**Missouri (Salina)—June 2:** The Central Kansas ARC Inc. will sponsor a hamfest at the 4-H Bldg., Kenwood

Park. Admission is \$3. For further information, contact Jim McKim, 1404 So. 10th, Salina, KS 67401.

**New Hampshire (Nashua)—May 17-19:** The 11th Annual Eastern VHF/UHF Conference will be held at Rivier College. The program features a Friday night hospitality room, technical talks by well-known VHFers on Saturday, noise figure and antenna gain measurements, and other activities. To preregister, send \$13.50 to David Knight, KA1DT, 15 Okadale Ave., Nashua, NH 03062 before May 5. Registration at the door \$20. Saturday banquet \$14, also payable by May 5. Housing available in college dorm rooms: \$16.50, single; \$28, double, includes a buffet breakfast. Those wishing dorm accommodations include payment at time of preregistration. Make checks payable to "Eastern VHF/UHF Conference." For further information, contact: Lewis D. Collins, W1GXT, 10 Marshall Terr., Wayland, MA 01778, tel. 617-358-2854 (6-10 P.M.).

**New Jersey (Paramus)—May 19:** The Bergen ARA is holding a Ham Swap'n Sell on Sunday, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Bergen Community College, 400 Paramus Rd. Tailgating only. Bring your own tables. Sellers \$4/buyers free. Amateur license exams to be given. Thousands of spaces. Talk-in on 79/19 and 52. For more info, contact Pete Adely, K2MHP, 13-30 Edward St., Fairlawn, NJ 07410, tel. 201-796-6622, night only.

**New Jersey (Stirling)—May 19:** TCRA Hamfest sponsored by the Tri-County Radio Assn. will be held rain or shine on Sunday, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M., at Passaic Valley Community Center off Valley Rd. Indoors, refreshments, rest rooms, free parking. Tables \$10, registration \$2.50. Restricted tailgating, by reservation only, please. All reservations from Dick Franklin, W2ELU, P.O. Box 182, Westfield, NJ 07090, tel. 201-232-5955 or 270-3193.

**New York (Rome)—June 2:** Rome Ham Family Day sponsored by the Rome RC, Inc. will be held at Beck's Grove on Sunday. Flea market opens at 9 A.M., dinner at 5 P.M. Admission \$3 (dinner charge additional). Flea market, QRP contest, Quest Quiz (electric and electronic test), programs for the ladies and children, Rome RC "Ham of Year for Central NY Award" at dinner. Talk-in on 28/88. Further information from Ken Kinne, N2DLG, RD 1, Blossvale, NY 13308, tel. 315-336-7065 or any club member on 28/88 or 34/94.

**New York (Melville)—June 9:** Long Island Hamfair sponsored by LIMARC will be held on Sunday at the Electrician's Hall, 41 Pinelawn Rd., from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. General admission is \$3, \$2 after 1 P.M. Table space sold only in advance from Hank Wener, WB2ALW, 53 Sherrard St., East Hills, NY 11577-1712. 4 x 6 table space available at \$10 or your own for \$6. Contact Hank at 516-484-4322 (nights to 11:30 P.M.). League officials will be on hand to help you with any problems. The VHF tune-up clinic will be on hand to check frequency output and PL level.

**Ohio (Medina)—May 12:** Medina County Hamfest, sponsored by the Medina Two-Meter Group will be held at the Medina County Community Center Bldg., Lafayette Rd., State Route 42 SW. Doors open to public from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. Building and flea market setup at 7 A.M. Refreshments and free parking. Tickets \$3 in advance, \$3.50 at the door. Tables \$6 and flea market space \$2. Talk-in on 63/03. For table reservations and advance tickets, write P.O. Box 452, Medina, OH 44258, or tel. 216-725-5021.

**Ohio (Oak Harbor)—May 19:** The Ottawa County ARC and Sandusky Valley ARC will be holding their annual hamfest at the Ottawa County Fairgrounds located on SR 163, about 2 miles east of Oak Harbor and 9 miles west of Port Clinton. Admission is \$3. For further information, contact Raymond Kruse, K8IDA, 18980 W SR 51, Elmore, OH 43416, tel. 419-862-2619.

**Ohio (Athens)—May 19:** The Athens County ARA sixth annual hamfest will be a little different this year—a combined Ham and Computerfest. It will be held at the Recreation Center on East State St., from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Admission is \$3. License exams—all levels—will be given. Mail a completed FCC Form 610 and check for \$4 (payable to ARRL/VEC) to John Cornwall, NCBV, 101 Coventry Ln., Athens, OH 45701. All forms must be received by April 19. Free, paved outdoor flea market space for tailgaters bringing their own tables the day of the event. Indoor space only available by advanced registration. Contact Joe Follrod, NE8R, 15 Roy Ave., The Plains, OH 45780, tel. 614-797-4874. Talk-in on 34/94. For further information, write to Carl J. Denbow, KA8JXG, Chairman, ACARA Hamfest Committee, 63 Morris Ave., Athens, OH 45701.

**Ohio (Columbus)—June 2:** The 5th Annual Hamfest sponsored by the Battelle ARC—W8CQK, will be held in the Canyon Bldg., Franklin County Fairgrounds, from 8 A.M. to 3 P.M. Admission \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Tables \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door. Talk-in on 37/97. Info from Bill, W8LLU, tel. 614-261-7053 or Kevin, WA8OHI, tel. 614-766-3313. Advance sales, send s.a.s.e. to Bill Welch, W8LLU, 396 Brevoort Rd., Columbus, OH 43214.

**Oklahoma (Wagoner)**—May 25-26: The Green Country Hamfest sponsored by the Broken Arrow ARC and Tulsa ARC will be held at Western Hills State Lodge on Sat. from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Sunday from 9 A.M. to noon. Open at 7 A.M. for dealer and swap table setup. Admission on Sat. \$2.50 in advance, \$3 at door; on Sunday \$1. Tables \$10 at door if available and includes one admission or \$7 with preregistration. Flea market, dealer displays, food, ARRL/VEC testing. Talk-in on 52 Simplex. For further information, write Broken Arrow ARC, P.O. Box 552, Broken Arrow, OK 74013 or David Horn, tel. 918-492-4286. Room reservations at Western Hills, tel. 918-772-2545.

**Pennsylvania (Beaver)**—May 12: The first annual Tri-State Hamfest sponsored by the Beaver Valley ARA will be held at Bradys Run Park, Beaver County. The park is located on PA Rte. 51, 3 miles north of PA Rte. 60. Forums, walk-in license testing and refreshments will be available. Large indoor tailgate area available free of charge. Gates open at 7 A.M. Admission \$3 per person, children under 12 free. Overnight camping and hotel accommodations in the immediate area. Talk-in on 144.71/5.31. For more information or advance tickets, contact Don Washburne, WB3HWB, 207 Hall Rd., Aliquippa, PA 15001, tel. 412-774-7079.

**Pennsylvania (Wrightstown)**—May 19: The Warminster ARC Hamfest will be held at the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, Penns Park Rd. (about 15 miles north of Philadelphia). This is an indoor/outdoor event, with food and drink available. Admission \$3, nonhams free. Indoor spaces with table and electricity \$5, each space; outdoor vendors, tailgating \$5 each space. Gates open at 7 A.M. Talk-in on 69/09 and 52. Computer hardware and software vendors welcome. For info call or write Bill Cusick, W3GJC, Apt. 706-Garner House, Harboro, PA 19040, tel. 215-441-8048.

**Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh)**—June 2: The 31st Annual Breeze Shooters Hamfest will be on Sunday, from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., at the White Swan Amusement Park, PA Rte. 60 (Parkway West), near the Greater

Pittsburgh International Airport. Free admission and flea market; family amusement park. Awards for youngest and oldest ham and 10-meter mobile check-in. Registration is \$2, 3 for \$5 or 7 for \$10. Under-roof tables for vendors by advance registration. Mobile talk-in on 28/88 or 29/000 MHz. For further information, contact John Colbert, K3SDL, 1831 Highland Ave., Irwin, PA 15642, tel. 412-863-5167 (evenings only).

**Quebec (Tracy)**—May 26: The Quebec provincial hamfest will be held on Sunday at the Tracy Curling Club. Admission \$4, table (8 ft) outdoor, \$5; indoor, \$6, limited quantity. Please reserve before May 20. Doors open at 9 A.M. (8 A.M. for exhibitors). For more information, write to Sorel-Tracy ARC, P.O. Box 533, Sorel, PQ J3P 2L5, Canada.

**Tennessee (Humboldt)**—June 2: The Humboldt ARC will sponsor its annual hamfest from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Bailey Park, 22nd Ave. Admission \$2. Flea market, ladies activities, parking for RVs (electricity provided, water close by). Talk-in on 37/97. Food and refreshments. For further information, contact Ed Holmes, W4IGW, 501 N 18th Ave., Humboldt, TN 38343.

**Utah (Tooele)**—May 17-19: The Cedar Mountain ARS (Tooele/Dugway Group) is sponsoring a hamfest-swapmeet-campout-hoedown to be held at the Little Sahara Recreational Area, approximately 85 miles south of Tooele off U.S. Hwy 6. VE testing conducted on a walk-in basis, 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Saturday. Send Form 610 and photocopy of existing license (no fee) to Ed Allen, WB7UAO, 863 Buzianis Way, Tooele, UT 84074. Many activities planned, ladies crafts, games for kids, and pot luck dinner Saturday evening. No registration fee. Plenty of camp sites. Talk-in on 7.272 MHz and 52. Call 801-882-1783 or 237-5866 for more information.

**Virginia (Roanoke)**—May 26: Mayfest '85 sponsored by the Roanoke Valley ARC will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center and Coliseum, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Advance registration is \$3.50, at the door \$4. Programs for women and children, code proficiency tests, eyeball QSO room, amateur exams. Inside and

outside flea market. Talk-in on 385/985 and 52 simplex. For further information and registration, contact Bill Johnson, W4NLC, Chairman, 5129-D Overland Dr., Roanoke, VA 24014, tel. 703-989-5374.

**Washington (Yakima)**—May 18-19: The Yakima ARC (W7AQ) will hold the Central Washington State Hamfest at the Hobby Bldg., Central Washington State Fairgrounds, on Saturday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and Sunday, 7 A.M. to 2 P.M. Breakfast and lunch available. Registration is \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. Activities include regional dealer's displays and a free swap and shop with plenty of tables. Talk-in on 01/61 and 34/94. For preregistration, contact Tom Plaisance, P.O. Box 9211, Yakima, WA 98909.

**Wisconsin (Jackson)**—May 4: The Milwaukee RAC Annual Spring Dinner Party will be held on Saturday, at noon, at Heidels' Restaurant near Jackson. Advance reservation required. For more detailed information and reservation form, send an s.a.s.e. to Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, N50 W16328 Pin Oak Ct., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. All interested persons are invited.

**Wisconsin (Wauwatosa)**—May 9: The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club annual auction of equipment and parts is Thursday, at 7:30 P.M., at the Wauwatosa Savings & Loan Bldg., 7500 West State St. Free admission; no sales charges. No flea market dealers. Please tag all gear to be sold with seller's name and minimum opening bid. Auctioneer is Travis Baird, W0VQD. For further information, write to Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, N50 W16328 Pin Oak Ct., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.

**Wisconsin (Stevens Point)**—June 16: Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs, Ltd., will sponsor its annual swapfest and family picnic in Bukolt Park. Swapfest will feature volunteer exams (advanced registrations only), dealers, food, refreshments and fellowship. Tables and tailgating available for \$2. For further information, contact Jim Benak, KA9ACE, 1775 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, WI 54481, or Gene Santosky, K9UTQ, 1220 18th St. South, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 for exam registration (before May 16).

## Affiliated Clubs in Action

Conducted By Leo D. Kluger, WB2TRN  
Club Program Manager, ARRL

### CLUB CHALLENGE FOR THE '80s—UP AND RUNNING

February 1985 introduced a new opportunity for your affiliated club to contribute to its treasury as well as to the growth of Amateur Radio. This is the "Club Challenge for the '80s." Under this program, whenever someone becomes a new ARRL member, your club is eligible for a \$5 rebate from the member's dues. To be reimbursed, your club's unique four-digit ID code *must* be written on the membership application when it arrives at Headquarters.

If you need your club's ID code, give us a call at 203-666-1541 during working hours. Ask to speak with the Club Program staff.

This is an excellent way to build your club's finances. Even if the new ARRL member is not a member of your club, you're still entitled to the \$5 rebate. Just publicize that four-digit ID code.

Your club might want to make a mass mailing to the amateurs in your immediate area. If so, stress both the benefits of joining your club and the benefits of joining the ARRL. Your club will profit in two ways from such a mailing: increased membership and \$5 for every new ARRL member who signs up as a result of the mailing. If you need sample text for such a mailing, or if you need a list of amateurs in your area, write to the Club Program, ARRL Hq.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Just a reminder: If you haven't sent in your club's 1985 annual report, please do so. We need an up-to-date listing of your club to know where to send mailings, such as *Field Forum*, the new affiliated-club newsletter. If you need a 1985 Club Report form, drop a note, again to the Club Program, ARRL Hq.



The Detroit ARA recently celebrated 50 years of ARRL affiliation. ARRL First Vice President Leonard Nathanson, W8RC (right) presents the League certificate of appreciation to W8CAT (center), the original DARA club secretary, and W8SS.

### Affiliated Club Coordinators

Need information about clubs in your Section? The Special Service Club program? Program Ideas? Help with a special project? Coordination with other clubs? Do you have a question about any aspect of the ARRL Affiliated Club program? Get in touch with your Section's Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC), listed below. He or she is prepared to answer these and any other club-related questions you may have.

If no ACC is listed for your Section, contact your Section Manager, listed on page 8.

Alaska—Will Darsey, AL7AC  
Arizona—Robert Warner Drake, N7ECE  
Arkansas—Morris Middleton, AD5M  
Colorado—Daria Richardson, WB0DUV  
Connecticut—John Minehan, KG1M  
Eastern Massachusetts—Lew Nyman, K1AZE  
Eastern New York—Richard S. Moseson, N2BFG  
Eastern Pennsylvania—Mark J. Pierson, KB3NE  
Georgia—Sandy Donahue, WA4ABY  
Illinois—Sharon Harlan, WB9SFT  
Indiana—Ron J. Koczor, K9TUS  
Iowa—Dan Bureman, WB8QAM  
Kansas—Robert M. Summers, KB6XF  
Los Angeles—Royce Bell, KX7Q  
Louisiana—Lionel Oubre, K5DPG  
Maine—Paul E. Gooch, Jr., KA1E1W

Maryland-DC—Ron Rosenwald, KA3DRO  
Michigan—Stanley J. Briggs, K8SB  
Minnesota—Robert McDaniel, KB0RZ  
Mississippi—Don Eider, KC6VD  
Missouri—Maria L. Evans, KT5Y  
Montana—Marge Huddleston, WB7TWG  
Nebraska—Larry Lehmann, KC0DA  
New Hampshire—Peter Cantara, K11M  
New Mexico—Hugh Winter, W5HD  
NYC & LI—Heywood Garstner, WB2IAP  
North Carolina—Mary E. Weddla, WC4T  
North Dakota—Glenn Nickel, WD6DAI  
Northern Florida—Roy Mackey, N4ADI  
Northern New Jersey—James A. Greer, KK2U  
Northern Texas—Steve Muncy, WA5QFD  
Ohio—Michael Bokulich, K8US  
Oklahoma—Billy Foster, NJ5Y

Pacific—L. Roger Wical, KH6BZF  
Rhode Island—Michael S. Bilow, N1BEE  
San Diego—Richard Leffler, WA6COE  
San Joaquin—John Rosa, N6ECH  
Santa Clara—Edwin D. Stephenson, W6MKM  
South Carolina—George J. McCulloch, WA3WIP  
Southern New Jersey—James Eckersley, K2IXE  
Southern Texas—Ed Larose, K55V  
Tennessee—O. D. Keaton, WA4GLS  
Utah—Jurgen C. Eckhoff, KB7XO  
Vermont—Geraldine Preston, KA1AKI  
Virginia—John Humphrey, WD4KQJ  
Washington—Eva Anderson, WB7QNS  
West Virginia—Robert Morris, WA8CTO  
Western New York—Edwin J. Holdsworth, N2EH  
Wisconsin—Greg A. Miller, KA9FOZ

## An Exam to Remember

For Alice Hawley, of Horseheads, New York, December 7, 1984 is a day she'll never forget. For that matter, the FCC examiners in Buffalo, New York, are still in a state of surprise.

There's nothing quite like a cold winter day in Buffalo. It was on just such a day that Alice kept her appointment with the FCC to sit for her Extra Class examination. At the age of 76, Alice took and passed the exam—her score, 100%.

To quote the *Elmira Star Gazette*: "If President Reagan is the Great Communicator at the age of 73, what is Alice Hawley of Horseheads at the age of 76? The Federal Communications Commission said Alice just might be the oldest person ever to earn the extra class radio license."

It would be interesting to learn about others in their 70s who have passed the Extra Class exam. Has Alice set a record?

Alice is a retired secretary of the Hilliard Corporation. Six years ago, a friend gave her a book to read about Amateur Radio, and she became KA2DNK with a Novice license in December 1978. She went on to pass the General exam in 1981 and the Advanced in June of 1984, keeping the same call. She spent much of 1983 and 1984 studying with good friends Fay, WB2FWR, and Lewis Schlick,



Alice Hawley, N1ZE—did she set a record?

WA2ZOB, who were also upgrading. Having passed the Extra exam this past December, she is now N1ZE (a call she's enjoying on CW).

Alice's Commodore 64 computer is connected to her rig, so she can receive CW printouts and RTTY, and take advantage of the Amateur Radio bulletin boards in the area. The automodem connected to her computer enables her to send printed messages,

such as manuscripts, by long-distance telephone. A recognized artist and portrait painter, Alice teaches oil painting when not on the air, and is presently writing a book entitled *How to do Portraits*.

Swimming and camping are Alice's other hobbies. She likes to travel and has a motor home, although she mentioned that when she becomes 77 in June her travels may be somewhat more restricted.

Alice is the only licensed ham in her family. With a son in Rochester, New York, and a daughter living in Germany, she can see just how great it could be if they became licensed. Amateur Radio has been a great source of enjoyment to her. She favors the 80- and 40-meter bands, and is inclined to operate on or around 7.200 MHz.

She is a member of the Chemung County Civil Defense Preparedness Commission, the Rookies Amateur Radio Association and the East Coast Amateur Radio Service (ECARS) net.

Hats off to Alice Hawley, N1ZE, who may have set a record at age 76! It also would be interesting to know the statistics of those passing the Extra Class exam at 100%. There isn't a ham among us who wouldn't enjoy having such memories.

## LORE PHIPPEN—A FULL-TIME HAM

Jack Phippen met and married Hannelore (Lore) while stationed in Germany with the USAF as an electronic technician. He brought Lore back to the United States in 1967. They now live in Boise, Idaho.

Lore's interest in Amateur Radio surfaced in 1980. With encouragement from KE7H, Lore began learning Morse code. Try as she might, she just couldn't get that CW. Then she and Jack went to work on it together. They became Novices in March 1981—Lore, KA7KAI, and Jack, KA7KAH. They upgraded again in October of the same year. Lore was hooked—line and sinker! She kept upgrading until she got her Advanced, in 1983.

For a long time, Lore remained a true CW operator. She feared that her English might not be understood on SSB. She conquered that fear by realizing that being understood on CW might be just as difficult because of her English spelling. All fears were quickly dispelled once she gave SSB a try and found she had no problem being understood.

Lore earned ARRL's WAS/CW award in 1982, and needs only six more states for 5BWAS. She is active in AF MARS as AFA5QB, and is a member of YLISSB, DRN-7, Idaho Farm Net, Century Club, OMISS and the Sauerkraut Runde (a German-speaking roundtable).

Traffic handling has become her true joy. For her, calling a mother, father or wife and giving them good news from a son, daughter or loved one who might be in Korea, Germany or any corner of the world is a wonderful feeling.

Traffic nets are at their busiest during the



Lore Phippen, KA7KAI, jumped into traffic handling with both feet.

holiday season. Lore bravely accepted a Monday night Net Control schedule for DRN-7 during this busy season. In her words: "I jumped in with both feet and almost drowned—hi!" In reality, the traffic got handled, which was the main objective, and she's found the net members to be an extremely helpful group. She sends many messages for patients at a local Veterans Medical Center, and is active on the Idaho Civil Defense Net.

Lore and Jack never have to flip a coin to see who uses the rig—Lore loves to operate; Jack enjoys the engineering. Other interests include skiing, camping, fishing and yard work, but only when radio time permits. Jokingly, Lore says she is a full-time ham and part-time housewife.



Dot Bedford, K4AOH, winner of the YLRL Anniversary Party Gold Cup. See this column, next month, for the contest results.

## COME ALIVE IN '85

The Young Ladies Relay League's (YLRL) 10th International convention will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 20-23, 1985 at the Sahara Hotel. Deluxe accommodations and RV parking are available for reasonable rates. Planned activities include a Hoover Dam tour and Lake Mead cruise, a breathtaking desert tour, gala stage show, cocktail party, luncheon buffet, awards banquet, DX YL show, slide shows and business meetings. A convention station will be operating on 14.288 MHz. For complete details and information packet, send a business-sized s.a.s.e. with 39 cents postage to Jan Weaver, N7YL, 2195 East Camero Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89123.

## INSTRUCTORS' FORUMS

On May 18, your League begins a series of instructors' forums to be held throughout the United States over the next three years. The first forum will be held at the Atlantic Division/New York State Convention at Rochester. The second will be held in Dallas June 1 in conjunction with HamCom. We are anxious to meet our 7000 registered instructors.

In each forum, for about three hours, we'll discuss various topics relating to ham radio courses. The topics include solving your problems in teaching, evaluating the qualifications of prospective instructors, evaluating instructional material, use of audiovisuals, the League's support of training programs, instructors' field organizations, relationships with schools and colleges, use of computers in ham radio instruction, advisability of continuing promotion of courses ending with Novice examinations, availability of equipment for new hams and whatever other training-related subjects anyone wants to discuss.

Your input is essential if our new training program is to succeed. And, hopefully, you will find the solutions to your most pressing training problems.

### Questions, Questions, Questions

Seldom, if ever, do two instructors or two clubs have exactly the same difficulties. The purpose of these forums is to learn what *your* problems are and to suggest ways to solve them. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions: How can we organize and publicize a course? How can we find or train competent instructors? Can we find enough instructors so that we needn't "burn out" a willing one? How can we use the new series of ARRL *License Manuals* and *Instructor's Guides* to the greatest advantage? Where's the best place to find classroom space? What kind of "props" will we need, and where can we find them? What are the most successful methods for maintaining student interest? What is necessary in after-course follow-up to

be sure the new ham gets, and stays, on the air?

How about audiovisuals? Are they worth the tremendous amount of time and money required to produce them? Would a new series of videotapes be valuable?

Should an instructor's field organization be established? Should section training coordinators be appointed? Would *you* like to be a training coordinator?

Recent experience, once again, has underlined the importance of working with local schools and colleges in publicizing Amateur Radio and instituting ham radio courses. Such courses usually are taught by an instructor from the local radio club. Your League is working on new material to inform teachers at all levels of the value of Amateur Radio to their students. Have *you* found teachers, principals, professors and deans to be receptive? How were the ham classes received by the students? The faculty? The administration?

A feeling among many hams is that computers have siphoned off many youngsters who otherwise would have been interested in ham radio. Are computers a sufficient attraction to make their use in the course an incentive for youngsters to enroll and thus obtain a ham license? What are the most effective ways to integrate computers into ham radio instruction?

As you probably know, about half the Novice licensees never upgrade or renew their licenses. Many never even get on the air. Should your League continue to encourage courses ending with the Novice license? Or should we design new courses to go through to the Technician or General level? Licensees of these classes have a far better longevity and activity record.

Another major factor in encouraging newcomers, especially youth, to enter ham radio is the availability of a club station. If such a station is available, newcomers can operate that station as soon as they receive their licenses, even though they might not have enough money to buy components for their own stations. Has the availability of a club station been an encouraging factor in your area? Is lack of money a substan-

tial barrier to many who would otherwise become hams? If so, how can your League and your club diminish the effects of that problem?

The number of hams enrolled or desiring to be enrolled as instructors has reached the point where it has become necessary to devise a way to screen applicants. What criteria should we use in evaluating applications for instructor certification? Should we consider length of time as a ham, license class, teaching experience, age, academic background and/or other factors? Should we develop an apprentice-instructor program?

### A Whole New Approach

Your League's new series of *License Manuals* and *Instructor's Guides* represents an approach totally different from anything the ARRL has ever tried before. A great deal of effort has gone into preparing this material. This money comes to a large extent from your dues; it must be spent long before any income results from the miniscule sale price of the books. Is the new program a sufficient improvement over the old to justify this expense? (Many members greatly underestimate the cost to your League of preparing this new material.) It's your money, and your League intends to spend it in a manner that will most benefit *you* in particular and Amateur Radio in general. But doing that is next to impossible without *your* input.

These forums represent your best opportunity to express your opinions where they really count. If you have a particular problem not mentioned here, write or telephone us at ARRL Headquarters. We then can include it on the agenda we mail to instructors in the general area of the convention and make it available at the convention registration desk. Thus, all instructors attending the forum will be able to ponder your problem before the meeting and offer their suggestions.

But, above all, instructors, be sure to attend the forum. No charge will be made beyond the convention registration fee. We'll do our very best to make it worth your time. □

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draft "Policy Governing ARRL Contacts with Federal Government Officials" prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee, with the policy to be affirmed by the Board in July. Mr. Turnbull, as Chairman, presented the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Goldwater Scholarship. On motion of Mr. Atkins, the report was accepted; the function of scholar selection was transferred to the Standing Committee on Volunteer Resources; and the Ad Hoc Committee was dismissed. On motion of Mr. Grauer, oversight of the Humanitarian Award was also transferred to the Volunteer Resources Committee. There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Perry Williams, WIUED  
Secretary

### LIFE MEMBERS ELECTED March 23, 1985

Mark Aaker, NT6G; John Altieri, NQ6T; Dorian R. Anderton, WA6FGV; Francis L. Barnes, WA5GDF; Leroy Bell, Jr., KA4WZD; Harold Bolnick, KJ6Y; William E. Bradley, WA4LLJ; Thomas A. Brouillette,

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KI4DC; Rita J. Vandyke, KB4DCD; Carlos R. Vest, W4ZHH; Michael D. Vicari, WB6WAJ; Jeannine R. Wangler, KA5UYL; Thomas Windhorn, N1CWU; Steven R. Wood, N6J1G. □

### Mini Directory

As a convenience to our readers, here is a list of items of particular interest and when they most recently appeared in QST.

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# Results, 51st Annual ARRL November Sweepstakes

By Mike Kaczynski,\* W1OD and Edith Holsopple,\*\* N1CZC

Last year's Golden Anniversary of the ARRL November Sweepstakes will long be remembered as the "year of the broom," because of the special award offered to entrants who worked a "clean sweep" (worked all Sections) during the contest period. This extra incentive seems to have paid off, as 417 out of 1995 entrants (almost 21%) hit the mark. In contrast, activity was down this year (1984), with 1661 entries received. Lack of activity made a sweep a bit harder to come by: Only 11.3% of this year's entrants (187, to be precise) managed a sweep. Of those, 100 were on CW, and 87 on phone.

Yes, folks, activity was down, but Sam Morse can be proud—phone entries, which normally outnumber CW entries by between 100 and 200, had the edge by only three this year! CW is not dead: When the going gets tough, CW gets through. This year, brass pounders numbered 829, compared to 943 last year. Even though there were fewer people to work on CW, competition was awesome! Randy, K5ZD, skipped N5AU to a first-place berth for the fourth time in a row, edging out W7NI (flown by Tree, N6TR) by a mere 19 QSOs (a difference of only 0.791 Q/hour).

Surprisingly, neither Randy nor Tree managed a sweep in pursuit of their first- and second-place finishes, respectively, on CW. Randy missed North Dakota (where was North Dakota?) and Tree missed VE1. It just goes to show you that a sweep isn't mandatory to win in SS—but it helps!

Phone competition (for top spot, anyway) wasn't quite as fierce, with KP4BZ running away from the rest with 1948 QSOs (but no VE8). Stateside, N6BV *did* get a sweep, but fell 30 QSOs short of besting WA7NIN (operated by W6OAT). K4VX, operated by KRØY, was only 10 contacts behind.

VE8/VY1 contacts were to be had on both modes this year, with two stations on the air each weekend. Brass pounders were blessed with 558 QSOs from the Yukon/Northwest Territories Section, while phone operators had only 198 reported QSOs to compete for.

With the exception of low-power stations K1ZM, KY2P, KM1C (operated by W1PH) and multiop K1KI, the Northeast wasn't the area of the country to be in to make the Top Ten. Propagation gave stations in the South, West and Midwest a slight edge—to be expected. Old Sol loses his spots, but participants didn't seem to mind that much. After all, the most important part of a contest isn't to win, but to have a good time (although winning is fun, too!).

Even if you couldn't get on for the entire contest, Sweepstakes serves as an opportunity for



Code-man NX4N beat out the other NFLers with 1001 QSOs and 144,144 points.

operators of moderately equipped stations to make a lot of contacts, or work those few remaining states for WAS. It's amazing what can be done with 100 W and a dipole or two.\*This is what sets Sweepstakes apart from many other contests: You don't need a really big station to do well. In fact, several Section winners ran low power and a moderate antenna farm (dipole/tribanders at about 40 feet).

Unlimited-class affiliated-club competition took on a new meaning this year, as the Northern California Contest Club challenged any club to beat their all-out effort. The Mad River Radio Club accepted the challenge, but their 5.466-megapoint, 82-entry aggregate couldn't top the whopping 104 entries put together by NCCC, which totalled 7.6 M. Good show, guys!

In the medium category, two Texas clubs took advantage of propagation to top the list. The Texas DX Society put together 47 scores for a 5.53-M aggregate, followed very closely by the 4.87-M, 46-entry combined total of the North Texas Contest Club. Third and fourth spots were also hotly contested, with the Potomac Valley Radio Club narrowly defeating the Colorado Contest Conspiracy at the 3.5-M level.

The Rubber Circle Contest Club dominated the Local Club Category, putting together 10 entries for a total of 1.309 million points. Thanks to all club members who got on to add to their aggregate club score. These added QSOs made SS more interesting for everyone who participated.

On another note, several people have asked what type of computer-generated reports are acceptable. For log sheets, the answer is quite simple: Computer-generated logs should contain the same columns of information (and in the same order) as official ARRL log blanks. We suggest 50 QSOs per page, as it makes things much easier at our end. Dupe sheets should provide us with an alphanumeric sort of the call signs worked during the contest. These should be readable. If the order of the sort is not obvious, please provide us with a key so we can figure out who you worked. Computer-generated summary sheets are acceptable, but make sure that all information appears in the same order as our official summary sheet—this sheet contains all the information that we need to properly calculate and list your score. Be sure that your return address appears on the summary sheet. If you leave out some vital information, you could end up listed with the checklogs!

Several clubs have not read the club competition rules as outlined in the January issue of *QST*. Specifically, the secretary (or another officer) of each club wishing to enter the affiliated-club competition must send us a complete list of all club members meeting the distance and attendance requirements. Besides listing all club members, the secretary's letter must indicate which level of competition the club wants to enter. This list is due at ARRL Hq. by

## Top Ten Single Op

Phone	CW
KP4BZ	N5AU (K5ZD)
WA7NIN (W6OAT)	W7NI (N6TR)
N6BV	K4VX (KRØY)
K4VX (KRØY)	WA7NIN (W6OAT)
K5RR (N5RZ)	N2IC
K5LZO	KØRF (WØUA)
N5AU (WB5VZL)	N5JJ
W7RM (W7WA)	K5RX (N5RZ)
KØGU	K3LR
N5DU	K5GO

## Top Ten Low Power

Phone	CW
K4XS	K7JA
KE5CV	K1ZM
K7DX	KY2P
W4MM (N4FD)	K26E
K5ZD	K9GL
WØJUR (KØEU)	K4XS
K2PLF	N7TT
N7TT	KY7M
K3WUW	KM1C (W1PH)
WC4E	WØJUR (KØEU)

## Top Ten Multioperator

Phone	CW
KN6M	N6BT
K5CM	WBBJBM
KØUK	AC9C
KJ9D	KJ9D
K5QY	N4KG
K5RVK	KZ5M
K1KI	WØAIH
N5JJ	KASW
NDØE	KØVYV
KE5IV	AB8S

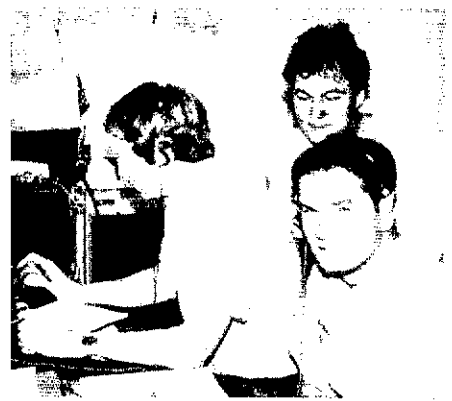
\*Contest Manager, ARRL

\*\*Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL



## Affiliated Club Competition

Unlimited Category	Score	Entries	Phone Winner	CW Winner
Northern California Contest Club	7,607,843	104	WA7NIN	WA7NIN
Mad River RC	5,465,897	82	K8AZ	K3LR
<b>Medium Category</b>				
Texas DX Society	5,531,704	47	K5LZO	K5GN
North Texas Contest Club	4,865,122	46	K5RR	N5AU
Potomac Valley RC	3,585,098	42	W3YY	W3LPL
Colorado Contest Conspiracy	3,437,724	34	K0GU	N2IC
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	2,748,671	40	K1VUT	K1EA
Murphy's Marauders	1,828,043	26	W1WEF	K1TO
Grand Mesa Contesters	1,145,122	15	K0UK	K0UK
Frankford RC	698,142	13	K3WVW	W2GD
Kettle Moraine Radio Amateurs	659,896	21	W9XT	W9XT
South Jersey Radio Assn.	583,843	18	WA2VYA	K2YY
W/K ARC of Greater Milwaukee	475,508	12	N9AW	W1ZT
Radio Club of Tacoma	432,082	13	W7BUN	KT7G
<b>Local Category</b>				
Rubber Circle Contest Club	1,309,170	10	—	W7RM
Kansas City DX Club	925,202	10	KM0L	KM0L
Eastern Iowa DX Assn.	880,346	8	—	N8GA
Central Arizona DX Assn.	794,994	9	K7OX	K7OX
Dixie DX'ers	766,622	9	W24F	K4JPD
Southern California Contest Club	675,688	8	W8AKS	W6YA
Central Virginia Contest Club	621,060	9	W4MYA	W4MYA
River City Contesters	588,634	10	KV6H	KV6H
Lincoln ARC	544,098	5	K0SCH	—
Central Indiana Contesters	430,600	3	—	—
Morton Area DX Assn.	429,272	4	—	—
Central Florida DX Assn.	410,914	3	—	—
Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	371,506	7	—	KM0R
Murgas ARC	354,888	10	W83EMG	K3OX
Twin City DX Assn.	350,556	3	—	—
Rochester (NY) DX Assn.	319,026	6	AF2K	W2TZ
Reading RC	317,646	6	WA3SPJ	K3DTD
Western Pennsylvania DX Assn.	312,832	5	—	—
Lynchburg ARC	294,948	6	AA4FF	AA4FF
Schenectady ARA	282,224	4	—	—
Central Michigan ARC	278,950	9	KC8CY	W8VPC
Eastern Michigan ARC	278,724	6	—	N8CQA
Sevier County ARC	271,810	3	—	—
Ashtabula County ARC	256,895	4	A18S	—
Eastern Connecticut ARA	251,018	4	W10DY	—
Long Island Mobile ARC	247,761	6	KS2G	K2AU
Contest Assn. of South Texas	247,544	4	—	—
Willamette Valley DX Club	231,838	4	—	AG7M
Rip Van Winkle ARS	222,582	5	—	—
Rockford ARA	218,902	10	K9LJN	K9LJN
Northern New Mexico ARC	196,936	4	N5EZA	—
Central Kentucky DX Assn.	196,186	3	—	—
Ill. Wind Contesters	194,286	4	—	K9GL
Northrop RC	186,596	10	K6HRT	K6HRT
Ventura County ARC	185,808	4	K6VMN	NA2Q
Utica ARC	184,904	7	NA2A	—
AR Transmitting Society	183,036	3	—	—
Western AR Assn.	182,614	3	—	—
OH-KY-IN ARC	165,346	5	—	—
Fort Wayne RC	163,360	3	—	—
Order of Boiled Owls—NY	155,028	4	K2SX	—
Penn Wireless Assn.	153,316	4	—	K3TX
Saginaw Valley ARA	138,664	4	—	—
Albuquerque DX Assn.	133,098	3	—	—
Boulder ARC	126,604	3	—	—
Zygo ARC	125,374	6	W1ECH	W1ECH
Fox River Radio League	122,768	3	—	—
Athens County ARA	120,252	5	NE8R	—
West Park Radiops	104,040	8	KC8F	W8IDM
Western Washington DX Club	101,922	4	—	—
Valley RC of Eugene	97,980	3	—	—
Norwood ARC	96,860	3	—	—
Motor City RC	82,926	3	—	—
Four Lakes ARC	80,052	3	—	—
Rappahannock Valley RC	72,830	4	—	—
West Allis RAC	54,750	3	—	—
Wichita ARC	50,056	4	—	—
L'anse Creuse RC	44,272	3	—	—
Falmouth ARA	37,448	3	—	—



KZ0I (foreground), KN0D, (left) and KS0D teamed up to operate KS0T/VE4. Their team effort logged 427 CW QSOs and 68 Sections.

me 15 minutes into the contest (K1JB). Forty meters was phenomenal to the west coast. Even the low-power stations were S9 (N3AM). I could score much better if my next-door neighbors wouldn't watch TV while I operate on 7 MHz (KK0Q). I didn't plan to participate, but on listening, I reacted like the proverbial firehouse horse hearing the fire alarm (W2GND). I can't conceive that the CW speed merchants will place at the very top of this contest. They have written off literally hundreds of casuals and part-timers who cannot or will not copy their 45-WPM machine-sent exchanges. The sad thing is that not only have they missed out of QSOs with these people, they've probably driven many of them out of the contest altogether (W4UQ). I must be crazy to try SS with 250 mW. I would like to know if anyone has ever entered with a power level of under 500 mW, and what their score was. I am deeply grateful to all who showed their courtesy by patiently working my weak signal. My first SS test was a wonderful experience (KA1CV). Combine 100 W, a vertical and my QTH on Adak Island in the Aleutians (2000 miles west of Seattle) and I am happy some of you even heard me (WB6CEC/KL7). I have never met a nicer group of hams than those at VE4UM (KK9W/VE4). In the '60s, after a 48-hour contest, I would wish there were more hours. In the '70s, SS was just right, and I was glad to see the end of a 48-hour test. Now SS seems to never end. For me, stamina is inversely proportional to age (K3WUW). This year, I had to choose between a date with a female friend or CW SS. I just hope the points I missed in SS get credited to my social life (KA8NCR). I thought I had Murphy beat for once until I got a call with about 6 hours to go saying that we were interfering with the campus security police repeater. Fortunately, reducing my power allowed me to finish the test without being arrested, hi (AG1M). I couldn't believe how easy it was to get a sweep on code this year (KU8E).

the SS mailing deadline.

That's it for this year. Thanks to WA8MAM for our parting thought: "While I was hastily preparing for SS on Saturday, my wife said: 'Take it easy! It's only a game.' I had to correct her. SS is more than a game, more than endurance, more than skill, more than luck, more than interesting, more than fun, and more than enough reason to do it again next year. See you then!"

### CW SOAPBOX

Wish I could have spent more hours. I was using a cliff-hanger's sneaky dipole, which compounded the fun (W2DUN). Easiest sweep ever. I was surprised to have VE8QST return CQ on 40 m (W2GD). Several firsts and a last! First time on 160 and 80 meters, first time duping with a computer during the contest, first time over 100 QSOs, last time with my trusty TS-520S ... ordered a TS-830 (KT2D). How come each year I miss one Section,

and it's always a different one? (WA2TBA). Where are VE8s and KL7s? Having circuit breakers pop in my amp is scary (K1SEC). I thought VT was rare. Where on earth is North Dakota? (WB1GQR). How about a class for manual operations? There is no way to compete with computerized stations' automated sending, receiving, logging, etc. (K4VRT). The low-power class is getting to be a joke. The band is covered by spurious signals or just plain rotten signals from too many synthesized rigs that are very poor (K4XU). Fifteen meters was great! We made five QSOs before noticing that we were using the dummy load (N01N). My 50-foot tower came down in a gale 24 hours before SS. What a frantic repair job! I got the beams back up with the aid of 2 x 4s only one hour after the contest began (W6JTI). I hope we don't ship a case of California champagne to MRRC. Those guys were everywhere (W6SZN). Happiness is working the 74th section with one minute remaining in the contest (K9LJN). CW SS without a filter is cruel and unusual punishment (N9CIQ). Fifteen was poor here. Ten wasn't open at all. Come back, sunspots (N0EOB). The best part was hearing VE8QST call

### PHONE SOAPBOX

What a way to spend a weekend—little food, little sleep, subjected to 24 hours of ear-splitting, mind-numbing racket ... I loved it! (WD5GSL/WB0TEV). A new form of Murphy has appeared in contesting—the software bug (K0MPH). My thanks go to my wife, without whose moral support and encouragement I would not be able to do as well (W8DMGQ). It was hard to believe that the rig was putting out less than 2 W. Very few needed repeats. I averaged over 15 QSOs per hour (W6JVA). Our check of 19 gave most ops a bit of disbelief. The club was licensed in 1919. Next time I'll use my check of 59. The novelty ended after the first 100 repeats (N4FD). I nearly quadrupled last year's score. Imagine what could be done with a real antenna! Watch out next time, WA2STM (N2DRR). It was super to hear plenty of 160-meter SSB activity (W2GD). I'm still waiting for 10 meters (KZ2I). Moral for this year's SS: Don't hook up a CQ tape machine a half hour before the contest! RF got into everything, including my logging computer (WA2TBA). I was thinking about retiring from SS. After this year's miserable conditions, I'm

**Division Leaders—CW**

Division	High Power	Low Power	Multioperator
Atlantic	K3LR	K3WUW	K3JUA
Canadian	VE7QO	VE3JRF	VE3ART
Central	W9RE	K9GL	AC9C
Dakota	N8BSH	K0JUL	K0VYV
Delta	K5GO	K4XU	KY5M
Great Lakes	K8CC	K8EE	WB8JBM
Hudson	W2GD	K1ZM	N2EKS
Midwest	K4VX (KR0Y)	K0RVL	AB0S
New England	K1EA	KM1C (W1PH)	K8KA
Northwestern	W7NI (N6TR)	N7TT	AG7M
Pacific	WA7NIN (W6OAT)	N6MG (KD6PY)	N6BT
Roanoke	N8II (KC8C)	KD8G	K4IX
Rocky Mountain	N2IC	W0JIR (K0EU)	K0UK
Southeastern	K1ZX4	K4XS	N4KG
Southwestern	W6YA (N6TJ)	K7JA	KE6PY
West Gulf	N5AU (KSZD)	N5JB	KZ5M

**Division Leaders—Phone**

Division	High Power	Low Power	Multioperator
Atlantic	K3ZO	K3WUW	K3TUP
Canadian	XN7WJ (KE7V)	VE7GDX	VE3GAS
Central	K9ZO	K2PLF	KJ9D
Dakota	WB0MWJ	K0FZG	K0VYV
Delta	N4ZZ	W90BF	WA5TCL
Great Lakes	A18S	W08MGQ	WB8JBM
Hudson	W2ARQ	WA2STM	N2WT
Midwest	K4VX (KR0Y)	W0HBH	K0WA
New England	W1WEP	KG1D	K1KI
Northwestern	W7RM (W7WA)	N7TT	WA6PVA
Pacific	WA7NIN (W6OAT)	K6TMB	K6ZM
Roanoke	W3YY	WC4B	KC4DY
Rocky Mountain	K0GU	W0JIR (K0EU)	K0UK
Southeastern	KP4BZ	K4XS	WP4QL
Southwestern	W7FGT	K7OX	KF6OG
West Gulf	N5AU (WB5VZL)	KE5CV	KN6M

now thinking about it seriously. I still can't believe that I couldn't find a KH6 anywhere in a kilo QSOs worth (WB1GQR). Do VE8s really exist? N7DF should go back up to VE8-land (WB3EMG). Conditions in MD were BAD (K3TM). The last time I entered this contest was in 1956 when I won the East Florida Section with 107,000 points as K4GHA (N4DVW). The contests were excellent. Murphy was QRT. Maybe next year I'll get brave and go QRO with the big boys (K4XS). I enjoyed CW weekend more, but didn't send in an entry. I operated mobile 10 W through AZ, NM, TX and LA. I worked 220 guys, but hadn't made preparations to keep a log (N4BP). I hope you award a separate class for all the A precedents. It's a jungle without a kW (WAIMKE). From KT7G's reaction on finding I was in SD, you'd swear he'd just been told he'd won a million bucks. I just about fell off my chair laughing (K0JV). I've heard lots of complaints of bands in bad shape, but they can't be too terrible if my "clothesline" antenna and I managed to snag 60 Sections in just over 12 hours of operating (N2BFG). It is unclear when the Purdue University ARC was first licensed. We do know that the club was active in the teens. This year, we used a check of 10 for the Big Ten conference we belong to. After having to repeat the exchange so often, we surely won't try that again! (W9YB)! With all these new calls, dupe sheets are impossible (WA4RRD). Is this the year I finally win the VA Section on phone (W3YY)? I wished I had conditions to VE8. Activity was really good on the low bands. I'll probably go low power next year (KP4BZ). Big beams on 40 and 80 are fun . . . except when it rains (KN6M). Is there an antidote for SS addiction? (K6SG). Were the bands that bad or was it me? My amp died twice. I ran out of coffee. I had a ball (WB8JKR). This was my first real attempt at SS in 25 years. What a blast (K9OSF).

**SCORES**

CW scores are listed first, followed by phone. Within each call area, scores are listed by ARRL section. Within each section, single operator scores are listed first in descending numerical order, followed by multioperator scores. Each line score lists call sign, final score, number of QSOs, number of sections worked, hours operated and output power used (A = 150 watts or less, B = more than 150 watts). Example: in Connecticut, K1TO worked 1008 stations in 73 sections for a final score of 147,168 points. He operated for 24 hours and used more than 150 watts.

<b>CW</b>	WITKG 1716 36 22-8-A KBKAV1 + AA2Z, KE3Z 122,494 830 73-24-B	K1AR (+ K1DG) 111,000-750 K1SECI + KV1Y 66,776-401 W1BK (+ N1CW) 32,208-284 61-22-B	<b>Vermont</b> WB1GQR (KT2E, opr.) W1KO 82,320-588 70-22-B W3SCH 43,100-350 63-16-B K2LEI 11,938-127 47-7-A K2LEI 9544 53 24-1-B WA1GUV 1892 43 22-1-A	<b>New York City &amp; Long Island</b> K2AU 98,258-899 71-21-B N2MG 83,780-890 71-24-A K2YGM 45,800-360 60-11-B W2LPA 28,566-242 39-11-A N2GJ 78,320-236 60-10-B W2DJN 26,880-230 55-16-A W2AJJ 24,360-203 60-10-B W2KTF 21,004-178 59-5-A W2AYJ 9696 101 48-3-A N2FBV 5852 77 38-21-A K2HWNM 3300 50 34-2-A
<b>1</b>	<b>Eastern Massachusetts</b> K1VUT 119,428-819 73-24-B WA2TBA 106,624-744 73-24-B K1XM 93,860-669 70-14-B W1FM 89,478-608 71-23-A W1IHN 79,820-560 71-14-B WB1GNM 74,408-524 71-23-B N1CW1 71,070-515 69-23-A W8PS 57,720-481 60-21-A W1KEE 54,800-390 70-20-A W1AX 48,126-331 73-9-B W1TR 35,358-249 71-10-B KT1Q 31,842-261 61-11-B K1UCA 28,656-199 72-22-B K1CB 27,956-241 58-6-B K01F 27,028-233 58-15-B K01F 26,520-221 60-6-B N1CRD 22,156-181 59-8-A K4IDWX 18,128 188 48-4-B W1SP 13,000 130 50-4-A W1WAI 12,220 130 47-2-B K5MA 11,610 129 45-2-B W1PLJ 9072 108 42-12-B K0K1M 8320 65 64-16-A K1CVJ 7826 91 43-3-A KN1K 6306 72 44-5-A K2PNK 5260 75 35-6-A W1TUM 4790 68 35-6-A K8IGN 3782 61 31-5-A W1OPJ 1044 29 18-6-A K4ILDN 2 1-1-A	<b>Maine</b> K1JB 64,212-589 74-12-B WBROE 58,624-458 64-20-A W1KX 13,260 130 51-4-A WB1GLH 5986 73 41-4-A K1BZ 360 15 12-1-A	<b>Western Massachusetts</b> K1EA 155,490-1065 73-24-B K81W 68,080-629 70-15-B N1CKW 34,480-265 65-11-A WB1HIH 13,620-145 47-4-A KV1W 5904 81 36-9-A K1JUJ 750 25 15-1-A	<b>Northern New Jersey</b> W2GD 156,584-1058 74-23-B W2RQ 156,104-1048 74-24-B K2E 142,524 963 74-24-B W2YJ 129,794 889 73-24-A K7PH 60,214 472 69-22-A WB2EZG 53,406 387 68-14-A W4AEZ 40,690 315 65-18-A W2KWW 28,464 254 58-13-A WAZASQ 26,130 195 67-15-A W2TI 20,900 190 55-7-A K2GEE 19,720 170 58-9-A K4JT 10,482 123 43-2-A KT2D 9990 111 45-9-A W4JUT 9644 118 49-4-A K7V 1764 42 21-1-A
<b>2</b>	<b>Connecticut</b> K1TO 147,168-1008 73-24-B K1RM 139,084 933 74-24-B W1WEP 138,160 820 74-23-B K1XA 129,210-885 73-24-B W1OD 104,160 744 70-24-A W1GNR 92,710 835 73-24-B W1ECH 91,080 860 69-24-A K8HVT 89,180 837 70-21-B K1DW 73,980 646 65-23-B W1BH 74,000 500 74-12-B N1CC 73,000 500 73-16-A K1BV 66,736 506 69-15-B W1ACR 62,060 485 64-20-B K1YRP 50,340 430 69-14-A K9ID 56,592 393 72-14-A W4ZWIP 46,766 349 67-12-A K9IH 39,600 300 68-12-B K1NYK 37,430 305 69-10-A WB9IHH 21,114 207 51-4-B W1PMR 20,800 200 52-9-A K1CV 18,100 181 50-24-A K1OC 13,892 151 46-2-B W1HV 13,112 148 44-7-A KW9E1 11,868 129 46-6-A K1WA 9354 102 46-4-A W1DQT 5934 54 38-13-A K4IDBK 1936 44 22-7-A	<b>New Hampshire</b> KM1C (W1PH, opr.) KA1O 120,012 822 73-22-A KA1O 67,000 800 67-23-A W1JY 48,000 375 64-21-B KA1JOD 26,908 217 62-18-A K1GQ 22,032 216 51-3-B KB1T 17,496 192 54-6-A K1TR 4940 65 36-2-A KA1LBM 3024 54 28-16-A W1UCI 2298 48 23-4-A	<b>Eastern New York</b> W2YV (KQ2M, opr.) K12M 153,478-1037 74-24-B K2SX 115,864 783 74-19-B W4RQ 84,140 801 70-24-B K2JUF 54,940 410 67-19-A W42ST 51,876 359 68-9-A W2DW 48,000 353 68-10-B W2LMO 41,730 321 65-23-A AAZY 22,280 210 53-9-A N2ETF 17,882 145 59-6-A W48MAZ 3648 57 32-1-A N2EKS (+ W2CS) 50,958 823 73-22-A KW2DX (+ KQ2K) 72,660 519 70-21-A	<b>Rhode Island</b> K1IU 81,840 620 68-15-B KM1X 81,216 564 72-16-B K1V9J 24,886 204 61-10-B W1RFQ 2888 36 36-5-A KM1GI 960 25 19-2-A W1OP (N1s AKO, BEM, WJG, KW1Z, KA1s KGD, KML, WA1s IHS, RKL, TAQ, KA6CPI, ops.) 28,724 262 51-17-A





N65J	86,124	663	74-24-A
N610	87,764	693	74-23-A
N616	85,968	597	72-19-B
W8BDSV	78,258	536	73-17-A
N62Z	88,880	492	70-19-B
N62B	88,276	473	70-19-A
N80Q	64,232	454	74-17-B
N80B	62,826	438	70-20-A
N8NF	57,856	456	64-10-A
N80MB	52,878	424	62-17-B
AD8E	50,822	399	69-14-A
NS6V	43,810	337	65-9-B
N80M	41,480	305	68-14-B
N80W	32,004	254	63-8-B
W6KZJ	30,504	246	62-18-B
W8CF	26,000	100	43-2-B
W8AYB	21,600	102	40-15-A
K8MA	1404	39	18-1-A
W8AZP	1224	34	16-6-A
K8FPW	374	17	11-9-A
W8GWP	129	8	8-2-B
N6B1 (+W8VEF)	165,316	1117	74-24-B

W7BYK	6600	100	53-5-A
K7WA	2070	45	23-1-A
W7DRA	330	15	11-4-B
K7YCE	140	10	7-2-A
K7C (+W87OJV)	113,472	788	72-24-B
KT7G (+K7LX)	105,120	720	73-24-B
NRAX (KA7THJ, KA7DGV)	78,336	544	72-24-A

**Wyoming**

WARMAM	108,040	730	74-24-A
NCTO	11,374	121	47-12-A

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**Michigan**

K8CC	148,964	993	74-24-B
W8ARRR	138,804	923	74-24-B
W8UA	99,260	620	72-14-B
K8MW	87,746	601	73-23-A
W8VPC	79,200	550	72-20-B
W8RC	70,148	494	71-11-B
K8SD	63,420	453	70-24-B
K8BP	61,090	430	71-8-B
K8RDJ	57,120	408	70-22-B
K8SIA	52,578	381	69-12-B
K8RM	48,888	388	63-21-A
K8OT	47,198	342	69-20-B
K8CV	44,144	356	62-20-A
W8TJQ	41,610	285	75-16-A
K8NCR	39,296	307	64-13-A
N8CQA	32,860	265	62-16-A
N8JM	31,808	284	56-11-A
W8EGL	31,360	245	64-11-B
K8DD	30,210	205	57-6-A
K8LLB	22,686	193	57-6-A
W8AIEB	22,464	218	54-6-A
W8GYP	19,764	183	54-14-A
K8DAM	10,800	100	60-9-B
W8TKW	8190	117	35-10-A
W8PVI	8008	91	44-10-A
N8BTU	5332	86	31-7-B
ADRW	3000	30	15-3-A
K8BQC	816	24	17-4-A
K8JRK (+K8JM, KT8Y, K8CF)	102,200	700	73-23-B
K8APOG (+W8BVY)	12,728	148	43-24-B
K8DAC (K8YB, K8CQF, N8FAU, opt.)	2550	51	25-4-A

**Ohio**

K8NZ	138,132	934	74-24-B
W8FN	132,312	894	74-24-B
K8RE	127,872	864	74-24-B
W8LNO	125,800	850	74-22-B
K8LT	123,136	832	74-20-B
W8BIKE	114,700	775	74-23-B
K8EE	102,816	714	72-23-A
F8VQ	96,944	684	73-24-A
N8ET	96,652	682	75-22-B
K8AZ	85,586	586	72-24-A
K8RETK	80,454	583	69-24-A
K8JT	80,098	584	71-24-A
K8BL	72,940	521	70-16-A
K8RY	72,960	540	67-21-A
W8BPH	66,912	492	68-18-B
K8MR	63,000	450	70-7-B
N8CSL	62,376	452	69-9-B
AD8P	59,714	409	73-1-B
N8JR	58,368	456	64-17-A
W8BJAY	56,156	434	67-18-A
W8JPH	57,884	418	68-15-B
W8IDM	56,440	416	68-17-A
A8RS	56,064	384	73-14-B
W8BRTJ	48,404	358	69-19-A
K8DB	45,018	331	68-7-B
W8IQ	42,504	322	66-9-A
W8VQI	28,792	238	61-12-A
K8PB	26,426	181	73-20-A
N8EKS	20,412	162	63-14-A
K8BS	18,764	183	54-3-B
A8FC	10,030	173	55-13-A
W8TO (K8EM, opt.)	18,832	161	58-7-A
WR2D	15,800	150	59-11-A
N8FU	9050	100	45-9-A
W8PN	8944	104	43-9-A
K8NR	8428	100	43-8-B
N8FCQ	5510	89	29-14-A
W8AZG	5112	71	36-4-A
K8BWC	4282	74	29-3-B
W8BBN	3304	58	29-2-A

K8CF	2500	50	25-8-A
W8BIBM (K88e MK, XK, KW8N, N8e ATR, DCJ, DMM, W8BHP, opt.)	150,888	1028	73-24-B
W8LT (N24K, KA3GZS, WD8LXX, KD8NS, opt.)	120,768	818	74-23-B
W8UPD (KA88VZ, W8DRW, opt.)	34,000	250	68-14-A
W8YX (N1BS, KA8UJ, opt.)	2338	44	26-3-A
W8DX	1536	37	24-15-B

**West Virginia**

N8II (K8CB, opt.)	136,224	946	72-24-B
K8BG	115,832	792	73-24-A
K8BFJ	22,000	200	55-4-B

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**Illinois**

K8GL	125,504	848	74-24-A
K8ZO	122,688	864	71-24-B
K8MP	118,002	831	71-24-A
K8BG	107,494	757	71-19-B
K2PLF	99,968	704	71-23-A
K8JH	97,820	880	72-23-A
N8NA	89,792	654	74-20-A
N8EP	84,176	654	72-24-A
W8BUDI	76,728	556	69-18-A
W8DGTX	47,916	363	86-16-A
N8CV	47,388	359	66-15-A
W8AVL	45,230	345	67-9-A
KA8QYA (K8BQL, opt.)	45,152	332	68-15-A
W8QWJM	33,604	271	82-16-A
K8VA	32,028	239	67-5-A
NA8O	30,996	246	63-20-A
K9PPW	28,800	225	64-11-A
K8BGL	27,348	258	53-5-B
K8UQN	27,028	233	58-7-A
(W8HBI)	25,850	235	55-10-B
W8BFB	24,300	225	54-13-A
W8POE	23,806	206	58-13-B
W8ZEN	21,650	175	57-10-A
W8REC	14,840	120	61-10-A
A8KY	12,382	151	41-6-A
K8BPC	12,298	143	43-4-A
KA8OYT	9102	111	41-9-A
W8AMRU	8988	107	42-3-A
N8DQK	7920	90	44-12-A
W8VGM	2100	50	21-2-A
AC8G (+NASD)	144,540	990	73-24-B
K8LJN (+AKSN, K8UR, HA8J)	80,880	545	74-24-A
N8AX (+K8GZ)	45,126	327	69-23-A
W8AWAO (+KA8P, K8RC, N8B, BDM, W8BTL, W8H2F)	29,700	225	66-21-A

**Indiana**

W8RE	150,864	1018	74-24-B
K8EJ	114,108	771	74-24-B
W8LT	106,992	743	72-23-B
N8DE	94,868	641	74-20-B
W8JOO	78,516	556	68-24-A
K8JFJ	56,440	416	68-24-A
W8LT	27,648	216	64-12-A
W8OLW	17,700	150	59-8-A
N8ACD	13,916	142	49-7-A
K8SAD	1544	84	33-4-A
W8CM	926	40	23-1-A
K8JD (+K8V)	144,152	974	74-24-B
NA8FK (+K8ORN, N8EUG)	34,596	279	62-20-B

**Wisconsin**

W8TZ	118,944	826	72-24-B
W8XZ	111,880	765	73-24-B
W8OP	98,400	700	71-24-B
N8AW	87,980	685	73-22-A
W8WQE	80,312	636	71-22-B
W8GHY	74,080	529	70-21-A
K8ZK	71,120	508	70-24-A
N8KS	66,048	516	64-17-B
WA4TWB	56,304	414	68-18-A
A8JU	50,680	382	70-22-A
W8BHO	47,740	388	62-18-A
WA1UJ/U	47,616	372	64-17-A
N8CQ	46,410	357	65-11-A

W8HE	39,910	307	65-10-A
K8GDF	35,620	274	65-5-A
W8GWM	35,518	301	59-10-A
N8EJL	29,788	244	61-11-B
K8WE	22,860	210	54-11-A
K8BW	21,304	192	56-4-A
WA8TZE	18,128	171	53-5-A
KA8TAM	14,544	134	53-11-A
W8BHG	14,504	148	49-12-A
K8DGS	14,400	150	48-15-A
K8KR	8858	103	43-7-B
K8OSC	7548	102	37-4-A
K8DET	5250	75	35-10-A
W8BXS	2600	50	29-1-B
K8BED	2350	47	25-7-A
N8EZ	2448	44	26-1-A
W8KHH	1888	44	21-3-A
W8AZH	572	22	13-3-A
W8AHV (K8e FV, TG, KM8O, W8HW, W8B8V, opt.)	132,312	894	74-24-B

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**Colorado**

N2IC	186,352	1124	74-24-B
K8RF (W8UA, opt.)	119,732	909	74-24-B
W8YK	163,984	1108	74-24-B
K8DQ	159,100	1075	74-24-B
W8UR	123,408	857	72-24-B
W8UR (K8EU, opt.)	119,732	909	74-24-B
W8KEA	108,454	733	74-24-A
AD8O	94,886	669	71-24-A
N8DE	92,862	689	67-18-B
W8ETT	87,408	607	72-24-B
K8BEI (W8TFL, opt.)	87,220	623	70-23-B
W8C	85,492	638	67-14-A
K8BN	82,056	574	72-20-B
K8ZX	82,416	566	65-14-B
AC8E	70,220	523	70-13-B
W8YXE	70,858	499	71-18-B
K8IG	66,740	581	70-22-B
K8BQ	61,230	471	65-24-A
N8CNV	54,786	397	69-19-A
K8BU	43,776	342	64-17-A
W8RRS	30,500	250	61-12-A
W8RLX	28,872	224	64-10-A
N8ST	20,416	176	58-5-A
W8GG	13,303	126	55-5-A
A88BV	9030	105	43-4-A
W8ZV	4882	64	39-6-A
K8NWM	1600	32	25-4-A
K8UK (+K8TEY, NRZA)	109,732	739	74-24-B
W8BTG (+W8DMZ)	1820	35	26-4-A

**Iowa**

N8GA	134,320	920	73-24-B
W8EJ	130,962	897	73-24-B
K8FH	128,188	878	73-22-B
K8LJZ	109,908	774	71-24-A
K8JGH	99,504	891	72-24-B
KG8W (K8JD, opt.)	96,812	673	72-24-A
W8R2	64,320	552	72-14-A
K8BS	65,548	489	68-20-B
K8BXC	44,238	333	73-24-A
N8EP	22,800	190	60-12-A
W8BIOG8	5040	72	35-7-B
N8VA	3390	60	28-4-A

**Kansas**

K8BG	107,892	729	74-24-A
K8VU	107,744	728	74-24-B
N8DF	49,200	410	60-8-B
W8AWP	33,356	269	62-23-A
N8FMR	19,440	180	54-11-A
W8BPFZ	14,840	240	61-22-B
W8YRN	7560	56	42-3-A
K8FM	2812	52	28-3-B
N8CLV	2000	50	20-9-A
W8BWH	850	25	17-4-B
K8BITA	98	7	7-19-A
AD8S (+K8VA)	122,932	842	73-24-B

**Minnesota**

K8JL	82,592	647	72-22-A
K8VT	74,580	565	68-20-A
W8QCI (N8EOB, opt.)	74,244	538	69-21-A
K8BFZ	69,414	503	69-24-A

K8MPH	51,348	389	68-13-A
K8VW	41,980	323	65-14-A
W8TJ	23,760	198	60-7-A
N8BSH	20,040	150	58-4-B
W8YHE	20,180	180	58-13-B
W8BVWW	7800	100	39-3-A
KA8TII	108	9	6-9-A
W8BFB (+W8BFB)	71,016	538	66-18-B

**Missouri**

K4VX (KR9Y, opt.)	169,808	1146	74-24-B
K8ML	138,752	924	74-24-B
K8RVL	113,960	770	74-24-A
W8BHB	108,000	710	74-24-A
K8ST	63,300	595	70-21-B
N8EVC	56,440	440	63-17-B
K8DEQ	52,220	373	70-10-A
K8BR	37,760	295	64-12-A
K8RM	14,382	141	51-4-B
W8DAR	11,858	114	52-12-A
K8PF	3000	56	36-2-A
W8EEE (KA8RBL, W8BYK, opt.)	15,000	150	50-13-B

**Nebraska**

K8BSC	106,704	741	72-21-B
K8VI	93,860	666	70-22-A
N8WJ	11,340	128	45-8-A

**North Dakota**

K8KB	29,458	193	53-8-B
K8FRP	6825	92	36-3-A
W8LHS			



VE4ALO comprised half of the operators from MB in the phone portion of SS. He made over two-thirds of the contacts from that Section with his four-element, four-band Yagi.



Ernie, with his new call sign, VE7 "Great DX," was the top BC, low-power, phone station for the second year in a row.

K1V5J 83,696 436 K9SBH 23,540 214 W1RFO 2312 34 34 3 B W1OP (N1a AKO, BRM, K1UDV, WA1s RKL, TAQ, JHV, WAGPCJ, oprs.) 51,188 382 87-24 A	W2FKA 9782 73 67 7-A WA2O 7893 95 42 4-A KA2KDA 1598 47 17 8-A W2OW (K2OC, KA2CE, KB2KW, KD2SB, N2HR, N6IN, NE2W, WA2GBJ, WA3WKA, oprs.) 96,740 691 70-23 B WAZZXS (KA2s NIL, TWY, KB3RG, N2s DLG, EUV, FAO, FEC, N3DLL, N5BGT, WA2TDN, WB2HLV, WD6QCV, oprs.) 49,280 352 70-24 B	4 <b>Alabama</b> NAKG (KC4ZV, opr.) WZ4F 220,816-1482 74-24 B 217,686-1481 73-24 B	KG4W 148,000-1000 74-21 B KD4NI 144,576-1004 72-24 B AA4FF 87,756 618 71-19 B WC4B 78,936 572 69-24 A A2C 71,102 487 73-13 B WD4ELJ 41,728 326 64-15 A NAKWV 41,210 317 65-24 A WA4XD 37,842 319 69-10 B W4NND 30,916 262 59-18 B KI4GM 30,500 305 50-11 B K4OC 28,980 230 63 7-B AA6DX 28,872 256 56 7-A WB4LNT 27,848 236 59-13 B N4EJH 24,516 227 54 5-B WB4BYV 21,320 206 52 7-A KF4FP 16,240 145 56-11 A W4YE 15,500 150 52 4-A N4JT 9522 69 69 8-B N4JGM 8664 114 38 8-A K4WHN 7004 103 34 7-A KA4ERP 7004 103 34 4-A KA4ERK 6478 79 41 8-A WA4LYH 2500 25 25 7-A KC4DY (+ AB4U, KA4ZPT, KB4GTR, N4s FHL, JED, VG, W4YV, WY4D, N4J2) 119,564 842 71-24 B W44B (+ WB4WDM) 55,416 481 68-18 A K4OX (+ KN4DPF) 462 21 11 3-A	N5EG 35,616 318 56 4-B N5UA 29,146 247 59-14 A KB5UT 17,100 171 50 9-A K28CJ/S 14,960 136 55 5-B KN6M5 (+ KM5X, WA7RJK) 228,548-1551 74-24 B K5QY (+ KM5K) 199,382-1343 74-24 B W5AH (+ K5YN) 148,028-1011 74-24 B K5KJ (+ NR5K) 128,848 877 74-21 B KC5EA (+ N5AU) 77,472 538 72-12 B NN5E (+ KC5DX) 75,326 516 73-11 B	<b>Vermont</b> WB1GOR 153,446-1051 73-23 B W1KQ 22,880 260 44 9-B W3SOH 13,200 150 44-10 A	<b>Western Massachusetts</b> N3ADO 31,416 237 68-23 A KV1W 26,640 222 60-10 A N2CJJI 16,536 156 53 8-A N2DRR 12,396 148 41 9-A N1CKW 10,904 116 47 7-A WB1EYL (+ KA1KVF) 38,068 306 62-12 B	3 <b>Delaware</b> K3WUW 133,776 928 72-22 A NBNA 7640 70 26 2-A K2IQ3 (K2OV, KA2s CFH, MTB, KD2EE, KKs 2B, 2G, WA1LLC, WA2AZA, oprs.) 51,000 375 68-24 A K3QIO (+ KA2LLL, WB3LLI) 31,374 249 63-23 A K2GE7s (WA2NXX, WB2s ANM, ONA, oprs.) 11,088 126 44-14 A	<b>Eastern New York</b> W2ARO 93,832 634 74-24 B WA2STM 80,940 630 69-16 A KC2AG 75,824 548 69-24 B K2UF 49,312 368 67-16 B N2DRR 30,380 245 62-15 A N2BFG 29,520 246 60-12 A W2DW 27,022 229 59 6-B WA2ZWS (WB2QEU, opr.) 13,456 116 58 5-A K2DX 180 15 6 5-A WA2UKP (+ WA2QIO) 87,448 643 68-22 B KC2KK (+ KW2D, WA2JYM) 52,832 387 68-16 A	<b>Eastern Pennsylvania</b> W4SSPJ 99,716 893 73-19 B K3SF 94,080 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WC4E 131,400 900 73-19 A N4UY 120 912 816 66-16 B W4IIR 35,500 250 71-18 B W4WQP 30 896 246 63-11 A N4BP 22,000 200 65 5-A N4MS 19 920 166 60-10 B	<b>South Carolina</b> N4DT 75,480 539 70-14 B WD4EQE (WA1MKE, opr.) 50,552 356 71-21 A K4AIJ 41,980 323 65-14 A WA4JZ 32,240 248 65-19 A	<b>Southern Florida</b> K1ZKX 118,800 825 72-13 B WA4FSP 72,940 521 70-24 A WA4FB 54,102 381 71-17 A K14JB 19 282 182 83-14 A W4KF 9000 75 60-16 B K04D 2600 50 26 5-A	<b>Tennessee</b> N4ZZ 222,888-1508 74-24 B WM4Z 98 784 686 72-20 A N4TG 86 400 900 72-18 A K3CO 69 796 453 66-13 B NF4F 34 710 267 65-13 A WA4RDD (WA4ZZL, opr.) 18 080 159 60-24 A WA4HT 12 850 115 55-11 A KA4WT 6840 58 40 6-B K4XQ 480 20 12 1-A KB4FHE (+ KB4HU, WZ4E) 33 408 288 58-10 B WB4YLC (KB4HOB, KY4A, NA4BD, WA4ZWH, WD5FUN, oprs.) 32 996 297 64-15 B	N57A 35,616 318 56 4-B N5UA 29,146 247 59-14 A KB5UT 17,100 171 50 9-A K28CJ/S 14,960 136 55 5-B KN6M5 (+ KM5X, WA7RJK) 228,548-1551 74-24 B K5QY (+ KM5K) 199,382-1343 74-24 B W5AH (+ K5YN) 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380 48 30-14 A W5LLU 2346 51 23 8-B K5CI 480 12 10 2-A N5DC 28 1 1 2-B K5RVK (+ K5CM, KF4V5, W5ASP) 191,068-1281 74-24 B N5JJ (+ NM5M) 171,089-1156 74-14 B KESIV (+ K5DX, KA5SBS) 168,128-1136 74-24 B K2TNO (+ Net, KA5PJG) 167,388-1131 74-24 B K5VWW (+ K5GN) 184,226-1011 74-23 B WA2PRB (+ W5AZUJ) 152,588-1130 74-24 B N5EA (+ Net) 83,580 567 20 8-B N4BOS5 (+ N4JUSO) 77,816 539 72-23 B K5GB (+ KA5QAA, WA) 55 200 400 69-18 B N5HHD (+ N5AFI) 12 780 213 60-19 A
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AKAT	19,890	195	51	9-A
WABQOB	19,788	184	51	7-B
K6CSL	15,690	174	45-23-A	
KB6CDP	9,990	134	35-11-A	
N6RO	5,926	76	32 1-B	
K5BQ	5,056	79	34 1-B	
K2M (+ N6TV)	155,198	1063	73-24-B	
N6EK (+ logp)	840	35	12-2-A	

**Los Angeles**

N6HC	133,152	912	73-21-B
WB6QPO	117,848	817	72-23-B
K5EID	84,672	588	72-23-A
WB6NOL	64,400	560	70-22-A
WB6AKS/B	62,968	483	66-21-A
N6BI	18,200	190	49 4-A
WB6BPX	14,382	167	43-13-B
N6AA	11,808	123	48 2-B
WB6DIB	9,440	236	40 9-B
WB6NFO	6,384	34	38 9-A
W6CN	3,362	41	41 4-A
WB6QLM	3,136	56	28 7-A
W6QES	18	3	3 3-A
W6VZP (JA6F, K6KH, K6WF, K6JRP, N6AXX, N6DVM, W6CN, W6PUP, W6PUM)	69,728	466	71-23-B

**Orange**

K6HRT	58,330	461	65-14-B
W6TQO	35,872	304	59 9-B
K6RUB	10,286	278	37 1-A
N6GEM	8,584	116	37-20-A
N6IGIM	3,740	55	34 7-A
K6BOG (+ N6RJ, N6V6, W6AWOM)	132,624	921	72-24-B
W6AJBT (+ K6GFI, N6S AWV, DUJ, DJX, ELA, N6EH, N6HS, W6JBR, W6BQKB)	84,280	607	70-20-B

**Santa Barbara**

K6VMM	89,688	806	74-21-B
N6MB	73,128	564	66-19-B
WZKVA/6	71,284	507	71-22-B
N6VL	68,408	503	66-19-B
W6RFGV	62,378	452	69-22-A
WTCB/6	35,264	304	58 6-B
K6OLD	29,422	223	57-19-B
N6SK	24,800	200	62-16-A

**Santa Clara Valley**

K6HNF	179,524	1213	74-24-B
N6NF	174,384	1211	72-23-B
W6SX	159,248	1078	74-17-B
K6LY (K6EJ, opr.)	121,910	835	73-19-B
WB6KBZ	118,104	798	74-24-B
K6KLY	106,872	732	73-21-B
N6CQ	105,140	751	70-21-B
K6VI	88,652	598	74-24-B
N6COW	81,468	588	73-19-B
W6CBI	64,170	485	69-19-B
K6I6M	63,476	447	71-18-A
W6SZN	56,984	419	66-18-B
N6KI	54,270	405	67 6-B
N6AHA	47,752	378	63-11-B
K6VJ	47,124	374	63-19-B
N6KT	32,120	292	55 8-B
A6VJ	30,800	275	56 9-B
K6MA	28,910	245	58 8-B
WB6DSV	27,378	232	59 6-A
K6BWP	25,800	216	60-16-B
K6XYI (K6BNG, opr.)	22,116	194	57-11-A
W6PEG	14,800	148	50-10-A
W6CF	12,000	100	35 3-B
K6GVW	2,982	46	26 2-A
W6GAZP	1,050	35	15 1-A

**N6AU (+ W1NG, W6BDSV, A6VJ)**

151,848	1026	74-24-B	
148,148	1001	74-24-B	
K6XO (+ Net)	111,228	784	71-24-B
Y6SY ISM0RD, WA1LJ, opr.)	76,398	535	71-24-B
N6R2 (+ W6AOCQ, W6NHN, N6TJ)	62,756	463	66-15-B

**San Diego**

K2XV	151,848	1026	74-24-B
WB6SRP	141,880	368	66-16-A
N6ND	24,192	210	56 6-A
K6ZH	23,100	210	55 9-A
W6JFY	19,700	197	50 9-B
A6BEE	14,448	168	43 7-A
W6JXA	13,720	140	49 8-A

**San Francisco**

W6ABAUE	31,848	587	72-19-B
K6LHN	43,030	331	85-15-A
W6BLLY	24,418	218	86-12-A
K6IA/B	22,694	214	53 9-A
W6BIP (+ W6AOL, W6PYN)	56,618	684	72-21-B

**Sacramento Valley**

A6VJ	194,916	1317	74-24-B
K6VH	108,142	727	73-23-B
K6SG	89,382	664	74-18-B
K6FA	79,094	657	71-17-B
N6BG	73,128	584	66-19-B
N6ESV	48,006	351	63-22-B
N6GJC	29,120	260	56-19-A
W6EIV	22,968	198	56-12-A
N6JM	15,582	147	53 9-A
N6SG	4,320	72	30 2-B
W6AZGK (+ W6BUQU)	12,938	147	44-13-A

**San Joaquin Valley**

W6BH (N6UGS, opr.)	179,228	1211	74-24-B
K6GSS	107,136	744	72-22-B
N6BUJ/6	26,796	251	58-17-A
W6BSLF	13,348	142	47-11-A

N6EE	8036	98	41 4-B
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**Pacific**

AH6FL	37,984	312	61-17-A
AH6AZ	32,816	283	56-16-B
KH6SP (WB3VH, opr.)	23,868	221	54-11-A
WZ3PFIK/6	20,700	203	80-10-A
AH6EK	2876	82	24-12-A

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<b>Arizona</b>			
K7OX	172,272	1184	74-24-A
W7FGT	150,396	1099	72-24-B
K7YM	124,816	842	74-19-B
N7CIX	34,220	290	59 8-A
K7V	22,302	189	59 2-B
W7ZMD	2702	50	26 2-A
<b>Idaho</b>			
K6DEJ	6082	178	34 7-A
W7RC	4800	80	30 2-A
W79SBZ	2350	50	23 6-A
<b>Montana</b>			
K5TJ	78,672	596	66-21-B
W7YB (KD7JZ, opr.)	69,924	439	58-11-B
KC7OD (+ KC7OA)	18,974	179	53-12-A
<b>Nebraska</b>			
WA7NIN (W6AOT, opr.)	245,968	1696	74-24-B
W6AVNH	12,096	144	42-12-A
W6TVH	9204	118	39 9-B
<b>Oregon</b>			
AG7M	178,588	1247	72-24-B
K7KJM	78,840	540	73-24-A
W7YAQ	54,610	455	71-16-A
A1WZ	42,240	330	64-21-A
K7GVW	35,164	298	59-24-B
K6WVY	31,900	285	60-21-A
N7ENU	22,872	218	52-15-A
W7GUR	7202	98	38 5-B
W6PVA (+ N1IT)	157,472	1064	74-24-B
KATKU (+ N7FNV)	95,328	682	72-23-B
KD7WD (+ K7FD, KA7OP, WA7WNQ)	67,582	476	71-23-B
WA7PZV (KA7S SEU, SEV, KD7F, WA7IZU, opr.)	24,598	251	49-24-A
KC7YQ (+ I opr.)	23,949	210	54-24-B
W6TXM (W6TNM, KA7PGB, opr.)	16,224	169	46-23-B
<b>Utah</b>			
K6TEB	161,138	1119	72-23-B
W7GXC	28,200	236	60 6-A
W7AQC	11,088	132	42 4-A
<b>Washington</b>			
W7RM (W7VA, opr.)	238,724	1613	74-24-B
N7TT	135,716	917	74-24-B
K67KU	114,736	808	71-24-A
W7BUN	103,368	708	73-20-B
K1TG	54,120	451	60 9-B
W7PVE	51,680	380	68-16-A
K7WA	6305	92	35 5-A
W7DMW	6198	81	38 9-A
W7WOU	5483	91	33 6-A
W7LKS	4424	79	28 4-B
K7QLC	4290	65	33 3-A
K6A7CX	2288	52	23 3-A
W67SU	726	33	11 5-B
WA7RDU	140	10	7 1-B
K7ATD	72	6	6 1-B
K7LXC (+ K7HBN, K7SS)	163,746	1037	74-24-B
KE7C (+ K6L, N7FUH, W670W)	148,740	1025	74-23-B
K67RN (+ K67G, K7TH, K7GU)	36,640	686	72-24-B
W7DK (15 opr.)	46,540	358	85-24-B
<b>Wyoming</b>			
WA1UZZ	69,000	500	69-21-A
K67M	54,924	398	65-18-B
K67W	19,784	183	54-10-A
NC7O	182	12	8 1-A
<b>Alaska</b>			
A17CG	9600	110	45-10-B
A17GG	2016	56	18-11-A
WB6CEC/KL7	1120	40	14 8-A
<b>8</b>			
<b>Michigan</b>			
W6BMGO	125,060	846	74-24-A
N6CXX	113,368	786	74-19-B
N6DET	89,352	612	73-21-B
W8UA (K6CC, opr.)	62,932	478	66 8-B
N6BTU	62,270	479	65-20-A
K6BLM	49,842	351	71-22-B
K6CXY	42,880	320	67-21-B
K6RMM	38,350	295	65-16-A
AD6W	36,704	286	62-19-B
K6BCU	35,328	276	64-18-A
K6SO	33,524	289	58-20-B
K6CC	33,360	278	60 3-B
K6CV	31,742	288	58-19-A
N6BT	30,114	239	63-12-A
W6KCI	27,108	251	54-10-B
W6VPC	25,134	213	59-13-A
W6PLP (K6DID, opr.)	23,928	216	54-17-A

K6BQK	20,034	189	53-14-A
K6BLO	19,140	174	55-19-A
N6CEO	17,264	166	52-12-A
W6BGUS	17,248	176	48-17-A
K6DJR	16,740	155	46-10-A
K6BSMA	15,456	168	46-17-A
W6BRRR	13,152	137	48 2-B
W6BVMW	11,266	131	43 5-B
K6SIA	10,584	108	49 4-B
K6KHU	9100	130	35-10-B
W6EII	8200	100	41 5-A
K6TET	5148	78	33 4-A
N6SK	4844	71	32 9-A
K6BD	3248	58	26 1-B
W6OCRY (+ AC6W, KC6A, K6DSE, K6AOM, K6EC, N6CCO, W6DLCL, W6DINF)	157,916	1067	74-24-B
W6SH (+ K6NP, K6NR, W6DJO, opr.)	119,584	807	74-24-B
W6UM (KA6JA, K6BU, KC6ES, K6MI, N6DKJ, N6EPU, opr.)	36,394	612	71-23-B
K6BPOG (+ K6BYS, N6BGS, W6BVNY)	43,200	350	60-24-B
K6BZ (+ KA6G, N6I, L7J, N6BKH, W6BWXE, W6DLSV)	34,568	296	58-18-B
W6AMTX (+ KA6S, N6CH, RNE, UAR, K6BKA, K6IK, N6GAI, opr.)	22,746	223	51-24-B
K6DAC (K6CQF, K6YC, N6FAU, K6C5MP, opr.)	1680	40	21 4-A
<b>Ohio</b>			
A1BS	134,880	910	74-24-B
K6RAZ	121,910	835	73-21-B
N6RA	108,218	748	71-23-B
K6RSE	105,704	724	73-19-B
W6FN	100,940	721	70-19-B
K6RHM	93,496	649	72-14-B
A6LJ	75,072	544	68-18-B
K6BOW	71,400	510	73-16-B
N6BR	63,190	445	71-21-B
K6BIZ	60,828	414	71-11-B
N6RTR	57,188	397	72-17-B
W6RUPH	56,012	416	67-18-B
W6D8LV	52,394	301	67-18-B
K6RL	47,380	370	64-10-B
N6ET	46,364	346	67-17-B
AD6P	44,200	376	68 8-B
KA6ETF	43,772	353	62-17-A
K6JT	41,784	342	61-18-B
K6LTL	35,588	287	62 5-B
A6AS	35,584	278	64-12-B
N6AVK	34,880	249	60-19-B
W6B6KT	31,374	249	63-12-B
K6NZ	29,697	263	57 4-B
N6BJV	25,636	221	58-14-A
N6DDL	25,172	217	58-14-A
K6FK	24,200	201	60-14-A
K6NZ	22,500	215	50 8-B
N6EKS	22,302	189	59-11-A
K6CJH	20,248	191	63-18-B
W6DXT	19,648	181	54-18-B
N6CV	18,758	171	49 8-A
AD6C	18,900	150	63 5-B
W6ILH	13,974	137	51 6-B
K6DQZ	13,264	141	47-18-A
K6C8F	12,300	123	50 7-A
N6CSL	12,052	131	46 5-B
K6PSR	11,932	118	42 4-B
K6BYR	11,852	132	43-15-A
K6BNI	10,692	99	54-13-B
K6BO	9652	103	47-11-A
N6HAY	9596	67	57 6-A
N6EYU	8504	121	37 9-A
W6IMF	8322	71	41 7-B
W6JAZG	4850	75	31 2-A
K6BRQ	4680	82	25 5-A
K6BND	4440	74	30 6-A
K6BPL	4422	67	33 4-A
W6BWWK	3480	80	29 4-A
W6VZE	3078	57	27 3-A
W6TO (K6EM, opr.)	2750	41	25 1-A
W6IDM	2348	32	32

# Field Day Rules

1) **Eligibility:** Field Day is open competitively to all amateurs in the ARRL Field Organization (plus Yukon and NWT). Foreign stations may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to compete.

2) **Object:** To work as many stations as possible and, in so doing, to learn to operate in abnormal situations under less-than-optimum conditions. A premium is placed on skills and equipment developed to meet the challenge of emergency preparedness and to acquaint the public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

3) **Dates:** June 22-23, 1985.

4) **Field Day Period:** From 1800 UTC Saturday until 2100 UTC Sunday. Class A and Class B (see below) stations who do not begin setting up until 1800 UTC Saturday may operate the entire FD period of 27 hours. Others must begin their setup no earlier than 1800 UTC Friday, and may operate no more than 24 consecutive hours; i.e., once on-the-air FD operation has started, it must end 24 hours from that point.

5) **Entry Categories:** Field Day entries are classified according to the maximum number of simultaneous transmitted signals, followed by the designation of the nature of the individual or group participation. Below 30 MHz, once a transmitter is used for a contact on a band, it must remain on that band for at least 15 minutes. During this 15-minute period, the transmitter is considered to be transmitting a signal, whether it is or not, for purposes of determining transmitter class. Switching devices prohibited.

**(Class A) Club/nonclub portable:** Club groups (or nonclub groups with three or more licensed amateurs) set up specifically for Field Day. Such stations must be located in places that are not regular station locations, and must use no facilities installed for permanent station use, nor any structures installed permanently for FD use. Stations must be operated under one call sign (except when the Novice/Technician position is used) and under the control of a single licensee or trustee for each entry. All equipment (including antennas) must lie within a circle whose diameter does not exceed 300 meters (1000 feet). All contacts must be made with transmitter(s) and receiver(s) operating independent of commercial mains. Entrants who, for one reason or another, operate a transmitter or receiver from commercial mains for one or more contacts will be listed separately at the end of their class.

Any Class A group whose entry classification is two or more transmitters (non-Novice) may also use one Novice/Technician operating position (Novice bands only) without changing its basic entry classification. This station (including antennas) should be set up and operated by Novice and Technician licensees and should use the call sign of one of the Novice/Technician operators.

**(Class B) One- or two-person portable:** Nonclub stations set up and operated by not more than two licensed amateurs will be placed in Class B. Other provisions are the same as for Class A. One- and two-person Class B entries will be listed separately in the results.

**(Class C) Mobile:** Stations in vehicles capable of operation while in motion and normally operated in this manner, including antenna. This includes maritime and aeronautical mobiles.

**(Class D) Home station:** Stations operating from permanent or licensed station locations using commercial power. Class D stations may count contacts only with Class A, B, C and E Field Day groups for points.

**(Class E) Home stations—emergency power:** Same as Class D, but using emergency power for transmitters and receivers. Work stations in Class

## Send For Your FD Package

Send HQ a 9" x 12-in self-addressed envelope with 3 units of First Class U.S. postage or three IRCs for the official Field Day Entry Package. This package includes 1 Publicity Kit, 1 Field Day Summary Sheet, 1 large dupe sheet with instructions and a check list to ensure that your entry is complete. If you require more dupe sheets, indicate so in your request and affix 1 unit of additional First Class postage to your s.e.s.e. for each two additional dupe sheets requested.

A, B, C, D and E.

6) **Exchange:** Stations in any ARRL Section will exchange their Field Day operating class and ARRL Section (see page 8 in any QST). For example, if your club group was planning to operate in the three-transmitter, Class A category from Missouri, you would send "3 A Missouri." Foreign stations send RS(T) and QTH.

### 7) Miscellaneous Rules:

A) Operators participating in FD may not, from any other station, contact for point credit the FD portable station of a group with which they participated.

B) A station used to contact one or more FD stations may not subsequently be used under any other call during the FD period. Family stations are exempted.

C) Each phone and each CW segment is considered as a separate band. All voice contacts are equivalent, and RTTY/ASCII is counted as CW. A station may be worked once on each band. Cross-band contacts are not allowed. The use of more than one transmitter at the same time in a single band is prohibited, except that a Novice/Technician position may operate on any Novice band segment at any time. No repeater contacts.

8) **Scoring:** Scores are based on the number of valid contact points times the multiplier corresponding to the highest power used at any time during the FD period, plus bonus points. Phone contacts count one point each, and CW contacts count two points each. Power multipliers: If all contacts are made using an output power of 5 W or less and if a power source other than commercial mains or motor-driven generator is used (e.g., batteries, solar cells, water-driven generators), multiply by 5. If any or all contacts are made using an output power of 150 W or less, multiply by 2. Multiply by 1 if any or all contacts are made using an output power over 150 watts. Batteries may be charged while in use for Class C entries only. For other classes, batteries charged during the FD period must be charged from a power source independent of the commercial mains.

A) **Bonus Points:** The following bonus points will be added to the score (after the multiplier is applied) to determine the final score. Only Class A and B stations are eligible for bonuses. Just check the box on the Field Day summary sheet to indicate that you qualify for the bonus, and attach the necessary proof.

**Note:** An additional 100 points may be earned for making one or more contacts on packet radio (see number 8, below, for details).

1) **100% emergency power:** 100 points per transmitter for 100% emergency power. All equipment and facilities at the FD site must be operated from a source independent of the commercial mains.

**Example:** A club operating in Class 3A, using 100% emergency power may claim 300 bonus points.

2) **Public relations:** 100 points for public relations. Publicity must be obtained or a bona fide attempt to obtain publicity must be made, or operation conducted from a public place (example: a shopping center). Evidence must be submitted in the form of a clipping, a memo from a BC/TV station stating that publicity was given or a copy of material that was sent to news media for publicity purposes.

3) **Message origination:** 100 points for origination of a message by the club president or other FD leader, addressed to the SM or SEC, stating the club name (or nonclub group), number of operators, field location and number of ARES members participating. The message must be transmitted during the FD period, and a fully serviced copy of it must be included with the FD report. The message must be in standard ARRL message form or no credit will be given.

4) **Message relay:** 10 points for each message received and relayed during the FD period, up to a maximum of 100 points. Copies of each message, properly serviced, must be included with the FD report.

5) **Satellite QSO:** 100 points can be earned by completing at least one QSO via satellite during the FD period. The repeater provision of Rule 7C is waived for satellite QSOs. A satellite station does not count as an additional transmitter. On the summary sheet, show satellite QSOs as a separate "band."

6) **Natural power:** FD groups making a minimum of five QSOs without using power from commercial mains or petroleum derivatives can earn 100 points. Intuitively, this means an "alternate" energy source of power such as solar, wind, methane or grain alcohol. This includes batteries charged by natural means (not dry cells). The natural-power station counts as an additional transmitter. If you do not wish to change your entry class, take one of your other transmitters off the air while making the natural-power QSOs. A separate list of natural-power QSOs should be enclosed with your entry.

7) **WIAW message:** A bonus of 100 points will be earned by copying a special ARRL FD bulletin sent over WIAW on its regularly announced frequencies just before and during FD. See League Lines, this issue, and April QST, page 13, for FD Bulletin Schedule. This message can be received directly from WIAW or by any relay method. An accurate copy of the received message should be included in your FD report.

8) **Packet Radio:** 100 points can be earned by completing at least one QSO on packet radio during the FD period. The repeater provision of Rule 7C is waived for packet radio QSOs. A packet station does not count as an additional transmitter. On the summary sheet, show packet radio QSOs as a separate "band."

9) **Reporting:** Entries must be postmarked by July 23, 1985. No late entries can be accepted. A complete entry consists of a summary sheet and a list of stations worked on each band/mode during FD, plus bonus proof. The list of stations worked on each band or mode may take the form of official ARRL dupe sheets or an alpha-numeric listing of call signs worked per band and mode. This list may be computer-generated. Incomplete or illegible entries will be classified as checklogs. A copy of FD logs should be kept by your FD group, but should not be sent in unless specifically requested later by ARRL.

10) **Disqualifications:** See January 1985 QST, page 72.

# Rules, 1985 IARU Radiosport Championship

The format of the 1985 IARU Radiosport Championship is exactly the same as for last year's event. To run up a big score this year, it's important that you strike a balance between a large QSO and multiplier total. Ten meters doesn't have very good propagation in July. Nevertheless, during this portion of the sunspot cycle, don't overlook 10 as a source of a few multipliers. The lower bands (160, 80 and 40 meters) have been hot recently, so don't be put off by the QRN on those bands. Patience and good operating during this event will reward you with some extra multipliers.

For those not familiar with ITU zones around the world, a map of ITU zones is available from ARRL/IARU Hq. Send an s.a.s.e. or 1 IRC for the proper forms (including the map) early so you'll have them in time for the contest. Good luck!

## Rules

- 1) **Eligibility:** All licensed amateurs worldwide.
- 2) **Object:** To contact as many other amateurs in as many parts of the world as possible using 1.8 through 148 MHz.
- 3) **Date:** Second full weekend of July (July 13-14, 1985).
- 4) **Contest Period:** 0000 UTC Saturday until 2400 UTC Sunday, with single-operator stations operating a maximum of 36 hours.
- 5) **Categories:**
  - A) Single operator: phone-only, CW-only and mixed-mode sections. One person performs

all operating and logging functions. Use of spotting nets is not permitted. Off-times must be at least 30 minutes. All operators must observe the limits of their operator's license at all times. Single-operator stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time.

B) **Multioperator:** Single transmitter, mixed mode only; must remain on a band at least 10 minutes at a time. Only one transmitted signal allowed at any given time. All operators must observe the limits of their operator's license at all times.

6) **Contest Exchange:** All stations send signal report and ITU zone. The complete exchange must be logged for each valid QSO.

7) **Valid Contact:** The same station may be worked once per frequency band. Cross-mode, crossband and repeater QSOs do not count.

### 8) QSO Points:

A) Contacts within your ITU zone count one point.

B) Contacts within your continent (but different ITU zone) count three points.

C) Contacts with a different continent count five points.

9) **Multipliers:** ITU zones worked on each band.

10) **Scoring:** Multiply total number of QSO points by the sum of ITU zones worked on each band for the final score.

### 11) Reporting:

A) All entrants are encouraged to use forms available from IARU/ARRL Hq. (s.a.s.e. or 1 IRC).

B) Logs must indicate times in UTC, bands,

calls, complete exchange. Multipliers and off-times should be clearly marked in the log. Cross-check sheets (dupe sheets) are required if more than 500 QSOs total are made.

C) Entries must be postmarked within 30 days after the contest (by August 14, 1985). Any entry received after mid-October 1985 may not be in time to be included in the printed results.

12) **Awards:** A certificate will be awarded to the high-scoring CW-only, phone-only, mixed-mode and multioperator entrant in each ARRL Section, each ITU zone and each DXCC country. In addition, achievement-level awards will be issued to those making at least 250 QSOs (1000-QSO sticker also) or having a multiplier total of 50 or more. Additional awards may be made at the discretion of each country's IARU society.

### 13) Conditions of Entry:

A) Each entrant agrees to be bound by the provisions of this announcement, by the regulations of his licensing authority and by the decisions of the IARU/ARRL Awards Committee.

B) **Disqualifications:** An entry may be disqualified if the overall score is reduced by more than 2%. Score reduction does not include correction of arithmetic error. An entry will be disqualified if more than 2% of duplicates are left in the log, or if the log shows excessive operating time (single-operator stations). A penalty of three QSOs will be assessed for each duplicate QSO found during ARRL/IARU log checking or for each miscopied call sign. See January 1985 QST, page 72, for complete details.

## Prefix/ITU Zone

A2	57	FG	11	JX	18	PJ	11	UC	29	VU7	49	3X	46
A3	62	FH	53	JY	39	PY	13, 15	UD	29	VU7	41	3Y	67
A4	39	FK	56	W1	08	PY0	13	UF	29	XE	10	45	41
A5	41	FM	11	W2	08	PY0	15	UG	29	XF4	10	4U1ITU	28
A6	39	FO	10, 62, 63	W3	08	FZ	12	UH	30	XT	46	4U1UN	08
A7	39	FP	09	W4	08	S2	41	UI	30	XU	49	4V	39
A9	39	FR	53	W5	07	S7	53	UJ	30	XV	49	4W	08
AP	41	FS	11	W6, 7	06	S9	47	UL	30	XW	49	4X, 4Z	39
BV	44	FW	62	W8, 9	08	SM	18	UM	31	XZ	49	5A	38
BY	33, 42, 43, 44	FY	12	W0	07	SP	28	UO	29	Y2-9	28	5B, ZC	39
		G	27	KC4	67, 68, 70, 71	ST	48	UP	29	YA	40	5H	53
C2	65	GD	27		72, 73, 74	SU	38	UQ	29	YB	54	5N	46
C3	27	GI	27		84, 65	SV	28	UR	29	YC	39	5T	53
C5	46	GJ	27	KC6	72, 68, 84, 65	T2	65	VE1	09	YJ	56	5U	46
C6	11	GM	27	KG4	11	T3B-1	62	VE2	04, 09	YK	39	5V	46
C9	53	GU	27	KG8/KH2	64	T32	61	VE3	04	YN	11	5W	62
CE	14, 16	GW	27	KH0	64	T5	48	VE4, 5	03	YO	28	5X	48
CEBA	63	H4	51	KH1	61, 62	T7	28	VE6, 7	02	YS	28	5Z	48
CEBX	14	HA	28	KH6	61	TA	39	VE8	02, 03	YT	28	6W	46
CEBZ	14	HB	28	KJ/KH3	61	TF	17		04, 75	YV	12	6Y	46
CM, CO	11	HB0	28	KL	01, 02	TG	11	VK1, 2, 3,		YW	11	70	39
CN	37	HC	12	KM/KH4	61	TI	11	5, 7	59	ZA	28	7P	57
CP	12, 14	HCB	12	KP4	11	TI9	11	VK4, 8	55	ZB	37	7Q	53
CR9	44	HH	11	KP6/KH5	61, 62	TJ	47	VK6	58	ZD7	66	7X	37
CT	37	HI	11	KS6/KH8	62	TK	28	VK	60	ZD8	66	8P	11
CT2	36	HK	12	KV/KP2	11	TL	47	VK9	60	ZD9	66	8Q	41
CT3	36	HK0	11, 12	KW/KH9	65	TN	52	VK9	60	ZZ	53	8R	12
OX	14	HL, HM	44	KX	65	TR	52	VK9	55	ZF	11	9G	46
D2, 3	52	HP	11	LA	18	TT	47	VK9	68	ZK1	62, 63	9H	28
D4	46	HR	11	LU	14, 16	TU	46	VK0	60	ZK2	62	9J	53
D6	53	HS	49	LX	27	TY	46	V2A	11	ZL	60	9K	39
DJ	26	HV	26	LZ	28	TZ	46	V3	11	ZM7	62	9L	46
DU	50	HT, 7Z	39	OA	12	UA, UN, UV, UVW, UZ1, 3, 4, 6	19, 20, 29, 30	V8	11	ZP	14	9M2	54
EA	37	I, IT	28	OD	39	OH	18	VP2E	11	ZS	57	9M6, 8	54
EA6	37	IS	28	OE	28	OH	18	VP2V	11	ZS3	57	9N	42
EA8	36	J2	46	OH	18	OH0	18	VP2M	11	1S	50	9Q	52
EA9	37	J3	11	OJ0	18	UA, UN, UV, UJW, UZ1P	75	VP2M	11	3A	27	9U	52
EI	27	J5	46	OK	18	UA, UN, UV, UJW, UZ2	29	VP8	16	3B6, 7	53	9V	54
EL	46	J6	11	ON	28	UA, UN, UV, UJW, UZ2	29	VP8	73	3B8	53	9X	52
EP	40	J7	11	OX, XP	75, 05	UA, UN, UV, UJW, UZ9-0		VP9	11	3B9	53	9Y	11
ET	48	J8	11	OY	18	20-26, 30, 35, 75		VQ9	41	3C	47		
FT&Z	68	JA	45	PZ	18	VR6	63	VQ9	41	3C0	52		
FT&W	68	JD	32, 33	P2	51	V8	63	VR6	63	3D2	56		
FT&X	68	JW	18	PA	27	V6	44	V8	44	3D3	57		
						UB, UT, UY	29	VU	41	3V	37		



# Rules, June VHF QSO Party

Grid-square fever is catching on! As you will recall, last year's announcement for the June VHF QSO Party requested entrants to indicate their preference for multipliers for use in the 1985 event. The results, reported in September 1984 *QST*, left little doubt for the Ad Hoc Committee for VHF/UHF Contesting. Thus, the stage has been set for this year's June VHF QSO Party.

Multipliers for this year's contest will be grid squares (2° × 1° Maidenhead grid-square locators) worked *per band*. See Rules four and five. Information on determining your grid-square locator can be found in January 1983 *QST*, beginning on page 49. Grid-square maps are available from ARRL Hq. for \$1. Here's a chance for you mountain-toppers to seek out those rare grid squares and be "King of the Hill."

Official summary sheets and log sheets are available from ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.e., and all entrants should send for a set. Good luck from FN31!

## Rules

1) **Object:** To work as many amateur stations in as many different 2° × 1° grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 50 MHz.

2) **Contest Period:** Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, June 8 and ends at 0300 UTC Monday, June 10.

### 3) Categories:

(A) **Single operator:** One person performs all operating and logging functions.

#### (1) *Multiband.*

(2) **Single band:** Single-band entries on 50, 144, 220, 432, and 1296-and-up categories will be recognized both in *QST* score listings and in 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. Also see Rule 9, 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 one point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO. Count two points for each 220- or 432-MHz QSO. Count three points for each 1296-MHz QSO. Count four points for each 2.3-GHz-or-higher QSO.

(B) **Multiplier:** The total number of different grid squares worked *per band*. Each 2° × 1° 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 (see scoring example)

### 6) Use of FM:

(A) Retransmitting either or both stations, or use of repeater frequencies, is not permitted. This prohibits use of all repeater frequencies. Contest entrants may not transmit on repeaters or repeater frequencies on 2 meters for the purpose of soliciting contacts.

(B) Use of the national simplex frequency, 146.52 MHz, or immediate adjacent guard fre-

## VHF-UHF-EME LOG

log sheet 1 of 2

CALL USED VE3DCK ARRL SECTION or COUNTRY Ont.

6/10/85 50 QSOs per side  
Number each new multiplier as worked Grid Square FN03

FREQ.	MODE	DATE/TIME UTC	STATION WORKED	COMPLETE EXCHANGE		LIST NEW MULTIPLIERS	POINTS
				SENT	RCVD		
144	A/A3	0045	VE3AGG	FN03	FN03	FN03	1
		0057	K1BKB	"	FN31	FN31	1
		0057	W8ZEB	"	FN12	FN12	1
		0107	K2GK	"	FN12		1
		0123	NE2L	"	FN20	FN20	1
		0128	VE3FGL	"	FN04	FN04	1
		0143	W2CNS	"	FN13	FN13	1
		0152	N2WIK	"	FN13		1
		0157	W8IDU	"	FN93	FN93	1
		0157	K3ONV	"	FN	FN	1
			VE3CZ	"	FN	FN	1
			SM600	"	FN	FN	1
			HFZ	"	FN	FN	1
			K2	"	FN	FN	1

Properly completed sample log sheet.

## Scoring Example

Band (MHz)	QSOs	QSO Points	Grid Squares
50	25 (× 1)	25	10
144	40 (× 1)	40	20
220	10 (× 2)	20	5
432	15 (× 2)	30	10
1296+	6 (× 3)	18	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>48</b>

Final score = (QSO points) × (total no. grid squares):  
(6384 = 133 × 48).

frequencies is prohibited. Contest entrants may not transmit on 146.52 for the purpose of making or soliciting QSOs. The intent of this rule is to protect the national simplex frequency from contest monopolization. There are no restrictions on the use of 223.50 MHz.

(C) Only recognized simplex frequencies may be used, such as 144.90 to 145.10; 146.49, .55 and .58, and 147.42, .45, .48, .51, .54 and .57 MHz on the 2-meter band. Local-option simplex channels and frequencies adjacent to the above that do not violate the intent of (A) or (B) above or the spirit and intent of the band plans as recommended in the *ARRL Repeater Directory* may be used for contest purposes.

### 7) 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 from one 2° × 1° grid square only is permitted. A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under any other call during the contest period (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by FCC/DOC); one operator may not give out contest QSOs using more than one call sign from any one location. The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who must share a rig, not to manufacture artificial contacts.

(D) Only one signal per band (6, 2, 1¼,

etc.) at any given time is permitted, regardless of mode.

(E) While no minimum distance is specified for contacts, equipment should be capable of real communications (i.e., able to communicate over at least 1 km).

(F) Multioperator stations may not include QSOs with their own operators except on frequencies higher than 2.3 GHz. Even then, a complete, different station must exist for each QSO made under these conditions.

(G) 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.

(H) Above 300 GHz, contacts are permitted for contest credit only between licensed amateurs of Technician class or higher using coherent radiation on transmission (e.g., laser) and employing at least one stage of electronic detection on receive.

8) **Reporting:** Entries must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the end of the contest (July 10, 1985).

### 9) Awards:

(A) **Single operator**

(1) Top single operator score in each ARRL Section.

(2) Top single operator on each band (50, 144, 220, 432, and 1296-and-up categories) in each ARRL Section 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 WBØTEM has the highest single-operator all-band score in the Iowa Section and his 50- and 220-MHz scores are higher than any other IA single op's, he will earn a certificate for being the single-operator Section leader *and* endorsement stickers for 50 and 220 MHz.

(B) Top multioperator score in each ARRL Section where significant effort or competition is evidenced. Multioperator entries are *not* eligible for single-band awards.

10) **Disqualifications:** See January 1985 *QST*, page 72.



## Intermediate- and Long-Range Disaster Communications

Intermediate- and long-range disaster communications link a disaster area with the outside. The Amateur Radio Service must be prepared to provide these communications when other communication facilities are inoperative or overloaded. Generally, the need for the Amateur Radio Service is greatest during the first 72 hours and until other communication services can be brought in or normal services can be restored.

High-precedence Emergency and Priority traffic require immediate delivery and response. For this traffic, direct point-to-point contact is mandatory. Welfare traffic is lower in precedence but the need is real. Every possible effort should be made to accomplish timely delivery by systematic distribution of outgoing Welfare messages and systematic collection of incoming messages.

### Thoughts on Direct Communications

When the need for disaster assistance exceeds local capability, responsible officials in the disaster area must have direct communications with appropriate officials outside the disaster area for the initiation and coordination of disaster relief, since these officials may need to talk directly with each other. There is also the need for passing formal written traffic, especially when summary, situation and damage reports require commitments of personnel/materiel.

Therefore, predisaster arrangements should include fixed Amateur Radio stations at locations easily accessible by responsible officials. A Red Cross facility that can be quickly activated to handle direct communications when other communication facilities are unavailable or overloaded is an example. Also, these same fixed stations will be available, at all times, to allow a prompt response to a request for direct communications from another locality where a related disaster may have occurred.

All it takes, then, to initiate a direct circuit is a contact by the station in the disaster area with any outside station having access to normal communication facilities (usually telephone; toll call, if necessary). The officials responsible for activating the outside station of the necessary point-to-point circuit can then be reached through this station.

Stations for the direct service must have adequate HF equipment and efficient antennas for the intermediate- and long-range contacts, have good VHF and UHF capability, and, of course, have emergency power for operation when commercial power is unavailable. In addition to voice and CW modes, provisions for automatic high-speed modes are highly desirable.

Many smaller communities and less populated areas do not have sufficient resources, and there is always the possibility that disaster damage may make the fixed station inoperative. So, in addition to the fixed stations, ARES predisaster arrangements, at least on the district or section level, should include one or more "response" teams with mobile and/or portable equipment, which, ideally, can go anywhere at a moment's notice to provide intermediate and long-range communications during the first 72 hours of a disaster situation.

All this is a big order since, in most cases, ample transmitter power, efficient antennas and operation on at least the 3.5, 7 and 14-MHz bands are required. It is understandable that the EC may throw up his hands and say, "Sounds good on paper but . . ." However, before we become pessimistic, let us pursue the matter a bit further.

Some groups and clubs have, by determined effort, produced multiband mobile units capable of quick and substantial response to disaster situations. Some of these have been pictured and publicized in *QST* and *Worldradio*. It can be done.

Every year, in the paragraph entitled "Object" in the Field Day Rules published in *QST* there appears the statement: "A premium is placed on skills and equipment developed to meet the challenge of emergency preparedness . . ." Field Day results show that this challenge is often met, and demonstrate that amateurs can produce portable stations capable of long-range communications at almost any place and under almost any conditions.

It is regrettable that these skills and equipment are usually allowed to gather dust between the annual Field Days, when they could be kept and integrated into the ARES preparedness program through cooperative action by the EC and the Field Day enthusiasts.

Should an ARES support plan, authenticated by the Section Emergency Coordinator, be made a requirement to qualify as a Special Service Club? This may sound a little extreme, but emergency and disaster communications are a major part of Amateur Radio public service, which is primary justification for the existence of the Amateur Radio Service. Is it too much to ask that Special Service Clubs contribute significantly in this way?

The National Traffic System (NTS) is designed for the daily collection of messages from, and the distribution of messages to, many widespread points of origin and delivery throughout the United States and Canada. To

do this requires, generally, that messages be relayed from one to seven times (or more) with elapsed times of from a few hours to a day or more between origination and delivery. Obviously, NTS is not designed to handle large volumes of high-priority emergency and disaster traffic that does not need collection or distribution, but needs immediate delivery. Nevertheless, the NTS operation can contribute if its role in emergency communications is understood.

NTS nets collectively are in session much of the day and evening and are thereby frequently available for help in establishing the initial contact, mentioned previously, through which responsible officials can be reached from the disaster area for activation of an outside station. This would allow direct communications necessary for disaster-relief traffic. Independent nets and monitoring services are also often available for the initial contact. Net times and frequencies are listed in the *ARRL Net Directory*, which can be used as a quick reference of those nets that can be accessed from your particular locality by judicious choice of time and frequency.

While the NTS is not designed to provide direct communications, it does produce operators who are competent in handling formal written traffic, and who practice on-the-air discipline—exactly the kind of operators needed. NTS and ARES officials need to cooperate in urging NTS operators to sign up with their Emergency Coordinator now, before the disaster occurs, so that the NTS operator can be included in predisaster plans for the operation of the point-to-point stations. In this way NTS operators can make more important contributions to Amateur Radio intermediate- and long-range disaster communications when the disaster occurs near where they live.

It cannot be assumed that the number of available NTS operators will be enough to meet the demand, so a training program and practice in handling formal written traffic should be an important part of ARES predisaster activities. Once a week, or even once a month, participation in an NTS local or Section net to originate/send and/or receive/deliver messages is a good way for ARES operators to maintain competence in formal traffic handling.

### Welfare Traffic

It is important to discriminate between the two types of Welfare traffic. Effort should be directed toward the origination of personal Welfare dispatches from the disaster area in preference to the handling of inquiries addressed into the disaster area from the out-

side. Welfare traffic from the disaster area is one-way, more efficient and results in more timely delivery of the information to the concerned people. Inquiry messages, if (and when) delivered into the disaster area, require an answer (often very time consuming) and then a reply to the inquirer, which takes still more time. All too often by the time the reply reaches the inquirer, normal communications have been restored, and he has already obtained his answer by other means.

The precedence of Welfare traffic is lower than that of any other disaster communications. Even so, with intelligent planning, personal Welfare dispatches can be originated and sent during some of the early stages of disaster relief, as well as later, without jeopardizing the efficient and timely handling of higher-priority disaster communications.

#### Outgoing

Many survivors in the disaster area are anxious to let relatives and friends know about their situation, but usually normal communication facilities (telephone and telegraph) are not available to them. In many cases personal Welfare message service can be provided at shelters and relief centers with relatively little extra effort. An Amateur Radio station is already furnished to the center to provide communications for setting up the shelter and for coordinating the movement of people and supplies to the shelter in many instances. Initially the Priority traffic load may be heavy, but after a while things should settle down. The amateur station will have slack time during which Welfare traffic can be sent without affecting the primary mission of the shelter station. The Welfare traffic could be sent to NTS liaison stations located near the disaster area, allowing VHF/UHF simplex to be used in most cases.

A simple way to make the service available is to hand out a message blank (with content and instructions designed specifically for this service such as an FSD-244) to the survivor at the time his shelter registration forms are completed. The survivor would then be directed to the radio desk to have his message sent, or to obtain additional blanks if he needs to send more messages.

Similarly, Welfare traffic may be originated from mass casualty centers and hospitals that treat the injured, with suitable modification of specific procedures.

Another variation of Welfare traffic results when brush and forest fires expand to the extent where it is necessary to bring in fire fighters from many parts of the country. These fire fighters are often isolated in camps where only limited official communications are available. In addition to responding to official needs, Amateur Radio can provide much-needed and appreciated public service by sending personal Welfare messages from the fire fighters to their families and relatives during lulls in official traffic.

Welfare traffic from a disaster area is traffic originating from a single locality and the "collection" function of the NTS is not needed. For efficient and timely delivery, the collection function of the NTS operation could be bypassed. The traffic would be cleared by the NTS liaison station directly to destination area and region nets insofar as propagation permits. It is worth mentioning that, if routed in the manner described in the preceding paragraph, traffic originated at

fairs and special events would provide good practice for handling outgoing disaster Welfare traffic.

By spreading the traffic load in this way, both net-wise and time-wise, large volumes of traffic can be cleared without overloading any net or inter-net liaison station. As a result, bottlenecks are minimized, the number of relays reduced and chances are proportionately lessened for errors. The operation is more efficient and more timely delivery is achieved. In most cases, there should be no need to activate extra net sessions or additional liaison between nets.

#### Incoming

Experience has shown that disasters usually trigger a large quantity of personal-inquiry traffic from concerned relatives and friends throughout the country. Because of the problems involved, some of which have been outlined in the preceding discussion, amateur operators might avoid actively soliciting inquiry traffic. While this inquiry traffic might be discouraged, it cannot and should not be ignored. If and when unsolicited messages are accepted it is imperative that the inquirer understand that delivery and reply are uncertain and cannot be guaranteed, and why.

Inquiry traffic requires the collection phase of the NTS operation, but since it is directed to one locality (the disaster area), the distribution phase might be bypassed. TCC and other NTS liaison stations could clear their traffic directly to NTS liaison stations in or near the disaster area, insofar as propagation permits. The "disaster" liaison stations could act as "holding" stations until the time comes when the inquiry traffic can be handled in the disaster area without compromising higher-precedence traffic.

#### Predisaster Arrangements

For the Amateur Radio Service to be able to make a timely response to disaster communication needs, particularly during the first 72 hours, predisaster arrangements are a real challenge. Effective predisaster arrangements result from collaborative effort by ARES officials (SEC, DEC, if any, and ECs), STM and NTS officials, and the appropriate officials of served agencies, such as American Red Cross, Salvation Army, APCO, NCS, FEMA. These people need to know and talk with each other, to define anticipated needs and appropriate communication systems and procedures.

Predisaster actions include the selection, usually by the STM, of strategically located NTS liaison stations capable of accessing the NTS at region level and higher. This should include briefing the operators regarding plans and procedures for handling Welfare traffic.

Predisaster activities by ARES operators should include training and practice in handling formal traffic. ARES operators should know enough about the NTS to be familiar with the NTS operation. NTS operators should prepare themselves by participating in the local ARES activities to the extent necessary for them and the EC to know where and how they will contribute if a disaster occurs. The effectiveness of predisaster planning depends on participation in predisaster activities by every operator intending to serve.

The need for Amateur Radio in disaster communications is great. Rarely are there

enough prepared operators, particularly if the communication crisis persists for much time. Don't wait until the disaster occurs to volunteer. Do it now, so that you will be one of those who are really prepared.—Gordon M. Wenz, N6GW

### ARRL SECTION EMERGENCY COORDINATOR REPORTS

For February, 38 SEC reports were received, denoting a total ARES membership of 18,865. Sections reporting were: ALB, AR, AZ, CO, EMA, ENY, EPA, ID, IN, KS, ME, MI, MN, MS, NE, NFL, NYC/LI, OH, OK, ONT, PAC, SC, SCV, SD, SDG, SFL, SJV, SNJ, SV, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WMA, WNY, WPA, WV.

Reports were not received by the following Section Emergency Coordinators: BC, MAN, MAR/NFD, QUE, SASK, DE, MDC, MD, LA, KY, NNJ, IA, MO, CT, NH, RI, VT, AK, MT, OR, EBAY, NV, SF, NC, NM, WY, AL, GA, WIN, LAX, ORG, SBAR, NTEX, STEX.

SEC monthly reports for May should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than June 12. Reports received after the 12th will be entered as time permits.

#### Transcontinental Corps

May reports submitted for this column should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than June 12.

#### February 1985

1 — AREA                                    4 — TRAFFIC  
2 — FUNCTIONS                            5 — OUT-OF-NET TRAFFIC  
3 — % SUCCESSFUL

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Cycle Two</b>				
TCC Eastern	106	88.7	493	524
TCC Central	84	92.8	452	452
TCC Pacific	112	87.5	492	—
Summary	302	89.7	1437	976

#### Cycle Four

TCC Eastern	No report received			
TCC Central	62	91.1	286	296
TCC Pacific	112	92.9	1278	—
Summary	174	92.0	1564	296

#### TCC Roster

W1AF, AA4AT, N1BHH, KA8CPS, KC3DW, KA1EPO, KK3F, WA2FJJ, WD4FTK, N4GHI, WB3GZU, KB2HM, KB0Z, W8PMJ, KT1Q, W8QHB, W1QYY, KW1U, KB3UD, AFBV, N2XJ, WB8YDZ, W4JL, WA4JTE, WF4X, N5AMK, N5BT, W5CTZ, N5DFO, W5KLV, KD5KQ, WB5OXE, K5LPP, W9JUU, KA8EPI, ND5T, KT6A, VE6CHK, KU6D, KR7L, K6UYK, K6YBV, KF7R, WB7VOW, KB7FE, K7OVK, KD7EY, WABOYI, N5BB, WB5CIC, W5GHP, K5GM, K5OAF, N5TC, K5TL, KV5X, KW9J, WB9NVN, WB9UYU, KB9X, W6HI, KS0U, W6NL, K6LL.

#### TCC Talk

Very poor propagation during February on both 20 and 40 meters—this probably accounted for some of the missed skeds. (Joe Teaster, N5ANK, Director, TCC/c2)

### National Traffic System

NTS reports for the month of May should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than June 12.

#### February Reports

1 — NET                                    4 — AVERAGE                    7 — % REP.  
2 — SESSIONS                            5 — RATE                            TO AREA NET  
3 — TRAFFIC                            6 — % REP

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>Cycle Two</b>						
<b>Area Nets</b>						
EAN	28	1275	45.5	.897	90.5	
CAN	28	1163	41.5	.743	100.0	
PAN*	56	635	11.5	.419	95.8	

**Region Nets**

1RN	56	1169	20.8	.684	96.7	100.0
2RN	54	715	13.2	.487	86.8	89.3
3RN	28	511	18.3	.600	95.0	95.4
4RN	56	1022	19.7	.520	78.0	100.0
RN5	56	999	17.9	.610	98.0	100.0
RN6	56	319	5.7	.309	100.0	91.0
RN7	56	425	7.8	.447	86.5	98.2
8RN	56	506	9.0	.467	95.8	100.0
9RN	No report received					100.0
TEN	58	673	12.0	.502	82.0	100.0
ECN	No report received					64.2
TWN	49	232	4.7	.310	82.0	98.2

**TCC**

TCC Eastern	106	1017
TCC Central	84	904
TCC Pacific	112	492

**Cycle Three**

**Area Net**

EAN	28	466	17.0	.819	81.6
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**Region Nets**

1RN	28	164	5.9	.370	77.4	100.0
2RN	27	336	12.4	.785	79.3	53.6
3RN	No report received					100.0
4RN	No report received					35.7
8RN	No report received					100.0
ECN	No report received					100.0

**Cycle Four**

**Area Nets**

EAN	28	1907	68.1	1.709	87.5
CAN	28	930	33.2	1.152	98.8
PAN	28	853	30.5	1.020	99.4

**Region Nets**

1RN	48	669	13.9	.610	91.3	96.4
2RN	27	475	17.6	—	86.2	60.7
3RN	56	361	6.5	.520	98.2	96.4
4RN	No report received					100.0
RN5	56	635	11.3	.592	88.9	100.0
RN6	56	525	9.3	.741	98.4	100.0
RN7	56	349	6.2	.604	91.0	100.0
8RN	53	473	8.9	.441	89.0	82.1
9RN	56	512	9.1	.470	89.0	96.4
TEN	56	351	6.3	.355	75.7	100.0
ECN	No report received					89.2
TWN	56	420	7.5	.364	100.0	98.2

**TCC**

TCC Eastern	No report received	
TCC Central	52	582
TCC Pacific	112	1276

**Sections' Summary Record**

\*PAN operates both cycles one and two.  
 †TCC functions not counted as net sessions.  
 ‡Section and local nets reporting (239): WAEN AENX AENR AEND AENV AENZ AENK AENW ATNM (AL), APSN ATN (ALB), ACN SWN ATEN (AZ), BEC (BC), NON SCN/1 SCN/2 SCN/3 SCN/4 SCN/5 NCTN (CA), DTN DEPN SEN (DE), TPTM VEN CFHN FMTN GCVTN GN LSTTN NFPN SVTN OFN FMSN QFNS PFTN FAST TPTN FPON SEFTN SWFTN PEN PRVAN SPARC PBTN ENMC (FL), GSTSN GCN GTN GSN (GA), ITN ISN ILN (IL), ICN IRN QIN ITN (IN), ICN TPCN (IA), K5BN KPN KWN KMWN CSTN QKS QKS-SS KS-RTTYN (KS), MKPN KTN KYN KNTM KYPON CARN NKARC TSTMN WTSN ZARES ZARES 11ARES BARES (KY), AEN CMEN MPEN PTN HACES SGN YEAR (ME), MEPN (MD), EMRI WMN WMFN WMTN EMRIPN EMRISS EM2MN HHTN CITN NEEPEN (MA/RI), MACS MITN UPN OMN MNN (MI), MSN/1 MSN/2 MSSN MSN/RTTY MSPN/1 MSPN/E MNAWXXNT PAW (MN), MON/MON2 MOSSB MEOW NEMO MNTN PTN PHD MOPON (MO), IMNS GCEN (MT), NCW MNARES EN2ARES WNN N160MM MARES220 MARES2M N75M BRARES PV2MARES CC2NARES MSN SBARES HCARES NNN NCN BVARESN NMPN N40MM PVARC SBARES6MM (NE), WARES (NV), NHH GSFM MSOVRT (NH), NJM MCN SJVN SJVN220 NJN/E NJNL MSWW ARC NJPM NJN NJPN NJSN NJM (NJ), SCVHTN NYPON NYS/M NYS/IE NYS/L CNYTN WDN/M WDN/E WDN/L OCTEN/E OCTEN/L ESS QNET NYSPTEN MFN BSN BRVN BAVHFTN NLICW (NY), NCEN NCNM CN CSN CNCTN PCTN RARS SCSSBN CNN LC2MN GPD2MN AZ2MN THEN PETN CFARS M2MEN (NC/SC), NON STN (OK), OPN OSN OSN2 OSND OLN KTN TIN (ONT), PTTN WCN OARES OHNN SOFM BSN PDXARES LBLARES OSN THN (OR), PTPN (PAC), EPA EPAEPTN PTTN ATN D3ARES D5ARES D6ESN D8ARES PWA/ARES MARCIARES MARCTN PPN (PA), QSN (QUE), TNCWNTS TNPNTS TNVHF NTS TRSY (TN), TSN NET DFW TTN TEX (TX), BUN UCN DCESN (UT), VTN VSN (VT), VTN VSNB VSN VNE VNL VLN STARES SVEN SSN (VA), EWTN NTN NWSSBN PSTS WARTS WSN (WA), WINC WINS (WI), WVN WVRN WVMDN WVFN WVNN WVRN (WV).

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, no max.; (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. Stations that qualify for the Public Service Honor Roll 12 consecutive months, or 18 months out of a 24-month period, will be awarded a special PSHR certificate from Hq.

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919	W7VSE	N9BDL	76
KA8CPS	:10	WBVOM	KB5UL
701	WA4PFK	WA6ZUD	WB4YQP
W9HLX	AF8V	93	K4VVK
573	K2GCE	KJ9J	KY4U
W8QHB	109	WB2MCO	KJ3E
W4PIM	108	N6AWH	75
526	AF8V	K4NLK	WD0BOX
108	AA4AT	AE1T	VE3WM
507	107	WB2VUK	W4FY
N1NH	92	KA2EYU	W4EYU
324	W8OYH	K2BHR	K7OVK
K7VW	106	KA2F	KA1KTH
189	N1CPX	VE3BDM	74
W7LRB	WB6TIF	KA8ARF	WB6QBZ
171	N2XJ	WB4ADL	N02S
KA1EXJ	W2PKY	91	N1BJW
105	105	WB0TED	N5BT
161	AA4HT	WB4HRR	73
WB2OWO	90	N4KSO	90
WD8LDY	90	K4VVK	90
154	W9DM	N3COY	90
WQ1DXT	104	N7BGW	90
W9YCV	WA4JDH	K8ND	90
153	KA4SSA	AG2R	K85V
WB5SRX	KA0DDQ	89	W1KRV
152	KB1AF	72	72
KA1BBU	WA1YNZ	W7LNE	72
151	WA2ERT	KA8OMM	72
KA3DLY	KA1T	WB4TZR	72
148	KB4WT	KA4BCM	72
K5CXP	W4ANK	N0DZA	72
144	103	88	88
WB2IDS	102	NB0D	88
139	WA1FCD	K03AV	88
KA8EPE	W9FZW	VE3KK	88
K09CJ	K2YQK	KA4EYF	88
133	KT1Q	87	87
WB2ZCM	132	WX4I	87
KA2UBX	101	KB5EK	87
131	KZ8Q	W1TN	87
130	KT5Y	WB1GLH	87
K4SCL	KC4VK	70	70
AL7W	N1BY6	66	66
129	N4GH1	K7GXZ	66
KD8KY	AG9G	KL7JG	66
127	W2MTA	KU2M	66
KA8CPS	100	WA2FKJ	66
126	N8AEH	WB1HLX	66
N4PL	K4KFU	AE5I	66
125	K4IWW	69	69
WB4WII	WB4WII	W5KLV	69
125	99	KA4MTX	69
K4WVWQ	N1AKS	K08RD	69
VE4AJE	KC3LY	W6SCTZ	69
124	98	K2YAI	69
WB8RFB	98	W8EFC	69
KD8VF	N8FCQ	KA8GJV	69
KB7FE	KB3UD	82	82
KB0Z	K4KDJ	N8EVC	82
122	N4EXQ	WB8GHT	82
N1BGW	KB4GPN	W4LX	82
121	WB8KQC	KB4LE	82
K4ZK	AK1E	KR4V	82
120	W6INH	88	88
K4JST	97	N10R	88
119	K5UPN	N8EFB	88
KD7ME	KA1GWE	N1DBH	88
118	K6S1	NTARI	88
KW1H	N8CVF	87	87
WB1GXZ	KK3F	KA2DQA	87
117	KJ3T	WB4IXA	87
WD8MIO	N5AMK	AK2E	87
WA2FJJ	WB4ALY	WB8GUF	87
115	N7CSP	K8JDI	87
WB2EAG	96	VE2EDO	87
W8IKT	KF8J	KA2OPG	87
114	KA6BNW	KB4BZA	87
WB7WOW	WB9ICW	68	68
113	KC3Y	WD8KBW	68
W9JUU	KV5X	W8GQA	68
WF4J	W2YJR	K3NNI	68
112	95	WB4HBP	68
WB1HIH	K2ZVI	WA3UNX	68
111	WD8OUO	NT4S	68
KB1PA	KG2D	1	1
	K3JL	2	2
	94	3	3
	W4CKS	4	4

W2UYE	KD4KK	KG9B	53
KA1AMR	KA4YEA	59	KA1HPO/T
WA7GQO	61	KA4RSC/T	52
WA7VTD	AF3S	58	WB1CBP/T
N4JRE	WA8DHB	N4LFX/T	51
WA4MNR	KN1K	57	N6FWG/T
62	60	K5OAF/T	50
WA4HON	KA8HJK	W1YOL/T	WA2MGV/T
AA4GL	NS5J	56	WB0UD/T
W1KK	WD8EIB	56	N9EJO/T
WB8JGW	K0PCK	56	41
WB7WVD	VE2FMO	55	KA9RII/T
WD4BSC	KA7AID	WD5EEH/T	

**Brass Pounders League February 1985**

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 the standard ARRL form.

May reports submitted for this column should be received at ARRL Hq. no later than June 12. BPL reports should be listed separately from Section Traffic reports.

Call	Orig.	Rcvd.	Sent	Divd.	Total
W4DUG	3354	54	3366	3	6777
W3CUL	709	2712	3021	79	6521
N1BTT	1105	1056	1227	997	4385
KW1U	9	1199	1051	17	2266
N0BQP	29	1259	164	698	2190
KA9CFA	23	1140	122	763	2048
WF4X	5	884	824	17	1730
WD4IIO	654	157	695	105	1811
WA8HJZ	2	1115	28	455	1800
W3EGK	0	718	720	4	1442
W9JUU	0	690	674	12	1376
W3VR	212	421	394	12	1039
WA1TBY	18	469	483	11	981
WX4H	10	489	484	19	972
KA8CPS	34	407	407	71	919
W4NFK	28	419	430	16	893
WA4JDH	2	435	412	3	853
KA1EXJ	43	353	326	70	791
N4PL	134	229	309	72	784
N1BGW	55	358	307	63	783
WB2OWO	42	318	294	60	714
WA9WYS	11	327	366	3	707
AA4AT	38	340	351	7	706
KC2TF	0	332	323	2	687
W1TN	48	294	328	17	685
N4GHI	1	325	338	10	674
W7VSE	62	333	261	13	669
WD4KBW	0	350	317	0	667
K2LP	38	296	207	0	609
W0BMA	22	310	315	19	666
WA4STO	48	275	250	90	663
WB2IDS	191	124	207	110	632
KA1BBU	17	289	279	39	624
N4EXQ	340	24	217	22	603
K2GXT	259	39	273	29	600
K4KDJ	1	360	225	7	593
WBMDJO	39	346	265	28	578
WB8QH	0	274	299	0	571
W4LX	279	8	284	0	571
KF4JA	20	268	255	23	566
WBBO	0	247	275	14	536
WB4ADL	30	247	219	33	529
AF8V	11	270	231	14	526

BPL for 100 or more originations plus deliveries:

W4PKP	110	WB5SRX	111
AA4FG	340	W1FYR	107

**Independent Nets**

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Amateur Radio Telegraph Society			
Clearing House Net			
Early Bird Net	31	—	1281
Empire Slow Speed	28	131	465
Golden Bear Amateur Radio Net	28	71	1765
Interstate SSB Traffic Net	26	238	2045
Midwest RTTY Net	51	61	270
Mission Trail Net	28	98	938
NYSPEN	28	65	588
West Coast Slow Speed	28	208	421
75 Meter Interstate SB Net	28	405	1116
7290 Traffic Net	45	585	3006

# Contest Corral

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Assistant Contest Manager, ARRL

## MAY

**1**  
**West Coast Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, at 0400Z May 2 (9 P.M. PDT May 1). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequencies are approximately 3590/7090 kHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please include your full name, call sign (if any) and complete mailing address. A large s.a.s.e. will help expedite your award or endorsement.

**ARRL Spring Sprint**, 432 MHz, from 7 P.M. to 11 P.M. local time. Single-operator only. Exchange grid-square locator (see Jan. 1983 QST, page 49) and call sign. Signal reports are optional. Count 1 point per valid QSO. Multiply QSO points by number of different grid squares worked for final score. Sprints are separate contests; there is no accumulation of scores. FM restrictions: Retransmitting either or both stations or using repeater frequencies is not permitted. Only those recognized simplex frequencies may be used: 144.90 to 145.10; 146.49 .55 and .58; and 147.42 .45 .48 .51 .54 and .57 MHz. This restriction prohibits use of all repeater frequencies, including 146.76 and .94. Contest entrants may not transmit on repeaters or repeater frequencies on 2 meters for the purpose of soliciting contacts. Use of the national calling frequency, 146.52 MHz, is prohibited. A station may be worked for credit only once per band, regardless of mode. Crossband QSOs do not count. Stations are allowed only one transmitted signal at any given time. A transmitter used to contact one or more stations may not be used subsequently under any other call sign during the contest. Entries for each contest must be postmarked by June 20. Submit separate log and summary sheets for each Sprint entered, and mail separately. Logs must indicate time, call sign and complete exchange for each valid QSO. Multipliers must be clearly marked in the log. Include dupe (cross check) sheets with entries of more than 100 QSOs. Use the official entry forms, available from ARRL Hq. for an s.a.s.e. Disqualifications for excessive duplicate QSOs and/or excessive call-sign or exchange errors.

**CW QRP Party**, April QST, page 83.

## 1-31

**Indiana Month of May Contest**, sponsored by the Southern Indiana QRP Group, from 0000Z May 1 until 2400Z May 31. Single operators; no cross mode, 30 meters or repeater QSOs. Work each station once per band per mode. Exchange RST, state, province or country; name and county for IN stations. Certificate for working all counties; certificates for all Novice and Technician stations reporting 33 or more CW contacts. Other certificates are also offered. Send copies of log, dupe sheet and score sheet (and any inquiries) to be received by June 30. Mail to Russ Ryle, N9DHX, P.O. Box 2466, Bloomington, IN 47402.

## 4-5

**Florida QSO Party**, see April QST, page 83.

**County Hunters SSB Contest**, see April QST, page 83.

## 8

**W1AW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM at 0200Z May 9 (10 P.M. EDT, May 8). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.58 7.08 14.07 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See May 1 listing for more details.

## 9

**ARRL Spring Sprint**, 1296 MHz. See May 1 listing for more details.

## 11

**DIG VHF QSO Party**, see April QST, page 83.

## 11-12

**A. Volta RTTY DX Contest**, see April QST, page 84.  
**CQ-M Contest**, see April QST, page 84. Note: Serial numbers will be exchanged this year instead of Oblast numbers.

**Fiestas Marineras International Contest**, sponsored by the Radioamateurs Group of El Palo, from 1200Z May 11 until 1200Z May 12. Work each station once per band, 80-10 meters, phone only. Exchange a 3-digit QSO number beginning with 001. Count 1 point for contacts between two stations of the same country; 2 points for contacts between stations of different countries but of the same continent; 3 points for contacts between stations of different continents. Use the official

DXCC Countries List for the classification of countries and continents. Awards. Logs must include call, name and address of participant. Separate pages by band. Do not include the time of the QSOs. Send logs to be received by June 15 to P.O. Box 6037, Malaga, Spain 29080.

## 18

**ARRL Spring Sprint**, 50 MHz. See May 1 listing for more details.

**Armed Forces Day**. This year marks the 36th anniversary of communications tests between the Amateur Radio community and the Military Communications System. Special commemorative QSL cards will be issued to amateurs achieving a verified two-way radio contact with any of the participating military radio stations. Those who receive and accurately copy the Armed Forces Day CW and/or RTTY message from the Secretary of Defense will receive a special commemorative certificate.

**Crossband Radio Contacts**. The military-to-amateur crossband operations will be conducted from 1300Z May 18 until 0245Z May 19. Military stations will transmit on military frequencies and will announce the specific amateur band frequencies being monitored. Limit contacts to three minutes. The following stations will transmit on the designated frequencies: AIR, Washington, DC: LSB—4025 kHz, 7315 kHz; CW—6995.5, 13,997.5 kHz; RTTY—7306.5 kHz, 13,986.5 kHz; USB—14,408 kHz. NAM, Norfolk, VA: varied emissions—14,400 kHz. NAV, Cheltenham, MD: RTTY—7372.5 kHz; SSTV—14,389.5 kHz. NMF, Alexandria, VA: CW—4015 kHz; LSB—7346.5 kHz; RTTY—14,440 kHz; USB—20,937.5 kHz. NMN, Portsmouth, VA: varied emissions—7393 kHz. NPG, Stockton, CA: LSB—4001.5 kHz, 7301.5 kHz; CW—4010 kHz, 6970 kHz, 7365 kHz, 10,259.5 kHz, 13,975.5 kHz, 20,998.5 kHz; RTTY—13,927.5 kHz; USB—14,375 kHz, 21,460 kHz. NPL, San Diego, CA: RTTY—7382.5 kHz; SSTV—14,385 kHz. NZJ, El Toro, CA: RTTY—7375 kHz; USB—14,480 kHz. WAR, Fort Meade, MD: LSB—4028.5 kHz; CW—6997.5 kHz, 14,403.5 kHz; USB—13,992.5 kHz, 20,995.5 kHz; RTTY—13,514 kHz.

**CW Receiving Test**. Conducted at 25 WPM. A 10-minute call-up will begin at 0250Z May 19, followed by the text at 0300Z. The following stations will transmit the message on the indicated frequencies: AIR, Washington, DC: 6995.5 and 13,997.5 kHz. NAM, Norfolk, VA: 4005, 7393 and 14,400 kHz. NAV, Cheltenham, MD: 7372.5 and 14,389.5 kHz. NPG, Stockton, CA: 4010, 7365 and 13,927.5 kHz. WAR, Fort Meade, MD: 4028.5, 6997.5 and 14,403.5 kHz.

**RTTY Receiving Test**. Transmitted at 60 WPM using 170-Hz shift. A 10-minute call-up will begin at 0335Z May 20, followed by the text at 0345Z. Stations and frequencies are the same as for the CW receiving test (see above).

Submit CW and RTTY test messages exactly as received. Indicate time, frequency and call letters of station copied. On the same page as the message text, include your name, call sign and complete mailing address. Entries must be postmarked by May 25. Stations copying AIR send entries to Armed Forces Day Test, 2045CG/DONJM, Andrews AFB, DC 20331-5000. NAM, NAV and NPG entries go to Armed Forces Day Test, 4401 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20390-5290. WAR entries go to Armed Forces Day Test, Commander, USAISC, ATTN: AS-OPS-CM, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613-5000.

## 18-19

**Michigan QSO Party**, sponsored by the Oak Park ARC, from 1800Z May 18 until 0300Z May 19, and 1100Z May 19 until 0200Z May 20. Work stations once per band and mode. MI-to-MI QSOs allowed. Work portables/mobiles again as they change county. No repeater QSOs. Exchange signal report, QSO number and QTH (county for MI stations, state or country for others). Suggested frequencies: CW—1.810 3.540 3.725 7.035 7.125 14.035 21.035 21.125 28.035 28.125; phone—3.905 7.280 14.280 21.380 28.580 50.125 145.025 146.52. Count 1 point per phone QSO and 2 points per CW QSO. MI stations multiply by sum of states, counties and MI counties worked (max. 85). Others multiply by number of MI counties worked (max. 83). QSOs with club station W8MB count five points. VHF-only entrants may add multipliers from each band for total multiplier. Mail logs by July 1 to Mark Shaw, K8ED, 3810 Woodman, Troy, MI 48084.

## 19

**Abegweit Award Contest**, sponsored by the Prince

Edward Island ARA, from 1200Z until 2400Z May 19. VE1 and VO1 stations must confirm contacts with Prince, Queens and Kings Counties. All other VE/W stations must confirm contact with any three PE1 stations, regardless of the county. All DX must confirm contacts with any two P.E.1. stations, regardless of the county. Frequencies: CW—3.700 7.100 14.050 21.100; phone—3.800 7.200 14.250 21.300. Awards. Send a copy of your log (certified by two other Amateurs) to P.O. Box 1232, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7M8, Canada.

## 20

**W1AW Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, at 2000Z (4 P.M. EDT) May 20. See May 1 and 8 listings for more details.

## 25-26

**CQ World Wide Prefix Contest**, CW. See March QST, page 83 for details.

**World Telecommunications Day Contest**, phone & CW, sponsored by Liga Amadores Brasileiros De Radio Emissao (LABRE). CW from 0000-2400Z May 25 and phone from 0000-2400Z May 26. 160-10 meters. Single op/single transmitter/all bands, Multiop/single transmitter/all bands, and club competition. Work stations once per band. Exchange signal report and ITU zone. Contact your own country for zone credit, not QSO points. For stations between different continents, count 2 points for each QSO on 10/15/20 meters and 4 points for contacts on 40/80/160. For QSOs with different countries on the same continent, count 1 point on 10/15/20 meters and 2 points on 40/80/160. Multipliers are ITU zones on each band. The final multiplier is the sum of multipliers worked on each band. Total QSO points from all bands times the final multiplier equals the claimed score. Awards. Keep a separate log for each band/mode and include a summary sheet. Entries must be postmarked by July 31. Include s.a.s.e. and 5 IRCs for results, and mail to LABRE, ITU Contest Committee, P.O. Box 07-004, 70000, Brasilia (DF), Brazil.

## 28-29

**CLARA AC/DC "Mystery" Contest**, sponsored by the Canadian Ladies ARA, from 0000Z May 28 until 0000Z May 29. Work each CLARA station twice, once on CW and once on phone, or the same mode on two different bands. No cross-mode or repeater contacts. Exchange name, serial number starting with 001, RS(T), QTH and if a CLARA member. Three "mystery" stations will be operating. Suggested frequencies: CW—3.690 7.035 14.035 21.035 28.035; phone—3.900 3.775 7.150 14.280 14.160 21.300 28.588 28.488. CLARA members count 1 point per contact with non-members, count 2 points per member contact and count 3 points for CW contacts. Non-members count 2 points for each CLARA contact and 3 points for CW contacts. Multiply points by the number of Canadian provinces and territories worked for the total score. The Contest Manager will add 10 points to the base score of each log for every "mystery" station worked. Mail logs to be received before July 15 to Muriel Foisy, VE7LQH, RR 1, Pender Island, BC V0N 2M0, Canada.

## JUNE

### 1

**New York State QSO Party**, sponsored by the Salt City DX Assn., from 1600Z June 1 until 0400Z June 2. Work the same station on each band and mode for QSO points. Exchange: RS(T) and QTH, (county for NY stations; state, province or country for others). Count one point for phone QSOs and two points for CW QSOs. For the final score, NY stations multiply total QSO points by number of states, provinces and countries worked; others use NY counties for multipliers. Suggested frequencies: phone—1.835 3.905 7.280 14.295 21.380 28.580 MHz; CW—1.810 3.540 7.035 14.035 21.035 MHz; Novice—25 kHz up from lower band edges. Awards. S.a.s.e. for results. Mail before July 15 to John Bonar, NA2C, 177 Milnor Ave., Syracuse, NY 13224.

**Hootowl Sprint**, sponsored by the QRP ARCI, from 0200Z until 0800Z June 1. CW only. Power level must not exceed 5 W. Work each station once per band. Exchange RST; state/province/country; membership number for members, power output for others. Each member-contact counts 5 points; each nonmember W/YE counts 2 points. Each nonmember DX contact counts 4 points. QSO points (total all bands) times total no. of states, provinces and countries (an s/p/c may be worked for multiplier credit on more than one band)

times power-multiplier times bonus-multiplier equals claimed score. Multipliers are 4-5 W output,  $\times 2$ ; 3-4 W output,  $\times 4$ ; 2-3 W output,  $\times 6$ ; 1-2 W output,  $\times 8$ ; Less than 1 W output,  $\times 10$ . Bonus multipliers: if 100% natural power with no storage,  $\times 2$ ; if 100% battery power,  $\times 1.5$ . Suggested frequencies: 1.810 3.560 7.040 14.060 21.060 28.060 50.360; Novices and Technicians—3.710 7.110 21.110 28.110. Entrants are encouraged to use sponsor's summary sheets. Separate logs by band. Certificates. Mail logs by July 1 to KASNLV, P.O. Box 55010, Little Rock, AR 72225.

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**West Coast Qualifying Run**, 10-35 WPM, at 0400Z June 5 (9 P.M. PDT June 4). See May 1 listing for more details.

8-9

**World Wide South America Contest**, sponsored by *Electronica Popular* magazine, from 1500Z June 8 until 1500Z June 9. CW only, 80-10 meters. No crossband QSOs. Single operator, single band or multiband; and multioperator, single transmitter classes. Exchange signal report and serial number. Work stations once per band. Count two points each for QSOs with South

American stations, and multiply by total South American prefixes worked per band. SA stations multiply by DXCC countries in each band. Mail logs by July 31 to WWSA Manager, P.O. Box 18003, 20772 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil.

**GARTG-RTTY Contest**, part 3 (of 5) sponsored by the German AR Teleprinter Group. HF portion is from 1200Z to 1600Z June 8. VHF portion is from 0700Z to 1100Z June 9. Score HF and VHF portions separately. HF bands are 80 and 40 meters; VHF frequencies are 144, 432 and 1296 MHz. No repeater QSOs. Exchange RST, QSO number, name and QTH; VHF add grid locator. Work each station once per band. Count 1 point per QSO; Points on VHF are per kilometers worked. Count 1 point on 144 MHz, 2 points on 432 MHz and 3 points on 1296 MHz per kilometers worked. Total of QSO points is the final score. Classes: A—more than 200-W input; B—less than 200-W input; C—SWL; D—VHF. Logs must include all information. Mail (to be received within 20 days) to Wolfgang Puenjer, DL8VX, P.O. Box 90 11 30, D-2100 Hamburg 90, Fed. Rep. of Germany.

**VK/ZL RTTY DX Contest**, sponsored by the Australian National AR Teleprinter Society, from 0000Z June 8 until 0000Z June 10. No more than 30

hours of operation permitted for single-op stations. Multi stations may operate the entire 48-hour period. Use 80-10 meters. Classes: A—single op; B—multiop; C—SWL. Exchange signal report, CQ zone and time (UTC). Determine QSO points from CARTG zone chart. Multiply QSO points by number of countries worked, then multiply that total by the number of continents (max. 6) worked. Add 100 bonus points for each VK/ZL worked on 14 MHz, 200 on 21 MHz, and 300 on 28 MHz. Work stations once per band. Countries defined as DXCC countries, plus VK, ZL, JA, VE, VO and W/K call areas. Logs must be received by September 1 by W. J. Storer, VK2EG, 55 Prince Charles Rd., Frenchs Forest, N.S.W. 2086, Australia.

13

**WIAW Qualifying Run**, 10-40 WPM, at 0200Z June 14 (10 P.M. EDT June 13). Refer to May listings for more details.

22-23

**Field Day**, see page 81 for the rules.

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**WIAW Qualifying Run**



## Special Events

Conducted By Edith Holsopple, N1CZC  
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**Centralia, Illinois:** The Centralia Wireless Assn. will operate WD9FTR from 1700 to 2400Z May 4 from the Okaw Valley Council Scout Show to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Operation will be on the General portions of the phone bands on 80-15 meters, and 2-meter FM and CW operation in the Novice bands. For a certificate, send a large s.a.s.e. to CWA, P.O. Box 1166, Centralia, IL 62801.

**Dickson, Tennessee:** The Volunteer ARC will sponsor NY4N May 4 in honor of Old Timer's Day in Dickson County. Frequencies: 3.980, from 1200 to 1400Z; 14.275, from 1400 to 1800Z; and 146.520 and 145.11, from 1200 to 1800Z. For a commemorative certificate, QSL to P.O. Box 74, Burns, TN 37029.

**Detroit, Michigan:** L'Anse Creuse ARC members will operate W8PBO on 7.240 phone 1300-2300Z May 4 and 1300-2300Z May 5. These transmissions will be made from a train excursion traveling from Toledo, Ohio, to Durant, Michigan in celebration of Train Days. For a certificate, send a large s.a.s.e. to L'Anse Creuse ARC, P.O. Box 72, Utica, MI 48087.

**Shelton, Washington:** The Mason County ARC will operate May 4-5 in celebration of the City of Shelton's Centennial. KB7MJ and W7KTI will operate phone on 3.900 7.230 14.270 21.350 28.600 MHz; KN7D will operate RTTY on 14.090 MHz; and K7UAR will operate packet on 145.01 MHz. Certificates for a QSL card and a 9  $\times$  12-inch s.a.s.e. to Loren Mercer, KA7GVS, 2213 Olympic Hwy. North, Shelton, WA 98584.

**Moscow, Kansas:** Sand Hills ARC will operate KZ0M to commemorate May Day. Operation will be from 1800Z May 4 until 1800Z May 5, 80-10 meters, phone and CW, up 10 kHz from the lower edges of the General frequencies. QSL for s.a.s.e. via Box 88, Moscow, KS 67952.

**Spartanburg, South Carolina:** The Spartanburg ARC will sponsor the Spartanburg Spring Fling using club call K4JLA. Operation will be 1500-2200Z daily, May 4-5. Phone operation will be on 40-15 meters, up 10 kHz from the lower edge of the General portion of the bands, and CW on 7.115 MHz. Send a large s.a.s.e. to Spartanburg ARC, 104 Garner Rd., Spartanburg, SC 29303.

**Ogden, Utah:** The Ogden ARC will operate W7JR from Promontory Point, Utah to commemorate the 116th year of the driving of the Golden Spike connecting the East and West railroads. Operation will be 0001-2400Z May 10 on 3.970, 7.270, 14.280 or 21.375 MHz. QSL cards for an s.a.s.e. to OARC, P.O. Box 3353, Ogden, UT 84409.

**Fairfield, Connecticut:** The Greater Fairfield ARA will operate WB1CQO during the 50th annual Dogwood Festival, from 1300 to 2200Z May 11. Frequencies: 3.975 7.235 14.330 21.420 MHz. Send an s.a.s.e. for certificate to FARA, P.O. Box 1364 SM, Fairfield, CT 06430.

**Owensboro, Kentucky:** The Owensboro ARC will operate K4HY from 0000Z May 10 to 0530Z May 11 to celebrate their International Bar-B-Q Festival. Fre-

quencies: phone—7.245 28.540 28.815 MHz; CW—7.125 MHz. Certificate for s.a.s.e. via Ray Tate, N5EKG, 1615 East 23rd St., Owensboro, KY 42301.

**Van Nuys, California:** Fire Service Recognition Day will be celebrated by KF6XX operating at Fire Station 88 from 1700 to 2200Z May 11 on 15 and 20 meters, phone. Certificates for a QSL sent to KF6XX, P.O. Box 939, Camarillo, CA 93010.

**Memphis, Tennessee:** Memphis Radio Relay Club will operate 1300-2300Z May 11 and 1300-2300Z May 12 during the annual Memphis-in-May Festival. Frequencies: phone—3.925 7.280 14.295 MHz. QSL information will be given on the air for certificate.

**Fairmont, West Virginia:** Mountaineer ARA will operate club radio W8SP from 0000Z May 17 until 1800Z May 18 on the middle phone and Novice bands on 80-20 meters in celebration of the Three Rivers Coal Festival. Commemorative certificate for QSL card via John Mason, KA8RHJ, 1314 Locust Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554.

**Gillette, Wyoming:** The Campbell County ARC members will be active from 2400Z May 17 until 2400Z May 19 to commemorate shipping 100 million tons of coal from Campbell Co. in 1984. Operation will be on phone and CW in the lower 40 kHz of the General class bands and in the Novice bands. Certificate for s.a.s.e. to CCARC, P.O. Box 3842, Gillette, WY 82716.

**Delavan, Wisconsin:** The Lakes Area ARC will operate WB9PZH from 1700 to 2400Z May 18 to commemorate Delavan as the 19th Century Circus Capital of the Nation. Operation will be 25 kHz up from the low end of the General phone bands on 15, 20 and 40 meters. For QSL and certificate, send a large s.a.s.e. to Pete Vogt, WB9PZH, Rte. 2, Box 233, Elkhorn, WI 53121.

**Manassas, Virginia:** The Ole Virginia Hams ARC will be sponsoring a special-event station at the Manassas Battlefield Park on May 18, from 0800Z until 2000Z. Suggested frequencies: Novice—3.725 7.125 21.050 MHz; CW—3.650 7.050 14.050 21.050 MHz; phone—3.950 7.290 14.290 21.390 MHz. QSL via OVHARC, P.O. Box 1255, Manassas, VA 22110.

**Millington, Tennessee:** W4ODR will operate from Naval Air Station Memphis May 18 from 1400-2200Z, in celebration of Armed Forces Day. Approximate frequencies: phone—7.230 14.280 21.370 146.52-MHz simplex; CW—21.145 28.145 MHz. Certificates will be mailed to *Callbook* addresses, or are available via W4ODR, P.O. Box 34278, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, TN 38054.

**Kansas City, Missouri:** Northland ARA will sponsor a special-event station in conjunction with NARA's Computer Hamfest. Operation will be from 0300Z May 18 until 0400Z May 19 on 3.963 MHz and 25 kHz up from the General phone band edges on 20 meters, and in the RTTY portions of 80 and 20 meters. Computer certificate for an s.a.s.e. and QSL card via NARA, P.O. Box 6710, Kansas City, MO 64123.

**Lima, Ohio:** Amateurs of Lima and Allen Co. will operate on May 18-19 to commemorate the discovery

of oil in Lima. Operators will sign /DL and will be in the Novice or General portions of the bands. S.a.s.e. for certificate to Northwest Ohio ARC, P.O. Box 211, Lima, OH 45801.

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania:** To celebrate the Boy Scouts Allegheny Trails Council Diamond Jubilee, W3SGJ, KA3KSD and WA3BKD will be operating from three Skill-O-Rama campsites around Pittsburgh. Operation is planned for 1400-2400Z May 18 and 1400-1700Z May 19 in the General and Novice bands, 5 kHz up from the low ends. Business-sized s.a.s.e. and QSL for special certificate to WA3BKD, RD 3, Box 368, McDonald, PA 15057.

**Langhorne, Pennsylvania:** Penn Wireless Assn. will operate W3SK from 1400Z May 18 until 0200Z May 19 and intermittently the preceding week to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Suggested frequencies: phone—3.98 7.28 14.28 21.38 28.58 144.12 146.52 MHz; CW—3.54 3.745 7.04 7.145 14.04 21.04 21.195 28.04 28.195 MHz. Certificate for QSL and a large s.a.s.e. to P.O. Box 734, Langhorne, PA 19047.

**Didcot, Great Britain:** Members of the Vale of White Horse ARS will operate GB4GWR from May 18 to June 2 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Great Western Railway. HF and VHF operation will take place from a living steam museum. QSL via the bureau.

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin:** Members of the Wisconsin Nets Assn. will hold a QSO party from 1500 to 2300Z May 19 to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Approximate frequencies: CW—1.810 3.675 7.075 14.075 MHz; phone—1.840 3.975 7.275 14.300 MHz. Exchange RST and state; WI stations send net affiliated with. Count 1 point per phone contact and 2 points per CW contact, and send logs to Dick Hugi, KC9CJ, 2962 North 60 St., Milwaukee, WI 53210.

**St. Louis, Missouri:** The Jefferson Barracks ARC will sponsor station K0ZFK on May 19, from 1400-2200Z, to celebrate their 25th anniversary as a club. Operation will be on 10-40 meters in the phone portions of the General bands. Commemorative certificate for a QSL and s.a.s.e. via Jefferson Barracks ARC, c/o Carl H. Hohenberger, WB0BZP, 5266 Parker Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139.

**Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey:** Members of the Upper School ARC will operate KC2JJ from 1200 to 2300Z daily, May 20-24, from Ralph Mason YMCA Camp, Blairstown, commemorating Environmental Education Week. Phone frequencies on all bands, and CW operation in the Novice bands. For a special QSL, send an s.a.s.e. with your QSL to Upper School ARC, Charlotte Place, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632.

**Pasadena, Maryland:** The Bay Area ARC will commemorate Samuel F. B. Morse Day on May 25. Operating calls and CW frequencies: KM31—35 kHz up from the low end of the General bands on 15, 20 and 40 meters; KA3HKB—35 kHz up from the low end of the Novice bands on 15 and 40 meters. For a special certificate, send your QSL and a large s.a.s.e. to BAARS, P.O. Box 805, Pasadena, MD 21122-0805.



# Section News

Coordinated By Steven Ewald, WA4CMS

## The ARRL Field Organization Forum

### CANADA

**ALBERTA:** SM, E. Roy Ellis, VE6XC — ASM: VE6AMM, SEC: VE6XK, STM/NM/DEC: VE6ABC. Our best goes to the new Brooks ARRL club who have signed up with ADS Communications. A 60 ft Delta tower is to be shipped to them for a new repr. Plans are forming for a repr at ADS HQ.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA:** SM, H. Ernie Savage, VE7FB — British Columbia Emergency Net during these horrible band conditions now meet twice per night 3650 kHz at 1700 EST and at 3007ST. Also the Assistant Net Manager monitors 3650 kHz from early AM till net times. Call and give him five minutes to arrive at the net. British Columbia Public Service Net meets on 3758 kHz running two hours. VE7DDF, Ford, Assistant Net Manager, filling in for Net Manager VE7QC, Sil, who has been Net Manager for over twenty nine years. Sil is very sick in Trail Hospital. It is nice to hear VE7WT Kirby back as NCS on BCPS net after many months being in hospital. BCPS reports for February High 240 Low 130 Total 5070, with average night 181. VE7IK Frank is still in hospital. Thanks to two meter he does keep in contact with the outside. 73. Traffic: VE7BN 269, VE7CD 73, VE7EIR 13, VE7FB 12, VE7EGN 10, VE7FS 9, VE7BZ 14.

**MANITOBA:** SM, Jack Adams, VE4AJE — SEC: VE4FK, NMs VE4LB, VJ, AFO, TE, ANR. It is indeed with sadness that I report the passing of VE4JA - Jack became a Silent Key on February 27 & will be missed by many Amateurs & Friends. Band conditions have been trying but dedication has been good. Net & traffic report M/P N QNI 1090 sessions 28 QTC 11 - MMWV QNI 524 session 28 QTC 30 MTN QNI 237 sessions 28 QTC 40 WRS QNI 340 sessions 8. Traffic: VE4RO 49, AJE 39, AFO 32, TE 30, AAD 20, NE 11, BI 7, FK 7, PG 6, DT 6, CR 4, MP 3. ADS 2.0, AET 2, DS 2, MG 2, HK 1.

**ONTARIO:** SM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT — BM: VE3LST, PGL: VE3AR, SEC: VE3GV, STM: VE3BDM, TC: VE3EGO. Congratulations to the Ontario Trilliums who are celebrating their 20th anniversary this month with a special dinner in Scarborough on the 11th. The OVMARC's "gang of four" VE3FNS VE3KXL VE3LAR VE3KJK are pleased to announce the following graduates from their course: VE3PAA VE3AP VE3PAM VE3PAP VE3OVM VE3OVV. Last year's graduates VE3OMA and VE3OMM have upgraded and advanced. VE3EGO has completed building his IEM PC and is now busy trying to get his TNC going on the PC for packet radio. Interest and activity in NAPLPS is high in the Hamilton Guelph Ottawa Nanawee and Belleville areas. With the interest in packet radio in the section, an NTS packet net would be useful — any takers? Regrettably I report that VE3DCQ has become a Silent Key. Our sympathies to xyl VE3BFI and family. With the increase in postal rates, I have noticed a reduction in the number of club bulletins I receive monthly. Your club bulletins are necessary for the success of this column and I would appreciate receiving as many as possible so I can share your activities with other within and outside the section. I have presented an interesting talk on "old time ham radio" to the Ontario AFCE and am complete with photos, samples and all. Ted has been a ham for 51 years. Don't forget that Field Day will be held on the weekend of June 22-23. VE3VM has been reappointed EC for the London and Middlesex Counties. VE3HGA is the new president of CLARA — their AG/DC "Mystery" Contest is scheduled for the 28th and 29th of this month. VE3SB enjoyed some of the best diving waters yet in the Cayman Islands. Some of the RSO Bicentennial Award winners were: VE3CLT VE3DWE VE3BJK VE3EHG VE3IHB. VE3DAP captured the Pennsylvania QSO party Canadian Division plaque with VE3EK the runner-up. Traffic: VE3DPO 22, VE3GK 22, VE3GZ 22, VE3HJ 22, VE3JAE VE3GFN 44, VE3JAN 37, VE3JV 36, VE3KXL 22, VE3BUO 20, VE3EWD 19, VE3KXB 18, VE3DZH 12, VE3OER 11, VE3VG 5. (Jan.) VE3KXB 41.

**QUEBEC:** SM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP — STM: VE2EDO, BM: VE2ALE, PIO: VE2YW, TC: VE2ED, NMs: VE2EDO and VE2FSA. Change of call: VE2APR is now VE2VY, VE2AQO now VE2FT. UMS presented "50 years an amateur" certificates to: VE2JL, IG, DW and EVW. Congrats to all. Lecons de code morse: lundi au jeudi sur VE2BG de 8-9 hrs, mardi et jeudi sur VE2TA de 9-10 hrs, lundi, mercredi et vendredi sur VE2REL de 9-10 hrs. Avec regret je dois vous annoncer le deces de VE2AMG. Traffic: VE2EDO 59, VE2BP 47, VE2EC 38, VE2EK 32.

**SASKATCHEWAN:** SM, W. C. Munday, VE5WM — SEC: VE5CU, STM: VE5HG, TC: VE5GF, OBS: VE5JA, BM: VE5WM, NMs: VE5EX VE5NJ VE5EM VE5AE VE5BAF. Net reports Prairie Weather Net: 28 sessions, 578 QNI; RARA 2 meter 28 sessions, 443 QNI, 2 QTC; Saskatoon 2 meter 28 sessions, 257 QNI, 543 Phone Net 28 sessions, 1456 QNI, 51 QTC. Congratulations and welcome to VE5JA on his appointment to Official Bulletin Station. Check in for weekly CRRL bulletins on the SPN 3753 kHz. Check in to the SPN has been very good in spite of some tough nights on the band. Traffic: VE5AMG 2, VE5BAF 20, VE5HG 26.

### ATLANTIC DIVISION

**DELAWARE:** SM, John Hartman, WA3ZBI — STM: W3DXX, SEC: W3PO, PIO: N3DIP, PSHR: K3JL. Congratulations to Bob WA3EWK and Bill KA3JFM on upgrading. New club for Sussex Co. HAMS are starting a new club the MANTICORE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. A.W.A.F.E. club is offering Extra and Technician classes in June. DTN QNI 363, QTC 1, time 509 min. in 20 sessions. SEN QNI 59, QTC 8, time 105 min. in 4 sessions. SEN QNI 33, QTC 7, time 73 min. in 4 sessions. Late reports: DTN QNI 434, QTC 57, time 627 min. in 23 sessions. SEN QNI 53, QTC 7, time 105 min. in 5 sessions. Traffic: W3QQ 181, W3PQ 69, W3BDU 51, W3A3VI 30, W3A3ZB 23, K3JL 21, N3A3X 19, W3FEG 12, K3CFW 6, KA3IXV 6, KC3JM 7, K3ZXP 5.

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SM, Jim Post, KA3A — Local Nets:  
ATN 146.67 2000R W/F 48 18 8 KC3LY  
D3ARES 145.37 1930R M 81 43 4 W3VA

D2ARES 145.45 2000R Th 55 0 4 WA2OQB  
D5ARES 146.865 2100R S 50 2 4 N3BFL  
D6ESN 147.00 2000R Tu/Th 102 26 4 WA3GKA  
D8ARES 147.30 1900R Tue 46 0 4 WA3JRL  
PWA/ARES 148.715 2000 Sun 74 1 4 KA3JOJ  
MARCA/RES 147,060 2030R Sun 77 11 4 N3DSX  
MARCTN 147,060 2030R MW/TF 233 41 13 KA3HBK  
ASM: KC3ML, KC3ZFD, WA3PZO, KA3GJT, SEC: WA3PZO, ACC: KB3NF, PIO: WA3AMG, TC: W3FSA, STM: KB3UD, N3BFL, K3MWA, KB3LR, WA3JRL, N3JAI. Welcome to our new EC for Union and Snyder Counties - Don, WB3GDD. Election results - Tamaqua W3VA, Pres. K3BWE, V.P., KA3NAE, Sec. W3EAK, Treas. Reading Radio Club KC3QB, Pres. W3WJC, V.P., W3UQC, Sec. WB3AAK, Treas. Directors - WA3KHB, WB3FPL, WA3SPJ, W3CAC, WB3KCD, Mid-Atlantic Radio Club-Pres. KA3IME, V.P. WA3PZO, Sec. KC3BP, Treas. WB3ELA. Thanks to the HAMS that participated in the York County flood watch, under the direction of Chrs. N3CFV. They were - N3CAF, N3EQB, W3AQN, W3DST, W3AXC, N3CSV, KG3DI, KA3CST, KB3JA, KA3MIL, N3ATI, WB3FHA. From KCMG, Weir Beach, PA, a held volunteer exam. Exams were Steve, K03B, K3CQ, K3CQ, K3CQ and Pat 333. Upgrades were Eric N3DLJ, Gen to Ex. Dave WB3AMO, Gen to Ex. Frank WA3QDN and Ray KA3BJP. Tech to Gen and Mike, KA3LWR, Bob KA3NUF, Terrance KA3FBX. Notice to tech congrats to all. Traffic: KA3DJ 358, N3COY 299, KB3UD 269, W3KAG 150, W3KAG 150, W3JPF 144, N3AJW 142, KA3IME 137, W3AQN 130, WA4U 101, WB3KPE 98, WA3EHD 88, N3CDD 85, AA3B 80, WA3GLX 72, KC3LY 69, N3AZW 67, W3JKX 45, W3ADE 43, W3TWW 41, W3VA 36, WA3CCKA 24, KA3A 22, K3QXC 21, W3FAP 17, K3MWA 10.

**MARYLAND:** SM, Karl R. Medrow, W3FA — OO reports designed to be helpful to others were received from K3CPH and KA3R. The Section needs a technical man to solve the VCR interference problem! KA3ID KC3D WB3KJT K3GM K3GNS and the OO's mailed reports. CD 210's no longer last between QCD bulletins! Make it a radio-gram. N3EGF, N3BGD Generals and Tech N3EGF are recent upgrades from VE testing. Congrats! KC3V is busy taking MSN reports on the W3LDD and K3BNL make short informal reports. KC3DW advises re the W C 2-Mtr Net and W3OY reports the goings on of the MDC PON. WB3FUE is the link between KA3HUT and the Salisbury ARES Net. WB3BFK has the WR PON — a good outlet covering Northwestem MD, W. Virginia and VA mainly — plus the SNOWBIRDS in Florida! KJ3E steers the MEPN and the rest of us are in there some where! W3YVQ has RACES geared up to cover the state and reports the Red Cross Disaster team is organized in Balto County. N4DLA finally had a QSO on 2-Meter AM! N3EBG sure has northeast hopping. KA3CDQ is heading up the Special Events doings at Upper Marlboro. KJ3F's new antenna makes his presence known! KC3AV had enough left over for PSHR! KA3EWW tried his keyboard at high speed but W3QQ topped him! W3DQJ's traveling days are not over! K3NNI is back to work full time with all 4 bypasses working. FB, N3DE has a natural tail end suffix. WA2ERT is a scouter. K3MR knows when to help and does his W3FZV worked the OCWA QSO party. Newsletters appreciated from: SoMaARC, FAR, Delmarva ARC, Md Mobileers ARC, Feedback Laurel ARC, Columbia ARA, Ham Arundel News Anne Arundel ARC. With the nets: Net Manager Sessions: FOCN Average. M3P/NKJ3E 31/21/92, TM N3QK KA3CQD W3ZPT K3E W3FA, KB3WL, WA3DUM K3KF K3CPV and W3YVQ. MSN/KC3Y 28/712. WR PON/WB3BFK 1925/113.5, MDC PON/W3OY 4/4/14.5, WC 2 Mtr/K3CDW 4/5/14.2. Wicomico Ares/KA3HUT 3/1/13. Traffic: K3K 405, KC3DVA 331, KC3Y 238, W3FA 146, KA3EWW 140, N3DE 135, K3JAV 123, KJ3E 117, K3NNI 95, WA2ERT 84, WB3KJT 49, N4DLA 45, N3EBQ 38, W3YVQ 32, WB3BFK 25, W3DQJ 20, W3FZV 18, KA3ID 17, KB3NL 10, WB3FUE 9, K3MR 7, KC3D 6, W3LDD 4.

**SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SM, Richard Baier, WA2HEB — SEC: K2QJL, STM: WB2UBV, ACC: K2IXE, TC: W2JX, SGL: W2XQ, PIO: VACANT, BM: WB2UBV, OO/RFI: KB2MY. As of this writing (early March), we are in need of a Public Information Officer (PIO) in our section due to the resignation of WB2RVE, who resigned after taking a position in Vermont. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Bob and his family the best of everything in their new QTH. PLEASE TAKE NOTE, effective immediately, address all matters concerning repeater coordination to: Frequency Coordinating Committee, P.O. Box 954, Valley Forge, PA 19481 Attn: K3ZFD. The Penn-Jersey Repeater Council is no longer in operation. At a recent SNJ staff meeting held in Westhampam, WB2UBV was appointed a special EC for the SKYWARN program. Considering the various kinds of crazy weather we get throughout the year, the National Weather Service keenly recognizes the valuable service we amateurs can provide. For more details, please contact your local EC or WB2UBV. Traffic: K2K2X 174, WB2UBV 141, WA2MGV 22, WA2CUW 12, K2K2X 10.

**WESTERN NEW YORK:** SM, William W. Thompson, W2MTA — Club officers: Greater Adirondack Repeater Association: WA2JAB WA2SEF WA2GJL WB2ZYI. Liverpool Area: W2GDM W2GLN WB2YV WA2ZJ. Congrats to NA2C LARG Ham-of-Year and WA2JLV GRAM Ham-of-Year. GARA Outstanding Service Award to ND2GD and KB2VG for their efforts with Mt. Morris 9333 repeater. BPL to K2GKT WB2IDS WB2OWO. Public Service Honor Roll: KA2BHR KG2D KA2DQA WA2FJJ K2GXT WB2IDS WA2KOJ W2MTA Kuzen WB2OWO ND2S KA2UBW W2UYE K2YAL, Hamfest Calendar: Owego May 4, Rochester May 18-19, Rome June 2, Cortland June 15, Batavia July 14, Newark Valley Traffic Handlers August 10, Trumansburg August 24. Former SCN WNY W2HJZ received 50 year plaque. THANKS to K2K2J retiring EC Wayne County. Appointments: (EC) K2CZC D3RMS Co. (PIA) WA2OEP, (ORS) K2JUT. OBS reports: WB2DSR WA2ZPE.  
N3YSI 3677 1000/Dy WB2EAG 362 338 28  
W2NM/\* 0418 1100/Dy WB2CWO 312 087 28  
Mike Farad 3925 1300/Dy VE2GK 249 087 28  
NYPSTON 3913 1700/Dy WA2KQJ 721 218 28  
NYSPTON 3925 1800/Dy W2MTA 588 085 28  
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STAR 99/39 2130/Sat  
WDNL\* 04/64 2130/Dy WB2WUO 508 193 28  
NYS5\* 3677 2200/Dy WB2MCO 293 215 28

\*NTS Net. SEC W2BCH reminds us that the Western New York Emergency Coordinators Net meets every third Sunday at 8 P.M. on 3955 kHz. KA2UBX announces start of New York Training Net NYTN on 3720 kHz at 8 P.M. Monday through Friday, both beginners and experienced traffic handlers are needed to develop techniques. Atlantic Division Convention at Rochester on May 18 and 19 should prove interesting and different in programming this year. I hope to see you there. KB2KW is experimenting on 147.075/675 in Southern Tier. STAR nets are looking for a Net Manager. Traffic: WB2OWO 714, WB2IDS 663, W2GK 603, WA2FJ 413, W2M 186, VE2FMQ 320, KG2D 216, WA2KQJ 193, ND2S 180, K2N 166, KA2BHR 151, KA2UBX 151, WB2QIX 122, K2YAI 109, KA2BDD 99, W2ZJO 83, W2UYE 82, AF2K 59, KA2DQA 57, KX2T 51, W2HYM 50, WA2SMZ 43, KA2PHP 37, W2GJ 35, N2EZW 30, WB2KCT 23, WB3CUF 17, WA2RXO 15, K2JUT 13, WA2OEP 12, WB2NAO 10, KA2QIK 8, K2VR 8, W2P2S 6. (Jan.) W2GJ 11.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA:** SM, Otto L. Schuler, K3SMB — SEC: WA3UFN, STM: AC3N, PIO: WB3ZJL, SGL: K3HVL, TC: K3JLR, OO Coord: KJ3Q, BM: WN3VAW. New appointment WA3UFN as SEC. All ECs should send their reports to him monthly. All appointees should report monthly to the section level coordinator designated to receive their reports. To hold an appointment, monthly reports are required. We will be having a new AGC in the near future. We have a Silent Key, W3OIB. Our sympathies are with his family. PACKET RADIO: I have attended two demonstrations given by Bob Hoffman, N3CVL, and Terry Ward, WA3VQJ. N3CVL is with the Computer Department of the University of Pittsburgh, and WA3VQJ is with Digital Equipment. They set up three stations for the demo and the results were very impressive. I think that they would be glad to pass any info to anyone asking. They would like to have more activity in the section for testing and operating. Clubs having VE exams should give WN3VAW their schedules so that he can have bulletin stations pass it along. To those wanting more on PACKET radio, the League pub. Gateway, has very much info on what is happening around the country. The result of the PA-QSO Party are out. I don't have room to put the winners here but congratulations to all and especially Doug, W4DHI, for all the time and effort he puts into the event. Also, for the ill-mannered letters he received from Tennessee by the so-called gentleman who claims a frequency. We have constant interference on our nets, but don't call names — we just move to a clear spot. Traffic: W3EGK 1442 (for BPL), AC3N 315, KQ3T 203, W3OKN 194, WA3DWB 194, W3NEM 164, KA3ETC 165, WA3UNX 105, K3SMB 97, W3KMZ 68, W3NGO 66, K3NPW 65, KB3NV 64, K3JFM 41, KR3P 50, W3KUN 48, WA3QNT 48, W3RUL 43, N3CJQ 31, W3MML 29, KA3GJ 27, KQ3M 23, K3LTV 22, W3SN 20, N3BQ 16, W3K 15, WB3GUM 19, K3CHR 19, WN3VAW 18, WB3GVI 18, KB3DT 14, W3ZX 10, KA3EGE 5, N3KB 3.

### CENTRAL DIVISION

**ILLINOIS:** SM, David E. Lattan, WD9EQ — SEC: W9QBH, STM: KB9X, OOC: W9TT, BM: K9ZDN, SGL: W9KPT, ACC: WB9SFT, TC: N9RF, ASM: K9ORP.

Net	Freq.	Time (Z WIN)	QNI	QTC	Seas.
ILN	3690	0030/0400 Dy	488	201	52
ITN	3705	0100 Dy	274	68	28
ILPN	3915	2230 Dy (X Sn)	698	63	28
NCPN	3915	1300 Dy (X Xn)	430	78	24
INCPN	7270	1815 Dy (X Sn)	315	104	24
ISN	3915	2300 Sn	106	—	4
IARES	3915	2230 1-3 Sn	518	—	—
ISN	3905	0000 Dy	478	186	26

Illinois was represented 89% to 99N by stations KG9AZ WB9RFV KB9VE ND7OY/9 NR9R KA9EWN KZ9I W9JNZ KW9J KD9R W9BNVW W9NWX KA9PKG K9OEWE N9TN KB9X and K9C9N. Illinois was represented 100% to D9RN by stations W9NWX K9AZS WB9ODN KW9J W9HLX WB9NVN WB9RFB and WD9AHQ. D9RN was represented 100% to CAND. Illinois stations were N9DWN WB9NVN W9HOT W9NWX and WB9RFB. Hello and Goodbye!! This month we welcome N9RF on board as Illinois' first Technical Coordinator. Ed is well qualified to hold the post as he is an Illinois Registered Professional Engineer and holds a BEE and a first phone. Ed is also the TC for Illinois Army MARS. If you are interested in one of the newly created Asst. TC station appointments, give Ed a shout. He'll need our assistance with the recent decision to move RFI cases from the OO area to the TC area. In addition to his technical pursuits, Ed is also active in the Chicago Area SKYWARN Assn., and the Northeast Illinois Emergency Net. On the other side of the coin, this month we say goodbye and THANKS! to WD9EED who has resigned as PIO. Don was instrumental in getting the PIA program started in the Illinois Section and has recruited a fine bunch of PIAs who are helping to keep our activities before the public media. 73, Don! I invites us all to attend the Centralia Wireless Assn. Hamfest on May 5. This issue should "hit the stands" just days before the fest, so hope to see you there! There will be ARRL VEC exams given, with reservations due by April 5. Walkins may be permitted if time and space allow, but advanced registrations will determine this. REPORTING: Traffic handlers please note that a detailed breakdown of traffic by send., rcvd., org., deld., is no longer required UNLESS you qualify for BPL. This should speed up end of the month traffic on the nets. Also, radiogram reports are preferred over the CD-210 as it exercises the nets once a month with a heavier than normal traffic load, promotes contact between local nets and NTS nets, and saves you 22 cents in the process! TRAFFIC: WB9XL 712, WB9RFB 221, W9HOT 180, W9NWX 170, KB9X 9T, KA9EWN 56.



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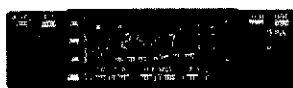


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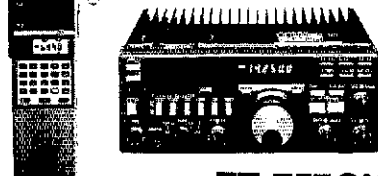


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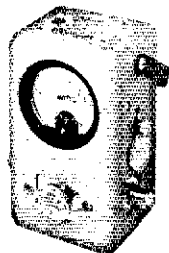
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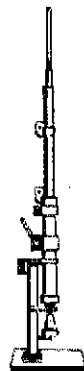
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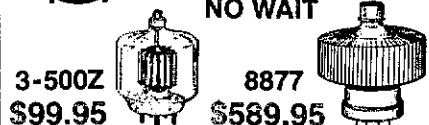
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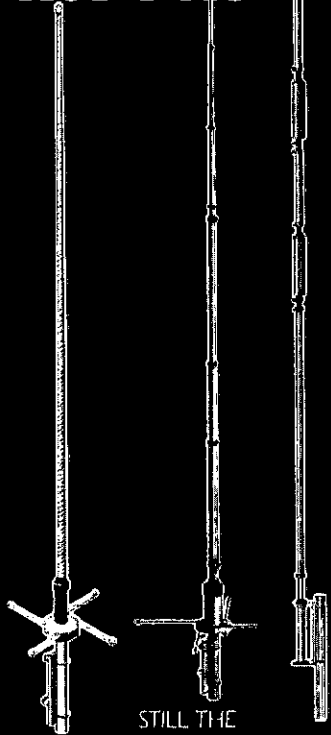






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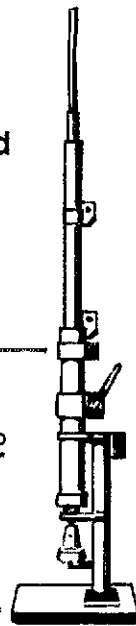
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MA-40	40'	21'6"	2	300	3" sq.	4 1/2"	\$ 735.00*
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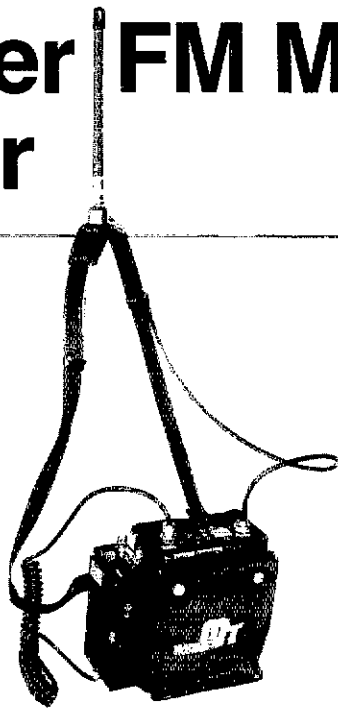
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# New 2 Meter FM Multipurpose Transceiver



**Hand held MT-20A** unit for Hi/Low 1.5/150 mW use with BA-2 Nicad Rechargeable Battery.

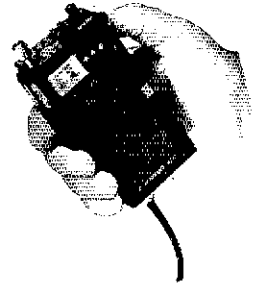


**Portable** transceiver puts out 10 Watts... Ideal for amateur participation events such as emergencies... athletic events... marathons.

The new MT-20A transceiver can be used as a 10 W portable unit with carrying case, LA-20 Linear Amplifier and rechargeable Nicad Battery.

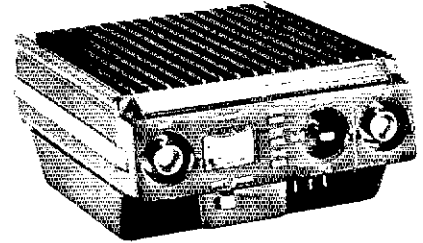
Easy to read thumbwheel digital switches provide complete coverage of the 2 meter band in 5 kHz steps.

For **base** operation, the MT-20A transceiver provides 20 W output with the LA-20A Linear Amplifier, or can be used with any linear amplifier connected through the SD-1 Adapter.



In **mobile** operation, the MT-20A transceiver provides 20 W output when used with the LA-20 Linear Amplifier and plugged into the vehicle cigarette lighter through an SD-1 adapter.

Use hand held transceiver for all functions... Thumbwheel Frequency Selector... Built-in S Meter... Microphone... Speaker.



The new LA-20 2 meter linear amplifier provides 20 W (at 13.8 VDC) of stable transmitting power using high performance transistors.

## MT-20A SPECIFICATIONS

### General

**Frequency** : 144-148 MHz in 5 kHz steps  
**Emission type** : (FM)  
**RF output impedance**: 50ohm unbalanced (BNC socket)  
**Power source** : 8.4V DC (5.5-11V DC)  
**Current drain** : 150mA Max. on reception  
 25mA on reception with no input signal  
 550mA Max. on transmission  
**Dimensions/weight** : Main unit (without battery pack)  
 118mm(H) x 60mm(W) x 38mm(D)/250g  
 Battery pack (Model BA-2)  
 40mm(H) x 60mm(W) x 33mm(D)/120g  
**Repeater device** : Built-in  
 - 600kHz transmit down shift switch  
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### Receiver

**Circuitry** : Double-conversion Superheterodyne  
**Sensitivity** : Better than 1 $\mu$ V for 30dB S/N  
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 Greater than  $\pm$  15kHz/ -60dB  
**Image rejection** : Better than -80dB  
**Audio output** : 200mW (8 ohms)

### Transmitter

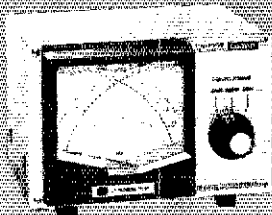
**RF output power** : High 1.5W Low 150mW  
**Modulation** : (FM)  
**Spurious emission** : Better than -60dB  
**Microphone** : Electret condenser Microphone, built-in (impedance 2K ohm)

## LA-20 SPECIFICATIONS

### General

**RF output power** : 20W (13.8V DC - 1.5W input)  
 10W (9.6V DC or Nicad - 1.5W input)  
**Power source** : 13.8V DC - DC power supply  
 9.6V DC - Nicad battery, Model BA-4/BA-2 (Optional)  
**Dimensions/weight** : 53mm(H) x 100mm(W) x 140mm(D)  
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**Power:** 3 Ranges (Forward, 20/200/2000 W)  
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**Frequency Range:** 140-450 MHz  
**Power:** 2 Ranges (Forward, 20/200 W)  
 (Reflected, 4/40 W)

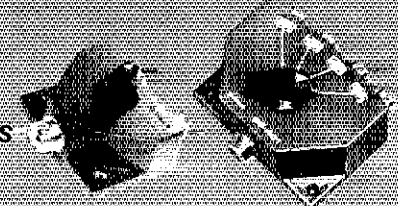
	<b>CN-410M</b>	<b>CN-460M</b>	<b>CN-465M</b>
<b>Frequency Range:</b>	3.5-150MHz	140-450 MHz	140-450 MHz
<b>Power Range: Forward</b>	15 W/150 W	15 W/150 W	15 W/75 W
<b>Reflected</b>	5 W/50 W	5 W/50 W	5 W/25 W

All Models Back Lit. with mobile bracket.

	<b>CN-520</b>	<b>CN-540</b>	<b>CN-550</b>
<b>Frequency Range:</b>	1.8-60 MHz	50-150 MHz	144-250 MHz
<b>Power Range:</b>	200/2000 W	20/200 W	20/200 W

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	<b>CS-201</b>	<b>CS-201G</b>	<b>CS-401</b>	<b>CS-401G</b>	<b>CS-4</b>
<b>Connectors:</b>	800 MHz	1.3 GHz	800 MHz	1.3 GHz	1.3 GHz
<b>V&amp;SWR:</b>	SO-239	N type	SO-239	N type	BNC type
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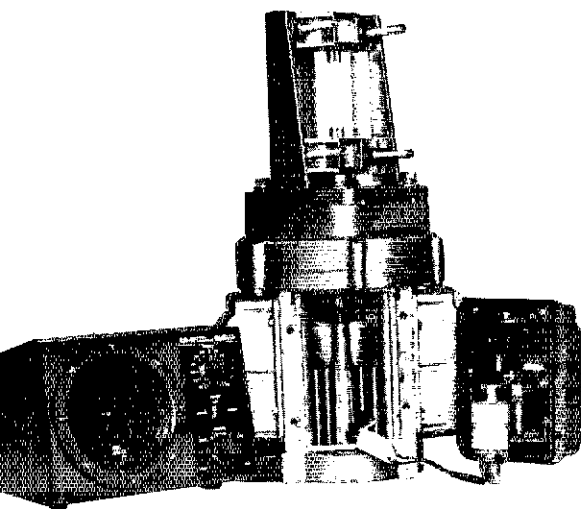


Each motor is equipped with a Super Wedge and Clutch brake system (Slip clutch type) that works independently from the main frame gear train and protects the rotator mechanism from excessive torque.

The main frame and reduction gear train have been designed to withstand maximum wind loading.

Maximum brake power is 18,300 lbs/in when 4 motors are installed.

Low voltage (24 VAC) motors... Low cost 6-wire control cable.



The rotator frame can house up to 4 motors to increase torque and load capacity.

## Specifications

### ■ Rotator Unit

		MR-750E/PE	MR-300E
Rotation time	60 Hz	58 seconds (60 Hz input)	33 seconds (60 Hz input)
	50 Hz	70 seconds (50 Hz input)	39 seconds (50 Hz input)
Output torque	1 motor	610 lbs/inch (700 kg/cm)	220 lbs/inch (250 kg/cm)
	2 motor	1,200 lbs/inch (1,400 kg/cm)	440 lbs/inch (500 kg/cm)
Brake power	3 motor	1,800 lbs/inch (2,100 kg/cm)	650 lbs/inch (750 kg/cm)
	4 motor	2,400 lbs/inch (2,800 kg/cm)	870 lbs/inch (1,000 kg/cm)
		5,200 lbs/inch (6,000 kg/cm)	7,000 lbs/inch (8,000 kg/cm)
Rotation angle		375 degrees	
Permissible mast size		1½ ~ 2½ inch (38 ~ 63 mm) < diameter >	
Control cable		6-wire cable 0.5sq—1.25sq (AWG16/18/20 etc.)	
Continuous running		5 minutes Max. permissible	
Unit weight		16.5 lbs (7.5 kg) < with 1 motor unit fitted >	

### ■ Controller Unit

		CR-4 (for MR-750E/MR-300E)	CR-4P (for MR-750PE)
Power source		117 V AC (50/60 Hz)	
Power consumption		200 W (with 4 drive motors)	
Motor running voltage		24 V AC	
Dimensions		180 mm (W) x 125 mm (H) x 175 mm (D)	
Weight		9 lbs (4 kg)	
Operation		Manual	Manual/Pre-set



## ANTENNA TUNERS

### CNW-518

Frequency Range: 3.5-30 MHz (8 bands)  
Power Rating: 1 kW CW (50% duty)

Output Impedance: 10-250/25-100 ohm  
(On 3.5 MHz)

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Power Rating: 200 W CW (3.5-30 MHz)  
100W CW (1.8-3.4 MHz)

Output Impedance: 10-250 ohm

### CL-680 (no metering)

Frequency Range: 1.8-30 MHz (17 bands)  
Power Rating: 200W CW (3.5-30 MHz)  
100W CW (1.8-3.4 MHz)

Output Impedance: 10-250 ohm



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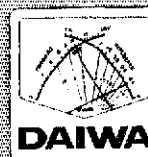
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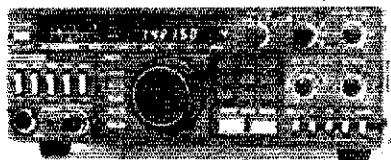
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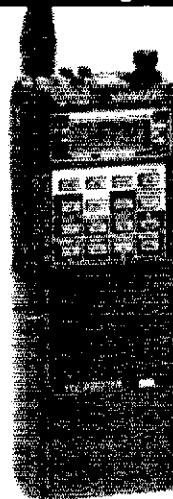
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Net	Freq.	Time	Daily	UCT	QNI	QTC	QTR	Sess.
ITN	3910	1330/2130/2300			3239	375	2288	84
QIN	3658	1430/0000/0300			618	417	1925	84
ICN	3708	2315			160	53	800	28
IRN	3529	0000			191	108	1091	28
IWN	3910	1310			1658	0	404	28
IWN VHF Bloomington					1020	0	280	28
IWN VHF Kokomo					946	0	189	28

Hoosier VHF Nets for February. QNI 7417, QTC 257, Bulletins 182, QTC 10, 111 in 222 sessions for 26 nets. 9RN cycle four QNI 599, QTC 512, QTR 1099, in 100% Stns. N9AEI W9EI N9HZ K9J W9JLJ WA9QCF WB9UYU K9WWJ. D9RN 599 messages in 1371 minutes. IN, 100% Stns. K9CGS, W9JLJ, N9DWU, CAND 1163 messages in 28 sessions. D9RN 100% Stns. N9DWU, W9JLJ, K9CGS. Appointments: Emergency Coordinator KA9ECY for Spencer County, NB9L for LaGrange County, WB9WMO for Montgomery County, WD9ARI for Lake County, W9ETZ for Noble County. Silen1 says: WA9EBW and W9LYB both of Fort Wayne. This month we have experienced a snow emergency in most counties with people in shelters in many places and several medical emergencies. We followed that with the worst flooding in 30 years. Congratulations and thanks to all who helped. K9LSB has resigned as Assistant Repeater coordinator for 29/5/220 repeaters. WA9CWE has resigned as Assistant Repeater coordinator for 440 MHz. Any one interested and qualified for either position please let me know. The Month of May Contest from May 1 to May 31 sponsored by the Indiana QRP Group will award 33 in state and out of state certificates. Contact N8DHX for more information. There will be amateur testing at both the Evansville (KD9JB ARRL) and Wabash Hamfests (N9AEI Devyn). Congratulations to KA9BID on being chosen Sugar Creek Repeater Association "Ham of the Year".

Traffic: W9JLJ 1376, K9J 237, W9CNE 167, KM9B 142, WB9UYU 128, WA9YIF 118, KA9FFO 105, N9AEI 102, WD9DWD 84, KB9HH 82, W9EI 72, K9R 68, WA9QCF 66, K9WD 57, K9ET 56, N9HZ 50, K9DFK 49, W9UMH 45, W9JZY 36, WB9AWI 32, WD9HII 28, N9DHF 28, W9QYY 28, W9PMT 27, K9KTB 25, KD9ER 25, KW9C 16, WA9OKK 16, KA9EIV 15, K9TKE 13, WB9VPG 12, K9BR 11, W9BTZ 10, KK9N 10, K9PS 10, W9KT 10, W9ACHY 9, W9URS 9, W9PRD 8, W9CZZ 8, W9BD 7, K9CGS 6, N9DYC 6, W9DZ 6, W9ZGC 6, W9EY 6, K9CUP 5, K9DIY 5, WD9CIV 5, WB9IHR 4, WA9JN 4, WD9ART 3, KA9LAU 2, WB9AJY 2, WB9TOW 1, W9JFI 1, W9XD 1.

WISCONSIN: SM, Richard R. Regent, K9GDF. ACC: KA9FOZ. BM: KA9CPA. CO/RFI: N9GJ. P/O: K9ZZ. SEC: W9OAK. SGL: AG9V. STL: K9UTG. TC: K9TGF. The Milwaukee School of Engineering RC welcomed 800 visitors to their second Annual Swapfest. K9AKG, Ole, got to repair a friend's 1912 Edison phonograph. WB9JWT, Roger, reports the Milwaukee Area Net meets on 50.115 MHz SSB, Mondays and Fridays at 9 P.M., for the purpose of traffic handling, general information exchange and grid hunting when conditions are right. Net Manager WB9JWT has around 18 checkins, sometimes a few from outside of Wisconsin, and welcomes newcomers. Any clubs want to plan for operating a booth at this year's State Fair? Welcome new Manitowoc EC WB9MFL. K9DF talks VEP at Kettle Moraine RAC meeting and visits Racine Megacycle ARC to hear W9CYV give traffic talk. BPL to KA9CPA and WA9WYS. Operating mobile packet radio is becoming second nature for WB9WRW of Milwaukee, who uses a TRS-80 Model 100 portable computer, AEA PKT-1 packet controller and a IC-2AT to make QSOs while mobile. Ron assures everyone that he types into memory and reads received messages only at stop signs, but loves to hit the return key while driving to send packets!

BWN	3985	6 A.M.	1057-1107-24
BEN	3985	Noon	683-300-28
W9BN	3985	5:30 P.M.	WA9ZTY 855-387-28
WNN	3723	6 P.M.	KA9OBP 163-21-27
WSSN	3645	6:30 P.M.	N9BDL 160-5-28
WIN-E	3662	7 P.M.	WB9ICH 234-179-27
WIN-L	3662	10 P.M.	K9C9J 129-42-28
NWVN	3494	6:30 P.M.	W9JSF 428-68-28
WCWVN	3191	6:00 P.M.	N9DHT 491-58-28
XPO	3925	12:30 P.M.	K9AKG 274-22-20

Traffic: KA9CPA 2048, WA9WYS 707, KC9CJ 385, W9CYV 292, K9GDF 214, KD9HD 213, KA9BHI 175, W9UCL 133, WB9ICH 128, N9BDL 127, W9DZ 118, WD9ND 89, W9DQJ 87, WD9FRJ 83, KA9AKG 82, WA9ZTY 81, W9JSF 73, WB9T 70, W9FDY 53, KA9RII 53, N9BCX 51, K9B 46, K9PHI 35, WD9DNQ 31, WB9JSW 28, N9DCF 28, K9JPS 25, KA9JY 25, KA9BHK 24, N9DIJ 20, KA9NOT 7, WB9RGE 6, K9VJU 6, W9UW 5, W9NGP 5, KZ9V 3, AG9G 0. (Jan.) KZ9V 13.

## DAKOTA DIVISION

MINNESOTA: SM, George Frederickson, Jr., KC8T — SEC: KA9ARP. STM: KD8CI. Even as I file this report, we are in the midst of the worst winter storm to hit Minnesota in quite sometime. 3929 kHz has been a continuous source of amateur activity since 1930Z on March 3 with KA9ARP, KC8T and WB9HGX acting as NCS during the storm alert. Activity has been tremendous and I hope to have a complete report in next month's column. The Mid-winter Madness was well attended and, no doubt a big success again for the Robbinsdale ARC. The Mora Vasaloppet received substantial support from area amateurs again in covering this yearly cross country ski event. KA9EVR was the coordinator in arranging amateur coverage with WA9JQD acting as NCS. KC8T has announced the appointment of KB9RZ to the Affiliated Club Coordinator post. This leaves only the State Government Liaison post to be filled. Anyone interested in becoming SGL contact KC8T. NET NEWS: As promised, some changes on MSNRTTY. WA9LUT has been appointed net mgr relieving K9BDF. My thanks to K9BTF who helped get the net started. The net has moved to 3820 kHz and the new time is 7 P.M. on Tues, Thurs and Sat for now. Activity will increase the nights the net is on, so lets get into it folks! The CW nets continue to come thru for us in spite of the band conditions. W9EHI requests any CW operators who would like to help out on the CW nets, they are needed. Contact W9EHI if you want to help. Minnesota has established an MSO, thanks to the combined efforts of

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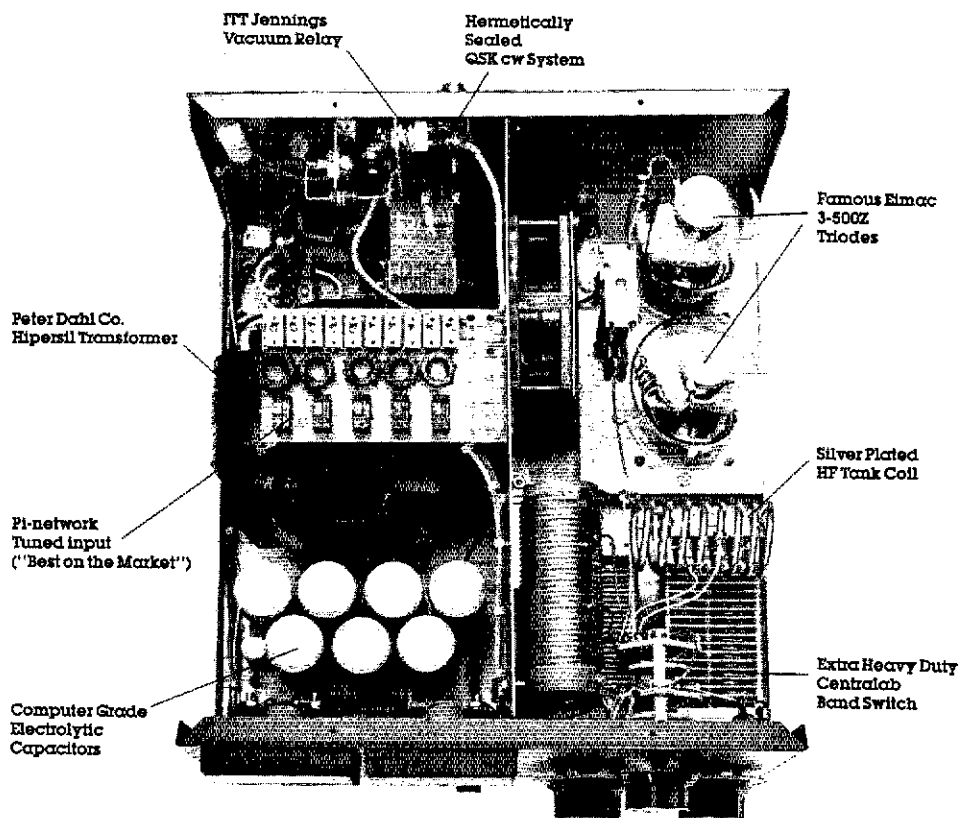
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KB2MB and KA0EY. The MSO is set up on 3529 kHz, more details forthcoming. Our section "Ham of the Month" award for February goes to NOCLS. My apologies to the following whose reports did not appear in the December traffic listings: NOCLS, WD0HDD and WB0WJN. Also, K0CVD was listed as NOCVD in the column. These stations contributed to the fine totals we had during Dec and they deserve recognition. Their totals appear below. NOBEIPIC is looking for information from clubs; his main areas of interest include Hamfest schedules, exam schedules. My compliments to NOBEI on the outstanding display he designed for the Midwinter Madness for our ARRL Section structure. It was indeed a work of art! Thanks to all who contribute to our public service efforts. If you're interested in helping, we can use you. Contact any of our section appointees.

Net	Freq. Time	Mgr	ONI/QTC/Sess.
MSN/1	2385 6:30P	WB0EHI	237/64/28
MSN/2	3885 10:00P	KA0EY	195/40/28
MSN	3710 8:00P	KA0DDQ	258/25/28
MSN/RTTY	3520 7:00P	WA0LUT	54/5/10
MSN/W	3529 12:00P	WB0WJN	557/92/28
MSN/E	3525 6:30P	WB0BGS	55/22/28
MAN/WXNT	3529 8:15P	WB0BAC	354/23/22
PICONE	3525 9:00A	WB0BAC	3723/449/152

Traffic: WA0IFC 447, KA0EY 262, WD0BAC 243, WB0WJN 207, KT9I 157, WB0EHI 147, KA0ARP 107, KA0DDQ 83, WA0ONJ 83, WD0HDD, WA0ONE 77, K0CBI 68, NOCLS 50, WB0DM 46, WB0HOX 40, KB0WV 40, WD0GGJ 33, WD0BGS 30, WB0ZU 30, WD0CGM 28, KC0T 28, NOBEI 26, K0GCI 22, WB0FMI 18, KA0AJF 15, K0CVD 15, KA0BFF 27, NB0J 9, WA0MJE 8, WA0FFU 7, N0EWA 8, N0BXP 6, N0FPB 5, N0FKU 4, W0UCE 4, (Jan.) NB0J 17, (Dec.) NOCLS 184, WB0WJN 158, WD0HDD 120, K0CVD 111, KC0T 81.

**NORTH DAKOTA:** SM, Joe Gregg, KN0A - Spring thunderstorm season will very soon be upon us, so now is the time to plan SKYWARN activities. Many areas have extremely well organized groups, but every city in North Dakota needs more activity. In many instances, amateur operators are the eyes and ears of the National Weather Service. In this respect, every single individual is important. Every ham's first thought, when he or she hears about threatening weather, should be, "How can I help?" Don't turn off your rig. If you are worried about lightning, hook your home 2-meter rig to a quarter-wave mag mount stuck to a cookie sheet; use your hand-held or get in your car and be a spotter. Remember, your help is needed badly!

**SOUTH DAKOTA:** SM, Fredric J. Stephan, KC000 - For the month of February we received individual station reports from NB0D WB0OMF WA0VRE W0YMB W0RWE KA0AE W0HOJ and net reports from SDEN BHN BCN CGEN NJQ net and the Wailworth Co. Emergency net. By now everyone in this section has had fair opportunity to express any views on traffic, traffic handling, emergency communications and nets. Here are some curious statistics from several recent surveys: To begin with 83.8% of S.D. hams are not interested in traffic or traffic nets in any way shape or form. Of those particular S.D. hams, 82% refuse to handle any traffic at any time. Out of those who are interested in traffic, 84% feel that it is alright for "independent" nets to take NTS traffic out of DTEN for their own purposes. 78% think they deserve ARRL credit for handling traffic, even though all their traffic handling practices might be contrary to all ARRL guidelines. 77% do not believe in practice for emergency communications; that they are already well prepared for any disaster. 71% do not understand how NTS and DTEN REALLY work. 39% of the above mentioned S.D. ham radio phone operators who rarely use the CW mode, 98% are over the age of 40. These were small surveys and perhaps not highly accurate. It does, however, reflect some basic sentiments of some S.D. amateurs. If you wish more general or specific information about the subject, read the articles in the back of the *Net Directory*. I have ordered extra copies of this as well as the *The Public Service Communications Manual*, and various related publications from ARRL Hq. If you want any of them, just look. I will send them free of charge. Good Hunting... DX... KC000.

**DELTA DIVISION**  
**ARKANSAS:** SM, Joel M. Harrison, WB5IGF - SEC: N5BPU, STM: A5FL, TC: W5FD, ACC: A5DM, PIO: K5DW, SGL: W5LCI. Repeater Coordinator: WB5FDP. I certainly enjoyed seeing each of you at the Arkansas ARRL State Convention and Hamfest last month. Remember that I cannot put your activity or news in this article unless I hear from you. Keep me up to date with what is going on in your group. Several of the affiliated clubs in the section have not updated their status with ARRL in almost 3 years. You stand to lose your affiliation if you don't keep things current. If you have any questions about your club, contact Morris Middleton, A5DM, the Affiliated Club Coordinator for Arkansas, hope to see each of you at the Rogers Hamfest provided I don't have a schedule conflict.

**LOUISIANA:** SM, John "Wondy" Wondergem, K5KR - SEC: KA5PF, ACC: K5DPC, SGL: K5DS, COVRFI WB5TPS TC: N5JM, Acadiana ARA election of officers: Pres: Jim NF5I, V. Pres: Scott KA5ROO, Sec: Buttons K5E2P, Treas: Don KA5RAU. Their '85 Lafayette Hamfest and ARRL State Convention was absolutely tops. June N5HBG and her friendly bunch of Cajuns deserve a well done. Bob W5OB, an Old Old Timers Director is sporting a new ARRL 50 year pin. Charlie WA5RBQ is sporting a new ARRL 50 year pin. Charlie WA5RBQ is very active DXing on AMTOR. Have you seen the new Louisiana Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (LCARC) Directory. It's a first class publication containing a directory of La. hams, a list of the repeater club info and more. The Chairman is Al Dubre (K5DPC) who is also the ARRL Club Coordinator as well as the La. repeater coordinator. The purpose of the Council is to promote amateur radio in Louisiana and encourage cooperation among the many La. clubs and organizations. Hats off to Al W5OVV who did much of the hard work as Council Secretary. The Council works best when every club is a member. Is yours? Do you want to be an ARRL volunteer examiner? Simple. Just notify ARRL Headquarters, and they will send you an application and reference material. Traffic: W5GHP 125, K55PP 64, A5CR 42, N5ANH 30.

**MISSISSIPPI:** SM, Paul Kemp, KW5T - SEC: N5DDV, STM: K55W, VHF Coord. NF5Q. Congrats to Laurel Club and their recent affiliation. K5MOH has good momentum going for the club. Keep up the good work. New appt: K5VFP now EC for Claiborne Co. WD5IKD now AMSAT Coord. for the state. New upgrade: W5KDC now Extra. New call signs: N5GDO now W5GDO, N5GDU now K5EYB. This is the time of the year to be prepared for severe wx. Need to dust off our emergency procedures and par-

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<b>ETO</b>		TS-520SE/cw filt	469 m
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<b>HAL</b>		TS-530S/cw/ssb filts	549 m
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R-600 SW receiver	229 e
R-1000 SW receiver	269 v
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TS-700S 2m Xcvr	369 f
TS-700SP 2m Xcvr	399 m
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TR-7600 2m FM Xcvr	129 c
TR-7800 2m FM Xcvr	199 c
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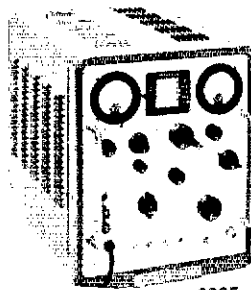
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FT-221R 2m Xcvr	289 m
FT-227RB 2m FM Xcvr	149 w
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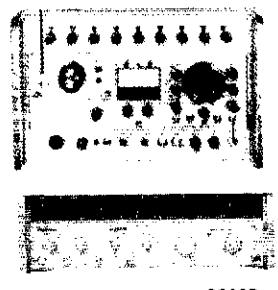
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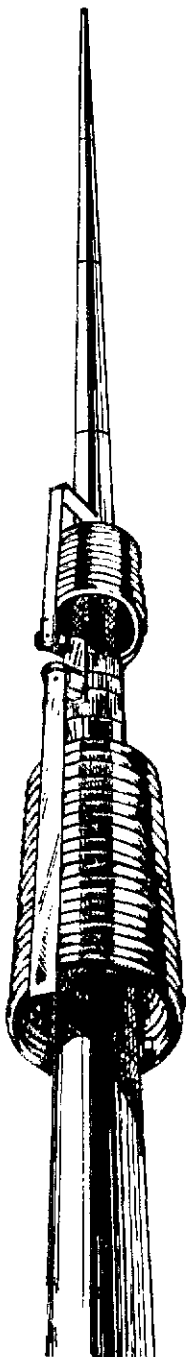
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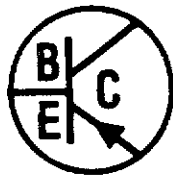
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participate if necessary. Affiliated Clubs are reminded to send in their annual reports to maintain their affiliation. Also to participate in the recent new program to obtain new membership and report on successful VEs sessions. Exam sessions are becoming more frequent as we become more familiar with the system. Keep up the good work. CAND (W5KLV) sess 28, QTC 1163, DRN5 (WB5YDD) sess. 56 QTC 999, MTN (K5OAF) sess. 28 QNI 120, QTC 39, MSBN (KW5T) sess 28 QNI 2143, QTC 78, MMN (WB5RMW) sess 27, QNI 507, QTC 7, GCSBN (W5JHS) sess. 28 QNI 1143, QTC 7, MLEN (KE5WP) sess. 3 QNI 48, QTC 0, CAEN (NF5Q) sess. 4 QNI 102, Traffic: N5AMK 337, KT6Z 129, W5WZ 82, K5OAF 73, W5LSG 38, KW5T 15.

**TENNESSEE:** SM, John C. Brown, NO4Q — ASM & ACC: WA4GLS, OO/AA: W9FZW, PIO: WK4V, SEC: WA4GZQ, SGL: WA4GZQ, STM: NG4J, TC: W4HHK. The Volunteer ARC of Dickson will be running on OLD TIMERS special events station again this year. Say they will be giving out a very nice "Commemorative Certificate." Look for them on 75M, 20M and two frequencies on 2M. This is age and not amateur. I know we have just appointed the youngest net manager (age 15) for the section ever. Don't know about for ARRL. He is Mark Rose, N4IGF for the West Tennessee Wx Net which meets everyday at 0230 UTC on 146.37-146.97 collecting and forwarding wx data to the Memphis area ex station. This is very useful data as the same wx later moves across TN. Congratulations are in order for N4IGF. His father did call the evening session of the TN phone net and just happens to be a minister. Don't think I have mentioned it but KY4R, Asst. NM, has been keeping the home fires going on the TN RTTY net while the regular net manager is in Florida. He is a ham and has been doing a mighty fine job, and the RTTY net is still growing and doing well. The 1985 hamfest season is already into full swing and Oak Ridge by and Knoxville up next. Your Section Manager has not been advised of the firm dates for all for the year. Please drop me a line or radiogram and let me know. Also would like for all to drop by the ARRL booth and say HI if nothing else is on your mind. At least one or more of the section staff will be at all section hamfests. I don't know if you noted at the beginning of this report but the title of the OO/RFI for W9FZW has been changed to OO/AA. The RFI part of his job has been moved over to the Technical Coordinator's position. This is a ARRL-wide change and not just in this section. We had three to make the CW "Honor Roll" this month; W9MI, W4DDK and NG4J. Sure would like to see more calls in there. Section traffic is as follows: LF Sessions 79, QNI 3274, QTC 183; VHF Sessions 94, QNI 2037, QTC 693; CW sessions 49, QNI 238, QTC 183; RTTY sessions 25, QNI 162, QTC 44. CUL. Traffic: W4DDK 167, W9FZW 166, K4WWQ 160, K4ARSC 88, W3HET 35, K4WOP 30, NN4S 28, W4TYV 24, W4PFP 19, W4PMP 13, KE4LS 12, WA4GZQ 12, K4JGW 12, W4PSN 10, K84JQ 9, WB4YPO 8, WA4HKU 6, K4UMW 6, W4EWR 5, N4KQX 3, WB4DYJ 2.

### GREAT LAKES DIVISION

**KENTUCKY:** SM, Rosie Perciful, K4ASAA — SEC: WA4JAV, STM: K44BCM, PIO: K4TAJ, OO: N4GD, BM: WA4AGH, Freq. Coord: WA4YOF, WA4JTE, Dale Bennett of Columbia, has been appointed the Assistant SM for Kentucky. WB4NHO, Steve Morgan of Owensboro, has been appointed an Assistant Division Director. Other ADDs are W4BAZ, J. B. Wathen in Louisville; K4DZM, Joe Miller in Louisville; K4FU, Hank Zimmerman also in River City; KZ4G, Dave Vest in Flatwoods; K4AGFU, Ann Sloan in Paducah; WM4T, John Thernes in Highland Park; and W4ZVL, Tom Westerfield in Hopkinsville. FEB NET REPORTS: MKP 1410, KTN 1293 7, KYU 1 44, KKN 278 67, KYPDN 69, BARDN 8, CARN 139 14, NKARC 69, TSTMN 667 60, WTEB 34 2, SARES 37 3, 7ARES 66 2, 11ARES 47 8, Traffic: WA4JTE 400, WD4IY 103, K4ASAA 148, K4AMTX 69, WD4BSC 58, WB4ZDU 39, K44BCM 33, K4ASKV 29, K4MHL 26, WA4SWF 26, W4WQV 24, WD4CQF 18, WD4IXB 15, K4AGBZ 12, WA4AVV 9, K4HOE 9, WD4CJQ 8, N4JLT 7, W4PKX 6, WA4YPO 2.

**MICHIGAN:** SM, James R. Seeley, WBBMTD — ASM: WA8DHB, SEC: WB8BGY, STM: WD8RHU, ACC: K8SB, PIO: K8BK, SGL: N8CNY, TC: W8YZ.

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MITN*	3953	1900**	636	187	30	WD8EIB
MACS*	3953	1100**	555	127	31	K9LNE
UPN*	1850	2000	1225	84	35	WA8DHB
160	1850	2000	411	61	33	WB8EMV
WSSBN	3935	1900	1132	33	31	WB8EYM
GLETN	3932	2030	264	9	17	WB8AXI
MNN*	3722	1730**	21	0	11	K8TPX
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**OHIO:** SM, Jeffrey A. Maass, K8ND — ASM: KF8J, SEC: K8AN, STM: W8BMZZ, ACC: K8US, BM: W8ZM, TC: W8ZM.

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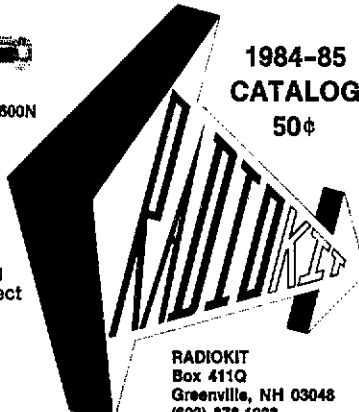
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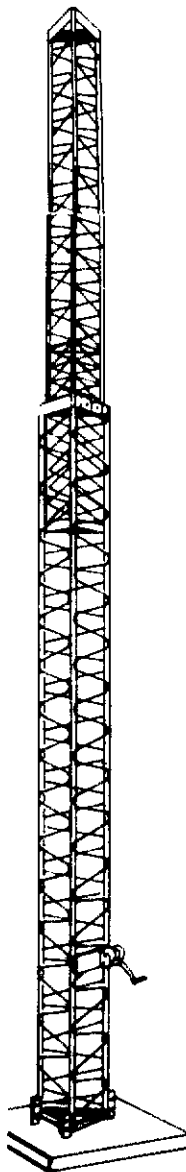
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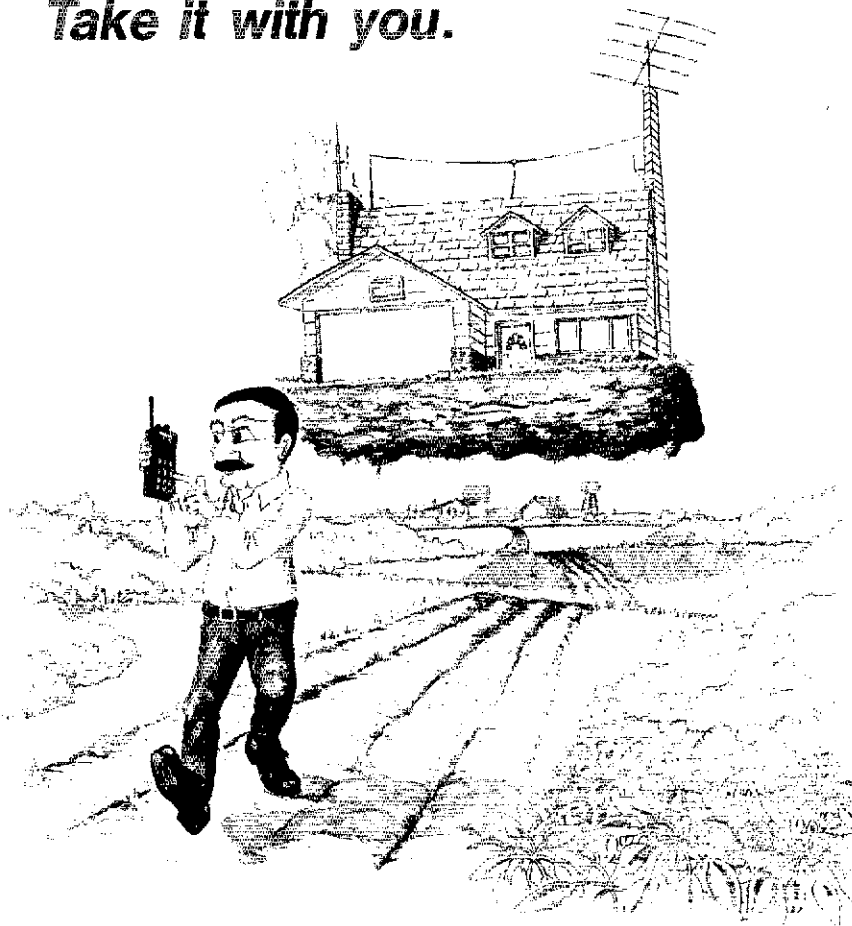
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I hope that you've all recovered from Dayton, and are ready for May's hamfests: Medina on May 12 and the Athens and Sandusky County/Ottawa County hamfests both on May 19. The Tour of the Scioto River Valley is a 210-mile, two-day bicycling event that covers Columbus to Portsmouth and back on May 11-12. Over 4500 bicyclists from all states and several countries will make the trip in 1985. The Central Ohio ARES provides administrative and medical communications support with over 100 Amateurs and a linked repeater system, and traffic handlers provide their services to those cyclers who wish to send Mothers' Day greetings back home. Last year's event was described in detail in QST, September 1984, page 74. If you would like to assist, contact WB8KO for details. I want to thank everyone associated with the 1985 ARRL Ohio State Convention in Sharonville for the hospitality shown me and for the excellent job of planning. If you missed this one, mark February 21-23, 1986 on your calendar! There has been a recent surge in the number of Amateurs upgrading, as shown by the reports thereof in the many club newsletters which I receive. The following list is from one month's listings: N8GGV W8BYSO N8EPA KA8VJG WD8RMG WD8RWX KA8VOY KA8VLC WA8ONU KA8AVO KA8UPK KA8UPY KA8RJY WD8RGS WA8WEQ N8FVX KA8TXJ KD8SI. Congratulations to all; is it your turn to meet the VE? K8AN and the Triple States KAC (TSRAC) are promoting a proposal to give Novice phone and HTTY privileges on 28.2 to 28.3 MHz, as well as to increase the amateur ranks. Recent appointees: ORS-KA8QGF N8CJF KA8KHS K8TVG WD8JYE K8LQM W8QZK KA8ICB KD8IC NC8C, ORS and OES-N8EX W88HZ. W88ZZR has been named EC for Clinton County. Congratulations all! Have you considered serving amateur radio? We particularly need applicants for the Official Observer (OO), Official Bulletin Station (OBS), and Public Information Assistant (PIA) appointments. For information on ARRL Field Organization appointments, contact me at the address given on page 8 of this issue of QST.

Local Nets	QNI	QTC	Sessions
ALERT	35	5	28
BRIN	243	109	28
COARES	105	10	3
COTN	348	258	28
DAEN	191	21	19
Highland ARA	79	6	3
Lucas County	292	95	27
Medina County	313	87	28
NCTW	35	12	15
RARA	55	0	4
TSRAC	1063	75	36
Tristate	424	124	26
Val/West AEN	36	3	2
WCTN	251	51	28

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**EASTERN NEW YORK:** SM, Paul S. Vydareny, WB2VJK  
- STM: WB2MCO, SEC: ACE, ACC & EC: N2BFG, BM: WB2EAG, SGL: KB2HQ, TC: KC2ZO, ASM: K2ZM.

Net	Time/Day	Freq.	Net Manager
EPN	2200Z	3,904	KC2TF
ESS	2200Z	3,590	W2WSS
NYS/E/L	2300/200Z	3,577	WB2MCO
NYS/M	1400Z	3,577	WB2EAG
NYPON	2100Z	3,913	WA2KOJ
CDN	2230Z	146.34/94	WB2ZCM
HVN	2330Z S-S-M	144535/135	N2BDW
HVN	2330Z T-F	146.37/97	N2BDW
SDN	0130Z	147.65/93	K2ZVI
SCRN	000Z	147.75/135	K2ZVI

Nets: CDN: QNI-476 QC-151; EPN: QNI-170 QTC-107; ESS: QNI-465 QTC-131; NYPON: QNI-721 QTC 816; NYSE: QNI-450 QTC-404; NYSL: QNI-299 QTC-215; NYSM: QNI-382 QTC-339; SND: QNI-262 QTC-178; Ulster RACES: QNI-35 QTC-3. Club news: AARA planning annual dinner. SARA reports new members KA2WHG KC2VP WA2OIO KA2VAH WA2TCY KA2VAR WB2AIL W2OYA KA2VNP; upgrades N4KFP KA2VZV; Silent Key KA2AMP. CCNR had show on ARRL Hq. Rip Van Winkle ARS is running Novice class. WARA had speaker on microwaves QSB. SARATOGA RACES provided comm. during telephone outage. AK2E report Greene City net with QNI 84. February BFL KC2TF, Jan. PSNR-KV2U. Feb. PSNR: WB2EAG W2PKY KC2TF WB2ZCM W2YJR K2ZVI WB2MCO WB2VUK W2BIW KA2MYJ KV2U K2ZM AK2E KA2OP KA2AQV. Traffic: KC2TF 687, WB2EAG 333, WB2VUK 292, W2PKY 284, K2ZM 257, WB2MCO 207, WB2ZCM 200, KA2MYJ 137, W2YJR 133, KA2AQV 102, W2BIW 102, K2ZVI 93, K2HNW 78, N2ZWI 70, KV2U 44, AK2E 30, WA2YBM 27, KA2OPG 24, AA2Y 23, N2BFG 18. (Jan.) KV2U 56, AA2Y 19.

**NEW YORK CITY — LONG ISLAND:** SM, John H. Smale, K2IZ - ASM/ACC: WB2AP, SEC: KA2RGI, OO: NB2T, TC/RFI: W2JUP, STM: WA2ARC, PIO: W2IYX. The following are traffic nets in and around the section:  
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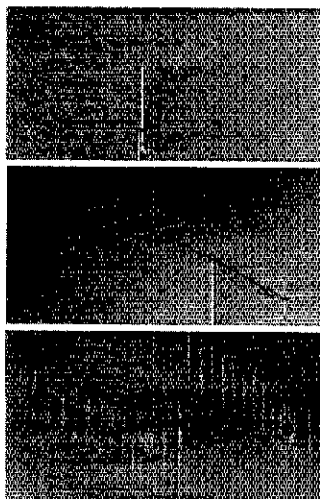
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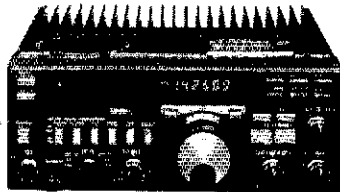
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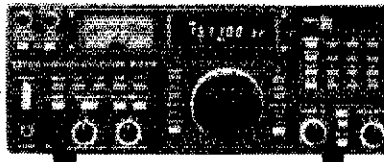
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\*Denotes section net, all times are local, please try and help out by checking in whenever possible. There was a meeting held at my QTH, with all of the appointees listed at the heading of the column, also in attendance was WA2DHF Vice Dir., we have asked Joe Kolb, W2NL to set up a "board" of one member from each club for a "V.E." board, to help with any problems that might come about in the V.E. program. If anyone is interested in doing demonstrations of amateur radio for schools please contact K2IZ. LIMARC will sponsor exams on the second Sat. of each month at the N.Y. Inst. of Technology, Route 25A Old Westbury. For further info contact Bob Reed, WB2DIN, 2970 Valentine Pl., Wantagh, NY 11793. If your club or group is planning any type of activity (flea mkt, exam, etc...) please send the info to Woody, WB2IAP, he is keeping the master schedule of events in the section, and he publishes it in his monthly newsletter to all Affiliated Clubs. Please try and get the info to him by the 15th of the month. Radio Central ARC celebrated their 8th anniv. in Feb. Their club paper also lists tracking data, provided by KA2MUM, for CGA-10 for one month period. WB2ZJZ appointed by KA2RFL as Central State of New York DEC and KA2JMA has been appointed EC for Town of Brookhaven. Congrats to members of Gt. South Bay ARC who upgraded, WA2SUB to Extra, KA2RGI, KA2UAS and N2FIF to Gen. LIMARC will hold its Bowling Party on Sat. Sept 7 at 2100 local at Wantagh Lanes. Please make reservations with N2FP, Jay. If any club is in need of a speaker, Norm, W2JUP, has a very interesting talk on Packet Radio, WA2ATL has been appointed EC for Islip Town. LIMARC's indoor flea market was a great success; hopefully larger indoor facilities can be found in the future. Traffic: K2YQK 294, K2GCE 214.

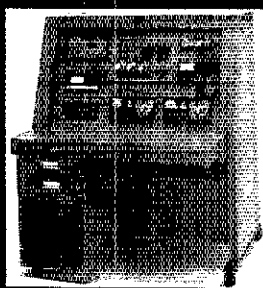
**NORTHERN NEW JERSEY:** SM, Robert Neukomm, KB2WI  
— ASM: K2BJG, SEC: WB2VUF, STM: W2XD, BM: W2FMN, RCC: W2CC, PIO: WB2NOV, RC: AD7I, ACC: KK2U KY2S, NMs: W2CC KB2HM WB2RMI WB2ANK  
WB2PKB WB2QMP W2RRX W2PSU

Net	Freq	Time	Class.	QNI	QSP
NJM	3695	1000 Dy	28	183	104
NJPN	3950	1800 Dy	31	307	162
		0900 Su			
NJSN	3735	1830 Dy	28	280	68
NJN/E	3695	1900 Dy	28	239	155
NJN/L	3695	2200 Dy	25	129	46
NJVN	49/49	2230 Dy	28	301	203
OBTTN	147.12	2000 Dy	Late		
TCETN	147.255	1930 Dy	Late		
NJRTTY	147.51	Autostart	28	225	351

Upline — Amateur Radio News call 201-735-8550. I guess some of my reports are falling through the "cracks" of the floor in Newington — no PSHR reports in the April issue. I'm checking it out! My new address is: P.O. Box 167, Ridgewood, NJ 07451. The Fort Monmouth ARA is conducting amateur radio classes at the MARS radio station, Bldg 682, every Tuesday at 7 P.M. for further information contact Gerald G. Silverman, WB2GYS, club president. Congratulations to Ada Myers, XYL of W2SVJ who passed her Novice exam. Tri-County Radio Association Flea Market is May 19th. Ramapo Mountain ARC reports their "packet" repeater is back on the air and K2MRG & K2BJG will demonstrate "Packet Radio" at their April meeting. Amateur classes continuing at Lady of Perpetual Help School, Rm 107, Franklin Ave., near High Mountain Road, Oakland, NJ. This is an ongoing program. NNJ VE Board is offering Amateur License exams on April 13th, May 11th, June 8th and July 13th. Watch this column for later dates. Exams will be conducted at Union College in Cranford, NJ. Contact Carl Felt, N2XJ, for info. FCC Form 610 applications are exempt of the \$4.00 fee. RAVEN Notes: WA2JVP upgraded to General and is now on the low bands with a TS-430S. K2SE has been certified at the Metroplex Club as a VE. CGNS Ed — we need more like you! KA2CHN is now KD2KD. Jerry Shore, KH1VEM reports two new club members, WB2CDG and KA2WFO. On the 24th of February they had an interesting meeting involving "Zoning Amateur Antennas" by attorney Busch. Traffic: N2XJ 442, AG2R 226, KA2F 294, W2UH 55, W2RRX 37, W2XD 38, W2CC 10.

**MIDWEST DIVISION**

IOWA: SM, Bob McCaffrey, K0CY — SEC: WA4VWV, STM: KA0X, SGL: AK0Q, BM: K0IR, TC: K0DAS, ACC: WB0QAM  
— Thanks for your comments on the Section Newsletter. Congratulations to Extra Upgrades: N0BKE, N0CAZ, WA4VWV, General N0EFM, N0FYA and to Tech KA0KLC. CVARC has new officers which include WB0DET, N0Z, WB0AV, N0CR. The NWS is invited to participate in the Proclamation signing for "Tomado Preparedness Week". Those who participate with SKYWARN should be congratulated and the other should offer help.  
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Congratulations to W0SS for being selected as "Engineer of the Year" at Rockwell, Int. K0EVC received ARRL/25 year Pin. New QCWA/Iowa Net meeting at 3900/Sunday/2230 check'em out. Let me have your FD reports for bonus points. The State Convention will be July 19, 20. 21-See you there. The Cedar Rapids Hamfest changed to August 4th, to avoid conflicts with others, watch for further info. K0TFI lost house and belongs to house fire. K0GP N0BR honored with PSHR. Bring a new kid to club meeting. See you on FD! Traffic: W0SS 201, WA0AUX 162, K0GP 129, N0CWW 94, KA0ADF 91, W0DFWV 81, KC0XL 75, W0YLS 60, KA0X 58, W0BWS 57, K0CY 57, N0CR 55, W0HTP 51, W0DHN 37, K0BRE 35, W0BAAV 32, K0PRT 31, W4JL 30, N0ETQ 9, N0EFG 8, K0DBG 8, (Doc) KC0KL 81.  
**KANSAS:** SM, Robert M. Summers, K0BXF — We all wish Mike, W0LBB, the very best and hope by the time we read this he is out of the hospital and back on the air. The sun is shining and the birds are telling me it's time to till the garden cause they want that early worm. I guess this will mean a few of us will be getting real busy sooner than we think, but don't forget to report at the end of each month. Signals by either radio or club bulletins accepted. Net activity: K0ES, K0SN, K0NI, K0CT, K010, K0R, K02Z, K0VN 88/150, K0MVA 67/624, CSTN 2068/83, QKS 150/68, QKS-SS 42/18, KS-RTTY 18/2. For your info the QNI on RTTY are W0GCH, ROY RBO K0EQH PFU K0JW W0DEUF KA0JRC N0FWX K0CWO W7FK. Why not join the gang each Sunday at 1 P.M. 7073 kHz. Word from W0MYM that the HBN has also moved to 3880 kHz due to long skip problems. New repeater at Greenleaf W0FDJR 147.66/06, W0KL reports ARES standing at 895 registered. The season for concern is on us so be prepared to act accordingly if requested to perform emergency communications. Contact your EC and volunteer to assist with communication co-ordination efforts in your area. If you are not aware of who your EC is contact W0KL or your



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MISSOURI: SM, Ben Smith, K0PCK — SEC: W00TOK, ACC/PIO: K15Y, STM: K0SL, Bulletin Manager: W00TEG, SGL: K06CSJ, OO/RFI Coordinator W00RHK, TC: K4CHS. Missouri ARRL Section Officials, W00RHK, W00TEG, K15Y and K0SL attended the February PHD Club meeting. On May 18 the Northland Amateur Assn. will sponsor an educational and ham software exchange at Bennet Springs. Other activities are a breakfast 8:00 to 9:30, program exchange 10:00 to 4:00, 2 meter bunny hunt, tours of the state park, trout fishing contest and a Dutch BBQ at 6:00 P.M. For more information contact the Northland Amateur Radio Assn., P.O. Box 6710, Kansas City, MO 64113. K0CS, Sec. of the Kansas City DX club and Contest Coordinator has been appointed to be on the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee by Midwest Division Director, W0FIR. It is great to see all of the Missouri stations active on the region and the area nets of NTS. During January nine different stations from Missouri checked into TEN and five into DTEN. These stations bring traffic back to the section and local nets which give more section stations an opportunity to handle traffic Silent Key, W0LRU, of the Kansas City area.

Net	Ses	QNI	QTC	Day	Time	Freq
					Ptz	MHz
MON	56	376	241	Dly	7:00/9:45	3.585
MOSSB	28	872	121	Dly	8:00	3.963
MEOW	28	637	38	Dly	5:30	3.963
ZAEN	4	147	30	Tue	8:00	147.841.24
MITN	25	88	28	Mon-Sat	6:30	3.370
PTN	12	37	22	MWF	9:00	21.114
HBN	24	258	13	Mon-Fri	12:05	3.880
PHD	4	137	11	Mon	9:00	146.43
MOFON	4	27	4	Wed	8:15	222.424.02
RRABN	22	337	3	Dly	8:00	146.39/79
ARES	4	51	2	Sat	9:00	147.855255
CMEN	4	73	1	Wed	9:00	146.16/76
LOZEM	4	78	0	Sun	9:00	146.13/75
JURCN	4	28	0	Sun	9:00	146.13/73
TCN	4	53	0	Thu	9:00	147.09/69
LARES	5	50	0	Wed	8:00	146.10/70
SARN	4	27	0	Thu	9:00	146.43/73
IFN	3	23	0	Wed	7:30	147.841.24
LOZCW	4	17	0	Sat	9:00	3.707

Traffic: W0BMA 667, K0SI 206, A100 162, K15Y 132, ND0N 121, K0PCK 116, N0EVC 87, K20NP 71, K0DSO 60, K0BAS 58, K0ORB 37, KY0J 33, W00UD 31, N0SS 31, N0R 31, N0BKE 27, W00CBJ 25, W00KHU 21, K00CJ 18, NP4D 9.

NEBRASKA: SM, Vern Wirka, W00GQM — SEC: N0A1H, Jim Santord, STM: W0DEGK, Jerry Kohn. The quick response of expert traffic handlers was very much appreciated by a Red Oak, Iowa family following the March Earthquake in Chile. Lloyd McElhaney, K0DKM, picked up a piece of health and welfare traffic from W0NRR. The traffic was an inquiry about the Red Oak, Iowa family relatives in Chile. K0DKM passed the traffic to N0A1H on the Tentel Region Net. K0DKM received word just two hours later that the persons in Chile were all right. The information was then provided to a very happy Red Oak, Iowa family. The Nebraska City repeater is now on 146.13/73. The change from 146.10/70 solves some interference difficulties with RTTY activity on 146.70 MHz. The Central Nebraska Amateur Radio Club repeater is back in full operation. The repeater sustained damage to two cavities when vandals fired a high powered rifle bullet through the cabinet that housed the repeater. The two cavities had to be replaced. A new net is being called Sunday evenings at 1930 local time on the Boelus repeater 147.841/24 operated by Fritz Thavenot, W0BMSU. The operators of the Boelus repeater are looking for signal reports, especially to areas north of the repeater site. The annual AK-SAR-SEN Radio Club auction will be May 19 at the Radial Social Hall (1516 Northwest Radial) in Omaha. Remember to pre-register early for the Midwest Division Convention to be held in Omaha September 6-7 & 8 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center (72nd & Grover). Traffic: W00TE 145, K0DKM 135, W0KK 89, K0BWM 27, W00BO 20, W00BK 17, K00CB 12, W00GQM 6, K0BLL 6, W00GQM 5, K0FRU 4, K00DF 4, W0N1K 4, K0JLH 3.

## NEW ENGLAND DIVISION

CONNECTICUT: SM, Robert J. Koczur, K1WGO — STM: K1E1C, SEC: K1E1L, BM: K3ZJ, ACC: K1GM, OO/RFI: K1M1L, TC: W1HAD, PIO: KX1B, SGL: K1AH.

Net	Freq.	Local Time	QTC	QNI	NM
CN	3840	1900/2200	231	304	K1E1R
OPN	3965	1800 M-S	121	320	K1BHT
NVTN	2288	2130	33	235	WA1EM1
WCN	7818	2030	268	491	WB1GXZ
RTN	1373	2100	50	226	K1JAN

Greetings — Spring is here! This is Field Day and antenna season. Please enjoy but most of all be careful. On Feb. 3, TC was asked to represent the New England Division at the same day K1FTF played the Westlink tapes before the regular session of W0ECON. This will be a regular event on Sundays. CN is running two slower (13 WPM) speed sessions at 10:00 PM, Fridays, and 7 P.M., Saturdays (local Time). Improve your sending and receiving speed and also support your section CW Net by joining in. Congrats to W1DPR on his good work as Net Control of the Travel Assistance Net on Dec. 5. The Traffic Handlers Dinner will be held in April. The date and time will be announced. The FCC has issued an order which rescinds the repeater moratorium which was imposed by the NRC in PH 80-22. Congrats to Mary, WB1GXZ, once again, a 100% representative for the New England Spectrum Management Committee is actively developing an overall policy for coordination of frequencies within and across borders into adjacent areas. Please help with information comments and suggestions in the Conn. section by contacting WA1DCP, our Connecticut committee member. Tom, K1K1 has mailed a newsletter to all ARRL members in the New England Division with news comments and a request for volunteers to work with the field organization. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Tom so he can represent our views at the July ARRL board meeting. Our section Technical Coordinator W1HAD is accepting applications for assistant technical Coordinator. If interested contact him as soon as possible. OBS reports: K1XZ 8, K1XG 4, W1NU 4, K1VKO 4, K1FTF 4, 73's. Traffic: WB1GXZ 413, W1EFW 359, K1GWE 168, K1KTH 145, W1BDN 113, N1BOW 103, K1JAN 96, W1WP 93, W1YOL 79, K1BHT 71, N1DBH 59, K1AQE 58, K1KPS 56, K1XG 36, K1EGE 22, WA1NLD 13, W1CUH 9.

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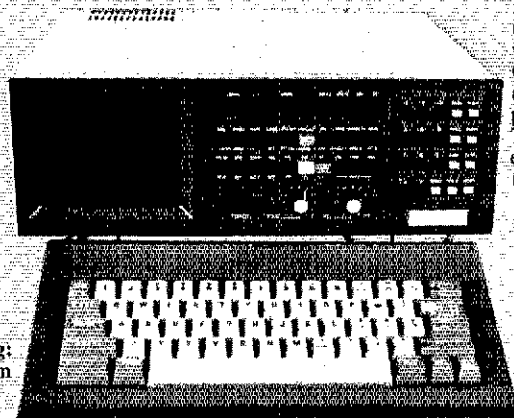
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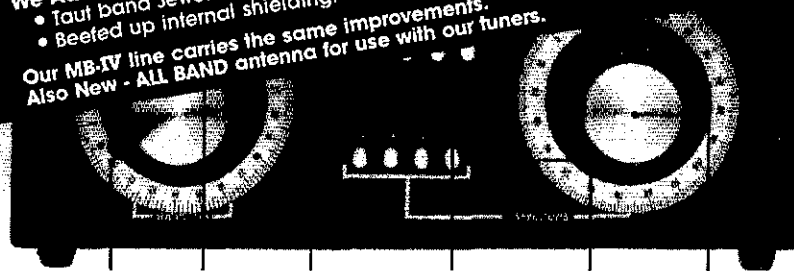
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EMRIS	KA1EXJ	3715	1800/2030/Dy	201	238
CI2MN	N1BYS	645/045	1930/Dy	225	310

Congrats once again to N1BBT/MM for another job extremely well done — and to all who assisted Brian in his efforts. Each of you who handled even a few of the many messages between the MIMA cadets and their families shore side was a very important link in the overall effort. It was interesting to watch packet stations who don't normally participate in traffic nets suddenly pick up messages for delivery. FBI Thanks to Falmouth ARA, Wellesley ARS, Sturdy Memorial ARC, Cape Ann ARS and Lawrence ARF for their newsletters which I can certainly use for this column. All clubs and individual amateurs are encouraged to send me any news regarding their activities. Congrats and thanks go out to all clubs who are sponsoring classes and exams for their fellow amateurs. I had the pleasure of attending SEMARA's first exam session and was impressed with the conduct of the exam and their show of professionalism. If SEMARA's sessions are any clue, it is safe to say that amateurs are now in excellent control of their own upgrading destinies. Bulletin Manager W1HH looking for many more OBS appointees. How about it, all of you with RTTY capabilities? Won't you consider contacting W1HH or myself for more info on how you can easily be of service to other amateurs in your community? Ditto for those of you with expertise in technical matters; we need you to field questions from others who are having many different sorts of difficulties. Contact KA1IU or myself for info. Traffic: N1BST 4385, KY1UJ 2295, WA1TBY 881, KA1EYJ 721, N1BGW 782, K2LP 668, WA4STO 882, KA1TBU 832, KY1E 884, KB1AF 341, WA1DXT 337, KA1AMR 332, K1GRR 278, WA1FGD 270, N1DDC 224, N1AJJ 205, N1BHH 194, KB1PA 162, N1BYS 150, W1TKZ 138, W1CE 114, WA1FNM 101, W1ZHC 93, WB1CMQ 92, K1ABO 90, KA1EID 75, K1LCQ 70, N1ER 69, K1BZD 49, WA1LPM 40, WA16NH 29, W1QLL 19, KY1E 17, KA1DJV 19, WA1PID 15, KY1K 9, (Jan.) K2LP 738, KA1LKA 61, WB1CMQ 40, KA1DJV 15.

MAINE: SM, Cliff Lavery, W1RWG — SEC: KL7JG. STM: AK1W, ACC: KY1C, BM: W1JTH, OOC: W1KX, PIO: KY1E, SGL: K1NIT, TC: K1PV. The Maine Cabinet, section field leadership, meets 1st Sunday each month at 9:30 A.M. on 3940 kHz. Meeting planned for 1/2 hour then open to questions from membership as a forum. Your participation is invited. The Section Manager is eager to accept club invitations. He will be in Presque Isle for Field Day. The hamfest held at Abbott for years will be at St. Albans August 9-10, 11 with VE test on 10th. Novice classes be held by PAWA and by W1RWG. KA1IUJ & XYL proud parents for 3rd time. Radio comms for 4th annual Skowhegan road race Feb 9 provided by KA1FXI KA1FXH KA1EMK KA1C KA1DDA KA1AVU WA1YRO N1BLZ for ninety entrants. PSRR: WA1YNZ 89, KY1E 80, N1BJW 74, WB1GLH 71, KL7JG 70, WB1CBP 52 (novice). Traffic: KA1JQJ 125, WB1BYR 111, N1BWJ 110, W1SO 106, WB1GLH 100, N1BLZ 96, AK1W 94, KY1E 78, KA1JPR 71, KL7JG 64, W1RWG 53, W1KX 51, KA1AVU 46, W1BXM 46, WA1YNZ 39, KB1PB 31, W1JTH 21, WB2CBP 21, W1GCB 13, N1BME 12, KA1ENL 11, W1ARM 11, KA1FTL 7, W1OTQ 6, KA1ENM 3, (Jan.) WB1BYR 56.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: SM, Robert C. Mitchell, W1NH — STM: W1TN, SEC: Open. NH had 98% representation on FRN. Great going everyone. GBRA plans trip to ARRL Headquarters. Contact KA1JLK for details. KX1L vacationing in DC. June 11 Special Event station W1AJA will operate from Fort #4 at Chester NH from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. local. Contact WB1GXM for more details. Next CVFMA amateur exam is June 8, W1ANF KA1MNM KA1HNU K1CAU KA1MKH WA1DHH KR1D N1APM WA1EZE KR1L KA1JF W1NH enjoyed the Sunday morning breakfast meeting in Raymond. N1NH and W1FYR made BPL. KA1LLP won ICOM 2AT at Rivendell Radio Store's new location. KA2PJB/1 now Lt. Col. in Air Force at Pease AFB. On Sundays at 5 P.M. the Keene Machine links to NYC and Florida. By the time you read this, Spring will be here. Enjoy. Traffic: N1NH 507, N1CPX 334, AK1E 319, K1POV 160, W1FYR 143, W1TH 142, N1AKS 131, W1MXX 103, W1UWB 102, K1AE 48, N1BV 47, W1ALE 41, KY1SA 34, K1TQY 33, KA1HO 28, KA1GOZ 23, WB1GXM 16, KA1QF 1.

VERMONT: SM, Ralph T. Stetson, III, KD1R — Next Exams in Windsor, VT June 8 sponsored by CVFMA contact WB1GXM with SASE for information. Feel free to drop WB1AJG an SASE for information on the next CVARC exams. To all of you who up-graded at Milton: Congratulations KA1MNH, KA1EYX, KA1KJL and the rest whose calls I don't know. Good Job! I hope that by now you have your Field Day 85 plans in motion. If your group would let me know where you will be set up I will try and visit as many FD sites as possible. Let's get in there and support your local club on this one. After all the most fun of FD is the sharing of less than ideal conditions (Black Flies and all). The CD Workshop at Waterbury went off well. By the time you read this we will have had our second meeting and you will be hearing of any and all developments through your local club first. Special thanks to the N1GJA and the Airborne TV group, the Packet Radio interest was well represented by KC2JO and company. Two super demos, something your club program person might want to keep in mind for upcoming programs. Net Reports: VTN 28/140/126, V6SN 12/28/11, V5SB 27/32/84, VTRFD 4/66/13, CAR 24/698/35, VTPN 4/81/5, CVFM 4/62/6, VTFMN 27/332/57, GMN 28/350/30. Traffic: K1Q 408, W1KRV 172, AE1T 152, N1CQB 59, N1ARI 57, W1OAK 36.

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM, Don Haney, KA1T — STM: W1UD, TC: KA1JUM, OOI/RF: N1CM, SEC: WB1HH. Great job by W1YBT arranging communications for Bay State Winter Games at four sites. N1DAY came to work as OOI/AA after nice visit to Capetown and Brussels. Silver Spoon award presented to N1AFY for work with astronaut program. HCR classes have almost 100 students. Register to test on 10th. N1GJA will repeat Silent Keys. Congrats to KA1KRFJ on upgrade to Extra. Montachusett ARA getting ready for Field Day. If your club making its plans yet? YES in New England gave 27 exam sessions in first 5 months of program. Almost one exam per month per state. PSRR: WB2HH W1KK KA1T, Traffic: KA1T 386, W1SVJ 182, KA1EKJ 154, W1UD 129, W1KK 117, WB1HH 72, W1JP 63, WA1OPN 27, W1ZPB 15, WB1FSV 13, K1JHC 8, WB1HKN 8.

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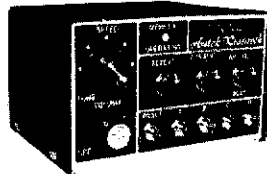
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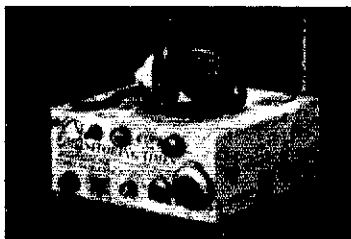
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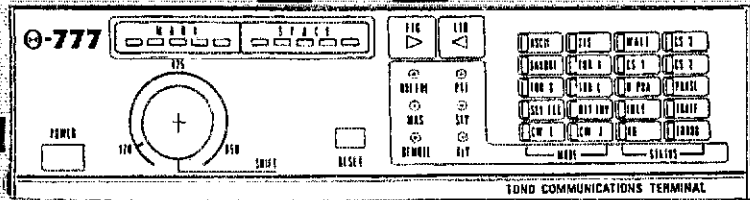
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## IDAHO: SM, Lem Allen, Jr., W7JMH — SEC: KD7HZ STM: W7GHT. PIO: WB7PFG. OO/RFI: KU7Y. Club News: Voice of Idaho Club new officers are Pres, AC7R, VP N7FYZ, Sec-Treas N7EZA. Membership: W7DOW, W7DYL, W7K7B. Traffic: W7C, Dir W7LUSD. ARRL Matters: All amateurs are encouraged to renew ARRL membership, or join the League through the local amateur radio club. All clubs in Idaho are urged to build membership, increase activity — especially public service activity — and affiliate with ARRL, develop a program of teaching and examining and become a Special Service Club. People and Things: W7EYR got his amateur license 50 years ago on April 6 — Congrats, Bud! KA7NKW upgraded to General. W7JKB is in hospital again with a leg problem. W7JMH and N7DYU spent 4 days in Twin Falls making measurements for KEEP radio. W7WU and Edna back from trip to Yuma. KK7X out of hospital, looks and feels great! W7JH as new FT 757 GX. The ham community is saddened by the deaths of Henry Bowden, W7HDB, on Feb 9 and Joan Gabica, W7DRZ, on Feb. 19. They will be missed. Net Reports:

FARM	1937	1sb	7P Da	28	QNI	QTC
ICD	3990	1sb	810A M-F	20	826	15
IMN	3835	cw	8P M-F	17	160	59
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**GENERAL:** Did you ever try a backyard SET? Move your battery powered rig out in the yard on a card table and set up an emergency antenna of some sort. Then try to contact as many local hams and adjacent communities as you can. Fun, informative and very valuable. Add your name in future! Traffic: KA7KA 140, W7GHT 42, W7JMH 36.

**MONTANA: SM, Les Belyea, N7AIK — Members of the Helgate ARC will appear in a nation-wide ARRL TV public service spots in early June prior to Field Day. This was put together by KA7MMY from Missoula. The following upgraded at the Great Falls VE exams. K7SOZ to Adv., KA7QVY to Gen, KA7TZO to Tech. The next exam session in Great Falls will be May 11th contact N7AD or WB7TNH. Butte upgrades are KA7INW & KA7SVS to Adv, KA7SBB to Tech. Next Butte exam will be June 15th, contact K7KRA. 1985 officers for the Lower Yellowstone group are K77AA-pres., WB7QZU-VP, N7DYE-sec'y/treas. N7CGC, KA7BNE and WB7TWG gave a Ham Radio demonstration to a 4th grade class of gifted students and the North Park school in Billings. WA7GQO has been elected manager for the Montana Traffic Net. PSHR - WA7GQO, KF7R, WB7WVD.**

Net	Segs.	QNI	QTC	Mgr
IMN	17	18D	59	KY7I
IMNS	7	18	15KY7I	
MSN	4	80	0	K0PP

Traffic: WB7WVD 100, KF7R 35, N7AIK 25, WA7GQO 23, WA7TJW 1.

**OREGON: SM, William R. Shrader, W7DMU — STM: W7VSE. SEC: N7CPA. PIO: KCTYN. SGL: KA7KSK. ACC: WB7WTD. RFI: AK7T. OO: N7SC. STC: N7ENI. Upgrades: KA7JFG (small list). WA7OTT was honored with special membership by the Rogue Valley ARC for long years of service to the club. WA7CZA and XYL are the proud parents of a new daughter. KE7LD has a new advanced call and is also the new president of the Eugene Empire ARC. N7ENI is engaged to be married. PPS helped organize a high school speech tournament at McMinnville H.S. which included 500 students from 43 Oregon schools. KA7MDM and KA7KDU had a QSO from McMinnville to Armita via the Russian RS-7 satellite. So. Ore. ARC officers: N7EZY, Pres.; KA7CZG, V. Pres.; KA7QPS, Sec.; KA7NCJ, treas. Central Oregon ARC officers: WB7PIL, Pres.; WB7SOZ, V. Pres.; N7CQH, Sec/Treas. 1988 National ARRL Convention will be held in Portland at Jantzen Beach Red Lion. WB7SIC is overall Chairman. Congratulations to all! If you need info on antennas, listen into the Antenna Net on 729.1 kHz at 9 PM (PST) daily. Need ECs for Linn, Wasco, Dechar, Crook, Malheur, Harney, Baker and Wheeler counties. If interested contact N7CPA. Traffic: W7VSE 874, AL7W 185, W7LBR 160, N7FLC 140, WB7OEX 89, N7BGW 54, KX7W 53, WA7VTD 46, KA7AID 40, W7LNE 25, KX7T 24, W7FDU 18.**

**WASHINGTON: SM, Joe Winter, WA7RWK — STM: K7GXZ. SEC: W6IIG. BM: KD7G. TC: K7UU. PIO/SGL: W7OKZ. OO/RFI Conrd: KCF7A.**

Net	Freq.	Time(Z)	QNI	QCT	Mgr.
EWTN	146.04	0030/0430	33	60	WA7CBN
NTN	3970	2000	1156	74	W7UW
NWSSB	3948	0130	481	52	W7HFN
PSTS	145.33	0030/0630	157	111	W7IEU
WARTS	3970	0100	2772	168	W78FT
WSN	3590	0130/0545	318	114	W7GB

Are you ready for Field Day? Time is getting short! Remember the dates are June 22-23, 1985 the fourth weekend in June. The Mike & Kay Electronics Flea Market in Puyallup appeared to have a record attendance. I talked with hams from Oregon, Estrn. WA and B.C. Congrats to the M&K for a great event. The first Hamfest this year is the Yakima HF May 18-19. Greater attendance is expected because of the pent-up desire to attend hamfests due to the cancellation of the Skagit and Vancouver HFs. The WA SEC is holding the annual ARES noon EC meeting in Yakima on Sat. May 18th at a restaurant yet to be determined. So all ECs and RACES ROs, contact WB7IH and join this important meeting while also enjoying the HF. The next event is the NW/tn, Div. J.R. St. Convention May 25 - June 5 & 6 Seaside, OR. This convention has something for everyone. Call Al 1-503-228-8547 Days or Doc 1-503-738-6461 eves. The Lower Columbia ARA has been active by providing communications for the Special Olympics held at three separate schools in the Longview area. They have also challenged the Clark Co. ARC and Tri-Cities ARC to an inter-club contest on Field Day. A good idea that many clubs could adapt for greater fun during Field Day. The Rebel's annual Banquet was held in Indian Hole Campground near Morton contact K7TVO & WA7FNC for info. The Olympia ARC is becoming increasingly active. They sponsor a 220 MHz repeater and are pursuing a coordinated freq. for a 2-meter machine. They are very successful with their license classes and are now scheduling license Exams. Tech. thru Extra on May 18th and June 29th. Additionally they are furnishing comms. for the Capitol Bicycle Club, a Poker Run in June, helping with a road rally and a Bike-O-Thon. Many of the 75 members are ready to participate in emergencies with ARES. Good Show! The Chehalis VARS is conducting an upgrade exam session April 27th. Lewis Co. EC KA7EOV attended an all day emergency exercise in preparation for two county exercises this summer involving ARES & RACES. Traffic: WB7WUW 484, N7CSP 374, KD7ME 370, KR7L 220, K7GXZ 103, KR7F 90, W7LGE 72, W7GB 55,

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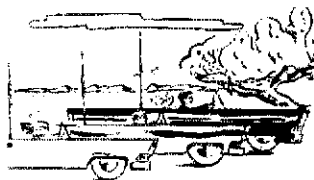
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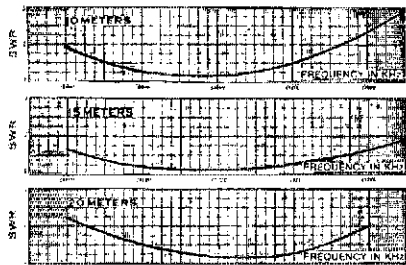
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## PACIFIC DIVISION

**EAST BAY:** SM, Bob Vallo, W6RGG — ASMs: W6ZF NGDHN. SEC: W6LKE, STM: NIBA. The only "official" CQs in the section now are K6ARE and W6RGG. None of the others have submitted their current exams for sig, and are therefore no longer eligible to participate in the program. I am now privileged to receive the Benicia ARC newsletter, "The Logbook." The club has been around for sometime but this is their first try at a club publication. Although no one is listed as editor, the news is gathered by N6LEU N8KVI and KE6IA. The club meets on second Wednesday of each month at the West End Hose Company, Solano and Hastings, Benicia, at 7:00 P.M. Their 1985 officers are Pres KG6LV, VP KA6VVJ, Treas KA6IXG, Sec N6LEU. The club net is on 145.575 each Monday at 8 P.M. LARC welcomed new members K2BIO K6MYH and W6BFJC. Their member WA6OHB recently upgraded to Extra. MARC welcomes W6WVJ, N5JTK, KA6ZBN, WA6UJU, K6LXW, KG6HU, K2BIO, K6ED, K6BU, AK6T, W66WLU Carson Taylor and R.L. Robinson as new members. Traffic: W6VOM 120, W6BDOB 65, W6BUXZ 29. (Jan.) W6BDOB 162, W6VOM 132, NV6T 81.

**NEVADA:** SM, Leonard M. Norman, W7PWB — SEC: K7HRW. STM: W7BS reinstated, did not resign as I thought he had, sorry Dick. We're still plugging to let it be known that HOOVER DAM FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY WILL BE CELEBRATED IN SEPTEMBER. NNARA has selected Buttermill Mountain for their Field Day site. WBSVDV now KE7CC. K7HRW reports 375 check-ins on NV weather net, KA7EUA CHOP, FB, WA7GAE off the air for couple months, staking a new claim on Round Mountain. W7HQJ is a Silent Key. All who knew Joe will miss him very much; he was 99 years young. TC K7ICW reports KD7YZ and N7K70 may have made first two-way contact via PACIFIC RADIO (any challengers?). W7EJ worked GW3YDX on 160M using CW. VE given at CES with 37 candidates and a 50% upgrade CHOP was N7KN ex N7BIG. Traffic: W7PWB 2.

**PACIFIC:** SM, James Wakefield, AH6CO — 11 Oahu hams participated at Waikaneh for the 2nd annual St. Francis Hospice 10 K Run. Stations were manned by AH6DJ and KH6S LT, JUZ, WG, BIO, CIZ, IS, UM, HJA and BJ as NCS. HJ has an "Eave" logwire nearly invisible. KH6B has a new QTH — one acre at 1000 ft. Kaula gave communications for "off road dirt bike race" and Capt Cook Parade and stood by for weather watch on 15 February. WH6ASO (Hawaii West) has a new TH6DX and a new Ten-Tec HT. HARC VEC had 18 applicants for testing and Koolau had 9. KH6QD asks for all who expect cards to send him an envelope. He will discard in the near future. Let's all plan on Field Day and watch the date this year. Aloha. Traffic: KH6B 125, KH6HU 47, KH6S 37, KH6RQ 2.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY:** SM, Ron Menet, N6AUB — STM: WA6VJZ. OO: NV6Z. SEC: WA6ZUD. ASM: W6RFF. Winter storms continue to keep most of us indoors. Time to plan for winter activities and work on CW, etc. Jim Wilmeth WA7OQR, former EC, Amador County was honored by Pac. Div. Dir. Stevens with certificate of merit recently. Others honored include: KF6BY WA6ZGS W6RFF, KE8NS WA6WY WA6ESA and N6FGR. Congratulations to these shakers and movers in Amador County. Don't miss the North Hills A.R.C. Swap Meet, 5/5 and Placer County Fairgrounds, Roseville, CA, all day. Volunteer Examiner Program progressing well in section. I still am not receiving notices of all exams. Please help by sending me info regarding them. I receive some 15-20 requests per month for exam info. HELP! No upgrades or new calls. Report this report. Traffic: N6V 81, W6BCLD 250, WA6VJZ 53, K6SRF 52, W6BZQ 47, WA6ZUD 15, KA6PDG 8, W6BSRQ 5, WA6ERZ 3.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** SM, Bob Smith, N6BT — Glad to see Bob K6TP is out of the hospital and on the road to recovery at home. MARC is organizing the EC plan for the county with quite a few drills. If you are interested in EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS contact Nels, N6AQY, for further information. W6LQY, Bill, and W6BRHP, Warren, facilitated a rescue near SEA RANCH to a successful conclusion. The vehicle rolled 200 ft. down a cliff, but the driver was safe. FWRA is moving the 148.01-81 repeater to Garberville to further upgrade the FWRA Repr. System. All reprints. In Del Norte, Humboldt, and Western Trinity counties are under new Co-ordination — The Pacific Amateur Repeater Operators Coordinating Committee for SFREC for about 1000 miles. This group should be more suited to REAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. SFRC has been very active with Walk-a-thons, Bike-a-thons, and TX hunt planning, as well as VE Test plans — get out and help with the activities. REDXA had a good showing at the Fresno DX convention. Traffic: W6IPL 454, W6RNL 108, N6FWG 60, K6TJW 34, K6TA 26.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:** SM, Charles McConnell, W6DPD — SEC: WA6YAB. STM: N6AWH. TC: WA6EXV. ACC: N6ECH. Asst. SMS: W6TRP and K6YK. Appointments renewed: PIA KV6W and W66MDN; TC WA6EXP, W6BSUP is the new EC for San Joaquin County due to the resignation of KA6FCH. W6BITM and WA6MNQ have qualified as members of the Amateur Auxiliary of the FCC Field Operations Bureau as Official Observers. W6IRQ and K6GZQ (ex WA6VIS) are Silent Keys. Congrats to recent upgrades: Advanced WA6GK, Generalist N6QX, K6B6ZQ, K6ILQ, Technician-K6BGYO, K6BHB, K6BGWT, K6BCZF, K6BHIY, K6BEHI, K6BEAL, K6BEBB, and K6BGXX. W6FAH and K6BYC are chasing DX on 80 meters. W6TRP has an IC 751. K6B6XX has a TR 7400A. K6PDE, W6BSPT, and K6SEA are on RTTY. N6OZ has a Model 32 RTTY machine. K6GFX has an IC 3AT. Now is the time to start planning for Field Day, June 22-23, 1985. Traffic: N6AWH 266, W6DPD 34, W6SX 6, WA6YAB 4.

**SANTA CLARA VALLEY:** SM, Rod Stafford, K6BZV — BM: W6BCY. PIO: N6BIS. TC: K6HLE. SEC: K6ITL. ACC: W6MKM. ASM: N6SN. STM: W6PHT. AA6PZ recently spoke to SCCARA about charging NiCad batteries and how to keep them in good shape. KA6NDX recently called W6ASH requesting help in an attempt to contact the son of a friend who had just passed away. The only information known was that the son was vacationing in the big island of Hawaii. The name and age of the son were the only other items of information known to ND and ASH. W6ASH was on HF within minutes and, with the assistance of W6JZU, was talking with amateurs in Hawaii in an attempt to locate the hotel where the son was vacationing. Within 5 hours the son was located and making arrangements to return home. A good example of how amateur radio can be of use for public service. W66OQS once again turned out a large number of amateurs to assist the March of Dimes in its annual Walkathon. Over 60 amateurs participated in this years event. ASN N66N



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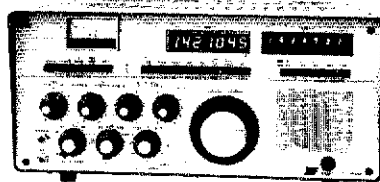
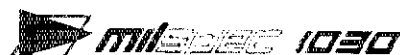
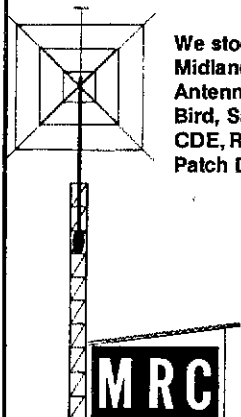
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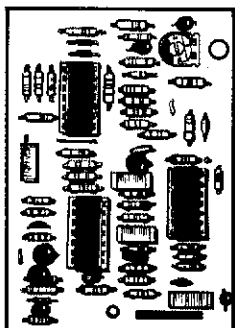
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and N6BWV gave an interesting presentation to the Gabilan ARC on "Gray Line Propagation." The new officers for the Gabilan club for 1985 are: Pres.; NJ6L, VP.; KA6VVE, Sec/Treas. KG4JK; and handling *Publicity/Newsletter* is KB6CDB. KB6CDB is also a Public Information Assistant for the southern part of the section and is doing a good job getting publicity for amateur radio in San Benito and Monterey Counties. PIO N6BIS is busily working on getting the Section Speakers Bureau in full swing. If you're interested in giving non-technical talks to schools and service clubs in your area, let N6BIS know. N6FAD recently gave such a talk to the Santa Cruz Yacht Club. WD6CHD has turned over the editorship of the SCCARA newsletter to WB6WKM. WB6WKM has been very active in amateur radio since becoming licensed in 1977. He is an avid DXer and is currently the Secretary for the No. Cal. DX Club. The new editor of the NCDXC bulletin is WA6O. He has plans to include some ARRL information in the DX bulletin. KA6ZAK is the new editor of the No. Peninsula Electronics Club bulletin. Speaking of bulletins, one of the most difficult jobs in an amateur radio club is to edit or write the club bulletin or newsletter. One of the ways you as a club member can contribute to school information to the editor. A short paragraph or two about some technical problem that you have encountered and solved can be a valuable piece of information when shared with the other club members. SEC K8ITL had a recent meeting with over 20 of the ECs and DECs in the section to cover some topics of interest to those involved in emergency communications. He plans to have the meetings quarterly. The section still needs more people who want to become involved in handling traffic. If you think you might be interested, talk to STM W6PHT. KB6FKL, the 13 year old son of KB6GPR, recently upgraded to General. He won't stop there however, because he has a 20 wp certificate and will soon be testing for Advanced and Extra. WA6VFD is the new Emergency Coordinator for Cupertino. Traffic: W6YBV 164, W6KZJ 108, W6ZPJ 14. (Jan.) W6ZRJ 26.

### ROANOKE DIVISION

**NORTH CAROLINA:** SM, Rae Everhart, K4SWN — SEC: AB4W, STM: K4NLK, BM: K4IWW, ACC: WC4T, PIO: WA4OBR, SGL: AB4W. May is the month for the League Planning Meeting. Mark your calendars now for May 11-12 sponsored by the Raleigh ARS. Everyone is invited to attend the LPM at the Ramada Inn, Apex, NC. Clubs send a representative. For more details contact W4TZU or K4HR. Cape Fear ARS, WB4ZF, scored a MAJOR victory with county government officials regarding antenna restriction ordinance. Amateurs need quick action on PRB-1 proposal. State government agencies mailed letters to FCC supporting League's position on same. Just a note of sincere THANKS to every amateur in section for a FB job well done. Within last year the traffic totals have increased 10%, SAR reports have increased 20%, ECs have increased 10%, amateur radio clubs affiliating with ARRL have increased 10%, ORS increased 50%, OES increased 50%, OO increased 67%. This indicates more interest in section participation and you volunteers make it all possible and worth it all. Congrats to NJ4L our new NM or GENCL. VHF Contest and Field Day are just around the corner. Make your plans now to participate and enjoy the fun. W4NC now conducting FOXHUNTS. Does your club have a special project? Amateurs in Asheville alerted when huge rockslide closed I-40. This natural disaster is one reason we amateurs prepare to be ready. Hamfests: Durham, May 18. Traffic: WD4LRG 298, K4NLK 260, N4JRE 202, KA4EYF 193, WB4N 167, WB4WJ 162, KB4IVV 101, WB4HRR 87, K4SWN 85, WA4SRD 66, N4LFX 65, K4IWW 63, NJ4L 61, KA4YMY 56, WA4MNR 55, NT4K 48, WD4CEB 40, K4YJB 37, NE4J 36, N4JEO 36, WB4DAR 34, KU4W 26, WD4HTE 22, WB4CYN 20, N4UE 19, K4QXA 18, N4GJJ 15, N4KYD 11, WA4PID 11, WR4E 9, K4GI 9, WB2RF 7, WD4BCX 4, W2JDB 3, WA4TTS 2. (Jan.) NJ4L 70.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** SM, James G. Walker, WD4HLZ — I have just read, "Dangerous Precedent". The article describes a cease and desist order issued by the FCC to an amateur in our section. I believe any one of us could find ourselves in a similar situation just by building a state of the art VHF/UHF amateur station. Let's pick out equipment — 1) transceiver, 2) legal limit amplifier, 3) 100 foot tower, 4) Helix transmission line, 5) 22-24 dB stacked array and 6) preamp for weak stations. We calculate the ERP and find it to be about 40,000 watts. You have assembled a station with an ERP 3-4 times greater than most commercial FM stations and placed it in the middle of a residential area. The trouble now begins — "BLANKING". FCC Rules state that the commercial station must solve the "blanking" problem. For amateurs, the rules do not cover that situation even though we can operate at most greater ERP. Section 97.67(f) mandates use of the minimum power necessary for the communications in progress. If we abuse the Rules by insisting that we have the right to operate "LEGAL" limits, the FCC will answer with a limit on ERP. Traffic: K4ZN 362, K4WJR 238, W0IKT 237, W4ANK 156, W4NTO 124, KA4LRM 73, KB4BZA 72, K4ZB 45, W4FMZ 34, K4FRX 31, WB4UDK 24, WJ4P 20, WB4JFP 15, KA4YEA 8, W4DRF 2.

**VIRGINIA:** SM, Claude Feigley, W3ATQ — STM: WD4ALY, SEC: WB4UHC, ACC: WD4KQJ, OO: W4HU, BM: AB4U, SGL: W4THV.

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The K4KDJ annual Valentine's match has come and gone and as a result AA4AT N4GHI N4EXQ and K4KDJ made BPL. It is with great sorrow that I report KB4OG as a Silent Key. Tucker was a very reliable traffic handler and active both in his club and Emergency Service Nets. He will be missed by all. The Vienna Wireless Society reports a successful VE exam with 61 taking the exams and 54% passing. NK4U, two prefix QSL bureau, requests all DXers to send in an envelope with postage for their cards at once. The Bureau will be forced to destroy all unclaimed cards in the near future. If clubs within a 200 mile radius of N. Va. will send their exam dates to NK4U, she will publicize in that area. By this time, all affiliated clubs should have submitted their annual reports to HQ, if your club has not done so, please do so as soon as possible. K4JST has taken over as 4RN cycle 4 manager until a permanent mgr. is appointed. N4GHI has taken over Gil's spot as VN mgr. It is still not too late to qualify for the Va Phone 50th anniversary check in on 3947 at 4 or 7:30 P.M. W4WVQ reports Lynchburg club has a digipeater atop Tobacco Row Mt. with coverage into the Richmond and Greensboro areas with 12 stations active. Also the Tidewater area is becoming active with stns operating Packet both VHF and

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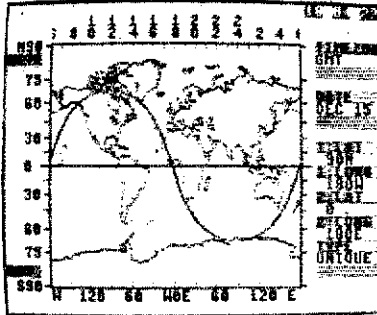
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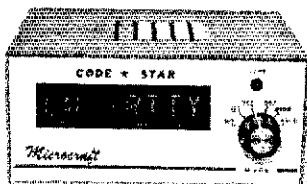


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HF. Several are using the TAPR TNC with good results. Plan now to attend the Division League Planning meeting May 11-12 at Raleigh. All affiliated clubs should be represented. Upcoming hamfests, Manassas, June 2, Berryville Aug. 4. Traffic handled 5707 with 39 stations reporting. Traffic: AA4AT 706, N4GHI 685, N4EXG 624, K4KDJ 600, W3ATQ 469, K4JST 297, WA4CCK 284, AA4GL 243, WD4ALY 243, WD4OCW 203, KB4WT 151, KR4V 148, K4JM 142, WB4PNY 97, K4AEX 96, KA4IUM 88, WB4FDT 86, WY4T 75, NT4S 51, WB4KIT 49, K4ECD 44, K4MTX 42, K3RZR 34, K4GR 31, WB4EDB 27, WB4UHC 21, N4KSO 19, NW4C 18, N4FN 18, N6ANG 17, K4NLC 17, WALXB 15, W4ATG 12, W4ATZ 11, K4ILO 9, K4VVK 8, W4PVA 8, WB2OMZ 4, N4LE 2.

WEST VIRGINIA: SM, Karl S. Thompson, K8KT — SEC: K8QEV, STM: K8DBG, ACC: W8A8CTO, TC: K8CG, SGL: K8SE, rpt. Co. W4AKH, K8BRD. K8BRD has been re-appointed an OBS. New OBS at K2BQ and WB3LY. K8BRD has been re-appointed NM for WVNN. New net time is 5:30. Was nice to see everyone at Fayetteville H. F. on 2/24, very nice affair again this year.

Net	Time	QNI	OTC	Sess.	NM	Freq.
WVFN	6:00	1074	180	28	NBAJC	3665
WVMD	11:45	1047	80	28	WBFPZ	7235
WVRN	6:30	318	75	28	K8BRD	3640
WVW	7:00	253	126	28	WBLYV	3567
Hillbilly	Noon	Sn	143	25	W8YP	14290

Traffic: WD8L 307, K2BQ 191, K8TPF 160, K8DRD 122, W4VY 100, W4OMJ 90, W8FV 89, W4JWX 84, K4UCY 81, K8BG 71, K8GOMI 70, N6CG 69, K8QEW 59, K8KT 38, K8BOGF 29, W8CAL 16, W8AKCJ 10.

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION

COLORADO: SM, Bill Sheffield, K0QJ — SEC: W8BQFB, STM: W8AIT, OO/AA: N8CF, ACC: W8BDUV, PIO: K8PYH, SGL: W8BQJ, TC: K0BP, BM: W8MDT. With electrical storms, spring floods and the tornado season about to begin, we are reminded of the SWN and K8QBA who has resigned as the SWN Coordinator after many thousands of hours of dedicated work. K8CZV is taking this large job over as SWN Coordinator. . . and we wish him the best in this endeavor. My thanks to the Aurora Repeater Association for hosting a very fine State Convention, and particularly to the many members who pitched in many manhours to make a successful event. Congratulations go to W8BTWE for the fine coordination of the Health Fair. . . and a big thank you to the many amateurs throughout the state who helped with communications. VE test schedules for: May 4th Ft. Collins (N8EEE), May 9th Aurora (K0QJ), May 18th Littleton (W8AIT), June will have tests in Boulder (W8ZID) and in Loveland for Superfest. Name droppers: Colorado VE Teams across Colorado for donating their time to conduct test sessions: 73, K0QJ. Nets: COC, QNI 846, OTC 74-Inf 108, Time 920, 24 sess. CWN: QNI 2414, QTC 2757, Time 2520, 28 sess. CWN: QTC 55, QNI 121, 24 sess. HNN: QTC 190, QNI, 1782, Time 1428, 28 sess. NCTN: QNI 208, QTC 59, Time 243, 22 sess. Traffic: N8BQP 2190, WA8HJZ 1600, K8RKK 460, W8ACH 272, K8BZ 148, N8DZA 136, W8MDT 125, K4TEY 123, W8AIT 72, W8BSZ 66, A8W 18, W8HP 14.

NEW MEXICO: SM, Joe T. Knight, W5PDY — ASM: W5HD, DEC: K85XD, STM: ND5T, NMS: WASUNO K8LL W5VFC, TC: W8GY, ACC: W5HD. Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily on 3583/7083 at 0230 UTC and handled 180 msgs with 178 stations in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net meets daily on 3939 at 0100 UTC and handled 62 msgs with 1096 stations in. New Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3939 at 1330 UTC and handled 120 msgs with 870 stations in. Yucca 2-mtr Net 7818 & 9333 handled 22 msgs with 343 checkins. Caravan Club 2-mtr Net 6906 handled 11 msgs with 132 checkins. SCA 2-mtr Net 6606 handled 12 msgs with 549 checkins. Earlybirds: 0 msgs with 93 checkins. Vv sorry to report the passing of W5RYD & W8RRU. They will certainly be missed. W3YK reports 11 signed up for VE exams in Alamogordo and hopes for some walkins. VE exams will be given at the Bean Feed April 27. Traffic: ND5T 544, W5DAD 184, W5ENI 92.

UTAH: SM, Ron Todd, K3FR — STM: W7OCX, SEC: N47G, BM: WA7MEL, OO/RF: K87FL, ACC: K87XG, PIO: N7BHC, TC: K7RJ, EXAMS: N7IE, Congrats to new officers of OARC: pres-KG7UB, vp-N7EFC, secy-KA7OPC, treas-N5CT and directors KA7PMZ as KA7KMO. Utah VHF Soc. also has new officers: pres-K7JL, vp-WA7GIE, sec/treas-N7BMG, rpt eng-WA7PFM, freq coord-WB7TSY; beat wishes to all. Promitory rpt 4,895.49 probably getting new ACC controller and outpatches to SI, C, Ogden and Tooele. Looks like KNTU spending a lot of time on BBS's and is trying to turn business into radio BBS's. Packet has grown about 200% in last 3 months. Now 12 stns on in section and looking toward establishing some VHF links. WA7MEL's new Corsair sounds real good on BUN. Dallas has been doing a lot of 160 mtr DX and WAS hunting. Time to start thinking about FD. Lets get some record participation from the section this year. Traffic: K7HLR 322, WA7WB 96, WA7KHE 89, WA7MEL 55, WA7JL 49, W7OCX 7.

WYOMING: SM, Dick Wunder, WA7WFC — ASM: Steve Cochran, KA7AWS, STM: Jim Anderson, W7TVK, Wyo. Hamfest is July 13 & 14 at Douglas. Recent upgrades include W8NHR to ADV, K7IWW to EXTRA, KA7HEK to GEN, & KA7SGQ to TECH. New NOVICES include Sandy Wunder, KA7USF, and Hal DeBacco, KA7USG. Congrats to all. Would like to congratulate Ralph Sims, W7COK, on his appointment as State PACES Officer. WY Cowboy Net: 19 sessions, QNI 6130, WY League Net: 24 sessions, 467 QNI, Sheridan Co. ARES Net: 4 sessions, 30 QNI. Casper Emergency Net: 4 sessions, 167 QNI. Laramie sponsored an Exam this month and had a success rate of just over 50%, thanks to all who assisted with the exam. Traffic: W8NHR 273, W7HLA 42, K7SLM 16, W7SQT 9.

## SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

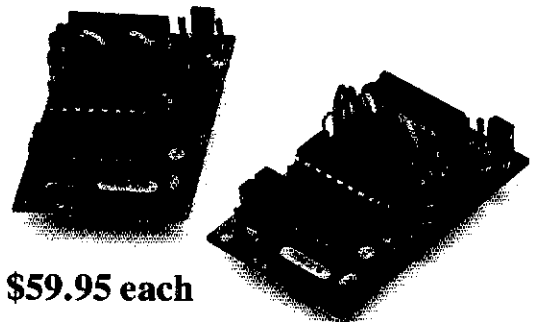
ALABAMA: SM, Joseph Smith, Jr., WA4RNP — STM: N4JAW, SGL: KA4WVU, BM: KF4VY, OO/RF: K4ELV. Due to business and personal commitments our Section Emergency Coordinator has decided to step down. Carl has given the section 30 months of excellent service and he is retiring. By the time of this issue Carl will be in the press I hope to have found a suitable replacement for this very important section level appointment. From Montgomery the MARC officers are: Pres. K4BTB Jim; V.P., AA4BL Wayne; Secy/Treas., KA4WZ Bob. The Alabama Repeater Council voted to go along with the 20 kHz spacing in Alabama that has started in the northwest and is spreading across the country. This month the Ala State ARRL Convention will be held at the Birmingham area on 18 and 19. Hope to see all of you there. On Sat there will be an ARRL meeting and on Sun we will have an ARES section meeting with some time set aside for the ATNM, AENB and AEND nets. CAN reports 1163 messages in 28 sessions with DFN5 rap 100% by W4CKS, W4XI and



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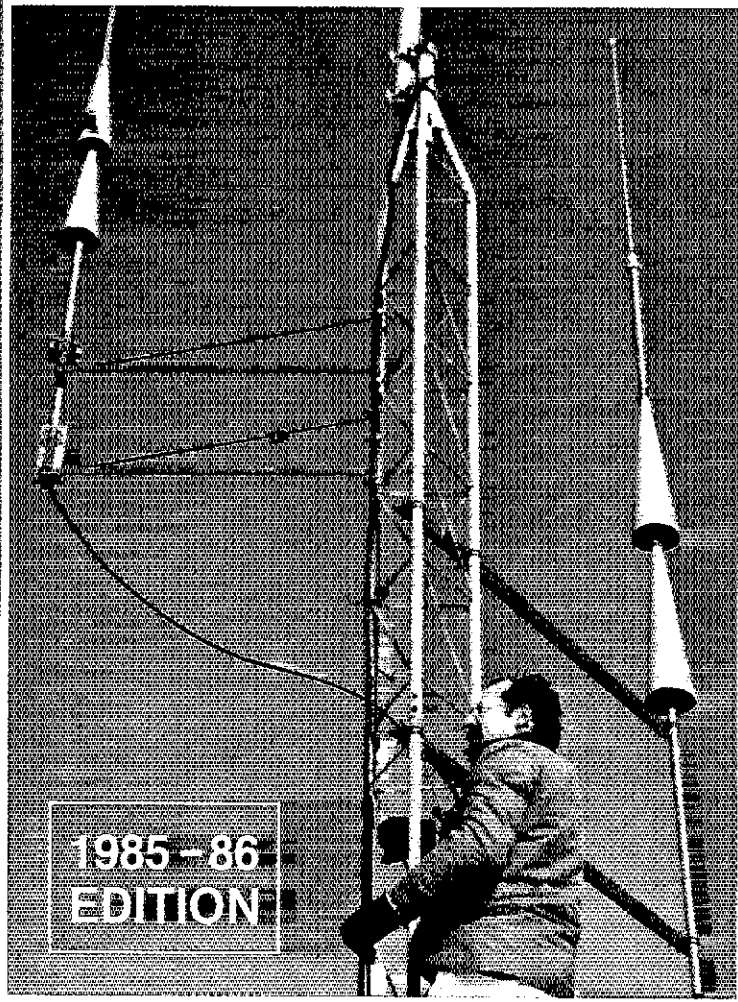
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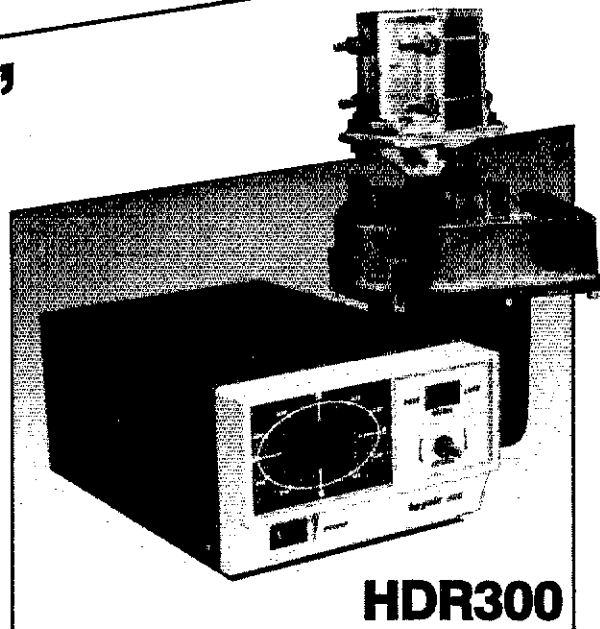
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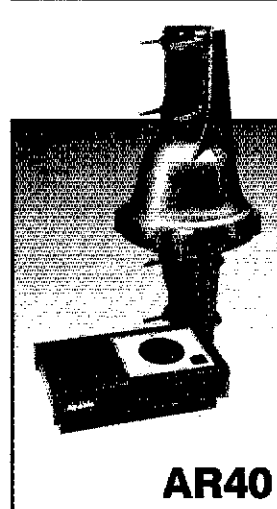
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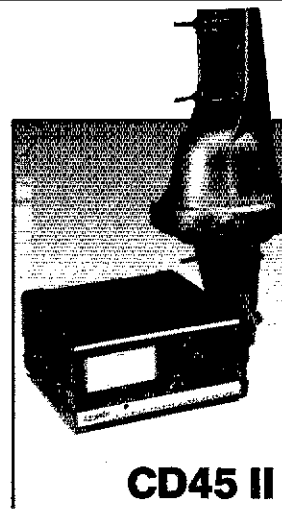
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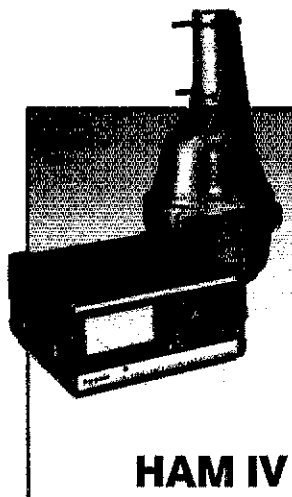
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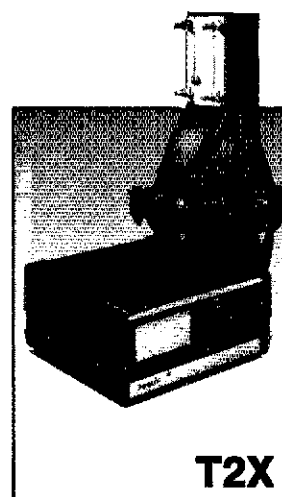
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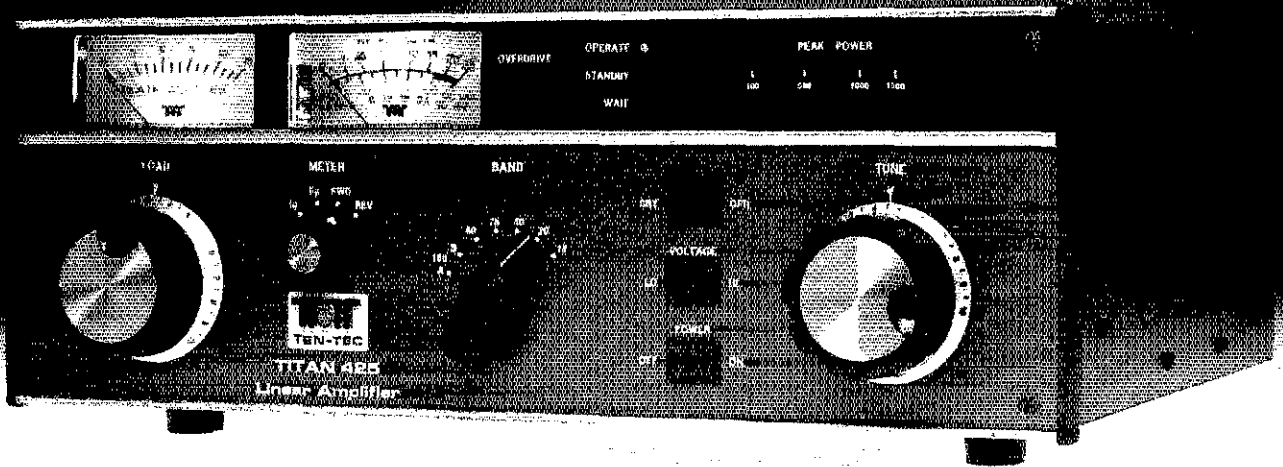


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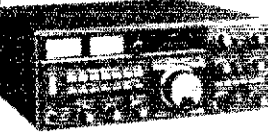
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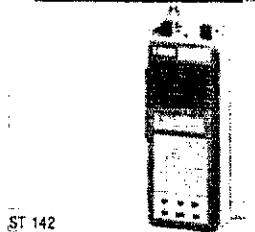


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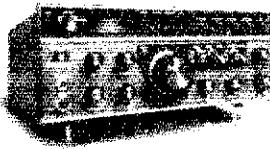
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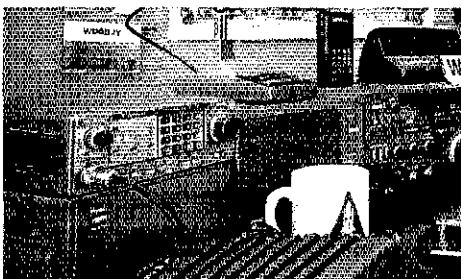
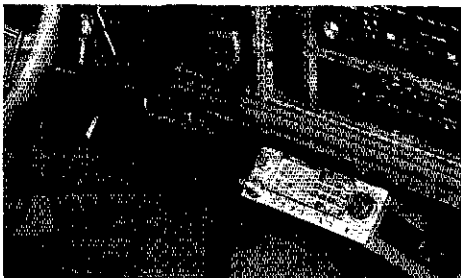
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• **Multi-function keyboard.**

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- TU-79 three frequency tone unit
- PS-430 power supply
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- SP-40 mobile speaker
- SP-50 mobile speaker
- MC-55 mobile microphone
- MC-46 16-key autopatch UP/DOWN microphone
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NW4X. DRN5 reports 999 messages in 56 sessions with AL rep by NW4X, WA4JDH, W4CKS, K4GGS, WX4J, WB4XA, WD4NLY, WA4RNP. Traffic: WA4JDH 853, WA4ZY 167, W4CKS 146, NW4X 120, WX4J 87, WB4XA 78, KB4GNP 52, WD4NLY 46, WA4RNP 32, K4ACZ 30, K4HJX 22, WD4DGH 8, WB4TVY 2.

GEORGIA: SM, Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL — SEC: WB4ABY, STM: K4VHC, ACC: WA4ABY, BM: WB4IA, CO/RFI: W4RZL, PIO: WA4PNY, SGL: W4BTZ, TC: K4UDD. The section Hamfests for May are: Albany on the 4th & 5th followed by Hartwell/Toccoa on the 18th & 19th. Support your Ga section events because most repeaters operate because of profits gained by these events. Am really amazed at the continued support of the West Ga ARS. I hamfest in the vicinity who aren't members need to send one of their FB meetings. Many tnx to all the instructors & VE's who dedicate themselves to the growth of this v'y FB hobby. It's up to each of us to keep up the progress. It's v'y gratifying to receive cards & letters from out of state hams who used repeaters as they traveled thru the Ga section. They say that "Ga Hams are always helpful & friendly!" Tnx to MATPARC for getting behind the ARRL goals to increase the number of Hams as well as ARRL members.

This is the real spirit of Amateur Radio. A lot of the section clubs holding two meetings a month, one business & a social where the whole family can get together. Try this, may be XYL will let u go to more Hamfests. Traffic reports continue to be good. If u have any please report it to the STM, K4VHC, by the 5th of the month. The ARRL has issued a challenge to it's affiliated clubs to keep the ARRL healthy & robust. They have begun a club competition to see which club can recruit the most NEW ARRL MEMBERS. For each new member that a club recruits that club will receive a \$5.00 commission. I am sure that u club treasury can use a few bucks. Traffic: W4PIM 229, N9ECB 87, K4VHC 58, W4JWO 55, WD4NGI 53, W9NXC 36, K4EV 23, WB4NTW 20, K4BIA 20, N4BWS 18, WB4IA 13, KF4FG 12, N1BKC 9, N4UZ 8, N9EGW 7, K4ATM 5.

NORTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Phil O'Dwyer, WF4X — For the second month in succession they failed to include our BPL list in the BPL column and these people deserve the recognition thus denied. For December the stations listed handed the traffic report to: W4IIO 253; WX4H 1552; N4PL 1247; WF4Y 1127; WF4Y 910; W4OXT 910; WB4TZR 733; KB9LT 500; WB4ADL 449; KC4VK 816; AA4FG 391; N4IYU 390. All earned BPL and our thanks for all that work. I have started sending in duplicate lists of the monthly traffic report and marking one for the "BPL COLUMN" in the hopes of preventing this problem in the future! During the Annual Directors Meeting, the Field Organization was changed to delete the RFI function from CO/RFI Coordinators job and re-name this position as the Official Observer Coordinator and the RFI function/responsibility was assigned to the Technical Coordinators and a new field appointment, the Assistant Technical Coordinator (ATC) was created. The ATC will assist the TC at the local level in solving problems and providing technical assistance to his club members. Traffic: WF4X 1730, WD4IIO 1611, WX4H 972, N4PL 784, WB4ADL 529, WF4Y 390, AA4FG 340, WA4OXT 321, KB9LT 297, KC4VK 280, AA4HT 264, KD4KK 205, WD4MLQ 174, WA3EYU 163, KB4L 137, WB4TZR 133, WD4HP 125, K4VND 122, W4GJJ 122, WA4NDA 107, NF4O 105, N2AMQ 102, N4JAC 101, W4KIX 93, N4EDH 92, WA4PUP 84, WD4IUI 76, K4CQ 76, W4MGO 73, KC4FL 66, WB4YQP 64, NY4E 42, KB4FY 41, WB4FJY 39, N4DY 38, N4JHI 23, N4ADI 19, N4QF 19, N4ENL 18, KF4GY 17, WX4J 15, NS4Q 15, WA4SXW 14, WB4AGW 14, WD4EQB 14, KB4LHP 13, WA4PUO 10, W9IM 9, WF4Y 7, KE4PO 3. (Jan.) WB4FJY 22.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA: SM, Richard D. Hill, WA4PFK — SEC: W4SS, STM: K4ZK, TC: K4T, BM: WA4EIC, PIO: W4WYR, SGL: KC4N, CO/RFI: W4SS, WA4EIC reports total bulletin activity of 126 bulletins received and transmitted this month. Bulletin stations reporting were: WA4EIC 35, WD4KBW 27, K4IEK 21, W4ABN 12, K4AGUS 12, and AA4M1 14. Lou, N4KNP, EC of Collier County sent me a copy of the report outlining the work done by the local hams during the forest and brush fires there. Look for the writeup elsewhere in QST. Hams assisting were: WD4AOW, K44EGP, WBBRAZ, WD4AQV, WD4EEG, W9OAO, N8DIQ, N4KB, KB4OA, WD4HWN, KM1W, WB8PS, WB4RZI and N4KNP. The Ft Myers City of Palms Hamfest was great as usual. It was a real pleasure to get to meet WA4HDH for the first time at the hamfest. Doc has been a member of QPN for many years and is the Tuesday night QCS. WA4JA handled 20 phone patches this month. KA4FZI, KY8V, K4OVC, KF4JA and WA4IIO all reported participating in the Edison Parade of Lights. I know there were many others who helped with the parade, but I don't have a list of the calls. WA4IIO also reports he is active with the marine weather station and is a SWFTN NCS. WD9AEP reports the following stations manning W4LX at the Southwest Florida Fair in Lee County — K44YH, K44YHF, K42IYV, WB8SN, NX4X, K4JLL, KC4XF, KB4BLN, N8EL, KA4HWV, W4PKP, K4OVC, KF4JA and the following including XYL's K4IKX, WD9AEP, W4V4, K9ALX, WD4MCC, WD4CHO and W4IIO. WD4KBW was busy at Pioneer Park Days collecting traffic. The Tampa Amateur Radio Club thanks all stations who assisted with the Florida State Fair traffic — especially W3CUI, W3VR, WF4X, WA4JDH, W4NFK and WD4KBW. KA4GUS has been appointed an Official Bulletin Station and will help serve southeast Florida through the Southeast Florida Traffic Net. 73 de WA4PFK Traffic: W4DUG 6777, W3CUI 6521, W3VR 1039, W4NFK 893, WD4KBW 669, W4LX 571, KF4JA 566, N4KPU 466, K4ZK 356, K4SCL 352, WD9AEP 334, WA4PFK 311, K4EUK 308, KJ3T 258, K4IA 248, W4PKP 220, K4JLL 215, WA4EIC 202, K44GUS 180, W4YCL 161, WB4WYQ 157, K4JZW 154, N4KB 150, W44RUE 99, WB2NVJ 99, KF4RI 91, KA4NFX 89, K44YH 74, WA4XU 72, KB4FBX 65, KY4U 59, KY8Y 55, K44Y 52, W4LX 49, W4NUN 42, A45BN 39, W4IIO 38, KA4FZ 33, K5IHF 32, WB4ADL 30, W3TLV 30, K4GQU 29, K9ALX 29, W4SME 28, K4JZ 27, KA4SH 24, WD4NXX 24, K9EHT 22, KA9AKY 21, AF3S 17, AA4M1 14, K4FQU 13, K4IRP 12, WA4YNO 12, N4ILN 12, W4V4F 11, W4WYR 10, N4JOA 10, W4ESH 9, W4MFD 8, KD4GR 7, KB4ABT 7, W4MPV 6, WK4F 6, K44KD 5, WD4MCC 5, K4OVC 4, NX4X 3, K44GD 3, KB4AXD 2, KB4ELQ 2, N4KNP 1, KA4EBO 1, KB4KB 0. (Jan.) W4NFK 102, W44RUE 44.

WEST INDIES: SM, Gregorio Nieves, KP4EW — West Indies Net Slow (WINS) daily 7:00 P.M. (2300 UTC) on 3.710 MHz. West Indies Net Central (WINC) daily 6:30 P.M. (2250 UTC). This is my last report as on April 1st the new Section Manager for West Indies, Carlos Flores, NP4KA, will start his term. I wish to express my gratitude to all the colleagues who have given to me their wholehearted assistance and cooperation during the past two years, especially to those who served as net controls and net managers. The best of my wishes and love to NP4KA in

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	10&15 mobile resonator (sup.)			15.80
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	20m mobile resonator (sup.)			20.00
RM 30	30m mobile resonator (std.)			15.25
RM 40	40m mobile resonator (std.)			15.80
	40m mobile resonator (sup.)			22.15
RM 75, 80	75 & 80m mobile resonator (std.)			16.70
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BM-1	Bumper Mount			15.25
SSM-2	Stainless Ball mt.			16.70
QD-1	Quick disconnect			13.25
SF-2	2 meter mobile 5/8 wave			10.00
SGM-2	2 meter 5/8 mag mt.			25.80
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KLM	Model	Height	Wind Load	NET
KT34A	4 element triband			337.95
KT34KA	5 element triband			485.95
2m-14C	2M satellite ant.			87.95
435-18C	70 cm satellite ant.			61.95

ROHN	Model	Height	Wind Load	NET
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25AG(2,3,4)	top sections			62.10
S825G	short base section			22.50
AS25G	accessory shelf			11.25
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S845G	short base section			49.50
AS45G	accessory shelf			37.50
20G	10 ft stacking section			37.50
10G	top section			36.45
BX-48	self supporting 6 sq ft			253.50
H81-48	self supporting 10 sq ft			300.00
H8X-48	self supporting 18 sq ft			375.00

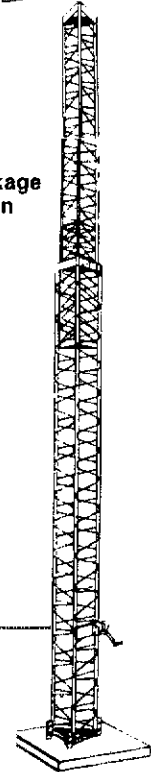
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M2-16SS	16 gauge 1 1/2" x 5" swaged			4.99
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TRI-POD ROOF TOWERS	Model	Height	Wind Load	NET
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HD1-5	5ft Galvanized Steel			19.90
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P1-5T	Stainless Steel			4.65

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V-SW #20L	Vinyl Coated Galvanized Steel	4.00	



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T17DXS	7 element tribander			481.95
T16MK2S	5 element tribander			416.95
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SO10	28MHz Swiss Quad			134.00
MLA-4	Loop 3.5/7/21/28			157.95
MV3AH	Vertical 7/21/28			55.00
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HF6V	80-10 vertical			119.00
HF2V	80-40 vertical			112.00
2MVC	2m vertical			39.00
RMKIT	rot mtg. kit			41.95

CUSHCRAFT	Model	Height	Wind Load	NET
A-4	4 element tribander			295.95
A-3	3 element tribander			210.00
R-3	10, 15, 20 remote tuned vert.			260.00
AV-5	5 band trapped vert.			98.00
32-19	19 element 2 meter boomer			69.95
214B/FB	14 element 2 meter boomer			75.95
424B	24 element 70 cm boomer			77.00
416-1B	16 element OSCAR 435MHz			56.00
A144-10T	10 element OSCAR 145 9MHz			49.00
ARX-25	2 meter vert.			35.00
ARX-2	2 meter vert. "ringo" ranger			28.00
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PD4010	40-10 meter dipole kit.			28.75
PD8040	80-40 meter dipole kit.			30.00
SD50	80 meter shortened dipole			26.25
SD40	40 meter shortened dipole			23.75

MINI PRODUCTS	Model	Height	Wind Load	NET
HC-1	mini quad 6/10/15/20			135.00
B-24	mini beam 10/15/20			101.00

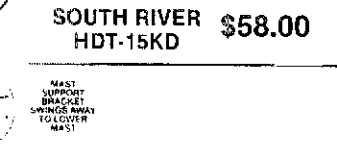
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RG8 Foam	1.8	2.6	3.8	29/ft.
RG8X (Mini)	4.0	5.3	9.0	14/ft.

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TB-14	5/8" to 7/8"		62
TB-15	7/8" to 9/8"		106
TB-16	7/8" to 10/8"		172

GUY WIRE CLAMPS	Model	Length	NET
GT-25	For Cable up to 1/4" Diameter		44
GT-30	For Cable 1/4" to 3/16" Diameter		51

U BOLT & SADDLE ASSEMBLY	Model	Length	NET
UBS	Galvanized Steel U Bolt is 1 1/2" wide		69 each

GROUND RODS	Model	Length	NET
GND-4CP	4 x 1/2" Copper Plate/Steel Rod		3.00
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### TR-7950/7930

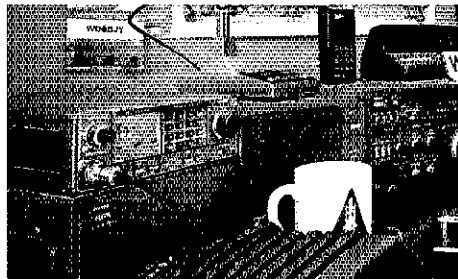
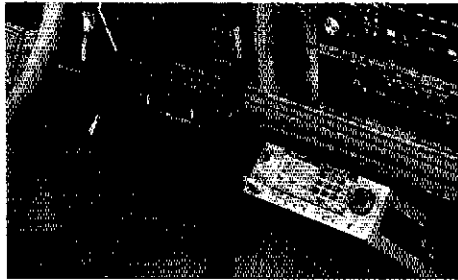
The exceptional front-end selectivity and sensitivity, coupled with Kenwood's excellent audio section, gives you lots to hear! Compact design makes this transceiver at home in the shack or on the go!

• **Large, easy-to-read backlit LCD readout.**

Indicates receive/transmit frequency, frequency offset, sub-tone selection, memory status. An LED readout indicates S & RF units, REVERSE, CENTER TUNING, PRIORITY, and ON AIR.

• **Programmable scanning, with center-stop tuning.**

Microprocessor technology allows you to scan the entire 2 meter band, or just a small portion of it. Scanning stops on the center frequency during band scan—a Kenwood exclusive!



• **21 Multi-function memory channels.**

The TR-7950/7930 "remembers" frequency offset, and optional subtone channels. Memories 1-15 are for simple and "normal" repeater operation. Memory pairs 16/17 and 18/19 are for "odd-ball" splits. Memories "A" and "B" store upper and lower band scan limits. The radio "beeps" when memory channel 1 is selected.

• **Extended frequency coverage.**

Covers 142.000-148.995 MHz in 5-kHz steps. Repeater offsets are automatically selected in accordance with the ARRL 2 meter band plan. The front panel "OS" key may be used to allow manual changes in offset.

• **Multi-function keyboard.**

The 16-key DTMF pad can also be used for direct frequency entry, sub-tone selection, memory address and scan programming. The keyboard is illuminated for night time use.



**TR-7950 optional accessories:**

- TU-79 three frequency tone unit
- PS-430 power supply
- KPS-12 fixed-station power supply for the TR-7950
- KPS-7A fixed-station power supply for the TR-7930
- SP-40 mobile speaker
- SP-50 mobile speaker
- MC-55 mobile microphone
- MC-46 16-key autopatch UP/DOWN microphone
- SWT-1 2 m, 100 W antenna tuner
- SW-100A/B power meters
- PG-3A noise filter

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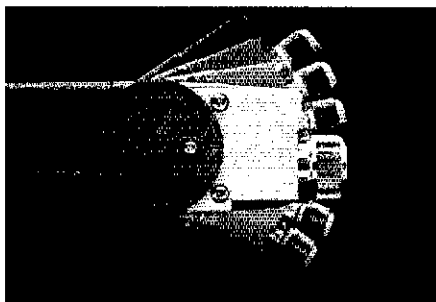
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• **Extended frequency coverage on 2 m.**

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**TM-411A** covers 438-450 MHz

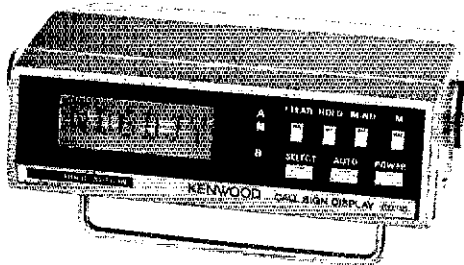
**Optional accessories:**

- CD-10 call sign display
- PS-430 DC power supply
- KPS-7A power supply
- MC-42S regular UP/DOWN hand microphone
- MC-55 (8-pin) mobile microphone with time-out timer
- MA-4000 dual band mobile antenna with duplexer
- SWT-1 / 2 2 m / 70 cm 100 W antenna tuners
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- PG-3A noise filter
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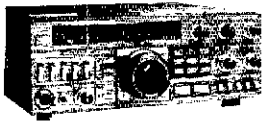


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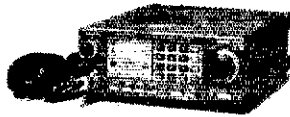
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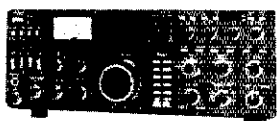
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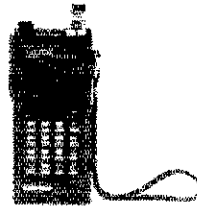


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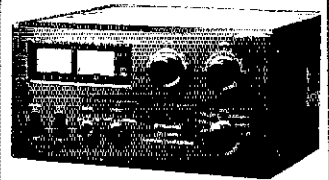
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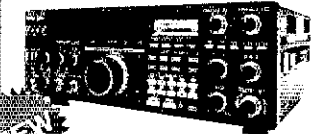


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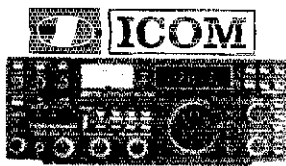
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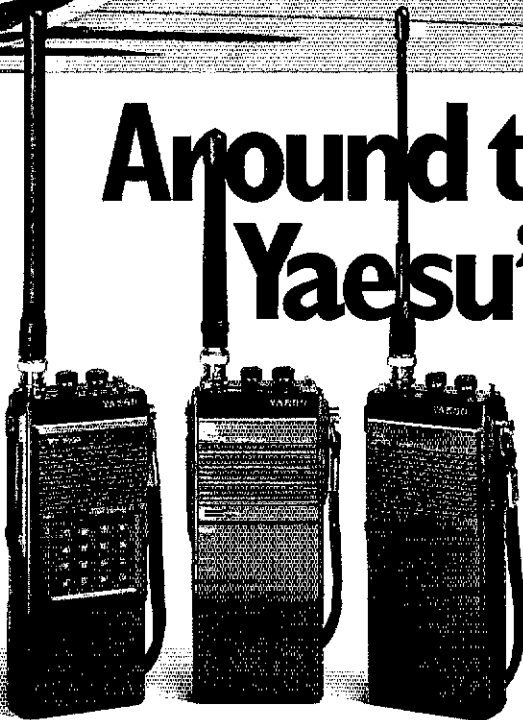
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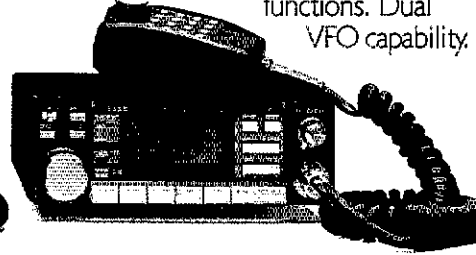
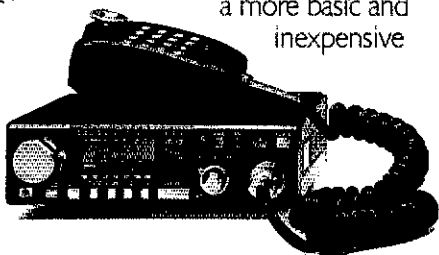
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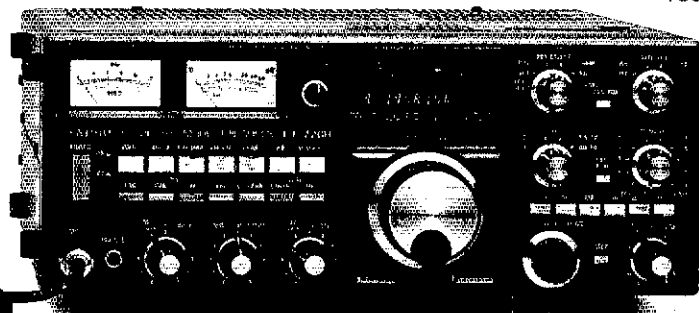


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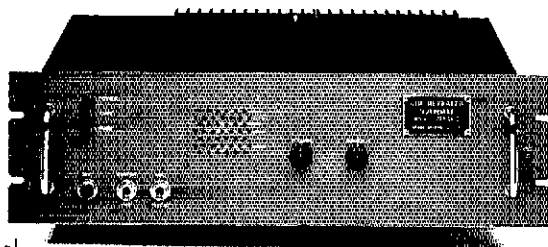
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**Compact.** The IC-3200A is only 5½"W x 2"H x 8½"D.

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**Memory Lockout.** For scanning, only certain memory channels. ICOM utilizes a memory skip (M SKIP) function.

**10 Tunable Memories.** To store your favorite frequencies, 10 memories are provided. Each memory will store the receive frequency, transmit offset, offset direction and PL tone. Each memory can be tuned up or down when

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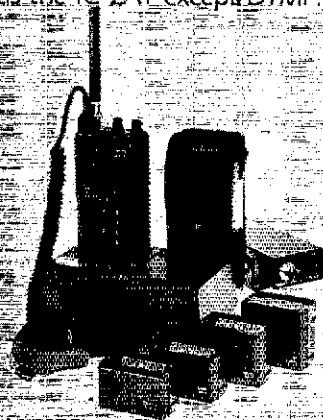
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**IC-02AT Features.** ICOM's top-of-the-line IC-02AT handheld has the following outstanding features:

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Other convenient features such as automatic band scan, squelch circuit for FM/SSB/CW,

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#### Optional accessories:

- KPS-7A AC power supply
- PS-30 AC power supply (TR-9500 only)
- BO-9A system base with memory back-up supply

- SP-120 external speaker
- TK-1 AC adapter for memory back-up
- SP-40 mobile speaker
- SP-50 mobile speaker
- SW-100 A/B power meters
- MC-55 Mobile Mic w/time-out timer



### TR-9500

#### 70 CM SSB/CW/FM transceiver

- Covers 430-440 MHz, in steps of 100-Hz, 1-kHz, 5-kHz, 25-kHz or 1-MHz
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### TW-4000A

#### FM "Dual-Bander"

KENWOOD'S TW-4000A FM "Dual-Bander" provides new versatility in VHF and UHF operations, uniquely combining 2-m and 70-cm FM functions in one compact package. It covers the 2-m band (142.000-148.995 MHz), including certain MARS and CAP frequencies, and the 70-cm band (440.000-449.995 MHz), all in a package

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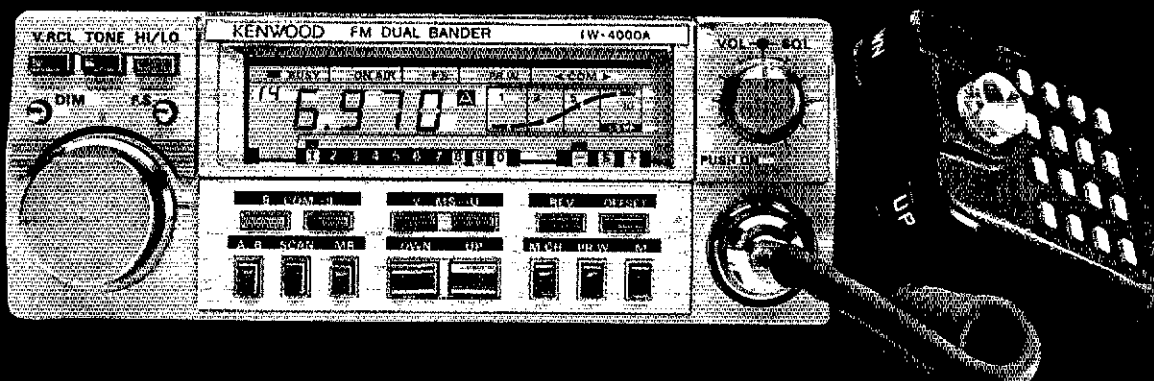
#### Other TW-4000A optional accessories:

- VS-1 voice synthesizer, TU-4C programmable two-frequency CTCSS encoder, KPS-7A fixed

- station power supply, SP-40 compact mobile speaker, SP-50 compact mobile speaker, MA-4000 dual-band mobile antenna with duplexer, MC-55 mobile microphone with timeout timer, and a SW-100B SWR/power meter.

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  - MB-430 Mobile Mount
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## TS-670A

### TS-670 All-mode "Quad Bander"

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  - YK-88A 6 kHz AM Filter

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- YK-88A 6 kHz AM Filter
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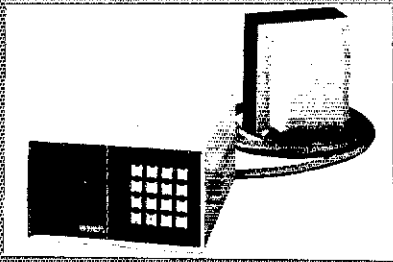
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his term and at the same time let him know my disposition to help and assist him as needed. My special gratitude to KP4DJ for his support and consistency in his duty as Net Manager of WINS. A visit to Virgin Islands is scheduled in March to the new affiliated club by myself and NP4KA to coordinate our assistance and cooperation with them. The P. R. Amateur Radio Club had its first exam session under the ARRL VE program and plans to make a monthly session the last Saturday of each month. KP4DJ reports the following totals for WIN: QND 282, QTC 13, QNI 81, 23 sessions. KP4ABK reports the following totals for WINC: QND 420, QTC 29, QNI 471, 28 sessions. Traffic: KP4DJ 60.

### SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION

**ARIZONA:** SM, Erich H. Holzer, N7EH — STM: W7EP, NMS: WB7CAG K6LL, KA7HEV. Well the results are in and W7FF will take over as the new SM for Arizona on the first of April. I would like to thank all who have helped me and the League during the last 4 years. I encourage everyone to give W7FF your support and make the AZ section the best in the ARRL. Please ensure that your club newsletters get sent to W7FF, Arizona Cactus Net: QNI 625, QTC 114, SWN: QNI 178, QTC 180, ATE: QNI 1018, QTC 119, PSHR for Feb.: KB7PE and WB7CAG. Traffic: KB7FE 415, W7EP 142, K6LL 64, W7LVB 64, WB7CAG 54, KA7HEV 28, K7JKM 27, K7POF 17, W7KXE 16, WB3LQG 15, WA7KQE 11, K7NMQ 3, W7DQS 12, KA7KHU 2, WA7NXL 2.

**LOS ANGELES:** SM, John V. Walsh, N6UK — ASM: N6ZH, STM: W6INH, SEC: N6UK, ACC: KX7Q, COJRF: K6BMQ. Time is running out for "Birds and" registrations for the Southwest Division Convention aboard the R.M.S. Queen Mary, August 9, 10 and 11. "Birds" get more prizes and better seats. To qualify you must register by May 31. Advanced registration closes July 15. K7UGA will be guest speaker at the banquet and K6DUE will MC. Contact Hamcon., P.O. Box 91313, Long Beach, CA 90809. EB registration \$5, advance registration \$6, and banquet tickets \$25. Plan on being at the best yet. ARES and LA County Fire Dept. have put the wheels in motion. Earthquake 85 was the maiden shakedown event. Thanks to NR8O AK6Y WA6LAU and WB6FRM for moving quickly to make the ARES participation a reality and to N6ZH W6EJL and WA6WZO for their long-term support of the project. Four members of the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs (TORRA) are getting a bad rap. Plans for next year are in the mill. WB6QJK is rallying the forces for the next T of R event. Opening net was March 21. Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs has started an ambitious revitalization program under the guidance of KN8H. The council deserves the support of clubs within the section. Next meeting is May 7 at DWV. Clubs — send a rep — help promote the interests of Amateur Radio within the section. For monthly License Exams contact San Fernando Valley ARC, 5311 Corteen Pl., N. Hollywood, CA 91607. Contact Greater Los Angeles Amateur Radio Group for current program info. Call (818) 782-6095. W6JRM 892-2068 (after 6 P.M.). Traffic: K6YBV 425, W6INH 404, W6ORF 27, K6CL 10, W6DFWZ 8, K6DD 4.

**ORANGE:** SM, Sandra Heyn, WA6WZN — ASM/SEC: W6UBQ, STM: WA6QCC, ACC: KA6NLY, SM: W6DXL, OO Cord: W6RE, PIO: N6SW, SGL: N6HIQ, TC: AA6DD. This is my last report as Section Manager. I wish to thank the tremendous support that the clubs and field organization volunteers have given me. I especially wish to thank ASM/SEC W6UBQ who is your new Section Manager as of April 1st. W6UBQ has announced appointments: ASM N6BVU and SEC AE6N. Also congrats to new QRS N6LNI, SB Dist #8 EC W6DCH appointed K6EPS AEC for Apple Valley, in addition to WA6BRI (Hesperia), WA6JJO (Wrightwood), N6JPI (Lucerne Valley), N2BVH (G.A.F.B.), and deputy EC K6BET. Monrogo Basin awarded another year to W6PH. Pres. WA6EJL has appointed W6DCHVC for the remainder of the term as Pres of the Lake Elsinore Valley ARC. K1BM is heading up educational program while KA6BJO is heading up the examination program for the So. Orange ARES group. Fullerton Radio Club held successful star party at WA6UKZ property in Borrego Springs that included kite flying organized by KD7X, N6GUH and W6OAK is teaching classes for the Yucaipa Valley ARC. Anyone interested in new So CA 8 Mtr Group should contact K6GSX KP6HE or K6JZK. The Calif Division of Forestry held local appreciation dinners for (Volunteers (event) members) in the ARC new club house. W6SIX pres. K6VDS vp, and WA6EDJ sec/vtrreas. The Orange County Amateur Radio Emergency Services Group chaired by W6ORHK is developing an emergency frequency plan. N6BVU and W6BUK have compiled a list of calling freq for So CA. W6MEP/Rpt 147.24 (+.80) now located on Mt. Wilson has become an open repeater with WestLink played Friday thru Monday 9 P.M. and code practice after 10 P.M. For info on Tournament of Roses Radio Association (TORRA) contact WA6AAD or W6BOJK; the new TORRA net meets 7:30 P.M. on both 145.18 (-) and 147.27 (+). Hope to BCNU at the Southwestern Division Convention August 9-11. PSHR: W6BTF, KA6BNW, W6QCBZ, WA6QCA, KA6HJK.

Net	Freq	Time	QNI	QTC	NM
SCN1(20+)	3598	7 P.M.	268	185	WB6TIF
SCN2(13-)	3598	8:15 P.M.	161	42	WB6TIF
SCN3(VFM)	146.645	9 P.M.	388	311	WA6QCA
RTTY/VHF	145.12	10 A.M.	410	118	KA6HJK

Traffic: WB6TIF 217, WA6QCA 200, KA6HJK 168, AD6A 126, N6GOT 84, KA6BNW 74, W6BQZ 43, K6ZCE 34, W6CPB 15, K6CYD 15, N6FRW 14, W6TKV 4, KA6HMS 2, WA6WZO 3, WA6WN 1. (Dec.) WA6QCA 912.

**SAN DIEGO:** SM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI — ACC: WA6COE, TC: N6NR, BM: WA6HJJ, STM: N6GW, SEC: W6INI, PIO: K6BLF. Congratulations to K6BLF on his appt to Emerg Comm Adv Comm. 1986 ARRL National Conv will be in San Diego Sept. 5-7. Plan your vacation now! Asst Tech Coord is now appt available. This will expand the Section's technical plan by giving needed assistance to TC N6NR. Contact him or SM W6INI (273-1120) for info. Official Relay Station appts available for operators handling written message traffic regularly. Details from N6GW (222-5575). SANDARC Vol Exam Coord can be contacted at 619-465-EXAM. Mail to: POB 5023 La Mesa, CA 92041. New club officers: North Shores ARC Pres KW6V, VP NQ8D, Sec KA6FAC, Treas KA6UCD; San Diego Rptr, Assn Pres W6RHV, VP WA6URS, Sec W6GOC, Treas N6ICC. Fire season is with us again. Volunteers needed to take part in Red Flag Patrols during exceptionally high fire hazard weather. Contact W6INI. NCTN met 27 times, handled 111 msgs. ARES CN met 4 times, QNI 18. Traffic: KB6A1 123, N6GW 38, KM6I 10, WA6IJK 2.

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**NORTHERN TEXAS:** SM, Phil Clements, K5PC

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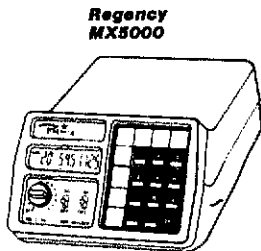
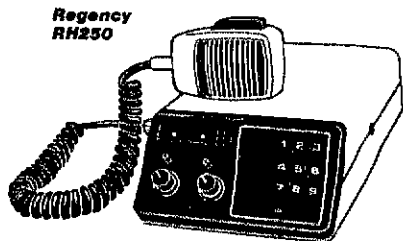
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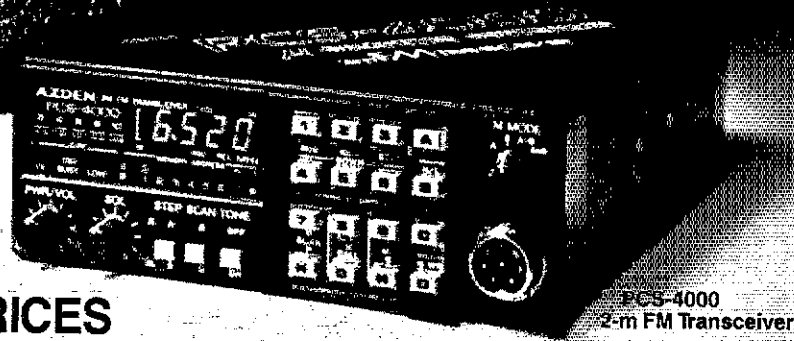
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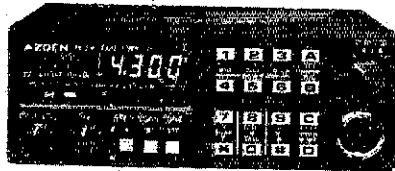


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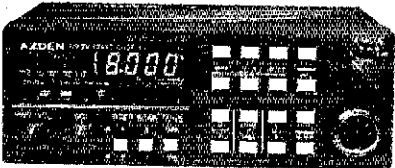
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ASM/ACC: N15V, STM: AE5I, BM: W5QXK, SGL: WSUXP, RFI: WB5JP, PIO: N5FDL, Congrats to Hal Bell, N5ANO, Key City ARC "Ham of the Year." New officers-Panhandle ARC: Pres/WASUMY, VP/KA5OFA, Treas/W5CBT, Pub/W55ZH, Editor/W5ILA. A weather-watch symposium entitled "Panhandle Weatherwatch '85" was held in Amarillo on March 30th. The meeting involved ARES, NWS, Public Safety officials and the news media. A SKYWARN program was featured at the Key City ARC in Abilene March 11th. Several SKYWARN classes are scheduled around the D/FW Metroplex this spring. I hope you can attend one of these forums as the technology and reporting procedures are constantly being updated. An HF rig has been installed in the NWS office in Ft. Worth. This will be an invaluable tool in the reporting of weather from areas of our section out of VHF coverage. Look around 7213 kHz when wx activity is in our area. New EC for Grayson Co. is Mike Mitchell, KA6SL. Many thanks for many years of public service to Jerry Hancock, WB5BO, PSMB for Feb. KB5UL, KA5AZK, K5UPN, W5EEH, KAS5PT, N5BT, AE5I, Traffic: K5UPN 310, N5BT 308, KB5UL 301, W5OYI 150, KA5AZK 131, WB4HML 62, AC5Z 57, AE5I 57, KA55PT 47, W5QU 45, N45Q 43, N15V 33, W5ERT 29, W5EEH 24, KA5RYF 24, WA5EZI 16, N5GRZ 10, K5PC 7, K5SOR 3.

**OKLAHOMA:** SM, Dave Cox, NB5N — SEC: W5ZTN, STM: KV5X, ACC: N15V, BM: W5AS, PIO: W5IFB, OOC: K5WG, SGL: W5NZS, TC: W5GMJ. All affiliated clubs should have sent in their 1985 Annual Report by now. If not, please do so immediately to maintain your active status. The Tulsa ARC has received their Special Service Club designation. Congratulations for being the first in the OK Section to qualify for that prestigious position. Hats off to CORA and Joe Harding for the C & E's 10th anniversary. Wheat Straw ARC celebrated their 25th anniversary in style at a fabulous banquet complete with all the trimmings. Broken Arrow ARC has brought back the monthly sidewalk sale, 2nd Sat, every month. QCWV Chapter #63 will help man the ARRL booth this year at Ham Holiday. Southwestern part of Section is now enjoying ARRLVEC exams thanks to Lawton-Fort Sill ARC volunteers. If any area still needs help getting exams scheduled contact NB5N. New appointments: Assistant TC K5WG; EC KB5ZC, Okmulgee Co. Traffic: WB5SRX 277, W5AS 248, K5CXP 168, KB5EK 145, N5GTP 94, W5REC 83, KV5X 79, WB5LW 69, KA5FUI 66, KD5SQ 64, WA5OUV 62, W5YXU 61, W5RB 61, KC5OU 50, NR5L 41, NB5N 38, W5IFB 37, N5SW 32, K5GBN 31, W5JCE 28, K5ENA 25, W5VOR 25, W5VLW 24, N5SO 23, WA5OGC 22, K5CAY 17, WA5ZOO 16, N5PT 12, K5XW 11, ND5S 5.

**SOUTHERN TEXAS:** SM, Arthur R. Ross, W5KR — SEC: KA5KRI, STM: K5QEW, ASM: N5TC, AD W5OVH appointed Bulletin Manager for this section. Beaumont ARC officers for 1985: Pres. W5VUX; V Pres. KA5UJC; Secy. W5MFPN, Treas. KA5LAR. Rio Grande Valley Amateurs busy with public service activities: Citrus Parade in Mission in Feb, Brownsville Air Fiesta (airshow) and RGV Livestock Show in Mercedes in early March. South Texas Amateur Rpt Society (Harlingen) Pres K5RAV announced agreement with Texas DPS for properly trained amateurs to be "extra eyes" on RGV highways; labeled STAFCOM, members will use the multiple autopatch system of the 147.99/39 machine to relay pertinent information to DPS offices in Cameron and Hidalgo counties in accordance with procedures specified by DPS. CAND Mgr W5KLV reports DRNS represented 100% by Southern TX stations W5KLV, N5DFO, W5YDD, N5EFC, KD5KC, WB5EPA, W5FQU, N5AMH, N5CRU, W5MYR, DRNS Mgr W5YDD reports Southern TX represented 100% by W5KLV, W5CZT, KD5KC, N5DFO, W5GKM, WB5EPA, W5FQU, W5URN, N5AMH, N5CRU, W5YDD. OBS N5DFO reports 10 ARRL bulletins, 4 propagation forecasts, 2 CRRL bulletins, 4 DX bulletins and 8 satellite bulletins given 13 readings on 8 nets. OBS W5KLV reports 9 ARRL bulletins, 4 DX bulletins, 5 CRRL bulletins and 25 satellite bulletins given 124 readings on 7 nets. Traffic: W5CZT 396, W5KLV 370, N55J 176, WB5EPA 164, K55V 158, N5DFO 122, N5GKM 118, W5FQU 106, W5GKH 48, W5AC 38, W5BGE 29, K5HZR 27.

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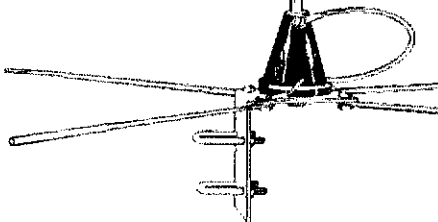
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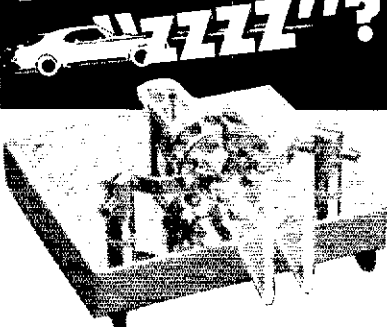
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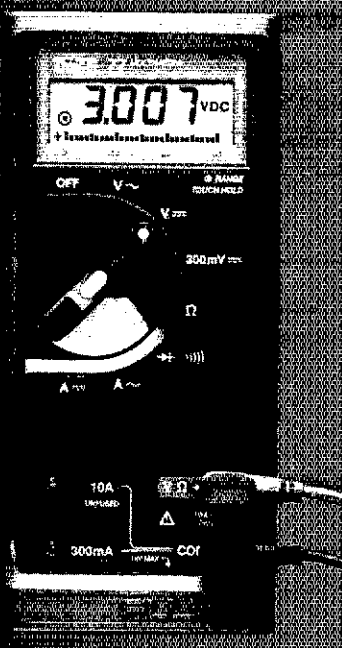
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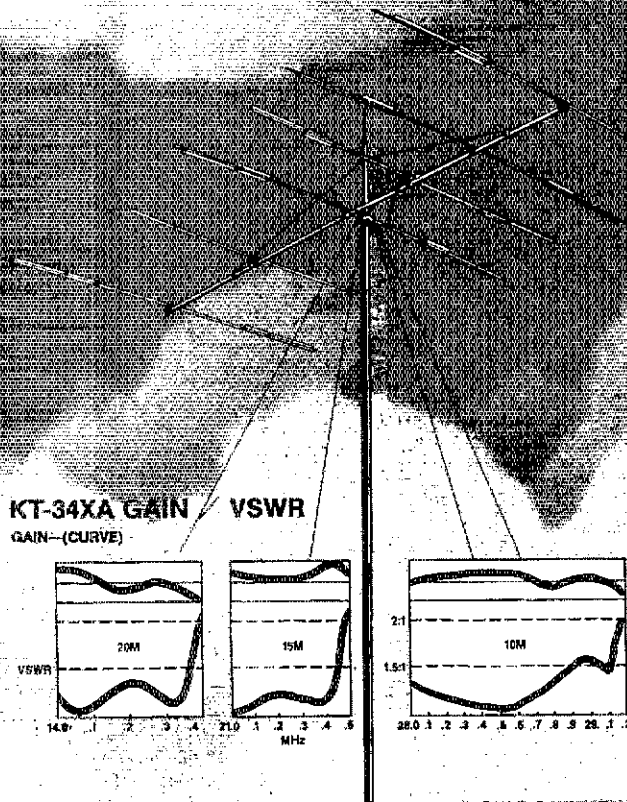
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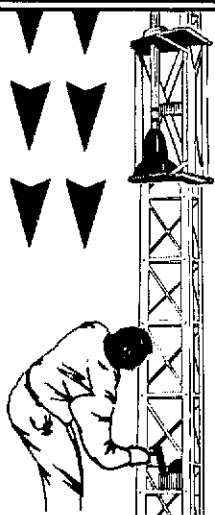
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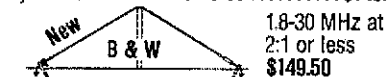
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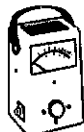
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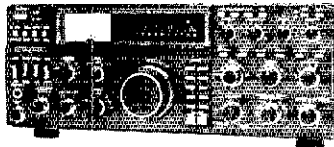
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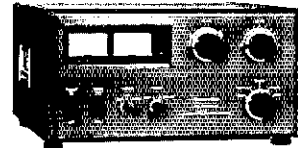
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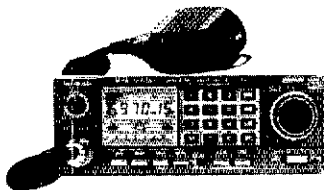
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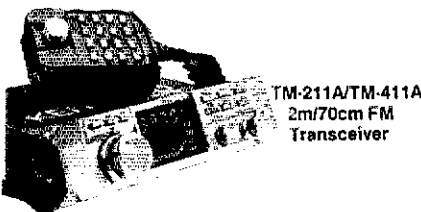
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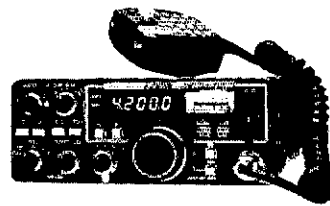
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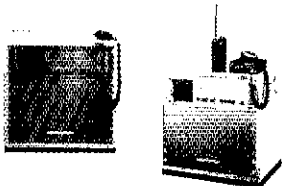
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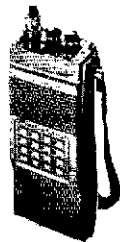


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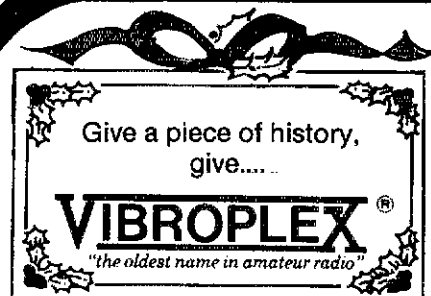
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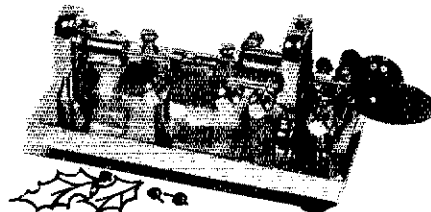
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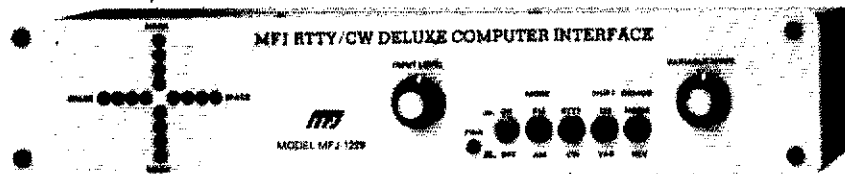
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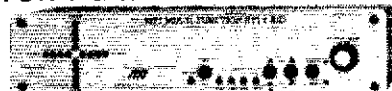
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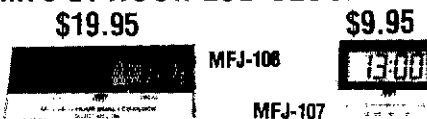
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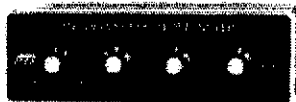
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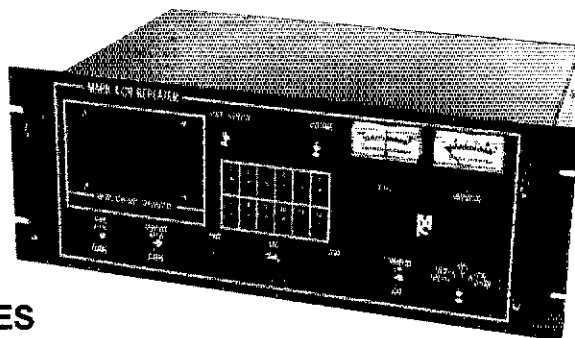
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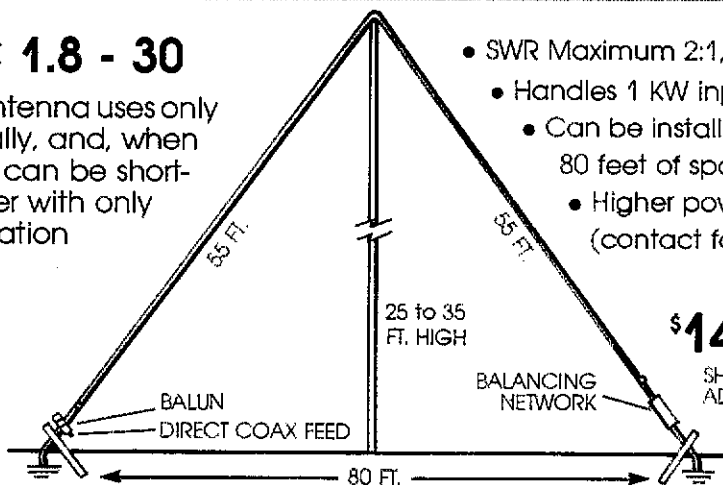
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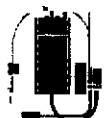
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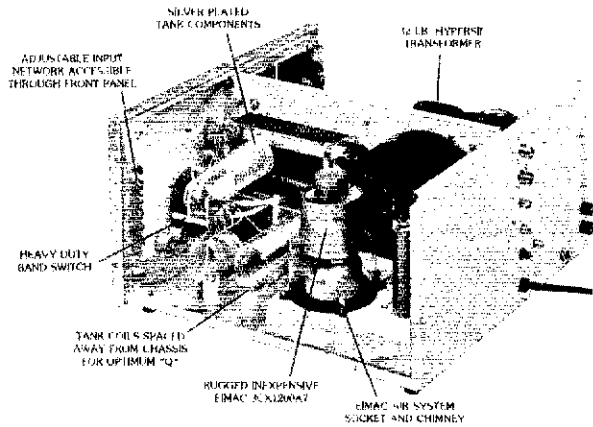
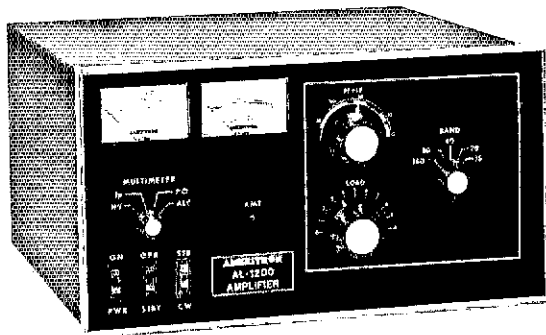


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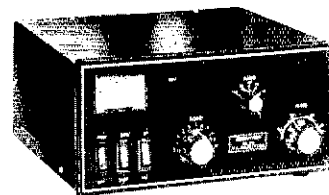
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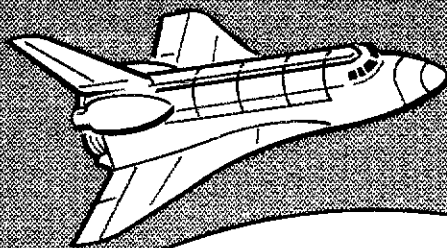


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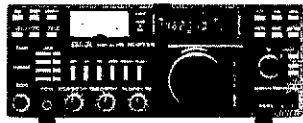
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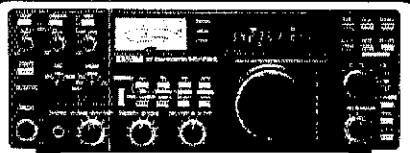
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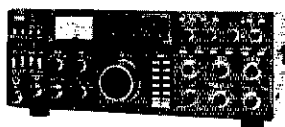


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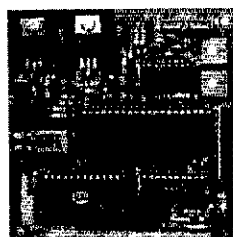
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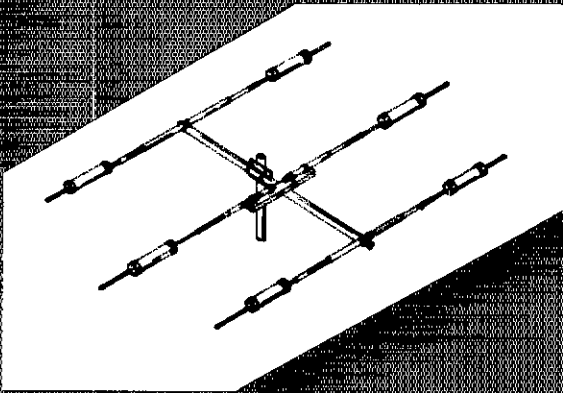
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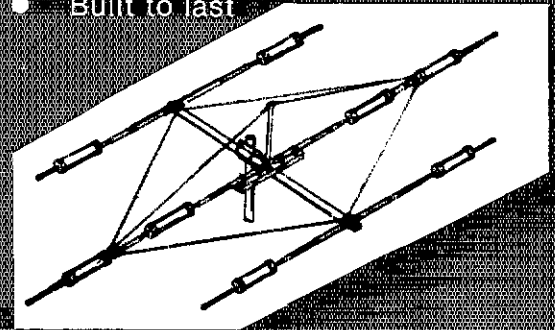
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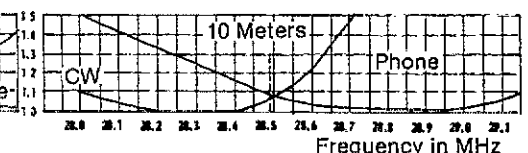
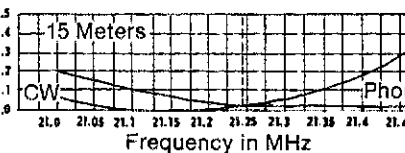
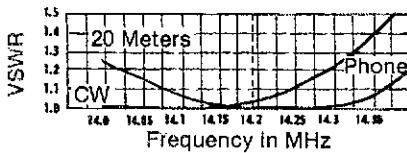


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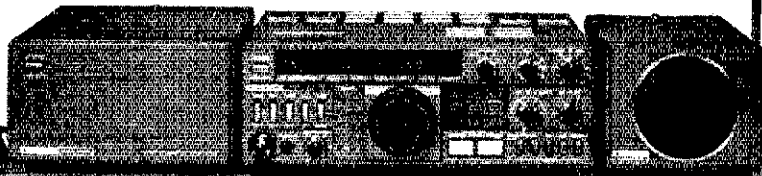
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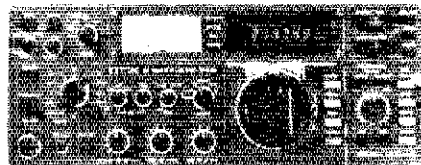
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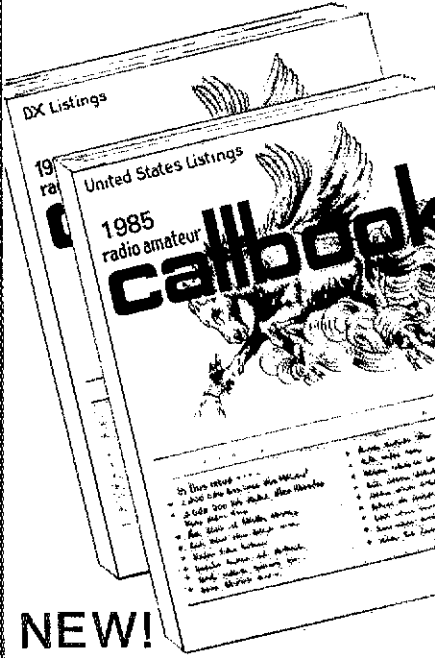
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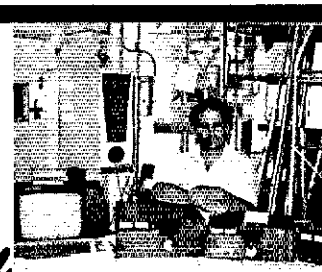
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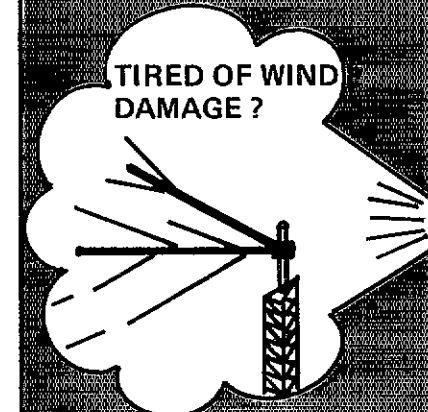
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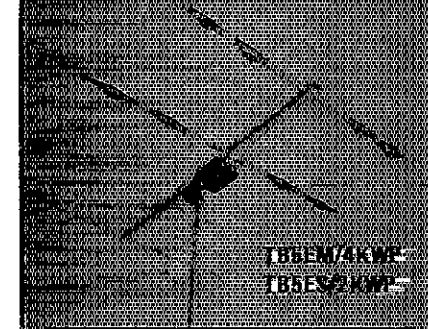
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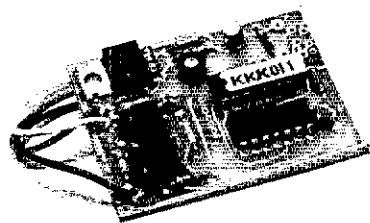
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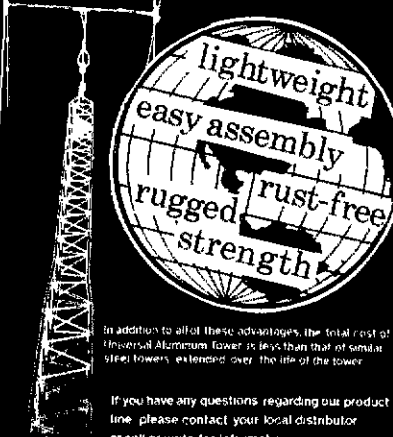
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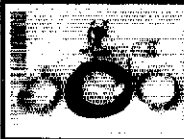
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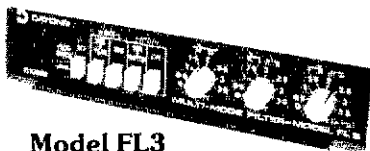
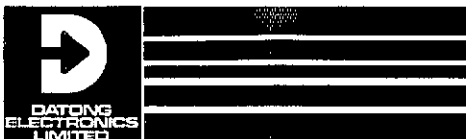
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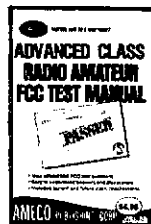
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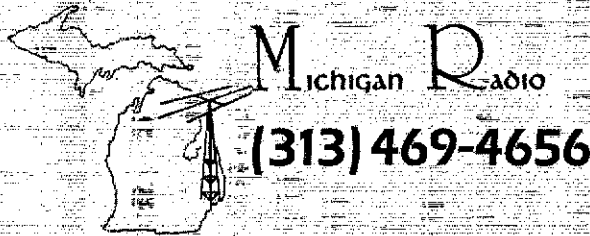
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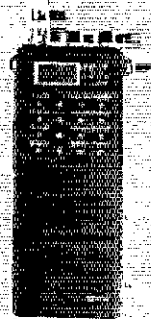
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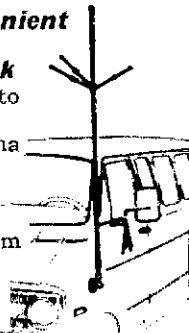
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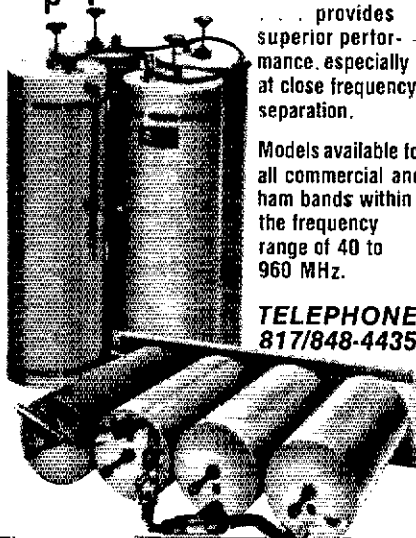
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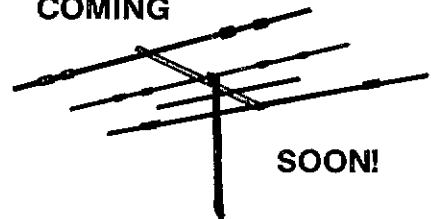
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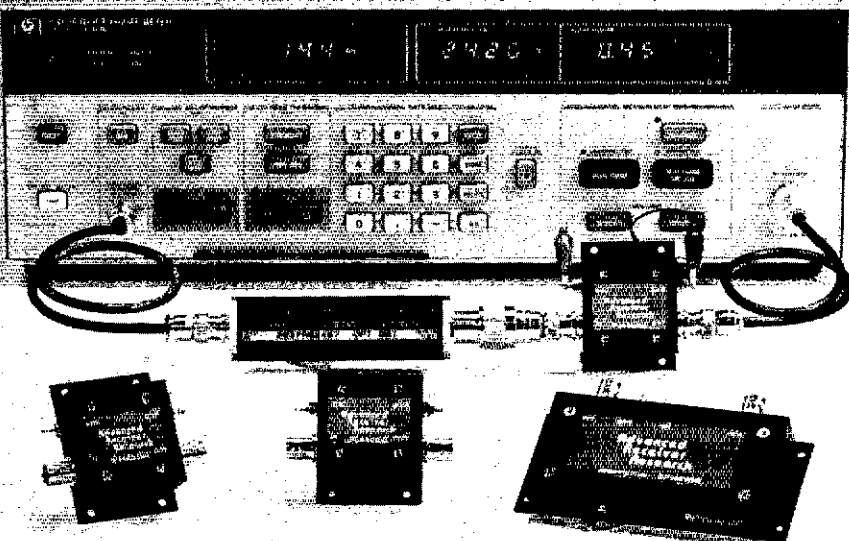
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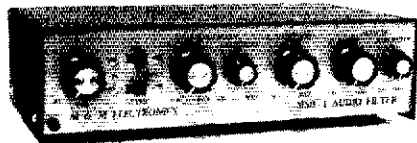
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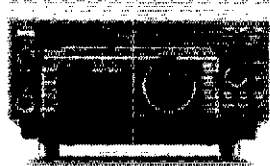
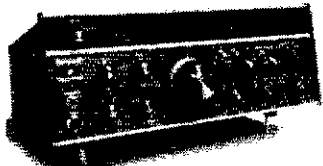
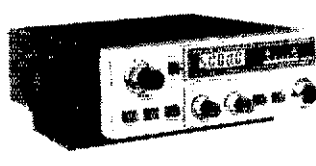
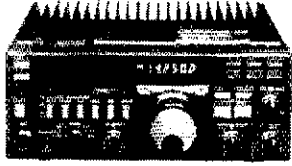
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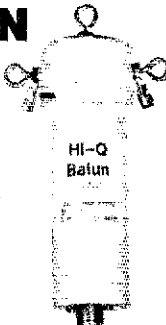
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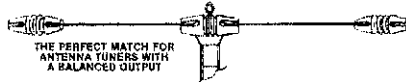
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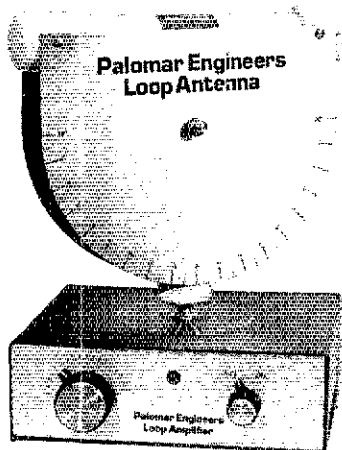
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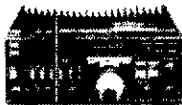
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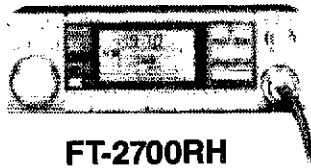
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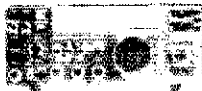
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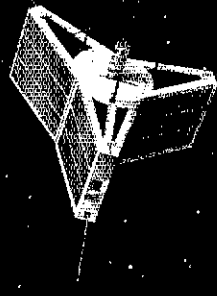
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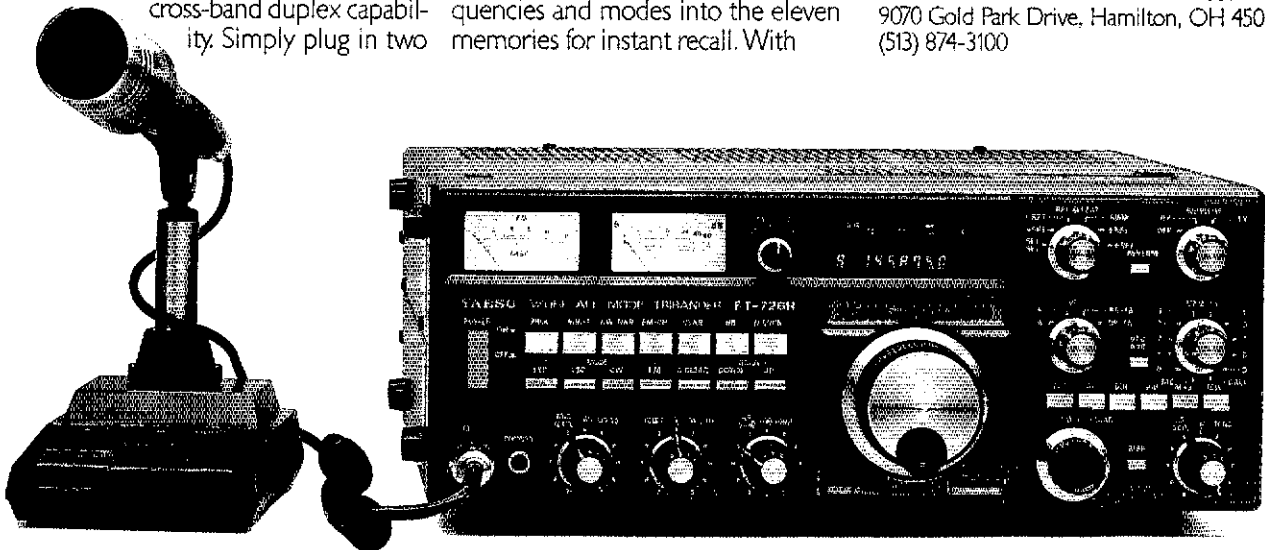
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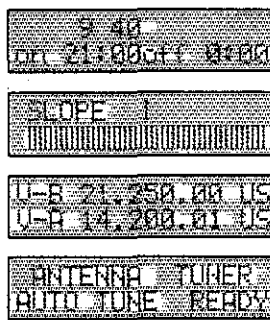
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